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THE FOURTH SUIT
RIDES TO THE RESCUE

Looking up a quotation including “fourth,” I came upon this comment by James Bryce, an English diplomat and author who died in 1922: “Three-fourths of the mistakes a man makes are made because he does not really know what he thinks he knows.” That gave me pause. What’s the problem?

No Englishman would say “three-fourths,” he would say “three-quarters.” The quotation has been “translated.” How is that relevant to this deal? All will be revealed.

Look at the South hand and bidding sequence. What should South rebid?

He has no clear-cut call. He wants to get to game, but has no idea which one. He solves the problem by rebidding two diamonds, fourth-suit game-forcing. It is artificial and asks partner to do something descriptive. Usually, responder wants to get to three no-trump, but does not have a stopper in the fourth suit; or he hopes partner can show three-card support for his five-card major; or both.

North
♠ 7 4 3
♥ A K 8 5 2
♦ 6
♣ K Q 4 2

West
♠ --
♥ J 9 7 6
♦ K Q 10 5 4
♣ J 8 7 5

East
♠ Q 10 9 8 6
♥ Q 10
♦ A 8 3 2
♣ 10 9

South
♠ A K J 5 2
♥ 4 3
♦ J 9 7
♣ A 6 3

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♥
?? Pass 2 ♣ Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Here, North continues with two spades, and South jumps to four spades. (Yes, North might have rebid two spades, not two clubs.)

West leads the diamond king, then shifts to a low club. How should South continue?

Declarer should take trick two with his ace, ruff a diamond, play a spade to his ace (getting the bad news), and ruff his last diamond. He then plays off dummy’s top hearts and top clubs. East ruffs the last top club and leads a diamond, but South ruffs low and exits with a low spade to get two more trump tricks with his king and jack over East’s queen. He takes four spades, two hearts, two clubs and two diamond ruffs.

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Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

					9	5	8	
		8			5		9	7
			7	6	8	4		
	5	7					3	
2				9				8
	4					2	6	
		2	1	5	4			
5	8		9			6		
	7	1	2					

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS

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NANCY S. RAWSON, Plaintiff, v. VONLEY D. VAH-SHOLTZ; KELLI A. OLSON; RYAN P. OLSON; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of such of the Defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of the Defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of such Defendants as are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown guardians and trustees of such of the Defendants as are minors or are in anywise under legal disability, and all other persons who are or may be concerned, Defendants. (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60) Case No. DK-2025-CV-000008 (Title to Real Estate Involved) **NOTICE OF SUIT**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a Petition for Partition has been filed in the Dickinson County District Court by Plaintiff Nancy Rawson, seeking an order Partitioning and Quieting Title to the following described real property, to wit: The Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 5, Township 15 South, Range 4, East of the 6th P.M., Dickinson County, Kansas, which has a common address of 1247 Sage Rd., Hope, Kansas 67451, and you are hereby required to plead to said Petition on or before July 11, 2025 in the Dickinson County District Court at Abilene, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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