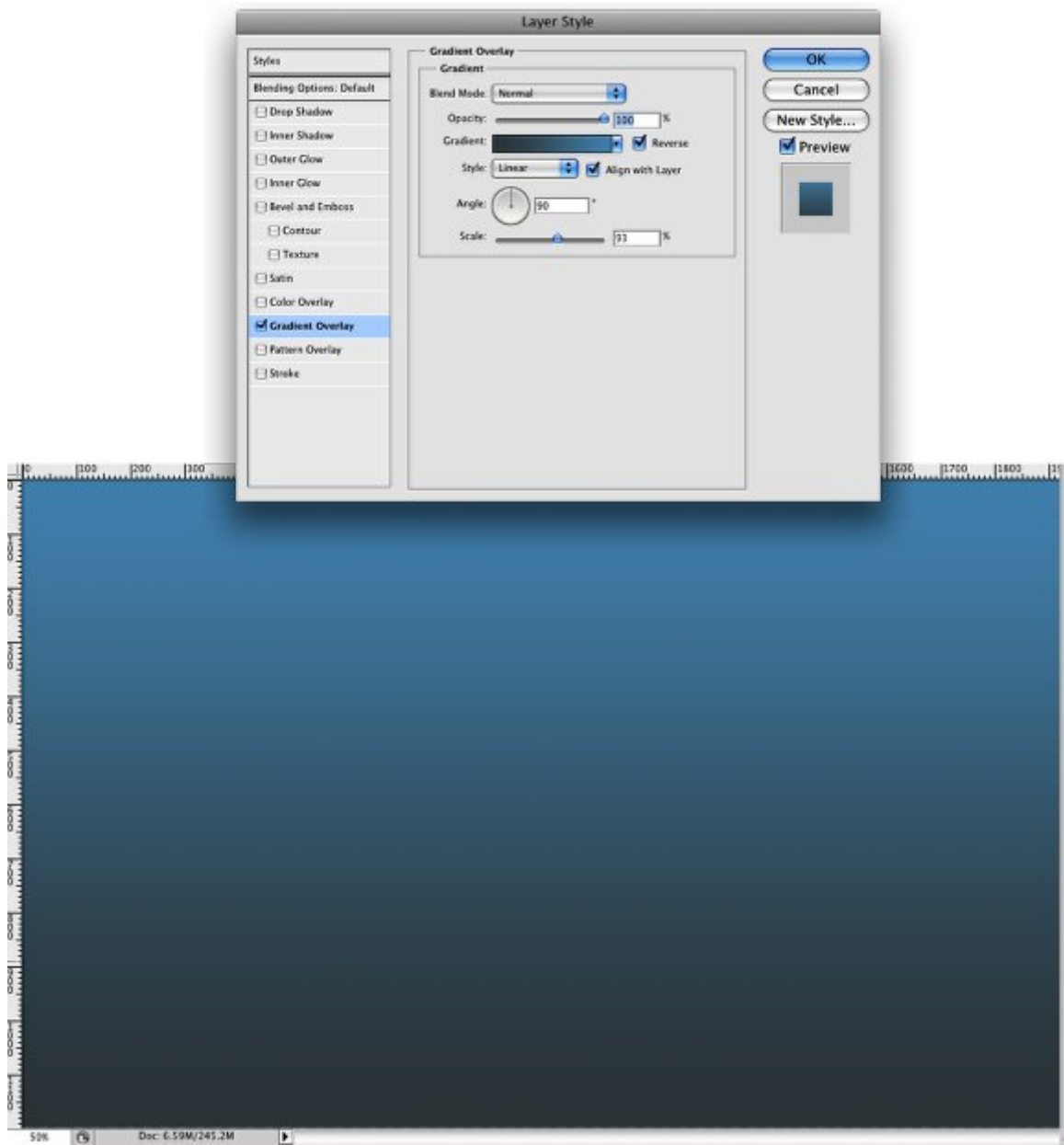


## Fantastics Disintegration Effect

In this tutorial I will show you how to create the disintegration effect using brushes and the blur filter. It's really simple and you will be able to create nice designs using this sort of trendy style of effect



