

## THE GAMBLERS

Too bad you can't kill Grandpa now. Yes, dear ol' Grandpa (God rest his soul), who taught you how to shoot hoops, ride a bike, and play five card draw. Playing him for nickels was fun; playing your friends for quarters even better. In college, you tried to support yourself delivering pizza. But you made a lot of extra money hustling pool and scamming your frat brothers at 7-card stud. So much extra cash, in fact, that you dropped out of UCLA. Started playing the ponies at Santa Anita and making weekly pilgrimages to Vegas.

Ah, Vegas. That cursed hell-hole of never ceasing neon, Satan's playground, and the home of Misty, the chorus girl with the biggest bazooms you'd ever seen. Well, at least the biggest ones you ever touched. You wanted to marry her, move her back to LA and start her movie career... but that took \$money\$. More than you had. You started playing the bigger games, always for higher stakes, without a clue of the big boys' rules.

So now Big Guido is searching for you -- says you owe him an arm and a leg. Literally. Misty swooned when she saw that first stack of G-notes -- too bad they weren't yours. You're running for your life, but you just know that if you can make that one big score, you can get Misty back and pay off Guido. When you were younger, you did a favor for a very powerful man. Maybe he can help you now...

1. He made you an offer you can't refuse  
But you must be cautious, and leave no clues  
Men with power always have big bucks  
And if they flaunt it, they're sitting ducks  
You must deliver a message for him  
Although the task will be mighty grim  
But you're certain you will be rewarded  
So do not let your plan be thwarted  
ON PCH, start heading south  
(You're taking a risk, don't open your mouth)  
Right on Crenshaw, past some hills that roll  
A recycling center is near your mole.

2. The offer's delivered, but you still have no cash  
Time for you to make a quick dash  
You'll need to find where the natives play  
To see if you can take their dough away  
That gold digging Misty has gone astray  
To get her back you must not delay  
On the Coastal highway you'll hit pay dirt  
Hopefully, you won't lose your shirt  
careful the booze doesn't leave you beguiled

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For poker's the game, and Deuces are wild.

3. Oh my GOD!! It can't be true!!!  
Yet the evidence is in front of you.  
You had hopes to see your gal once more  
But after you'd pulled off your big score  
Misty's career has taken a dive  
You must rescue her while she's still alive  
That powerful man with lots of dough  
Turned her film career into porno  
She sent you a missive, she wants to get out  
East past the freeway you'll follow your route  
Be careful to watch your numbers' range,  
For like roulette their sequence will change,  
But with these cards, you'll want to double-down  
To get both your hits before you leave town  
Further south, and do not tarry  
For a message she will carry.

4. Still no word, and you're afraid  
That pretty soon, you'll be "made"  
You know you must come up with dough  
But in this strange town, where do you go?  
After a Long ride, you'll face a new test,  
Beach, you can play with the best  
This hoppin' spot on the Ocean sits  
But you won't mistake this for the Ritz!  
Once inside, Stanley shows you the action...  
Careful not to drink to distraction! At the

5. Your cash supply is getting mighty tight  
But don't give in to needless fright  
Your benefactor still remembers you  
And calls you back to follow through  
On the promise he made to end  
Your "legal" problems with Guido & friend  
He'll give you instructions, very detailed  
So listen carefully, and don't get nailed  
The charming canals will bring fond remembrance  
Of a long past innocence  
There with the Don you must convene  
He's waiting in his limousine  
So keep going past the Toledo bend  
Through narrow streets your way must wend.

