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4th March 2011 Both vulnerable. North deals.

	NORTH ♠AKQ ♥K632 ♦AQ ♣A743	
WEST ♠743 ♥Q1085 ♦J94 ♣KJ8		EAST ♠62 ♥J9 ♦K10752 ♣Q1065
	SOUTH ♠J10985 ♥A74 ♦863 ♣92	

North	East	South	West
2 NT	Pass	3 Spade	Pass
4 Club	Pass	4 Spade	All Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♠

A plethora of high cards can sometimes be overwhelming. Consider this deal from a rubber bridge game.

North's four-club cue-bid showed a maximum two no trump opening with good spade support. However, South was not interested in anything more than game.

West led a trump, taken in dummy perforce. Declarer came to hand with the ace of hearts and led a diamond to the queen, losing to East's king, and a trump came back. Declarer had no quick return to hand after cashing the ace of diamonds, and tried to get away with cashing the ace of clubs and continuing the suit. West won and removed the table's last trump, leaving declarer stuck with a loser in each red suit – down one.

We feel some sympathy for South – that queen of diamonds was a sore distraction. Change the queen to a low diamond and we are sure South would have coasted home. All declarer need do is cash the ace of diamonds at trick two and continue with the queen. It makes no difference which defender wins. Declarer takes the trump continuation in dummy, comes to hand with the ace of hearts and ruffs his diamond loser. All the defenders can take is a heart and a club to go with the diamond trick already banked.

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