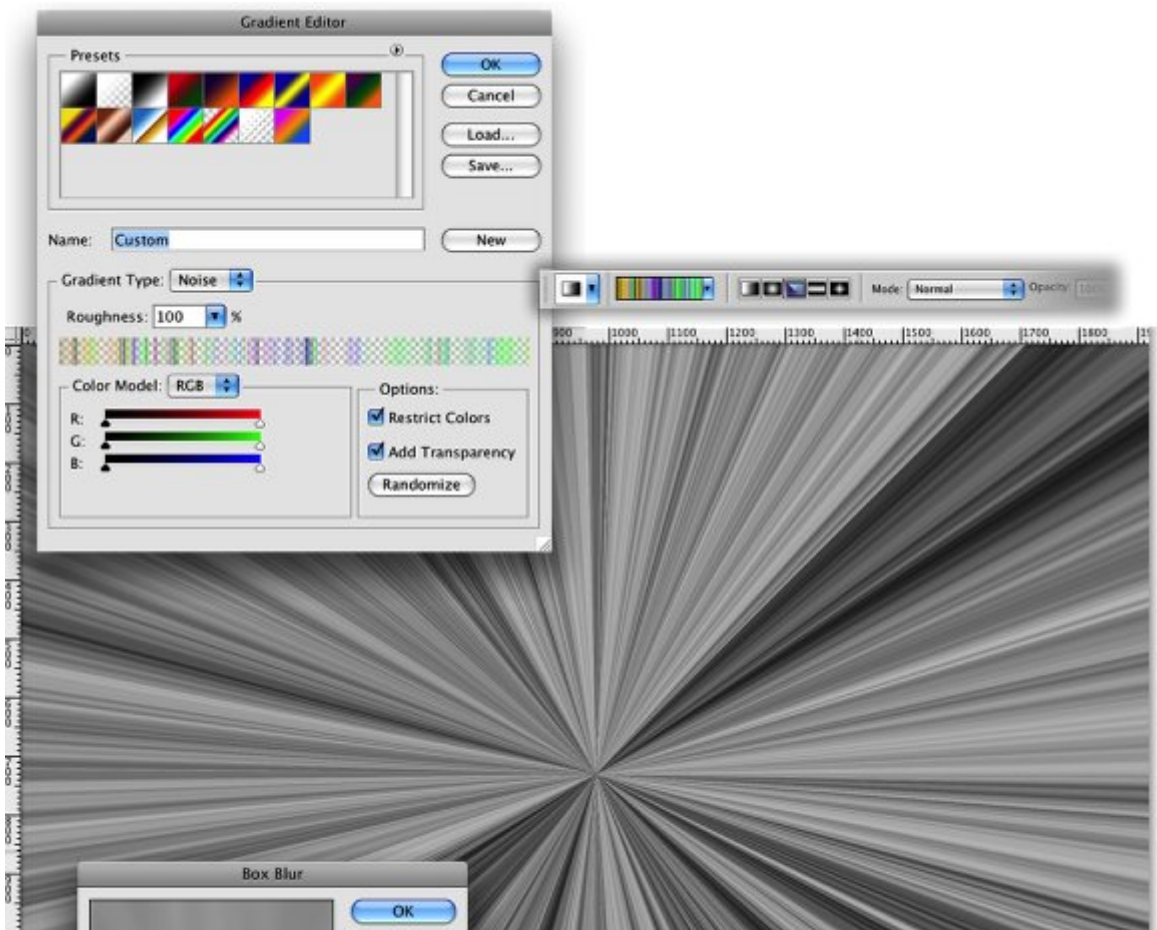
**Step 1**-Create a new document in Photoshop. For the size I used **1920x1200 pixels**. Then fill the background layer with a gradient, you can do that via **Layer>Layer Style>Gradient Overlay**. Use **#5ba1c6** and **#4a565b** for the colors, **90°** for the angle and **Linear** for the style.

