Jaden Toussaint, The Greatest

Episode 5: MISSION STAR-POWER

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Specializes in: Knowing Stuff. And also, ninja dancing. He’s really, really good at ninja dancing.
Extreme dinosaur safari bungee jumping? Owen is your guy.

This girl packs a punch. Excels at: Being in Charge.
SONJA
Also draws excellent rainbows.

WINSTON
Can quote stats from every World Cup final.*

*that he has been alive for

Spots hurt feelings and distracted goalies from miles away.

Cicada hunter and math whiz.
Past president, International Society of Stealthy Felines. Resigned in scandal. Likes to be held like a baby and scratch stuff.

GRANDMASTER, CAT CHESS. GRIS GRIS
ANIMAL OF MYSTERY

Guinea Pig never has the same name two weeks in a row.

This week, you may call him His Imperial Majesty, King of the Forest. (Maj for short.)
THE FAM
Mama:
Loving. No nonsense. Most often seen reading fantasy books or experimenting with bean desserts. Gives good hugs.

Baba:

Sissy:
Reader. Writer. Animal lover. Once gave up meat for 6 months, but was broken by the smell of turkey bacon. Plans to be the first PhD chemist to star in a Broadway musical.
Jaden Toussaint loved to read.
He especially loved to read on Sissy's new e-reader.
They "read" outside.

They "read" in the car.

They even "read" in Sissy's top bunk.
They may have, occasionally, used Sissy's e-reader for stuff besides reading, but that had only happened once or twice. Maybe three times.

Okay. Maybe it was more than three. Seven. Eight, max.
But however many times it was, for some reason, Mama was not happy about it when she found out.
Luckily for Sissy, she had JT on her side.
Thanks to JT, after several rounds of negotiation, Sissy got off with a warning.
She could keep her e-reader as long as she promised to use it only for
1. reading books and
2. making stuff.

Jaden Toussaint was a tiny bit disappointed to have to delete all the games.
Smoothie Samurai and Vet Shoppe #187 were a lot of fun. And they taught you useful information like apple seeds being a tiny bit poisonous and that baby dragons don't care for peanut butter. But Jaden Toussaint wasn't disappointed for long, because the very next time Sissy was allowed to use her e-reader, she said five magic words:

Want to make a video?
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