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Poker Alice

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Alice had been playing poker for years and was the undisputed best player in her home town of Index, WA. She wanted to test herself in the big leagues, so she decided to use her winnings and go to Vegas. When she got off the plane she headed directly to Treasure Island, and it was clear from the first hand that she was dealing with a different caliber of game. Even though she lost 4 hundred dollars, she was thrilled with the level of play. She then went across the street to Harrah's, where her luck changed. She won 6 hundred dollars. With her confidence bolstered, she headed North to the Venetian. She bet big and won big, earning 5 hundred dollars. This might have made her a little cocky, as she ended up losing 3 hundred dollars at the Flamingo. But Alice more than made up for it next door at Bill's Gamblin' Hall, where she walked away up 6 hundred dollars.

Deciding that she'd gotten all she could out of this block for now, Alice headed across the street to the Monte Carlo. The tables weren't quite as hot, but she did walk away with 5 hundred dollars. While she was there, she heard about a tournament going on at the Cosmopolitan and she headed up to register. As she looked for the casino, she decided it was lucky she'd picked up one of those tourist maps of the strip. Though she didn't win the tournament, she placed well enough to walk away with 10 hundred dollars. Feeling lucky, she headed across the street to Paris. Her luck didn't last, and Alice lost 1 hundred dollars. One of the other players at the table mentioned there might be some good action at Imperial Palace, so she went to check it out. The tipster was right, and she walked out with 6 hundred dollars.

By this time it was well past midnight, and Alice decided to get some shuteye. She'd wanted to stay at The Harmon, a luxury hotel with 4 hundred rooms that she'd read about a few years ago. Unfortunately there were construction problems and it never opened, so she got a room at the Aria. After a refreshing night's sleep, she headed for Caesar's Palace. She might have needed more coffee before hitting the tables, though: she lost 4 hundred dollars. However, she ended up even for the day by winning 4 hundred dollars at the Stratosphere. She decided to go up to the famed observation deck there before heading to the airport. As she looked up and down the Strip she saw all the places where she'd played, and contemplated what she'd buy with her winnings.

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