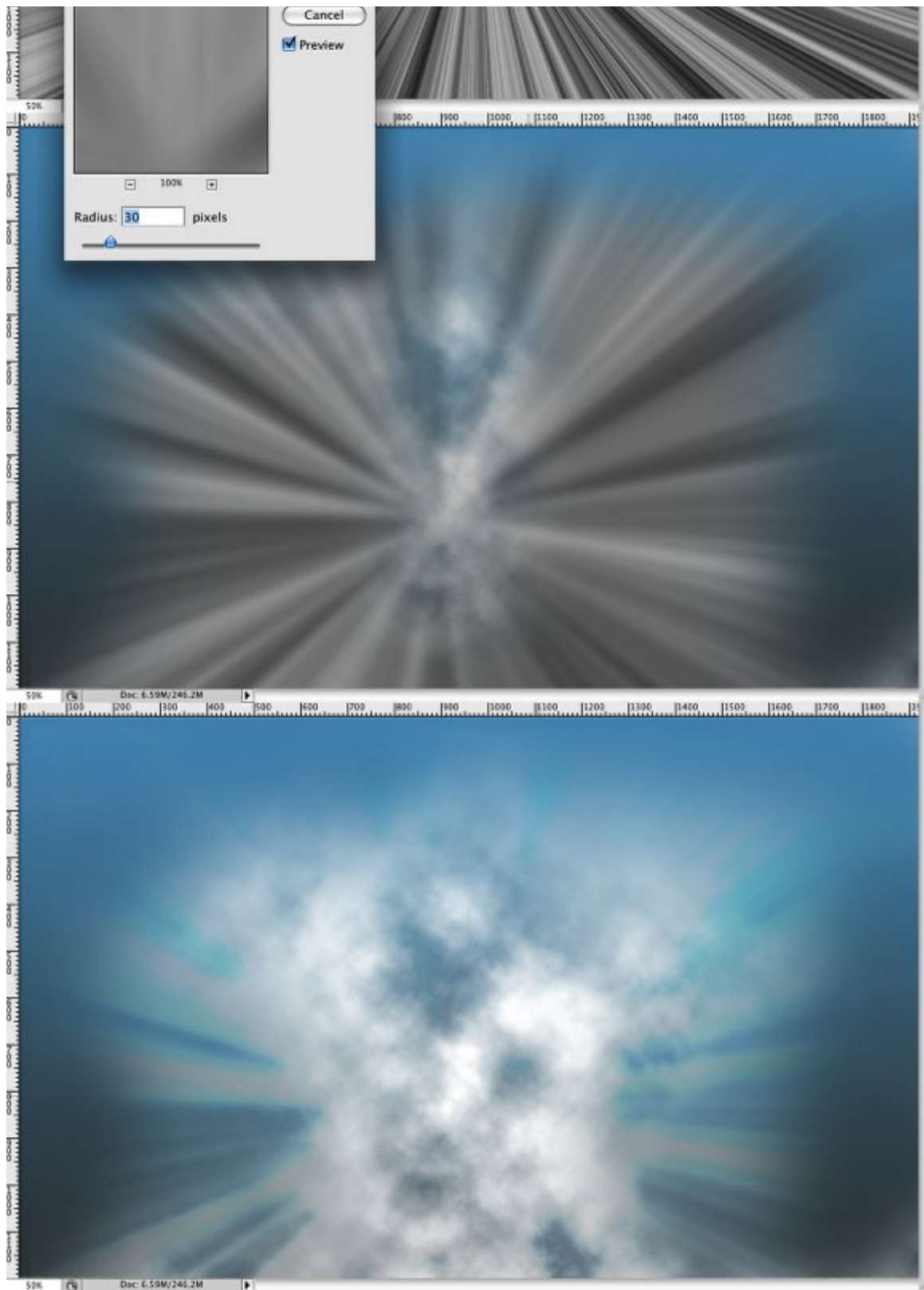


**Step-2** Add a new layer and make sure you have black and white for the background and foreground colors. Then go to **Filter>Render>Clouds**. Change the **Blend Mode to Screen** and with the **Eraser Tool (E)** use a very soft brush to delete some areas of the clouds layer.



**Step 3**-I showed you this technique in the **Flying Girl in Photoshop tutorial**, it's really simple. Add a new layer and select the **Gradient Tool (G)**. Click on the color settings and select the **Black and White Preset**. For the **Gradient Type** use **Noise**, **100% Roughness** and select both **Options: Restricted Colors** and **Add Transparency**. Then fill the layer with the gradient and go to **Filter>Blur>Gaussian Blur**. Use **30 pixels for the Radius**. After that change the **Blend Mode to Color Dodge** and the **Opacity to 50%**, then with the **Eraser Tool (E)** delete some areas of the layer like you did in the last step.

