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Enlisting the Enemy's Aid

Assume you're declarer at four spades and West leads the jack of hearts, which you win with the ace. It looks like you'll have clear sailing, losing at most a club and two diamonds, but when you next cash the ace of spades, you discover that you have to lose a spade as well. How would you continue?

Since the spade and club losers cannot be avoided, all your attention should be focused on eliminating one of the diamond losers. The trouble is that unless you are very lucky, you will lose two diamonds if you broach that suit yourself. For example, if you lead the jack from dummy and East has one of the honors, he will simply cover, leaving you with no recourse.

You note further that it would definitely be to your advantage if the opponents broke the diamonds first, which would give you an excellent chance of avoiding two losers in the suit.

Accordingly, at trick three you cash the spade king and follow with the K-Q of hearts. You then concede a trick to East's queen of spades and sit back to await developments.

As long as the diamond honors are split (or if East has both of them), the defenders are helpless. In the actual layout, if East returns a heart, he yields a ruff-and-discard; if he leads a diamond, you play low and West wins, and you later take a diamond finesse against East to secure the contract.

If East elects instead to play the ace and another club, you simply discard a diamond, allowing West to win with the king; the queen of clubs then takes care of your remaining diamond loser.

Finally, if East underleads the ace of clubs, West wins but must then return either a club or a diamond. This eliminates your second diamond loser as well and assures you of scoring 10 tricks.

Tomorrow: Zounds!

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Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's answer 9-3

of this deal, which appeared many years ago in a par contest. It has a neat double twist.

Superficially, it seems that declarer can make nine tricks: three in diamonds and two in each of the other suits. Yet, good defense will defeat the contract.

When a spade is led and dummy plays the eight, East should play the nine instead of the king, taken by declarer with the jack or queen.

When South next leads a diamond, West goes up with the king and plays another spade, and it is curtains for declarer. East's spades become established while he still has the ace of diamonds as an entry, and South goes down one.

Note that if East wins the spade lead with the king and returns a spade, South makes the contract with normal play. West does not have a spade to return when he wins the first diamond lead, and declarer finishes with nine tricks.

But the hand is constructed so that even if East flounders by winning the first spade lead, the defense can still recover by an unusual play later on.

Let's say East takes the first spade and returns a spade at trick two. Declarer wins and leads a diamond, on which West follows low. East takes the jack with the ace and plays a third round of spades to establish his suit, and on this trick West discards the king of diamonds!

Declarer cannot recover from this brilliant stroke. He can't make nine tricks without the diamonds, and since East's 10-3 constitute a stopper behind dummy's Q-8-5-2, South fails in his mission.

A remarkable hand. First, East has a chance to shine by refusing to win the opening lead, and then, if he slips, West gets a chance to shine by ditching his high diamond.

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