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SECRET INSTRUCTIONS



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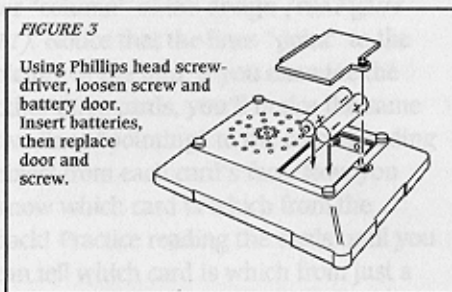
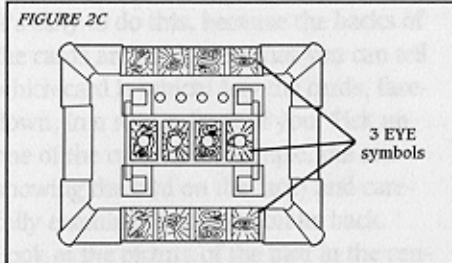
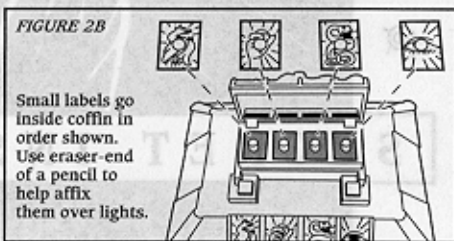
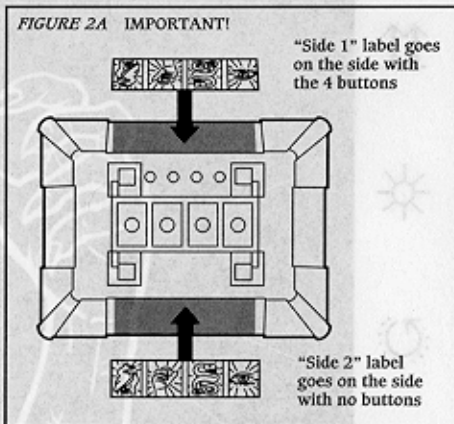
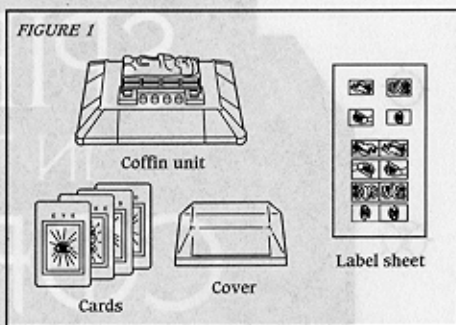
## THE TRICK

Your audience is shown an ancient coffin which you, the Magician, explain is inhabited by the spirit of a magical tribal king who lived long ago. This ancient Spirit will help you to read people's minds! You then show your spectator four cards, each with a different symbol on it. You ask your spectator to mentally select one card. You predict which card this will be and secretly "tell" the Spirit in the Coffin, then seal it so your prediction can't be changed. Your spectator then points to the card he or she is thinking of. When you raise the lid of the coffin, the Spirit speaks! Its voice says which card was picked. It's the same as your spectator's! Wow!

## THE PROPS

Your trick includes the electronic coffin unit with clear plastic cover, a label sheet and four cards (see Figure 1). You will also need 2 "AA" size alkaline batteries, which are not included. *Carefully* put the labels on the coffin unit as shown in Figures 2A and 2B. It's *very important* to place the labels in the correct loca-

tions. When you're finished, the labels should all line up by color and design, as shown in Figure 2C.



Insert the batteries into the coffin unit as shown in Figure 3. Be sure to match up the "+" and "-" symbols on the inside of the battery compartment.

**Caution:** Batteries may leak if improperly installed. Remove during extended storage. Never mix battery types. Do not mix old and new batteries.

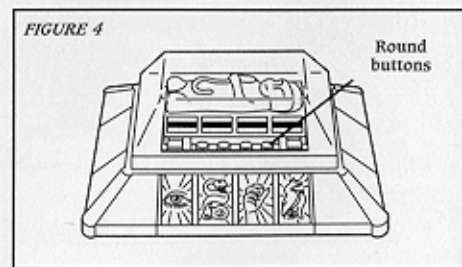
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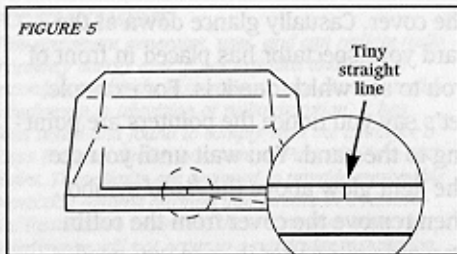
The secret is one of clever timing and a hidden electronic signal. You never really make a prediction. It just *looks* like you do! Instead, you wait until after your spectator has pointed to the chosen card's symbol, then you secretly give this information to the Spirit.

