

MAX STEEL 9: EXTREME PURSUIT

PART SIX

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FADE IN:

EXT. THE WARDEN - ESTABLISHING

INT. THE WARDEN - VARIOUS - CONTINUOUS

Max Steel races through the corridors of The Warden. A few TOXOIDS leap out at him, but Max disposes of them quickly, without even breaking stride.

1	MAX	1
	Hang on, Berto...	

INTERCUT BETWEEN: WARDEN CORRIDORS and THE BRIDGE. *

BRIDGE - Toxzon holds Berto high in the air as TANK MAKINO lowers his cannon. A little toxic GOOP drips from Toxzon's arm onto Berto's shirt. *

2	BERTO	2	*
	Hey, c'mon! I just got this		*
	uniform back from the cleaners!		*

3	TOXZON	3	*
	That will be the least of your		*
	worries, Berto! Steel will never		*
	make it in time to save you...		*

4	COMPUTER VOICE	4	*
	Quantum Laser reboot in 30		*
	seconds...		*

5	TOXZON	5	*
	...OR the planet!		*

CORRIDORS - Max LEAPS off the end of a PLATFORM. He fires a grapple hook, swinging across a massive CHASM, continuing his sprint on the other side.

BRIDGE - Energy courses through Tank Makino as he prepares to blast Berto. He glances up at a monitor, following Max's progress. *

But each time he touches the panel, Toxzon gets zapped and mutters angrily under his breath. Berto glances at Forge, who --

-- silently sidles up to a sparking electrical panel, using the sparks to burn through his restraints behind his back. The cuffs are starting to fray... he's almost free... when, suddenly, Toxzon is upon them. **He snatches Berto and shoves him at the control panel.**

24 TOXZON 24
Fix it!!! Now!!! *

25 BERTO 25
(stammers) *
B-b-but the surge protector... *
there's nothing I can do... *

26 TOXZON 26
Give me back my lasers... or DIE! *

Toxzon is about to CRUSH Berto, when -- *

27 FORGE 27
Titus! Wait! We can work *
together! Like the old days! It *
doesn't have to be like this!

Stopping, Toxzon spins toward Forge.

28 TOXZON 28
Correction, Forge. It DIDN'T have *
to be like this!

Toxzon tosses Berto aside in frustration. He gazes out the window for a beat, then seems to reconcile his new situation. *

29 TOXZON (cont'd) 29
But since Max Steel dashed my dream *
of global toxification, a Warden- *
sized fireball will just have to *
suffice!

As if to emphasize Toxzon's point, the ship pitches FORWARD, starting to go into a dive.

INT. WARDEN - CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS

Jet races down a corridor. As the plane pitches, she stumbles, slamming into a wall. As she regains her balance, she looks up, sees a SECURITY MONITOR on the wall.

ON MONITOR: Toxzon and Forge.

30 FORGE 30
 Listen to what you're saying,
 Titus! You were one of the most
 talented agents NTEK ever produced! *

31 TOXZON 31
 Titus is dead! And it's your
 fault!

Forge looks like he's just been stabbed through the heart.

32 FORGE 32
 I tried... to save you... *

33 TOXZON 33
 Spare me the rhetoric. Do you know
 how it feels to see your work, your
 dreams, your very being... snatched
 away in the blink of an eye??? *

Forge hangs his head in shame. *

34 FORGE 34
 No... I don't. *

ON JET: She's affected by this interaction. It gives her
 insight into her father. Insight she never had before.
 Suddenly, Jet has an inspiration. She snatches THE VIAL out
 of her pocket and slams it into a slot on the control panel
 in front of her. As her fingers fly across the keyboard...

EXT. THE WARDEN - CONTINUOUS

TANK MAKINO moves in on Max. As he closes in, he transforms
 to URBAN INVASION MAKINO (8269). He raises his SPINNING
 BLADE arm.

35 MAKINO 35
 How about a little off the top?
 Or, better yet, how about A LOT!!!

Makino lunges at Max's head, but Max ducks and the BLADES
 slam into a vent behind Max, becoming entangled in metal
 grating.

36 MAKINO 36
 (enraged)
 Aaaaaaah!

Max Grabs Makino's other arm and hurls him through the air,
 sending Makino CRASHING THROUGH A WALL, and --

INT. WARDEN - CATWALKS - CONTINUOUS

-- tumbling down through the darkness. <WHAM> Max lands facing him. As the two square off, the ship lurches violently.

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MAX

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Maybe we could save the ship and
then finish this later?

