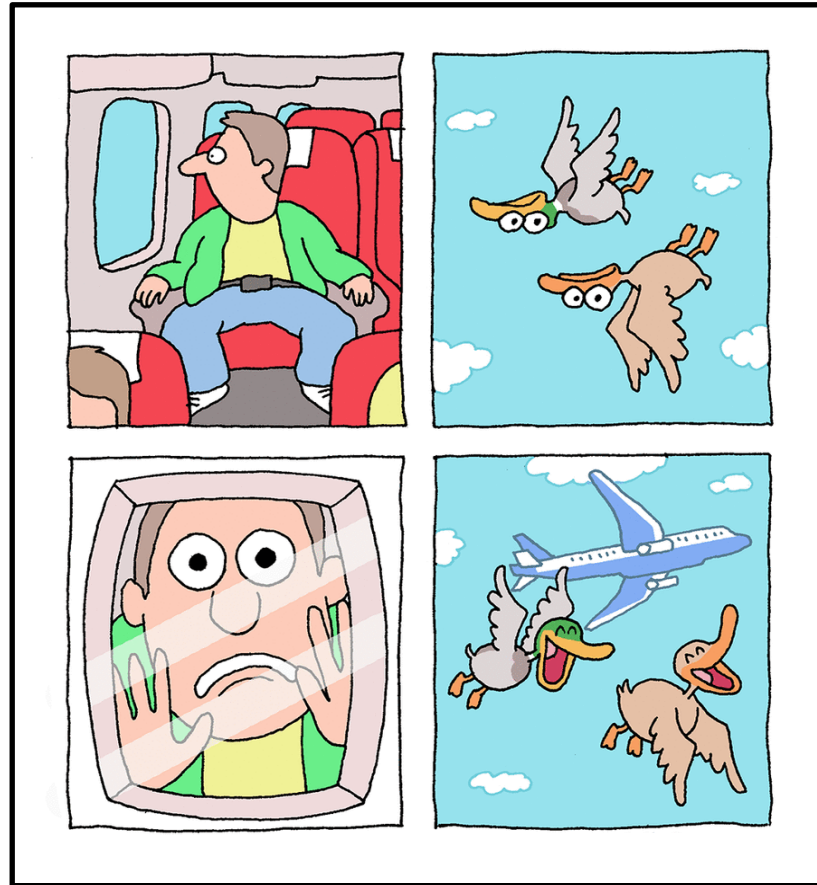


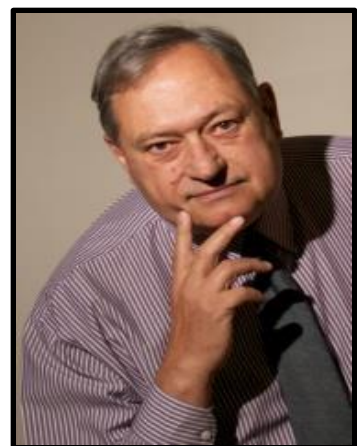
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Time for a Joke

In Russia, it is very difficult to get a car. In fact, only 1 out of every 7 families actually has one. It's a huge bureaucratic process and can take 10 years.

So, one day a young man had completed just that. He had his car chosen, filled out all the paperwork, had all the government requirements in order, and he went down to the Bureau of Transportation and submitted his work.

The man behind the counter said, "Well, this all looks to be in order. We'll get it submitted. You can come back in 10 years to collect your car."

The young man asked, "Morning or afternoon?"

The clerk replied, "10 years from now, what difference would it make?"

The young man said, "I have the plumber coming in the morning."

Exclusion Blackwood



Exclusion Blackwood (aka Voidwood), invented by the late Bobby Goldman (of the Dallas Aces), is a way (once there's an agreed suit) to ask for aces and the K and Q of trumps with a void in your hand.

A jump to a new suit at the 4 or 5 level says, "Partner, I have a void in this new suit. Tell me your number of key cards, not counting this suit."

Example:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1H	Pass	3H
Pass	4S*	Pass	???

