

What did Rudy have to do with Houdini's last performance in Montreal?

Answer: When Max Malini and his son Ozzie arrived at the Princess Theatre to attend Houdini's last performance in Montreal, they found him in a "hyper" state. Rudy had escaped backstage and Houdini was on a wild chase to catch him. Max told Houdini, "Let the stagehands get him, Harry." Houdini answered, "I'm the only one who can handle them." As the Malinis were seeing Houdini off at the train station, he told them, "I let a college kid punch me in the stomach and he caught me wrong and its killing me."

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