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# Vegas Vacation

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here in Chicago on K-LITE.

Now here's one

for all you rush-hour rockers.

The Beach Boys, Good Vibrations.

Honey, I'm home!

Hi, honey.

Smells good.

- Can I have...

- Don't, don't!

Come in here and gather around!

- I must show you something!

- My new car?

Keep dreaming.

Here, eat these.

- They're chocolate chip.

- They're delicious.

They're four years old.

Anyone for milk?

Eight years old.

It's my long-life food preservative.

It's been approved!

I got my big bonus!

- Congratulations.

- Isn't it great?

And...

that's not all.

Mr. Turner thinks a guy like...

Clark Griswold deserves a few days off.

And Clark Griswold thinks

he should take those days off and...

take his family on a fabulous vacation to...

fantastic Las Vegas!

There's nothing to do there.

Clark, I don't think that Las Vegas

is the kind of place you take a family.

Oh, come on.

Las Vegas has changed, Ellen.

It's the number-one family

destination in America.

I'm not going.

The people there are so phony.

Is there legalized prostitution?

Not within the city limits.  
But there is...  
first-class entertainment,  
beautiful scenery...  
and all the shrimp cocktail you can eat.  
Listen, everybody...  
how many more chances will we get  
to do something as a family?  
Ellen and I are always working.  
And you guys are growing up so fast  
I hardly recognize you anymore.  
Okay. There's one more reason  
why you should all go.  
I'm remarrying your mom...  
if she'll have me.  
Really, Sparky?  
What do you say? My 20th anniversary.  
I could use a best man.  
Have a bridesmaid in mind?  
- How about Audrey?  
- Audrey who?  
Dad!  
What do you say? Let's do it!  
I think this is going to be  
the greatest vacation ever.  
You know you look  
really beautiful right now?  
You know, honey...  
the guys at work tell me there's  
this club we can join if we...  
meet in the bathroom.  
Clark, are you serious?  
You love me, don't you?  
I do, but here?  
Now?  
We've been married 20 years.  
How do we do it?  
Go first, I'll be behind you.  
Are you okay? You look red.  
Just going to the restroom.  
Excuse me.  
Where're you going?  
Your mother's got something in her eye.  
I'm going to...

help her get it out.  
Maybe we should...  
join...  
some other kind of club.  
I just want time with you.  
I just think there's...  
- a better time...  
- This will be our best one.  
Foot, foot!  
I got it. I got it.  
I'll never fly again.  
The pilot was helpful.  
The whole plane applauded.  
If you want to use these bathrooms,  
we'll wait.  
Is this ours?  
- A limo?  
- We're the Griswolds.  
Sorry, my pen burst in the altitude.  
- I'm sorry.  
- No problem.  
Come this way, please.  
This is it. This is it.  
Look at this.  
Wayne Newton.  
It's beautiful!  
You must see this.  
Daddy!  
Help!  
I'm stuck!  
Vegas, Vegas, Vegas.  
Look! I think you'll want to see this!  
Is this it?  
Welcome to the fabulous Mirage.  
Don't worry,  
it won't leave a permanent line.  
Come on, there's a lot to do.  
There's a lot to do.  
Welcome. Your credit card.  
Yes, indeed.  
Griswold, four.  
We have an excellent dry-cleaning service,  
if you're so inclined.  
It's a birthmark.

To get to your room,  
go through the casino, veer to the left.  
Take a right at the first palm tree.  
You'll see a group of blackjack tables.  
Not baccarat, not craps. Blackjack.  
Turn right and wind around left.  
If you get to the pool, you've gone too far.  
You'll see elevators.  
They aren't yours, stay away from them.  
Keep walking, you'll see  
more elevators, the gold ones.  
Those are yours. Go to the 10th floor.  
You'll find your room.  
Any questions?  
No, not really.  
Russ!  
Did you get that?  
Well, let's go then. Thanks.  
Good luck!  
What's this?  
Look at these people. Blinded  
by glitter and the almighty dollar.  
The elevators are there.  
Hold on, honey.  
They always put the machines  
that pay the most in front.  
\$5?  
Here we go!  
You see, Las Vegas is already  
bringing us closer together.  
Let's go to the room.  
Honey, call up the kids.  
See how they like this.  
Rusty and Audrey Griswold, please.  
We're right next door.  
Can't we get our own rooms?  
Please don't spoil your daddy's fun.  
Dad, we're too old for this.  
Sit down.  
Kids...  
remember when you were babies?  
It was a wonderful time.  
We had your cribs right in our room.  
We'd wrap you up in little blankets...

