

Angel: A Maximum Ride Novel Study Guide

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Plot Summary

Maximum Ride and her flock must stop the Doomsday Group from exterminating the human race. Max is heartbroken after being left by Fang, the love of her life. She is even more devastated to learn that he has started his own flock and is hanging out with Maya, Max's clone. Max pulls herself together with the help of Dylan, an attractive boy who was created to be Max's perfect mate. Max's flock has taken her to her mother's home in order to help her out of her depression. The flock is visited by Jeb and Dr. Hans, whom they hate, and asked to visit the Generation 77 kids. The kids are a new breed of experiments.

Fang and his gang discover the Doomsday Gang, a group of people who worship the One Light. The group is trying to eradicate the human race. They want all kids to be genetically modified and to lead a new world order. Whereas Max's flock was created in test tubes from a mix of human and avian DNA, Fang's new group has been genetically modified in a lab after birth. Fang has been told to begin a gang in order to save the world.

After Max's sister is almost enhanced by the Doomsday Group, the flock and the gang join forces to fight the Group. They manage to keep the Group from killing tens of thousands of people in Paris, but they still have not discovered the identity of the mastermind, the One Light. Max battles her feelings for Fang and her growing feelings for Dylan. She feels replaced in Fang's life by Maya. Fang feels he must sacrifice their relationship to save the world.

At the end of the book, the gang and the flock go separate ways. Angel is believed dead, but is really being held in a lab.



Book One: The Sky Is Falling, Chs. 1 - 10.

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Chapter 1:

Max is in the midst of a nightmare. She is inside a large cage in the lab where she grew up. She has been returned to the lab, despite having been free earlier. Max is being guarded by a bullying guard who carries a wooden billy club. As the guard paces near her cage, Max taunts him. As a result, the guard cracks his club against her cage, eventually weakening the bars enough for Max to make an escape. Max kicks down the bars and takes off. She sprouts her wings and begins to fly toward the glass windows at the top of the room. Fang is on the other side, ready to have her back as he has many times before. Max hits the glass, but it doesn't break, she falls back into the lab and is caught. Fang's face is expressionless and Max realizes he isn't there to help her. Max wakes to find herself at the top of some trees, not back in the lab where she was raised. She remembers that Fang isn't there for her and he will never be there for her again.

Chapter 2:

Max is in Arizona with her friends visiting her mother and half-sister, Ella. Max is sitting in the tree tops wallowing in self-pity because the love of her life, Fang, has abandoned her. Fang felt Max would be better off without him and left. Max is nursing a broken heart. She knows she should be happy that her group is safe and no one is injured, but she can't get over Fang leaving eight days earlier. Max thinks about how much fun her friends are having playing Cranium and eating cookies, but she isn't happy. She threw away the promise ring Fang gave her, but dug it out of the trash later on.

Chapter 3:

Max's pity party is interrupted by Dylan. Dylan is new to her flock, but Max swears he isn't a part of her group. No matter what he might say to the contrary. Max is itching for a fight and kicks Dylan when he suggests that Max doesn't know who she is without Fang. Max reflects on how Dylan was a love sick boy who couldn't fly only a week ago. Now he is sarcastic, bold and a good fighter. The two spar with each other and Dylan knocks Max off of her branch. He expands his 15 food wings and swoops down to catch her, kissing her hard and then flying off. Max is in shock and remarks that her obituary would read, "Killed by love."

Chapter 4:

Dylan taunts Max into a fight. Max flies up and circles him, ready to do battle. As they fight, Dylan tells Max he can't believe she is the same Max who has battled despots and is called a warrior. Max is angry, she becomes even more angry when he calls her



behavior pathetic. Max notices that Dylan is learning from her as they fight, with every punch and kick his skills get better. Max tells Dylan to leave her and he tells her he can't. Dylan was created to be Max's perfect mate, her other half. He has been programmed to imprint on her. Max isn't sure she believes what he says about this. Dylan tells her he would want to be around her even if he had been programmed to stay away from her. Max doesn't want to hear it, she can't stop thinking about Fang, and drops out of the sky away from him.

Chapter 5:

Max returns home to find the flock having a normal day. They have been at her biological mother's home for about a week. Max likes having a mother and a sister. Ella has a crush on Iggy. Iggy is blind from a lab accident. Angel and Gazzy are brother and sister. They are angelic looking, but Max thinks that Angel can be duplicitous and she doesn't trust the 7 year old. Angel has the ability to read peoples energy and emotions. She tells the group that Jeb and Dr. Hans Gunther-Hagen are coming, she can hear them. Max's mother told them where the flock was. Max is upset with Jeb because he killed Fang the last time she saw him. She isn't sure she wants to seem him, but she consents to the visit. Valencia, Max's mother, tells her Jeb was insistent on the visit and said he had something important to share with Max. Dylan comes into the room and says they shouldn't be allowed to come if Max doesn't want them here. Max is annoyed that Dylan is sticking up for her.

Chapter 6:

Jed and Dr. Hans have come to tell Max and the flock that there is another generation of mutants being created. They explain that scientists are becoming more successful creating human-hybrids who are able to evolve more quickly than others who have come before. They tell the flock that these hybrids are who they will lead after Max and her friends save the world. Jed and Dr. Hans want the flock to start leading these new hybrids now.

Chapter 7:

Jeb and Dr. Hans explain to the flock that the new generation of children have a variety of powers. They call them Generation 77 and point out that the generation is completely unpredictable. The men think Max is an extraordinary leader and want her to unite all of the generations under one leader, her. Jeb tells the group that they will be the survivors of the apocalypse and they need to be trained starting now. Dr. Hans wants to say more, but Jeb stops him. However, it is too late. Angel has read the Dr.'s mind and knows what he wants to say.

Chapter 8:

Jeb and Dr. Hans tell the group that they already know there will be a life changing event happening from which only a few will survive. The group is reminded that Max is to be the leader of this new group. However, lab created people like the flock have a built-in expiration date. Max realizes they will die suddenly, they just don't know when.



Jeb and Dr. Hans tell the group that Max will be the leader of the new society that forms after the apocalypse and they need to think about who will take over when, and if, she dies. The men point out that societies in turmoil do better when a successor is already in place. Max's idea of an election won't work in an unstable society. They want her to reproduce so there are heirs to the new "throne." Everyone becomes silent. Max can't believe what she is hearing. She is only 15 and she feels the idea of having babies for the new society is inhuman. Dr. Hans wants Max to set up house with Dylan and have children. Valencia stops them right there. She tells Dr. Hans he needs to drop it or get out of her house. Max is relieved that she isn't the only person who thinks this idea is crazy. Dylan looks just as uncomfortable with the idea, but Max can see a glimmer of hope in his eyes.

Chapter 9:

Fang is in an empty alley waiting for his prey. He has been waiting for a while, listening as a group of people drink and argue. Finally the person he has been waiting for goes into the alley alone. Fang follows the guy, but the guy gets the drop on Fang and pins him to the wall. Fang gets the upper hand and the boys agree they have been looking for each other. Fang asks for the password, which is "Maximum." The guy's name is Ratchet and the pair met online. Ratchet is the first member of Fang's new flock.

Chapter 10:

Jeb and Dr. Hans have dropped the conversation about Max reproducing. They want Max to go with them to meet the kids of Gen 77 in their home at the Rocco Laurie School for the Gifted. Max tells them no, she has no intention of going to meet them. She enjoys the men's frustration at her answer. Max is surprised when Angel agrees with her, telling the men that Max is the leader and they will do what she wishes. Max knows that Angel wants to be the leader of the flock and is surprised the young girl is being so agreeable. Max's mother tells them all that she would like to go meet the kids. She tells Max that she is a scientist and is curious. Max decides they can go, how can she tell her mother no?

