

MAXIMUM RIDE DOESN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HER PAST.

SHE KNOWS ABOUT THE **LAB** WHERE SHE WAS GIVEN WINGS AND THE ABILITY TO FLY. SHE KNOWS ABOUT **JEB**, THE MAN WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPERIMENTING ON HER. SHE KNOWS THAT SHE HAS TO PROTECT THE REST OF **THE FLOCK** -- FANG, NUDGE, IGGY, GASMAN, AND ANGEL -- AT ALL COSTS.

AND SHE KNOWS THAT SHE HAS ONE MISSION: TO SAVE THE WORLD.

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MAX RIDE

FINAL FLIGHT

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MAXIMUM RIDE AND THE **FLOCK** HAD BEEN LIVING A PEACEFUL, IF NOMADIC, EXISTENCE WHEN THE MYSTERIOUS VOICE IN MAX'S HEAD RETURNED WITH A NEW MESSAGE: THE **ERASERS**, THE WINGED HUNTERS SENT BY **ITEX** TO STALK THEM, HAVE ALL BEEN KILLED.

THINKING THIS IS THEIR CHANCE FOR A NORMAL LIFE, MAX AND **FANG** WENT OFF IN SEARCH OF A HOME WHERE THE **FLOCK** COULD PERMANENTLY SETTLE DOWN. ON THEIR JOURNEY, MAX VISITED **DR. MARTINEZ**, AN OLD MENTOR, AND HAD HER REMOVE THE MICROCHIP IN HER ARM THAT MAX SUSPECTED ALLOWED THE VOICE TO MAKE CONTACT. BUT THE VOICE IS STILL IN HER HEAD, AND UPON RETURNING TO CAMP, THEY FOUND THE REST OF THE **FLOCK** KIDNAPPED.

THE SEARCH FOR THEIR FAMILY LANDED MAX AND FANG AS PRISONERS ALONGSIDE THE **FLOCK** IN AN **ITEX** FACILITY. THERE, **ARI**, AN ERASER AND FORMER ENEMY OF THE **FLOCK**, LET MAX IN ON **ITEX**'S SECRET **BY-HALF PLAN** -- THEIR GOAL BEING TO KILL OFF HALF THE EARTH'S POPULATION! WITH HELP FROM **ARI**, THE **FLOCK** ESCAPED, BUT AS THEY REGROUP AND TRY TO PLAN THEIR NEXT MOVE, **FANG** LAYS DOWN AN ULTIMATUM: HE WON'T WORK WITH **ARI**, AND EITHER HE OR THE ERASER MUST GO!

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THE FLOCK'S TEMPORARY HOME...

NOW I'M NOT SAYING THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE FOREVER.

IT'S JUST THAT FANG AND I...WE JUST THINK WE CAN COVER MORE GROUND SEPARATELY.

ITEX IS SO BIG THAT IT REALLY MAKES SENSE TO COME AT THEM FROM MULTIPLE ANGLES.

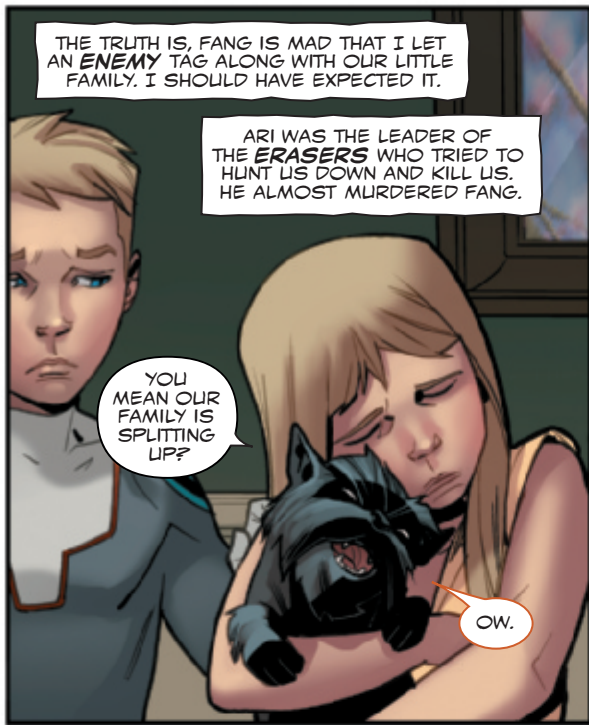
THEY WANT TO KILL OFF HALF THE WORLD'S POPULATION. AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE THE ONES WHO HAVE TO STOP THEM.

RIGHT, FANG?

WELL, I HAVE SOMETHING BIG IN THE WORKS. NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN HE WOULDN'T GO WITH THE PROGRAM.

THE OTHERS ARE GOING TO KNOW THAT SOMETHING'S OFF.



THE TRUTH IS, FANG IS MAD THAT I LET AN **ENEMY** TAG ALONG WITH OUR LITTLE FAMILY. I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED IT.

ARI WAS THE LEADER OF THE **ERASERS** WHO TRIED TO HUNT US DOWN AND KILL US. HE ALMOST MURDERED FANG.

YOU MEAN OUR FAMILY IS SPLITTING UP?

OW.



BUT ARI WAS JUST A LITTLE KID WHEN THE SCIENTISTS TURNED HIM INTO A MONSTER. I THINK THAT KID IS STILL INSIDE SOMEWHERE.

AND HE HAS AN EXPIRATION DATE. HE'S GOING TO DIE. **VERY SOON.**

IT'S JUST FOR NOW. UNTIL WE STOP THE BAD GUYS.

RIGHT, FANG?

HN.



I COULDN'T JUST LEAVE HIM OUT IN THE COLD.

AND OF COURSE YOU CAN CHOOSE WHICH MISSION YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF.



MAX. I'LL GO WITH MAX.

AT LEAST ARI'S SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW HE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE A CHOICE.

THE QUESTION IS, DO THE OTHERS FEEL LIKE FANG? I'M NOT SURE I CAN DO THIS ALONE.

OKAY, ARI'S WITH ME. ANYONE ELSE?





I WANT TO STAY WITH YOU, MAX.

AND I'M STAYING WITH ANGEL.

ANGEL CAN READ MINDS. I'M SURE SHE KNOWS EXACTLY WHY THIS IS HAPPENING.

SHE'D ALSO KNOW IF ARI IS SAFE TO BE AROUND. IF SHE'S COMING WITH ME, IT MEANS I MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.



I GUESS I'LL GO WITH FANG...

UNLIKE ME, FANG WILL ACTUALLY DESCRIBE WHAT GIRLS LOOK LIKE TO IGGY. MAKES SENSE HE'D PICK HIM.



IGGY NEEDS MY HELP MAKING BOMBS...

IT'S OKAY. YOU CAN GO WITH HIM.

HIS BEST FRIEND OR HIS LITTLE SISTER. I HATE MAKING GAZZY CHOOSE.

EXCEPT I WASN'T THE ONE WHO DID.



WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING TO BE STUCK WITH JUST BOYS.

I'M GOING WITH MAX. IF ONLY TO GET AWAY FROM GAZZY'S FARTS.

AT LEAST WITH NUDGE ALONG, WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT BEING TOO QUIET.



SO I GUESS THAT SETTLES IT. RIGHT, FANG?

HN.

AND THAT'S HOW OUR FAMILY COMES APART AT THE SEAMS.