and roll you back and forth  
across the bed into each other.  
Those days...  
they're almost over.  
So...  
To close out that wonderful chapter,  
I got tickets to Siegfried and Roy.  
Best show on the planet?  
Masters of the impossible?  
We're going because we're the Griswolds!  
Can't you just wrap me up in a blanket  
and roll me across the bed?  
No, Russ. Get dressed.  
Want to try some blackjack?  
What do you know about blackjack, Clark?  
You forget I was in the Army.  
You weren't in the Army.  
Not in the Army, but I have  
played cards with men in uniform.  
Just don't want you to lose  
all your money.  
When a man can come to Las Vegas  
with a few extra bucks in his pocket...  
throw a ten-spot down on a table...  
pay an extra dollar  
for a steak with his eggs...  
that's a happy day for that man.  
When his woman is at his side...  
Is that Wayne Newton?  
Why, you want his autograph?  
I think he's staring at me.  
No, no, no. I must be tired.  
Maybe I'll go find the kids.  
I think they want a little time  
away from Mama and Papa Bear.  
Let's let them get in trouble.  
- I'm asking for \$5!  
- What'll you do if you win?  
You're boring to travel with.  
Fine, you want \$5?  
Here, you're a big man. Here's \$5.  
Get a wallet.  
- Hi.  
- Good evening.

Would the two of you have any ID?  
We left our IDs upstairs, actually.  
We're on our honeymoon.  
Wait here for two minutes.  
I'll go upstairs and get the ID.  
I'll be right back.  
My friend...  
\$200 in chips.  
Good evening. Changing \$200!  
In blackjack, a smart player has  
a mathematical advantage over the house.  
Are you a professional?  
Me? No, not really.  
Are you?  
Place your bet, sir.  
Yes, the bet.  
What the hell.  
- Hit me.  
- It's a bust!  
Las Vegas Fun Police.  
Hand over your chips.  
- Eddie?  
- Twenty-two.  
Player busts.  
Oh, man, it is a blazer out there.  
You're lucky you got air conditioning  
in here like mother nature intended.  
Clark Griswold, did you think  
you could come to Las Vegas...  
and not see your favorite cousin?  
Your bet.  
There.  
Why're you in Las Vegas?  
Where else can you wear shorts  
I am on fire!  
What?  
Shuffling!  
Here's the best part.  
Thanks to that defective plate  
in my head...  
the V.A. Gave me a huge plot of land  
just north of town.  
Every time I belch,  
the plate shifts and my legs give out.

But what a view!  
Nineteen.  
Twenty!  
Oh, he's good!  
He's good!  
- Another \$100 in chips, please.  
- Changing \$100!  
That's it, Clark.  
Show them who's boss.  
It's people who blow the family  
nest egg here that built this town.  
Not this pretty boy.  
Oh, gee!  
I can't believe it.  
I've lost \$300 in 15 minutes?  
I'm okay. I'm okay.  
You're kind.  
What a great audience.  
Yeah, all right.  
Terrific!  
Where do you come from?  
Me? Chicago, Illinois.  
- Fantastic.  
- Chicago!  
Why don't you come on stage?  
Come on, it'll be fun.  
- Go on!  
- Yeah, Dad, do it!  
Okay, I'll play along.  
Applaud!  
Good to have you.  
What's your name?  
Clark Griswold.  
Marvelous!  
Let's do some real magic.  
Listen, I know the routine.  
What's it going to be tonight?  
Wires? Mirrors? Trap doors?  
I happen to know a little magic myself.  
I don't know if you've seen this.  
Can you tell it's my thumb?  
Looks like it is, but it's not.  
Whatever, I'll do what you want.  
I'm here to help.



Enter.

Okay, I know this one.

- Trust me.

- All right, I will.

Is this going up? I'll go with it.

Me.

Where's Dad?

I haven't got a clue.

How'd you do at the tables?

I'm about even.

Why'd you say we were here?

Oh, come on. How often do I get  
to see my cousin Catherine?

Anyway, we're just stopping by for lunch.

I want to gamble.

Russell...

I never want to hear you say that again.

Gambling is a very serious business.

Is that clear?

Excuse me a minute.

\$50 on black.

No more bets.

Red 25! Red wins!

Jeez!

Shall we?

Remember me?

Yes.

Love you.

Your baby?

Are you watching for an address?

What block is this?

Very funny, Russ.

Will you check the map again?

Could that be it?

Eddie said there was room for a pool.

Get out the sunscreen.

Cousins!

What do you think?

Can you believe they tested H-bombs  
on this beautiful property?

I missed you so much.

Don't you worry about radiation?

All I know is my teeth

have never been whiter...

and my garden has 50-pound tomatoes.  
Denny boy, come on over here!  
Look at that view.  
It's government property around us,  
so no one will build.  
Look at this one.  
They grow up so fast.  
I tell him he'll pierce  
himself shut one day...  
but what can you do?  
He likes eating through a straw.  
They must make their own mistakes.  
Does that hurt?  
It's not bad.  
Who's hungry?  
Need help with the grill?  
No, thanks. Don't have one.  
I'll get the tongs.  
Renewing your wedding vows?  
Oh, that's so wonderful.  
I wish Eddie and I had time  
for that sort of thing.  
But with the constant windstorms...  
and flash floods...  
oppressive heat and...  
home-schooling...  
we don't have a minute free.  
Can you hand me that mitt?  
I love the kitchenette.  
Oh, thanks.  
Listen, things could be a lot worse.  
Yeah, you could be pregnant again.  
I've been...  
earning money testing fertility drugs.  
This one's going to be a winner.  
Everyone loves a baby.  
Yeah, life is good.  
My kids are thriving.  
Little Ruby-Sue must have grown a foot  
since you saw her last.  
Daddy, I caught another snake.  
That's good, sweetheart.  
Put it in the pit with the others.  
And go work on your typing.