Book One: The Sky Is Falling, Chs. 1 - 10. Analysis

Chapter 1:

Max tells her story in the first person, talking directly to the reader as if she has intentionally written her story for the reader. This is one of the final books in the Maximum Ride series. Max is introduced as a 15 year old girl who refers to herself as a mutant. The scene catches the reader up on Max's background, being raised in a lab, and her present, being free. It also introduces Fang as an important person in Max's life who has abandoned her for some reason. The chapter is short, but covers a lot of information which is necessary to introduce the characters to those who are unfamiliar with the series.

Chapter 2:



Fang made the decision to leave so that Max would be safe, but Max doesn't appreciate having her decisions made for her. She is upset Fang left and she is heartbroken. Max's group is introduced: Gazzy 9, Iggy 15, Nudge 12, and Angel 7. Max is their leader and feels responsible for her group.

Chapter 3:

Max is caught off guard by Dylan. Not just by his sudden appearance at the top of the trees, but also by his abilities and his kiss. Max explains that she and her group were created in test tubes. Their DNA was combined with some bird DNA which gives them wings and some other special features. She tells the reader that Dylan is different. He was cloned from an actual boy named Dylan, who is now dead. She describes his looks as model-like. She describes them all as birdkids.

Chapter 4:

Dylan was created to be a partner for Max. Max thinks this isn't true and tells him he should wait until there are other girls to choose from. Max is surprised by the changes in Dylan. He is a better fighter now and he is more sarcastic. When she met him, just recently, he was kind, compassionate, and followed her around with cow eyes. Max's real anger with Dylan comes from the fact that he is saying out loud what Max is thinking about herself. Max isn't used to being vulnerable and she doesn't like the way she is acting and feeling now that Fang is gone. Max seems confused about his feelings for Max. He is programmed to love her, but he thinks he would love her even if he wasn't forced to do so.

Chapter 5:

Max gives more background on the other characters in the book. She provides details about her flocks' various attributes, abilities and disabilities. She also provides information about her mother and sister; both of whom are relatively new to her, but both of whom she cares for.

Chapter 6:

This chapter explains why Max and her flock were created. They lived their early lives in a lab called the School. Max and her flock are the fifty-fourth generation of hybrids created by the scientists at the lab. They have also been the most successful. Max reveals that the flock has had to battle other generations of hybrids in the past. Most notably generation 17, the Erasers. Max doesn't trust Jeb or Dr. Hans. She feels that they are harmed each time they try to help them. Max looks at them as mad scientists and feels they can either use their intelligence for good or for evil. Max and her flock have been created to save the world. Scientists around the world are working on creating human-hybrids who can evolve faster than normal human beings.

Chapter 7:



Jeb and Hans want Max to be the leader of this newly developed generation. The generation is unpredictable and needs guidance.

Chapter 8:

Dylan was created to be Max's perfect mate, but it is clear that Max is a strong girl who will choose who she loves and who she doesn't. The Doctor and Jeb show themselves to be morally bankrupt men. They are concerned for the state of humanity, but they do not consider it wrong to do anything to reach their goals. Valencia, also a doctor, loves Max more than she wants to secure the future of the human race. It is clear that the flock is tired of being used as the doctor and Jeb's pawns.

Chapter 9:

The point of view for this chapter is third person, focusing on Fang's thoughts and feelings. Fang left Maximum for reasons he doesn't think she will understand. The exact reason is still unclear, but Fang feels it is his mission to start a new flock. His choice of Ratchet indicates his flock will be a dangerous, if not lethal, one.

Chapter 10:

Angel has read Valencia's intent, so she doesn't argue with Max. Angel is calculating, so Max is surprised when she doesn't try to undermine Max's initial decision. Max enjoys telling the men no and likes that they are annoyed. She likes to exercise what little power she has over her own life and destiny. Max doesn't want Dylan to include himself as a member of her flock, however, Dylan is always on Max's side and defends the decisions she makes.



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Chapter 11:

They fly to see the Gen 77 kids in Jeb and Dr. Han's corporate jet. Max flies outside the plane using her wings. She needs some time to think. Angel projects into Max's head that there is a building in the distance. Max sees it and then flies smack into a jellyfish.

Chapter 12:

Max realizes the place is booby trapped from the air. She didn't run into jellyfish, but into large balloons. The balloons are tethered by wires coated with diamond powder. The wires shear off a part of her wing tips. Max shouts to Angel telepathically and the girl tries to get the pilot to turn, but it is too late. The plane sucks in a balloon and explodes, then it bounced around the wires, its wings cut off.

Chapter 13:

Max and Angel use telepathy to come up with a plan. The flock will get out of the plane first, then they will help the humans out. The door to the plane opens and everything inside is sucked out of the door. Dylan uses his superhuman strength to hold the humans inside the plane. Iggy and Nudge are out of control and are injured by the wires. Valencia jumps from the plane and Angel and Max go to save her. Max sends Angel to help Iggy and Nudge while she tries to save her mother alone. They don't know where the others are.

Chapter 14:

Fang and Ratchet are in a diner waiting for someone else to meet them. Ratchet tells Fang that he can hear thoughts, like Angel. He has been living with a street gang since his mother kicked him out. She thought he was a devil because he could read her mind. Life was tough on the street so he took up with the gang. Ratchet is afraid they will come looking for him. Fang tells him that they will think he was kidnapped. Ratchet sees a blonde girl coming to find them, she has Fang's name on a Post-It note. Fang is impressed because the girl is a few blocks away and not yet in their visual field.

Chapter 15:

Gazzy sees Jeb getting ready to jump from the plane and realizes he is the only one who can save him. He grabs Jeb under the arms, but the man is too heavy for 9 year old Gazzy. Jeb tells Gazzy that the human race will have to die to save the planet. Then he lets go of Gazzy and falls to his death. Gazzy blames himself for Jeb's death.



Chapter 16:

Star joins Fang and Ratchet in the diner. There is tension between Star and Ratchet. They eat sushi, which Star and Ratchet hate. Star eats like a machine, but is thin. She has perfect hair, perfect clothes, and an expensive purse. She tells the boys she ran the 20 miles to see them and they aren't convinced. She takes them to her school to see her friend, Kate, whom she says is strong. Star runs the whole way without breaking a sweat. Ratchet drives his Camero and Fang flies. Star beats them each time the race along the way until the boys give up.

Chapter 17:

Dylan comes out of the sky in time to save Jeb. Everyone lands on the ground in the hot Arizona sun. Valencia has a broken arm, Jeb a broken leg, Iggy and Nudge are also injured.

Chapter 18:

They decide not to go to the hospital to seek treatment for their injuries, too many questions about their blood types and DNA. Instead, Valencia calls her doctor friends and they come to pick everyone up. Dr. Hans is nowhere to be found. He pushed Dylan out of the plane and Dylan assumed he jumped out afterward. Dylan has the ability to heal himself, unlike the others, so he volunteers to go and find Hans. Max decides to go with him.

Chapter 19:

Max and Dylan take off in flight to find Hans. Max notices the differences between Fang and Dylan: their builds, their wings. She thinks that she will be really upset if she has been programmed to only love Dylan. She also wonders for the first time if the flock have all been mixed with DNA from different types of birds. Max and Dylan both say the same weird sentence at the same time and are shocked by it. They also both wonder if the other can read their mind.

Chapter 20:

Fang, Ratchet, and Star meet up with Kate. Kate is gorgeous and Fang is annoyed when he realizes Ratchet is flirting with her. Kate is also a vegan. They check into a hotel and turn on the TV. A news reporter is in Paris reporting on a new organization called the Doomsday Group. The group is lead by no one. A person speaking for the group, Beth, says they want to cleanse the earth. Everyone seems to be alright with this statement. The group sprang from nowhere and is already thousands strong. Fang watches the interview and finds himself mesmerized. He believes the Group will make people happy. The TV is turned off and Fang snaps out of it. He realizes his mission is to find out more about the Group and save the world. He wonders who will save it first: him or Max.

Chapter 21:



Max and Dylan inspect the wires. Dylan has the ability to see far and very up close. He can also see through some things. He tells Max that the wires have four sides, each side like a razor. Max teaches Dylan how to fly sideways. Something the flock learned from hawks. They can't find Hans or the plane's fuselage, so they decide to fly over and inspect the school. Again they say the same thing at the same time.

