## FROM "CHOPS"

## **PHILLY**

Hey, we gotta go back there one of these days. Be a nice place to retire. I been thinking about that. Just walk away. I love what I'm doing. I love the action. Last four five months have been just about the most exciting of my life. But I'm getting too old for this. You know what I got my eye on? A Cape Dory. Forty-eight footer. Guy in St. Pete is selling it. Seventy-two G's. I'm thinking maybe buying it. Get out of all this. Start a little business. Sailing classes or something. A box lunch sailing adventure! How does that sound? Couple hundred bucks a head. Four or five people at a time. Go out for what? Ten to two? Few days a week? Shit. Make three, four grand easy. Nice town, St. Pete. A lot of old money down there. They got this incredible hotel! Straight out of the twenties! It's been boarded up for years, but there's these guys who want to re-open it. They want me as a partner. Reminds me of the old Edgewater Beach Hotel. A real palace! They got this ballroom. Stars on the ceiling. Like the Aragon. Can you imagine that, huh, if they reopened it? Ballroom dancing! And it's right near the water. (He sways, dancing a few steps with an imaginary partner.) Ocean breezes through the windows. Sounds of the surf mixing with the sounds of the orchestra