Nice kids.  
Don't ever pick me up again...  
jerk!  
Look who's home!  
This one here's my pride and joy.  
Lord is my witness, I hate this heat!  
If it ain't gluing your butt to a seat  
it's making you sweat like an animal!  
And I want something better!  
Hey, everybody.  
You remember Vickie?  
She's a dancer now.  
Her picture's everywhere.  
Phone booths, men's rooms...  
She's famous.  
Show them that little move  
I taught you there.  
Don't think unnatural thoughts  
about your cousin.  
She's got her mama's looks and  
her daddy's sense of balance.  
Hose down, kids! Chicken's almost ready!  
My chicken's dry as hell.  
Mine's dry as hell, too.  
If you want to be with me tonight,  
I'll give you my beeper number.  
Really? That'd be great.  
If you're still hungry,  
I can get the salad from the dog.  
As appealing as that sounds,  
we really must go.  
We have a lot of sightseeing to do  
and I added tetanus shot to the list.  
Sorry about the tablecloth. Rusty's  
never had that reaction to poultry.  
He ain't used to home cooking.  
Are you?  
He's sick.  
Anyway...  
He'll be okay.  
I wish you two could come...  
but no room for the kids,  
so thanks for lunch, and bye.  
Not so fast, Clark.

I'll get the babysitter.  
Hey, kids...  
round-up time!  
They'll keep busy.  
Where are we going?  
Hoover Dam!  
Over 1000 feet wide and  
Where can I buy bait?  
I love electricity.  
Eddie says we'll get some soon.  
What a magnificent achievement.  
This is a family vacation.  
Try to stay with the family.  
Sorry, honey.  
This way, please.  
The tour is about to start.  
Welcome, everyone.  
I am your dam guide, Arnie.  
I'm about to take you through  
a fully functioning power plant.  
So, please...  
no one wander off the dam tour.  
Please, take all the dam pictures  
you want.  
Now, any dam questions?  
Where can I get some dam bait?  
This way, please.  
What'd he say?  
This way.  
Don't worry about water leaking  
through the rocks. It's normal.  
Please, keep up with the tour.  
This is one of the oldest  
dam tunnels we have.  
Come here!  
Give me your gum.  
From my mouth?  
Any gum! Look what's happening here!  
- Here.  
- I'll catch up.  
Damn it.  
Where is the damn dam tour?  
Oh, boy. Oh, boy.  
And there are over 100 million tons

of cement in these walls.  
Hello. Hello.  
Help!  
It's not that high.  
Okay, here we go.  
Let's see if I've still got it.  
Nice breeze up here.  
That's how a power plant works.  
How?  
This tour gets better every week.  
Fishing's been better.  
Remember when I had that puffer fish?  
Just like in gym class.  
One hand at a time.  
Ellen!  
What's that?  
Oh, my God!  
Sorry, honey, I'll be right up.  
This is steep.  
Here we go.  
Need help?  
No, I got it.  
That's a workout there, isn't it?  
Climbed all the way up.  
I almost lost my tag.  
Drinks at the snacketeria on me.  
I've noticed you're taking more  
of an interest in the fairer sex.  
There's something  
your old dad would like to say.  
You see...  
there comes a time...  
in every young man's life when he enters...  
the fragrant garden of beautiful flowers.  
And he wants to enter that garden  
with a knowledge and...  
a mulch...  
to let the flowers bloom  
more brightly, rather than...  
Dad.  
What?  
If this is about sex, I already know.  
You do?  
Good talk, son.

So what's it going to be tonight?  
"The Amazing Elvis Monkeys"?  
"Liberace on Ice"?  
Clark, I don't know.  
It's been such a long day.  
At Hoover Dam the water /eve/  
dropped four feet from a f/ood.  
Thank you.  
And now back to gamb/ing.  
Look at this.  
Four tickets to Wayne Newton.  
Wayne Newton!  
Wayne Newton?  
That's Las Vegas, they never stop giving!  
Hi, for Ellen Griswold?  
I'm Mr. Ellen Griswold.  
"Please wear this tonight."  
"A friend. "  
Who's it from?  
I don't know.  
But it's beautiful.  
They really know how to treat  
their high rollers around here.  
Okay, kids...  
inspection in five minutes.  
You heard him! Move it!  
Wayne Newton just happens to be  
one of America's greatest entertainers.  
He has an effect on women.  
Yes, Griswold, Griswold.  
Right this way, sir.  
Here...  
make the seats good.  
No gratuity is necessary, sir.  
- No, really. Keep it.  
- Follow me.  
We're in the front row.  
I tipped him.  
What energy!  
Thank you.  
You're a magical group of people.  
And, Greg...  
Give me some birds. Let me hear birds.  
Mrs. Ellen Griswold.