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Makino unleashes a fury of strikes with his SPINNING BLADE as Max dodges and rolls to avoid. Each time the BLADE strikes the metal railings, it sends up a brilliant shower of sparks, illuminating the darkness around them.

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MAKINO

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Sorry, I already have plans for
later.

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Max leaps to another catwalk, but Makino is in hot pursuit.

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MAKINO (cont'd)

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Watching you FRY!

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Makino strikes the metal catwalk with his other hand, sending ELECTRICAL CURRENTS surging towards Max. But, at the last second, Max leaps to another catwalk. Makino follows suit, also electrifying that catwalk, but Max leaps clear again as the pursuit continues.

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MAX

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Gotta hand it to you, Makino. Not
much in the looks department, but
you always did have an electrifying
personality!

Max runs beneath a large ceiling mounted WATER TANK. Some water DRIPS on him as he races past.

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MAX

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Which gives me an idea...

With a new sense of purpose, Max races across the network of metal bridges, leaping/flipping clear each time Makino charges one with his electricity. It's a game of cat and mouse that Makino seems to be thoroughly enjoying.

Finally, Max leaps clear, does a series of aerial flips and lands on the ground below. Looking up -- he sees Makino perched atop a platform. There are two METAL STAIRCASES on either side of him, both sizzling with electrical charge. Above each staircase, a WATER TANK.

42 MAX (cont'd) 42
Hey, Makino! You ever heard of a
water drop electro static
generator?

43 MAKINO 43
(sneers)
Enlighten me. *

44 MAX 44
My pleasure! *

With that, Max blasts the two WATER TANKS. And as water pours down on the electrically charged staircases, a massive ELECTRICAL ARC forms between them. <ZAAAAAAAAP!> Makino gets fried. As the electricity courses through Makino's body, completely overwhelming him, he tumbles from the catwalk and hits the ground below.

Several NTEK AGENTS burst in through a side door. They surround Makino, blasters drawn. Max looks down at Makino, one last time.

45 MAX (cont'd) 45
You're welcome.

And Max races out.

INT. WARDEN - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Toxzon gazes out the window, seeing the earth quickly approaching.

46 TOXZON 46
If it makes you feel better, I
forgive you for turning me into
this. Can you forgive me for
turning the city into a toxic
wasteland? *

47 FORGE (V.O.) 47
You know I can't let that happen,
Titus. *

Spinning, Toxzon sees Forge standing behind him, free from his bonds. Forge has a blaster aimed at him, but now he lowers it. *

48 FORGE (cont'd) 48
For the last time, let me help you.
Remember who you were before. My
friend... *

Toxzon seems to consider for a beat. Is he swayed? But then, the ship lurches violently, breaking the fragile moment.

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TOXZON

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That man is dead. Just like you.
(sneers)
My friend!

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As Toxzon makes a break for the door, he launches a TOXIC BOMB at Forge. Forge deflects it with his blaster, but it hits the door as Toxzon slams it, effectively sealing it shut.

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INT. WARDEN - OUTSIDE BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Toxzon pauses outside the door.

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TOXZON

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But don't worry. I'll make sure
you have plenty of company.

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Grinning diabolically, Toxzon races off down a corridor. Hold for a beat, then another figure emerges from the nearby shadows -- JET. Stealthily, she races off after Toxzon.

EXT. THE WARDEN - CONTINUOUS

The ship pitches and dives.

INT. THE WARDEN - "ANDY PARK" - CONTINUOUS

Max charges across an expansive footbridge, some 200 meters above the ground below. Suddenly, Toxzon leaps down from above.

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TOXZON

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You're wasting your time, Steel!
We're going down in a blaze of
toxic glory! And there's nothing
you can do to stop it!

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MAX

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We'll see about that!

Drawing his SPINNING BLADES, Max starts toward Toxzon. But with a wave of his hand, Toxzon releases a TOXOID which flies at Max. Max deftly disposes of the toxoid with his blades, but then there's another one coming at him, and another, and another! As quickly as Max can slash away at the toxoids, more and more are flying at him from all angles, battering and bruising him, driving him closer and closer to the edge...

Toxzon LAUGHS hideously. As Max's situation grows more dire by the second...

INT. THE WARDEN - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Berto works frantically at the controls. Forge paces nervously behind him. In BG we see several AGENTS trying, unsuccessfully, to pry open the door.

53	BERTO	53
	The power surge totally fried the ship's navigation systems! We're going into a death spiral! And they call it that for a reason...	

On Forge's worried face...