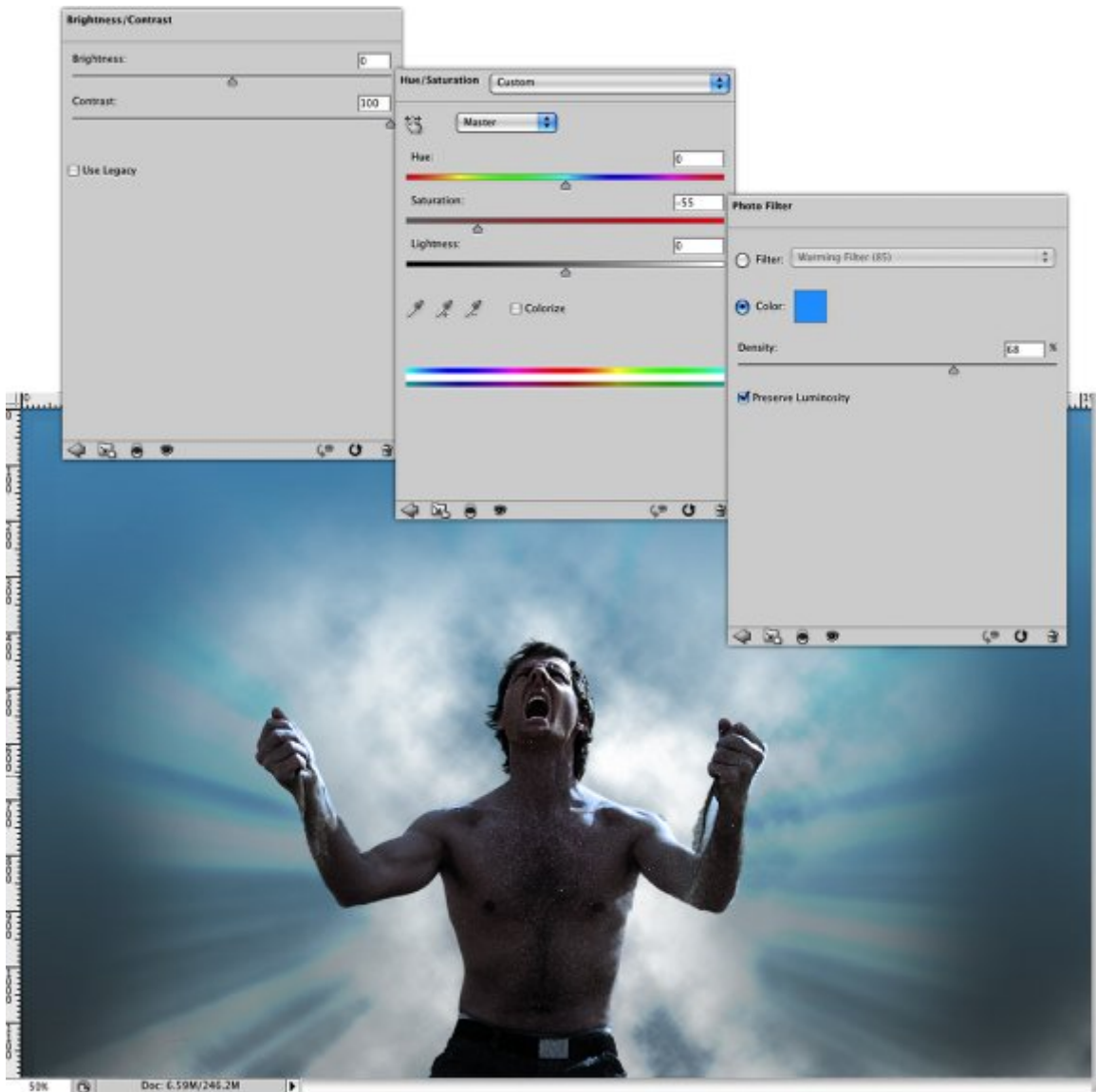




**Step 4**-You will have to extract the guy from the background. You can do that with the **Pen Tool (P)** or the **Lasso Tool (L)**. **Tip:** There are lots of ways to cut objects from the background.



