

Daily Bridge Club

Devil or angel?

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Cy the Cynic, a shameless chauvinist, and Wendy, our club's ardent feminist, are always at odds.

"I know you think Wendy is kin to Lucifer," I told Cy, "but you'd like her if you knew her better."

"There's a little angel in her smile, a little devil in her eyes," Cy said. "Look what she did as declarer."

Cy showed me today's deal. He and Wendy were North-South in a penny game.

"I put her in four spades," the Cynic said. "The contract was hopeless, off three trumps and a heart, but she made it. West cashed a heart and shifted to a club. Wendy won and judged to play West for a singleton trump honor. She ruffed her last heart in dummy and led the QUEEN of trumps."

CRASH

East thoughtlessly covered with the king, and there was a loud crash as West's ace fell. Wendy later got to dummy to lead a second trump toward her ten. Making four.

"She swindled poor East," I said.

"Be careful whom you trust," Cy sighed, "especially Wendy. The devil was once an angel."

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 10 8 5 4 2 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ Q 9 ♣ A K Q J. Your partner

opens one diamond, you respond one spade, he bids two hearts and you try three clubs. Partner then bids three diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner "reversed." His bidding suggests six diamonds, four hearts and a big hand. If he has only None, A K 7 6, A K J 8 6 4, 6 5 4, you can make seven diamonds. The auction is forcing to game, so you can raise to four diamonds and await developments.

South dealer
 N-S vulnerable

NORTH

♠ Q 7 6 3
 ♥ 8
 ♦ A K 10 8 4
 ♣ 8 5 4

WEST

♠ A
 ♥ A K Q J 7 6
 ♦ J 7 6
 ♣ 10 9 2

EAST

♠ K J 9
 ♥ 10 5 4 2
 ♦ 5 3 2
 ♣ 7 6 3

SOUTH

♠ 10 8 5 4 2
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ Q 9
 ♣ A K Q J

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	4 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ K