

# Squeezes



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# Time for Some Jokes

**A cowboy appeared before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. 'Have you ever done anything of particular merit?' St. Peter asked.**

**'Well, I can think of one thing,' the cowboy offered. 'On a trip to the Black Hills out in South Dakota, I came upon a gang of bikers who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So, I approached the largest and most tattooed biker and smacked him in the face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground. I yelled, 'Now, back off or I'll kick the shit out of all of you!'**

**St. Peter was impressed, 'When did this happen?'**

**The cowboy replied, 'A couple of minutes ago...'**

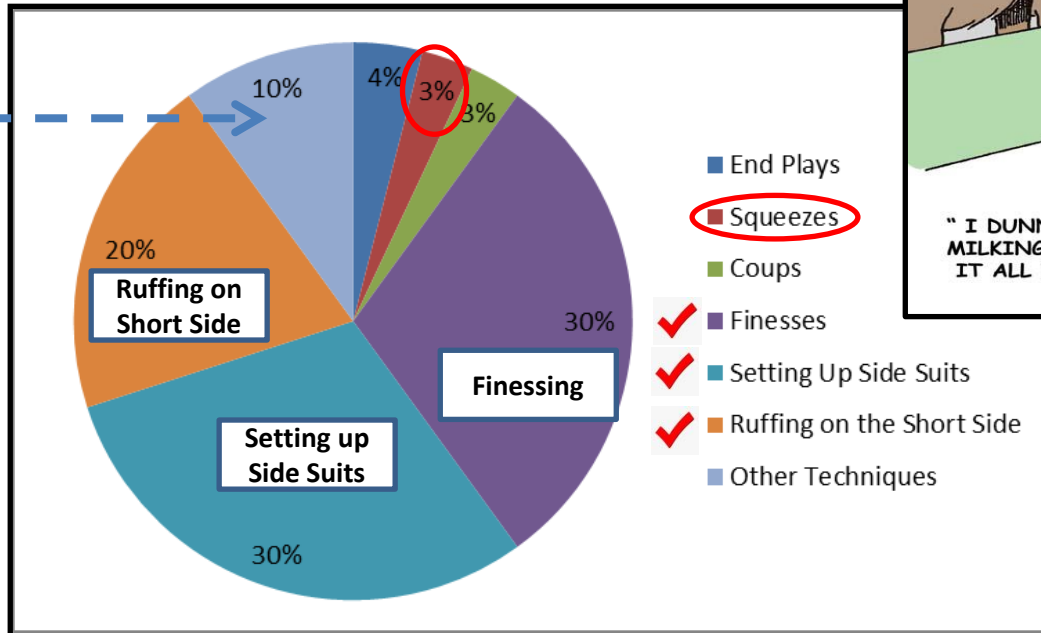
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**My husband's boss was a bully and a very unpleasant man. He cycled to work and often came in with stories of how motorists had cut him off, etc.**

**One day he arrived at work on his bike and loudly exclaimed, "A motorist just called me a f\*\*\*ing a\*\*hole!"**

**My husband gasped in mock horror and, without missing a beat, said, "Where does he know you from?"**

# Types of Plays



## Other Techniques include:

- Safety Plays
- Dummy Reversals
- Unblocking Plays
- Hold Up Plays
- Uppercuts
- Discovery Plays
- Cross Ruffs

# Love's Book on Squeezes



# Types of Squeezes



A Squeeze Play is defined as forcing an opponent to discard a winning card, a potentially winning card or a guard to a winning card in any suit.

## Types:

- **Simple Squeeze** (against one opponent)
- **Double Squeeze** (against both opponents)
- **Crisscross Squeeze**
- **Hedgehog Squeeze**
- **Backwash Squeeze**
- **Entry-Shifting Squeeze**
- **Delayed-Duck Squeeze**
- **And many, many more ....**

# The Simple Squeeze



A Simple Squeeze must have BLUE:

**B** – One opponent is busy in two suits. The other opponent is helpless.

**L** – Declarer has only one loser remaining.

**U** – At least one threat lies in the upper hand. (The hand behind the squeezed opponent)

**E** – There will be an entry to the established threat.

# Squeeze #1

Doubled by East.

Contract = 6NTx

Lead = 6♥

West

♠ 10986  
♥ Q97632  
♦ 10  
♣ 65

North

♠ A3  
♥ A8  
♦ AKQJ87  
♣ AK7

East

♠ KQ7  
♥ KJ10  
♦ 963  
♣ J1092

South – (DECLARER)

♠ J542  
♥ 54  
♦ 542  
♣ Q843



It is crucial to duck the opening lead in order to rectify the count, otherwise your squeeze won't work!

