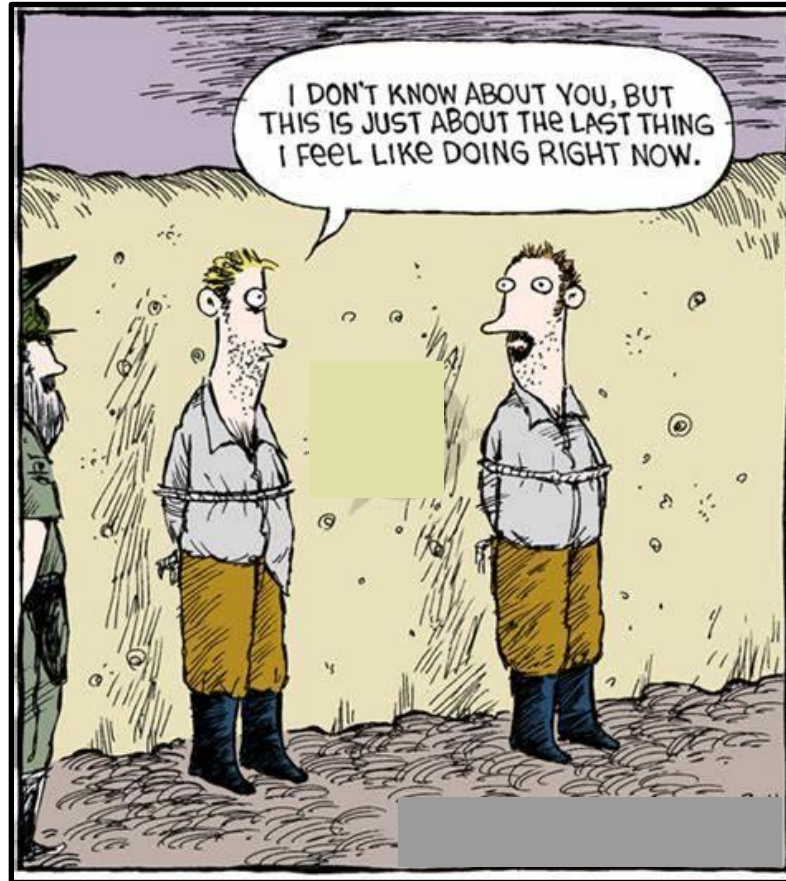


Controlling Trumps



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Time for a Joke

A retired sailor purchased a computer and began to learn all about computing. He was used to addressing his ships as "She" or "Her" but was unsure of what was proper for computers. To solve his dilemma, he set up two groups of computer experts: one group was male, and the other group was female. The group of women reported that computers should be referred to as "HE" because:

1. In order to get their attention you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but are still clueless.
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems but usually are the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have had a newer and better model.

The group of men reported that computers should be referred to as "SHE":

1. No one but the creator understands their logic.
2. The native language they use to talk to other computers is incomprehensible to anyone else.
3. Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for later retrieval.
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

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Hand #1

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1D	Pass
1H	Pass	1S	Pass
4S	Pass	Pass	Pass

Vul: N/S
Lead: J♥

West
♠
♥ J
♦
♣

North
♠ 8752
♥ AK76
♦ A3
♣ J85

East
♠
♥
♦
♣

South
♠ A964
♥ 43
♦ KQ72
♣ A43



Plan the play.

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Hand #1

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1D	Pass
1H	Pass	1S	Pass
4S	Pass	Pass	Pass

Vul: N/S
Lead: J♥

West
 ♠ 103
 ♥ J108
 ♦ J964
 ♣ Q1092

North
 ♠ 8752
 ♥ AK76
 ♦ A3
 ♣ J85



I must say, Mr. Baskerville, we rather expected something larger!

East
 ♠ KQJ
 ♥ Q952
 ♦ 1085
 ♣ K76

You need to ruff 2 ♥'s in your hand, but if you play the A♠ first, the opponents will draw 3 trumps from each hand.

Take the K♥ and duck a ♠ trick to the opponents.

