

DIVERSITEAM MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
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INT. FORTRESS OF DIVERSITY HQ

It is a pretty rundown conference room. The people in the room are BLACK TIGER a black man in black spandex. He wears a cape; sports a big afro; and wears an African pendant around his neck; LADYFINGERS a woman in a mask and a very tight, revealing outfit; RUNNING EAGLE a Native American in warpaint, and traditional Native American dress.

BLACK TIGER
Who's next, Ladyfingers?

Ladyfingers goes to pick up an application from the table. She has really, really long fingers.

LADYFINGERS
It says Master Blastastic, Black Tiger.

BLACK TIGER
Blastastic...that's an odd one. Not Blacktastic?

LADYFINGERS looks again, she shakes her head.

BLACK TIGER (CONT'D)
Maybe it's Jewish. What do you think Running Eagle?

RUNNING EAGLE
Many moons ago, when my brother the bear had not yet dipped his claws in the pond of moonlight, the sky was filled with fire...

BLACK TIGER looks at LADYFINGERS who rolls her eyes.

LADYFINGERS
(shouting)
Next!

MASTER BLASTASTIC walks in. He's a tall Asian superhero with giant ray guns mounted on his wrists. BLACK TIGER looks thrilled.

MASTER BLASTASTIC
Hello, I'm Master Blastastic.

BLACK TIGER
Welcome to Diversiteam, the most progressive superteam in this quadrant. Tell us a little bit about yourself.

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MASTER BLASTASTIC

Well, there's not much to tell. Several years ago I was travelling in the East and I came across the Mega Blasting Bands...

Black Tiger nods enthusiastically and takes notes.

BLACK TIGER

Excellent travelling through the Orient..

MASTER BLASTASTIC

What? No, not the Far East, just back East in New Jersey. My family is from Newark.

The group shift uncomfortably in their seats.

MASTER BLASTASTIC (CONT'D)

So, anyway, I decided to use them to fight crime. There was this crime boss...

LADYFINGERS

Yakuza?

MASTER BLASTASTIC

No, I think he was Columbian, I'm not sure... anyway, he had this enforcer...

BLACK TIGER

A ninja!

MASTER BLASTASTIC

(a little puzzled)
No, he was just this blonde guy, Sven with an atomic battle axe and this flaming pick-up truck. So, I challenged him...

RUNNING EAGLE

You show great bravery. In my tribe we have great respect for the noble samurai.

MASTER BLASTASTIC

Samurai? Look, I'm Korean.

BLACK TIGER

So, you know Kung-fu?

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MASTER BLASTASTIC
Kung-fu is Chinese. What is this?

LADYFINGERS
(snidely)
I think we could ask you the same
question. You're obviously a fraud.

MASTER BLASTASTIC
A fraud? I am legendary on the Eastern
Seaboard. Didn't you get the clippings
from my publicist? Do you really want to
feel the power of my Mega Blasting Bands?

BLACK TIGER
No one's denying you're a superhero, it's
just...

MASTER BLASTASTIC
What?

LADYFINGERS
Well, you don't seem like a very Asian
superhero.

MASTER BLASTASTIC
You have got to be kidding me.

RUNNING EAGLE
Ladyfingers speaks the truth. She does
not speak with forked tongue like most of
her race. You are very angry. More like
black superhero.

LADYFINGERS, and BLACK TIGER nod in agreement.

MASTER BLASTASTIC
OK, so what would make me a better Asian
superhero?

BLACK TIGER
Well you need to know Karate.

LADYFINGERS
And your outfit is no good. It should be
Gold and made out of silk. Maybe with
some of those big toggly buttons.

RUNNING EAGLE
Your name- no good. Better it should be
Master Dragon, or Yellow Blastastic, or
Karate Dragon.

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BLACK TIGER

Karate Dragon! I love that. What do you think?

MASTER BLASTASTIC

But I don't know Karate. Don't you think this is kind of racist?

BLACK TIGER

What? Diversiteam is anything but racist. We celebrate our heritage, proudly.

RUNNING EAGLE

We heap full of diversity. We even include squaw.

Ladyfingers is polishing her nails. She looks up and smiles.

MASTER BLASTASTIC

But you guys are ridiculous. You're nothing but the most ridiculous stereotypes.

BLACK TIGER

That's not true.

MASTER BLASTASTIC

Come on Black Tiger. I've read your bio and we both know it's a load of crap.

BLACK TIGER

My bio is completely true.

MASTER BLASTASTIC

OK so were you born in the ghetto, or were you born in a mystical village in Africa?

BLACK TIGER

I was born in a ghetto IN a mystical village in Africa. My father was a Shaman,(BEAT) and a pimp.

MASTER BLASTASTIC

Stop it. That's nonsense. OK, so let's say I buy your mystical African ghetto. So this is where you were visited by a black tiger?

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BLACK TIGER

Yes, the rare black tiger came into my village to buy crack...

MASTER BLASTASTIC

There are no tigers in Africa. Tigers are native to India.

BLACK TIGER

Well, a tiger will travel very far to get good crack...

MASTER BLASTASTIC

And Running Eagle...everyone knows that up until last year you were The Sombrero Kid.

RUNNING EAGLE

That is not true. When I was but a papoose, living in my grandfather's teepee, a great White Buffalo came to my village (BEAT) to buy crack...

BLACK TIGER

Hey, that's my bit!

RUNNING EAGLE

(breaking character)

Look, you try talking like that and keeping your story straight. I was much better off as The Sombrero Kid. Then all I had to say was Si, and the occasional Aye Carumba!

LADYFINGERS

Well I for one am shocked. Am I the only real hero here? Trapped in a radioactive beauty salon, I swore to uphold women's rights, and fight for equality...

MASTER BLASTASTIC

You don't even do anything! You're the champion of women's right? Running around in a g-string? And those implants...

Ladyfingers adjusts her mammoth mammaries.

LADYFINGERS

My arch enemy, the evil Implantress, increased my cup size to a C as an attempt...

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RUNNING EAGLE

A C? Those things are at least a D

LADYFINGERS

No they're a 36C, but it's a generous
C...

MASTER BLASTASTIC

You guys are the laughing stock of the
superhero community. I knew I should
have joined Avenging Force, or Defending
Force, or The Avenging Defenders.

LADYFINGERS

So, what's stopping you?

MASTER BLASTASTIC

(dejected)

Well ever since Tiger Woods was started
using his 4th dimensional golf clubs to
fight crime, he single handedly fills
every quota.

BLACK TIGER

That's true.

MASTER BLASTASTIC

And they didn't want an Asian guy who
didn't do Karate. And, they said if they
had to put me on the insurance for the
Avenging Multijet their insurance would
go through the roof.

RUNNING EAGLE

Well, that's true. You guys aren't very
good drivers.

MASTER BLASTASTIC

Come on guys let me join the team.

BLACK TIGER

We need to discuss it.

BLACK TIGER, LADYFINGERS, and RUNNING EAGLE huddle up to
discuss it. MASTER BLASTASTIC shifts uncomfortably.

BLACK TIGER (CONT'D)

OK, we'll let you join the team on one
condition.

MASTER BLASTASTIC

Anything. Just name it.

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BLACK TIGER

We want you to prepare our taxes.

MASTER BLASTASTIC

Well, I only have an eighth grade
education...OK it's a deal!