

Chess Calculation Training

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Volume 3 : Legendary Games



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Key to Symbols used!

!	a good move
?	a weak move
!!	an excellent move
??	a blunder
!?	an interesting move
?!	a dubious move
□	only move
=	equality
∞	unclear position
±	White stands slightly better
∓	Black stands slightly better
±	White has a serious advantage
∓	Black has a serious advantage
+-	White has a decisive advantage
-+	Black has a decisive advantage
→	with an attack↑with an initiative
↔	with counterplay
Δ	with the idea of
△	better is
≤	worse is
N	novelty
+	check
#	mate

Preface

I am happy to present the third volume of my collection Chess Calculation Training! After looking into middlegames in volume one and endgames in volume two, we encounter a new subject legendary games.

This book is a mixture of all kinds of exercises, but with one thing in common that all the games were played before the year 2000, except for a few by two big names, Kasparov and Karpov.

There are several objectives to this book, besides the obvious calculation training. The age of the games brings in a cultural element and some positions of a whole different kind, since chess was very different a few decades ago in the pre-computer era.

Going through thousands of games I found many exceptional positions that have been ignored by previous books and articles, as engines were too weak at the time, and analysis too superficial, to appreciate the depth of some combinations or some moves that had been missed. In this book you will come across many of these examples as well as a few famous positions that you may already have seen just for the record!

In the fifteen chapters and 480 exercises in this book, we will encounter many subjects, for example attack, defence, surprises and hidden moves, while some chapters will be especially dedicated to four great players Kasparov, Karpov, Fischer and Kramnik in order to learn about their styles. The last two chapters are also of a very special kind, Extraordinary Wins, where you will see moves of the kind you wont meet very often in life, and Special Section, with exercises requiring special instructions.

Many surprises await you throughout this book. Enjoy!

Romain Edouard 9 June 2018

Chapter 1 Warm-up

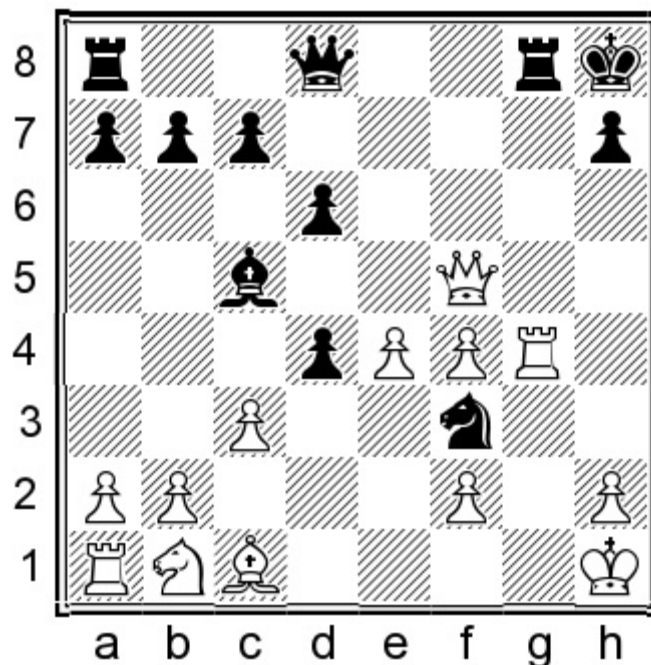
As the title indicates, this part of the book is a warm-up. In each position you must find the winning move or, if there seems to be more than one, the most direct win.

This chapter contains exercises of all types which could have been used in most of the other chapters. They have been collected here because of their lower level of difficulty and will prepare you nicely for the rest of the book!

I recommend attempting one or two pages (four to eight exercises) as a warm-up before looking at another chapter.

1. Reiner - Steinitz, William [C44]

Vienna m4 Vienna, 1860



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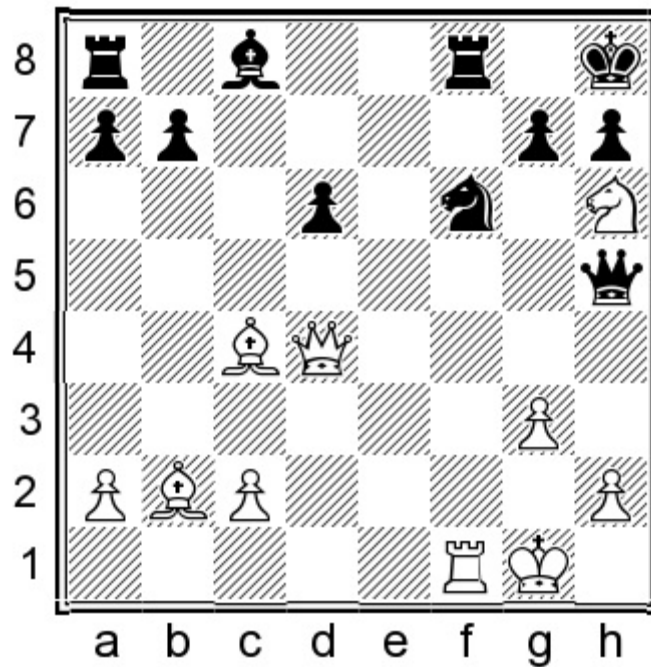
16...♔h4! 17.♖g2

17.♖xh4 ♖g1#

17...♙xh2+! 18.♖xh2 ♖g1# 0-1 Reiner-Steinitz,W Vienna 1860.

2. Steinitz, Wilhelm - NN [C30]

ch Vienna Chess Club Vienna CH, 1861



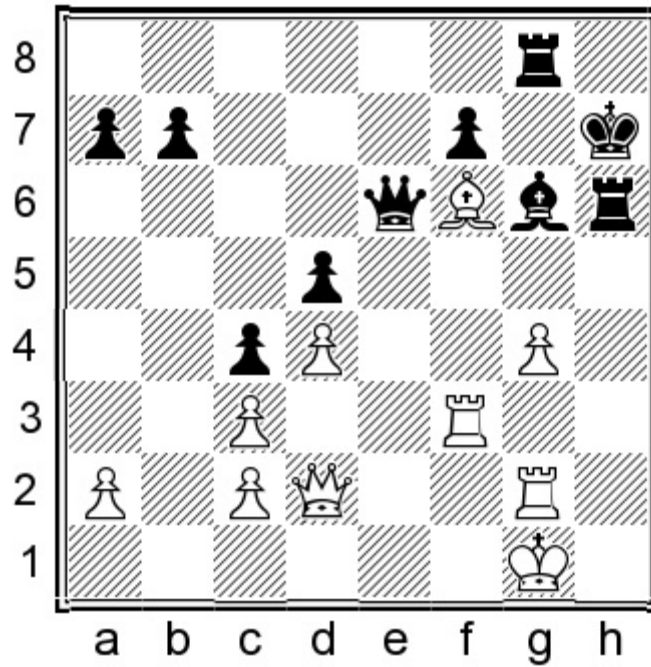
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19.♖xf6! ♖xf6 20.♙xf6!+- 1-0 (31) Steinitz,W-NN Vienna 1861.

3. Tarrasch, Siegbert - von Scheve, Theodor [C01]

Nurnberg Nurnberg, 1883.07.24

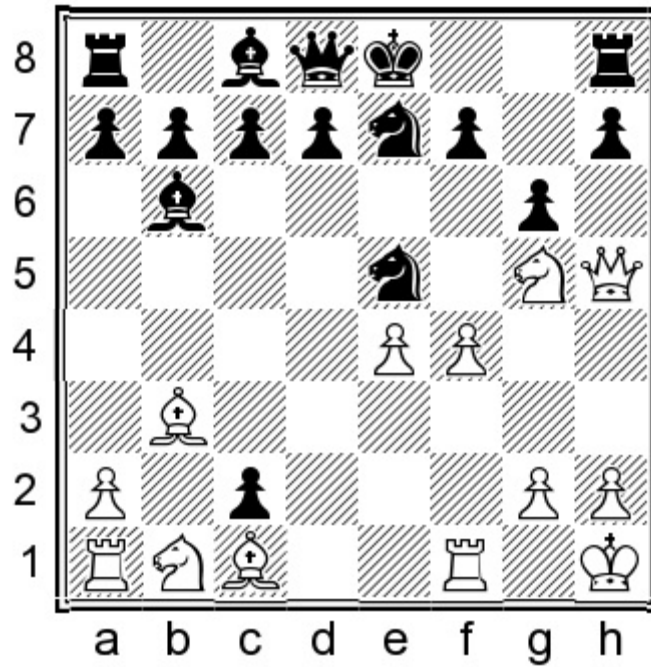


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31. ♖xh6+! ♔xh6 32. ♜h2+ ♕h5 33. ♜xh5+ ♔g6 34. ♜g5+ ♔h6 35. ♜h3# 1-0 Tarrasch,S-Von Scheve,T Nuremberg 1883.

4. Rosenthal, Samuel - NN [C52]
Blindfold Paris, France, 1887.03.10

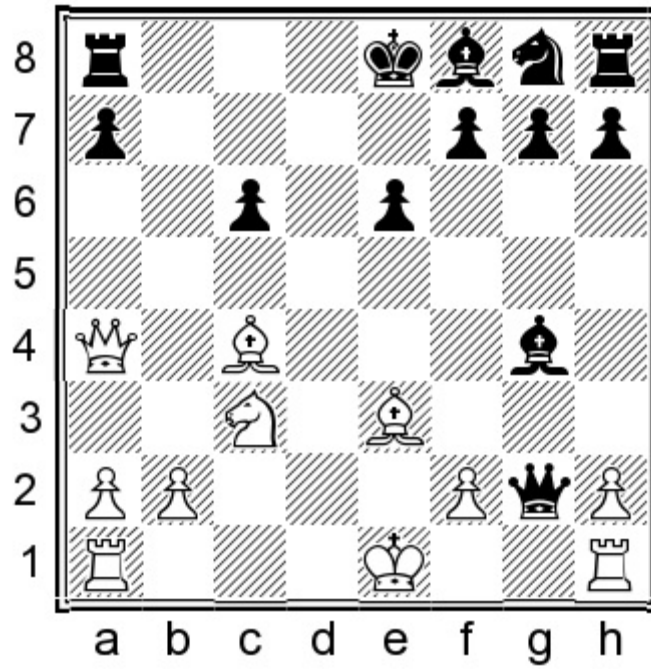


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13.fxe5! gxh5 14.♙xf7+ ♔f8 15.♘e6+! dxe6 16.♙h6# 1-0 Rosenthal,S-NN Paris (blindfold) 2003.

5. Janowski, Dawid Markelowicz - Schallopp, Emil [D21]
Nuremberg Nuremberg, 1896

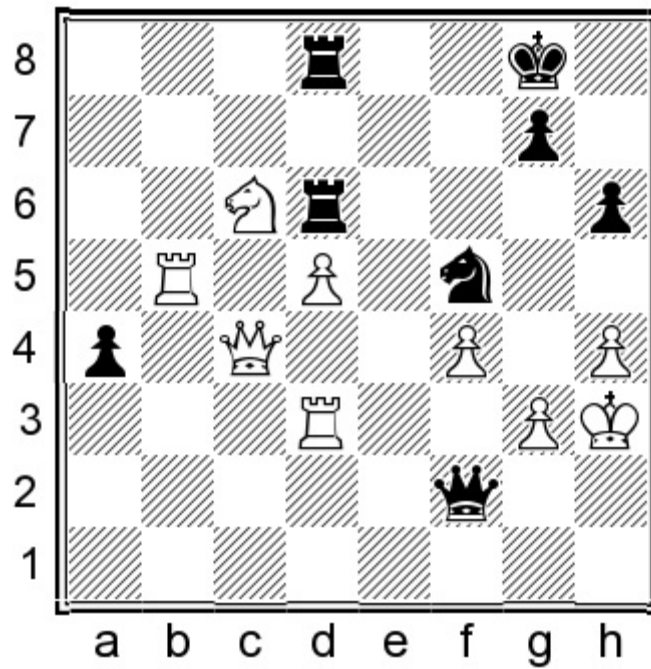


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12.♙d5! exd5 13.♚xc6++- 1-0 (17) Janowski,D-Schalopp,E Nuremberg 1896.

6. Von Popiel, Ignatz - Berger, Johann Nepomuk [C44]
DSB-12.Kongress Munich (9), 1900



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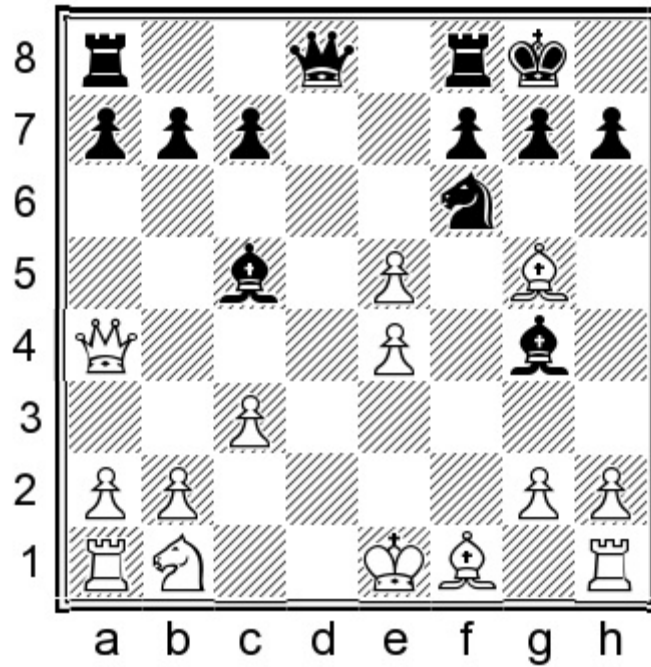
46...♙f1+ 47.♔h2 ♘e3! 48.♖xe3

48.♙e4 ♘g4#

48...♙xc4-+ 0-1 (49) Von Popiel,I-Berger,J Munich 1900.

7. Pulvermacher, Albert - Capablanca, Jose Raul [C30]

New York casual New York, 1907



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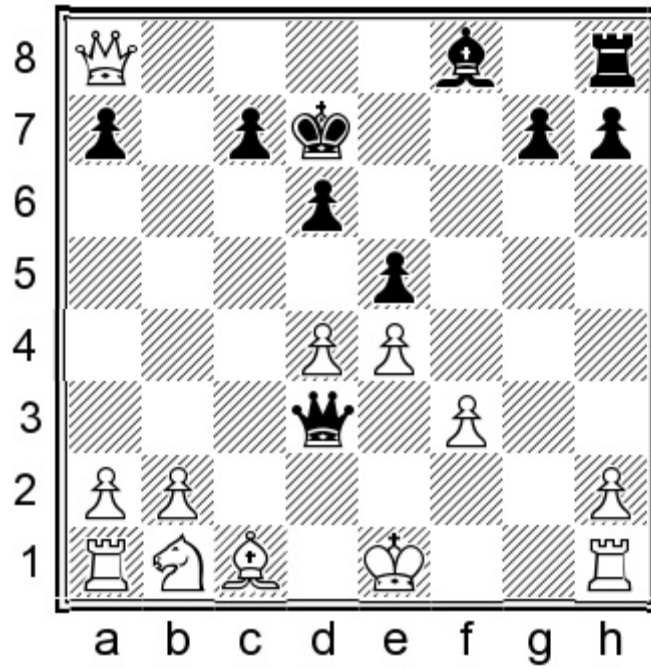
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10...♖xe4! 0-1 Pulvermacher,A-Capablanca,J New York 1907.

White resigned in view of: 10...♖xe4 11.♗xd8 ♕f2#

8. Rodzinski - Alekhine, Alexander [C50]

Paris Paris, 1913

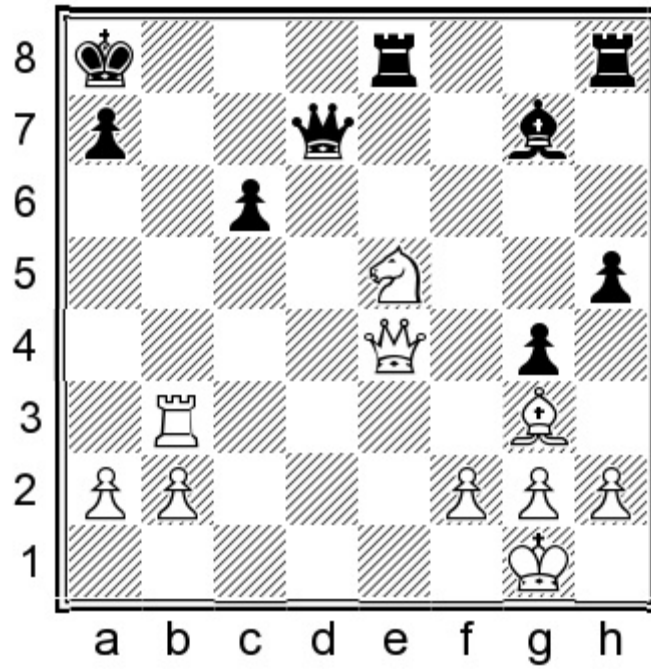


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14...♙e7! 15.♜xh8 ♜h4# 0-1 Rodzinski-Alekhine, A Paris 1913.

9. Tartakower, Saviely - Steiner, Endre [C56]
Budapest Budapest, 1921

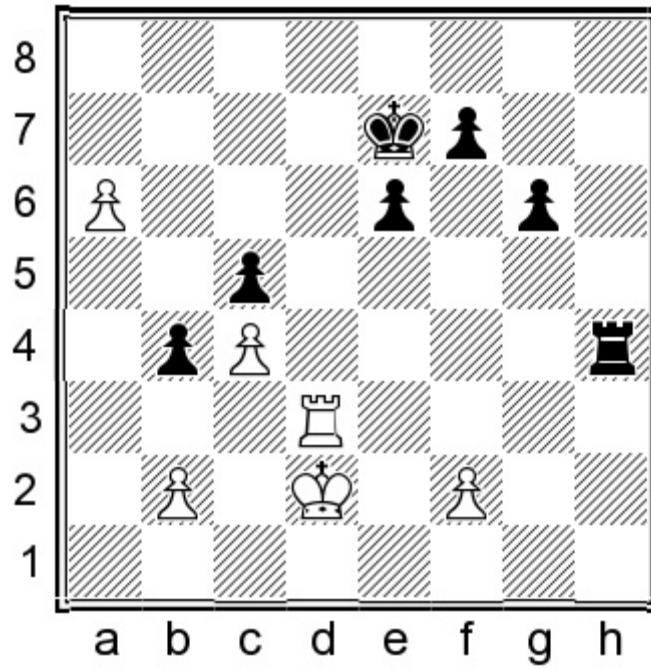


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26. ♖b8+! Black resigned as the next move is Nxd7 with check: 1-0 Tartakower,S-Steiner,E Budapest 1921.

10. Alekhine, A. - N, N.
 Simultanvorstellung, 1933

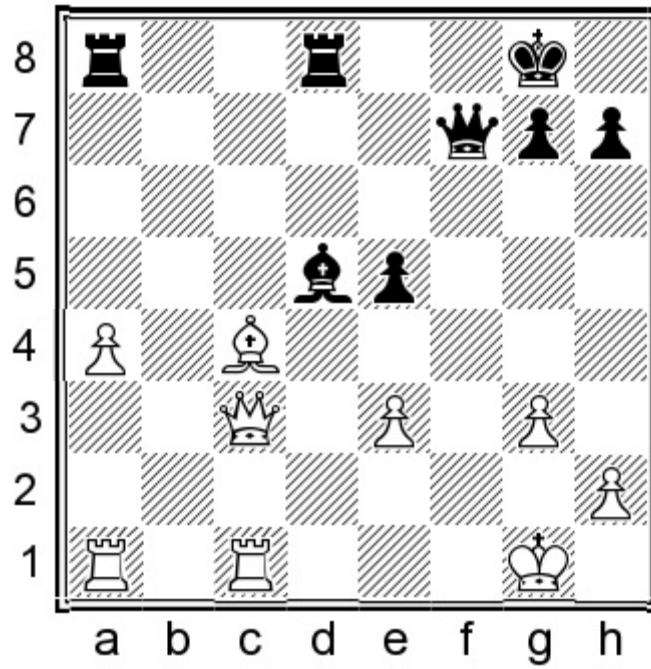


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1.♞d8! ♕xd8 2.a7 1-0 Alekhine,A-N.N. Simul 1933.

11. Alatortsev, Vladimir - Konstantinopolsky, Alexander C [E11]
URS-ch10 Tbilisi, 1937



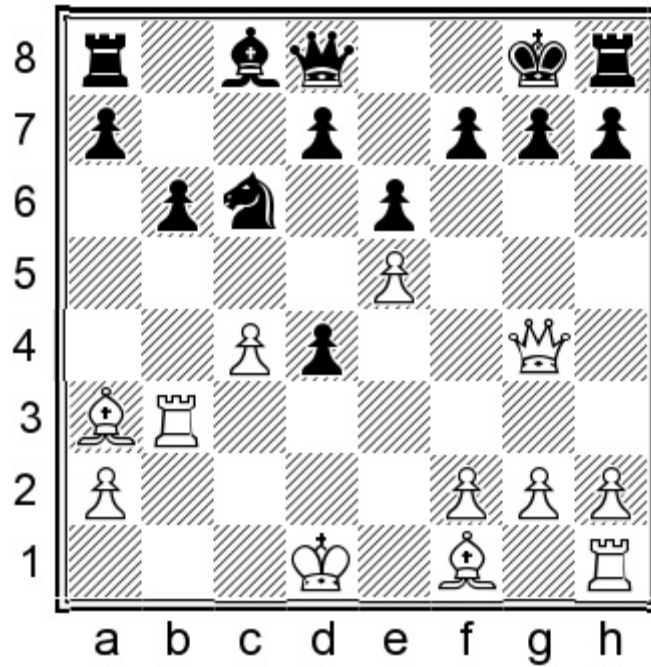
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29...♙xc4 30.♚xc4 ♜d1+! –+ 0-1 Alatortsev, V-Konstantinopolsky, A Tbilisi 1937.

12. Saxton, Delmar - Ohman, Howard [E00]

Omaha Omaha, NE, 1947



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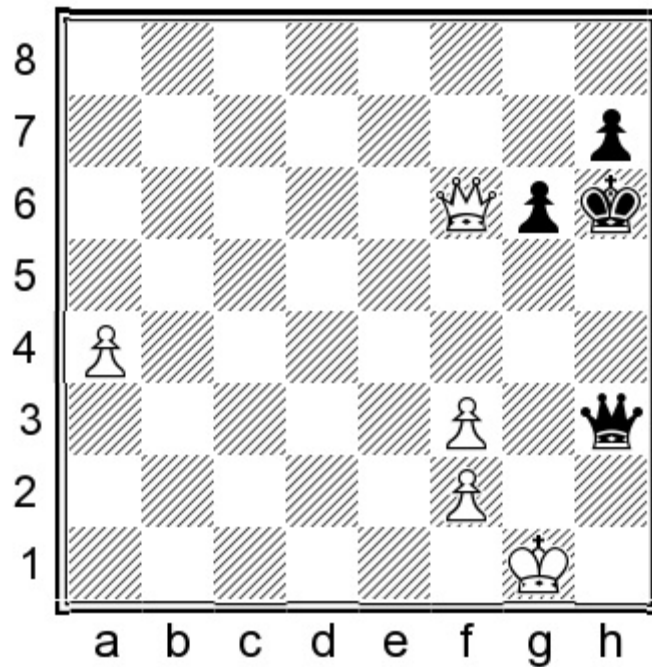
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14. ♖xg7+! ♔xg7 15. ♖g3+ 1-0 Saxton,D-Ohman,H Omaha 1998.

Black resigned in view of: 15. ♖g3+ ♔h6 16. ♕c1+ ♔h5 17. ♕e2+ ♔h4 18. ♖h3#

13. Keres, Paul - Kholmov, Ratmir D [C08]

URS-ch16 Moscow (1), 1948



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46...♞g4+! 47.♔h2 ♞h5+

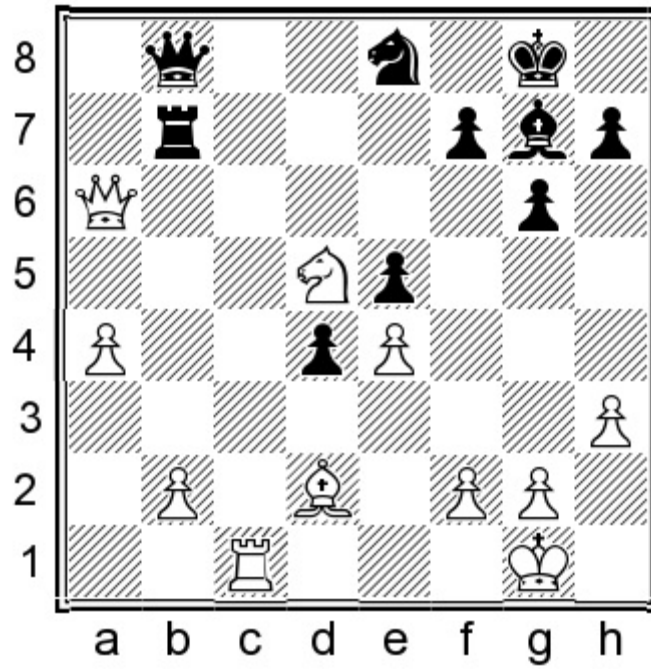
47...♞xa4=

48.♔g2

48.♔g3 ♞g4+=

48...♞g4+ 49.♔f1 ♞xa4= 1/2-1/2 (63) Keres,P-Kholmov,R Moscow 1948.

14. Unzicker, Wolfgang - Sanchez, Luis Augusto [C90]
 Saltsjobaden Interzonal Saltsjobaden (2), 1952



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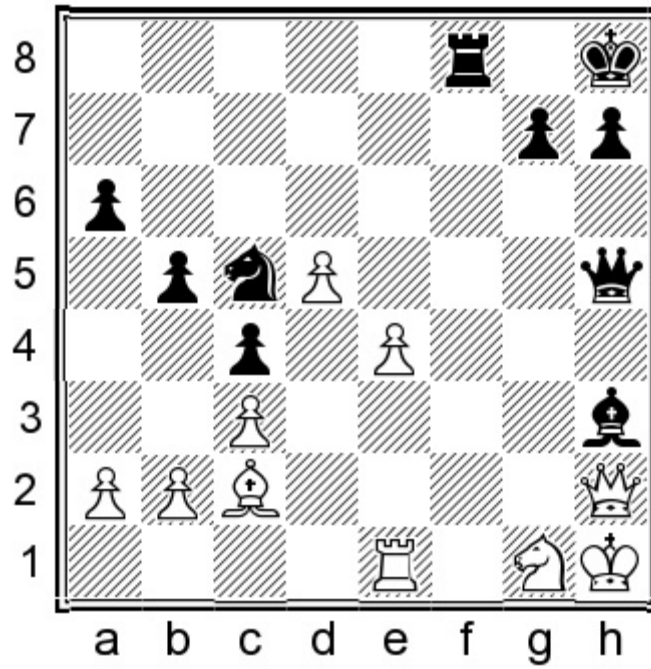
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35.♖c8! 1-0 Unzicker,W-Sanchez,L Saltsjobaden 1952.

Black resigned in view of 35.♖c8 ♔xc8 36.♘e7+ ♗xe7 37.♕xc8+-

15. Ostrauskas, Mecislavas - Tal, Mihail [C86]

URS-ch sf Vilnius, 1955

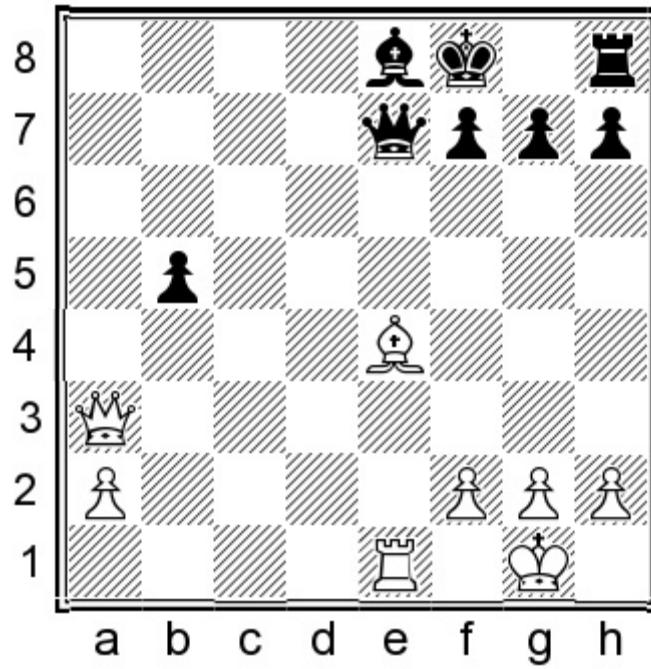


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31...♔g2+! 32.♕xg2 ♖f2+-+ 0-1 (39) Ostrauskas,M-Tal,M Vilnius 1955.

16. Evans, Larry Melvyn - Bisguier, Arthur Bernard [C42]
USA-ch New York (9), 1958



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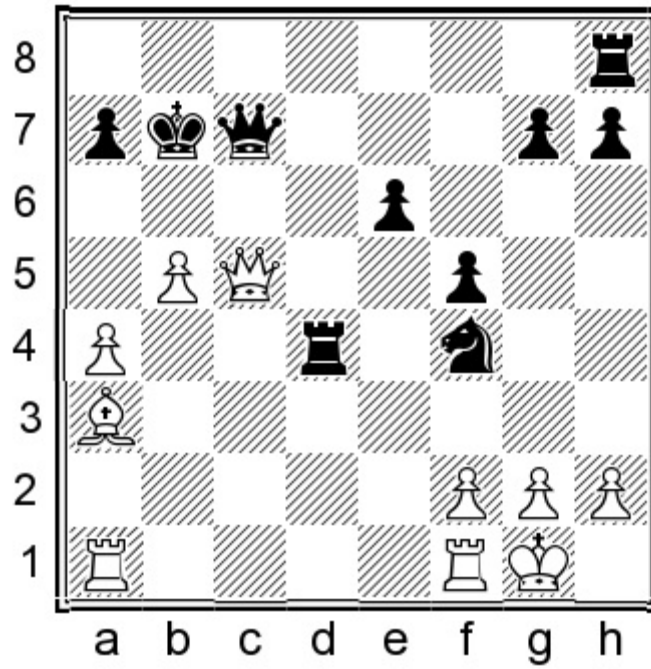
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27.♙c6! 1-0 Evans,L-Bisguier,A New York 1958.

Black resigned in view of: 27.♙c6 ♚xa3 28.♖xe8#

17. Meo, Sandro - Giustolisi, Alberto Mario [A47]

Rome Thomas Mann Memorial Rome, 195809



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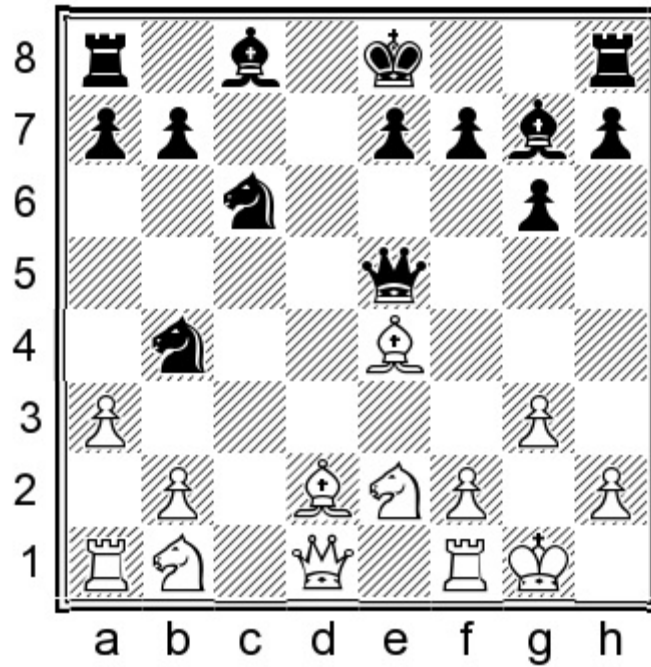
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24...♘e2+ 25.♔h1 ♚xh2+! 0-1 Meo,S-Giustolisi,A Rome 1958.

White resigned in view of 25...♚xh2+ 26.♔xh2 ♜h4#

18. Korchnoi, Viktor - Witkowski, Stefan [D72]

Krakow Krakow (1), 1959



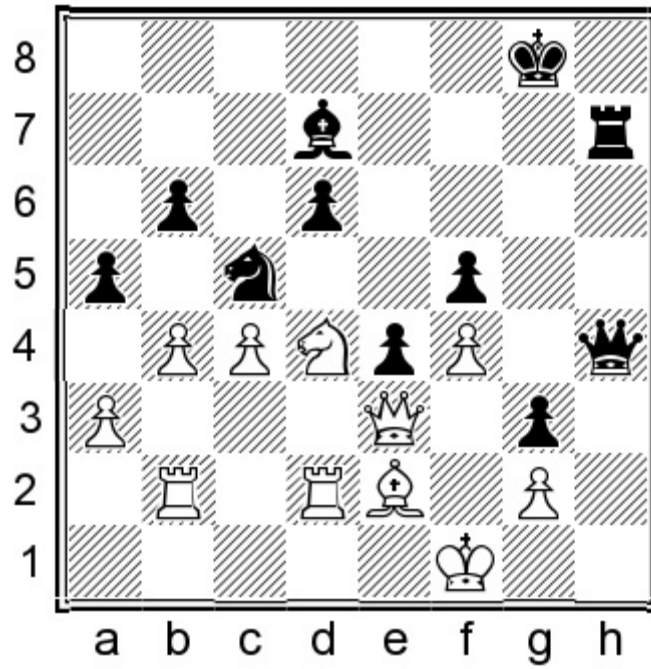
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13. ♕xc6+! ♖xc6 14. ♕c3+- 1-0 (15) Korchnoi, V-Witkowski, S Krakow 1959.

19. Keres, Paul - Petrosian, Tigran V [B39]

Candidates Tournament Bled/Zagreb/Belgrade (4), 1959.09.11

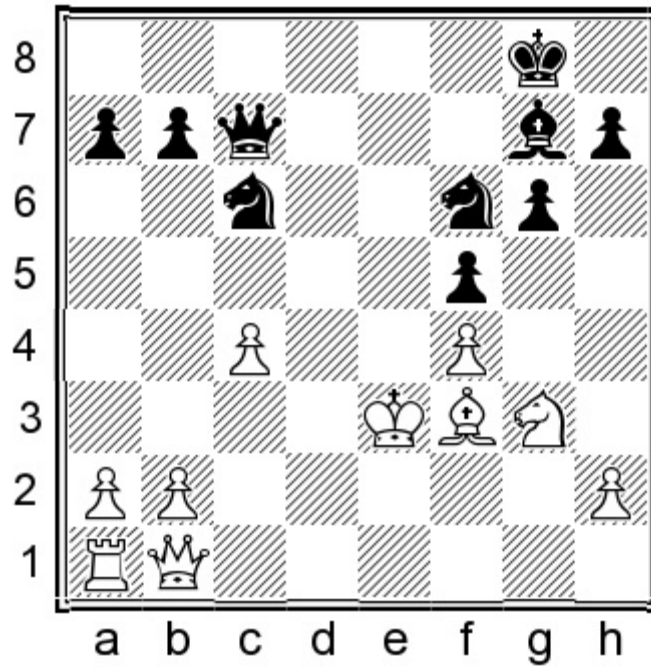


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51...♔xf4+ 0-1 (51) Keres,P-Petrosian,T Yugoslavia 1959

20. Letelier, Rene - Fischer, Robert
of Leipzig (8), 1960



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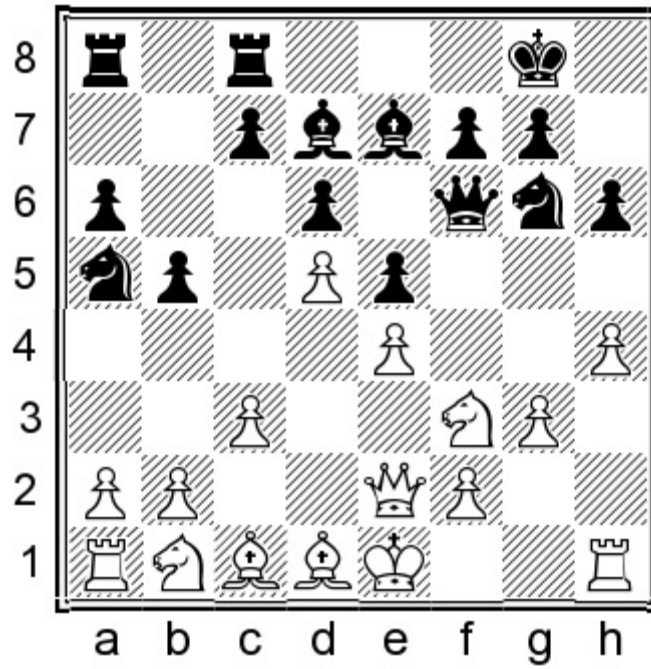
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23...♙xf4+! -+ 0-1 Letelier Martner,R-Fischer,R Leipzig 1960.

White can't take the queen: 23...♙xf4+ 24.♔xf4 ♘h6#

21. Fischer, Robert James - Ciocaltea, Victor [C75]

Varna ol (Men) qual-B Varna (8), 1962



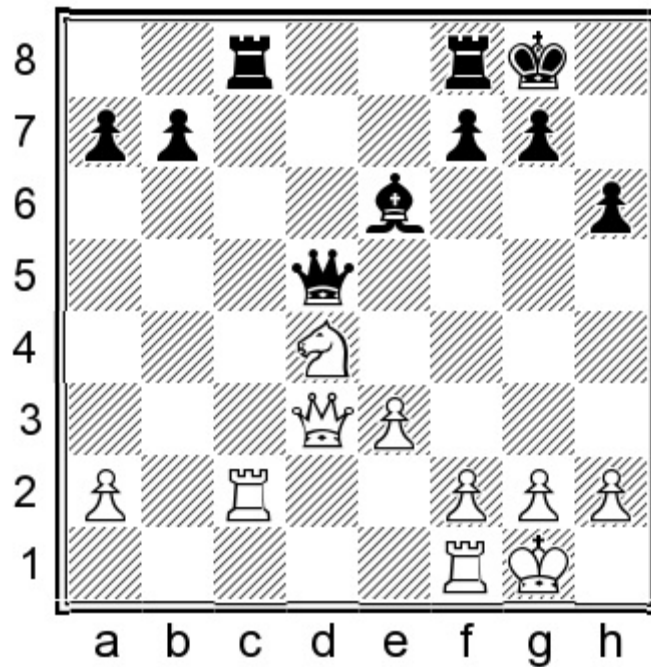
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15. ♕g5! hxg5 16. hxg5+- 1-0 (26) Fischer,R-Ciocaltea,V Varna 1962.

22. Gufeld, Eduard - Lein, Anatoly [D55]

UKR-RUS Uzhgorod, 1967



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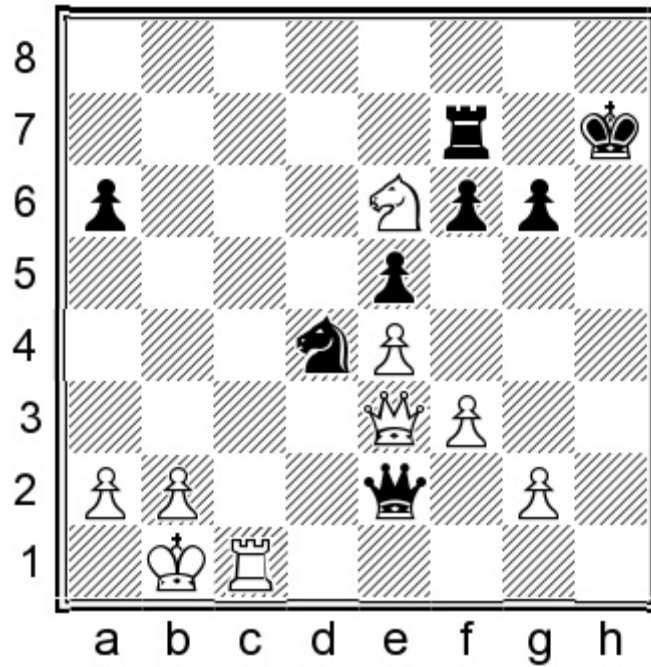
19...♔f5! 20.♚xf5

20.♘xf5 ♚xd3-+

20...♚xf5 21.♘xf5 ♜xc2-+ 0-1 (30) Gufeld,E-Lein,A Uzhgorod 1967.

23. Spassky, Boris V (2690) - Korchnoi, Viktor (2670) [E83]

Ch World (match) (cand.) (fin) Kiev (Ukraine) (7), 1968



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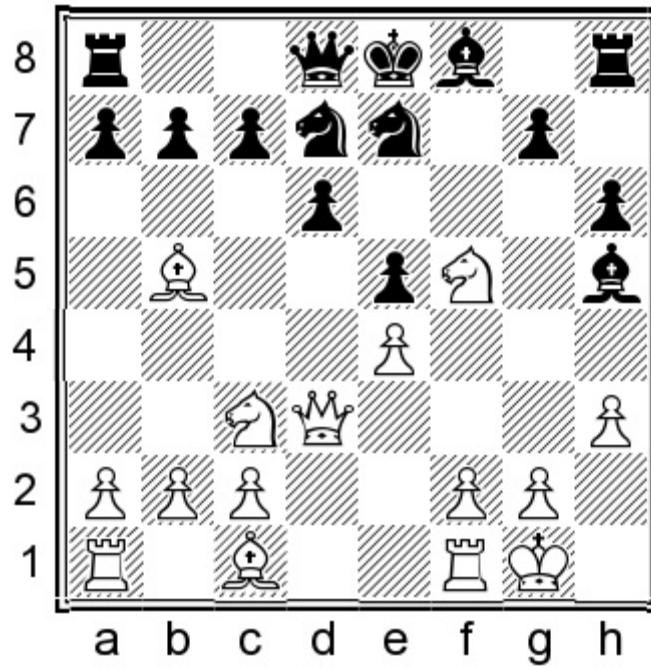
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35. ♖h6+! 1-0 Spassky, B (2690)-Korchnoi, V (2670) Kiev (Ukraine) 1968.

