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MAX RIDE

FIRST FLIGHT



MAXIMUM RIDE doesn't remember much about her past.

She remembers **THE SCHOOL**, a secret lab where **SCIENTISTS** experimented on her and her friends--Fang, Nudge, Iggy, Gasman, and Angel. She remembers the **ERASERS**, the half-human, half-wolf monsters who kept her prisoner. Most of all she remembers **JEB**, the man who gave his life to help **THE FLOCK** escape and find a life of peace...

Recently, Max, Angel, Iggy and Gazzy were captured, only to discover that **JEB WAS ALIVE AND WORKING** with the scientists again.

With some inside, psychic help--courtesy of Angel--Nudge and Fang sieged the school. During the escape, Max learned that the flock actually had parents and the **GENE-SPICING THEY UNDERWENT TOOK PLACE IN THE WOMB!**

Tired of all the secrets, the Flock flew to New York in search of something called **THE INSTITUTE OF HIGHER LEARNING** to take the fight to them...

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IN THE SEWERS BENEATH NEW YORK CITY.

DEATH VALLEY. THE BOGS OF LONG ISLAND. THE NEW YORK CITY SEWER SYSTEM.

I'M JUST SAYING, WE NEVER GET TO GO ON A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION TO THE SOUTH OF FRANCE, YOU KNOW? NO REVENGE QUESTS TO HAWAII--



FANG, SHUT IT, OR I WILL FEED YOU TO A CROCODILE.

THOSE ARE A MYTH, RIGHT, IGGY?

SO ARE THE WINGED BIRD CHILDREN OF MANHATTAN.

TOUCHÉ.



I CAN FEEL... PEOPLE, WHO WERE HERE BEFORE US.

WE'RE GETTING CLOSE, GUYS...THE PLACE WE NEED IS UP AHEAD.

I CAN HEAR... VOICES. MINDS, I MEAN.



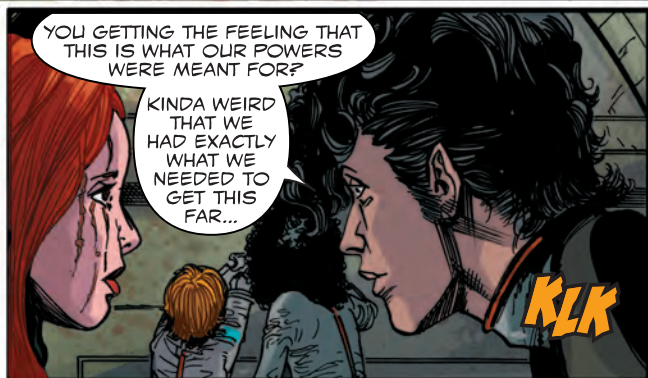
WHAT ARE THEY SAYING, ANGEL?

NOTHING... THEY'RE JUST SO SAD.



THEY'RE RUNNING SO MUCH POWER THROUGH HERE-- THIS MUST BE THE REAL DEAL. NOT LIKE THAT RECORDS ROOM.

IN THE BOTTOM OF THE SEWER...



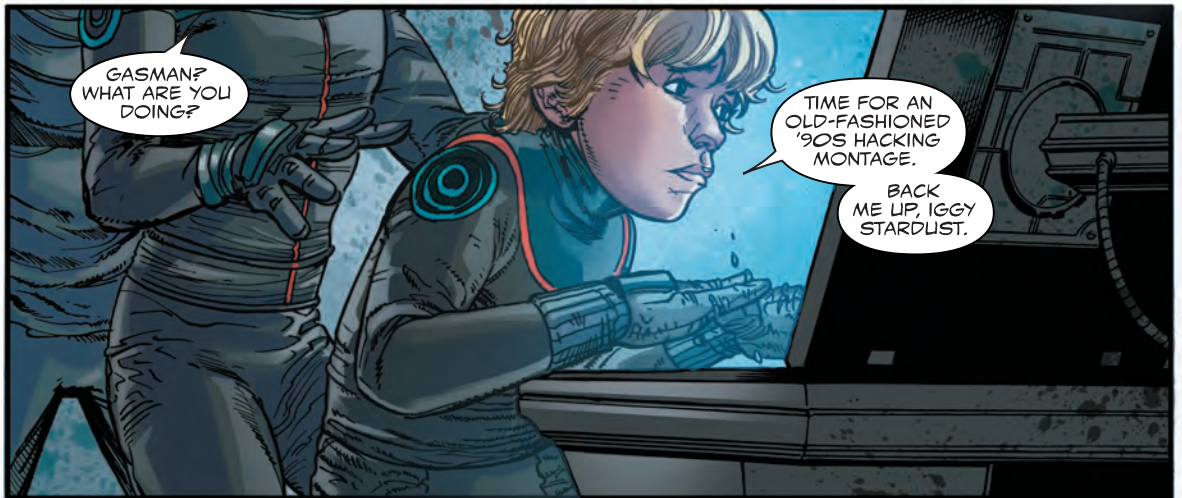


...A GIANT
CREEPY
UNDERGROUND
LAIR.

NO SKULL
THRONE, MISSED
OPPORTUNITY.



THIS
PLACE...IT WAS A
LABORATORY.



GASMAN?
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING??

TIME FOR AN
OLD-FASHIONED
'90S HACKING
MONTAGE.

BACK
ME UP, IGGY
STARDUST.

