



## Las Vegas Part 1 Conversation

**Jaeson:** Yeah, so I got, uh, the next few weeks. I'll just be, uh, just be me and the cat at the house.

**Joe:** Oh that's right. Gina went to, uh, Vegas with the kids, right?

**Jaeson:** Yeah, yeah, she's gonna be helpin' her sister out. Uh, her sister just had, uh, her baby...

**Joe:** Oh that's great.

**Jaeson:** ...and, and her husband had to go back to work after, after a week. So she's down there helpin' out.

**Joe:** So did she have a boy or a girl?

**Jaeson:** Had a boy, he's named Luke. He's...

**Joe:** Oh nice.

**Jaeson:** ...he's...yeah, he's **awesome**. He's really **cool**. He looks like a cute kid.

**Joe:** That's great you got to meet him when you were just there.

**Jaeson:** Yeah, yeah, he's, he's such a **mellow kid**. He's really awesome. And, uh...

**Joe:** Nice.

**Jaeson:** Yeah, she had him there at the house all by herself, too.

**Joe:** Oh wow.

**Jaeson:** Without the **midwives** or doctor or anything.

**Joe:** Oh yeah, Gina told me that she **went into labor** before the **midwife** could even arrive.

**Jaeson:** [laugh] Yeah...

**Joe:** Oh my gosh.

**awesome:** great

**cool:** calm or very good

**mellow kid:** a calm child

**midwife (midwives):** a person who helps a woman to have or deliver her baby (more than one midwife)

**went into labor:** to begin to have the baby



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**pretty crazy:** difficult to believe

**kind of:** sort of

**blue-collar town:** the people in the town have jobs that do not need a college degree; they are not very educated

**kinda':** short for kind of  
**cutthroat:** a person who does not care about other people; to only care about yourself

**casino(s):** place where people go to gamble; in Las Vegas a casino usually has a hotel

**gambler:** someone who plays a game to win money

**a city that doesn't sleep:** a city where everything is open until very late or where places are open all day and all night

**twenty-four seven:** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

**it (kinda') grows on you:** you begin to like it

**after a while:** after some time passes

**under the same roof:** in the same building; can also mean in the same house

**The Paris:** short for The Paris Las Vegas which is the name of a hotel in Las Vegas

**baptism:** religious ceremony for a child

**Jaeson:** ...it was **pretty crazy**.

**Joe:** Yeah, oh man. You know, it, uh, thinking about you living in Vegas is really, it's really weird. Because you just don't seem like the, the type of person who would live in Vegas, y'know?

**Jaeson:** Yeah, y'know, it's **kind of a blue collar town**, y'know, **kinda' cutthroat**. Y'know, a lot of competition between all the different **casinos** and stuff. And y'know, if you're a **gambler**, y'know, I guess it's pretty cool, uh...

**Joe:** Man, that is just, that's **a city that doesn't sleep**.

**Jaeson:** Yeah, y'know, like the casinos are open **twenty-four seven**. Y'know, you can...

**Joe:** So are restaurants, right?

**Jaeson:** ...yeah you can go out to eat anytime of day, y'know. It's, **it kinda' grows on you after a while**, the 24 hour-ness of it.

**Joe:** Yeah, I mean, it, y'know.... Y'know what, what I always thought was weird, too, is when I go into some of those casinos, it's not just a casino. It's not as though all you see are slot machines and, uh, tables where they're playing cards or craps or whatever. They have all these, like, other things, y'know, that are **under the same roof** as the casino.

**Jaeson:** Oh yeah, yeah, yes shopping malls and stuff.

**Joe:** Yeah.

**Jaeson:** Well, well, you saw **The Paris**, right?

**Joe:** Dude, when I was at The Paris Las Vegas, that was the first time I had been to that casino, y'know.... When we were, uh, in Vegas a couple of weeks ago for your son's **baptism**...

**Jaeson:** Yeah, sure.

**Joe:** ...and, uh, I look up at the ceiling and it's all painted light blue like a sky. And



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they also have, like, clouds painted there. I mean **it totally threw me off**. I thought I was outside for a second.

*it (totally) threw me off:  
it confused me*

**Jaeson:** [laugh] Yeah.

**Joe:** It was so weird!

**Jaeson:** Yeah, it's, it is pretty crazy the way they make it look like you're outside. And, y'know, they have like plants and trees in there and...

**Joe:** Yeah, that was another thing that made me feel like I was outside.

**Jaeson:** [laugh] Yeah, that's great. Yeah, Vegas is a lot of fun. Y'know, I'm not much of a gambler myself. But, uh, y'know, every once in a while, y'know, play some craps or, or play some blackjack or something.

**Joe:** Yeah.

**Jaeson:** I like sports, too.

**Joe:** You know what I like to do is, uh.... I'm not a gambler either, you know that. But, uh, what I like to do is to like just sit at one of the slot machines and, uh, play like, like play nickel slots. Right?

**Jaeson:** Oh yeah, you cannot lose too much that way.

**Joe:** Yeah, exactly, and then, you, you just put them in. You pull the, uh, you don't, you don't play too many times too fast, y'know. So you don't lose all your money.

**Jaeson:** Yeah.

**Joe:** But, uh, y'know, I'd just do it. Because then the waitresses come over and, y'know, they'll serve you drinks **on the house** as long as you're playing.

*on the house: for free*

*comped: given for free*

*high roller: someone  
who gambles a lot*

*the whole nine yards:  
everything; completely*

**Jaeson:** Oh yeah, yeah, y'know, you get your drinks **comped** if you're gamblin'. Or, y'know, shoot, if you're a **high roller**, then you get everything comped. You get the room comped, you get your drinks, you get free meals, uh, **the whole nine yards**.