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Kingo was very upset as one his customer's deliverables were delayed due to resignations of key people in the project team. Management blames project manager and Kingo for not doing proper contingency planning and Kingo really did not know how to solve the issue.

Padma patted Kingo and told him to relax and said, "this is not unusual on any IT project and your client will understand if you tell the truth and revised delivery date". While Padma's comment made Kingo feel a bit better, Kaushik as is his wont, posed a question, "Do we have contingency planning in Bridge"

Again, it was Padma who chipped in before anyone could answer saying, " We have six members in a team event to take care of any contingencies like someone falling sick or having an important call to attend. In some events, they even allow a trio in pairs event" Prabha wanted to chip before someone else got it. Her view was, " While Padma's point address people related contingency, there are other contingencies that also must be addressed. You must count you have 13 cards before you see your hand, when arranging the hand, always arrange red-black-red-black so that cards of the same colour don't get mixed up, and count points twice from left to right and then right to left. These actions will ensure you address contingencies like a fallen card, cards not getting mixed up and no counting error on HCP"

Kingo was playing a lot of online bridge added, "Switching on the double click option on bidding and play is very essential on online platform as mis-click occur all the time on online bridge. Most tournaments don't allow and undo for mis-click especially during play"

Kaushik was listening intently and wanted to make a very important point. He said, "While all of you have addressed the key issues in contingency, I have been insisting and I am delighted that everyone in our team is playing the same system. This is also a contingency plan. If one player is late for reasons beyond his control, another player should be able to fill in. I concur that while playing the same convention is not the best solution as people have different styles of bidding, it is better than two people playing unknown systems."

Padma chirped, "How do we test out our contingency plans?". Kaushik spoke before anyone else, "By doing them in practice and interchanging partners once in a while to practice contingency". All agreed that team has a good plan except that we have not documented it.

Tailpiece. Goofy did not care about contingency plans. Kingo ensures that all needs are met and on the rare occasion he does not meet some expectations, he always has something hidden for the rainy day