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## **“NO EXCUSES, NO WHINING!” ULTIMATE ENDURANCE CHALLENGE**

**MORGAN STREBLER** **VS** **CRISS ANGEL**  
“The People’s Magician”                      “The Mindfreak”

January 7, 2007 – LAS VEGAS, NEVADA – Let the games begin! Morgan Strebler, master illusionist and internationally renowned Psycho-Kinesis (PK) superstar, today issued a brash, “no holds barred”, public challenge to “Mindfreak” magician, Criss Angel, on WLIR’s “Real Radio Show” with Frankie Dee in New York City.

Morgan boldly declared, “Criss likes to issue challenges. Now, I’m bringing one directly to his doorstep! Criss looks good when he performs in a controlled environment with multiple camera angles and creative editing. And, he’s pretty good at making balloon animals for the kiddies. Let see how well he does in the real world! Let’s see how well he does with head-to-head magic on a live stage, in the street, and strapped to a table for 24/7 Chinese water torture until one of us breaks.....ONE camera, NO split screens and BOTH of us in full view at all times! Someone has to look out for the legions of loyal fans of legitimate magic. I am tired of seeing them disrespected and subjected to “magic” that is long on camera tricks and short on talent!”

For the finale of their proposed challenge, Morgan said he chose Chinese water torture because, “.....it is the ultimate, centuries old torture technique used to break down the strongest of men. The slow dripping of water onto the forehead has driven many victims insane. The relentless cycle of apprehension, tension, shock and relief eventually leads to a total breakdown.”

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Talking directly to Angel, Morgan ratcheted up the rhetoric by stating, “Criss, you’re busy. I’m busy. So what?!? Call my management and let’s work out the details. You like to talk smack and issue challenges to others. Now, the shoe’s on the other foot! Don’t duck this challenge because I won’t stop until you answer. Remember, everyone’s watching, Criss! “No!” is not an excuse. It’s your admission of defeat. And, to ignore my challenge is the ultimate insult to all magic fans around the world!”

Further, Morgan asserted, “Magic and its loyal fans need more reality, more honesty.....and less deception. If Criss decides to show up, that will all change! Let the live audience see everything. Let the television audience see everything. Let’s stream it on the World Wide Web and let the world see everything! NO breaks! NO intermissions! Who’s better to monitor this competition than magic fans?! Let’s both give our fans what they really want and deserve.....unfiltered, unedited magic talent and entertainment!”

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