Chapter 22:

Fang tells his gang that they are waiting for one more girl and one more boy. He tells them they were each chosen because where one was weak, another was strong. Star and Ratchet begin fighting because he changes the channel while she is watching TV. Star runs at him, but Ratchet can read her intent and is ready for her. Kate breaks them up with her superhuman strength. Fang hears Max's voice.

Chapter 23:

Fang turns to look at Max. She looks like Max, smells like her, and sets Fang's heart racing like Max. But this is not Max. She is a clone of Max, Fang refers to her as Max II. She refers to herself as Maya. She and Max have meet before and came up with this plan for him to form a gang. They are meeting now as planned in the hotel. Fang feels like Maya is reading his mind and laughing at him. The rest of the group is introduced. It is obvious that Star doesn't like Maya (Max II). Ratchet makes a joke about liking strong women and Kate blushes.

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Chapter 11:

Max doesn't trust the men and thinks getting them to see the kids is part of a trap to get her to work with the kids. She thinks she should hang back and watch what happens, then realizes Angel can hear her thoughts.

Chapter 12:

Max realizes too late that they are in danger. She watches in horror as the plane is destroyed by the booby traps.

Chapter 13:

The pacing is picking up. Everyone Max loves is in the plane. Except for Ella, who is at school. The flock tries to save Jeb, Dr. Hans, and Valencia.

Chapter 14:

Fang is collecting people with interesting skills for his new flock. It is unclear why.

Chapter 15:



This is a very short chapter told in the third person with Gazzy's inner thoughts. Jeb tells Gazzy the human race must be sacrificed for the good of the planet. Then he tells him he is going to sacrifice himself to save Gazzy because Gazzy can't save them both.

Chapter 16:

Star seems to be an asset to the team Fang is building. She has the gift of speed, Ratchet can read minds, and Fang can fly.

Chapter 17:

Much to Max's relief, everyone lands alive.

Chapter 18:

Max wants to go with the others to make sure they are treated, but some part of her doesn't want to leave Dylan. She isn't suspicious of him, she just wants to be near him. She begins to wonder if she has been programmed to fall in love with Dylan like he has been programmed to love her. Max decides this can't be true given the feelings she has for Fang. Dylan seems glad Max is going with him and she likes that he is happy.

Chapter 19:

Max is beginning to wonder about the origins of the flock and how they were created. She wonders if they have different attributes because they were created with different types of bird DNA. She is still suspicious of Dylan, but she finds she doesn't want to get away from him anymore. Dylan shows how well he adapts to things when he flies. Max can see that he easily learned the flying techniques she taught him.

Chapter 20:

Fang decided to recruit older kids so he wouldn't have to worry about their safety. The Domsday Group is introduced. On the outside, they seem to be a very nonthreatening group, however, their message about cleansing the earth has scary undertones. Fang now knows his mission is to find out about the group. Fang thinks about Max and has a pang in his heart, but he doesn't dwell on his feelings. It isn't clear how Fang knows he has a mission or what it is.

Chapter 21:

Dylan is a fast learner and Max is impressed by his vision. Dylan tells her everyone has their own gift and he is humble about his.

Chapter 22:

Fang didn't realize Max talked so much because she was a leader. He has been making a lot of realizations about Max lately. He tells his gang they were chosen because what



might harm one may not hurt the other. Each of his new gang has a special ability that will come in handy when investigating the Doomsday Group.

Chapter 23:

It is now revealed how Fang came to be organizing his own gang. He has meet Max II, Maya, and they plotted his moves. Fang thinks about his physical and emotional reaction to Maya and realizes this was a bad idea.



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Chapter 24:

Max and Dylan land on the roof of the school and are attacked. The attackers are snipers with guns dressed in all black with hoods over their faces. Max and Dylan fly off and Dylan pulls Max out of the path of a bullet. Dylan tells her he saw the shooter aim. Dylan tells Max he could see through the hoods. He tells her the shooters were kids and they had no eyes. Max wonders how they could aim and thinks they must have some sort of adaptation. She tells Dylan that Izzy lost his sight because the scientists tried to improve his eyes for night vision. Dylan is sad that they are thought of as experiments and not as human. Max takes his hand and tells him she is sorry.

Chapter 25:

Max and Dylan take shelter in a cave about a mile from the school. They lie on a ledge and watch the school and the stars. Dylan tells her he learned about the stars from the flock while she was away with Fang. Max remembers how she made the flock learn things and how they were angry with her for it at the time. Dylan tells Max that he knows she has to choose between him and Fang. He knows she has a shared history with Fang and a friendship. But for him, there has only always been Max. Max thinks about how she and Fang get along and how she and Dylan are like oil and water. Dylan puts his arm around her and she falls asleep against him. They are awakened when someone kicks Max and says, "Gotcha."

Chapter 26:

Angel is who wakes them in the cave. She details everyone's wounds and lets Max know that everyone is well now. Max tells Angel about the kids and they come up with a plan. They will fly to the school and lure the kids into the open. Angel will use her mind powers to get them to lower their guns. The plan doesn't work. Angel can't seem to get past the kids' mental defenses before their override program kicks in. She can't tell what they are mixed with, but confirms they are human and not robot. She tells Max and Dylan that the kids see them as bright lights. A fight breaks out between Max, Dylan, and Angel and the eyeless kids.

Chapter 27:



Dylan figures out that the ninjas can't see Angel hovering over their head. The three fly over the ninja's heads until they shut down, collapsing underneath them. They tie the ninjas up and Angel takes off one of their hoods. The kid has a slit over its nose that goes around its head. The kids are not eyeless, they have tons of eyes that run in a circle around their heads. They have 360 degree vision, but they can't see over their heads. Dylan is horrified by what he sees.

Chapter 28:

Max asks the 'noid who did this to them. The kid tells her they are an improvement over Gen 54, Max's generation. They have been created to take over the world. He tells them that the humans will all die. Max offers to help him and the others and asks him to join them. The kid laughs and tells her that she will not survive either, natural selection will make Gen 77 the survivors. There is a snapping sound as the ninja kids break their ropes and rush the trio. Max, Angel, and Dylan jump off the roof.

Chapter 29:

They are flying home when Dylan sees a sunburned kid running around on the ground below them. They land. Max knows the kid and tells the reader she met him six books ago. He was in a codependent relationship with his Mac computer. The kid tells them he is being taken care of. The end of the world is near and all the humans will be killed. Max points out that he is human and the kid tells them he isn't really. Then he runs off. The trio head home.

Chapter 30:

Fang tells Maya how he put together his gang. The gang was created by scientific experiments, they weren't born the way they are like he and Maya were. Kate and Star were injected with things that changed their genes. Holden was cut open again and again until they potion they gave him allowed him to regenerate limbs and heal himself. Fang is attracted to Maya because of her likeness to Max. He hates talking and hopes he can find peace with Maya that is like what he had with Max before their relationship became complicated. Fang shows Maya the Domsday Group and she agrees they are scary. Fang points out that they like genetically modified kids, but don't realize that not everyone wants to be modified. His gang is made of kids who wrote him letters and wanted answers about themselves. They also want to confront the people who altered them.

Chapter 31:

Max, Dylan, and Angel return home and are greeted in the yard by Total. Total is a genetically modified Scottie dog, the dog has wings and can talk. Total has just returned home from his honeymoon. His new bride is visiting her family. Max is upset when she enters the house. Everyone is acting strangely subdued. No one is speaking to her. She talk to Angel who tells her the others are peeved and will get over it. She tells Max that something is going on with her mom, but doesn't say what. Angel is worried about Ella and Iggy, she can't read their thoughts like she usually can.



Chapter 32:

Ella tells Max that a group called the Doomsday Group came to her school. Ella and Iggy are enthralled by the group. They tell Max that if they trust the Group, everything will be wonderful. Only kids can join the group because they are the only people who can be trusted. The Group paired Ella with a new best friend, the best friend passed out fliers. The flier is happy, but also creepy. Max and Dylan are suspicious. Ella and Iggy are holding hands. Their voices and eyes are overly bright and they begin to close in on Max, begging her to attend the rally the next day at Ella's school.

