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APPEALING ORANGE BOX

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Load the top of the box with small size oranges and on top of them have one of the plastic bags. In the lower front section have one orange and a duplicate plastic bag.

Borrow a half dollar and request someone to mark it for later identification. Wrap the coin in the center of a stage bill, secretly letting it slide out into the hand. The hand with the coin concealed in it goes to the pocket to get matches and leaves the coin in the pocket. The bill is then burnt, carrying out the vanish of the coin.

Raise the front of the box and remove the orange and the bag. In this way the spectators can see that the box is empty. Close the front of the box and then let anyone examine the bag. Have them place the orange into the bag and then gather up the top and tie or otherwise secure it.

Now open the *top* of the box and place the bag and orange into the top. While the lid of the box is still open, you apparently push the ends of this bag through the hole in the center. Actually, you push through the hole the ends or top of the duplicate bag, not the top of the bag containing the orange. Close the lid.

Command the orange to leave the bag, and at the same time pull the bag up through the hole in the box. Hold the lid from opening as you do this. *The orange has escaped from the bag.* Show the box to be empty by opening the front, and then close it again. Then reach into your pocket to get a knife, and at the same time secretly get the coin placed there previously. Place the knife on the table. Open the top of the apparently empty box and remove the oranges one at a time, tossing them out to spectators. Be careful and toss them slowly so you don't hurt someone.

Have anyone toss an orange back to you. Use the knife to cut a slit in the orange -- a slit large enough to take the palmed coin. As you turn the orange to apparently cut it, you secretly push the palmed coin into the slit. Then continue to slide the orange in half, and slowly separate the two halves to reveal the marked coin inside.

The coin fold used to vanish the coin is described in many magic books. Your dealer can help you if you are unable to locate it.

Timing is important in this routine. Proceed slowly and deliberately and you will have no trouble -- but you will have a really different routine which will be remembered by the audience.