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## Houdini Does it Again!

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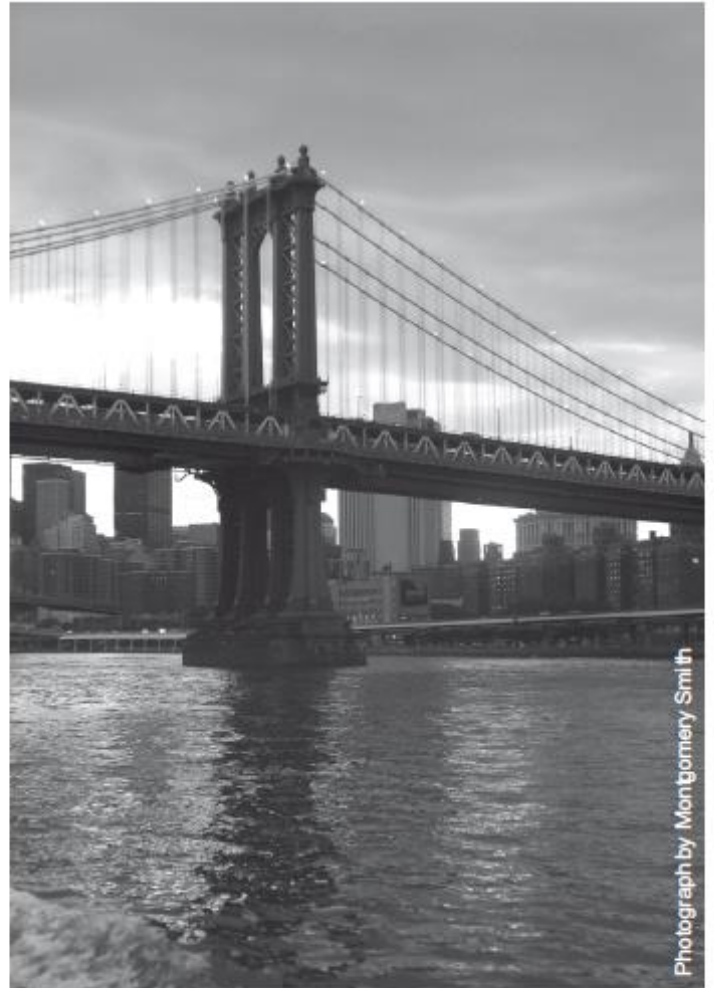
Young and old alike were treated to a spectacle like no other yesterday when Harry Houdini, world famous escapologist, undertook one of his most daring feats yet.

The crowd of New York onlookers buzzed with excitement as the Hungarian-born showman climbed a nearby bridge, raised his handcuffed wrists and, after carefully surveying a small hole in the ice, dived into the freezing waters of the Hudson River. This was theatre at its best!

One and all held their breath as the minutes ticked by: one... three... five... seven... The atmosphere was electric.

After eight long minutes had limped by, trained divers began to climb down a well-positioned rope in order to assist their missing magician. But there was no need. No sooner had they reached half way, up popped Houdini, greeted by wild cheers of encouragement and thunderous applause.

When asked how he'd completed such a masterful trick, he simply replied: "A true magician never reveals his secrets. But remember, I was once an apprentice to



Photograph by Montgomery Smith

### Death defying drama in Hudson River

a locksmith". And with nothing more than a wink and a smile, he was whisked away, presumably to warm up.

Exactly how long Houdini can hold onto his secrets is not known. However, this reporter, for one, hopes that they remain securely locked away for the foreseeable future so that he can continue to dazzle his audiences, both here and abroad, for many years to come.