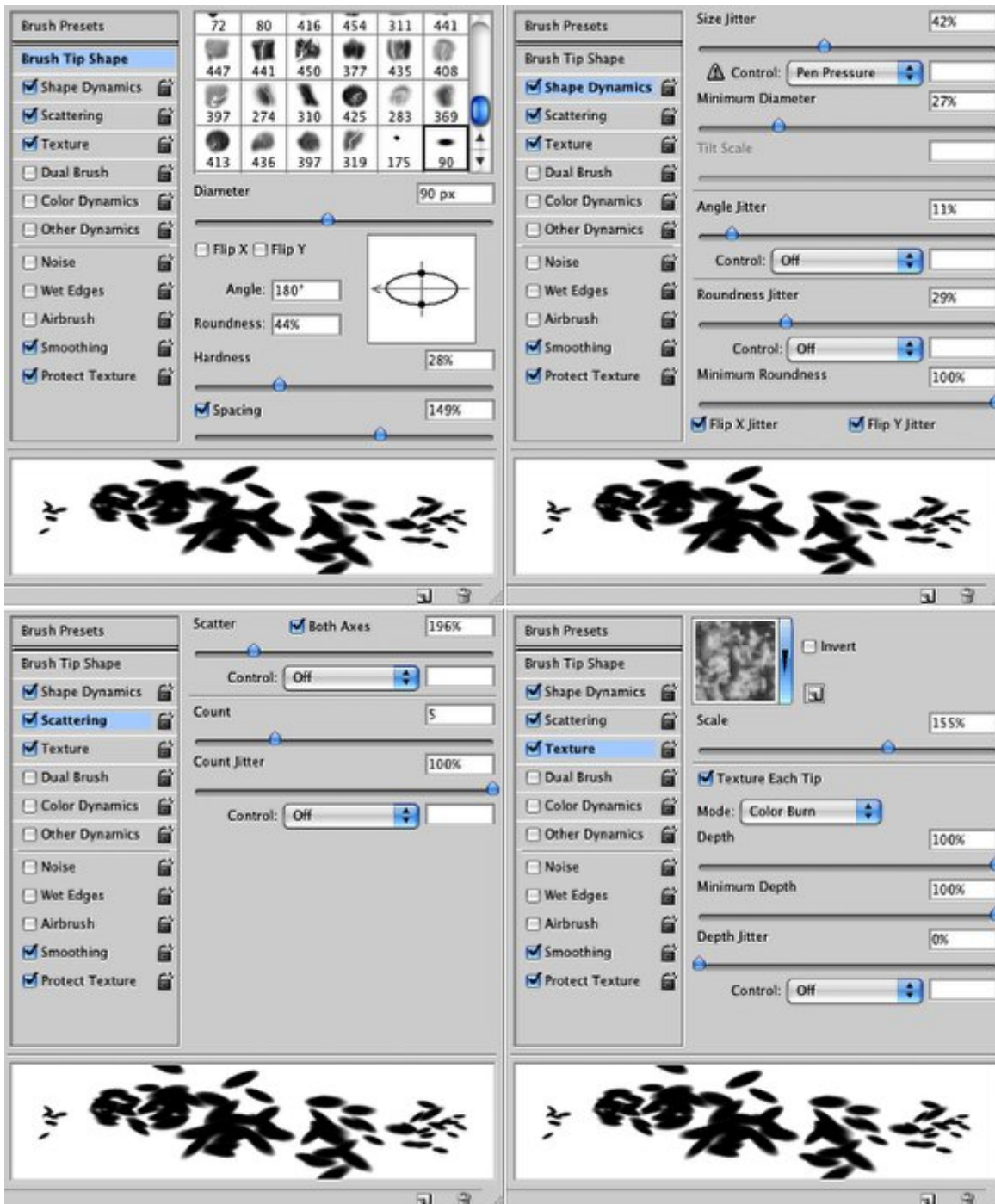
**Step-5** Let's use the **Adjustments** to make the guy's image match the background and the rest of the image. First go to **Image>Adjustments>Brightness and Contrast**, change the **Contrast to 100**. After that go to **Image>Adjustments>Hue and Saturation** and reduce the **Saturation to -55**. Then go to **Image>Adjustments>Photo Filter**. Use a **very light blue** and change the **intensity to 70%**. That will give a nice bluish style to the image.



**Step6-** Duplicate the guy's layer and go to Filter>Blur>Radial Blur. Change the Amount to 10, Blur Method to Zoom and Quality to Best. After that move this layer so that it will be behind the guy without blur layer.



**Step7**-In order to create the disintegration effect we will use a custom Brush. Go to **Window>Brush** or press **F5** and use the brush settings below.

