#### MAX STEEL 9: EXTREME PURSUIT

#### PART SIX

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## EXT. THE WARDEN - ESTABLISHING

# <u>INT. THE WARDEN - VARIOUS - CONTINUOUS</u>

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.

6 6 MAKINO Steel! Can I give Berto a farewell message for you? CORRIDOR - Max stops. He looks around quickly, then spots something -- an ELECTRICAL PANEL mounted on the wall. It's marked with "HIGH VOLTAGE" warnings. 7 7 As a matter of fact... Max throws open the door to the panel box. Reaching out, he rips out two thick bundles of wires, one in each hand. 8 MAX (cont'd) 8 You can! Max RAMS the wire bundles together. ZAAAAAAAAP! A massive electrical arc rips through panel, coursing through Max's body. Gritting his teeth, Max holds on. Then, mustering all his strength, Max thrusts his arms forward and sends the electrical current back INTO the system. BRIDGE - Makino SCREAMS out in pain. Electricity coruscates across the control panel and a massive BOLT surges into TANK MAKINO, sending him reeling. He transforms back into his "human" form and slams into a wall panel, which EXPLODES in a cascade of sparks. Makino's body contorts with pain, electrical currents dancing across his torso. 9 MAKINO (cont'd) 9 (pained SCREAM!) Released from Makino's control, The Warden LURCHES violently, causing Toxzon to drop Berto. 10 10 COMPUTER VOICE \* \* Automated surge protection activated. Weapons systems disabled. \* Furious, Toxzon races to the panel, slamming it with his fists. \* 11 TOXZON 11 No! Override! Override!

ON MAKINO: He's frying against the wall. He grits his teeth,

looking up at the image of Max on the monitor.

12	MAKINO (cont'd) 12 You've humiliated me for the last time, Steel! Now you must pay!	<u>}</u>
	Summoning all his energy, Makino breaks free from the wall. He charges toward the door when, suddenly, SLAM! Makino goe flying across the room. Looking up, he sees Toxzon standing over him.	
13	TOXZON 13 We must not forget the plan, Makino! Need I remind you who is in charge here?	} ;
	The familiar GREEN HAZE starts to form near Makino's head.	7
	ANGLE ON: Toxzon, grinning diabolically. But then he glance up, seeing the toxic cloud wafting harmlessly up into the air, as if blown by a fan or a JET ENGINE.	S ?
	REVEAL Makino: Transforming into JET STRIKE MAKINO (W8275).	,
14	MAKINO 14 Thanks, Toxzon.	į ;
	Taking flight, Makino roars around the Bridge, unleashing rounds of BLASTER FIRE and TORPEDOES that destroy several control panels and sends Toxzon diving for cover. Makino lands and sneers at Toxzon.	
15	MAKINO 15 But my memory is pretty sharp!	;
	And, with that, Makino blasts out of the bridge.	7
	EXT. THE WARDEN - NEAR THE GAUNTLET - A FEW MINUTES LATER	7
	CRASH! A blast door explodes outwards and MAX STEEL charges out onto the surface of The Warden. He races forward in the direction of the bridge when, suddenly, BLASTER FIRE strafes the surface, sending Max sprawling.	
16	MAX 16	5
	Whoooooa!	
	Rolling over, Max sees JET STRIKE MAKINO dive bombing toward him, guns blazing. Leaping to his feet, Max reveals SHIELD BLOCKERS on his forearms. <zhing!> <zhing!> Max blocks Makino's blasts with his shields, but Makino is bearing righ down on him.</zhing!></zhing!>	

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	Hello again, Steel! Or should I say GOODBYE!		
	At the last moment before contact, Max leaps into the air doing a SLO-MOTION FORWARD FLIP right over Makino. Converting his SHIELDS to BLASTERS mid-flip, Max lands on feet, blasters firing.	his	
18	MAX I didn't think you could say anything without getting Toxzon's permission!	18	* *
	One of Max's blasts clips Makino's wing, sending Makino CRASHING into the surface of The Warden. But he quickly leaps back to his feet.		*
19	MAKINO I don't care about that bloated stinkbag or his self indulgent plans!	19	* * *
	With that, Makino transforms into TANK MODE. He drives Maback.	X	*
20	MAX Might be a problem when you two end up as cell mates again.	20	* *
	Max unveils his OVERLOAD STAFF, delivering a series of BOD BLOWS to Makino, sending him reeling backwards.	Y	*
21	MAKINO Toxzon was merely a means to an end.	21	* *
22	MAX Oh yeah? What end is that?	22	*
	A powerful blast from the TANK CANNON blows Max's staff riout of his hands and sends him reeling.	ght	
23	MAKINO YOURS!	23	*
	As Makino moves in for the kill		

MAKINO

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# <u>INT. THE WARDEN - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS</u>

The HOSTAGES sit on the floor, hands tied behind their backs. Berto watches nervously as Toxzon tries to regain control of the ship.