The responses mimic those of Keycard Blackwood (1430):

1st bid available (4NT) = 1 or 4 keycards, counting the K♥ as one, but not the A♠.

2nd bid available (5C) = 3 or 0 keycards, counting the K♥ as one, but not the A♠.

3rd bid available (5D) = 2 keycards, without the Q♥, not counting the A♠.

4th bid available (5H) = 2 keycards, with the Q♥, not counting the A♠.

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If partner's response doesn't show the Q of trumps or not, you can ask for it by making the cheapest bid that is NOT trumps (that's reserved for getting out).

Example:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1C	Pass	3C	Pass
4S*	Pass	4NT	Pass
5D*			

South has 1 or 4
keycards, not
counting the AS.

The cheapest bid outside of clubs
asks for the QC.

The responses follow of Keycard Blackwood:

Bidding the trump suit (6C) shows no Q♣.

5NT shows the Q♣, but no kings (the K of trumps doesn't count).

Bidding any non-trump suit shows the Q♣ and the king in that bid suit.

Another Joke

Rakesh is 35 years old and still single. One day, a friend asked, “Why aren't you married? Can't you find a woman who will be a good wife?”

Rakesh replied, “Actually, I've found many women I wanted to marry, but when I bring them home to meet my parents, my mother doesn't like them.”

His friend thinks for a moment and says, “I've got the perfect solution. Just find a girl who's just like your mother.”

A few months later, they meet again, and his friend says, “Did you find the perfect girl? Did your mother like her?”

With a frown on his face, Rakesh answers, “Yes, I found the perfect girl. She was just like my mother. You were right, my mother liked her very much.”

The friend said, “Then what's the problem?”

Rakesh replied, “Now my father doesn't like her.”

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Step #4 – 0 or 3
keycards (not
counting the
AS).

#1

North	East	South	West
	1H	Pass	2D*
2S	3H	Pass	4S*
Pass	5C*	Pass	7H

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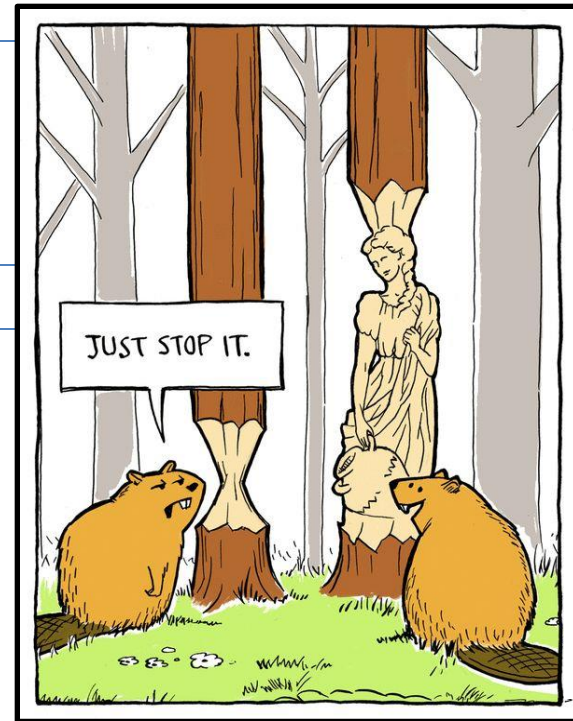
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East

West

♠Q3 ♥AKJ732 ♦Q3 ♣A87

♠--- ♥Q98 ♦AKJ842 ♣KQJ3



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BW.

#2

North	East	South	West
2C	Pass	2D*	Pass
2S	Pass	3S*	Pass
5C*	Pass	5D*	Pass
5H*	Pass	5S*	Pass
6S	Pass	Pass	Pass

Waiting.

Fast Arrival applies.

1 or 4 keycards, not counting the AC.

Do you have
the QS?

Running back to trumps, so no QS.

North

South

♠AK10982 ♥KQJ ♦AKQ5 ♣---

♠J65 ♥A52 ♦97 ♣Q9532

Playtime