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Chapter 24:

The scientists do not think of their creations as human. It is clear to Max, and now to Dylan, that they are thought of as nonhuman. Max does not say "sorry" much, but she wants to comfort Dylan.

Chapter 25:

The flock remembers Jeb teaching them about the stars, but Max has pushed all of her good memories of Jeb away. She is confused about her feelings for Dylan. She loves Fang, but Dylan seems perfect for her. She and Fang get along and when she is angry with him it is more like a stubborn irritation. She describes her anger with Dylan as white hot.

Chapter 26:

Angel is willing to go along with Max's plan. They try to use Angel's powers to get past the kids, but it doesn't work. Dylan scoffs at the idea that the kids could be some sort of human-robot hybrid and Angel tells him he has a lot to learn. Max feels guilty for leaving her flock while they were injured; Angel reassures her they are fine.

Chapter 27:

Max decides that genetic mistakes made by scientist are bad, but some of the creatures the scientists make on purpose - like the 360 degree vision ninjas - are worse.

Chapter 28:

Max can see the kids have been seriously brainwashed. She doesn't know how she is supposed to lead the kids. She can't believe the kid wants to kill off humans and other forms that came before him.

Chapter 29:



Max is feeling sorry for herself and would have just let the kid stay lost if Dylan hadn't convinced her to help him. She feels somewhat rejected after the kid refuses to let them help and runs off.

Chapter 30:

Fang included Maya in his group because he knew she was a clone of Max and he wanted someone familiar in his group. He didn't count on the way she would make him feel.

Chapter 31:

Max feels guilty for leaving the flock in the desert to be healed without her. She is unhappy when she returns home and they are giving her the cold shoulder. Angel indicates that something is going on, but she doesn't say what.

Chapter 32:

The Doomsday Group has begun to invade Max's flock. It has changed Ella and Iggy's behavior and is the reason Angel can't get into their minds.



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Chapter 33:

The rest of the gang has gone out and Fang and Maya are researching the Doomsday Group on the internet. Overnight, the group has gone viral. Fang and Maya are surprised to learn the Group is led by kids, not scientists. Maya tells Fang that they are not alike, no matter how much he thinks they are. She tells him it is hard to be cloned after someone, especially someone who is still alive. Everyone wants her to be Max, but she isn't, she is Maya. She tells Fang she notices the way he looks at her and tells him again that she isn't Max.

Chapter 34:

Max goes outside with Total, Angel, and Dylan. They agree that Iggy and Ella have been brainwashed. They agree to attend the rally the next day with the intent of taking out Ella's new "best friend." Total tells Max that Fang has a new blog.

Chapter 35:

Angel gets the computer and they watch a video Fang just posted on his blog. Fang's new gang is in a hotel room. Fang and Maya are spraying cheese whiz at each other. The flock realizes that it is Max II. In the background they see a news report on the TV about the Doomsday Group. Fang is pointing to the report. Max agrees to go see the Group at the school the next day.

Chapter 36:

The rally is huge. Angel, Dylan, and Max slip into the crowd. After a while they lose sight of Ella and Iggy. Max told Nudge she couldn't come because of the danger and left her at the house with Total and Gazzy, who hasn't been the same since losing his grip on Jeb. Angel tells Max that the crowd's thoughts are violent. She tells Max that they are thinking not just genocide, but humanocide. The crowd begins to chant about killing humans. Then Iggy opens his wings and screams, "Kill the humans."

Chapter 37:



The crowd swarms around Iggy. They want him to sign their fliers. One boy says he will gouge out his own eyes so he can be blind like Iggy. The group looks to them as their new leader. Max makes the call to grab Iggy and fly off with him. They leave Ella behind, which Dylan doesn't agree with. Max is hurt that Dylan disagrees with her. As they fly off with Iggy, he tells them how perfect the world will be after they kill off all the humans. Max hopes they can deprogram him.

Chapter 38:

When they arrive at the house with Iggy, Total tells them that Jeb and Valencia just got up and left. They walked out and he can't find them. Total is worried. Max, Angel, and Dylan put Iggy in the shower, hoping it will snap him out of his brainwashed trance. Iggy thrashes and screams as if acid were being poured on him. He keeps screaming, "I'm dying." Then he passes out. When he comes too, he is back to normal with no memory of the rally.

Chapter 39:

Fang leads the gang in a trust exercise. They play "Never have I ever..." In the game the person says they have never done something. If someone in the group has done it, they raise their hand. Maya says she has never been called to save the world. Fang raises his hand and is surprised that Maya knows this about him. He never even told Max about this. They all agree to go to San Diego, California, to the Comic-Con convention where the Doomsday Group will be holding a rally.

Chapter 40:

The flock gathers around the table to discuss their next move. Jeb, Valencia, and Ella are still missing. They watch Fang's blog and realize he is going to see the Doomsday Group at the Comic-Con convention. The flock decides to go and see the Group also. Gazzy finally tells everyone what Jeb said before he let go of Gazzy's hand during the plane accident. Gazzy tells everyone he thinks Jeb and Valencia may be part of the Doomsday Group.

Chapter 41:

Max doesn't want to hear what the others have to say, but she listens to them and eventually agrees that it is a possibility. Max thinks Jeb would do something so awful, but has a hard time believing her mother would. The flock points out that maybe she is thinking of the "greater good" and those ties are bigger than the ties of love and kinship. Angel reassures Max that her mother loves her. Max is upset that she trusted her mother and has been burned.

Chapter 42:

The group agrees they need to try and find Ella. They ransack the house and find her cell phone. The phone contains images of the school where Gen 77 lives. It also has



information about combining DNA and a video of a girl with crazy eyes. Max tells them to get ready, Ella is at the school and they leave in five minutes.

Chapter 43:

The flock flies to the Gen 77's school. They see a bunch of kids roasting marshmallows around a campfire, one of them is Ella. The campers are singing a song about the death and destruction of the human race to the tune of "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain." The flock makes a plan to grab Ella.

Chapter 44:

Iggy floats among the campers looking like an angel. He is six feet tall with red hair and light blue eyes. His wings add even more to the effect. The campers are happy to have him back. Iggy tells them to worship the One Light and gets a little overdramatic. He waits until they are in a frenzy and pulls Ella aside. The rest of the flock comes out and Ella tries to convert them. She tells them the One Light will begin the end of the world in five days. Dylan guesses they will take the people like Ella, take out their DNA and replace it with new genetic material. The flock grabs her and flies off with her.

Chapter 45:

Fang's gang shows up at Comic-Con and finds everyone dressed in science fiction costumes. Some are even dressed like Fang and Max. Fang finds a comic book featuring him and Max in a torrid embrace. Fang doesn't like the crowd. 100,000 people are expected at the convention over four days. There is no one connected to Doomsday there. Fang realizes that anyone with special abilities could hide out, the costumes were so exaggerated. He also realizes that any of the fake guns surrounding them could be real.

Chapter 46:

Ratchet stops the gang and listens. He identifies some talk that the rally will be held on a hill about a mile away at 5pm. The group attends the rally. Beth, a beautiful girl, is on stage talking about the One Light. One Light is the Mother Earth, it is peace and happiness. Fang's gang watches the movie she plays. It shows people destroying the environment and harming animals. The gang agrees that the message sounds good. Then Beth drops the bomb. To avenge the earth they must kill all the humans.

Chapter 47:

The flock doesn't have a cold shower to throw Ella in, so they submerge her in a natural hot spring until she comes out of her trance. Dylan tells Ella that Jeb and her mother are missing. Max tells her she will stay with her aunt until they can find their mother and Jeb. Ella doesn't want to leave Iggy, but she agrees to go.

