



# One Way Home

ONE MAGICIAN. ONE DOLLAR. ONE CRAZY ADVENTURE.

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## LOGLINE

IRISH DECEPTION ARTIST RUA IS DROPPED IN NYC WITH JUST \$1 DOLLAR IN HIS POCKET. RELYING SOLELY ON HIS SKILLS AS A MAGICIAN, HUSTLER AND CON ARTIST, HE MUST MAKE IT ACROSS THE US IN TIME TO CATCH HIS FLIGHT HOME TO DUBLIN. WILL HE MAKE IT?

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HISTORICAL HUSTLERS LIKE TITANIC THOMPSON, AMARILLO SLIM, AND THE YELLOW KID WIEHL, RUA MUST USE HIS OWN UNIQUE SKILLS TO FUND HIS TRAVEL ACROSS THE US IN SEARCH OF SOME OF HISTORY'S MOST IMPRESSIVE TRICKSTERS, CON ARTISTS AND STREET HUSTLERS, STARTING WITH JUST \$1 DOLLAR IN HIS POCKET. ALONG THE WAY HE'LL MEET THE CHARACTERS THAT INHABIT THIS DARK WORLD WHETHER THEY WANT TO APPEAR IN THE SPOTLIGHT OR REMAIN IN THE SHADOWS. EVERY EPISODE WILL FEATURE NEVER BEFORE SEEN SLEIGHT-OF-HAND MAGIC FROM OUR INTREPID IRISH HOST, ALONG WITH RECREATIONS OF SOME OF HISTORY'S MOST INFAMOUS SWINDLES.

RUA WILL ALSO TEACH OUR VIEWERS SOME DEVIOUS PROPOSITION BETS THAT THEY CAN TRY THEMSELVES AT HOME OR DOWN THE LOCAL TO WIN A FREE DRINK.





## RUA

AS A TEENAGER RUA WAS AN ENTHUSIASTIC FIRE-PERFORMER, UNTIL A HORRIFIC ACCIDENT LEFT HIM WITH SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE BURNS ON HIS CHEST AND HANDS. DURING HIS RECOVERY A FRIEND GAVE HIM A BOOK ABOUT CARD TRICKS, WHICH HELPED CHANGE HIS DIRECTION IN LIFE. RUA WAS A QUICK LEARNER AND SOON BEGAN A CAREER PERFORMING MAGIC AT EVERY GIVEN OPPORTUNITY. HE DISCOVERED THAT IT WAS HIS ESCAPE FROM THE INJURIES HE SUFFERED AND A PORTAL INTO A WORLD INHABITED BY THOSE WILLING TO USE THEIR SKILLS FOR BOTH GOOD AND EVIL.



RUA'S NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCE LED HIM TO EMBRACE MAGIC AND DECEPTION ARTISTRY AS A MEANS TO ENTERTAIN AND BRING JOY TO THOSE HE SHARES HIS SKILLS WITH. AS A HUGE HARRY HOUDINI FAN, RUA STUDIED ESCAPOLOGY TO SHOW HIMSELF AND HIS AUDIENCE THAT EVERY IMPOSSIBILITY IS POSSIBLE TO OVERCOME. HE LIVES AND BREATHE DECEPTION. HE HAS 'THE WORLD INVITES DECEPTION' TATTOOED ON HIS ARM IN LATIN, PLAYING CARDS TATTOOED ON HIS WRIST, ALONG WITH HOUDINI'S DYING WORDS TATTOOED ON HIS BODY.

SINCE THEN, HE HAS STARRED IN HIS OWN 10 - PART SERIES, 'DRAÍOCHT', WITH IRISH NETWORK TG4, AND HAS ALSO BEEN FEATURED ON NATIONAL TELEVISION 11 TIMES IN IRELAND.

# Episode One: NYC

## The Handcuff King



RUA ARRIVES IN  
NEW YORK CITY.



