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   *Jesse wants his dad to know that he is the fastest runner in his class. Jesse wants his dad to be proud of him, but he doesn’t want to tell his father because Jesse doesn’t want to look like a bragger.*

3. Explain what type of animals Jesse liked to draw.

   *Jesse liked to draw crazy animals with problems. He liked to put his beasts into impossible fixes.*

4. Describe Jesse’s relationship with his father.

   *Jesse’s relationship with his father is strained. The father doesn’t show Jesse any attention. He barely speaks to him, never plays with him. His father is always too tired or too busy for Jesse. When Jesse does make an attempt to please him, it never seems good enough.*

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