Chapter 12

1. Why did Kevin and Gwen convince the people at the school to allow the boys to be in the same class?
Kevin and Gwen convince the people at the school to allow the boys to be in the same class because it would be good for Freak to have someone to help him get around.

2. Why is it unusual for Max to be in Kevin's class?
It is unusual for Max to be in Kevin's class because Max is learning disabled and usually in classes for students with learning disabilities. Kevin is in the smart classes.

3. Why do Grim and Gram agree for Max to join Kevin's classes?
Grim and Gram agree for Max to join Kevin's classes because nothing else has helped Max improve in school, not even his classes or special teachers. The only thing that seems to have helped him so far is having a friend.

4. Why does Kevin call the class to order? Describe the situation.
Kevin calls the class to order to stop the students from making fun of Max. Mrs. Donelli had asked Max to stand up and tell the class something about his summer and when he won't, the kids start shouting at him, and calling him names. Freak wants this to stop.

5. What effect does Kevin sitting on Max's shoulders have on his class and teacher? What effect does it have on Max?
When Kevin is sitting on Max's shoulders, Max feels strong and smart. This changes the classes reaction to Max as well. Now they are cheering for "Freak the Mighty" instead of making fun of him. Mrs. Donelli is scared and unable to control the class—she is behind her desk.

6. Who is Mrs. Donelli? Who is Mrs. Addison? Add these traits to the character descriptions page.
Mrs. Donelli is Max and Freak's classroom teacher. Mrs. Addison is the principal of the school.

7. Why were Max and Freak sent to the principal? What was the outcome?
Max and Freak were sent to the principal because of the ruckus they created in their classroom (Freak sitting on Max's shoulders, the chanting/cheering). When they get there, Freak "convinces" the principal not to punish them by using big words that she had to look up. Mrs. Addison does not punish them and "falls for it."

8. Explain the chapter title.
The chapter title, "Killer Kane, Killer Kane, Had a Kid Who Got No Brain" describes the view of the students towards Max. They make fun of him for being stupid and for being the son of a killer.
Chapter 13

1. What is the setting of chapter 13? (WHEN and WHERE)
   At school in October and in the principal’s office.

2. How does Freak teach Max to read? What did he compare reading to?
   Freak teaches Max to read by showing Max how words are just voices on paper. Freak explains to Max about how reading is just a way of listening.

3. Does Mrs. Donelli accept Freak the Mighty? Give PROOF—quote from the story.
   Mrs. Donelli does eventually accept Freak the Mighty.
   Page 80: “Mrs. Donelli says she is startng to get used to us”
   Page 81: “It was Mr. Meehan who had a word with Mrs. Donelli, and that’s why she finally gave up on trying to make me talk in class.” She has him tell her the answers privately, in study hall.

4. Max is called alone to the Principal’s Office. Name TWO reasons Max thought he was called down.
   Max thought that he was called down because they were going to put him back into the learning disabled class. Max also thought that he might have been called down because maybe someone died or got hurt, like Grim or Gram.

5. Why did the Principal actually want to talk to Max? How does Max respond?
   Mrs. Addison called him down to tell him that his father was up for parole and possibly that his father wants to see him. Max freaks out and covers his ears, screaming, “Don’t, Don’t!” He has a complete break down and doesn’t even remember what happened. All he knows is that when he is done, Mrs. Addison is crying.
Chapter 14

1. Why does Max take a day off of school?
   Max takes the day off school because Freak is getting out of the hospital.

2. What is Freak's explanation for needing a new body?
   Freak says that no one stays the same and that he is growing on the inside, but not on the outside.

3. Why are Grim and Gram yelling? Explain both sides of the argument. Who do you agree with?
   Grim and Gram are fighting about whether or not Grim should keep a gun in the house for protection. Grim wants to have the gun because Max's dad (Killer Kane) is being paroled and Grim wants to be able to protect his family. Grim also argues that he was in the army, so he knows how to use a gun. Gram's argument against keeping a gun in the house is that she is afraid that Killer Kane will take the gun away from Grim and shoot him with his own gun. Gram even says that she has dreamed about this for eight years. OPINION.

4. Who is Annie?
   Annie is Max's mother (Grim and Gram's daughter) who is "departed." She was married to Killer Kane.

5. Have Grim and Gram always hated Max's father? Did Annie trust Max’s father?
   Grim and Gram were fooled by Max's father before things happened. Annie also trusted him.

6. Why does Grim go to the “down under”? What does this show about Grim and Max’s relationship?
   Grim goes to the down under to tell Max that his father is being paroled. He also tells him that he went to court to get a restraining order against him so that he can’t come within a mile of the house or Max and if he does, they will send him back to prison. Grim also tells Max to please stay in the house for the next few days.

7. Do you think the court order will keep Killer Kane away? Why or why not?
   OPINION. The court did not protect Annie.

8. What does Max “cross his heart and hope to die” to?
   Max crosses his heart and hopes to die to Grim’s request that he stay in the house for the next few days. Max promises to do this. Example of foreshadowing.
Chapter 15

1. When does chapter 15 take place?
Chapter 15 takes place on Christmas Eve at Grim and Gram's house.

2. How does Grim entertain everyone after dinner?
Grim entertains everyone after dinner by making up and telling ridiculous stories.

3. What is special about the shape of the box that Kevin made for Max's gift?
Freak's gift to Max is in a pyramid-shaped box that he made himself. Max had to follow the arrows on the box in order to open it correctly and it actually folds open itself.

4. What did Freak give Max for Christmas? Why is this special?
Freak gave Max a dictionary—HIS dictionary—for Christmas. Freak made it himself. This is special to Max because it symbolizes their friendship and the way that Freak has allowed Max to be "smart."

5. What happens during the night while Max is sleeping?
During the night while Max is sleeping, Killer Kane breaks into the down under and forces Max to leave with him. Killer Kane kidnaps Max.

Chapter 16

1. Is Max surprised to see his father? Why or why not?
Max is not surprised to see his father. He says that he always thought that this would happen—that he would come back for him.

2. Why does Max follow Kenny Kane's directions quietly? Why doesn't he fight or try to escape?
Max does not make any noise or fight against Killer Kane because he is afraid that Grim might have kept that gun in the house. If Grim has the gun, Freak is afraid that Grim would try to use the gun and get shot with his own gun by Killer Kane.

3. Why does Max think, "He doesn't need a suit of armor"? Who is he referring to?
Max thinks that Killer Kane doesn't need a suit of armor because he is so strong and in-charge that he is invincible—he can do whatever he wants.
4. Why does Killer Kane say that *they* poisoned Max?
Killer Kane says that *they* poisoned Max against him because he is sure that Grim and Gram told him what happened and that Killer Kane was an evil person. He also is sure of it because of the restraining order Grim got from the court. Killer Kane also calls it "poisoning" him because Killer Kane wants him to believe that it isn't true.

6. Where does Killer Kane take Max?
Killer Kane takes Max to Iggy and Loretta's apartment in the New Testaments.

7. How long was Killer Kane in jail? What was the original sentence? (Chapter 11)
Killer Kane was in jail for 8 years (p.106) and his original sentence was life in prison (p.70).

8. Compare Iggy's behavior now to his behavior when Max and Kevin returned Loretta's purse.
When Max and Freak returned Loretta's purse, Iggy was confident, powerful, and in control—somewhat of a bully. Now when Max and Killer Kane are there, Iggy is submissive, timid, obedient and not the one in control. Iggy is nervous and afraid of what Killer Kane might do.