Black gets mated: 35. ♖h6+ ♔xh6 (35... ♕g8 36. ♖c8++-) 36. ♖h1#

24. Knuszinski, W. - Bielczyk, J.

Polen, 1970



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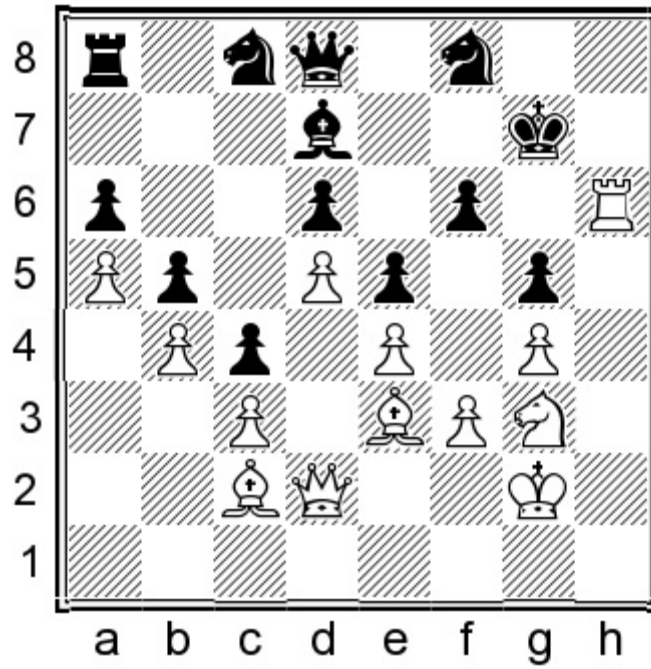
1. ♖xd6! ♜xf5

1...cxd6 2. ♜xd6#; 1...c6 2. ♖d1!? could also be a quite finish, although it is not the only winning move:
2...♙xd1 3. ♜d6#

2. ♖xe5++- 1-0 Kruszyński, W-Bielczyk, J Polska 1970.

25. Fischer, Robert James - Gligoric, Svetozar [C93]

Rovinj/Zagreb Zagreb (10), 1970.04.23



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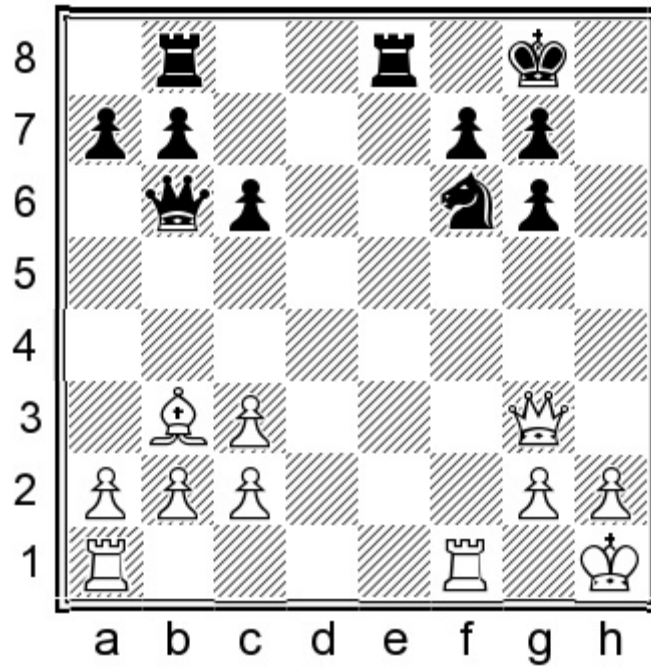
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35. ♖xf6! 1-0 Fischer,R-Gligoric,S Zagreb 1970.

Black resigned in view of: 35. ♖xf6 ♔xf6 (35... ♔xf6 36. ♕xg5++-) 36. ♘h5++-

26. Stean, Michael - Corden, Martyn [C33]

Cambridge, 1975

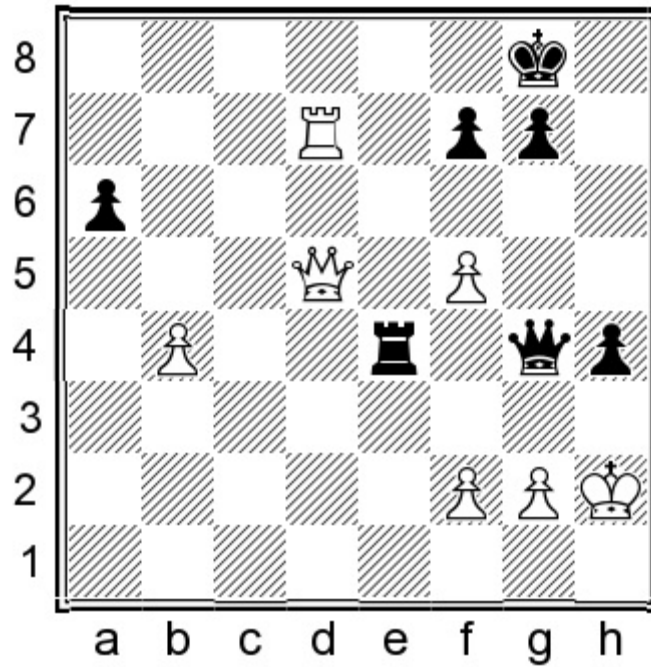


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17. Rxf6! gxf6 18. Qxg6+ Kh8 19. Qxf7+- 1-0 (21) Stean, M-Corden, M Cambridge 1975.

27. Tarjan, James Edward (2490) - Karpov, Anatoly (2695) [D55]
Skopje Skopje (13), 1976



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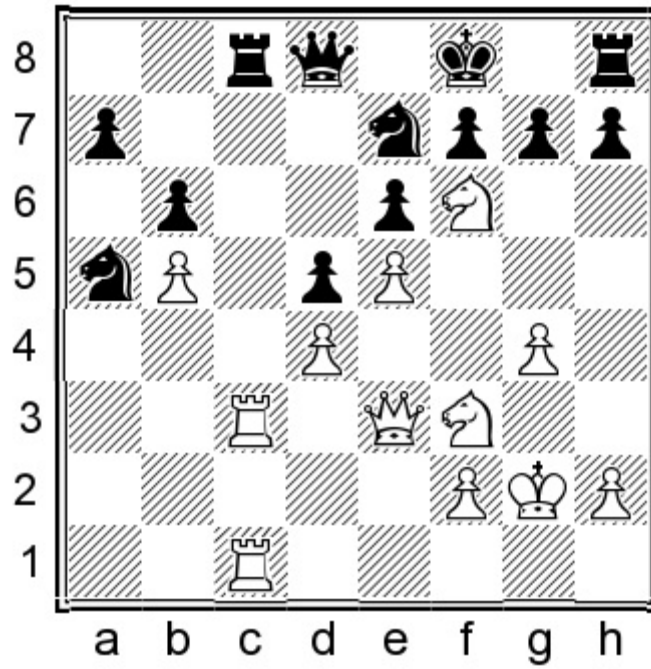
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39...♙f4+ 40.♔h3 ♚e3+! 0-1 Tarjan,J (2490)-Karpov,A (2695) Skopje 1976.

White resigned due to the mating pattern on g3: 40...♚e3+ 41.g3 ♚xg3+-+

28. Kasparov, Garry - Kaiumov, Dmitry D [B12]

Khalilbeyli Memorial Baku, 197605



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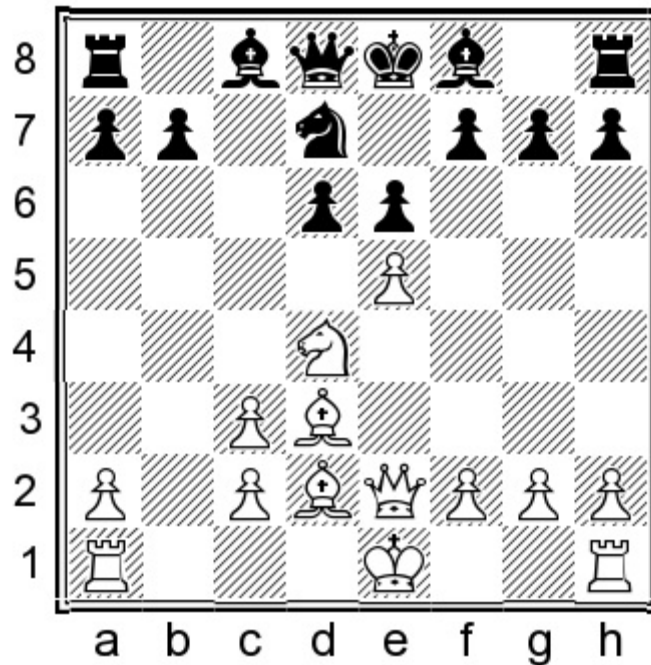
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Black resigned in view of: 36.♖xc8 ♜xc8 37.♚a3+-

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29. Kasparov, Garry - West, Guy [B40]

Telechess ol1 7778 telex, 1977



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11. ♖xe6! fxe6

11... ♚b6 12. ♘c7+! 1-0 Kasparov,G-West,G telex 1977; Black resigned in view of: 12... ♚xc7
13. exd6+-

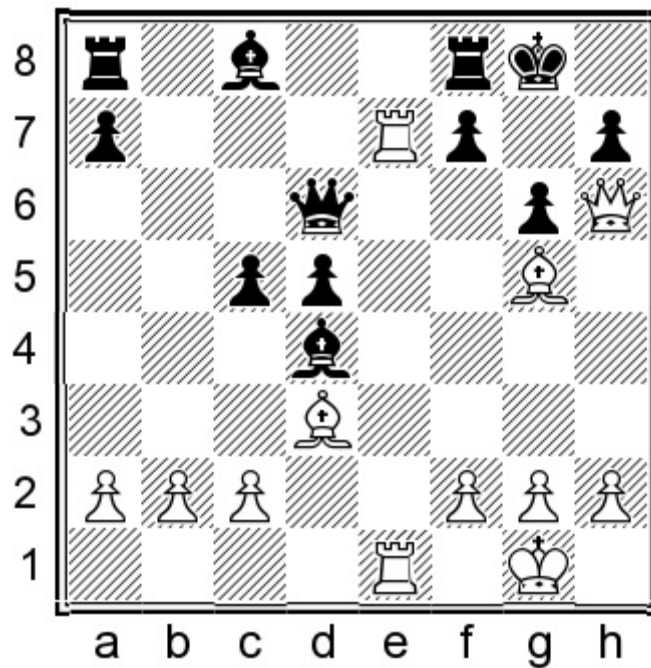
12. ♚h5+ ♔e7

12... g6 13. ♙xg6+ hxg6 14. ♚xg6+ ♔e7 15. ♙g5+-

13. ♙g5+ ♘f6 14. exf6+ gxf6 15. ♙xf6+! ♔xf6 16. ♚h4+-

30. Nunn, John DM (2515) - Fox, Terry C [C43]

Bristol op Bristol (2), 1980



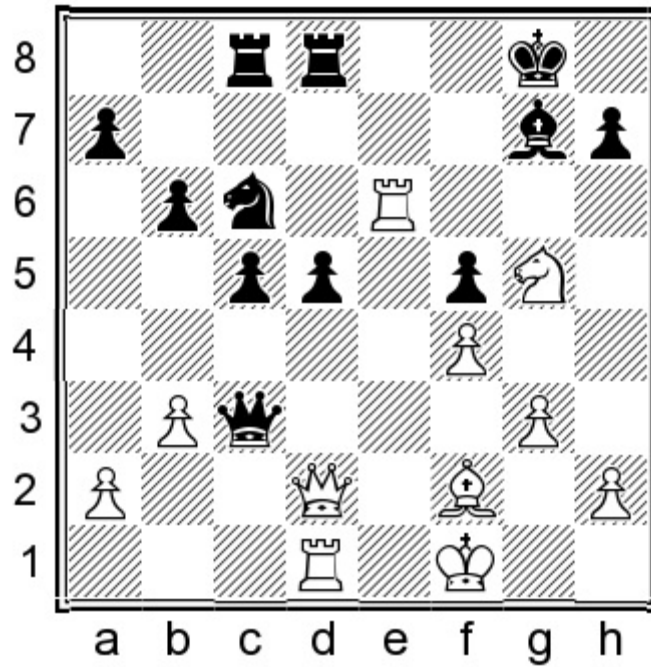
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17. ♖xf8+! ♔xf8 18. ♕h6+ Black gets mated with Re8 next: 1-0 Nunn,J (2515) -Fox,T Bristol 1980.

31. Zatulovskaya, Tatiana (2160) - Skegina, Klaara (2155) [B25]

It (w) Sochi (Russia), 1982



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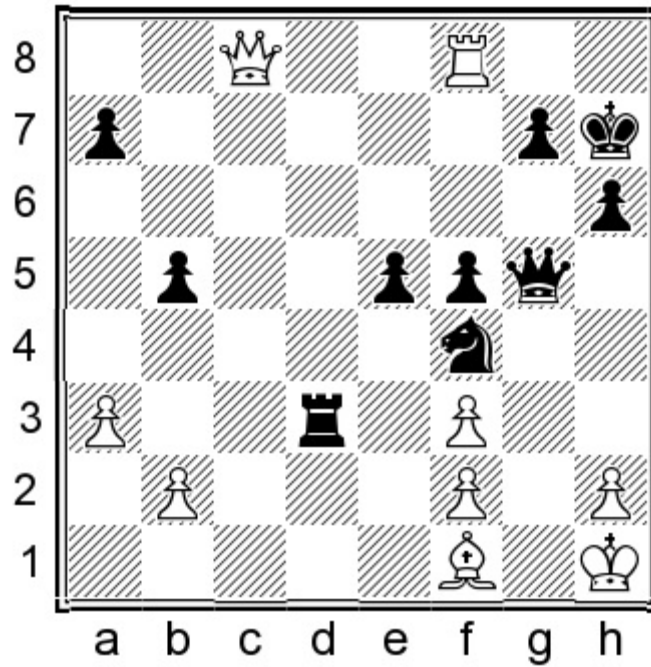
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29. ♖e8+! 1-0 Zatulovskaya, T (2160)-Skegina, K (2155) Sochi 1982.

Black resigned in view of: 29. ♖e8+ ♜xe8 30. ♚xd5+ ♔h8 31. ♘f7+ ♔g8 32. ♘h6+ ♔h8 33. ♚g8+ ♜xg8 34. ♘f7#

32. Braga, Fernando Alberto (2375) - Portisch, Lajos (2630) [D26]

Mar del Plata Mar del Plata, 1982



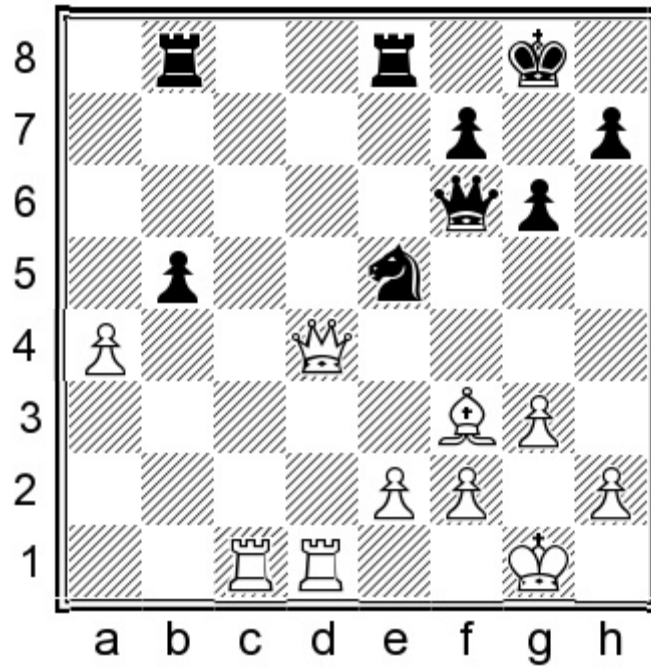
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35...♙g2+! 0-1 Braga,F (2375)-Portisch,L (2630) Mar del Plata 1982.

White resigned in view of: 35...♙g2+ 36.♙xg2 ♖d1+ 37.♙f1 ♜xf1#

33. Chekhov, Valery A (2530) - Tshchkovsky, Vitaly (2525) [E66]
Sochi Chigorin mem Sochi, 1983



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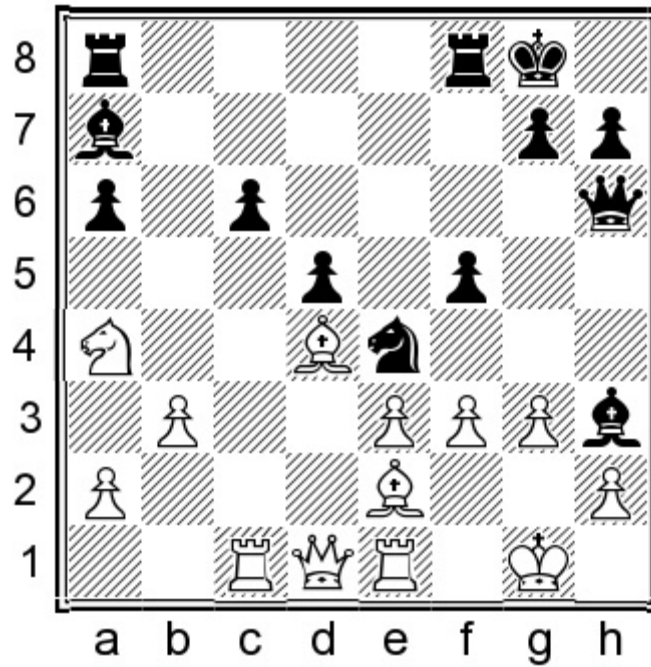
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27...♘xf3+ 28.exf3 ♖e1+! 0-1 Chekhov, V (2530)-Tseshkovsky, V (2525) Sochi 1983.

White resigned in view of: 28...♖e1+ 29.♔g2 ♚xd4 30.♖xd4 ♗xc1-+

34. Berg, Klaus (2375) - Ferguson, Bobby (2220) [D32]

Berlin op Berlin West (7), 1984



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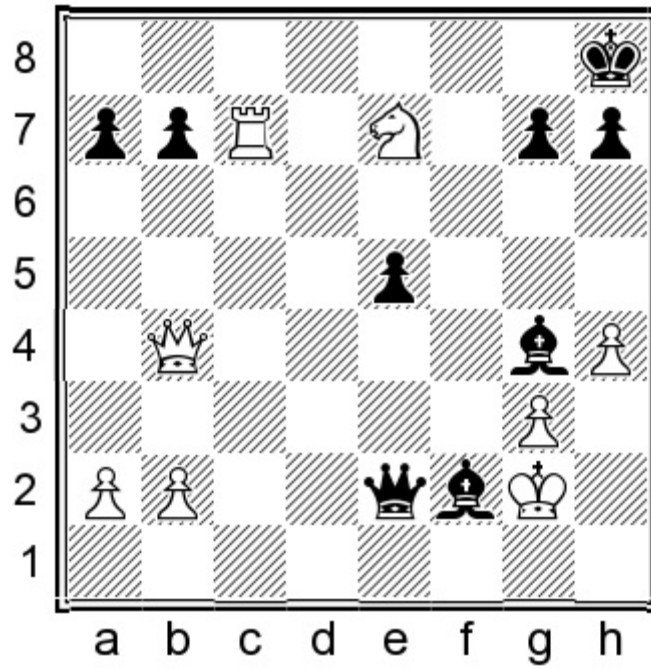
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19...♔xe3+! 0-1 Berg,K (2375)-Ferguson,B (2220) Berlin West 1984.

White resigned in view of: 19...♔xe3+ 20.♙xe3 ♙xe3+ 21.♔h1 ♘f2+ 22.♔g1 ♘xd1+-+

35. Ivanov, Igor V (2495) - Hartman, Brian (2380) [D30]

Canada zt Canada, 1986



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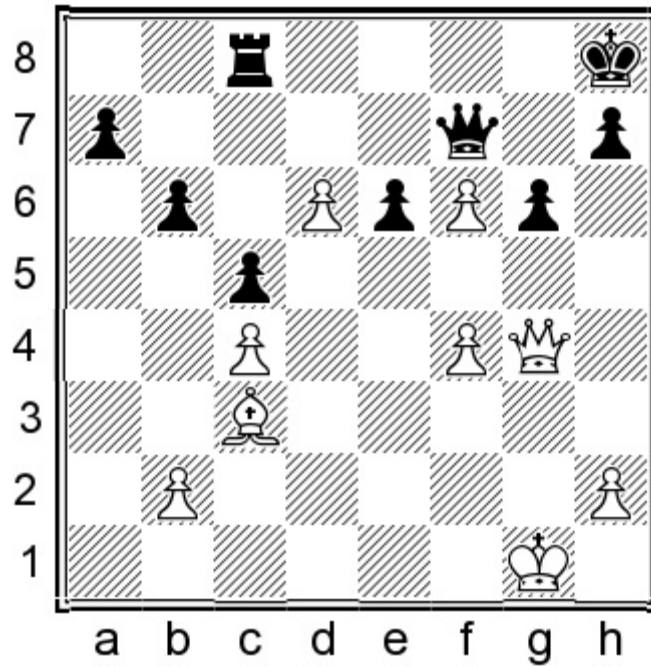
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34. ♘g6+! 1-0 Ivanov,I (2495)-Hartman,B (2380) Canada 1986.

Black resigned in view of: 34. ♘g6+ hxg6 35. ♖f8+ ♔h7 36. ♖xg7#

36. Kuhn, Daniel - Kauschmann, Herbert [B09]

Bundesliga 8586 Germany (?), 1986



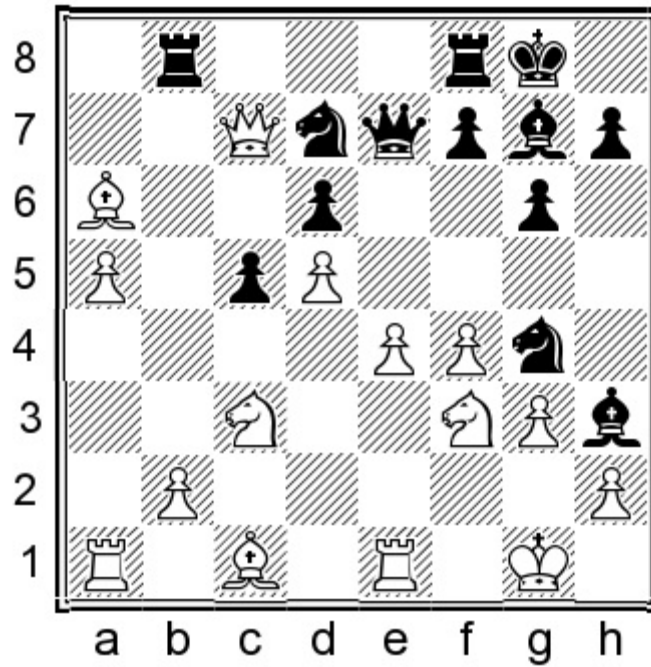
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39. ♖xe6! 1-0 Kuehn,D-Kauschmann,H Germany 1986.

Black resigned in view of: 39. ♖xe6 ♗xe6 (39... ♖f8 40. ♖xf7 ♖xf7 41. d7 ♖xd7 42. f7+ +-) 40. f7+ +-

37. Garcia, Silvino Martinez (2455) - Pigusov, Evgeny (2520) [A67]
Moscow-B Moscow, 1987



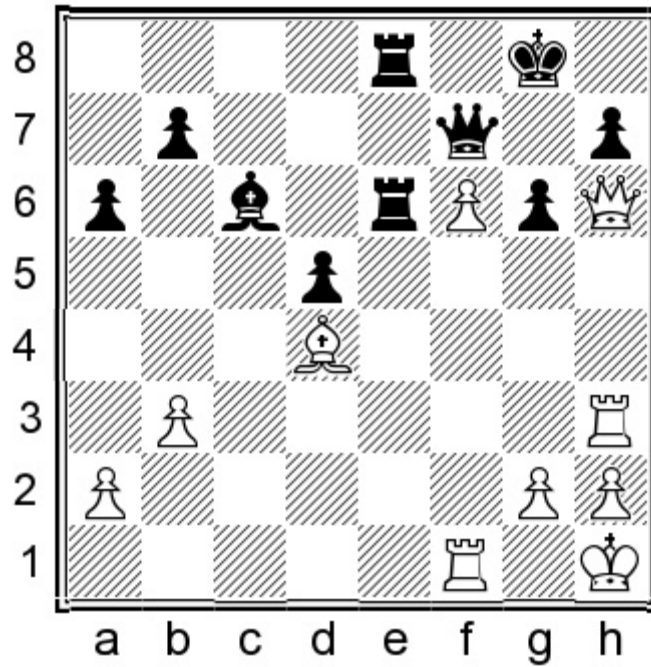
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19...♞de5! 0-1 Garcia,S (2455)-Pigusov,E (2520) Moscow 1987.

Black resigned in view of: 19...♞de5 20.♙xe7 ♞xf3+ 21.♚h1 ♞f2#

38. Sveshnikov, Evgeny (2450) - Razuvaev, Yuri S (2535) [C02]
Belgrade GMA op Belgrade, 1988



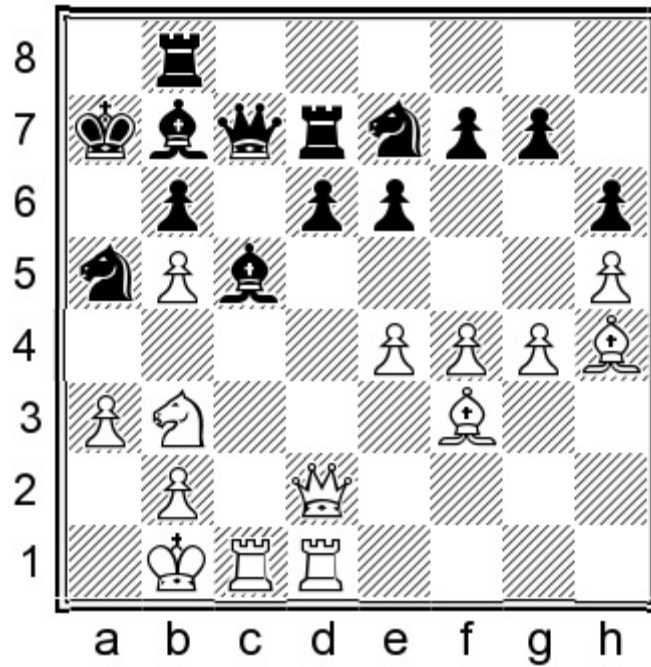
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32. ♖xh7+! 1-0 Sveshnikov,E (2450)-Razuvaev,Y (2535) Belgrade 1988.

Black resigned in view of: 32. ♖xh7+ ♔xh7 33. f7+ ♕xf7 34. ♖h8#

39. Kasparov, Garry (2750) - Van Der Wiel, John TH (2555) [E12]
 Optiebeurs Amsterdam (1), 1988



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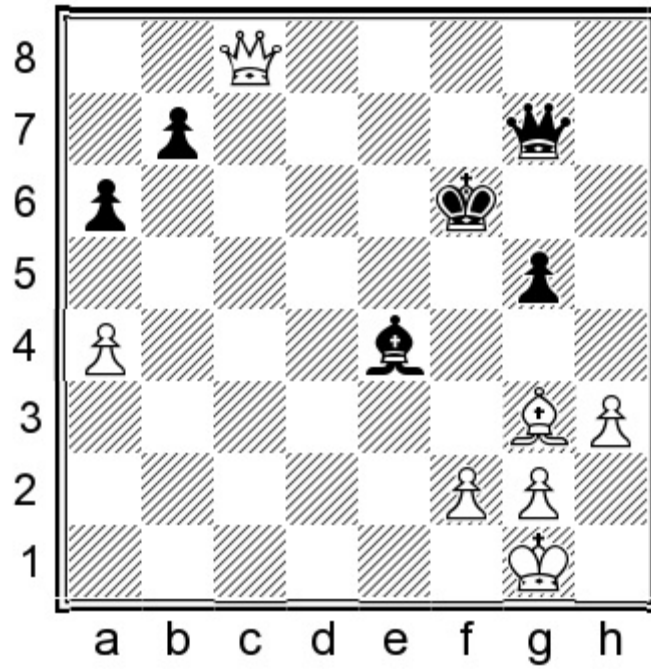
28. ♖xa5 bxa5 29. ♜xc5! dxc5

29... ♜xc5 30. ♜xa5+ ♔a6 31. ♜xa6#

30. ♜xd7+- 1-0 (31) Kasparov,G (2750)-Van Der Wiel,J (2555) Amsterdam 1988.

40. Short, Nigel D (2650) - Vaganian, Rafael A (2600) [C17]

World Cup Barcelona (3), 198903



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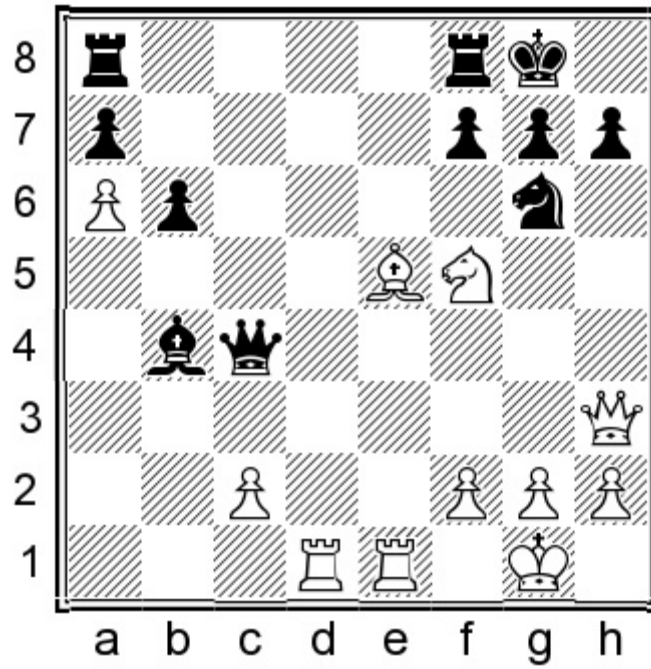
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51. ♕e5+! 1-0 Short,N (2650)-Vaganian,R (2600) Barcelona 1989.

Black resigned in view of: 51. ♕e5+ ♔xe5 52. ♖c3++-

41. Kotronias, Vasilios (2510) - King, Daniel J (2560) [B12]

New York WFW New York, 1990



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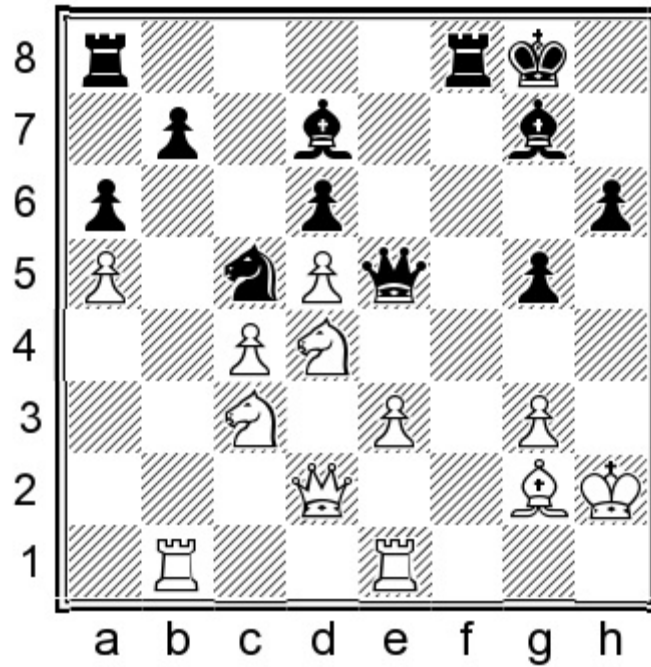
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26. ♖h6! 1-0 Kotronias, V (2510)-King, D (2560) New York 1990.

Black gets mated: 26. ♖h6 gxh6 27. ♘xh6#

42. Diaz Hollemaert, Nahuel Carlos - Panno, Oscar (2510) [E67]

Buenos Aires BCA op Buenos Aires (4), 1990



■ 28...? –+

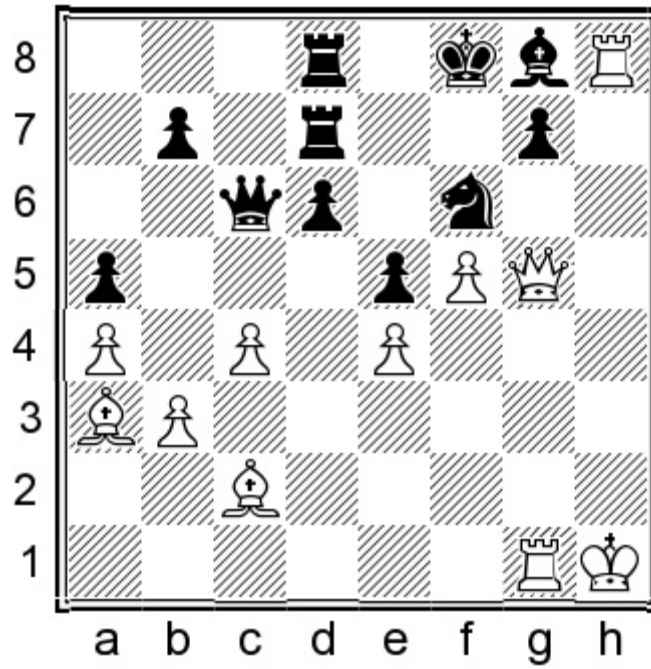
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28...♙xg3+! 0-1 Diaz,N-Panno,O (2510) Buenos Aires 1990.

White resigned in view of: 28...♙xg3+ 29.♔xg3 ♕e5#

43. Polgar, Sofia (2425) - Gocheva, Rumiana (2190) [B32]

Novi Sad ol (Women) Novi Sad (6), 1990



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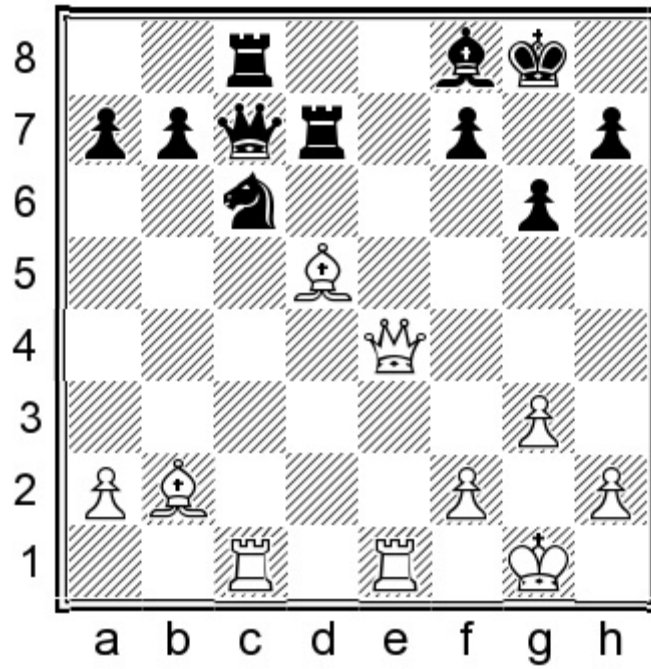
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36. ♔xf6+! 1-0 Polgar,S (2425)-Gocheva,R (2190) Novi Sad 1990.

Black resigned in view of: 36. ♔xf6+ gxf6 37. ♖hxg8+ ♔e7 38. ♖1g7#

44. Weinrich - Tschutschelow

Polen, 1991

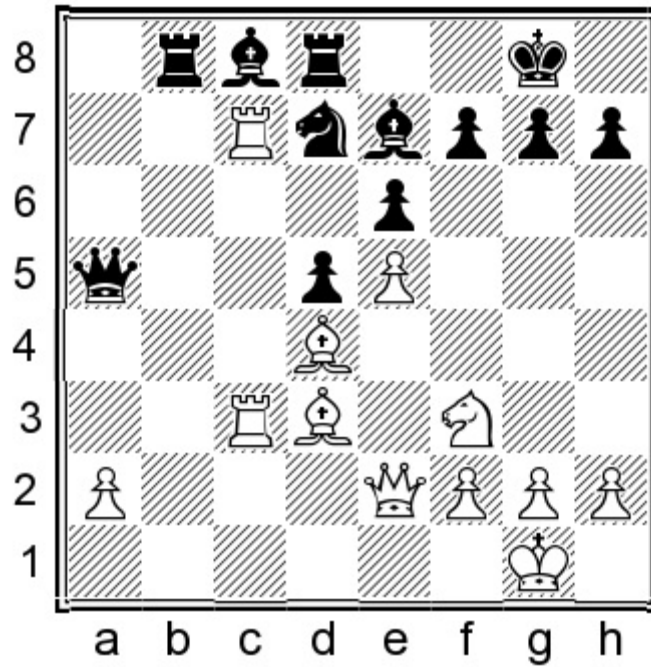


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1.♖xc6! bxc6 2.♔d4 1-0 Weinrich-Tschutschelow Poland 1991.

45. Kramnik, Vladimir (2725) - Polgar, Judit (2630) [B50]
PCA/Intel-GP New York (2), 1994

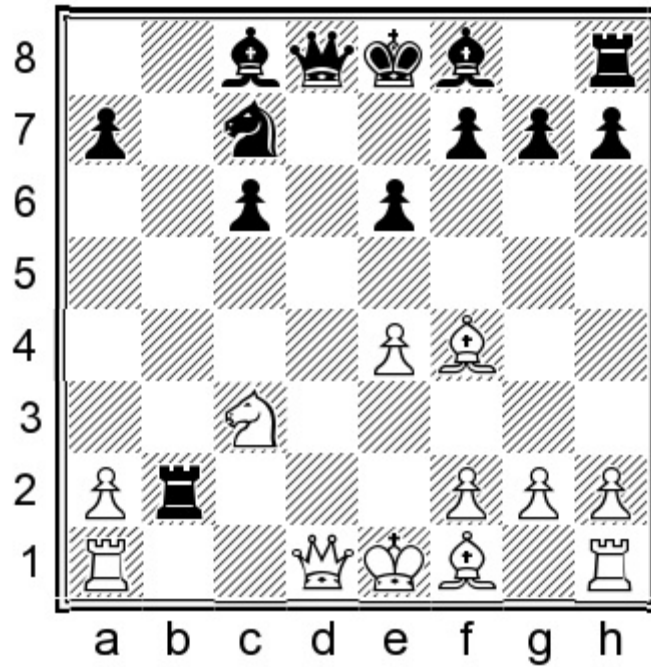


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25. ♖a7! ♔b4 26. ♖b3 The black queen is trapped: 1-0 Kramnik, V (2725) -Polgar, J (2630) New York 1994.

46. Strating, Sybolt (2310) - Van Der Schilden, Erik [A33]
Haarlem op Haarlem (4), 1996



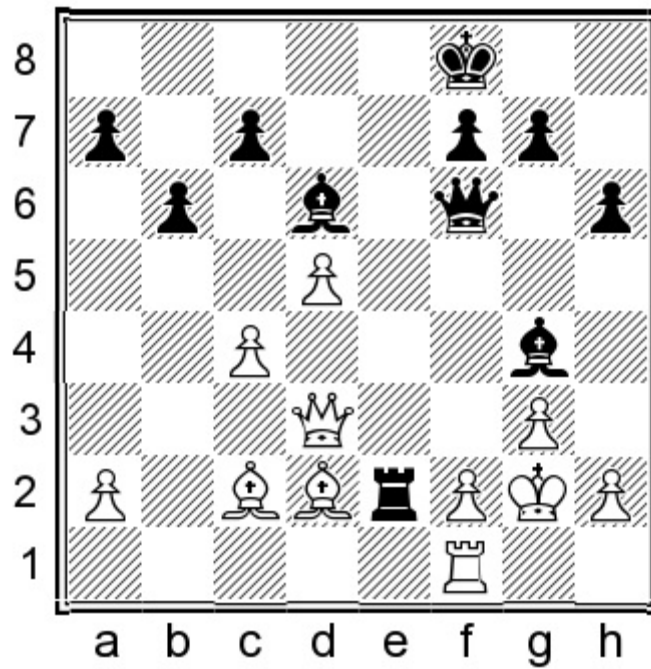
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12. ♖xd8+ ♔xd8 13. O-O-O+! 1-0 Strating, S (2310)-Van Der Schilden, E Haarlem 1996.

47. Kamsky, Gata - Karpov, Anatoly [C43]

Karpov - Kamsky FIDE World Championship Elista RUS (6), 1996.06.16



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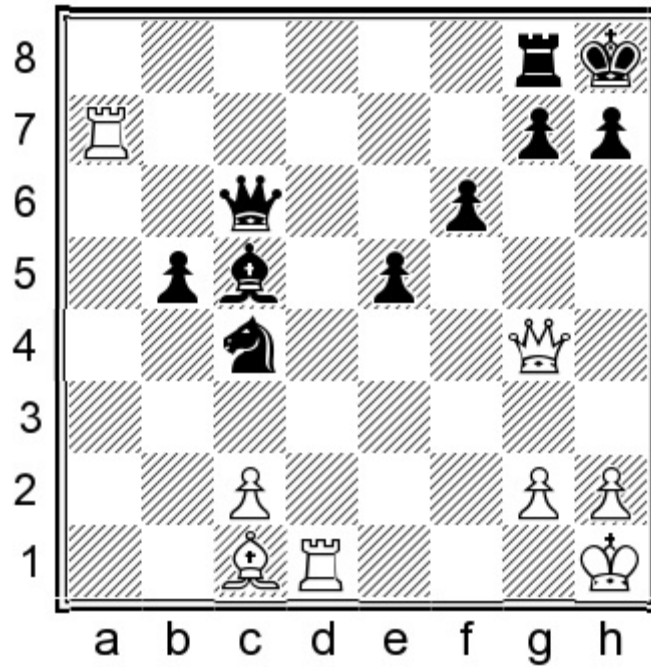
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29...♖xd2! 0-1 Kamsky,G (2735)-Karpov,A (2770) Elista 1996.

