

COLOMBINI MAGIC PRESENTS

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LAUGH



**Great comedy one-liners  
for magicians, emcees,  
speakers, etc.**

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## Introduction

Every time I give a lecture or do a show in front of magicians the usual 'cry' is, "Do you have a book of your jokes?" My usual answer, "No!"....until now!

Here it is, a collection of one-liners that I have used, I still use and I'll always use in my shows.

I have always stated my opinion of the importance of comedy during magic shows (at least during MY magic shows). I know many people like magic but they also like to laugh, and if you can make them laugh while you amaze them, it is even better.

The jokes I have written here are not in any type of 'categories.' I figure that you'll be able to read them in a short time and select the ones you like the most.

This compilation contains many original jokes (a few anyway!), some 'borrowed', some 'stolen', most of them used with permission. Some were collected here and there, some I heard from other venues such as on TV and some were read from books and booklets.

Enjoy them and.... make 'em laugh!

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I'm part psychic and part telepathic. I'm psychopathic.

I am an expert on ESP...N.

I just arrived here today by airplane and the airline lost my suitcase. And it was a 'carry on.'

When you fly they say, "Your seat will become a floatation device." Why doesn't the airplane just become a boat?

And those questions at the airport check-in: "Did you pack your suitcase yourself?" "No, a man in a ski mask did it for me!"

They say that the black box cannot be destroyed. Why don't they just make airplanes out of the same material?

Lately I've put on some weight. I'm trying to get back to my original weight... eight pounds, two ounces.

I am on two diets. I don't get enough food with only one.

I love all kinds of wine, especially Italian. And I have my favorite Italian wine which is, "Pleeease don't kill me, pleeease don't kill me!"

I told my mother, "I have half a mind to become a magician." And she said, "That should do!"

I'm sad to say I have never been my mom's favorite. And I'm an only child.

My mom is a very tough woman. She buried three husbands and two of them were just taking a nap.

One day my father took me aside... and left me there.

My father used to say, "Don't play with yourself or you'll go blind!" "Dad, I'm over *here!*"

My parents used to send me to spend summers with my grandparents. God, I hate cemeteries.

I'll never forget my grandfather's last words, "Shit, a truck!"

I know what you are thinking, "So far...so what!"

There is nothing like a good trick to start off the show, and that's exactly what this is... nothing like a good trick.

One, two, three and four ... with my shoes off I can count to twenty.

(WHEN SOMETHING GOES WRONG SAY OFF STAGE) "Start the car!"

And now watch carefully because I am going to do this live with no camera tricks.

(AFTER A MISTAKE) Oh well, mistakes happen; for this reason some of us are here tonight!

It took me one week to do this one night!

Missed again! Mistakes do happen but why do I give them so much help.

You may not like my magic but you should admire my perseverance.

My mother was also good at making mistakes... I suppose you guessed that.

I don't want to be like the Italian Salvage Experts who, after years of expensive work at the site of the Titanic, have managed to raise the iceberg.

(AFTER A GAG THAT GOT A BIG RESPONSE) I love that joke. If we have time I'll tell it again.

Please remember this card, tattoo it's name on your brain. Remember it. Please do not forget to remember.

You follow instructions very well... are you married?

Look, your card (COIN, SILK, ETC.) is gone... like a taxi during a rainstorm.

This pocket is empty. My wife was here before you.

You are the best [DAY OF THE WEEK] night audience I have had .... this week.

This trick was handed down from generation to generation. Nobody wanted it.

My grandfather was an artist, my father was an artist and I'm not working either.

You need three rings exactly alike, or the same, it doesn't matter.

I found these rings in David Copperfield's garbage can.

(WHEN YOU SAY OR DO A SILLY THING) I know what you are thinking... whether to hit me here (POINT TO CHIN) or here (POINT TO STOMACH).

They say that elephants never forget. But what do they have to remember?

And now, ladies and gentlemen, or those you have brought with you...

