

The Peale, Baltimore

Out of the Blocks Storytelling Series

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Mo ([00:03](#)):

Well, right now I have an order for two cheese [inaudible 00:00:07] subs. My name is Mo. I work at New York Fried Chicken at 4700 Liberty Heights Avenue. My real name is [Mohamed 00:00:00:13].

First, you put the mayonnaise. You can't have a sub with no mayonnaise, ya feel me. Lettuce, tomato, put some onions. Now I'm putting the cheese on the fish. Got to dip it in the oil a little bit.

This block, I've been working here for like four years, so most of the people already know me. They're cool with me. They'll be like, "Oh, I'm short on money right now. I'll bring it later." I'm like, "Okay." If I know them, I'll be like, "Okay, just bring it. I know you got me."

Right now, I'm making a cheesesteak.

Almost done with school. That's exciting because I don't like waking up early. Because when I have to deal with school and work, I do my schoolwork here sometimes.

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Speaker 2 ([00:54](#)):

So, you get your homework done in between making cheesesteaks, huh?

Mo ([01:03](#)):

Yep.

Speaker 3 ([01:03](#)):

Thank you.