White resigned in view of: 29...♖xd2 30.♙xd2 ♕f3+ 31.♔g1 ♘h3-+

48. Gashimov, Vugar (2255) - Zarezenko, Ilya [B49]

Wch U12 Cannes (4), 1997



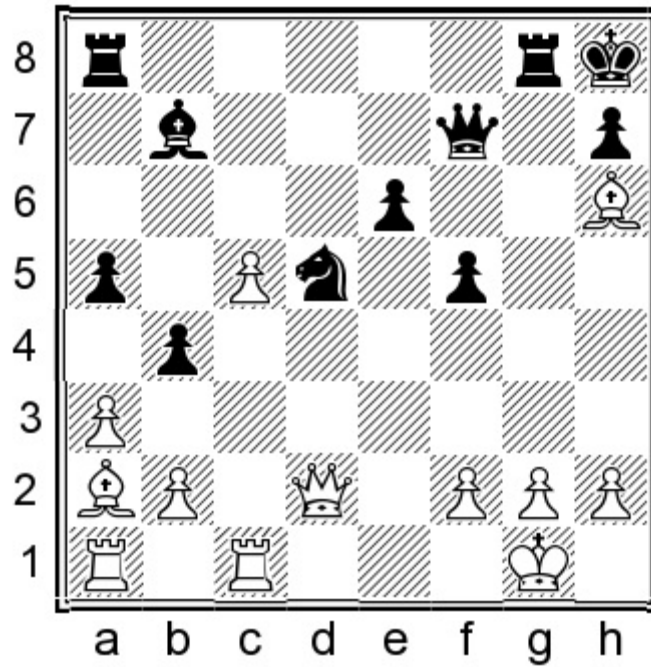
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32. ♖xg7! 1-0 Gashimov, V (2255)-Zarezenko, I Cannes 1997.

Black is lost: 32. ♖xg7 ♜xg7 33. ♖d8++-

49. Volkov, Sergey (2535) - Sveshnikov, Evgeny (2570) [D47]
 RUS-Cup01 Chigorin Memorial St Petersburg (6), 1997.11.06



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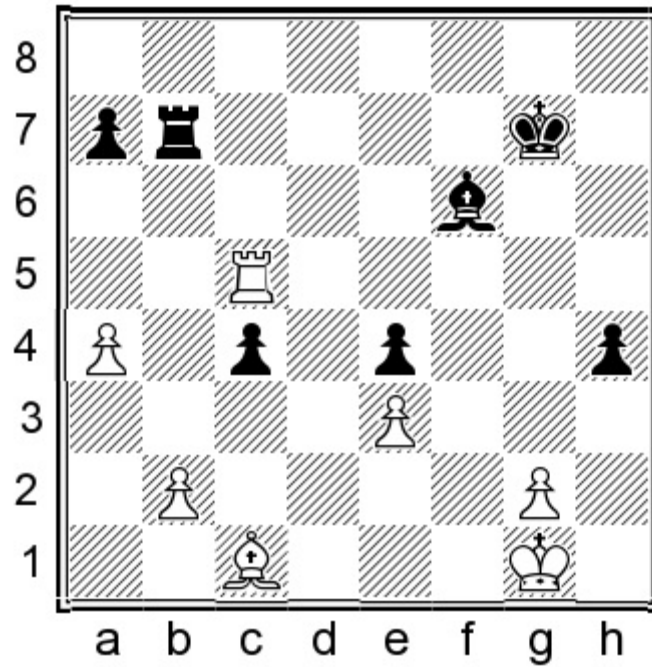
26...♖xg2+! 27.♔f1

27.♔xg2 ♘e3+ with mate to follow, f.i. 28.♔g3 f4+ 29.♕xf4 ♚g6+-+

27...♚g6-+ 0-1 (37) Volkov,S (2535)-Sveshnikov,E (2570) St Petersburg 1997.

50. Piket, Jeroen (2619) - Karpov, Anatoly (2710) [E12]

Amber-rapid 08th Monte Carlo (3), 1999.03.18



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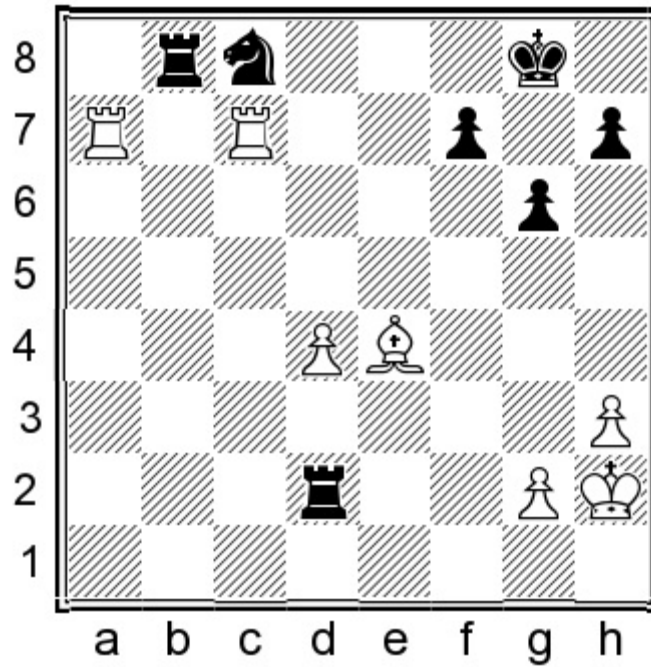
51...c3! 52.b3

52.bxc3 ♖b1-+

52...♖xb3-+ 0-1 (64) Piket,J (2619) -Karpov,A (2710) Monte Carlo 1999.

51. Kasparov, Garry (2851) - Shirov, Alexei (2751) [C42]

Linares ESP (1), 2000.02.28



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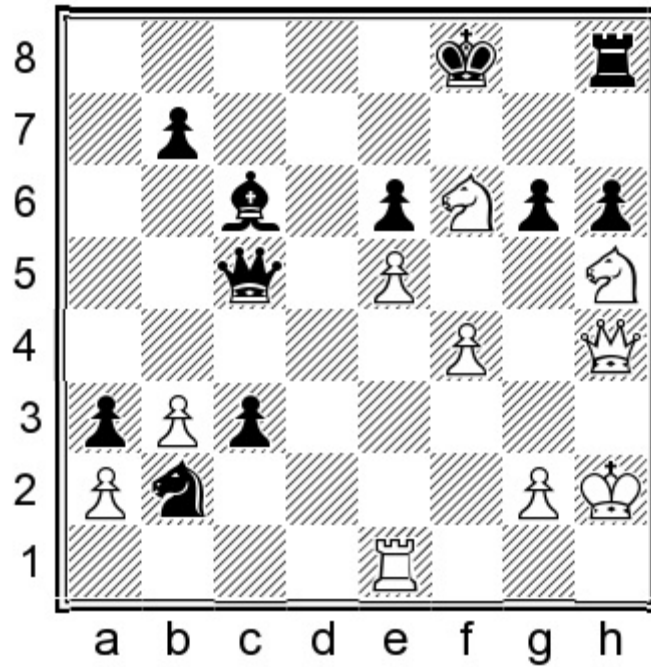
32.♖ab7! ♜xb7

32...♜a8 33.♖xf7+-

33.♖xc8+ ♔g7 34.♙xb7 ♜xd4 35.g4+- 1-0 (52) Kasparov,G (2851)-Shirov,A (2751) Linares 2000.

52. Kasparov, Garry (2849) - Bareev, Evgeny (2709) [C05]

World Cup of Rapid Chess-A Cannes FRA (1), 2001.03.21

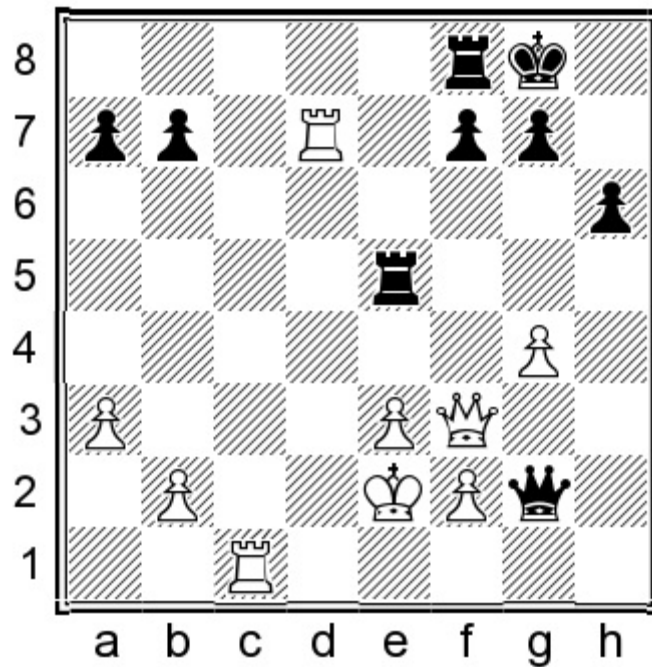


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40. ♖d7+! ♙xd7 41. ♚f6+ And Black gets mated on the next move, either with Qg7 or Ng7: 1-0
Kasparov,G (2849)-Bareev,E (2709) Cannes 2001.

53. Dao, Thien Hai (2572) - Kasparov, Garry (2838) [E35]
EUR-ASIA 30' Batumi (4), 2001.09.17



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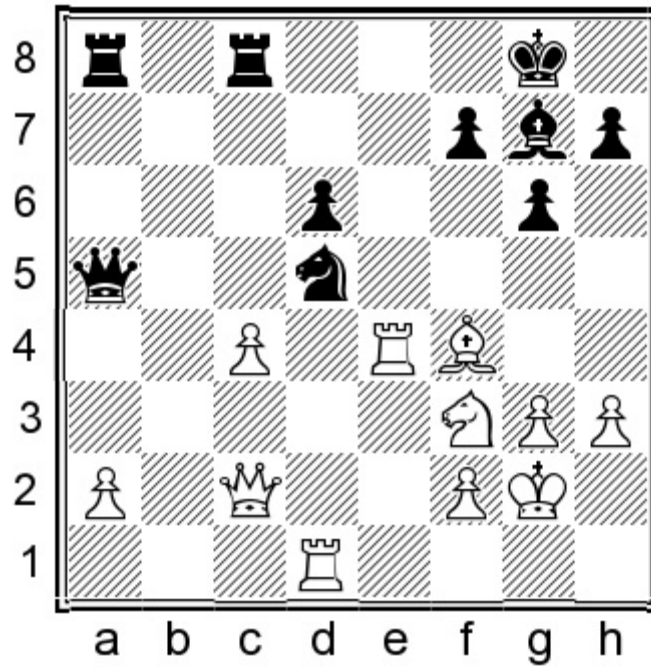
23...♖xe3+! 24.♔xe3

24.♕xe3 ♖e8+ 25.♕f4 g5+-+

24...♔xg4+ 25.♕f1 ♔xd7-+ 0-1 (27) Dao,T (2572)-Kasparov,G (2838) Batumi 2001.

54. Karpov, Anatoly (2692) - Matamoros Franco, Carlos S (2457) [A59]

ESP-chT Cala Galdana (2), 2001.10.14



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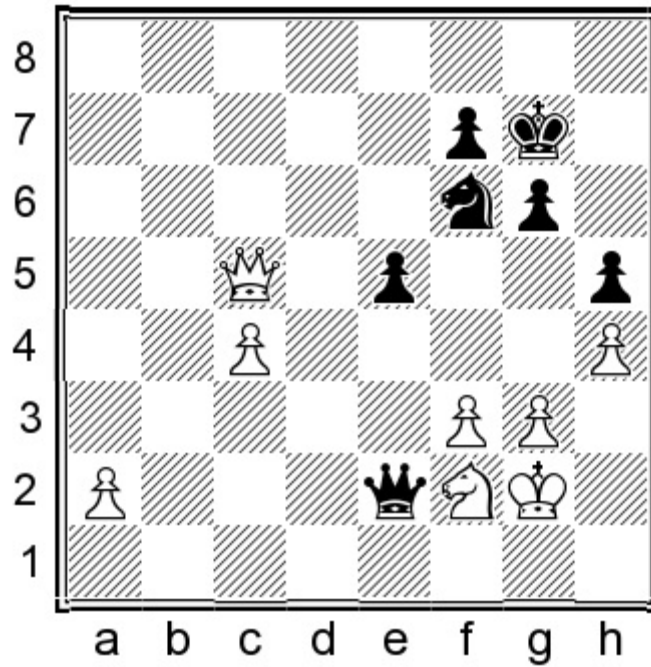
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24. ♖xd5! 1-0 Karpov,A (2692)-Matamoros Franco,C (2457) Cala Galdana 2001.

Black resigned in view of: 24. ♖xd5 ♔xd5 25. ♖e8+! ♕f8 26. cxd5 ♖xc2 27. ♖xa8+-

55. Kurajica, Bojan (2548) - Karpov, Anatoly (2688) [E05]

Benasque op Benasque (11), 2002.12.01

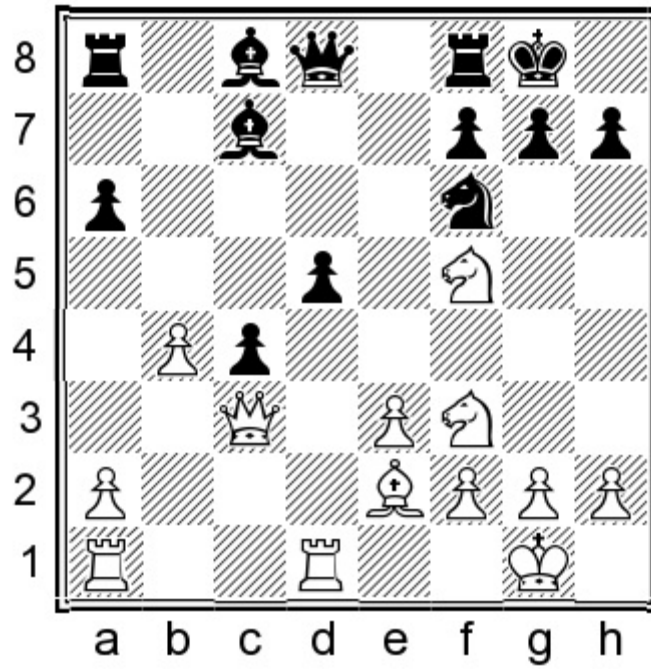


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42...e4! 43.fxe4 ♖g4 Black is helpless against ...Ne3+: **44.♙d4+ ♔g8 45.♙d8+ ♔h7** 0-1 Kurajica,B (2548)-Karpov,A (2688) Benasque 2002.

56. Huzman, Alexander (2574) - Kasparov, Garry (2830) [D45]
EU Cup 19th Rethymnon (6), 2003.10.03



□ 21.? +-

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21. ♖xd5! Punishing Kasparov's last move (21...Bc8) - what a blunder! **21... ♔e8**

21... ♔e8 22. ♖xd5 22... ♗e7+-; 21... ♗xd5 22. ♔xg7#

22. ♕xc4 1-0 Huzman,A (2574) -Kasparov,G (2830) Rethymnon 2003.

Chapter 2 Deliver Mate

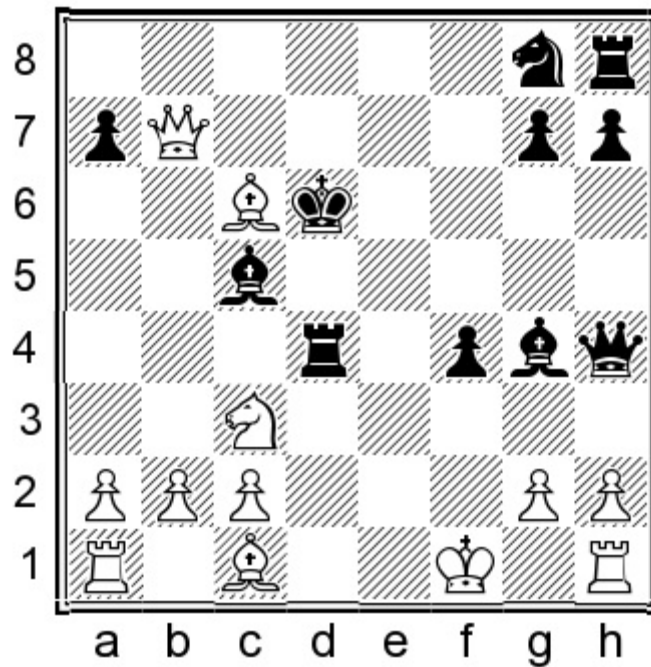
This is something of a continuation to the warm-up chapter. The exercises aren't too difficult either!

This time you must find not just a win but a forced mate. The shortest one is in two moves, the longest in seven. All the solutions are quite pretty!

Try to solve all the exercises in the shortest possible time, but beware: you get the full point only if you are able to spot the quickest mate!

1. Eckart, Karl - Tarrasch, Siegbert

Nurnberg Nurnberg, 1887



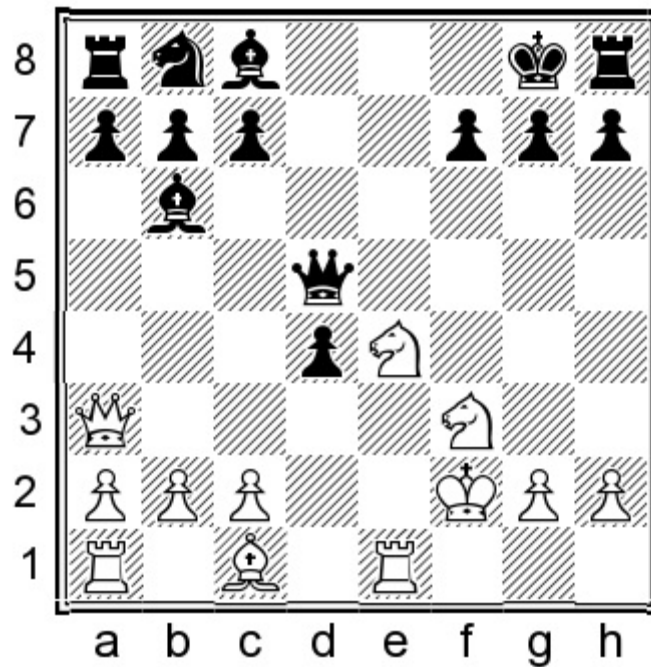
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16... ♖f2+! 17. ♔xf2 ♜d1+ 18. ♙e3 ♙xe3# 0-1 Eckart,K-Tarrasch,S Nurnberg 1887.

2. Richardson - Delmar, Eugene [C42]

New York, 1887



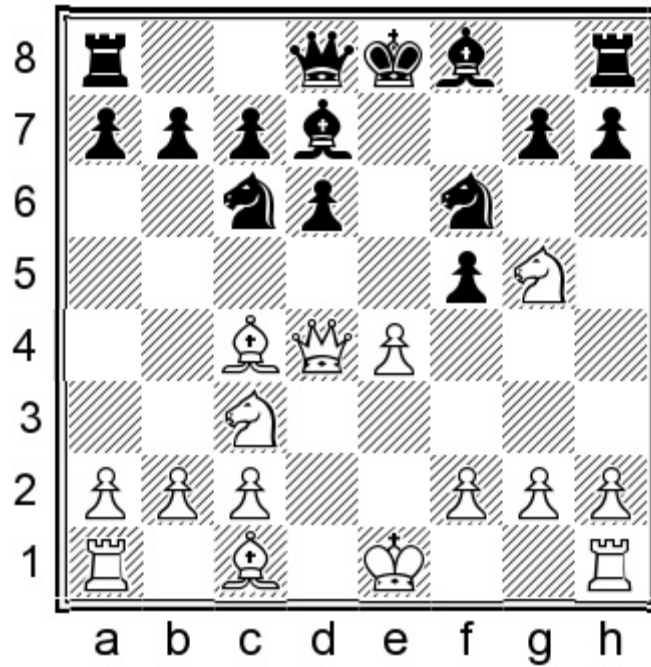
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12. ♖f6+! gxf6 13. ♜f8+! ♔xf8 14. ♙h6+ ♔g8 15. ♚e8# 1-0 Richardson-Delmar, E New York 1887.

3. Blake, Joseph Henry - Hook, William [C41]

London London, 1891



□ 8.? +-

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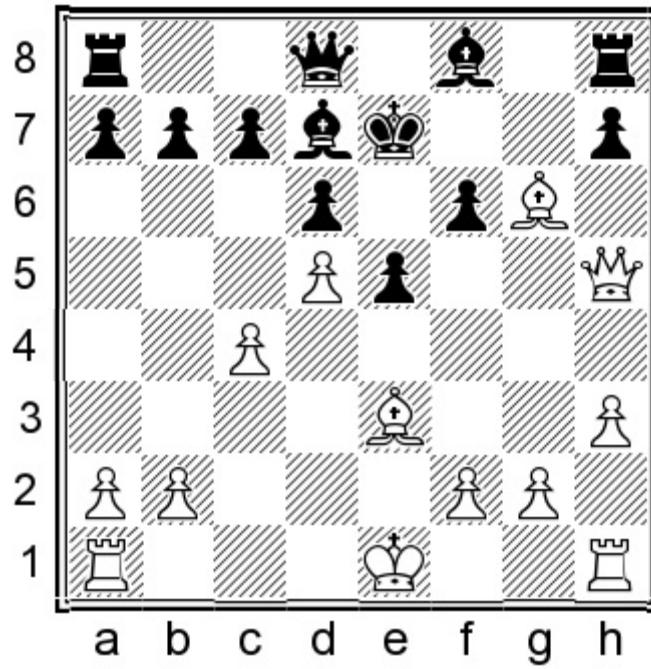
8. ♘f7+ ♔e7 9. ♚xf6+! ♔xf6

9... gxf6 10. ♘d5#

10. ♘d5+ ♔e5 11. ♘f3+ ♔xe4 12. ♘c3# 1-0 Blake, J-Hook, W London 1891.

4. Donisthorpe, Wordsworth - Mundell [C46]

London, 1892



□ 15.? +-

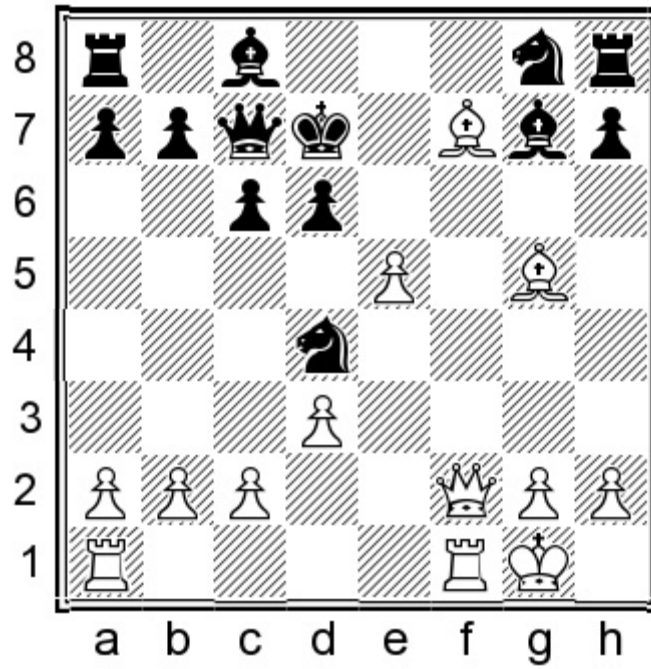
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15. ♖xe5+! 1-0 Donisthorpe, W-Mundell London 1892. What a nice mate!

15. ♖xe5+ fxe5 (15... dxe5 16. ♘c5#) 16. ♘g5#

5. Niemzowitsch, Schaya - Neumann [C37]

Riga Riga, 1899

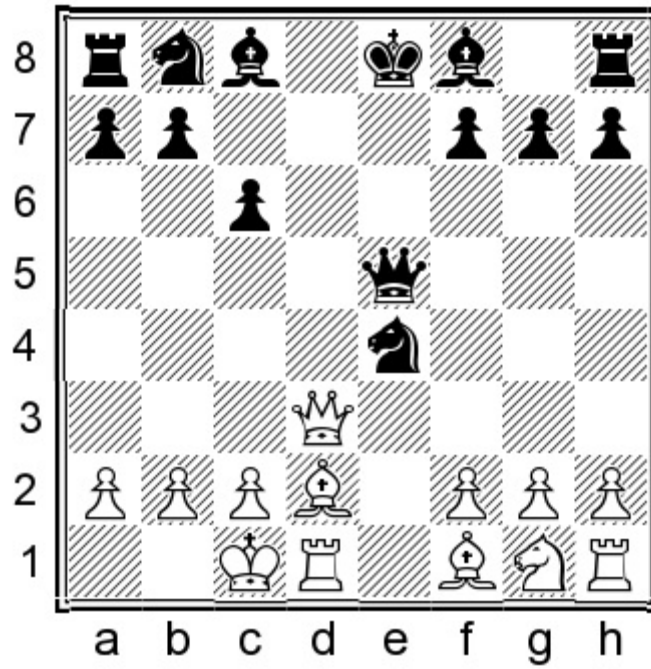


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16. ♖f5+! ♜xf5 17. e6# 1-0 Nimzowitsch,S-Neumann Riga 1899.

6. Reti, Richard - Tartakower, Savielly [B15]
Vienna Vienna AUT, 1910

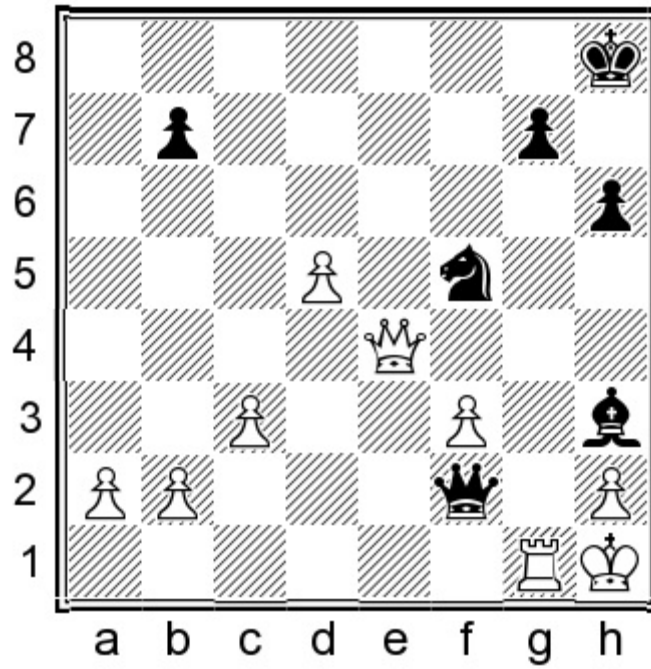


□ 9.? +-

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9. ♖d8+! ♜xd8 10. ♙g5+ ♜c7 11. ♙d8# 1-0 Reti,R-Tartakower,S Vienna 1910.

7. N.N. - Andersen, O.
Christiana, 1914

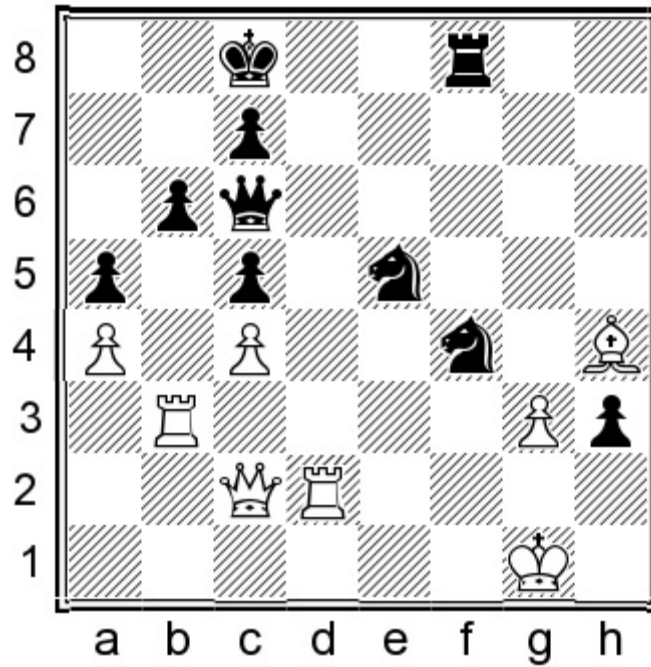


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1...♙g2+! 2.♖xg2 ♚f1+ 3.♗g1 ♘g3+! 4.hxg3 ♚h3# 0-1 N.N.-Andresen,O Christiania 1914.

8. Bogoljubow, Efim - Monticelli, Mario [E13]
San Remo San Remo, 1930

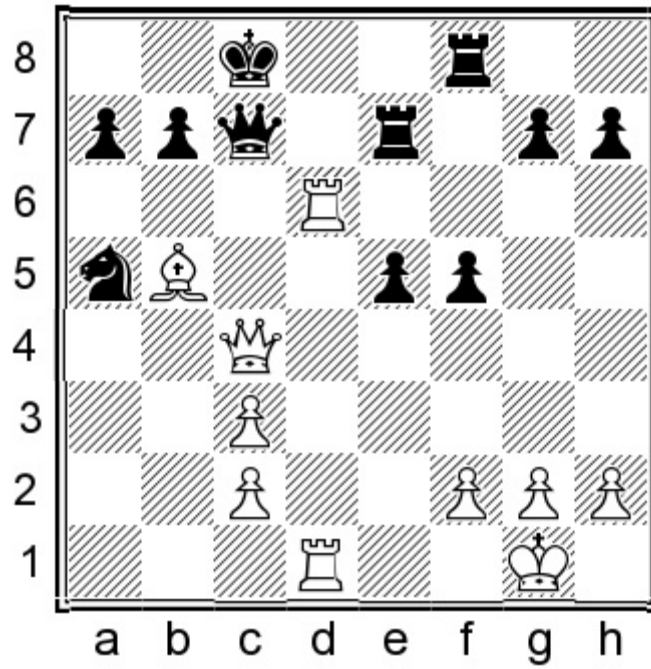


■ 36...? –+

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36...♖e2+! 37.♙xe2 ♜f1+! 38.♕xf1 ♚h1+ 39.♕f2 ♜g4# 0-1 Bogoljubow, E-Monticelli,M San Remo 1930.

9. Juarez, Carlos Federico - Sanguineti, Raul [C07]
Rio Hondo, 1950



□ 25.? +-

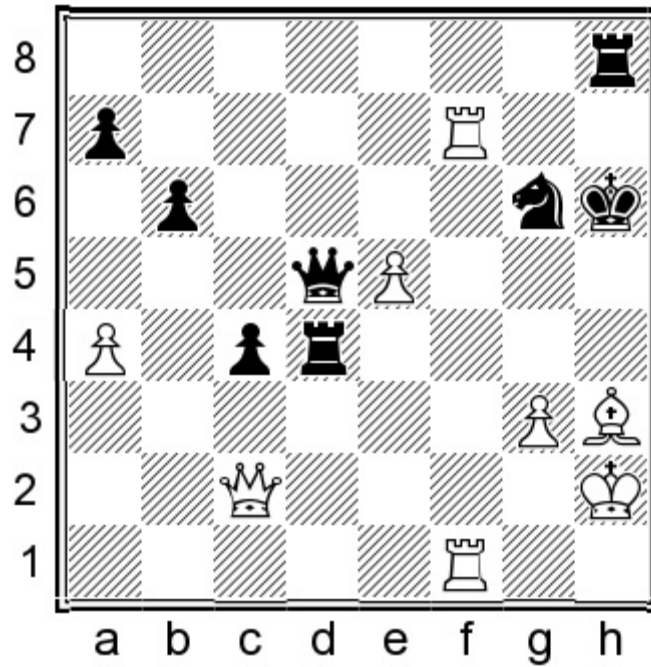
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25.♖d8+! 1-0 Juarez,C-Sanguineti,R Rio Hondo 1950.

Black resigned in view of the coming mate: 25.♖d8+ ♜xd8 26.♞xd8+ ♔xd8 27.♚g8+ ♞e8 28.♚xe8#

10. Nezmetdinov - Kasparian [B11]

Riga, 1955

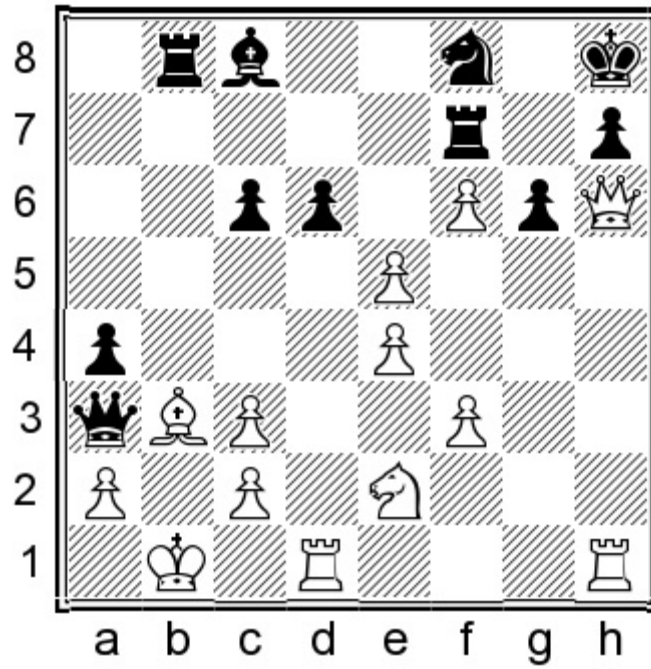


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41. ♖xg6+! ♔xg6 42. ♜1f6+ ♔g5 43. ♜f5+ ♔g6 44. ♜7f6+ ♔h7 45. ♜h5+ ♔g7 46. ♜g5+ ♔h7 47. ♙f5# 1-0 Nezhmetdinov,R-Kasparian,G Riga 1955.

11. Skuya, R. - Rosenberg, A.
Riga, 1962



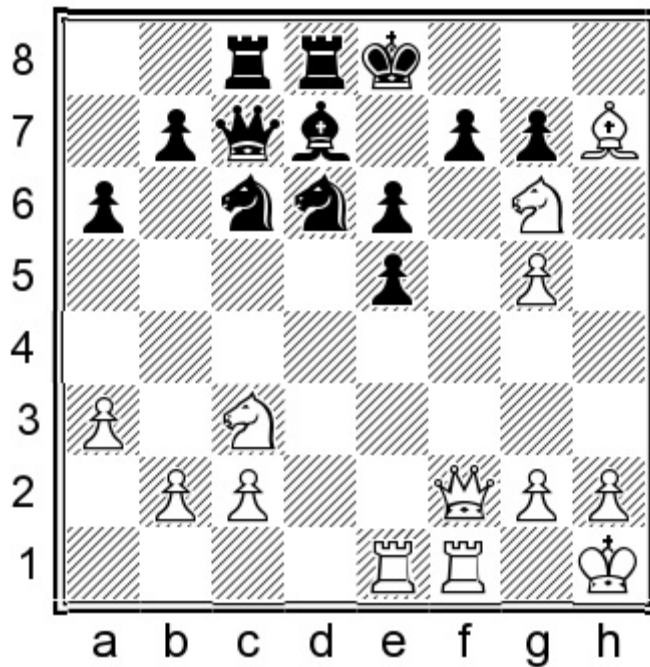
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1. ♖xf8+! ♜xf8 2. ♝xh7+ ♘xh7 3. ♝h1+ ♙h3 4. ♝xh3# 1-0 Skuya,R-Rosenberg,A Riga 1962.

12. Rusakov - Kalinkin [B96]

Lodz, 1963



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21. ♖xf7+! ♜xf7 22. ♖xf7

Give yourself extra marks if you found 22. ♔g8, mating even more quickly.

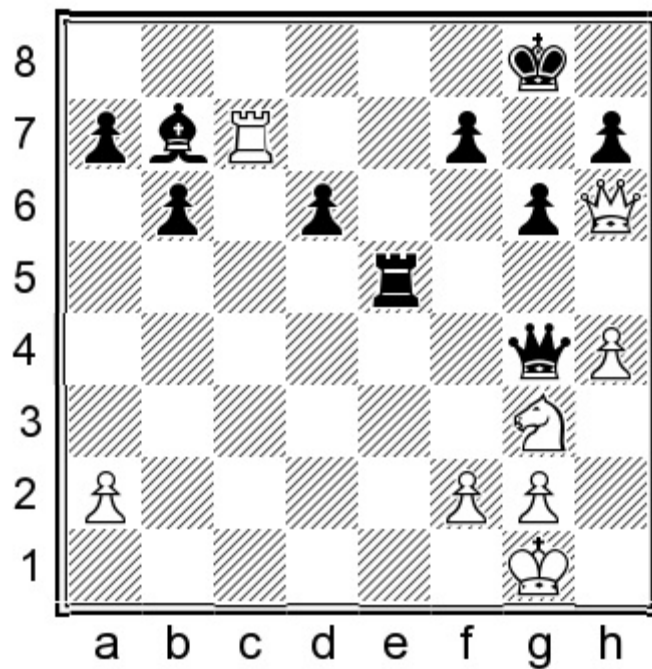
22... ♔xf7

22... ♖d6 23. ♖ef1 followed by Rf8.

23. ♖f1+ ♔e8 24. ♖f8# 1-0 Rusakov-Kalinkin Lodz 1963.

13. Maedler, Juergen - Uhlmann, Wolfgang [D86]

DDR-ch 13th Aschersleben (9), 1963.02.11



■ 27...? -+

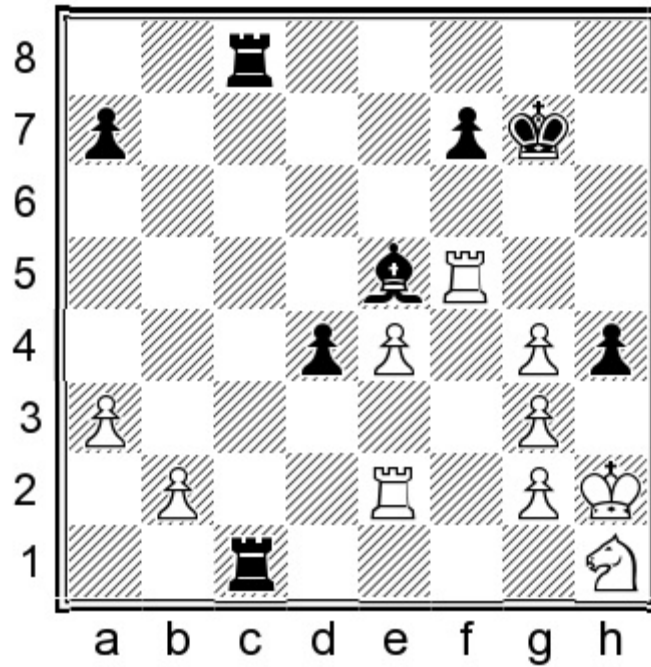
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27...♖e1+ 28.♔h2 ♜h1+! 0-1 Maedler,J-Uhlmann,W Aschersleben 1963.

White resigned in view of: 28...♜h1+ 29.♔xh1 ♚h3+ 30.♔g1 ♚xg2#

14. Bisguier, Arthur Bernard - Fischer, Robert James [A48]

USA-ch New York (5), 1965



■ 41...? -+

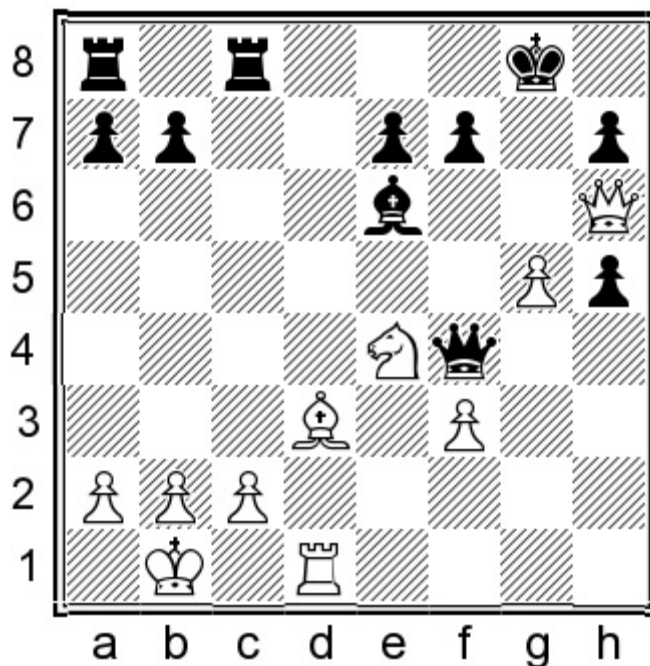
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41...♖xh1+! 0-1 Bisguier,A-Fischer,R New York 1965.

And mate to follow: 41...♖xh1+ 42.♔xh1 ♖c1+ 43.♖e1 ♖xe1+ 44.♖f1 ♖xf1+ 45.♔h2 ♘xg3+ 46.♔h3 ♖h1#

15. Evans, Larry Melvyn - Zuckerman, Bernard [B76]

USA-ch New York (1), 1966



□ 22.? +-

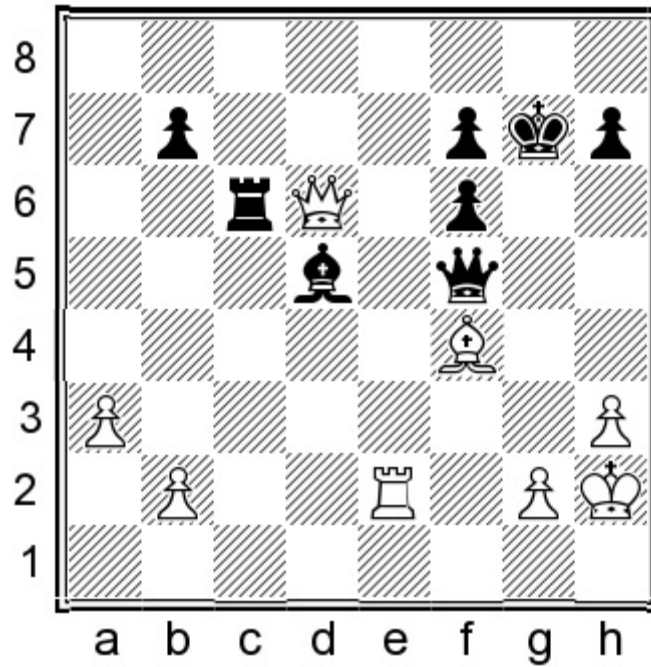
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22. ♖f6+! exf6 23. ♙xh7+ ♔h8 24. ♙f5+! ♔g8 25. ♚h7+ ♔f8 26. ♚h8+ 1-0 Evans,L-Zuckerman,B New York 1966.