Ellen, huh?  
Holy crap,  
Wayne Newton's hitting on Mom.  
It's all part of the act.  
Now you.  
I think we know who sent the dress.  
You're lucky.  
I've been to every Wayne show  
for the last 15 years.  
I've never seen him do anything like this.  
I'm just saying I've never heard you  
hit those notes before.  
Don't worry.  
You have nothing to fear  
from Wayne Newton. He's...  
unattainable.  
Did you see him staring at...  
Watch your mouth.  
I think I'll go upstairs and take a bath.  
Not me.  
Anyone for craps?  
We're too young, remember?  
I remember when I was too young.  
Here.  
Take \$20.  
If you need me...  
I'll be rolling the dice.  
Have fun, kids.  
- Have a nice night.  
- See you later.  
Daddy wants a seven! Let's go, seven!  
Seven! A winner!  
Place your bets. Lucky roller coming out.  
Place your bets.  
Let go of me! Let go of me!  
There he is. Clark!  
See, I told you.  
Look out, don't hurt me now.  
Nice place for a pearl necklace.  
Do you know this person?  
Hi, Clark Griswold. Nice to meet you.  
Have you ever swam with dolphins?  
Them things is hard to catch.  
Twelve. Craps. A loser.

Has anyone ever told you before...  
you're bad luck?  
Those were my mother's dying words.  
But when you got your body  
covered in third-degree burns...  
and your foot's in a bear trap,  
you start talking crazy.  
I've run out of money.  
Do you cash checks?  
Only if you're staying at the hotel.  
Indeed I am.  
There we are.  
No problem.  
Good luck.  
Look, Clark, if you're...  
thinking about buying me  
a Cadillac, forget it.  
I won't take it.  
I'm just trying to get even.  
Now where can I do the most damage?  
Shrimp cocktail, 29 cents.  
Foxy boxing.  
Fake IDs.  
How'd you know?  
When I was your age they needed  
a water cannon to keep me away...  
from the girls down at the Paramount.  
\$10. \$10! \$10!  
Shrimp, ladies.  
I need the \$10.  
Here.  
Have a good evening, Mr. Morris.  
Whatever.  
- Another 21!  
- You nailed her there.  
Let's see. House has 14, and house busts.  
Oh, boy!  
Wendy, you are my lucky charm.  
I don't know what's wrong  
with me tonight.  
You're rolling.  
Good luck, everybody.  
Good luck, everybody!  
Batter up.



Big bet for a big man!  
Sure you don't want to save money  
for the buffet?  
Okay, wise guy.  
Go against three hands.  
This should be sweet.  
Sweet for me. You're finished.  
Straw.  
I'm trying to concentrate.  
That's a bigger fire than the red drink.  
Did you come to Las Vegas  
to be a showgirl?  
No, I'm on vacation with my parents.  
Hard to believe we're related, right?  
A drink, please.  
Welcome. Can I see some ID?  
I think we have a problem.  
Good night.  
Hey, why the long face?  
You know that crap ID you sold me?  
I want my \$10 back.  
Those bums threw you out?  
Helicopter rides to the Grand Canyon.  
See it as God does.  
They tossed me.  
Don't they realize what it's like to be:  
Give me my money.  
I'm not through with you yet. Okay?  
You're Nick Pappagiorgio. You're from  
Yuma, Arizona. You're into software.  
Put your head in the hole  
and say "Joey Heatherton. "  
- Right here on the Strip?  
- Smile, kid.  
You're in Vegas!  
So you guys have been together  
longer than the real Beatles?  
Great.  
Will you excuse me?  
You want to dance up here?  
No, I don't think so.  
Audrey, honey, let me tell you  
something I learned.  
In this world, you're either

up on stage in the spotlight...  
or down in the pit serving drinks.  
Go have fun.  
What are you doing up there?  
I'm starting my vacation!  
She's going to break hearts.  
She's going to break something.  
Congratulations.  
You won the car.  
May I see some ID?  
Where would you like the car sent,  
Mr. Pappagiorgio?  
Eighteen.  
Nineteen.  
So close.  
I've had enough. Let's get out of here.  
Good luck, sir.  
Never seen such a beating since  
someone stuck a banana in my pants...  
and turned a monkey loose.  
Thanks for the pick-me-up.  
Why don't you just call it a night  
and let Ellen lick your wounds?  
That sounds great,  
but Ellen went to sleep hours ago.  
She must be one hell of a sleepwalker.  
Did you record that in Germany?  
Good night, Eddie.  
That's how they got  
the title "Danke Schn. "  
It means "thank you. "  
"Thank you" in German.  
I thought you went to bed.  
It got late. I got worried.  
Clark, Wayne Newton.  
Nice to meet you.  
You're in food preservatives? What a gas.  
I like it.  
As I was saying...  
You've traveled. We never go anywhere.  
We're very boring. Usually Clark falls  
asleep in front of the TV each night.  
I guess I'll go upstairs and get some sleep.  
Let me just tip the piano player.

