


The Dentist's Coup

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Yesterday's Daily Deal featured the Dentist's Coup: the "extraction" of a safe exit card from an opponent's hand; the removal of a card which would allow an opponent a safe play.

Today's deal is another example:

Board 11
 South Deals
 None Vul

<p>♠ J 6 3 ♥ Q J 10 8 ♦ 10 6 ♣ 9 5 3 2</p>		<p>♠ A Q 5 4 ♥ K 6 3 ♦ K 7 ♣ A J 7 6</p>	<p>♠ K 9 2 ♥ 7 5 2 ♦ J 9 3 2 ♣ Q 10 8</p>
		<p>♠ 10 8 7 ♥ A 9 4 ♦ A Q 8 5 4 ♣ K 4</p>	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	3 NT	All pass	1 NT
3 NT by South			
Lead: ♥ Q			

Declarer starts the elimination play right away, ducking the opening lead. Dummy's ♥K takes the second trick. Declarer cashes the ♦K, ♦A and ♦Q, as well as the ♥A (a Dentist's Coup, extracting East's last exit card), before throwing him in with the fourth diamond and getting a free black-suit finesse.