

*Sno-Globe & the Big Zip* was originally produced as part of the 52nd Street Project's Don't Be Late! Plays About Time Festival in January of 2009. It was directed by Laura Konsin and performed by the following cast:

**THE BIG ZIP:** Jason Gil  
**SNO-GLOBE:** Chloe Moore  
**EVIL HENCHMAN:** Jason Hare

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## CHARACTERS

**THE BIG ZIP:** *a teenage superhero with the power to zip things together.*  
**SNO-GLOBE:** *a teenage superhero with the power to encapsulate anyone or anything in a giant snow globe.*

An **EVIL HENCHMAN** (or **HENCHWOMAN**): *he (or she) has no lines and eats a sandwich at the end of the play.*

**NOTE:** *THE BIG ZIP is a boy and SNO-GLOBE is a girl, but the casting can really be however you want it to be: you could cast the play with two girls, two guys, or switch it up and make SNO-GLOBE a boy and BIG ZIP a girl. Whatever works best for your company! The EVIL HENCHMAN (or HENCHWOMAN) can be performed by the actor playing BIG ZIP or SNO-GLOBE in full, face-covering mask and cape.*

## TIME

*The present.*

## SETTING

*Wherever evil lurks! (And SNO-GLOBE can get cell-phone reception.)*

**A NOTE ABOUT MUSIC:** *The show's songs can be sung to whatever musical composition you come up with. Have fun and be creative!*

## SCENE 1

**THE BIG ZIP,** *a superhero with the power to zip things together, sits slumped on the floor, angry. SNO-GLOBE, a superhero with the power to encapsulate anyone or anything in a giant snow globe, runs onto the scene.*

**SNO:** Get ready for a blizzard! Sno is on the scene!

**ZIP:** You're late.

**SNO:** *Ignoring him.* C'mon bad guys, step right up! Let's see what damage you can do when you're shivering with frostbite!

She looks around.

Where's the bad guy?

**ZIP:** He left.

**SNO:** He left? Bad guys don't just "leave." That's why they're the bad guys.

ZIP: They leave if the Zip's in town. I zipped his feet to his forehead and rolled him straight into the McDonald's deep fryer.

SNO: Ugh.

*She takes out her cellphone and starts texting a friend.*

I've always thought you got the weirdest superpower. Zipping someone's skin together. It's gross.

ZIP: At least it's effective. Your superpower's the most idiotic thing I've ever heard of.

SNO: I capture villains inside snow globes! Not only is that a proven crime-fighting technique, it also makes gift giving easy. At least I don't turn bad guys into parkas.

ZIP: If you think my superpower's so lame, why don't you ever get here on time to help fight the bad guys? By the time you show up, I've already got everything under control.

SNO: Oh yeah, like that time you zipped yourself to the Teeth Chatterer?

ZIP: I was trying to wear him down! But his power proved stronger than mine . . .

*He clatters his teeth very quickly to show what happened. Then he shakes off the terrible memory. ZIP grabs SNO's cell phone away from her.*

SNO: Hey!

ZIP: Maybe if you'd shown up to that fight on time I wouldn't have become the only superhero with dentures.

*She grabs the phone back.*

SNO: I was making an entrance.

*ZIP grabs the phone again.*

ZIP: It's not an entrance if everyone else has already left!

SNO: I'm sorry my life's more interesting than yours. I've got stuff to do. I can't just drop everything whenever there's trouble.

ZIP: You're a superhero. The definition of superhero is someone who drops everything whenever there's trouble.

SNO: I'm nontraditional.

ZIP: You're late.

SNO: I am not late. I'm popular. And maybe if you had any friends besides Gravity Girl and The Rotten Egg you'd understand that showing up to kick a little supervillain butt is not always my top priority. I mean, give a superhero a break.

*She puts out her hand, for the phone. ZIP gives it to her.*

ZIP: I think we should stop working together.

SNO: What?

ZIP: I'm trying to single-handedly save the world from evil, and you're trying to attend every party on planet Earth.

SNO: Parties are important. How did we know the Groundhog Day Vampire was coming? I was at a party with my friend Glimmer, who heard from another one of my friends, Vanessa . . .

ZIP: The point is we can't be a crime-fighting superduo if you never show up until after the crime fighting is done.

SNO: You really mean it? We've been fighting villains together since kindergarten. And now you're done? Just cause I'm a little late sometimes?

ZIP: You always used to be right on time. But over the last couple of years . . . whenever I call you, you're like, "Yeah, yeah, yeah, super villain Whatever."

SNO: It's easier to find time to destroy bad guys when your life is alterschool snacks and *Spongebob Square Pants*. I've got social obligations now. Friends I want to spend time with.

ZIP: And I don't?

SNO *shrugs*.

SNO: Guess not.

*ZIP runs at her, about to turn her face into a zipper.*

ZIP: Why I oughta zip your lips to your earlobes!

*SNO throws a surge of icy wind at ZIP.*

SNO: You'd better watch it, or you're gonna spend the night in a glass bubble with a wind chill of below freezing and little plastic penguins dancing on your face!

*ZIP stops chasing her.*

ZIP: I'm sorry my life's not all about spreading rumors and going to cool parties.



**SNO:** I'm sorry my life's not at all about sitting alone in dank, dirty alleyways.

**ZIP:** That's where evil lurks!

**SNO:** How would you know? You've never looked anywhere else!

**ZIP:** This is exactly why we shouldn't work together anymore. You have no respect for the craft of super crime fighting!

