

MANTI TE'O - TIME WARRIOR

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OPENING

News reports of the Manti Te'o "dead girlfriend" scandal are shown.

INT. DORM ROOM

College football star MANTI meets with his PR advisers, VITO and CHARLIE entering suddenly. He is clearly upset.

MANTI

I knew this was a bad idea!

VITO

Look, the dead girlfriend angle was solid.

MANTI

Everybody hates me because of you guys! Look I gotta come clean, I gotta tell everybody the truth.

CHARLIE & VITO

Whoa!

VITO

Shut your mouth girlfriend, we're not doing that. College football star admits to having a fake dead girlfriend? You like that story Charlie?

CHARLIE

No I do not.

VITO

Hate that story.

MANTI

So what do I do?

VITO

We change the story. Charlie? Take it away.

CHARLIE

Thanks, Vito. Now Manti, my man, I want you to imagine a doomed alien planet.

MANTI

What?

CHARLIE

Now right before the planet
explodes a brilliant scientist
sends his only son to earth in a
space capsule... shaped like a
football.

VITO

Ooh, that's good.

CHARLIE

That capsule crashlands on the
beautiful tropic shores of Hawaii,
where the boy is raised among the
people as one of their own. Until
one day he discovers he has the
football prowess of a thousand Tom
Bradys.

VITO

Power source?

CHARLIE

Earth's yellow sun.

VITO

Love it!

MANTI

This is ridiculous.

CHARLIE

Ok, well let's save that judgement
call until after putting on the
cape!

Charlie pulls out a red cape, fighting with MANTI to put it
on.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Just put it on. Put it on.

MANTI

No! Get off of me!

VITO

I don't think he wants to wear it.

CHARLIE

No, he wants to wear it!

MANTI

Get off!

MANTI fights off Charlie, looking angry.

CHARLIE

What if I told you your only
weakness was... this Kryptonite
football!?

Charlie throws a nerf football at Manti. It bounces off
harmlessly.

VITO

Is that a no? That looks like a no.

CHARLIE

Goddamnit...

VITO

Let me take over here. So get this.
Charlie, doping is bad, right?

CHARLIE

Oh, it's bad.

VITO

But... is it as bad as killing six
million jews?

CHARLIE

Ooh, that's real bad.

MANTI

What!?

Vito unrolls a picture of Hitler.

VITO

Adolf Hitler, the man single-
handedly responsible for the Jewish
holocaust. And you're gonna kill
him.

MANTI

What?! Hitler's already dead, I
can't kill him again. That's
impossible.

VITO

Not for a time warrior.

MANTI

What?!

VITO

We're gonna make it look like
you've gone back in time and killed
Hitler. Charlie, are you Jewish?

CHARLIE

I am.

VITO

Killing Hitler?

CHARLIE

That's one tasty bagel!

MANTI

Look, even if you tell people I
killed Hitler, you can't just undo
the holocaust!

VITO

Look, people are going to
understand that this was an
alternate reality Hitler from a
parallel dimension.

CHARLIE

Ooh, like Sliders!

VITO

Oh god, Sliders, yeah! Love that
show. You watch Sliders?

MANTI

No.

VITO

Hm... you should watch Sliders,
guy.

MANTI gets up and begins to shove them towards the door.

MANTI

Out! Get the hell out!

VITO & CHARLIE

Wait, wait!

VITO

One last shot, one last shot.

MANTI looks them over, sighing.

MANTI

Fine, one last shot.

VITO
Ok. So the dead girlfriend angle is
stale, that's been done, how
about...

Vito turns to Charlie. They both slowly turn back to Manti.

VITO & CHARLIE
...dead... boyfriend...?

EXT - MANTI'S HOUSE

A door slams shut in CHARLIE and VITO's face. They turn to
each other.

VITO
Goddamnit! That was our best
client.

CHARIE
That was our only client.

VITO
I know. Fuck!

CHARLIE
Hey it's okay, buddy! There's
plenty of disgraced athletes we
haven't tried yet.

Charlie pulls out a clipboard.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)
How about... Lance Armstrong!

VITO
Eh...

CHARLIE
Yea.... fuck that guy. Hey, you
want to go watch Sliders?

VITO
Oh, we should totally watch
Sliders.

Vito and Charlie walk down the street.

VITO (CONT'D)
Did you ever see the episode where
they slide to the world with the
flying tarantulas?

CHARLIE

Oh man!