



"Ladies and gentlemen, this could be my last illusion"...

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"I will be chained up and hanging by a burning rope over this shark tank"...



The crowd starred in horror. Locki struck a match and touched it to the rope...

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The flames raced up the rope, the sharks were swimming back and forth under his feet. ... The fire was getting hotter... The first padlock opened, the second padlock was loose.

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Only one to go... but the burning rope snapped... **There's only one hero who can beat these odds... COSENTINO, The Grand Illusionist!**

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BUT can our hero, COSENTINO, protect Ace from the King's army?



...escape from the evil two-headed king?

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...trick the dungeon master and pick the right door?



...this could be the trick of his life **...IF HE CAN PULL IT OFF?**

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ABOUT THE AUTHORS

COSENTINO has been practising magic since the ripe old age of twelve. After a long line of gigs including school shows and being a travelling magician on a cruise, he applied as a contestant on *Australia's Got Talent* in 2011. He was crowned runner-up, wowing Australia with his escapes and high-energy routines. Since then, Cosentino has performed to sold-out shows across the world.

JACK HEATH is the author of best-selling *300 Minutes of Danger*. His action-packed books have sold more than 100,000 copies worldwide, and have been shortlisted for multiple awards.

JAMES HART is an Australian children's illustrator who has illustrated many books, and who worked on the TV show *The Day My Butt Went Psycho*.

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MEET THE PLAYERS

COSENTINO




Address: THE COPPERPOT THEATRE IN COPPERTOWN
 Job: MAGICIAN/ESCAPE ARTIST
 Abilities: SLEIGHT OF HAND AND TELEKINESIS

LOCKI




Address: WEISZ AVENUE, COPPERTOWN
 Job: COS' PARTNER
 Abilities: LOCK-PICKING

SNUGGLES



Address: COS' HAT
 Job: STUTCE DISPOSAL
 Abilities: APPEARING AND DISAPPEARING SENSES

PROFESSOR CAMOUFLAGE



Address: UNDER A BOULDER IN SIEGRIED ALLEY, COPPERTOWN (SINCE ESCAPING FROM THE ROYAL ZOO)
 Job: CELEBRITY IMPERSONATOR
 Abilities: CAN DISGUISE HIMSELF AS ANYTHING

ACE



Address: SILVER CASTLE ALLEY
 Job: PART OF THE ARMY OF 52
 Abilities: SOLDIER

HOLLOW



Address: 11 CHARPOT STREET, SILVER CASTLE
 Job: HENCHMAN/MAGICIAN
 Abilities: CAN SPELL MAGIC

PUZZLER



Address: THE ARCADE IN SILVER CASTLE
 Job: DUNGEON MASTER, GAME SHOW HOST
 Abilities: SUPER STRONG/ CAN'T BE HURT AND VERY SMART. A MASTERMIND.

FLEX




Address: SILVER CITY
 Job: BODYGUARD
 Abilities: SUPER STRONG

PRINCESS PRISCILLA



Address: SILVER CASTLE IN SILVER CITY
 Job: PRINCESS
 Abilities: SWEET, KIND HEART AND EXTREMELY CLEVER.

THE KING OF DIAMONDS



Address: SILVER CITY
 Job: THE KING
 Abilities: HYPOCHONDRIAC



FALL INTO THE MAGICAL ADVENTURES OF COSENTINO IN **THE MYSTERIOUS WORLD OF COSENTINO:**

★ THE MISSING ACE! ★

...Dangling on a burning rope while chained above a tank full of hungry sharks... there's only one hero who can beat those odds...

★ COSENTINO, THE GRAND ILLUSIONIST! ★

COSENTINO has a group of very talented and loyal friends, but they always seem to get on the wrong side of the Evil King and his Minions. Cosentino and his friends have to use every trick in the book to get themselves out of trouble!

A NEW series of magical adventures from AUSTRALIA'S ONLY Grand Illusionist, **COSENTINO** and **JACK HEATH!**



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