

“BLACK HER-STORY”

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Synopsis

Ms. Hatti is not just the oldest living person of color, but as the first daughter of Ham, Noah's second son, she is also the oldest living person in the history of the world! Join Ms. Hatti, as a guest on the Late Night Talk Show, as she shares her fascinating perspective on the true history of the world. This is a great comedy sketch to celebrate Black History Month in February.

Scripture(s)

Genesis 9:1

Ministry Lesson

All people in the world today are descendents of Noah and his sons. It's good to be proud of the rich history of African Americans and other people of color, but it's more important to be proud of the fact that all people of all races and ethnic backgrounds are children of God.

Ministry Focus

Unity, Family

Genre: Comedy

Cast

Talk Show Host - Adult or Youth (male or female)
Ms. Hatti - Senior (or youth disguised as a very old lady)
Sign Girl - Youth or Young Adult
Announcer - Adult (off stage)

Costumes

Talk Show Host - Suit or Dress
Ms. Hatti - old dress, coat, hat...funny looking clothes
Sign Girl - normal causal wear

Props

- Big pocketbook or shopping bag
- Walking cane
- 2 chairs
- Twig (6-8 inches)
- A brick
- Lot of Fate Hair

Sound Effect

Theme music from a popular Talk Show

Time: 10 min.

Director's Note:

This sketch clearly goes way over the top in believability. That's what makes it funny. Since it is an impossibility for a direct descendent of Noah to be alive today, the sketch plays off this impossibility in ever way. Feel free to ad-lib between lines to keep up the momentum of the sketch.

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INT. TV STUDIO - DAY

THE SCENE OPENS IN THE TV STUDIO FOR THE LIVE TAPING OF THE TALK SHOW. TWO CHAIRS ARE POSITIONED IN THE CENTER OF THE STAGE.

Sound Effect - TV Show Theme Song

ANNOUNCER

Welcome ladies and gentlemen to the live taping of the Tonight Show. Please put your hands together and give a warm welcome to the NEW HOST of the Tonight Show [actual name of actor/actress]!

SIGN GIRL HOLDS UP THE "APPLAUD" SIGN

HOST ENTERS, WAVING TO THE AUDIENCE

HOST

Hello and welcome to today's show. In celebration of Black History Month, we have a very special guest. She is not only the world's oldest person of color, but she's also the oldest living person in the history of the world. Welcome...Ms. Hatti.

SIGN GIRL HOLDS UP THE "APPLAUD" SIGN

MS. HATTI ENTERS. WALKING WITH A CANE AND CARRYING A LARGE POCKETBOOK. HOST HELPS MS. HATTI TO HER TO HER SEAT. MS. HATTIE STRUGGLES TO GET HER BODY IN A SITTING POSITION (*MAKE IT FUNNY*). HOST SITS DOWN.

HOST (CONT'D)

Well, welcome to the show.

MS. HATTI

(exhausted)

Baby, I'm glad I lived long enough to be here.

HOST

Now Ms. Hatti, you're not only the oldest person living today, but you're the oldest person in the history of the world?

MS. HATTI

(proudly)

That's right. I've lived longer than anyone has ever lived!

HOST

With all due respect Ms. Hatti, but I thought Methulselah was the oldest person to ever live.

MS. HATTI

Methulselah? Child, he only lived 969 years. I was still dating at that age.

HOST

That's amazing! (*Initiates an applause*). Well, exactly how old are you?

MS. HATTI

I don't rightly know. My father was Ham, Noah's second son.

HOST

Wait a minute. You mean Noah, the man who built the ark, is your grandfather?

MS. HATTI

That's right, I'm the first colored woman since the flood.

HOST

So you're an eyewitness to many of the historical events of human civilization?

MS. HATTI

Oh I've seen it all. I've brought a few mementos from back in the day.

MS. HATTI PULLS OUT A BRICK FROM HER BAG AND HANDS IT TO HOST.

HOST

(Examines brick) Looks like an ordinary brick.

MS. HATTI

Oh that's not just any old brick. That's one of the bricks we used to build the Tower of Babel.

MS. HATTI PULLS OUT A TWIG FROM HER POCKETBOOK AND HANDS IT TO HOST.

HOST

So what's the significance of this twig?

MS. HATTI

Child, don't you know what that is? That's an original twig from the burning bush. You see the bush was on fire but it never burned up. So after Moses left, I ran up the mountain and grabbed a twig. I use it to light my oven when the pilot light goes out.

MS. HATTI PULLS OUT A LOT OF HAIR.

MS. HATTI (CONT'D)

Now this is very near and dear to my heart. *(Hands hair to host)*

HOST

This is a lot of hair. Whose hair is this?

(blushing) **MS. HATTI**
Samson.

(in awe) **HOST**
Samson?

(gloating) **MS. HATTI**
Yeah, he use to be my Boo.

HOST
But I thought Delilah cut off Samson's hair?

(secretive) **MS. HATTI**
Now, I normally don't kiss and tell, but there's more to that story than you know.

HOST
So Ms. Hatti, have you ever been married?

MS. HATTI PLACES ITEMS BACK IN BAG.

MS. HATTI
Married! Child I've had 87 husbands.

HOST
Oh my goodness! What happened to them?

MS. HATTI
I dumped most of them.

HOST
You left your husbands?

MS. HATTI
That's right. Let me tell you, a man can only lasts about 50 years, then it's time to upgrade.

HOST

Well, I'm sure that after having 87
husbands you are be happy to be single.

MS. HATTI

(flirting attitude)

Oh no...I'm looking for a young man
right now...someone around 80.

MS. HATTI LOOKS OUT INTO THE AUDIENCE. SHE BEGINS TO FIX
HERSELF UP TO APPEAR MORE ATTRACTIVE FOR THE MEN.

HOST

Now Ms. Hatti as you look back on the
centuries and centuries since your
birth, what amazes you most?

- End of Preview -

Ms Hatti continues to share the fascinating stories of her life,
as we come to learn that we are all God's children, every race
and culture.