# Squeeze #1

Doubled by East.

Contract = 6NTx

Lead = 6♥

West

♠ 9  
♥ Q97  
♦  
♣ 5

North

♠ 3  
♥ A  
♦  
♣ AK7

East

♠ Q  
♥  
♦  
♣ J1092

South – (DECLARER)

♠ J  
♥  
♦  
♣ Q843



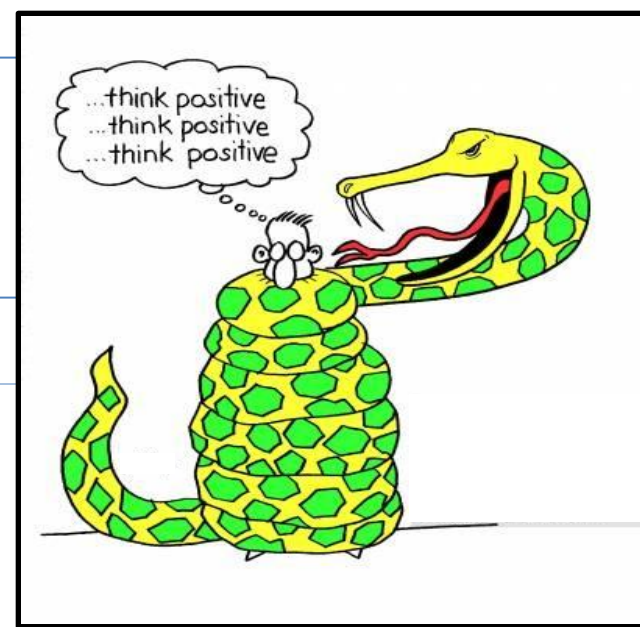
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# Another Joke (a Visual)



# Squeeze #2



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

North  
 ♠ AJ4  
 ♥ 1074  
 ♦ AKJ  
 ♣ AQJ9

East  
 ♠ 3  
 ♥ AK862  
 ♦ Q107  
 ♣ K852

West  
 ♠ 1076  
 ♥ Q9  
 ♦ 98642  
 ♣ 763

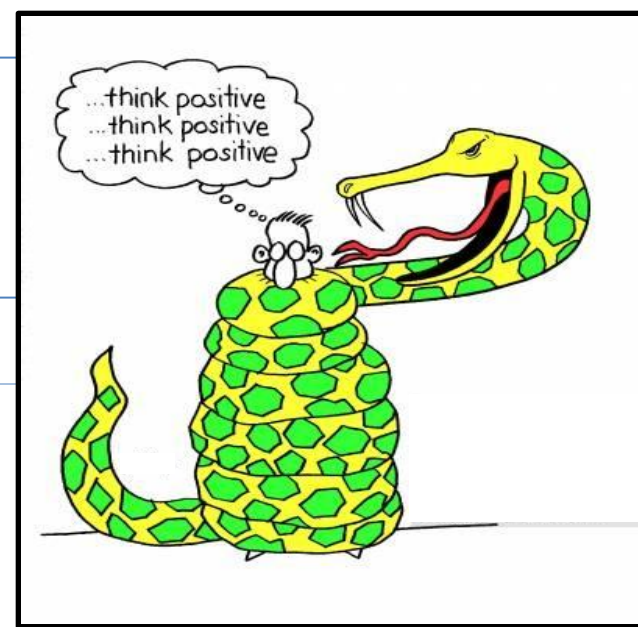
Contract = 4S

Lead = Q♥

South – (DECLARER)  
 ♠ KQ9852  
 ♥ J53  
 ♦ 53  
 ♣ 104

The opponents take the first 3 ♥ tricks and East exits with his 3♠.

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4S	Pass	Pass	Pass

North  
 ♠  
 ♥  
 ♦ AKJ  
 ♣ Q

East  
 ♠  
 ♥  
 ♦ Q107  
 ♣ K

Contract = 4S

Lead = Q♥

West  
 ♠  
 ♥  
 ♦ 986  
 ♣ 7

South – (DECLARER)  
 ♠ 2  
 ♥  
 ♦ 53  
 ♣ 10

The opponents take the first 3 ♥ tricks and East exits with his 3♠.

When South plays his last ♠, discarding the Q in dummy, East is squeezed out of his ♦ stopper or his K♣ (Vienna Coup).

# Playtime