And mate to follow, since the f4-queen does not protect the f6-pawn any longer: 26. ♚h8+ ♔e7
27. gxf6#

16. Belov, Lev A - Osachuk, A. [B45]

RSFSR-chT Soviet Union, 1966



□ 33.? +-

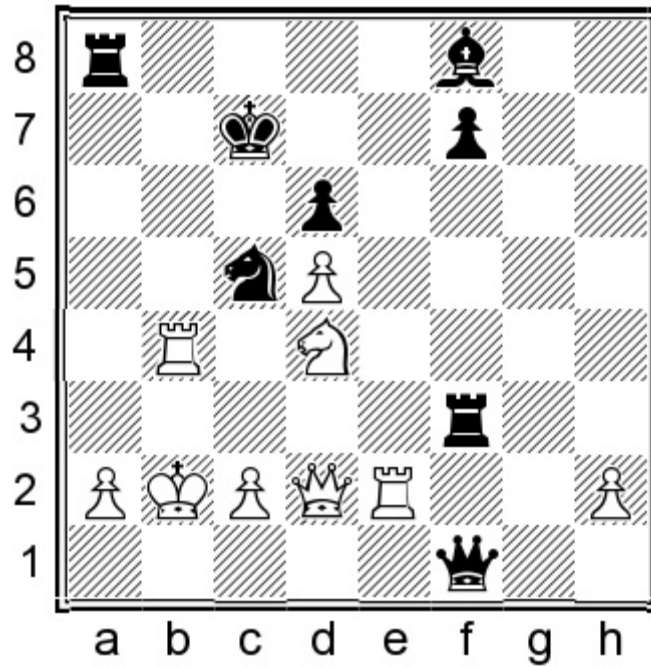
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33. ♖f8+! 1-0 Belov, L-Osachuk, A Soviet Union 1966.

With mate to follow: 33. ♖f8+ ♔xf8 (33... ♕g6 34. ♖h6#) 34. ♕h6+ ♔g8 35. ♖e8#

17. Ciocaltea, Victor - Fischer, Robert James [B99]

Netanya-A Netanya (10), 1968.06.27



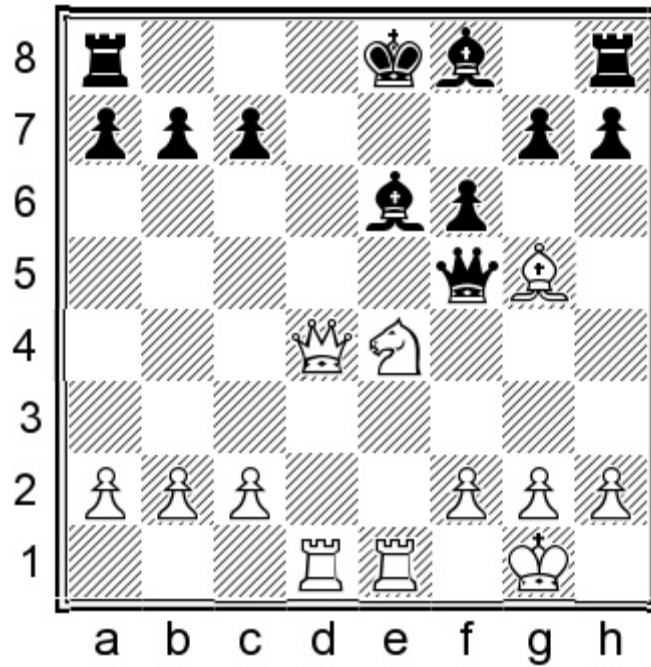
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35...♖xa2+! Black was winning anyhow, but in chess you have to be merciless! 36.♔xa2 ♜a3+
37.♔xa3 ♚a1# 0-1 Ciocaltea,V-Fischer,R Netanya 1968.

18. Corden, Martyn J - NN [C56]

? unknown, 1970

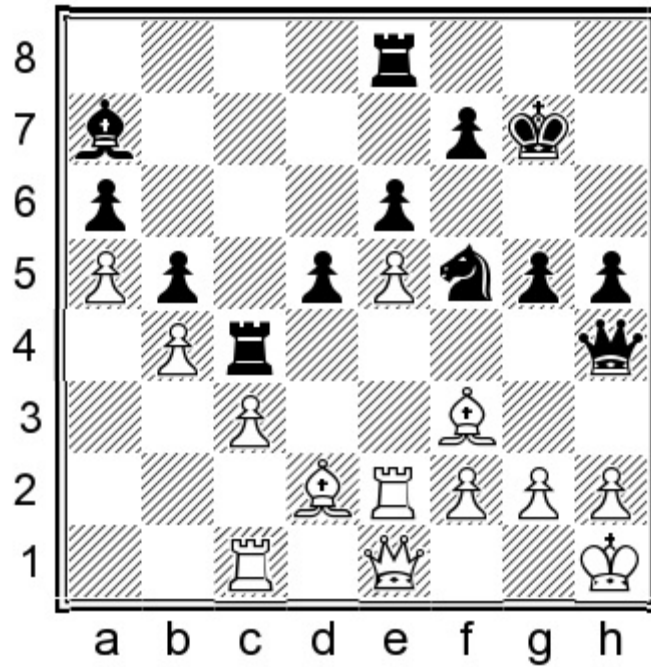


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15. ♖d7+! ♙xd7 16. ♘d6+ ♚d8 17. ♘f7+ ♚c8 18. ♖e8+! ♙xe8 19. ♖d8# 1-0 Corden,M-NN 1970.

19. Reshevsky, Samuel Herman (2515) - Ivanovic, Bozidar (2385) [B12]
 Skopje Skopje (12), 1976

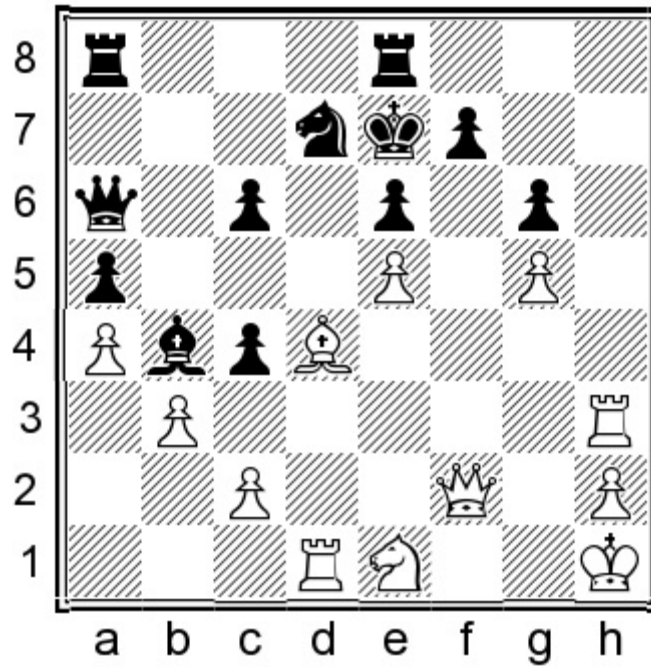


■ 27...? -+

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27...♙xh2+! 28.♕xh2 ♖h4+ 29.♕g1 ♘g3 Δ...Rh1#: 0-1 Reshevsky,S (2515) - Ivanovic,B (2385) Skopje 1976.

20. Vladimirov, Yevgeniy (2470) - Kharitonov, Andrei V [A07]
URS-ch YM Alma-Ata, 1977



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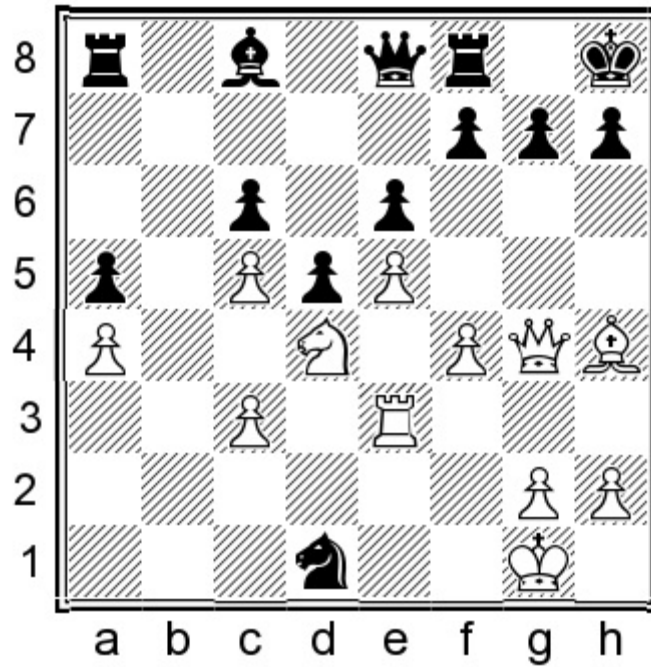
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32. ♖f6+! ♜xf6 33. ♕c5+! 1-0 Vladimirov, Y (2470)-Kharitonov, A Alma-Ata 1977.

Black resigned in view of: 33. ♕c5+ ♜xc5 34. gxf6+ ♔f8 35. ♖h8#

21. Waitzkin, Joshua - Frumkin, Edward A [B40]

Open New York, NY USA, 1987



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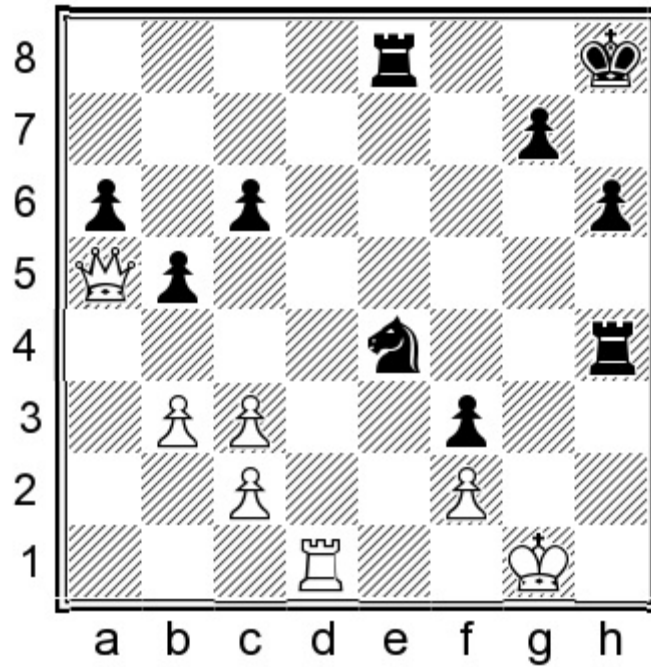
26. ♖xg7+! ♜xg7 27. ♙f6+ ♜g6 28. ♞g3+ ♜h6

28... ♜h5 29. ♞g5+ ♜h4 30. ♜f3#

29. ♙g7+ ♜h5 30. ♞g5+ ♜h4 31. ♜f3# 1-0 Waitzkin, J-Frumkin, E New York 1930.

22. Nokso-Koivisto, Antti (2144) - Pyhala, Antti (2360) [C84]

FIN-ch Helsinki FIN (3), 1988



■ 36...? –+

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36...♖g4+ 37.♔f1

37.♔h2 ♖g2+ 38.♔h3 ♜xf2+ 39.♔h4 ♖e4+ 40.♔h5 ♖g5#

37...♞d2+! 0-1 Nokso Koivisto,A-Pyhala,A (2360) Helsinki 1988.

White gets mated: 37...♞d2+ 38.♖xd2 ♖e1+! 39.♔xe1 ♖g1#

23. Khalifman, Alexander (2640) - Seirawan, Yasser (2595) [B15]

Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee (9), 199101



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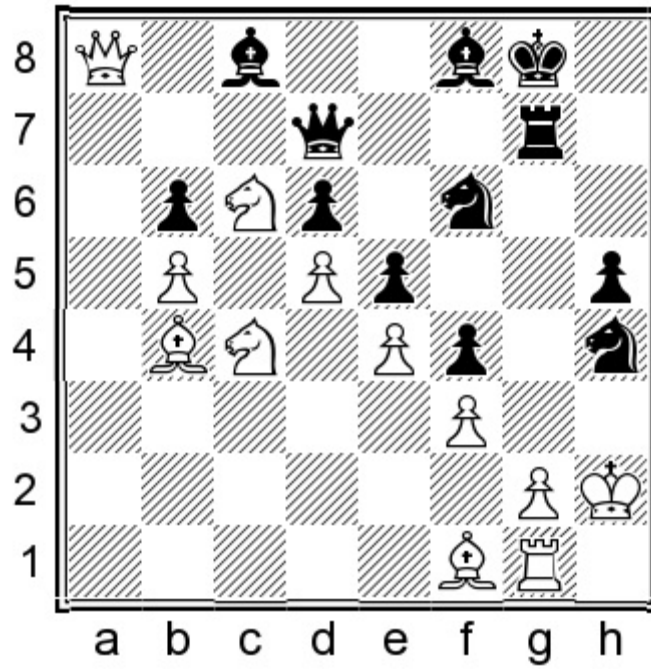
22.♘h6+! gxh6

22...♙h8 23.♙xf7 ♘d6 24.♙g8+! ♖xg8 25.♘f7#

23.♙g4+ Black is helpless against 24.Bxf6 and 25.Qxg7#: 1-0 Khalifman,A (2640) -Seirawan,Y (2595) Wijk aan Zee 1991.

24. Hecht, Hans Joachim (2425) - Jenni, Florian (2130) [E97]

Bodensee-Cup 4th Bodensee (1), 1998



■ 29...? –+

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29...♔h3+! 0-1 Hecht,H (2425)-Jenni,F (2130) Bodensee 1998.

White gets mated: 29...♔h3+ 30.gxh3 ♘xf3+ 31.♕h1 ♖xg1#

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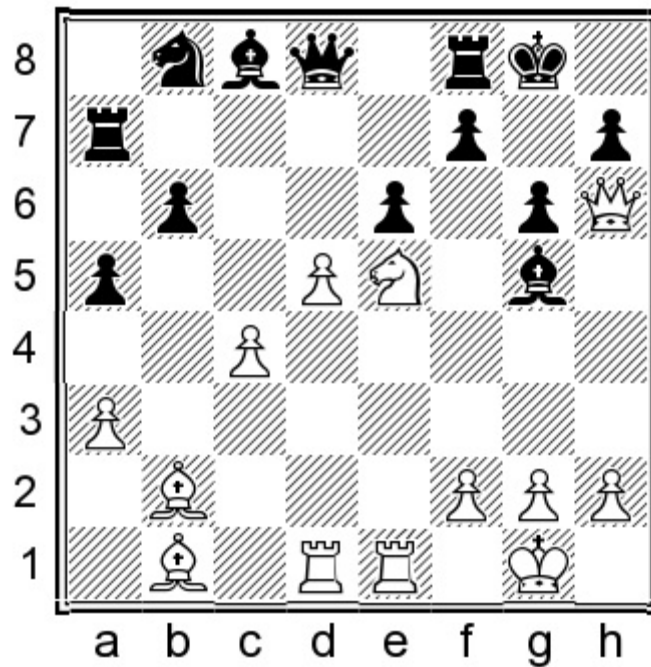
In this chapter you must target your opponent's king. In most of the examples its protection feels fragile from the start!

In each position find the accurate winning move or idea in order to punish this lack of protection. Aim for mate or win of material!

The difficulty of these exercises ranges from easy to moderate.

1. Paulsen, Louis - Montgomery, Hardman Philips [B01]

USA-01 Congress Grand Tournament New York, NY (2.2), 1857.10.14



□ 24.? +-

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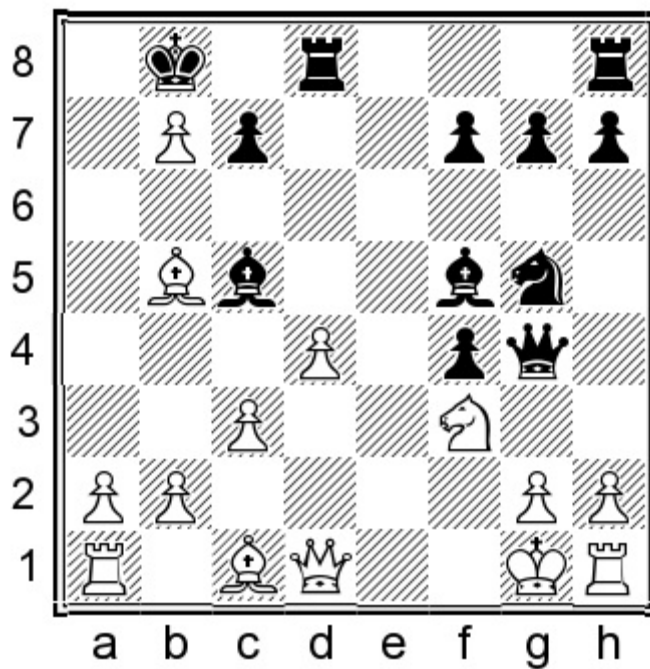
24. ♖g4! f6

24... ♗xh6 25. ♖xh6#

25. ♖xg5+- 1-0 (31) Paulsen, L-Montgomery, H New York 1857.

2. Neustadtl, Hermann - Valenta, O -. [C25]

Prague Prague, 1891



■ 17...? -+

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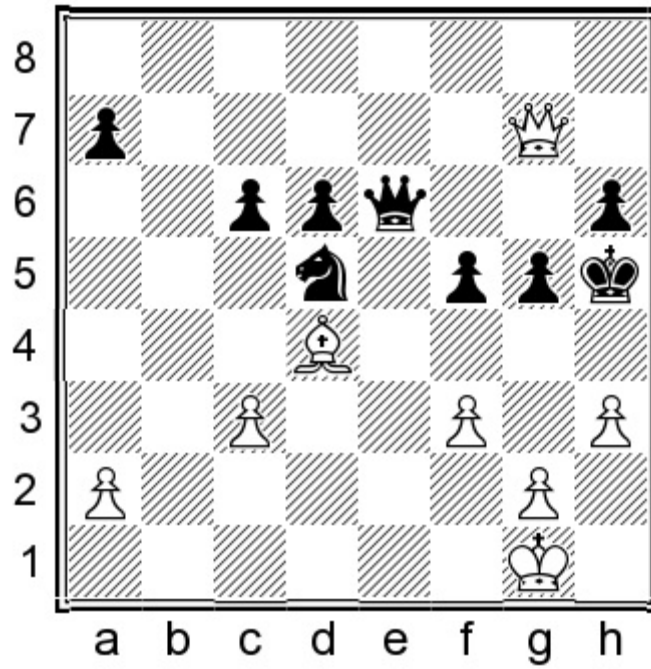
17... ♖xd4! 18.cxd4 ♗xd4+ 19.♔f1

19. ♖xd4 ♘xf3+-+

19... ♖xg2+! 20.♔xg2 ♗h3# 0-1 Neustadtl, H-Valenta, O Prague 1891.

3. Schlechter, Carl - Meitner, Philipp [C54]

Vienna Vienna, 1899



□ 31.? +-

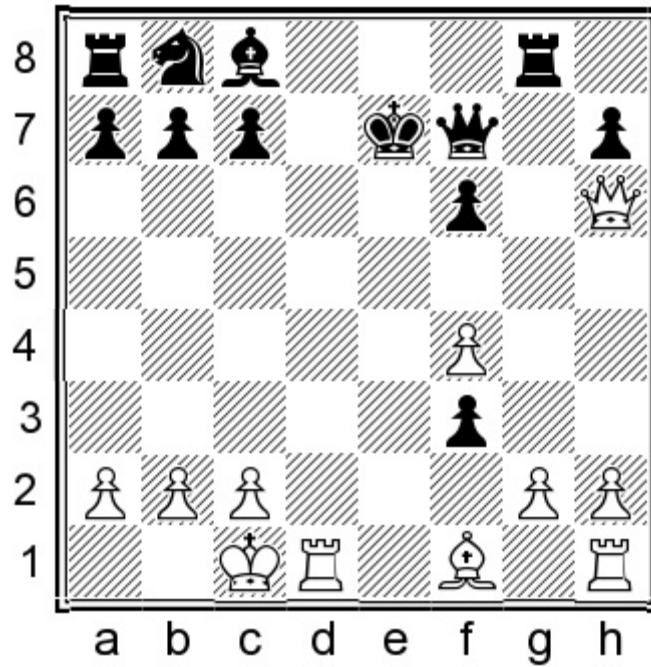
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31.g4+ fxg4 32.hxg4+ ♔h4 33.♚xh6+! ♚xh6 34.♔h2 Black gets mated!

34...♘e3 35.♙xe3 a5 36.♙f2# 1-0 Schlechter,C-Meitner,P Vienna 1899.

4. Walbrodt, Carl - Loew, Gerald [C32]

Germany, 1900



□ 15.? +-

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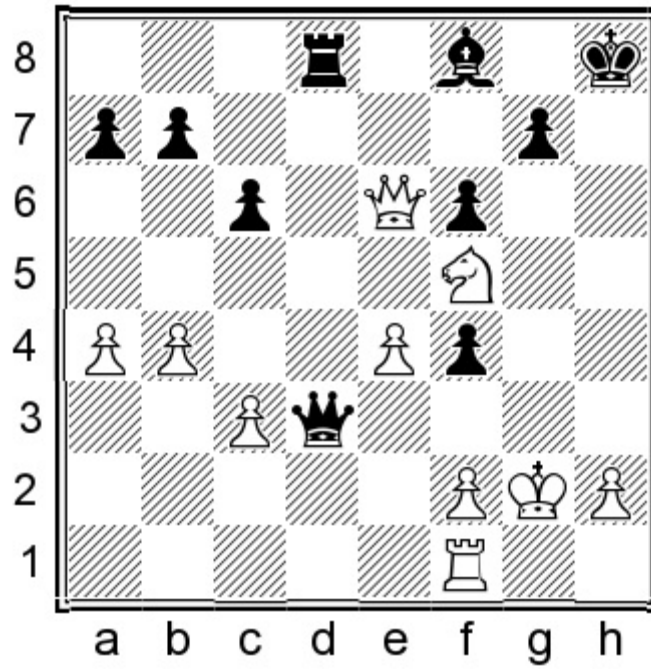
15.♔c4! ♚xc4 16.♚xh7+ ♚f7 17.♞he1+ ♔e6

17...♕f8 18.♞d8+-

18.♞xe6+! ♔xe6 19.♚e4# 1-0 Walbrodt,C-Loew,G Germany 1900.

5. Blumenfeld, Benjamin Markovich - Alekhine, Alexander [C41]

Moscow m (02) Moscow RUS (2), 190810

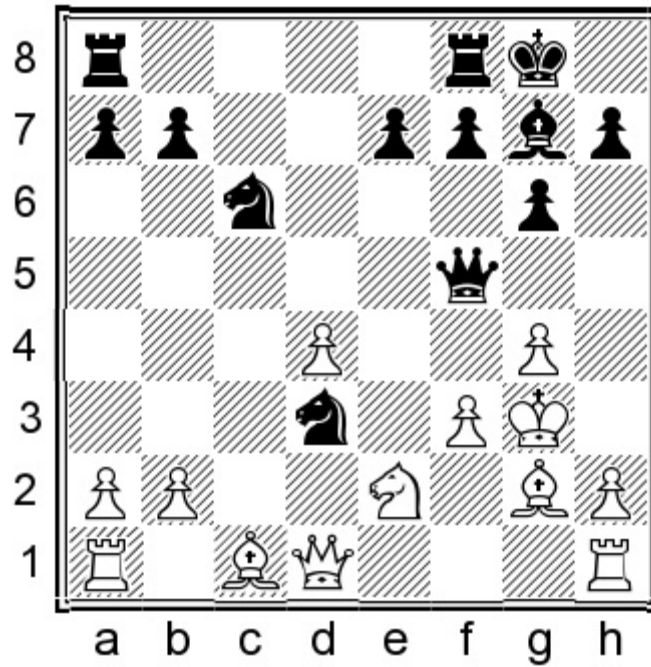


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31...f3+ 32.♘g1 ♚xf1+! 33.♘xf1 ♜d1# 0-1 Blumenfeld,B-Alekhine,A Moscow 1908.

6. Potemkin, P. - Alexander, Alekhine [B20]
St Petersburg, 1912



■ 16...? –+

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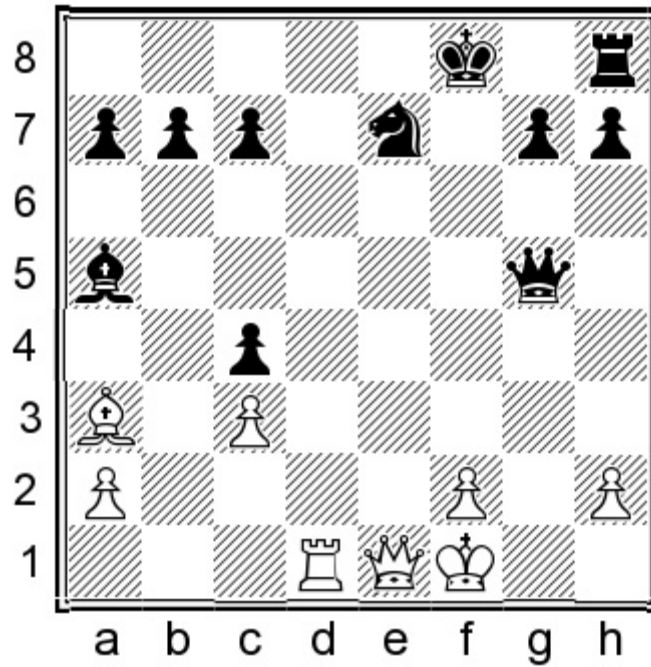
16...♞xd4! 17.gxf5

17.♞xd4 ♔e5+ 18.f4 ♕xd4-+

17...♞xf5+ 0-1 Potemkin,P-Alekhine,A St Petersburg 1912.

White gets mated: 17...♞xf5+ 18.♔g4 h5+ 19.♔h3 ♞f2#

7. Koltanowski, Georges - Dunkelblum, Arthur [C55]
simul blind 1/10 Antwerp BEL, 1924



□ 25.? +-

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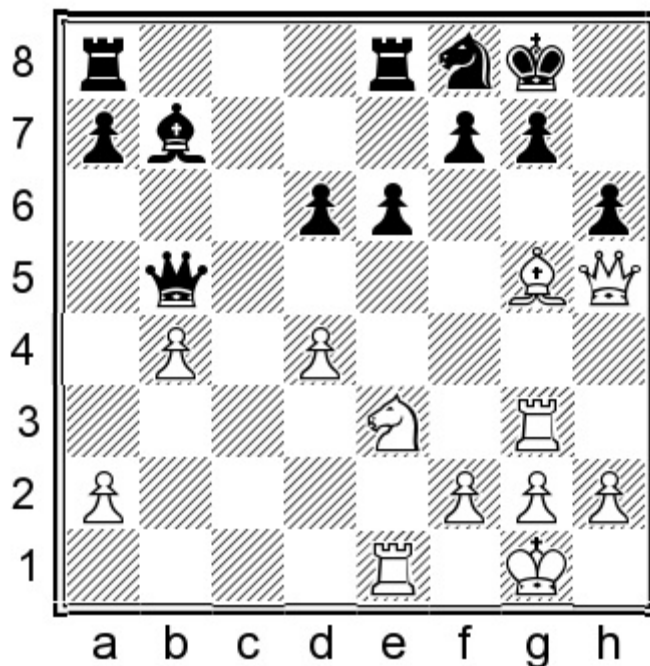
25.♖d5! ♔h4 26.♙xe7+

26.♖h5 was played, but is less precise: 26...♔f6? (26...♙xc3! 27.♔e6 ♔f6 28.♖f5 ♔e8! 29.♖xf6 ♙xf6 and Black has some chances) 27.♖f5 1-0 Koltanowski,G-Dunkelblum,A Antwerp 1929.

26...♔xe7 27.♖f5+ ♔e8 28.♖e5+-

8. Torre Repetto, Carlos - Lasker, Emanuel [A46]

Moscow Moscow, 1925



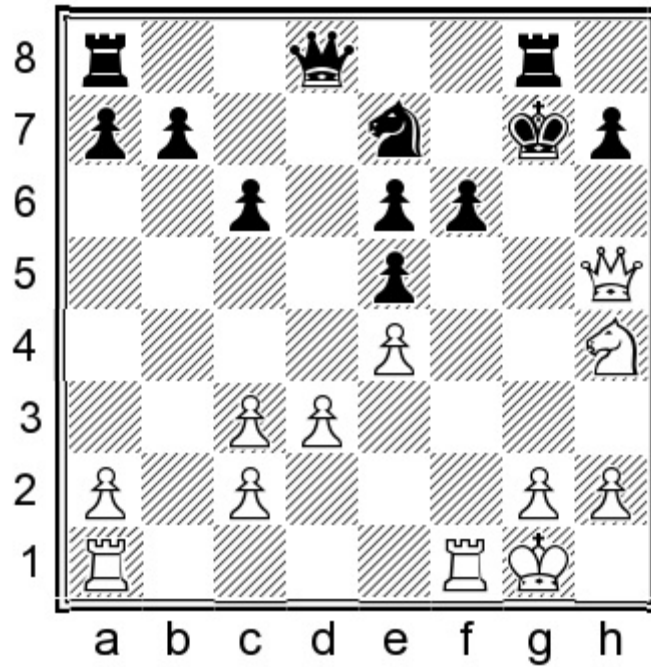
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25.♔f6! ♚xh5 26.♖xg7+ ♔h8 27.♗xf7+ White collects a few things before getting the queen back!
 27...♕g8 28.♖g7+ ♔h8 29.♗xb7+ ♕g8 30.♖g7+ ♔h8 31.♖g5+ ♕h7 32.♗xh5 ♕g6 33.♗h3 ♕xf6
 34.♗xh6++- 1-0 (43) Torre Repetto,C-Lasker,E Moscow 1925.

9. Capablanca, Jose Raul - Steiner, H. [C49]

Los Angeles, 1933



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17.♖xf6! ♔xf6 18.♖f1+ ♚f5

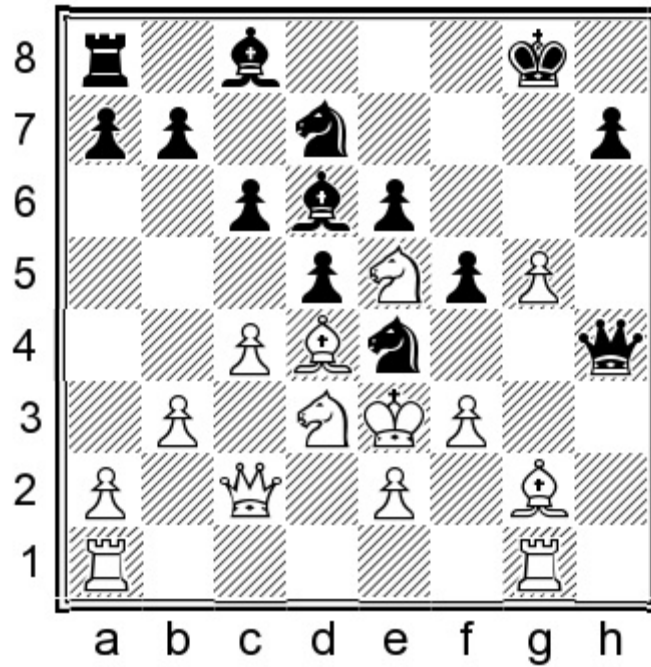
18...♔g7 19.♖f7+ ♔h8 20.♗xh7#

19.♘xf5!?

19.exf5+-

19...exf5 20.♖xf5+ ♔e7 21.♗f7+ ♔d6 22.♖f6+ ♔c5 23.♗xb7! ♖b6 24.♖xc6+! ♗xc6 25.♗b4# 1-0
Capablanca,J-Steiner,H Los Angeles 1933.

10. Kotov, Alexander - Bondarevsky, Igor [A90]
Leningrad Leningrad, 1936



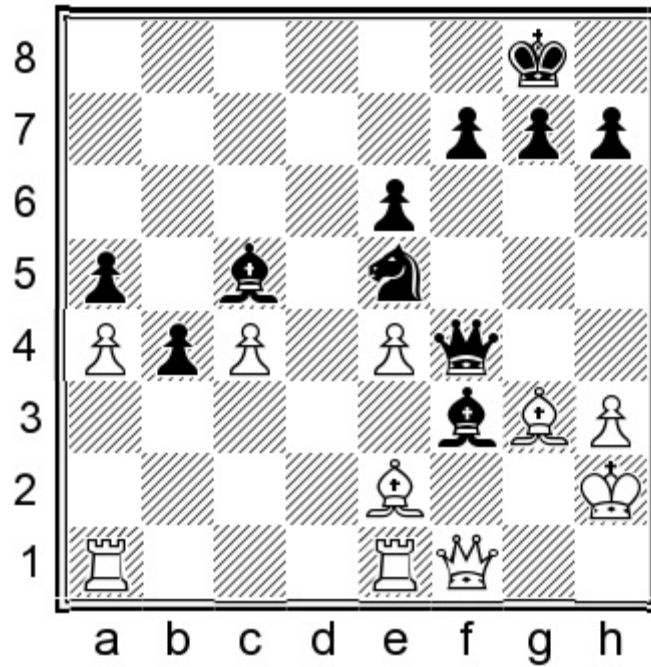
■ 23...? –+

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23...f4+! 24.♘xf4 ♜f2+ 25.♔d3 ♜xd4+! 26.♔xd4 ♚c5+ 27.♔d3 ♘xe5# 0-1 Kotov,A-Bondarevsky,I Leningrad 1936.

11. Molinari, B . - Roux Cabral, Luis [D48]

Uruguay Montevideo URU, 1943



■ 32...? -+

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32...♔g1+!

Playing 32...♘g4+ 33.hxg4 first and then 33...♔g1+! also works.

33.♚xg1

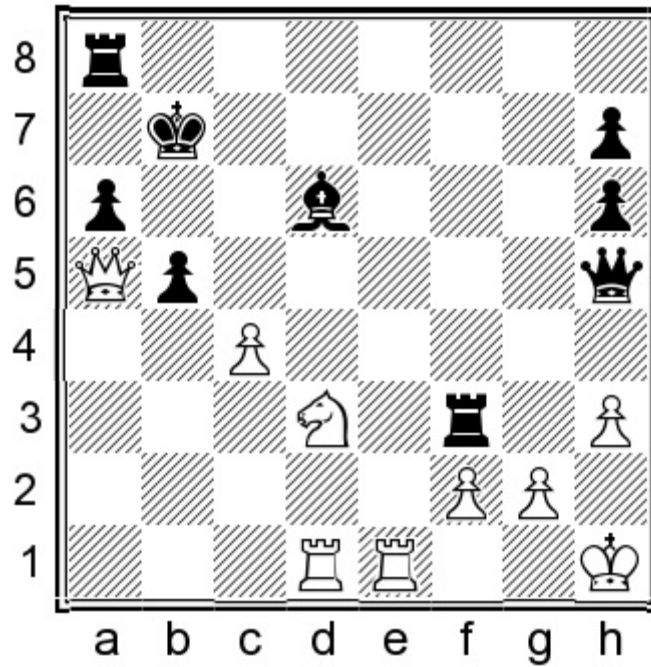
33.♙xg1 ♚xg3+ 34.♚g2 ♚xg2#

33...♘g4+ 0-1 Molinari, B-Roux Cabral,L Uruguayo 1943. White gets mated:

33...♘g4+ 34.hxg4 ♚h6+ 35.♔h4 ♚xh4#

12. Ragozin, Viacheslav - Bronstein, David [C52]

USSR Championship Moscow URS (15), 1945.06.25



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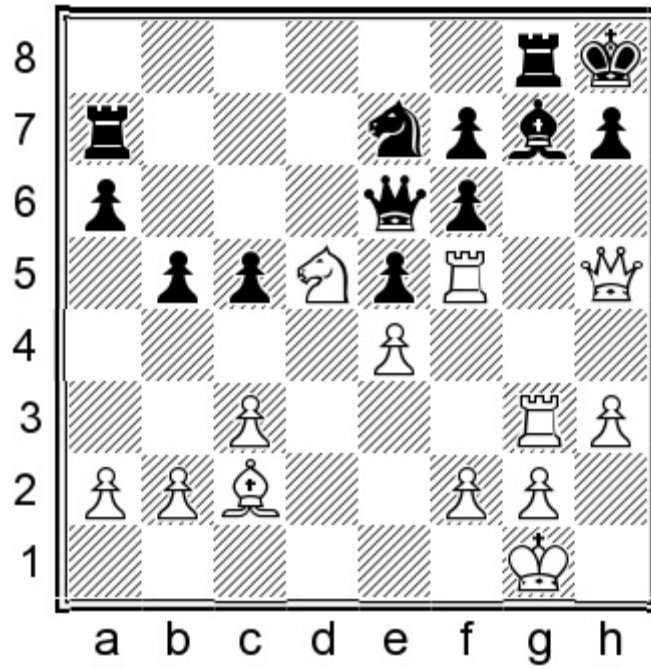
36. ♖f4! Defend first, then mate! **36... ♜xf4**

36... ♙xf4 37. ♜e7+ ♚c6 38. ♜e6+ ♚c5 39. ♜d5++-

37. ♜xd6+- 1-0 (38) Ragozin, V-Bronstein, D Moscow 1945.

13. Strandstroem - Miroshnitschenko

Saratow, 1949

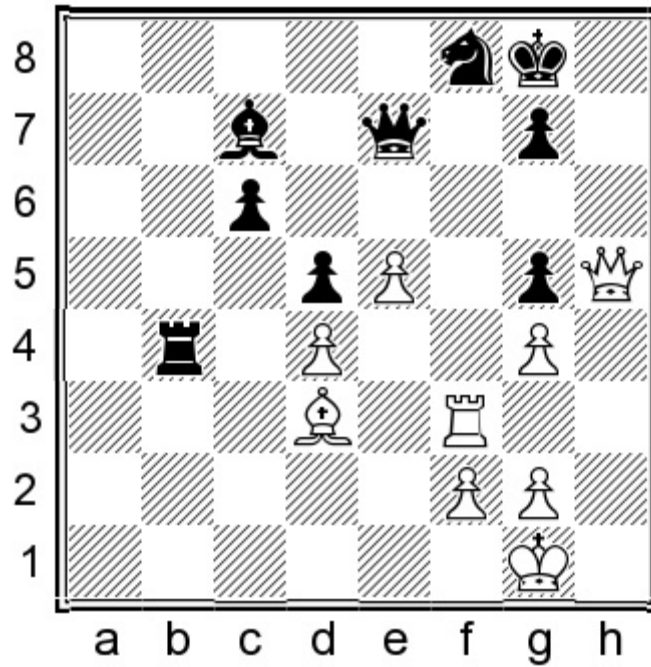


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1. ♖xf6! ♜xf6 2. ♗xh7+! ♜xh7 3. ♝h5# 1-0 Strandstroem-Miroschnitschenko Saratow 1949.

14. Geller, Efim P - Novotelnov, Nikolay Alexandrovi [D35]
URS-ch19 Moscow, 1951



□ 40.? +-

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40. ♖xf8+! ♔xf8

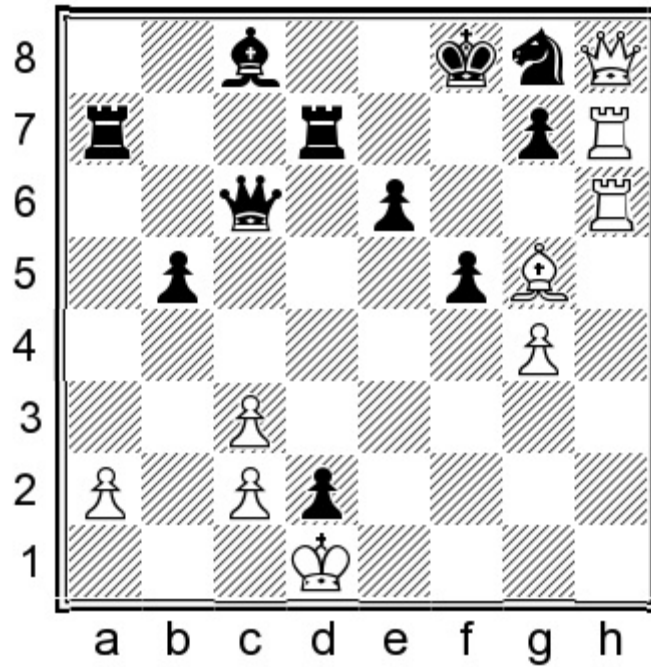
40... ♗xf8 41. ♕h7+ ♔h8 42. ♕g6+ ♔g8 43. ♗h7#

41. ♗h8+ ♔f7 42. ♕g6+! 1-0 Geller,E-Novotelnov,N Moscow 1951.

Black gets mated: 42. ♕g6+ ♔e6 (42... ♔xg6 43. ♗h5#) 43. ♗c8+ ♗d7 44. ♗g8+ ♔e7 45. ♗f7+ ♔d8 46. ♗f8+ ♗e8 47. ♗xe8#

15. Tal, Mihail - Koblencs, Aleksandrs [B63]

Riga Riga, 1957



□ 36.? +-

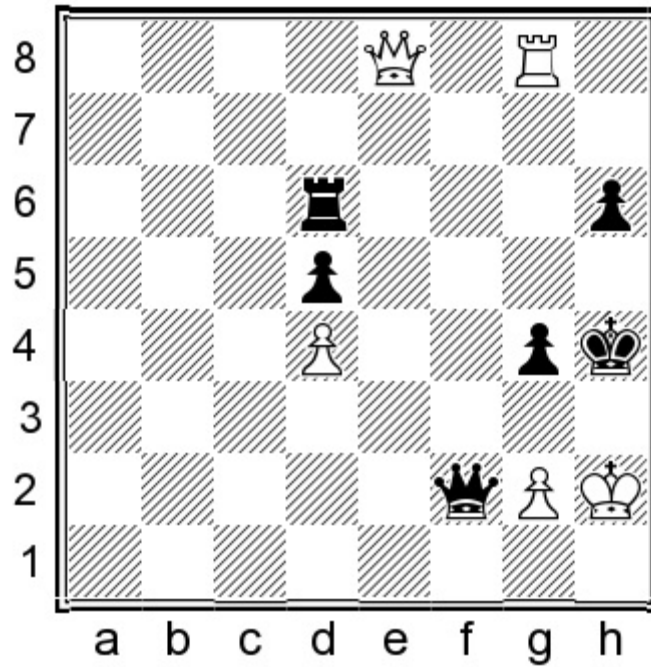
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36. ♖f6+! gxf6

36... ♜f7 37. ♚xg7+ 1-0 Tal, M-Koblencs, A Riga 1957.

