

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0069:
"Bidding When You Sit 4th Holding a 'Giant' Hand,
and Play on Defense When Your Partnership Holds
Few HCPs and Few Trump Cards"¹**

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Dealer: **EAST**

Vul: **BOTH**

		NORTH (23)		
		S: A J 9 8 6		
		H: T 9		
		D: A K Q		
		C: A K Q		
	WEST (2)		EAST (13)	
S: Q 2			S: K T	
H: 5 2			H: A K Q 8 3	
D: T 7 4 2			D: 6 5 3	
C: 9 7 5 4 2			C: J 8 3	
		SOUTH (2)		
		S: 7 5 4 3		
		H: J 7 6 4		
		D: J 9 8		
		C: T 6		

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1 H	PASS	PASS	???

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¹ Many of these ideas are drawn from Phillip Adler's excellent article, "Card Play 101", in the May, 2024 issue of the [ACBL Bridge Bulletin](#).

² As noted in an article in the Winter/Spring, 2024 article in [The American Bridge Teachers' Association \(ABTA\) Journal](#), https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/ABTA_1_24.pdf, Esther Klinktoast-Houstonhousen in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

Question #1

1. *Sitting NORTH, with your holdings what would you bid in this auction?*

To see Esther's **suggested answer**, CLICK:
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