6. You have never been more afraid  
Than to borrow money from a man who's made  
Now you're out and in one piece  
And your cash he did increase  
But as in life, you sometimes lose  
And he bore both good and bad news  
The good news was the gift of bread  
And not on terms that you would dread  
Unfortunately, he had bad news too  
Now poor Misty you must pursue  
With that scum bag, she's in too deep  
And might be ready for that permanent sleep  
Don't start to prematurely grieve  
She may yet have a chance to leave  
But she'll need you to get there fast  
If this rescue is to pass  
Snake eyes aren't lucky, but if you use one  
You'll learn which route you should be on  
At the Beach, you'll head east.  
To save her from that amoral beast  
The place she's in smells of death  
Get there quick before her last breath  
Don't crap out now, it's Misty's head!  
Try your luck with blue green orange yellow red

7. The name was right, but that was all  
Now you've run into a brick wall  
If you can't find her, your choice is clear:  
Find out if some gambling is near!  
Your luck's not that bad, you're feeling hot  
A game of chance might hit the spot  
A quaint little barn is just a ruse  
Once you're there, you can't lose  
The slots are fun and you know how to play  
When the bars come up, you've hit payday!  
If you want a cool spot to play this game  
Continue east on the street up which you came  
But don't forget Misty, you must Warn her  
At this point, she'll think you've scorned her  
Just finding her would leave you elated  
But cash and the girl is so complicated!  
You need money in your wallet, not your mouth  
For she's a Magnolia of the South.

8. The slots were hot! You're high as a rocket  
Now that you have some cash in your pocket  
But playing for quarters isn't enough  
You need to prove you have the right stuff  
Betting on sports is an easy trick  
With a little knowledge, you make money quick  
But you bookie in Vegas won't call you back  
For you owe him 10G's from playing blackjack  
That's just a well, for you've found a place  
Where no one will recognize your face  
Use three numbers that equal nine  
To take you near a coast sublime  
Harbors are always found near Ports  
So make a plan to watch your sports!  
Be on the look out for something New  
Cross the bridge for a better view  
You'll want to make sure you can see the action  
A view of the big screen will bring satisfaction  
A place by the door might be good to sit  
In case you need a speedy exit  
When you hit your first win, don't leave too fast  
Or an extra bonus might be passed
9. You thought you knew baseball, and football too  
But today the odds were against you  
Who would have guessed that Tampa Bay  
Would beat the Giants in a lop-sided display?  
Despite you losses, you think you're still hot  
You're itching for a new gambling spot  
In all this wandering and rambling  
You've become hooked on gambling!  
You know the men that have the power  
Would never let this suing devour  
For they have seen the enormous price  
Of giving in to this vice  
They're all strong Catholics and believe in the Church  
Maybe for redemption you should now search  
The Sermon on the Mount said "Blessed are the meek"  
And in this manner you shall seek  
For you need a powerful benediction  
To overcome your gambling addiction

Little clues - THE GAMBLERS

1. leads to stables - on tape

(AT Stables - leads to 4 Deuces)

2. You need to get out of here with due speed  
And leave behind this gorgeous steed  
For it's Misty you're really after  
You long to here her lusty laughter  
You've heard rumors that she was around  
But without money, you don't want to be found  
This offer of money won't come through right away  
So now some cards you would like to play  
Want some advice? Try a local's game  
Crenshaw east will take you to same  
At the little highway, take a right  
In five blocks, you'll see the light  
You'll feel like a poker mastermind  
By hitting the lowest four of a kind  
You know they don't play in the store  
Or they would get caught for sure  
The LA Times won't send a reporter  
But it will help you, without a quarter

(AT 4 DEUCES - Leads to bookstore on back of porno tape)

- 3.a) You'll need a place to watch this show

But who will play this video?  
Across that little boney street  
If you're Lucky, you will meet  
A man called John who knows your need  
So go to Lindsey's with all speed  
Ask for him and you'll do no wrong  
If you sing him this little song:

*'Look at me, I'm as helpless as a kitten up a tree,  
And I feel like I'm clinging to a cloud, and I can't understand, I  
get Misty, just holding your hand...'*

Little clues - THE GAMBLERS-(cont)

- b) I know you think this looks awfully bold  
But I'm being watched, so this is in code:  
"I know how shameful this must look  
If you can't handle it, go read a Book  
We're both Adults, so I'll tell you straight  
It's your body I've grown to hate  
I know you love to play Roulette  
So go ahead and place your damn bet!  
The lady in red knows where to go  
Watch her play after green zero  
If you still want to be mine,  
I'll be waiting inside at number nine.  
When you see me, cut me some slack  
To avoid suspicion, I'll be in the back."