You have to look for the weak spot (TAP YOUR HEAD) ...this is mine.

Can you see or should I speak louder?

(WHEN YOU DROP SOMETHING) This is known as the Law of Gravity. They laughed at Franklin when he said that. Wait a minute, Newton said that. No wonder they laughed at Franklin!

People ask me, "Is that an optical illusion?" "No, it only looks like one."

To practice the next move I stood in front of a mirror, and that required plenty of nerve.

I heard that a pair of Siamese Twins are working on a new routine. One is eating cherries and the other is spitting out the pits.

Some people have an ear for music. Other have only ears for pencils.

I am very happy to be here. I see a lot of old faces. And a lot of new teeth.

(AFTER AN INTRODUCTION) That was a great introduction. I cant' wait to see what I'm going to do.

(AFTER AN INTRODUCTION) That was a great introduction. And you said it exactly the

way I wrote it.

(AFTER AN INTRODUCTION) That was a great introduction. Even better than the one we agreed on.

(CLOSING THE SHOW) Please drive carefully, I'll be walking around here.

You have been a wonderful audience. Give yourselves a standing ovation.

Do you like this suit? I'm thinking about buying it.

I've had a lot of requests about this trick. But I'm going to do it anyway.

I go to Las Vegas twice a year. Just to visit my money.

Making money isn't a problem. The problem is trying to pass it.

My uncle used to work in a circus as the human cannon ball. He got \$40 a day plus mileage.

I am studying muscle development by mail. Next week they send me the muscles.

God bless your heart and all your other vital organs.

By the way, I've been asked by the manager to mention that the WET PAINT notice in the restroom is a warning, not a request.

Ladies and gentlemen, I'd like to point out that when I say I'm the greatest magician in the world, I'm not bragging, I'm lying.

How is it that the first piece of luggage on the airport carousel never belongs to anyone?

I've nothing to say and I'll say it once.

How is it possible to have a civil war?

If you try to fail and succeed, which one have you done?

Fighting for peace is like making love for virginity.

It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

I intend to live forever. So far, so good.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have the film.

I want to die in my sleep like my grandfather. Not screaming like the passengers in his car.

Did you ever stop to think - and forget to start again?

Having gotten this far, it would be a shame to stop.

Two's company, three is the result.

You may be surprised to know that I get paid for using my brain. It's like stealing money.

(WITH THREE RINGS) This trick reminds me of love. Love is like a three ring circus. The engagement, the wedding ring and the suffering.

My friend Oscar used to be a dog-catcher. He got 40 dollars a week and 20 fleas.

Oscar is now dead. He jumped from the fifth floor, leaving a widow, a son and an opened window.

Please notice that my hand never leaves my arm.

He said to his wife, "I'll buy you a new mink outfit." He gave her two steel traps and a rifle.

He was so miserly that when he took a (NAME ANY BILL DENOMINATION) out of his pocket, (NAME THE PERSON ON THE BILL) had to put on sunglasses.

A friend of mine is not able to juggle (OR DO MAGIC) like this; he is not very clever. I gave him a pair of water-skis but he has never used them because he said he has never been able to find a sloping sea.

Once a doctor told him to take a milk bath. He couldn't afford that so he hung a cow from the ceiling and took a shower.

Now there's a new method to stop your hair from falling out. Knot it on the inside.

There's a new shampoo. It doesn't grow your hair, it makes your head smaller so the few hairs you have are enough.

My wife gets mad because I sleep like a baby, with my foot in my mouth.

If you had a wife like mine, you'd stay home every night. You'd have to. She's got a combination lock on the door.

I make love to my wife almost every day of the week. Almost Monday, almost Tuesday....

My wife and I bought a water bed. She calls it the Dead Sea.

There was a line of bats sleeping, hanging upside down but one was standing up. One said, "What is he doing, is he crazy?" The other said, "Shhhh, he is doing Yoga!"