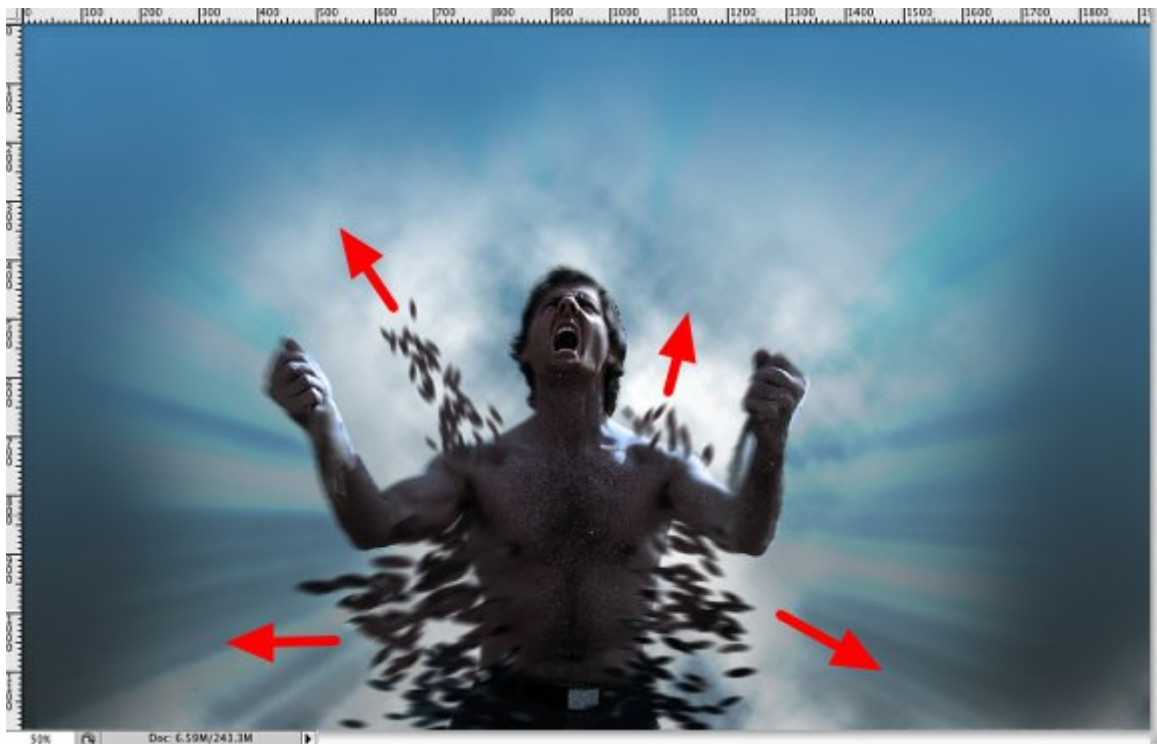


**Step8-** Add a new layer and with the **Brush Tool (B)** select the brush you have just created and start painting the disintegration. Use the skin color of the guy for the brush color but also change to some dark colors to add some depth. After that go to **Filter>Blur>Motion Blur**. Use **0° for the Angle and 20 pixels for the Distance**. The angle will vary depending on the direction the particles will be going to.





**Step9-** Keep painting more particles. Change the size of the brush using the keyboard shortcuts [ and ]. Remember to change the angle of the motion blur (red arrows) but also the angle of the brush tip in the Brush Settings.



**Step10-** Select the 2 guy layers and go to **Layer>Merge Layers**. Then go to **Layer>Layer Mask>Reveal All**. Then select the **Brush Tool(B)** and black for the color. With the Brush you have created for the particles start painting over the mask to delete the areas of the guy that are disintegrating (1-4). After that go to **Filter>Blur>Radial Blur**. Use **10 for the Amount, Zoom for the Blur Method and Best for the Quality**.



**Step11**-Create a layer beneath the guys layer and paint more particles repeating the same technique we did in the Step 8.



**Step12**-Let's add some lightning bolts to our design. Basically the first thing to do is place the lightning bolt photo in the photoshop document, then go to **Image > adjustments > desaturate**. You will have a black and white photo now. Change the **Blend Mode to Color Dodge**. **Tip:** If the lightnings are too light go to **Image > Adjustments > Levels** and increase the black input. Also you can add a Gaussian Blur.



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**Conclusion** You can add another layer on top of everything and use a blue gradient to make the whole image with a blueish style. Also you can add some noise and your logo to make it with that movie style. The idea of this tutorial was to show you how to create the disintegration using brushes and blur. There are other ways to do that as well, you can use the Displace filter for example, as I did in the first experiment for this effect. It's all about playing with the tool and getting inspiration from movies, tv shows, magazines, internet and many other places.

