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Freak the Mighty

Chapters 8-10: Pages 41-62

Overview

Chapter 8: Dinosaur Brain

- Max becomes worried that he will get into trouble for running into the pond, but he is instead treated like a hero by the police officers. (Max credits Freak with saving them.)
- Grim, who has yet to show much affection towards Max, refers to him as “son” and offers him coffee instead of ice cream because he’s now a “young man” (42).
- Gram tells Max to stay away from Tony D.
- Summer goes better than Max anticipated since he hangs out with Freak and they’re always on the lookout for adventures.
- Freak continues to use words that Max does not know, so Freak shows Max how to use a dictionary. (Reminder – Freak takes a dictionary with him everywhere he goes!)

Chapter 9: Life is Dangerous

- Freak continues riding around on Max’s shoulders and telling him where to go.
- One adventure takes the boys to a building titled, “Medical Research”. Here, Freak says there is a department called, “The Experimental Bionics Unit”, and there, they are developing “a new form of a bionic robot for human modification” (51).
- Freak later makes Max swear in blood not to tell anyone, but he (Freak) is having a new mechanical body made/fitted just for him.
- Max asks if it will hurt, and Freak just says, “Life is Dangerous” (53).

Chapter 10: Rats or Worse

- Max continues getting bigger and bigger, and Grim thinks it is because he is always carrying Freak on his shoulders
- Grim references Max’s friend as, “Poor Kevin”, and that upsets Max. He says, “And anyway it’s not fair everybody always says ‘Poor Kevin,’ just because he didn’t grow. He’s memorized almost the whole dictionary. You can ask him anything and he knows what it means” (54).
- The boys go on a quest to recover something Freak saw get placed down the storm drain
- At 3:00 AM, they dress in all-black and go on their adventure. Max pulls the grate off, they retrieve what they find out is an old purse, and Freak explains it was Tony D that threw it down there (after most likely stealing it).
- They decide it would be best to return the purse to the owner, but after Freak says, “I’ll bet you anything she’s a damsel in distress”, Max finishes the chapter by saying, “The real deal is that she’s a damsel who *causes* distress” (62).