

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

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[At last issue we found Eddie and his partner Jack about to begin a "draw for partners" Tournament at a place in Las Vegas, called the "House of Bottles Tavern". Everything had gone real well so far - and Eddie was hoping things would stay that way! -- REMINDER TO ALL: FRISCO EDDIE'S STORIES ARE FICTIONAL]

The "Turkey Shoot" began. Eddie and Jack weren't up until the second game, so they had a chance to get a feel for the action by watching. Most of the players were "free-handers", and this was, for the most part, an amateur affair. Most of the players were happy to see some "Pro's" show up though, as they felt it may give them a chance to improve their own games. Although the entry fee for this one was very low, the Owner of the Bar tripled the Pot, and they only paid two spots, with about 90% going to the win end, so it was worth the effort.

It wasn't a "walk" by any means, mainly because Jack had some problems pinning down the speed, and the radical drifts on the board. They ended up winning though, but not with a big margin. On "Fearless Franks" suggestion, and because they held the board having won the thing, they split up, each taking one of the less skilled players, and played doubles. They each gave pointers to their partners, while several of the others watched and listened in. They decided to take on new partners after each game, so they were able to help out several of the players - and it was appreciated. Everyone was having fun, and they couldn't even buy a drink!

After they took a break from that, Frank and "Quickshot Craig", and the both of them took a table to relax a little. While Eddie was discussing what may lie in store for them at the place they were going to play the next day with Frank, Jack had begun to notice something. For a while now, several really pretty "knockout" gals had been strolling in and out of the Bar. He mentioned to Craig that he'd "sure would like to have a date" with one of the prettiest ones that had come in.

That comment was overheard, and Craig, Frank, and Eddie gave each other little winks. Then Eddie (with a grin on his face) turned to Craig and said: "It looks like our man Jack here has fallen in love! You tend bar here - do you think you might be able to help him out?" So Craig (again with the coy little smile) said: "I see the one you mean, and I know her."

Just what would your intentions be if something could be arranged?" His reply was: "Well now, I'd probably just ask to buy her a drink, and then (if things were going good) I'd try to take her out to a late dinner, and just get to know her a little better, and who knows from there?!"

After getting a quick nod from Eddie and Frank, Chris made his reply: "Ok, Mister 'Human Tripod', here's how it's going to work. I'll go over there and speak to her - in your behalf, and when I give the 'thumbs up', you come over and I'll introduce you. Now you'll be on your own from

there ok!" Jack had a Big smile on his face then, and said: "Ok partner - let her rip!"

Eddie and Frank pretended to be making small talk while Craig strolled over to where the girls were seated. For some reason, Craig stopped to say a few words to this huge gangster looking dude who had been kind of hovering around the girls area. After a few words with the now "love of Jack's life", Craig gave the "thumbs up", and motioned him to come over. Jack's eyes went wide, and he had a Big smile on his face as he made his way over to what was surely going to be "paradise"!

When he arrived, Craig said: "Jackie, I'd like to introduce you to a friend of mine. Her name is 'Candy', and trust me, there is none sweeter." Craig bid his adieu then, and joined the others at their table. Jack just looked into her beautiful eyes - and he was totally speechless! After seeing his dilemma, Candy said: "Well now Jackie boy - why don't you just take a seat next to me here, so we can get better acquainted." After Jack regained his composure somewhat, he ordered their drinks - and a very "sincere" conversation began between the two.

Frank, Craig, and Eddie were hardly able to keep from totally "cracking up" as they watched Jack make his "pitch" to his newfound love. Now Candy didn't believe in long conversations - and as the three guys watched, Jack's face suddenly began to get redder and redder! He suddenly excused himself from Candy, and made a rather fast gait over to the guy's table.

The three tried to keep from busting out in laughter as Jack (in a rapid whisper) explained what had occurred during his brief visit with his newly found Sweetheart. He was very excited as he explained: "You won't believe what Candy told me about making a date with her! I don't believe it all, or understand it. She said we could go on three different kinds of dates. She actually said there was the "Quicky", or the "Standard", or the "Super Special". And then the "shocker" was - she said it would cost me \$50, \$100, and \$150 respectively!

Candy had Jack's eye now, and gave him a wink, and with a very sexy look...blew him a kiss. Jack said "Man, I don't know what to do? - I just can't do this thing!" Then Eddie got his attention, and looked him in the eye and said: "Jack - I think you should do the right thing". Jack said: "You do?!" Eddie said yes I do Lad. In fact, I'll even pay for half of the "Special" out of our winnings so you can keep your 'Date'. She's a hell of a chunk of woman there, and you need to 'grow a little'. We'll even standby right here and wait for you.

Jack looked at all three of them then and said: "Man, I can't do this!" About that time Candy blew him another sexy kiss, and motioned for him to come on. Jack couldn't keep his eyes off her, and then finally said: "Well I'll tell you what I'm gonna do guys - I'm just a gonna..."
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