

Morton's Fork

As South (dealer, all vulnerable), you pick up a good hand:

♠AJ4
♥QJ
♦AQJ109
♣AQ3

You open with a 20-22 point 2NT, and the bidding proceeds:

S	W	E	N
2NT	P	6NT	P
P	P		

West leads ♠9 and the dummy goes down to reveal the following:

♠KQ10
♥A104
♦K
♣J87652

♠9 led

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Partner has judged well, 7♣ is a poor contract while 6NT looks excellent. All you have to do now is match the good bidding with good play and make the contract (it can always be made from this point). You win in dummy with K and lead 2♣ for a finesse. You expect either to make an overtrick, or claim your 12 tricks if the finesse loses. However East discards H2 on this trick (they are playing low encouraging discards). Take it from there.