

NATHAN

(His money now out – puts it down)

Here! This will put you through Harvard.

BIG JULE

I'm rolling a thousand. And to change my luck I will use my own dice.

NATHAN

(Horried)

Your own dice!

BIG JULE

I had them made for me especially in Chicago.

NATHAN

Big Jule, you cannot interpolate Chicago dice in a New York crap game.

BENNY

That is a breach of etiquette.

HARRY

Show me where it says that in Emily Post.

NATHAN

Not that I wish to seem petty, but could I look at these dice?

(ALL MEN crowd around looking at dice. BIG JULE takes them out, gives them to Nathan)

NATHAN

But these – these dice ain't got no spots on 'em. They're blank.

BIG JULE

I had the spots taken off for luck. But I remember where the spots formerly were.

NATHAN

You are going to roll blank dice and call 'em from remembering where the spots formerly was?

BIG JULE

(Threateningly)

Why not?

(Pulls NATHAN up by coat)

NATHAN

(Wipes perspiration from his forehead)

I see no reason.

BIG JULE

(He rolls)

A five—and a five. My point is ten.

NATHAN

Well, I still got a chance.

BIG JULE

(Shaking the dice)

Tensy! Come againsy!

NATHAN

I wish he'd fall down on his endsy.

BIG JULE

Heah!

(He rolls)

A ten! I win!

NATHAN

A ten?

BIG JULE

(Pointing)

A six and a four.

NATHAN

(Looking)

Which is the six and which is the four?

BIG JULE

Either way—

(Picks up dice)

Now I'm shooting two thousand. Get it up!

NATHAN

(Looks at his watch)

I just remembered. I'm eloping tonight. Adelaide is waiting for me.

(Starts to exit. BIG JULE grabs him and pulls him back)

BIG JULE

Get up the two thousand.

NATHAN

How about letting some of the other chaps in on the fun?

(Ad lib - "Ah no.")

BIG JULE

After I'm through with you!—Two thousand.

(NATHAN puts it up, reluctantly. BIG JULE shakes dice, rolls)

Haah! Seven! I win.

NATHAN

(Swallowing hard)

What a surprise.

BIG JULE

(Picks up dice)

Detroit, I think I will take it easy this time.

NATHAN

What do you mean?

BIG JULE

I am shooting one dollar.

NATHAN

I'll take all of it.

(BIG JULE puts it down)

BIG JULE

(Rolls)

How do you like that? Snake eyes! I lose.

NATHAN

For this I got to bend down.

BIG JULE

Now I will give you a chance. I will roll for you three thousand.

NATHAN

Three G's?

BIG JULIE

(Picks up dice - firm)

I am rolling you for three G's. Put it down there.

(NATHAN counts out the money. Puts his hands over his eyes as BIG JULE starts to roll)

NATHAN

Wouldn't it be more convenient if I put it right into your pocket?