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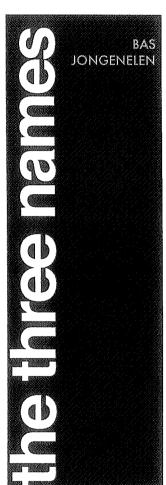
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## **EFFECT:**

Two spectators are each asked to think of a girl's name (because your sister in law is pregnant and names are a big issue at the moment in your family.) You explain that you have a boy's name in your head, and you ask the spectators to think what this boy's name might be. You write three names on a three sheets of paper and you put the sheets in a bowl. The two spectators come up with Rose and Lily (for instance, they can come up with any other girl's name). Ask the spectators what they think the name you had in mind was. 'John,' one of them says. The three sheets of papers or taken out of the bowl and the three names are revealed:

- (1) Rose
- (2) Lily
- (3) John

Do this wow-effect yourself. It's impromptu and easy to perform, but it will give you a great satisfaction; and it will leave the audience puzzled.

The Three Names is completely self working, it's a really easy to do mental effect. Especially for beginners in mentalism, because The Three Names does not use difficult moves or other typical magician's gadgets.

This impromptu mental effect can be done anywhere. All you need is a pen or pencil, three pieces of paper and a bowl or glass. Don't use your own, ask at the bar or at the one who is throwing the party.

## PREPARATION:

Actually, there is no preparation. All you need to have is:

- a pen or pencil
- three sheets of paper. Take care that all sheets are equally of size
- a bowl or a glass, even a hat; something to put the three sheets of paper in after they have been folded.

## **PERFORMANCE:**

In front of you, you have a few sheets of paper, a pen or pencil and a bowl or glass.

You say that your sister in law is pregnant. She is going to have her first baby, so she is very full of it. That reminds you of an experiment with mind reading names. You ask two spectators to come up.

You say: 'There is a 60 - 70 % chance that the baby is going to be a girl, so we are looking for a girl's name.' You point at the first spectator and ask: 'Please think of a girl's name. It could be your wife's name, or your mothers. Or the name of the girl next door. Or a random name that pops into your head. Don't say the name out loud, just think of the name.'

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