

Here Yee Here Yee, the unit 109 court is now in session, little Richard presiding.

We are here today to arbitrate the dispute between Clementine Jones and Dog “the Bridge Hunter”. You the jury are to decide if damages should be awarded to either party.

Clementine: Dog, you are the worst player ever. I want you to write down everything you know about bridge on this piece of paper.

Dog: Thank you. This piece of paper is a lot bigger than the one I would have given you.

Clementine: My partner is so dumb when he was told to put his opening lead face down he put his head down on the table.

Dog: With my partner we seem to have many partnership mis-understandings. I assume she knows what she was doing.

Clementine: My partner always thinks he does everything right.

Dog: If I did everything right I would not play with you.

Judge: Enough you two. Why are you here?

Clementine: We play Lebensohl over weak twos and my partner is an idiot.

Dog: My darling, haven't you heard about zero tolerance?

Clementine: I have and I will no longer tolerate you and your poor bidding.

Judge: Proceed already!

Clementine: I am in second seat and my right hand opponent bids two spades. Now I go through a thought process to determine what to do next. Here is my thinking:

1. With a weak hand I pass.
2. With a strong hand I double

Here is my hand. I have:

J1098
K83
AK1096
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So using my rule I doubled for takeout. I had to bid. I had points. I cannot pass.

Dog: I proudly bid 2 No trump Lebensohl taught by my friend at Belleview. My partner is required to bid 3 clubs at all times. Here is my hand:

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AQ7

Q32

QJ10642

Clementine: I did not like the idea of my partner passing 3 clubs so I bid 3 diamonds.

Dog: Great news. My partner bid 3 diamonds so I know she has extra values. So I bid 3 hearts to keep the bidding open. No trump looks pretty scary to me.

Clementine: So my partner was not going to pass 3 clubs. His suit is hearts. Maybe his hand is better than a bust. I have a singleton and ruffing values for him with hearts as the trump suit. I bid 4 hearts.

You be the judge. Who is at fault? One or the other or both?