Speaking about Yoga, my uncle is using Yoga to try to stop drinking. The only thing is, he

gets drunk upside down.

The hand is quicker than the eye. In fact, my wife reaches my face with her hand before I can move.

One day my baby swallowed three bullets and I asked the doctor what I should do. He said, "Just don't point him at anybody!"

I hear that people in India pray on the streets. We've got the same thing here only we call them pedestrians.

A pedestrian is a man with two sons, a wife and only three cars.

I can juggle five plates with my right hand ... and pick up the pieces on the floor with my left hand.

I learned how to juggle (DO MAGIC) by mail but I'm afraid a few lessons got lost.

I am so nervous, I bet I keep coffee awake.

I would also like to advise you that any similarity to talent is purely accidental.

When they called me they got the best available. I may not be the best, but I was available.

(WHEN YOU DROP SOMETHING) Let's face it, I can only get better.

(WHEN SOMETHING GOES WRONG) I've only missed this stunt once before. This is the second time I'm trying it.

(WHEN YOU DROP SOMETHING) You know folks, not all magicians get paid to practice.

(WHEN YOU DROP SOMETHING TAKE OUT AN OIL CAN AND OIL YOUR ELBOWS, FINGERS, ETC.) I'm a little bit rusty.

Every one of us has a hobby. My cousin, for example, does bird impressions. In fact, he's so good that you're afraid to look up.

I used to be a one-man band. With my feet I would play the drum; with my elbows the cymbals; with my knees the tambourine; and with my hands I was holding my ears.

I am a great admirer of hand kissing. After all, you have to start somewhere.

This is how an Italian uses a fan (KEEP THE FAN IN FRONT OF YOUR FACE AND SHAKE YOUR FACE QUICKLY FROM SIDE TO SIDE).

The other day I saw a friend and I told him, "Listen, when you make love to your wife, please close the window because I saw you yesterday." He said, "Well I fooled you! Yesterday I wasn't even home!"

I am very generous when I go to church. Every time they pass the collection plate with the money I just say, "No thank you!"

On the door of our church there is a sign that reads: "If you are tired of sin come in." Under it there is another sign: "If you are not tired of sin call Samantha at 555-5678."

Every morning I take a cold shower. Then I close the umbrella and I go back to bed.

I don't understand those ballerinas... they dance on their toes!!!! Why don't they just hire taller ballerinas?

The accordion, otherwise called a piano with suspenders.

I have composed some great songs like, "Waiter, Take Away The Fly From The Soup; I Want To Dine Alone," "If You Think You've Reached The Bottom, Look Down" and "How Can I Miss You If You Won't Leave Me?" Also, a special tune for the IRS called, "Everything I Have Is Yours," and one for Siamese twins titled, "I Want To Go Where You Go." And let's not forget that old Italian favorite that I personalized for my cat called, "O Solo Meow."

Yesterday my wife came home and said, "Dear, there's water in the carburater." I said, "Where is the car?" "In the lake!"

I invented a method for knowing the exact temperature of the water for a baby's bath. You put the baby in the water, if the baby turns blue, the water's too cold. If the baby turns red, the water's too hot. If the baby turns white—he needed a bath.

I've been married twenty years and I'm still in love with the same woman. Hopefully my wife won't find out.

My uncle drinks a lot. I told him that alcohol is a poison that kills slowly and he said that he's not in a hurry.

Even my sister is a body builder. In fact, she's almost my brother now.

I used to box. They called me 'Laundry' because I was always hanging from the ropes.

I use to box. They called me 'Crosswords' because I entered vertically and finished horizontally.

Two years ago I spent the summer in the mountains and my wife got pregnant. Last year I spent the vacation by the sea and my wife got pregnant. This year I think I'm going to take her with me.

I wanted to be an astrologer, but I couldn't see any future in it.

(TO A SPECTATOR) Where are you from? (AFTER THE ANSWER) I'm sorry? (HE WILL REPEAT IT) I heard you the first time, I'm just sorry.

