

# **KJ; Kwame's Son**

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*15 years has passed since Kwame was a Planeteer. He's married with two teen kids, Marigold & KJ (Kwame Jr.).*

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After being a Planeteer, Kwame got married, got a job working in the forest (yes, he still plants trees) & lives outside the city. They had two kids, Marigold (15) whose boy crazy & Kwame Jr. (13), though he likes to be called KJ.

KJ played football & like his dad, he played the drums. We find him playing in a junior high football game where he's a wide receiver for his team (#84). KJ's running wild while the quarterback threw the ball to him, but he steps out of bounds & doesn't gain any yardage.

CHEERLEADER: Clumsy oaf!

MARIGOLD: Don't talk to my brother that way!

When he was sent to the showers, he finds a couple of boys hanging outside the locker room.

JOEY: Nice catch butterfingers

SCOTT: Concentrate on the game, not the girls.

KJ: Cut it out! Thought my dad would see me play.

SCOTT: Guess he was AWOL being a tree hugger.

JOEY: So KJ, you wanna improve on your game & get high?

KJ went away from them, but Joey grabbed his jersey & told him he had no choice. Luckily, security spotted them as they fled. KJ showered & changed into his clothes.

When they went home, Mom spotted both of them.

MOM: So how's the game?

MARIGOLD: Brother lost it with his slip up!

KJ: Stop it! I'm outta here.

KJ went to his bedroom, sat down on his drum set & played.

MARIGOLD: That's my brother, always on those drums! At least our neighbor, Mr. Hall doesn't complain.

MOM: That's because he use to be a fan of your dad's boy band.

Just then, Kwame comes home from work. He kisses his wife & relaxes in his easy chair.

KWAME: It's so nice to find my house through the noise KJ makes. What happened?

MARIGOLD: He blew a wide pass. Thought you were gonna be there.

KWAME: Man, I had to work overtime.

MOM: You know dear, you made noise like that when you were a teenager. I think those friends of his are up to something.

KWAME: I'll have to talk to him after dinner.

Hours after dinner, Kwame went into KJ's bedroom to have a talk.

KWAME: KJ, how's your studies?

KJ: Dad, I'm not failing everything.

KWAME: Well you spend so much time either playing football or those drums I got you. Sorry I couldn't attend your game. I do have to provide for this family.

KJ: You're always there for Marigold's dance recitals, you sexist?

KWAME: You know why I got you the drums?

KJ To say no to drugs.

KWAME: And to stay away from Mr. Hall.

KJ: Mr. Hall isn't that bad. He's not a drug dealer. And the things he tells me about your music career.

Playing with Captain Planet, driving a ninja motorcycle, having a solo career, wearing your trapeze tights & Speedos.

KWAME: I only did it to start my new responsible life, having a good job, raising a family. You'll do that too. In the meantime, you're grounded for disturbing the neighborhood, Mr. Hall or not.

KJ: Man, I wish you could be much cooler than you are when you were a teenager!

Kwame took his sticks away & left the bedroom. When he went to his own bedroom, he saw his wife ready for some sex. But as they were about to do it, a knock on the door.

KWAME: Get back to your room KJ?

MARIGOLD: KJ doesn't wear a bra!

Kwame got out of bed to let Marigold in.

MOM: What is it?

MARIGOLD: Got a message from Joey's parents. Joey & Scott got suspended from school for trying to get football players high.

KWAME: Man, I bet KJ had peer pressure to take drugs.

MARIGOLD: No wonder he's doing lousy on the field.

MOM: Looks like he did say no.

KWAME: And I grounded him by taking his drums away. I'll deal with this on Saturday.

That Saturday, KJ woke up from bed, changed into some clothes & went to have breakfast. Along the way, he saw a backpack in the living room & a note attached that read, "Go to the playground & take the backpack. Love Dad."

KJ strapped the backpack on him & left the house over to the neighborhood playground. When he arrived @ the playground, he saw a ninja motorcycle parked. KJ looked @ the bike.

KJ: Man, what I wouldn't do for a ride.

A stranger came up to him wearing trapeze tights & a motorcycle helmet. KJ is shocked that it was...

KJ: Dad?

KWAME: Yes KJ. On this day, think of me as a cool dad, instead of the responsible dad you know.

KJ: Where's Mom & Marigold?

KWAME: Girls day out. Have I got something planned for you.

Kwame goes to his bike & gets a helmet for KJ to wear. KJ puts it on & hops on while Kwame got behind the wheel. They zoomed off for a cool motorcycle ride.

They arrive @ Silver's Gym. They entered & went into the locker room, where they changed into their swimwear. KJ had some trunks while Kwame had his blue Speedos.

KJ: Dad.

KWAME: Get use to it.

Kwame & KJ did some lap swimming in the pool. After a few laps, Kwame & KJ hit the weight room to pump some iron. While KJ worked out with barbells, Kwame did some bodybuilder poses.

KJ: What's the meaning of this? Taking me on a motorcycle ride to a gym seeing you look like He-Man I want my responsible dad back!

KWAME: KJ, I'm doing this for you.

KJ: I'm not impressed.

Kwame sat down & told KJ the truth.

KWAME: The reason I'm doing all this is because I'm proud of you for making right choices. Staying away from drugs, being your own self. Marigold told me that Scott & Joey got suspended from school, offering football players drugs. I'm glad you said no.

KJ: Cool. Wish you could quit being black He-Man. Why the muscles?

KWAME: KJ, Sky Runner wanted me to get my body developed, provide a little competition for Wheeler. Man, Wheeler got jealous when I buffed up & took some of his fans away. Speaking of Sky Runner, we got one more place to go before Cool Kwame becomes Responsible Kwame.

They changed back into their clothes & left the gym. Kwame drove his son over to a building called Band Practice. They entered the building, then Kwame had to sign in to get an access card. KJ found out that it's a place for bands to have practice & record their own demos.

Kwame took KJ over to studio 20 & after unlocking the room with the card, they entered. In that studio, there's a drum set, an electric guitar on the stand & a pair of tympanis

KJ: Man, this is so cool! Mr. Hall would have a field day!

KWAME: Get on the drums.

KJ: Thought I was grounded?

KWAME: Suspended.

KJ went over to the drums while Kwame strapped on his guitar & plugged into an amp. Kwame had him play a rock beat on the drums while he strummed chords & sang one of his songs in his solo career. When they finished...

KWAME: You rocked son!

KJ: Man, you know how to rock the guitar! When did you first played the guitar?

KWAME: I took lessons from Captain Planet, then self taught myself to play. After the boy band broke up, Sky Runner let me have a solo career. So I agreed, only if I also played guitar. Not easy being a front man on the drums.

KJ: How many songs did you play guitar on?

KWAME: Three, plus a solo instrumental.

KJ watches his dad play a jazz guitar solo, that he messed on. When he finished, he turned off the amp & unstrapped the guitar. Kwame went over to the tympanis, grabbed some mallets & yelled...

KWAME: EARTH!

Kwame played a thunderous drumroll while KJ watched him. Afterwards, Kwame played tribal polyrhythm beats on the tympani while KJ played a drum solo. They played until they ended with a drumroll that Kwame played & KJ on snare drum.

KJ: That was awesome!

KWAME: Sure is. Come & try out the tympanis.

KJ got off the drums & went to his dad, who handed him the mallets. KJ played a rock beat & played a drumroll as well.

KJ: Man, what a cool day! Before you go back to being responsible dad, can we do the music soon?

KWAME: Yeah. And when you're 16, I may make a comeback in music.

KJ: Cool!