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CHAPTER 1

Through the undergrowth, in the dusky night sky, skulked a fierce nasty beast preparing to pounce on his unsuspecting prey. He believed he owned this territory. All creatures bowed down to his greatness – they cowered in his presence and acted upon his every purr.

Once he had terrorised all creatures great and small, he slithered back to his indulgent castle, scratched his talons upon the plush rug and curled up for his slumber to begin. His castle was like no other...risen high above the Earth suspended in thin air on a cloud. No expense had been spared on the quality of the furnishings, wooden and strong; extensive gardens provided exercise and shelter and the quality of the food was simply exquisite. From this position on the cloud he looked down on all the earthlings fighting for space on the tiny planet below. He basked in the heat of a spherical fire ball and watched the wonders of shooting stars and asteroids for entertainment. High above the sky he felt like the Ruler of the Universe.

1 Underline the powerful words that describe the creature's character....
Use a dictionary to find out the meaning of each.

Terrorised – create a state of extreme fear and distress

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2 Taking the description above, draw the image of the character that has been created in your head.... (Don't read on any further!)

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a student to draw a character based on a description.

Read Chapter 1 to 5 (to page 21) and answer the following questions

3 Why, with reasons from the book, did Kasper want to go into the cellar?

4 Why did Kasper wait before he ran down the cellar steps? (Remember to give evidence from the text and your own opinion)

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5 Kasper longed for years to get into the cellar, once he was there he felt very different, can you explain why?

6 Describe how Kasper tricked Old Rufus.

7 The match was struck in the cellar by Old Rufus...what words describe how it was struck?

8 Why was Old Rufus unable to notice his cunning friend in the cellar at first?

9 Describe what Old Rufus did when he first went into the cellar?

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10 A simile is used on page 15, can you find it?

11 'Kasper had been rumbled...' What does this mean?

12 In the speech bubble above...what do you think Kasper would say to Old Rufus when he realised he was hiding in the cellar?

13 Page 17 – the word 'cunning' is used. What does this mean? Write two sentences of your own using the word cunning in the correct context.

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14 Describe how Old Rufus managed to obtain the jigsaw puzzle piece?

15 Connect together the sentences below:

Kasper was a	Had a teapot collection
Kasper had	was always locked
The old Cellar	a clever plan.
Old Rufus	cunning and nasty cat

16 In the text it refers to Kasper having a plan....his 'cogs turning', what was his plan do you think? Describe what you think this plan could be, taking the clues from the chapters you have read.
