

## 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.

What type of creature do you think is being described? Pick out words to help you?

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What do think was keeping him warm?

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Where is this creature?

In the sky	In the ocean	In his house	In the playground
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What do you think the word **slithered** means?

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What time of day is the story taking place?

In the morning	At dusk	At tea time	In the evening
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How do you feel about this character so far? Why?

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And then he woke up!

Kasper K. Itty was a cat and a fat one at that! A round, ginger fur ball that lived with his master, Old Rufus Rule, in a dusty cottage on the edge of a spooky wood. Daily, lazy Kasper mooched around the house, ignoring the mischievous mice and eating stale misshapen biscuits. Old Rufus rocked in his chair by the open fire watching a square box on the wall. Kasper was Rufus' only friend and he loved him dearly; unfortunately this love was not reciprocated. He allowed Kasper to wander each room of the house, looking for somewhere soft to sleep, which he did for at least ten hours each day.

What is the square box on the wall?

A cupboard	A fridge	A television	A picture
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Do Kasper and Rufus like each other?

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Yes	No
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Can you explain your reasons from the text above?