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## Amateur

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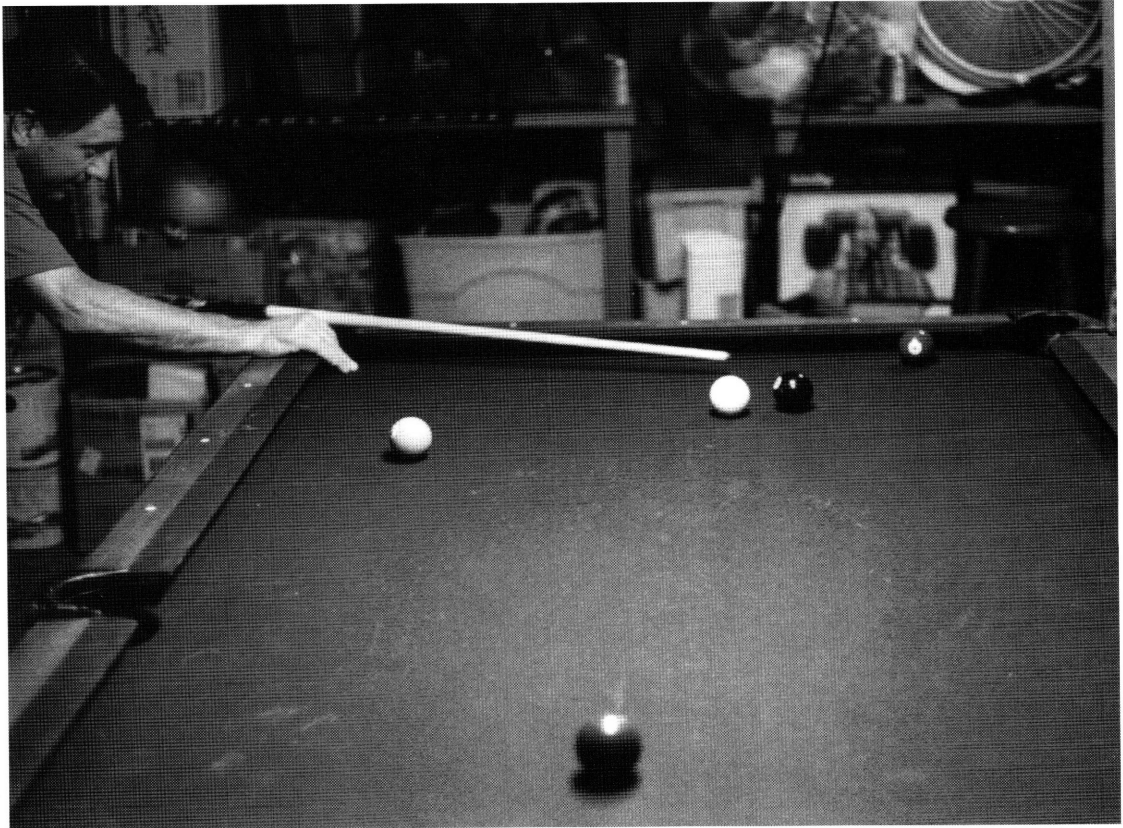
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*I am an amateur...*



**POOL SHARK** ALEXANDER NAVARRO

**Amateur**

VICTORIA LARRIVA

I am an amateur  
I slap words against the page  
Like a toddler with finger paints  
There is sometimes beauty, accidental  
But never grace  
Grace comes with age  
Grace comes with age and self-discovery

Grace comes with age and learning at a  
Master's knee

But I am arrogant, impatient  
I will not wait for grace or age  
I smear my words across that page  
And read the works of my betters  
Hoping, someday  
To be half as skilled as they