

Freak the Mighty
Study Guide Questions

Chapter 1-2:

1. Who is telling the story? From what point of view is it? What is stream-of-consciousness?

2. Why do you think Max feels that “hug stuff” is a “rotten lie”?

3. When has Max previously seen the person who later pairs up with him to become “Freak the Mighty”? What attributes/characteristics does this boy have that makes it easy for Max to remember him?

4. What opinion do you think Max has of himself as the story begins? Who do you think he feels this way?

5. With who does Max live? Why?

6. What is Max’s impression of Kevin after their first encounter in front of the duplex? Why do you think Max feels this way?

Chapter 3-4

7. Why does Max take Kevin over to see the “down under”?

8. Why does Kevin call his mother “Fair Gwen of Air”?

9. Why is Kevin so interested in King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table? What do you think some of the purposes of the armor might be?

10. What is Max thinking as Gwen takes Kevin home? What would make Max think that? What about Max might frighten Gwen?

Chapters 5-6

11. What is Max's *time out*? Where in his room does Max go in order to get to his *time out*?
12. How does Max reply to Gram's calling Kevin a "poor boy"?
13. What is it about Max that startles Gwen when she first sees him?
14. Why does Max feel that everyone thinks it's a "big deal" that he looks like his father? How do you think others would feel about the resemblance of Max and his father if things were different?
15. Why is this Fourth of July special for Max?
16. What happens to the boys on the way to the millpond? Why do the punks leave?
17. Why does Max put Kevin on his shoulders? How does Kevin react to this?

Chapters 7-8

18. When Kevin is on Max's shoulders, do both boys see the same things? Does this come in handy?
19. Where do the boys have to go to get away from their pursuers? What happens to Tony D. as he follows Max into the pond? Do you think this would soothe or anger Tony D.? Why?
20. When asked for their names, what does Kevin reply?
21. How do Grim and Gram react to Max's pond adventure? Do you think this will change Max's life any?
22. How does Kevin change Max's summer routine?

Chapters 9-10:

23. What does Max understand about this quest? Do you think Kevin will share this place only with Max, or will he share it with others? Why do you think as you do?

24. What is the purpose of the next quest for Freak the Mighty? Why don't the boys have to hunt? In what way is this quest to be different from others?

25. What does Freak the Mighty retrieve from the storm drain? What would you do with something you have found? Why?

Chapters 11-12

26. What does Kevin explain to Max about quests and a promise? Do you agree or disagree with Kevin? Why?

27. What do Kevin and Max each gain by being Freak the Mighty? *Page 64*, What are some additional pluses for the two boys?

28. Who does Freak the Mighty meet when returning the purse? Who is Iggy Lee?

29. Why is Freak the Might allowed to leave the Lees' apartment without being harmed?

30. Why is Max allowed to be in the same classes with Kevin? How do you think Kevin could get around school without Max?

31. How does Kevin restore order in English class on the first day of school? Why do you think this works?

32. What does Kevin do to show Mrs. Donelli how he is sometimes more than Kevin?

Chapters 13-14

33. What is the opinion of Max's reading skills tutor? What does Kevin do to help Max?

34. How is Max doing with his writing? *Page 82*, To what would you compare writing?

35. What happens first on Friday the Thirteenth in October? Why do you think Max gets so upset? Do you think Mrs. Addison will be able to keep her promise? Why or why not?
36. When is the next upset in Max's life? What has Grim already done to help Max? Do you think a court order will keep Killer Kane away from Max? Why or why not?
37. What does Max promise Grim? Do you think Max's promise will affect Kevin? Why or why not? If so, how?

Chapter 15-16

38. What happens during the night while Grim, Gram and Max are sleeping?
39. Where does Killer Kane take Max? Do you think they are expected? Explain.
40. Are the Kanes going to stay with the Lees? What can be assumed from this statement by Iggy?

Chapter 17-18

41. How is Max treated by his father?
42. Why does Killer Kane wake Max before daybreak?
43. Do you think Max believes his father? Why or why not? Do you agree or disagree with the idea that someone can be blamed for something because of appearance? Why?
44. What does Max notice as he looks at his father's face and listens to him speak of injustices he has experienced? What does Max notice about his father's voice? How would you consider this situation?
45. What are Killer Kane's plans for the future? If Max had a choice, do you think he would want to do this? Why or why not?

Chapters 19-20

46. Does Killer Kane trust Max? How do you know? Do you think all of Killer Kane's actions are necessary? Why or why not?
47. After Killer Kane goes upstairs to look around, who comes downstairs to help Max? Are you surprised at this turn of events? Explain.
48. What causes Killer Kane to shift his attention from Loretta to Max?
49. How does Kevin come to Max's rescue?

Chapters 21-22

50. What is the extent of Loretta's injury?
51. Does Max have to testify in court? Does this please Max?
52. What is "walking high"?
53. How does Kevin define *remembering*? What does Kevin mean by that? Does that make sense to you? Why or why not? Explain.

Chapters 23-25

54. What does Max take with him when he walks to the hospital to be near Kevin? Why do you think he makes that choice?
55. Is Max allowed to see Kevin? Why or why not? Why do you think Dr. Spivak gave in? Explain.
56. What does Kevin reply to Max's question as to when he is coming home from the hospital? Do you think Max continues to believe Kevin? Why or why not?
57. What does Kevin want Max to do with the book of blank pages? What is Kevin's excuse for not doing it? Does Max feel capable of fulfilling Kevin's request? Why or why not.

58. How does Max react to the news of Kevin's death? What does Dr. Spivak tell Max about Kevin?
59. How does Dr. Spivak explain Kevin's fantasy to Max? How would you interpret Dr. Spivak's remarks? What does he mean?
60. What kind of reaction does Max have to Kevin's death? What do you think Kevin would say to Max, if he could?
61. Loretta makes the comment that, "Nothings a drag, kid." What does this mean? Why do you think this comment gets Max started writing his book, Freak the Mighty?