INT. THE WARDEN - "ANDY PARK" - CONTINUOUS

Max slashes a toxoid aside and goes on the offensive against Toxzon, delivering a thunderous blow.

54	MAX	54
	We can get out of here, Toxzon. There's still time!	

55	TOXZON	55
	And miss the inTOXICATING finale??? Perish the thought!	

Max raises his sword, about to lash out at Toxzon again when <VROOOM>, Jet roars into frame on an ATV, **landing on top of Toxzon and pinning him to the ground.**

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56	MAX (shocked)	56
	Jet?!?! What are you doing???	

Jet leaps from the ATV, wielding a LARGE SYRINGE over her head.

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57	JET	57
	Something nobody else could!	

She PLUNGES THE SYRINGE INTO TOXZON. He writhes, but Jet fights to hold him down.

58	JET	58
	Not you... not my father...	

INTERCUT: Flashes (flashbacks) of Jet altering her serum (from PAGE 5). As we PUSH IN on the control panel, readouts reveal that Jet is LOWERING the toxic levels.

As the levels continue to drop, the readout changes from "TOXIN" to "VACCINATION." Jet snatches the vial out of the machine and smiles.

59 JET (cont'd) 59
Bring... Titus... Octavius...
Xander back!

With a sudden surge of energy, Toxzon rips the syringe out of his body.

60 TOXZON 60
For the last time... Xander is
DEAD!

With a massive FOREARM SMASH, Toxzon sends Jet flying over the edge.

61 MAX 61
Jet!

Peering over the edge, Max sees Jet's crumpled body on the ground below. He flies into a rage.

62 MAX 62
Noooooooooooo!

Max charges back at Toxzon and they engage in furious hand-to-hand combat.

EXT. THE WARDEN - DEATH SPIRAL - CONTINUOUS

INT. THE WARDEN - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Berto works furiously at the control panel, sweat pouring down his face.

63 BERTO 63
I've regained control of the rear
rudder. Enough to alter our
trajectory and bring us down in the
De La Torre desert. Hopefully the
sand dunes will cushion our
landing.

Just then, <BEEEEEP>, a light flashes on the control panel.

64 FORGE 64
Tell me not to worry about that. *

Berto keeps hitting buttons, a look of confusion on his face.

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BERTO

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No can do! The system's overriding
my coordinates! It's like...
someone else is controlling the
Warden!

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On Forge and Berto's puzzled looks...

INT. THE WARDEN - "ANDY PARK" - CONTINUOUS

At floor level, we see a SHADOWY FIGURE propped up against the wall, typing furiously on a wall-mounted panel. Images of The Warden's trajectory flash across the screen. Moving in closer, we see... it's JET. She glances up. We follow to see...

MAX STEEL vs TOXZON. Battle of the titans atop the raised walkway. No weapons or gadgets, this is pure no-holds-barred, mano a mano. Thunderous body blows, devastating head shots. And, as the ship rolls and pitches, so too are our combatants tossed about like rag dolls. But they battle on, fearlessly, tirelessly...

EXT. THE WARDEN - CONTINUOUS

Smoke pours from the engines as the massive ship screams towards earth. Chunks of fuselage rip away as The Warden starts coming apart at the seams...

INT. THE WARDEN - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Berto and Forge OTS: Coming through the cloud layer, they see smooth, white terrain below them. And it's approaching fast.

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BERTO

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That doesn't look like sand...

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FORGE

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That's because it's SNOW! Crash
positions, people! We're going in
hard!

As the agents on the bridge dive for cover...

EXT. ANTARCTICA - CONTINUOUS

The plane plunges toward the ANTARCTIC TUNDRA. Far too fast... far too steep... SLAM! The Warden comes down hard on its belly. The fuselage twists and torques as the massive jet grinds its way across the ice/snow fields.

INT. WARDEN - "ANDY PARK" - CONTINUOUS

Max and Toxzon go flying. Max hits the floor, hard. Toxzon gets tossed over the edge of the platform and out of sight.

INT. WARDEN - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Chaos. Screams. People and equipment tossed around.

EXT. ANTARCTICA - CONTINUOUS

Smoke and flames pouring from the engines and the fuselage, the massive Warden finally grinds to a halt.

A beat of eerie silence. All we hear is the blowing <WIND> whistling through the twisted wreckage.

INT. WARDEN - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Battered and bruised, Berto lifts his head and looks around. Everybody appears to be okay. A few of the instruments flicker back to life. Forge stomps over, barely a scratch on him. It's gonna take more than a cataclysmic plane crash to bring this guy down.

