



The Manila Phantom

SPECIFICATIONS:

Date: Unknown. Circa 2005

Location: Manila, Philippines (Eastwood City)

Photographer: Unknown

Type Camera: Nokia 7250

Other Information: Photo taken by a passerby upon request of the women in the photo.

This picture made the rounds on the internet a few years ago and though that alone is enough to make one suspicious of its authenticity, it's still an interesting photo. Supposedly taken in Manila (Eastwood City), the story goes that these young ladies had asked a passing stranger to photograph them with their camera phone when the transparent figure on the right appeared. Further details are unknown.

While I admit this could be a Photo-shop trick, if it is, it's a good one. Notice how the apparition seems almost transparent except for the arm, which looks remarkably solid, which is not an easy thing to do in any photo manipulation program (though not impossible). This could also be hoaxed by setting a long exposure time and having some-

one stand in frame for a time and then pull back out of the way while the girls stood as still as statues, but that would be tough to do with a little cellphone camera unless one really knew what they were doing. To me, the photo has an air of authenticity about it and doesn't strike me as being staged in any way, but then again, I could be wrong.

Notice how the apparition in the photo almost appears to be naked! Either a clever fake or a compelling photo!