Laugh if you want, but this kept me out of the army.

Now for a different stunt, the one you've been waiting for. (LOOK INTO THE AUDIENCE)  
No sir, it's not the last one.

I know some of you have been saving your applause. Now is the time.

I'll now try the impossible. Stealing candy from a child? No, not that impossible.

Never trust a magician and never slap a man while he is chewing tobacco.

Now I'll do this. To change an annoying trick into a disgusting one, I'll do it again.

I'll repeat that for the people who forgot to applaud.

Do you know what you get if you cross an elephant with a Kangaroo? Big holes all over Australia.

(TO CLOSE AN AFTER DINNER SHOW) Now that we've all enjoyed a good meal, I'd like to remind you that wild applause burns up fifty calories a minute. So start burning!

(TO CLOSE AFTER DINNER SHOW) In conclusion, ladies and gentlemen, let us have a few moments of silence in memory of the two thousand prawns and two hundred chickens, who gave their lives to make this dinner possible.

(TO CLOSE AFTER DINNER SHOW) If anyone here hasn't enjoyed the evening, would you kindly raise your hand.....and smack yourself in the mouth!

(TO OPEN A DINNER SHOW) They say you should measure the length of your act by the same length of time you can make love. So I'd like to conclude by saying....

(TO OPEN A SHOW) I've been chosen to be your magician for tonight and frankly, at this stage, there's nothing you can do about it.

(OPENING) I think I should begin by explaining that the length of the show is based on a formula which is scaled according to the fee I'm paid; the higher the fee, the longer the show. So thank you all very much and goodnight.

(OPENING) Well, it's always great to be among friends... pity none of them turned up to-night.

(OPENING) I must say, it's always a pleasure to be in the company of civilized, decent, intelligent people.... But of course, I also enjoy evenings like these.

And now, a man who never touched alcohol, smoked cigars or chased women... until he was eleven years old!

He was born at home and when his mother saw him, *she* had to go to the hospital.

It was in his early twenties that my uncle made a major contribution to the world of medicine. He decided to stay out of it.

You are now approaching those special years when suddenly you feel you should be eating foods containing more preservatives, because... every little bit helps.

One day you will realize that you'll be able to brush your teeth and whistle at the same time.

You know you're getting old when you wake up to find your waterbed has burst. Then you remember you don't have a waterbed.

Getting old works like this: First you forget names, then you forget to pull your zipper up, then you forget to pull your zipper down.

All in all being 76 is a bit of a pain in the ass, but it does make you think. It makes you think that being 76 is a bit of a pain in the ass.

You have to realize that by age 76 there are six women for every man. I know what you're thinking, "What a stupid time to get odds like that!"

Lately my uncle has begun to get a few aches and pains. These days, his back goes out more often than he does.

But my uncle really tries very hard to keep in shape. He does fifty push-ups a day. Not intentionally. He just falls down a lot.

My uncle is a very modest man and this modesty is shown in many ways. For example, when he makes a donation to charity he does it anonymously. In fact he doesn't sign the check.

But it's not for me to stand up here and to tell you about all the great things he's done. He's almost certainly told you himself.

My father told me once, "Always aim high...so you won't wet your shoes!"

About tonight's cake, we were looking for a new kind that's made entirely out of baked beans. It tastes lousy, but it blows out its own candles.

(TOAST) May you live to be 100 years old, with an extra year to repent.

Love for me has always been like a pretzel. Twisted and salty.

My wife's a water sign. I'm a earth sign. Together we make mud.

A psychiatrist told me and my wife we should have sex every night. Now we'll never see each other.

My wife and I were happy for 20 years. Then we met.

I love being married. I was single for a long time and I just got sick of finishing my own sentences.

The population of this town never changed. Each time a woman got pregnant, someone left town.

There was a girl knocking on my hotel room door all night last night. I finally had to let her out of my room.

If you are cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you see okay?

I finally have a dental plan. I chew on the other side.