37. ♙h6+ ♜g7 38. ♙xg7+ ♔e7 39. ♙xf6+ ♔d6 40. ♙e5+!+- Followed by Rxa7.

16. Androvitzky, K. - Kosa, L.
Magyarország, 1970



□ 1.? +-

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1. ♖e5! ♜f6

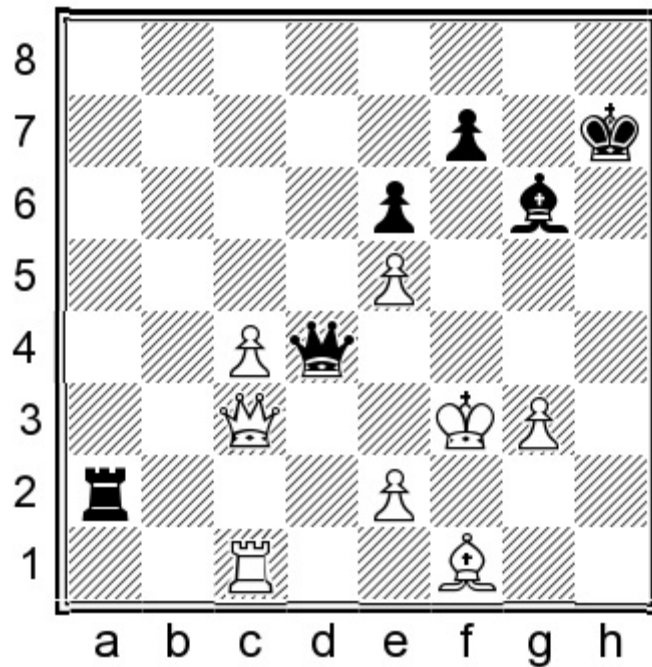
1... ♜f6 2. ♖g3+ ♔h5 3. ♖xg4#; 1... g3+ 2. ♜xg3 ♜f6 3. ♜h3+ ♔g4 4. ♖h5+ ♔f4 5. ♜f3+ ♔e4 6. ♖g4+ ♜f4+ 7. ♖xf4#

2. ♖g5+! 1-0 Androvitzky, K-Kosa, L Magyarorszag 1970.

Black gets mated: 2. ♖g5+ hxg5 3. ♜h8+ ♜h6 4. ♜xh6#

17. Ivanov - Sveshnikov

USSR, 1973



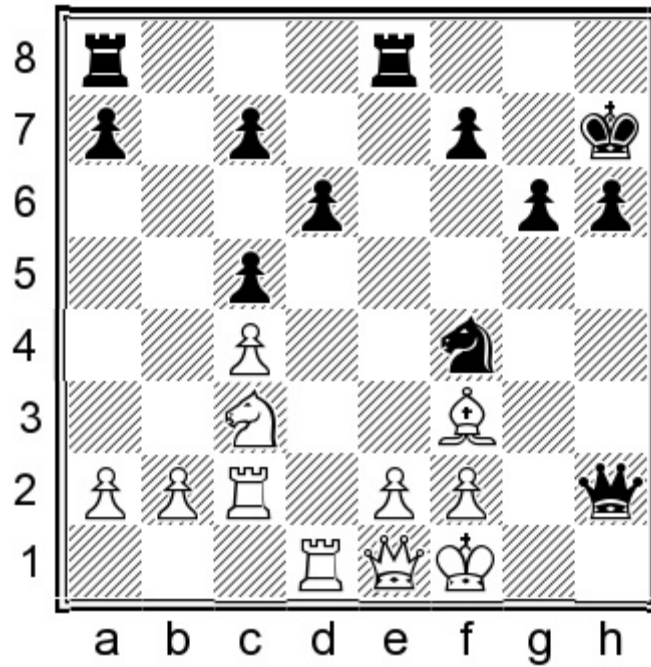
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1...♖a3! 2.♜xa3 ♕e4+ White gets mated by force: 3.♔f4 ♕g2+ 4.♔g5 ♜xe5+ 5.♔g4 ♜f5+ 6.♔h4 ♜h3+ 7.♔g5 ♜h6+ 8.♔g4 f5# 0-1 Ivanov-Sveshnikov USSR 1973.

18. Friedman, Shmuel - Thornblom, N. [E62]

Rilton Cup Stockholm, 1973



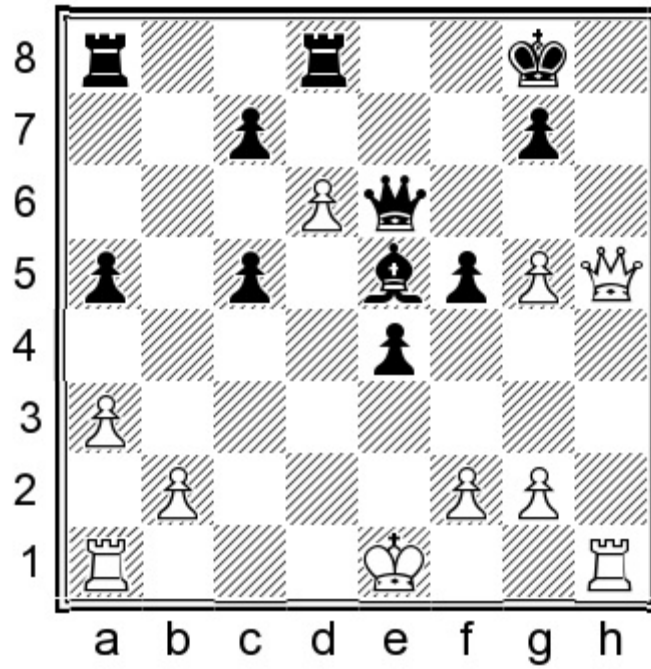
■ 26...? –+

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26...♖e3! White is helpless against ...Nh3 and ...Qg1#: 0-1 Friedman, S-Thornblom,N Stockholm 1973.

26...♖e3 27.fxe3 ♘h3 and mate to follow.

19. Sjoberg, M. - Ekstroem, R.
Stockholm, 1977



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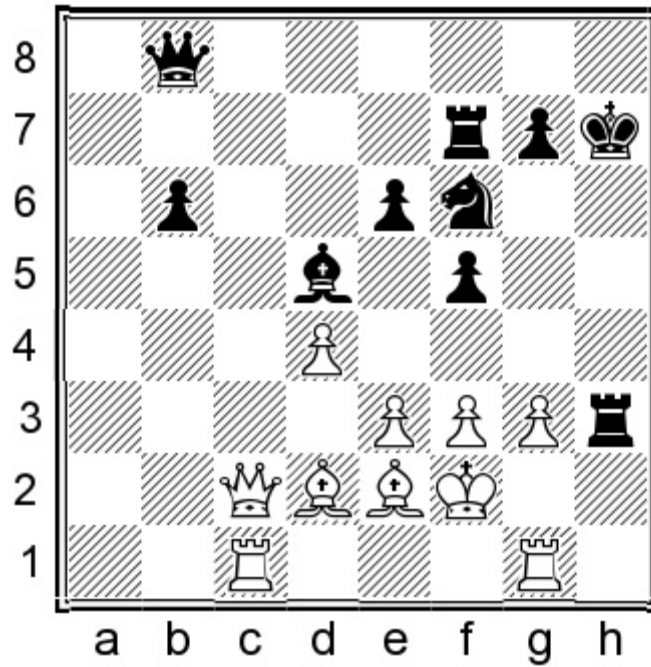
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1.g6 ♖f8 2.♙xf5+! 1-0 Sjoberg,M-Ekstroem,R Stockholm 1977.

Black gets mated: 2.♙xf5+ ♗xf5 3.♖h8#

20. Portisch, Lajos - Huebner, Robert [E45]

Bugojno, 1978



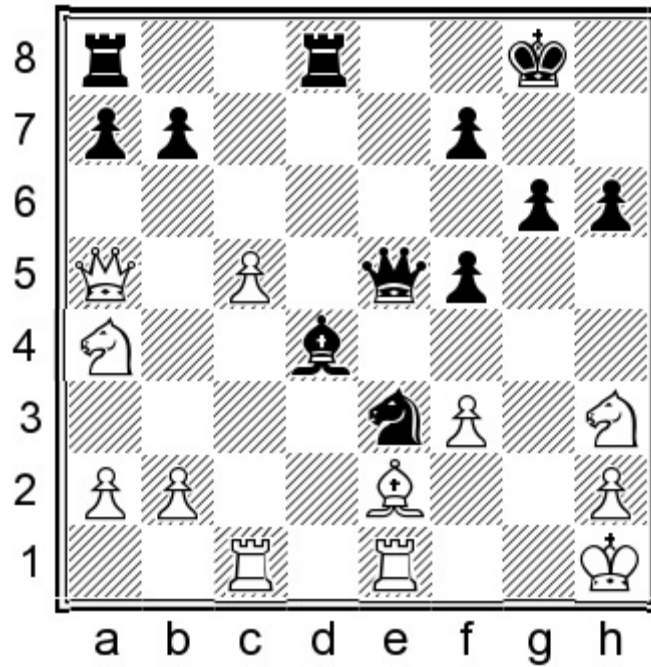
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37...♗e4+! 38.fxe4 fxe4+ 39.♕e1 ♜xg3+! 0-1 Portisch,L (2630)-Huebner,R (2595) Bugojno 1978.

White resigned in view of: 39...♜xg3+ 40.♖xg3 ♜h1+ 41.♙f1 ♜hxf1+ 42.♕e2 ♜7f2#

21. Brown - Greef
Portsmouth, 1980



■ 1...? -+

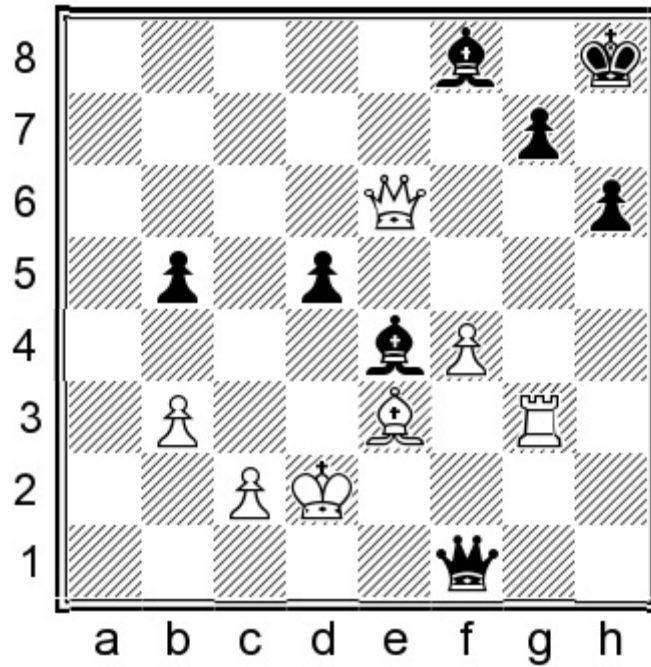
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1...♘g4! 2.fxg4

2.f4 ♕e4+ 3.♙f3 ♕xf3#; 2.♔g2 ♕xh2+ 3.♔f1 ♕xh3#

2...♕e4+ 3.♙f3 ♕xf3# 0-1 Brown-Greef Portsmouth 1980.

22. Korchnoi, V. (2625) - Portisch, L. (2610) [B84]
Reykjavik, 1987



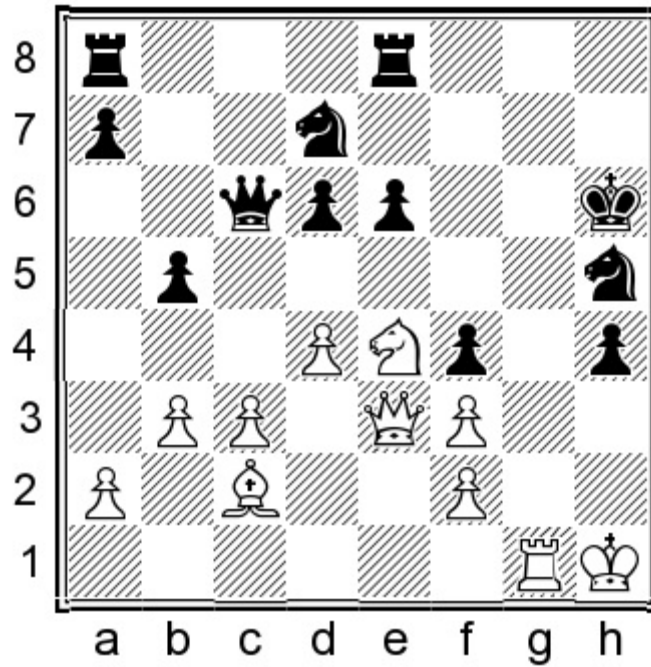
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42. ♖e8 ♔g8 43. ♗xg7+! ♔xg7 44. ♕d4+ ♔g8 45. ♖e6+ ♔h7 46. ♖f7+ 1-0 Korchnoi, V (2625)-
Portisch, L (2610) Reykjavik 1987.

23. Hoi, Carsten - Gulko, Boris F [A47]

Thessaloniki olm, 1988



□ 29.? +-

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29. ♖xd6! ♜xd6□

29...fxe3 30. ♖f7#; 29...♖g3+ 30. ♜xg3 fxe3 31. ♖f7+ ♔h5 32. ♜g5#

30. ♜d3 ♖f8

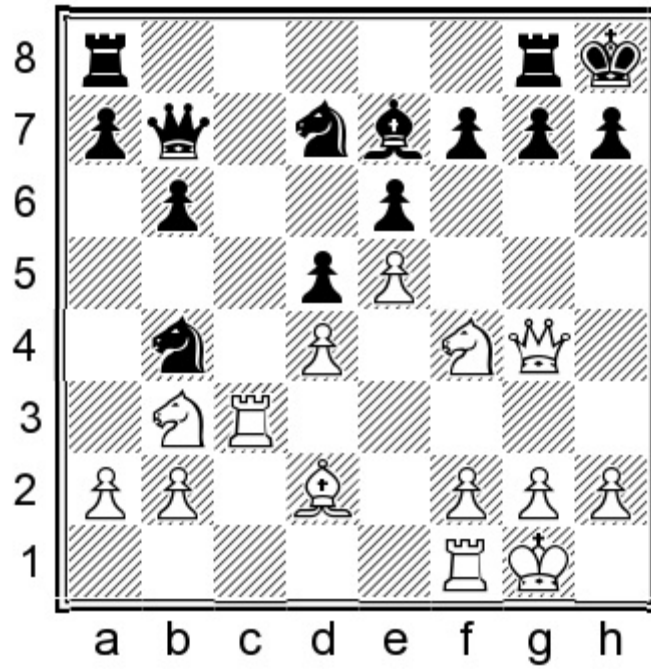
30...♖g3+□ 31. ♜xg3 ♖f8 32. ♜g6+ ♔h5 33. ♜f6 ♜e7 34. ♜xf8 ♜g7 35. ♜xe8 ♜xe8 36. ♜xb5+ +-

31. ♜h7+! 1-0 Hoi,C (2455)-Gulko, B (2590) Thessaloniki 1988.

Black gets mated: 31. ♜h7+ ♖xh7 32. ♜g6#

24. Godena, Michele - Zurek, Milan [C06]

Litomerice Czech Republic, 1988



□ 17.? +-

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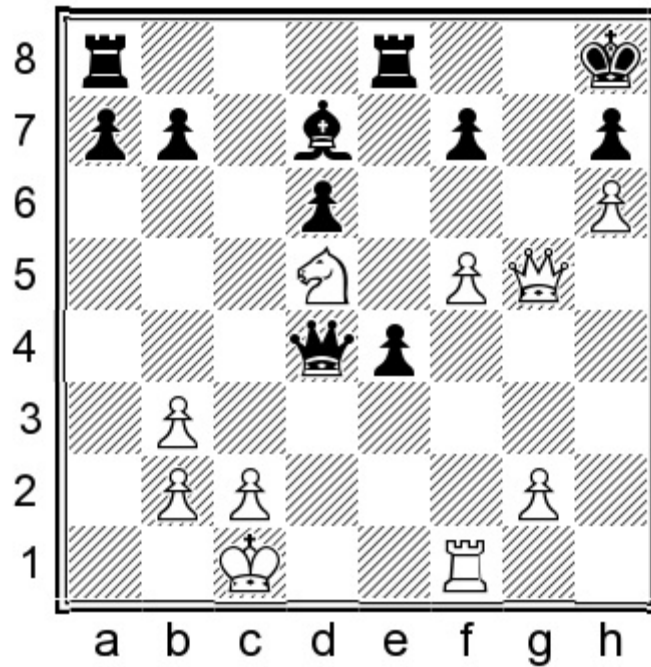
17. ♔xe6!+- 1-0 (22) Godena,M-Zurek,M Litomerice Czech Republic 1988.

Black is lost, since 17. ♔xe6 fxe6 is met by 18. ♖g6+ hxg6 19. ♜h3+ ♔h4 20. ♜xh4#

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25. Tal, Mikhail - Forbes, Robert [B77]

Chicago Chicago, 1988



□ 27.? +-

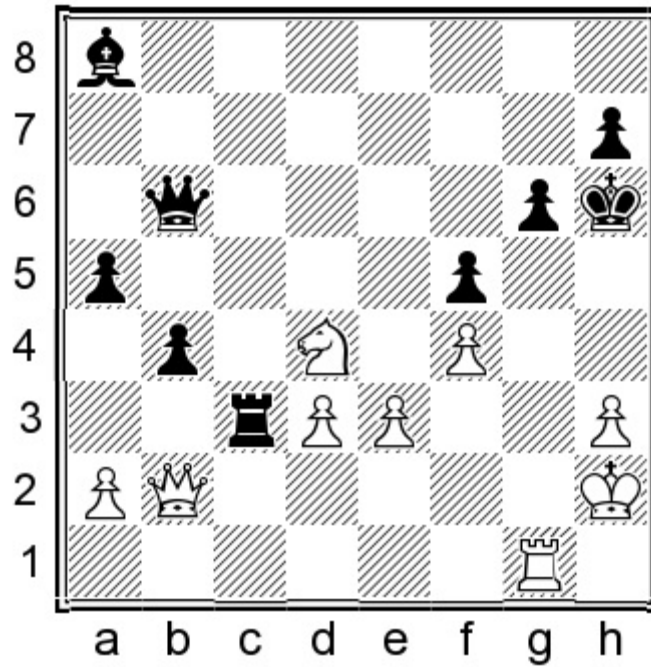
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27.f6 ♖g8 28.♚g7+! 1-0 Tal,M (2630)-Forbes,C (2035) Chicago 1988.

Black gets mated: 28.♚g7+ ♖xg7 29.hxg7+ ♔g8 30.♘e7#

26. Akopian, Vladimir (2550) - Kruppa, Yuri (2460) [A37]

URS-ch U26 Minsk, 1990



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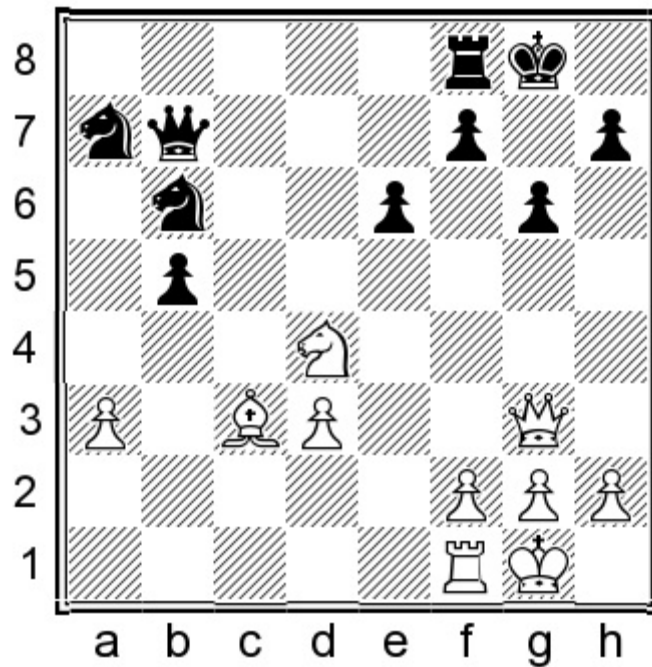
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37. ♘xf5+! gxf5 38. ♕f2 ♖c2

38... ♕f6 39. ♖g5+-

39. ♕xc2 ♕xe3 40. ♕b2! ♕xf4+ 41. ♖g3 1-0 Akopian, V (2550)-Kruppa, Y (2460) Minsk 1990.

27. Sveshnikov, Evgeny (2540) - Shcherbakov, Ruslan (2525) [B30]
URS-ch58 Moscow (6), 1991



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23. ♖e5! ♜d7

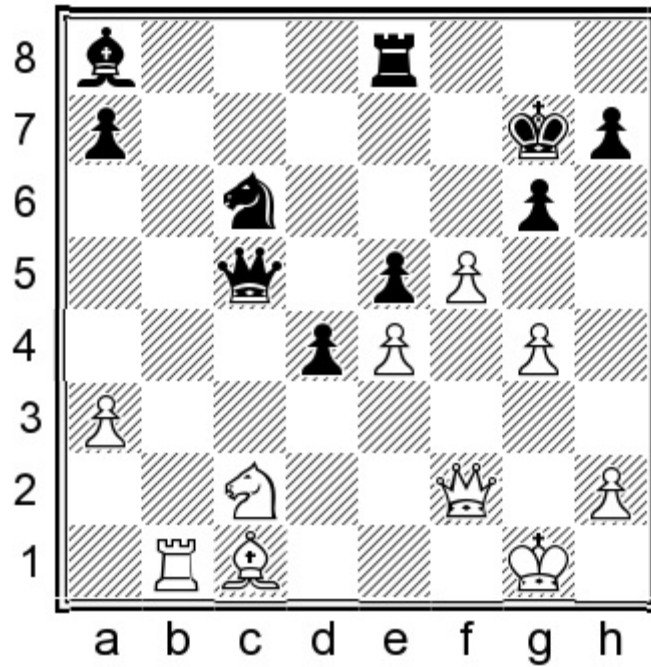
23...f6 24. ♖xe6++-

24. ♖g7+! 1-0 Sveshnikov,E (2540) -Sherbakov,R (2525) Moscow 1991.

Boom! Black resigned in view of: 24. ♖g7+ ♔xg7 25. ♜f5+ ♔g8 26. ♜h6#

28. Strikovic, Aleksa (2495) - Kurajica, Bojan (2565) [B20]

Ibercaja op Zaragoza (4), 1994



□ 31.? +-

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31. ♖h6+! ♔g8

31... ♔xh6 32. f6 (ΔQh4#) 32... g5 (32... ♔g5 33. h4+ ♔xg4 34. ♖h2+-) 33. f7+- Δ♖f8 34. ♖f6#

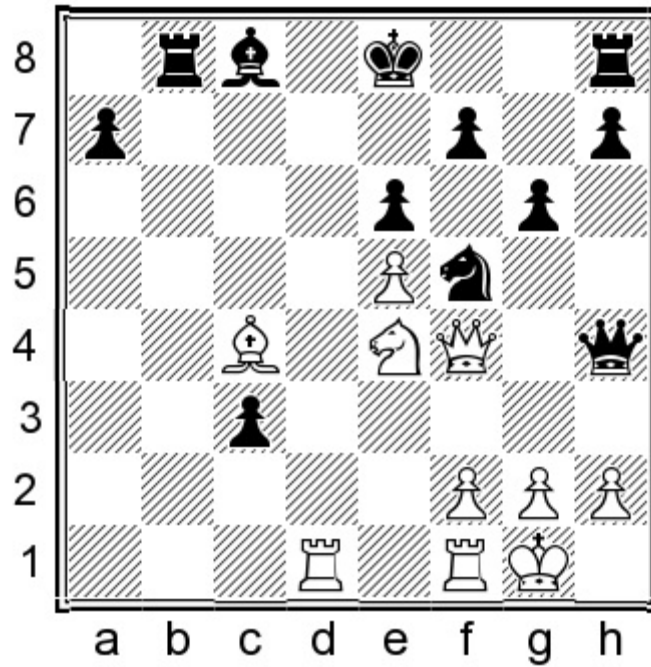
32. fxg6 ♘d8

32... hxg6 33. ♖f6+-

33. ♖f6 ♖c7 34. ♖f1 1-0 Strikovic,A (2495)-Kurajica,B (2565) Zaragoza 1994.

29. Zakharevich, Igor (2430) - Sveshnikov, Evgeny (2580) [D31]

RUS-ch Elista (8), 1995



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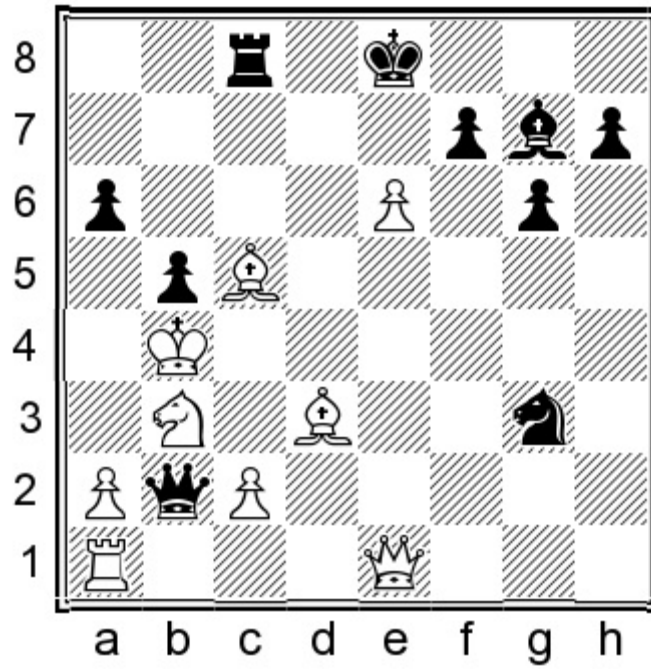
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21. ♖d6+ ♔f8 22. ♖xf5! 1-0 Zakharevich,I (2430)-Sveshnikov,E (2580) Elista 1995.

Black resigned in view of: 22. ♖xf5 ♕xf4 23. ♖d8#

30. Topalov, Veselin (2670) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2730) [B57]

Belgrade Investbank Belgrade (6), 1995

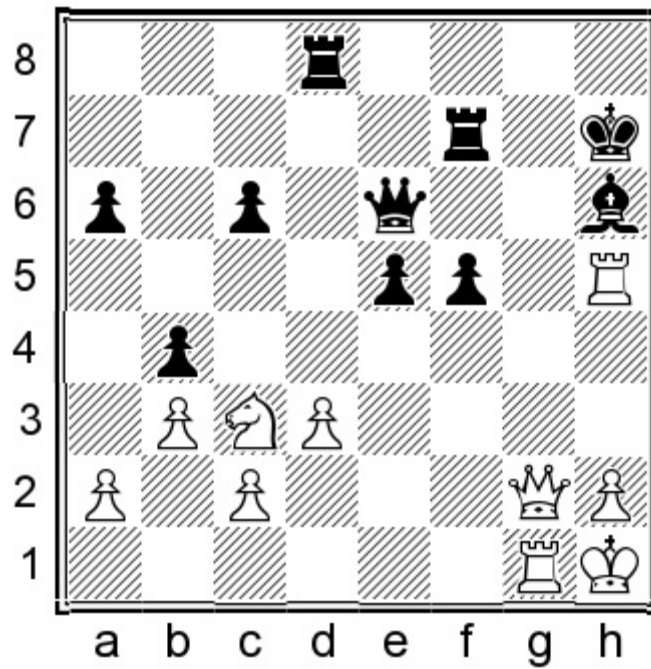


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38...♔c3+! 39.♙xc3 a5+! 40.♕xb5 ♚xc3 0-1 Topalov, V (2670)-Kramnik, V (2730) Belgrade 1995.

31. Kharlov, Andrei - Tsheskovsky, Vitaly [A02]
YUG-chT Budva (2), 1996

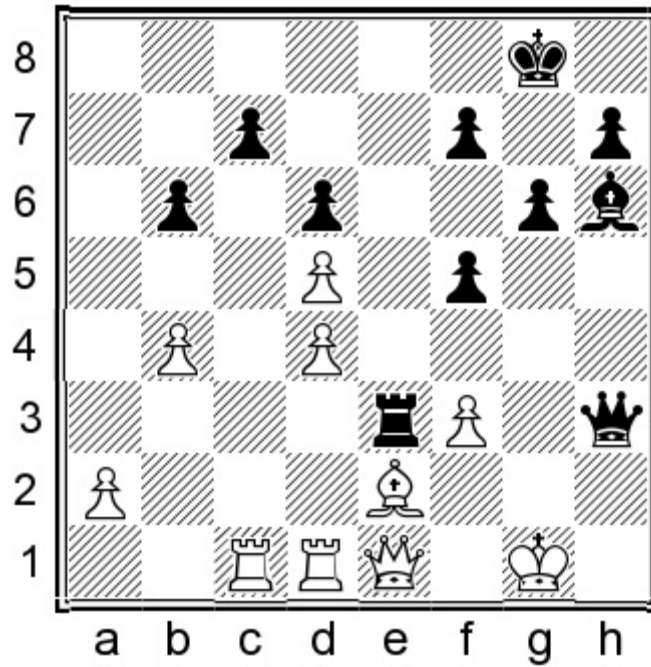


□ 34.? +-

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34. ♖e4! (ΔNg5+) 34... fxe4 35. ♙xe4+ ♔h8 36. ♗g6 1-0 Kharlov, A (2575) -Tseshkovsky, V (2540) Budva 1996.

32. Zagorskis, Darius (2510) - Sadler, Matthew D (2660) [A40]
Elista ol (Men) Elista (7), 1998.10.05



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28...♖e4! 29.♖c3

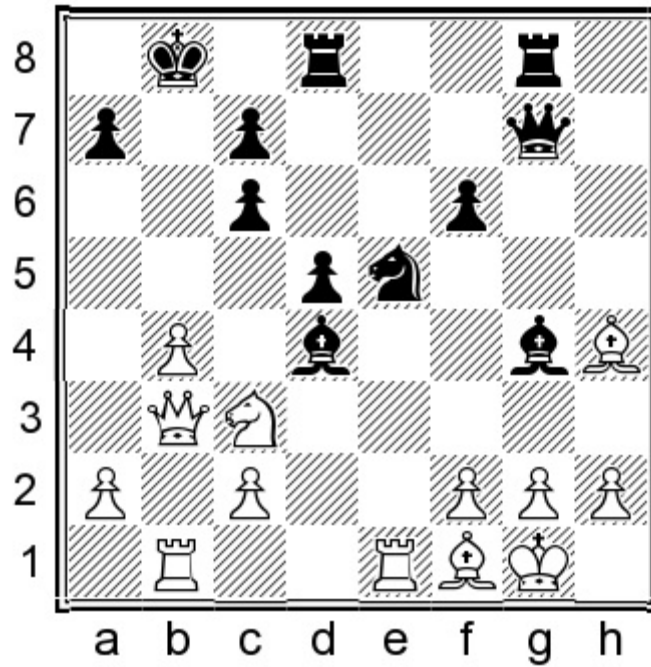
29.fxe4 ♗e3+ 30.♚f2 ♚g3+-+

29...♖h4 30.f4 ♚h1+ 31.♔f2 ♖h2+ 32.♔e3 ♚e4+ 0-1 Zagorskis,D (2510)-Sadler,M (2660) Elista 1998.

White resigned in view of: 32...♚e4+ 33.♔d2 ♗xf4+-+

33. Showalter, Jackson Whipps - Gossip, George Hatfeild [C45]

USA-06.Congress New York (5), 1889



■ 24...? –+

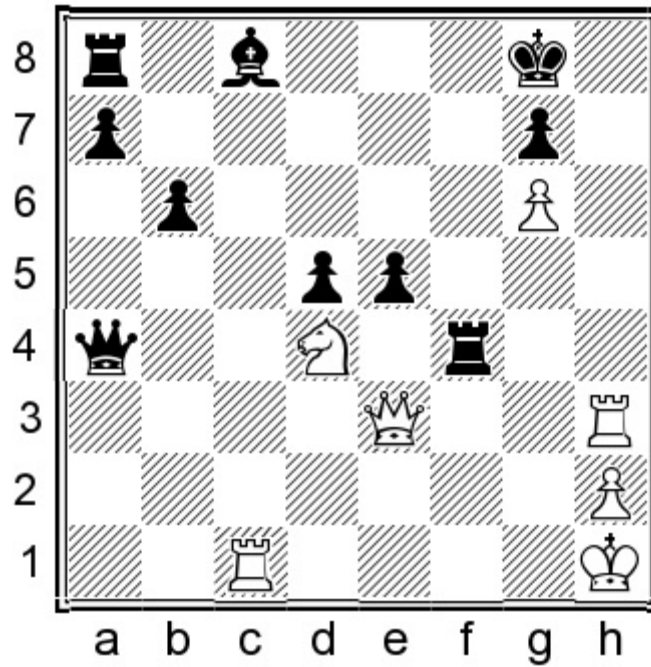
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24...♖f3+! 25.gxf3 ♕xf3+ 26.♕g3 ♜xg3+! 27.hxg3 ♝xg3+ 28.♔h2 ♕xf2 (Δ...Rh8+) 29.♕h3 ♝xh3+ 0-1 Showalter,J-Gossip,G New York 1889.

White gets mated: 29...♝xh3+ 30.♔xh3 ♝h8#

34. Benini, G. - Reggio, Arturo [C11]

Roma, 1911



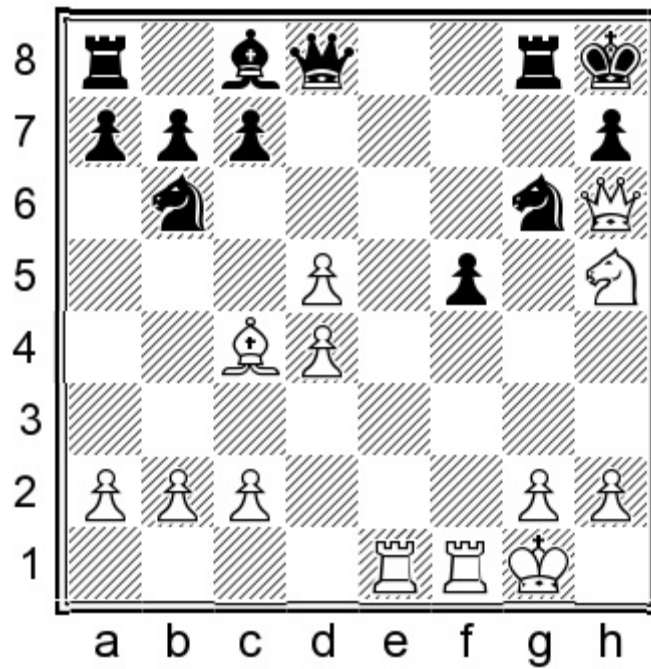
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30. ♖h8+! ♔xh8 31. ♖xc8+! ♖xc8 32. ♕h3+ ♔g8 33. ♕xc8+ ♖f8 34. ♕e6+ ♔h8 35. ♕h3+ ♔g8 36. ♕h7#
 1-0 Benini, G-Reggio, A Roma 1911.

35. Reti, Richard - Spielmann, Rudolf [C37]

Opatija Opatija (16), 1912



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18.d6! ♖f8

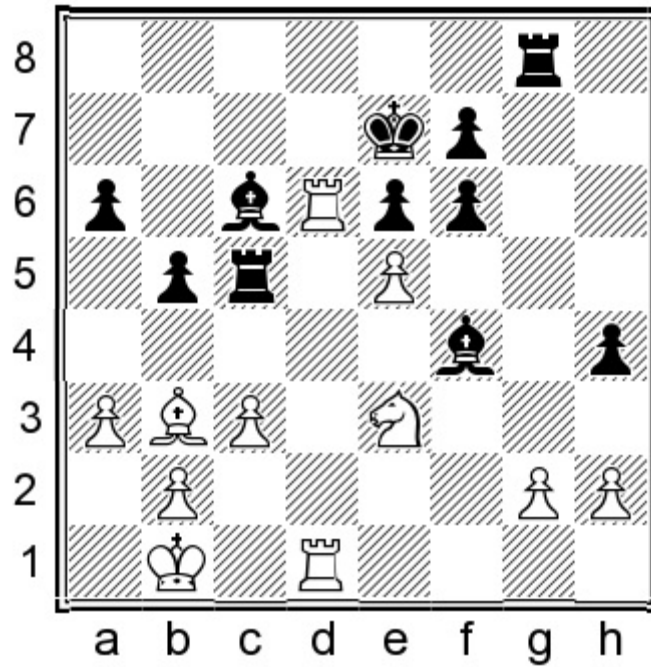
18...♘xc4 19.♖e7!+-

19.♖e8! 1-0 Reti,R-Spielmann,R Opatija 1912.

Black resigned in view of: 19.♖e8 ♔xe8 (19...♔xh6 20.♖xg8#) 20.♘f6+-

36. Gligoric, Svetozar - Nievergelt, Erwin [B63]

Zuerich Zuerich, 1959



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28. ♘f5+! exf5

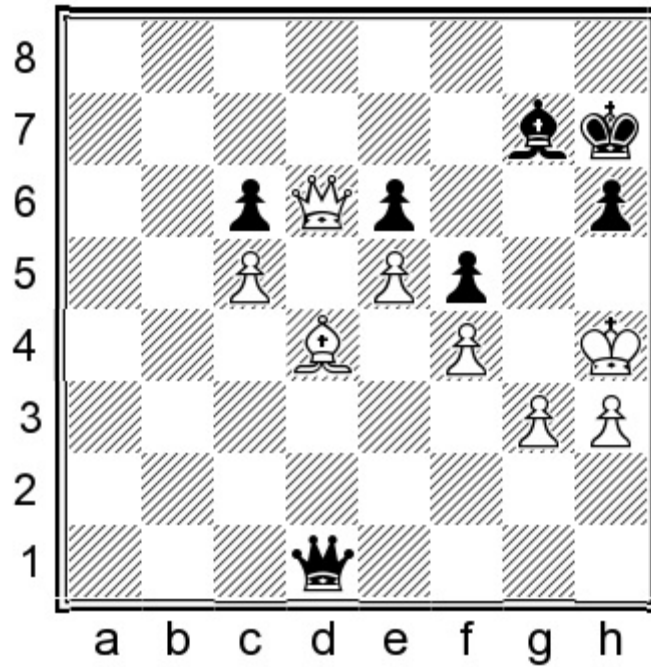
28... ♕f8 29. ♖xc6! ♖xc6 30. ♗d8#

29. exf6+ 1-0 Gligoric, S-Nievergelt, E Zurich 1959.

Black resigned in view of: 29. exf6+ ♕f8 30. ♖xc6 ♖xc6 31. ♗d8#

37. Buksza - Kovacs

D00 No Escape For The King/König ohne F, 1965



■ 1...? -+

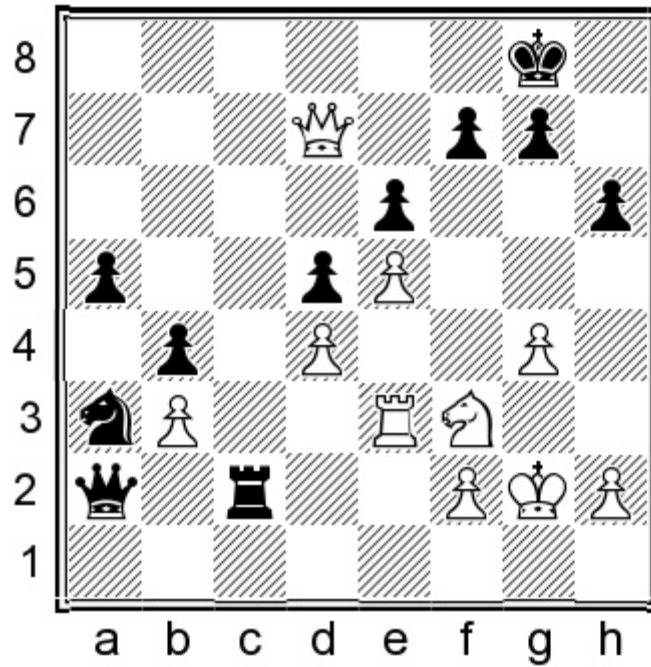
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1...♙f6+! 0-1 Buksza-Kovacs Hungary 1965.

White resigned in view of 1...♙f6+ 2.exf6 ♔g6! and mate to follow: 3.g4 (3.♚xe6 ♚h5#) 3...♚e1+ 4.♙f2 ♚xf2#

38. Goltsov, L. - Moiseev, Viktor [D47]

Vasilevsky mem Kaluga, 1970



□ 36.? +-

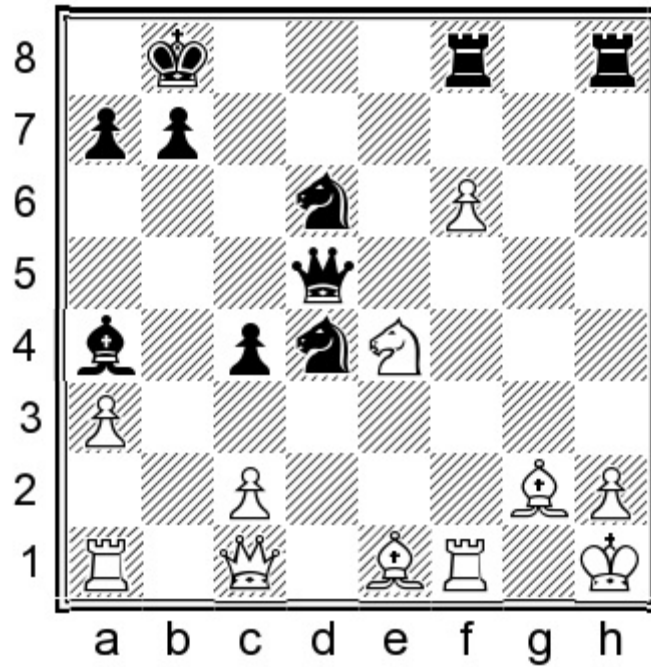
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36. ♖e8+ ♔h7 37. ♘g5+! hxg5 38. ♖h3+ ♔g6 39. ♖h6+! 1-0 Goltsov, L-Moiseev, V Kaluga 1970.

