

Three Poems

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Old Guy, Superhero—His Origin

Oldguy's from Smallville, just like Superman, who got all the press. But Oldguy was born there, on Elm Street, where he was christened Irving.

His parents, common as lima beans, chose to ignore his flying around the nursery and his solving the calculus problem at three months.

But the neighbors complained about him riding their kids on his back when he soared for ice cream, rattling their windows and spooking their pets.

So he was packed off to boarding school, where thanks to a wise mentor and loose regulations, he matured into Youngguy: Superhero—

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