Chapter 48:



The crowd around Fang and the new flock surge to their feet and sing about killing humans and saving the world. As Beth smiles over the crowd, the flock notice that one in every ten kids is a mutant. This is Gen 77. Not all of the mutants are put together as well as Fang and his group. Many of the kids are horrible hybrid combinations, some are even in the process of deconstructing.

Chapter 49:

Fang's group returns to their hotel room and reads the Manifesto. It includes information on what to do when Doomsday hits and how to prepare. It also openly talks about killing humans. Fang realizes he needs help and decides to call Max in the morning.

Chapter 50:

Max wakes to find Ella has gone back to the facility. She left a note which reads, "I was meant to have wings." The flock readies to get her back when Fang calls Max's cell phone. She hangs up on him at first, then answers. He wants them to come to San Diego to help with the Doomsday Group.

Book Two: What's So Funny 'Bout Peace, Love, And World Destruction? Chs. 33 - 50. Analysis

Chapter 33:

Maya gives Fang some insight into the feelings of a clone. She is always trying to be someone else, something she isn't. She is just a copy of a living person. The same thoughts could be placed on Dylan, although he hasn't expressed these feelings.

Chapter 34:

Angel is annoyed that Total stole her news about Fang. The group isn't excited about having to deal with the Group while they are in the midst of dealing with the new school and the weird-eye kids.

Chapter 35:

Dylan is hurt when Max shows interest in Fang. Max feels bad and then confused about how her heart feels. Max is hurt even more when she realizes Fang replaced her with Maya and is looking at Maya the way he used to look at her. The flock realizes Fang is also interested in the Doomsday Group.

Chapter 36:

Max begins to put all of the pieces of the puzzle together. The kid in the desert, the Group, the 'noids at the school, and she realizes that the end of the world is really nearing.



Chapter 37:

Iggy has been brainwashed and Max has to make a tough choice. She saves Iggy and leaves her sister for the crowd, hoping her mother and Jeb can grab her later. The group is in a frenzy, delirious with the idea of killing off the human race.

Chapter 38:

Taking a chance, the flock discovers that cold water will snap people out of the trance. No one knows where Jeb and Valencia have gone or if they are also under some sort of mind control.

Chapter 39:

Fang isn't sure what to make of the fact that Maya knows something so secret about him. Something he hasn't told anyone about. It is still not clear who told Fang that he needed to form his own gang and save the world. Fang realizes he doesn't like being a leader. He doesn't know why Angel wants the job so badly.

Chapter 40:

Max doesn't want to see Fang's blog, but she watches it anyway. Dylan is upset by Max's interest in Fang, but agrees they should go to Comic-Con if that is what it takes to confront the Doomsday Gang.

Chapter 41:

Max decides she needs to trust her gut and her flock and not charge ahead. She agrees to consider that her mother is part of the Group and not just discount their feelings. This is growing up for Max. She has the flock make a pact that they will never trust adults again.

Chapter 42:

Iggy is worried about Ella. The group decides to save her. They think she may have been taken to the school in order to be genetically altered.

Chapter 43:

Iggy is worried about Ella. The flock has to be careful that they aren't caught during the rescue. They also don't want the group to have a story to tell that will rally their base.

Chapter 44:

The group now has a time frame for the end of the world. They use the Group's infatuation with Iggy to create a distraction and grab Ella. Max is embarrassed remembering the last time she was alone in the desert with Dylan.

Chapter 45:



Fang begins to wonder if they have walked into a trap. He also realizes Comic-Con is the perfect place for people like him and his group to be, because they will blend in. He isn't sure his group could make it out alive if they are attacked. Fang reveals that he is claustrophobic.

Chapter 46:

One Light's message makes sense to the new flock. They want to see an end to environmental destruction and they want to see people take responsibility for their actions, but they don't think all humans must be killed.

Chapter 47:

Ella screams the same way Iggy did when he was in the shower. Water snaps her out of her trance. Max is determined to find out what happened to her mother and Jeb and to find out what they know. She is grateful for the gentle way Dylan broke the news to Ella. Despite herself, Max is falling for him.

Chapter 48:

Fang thinks about all of the awful experiments he saw brought to life when he was kept in a cage at the School. All around him are experiments gone wrong, taking over the crowd. Leaflets drop from the sky entitled, "The Enhanced People's Manifesto."

Chapter 49:

Fang is beginning to see the differences between Maya and Max. He is starting to see Maya as a unique, and different, person from Max. He is also beginning to have feelings for her, which he is not comfortable with. He has always loved Max and the idea of thinking about another girl bothers him.

Chapter 50:

It isn't clear if Ella has been brainwashed again, or if she is tired of being left out and wants to be modified so she can be included in the flock. Max is destroyed when she hears Fang's voice. She also notices that Dylan is upset. She realizes she has the power to hurt Dylan's feelings and doesn't think she has power over Fang's feelings at all.



Book Three: Paris Is Burning, Chs. 51 - 67.

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Chapter 51:

Max's flock meets up with Fang's gang in the hotel lobby. Fang makes a move to touch Max's hand, but thinks twice. Fang and Dylan size each other up. The flock is happy to see Fang and Max tells them it is alright to give him a hug. Max sits and surveys the gang. Maya shows up and tells Max she hasn't seen her since Max tried to kill her. The gang tenses at this. Dylan studies Maya as she stares at Max and Fang glares at Dylan.

Chapter 52:

Fang explains what they know and Dylan cuts him off. He is impatient and not happy they are with Fang. Maya suggests they join together and Max is rude to her. The two square off and are ready to fight. Fang tells Max to back off and Dylan gets upset. Fang and Max take their issue outside to hash it out.

Chapter 53:

Max flies into the air trying to shake off her hurt feelings. Fang confronts her and tells her they both know he did the right thing by leaving. Then he tells her she should have left Dylan in Arizona instead of bringing him just so she could shove their relationship in Fang's face. Max is outraged. She doesn't agree that Fang did the right thing and she is jealous of Maya. Max sticks up for Dylan, upsetting Fang. Fang sticks up for Maya, upsetting Max. They agree to fight the Doomsday Group together. As Fang flies away Max wonders what happened to them.

Chapter 54:

They return to the lobby where the gang and the flock have taken up different sides of the sitting area. The two groups take turns trying to top each other with their abilities. Gazzy begins a food fight and it is a free-for-all. Security guards come to break it up when Dylan jumps on a chair and starts to sing.

Chapter 55:

Dylan's voice is beautiful and it memorizes everyone but Fang. He sings a song about love and partnership while looking at Max. The fight stops. Dylan hands Max a rose and leads her outside. He kisses her and tells her he will always be there for her.

Chapter 56:



The flock and the gang are on a private plane bound for Paris, the headquarters of the Group. Onboard, Gazzy lets it slip that Max and Dylan were supposed to go to Germany to have kids. Fang explodes. Dylan eggs him on. Max tries to explain that it was Dr. Hans' idea and they weren't going to do it. Maya tells everyone that she knew Max was bad news.

Chapter 57:

Max and Maya are about to go at it again when Angel steps in. She tells Max that it is time to be a leader, with or without Fang. She tells Max she should decide between the boys on her own, or decide neither, but she needs to decide herself. She tells Max not to let anyone push her into a decision she doesn't want to make. Max is stunned that Angel is so wise for her age. She notices that Angel doesn't look like a baby anymore. Max proposes that the two groups break up after they form a master plan.

Chapter 58:

Fang's gang takes to the street in front of Paris's Louvre museum. They begin to show off their skills as a side show. They are trying to attract the attention of the Group. A girl stops in front of Fang and gives him a flier, inviting him to an assembly. They did it, they have been noticed by the Group.

Chapter 59:

Both gangs meet at a ritzy restaurant in Paris for dinner. Fang tells Max he wanted everyone to experience something nice as it is their first, and maybe last, visit to Paris. Fang tells Max he has information. She tries to one-up him, but she isn't very successful and he sees through her ploy. Maya pulls out a flier which states that Doomsday is the day after tomorrow. There is a loud BOOM in the restaurant.

