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Down 4 doubled is good bridge when others go down 5. Don't throw away a good trick just because you're in a hopeless contract.

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S 1H

W P (Hoping East will double for take out, and then West will convert the double to penalty. A trap pass.)

N P


E DBL (West gets its wish)

S P

W P


N P (I would have bid 1S with 6 spades and only one heart knowing that West has just shown a heart stack. South knows I have 5 or less points when North passed the first time.)

The defense cashes the Ace of spades and then Ace of diamonds, and then returns a heart.

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I win the ace of hearts. That's not important. What's important is that I don't play the Queen of hearts trying a finesse that's doomed to fail. West has a heart stack.

If I save the Queen. Eventually I take the A and Q of hearts and the King of diamonds. 3 tricks. If I throw the Queen under the bus, I only get 2 tricks.

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