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As you expand your poker skills, acquiring new strategies and learning proper gambling etiquette, here's one move to avoid making: the "slow roll". What is a Slow Roll? A slow roll in poker is where the player with the very best hand ("the nuts") makes a scene of calling a large final bet, adding unnecessary drama to the hand. One of the most frowned-upon moves in poker, slow rolling is likely to lose you respect and may even anger your opponents. The slow roll should not be confused with "slow play" or "sandbagging" or "trapping" - three terms that refer to playing a strong hand weakly to encourage your opponent to bet. The slow roll comes at the end of the hand, when you delay showing your cards in order to taunt your opponent. For example, on the final round of betting, if one player goes all-in and shows a king-high flush, and their opponent, holding the ace-high flush, pretends to make a tough decision, this would be seen as a slow roll. In this case, it is likely the all-in player thinks they have the best hand, making it a doubly crushing blow when the slow roller reveals that they have the nuts. Why Would Someone Slow Roll? Slow rolling is done to irritate or upset an opponent, often because the two poker players involved have some history. It may also be done, in larger or televised poker games, simply to gain attention - but while a slow roller may find their move amusing, other players will not. Be wary, though - a slow roll might also be done by mistake, when a player doesn't actually realise that they have as strong a hand as the bettor. In the Showdown at the Sands, Phil Hellmuth famously made a scene on international television with a slow roll.