

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0078:  
"Can You Correctly Bid This Potential  
6NT Slam Contract?"**

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Board #1 499er 06/25/24

Dealer: **NORTH**

Vul: **NONE**

WEST (10)

**S:** J 8 7 3

**H:** Q 4 2

**D:** A 6 3

**C:** K 8 7

EAST (20)

**S:** A K

**H:** A T 9 8 6

**D:** K 4 2

**C:** A Q 5

**Bidding**

NORTH

PASS

EAST

2NT

SOUTH

PASS

WEST

???

Once EAST opens 2NT, EAST has "limited" his Hand, because this bid specifies *very precisely both* the Player's (1) HCPs and (2) card distribution.<sup>2</sup> EAST, by "limiting" his Hand, thereby immediately anoints Responder as "The Captain", and it is the duty of "The Captain" to then set the Final Contract. Once a

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<sup>1</sup> 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](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.

<sup>2</sup> In addition to opening 2NT, other opening bids that "limit" Opener's Hand are 1NT, "weak" 2D, 2H, 2S, 3D, 3H, and 3S.

Player "**limits**" his Hand, he may not bid again during the auction *unless* Partner asks a question demanding via another bid an answer from the Opener.

**Question #1**

1. *Sitting WEST, what would you bid?*

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