TMNT Vol. I #1 (Mirage)
1st Printing Authentication

1. COVER

a. Validate the cover is a 1st Printing cover.

i. EXTERIOR

- FRONT
  a. Use this guide for exterior front cover identification.
- BACK
  a. No scraping/scratching/blurring running horizontal through center/middle.
  b. Fine red/white crosshatching present throughout Shredder's shadow.
  c. Copyright year of "1984" in lower left corner with "$1.50" price below the year.

ii. INTERIOR

- FRONT
  a. No printing designation below "QUENTIN EASTMAN" in upper L. corner (2nd Printing has "SECOND PRINTING / JUNE, 1984" shown there).
  b. Mirage Studios address is "Dover, New Hampshire" (3rd Printing has "Sharon, Connecticut").
- BACK
  a. Ad for Gobbledygook #1 & #2 with copyright year of "1983" at the bottom (2nd Printing has an ad for the T-Shirt Iron-Ons).
  b. Mirage Studios address is "Dover, New Hampshire."

2. INTERIOR PAGES

a. Validate ALL of the following unique printing characteristics.
NOTE: It is the combination of ALL of these characteristics together that properly identifies a 1st Printing since these same characteristics also exist (or have slight variations) in the 2nd Printing.

i. Page 15 – The name "**NAGI'S**" in the first word bubble.
- 2nd Printing has the name corrected to be "**SAKI'S**" and, in the 3rd Printing, the name returns to "**NAGI'S**."

ii. Page 25 – Presence of a line outside the left-most page boundary (center); caused by how the negatives were stripped.

iii. Page 29 – Missing (disconnected) line of artwork in the lower right corner, just above the page number ("29"); caused by a piece of red lithographer's tape placed on the negative. See this article for more detailed information.

iv. Page 33 – Presence of a line outside the left-most page boundary (top); caused by how the negatives were stripped. See this article for more detailed information.

v. Page 35 – Presence of two small lines outside the bottom-most page boundary (right); caused by how the negatives were stripped. See this article for more detailed information.

vi. Page 38 – Warped line of the bottom-most art box (left); caused by a defect in either the printing plate or press blanket. See this article for more detailed information.
- 2nd Printing has the full line – not warped – AND has the presence of two small lines outside the bottom-most page boundary (left & near center); caused by how the negatives were stripped.

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