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Berto types on the keyboard.

69 BERTO 69
Makino is still secure. But I'm
not picking up a reading for
Toxzon...

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<BEEP>  A beacon flashes on another screen.  It's moving
slowly away from the wreckage.
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70 FORGE 70
There! He's getting away!

INT. WARDEN - "ANDY PARK" - CONTINUOUS

Max is lying on the floor, out cold. Slowly, he opens his eyes, shakes out the cobwebs, and sits up.

71 FORGE (V.O.) 71
 (over comm)
 Attention all agents! Toxzon has
 escaped!

Max leans over the edge and looks down at the floor where Jet was lying. But she's gone.

He looks over at a massive fissure in the wall, leading to the outside. This triggers a memory...

MAX'S FLASHBACK: Seen through Max's hazy POV, Jet drags an unconscious Toxzon through the flaming wreckage, across the floor and out through the crack in the wall.

Max is snapped BACK TO PRESENT, by --

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FORGE (V.O.)

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(over comm)

Bring him down people! By any
force necessary!

Realizing the implications, Max shouts into his comm.

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MAX

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(into comm)

No! Wait! He's with Jet!

But, before he can even finish the sentence, Max's comm fritzes out, damaged in the crash. He smacks it a few times, but no luck. Leaping into action, Max dives from the platform and races out through the crack in the wall.

EXT. ANTARCTICA - CONTINUOUS

It's fifty below zero, but the wind chill makes it feel like minus a hundred. With all the blowing snow, visibility is poor at best. But here comes Jet, flying across the snow on her ATV, dragging the unconscious Toxzon behind her.

INTERCUT: Forge and his super posse. Forge and Berto are on ATV's. Several other agents race across the tundra on foot. Attack CHOPPERS buzz overhead. Forge thrusts an arm in the air, leading the charge.

INTERCUT: Max. Racing through the snow on his own super awesome ATV (toy ref W8395). Desperately trying to catch up. Realizing that Jet is in grave danger.

A beacon on the instrument panel of Forge's ATV FLASHES. They're closing in on Toxzon. He leads the troops.

Max catches a distant glimpse of the choppers and ATV's of the posse up ahead. He digs deep, giving it his all.

Forge and the posse burst around a corner and slam on the brakes. There's a SMALL SHED only 20 meters in front of them, Jet's ATV parked beside it. As Forge motions, agents and choppers move into position.

81 FORGE (cont'd) 81
 Jet?!?! You were... I had no
 idea... Are you --

Overcome by emotion, Forge's voice cracks. He takes a step forward toward his daughter.

82 MEDIC 82
She's going to be okay.
(then)
And, from the looks of it, so is
he...

PAN TO -- a figure lying in the corner. It's TITUS OCTAVIUS XANDER. A series of TUBES comes up through the ice, feeding purified ARCTIC WATER into Titus' veins. Titus manages to lift his head a bit, musters a bit of a smile in Forge's direction.

Overcome, Forge wraps his arms around his daughter as the medics race over to tend to Titus.

EXT. ANTARCTICA - OUTSIDE THE SHED - A FEW MINUTES LATER

NTEK MEDICS carry Titus out of the shed on a stretcher. Max and Berto stand off to the side.

83 BERTO 83

My preliminary panels show that
Jet's serum, combined with the
purified arctic waters, have
actually flushed 99% of the toxins
out of Titus' system! Amazing!

The medics carry Titus past Forge. Titus holds up a hand for them to stop.

84 FORGE 84
I'm sorry, Titus. For...
everything.

85 TITUS 85
Don't be, Forge. Just be proud.
Of her. She knew where to bring
me.

Following Titus' gaze, Forge looks up, sees Jet being escorted out of the hut by the medics, wrapped in a high-tech warming blanket. Forge wells up with pride.

Max runs over to Jet.

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86                                MAX                                86
      Hey.  Looks like my nano probes
      saved your bacon.

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87 JET 87

Yeah.

Then Jet smiles at Max and pats him on the chest.

88 JET (cont'd) 88
But I like to think there's more
than just nano probes in there.

With a wink, Jet climbs into a waiting CHOPPER beside Titus. Then Forge leaps in and throws an arm around her shoulder.

As we PAN UP, the chopper lifts off into the sky. We see the massive smouldering wreckage of The Warden, contrasted against the stark white backdrop of the Antarctic Tundra. We slowly PULL BACK, and...

FADE OUT.

THE END