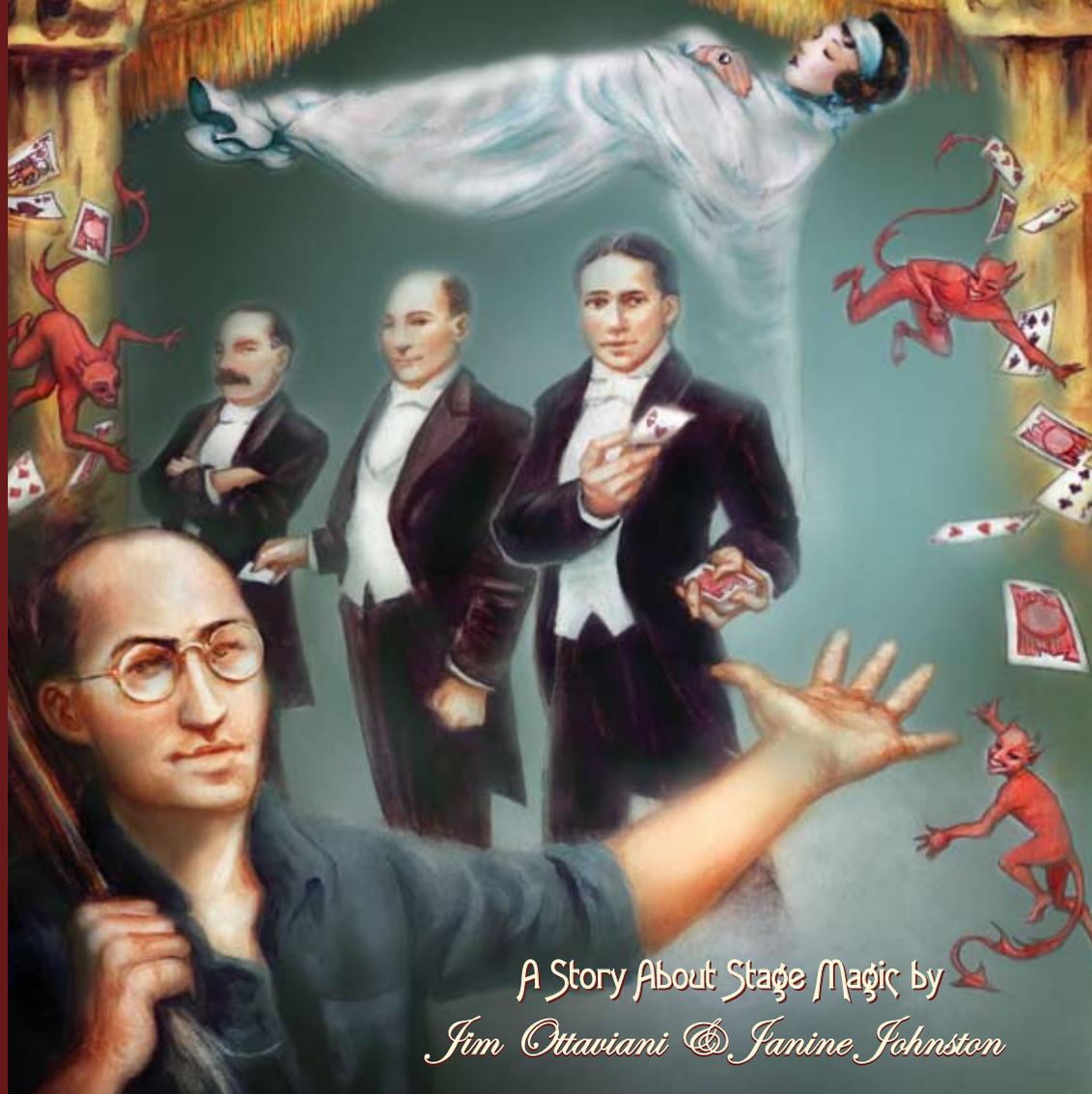


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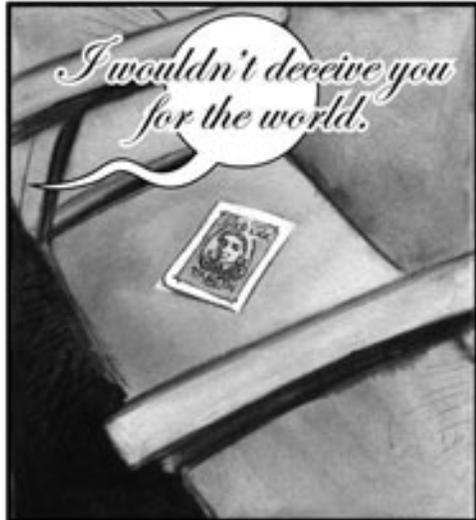
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*I wouldn't deceive you  
for the world.*



NO.

I...