South
 ♠ A964
 ♥ 43
 ♦ KQ72
 ♣ A43

Now regain the lead, cash the A♠, and go ruff whatever you need to make your contract.

You will eventually lose 1 ♣ trick and 2 trump tricks (+620).

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Hand #2

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1S	Pass
2S	Pass	4S	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Vul: N/S
Lead: J♥

West
♠
♥**J**
♦
♣

North
♠ 764
♥ 652
♦ 10863
♣ AK3

East
♠
♥
♦
♣

**South was rather ambitious.
Can he back up his bravado?**

Plan the play.

South
♠ AKJ103
♥ AKQ3
♦ 42
♣ 82



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Hand #2

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1S	Pass
2S	Pass	4S	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Vul: N/S
Lead: J♥

West
 ♠ Q82
 ♥ J10
 ♦ KJ97
 ♣ Q1074

North
 ♠ 764
 ♥ 652
 ♦ 10863
 ♣ AK3

East
 ♠ 95
 ♥ 9874
 ♦ AQ5
 ♣ J965

South
 ♠ AKJ103
 ♥ AKQ3
 ♦ 42
 ♣ 82



You will lose 2 ♦'s tricks, and possibly a ♠ loser and a ♥ loser.

The ♠ finesse is 50% but the ♠'s breaking 3-2 or 2-3 is 68%

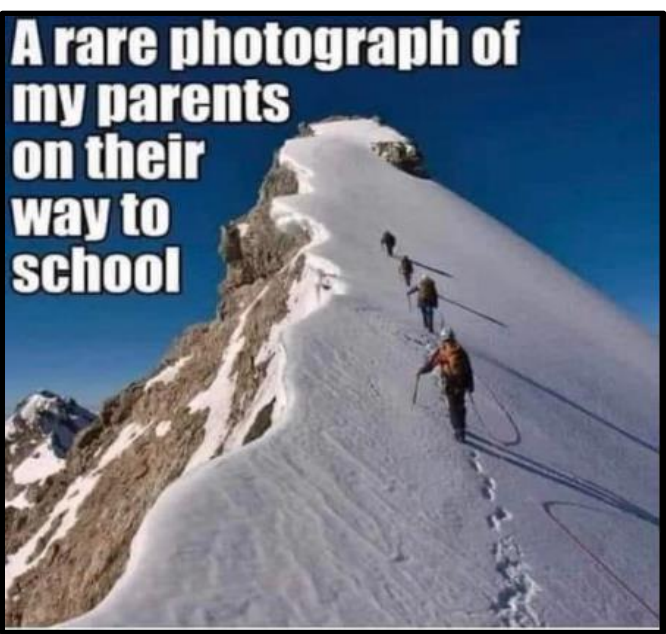
If you bang down the A♠ and K♠, you will still have a ♠ left in dummy to ruff your 4th ♥.

If you take the ♠ finesse (50%), you will go down. Play the odds.

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Hand #3

A rare photograph of my parents on their way to school



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1S	Pass
1NT	Pass	3S	Pass
4S	Pass		

North
 ♠ 93
 ♥ AQJ84
 ♦ 9742
 ♣ 102

Vul: N/S
Lead: 9♥

West
 ♠
 ♥ 9
 ♦
 ♣

East
 ♠
 ♥
 ♦
 ♣

South
 ♠ AK8542
 ♥ K2
 ♦ AQ3
 ♣ J9

Plan the play.

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Hand #3

A rare photograph of my parents on their way to school



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1S	Pass
1NT	Pass	3S	Pass
4S	Pass		