She was marvelous.  
I might have... I've got a chip here.  
Danke schn.  
Thanks.  
Sit down.  
Very special lady.  
That's why I entered into the sacred bond  
of marriage with her.  
I hear that.  
You know, I love women.  
I observe them.  
I cherish them.  
Don't let that one out of your sight.  
Wayne has invited us to Shenandoah  
tomorrow for lunch.  
That's my home.  
Thank you.  
But we have a lot of plans.  
Don't we?  
Oh, my God!  
It's Wayne Newton!  
I'm a fan, sir.  
I'm a fan.  
I can believe it!  
Take my seat, Eddie.  
Thank you for the drink.  
Good night, Wayne.  
Do you need a bodyguard?  
I'd die for you.  
Could I play \$5 in coins, please?  
I'd like to bet \$5.  
\$5.  
New roller.  
Looks like a shooter. I'm going for it.  
- Go for this. Go for this.  
- I'm ready.  
Come on!  
Seven, now!  
Seven! A winner.  
Way to go!  
Press it?  
Press it?  
I want to press this up.  
Press it.

Yeah, press it.  
Give him the dice. Come on.  
Seven, dice!  
Winner.  
Fantastic!  
He's great!  
I'm sorry to bother you, sir.  
May I see some ID?  
ID? Sure.  
Thank you.  
Welcome to the Mirage, Mr. Pappagiorgio.  
Why do they do that  
when we got a hot table?  
How's Yuma?  
It's great.  
My wife and kids are back in Yuma,  
where I work in software...  
In the software business.  
Let him roll the dice.  
No glasses tonight?  
No, I do not require them.  
Good luck, sir.  
But you do.  
- Come on!  
- Seven!  
Seven again! Seven again!  
I can't believe it!  
Don't wake them.  
Forget craps, forget b/ackjack.  
/f you want to make money...  
wa/k up to a baccarat tab/e and say,  
"/ want to p/ay baccarat. "  
Feeling lucky tonight, Sparky?  
Not right now, honey.  
They're teaching me baccarat.  
Bet with the player.  
That's not exactly what I had in mind.  
Bet with the bank. Bet with the player.  
Nine is a natural.  
Bet with the bank.  
Bet with the player. Nine is a natural.  
Bet with the bank.  
Bet with the player.  
Nine is a natural.

Bet with the bank.  
Eight is a winner.  
Give me that.  
Should we really be doing this  
before we get married?  
Hard six coming out.  
Hit me.  
Good night.  
Do it again!  
Do it again!  
I'm coming out. Ready?  
Seven out.  
God!  
Nice roll.  
You did good.  
Thank you.  
Cash me in.  
Kid, you made me a lot of money tonight.  
Jilly from Philly.  
Nick Pappagiorgio from Yuma.  
Nick Pappagiorgio from Yuma,  
you like getting massaged?  
By who?  
By me!  
Meet us in the spa at 10:00  
tomorrow morning.  
Randy, this guy is with us.  
You take care of him.  
We're so impressed with your play  
we'd like you to stay here.  
Follow me.  
And if there's anything you need,  
don't hesitate to call me.  
Thank you!  
Oh, my God!  
Card counting, Clark?  
Is that legal?  
Sharpens the player's edge.  
Here are the kids.  
What happened to you last night?  
What are you having for breakfast?  
Coffee.  
Three.  
Four.

- Gang!  
- Don't shout, Daddy.  
I had an idea. How about an "alone" day...  
where each of us Griswolds  
goes out and explores Las Vegas...  
in their own way?  
I don't think that's a good idea.  
- Great.  
- Love you.

**Be back at 5:**

You'll have a great time.  
Have fun.  
Payback time.  
\$500.  
You don't know when to quit.  
Chips.  
Changing \$500!  
Here's an idea.  
You give me half the money  
you're going to bet, we go out back...  
I'll kick you in the nuts  
and we'll call it a day?  
Pappagiorgio...  
enjoying the massage?  
I'm enjoying it, Jilly. Really.  
You know what your problem is?  
You're a nervous guy.  
You must learn how to relax.  
You're right, Jilly, I do.  
Harder on the shoulders.  
That's it, kid.  
Not that you got that,  
we must teach you how to dress.  
Now aren't you a little slice of pie?  
Are you thinking of dancing?  
She's got a body for it.  
I do? Thanks.  
If you're considering it,  
do it while you're young and foolish.  
I'm going to college but hoping to do  
volunteer work in the summer.  
Our prime years are few and fast.  
Would've, could've, should've.

