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22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010 Both vulnerable. South deals

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|  | NORTH<br>K 4<br>A 7 4<br>6 5<br>A K 9 5 3 2 |  |
| WEST<br>10 9 5 2<br>Q 9 5<br>K 10 7 2<br>J 7 |   | EAST<br>8 3<br>J 10 6 3<br>J 9 3<br>Q 10 8 4 |
|  | SOUTH<br>A Q J 7 6<br>K 8 2<br>A Q 8 4<br>6 |  |

| WEST     | NORTH   | EAST | SOUTH     |
|----------|---------|------|-----------|
|          |         |      | 1 Spade   |
| Pass     | 2 Club  | Pass | 2 Diamond |
| Pass     | 2 NT    | Pass | 3 Heart   |
| Pass     | 3 Spade | Pass | 4 NT      |
| Pass     | 5 Club  | Pass | 6 Spade   |
| All Pass |         |      |           |

Opening lead: Two of

Unfortunately, not all roads always lead to Rome. At some crossroads, there's only one right way!

North-South conducted a tortuous auction to get to the only slam contract that stood a chance. Can you find the way home?

South's four no trump was key-card Blackwood in which the king of trumps counts as a fifth "ace." North's response showed 0 or 3 controls, and South knew which.

West led a trump and South had a difficult problem – whether to bank everything on a diamond finesse and a third-round diamond ruff or whether to set up the clubs. The latter was certainly the better shot – but the danger of an overruff loomed large. However, if both black suits divided no worse than 4-2, all would be well.

Declarer won the opening lead in hand and immediately ducked a club. East won and shifted to the jack of diamonds. Declarer rose with the ace, crossed to the king of spades and ruffed a club low. Trumps were drawn, declarer discarding a card from each red suit from dummy, and when both black suits split 4-2, declarer could get to dummy with the ace of hearts to run the clubs and claim the rest of the tricks.

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