North
 ♠ ~~93~~
 ♥ AQJ84
 ♦ 9742
 ♣ 102

Vul: N/S
Lead: 9♥

West
 ♠ ~~016~~
 ♥ ~~93~~
 ♦ 1085
 ♣ A7653

East
 ♠ ~~107~~
 ♥ 10765
 ♦ KJ6
 ♣ KQ84

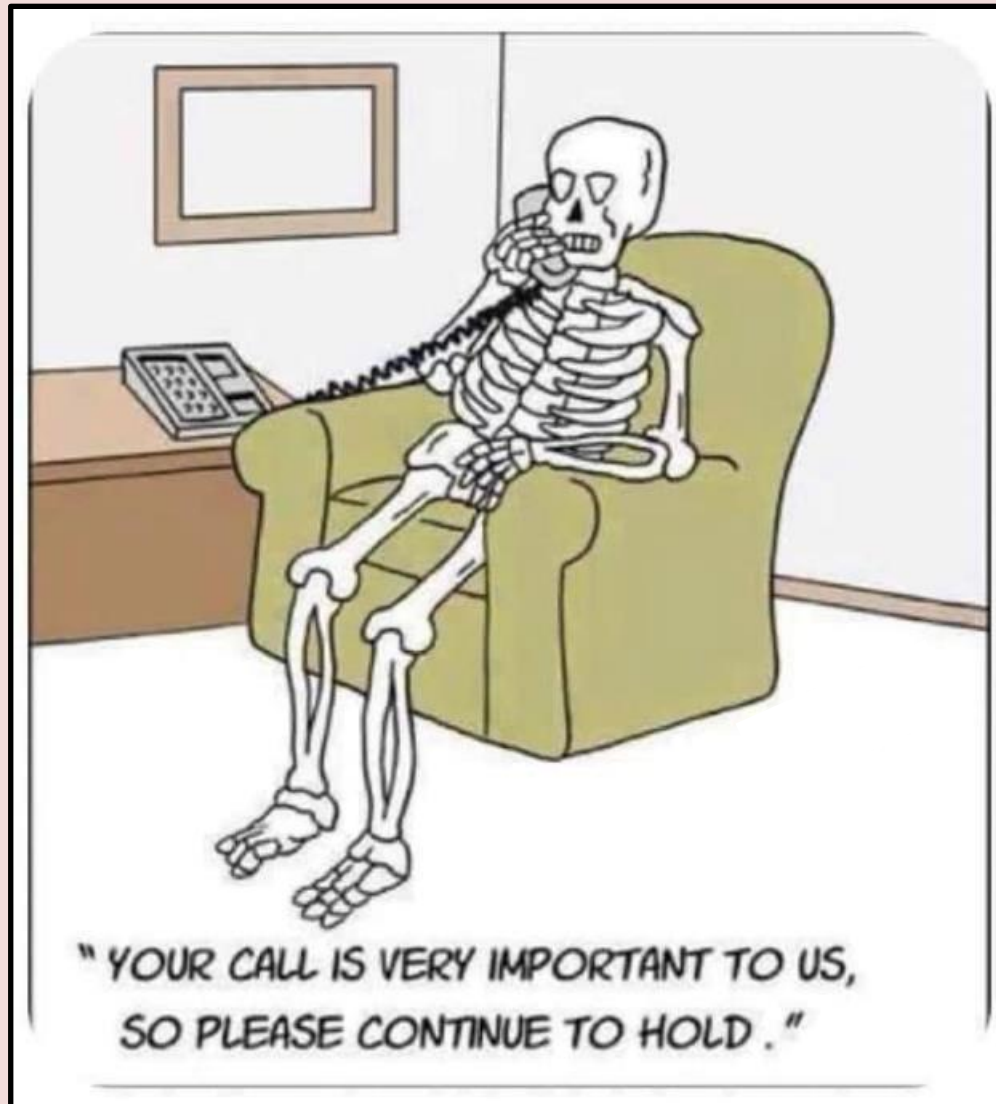
South
 ♠ ~~A~~K8542
 ♥ ~~K~~2
 ♦ AQ3
 ♣ J9

You can usually let an opponent hang onto their high trump(s), but **NOT** when it can disrupt your entry back to a long source of tricks.

After playing the A♠ and K♠, don't be tempted to quickly cash ♥'s to dump your ♣ losers.

