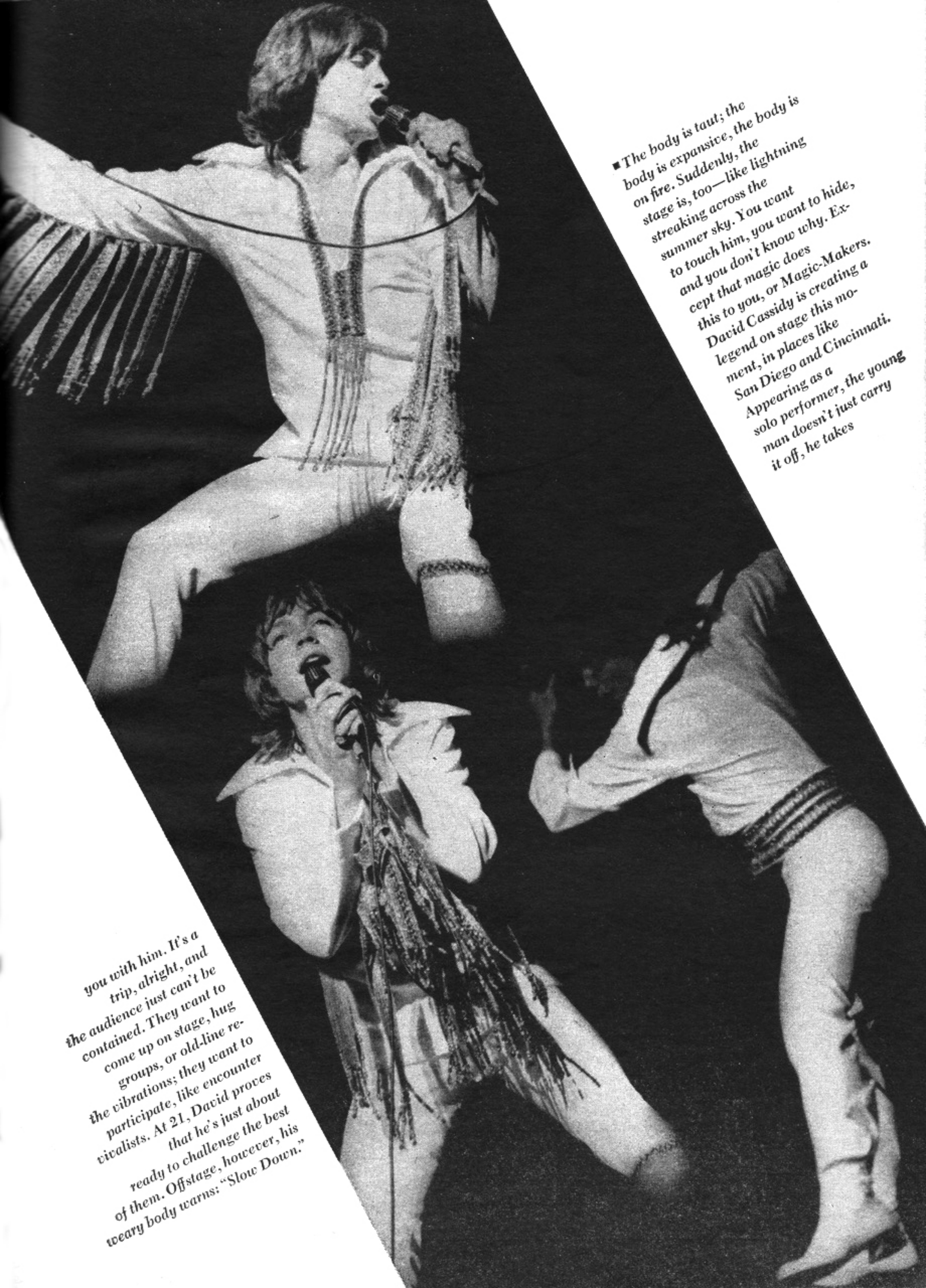

■ *The body is taut; the body is expansive, the body is on fire. Suddenly, the stage is, too—like lightning streaking across the summer sky. You want to touch him, you want to hide, and you don't know why. Except that magic does this to you, or Magic-Makers. David Cassidy is creating a legend on stage this moment, in places like San Diego and Cincinnati. Appearing as a solo performer, the young man doesn't just carry it off, he takes you with him. It's a trip, alright, and the audience just can't be contained. They want to come up on stage, hug groups, or old-line revibrations; they want to participate, like encounter vivalists. At 21, David proves that he's just about ready to challenge the best of them. Offstage, however, his weary body warns: "Slow Down."*