

♠♥♦♣ WHERE ARE THOSE EXTRA TRICKS? ♠♥♦♣

This is the hand you dealt yourself:

S	South
♠	A93
♥	A4
♦	AK83
♣	AJ104

You open 2NT and partner raises you to 3NT. West leads the ♠6. What is your plan?

N	North
♠	1074
♥	K762
♦	J4
♣	Q932

West leads ♠6

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You start by counting your top tricks. You have 1 spade, 2 hearts 2 diamonds and a club. You need 3 more tricks. Where will they come from? How will you get them?

The only hope with this deal is that you can successfully finesse against the ♣K and take all four club tricks. You will have to get to the North hand and there is only one opportunity to get there and that is via the ♥K. But once you get there, you have to repeat the finesse without leaving the dummy. Consider how you will accomplish this.

Don't bother to duck the first trick. If the finesse loses, it will lose to the dangerous West hand who has plenty of spades to set the contract. Win the first spade with the ♠A and go to the dummy by leading up to the ♥K. Then lead the ♠9! Don't make the mistake of leading the ♣Q. If you do, East will