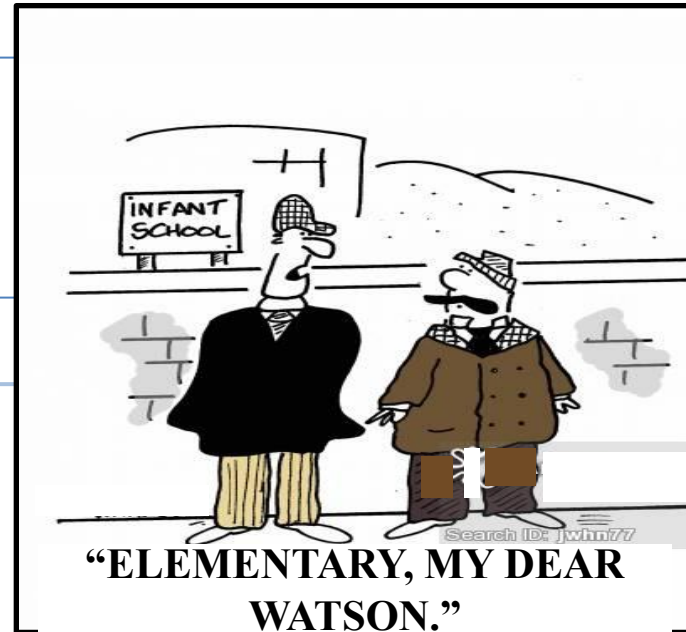
Give them their last trump trick first, to be able to run all the ♥'s.

One More Joke



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Hand #4



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
			1C
Pass	1H	1S	2H
2S	Pass	3D	Pass
4S	Pass	Pass	Pass

North
 ♠ Q87
 ♥ 7642
 ♦ KQ1054
 ♣ 9

Vul: N/S
 Lead: 6♦

West
 ♠
 ♥
 ♦ 6
 ♣

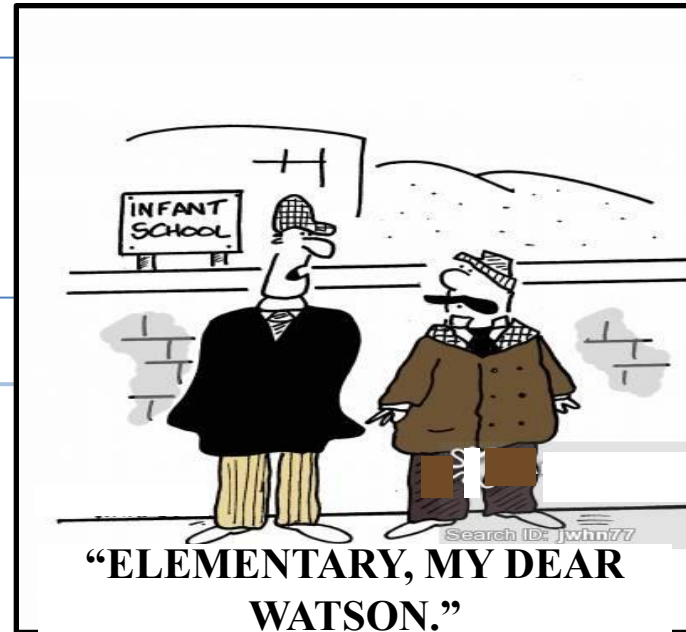
East
 ♠
 ♥
 ♦
 ♣

Plan the play.

South
 ♠ A10542
 ♥ 10
 ♦ A732
 ♣ AK10

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Hand #4



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
			1C
Pass	1H	1S	2H
2S	Pass	3D	Pass
4S	Pass	Pass	Pass

North
 ♠ Q87
 ♥ 7642
 ♦ KQ1054
 ♣ 9

East
 ♠ 3
 ♥ QJ853
 ♦ J98
 ♣ Q876

Vul: N/S
 Lead: 6♦

West
 ♠ KJ96
 ♥ AK9
 ♦ 6
 ♣ J5432

South
 ♠ A10542
 ♥ 10
 ♦ A732
 ♣ AK10

Take the ♦ lead in your hand, and lead a low ♠ to maintain control of the trump suit.

You'll make 4S, losing a ♥ and two ♠'s.

If West just keeps leading the suit they agreed upon (♥'s), South will lose control of his trump suit and go down in 4S.

Don't look for ruffs with natural trump tricks!

Playtime