Show this girl something with a heel.  
Hit me!  
Yeah! Twenty!  
It's 20. It's a push.  
I didn't lose.  
That's it, Griswold, you are freaking dead!  
I love you, kid.  
Outrageous. Where's the family?  
They're busy.  
Did I come at a bad time? Because...  
I could just...  
A singer's body is his instrument and  
I believe in keeping it finely tuned.  
Come in, let's have some fun.  
Blackjack.  
Blackjack.  
Six.  
They're not bad.  
The boys aren't much to talk to, but if  
you need a night away from your cat...  
they're more than fine.  
What did you say?  
I said, "Blackjack!"  
Changing \$1,600!  
Lunch was wonderful.  
I hope you enjoyed the company  
as much as the food.  
Please, madam, chin up.  
You know...  
I've always felt very blessed  
by all the gifts I've been given.  
But after meeting you  
I realize how truly alone I am.  
But, Wayne, you have millions of fans.  
Please.  
They just love my talent.  
I feel so many things right now.  
I wish I could spend my life with you.  
Well...  
we could turn the den into a guest room,  
but what about your horses?  
Clark pretty much likes the garage  
for the car and the lawn mowers.  
You're too much.

I have something for you.  
It's a lock of my hair.  
Gosh!  
It's getting late!  
I've got to go!  
But thank you.  
- It's been wonderful.  
- Wait.  
If you have nothing to do later,  
please come back!  
I'm making pasta!  
Come on, you think this sign's here  
to hold down the table?  
What can I do with \$5?  
I don't know.  
Buy a bullet and rent a gun?  
See you.  
Have a good time.  
Good luck, sir.  
I had a fantastic "alone" day.  
It was a great idea.  
Where'd you get that stuff?  
At the men's store. Ask for Caesar.  
My God!  
Vickie took me to her stylist.  
Did you know there were 92 muscles  
in the human throat?  
All this time I thought I was  
unhappy with you and Mom.  
But I was dissatisfied with myself.  
That's changed, thanks to Las Vegas!  
This is Larry, Kurt and Ira.  
They're professional entertainers.  
Nice to meet you.  
You know what drives me crazy?  
The baccarat tables.  
Larry can bend his leg up  
over his head. Want to see?  
You should.  
It's after-riding wear.  
If those guys weren't bust-outs,  
you think they'd be home writing?  
Come with me!  
Not you!



I know we haven't seen a lot  
of each other lately and that's okay...  
but we're Griswolds.  
We're on vacation.  
And starting now, we're going  
to have a great time.  
But, Dad, we're having a great time.  
My sister has the legs of a thoroughbred.  
Am I right?  
Shut up.  
The point is, starting now...  
we'll have a great time together!  
How?  
How?  
Well...  
How?  
We could all...  
sit on a bench, as a family...  
and watch a Vegas sunset.  
Wouldn't that be great?  
We could count the bulbs  
on the Strip, Audrey.  
Larry's taking me to see  
the world's largest thermometer.  
I got a thing happening downtown.  
I mean, you know...  
I know.  
We can get remarried. Right now.  
There's a honeymoon slots tournament  
over at the Golden Nugget. And guess?  
Newlyweds get in for free.  
I've got news for you, Clark.  
I haven't said "yes" yet.  
If you're too busy...  
You hang on a minute!  
You brought us on a family vacation...  
and we only see you on your way  
in or out of the casino!  
I've invited you...  
You find the Clark Griswold I married...  
and tell him I'm at the Mirage!  
Come on.  
Don't worry about me! I got plenty  
I can do on my own in Las Vegas!

Which hand is it in?  
Who wants it now? Who wants it?  
There you go, you heathens!  
Thanks for buying me dinner.  
Best \$1.49 buffet in town, Clark.  
Clark, this is all you can eat.  
We only need one plate.  
Get me some rolls.  
I had that last time. That's good.  
Fresh broccoli.  
Bless you.  
Thank you.  
Maybe I'll just replace these  
and take a carrot.  
How about some macaroni?  
- That's good.  
- Let's get a little more.  
Some of this spaghetti bolognese here.  
You're lucky you came on Italian night.  
That stuff...  
will knock your socks off.  
This doesn't look like chicken.  
Oh, you're right.  
This isn't chicken. This is chicken.  
Want some?  
Eddie, I think I'll just be over  
by the Saltines.  
- Here, go ahead.  
- Go get us a table.  
We'll have some...  
of the yellow.  
And don't get cheap on me.  
This bread pudding's extra runny tonight.  
Eddie, when you look at me,  
what do you see?  
Time's up, Eddie.  
I'll tell you what you see.  
You see a man...  
whose family counted on him  
to give them the best vacation ever.  
And I can't do it. Because...  
You have something on your...  
I get it?  
You got it.

I've gambled away more money  
than you'll ever understand.

Try me.