Black gets mated: 39. ♖h6+ ♔xh6 (39...gxf6 40. ♖g8#) 40. ♖h8+ ♔g6 41. ♖h5#

39. Sax, Gyula - Farago, Ivan [C19]

Hungary Hungary, 1973



■ 27...? -+

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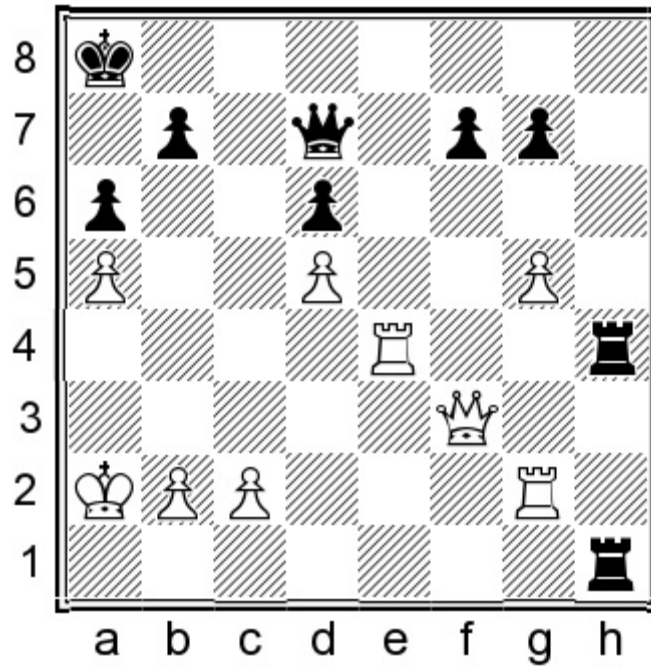
27...♖xh2+! 28.♔xh2 ♖h8+ 29.♙h3

29.♔g3 ♜e2+-+

29...♖xh3+! 30.♔xh3 ♙d7+ 0-1 Sax,G (2460)-Farago,I (2440) Hungary 1973.

White loses a lot of material, e.g. 30...♙d7+ 31.♔h2 ♜h5+ 32.♔g2 ♜h3+ 33.♔g1 ♜e2+-+

40. Tisdall, Jonathan D (2305) - Polgar, Judit (2510) [B81]
Reykjavik op Reykjavik, 1988



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32...♖1h3! 33.♔e2

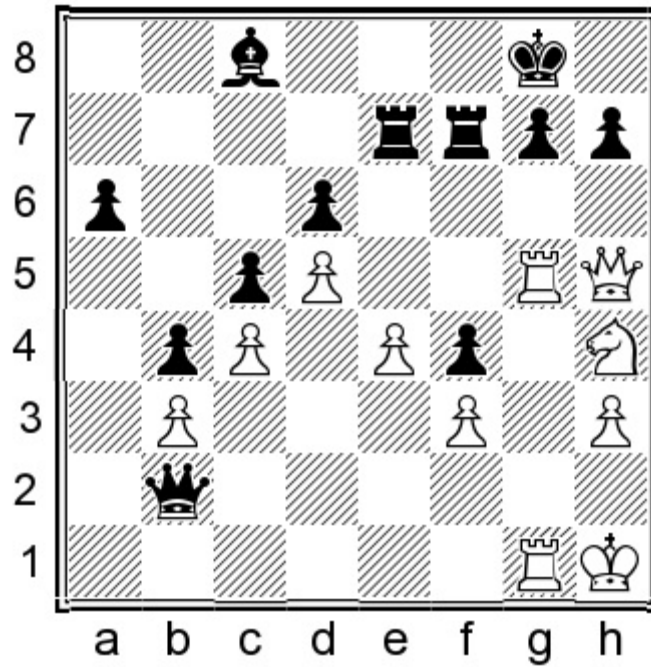
33.♖g3 ♖xg3 34.♔xg3 ♖xe4-+

33...♔a4+! 0-1 Tisdall,J (2305)-Polgar,J (2510) Reykjavik 1988.

White resigned in view of: 33...♔a4+ 34.♖xa4 ♖xa4+ 35.♔b1 ♖h1+-+

41. Janowski, Dawid Markelowicz - Schlechter, Carl [C84]

London London (4), 1899.06.03



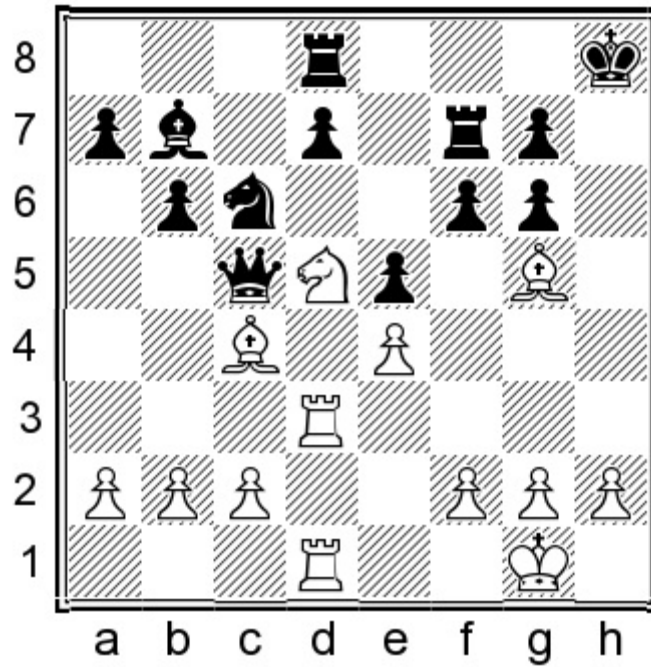
□ 34.? +-

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34. ♖xh7+! ♜xh7 35. ♝h5+ ♜g8 36. ♘g6 ΔRh8#: 1-0 Janowski,D-Schlechter,C London 1899.

42. Capablanca, Jose Raul - Campos, Souza [B27]

Simul, 23b Sao Paulo BRA, 1927.08.16



□ 20.? +-

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20. ♖h3+ ♔g8 21. ♜xf6+! ♔f8

21...gxf6 22. ♕xf6 and Black is helpless against Rh8#.

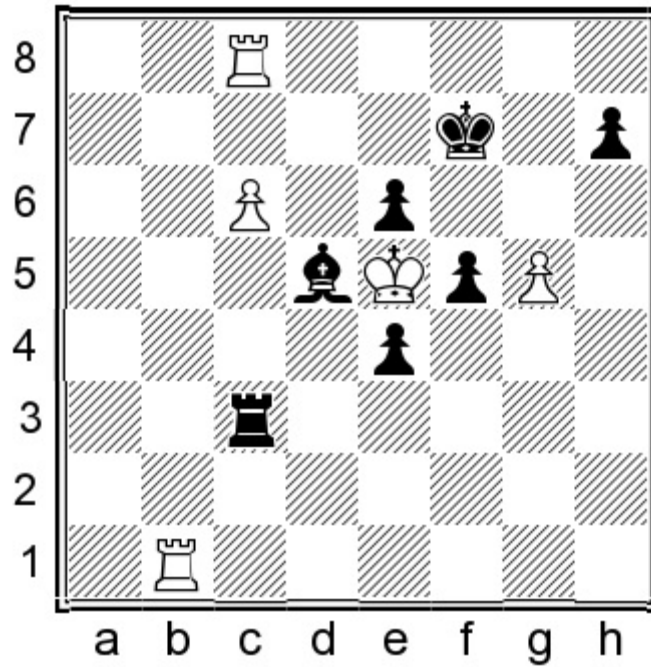
22. ♖h8+ ♔e7 23. ♖e8+!

Or 23. ♜g8+! ♔e8 24. ♜h6+ ♖f8 25. ♕f7#

23... ♖xe8 24. ♖xd7+ ♔f8 25. ♖xf7# 1-0 Capablanca, J-Souza, A Sao Paulo 1927.

43. Smyslov, Vassily - Flohr, Salomon M [B12]

URS-ch17 Moscow, 1949



□ 52.? +-

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52.g6+! ♔xg6

52...hxg6 53.♖b7# 1-0 Smyslov,V-Flohr,S Moscow 1949.

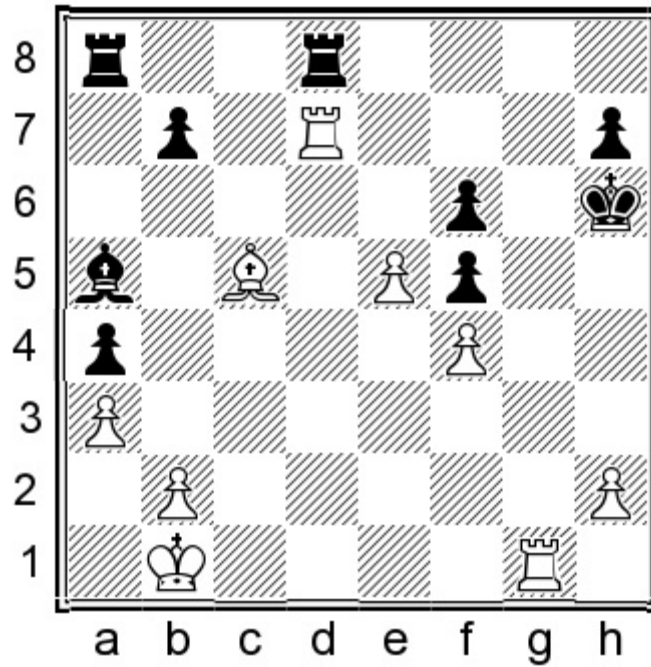
53.♖g8+ ♔f7

53...♔h5 54.♖h1+ ♖h3 55.♖xh3#

54.♖b1 ♗xc6 **55.♖1g7#**

44. Polugaevsky, Lev - Szilagyi, Gyorgy [D25]

Moscow CCCT Moscow (10), 1960

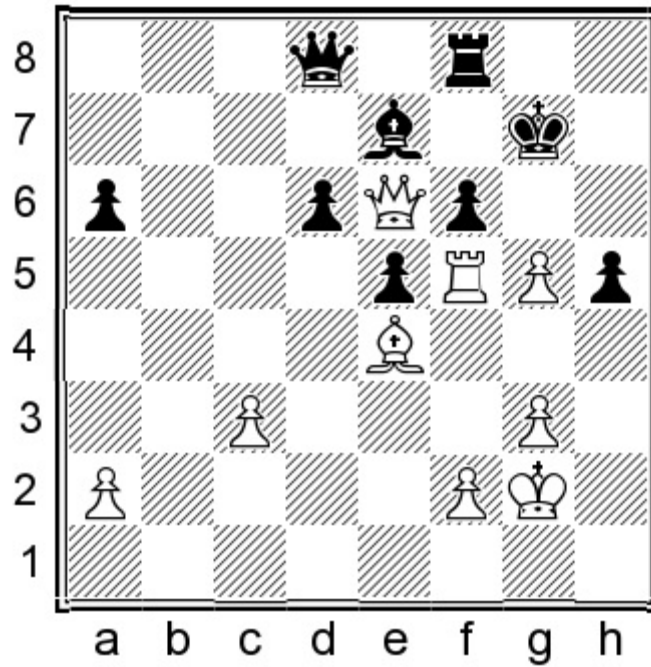


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32.♙f8+! ♜xf8 33.♞d3 Black is helpless against 34.Rd3-h3. 1-0 (33) Polugaevsky,L-Szilagyi,G Moscow 1960.

45. Benjamin, Joel (2530) - Suba, Mihai (2505) [B50]
Reykjavik Summit Reykjavik, 1990



□ 43.? +-

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43.gxf6+ ♔xf6

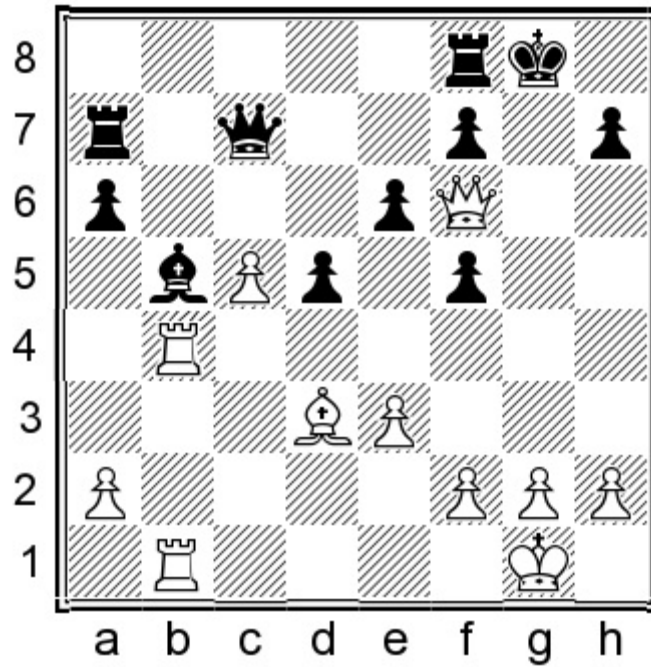
43...♖xf6 44.♖g5+ ♔h6 45.♖xh5+ ♔xh5 46.♗h3+ ♔g5 47.♗h4#

44.♖g5+! 1-0 Benjamin,J (2530)-Suba,M (2505) Reykjavik 1990.

Black gets mated: 44.♖g5+ ♔h6 (44...♔xg5 45.♗g6+ ♔h8 46.♗h7#; 44...♔h8 45.♖xh5+ ♔g7 46.♖h7#)
45.♗f5 ♖g8 46.♖g6+ ♔h7 47.♗xh5#

46. Hort, Vlastimil (2590) - Portisch, Lajos (2650) [D63]

Madrid Madrid (4), 1973.11.30

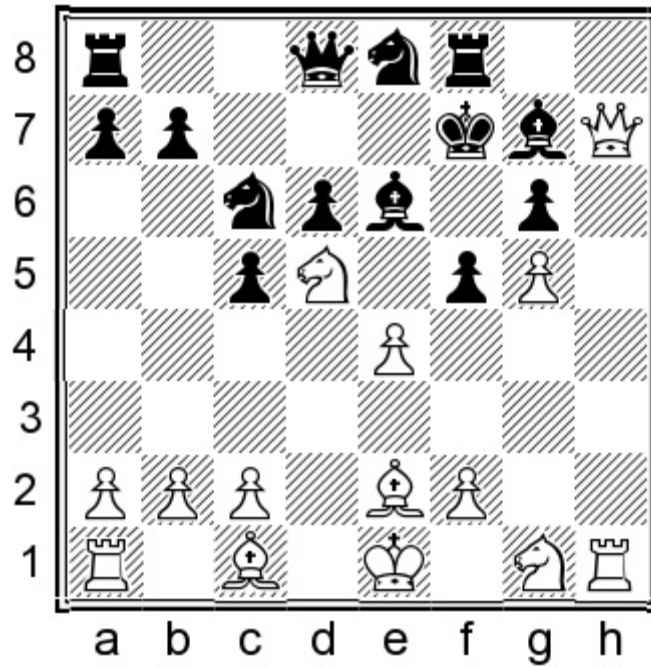


□ 30.? +-

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30. ♖g4+! fxg4 31. ♕g5+ ♔h8 32. ♕h6 Black cannot parry both Qxh7 and Qxf8: 1-0 Hort,V (2590)-Portisch,L (2650) Madrid 1973.

47. Liu, Wenzhe (2200) - Donner, Jan Hein (2490) [B07]
Buenos Aires ol (Men) Buenos Aires (8), 1978



□ 16.? +-

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16. ♖xg6+! ♔xg6 17. ♕h5+ ♔h7 18. ♕f7+ ♕h6 19. g6+ ♔g7

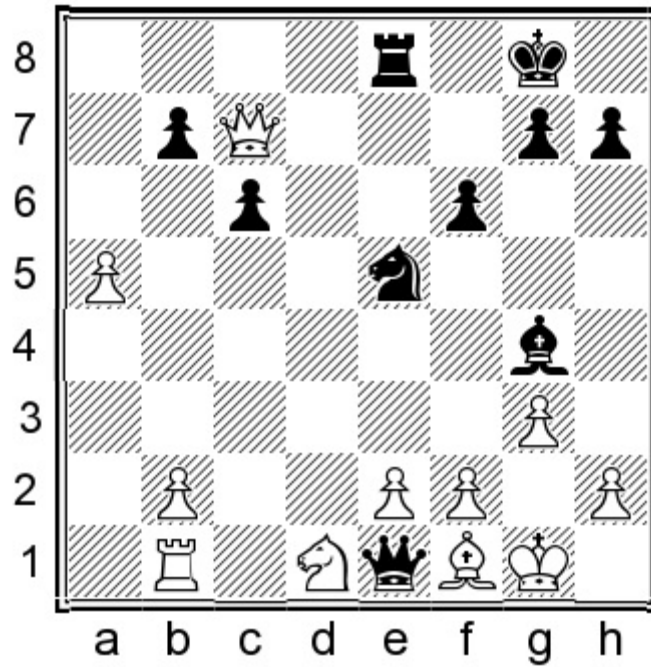
19... ♔h8 20. ♖xh6+ ♔g7 21. ♖h7#

20. ♕xh6+ 1-0 Liu, W (2200)-Donner, J (2490) Buenos Aires 1978.

And mate is coming soon: 20. ♕xh6+ ♔h8 21. ♕xf8+ ♖h4 22. ♖xh4#

48. Torre, Eugenio - Timman, Jan [D17]

Hamburg-TV (1 h) (inf Hamburg-TV (1 h) (inf, 1982



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27...♘f3+! 28.♔g2

28.exf3 ♖xf1+ 29.♔xf1 ♕h3+ 30.♔g1 ♖e1#

28...♖xf1+! 0-1 Torre,E (2535)-Timman,J (2600) Hamburg 1982.

White resigned in view of: 28...♖xf1+ 29.♔xf1 ♕h3#

Chapter 4 Nasty Surprises

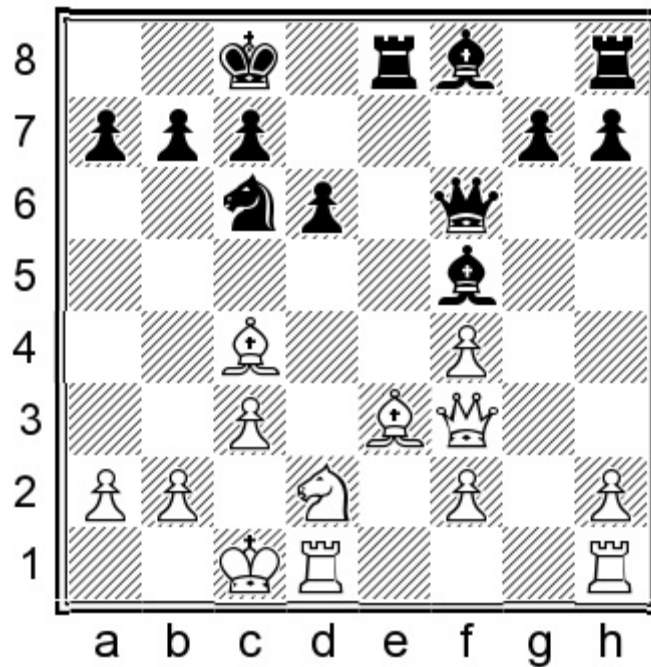
In this chapter it looks at first glance like your opponent is in control of the situation, but a nasty surprise awaits him.

In each example you must find an unexpected decisive move. This chapter is comparable to chapter 6, 'Hidden Moves', but here, mostly sacrifices will be on the menu...

The difficulty of the exercises in this chapter ranges from moderate to difficult.

1. Schulder - Boden, Samuel Standidge [C41]

London London, 1860



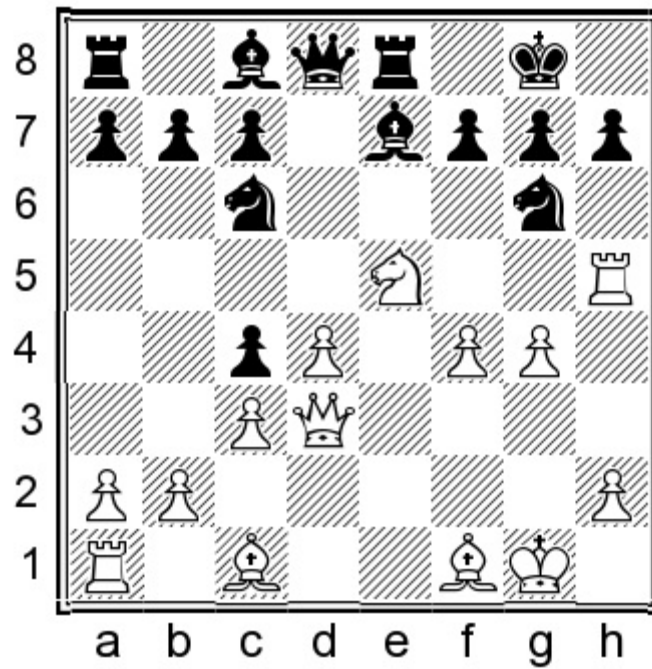
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13...d5! 14.♙xd5 ♚xc3+! 15.bxc3 ♜a3# This pattern has long been called “Boden's Mate”. Even today's Wikipedia confirms!

2. Fox, Albert Whiting - Bauer, H.E.. [C67]

Antwerp, 1901



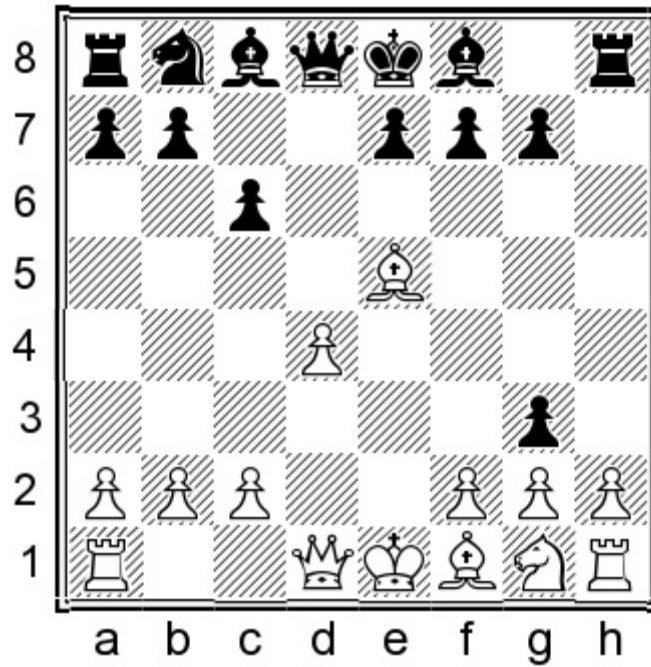
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18. ♔xg6!! hxg6 19. ♘xg6 fxg6 20. ♙xc4+ 1-0 Fox,A-Bauer,H Washington 1901.

3. Schuster - Carls, Carl Johan Margot [B15]

Bremen Bremen, 1913



■ 8...? -+

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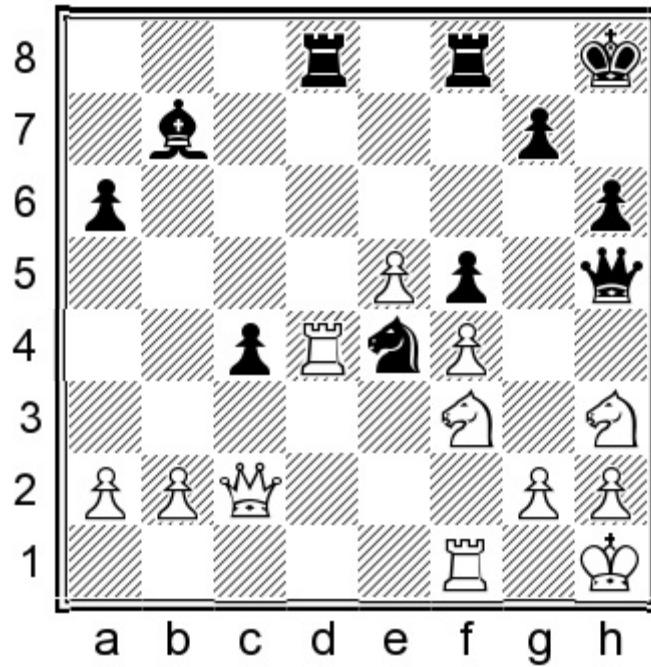
8...♖xh2!

8...♔a5+ first also works, since 9.♔d2 is met by 9...gxf2+-+

9.♖xh2 ♔a5+ 10.c3 ♔xe5+! 11.dxe5 gxh2 0-1 Schuster-Carls,C Bremen 1913.

4. Torres Caravaca, Joaquin - Alekhine, Alexander [C79]

Alekhine sim tour Spain, 1922

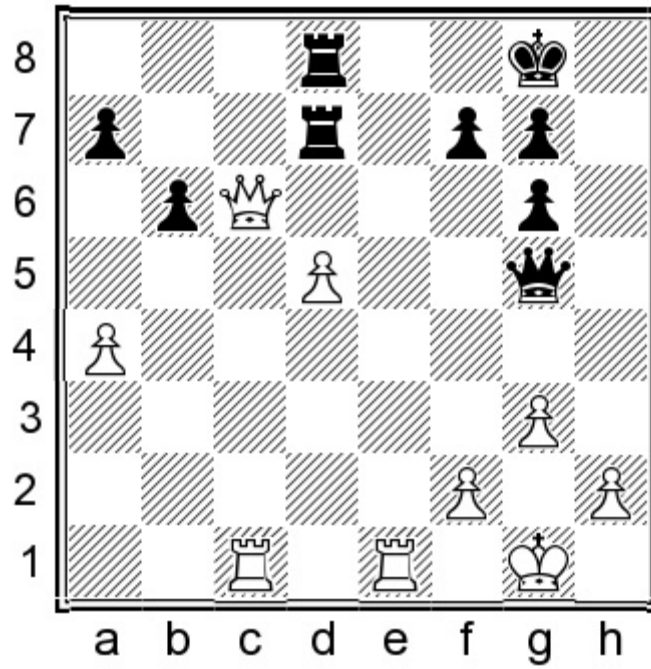


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27...♖xd4 28.♗xd4 ♕xh3! 29.gxh3 ♘f2+ 30.♔g1 ♘xh3# 0-1 Torres Caravaca, J-Alekhine, A Spain 1922.

5. Alekhine, Alexander - Colle, Edgar [D07]
Paris Paris (6), 1925



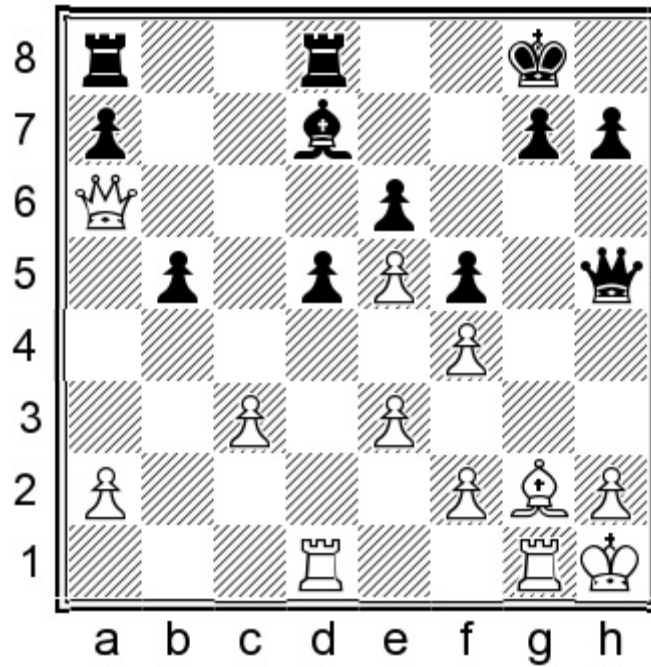
□ 30.? +-

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30. ♖xd7! ♜xd7 31. ♜e8+ ♔h7 32. ♜cc8+- 1-0 (33) Alekhine,A-Colle,E Paris 1925.

6. Bogoljubow, Efim - Miseses, Jacques [A90]

Baden-Baden Baden-Baden, 1925



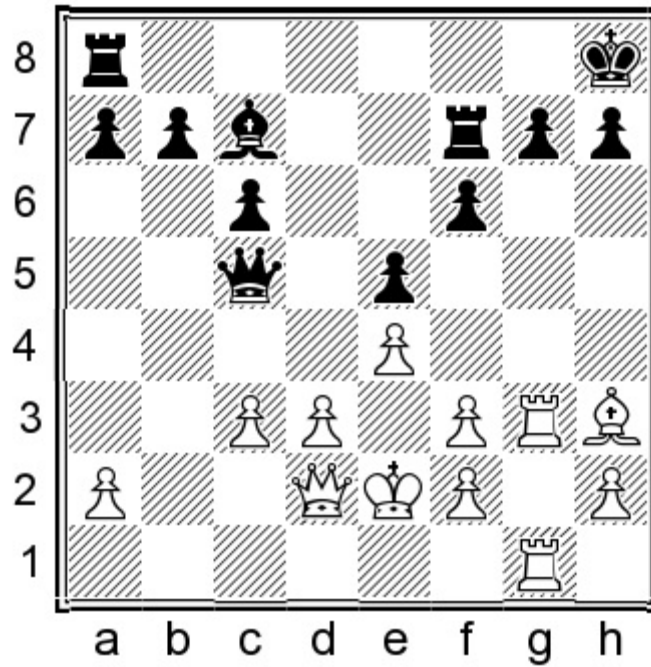
□ 22.? +-

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22.♙xd5! exd5 23.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 24.♚f6+ ♔g8 25.♖g1++- 1-0 (35) Bogoljubow, E-Mieses,J Baden-Baden 1925.

7. Kramer, Adolf - Ruester, Otto [A16]

Schlesischer SV-13 Kongress Meister Bad Altheide, 192610



□ 19.? +-

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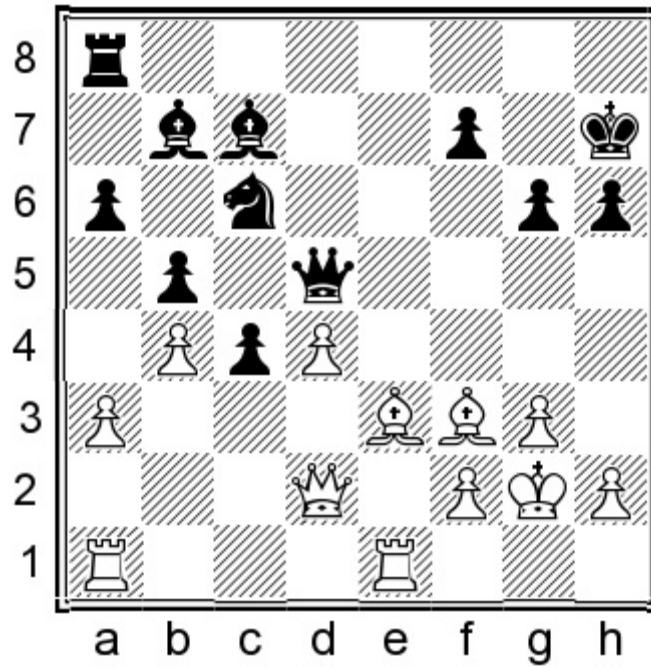
19. ♔e6! ♖e7

19... ♖af8± was necessary.

20. ♖h6!+- 1-0 (27) Kramer,A-Ruester,O Bad Altheide 1926.

8. Popov, Vladimir2 - Riumin, Nikolay Nikolaevich [E22]

Moscow-ch, 1929

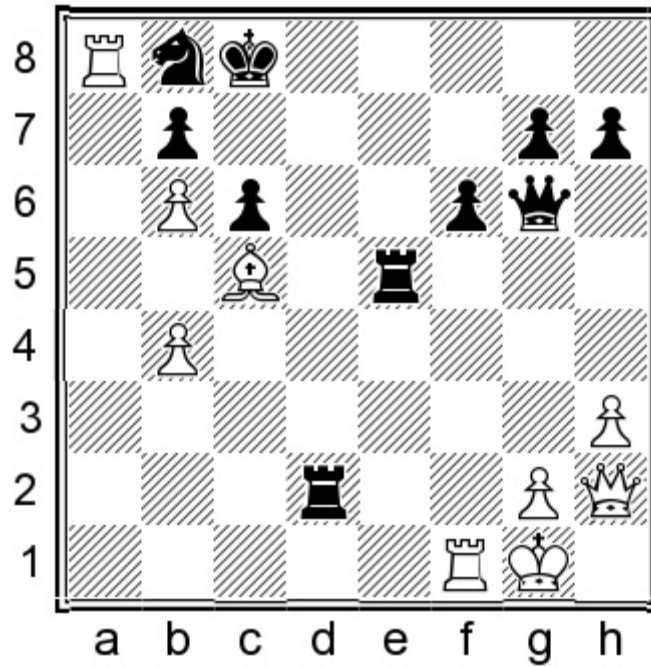


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27...♙xf3+! 28.♖xf3 ♜xd4+ 29.♖g4 ♜c8+ 30.♖h4 ♜f3# 0-1 Popov,V-Riumin,N Moscow 1929.

9. Alekhine, Alexander - Reshevsky, Samuel Herman [B05]
Kemeru Kemeru (8), 193706



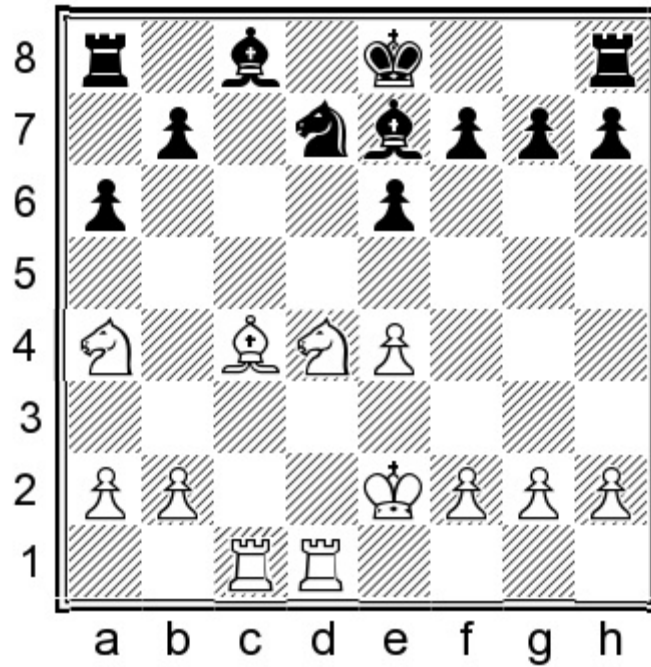
□ 35.? +-

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35. ♖xb8+! ♔xb8 36. ♕xe5+! 1-0 Alekhine,A-Reshevsky,S Kemerli 1937.

Black resigned in view of: 36. ♕xe5+ fx5 37. ♖f8++-

10. Botvinnik, Mikhail M - Kasparian, Genrikh Moiseevich [A34]
URS-ch sf Leningrad, 1938



□ 14.? +-

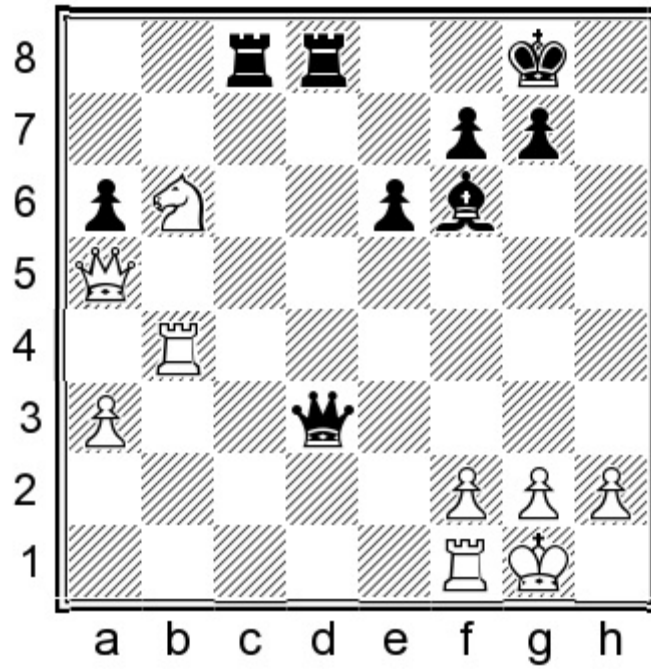
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14. ♘xe6! 1-0 Botvinnik, M-Kasparian, G Leningrad 1938.

Black resigned as after 14. ♘xe6 fxe6 15. ♙xe6 he has no good way to prevent Rxc8+.

11. Fontein, George Salto - Euwe, Max [D40]

Amsterdam KNSB Amsterdam (2), 1939



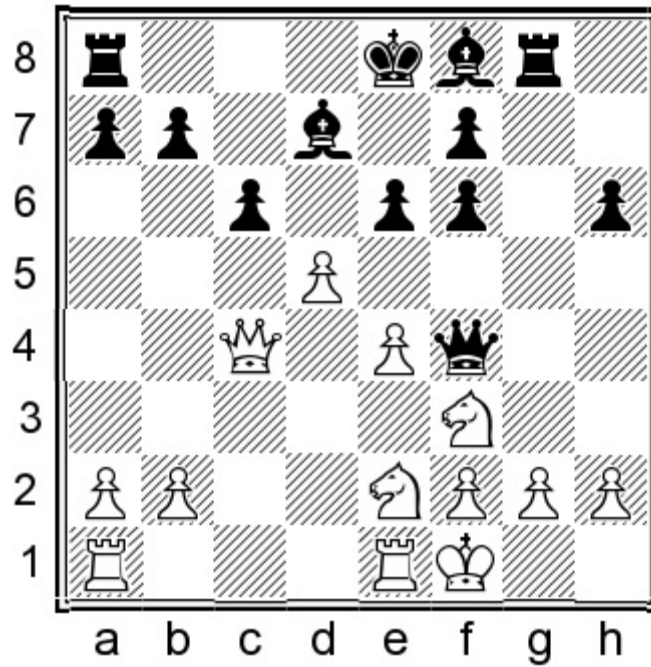
■ 24...? –+

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24...♖c1! 0-1 Fontein,G-Euwe,M Amsterdam 1939.

White resigned in view of: 24...♖c1 25.♖xc1 ♔d1+ 26.♖xd1 ♖xd1#

12. Peterson, A. - Skuya, R.
Riga, 1950



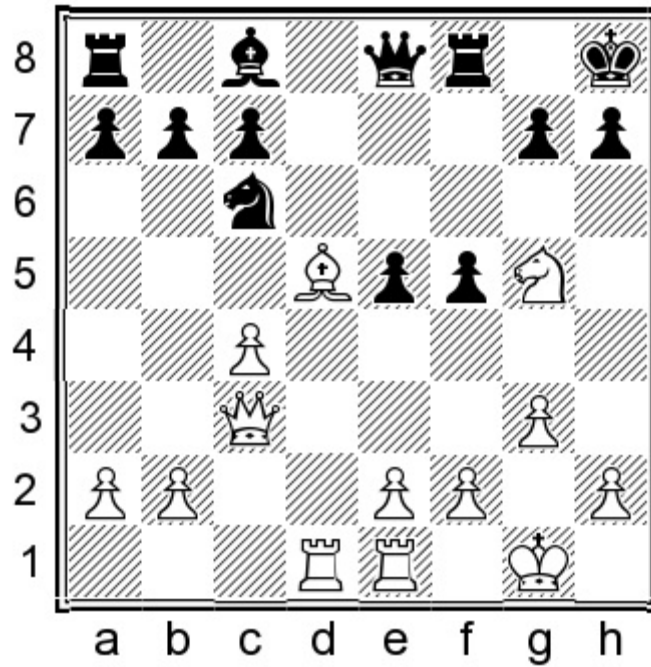
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1...♔xf3! 2.gxf3 exd5-+ Next is 3...dxc4 or 3...Bh3#. 0-1 Peterson,A-Skuya,R Riga 1950.

13. Larsen, Bent - Nievergelt, Erwin [A97]

Amsterdam ol (Men) fin-B Amsterdam (3), 1954.09.14



□ 16.? +-

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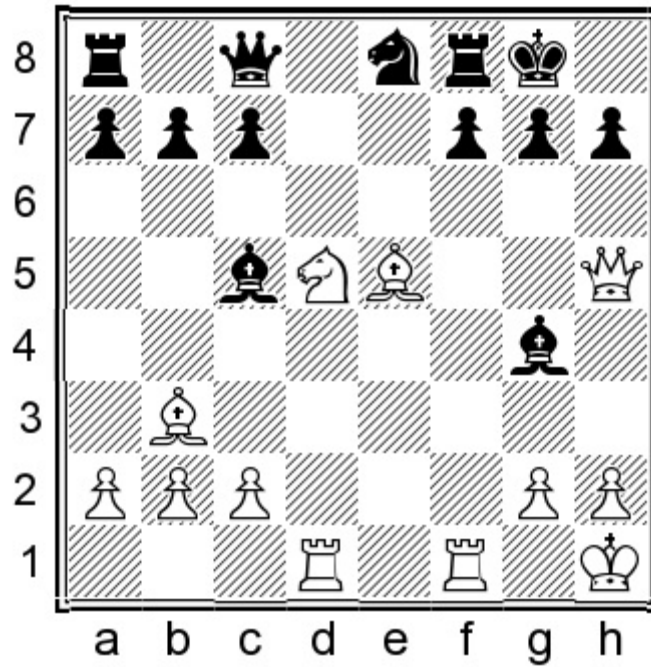
16. ♖xc6 bxc6 17. ♙xe5! ♚xe5 18. ♘f7+ ♜g8

18... ♜xf7? 19. ♜d8+-

19. ♘xe5+- 1-0 (37) Larsen,B-Nievergelt,E Amsterdam 1954.