Chapter 60:

A hole is blown in the side of the hotel restaurant. Everyone runs outside in a panic. Fang and Max do a headcount. There is another boom and Gazzy tells everyone it smells like explosives. Kate and Max save a woman pinned under a rock. Nudge tells Max that Angel is still in the building.

Chapter 61:

Angel flies into the building to save a child. She barely makes it out with the boy before the building explodes.

Chapter 62:

Max watches Fang push back a lock of Maya's hair and can't take it anymore. She flies away, finally resting at the top of a monument. Dylan lands next to her. He followed her because she was upset and he was concerned. Max asks Dylan if he really likes her or only likes her because he is programmed for her. She asks why he likes her. He tells



her she is beautiful, then he kisses her. Max gives in to him and realizes it feels perfect and romantic.

Chapter 63:

Max and Dylan fly back to meet everyone for dinner. Fang is watching them intently. She realizes Angel is right. Fang can be part of the group and have a say about her and Dylan, or he can be a part of his group. In which case he doesn't get a say. As they walk back to the hotel Max realizes Angel has grown taller in the past few months. Angel tells Max she is on her side. Dylan could love her if she would let him. She also tells Max that things aren't possible with Fang. Max wonders if Angel thinks it is a good idea for Max and Dylan to go off to Germany and have babies. She wants to believe that Angel isn't plotting to take over the flock.

Chapter 64:

Max and Fang find themselves alone together in the slowest elevator on earth. They try small talk, then Max demands to know how Fang could stop loving her. He tells her he doesn't like seeing her with Dylan. She says the same about Maya. They are not making up, they are fighting and yelling at each other. He tells her that this is what she decided. Max tells him he is the one who decided to leave and replace them all. The doors open and Angel is waiting for them. She has a plan.

Chapter 65:

Angel thinks she should infiltrate the Group. She tells the gang and the flock that she is the best person because teens are too threatening. Fang's group thinks she is too young, but Max convinces them otherwise.

Chapter 66:

Angel meets up with two teens, a boy and a girl, in a seedy part of Paris. They ask her how old she is, her name, and what she is doing there. She tells them she is 7, her name is Angelika and she is in Paris with school. The girl grabs Angel's face and Angel becomes afraid they will hypnotize her. Before the girl can do it, Gazzy shows up. Through telepathy, Angel tells him her new name and that they are here for school. She also asks why he is here and tells him she can do it alone. He tells her he was worried. The teens lead the two into a locked room where a man is waiting. He asks why they should let the kids join them. Angel spreads her wings and tells the man she can't live among humans any longer.

Chapter 67:

The man instructs the teen girl, Toni, to take the kids to Mark. Angel and Gazzy begin to panic as they pass locked rooms and cages that remind them of the lab where they were raised. The door to Mark opens and Angel can sense pure evil from the man. He tells Toni they met their quota. Toni tells her she was instructed to bring them. Angel can feel her fear. Mark sees Angel's wings and tells her she will be of great use to the



others. Angel isn't sure what that means. He pulls a hot poker from the fire and tells her he wants to see if he can trust her.

Book Three: Paris Is Burning, Chs. 51 - 67. Analysis

Chapter 51:

It is an awkward reunion for everyone all the way around. The flock feels that Fang has replaced them with a new gang and none of them understand why he left. The flock doesn't want to betray Max by hugging Fang, but they are happy to see him. Fang is upset seeing Dylan with Max. Dylan is intrigued by Maya. Maya and Max don't like each other and have battled in the past. The gang tenses when they realize Max has tried to kill Maya in the past.

Chapter 52:

The air must be cleared between Max and Fang before anything can be done about the Group.

Chapter 53:

Both Max and Fang are jealous, but they won't talk to each other about their feelings.

Chapter 54:

As chaos unfolds around her, Max realizes that things have been calm and quiet since Fang left. She begins to wonder if he is right; they are better off apart.

Chapter 55:

Dylan's voice calms everyone down. He has the ability to soothe Max.

Chapter 56:

Max reflects that she can never read Fang's emotions, and she enjoys the fact that she can tell he is about to explode over the news that Gazzy delivers. However, she is sad that everyone has to see them fighting. When Maya makes her comment about Max being bad news, Max explodes.

Chapter 57:

Angel seems wise beyond her years. Max isn't used to Angel making peace and she sees that Angel is right about her need to step up and be a leader.

Chapter 58:



Fang has spent his whole life trying to blend in, not stand out. He is surprised when people throw them money and thinks they may be able to stop stealing and support themselves.

Chapter 59:

Max and Fang are in a silent contest to see who is better. The others get tired of it quickly.

Chapter 60:

Max and Kate work together. Max has strange feelings watching Fang count his gang.

Chapter 61:

Max was terrified for Angel's safety. They hold hands after Angel lands and Max thinks it feels just like old times.

Chapter 62:

Max knows Angel is right. She needs to decide what she wants from Fang and Dylan. She is hurt watching Fang act so intimately with Maya. She doesn't know if Dylan likes her for her or because he has to. She enjoys Dylan's kiss.

Chapter 63:

Max takes Angel's advice to heart because Angel is privy to information she is not. Angel can read Fang's mind. Max finds it easy to believe that things are over for her and Fang and that he doesn't want her anymore. She isn't sure she should trust Angel, but the younger girl assures Max she can be trusted.

Chapter 64:

Max is horrified she asked Fang why he doesn't love her. Fang is upset by the questions, but doesn't tell her he loves her. Max becomes more upset when Fang tells her Maya is a unique person and not like Max. Fang is upset by Dylan and calls him an "experiment."

Chapter 65:

Max and Fang both support Angel's plan. Max thinks it will work if Angel doesn't betray them all.

Chapter 66:

This chapter is third person following Angel. Angel is worried she won't be able to handle the situation. She isn't happy when Gazzy shows up, but he arrives in the nick of time as Angel was in danger of being hypnotized.



Chapter 67:

Angel and Gazzy are now completely immersed in the One Light's headquarters, an abandoned factory. They see a boy banging his head against a wall, blood running down his head, and are told he didn't trust in the One Light.



Book Three: Paris Is Burning, Chs. 68 - 79.

Book Three: Paris Is Burning, Chs. 68 - 79. Summary

Chapter 68:

Max and her gang are at the site of the D-day rally. Their job is to get a job working for the Doomsday Group. A girl at the gate tells them she doesn't need more help, but she changes her mind when Dylan unfurls his wings. Max offers to gain attention for the rally with an aerial show.

Chapter 69:

Max and the others put on a show in the air. The event emcee announces a live show, speaker and fireworks. Dylan flies above Max and tells her he likes watching her fly. She is embarrassed by the compliment and hopes Fang sees them flying together. She hears Angel in her head. Angel tells her she is in the sewers under the city. She warns of great danger and tells Max she is scared. Max sees an open manhole on the street and flies to it, telling Angel she is on her way.

Chapter 70:

Max dives into the sewer and Dylan lands behind her, knocking her into the sewage. He tells her that Fang and Maya are with the others. Max tells him she can hear Angel and Dylan asks her if it could be a trap. Angel asks Max to come to her, but can't tell her where she is. Angel tells Max she now knows how evil these people are.

Chapter 71:

Dylan and Max go down the hall. Dylan can see through the wall and points them toward the place where Angel and Gazzy are being held. They are in a cage-like room, but the door is open. Angel is relieved to see them, but stands completely still. She is surrounded by explosives.

Chapter 72:

The room is wired with tons of explosives and toxic nerve gas. A timer is set and the room will explode in 7 minutes. Everyone at the packed rally will die, then the gasses will seep through the sewers into the rest of Europe. Gazzy tells them he can dismantle the timer. Angel and Fang stay with him. Max and Dylan go to warn people above.

Chapter 73:



Max flies to the stage and grabs the microphone from a girl who is rousing the crowd. She tells everyone there is a bomb under the stage. They continue smiling. Dylan tries to tell them and they still smile. Max decides it is time for a fight.

