

## **Louie's dialogue by number (Grey squares)**

### **LOUIE**

1. I noticed you talkin' to that older gentleman last night. I bet Rook 20 bucks that he hired you to do some work for him.

2. I think Rook's only nice to members of the fairer sex. And not too many of them. So I was right--you did get a job.

3. Congratulations, Murph. It must be a relief to be working again.

4. You know, speaking of fish, you hungry? The special today is clownfish.

5. Chelsee's like a soufflé, Murph. Treat her real gentle and don't hurry things too much. She's pretty soft inside.

6. You sure? Comes with a side of popcorn and a candy apple.

7. Maybe that's your problem. A girl like Chelsee needs you to be close, but not too close. Know what I mean?

8. You know what I'm saying Murph. A girl like Chelsee needs you to be close, but not too close. Know what I mean?

9. I don't blame ya, Murph. Well, if ya ain't hungry, you must be looking for somethin' else. What can I do for ya?

10. You know, I'm starting to understand why Chelsee hasn't gone out with you.  
[beat] So, what can I do for ya?

## **Tex's Response Attitudes With Louie are 1st, then followed by the respective dialogue. (White squares)**

1a. Pay off the bet -- . Here's your twenty bucks. Just don't tell Rook. I don't feel like paying him back yet. Gives me the creeps when he's nice to me.

1b. Tell Louie he won-- Well, Rook owes you 20 bucks. And I'm sure he'll be real happy to pay off the bet.

2. Play down the case-- Yeah, the old guy wants me to feed his fish while he's gone on vacation. I'm pretty excited. I start tomorrow.

3. Happy to have cash in your pocket--Yeah, can you believe it? I've got a real live case. Got a nice retainer, too. I'm thinking about spending some cash on Chelsea. If she'll let me.

4. A quick summary of the case-- My client's looking for a friend of his and not having much luck. He gave me a nice advance to see what I could turn up.

5. And how--You said it. That's actually why I came down here. I'm hoping you can help me with a lead.

6. Wary--Yeah, but I have a feeling it's gonna be a tough job. My client's friend may not want to be found. That makes him a small fish in a big ocean.

7. Happy to have cash in your pocket-- Well, it's good to have something in my wallet besides a list of IOUs. I'm actually thinking of spending some of my advance on Chelsea, if she's talking to me.

8. Don't eat it--I don't care much for clownfish. It tastes funny.

9. Won't eat it-- I haven't had clownfish since my Uncle Herb nearly died eating it. He choked on a funny bone.

10. Can't eat it-- My doctor says I can't eat fish. My cholesterol's too low.

11. Continue the metaphor--Yeah, but she's all golden brown and she smells good. Whenever I get close to her, it's hard to keep from drooling all over myself.

12. Feigned hostile response--What are you saying, Louie? That I'm too aggressive and insensitive? What the hell do you know?

13. Change the subject-- Stop, Louie. You're making me hungry. Listen, we can talk about women and food later. Right now, I need to see if you know anything that can help me on this case.

14. No thanks--That's really tempting, but I'll pass. I didn't come down here to eat, Just wanted to ask you a few questions.

15. Come up with an excuse-- I would but I just brushed my teeth, and I don't want to lose my minty fresh breath.

16. Have to save your appetite for later-- No, thanks. I was thinking that, now I have some cash, I might ask Chelsea out to dinner, in which case I'd better save my appetite. Now if I can just figure out how to get her to go out with me.

17. Shift gears--No. You can explain it to me some other time. Right now I need to run a few things by you.

18. Take Louie literally--What are we talking-- ? Three feet, four?

19. Been there, done that--Yeah. I read all about it in this book my mother sent me. It's called *Men are Imbeciles, Women are Erratic*. I'll loan it to you.