Here's how it works: First, you activate the coffin unit by pressing a secret button. This causes a series of lights to slowly turn on and off. These lights correspond with symbols on the cards and on the coffin unit (your audience can't see these lights — only you can!). When you see the light that corresponds to the chosen card's symbol, you signal this to the Spirit by lifting the cover off the coffin. You do all of this in such a subtle way that your audience never notices! It looks as though you've predicted the correct card long before!

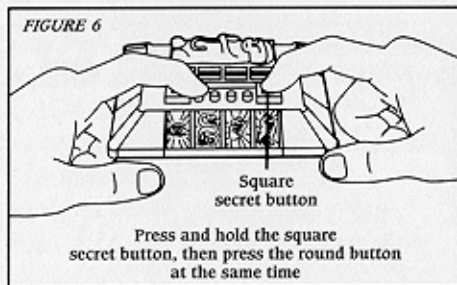
Now follow along to try out the trick for yourself!

First, turn the coffin unit so the four round buttons are facing you, as shown in Figure 4. Take the clear plastic cover and look carefully at its edges. You should see a tiny straight line on one of the long sides (see Figure 5). This is the "gimmicked" side of the cover and should always be closest to you. Leave the cover off for now.





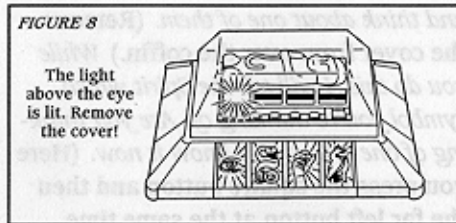
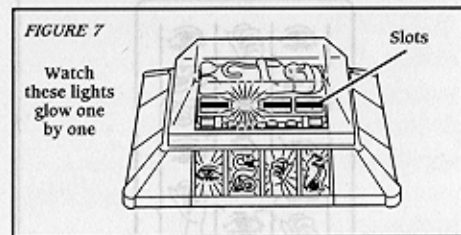
**Press the button:** Notice a raised square to the right of the four buttons. This is the secret button. Hold this down, then press the round button farthest to the left *at the same time*, as shown in Figure 6. You'll hear a magical sound. *If you don't hear this sound, the batteries may be weak or improperly installed.* During a real performance, you'll explain that each round button corresponds to a symbol and you're pressing one to make your prediction. Make sure it looks like you're only pressing a round button! You might like to try doing this with only one hand, using your other hand as a shield. Practice in front of a mirror to see which hand looks more natural.



**Watch the lights:** Now replace the clear plastic cover (make sure the line is facing you). This is how you activate the coffin unit. Look carefully at the slots above the buttons (see Figure 7). One of the lights on the side of the coffin should be glowing. Keep watching! Soon you'll see that light turn off then another light will glow! The lights turn on and off, one by one, in the same order each time. Notice that each light is directly above one symbol on the side of the coffin unit. Each light corresponds to the symbol directly below it. If you don't see any of these lights turn on, check that the gimmicked side of the plastic cover is facing you.

Let's say your spectator chooses the card with the eye symbol on it. Wait until you see the light go on above the "eye" symbol (see Figure 8). Quickly lift off the cover. The light above the "eye" will go off. When you lift the cover off while the light is lit above the eye, this fixes the eye as the spectator's choice.

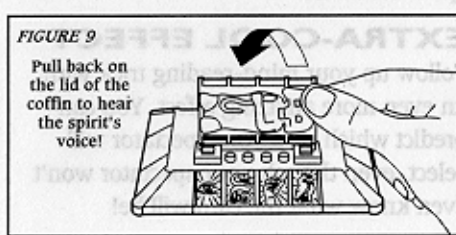
**NOTE:** The plastic cover has a magnet in it which activates the coffin unit. This



device is very sensitive. It's important that you do not move it, even slightly, once it is in place. When you do remove it, make this movement smooth and quick.

**Open the coffin:** Now lift up and pull back on the lid of the coffin to open it, as shown in Figure 9. The lid must be pulled back all the way so that it presses the square secret button. Pushing the secret button at this time is what prompts the Spirit to speak. You'll hear the Spirit in the Coffin say, "*My master knew...the EYE!*" At the same time, a light will be lit inside the coffin, confirming your prediction as it lights the eye symbol!