(at book store - leads to Sheraton, in matchbook)

4. When you see the sign you'll know  
To which table you should go  
You won't have time to grab a beer  
But the winning should be easy here

(at Sheraton - leads to Sicilian St, Naples)

5. "So, you still don't have the cash you need  
Your problem, my friend, is one of greed  
But this one time, I'll intercede  
And tell you how you should proceed

I've gone back to the old country  
To visit the Pope and "family"  
We come back here periodically

When our safety we must guarantetee

You did me a favor, so I'm still your pal  
I'll be waiting by the old canal  
This now puts you in my debt  
Don't lean to far, you might get wet

*(at Naples - leads to Pet Cemetery - leave with mini-dice)*

6. Here's some cash to get you through  
But now I have bad news for you  
I heard Misty's in trouble now  
She's in with a family I disavow  
Since she's your girl, I thought I'd try  
To persuade Big Daddy to comply  
But my request, he did ignore  
Due to politics, I can do no more  
I can give you all the info I got  
From there, the riddles you must unknot  
I can tell you she's left LB  
To where Hunters spread their agony  
On your left, a Beach may please  
With the smell of the Sea on the Breeze  
Once you're there, you'll need to tip-toe  
You'll find her in the 24th row  
The rows are marked rather haphazardly  
Try the northern wall, covered in ivy

*(at pet cemetery - leads to mini-golf)*

7. Obviously the informant was screwed up  
To think that Misty could be this pup  
Now that you can stop and relax  
You can start hustling for green backs  
The slots can provide needed recreation  
And improve your financial situation  
No more will you be bereft  
At a flowering tree, take a left  
Now's the time for Games and Fun  
If you stick to course number one.

*(at mini-golf in slot machine - leads to DP's)*

8.                    **D.P.'S**                    **AT 3110**                    **NEWPORT BLVD.**  
                         **UNDER**                    **TABLE BY**                    **WINDOW**

(at DP's - leads to Our Lady of Mount Carmel chapel)

9. Word is already getting around  
That you've been going all over town  
The Godfather knows things are out of hand  
And you're not winning as you planned  
Before you get trapped in a loan shark's lair  
He thinks you should turn to the power of prayer  
Don't leave this pub, for it's here you'll find  
The address to the chapel he had in mind  
The jerseys are famous, that much you know  
Now casually walk to the front window  
At first you may not know one iota  
Until you see Andreaux and Manny Mota  
Andreaux goes in the middle of Mota's number  
Now go to Balboa, and do not slumber  
Don't bother to order a Bloody Mary  
You'll find in person she's rather scary

(at chapel - leads to house in mini deck of cards)

**FINAL:** Well, what do ya know? You tried to go straight  
But finding these cards has to be fate  
What made you think the Church hates gambling so?  
They've always sponsored weekly Bingo!  
But this time luck is on your side  
Because these cards Misty did hide  
You can't believe it! These cards are marked!  
Now you can pay back that tyrant loan shark  
To win you'll need the highest hand  
Then you can rest upon the sand  
Hearts are the suit she did modify  
You'll need a Royal Flush, ace high.



The Gamblers' Tape

(at beginning - to lead to stables)

Brando's voice:

"So, you come to me asking for a favor. Everybody asks me for favors. But what can I do? I;m not the police. Did you go to the police? Well, I'm just a humble businessman, but maybe I can help. You did a favor for me once, and I honor my obligations. You are a man of respect. But, I'll need your help too. This man you're up against, Guido the loan shark, he's small time, an errand boy. Someone more powerful is after you - better for you if you don't know. Now, I'll write a little note for you, I'll make him an offer to call this whole thing off. But you must deliver this note. He owns several thoroughbred race horses - very nice horses - and keeps an office in his stables. You won't want to face him, so just drop my offer in the blue pouch by his door. Don't read my note now - better you don't get too involved. You do this thing I ask of you - I'll be in touch with you later."