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 Fix it!!! Now!!!	24	*
25	BERTO (stammers) B-b-but the surge protector there's nothing I can do	25	* * *
26	TOXZON  Give me back my lasers or DIE!	26	*
	Toxzon is about to CRUSH Berto, when		*
27	FORGE Titus! Wait! We can work together! Like the old days! It doesn't have to be like this!	27	*
	Stopping, Toxzon spins toward Forge.		
28	TOXZON Correction, Forge. It DIDN'T have to be like this!	28	*
	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) But since Max Steel dashed my dream of global toxification, a Warden- sized fireball will just have to suffice!	29	* * *

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 Listen to what you're saying, Titus! You were one of the most talented agents NTEK ever produced!	30	* * *
31	TOXZON Titus is dead! And it's your fault!	31	
	Forge looks like he's just been stabbed through the heart.		
32	FORGE I tried to save you	32	*
33	TOXZON  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???	33	* * *
	Forge hangs his head in shame.		*
34	FORGE No I don't.	34	*
	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 of her pocket and slams it into a slot on the control pane in front of her. As her fingers fly across the keyboard.	out el	
	EXT. THE WARDEN - CONTINUOUS		
	TANK MAKINO moves in on Max. As he closes in, he transforto URBAN INVASION MAKINO (8269). He raises his SPINNING BLADE arm.	cms	
35	MAKINO How about a little off the top? Or, better yet, how about A LOT!!!	35	
	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 (enraged) Aaaaaaah!	36	

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

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

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 38 Sorry, I already have plans for later.

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

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MAKINO (cont'd) 39
Watching you FRY!

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
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 41 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) Hey, Makino! You ever heard of a water drop electro static generator?	42	
43	MAKINO (sneers) Enlighten me.	43	*
44	MAX My pleasure!	44	*
	With that, Max blasts the two WATER TANKS. And as water pours down on the electrically charged staircases, a massi ELECTRICAL ARC forms between them. <zaaaaaaap!> Makino gfried. As the electricity courses through Makino's body, completely overwhelming him, he tumbles from the catwalk a hits the ground below.</zaaaaaaap!>	gets	
	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) You're welcome.	45	
	And Max races out.		
	INT. WARDEN - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS		
	Toxzon gazes out the window, seeing the earth quickly approaching.		
46	TOXZON  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?	46	* * * *
47	FORGE (V.O.) You know I can't let that happen, Titus.	47	*
	Spinning, Toxzon sees Forge standing behind him, free from his bonds. Forge has a blaster aimed at him, but now he lowers it.	α	* * *
48	FORGE (cont'd) For the last time, let me help you. Remember who you were before. My friend	48	* * *

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	Toxzon seems to consider for a beat. Is he swayed? But then, the ship lurches violently, breaking the fragile moment.	
49	TOXZON 49 That man is dead. Just like you.     (sneers) My friend!	
	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.	
	INT. WARDEN - OUTSIDE BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS	
	Toxzon pauses outside the door.	
50	TOXZON 50 But don't worry. I'll make sure you have plenty of company.	
	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.	
51	TOXZON 51 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!	
52	MAX 52 We'll see about that!	
	Drawing his SPINNING BLADES, Max starts toward Toxzon. But	

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...

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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.

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BERTO
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.

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

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TOXZON
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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(shocked)
Jet?!?! What are you doing???

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

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JET Something nobody else could!

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

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JET
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.

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 Noooooooo!

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, <BEEEEP>, 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.

BERTO 65

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

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.

66 BERTO 66

That doesn't look like sand...

67 FORGE 67

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.

68 FORGE 68

What's the status on the prisoners?

Berto types on the keyboard.

69 BERTO 69

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

<BEEP> A beacon flashes on another screen. It's moving
slowly away from the wreckage.

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 --

72 FORGE (V.O.) 72

(over comm)

Bring him down people! By any force necessary!

Realizing the implications, Max shouts into his comm.

73 MAX 73

(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.

74	FORGE It's all over, Toxzon! I've got enough fire power out here to melt the polar ice caps!	74
	Agents dig into the snow, their blasters all trained on the hut. There is no movement from inside. Forge motions to AGENTS, who cock their blasters, preparing to fire.	
75	FORGE (cont'd) I'm giving you TEN SECONDS! Nine eight seven	75
	On MAX. Racing closer, but still a good distance off. Six Five Four	
76	MAX Going TURBO!!!	76
	Glowing GREEN, Max surges forward at Turbo Speed.	
	On the SHARPSHOOTERS their fingers starting to squeeze down on the triggers.	
	On Berto a bead of SWEAT drips down his temple, then FREEZES in the middle of his cheek.	
77	FORGE (cont'd) Three two one.	77
	A nod from Forge and BLAM! The sharpshooters unload. But, like LIGHTNING, Max suddenly ZOOMS through frame, blocking the blasts and deflecting them toward a nearby iceberg which <kaboom> explodes into a million pieces. Enraged, Forge charges toward Max.</kaboom>	
78	FORGE (cont'd) Steel?!?!?	78
79	BERTO (O.S.) Sir! Over here!	79
	Spinning, Forge sees Berto standing by the hut. A few AGE have already bashed down the door. Forge races over, show the agents aside.	
80	FORGE Out of my way!	80
	Forgo stong in his trocks. He sees his denother T-t	

Forge stops in his tracks. He sees his daughter - Jet - leaning against a wall, visibly exhausted. An NTEK Medic tends to her. Forge's anger and bluster is immediately replaced by worry.

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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	Hey. Looks like my nano probes	5
	saved your bacon.	
87	JET	87
	Yeah.	
	Then Jet smiles at Max and pats him on the	e chest.
88	JET (cont'd)	88
	But I like to think there's mon	
	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