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Meet the Characters



Slo-Mo Man

A superhero (disguised as a normal dad).



Ruby

Slo-Mo Man's daughter.



A Checkout Girl

A girl who works at the drive-through café.



The Vice-President

A bad guy with a mobile phone.



Two Thugs

The vice-president's henchmen.

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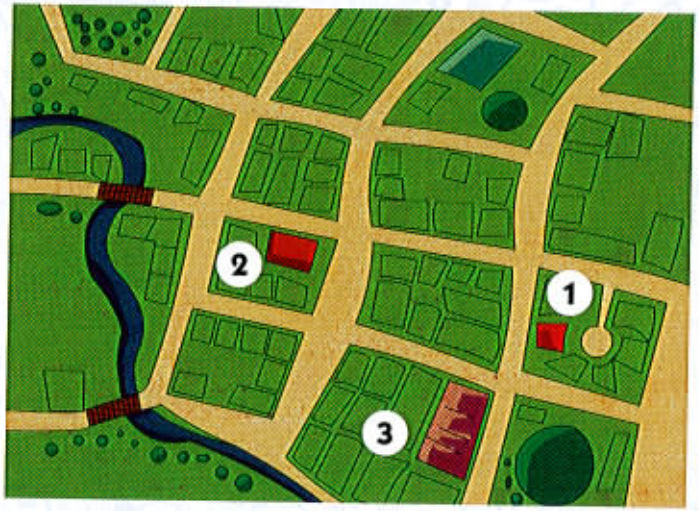
POST CARD

Dear Reader

I hope you enjoy this story about an ordinary dad who thinks he has superpowers! Actually, I think we all have superpowers. Mine is an extra special superpower ability to find chocolate in cupboards when really I should be working. What's yours?

Marianne Posadas
Author

The Town



1. Slo-Mo Man's house
2. The drive-through café
3. Ruby's school

1 It's Hard Being Normal



One day I'll get my own TV show. This is how it will start.

There'll be drums! Trumpets! Swirling lights!

There'll be clapping. Then a voice will call my name: "Slo-Mo Man!"

One day, it will happen. I just know it. But until then, I'll just try to be a normal person.

It's hard being normal. Especially with my superpowers. You know in the movies, when the film slows down, and you see every move? That's what I do. That's my superpower!

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Slo-Mo Man is short for "Slow-Motion Man". Cool, huh?

Other superheroes are fast – but I'm slow!

Like most superheroes, I have a disguise. My disguise is Bongo Finglestein, ringtone tune writer.

Yes, you heard right. Ever wondered who writes the ringtones on your phone? It's me!

Cool, huh? Here's how I work.



2 Bad Manners!



Today started out as normal. It was my turn to drop Ruby at school. The clock told me time was running out. I'm slow in real life, too!

"Hey Ruby, are you ready?" I called.

"I'm waiting for you, Dad!" said Ruby.

"Oh. How about hotcakes at the drive-through café on the way to school?"

"Mum won't be happy!" said Ruby. "But okay."

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