That's the secret! When you tell your spectator you're reading his or her mind, you're really just turning on the coffin



unit. When your spectator chooses which card he or she picked, wait until the light goes on above that symbol, then remove the cover over the coffin to prompt the Spirit to announce the correct symbol. The Spirit will announce your prediction and it'll always be right!

**Examine the trick:** Afterward, your spectator might want to have a try at repeating the trick. Go ahead and hand it out. The lights and sound effects will all work, but the secret will be safe!

## THE SECRET PREPARATION

It's essential that your spectator never notices you're waiting for something as you watch for the light to light above the chosen symbol. Therefore, when you practice this trick, work on the patter you'll use as you wait. You might have to stall for time. For example, when your spectator says, "I picked the bird," you might say, "The bird? That says a lot about your personality, you know. Always wanting to be above everyone else. I knew you'd pick it, of course..." When the light is on above the bird, remove the cover.

You must also practice "reading" the lights in the coffin in a nonchalant manner so your spectator doesn't become suspicious.

You are now ready to begin. The coffin unit with its cover on should be on your table, along with the four cards. Make sure the four-button side of the coffin is facing you.

## THE PERFORMANCE AND "PATTER"

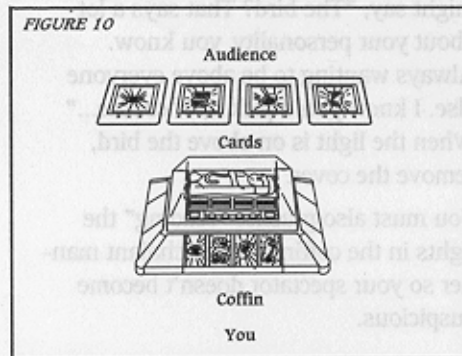
Say the following to your spectator as you perform the trick. The script or "patter" will help you enhance the effect of the trick:

*In my travels, I've encountered many strange and supernatural forces to assist me with my magic. Here is my latest acquisition: The Spirit in the Coffin! This ancient spirit will help me perform my new mind-reading trick. (Here you lay out the four cards, faceup, in front of your spectator, as shown in Figure 10.) You see before you four cards, each with an ancient, mystical symbol. I want you to look carefully at these four symbols*

*and think about one of them. (Remove the cover from over the coffin.) While you do this, I will tell the Spirit which symbol you're thinking of. Are you thinking of one? Ah, yes. I know it now. (Here you press the square button and then the far left button at the same time, release them, then replace the cover over the coffin, line-side toward you.) My prediction is sealed. With this cover in place, there's no way I can change what I've told the Spirit. Now, point to the symbol you have chosen. (Your spectator points to the snake.) The snake? Are you sure? Hmmm. (You say this as you wait for the light to light above the snake symbol.) Well, let's see what the Spirit has to say. (QUICKLY remove the cover from over the coffin as soon as you see the little light on the side of the coffin is lit above the snake.) Please open the lid of the coffin. (Your spectator opens the coffin. The light inside the coffin lights on the snake symbol and the Spirit's voice says, "My master knew...the SNAKE!") That's right. The Spirit never lies.*

## EXTRA-COOL EFFECT

Follow up your mind-reading trick with an even more amazing effect. You can predict which card your spectator will select, even though your spectator won't even know what the card will be!



It's easy to do this, because the backs of the cards are marked so that you can tell which card is which! Lay the cards, face-down, in a row in front of you. Pick up one of the cards (for example, the one showing the bird on the face) and carefully examine the design on its back. Look at the picture of the bird in the center "column" of the design (see Figure 11). Notice that the lines "point" to the picture of the bird. If you examine the other three cards, you'll notice the same two lines "pointing" to the corresponding object from each card's face. Now you know which card is which from the back! Practice reading the cards until you can tell which card is which from just a casual glance.

To perform the trick, ask your spectator to shuffle the cards facedown and then select one by removing it from the deck and placing it, still facedown, between you both. While your spectator does this, you should activate the coffin unit by pressing the buttons and then replacing

the cover. Casually glance down at the card your spectator has placed in front of you to see which one it is. For example, let's say you notice the pointers are pointing to the hand. You wait until you see the light glow above the *hand* symbol, then remove the cover from the coffin. Prepare your patter in case you need time! Ask your spectator to open the lid of the coffin. The Spirit announces the card is the HAND! Now ask your spectator to turn over the card. It's the hand card! Amazing!



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