\$22,600.

God!

Oh, God!

Oh, God!

Oh, God!

- Oh, God!

- Please!

I don't know what to tell Ellen.

If I could just get that money back,  
I could turn it all around.

You've been so good to Catherine  
and me through the years.

I hate to see you down.

I've got some...

money stashed away and...

it'd be my honor to help you  
in your time of need.

You mean it?

There's just one problem.

I forgot where I buried it.

Is it safe to be digging like this?

Just watch out for the scorpions.

I got money buried all over this yard.

I used to have quite a little system  
for finding it.

Wait, here's something.

\$28!

Got one.

Got one. Got one.

\$6.

Yuban coffee. You can sprinkle  
that stuff on anything.

Ice cream, mashed potatoes, or eat it  
right out of the can for a pick-me-up.

Oh, my God.

There must be over \$100 in here.

Yeah, that's from when I sold  
one of my kidneys.

We didn't need the cash at the time, but...

I figured with all the advances  
in modern medicine...

I should sell it while somebody  
still wanted to buy it.  
The smartest thing I ever did.  
Why do you have all this money  
buried in the ground?  
For a rainy day.  
We don't get many of those in the desert.  
Where's the nearest casino?  
Hello, room service.  
I'd like the Crab Rangoon...  
chicken fingers...  
the Jackpot Burger...  
and the Tropical Banana Torte.  
No.  
Cancel that.  
I'm going out.  
I must warn you.  
They don't play the same games here  
as at them regular casinos.  
Eddie, this place is great.  
They don't play this at the Mirage.  
Pick a number? I'm great at that.  
Coin toss?  
These are my games.  
Give me \$20.  
War!  
Russ and I play this all the time.  
I'm in.  
Here we go.  
Mine.  
That's fast.  
Give me another \$20.  
War, bet again.  
Mine again.  
Maybe you should spread it around...  
not have all your fun at one table.  
Dealer has rock. Pay paper.  
Call it.  
What say we go home and  
bury what's left of my money?  
Heads.  
I'm sorry, it's tails.  
Almost.  
No, give me that! Give me that!

He cheated, Eddie!  
He switched them, I saw it!  
- Four.  
- Seven.  
What am I doing?  
I need to go someplace  
where a man can think.  
I wouldn't do that here.  
These stalls are awfully dirty  
and they're backed up.  
I need to be alone.  
I see.  
Want me to come?  
All right. Come on.  
Come on, Clark.  
The night is young. They're giving away  
free sandwiches at the blood bank.  
I'm not worthy of a sandwich.  
I'm not a father, I'm not a husband,  
I'm nothing!  
You may feel like nothing now,  
but look on the bright side.  
You used to be something.  
Nobody can take that away from you.  
Good-bye, Ellen.  
I'm sure you'll be happy  
with Wayne Newton.  
Where am I going to go?  
You can live with us right here in Vegas.  
We'll dig you a room.  
And Rusty and poor Audrey...  
At night you can sit outside...  
and you can tell us how much  
more good you used to have it.  
Look at all these happy families.  
Where did I go wrong?  
Without my family,  
there is no Clark Griswold.  
We can go into business.  
We can raise more snakes,  
open a petting zoo.  
Yeah, that's what we could do.  
We could have a lot of happy,  
wonderful times.

We'll get your money back.  
I'm not worried about my money.  
I don't care about it.  
I must get my family back!  
What about my money?  
Stay here, I'll be back.  
Police emergency.  
Open up!  
Don't be alarmed, he's with me.  
Say, "Cheese. "  
It's Dean Martin's recipe.  
I always make too much.  
Thank you for having me for dinner.  
There's something I must tell you.  
Oh, no.  
Wayne, please, don't.  
I've always been a moral man.  
But my resolve is melting  
in the light of your smile.  
Maybe you're hungry. More pasta?  
There's Treasure Island.  
There's Harrah's. There's the Mirage.  
Next, Wayne Newton's house.  
Wayne, please.  
Please.  
Don't worry, I'm here.  
Get out of my way.  
Hands off my wife!  
Clark, it's not the way it looks.  
We're having pasta.  
I've been a fool.  
And not a loveable fool who clowns  
for the delight of children.  
But a fool who's...  
only fooling himself.  
You're back.  
You have got to be kidding me.  
Why don't you go sing something?  
I've learned that  
a family vacation only works...  
when you're with your family.  
You and Russ and...  
Audrey.  
Audrey.