Chapter 74:

Max, the gang, and the flock begin to fight with the brainwashed kids. The kids seem to want to claim the flock as theirs. Star zips around them screaming a high pitched cry, the cry snaps the kids out of their mind control and many begin to run for the exits. Ratchet and Dylan see something off the stage and Dylan pushes Max out of the way. Then he begins to bleed.

Chapter 75:

Dylan is shot in the wing. As he lies on the ground healing, Mark comes out and tries to shoot Max. His bullet grazes her wing. The gang and the flock close in on him and he runs off. Fang comes to help Dylan up and tells Max he is trying to be a team player. The boys fight side-by-side. Max is bewildered and then feels hands tighten around her neck.

Chapter 76:

Mark is choking Max. He tells her she could have been a princess in the new kingdom but now he is going to kill her because she is a darkness over the One Light. Mark has been enhanced, but Max realizes he is still human. Maya grabs a pole and hits him before he can choke Max to death. The two girls push Mark over the edge of the stage where he lands with a sickening crunch on some wires. Then the place explodes.

Chapter 77:

Ratchet was able to tell Fang's gang to take to the air right before the explosion. The flock is also in the air. Fang, Angel and Gazzy are still missing. Gazzy flies up and tells them Angel was right behind him. He looks terrified that he can't find his sister. Fang shows up and Max clutches him. Then she lets him go and asks about Angel. She can see the emotion in his eyes and it tells her he doesn't know where Angel is. Max flies back in pain realizing she has lost her "child."

Chapter 78:

Everyone searches for Angel. In the process they help human survivors of the explosions. Gazzy is heartbroken and blames himself, he thought he had dismantled all of the wires. Max wrestles with the decisions she faced: save one person or save a city and its inhabitants. When they find Angels bloody shoe, Max breaks down. Fang gathers her in his arms and she cries on his shoulder.

Chapter 79:



After a day of searching, Max sits in the wreckage thinking of Angel. Fang comes to Max and tells her that his group is leaving. He tells her they are taking the information learned from Gazzy and going in search of the One Light. He is convinced Mark was not the leader of the Group. He tells Max to take care, looks at Dylan, and is off. Dylan hugs Max, then she tells her flock they will go in search of Jeb, her mother, and Ella.

Book Three: Paris Is Burning, Chs. 68 - 79. Analysis

Chapter 68:

Everyone is stressed about what is going to happen. It has been two days since Angel and Gazzy left and Max is worried about them. Dylan tries to comfort her and she wonders if she will ever get used to him touching her. She also wonders why she has to deal with her feelings while the world needs saving.

Chapter 69:

Again Dylan tells Max just what she wants and needs to hear. This time she asks him if he can read minds. He tells her no, but says he wouldn't tell her if he could. Angel's message is fuzzy, but Max goes to her.

Chapter 70:

Dylan left the rest of the flock to follow after Max. She is who he is worried about the most. Max and Dylan aren't sure if the person calling to Max is really Angel. The voice sounds like Angel. Max is worried because she hasn't heard Angel sound this scared in a long time.

Chapter 71:

It is a trap.

Chapter 72:

Max doesn't want to make the decision to tell Gazzy to leave the room. If he fails to dismantle the bomb he will die. If she orders him out tens of thousands will die. Angel makes the decision for Max. Max can't imagine losing Angel too. Fang also volunteers to stay. Max realizes she needs to trust her instincts and do her part. Angel tells her that no matter what happens, she believes in Max. Forever.

Chapter 73:

The book has been building toward the climax for the last three chapters. Max has confronted her leadership issues and has had to let go of her friends. She has also had to learn to rely on others, not just on herself. This is a huge growth point for Max's character.



Chapter 74:

Max's only thought is to take care of the zombie like kids so she can go back for Angel and Gazzy. She believes Fang will keep them safe, but she want to make sure.

Chapter 75:

Dylan's injury helps Max realize she has feelings for him. Fang shows he is willing to put his personal feelings aside for the good of the group. Dylan is also willing to do this.

Chapter 76:

The climax of the action comes when Maya saves Max's life.

Chapter 77:

Max never thought she would lose Fang forever. That he would be gone for good. She is relieved to see him and at the same time angry that he left Angel behind. Despite their rocky relationship, Max is destroyed at the thought of Angel's death.

Chapter 78:

Max doesn't understand how Mark and his Group could have done this to so many people. She is confused about her mother, Jeb, and Ella and wonders if they played some part of this. She is also confused about the choices she has made as a leader, if they were the right choices. She thinks about how familiar Fang's embrace is and then thinks about how unfamiliar he is to her right now. The overarching plot has been resolved, but there are more questions which must be answered in the next book (the final installment of the series). Max has grown as a person, but her love life and future have yet to be determined.

Chapter 79:

Max can't believe Fang is leaving at that moment. She expects him to say he will see her again, but he doesn't she interprets his parting glance at Dylan as saying it is Dylan's job to look after her now. Max gathers her courage, still crying, and prepares for her next steps.



Epilogue: Famous Last Words.

Epilogue: Famous Last Words. Summary

Angel regains consciousness in some sort of medical room. She is bloody and her memory is hazy. She has an IV and there is a tube being put down her throat. She recognizes the smell of disinfectant. She isn't sure if Max and the others have been saved and she begins to cry. A voice talks to Angel, it tells her she is superhuman and special. It tells her she is admired and that superhumans are needed in the new world.

Epilogue: Famous Last Words. Analysis

The Epilogue solves the question about Angel's fate. It also sets up another challenge for Max and her flock to meet in the next book.



Characters

Maximum Ride.

Maximum Ride, Max, is a 15 year old girl who has been charged with saving the world. Max was created in a test tube when scientists combined human and bird DNA. She lived most of her life in a cage as a part of an experiment. Max has wings and can fly like a bird. She is the leader of a group she refers to as her flock.

Dylan.

Dylan is a clone who was created to be Max's perfect mate. He has excellent vision and can sometimes see through objects. Dylan has model good looks and has imprinted on Max. He is in love with her. He is a fast learner and has learned flying and fighting skills quickly.

Fang.

Fang is Max's best friend and the love of her life. Fang left Max so he could create his own gang and save the world. Fang is dark haired and handsome. He is unemotional and Max finds it hard to know his feelings. Fang also has wings and was a test tube baby.

Angel.

Angel is a blond 7 year old. She wants to take control of the flock from Max. She is at times Max's friend and other times she works to undermine Max. Angel is a birdkid who was created in a test tube. She has the power to read people's thoughts and feelings.

Gazzy.

Gazzy is 9 years old. He is Angel's biological brother and is obsessed with explosives. He is a birdkid and part of Max's flock. Gazzy is blonde and is also a test tube baby.

Iggy.

Iggy is a 15 year old member of Max's flock. He is blind and is a birdkid. He was born in the same lab as the others.



Nudge.

Nudge is an African American girl. She is a birdkid and also a member of Max's flock.

Ella.

Ella is Max's human half-sister. She lives with Max's mother and genetic donor. Ella has a crush on Iggy and becomes brainwashed by the Doomsday Group.

Jed.

Jed is someone who the flock used to trust, but no longer believe in. Jed helped to raise the flock, but he puts his ideals and scientific nature over their well being.

Dr. Hans.

Dr. Hans is one of the scientists responsible for changing kids and creating human experiments. He dies after being flung from an airplane.

Dr. Valencia Martinez.

Valencia is Max's biological mother. She contributed the genetic material to help create Max. She lives in Arizona and genuinely loves Max.

Star.

Star is a member of Fang's gang. She is blonde and can run fast.

Kate.

Kate is a member of Fang's gang. She is beautiful and has super strength.

Ratchet.

Ratchet is a member of Fang's gang. He is a street kid with superhuman hearing and can read minds.

Maya.

Maya is a clone of Max, she is originally named Max II. She is a member of Fang's gang.



Objects/Places

The Rocco Laurie School for the Gifted.

The Rocco Laurie School is the place where the Generation 77 kids are created and housed. Jed and Valencia convince the flock to go to the school to meet the new generation. Max and her flock are attacked by kids there who have hundreds of eyes in a line around their head. The school is where the Doomsday Group is altering kids.

