

The Big Bang Card Trick

Sheldon, Leonard, Howard, and Raj are at it again, trying to invent something amazing. It looks like they have but leave it to Penny to complicate things. (P.S., don't sue me C.B.S., it's just a stupid card trick).

Effect: The 4 jacks, representing the 4 characters are fairly shown and placed into the card case. The queen of hearts (Penny) is shown and placed in the cases as well. Suddenly she vanishes and only the 4 boys are there, nothing hidden. They go back inside and reverse the process & she makes her appearance once again. No palming or difficult sleights, the deck may be borrowed.

Though there's a little bit more to it than that on the magician's side, it's exactly how the spectator(s) see it happen.

Method: Holding the deck face up, spread through it and remove the 4 jacks, turning each face down and onto the back (bottom) of the deck as you come to them. Once finished close and revolve the deck face down. The 4 jacks will be on top, face up and looking at you, wondering "WTF?". Casually arrange them in RRBB order from the face, then square up, keeping them separate from the deck. Grasp them in right hand biddle grip and raise them off the deck. As you're talking obtain a pinky break below the top card of the deck. Now perform Ed Marlo's ATFUS (Any Time Face Up Switch) sleight which I will now explain: Move the right hand over the deck so the left thumb can lower onto the top jack. As it does the right thumb and fingers gain possession of the single card above the pinky break, below its packet of jack. The right hand keeps this card separate on the near side with a thumb break. The left hand moves leftward, peeling the top jack off the left side of the packet and onto the deck. The hand returns for the next jack. When the deck is below the right hand's cards the left thumb lowers onto the new top jack and the right hand releases the single face down card onto the top of the deck. The left hand peels the new top jack off the packet, the left pinky catching a break below it before it has a chance to fall flush. The 3rd jack is peeled off then the right hand lowers its remaining card onto the top and removes the 2 cards above the break beneath its single card, turns them face down and places them onto the table. The 1st peeled jack is secretly left behind, now face up below the top card of the face down deck. To the spectators it looked like you showed the 4 jacks, one-at-a-time, removed them with the right hand and placed face down onto the table. Place the deck, with the left hand, face up onto the table. Pick up the jacks and Elmsley count them, treating the 3 cards as 4. It's just like the 4 card Elmsley count except on the 2nd count only a single card is pushed over instead of a double. Reach around the front of the packet, fingers going underneath, drag out the bottom card from the front, revolve the front edge up, over, and back towards you (like closing a notepad). A red jack will be face up on top. Immediately repeat the removal and revolution face up and onto top with the next card that's on the bottom of the packet. When you place it on top, in jog it slightly. Now, pinch both out jogged cards together by the right thumb above and fingers below, together. Raise the front edge up slightly to hide the top of the packet from view and extract the double card out the front, revolve it up and over onto the deck, but slightly out jogged. The goal in this 3rd count is to keep the top of the double from being seen or they'll see a face up jack and the trick will be ruined. On the 4th count drag out the bottom card of the out jogged double (2nd card down in the packet) out the front, revolve it face up and place

it on top. This face down to face up Jordan count you just did made the 3 cards look like 4 (confirming that amount in the minds of the spectators), the first jack was shown twice. That's why the 2nd card is drawn out quickly onto the 1st so the spectators don't have time to study the suit of the 1st card or they may notice it being shown again on the 4th count. Don't fear this, it's done more often in card magic than you'd think. Turn the packet of 3 jacks (believed to be 4) face down and place into the card case, the close with the cut-out moon side uppermost. Pick up the face up deck and spread through it until you find the queen of hearts. When you find it remove it, revolve face down and place onto the bottom (back) of the deck. Revolve the deck face down. Display the queen, triple-turnover, remove the top card, rotating the left-hand palm down to hide the face up card on top. Place the deck face up onto the table and put the face down card inside the card case. When you do this, don't open the flap. Instead, slide the card into the slot created where the flap goes down into the case. Part of the card will remain visible by the cut-out moon shape in the box. During this talk about Penny peeking inside to see what the boys are up to. With the other hand open the flap, just far enough for Penny to fall onto the face down cards already inside. Though not necessary this little flourish of her entering the case looks nice. The spectators think you put the queen of hearts inside the case with the four jacks when in fact you simply put the 4th jack into the case with the other three Shake the box like it's a time machine activating or something then let the spectator open the case, remove the cards one-at-a-time, from the bottom of the face down stack inside, and revolve each face up and in a slight spread onto the table. Penny has vanished! This effect is very strong and surprising.

Catch your breath and let the effect sink in. Pick up the deck, keeping it face up. Spread over and cut off about a quarter of the deck, rotate it face down and place that quarter portion onto the bottom. Revolve the whole deck over. Spread all the way through the face up cards until you reach the face down portion. Close the spread, adding the top face down card (queen) to their bottom, made easy due to the break. Lift all off and place onto the table. Penny is face down on the bottom. Spread over some more, turn them face up and show she's not there either. Place them onto the tabled portion. Revolve the rest of the cards face up and openly spread through them to show the card completely vanished! Drop that portion on top of the tabled pile. The deck is now reassembled face up on the table, The Penny card is face down on the bottom.

At the same time, the left-hand lowers onto the deck to pick it up, as the right hand gathers the 4 jacks. They are revolved face down as the left hand lifts the deck off the table. In a smooth flow, the jacks are placed on the bottom and the left hand revolves palm up, which brings the jacks into view. Penny is now face up secretly below them. Get a break under the top 5 cards, talk for a few seconds, then lift them all off. Place the deck aside. Squiggle display the 4 jacks, keeping the queen hidden. Revolve everything face down and insert into the card case. Like earlier shake the case, then have a spectator open it and remove the cards, one-at-a-time, from the bottom (face) of the stack. The 4 jacks will make their appearances. Ask her if she sees another card in the case, then to remove it and turn face up to show Penny's surprise return.