

# Superheroes

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I change things without notice for him  
to make sure he's ready for the corporate world.  
It's no longer our goal to watch cartoons  
we must now focus on breakfast  
then  
action figures.

"But Daddy," he says. "I like  
cartoons."

"I know it hurts," I say.

"But action figures are what we  
need right now."

So he finishes his cereal and  
plays with plastic superheroes before  
a blank television.