The School.

The School is the flock's name for the lab where they were created and raised. The kids were locked in cages at the School and were experimented on while they lived there.

The D-day Rally.

The D-day Rally is the event that takes place at the climax of the book. The rally is held in Paris and is led by the believers in the One Light. The rally is rigged with explosives.

Comic-Con.

Comic-Con is a convention where people go who are fans of comic books, science fiction, and fantasy. It is in San Diego and Fang's gang goes to see if the Doomsday Group will have their rally there.

Arizona.

Arizona is where a majority of the book takes place. It is where Valencia lives and where the flock takes Max when she is depressed about Fang leaving.

San Diego.

San Diego is where the Comic-Con convention takes place. It is also where Fang's gang and Max's flock meet up for the first time.

Valencia's House.

Valencia's house is a place where Max and the flock feel safe and cared for. Valencia makes them chocolate chip cookies. They go there to relax and regroup.



Gen 77.

Gen 77 is the the newest group of genetically enhanced kids. They are the new generation which has been created to dominate the world after humanity dies.

Paris.

Paris is the site of the D-day rally and it is where the climax of the book takes place.

One Light.

One Light is the force behind the Doomsday Group.



Themes

Scientific Ethics.

Scientific ethics play a very important role in the book. The lack of ethics of some scientists have caused kids to be created who do not fit into normal society. These scientists feel it is alright to sacrifice a few kids for their ideals and the greater good.

The Flock - Max and her flock have been created by scientists. They were born from test tube mixes of human and bird DNA. They are not thought of as human, but as experiments. The flock grew up locked in cages by scientists who felt they were only important for experimentation purposes.

The Gang- Fang's gang is made of kids who were genetically experimented on after birth and against their will. The scientists who changed them felt it was their right to "improve" them without their consent because it was for the betterment of society.

Angel, Fang, and Max all express their feelings about the gruesomeness of experiments gone wrong. They wonder how many kids have been tortured, killed, or maimed in the name of scientific advancement.

Family and Friendship.

The flock and the gang are families tied together by the bonds of friendship. They must rely on each other and trust each other, however, they argue and fight like a blood-related family.

Max and Valencia are blood related, but they are bonded together by their affection for one another. However, Max becomes suspicious of Valencia and wonders if she can trust her. She feels she can only trust her friends.

Ella is Max's sister, yet she goes with the flock to meet Fang instead of going to find Ella at the school.

Max and Angel have a love-hate relationship. They are not blood related, but Max considers Angel to be like her child.

Leadership.

Leadership styles are another theme in the book. Both Fang and Max are leaders of groups, but they lead in different ways and feel differently toward leadership.

Max- Likes being a leader. She is a bold leader, but she is temperamental. Her moods often affect the group in bad ways.



Fang- Fang is a reluctant leader. He is a quiet boy, but must step up and take the lead when he is sent on a mission. He doesn't understand why Max enjoys leading and wonders why Angel covets it. Fang doesn't bully people like Max, instead he tries team building.

Angel- Angel covets Max's job as a leader. However, she ends up as Max's leader. Angel's words and guidance help Max grow.



Style

Point of View

The majority of "Angel: A Maximum Ride Novel" is told in the first person by Max. She tells the story as if writing in a journal or book. Sometimes she speaks directly to the reader and references previous novels in the series. Angel is a sarcastic 15 year old who's words reflect both her age and maturity level.

Some chapters are told in the third person limited. Fang, Angel, and Gazzy. Their thoughts and feelings are open to the reader in these chapters. As is the action from their point of view.

Setting

The first half of the book takes place in Arizona in and around Max's mother's home. As the action builds the setting changes to California and Paris. The climax of the book takes place in Paris, as does the falling action, resolution, and epilogue. Each setting contributes to the tension of the book. The Arizona portions of the book are slower paced and deal more with Max's feelings. California picks up the pacing and is where the gang and flock begin to interact with each other. Paris is filled with underground tunnels and abandoned factories. It is also a larger place where different countries in Europe can be accessed and threatened by the Domsday Group.

Language and Meaning

Max's thoughts and dialogue are witty and filled with slang fit for a teen of her age. Each member of the flock speaks in ways which help to differentiate them. Angel is the only member of the flock who speaks as if she is an adult. The text is peppered with scientific language to help the reader understand how the flock and the gang were created.

Structure

"Angel: A Maximum Ride Novel" is written in three parts, 79 chapters, and includes a short epilogue.

Part One provides the reader with an introduction to the characters, background, and rising action.

Part Two provides character development, plot development, rising action, faster pacing, and plot tension.



Part Three provides the climax, falling action, and resolution. It also sets up the beginning of the next book.

The Epilogue provides a conclusion to one of the book's cliffhangers. It also sets up conflict for the next book.



Quotes

"Like, if you're going to make a decision about me and my life for my own good without consulting me, I'd better be dying and unconscious, and you'd better be following carefully written instructions." Chapter 2, p. 8.

"Ah, the good old days, when we were running for our lives, eating out of Dumpsters, getting into life-or-death battles on a regular basis, unable to trust anyone . . ." Chapter 5, p. 17.

"The flock and I had been created in just such a lab, a nightmarish place called the School, where another way to say 'dedicated men and women of science' was 'power hungry mad-scientists with Frankenstein complexes.'" Chapter 6, p. 23.

"There's something about flying that helps clear the cobwebs from my mind, puts everything into perspective, and makes me feel strong and powerful." Chapter 11, p. 38.

"I'd thought genetic mistakes were the height of horribleness. I hadn't realized that genetic "successes" like these 'noids might be even worse." Chapter 27, p. 95.

But I'm a clone. Can you even fathom what that's like? To be made from someone else? Someone who still exists?" Chapter 33, p. 117.

"Every single hand went up, and as they looked around the room, everyone seemed to really get each other for the first time." Chapter 39, p. 140.

"There's nothing more dangerous than someone trying to act for the greater good." Chapter 41, p. 148.

"But . . . if everyone was special, wouldn't that really mean no one was special at all?" Chapter 45, p. 164.

"It made sense that we should try to cut off the head of the monster instead of attempting to rescue one small escaped mouse." Chapter 51, p. 187.

"At a certain level, there are no best choices, no right decisions. Only choices that are less bad, decisions that are less wrong." Chapter 78, p. 282.



Topics for Discussion

Some of the characters in the book are born and some are cloned.

- 1) Who is a clone?
- 2) How are clones viewed by Max and Fang?
- 3) How does Dylan feel about being a clone?
- 4) How does Maya feel about being a clone?

Max thinks that people who put the greater good above the individual can be dangerous. Who is she talking about when she says this? Why does she feel this way? What has Max seen that makes her feel this way? Provide examples from the text.

How are Max and her flock tied together? Do they need each other? Why or why not? How do they know each other? What binds them together?

Angel tells Max that she must make up her own mind about Dylan and Fang. She shouldn't let anyone push her into a decision one way or another.

- 1) Who has pushed Max into a decision between the two boys?
- 2) How does Fang feel about Max? How does she feel about him?
- 3) How does Dylan feel about Max? How does she feel about him?
- 4) Which boy feels the greater good is more important than Max? Support your answer with examples.
- 5) Which boy feels Max is more important than the greater good? Support your answer with examples.

Scientists are responsible for the experiments which created both the flock and the gang. Why do the scientists create these genetically modified kids? What do they hope to gain from it? What has Fang seen happen with experiments that makes him upset when he meets Holden? What has happened to Holden?

Explain Max's feelings about Jeb and Dr. Hans. Who are they? How does Max know them? Why doesn't she trust them? What do they want from her when they visit at Valencia's home?

Explain what the Doomsday Group. Who are members of the Group? What do they want? Why do they want this?



Ella is rescued from the Doomsday Group, but disappears during the night. She leaves behind a note stating that she was meant to have wings.

- 1) Is Ella still under control of the Group when she writes this letter? Why or why not?
- 2) Why might Ella want to have wings?
- 3) Is Ella part of the flock? Is she an outsider?