After 12 years of therapy, my psychiatrist said something that brought tears to my eyes, "No hablo ingles."

I have enough money to last me for the rest of my life... unless, of course, I buy something.

You are so poor that you can't even pay attention.

We live in an age when pizza gets to your home before the police.

If your parents never had children, chances are you won't either.

Me and my dad used to play tag. He'd drive.

My mom took me to a dog show and I won.

My mother has gossip dyslexia. She has to talk in front of people's backs.

Epitaph of an atheist: All dressed up with nowhere to go.

Thank God I'm an atheist.

Last month my uncle passed away. He was cremated. We think that's what did it.

My friend is half Italian and half Polish. So he's always putting a hit out on himself.

My best friend is half Italian and half Jewish. If he can't buy it wholesale, he steals it.

According to a new study, Italian women can hear with their breasts. Of course this is great for Italian men, because they talk with their hands.

Figure this one out... why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

I used to be an interpreter for bad mimes.

Last night, I dreamed I ate a 10-pound marshmallow, and when I woke up, the pillow was

gone.

Weather forecast for tonight: dark.

I said to my wife, "Why don't you tell me when you have an orgasm?" And she said, "Oh, you're never there!"

How did Captain Hook die? He wiped with the wrong hand.

Fall is my favorite season in Los Angeles. Watching the birds change color and fall from the trees.

I like California. In a clear day you can see the smog.

I was a poster child - for birth control.

Your mother is so fat that when she gets on the scale, it says, "To be continued."

Your sister is so ugly they have to tie bones on her neck so that the dog will play with her.

Always look out for number one - and be careful not to step in number two.

In spite of the cost of living, it's still popular.

I couldn't wait for success, so I went ahead without it.

My mother loves to clean. She'll say, "You could eat off my floor." You can eat off my floor, too. There are thousands of things down there.

When I was a little kid, I had a sandbox. It was a quicksand box. I was an only child - eventually.

When you open a bag of cotton balls, is the top one meant to be thrown away.

I had the most boring office job in the world. I used to clean the windows on envelopes.

I toss and turn for hours until I realize that making salad isn't going to relax me.

I am having amnesia and déjà vu at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before.

If you tell a joke in the forest, but nobody laughs, is it still a joke?

Comedy is like sex. The more noise you hear, the better you think you're doing.

My mother would try to rock me to sleep as a child, but I kept dodging the rocks.

"Daddy, Mommy said you should take me to the zoo." I said, "If the zoo wants you, let them come and get you!"

I grew up with six brothers. That's how I learned to dance - waiting to get into the bathroom.

The woman said, "Come over, there's nobody home." I went over... - nobody was home.

EVE: Adam, are you seeing another woman?

ADAM: What do you think, I'm made of ribs?

To my wife, double parking means on top of another car.

If you look like your passport picture you're too old to travel.

I fly around the world so much, at my last physical they found traces of feathers.

Hotels are getting bigger. I called room service at one of them and my meal arrived by UPS.

In the hotel they change the linens every day. Room 302 changes with room 303, room 302 changes with room 304....

My father was so happy when I was born that he rushed out to tell all his friends. We expect him back any day now.

I don't know if that was a strong earthquake, but my zip code changed three times.

What's on your mind - if you will allow the overstatement.

You are thinking that I suffer from insanity. No, I'm enjoying every minute of it.

This man was so skinny, he was a waste of skin.

My wife is so skinny, when she wears a fur coat she looks like a pipe cleaner.

An apple a day keeps the doctor away. An onion a day keeps everyone away.

Imagine the very first man who ever milked a cow... what could he have been thinking?

Do you know what virgins have for breakfast? No! I thought not.

Never marry for money. You can borrow it much cheaper.

Most married men tell lies for only one reason: Their wives' questions.

The biggest problem in a bachelor's life is how to explain it to his son.

Did you sleep with my wife? Not a wink!

Waiter, bring me a crocodile sandwich and make it snappy!