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### Casino Postcard

I can still smell the Casino.

I remember going to visit Aunt Carrie's kitchen,  
seeing them bring the seafood and shellfish in.

The smells of the lounge and late nights lingering.

And the waves and sea spray against the rocks.

I remember my Grampa's pipe and bosun's whistle  
over his nautical striped shirt and royal blue trousers,  
and his wrinkled eyes squinting at me.

I should have felt intimidated by this character,  
but oh, did I love him ♥

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