You're my family.  
The most important thing is for us  
to get back together before it's too late.  
What do you say?  
I'm with you.  
Let's go get our kids.  
- Is there a charge?  
- No, sir.  
Park it.  
Have you seen him?  
Mr. Pappagiorgio.  
- Lanai Six.  
- He's my son.  
Mr. Pappagiorgio?  
Let's go.  
Oh, boy. Oh, boy.  
Clark, do something.  
Look out!  
Oh, my little baby boy!  
Excuse me. Excuse me!  
Am I right?  
Am I?  
So I says to him, I said,  
"Get your own monkey. "  
Oh, my Lord! Rusty!  
You must be lost.  
This is Mr. Pappagiorgio.  
His name is not Pappagiorgio,  
he's Rusty Griswold!  
He's a C-plus student.  
Now, out of the pool!  
Let's go, young man!  
Now! Get dressed!  
I'm looking for this underage kid  
named Pappagiorgio.  
Yes, he stole my wallet. He's back there.  
Where's your sister?  
She's with Vickie somewhere.  
Where's Vickie?  
- Mr. Pappagiorgio, your usual table?  
- Not tonight.  
You are in deep trouble, my friend.  
Excuse me.  
Hey, everybody!

Where's Audrey?  
Oh, my God!  
Our baby!  
Hang on, honey,  
Daddy's coming to get you!  
Move!  
What do you think you're doing?  
You told me to get a summer job!  
Ten years of tap-dancing lessons  
and this is how you repay me?  
Let's go!  
Excuse me! Excuse me!  
Come on, let's go.  
I don't know what I was thinking.  
Let's go home now.  
When are we going?  
Let's quit while we're ahead.  
Ahead or behind, what does it matter?  
We still have each other.  
When we get home,  
even though I've lost most of our money...  
Wait a minute.  
"I've lost most of our money"?  
How much did you lose?  
Well, with the checks  
and the credit cards...  
some trips to the ATM  
and the plane tickets I cashed in...  
I don't know...  
\$22,000, \$23,000.  
Somewhere in there.  
What about my tuition?  
And my snowboard?  
We still have our love.  
That's what I've come to realize.  
Clark, how much money  
do you have right now?  
I'm broke.  
Rusty?  
I spent it all.  
Having an entourage is expensive.  
Audrey?  
No pockets.  
I've got...



\$2.  
Get our money back.  
There.  
This is not the way to do this.  
Can't we just get your parents  
to wire us some money?  
Oh, keno. This is easy. I saw this on TV.  
Okay, you've got to pick ten numbers.  
We must play the kids' birthdays.  
Sixteen, seven.  
And Dad's football number, 44.  
Excuse me, is that your family?  
You're a lucky man.  
Luckiest guy on earth.  
The grandparents' anniversary.  
I never got married.  
I was afraid to take the risk.  
Beautiful children.  
Oh, thank you. We're very blessed.  
This thing is money, money.  
Let me tell you something.  
Money isn't everything.  
I sit here alone...  
nobody cares.  
If I win, I have nobody to share it with.  
You have your health.  
It seems like you have a hobby.  
Yeah, a hobby I got. My health?  
If I had a family, I'd want it like yours.  
Tonight, consider yourself  
part of our family.  
I'll take you up on it.  
Really, thank you.  
Nice of you.  
Good luck.  
The game's almost starting.  
Seven.  
It's seven.  
It's Audrey's birthday!  
We're going to do it!  
Ten.  
Fourteen.  
Doesn't matter.  
Even eight matches wins \$15,500.

Twenty-two.

Thirty-three.

Eighty.

Your fina/ number, 54.

I won!

I won! I won!

I won!

I won!

I won!

All the years I've waited for this!

I've been coming in here for years!

I've never won, never won once,  
and now I won!

The money is mine. I have the money,  
the money is mine. I got it!

For the first time, I have the...

Sir...

are you okay?

Go get someone.

Sir.

Oh, my God.

I won!

I won the money! I won!

Did you hear me?

It's okay. It's here, right here.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9...

That's wonderful.

That's wonderful.

What did he say?

He said, "Take the ticket. "

He said, "Take the ticket"?

I think he did.

He's gone.

There was nothing you could do.

We don't know his name.

He was Mr. Ellis.

The loneliest guy I ever saw.

He would've given anything to have  
someone sit with him and be kind.

Jeez.

I hope you kids have learned something  
about the dangers of gambling.

No, Sparklet, don't blame the gambling.

Gambling is what made America great.

You see, kids...  
when Columbus set sail  
on a little rickety boat...  
and let it ride all the way  
to the New World, it was a gamble.  
Ben Franklin, Thomas Edison...  
Albert Einstein, all gamblers.  
Wasn't Einstein German?  
Hard to tell from his accent.  
But I do know one thing.  
When a beautiful, young coed...  
took a chance on a gangly boy  
of a man named Clark...  
she was taking a gamble, too.  
Ellen Priscilla Ruth Smith Griswold...  
will you remarry me?  
Ellen Griswold, do you promise  
to love and honor Clark...  
for as long as you live?  
Oh, God!  
I do.  
Clark Griswold...  
I love you, Eddie.  
Do you promise to love and honor Ellen  
for as long as you both shall live?  
I do.  
I don't care if you ruined my life,  
I love you!  
By the power vested in me...  
by the Las Vegas Entertainers'  
Association, I pronounce you married.  
You may kiss the bride.