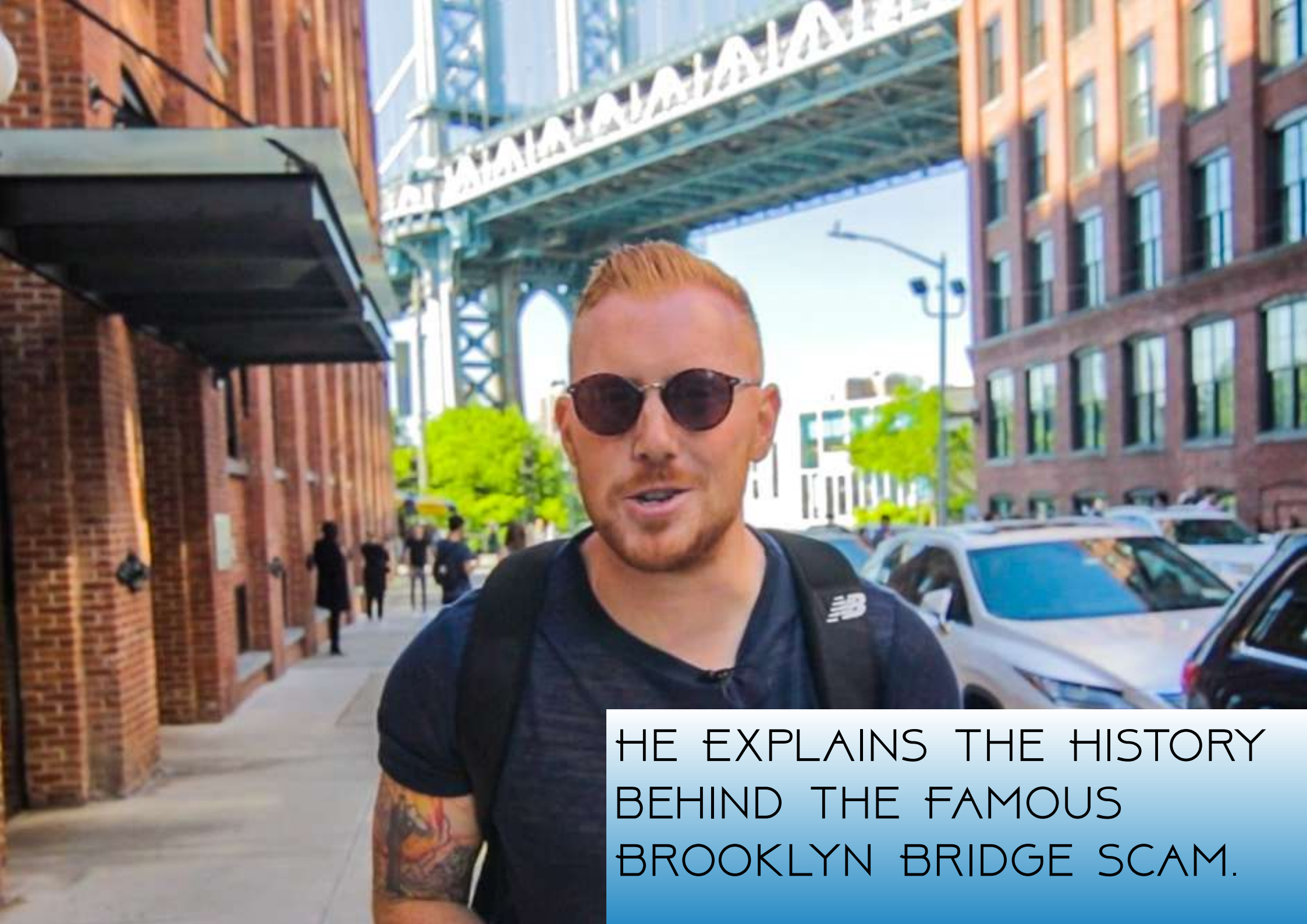
HE PERFORMS  
FOR EVERYBODY  
HE MEETS!









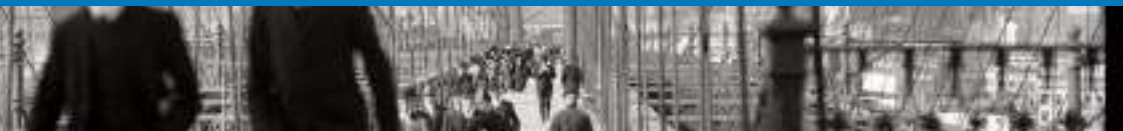


HE EXPLAINS THE HISTORY  
BEHIND THE FAMOUS  
BROOKLYN BRIDGE SCAM.





