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### Make Sure You Get There

"An entry, an entry, my kingdom for an entry."

Contract: 3NT  
 Lead: ♠ 8

♠ Q 7 2  
 ♥ 9 7 6 5  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ K Q J 10 5

♠ A 10 5  
 ♥ A K 3  
 ♦ A K 5 3  
 ♣ 9 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dbl	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Declarer played low from dummy at trick one, as did East. South gratefully scooped up the trick with his ♠ 10, and went to work on dummy's lovely club suit.

Unfortunately, when East held up his ♣ A until the third round and returned a spade, dummy's ♠ Q was *not* an entry. Declarer had no way to get to dummy's two club winners, and had no chance for a ninth trick.

Declarer erred at trick one when he won his ♠ 10. Once he did that, dummy's ♠ Q was *not* going to be an entry to dummy's club winners.

From the bidding (and Rule of 11), it was clear that West held the ♠ K. Therefore, South should have won the first trick with his ♠ A. Once that card was out of the way, it would have been easy to enter dummy with the well-placed ♠ Q after knocking out the ♣ A.

Here is the entire deal:

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 Lead: ♠ 8

	♠ Q 7 2	
	♥ 9 7 6 5	
	♦ 6	
	♣ K Q J 10 5	
♠ K J 9 8 3		♠ 6 4
♥ Q 10 2		♥ J 8 4
♦ Q 9 7 2		♦ J 10 8 4
♣ 7		♣ A 6 4 2
	♠ A 10 5	
	♥ A K 3	
	♦ A K 5 3	
	♣ 9 8 3	