Chapter 7

1. When Kevin is on Max's shoulders, what does he see?

Kevin is the first one to spot “The Blade” and his gang and he points them out to Max.

2. How does Freak steer Max? Why is Max running?

First, Freak steers Max by giving him verbal directions of “left,” and “right.” When that doesn't work, Freak kicks him in the side on the side of the way he wants him to turn, like a horse. Max is running to get away from Blade and his gang.

3. How do Freak and Max escape danger?

First, Max and Freak run. Next, Max runs over one of the gang members and kicks him. Then they run into the middle of the millpond. The gang can't go all the way in to get them because the bottom of the millpond is quick sinking mud and they sink down into the ground. Max is so big, that he can sink in and still stay above the water.

4. Who helps Freak and Max? How?

The police car is cruising by and Freak whistles to the police and shouts for help. The arrival of the police scares off Blade and his gang.

5. What is Max's father's name?

Max's father's name is Kenny Kane, or “Old Killer Kane.”

6. What name does Freak give the cops? Describe why he chose that name.

Freak gives the cops the name, "Freak the Mighty." Freak chooses this name because only when they are TOGETHER, are they strong. Together they are 9 feet tall and “mighty” strong and powerful. With Freak's intelligence, they are able to outsmart their enemies and with Max's strength, they are able to defeat their enemies. They make a great team.
Chapter 8

1. How do the cops explain to Grim and Gram what happened after the fireworks?

The cops tell Grim & Gram that Max was a hero by rescuing Freak.

2. How do Gram and Grim treat Max differently after talking to the cops? Why?

Grim & Gram start treating Max more like an adult. Grim calls Max, “son” for the first time. Gram & Grim do this because they are proud of him and they realize that he is a good kid, and NOT like his father.

3. What does the coffee Grim offers Max symbolize? What does it stand for?

The coffee symbolizes that Max is a young adult now and that they respect him.

4. Describe Max’s summers before he met Freak.

- “vegetate” in the down under
- Look at comic books
- Watch TV
- Shop with Gram
- Does nothing/no friends

5. How do Max and Freak spend the summer?

Max and Freak spend the summer going on “quests” everyday, exploring the town and slaying imaginary foes/dragons. They spend the entire summer together.

6. What does Freak do when Max asks him what a word means?

When Max asks Freak what a word means, Freak sighs and shakes his head. Then Freak pulls out his dictionary that he always carries with him. Freak makes Max look up the word and when Max isn’t sure how to look it up, Freak walks him through the steps in the process, step by step.

7. What does the chapter title “Dinosaur Brain” mean?

The chapter title, “Dinosaur Brain,” refers to Max having a “dinosaur,” or peanut sized brain, but still being able to “rule” because of his large size and physical strength.
Chapter 9

1. Where do Freak and Max go on their quest?

Freak and Max go to the Medical Research building of the hospital, "The Experimental Bionics Unit."

2. How do they get there? What do they do along the way?

Max and Freak get to the Medical Research building by walking for miles with Max carrying Freak on his shoulders. Along the way, Freak guides Max like a horse and Max has his eyes closed.

3. Why does Freak take Max there?

Freak takes Max there to show him where he is being tested and that they are making him a whole new robot body. Freak wants to show Max where he has been because it is important to him.

4. Why are robots so important to Freak?

Robots are important to Freak because his body doesn't work and he looks to Biomedical research and robotics for a cure.

5. What does the chapter title, "Life is Dangerous" mean?

The chapter title, "Life is Dangerous," means that you should go after what you want and what makes you happy because you can get hurt doing anything in life. Don't worry about things—just do them!

Chapter 10

1. Why does Grim give Max a sorrowful look after Max says that Freak is not a poor boy? (foreshadowing)

Grim gives Max a sorrowful look because Grim knows that Freak is very sick and he realizes that Max does NOT know. This foreshadows the fact that Freak will die at the end of the book.

2. What is going to happen at exactly 3 o'clock in the morning? Why that time?

At 3:00am, Max and Freak are going to go on a quest to find "treasure" in a storm drain.

3. Why can’t Max fall asleep at night?

Max can't fall asleep because he is anxious about the 3am quest. Also, there is a loud cricket.
4. How do Max and Freak disguise themselves?

Freak is dressed as Darth Vader and Max rolls around in the dirt to become darker like the night.

5. Where are Freak and Max going on their quest?

Freak and Max are going to the storm drain at the end of the block.

6. What do they find? How did it get there? Who does it belong to?

Max and Freak find a women’s purse (Loretta’s) in the storm drain. Freak saw Blade and his gang throw it in there (they probably stole it).

Chapter 11

1. Describe the Testaments. (List THREE points)
Poor people and dope fiends (drug addicts) live there.
A bunch of apartments that are falling apart
Sad-looking
Smells like fish and sour milk
Broken bikes and toys lying around

2. Why are Freak and Max at the Testaments?
Freak and Max are at the Testaments to return the purse they found in the sewer drain. They are looking for Loretta Lee.

3. Describe Loretta and Iggy. (List FOUR points) Add these traits to the character descriptions page.

Loretta:
Smoker
Scrawny
Yellow-haired
Small, hard eyes
Blurry red lips

Iggy:
Boss of The Panheads Motorcycle gang
big and hairy
huge beer gut
giant blue tattooed arms
red beard

4. How do you know that Loretta is scared of Iggy?
You know that Loretta is scared of Iggy because whenever he tells her to shut up, she shuts up right away. She also gets all tensed up and makes comments about Iggy hurting other people.

5. Describe Max and Freak’s visit with Loretta and Iggy.
Loretta and Iggy intimidate Max and Freak. Iggy tries to say that there was money in the purse, but Loretta denies it.
6. Why does Iggy let Max and Freak leave?
Iggy lets Max and Freak leave because he realizes that Max is Killer Kane’s son and he doesn’t want to get in trouble with Killer Kane for messing with his son. Iggy is afraid of Killer Kane, even though they are friends.

7. Do you think Freak knows about Max’s father? Why or why not?
OPINION. Support with evidence from the text.

8. What did Loretta mean when she said Freak’s father was a magician?
When Loretta said that Freak’s father was a magician, she meant that he disappeared, or abandoned Freak’s mother once he learned that Freak was going to be disabled (had a birth defect).