AMERICA'S GREATEST  
CONMAN, GEORGE PARKER,  
USED TO SELL THE BRIDGE TO  
PASSERSBY, IN AN ILLEGAL  
GET RICH QUICK SCHEME!



BROOKLYN BRIDGE'S  
"SELLER" SENT TO  
SING SING FOR LIFE

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Parker, 68 Now, Resigned to





RUA MEET'S KEVIN, WHO  
ASKS RUA TO PERFORM IN  
HIS BAR, IN RETURN FOR  
FREE DRINKS AND FOOD.  
RUA GLADLY ACCEPTS!









KEVIN LETS RUA STAY THE  
NIGHT ON A SOFA IN HIS  
BASEMENT IN BROOKLYN.



KEVIN ADVISES RUA TO GO  
TO 'TIMES SQUARE' TO  
EARN MORE DOLLARS.



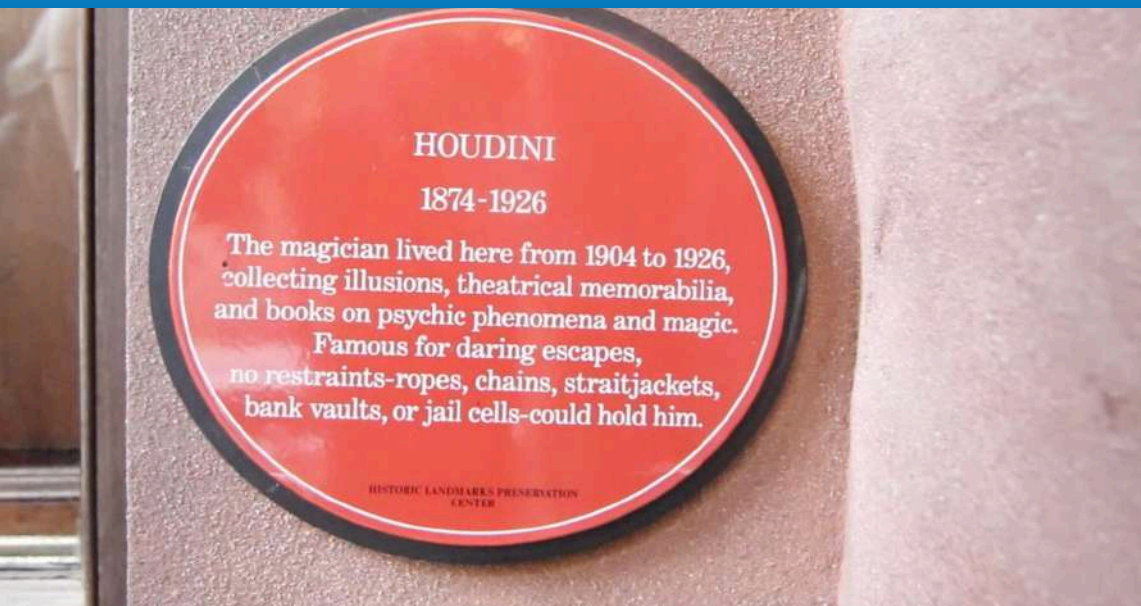
BUT FIRST, RUA IS  
DETERMINED TO FIND  
THE HOME OF HIS  
LIFELONG HERO, HARRY  
HOUDINI.







AFTER A LOT OF LOOKING, HE FINDS IT! HE THEN TALKS ABOUT WHY HOUDINI WAS SUCH AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN HISTORY.







NEXT STOP, TIMES  
SQUARE.













EVEN BATMAN IS  
IMPRESSED!







THE DOLLARS  
ROLL IN!





RUA WILL CLOSE THE  
EPISODE, WITH ONE OF  
HIS DEATH DEFYING  
STUNTS!







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IN HONOR OF HIS  
HERO, THE  
HANDCUFF KING,  
HARRY HOUDINI!





