



Backstory/history before the game takes place:

A circus is in town and Jesse's family goes, but Jesse gets lost there. Jesse is found by a clown who tries to make Jesse laugh, but eventually realizes they are lost. The clown then stays with Jesse until they are found by Jesse's father who is drunk and irritated. Jesse's father thinks Jesse ran away and, frustrated with Jesse, makes a big scene at the circus. He throws his can of beer at the clown that helped Jesse and calls them both freaks.

Jesse has always felt small and insignificant in their family, and feels especially depressed after their mother leaves. Every day feels grey and lifeless for Jesse, and the only thing Jesse seems to be good at is drawing and painting.

Name: Jesse

Age: 10-12

Personality/Character Traits:

- Anxious
- Mute/silent protagonist
- Feels alone in the world
- Doesn't talk much but also doesn't avoid conversations with others

Define relationships:

Mother

Jesse is on good terms with their mother, which makes it that much more devastating when their mother leaves. Jesse feels like it's their fault, especially because the rest of the family blames them

Brother

Jesse's brother hates Jesse because he believes it is their fault that their mother left. He is not admonished by their only remaining parent, so he continues to bully Jesse and tease them for being weak.

Father

Jesse has never been on good terms with their father, and this relationship only gets worse after "the circus incident" and after Jesse's mother leaves. Jesse's father blames Jesse for causing the incident in which the father shows his terrible personality, which translates to the mother leaving.

Cat/Lion

Jesse feels comforted when with their cat, as they are the only member of Jesse's family that has not contributed to their trauma. At night, the lion warns Jesse about Jangles.

Teacher

Jesse's teacher is encouraging to Jesse, especially after hearing about "the circus incident". It seems like the teacher is the only character that really cares about Jesse and is actively working towards Jesse's wellbeing, as noted by her calling the government.

Jangles

Jangles is friendly at first, even going as far as chastising the other clowns when they make fun of Jesse. After some time, it becomes clear that Jangles has ulterior motives and wants Jesse to stay with him forever.