14. Kozlovskaya, Valentina - Gorshkov [C35]

Moscow Moscow, 1955



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17. ♖xf7! ♗e6

17... ♖xf7 18. ♘e7+ +-; 17... ♗xh5 18. ♘e7+ ♗xe7 19. ♖xg7+ ♔h8 20. ♖g8#

18. ♖df1!? c6

18... ♗xf7 19. ♖xf7 ♖xf7 20. ♘e7+ +-

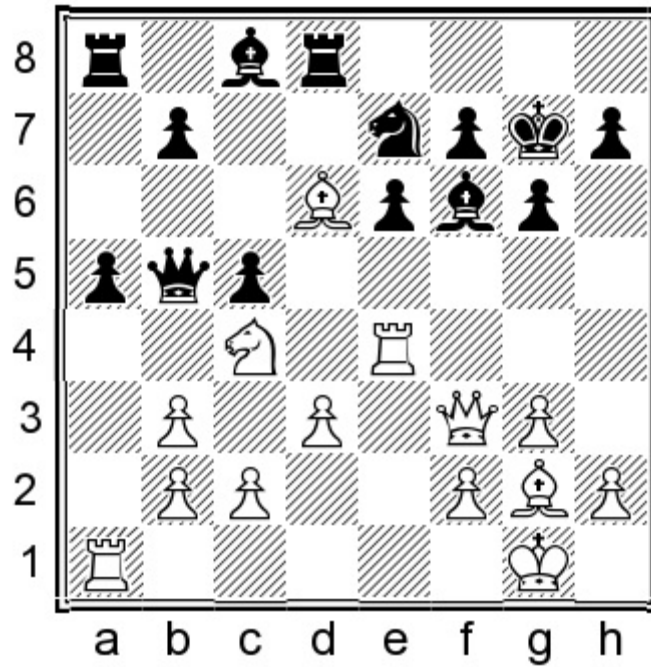
19. ♖xf8+ ♗xf8 20. ♗xg7!? cxd5

20... ♗xg7 21. ♘e7+ +-; 20... ♘xg7 21. ♘f6+ +-; 20... ♔xg7 21. ♖g5+ +-

21. ♗xf8+- 1-0 (25) Kozlovskaya, V-Gorshkov Moscow 1955.

15. Petrosian, Tigran Vartanovich - Pachman, Ludek [A04]

Bled Bled YUG (6), 1961.09.10



□ 19.? +-

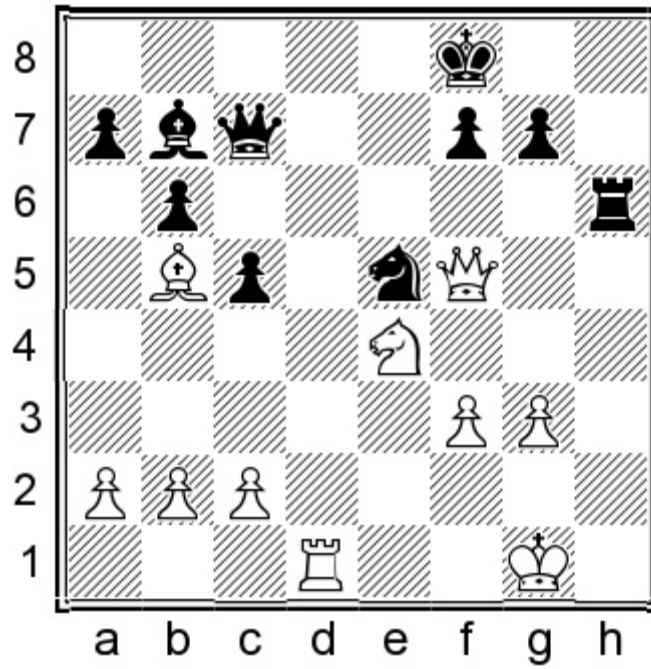
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19. ♖xf6+! ♜xf6 20. ♙e5+ ♜g5 21. ♙g7! Black is mated with h4+ or f4+ next. 1-0 Petrosian, T – Pachman, L Bled 1961.

Instead, 21. ♘e3 or 21. Rh4 were winning as well.

16. King, H. - Bedjanian, V. [C01]

California, 1962



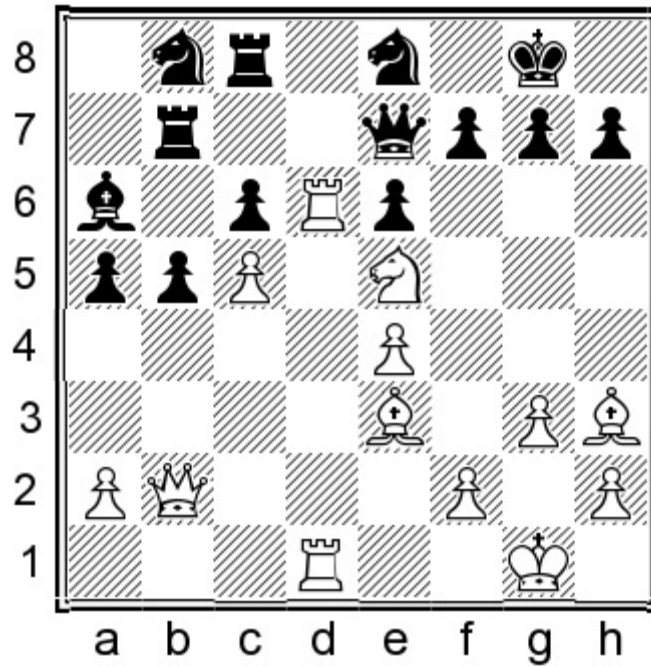
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25. ♖xe5! ♔xe5 26. ♜d8+ ♕e7 27. ♜e8# 1-0 King,H-Bedjanian,V Golden Gate Rating 1962.

17. Spassky, Boris Vasilievich - Zinn, Lothar [D30]

WchT U26 fin-A 09th Marianske Lazne (8.1), 1962.07.21



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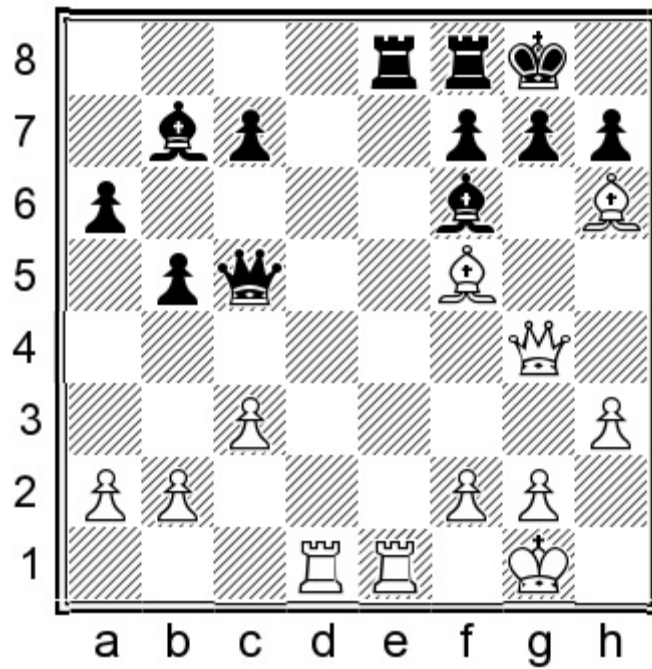
24. ♖xf7! ♔xf7

24... ♗xd6 25. ♖xd6+-

25. ♕xe6+ ♚xe6 26. ♖xe6 ♔xe6 27. ♗b3+ ♔e7 28. ♗g8+- 1-0 Spassky, B-Zinn, L IX Soviet Union 1962.

18. Vasiukov, Evgeni - Kholmov, Ratmir D [C95]

URS Spartakiad Moscow, 1964



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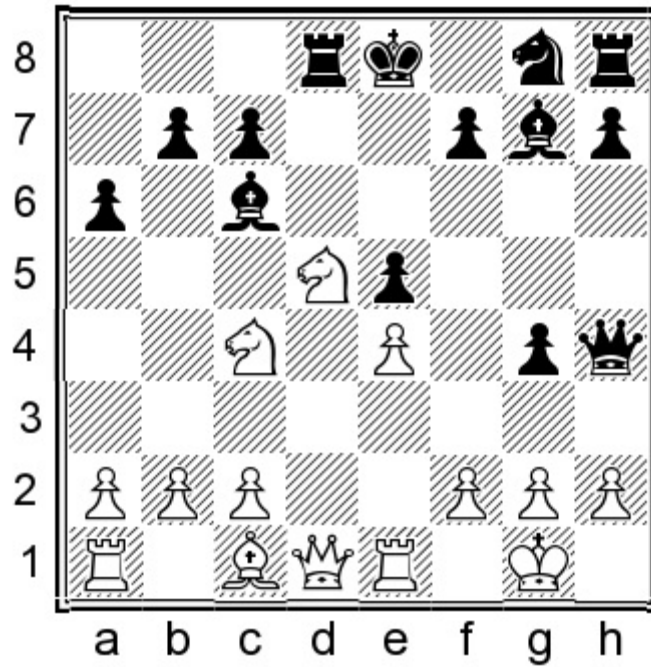
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26. ♖xg7! 1-0 Vasiukov, E-Kholmov, R Moscow 1964.

Black resigned in view of: 26. ♖xg7 ♗xg7 27. ♔h5! h6 28. ♗h7+ ♕xh7 29. ♔xc5+-

19. Korchnoi, Viktor - Portisch, Lajos [C72]

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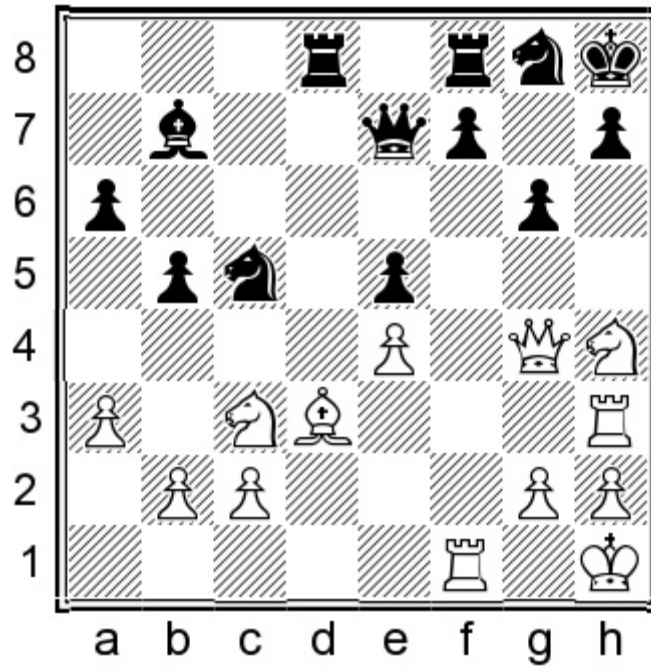
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13...♙xd5 14.exd5 g3! 15.hxg3 ♖xc4-+ 0-1 (32) Korchnoi,V-Portisch,L Wijk aan Zee 1968.

20. Andersson, Ulf - Rogoff, Kenneth [B93]

Olot Olot, 1971



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22. ♖xf7! ♜xf7 23. ♘xg6+ ♜xg6

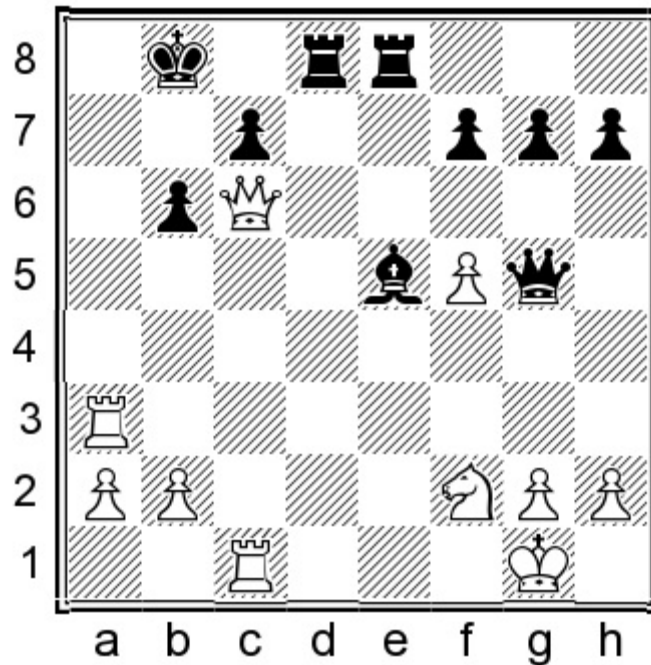
23... ♕g7 24. ♘xe5+-

24. ♜xg6+- 1-0 (36) Andersson, U-Rogoff, K Olot 1971.

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21. Sznepik, Aleksander - Gaprindashvili, Nona [B01]

Sandomier (Poland) Sandomier (Poland), 1976



■ 25...? -+

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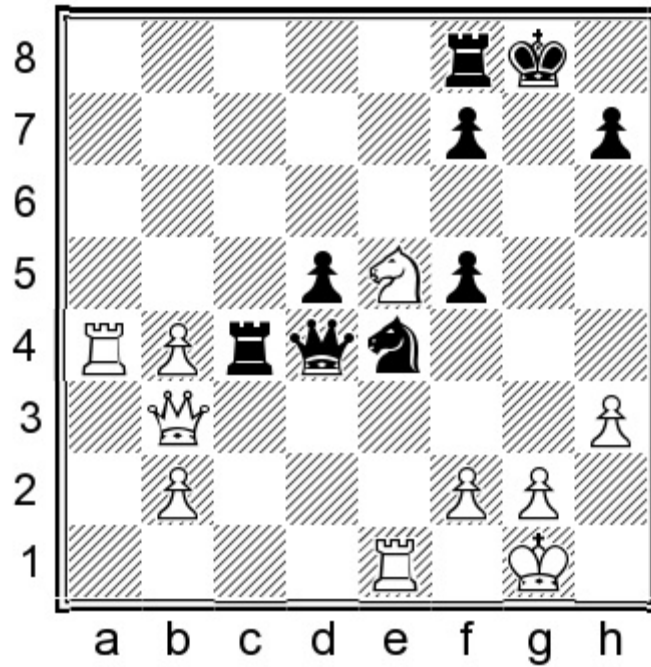
25...♙xc1+! 26.♚xc1 ♘xb2 27.♞a8+

27.♙xb2 ♞e1#

27...♔xa8 28.♙c6+ ♔b8-+ 0-1 (39) Sznepik,A (2390)-Gaprindashvili,N Sandomierz 1976.

22. Liljedahl, L. - Johannessen, S.

Sweden, 1976



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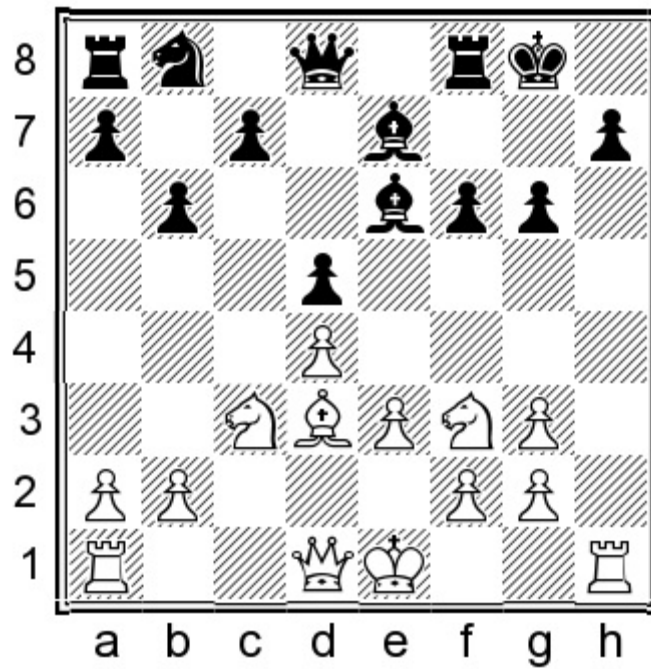
1. ♖xe4! ♜c1+

1... ♙xe4 2. ♙g3+ ♔h8 3. ♘xf7+ ♜xf7 4. ♖a8+-

2. ♔h2 And the Qg3/Nf7/Ra8 pattern remains: 1-0 Liljedahl, L-Johannessen, S Sverige - Norge 1976.

23. Seirawan, Yasser (2485) - Wiedenkeller, Michael [D37]

Wch U18 Skien, 1979



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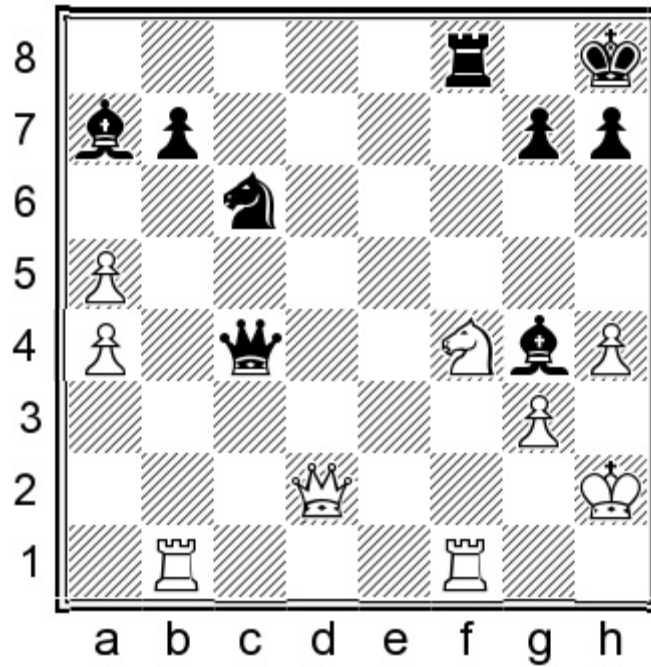
13. ♖xh7! f5

13... ♔xh7? 14. ♘g5+! fxg5 15. ♕h5+-

14. ♖h1+- 1-0 (36) Seirawan, Y (2485)-Wiedenkeller, M Skien 1979.

24. Popov, Nikolay (2435) - Novopashin, Arkady (2435) [D27]

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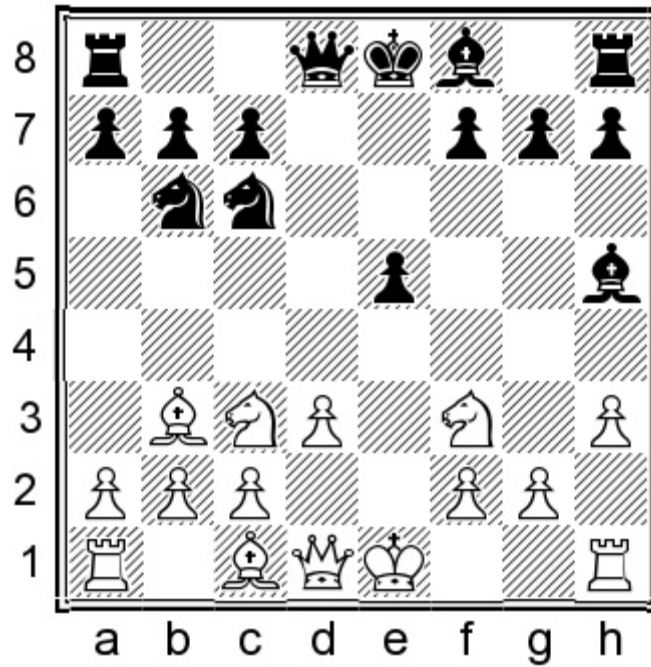
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30. ♖g6+! hxg6 31. ♜xf8+ ♔h7 32. ♚h6+! 1-0 Popov,N (2435)-Novopashin,A (2435) Beltsy 1979.

Black is mated after: 32. ♚h6+ gxh6 (32... ♔xh6 33. ♜h8#) 33. ♜xb7+-

25. Rozentalis, Eduardas - Mikenas, W. [B02]

Vilnius, 1981



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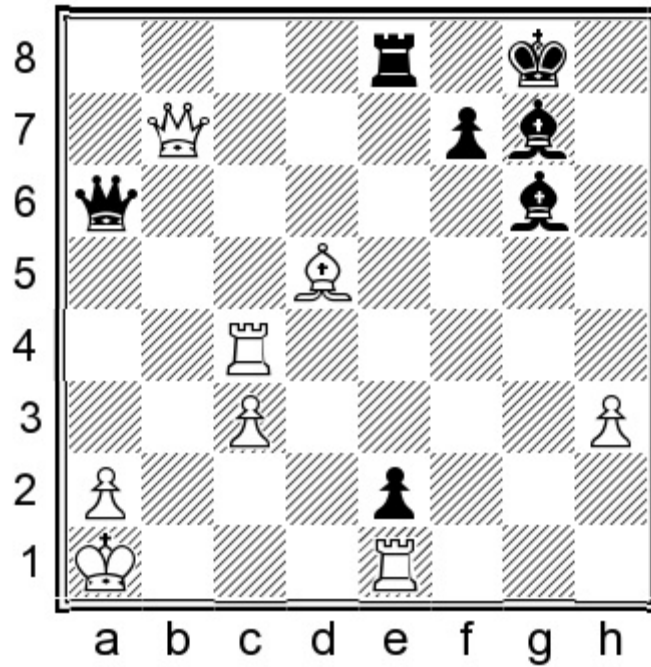
9. ♖xe5!! ♜xd1 10. ♜xf7+ ♜e7 11. ♜g5+ ♜d6 12. ♖e4+! ♜xe5 13. f4+ ♜d4 14. ♜xd1 ♖b4

14... ♜e7 15. ♜f2!? ♜c3#.

15. c3+! ♜e3 16. O-O! ♜xd3 17. ♖g3! The threat of Rf3# cannot be effectively avoided. 1-0 Rozentalis, E – Mikenas, V Vilnius 1981.

26. Arnason, Jon L (2450) - Keene, Raymond D (2490) [B06]

Lloyds Bank op London, 1981

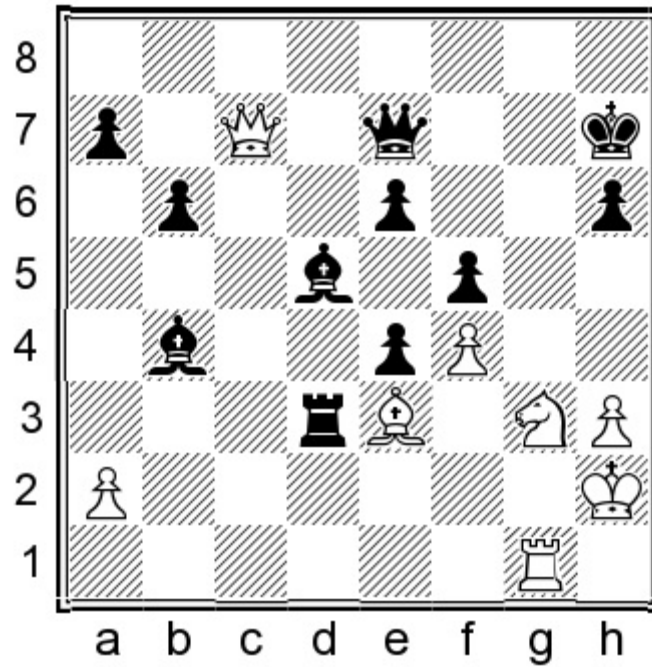


■ 31...? -+

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31...♙xc4! 32.♘xc4 ♘xc3+ 33.♙b2 ♘xe1! 34.♘xe2 ♘g3! The simplest, with ...Be5 to follow: 0-1
 Arnason,J (2450)-Keene,R (2490) London 1981.

27. Kaminski - Kudrjawzew
 Tscheljabinsk, 1981



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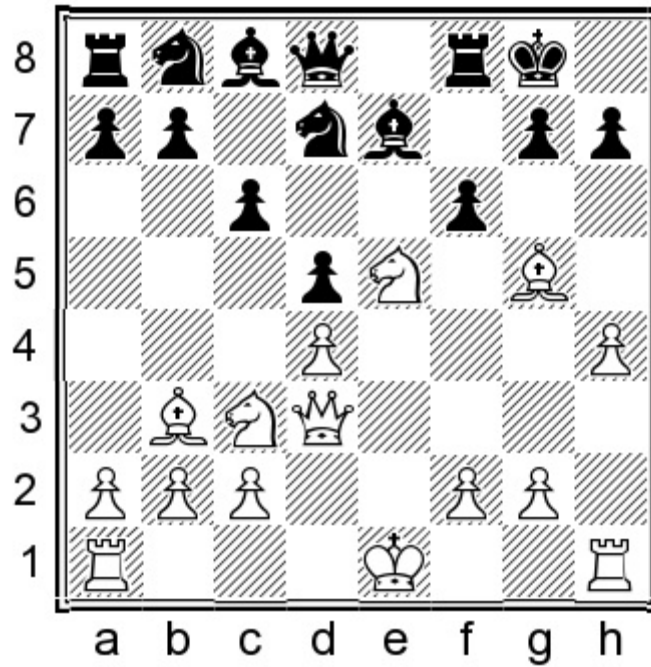
1. ♘h5! ♙xc7

1... ♕h8 2. ♚e5+ ♕h7 3. ♖g7+-

2. ♘f6+ ♕h8 3. ♖g8# 1-0 Kaminski-Kudrjawzew Tscheljabinsk 1981.

28. Benjamin, Joel - Carter, H. [C42]

Lloyds Bank op London, 1982

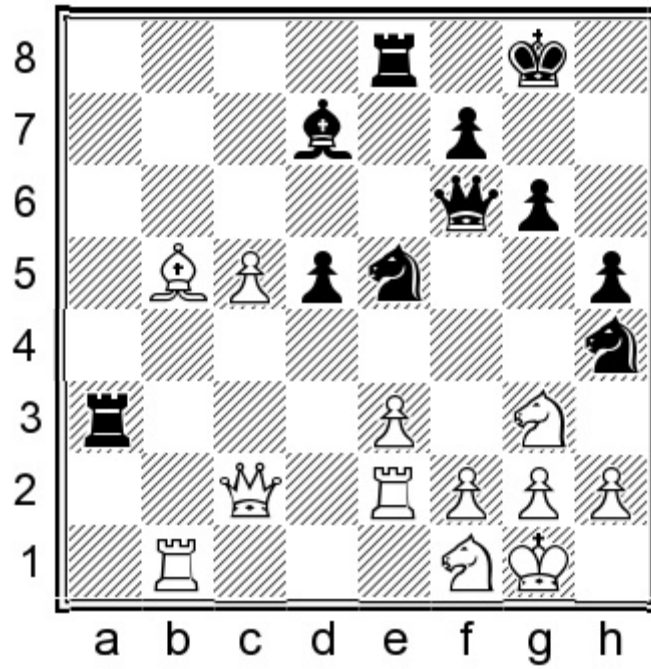


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11. ♖xd5! cxd5 12. ♙xd5+ ♔h8 13. ♘g6+! hxg6 14. h5 ♚a5+ 15. c3 ♛xd5 16. hxg6+ ♔g8 17. ♜h8+!
 ♕xh8 18. ♛h3+ ♔g8 19. ♛h7# 1-0 Benjamin, J-Carter, H London 1982.

29. Andruet, Gilles (2450) - Spassky, Boris V (2565) [E11]
 Bundesliga 8788 Germany (?.), 1988

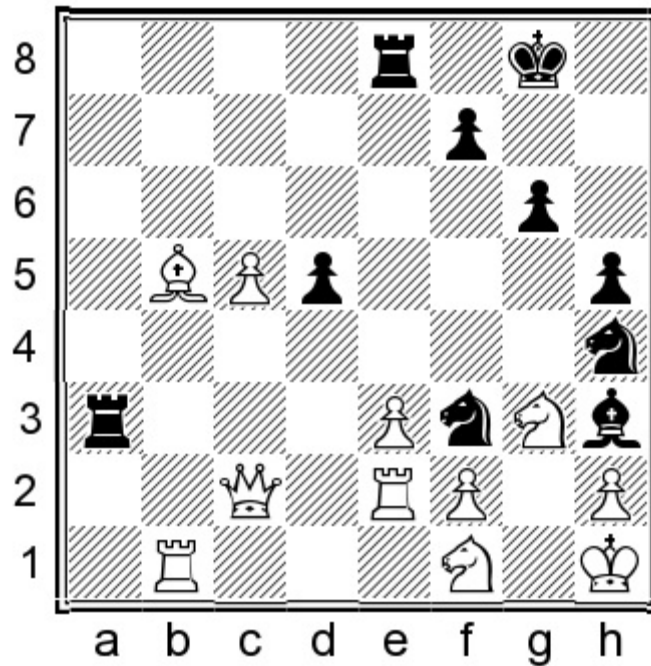


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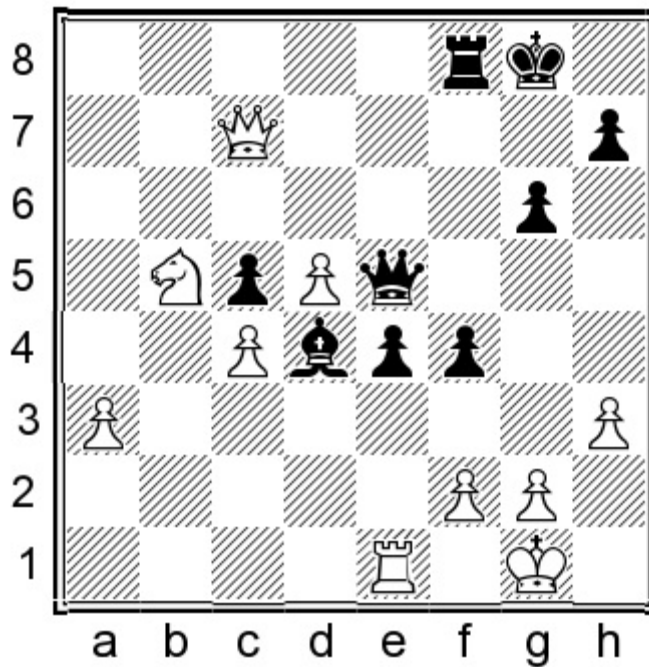
28...♔f3!! 0-1 Andruet,G (2450)-Spassky,B (2565) Germany 1988.

White gets mated: 28...♔f3 29.gxf3 ♘exf3+ 30.♔h1 ♙h3-+



Δ...Bg2

30. Andersson, U. (2630) - Kamsky, G. (2650) [E61]
 Tilburg, 1990



■ 31...? -+

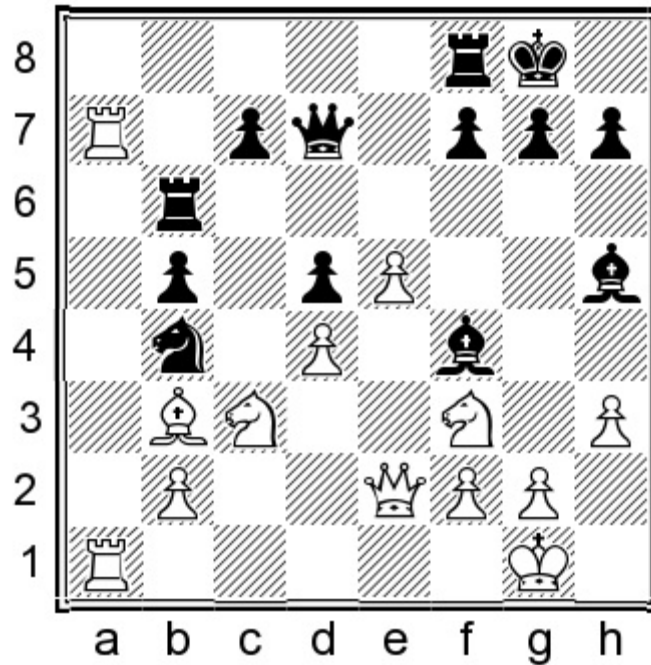
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31...♙xf2+! 32.♔xf2 ♚b2+ 33.♞e2

33.♔g1 f3-+

33...e3+ 34.♔f3 ♚c1 Δ...Qf1+: 0-1 Andersson,U (2630)-Kamsky,G (2650) Tilburg 1990.

31. Anand, Viswanathan (2690) - Kamsky, Gata (2655) [C86]
 Alekhine mem Moscow, 1992



□ 22.? +-

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22. ♖xd5! ♜xd5 23. ♕e4 White can't hold the d5-knight AND the f4-bishop. 23... ♙xf3 24. ♖xf3 ♙xe5 25. dxe5 Black is positionally crushed, the engine gives a nearly +4 advantage to White! For example... 25... ♜b4

25... ♜e7 26. ♖d1 ♕c8 27. ♖c1+-

26. ♕e3

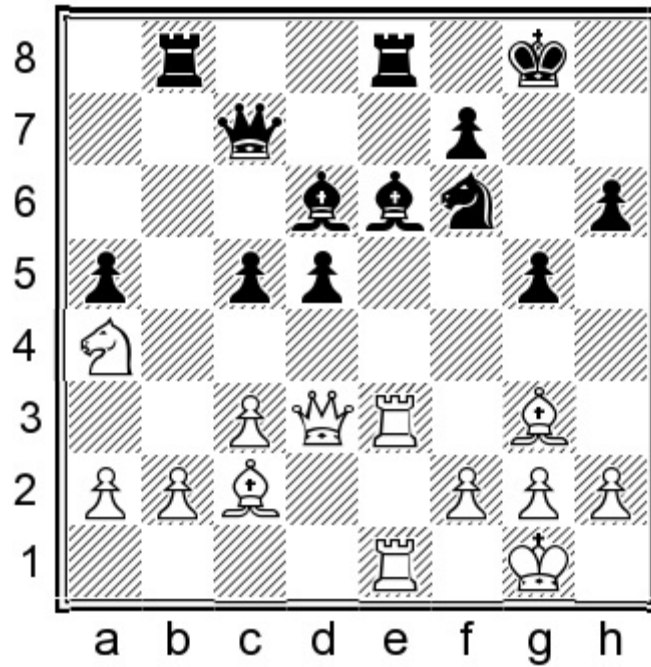
26. ♖a8! was winning at once: 26... ♖bb8 27. ♖xb8 ♖xb8 28. ♖a8+-

26... ♕c8 27. ♕e4+- 1-0 (38) Anand,V (2690)-Kamsky,G (2655) Moscow 1992.

Again not the best move, but Black's position is a disaster anyway: 27. e6! fxe6 28. ♖c1+- Thanks to the insertion of e6 and ...fxe6, Black can't defend himself with 28... Nc6 because of 29. Bxe6+.

32. Lautier, Joel (2580) - Sokolov, Ivan (2630) [C47]

Correze m Correze (3), 1992



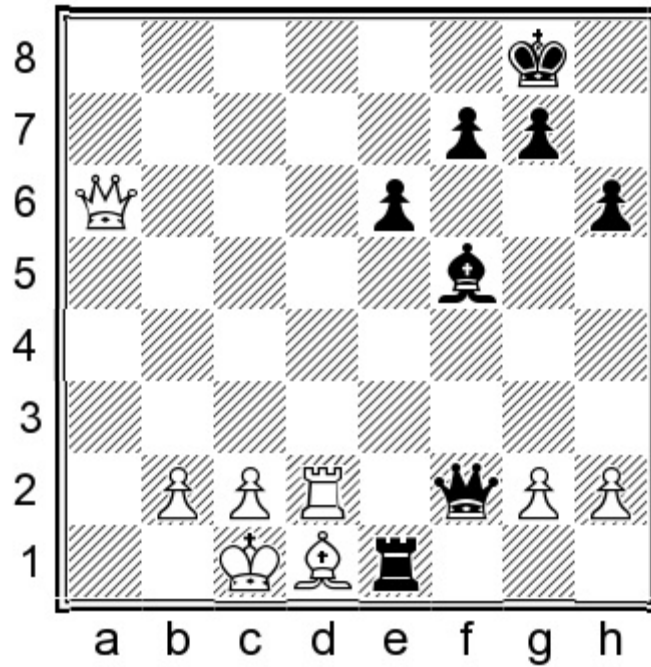
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21. ♖xe6! 1-0 Lautier, J (2580)-Sokolov, I (2630) Correze 1992.

Black resigned in view of 21. ♖xe6 fxe6 22. ♗xd6 ♕xd6 23. ♔g6++-

33. Erneste, Inguna (2365) - Serper, Grigory (2575) [B66]
Helsinki op Helsinki (9), 1992

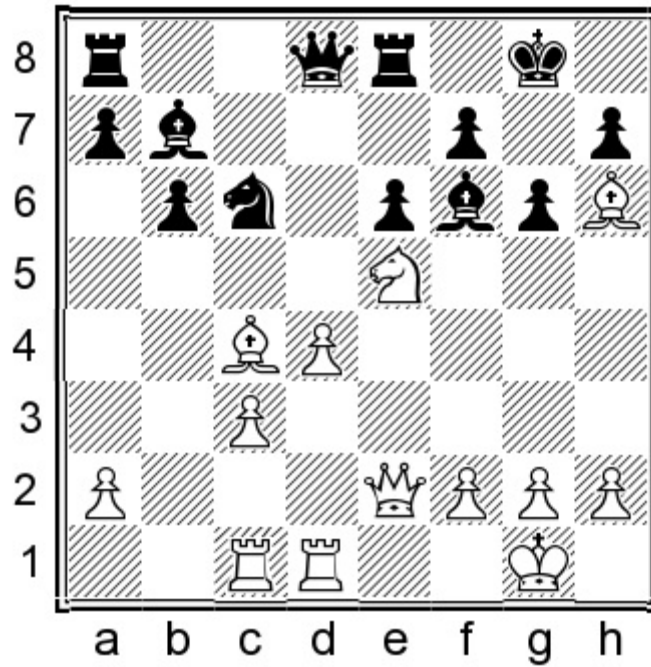


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36...♖xd1+! 37.♗xd1 ♕g1+ 38.♗e2 ♘g4+ 39.♗d3 ♖f1+ 0-1 Erneste,I (2365) -Serper,G (2575) Helsinki 1992.

34. Zagrebelny, Sergey (2440) - Ponyi, Attila (2265) [D41]
HUN-chT3 Hungary, 1992



□ 16.? +-

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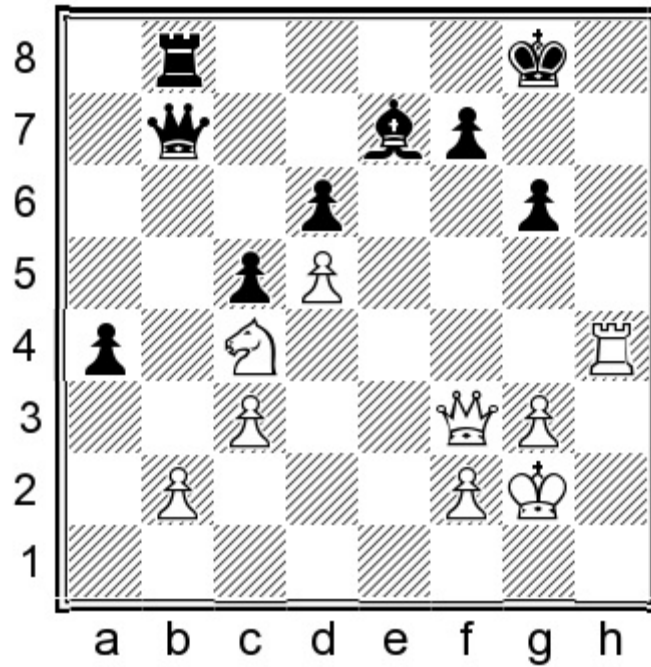
16. ♖xf7! ♔xf7 17. d5 exd5

17... ♕c7 18. dxe6+ ♔g8 19. ♖d7 ♕e5+-; 17... ♕b8 18. ♕f3+-

18. ♖xd5 ♖xe2 19. ♖e5+! A nasty finish: 1-0 Zagrebelny, S (2440)-Ponyi, A (2265) Hungary 1992.

35. Romanishin, O. (2555) - Gdanski, J. (2500) [A43]

Polanica Zdroj, 1992

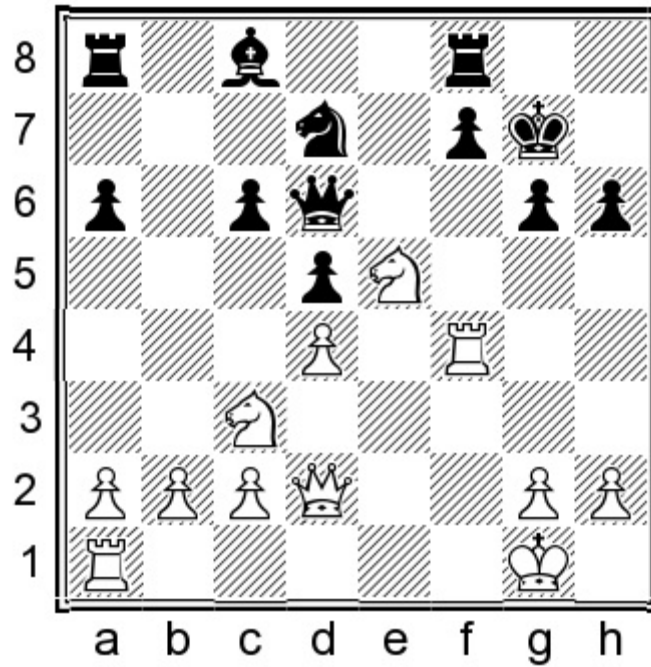


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35. ♖xd6! ♟xd6 36. ♚f6 ♛xd5+ 37. ♜h2 ♟xg3+ 38. ♜xg3 1-0 Romanishin, O (2555) -Gdanski, J (2500) Polanica Zdroj 1992.

36. Gallagher, Joseph G (2500) - Curran, Andrew Daniel [C34]
Lyon op Lyon (6), 1993

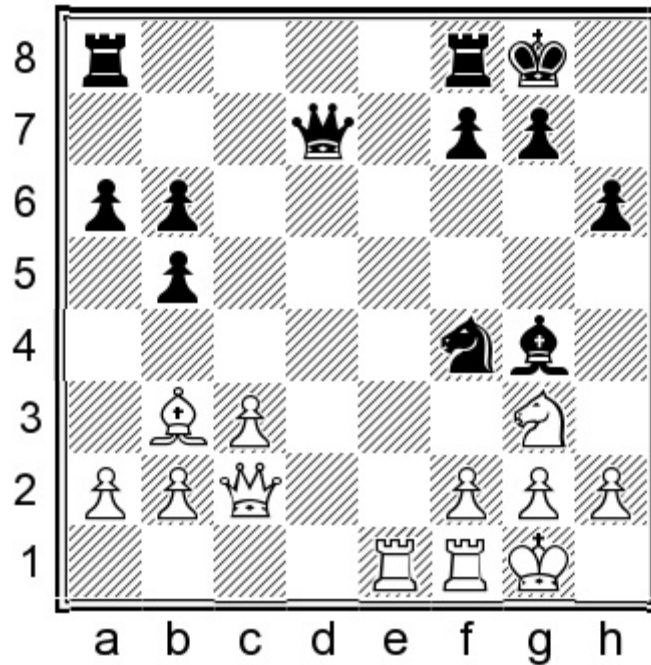


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23. ♖xf7+! ♜xf7 24. ♗xh6+ ♔g8 25. ♗h8+! ♔xh8 26. ♘xf7+ 1-0 Gallagher, J (2500)-Curran, A Lyon 1993.

