



★ Heist in Plain Sight

You meet a swindler who is all too eager to tell you about his latest heists. He claims to have cleverly customized each of his scams to the particular casino, but they all sound pretty blatant to you.

The Blackjack dealer asked me to cut the deck, so of course I pulled out my sword and took his request literally. As it turned out the cards that were left were winners, and I won \$3.

There's no way I thought this would work, but it did! At the Caribbean Poker table, I started making bridge bids to confuse the dealer. I won \$9!

The sloppiest of my heists involved a drink spill. A whole glass of OJ all over the Craps table. I snatched up some chips while they cleaned up the mess. My take? \$5.

I hacked the Wheel of Fortune slots by using a unique strategy. I didn't buy any vowels! Not any real ones, anyway. Result? Jackpot. \$1, which was almost enough for a soda.

Texas Hold'em was a tough cheat, because I had to outwit the other players. When the last card came down, I added Iowa to it! This inexplicably earned me \$10.

This scam took an elaborate setup, with smoke, mirrors and a cleverly placed ashtray. When the Roulette wheel stopped, the dealer thought the ball was on red 7, but it wasn't there at all! I grabbed one dollar before they caught me.

I walked in, and I knew I could score big at the Let it Ride tables. I had four of a kind up my sleeve, but they fell out all over the table in front of me. Nobody noticed, I guess, because my hand was declared a winner for \$4!

This time I was just blatant. I grabbed a fistful of chips off the Card Sharks table, and shoved them in my pocket. It worked so well, I did the exact same thing again! My winnings? \$5.

After all that, I went back to the hotel I was staying at, Treasure Island – but don't worry, that's not important for you to know. I went on a spree!

I ran around the floor of the casino, grabbing chips and nobody stopped me. I took four chips from a fellow at a table containing a four letter palindrome, then I snagged eight from a table with a colorful name. Four more chips were mine from a woman at a table I'd take a vacation to, and six from a hat-adorned chap at a table that had dirt in it, backwards. Messy. I took seven from an annoyed player at a table that looked like it might bite me. Then it was time for my final run! Two chips from a sunglass-wearing young man at a stately table, a lousy one from a dealer at a table I could make toilet jokes about, and finally two from an old lady who'd rather be watching Jeopardy!

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