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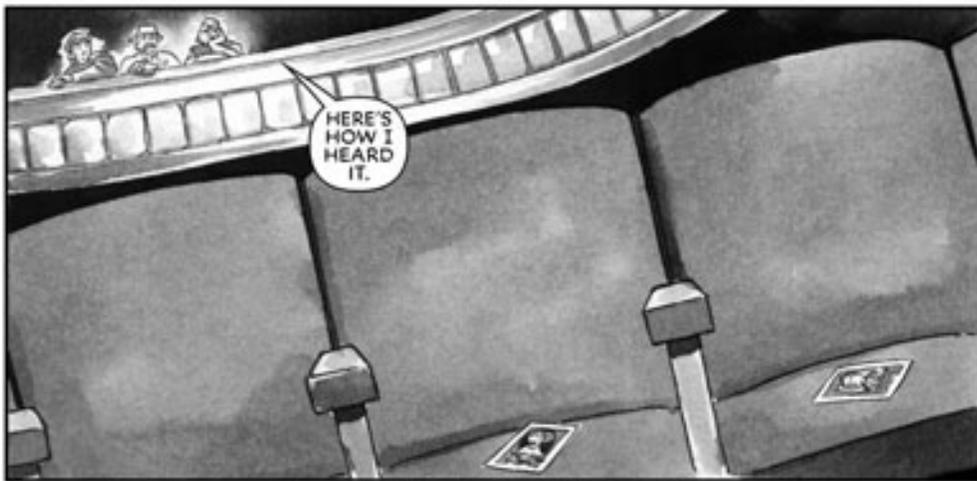


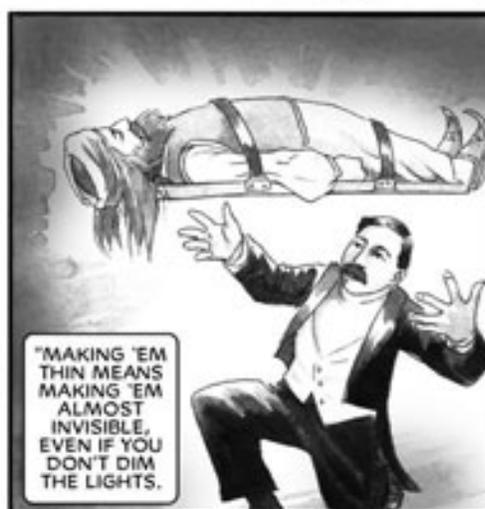
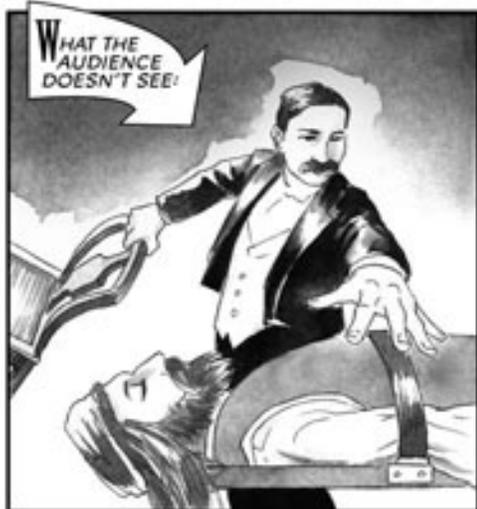














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