**SNO:** I may have no respect, but you have NO LIFE!

*ZIP and SNO turn their backs on each other and storm offstage.*

## SCENE 2

*A peal of evil laughter. It's a couple of weeks later and ZIP is patrolling for bad guys, alone. He sings to himself.*

**ZIP:** I don't need friends,  
friends make you lonely,  
I don't need help,  
I can trust myself only.

Evil won't wait,  
for a hero who's late,  
who arrives at the end,  
that's why . . .

That's why . . .  
I don't need friends.

'Cause heroes don't need company,

*Another peal of laughter. ZIP shivers. Unseen by ZIP, SNO takes the stage, patrolling as well. They sing together.*

**SNO:** They're better off alone,

**SNO/ZIP:** When your power makes you  
invincible,  
you become completely  
invisible

That why . . .

Heroes don't need company

*ZIP follows the laughter offstage.*

**SNO:** I don't take orders,

spoken:

I give 'em.

I owe nobody nothin'—  
that's livin'!

I like to have fun,

go out every night

'Cause life doesn't wait,

while you do what's right,

while you help defend . . .

That's why . . .

that's why . . .

I don't take orders, I give 'em!

*Another peal of evil laughter. SNO shakes, scared.*

'Cause heroes don't need company,

They're better off alone,

When your power makes you

invincible,

you become completely

invisible

That why . . .

*Suddenly, from offstage, she hears ZIP.*

**ZIP:** By the power of Zip, I command you to let me go!

*Then, meekly:*

Please?

**SNO:** Zip?! Zip, I'm coming!

*SNO runs offstage.*

## SCENE 3

*SNO and ZIP sit onstage, exhausted.*

ZIP: I had it all under control.

SNO: You had zipped your eyes closed.

ZIP: I couldn't watch.

SNO: It was brave of you to tackle the Angry Greenbean by yourself. He's ruthless.

ZIP: Whatever. I was just doing my job. This still doesn't mean we're partners, by the way.

SNO: I know. Please. I just had to save your sorry self. You think I want to go back to being partners?

ZIP: The only reason you had to save me was because I got there first. You were late, as always.

SNO: I wasn't late for anything. We don't work together anymore, remember? I can show up whenever I want. If I want to show up at all.

*Pause. They look away from each other.*

ZIP: So why'd you show up?

SNO: I don't know. I felt like it.

ZIP: Well . . . thanks.

*They look at each other.*

SNO: I'm sorry I said you didn't have any friends. Gravity Girl's really . . . got her feet on the ground. And the Rotten Egg . . . okay, I've got nothing good to say about the Rotten Egg. I just think if you loosened up a little maybe you'd be more fun to hang around with. Like you used to be.

ZIP: If I'm not fun anymore maybe it's because the world's a dark, frightening place and . . .

SNO: Yeah. It is. That's why it's not just enough to be a superhero. You need friends to make it less dark and frightening.

ZIP: I thought you were my friend.

SNO: Oh man, that is so sappy. See? Nobody wants to hang out with sappy superheroes. It's lame.

ZIP: Superman's sappy. AND he's on time. You know why he's on time? Because otherwise his motto would be: Look! In the sky, it's a bird, it's a plane, it's . . . it's . . . it's another bird.

SNO: You're not Superman! And the world doesn't need you to fight all of its supervillains all of the time.

ZIP: But if we're not here to fight them—

SNO: Then what? They'll probably go get a sandwich and wait for us to come find them. I mean, what's a supervillain without a superhero to fight?

ZIP: Just a regular villain I guess.

SNO: Exactly. You don't have to be here the minute they show up. Give them some time to wreak havoc first. Then you'll look like an even bigger hero.

ZIP: That's so irresponsible.

SNO: So what? We may be superheroes, but we're also teenagers. We're allowed to be a little irresponsible sometimes. Hey. I'm going to Sapphire's birthday party tonight. You can come but you can't do that thing you do when you get socially awkward and start zipping people to the furniture.

ZIP: As long as you don't put me in a snow globe when I'm trying to get to the bathroom.

SNO: I only did that once.

*ZIP shoots her a look.*

Twice.

*He shoots her another look.*

Eight times. But it was so funny! Okay, okay, I promise I won't do that anymore. So . . . are we still a crime-fighting duo?

ZIP: Are you going to try to show up on time, at least for the really bad bad guys?

SNO: Yeah. Are you gonna try to be more laid back, at least when it comes to petty thieves and minor henchmen?

ZIP: I'll try.

*SNO throws her arm around ZIP's shoulder and sings.*

SNO: Even heroes, they need company,

ZIP: No one's better off alone,

SNO/ZIP: When your power makes you  
invincible,

you become  
invisible  
That why . . .  
Heroes,  
even heroes,  
Heroes need  
company.

**SNO:** Sno-Globe and The Big Zip: Crime-fighting in its awkward years.

**ZIP:** You mean The Big Zip and Sno-Globe.

**SNO:** No. I mean Sno-Globe and The Big Zip!

*They head off together, bickering.*

*An EVIL HENCHMAN (or HENCHWOMAN) sneaks in and gives a big, evil cackle. But there's no response. He cackles again. Nothing. He looks bored. He takes out a sandwich and starts to eat it.*

END OF PLAY

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## ZOMBIE RADIO

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