Hey guys, Sissy wanted me to tell you Michelle and her kids just got he...

...what's going on?

...you know that right?

Sky is worried the cousins are gonna make fun of him.

They will.

Why do you think that bud?

'cuz all the kids at school do.

Dammit. This isn't fair. But it never is, is it?

You know, when I was your age and younger I used to get bullied and made fun of too.

And beat up, and ridiculed and made to feel like I didn't matter.

Why did they make fun of you?

Because I liked to read comics books and competed in gymnastics. Mostly because I wasn't just like them.

I was different.
They call me Gaylar. They push me and call me fag. Sometimes they make fun of my glasses too.

That's not cool.

I'll never understand why kids they think they have the right to make someone hurt this bad.

When does it stop?

It doesn't Sky. Not really. Some people just treat those around them badly.

Why?

Lots of reasons, but it's usually because they're unhappy with some aspect of their own life.

Skylar, the sad reality of it is there is always going to be someone who treats you badly and try to knock you down in life.

But you know who won't?

Uh-uh.

Come here. Lemme show you something. What do you see out there?

A party.

What else?

Nana and Papa.

Keep going.
Aunt Coco and Uncle Bryan and Brittany and Bethany.

Aunt Michelle and Jackson and...

Ok, ok that’s good. You know what I see?

I see a group of people that will go to bat for you at the drop of a hat.

You know what that’s called?

No dude. That’s our family.

Huff. A family.

Look son, I’m sorry I wasn’t in your life for the first seven years. If I had known about you there isn’t a force in this universe that would have kept me from you.

You need to know I love you.

Everyone out there loves you.

Unconditionally.

If kids are bullying you at school we can talk about it. We can figure out a way to stop them or if we need to, maybe even enroll you in a new school.

But to be afraid of us, to think your family is ever going to hurt you? Never.

Thanks dad.
It looks like Papa is finishing up some dogs. You wanna go grab some food and say 'hi' to everyone?

Good job B. Thanks homie. You coming?

Sure.

Yeah, in a sec.

Brady's right. Bullying doesn't end with adolescence. It can be a vindictive boss, a tyrannical dictator, a hate group. Bullies all.

It's easy to despair when I look at the world we live in. If there was ever a time that the world needed a superhero, it's now.

But then I remember that not all heroes wear a cape and cowl, and suddenly life doesn't seem quite as bad.

Hey Uncle Sean! Wanna play some Jenga?!

I'ma show you how it's done kiddo!

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