FAKIR FAKE OUT

Bet you can lift a jar of rice with a knife!

THE SETUP
You will need a jar with a narrow mouth (we used a mayonnaise jar), uncooked rice, and a table knife. Fill the jar to the brim with rice. Stab it quickly a number of times with the knife. The level of rice goes down because the stabbing causes the grains to pack together tightly. Add rice to the jar to keep it filled. After twenty or thirty stabs, give a quick, long thrust into the rice with the knife. The knife will stick into the rice so you can lift the entire jar with the knife handle.

INSIDER INFORMATION
The preliminary knife stabs rearrange the rice grains so they become packed tightly enough to press against the knife blade with a force that will allow you to lift the jar into the air.
We called this trick “Fakir Fake Out” because it is a common stunt performed at Indian fairs.