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Dealer: East Vul : N-S	NORTH ♠Q 10 9 4 ♥K Q 8 6 2 ♦7 6 ♣A K	
WEST ♠7 ♥7 3 ♦J 9 5 3 ♣J 9 8 6 3 2		EAST ♠8 5 ♥A J 10 5 4 ♦K Q 10 4 ♣Q 10
	SOUTH ♠A K J 6 3 2 ♥9 ♦A 8 2 ♣7 5 4	

North	East	South	West
--	1 Heart	1 Spade	Pass
2 Heart	Pass	4 Spade	Pass
6 Spade	All Pass		

Opening lead - ♥ 7

In Sunday School, a little girl was asked to draw a picture of the Biblical creation story. Her rendering showed three figures in a red convertible.

"What's that?" the puzzled teacher asked.

"It's the Lord driving Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden."

Today's declarer fell from grace. Against his bold slam, West led the seven of hearts, and South put up dummy's king to drive out East's ace. East then led the king of diamonds, and South won and drew trumps.

HEART TRICK

South next led a club to dummy, threw a diamond on the queen of hearts and led the eight. East's jack covered, and South couldn't set up a heart trick and lost a diamond.

South erred at Trick One. He must play dummy's deuce of hearts, utilizing the power of his nine. East's ten wins, but South wins the diamond shift, draws trumps and leads the king of hearts: ace, ruff. Later, he throws a diamond on the queen of hearts and leads the eight through East's J-5, setting up the six for his 12th trick.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ Q 10 9 4 ♥ K Q 8 6 2 ♦ 7 6 ♣ A K. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart and he bids one spade. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: At responder's second turn, he often tries to place the contract (or suggest a contract), bidding the limit of his strength. A raise to three spades now would invite game. Since you have 14 good points with four-card spade support, you must commit to game. Bid four spades

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