

cheerful smile behind her outstretched hand. Rick Simpson and Tom Swan offer their regards as they sit down facing you.

You feel the heat in your cheeks. Cheerful greetings in the poker room? Oh, most sacred of taboos broken! You will never be the same. Seeing your confusion, Terry begins again.

"You were so kind to gamble your hard-earned money on Tom's book, and we appreciate it so much," she says, "we decided to give you a chance to win some of it back!"

A thought strikes you and it melts your initial surprise. "That's very fine of you Terry," you say innocently. "I was surprised to see the three of you here at first, but since we're all sitting down, I have an idea. Let's play poker!" Two can play a hustle, you think. There is no doubt in your mind now. Terry's bluffing!

"Good idea," Terry says, "It's your deal!" and the game is on.