

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

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(Editor's Note: In last month's issue, Lil had told her story about the man who "died" playing shuffleboard. Now, she was ready to tell Eddie the "real" reason she was in the Blue Moon Lounge...Eddie's girlfriend, Shelli, wasn't all that sure she liked that reason.)

Eddie's mind was starting to get "jacked-up" trying to figure Long Beach Lil's statement...that she was about to tell him the REAL reason she came into the Blue Moon Lounge. If it wasn't to try and take his money -- what could it be? He kept his gaze on her as she began her story. Shelli and Bob were also listening intently.

Lil began, "Eddie, I pretty much knew when I came in here that we'd be fairly evenly matched. I know for sure what you can do now, and also what you could be capable of -- with my help."

Eddie thought, "I'll be damned. She's offering me some kind of a proposition!"

Lil continued, "I can take you over to that board and in 10 minutes show you how, under certain conditions, you can double your shuffleboard winnings. Look, man, you've got a lot of skills, but not a lot of 'hustling' know-how. I know how to hustle, Eddie. I know the physical tricks, and psychological 'mind games' that could turn your present interest in the game into a money-making trade."

Shelli was taking all this in -- and she didn't like what she was hearing. She gave Lil an icy stare. She decided to let it go at that for now and listen some more. After all, she had her pride and, as a lady, she didn't want to make a public scene.

Lil went on: "What I'm really getting at here, Eddie, is that if we teamed up, we could make some serious money. We'd be a natural! We'd have an automatic upper-hand. Check this out: what they'd see out there is a 'woman' -- coupled with an unknown, young-faced kid! If we worked it my way, we'd have their money in our pockets before they even had a chance to figure out what was happening. The only problem we might have is maybe tripping over our bankrolls on the way out the door!"

Then she went on further: "What I'm getting at is that we take this show on the road for, say, one year. Then, after our 'cover' is blown, we could go for the big tournaments, and let the chips fall where they may. By that time, we'd be rolling along as smooth as a Rolls

Royce...and might even have the money to buy one!"

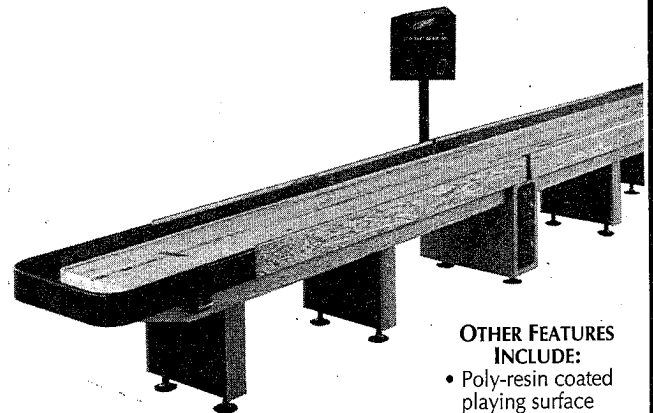
Lil looked directly into Eddie's eyes then and said, "Look, Eddie, all I'm doing now is throwing this out for you to think about. I'm only going to be in town for one or two days. Because when the word gets out about our action here tonight, I won't be able to get a game, even if I disguised myself. All I want you to do is just think it over for now; OK., just think it over."

Lil wanted to get a reaction, so she looked over at Bob first, and then at Shelli. She didn't like what she saw there -- and about that time, Shelli was on her feet and starting to head around the table to where Lil was sitting!

(Editor's Note: To see how Shelli reacts to Lil's suggestion that she take her boyfriend on the road for a year, watch for next month's "Frisco Eddie's Revenge.")

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