



Las Vegas Part 2 Conversation

like a kid in the candy store: to be very excited about something

run into a lot of temptation: to have a lot of things that you would want to do

hangin' out: casually passing time

caught up in the moment: to become completely involved in something

hittin' the ATM: to take money out of the bank

threw their lives away: destroyed (or ruined) their lives

Joe: I'll tell ya, when I think about you going to college in Vegas, it just, I.... It's so hard for me to believe because I think of myself going to college when I was 18. And, y'know, I just, I would have been **like a kid in the candy store** there.

Jaeson: [laugh] Yeah, well, you do **run into a lot of temptation** there. Uh, y'know, and especially as a college student and you're **hangin' out** with other folks. And, y'know, the, the bars are open all night...

Joe: It's your first time living on your own...

Jaeson: First time away from home, exactly.

Joe: ...yeah, exactly. So is, is UNLV actually on the strip?

Jaeson: Um, it's close. You're like about a couple of miles away from the strip. But it's, y'know, it's probably like walking distance from some casinos. Because, y'know, not all the casinos are on the strip, uh...

Joe: Oh my gosh.

Jaeson: ...y'know, some of them, some of them are off the strip. And there's, y'know, there's even like bars where they have like video poker and...

Joe: On campus?

Jaeson: ...blackjack. Like right across the street.

Joe: Oh man. You know that they just want to entice the, uh, students to come out and gamble.

Jaeson: Oh yeah, y'know, and some people, y'know, they get, y'know they have a problem or whatever. Or they get **caught up in the moment** and they just start gamblin'. And then they lose and they start **hittin' the ATM** and.... And losin' some more tryin' to win it back and, y'know, it's...I saw...

Joe: It's an ugly cycle.

Jaeson: ...yeah, I had a couple of good friends who, uh.... Man they just kinda **threw their, their lives away** almost just gambling, all the time, y'know.



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Joe: Wait, did they gamble, were they gamblers before they arrived in town? Or...

Jaeson: Y'know, maybe **a little bit**. But it's just, it's always right there. There's always that temptation, y'know? And, y'know, I don't know, none of them really had, had **the kind of money** to where they should be, could be gamblin', y'know the, the amounts that they were talkin' about. Like, uh, Gina's friend Foo, one time he had to borrow like 5,000 dollars from us to cover some...

Joe: What?

Jaeson: ...yeah, yeah, he had gambled away some money off his mom's credit card.

Joe: Oh man, did she find out?

Jaeson: Uh, no, coz that's, that's why he wanted to borrow the money from us. Y'know, so...

Joe: Oh, **I got you**, to pay before she saw it.

Jaeson: Yeah, yeah coz if his parents saw the bill and, and figured out that he was gamblin' away the money on their credit cards, they would totally **lose their cool**.

Joe: Yeah.

Jaeson: I mean...[laugh]

Joe: Yeah...

Jaeson: They would, they would **flip out** on him.

Joe: Yeah, I'm not surprised. My parents **would have killed me...**

Jaeson: [laugh]

Joe: ...if that would have happened. Y'know, they wouldn't have been laughing, I'll tell you that.

Jaeson: Oh yeah, well, y'know, you lose that kind of money, it'll make, it'll make even the, the hardened, y'know, guy **break down and, and cry**, y'know.

a little bit: a small amount

the/that kind of money: a lot of money

I got you: I understand

lose their cool: to get angry or upset

flip out: to get angry or upset; same as lose your cool

would have killed me: would have been very angry at me

break down and cry: to cry



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Joe: Yeah, yeah, I'm sure.

Jaeson: [laugh] It's no fun, man. That's why, y'know, I never really got into gamblin' that much, uh, y'know. I just, I, I did, like they flew me out there for my recruiting trip, to be on...

Joe: Wait, wait, recruiting trip?

Jaeson: Yeah, I was on the diving team there...at UNLV.

Joe: Oh at the college?

Jaeson: Yeah, springboard diving.

Joe: Wait, you mean like what we see in the Olympics?

Jaeson: Yep.

Joe: Oh, man. I can't wait to see...

Jaeson: Yeah.

Joe: next time we go to a place where there's a pool and a diving board, you're gonna have to show me some of these tricks.

Jaeson: Yeah, y'know, I've got some, uh, I've got some tricks that I...

Joe: [laugh]

Jaeson: ...that I can use. Y'know, I would do, y'know, the worst are the hardest ones. I would do like a front three and a half or, y'know, a back two and a half. I did three meters and one meter springboard. Y'know, we did practices. So I didn't really get the chance to gamble that much. Coz after classes, y'know, I would have to go to, uh, go to diving practice and **bang out** my dives...

Joe: Yeah.

Jaeson: ...so, um...

Joe: I mean, I just, uh, I would just imagine though, since you're actually there it's like

bang out: to do quickly



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when in Rome:

behaving the same way as a certain group of people

when in Rome, y'know, like you're gonna start gambling.

Jaeson: Yeah, y'know, for a lot of people it's just a quarter here or there. Like, y'know, you've got to do your laundry so you, you pop a quarter in the machine as you walk by and...

Joe: Oh, they have them at the laundromat, too?

Jaeson: ...if you win. Oh yeah, at the 7-11s...

Joe: Oh man!

Jaeson: [laugh]

(a)round the clock: all the time

Joe: My gosh. Y'know, it's just like, it's, no matter where you go there's gambling **round the clock**.

Jaeson: Yeah, yeah, I mean it's, it's definitely, y'know.... They're, they're definitely watching, uh watching people gamblin' around the clock. Of course there is no clocks there, which makes it easier for you to **lose track of time**.

lose track of time: to forget what time it is

Joe: Yeah, you know what I hear is, uh, they actually, uh don't put the clocks up. So when you're in the casino you never, like, think of "oh it's too late, I need to leave."

Jaeson: Yeah, exactly, uh, y'know, you just, the only way you know is, is when you've lost all your money and...

Joe: [laugh] Oh, and then it's time to go home.

game over: the end; to be finished

Jaeson: ...**game over!** Time to go home.

get hitched: to get married

Joe: But I guess if uh, if you, actually, uh, made enough money and you met a pretty girl then maybe it's time to go **get hitched** [laugh].

tyin' the knot: getting married

Jaeson: Yeah, well, y'know, I, uh, Vegas is the, the town with the most wedding chapels per capita in, in the entire world. So there's a lot of people there **tyin' the knot**, y'know, gettin' hitched. They have signs there. Michael Jordon got married there and Elizabeth Taylor and, y'know.... It's **a pretty big deal**.

a pretty big deal: very important

Joe: Yeah.



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Jaeson: I got married there, um, but...

Joe: Yeah.

Jaeson: ...that's, that's, uh, that was a long time ago. Eight years now we've been married.

Joe: Wow. Well it's all worked out so that's great.

Jaeson: Yeah.