37. Lengyel, Bela (2420) - Mikhalevski, Victor (2380) [C82]
Budapest FS12 GM Budapest (12), 1993



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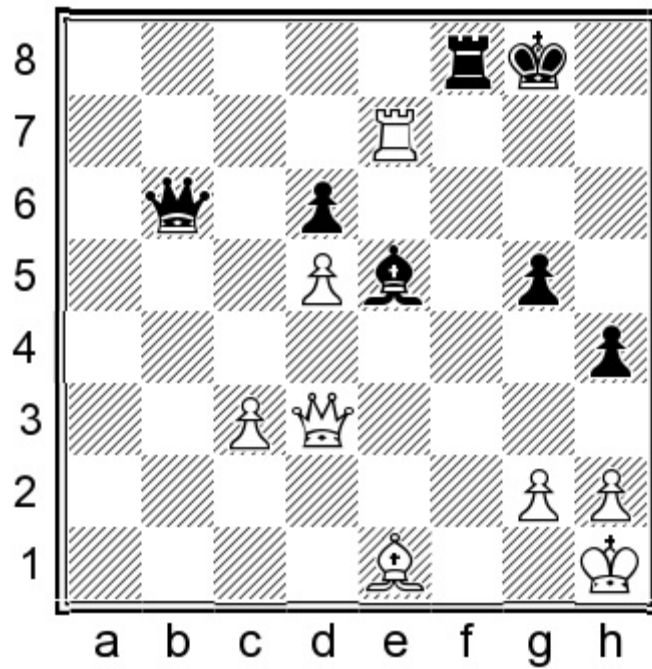
21...♙f3! 22.♖e3

22.♙e6 is the only way to prevent ...Qh3, but of course after 22...fxe6 23.gxf3 White's position is a disaster, e.g. 23...♖ad8±

22...♚h3! White has a choice to allow ...Qxg2# or to take on h3 and allow ...Nxh3#, hardly good options! 0-1 Lengyel,B (2420)-Mikhalevski,V (2380) Budapest 1993.

38. Stefanova, Antoaneta (2330) - Peptan, Corina Isabela (2255) [A43]

Moscow ol (Women) Moscow (12), 1994

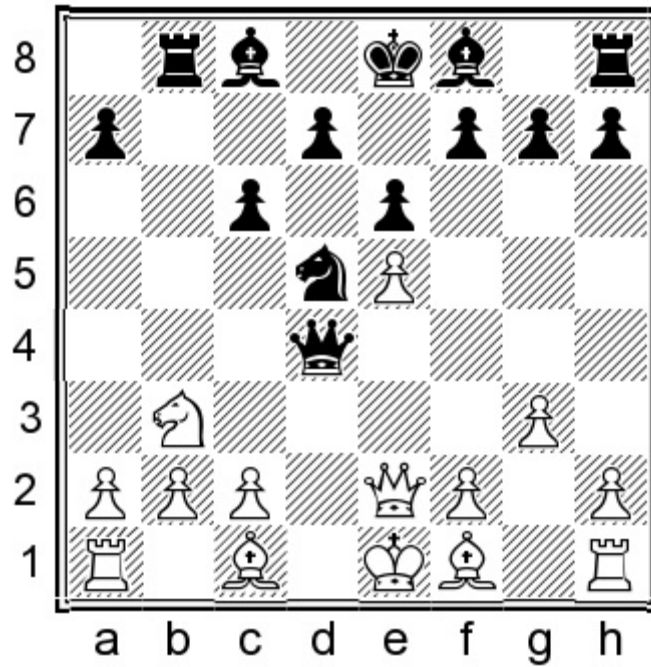


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35...♙b1! 36.♙e2 ♜e4! The white queen can't hold the back rank any longer: 0-1 (36) Stefanova,A (2330)-Peptan,C (2255) Moscow 1994.

39. Anand, Viswanathan (2720) - Vaisser, Anatoly (2575) [B45]
PCA/Intel-GP Paris (1.4), 1994



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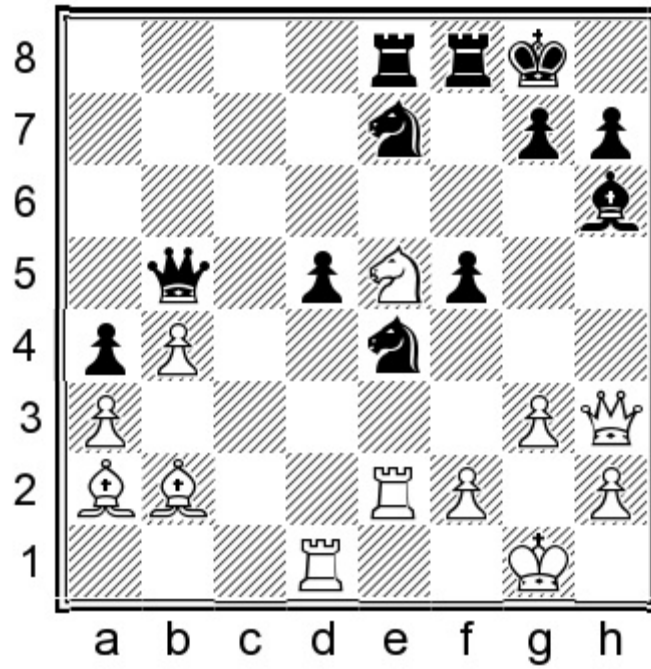
12...♖xb3! 13.axb3 ♘b4+ 14.♙d2

14.c3 ♘xc3 15.bxc3 ♙xc3+-+

14...♙xd2+ 15.♖xd2 ♖e4+ 16.♖e2 ♖xh1-+ 0-1 (30) Anand,V (2720)-Vaisser,A (2575) Paris 1994.

40. Benjamin, Joel - Gufeld, Eduard [B53]

Cardoza US op Kona (8), 1998



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30. ♖xe4! fxe4 31. ♚e6+ ♔h8 32. ♚xh6! ♜f5

32...gxf6 33. ♜f7+ ♔g8 34. ♜xh6#

33. ♜g6+ ♔g8 34. ♖xd5 1-0 Benjamin,J (2595)-Gufeld,E (2465) Kona 1998.

Chapter 5 Punish Bad Co-ordination

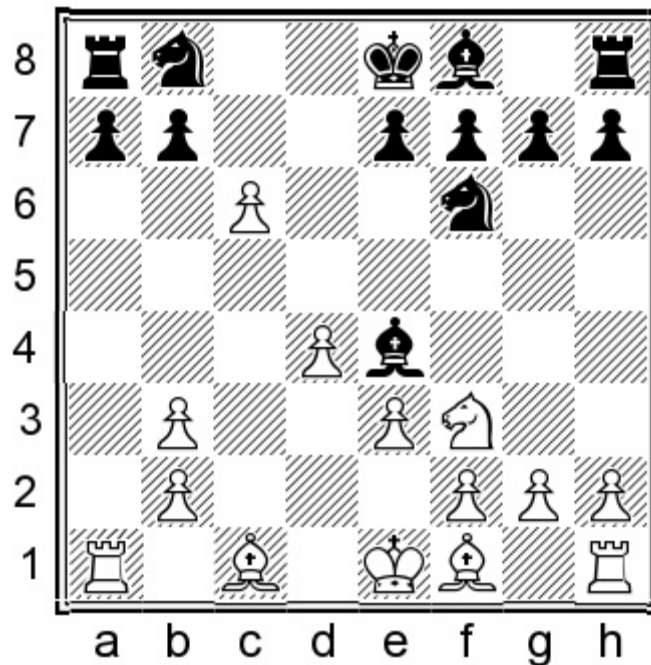
In this chapter, the move or idea which you must find is linked to a lack of coordination amongst your opponent's pieces.

Keep in mind these issues which you may be able to use to your advantage: trapped pieces, a lack of free squares, undefended or badly positioned pieces.

The difficulty of these exercises ranges from easy to moderate, unless an asterisk indicates that the exercise is more difficult.

1. Schlechter, Carl - Perlis, Julius [D12]

Karlsbad, 1911



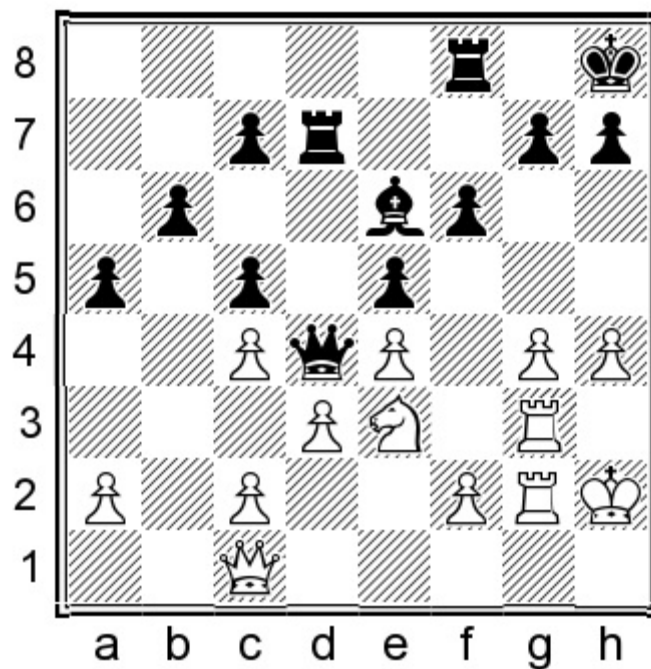
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9. ♖xa7! ♖xa7 10. c7 Followed by either 11. cxb8=Q or 11. c8=Q. 1-0 Schlechter, C-Perlis, J Karlsbad 1911.

2. Nimzowitsch, Aron - Leonhardt, Paul Saladin [C49]

San Sebastian San Sebastian ESP (3), 1911.02.23



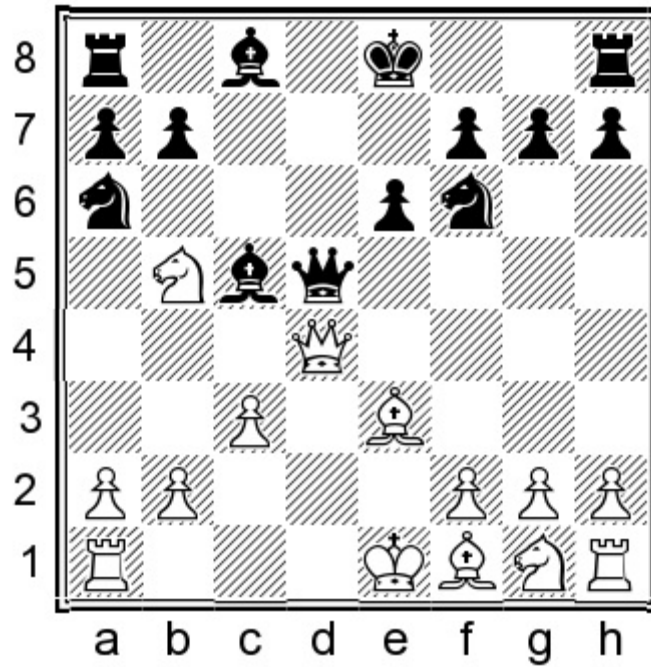
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29.♘d5! ♜xd5 30.c3+- 1-0 (35) Nimzowitsch,A-Leonhardt,P San Sebastian 1911.

3. Kharlov, Andrei (2545) - Csom, Istvan (2490) [B22]

Bern op Bern (9), 1992



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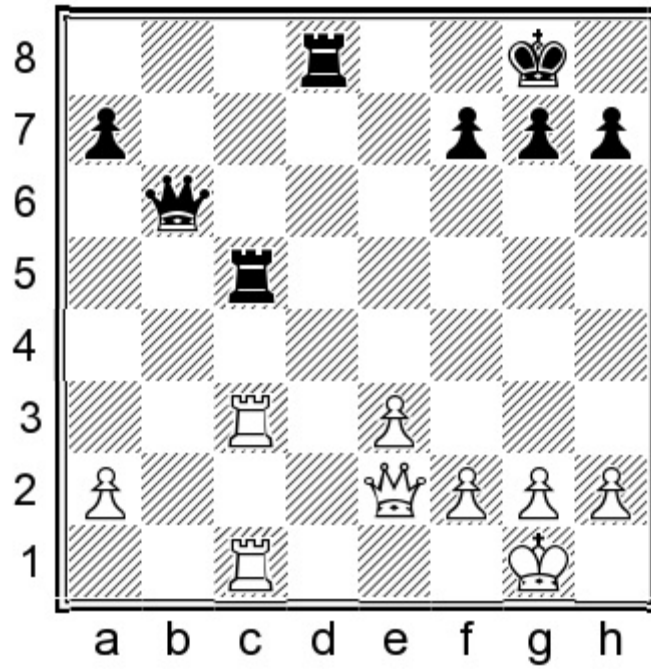
9. ♖xc5! ♗xc5

9... ♘xc5 10. ♘c7+ ♔d7 11. ♘xd5 ♘xd5 12. ♗xc5+-

10. ♗xc5 ♘xc5 11. ♘c7+- 1-0 (37) Kharlov, A (2545)-Csom, I (2490) Bern 1992.

4. Bernstein, Ossip - Capablanca, Jose Raul [D63]

Moscow game Moscow, 1914



■ 28...? –+

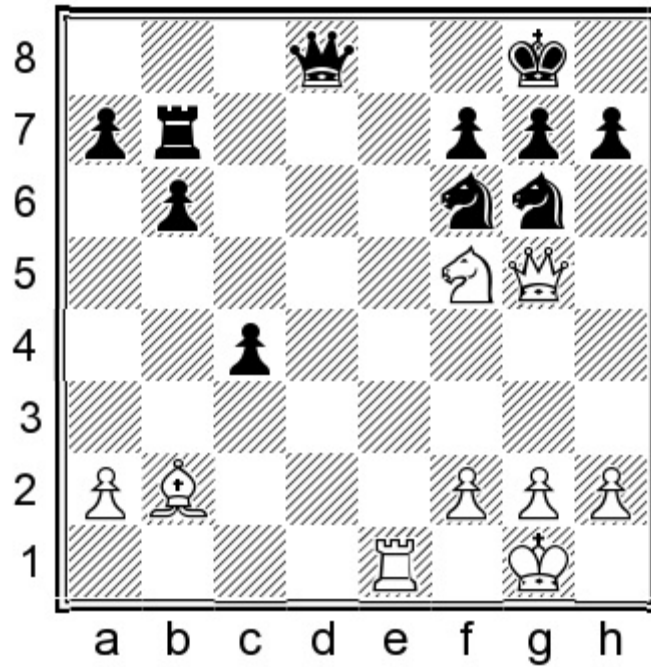
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28...♖xc3 29.♖xc3 ♔b2! 0-1 Bernstein,O-Capablanca,J Moscow 1914.

White resigned in view of: 29...♔b2 30.♖c2 ♔b1+ 31.♔f1 ♖xc2-+

5. Alekhine, A. - Freeman [C44]

New York, 1924



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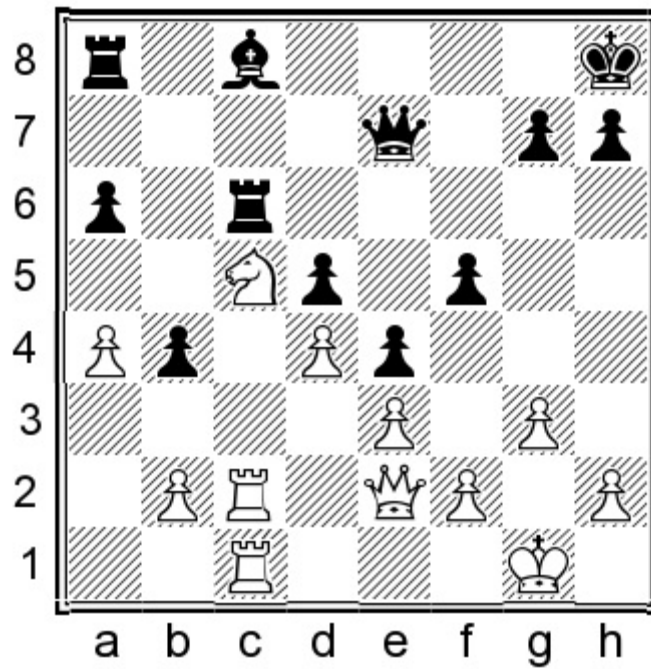
22.♙xf6! ♚xf6

22...gxf6 23.♙h6 ♚f8 24.♖e8!+-

23.♖e8+ ♜f8 24.♜h6+! ♚xh6 25.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 26.♙d8# 1-0 Alekhine,A-Freeman New York 1924.

6. Botvinnik, Mikhail M - Kagan, Moisey [D66]

Leningrad-ch Leningrad, 1926



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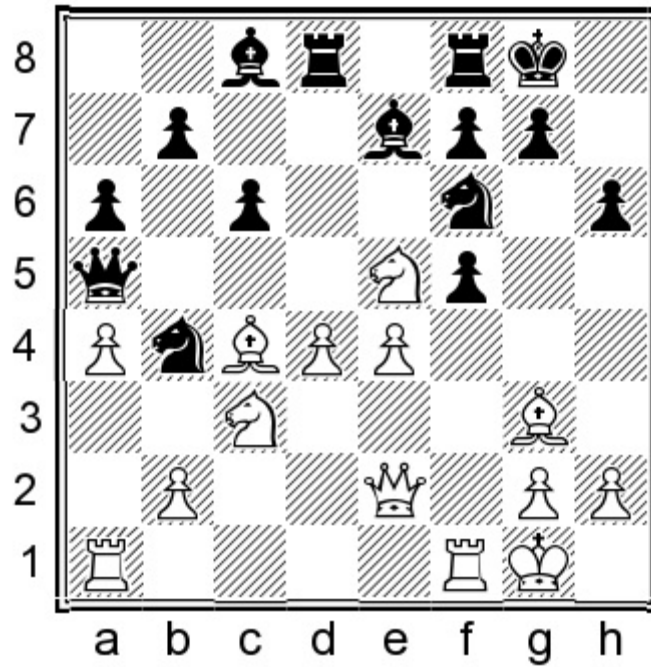
27. ♘xe4! ♜xc2 28. ♚xc2 ♙d7

28...fxe4 29. ♚xc8+-

29. ♘c5+- 1-0 (42) Botvinnik, M-Kagan, M Leningrad 1926.

7. Botvinnik, Mikhail M - Stepanov, G. [D60]

Leningrad-ch Leningrad, 1930



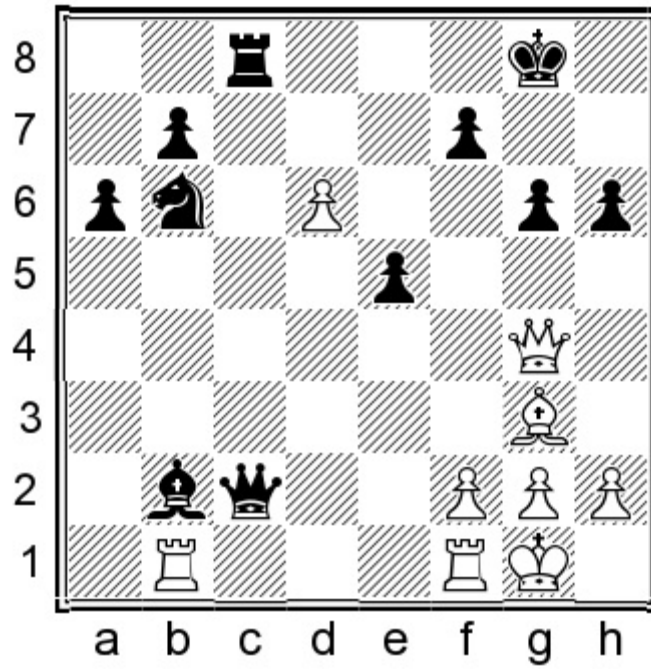
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19. ♕xf7+! ♖xf7 20. ♘c4+- The black queen is trapped! 1-0 (34) Botvinnik, M-Stepanov, G Leningrad 1930.

8. Engels, Ludwig - Maroczy, Geza [D61]

Dresden Dresden (2), 1936



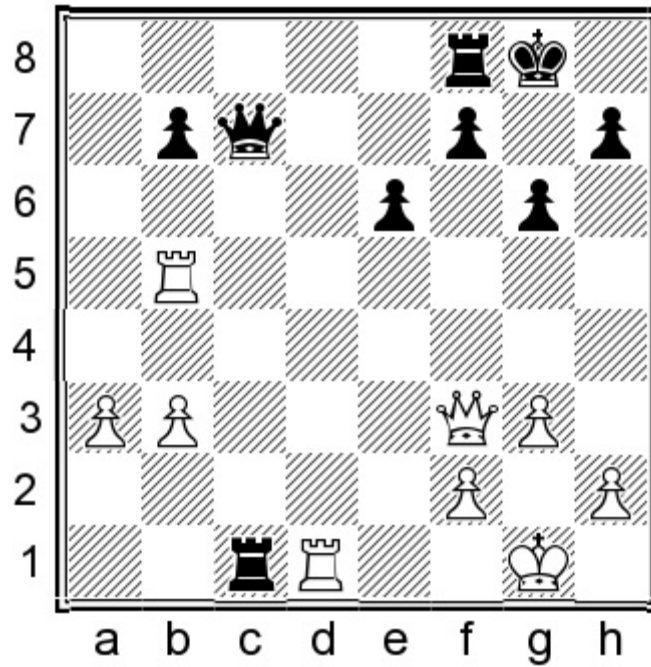
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28.♖xb2! ♔xb2 29.♗xc8+! ♜xc8 30.d7 1-0 Engels,L-Maroczy,G Dresden 1936.

9. Ragozin, Viacheslav - Panov, Vasily N [B80]

URS-ch12 Moscow, 1940



■ 25...? –+

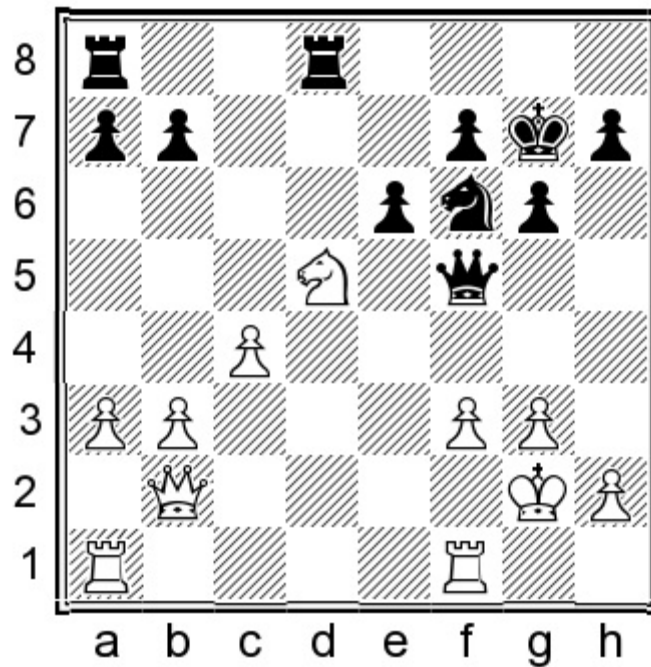
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25...♙c6! 0-1 Ragozin,V-Panov,V Moscow 1940.

White loses material: 25...♙c6 26.♙xc6 ♖xd1+ 27.♔g2 bxc6-+

10. (*) Sobel, Robert - Fischer, Robert James [B70]

CAN-op Montreal (2), 1956



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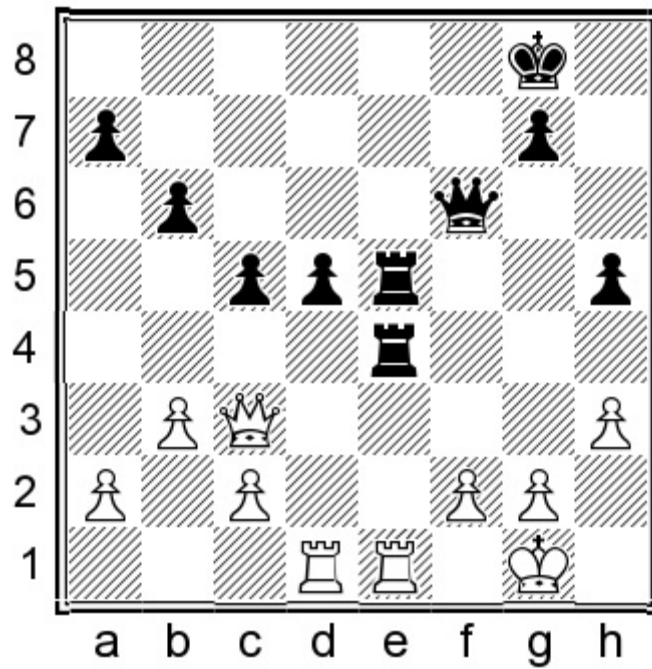
23.g4! ♖g5 24.h4! ♖xh4 25.♞h1 ♖g5 26.♞xh7+! ♔f8

26...♔xh7 27.♞xf6+ ♔g7 28.♞e4+-

27.♖xf6 1-0 Sobel,R-Fischer,R Montreal 1956.

11. Bagirov, Vladimir - Kholmov, Ratmir D [C63]

URS-ch29 Baku (12), 1961.12.04



■ 24...? -+

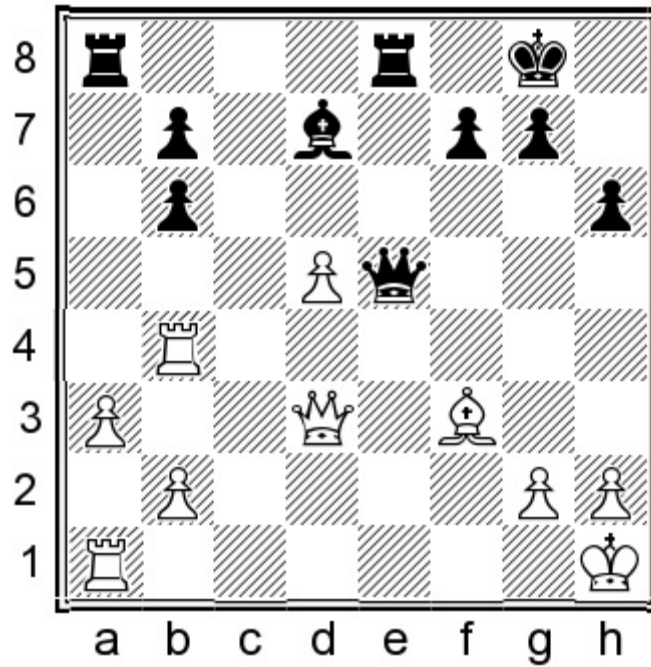
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24...♖xe1+ 25.♗xe1 ♜e2! 0-1 Bagirov,V-Kholmov,R Baku 1961.

Black resigned in view of: 25...♜e2 26.♙xf6 (26.♖xe2 ♙xc3-+) 26...♖xe1+-+

12. Mikenas, Vldas - Bronstein, David I [A53]

URS-ch33 Tallinn (2), 1965.11.23



■ 24...? -+

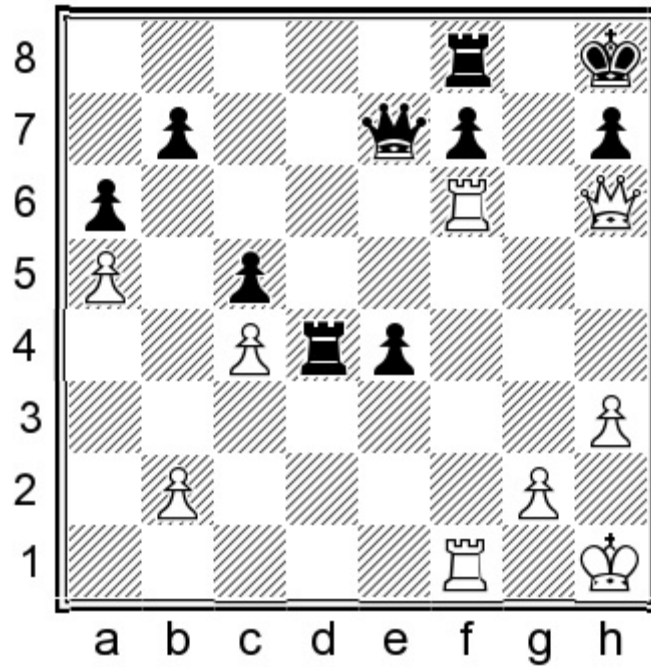
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24...♖xa3! 0-1 Mikenas,V-Bronstein,D Tallinn 1965.

White doesn't have a good way to take back on a3: 24...♖xa3 25.bxa3 (25.♙xa3 ♕e1+-+; 25.♖xa3 ♕e1+-+) 25...♙xa1+-+

13. Karasev, Vladimir I - Klaman, Konstantin [B92]

Leningrad Leningrad, 1967



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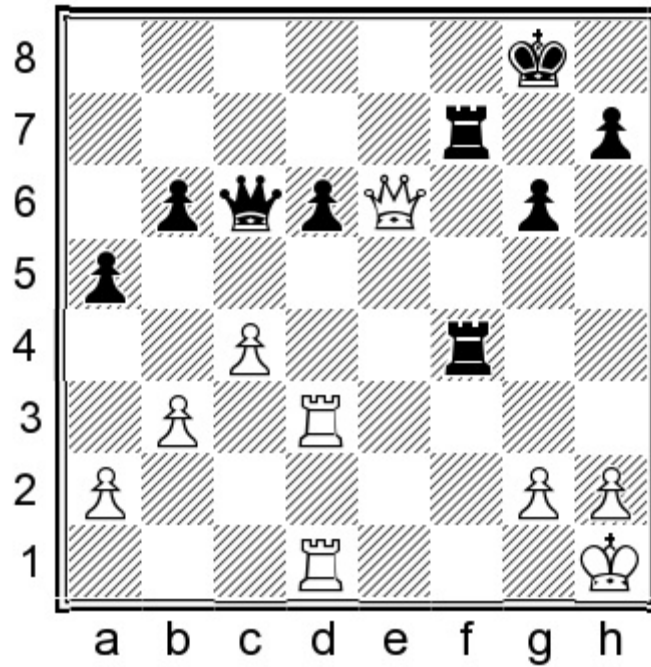
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34.♖e6! ♜d8 35.♞g6! ♞g8 36.♞xf7 ♞d1+ 37.♔h2 ♜b8+ 38.g3 ♞d2+ 39.♔h1 1-0 Karasev,V-Klaman,K Leningrad 1967.

Black resigned as the white king will run away from checks: 39.♔h1 ♞d1+ 40.♔g2 ♞d2+ 41.♔f1 ♞d1+ 42.♔e2+-

14. Geller, Efim P - Ostojic, Predrag [B36]

Belgrade Belgrade (3), 1969



■ 28...? -+

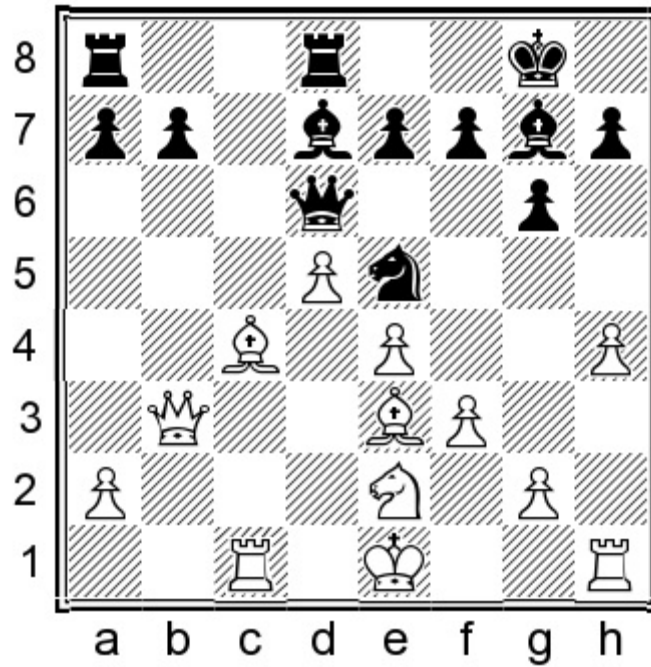
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28...♔e4! 0-1 Geller,E-Ostojic,P Belgrade 1969.

White resigned in view of: 28...♔e4 29.♔xe4 (29.♖xd6 ♔xe6 30.♖xe6 ♖f1+-+) 29...♖f1+-+

15. Naranja, Renato - Portisch, Lajos [D87]

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15...b5! 16.♙d3

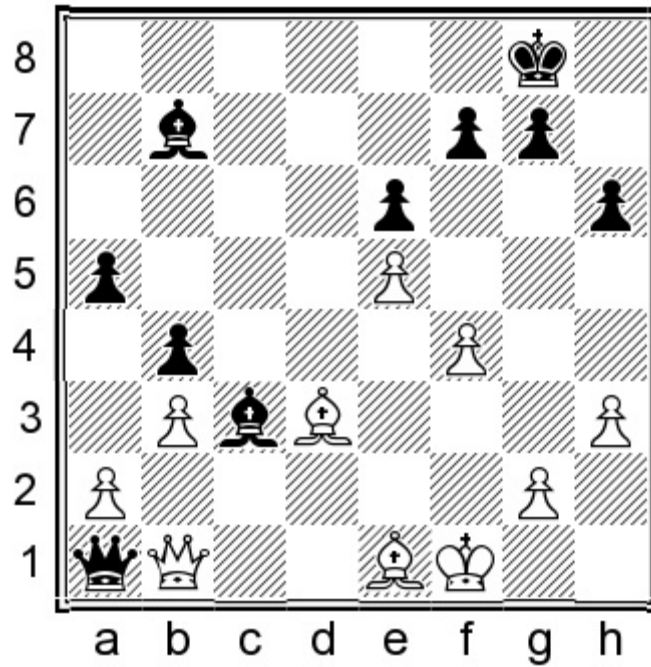
16.♙xb5 ♙xb5 17.♚xb5 ♖ab8-+ Δ...Nd3+

16...♚b4+! 0-1 Naranja,R-Portisch,L Siegen 1970.

White resigned in view of: 16...♚b4+ 17.♚xb4 ♘xd3+-+

16. Uhlmann, Wolfgang (2580) - Larsen, Bent (2660) [D47]

Candidates qf1 Las Palmas (6), 1971



■ 36...? -+

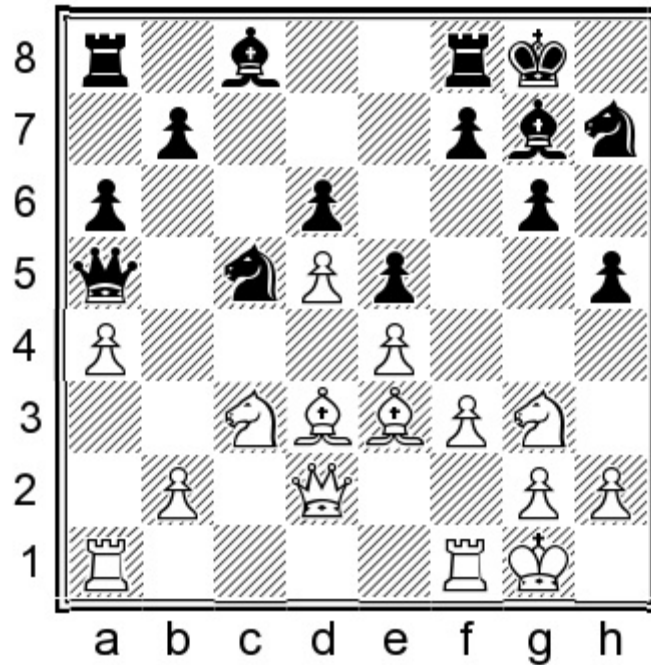
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36...♙a6! 0-1 Uhlmann,W (2580)-Larsen,B (2660) Las Palmas 1971.

White loses a full piece: 36...♙a6 37.♚xa1 ♜xd3+-+

17. Korchnoi, Viktor - Balashov, Yuri [E80]

Moscow Moscow URS (10), 1971.12.07



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16.b4! ♖xb4 **17.a5!** White wants to play Rf1-b1. The black queen has nowhere to go! **17...♙h6** □ The least damage.

17...♗b3 18.♖fb1! ♗xd2 19.♖xb4 and the d2-knight is trapped.

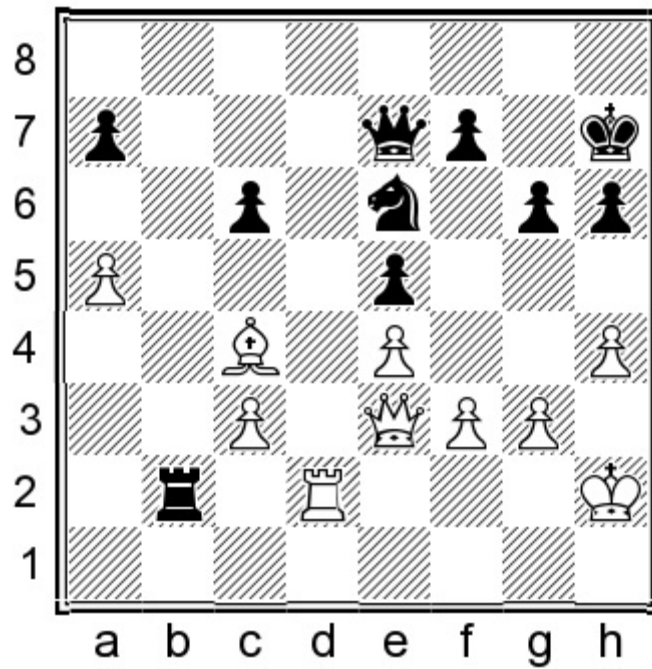
18.♙xh6 ♖d4+

18...♗b3 19.♖b2 ♖d4+ 20.♖f2!?! ♗xa1 21.♙xf8 h4 22.♗ge2 1-0 Korchnoi, V (2670)-Balashov, Y (2570) Moscow 1971.

19.♙h1 ♖xd3 20.♖xd3 ♗xd3 21.♙xf8 ♙xf8 22.♗a4±

18. Karklins, Andrew - Grefe, John A [B08]

Houston Houston, 1974



■ 36...? -+

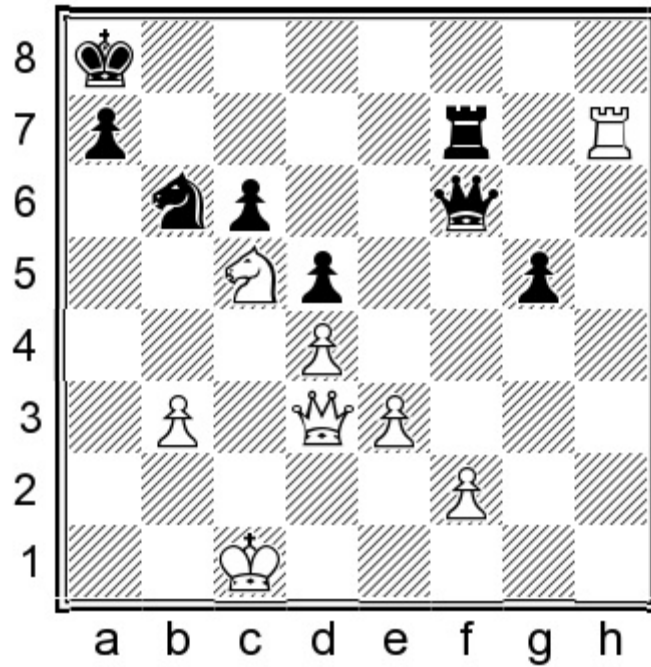
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36...♔c5! 37.♔e2

37.♔xc5 ♖xd2+-+

37...♖xd2 38.♔xd2 ♔xc4-+ 0-1 (39) Karklins,A-Grefe,J Houston 1974.

19. Katalymov, Boris N (2410) - Kolpakov, Mikhail (2200) [D36]
URS-chT Riga, 1975



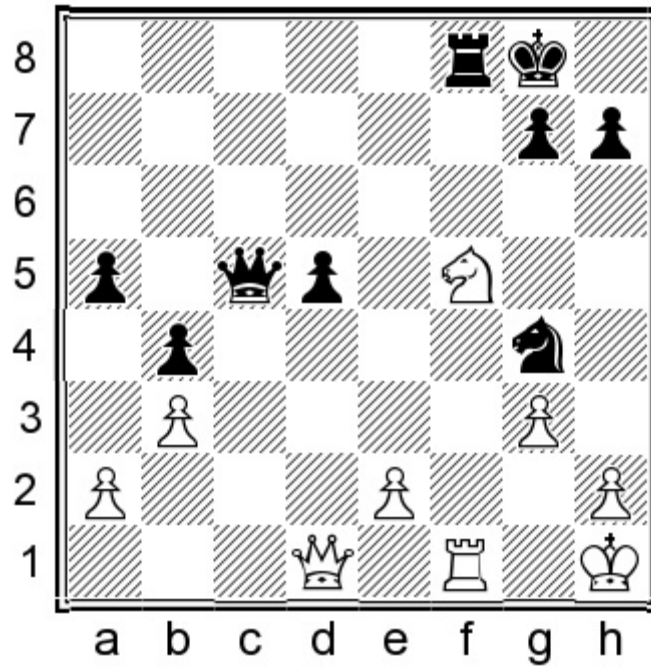
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33. ♖g6! Black either loses material or gets mated on the 8th rank: 1-0 Katalymov, B (2410) - Kolpakov, M (2200) Riga 1975.

20. Jansson, Borje - Pytel, Krzysztof [A99]

EU-chT sf Stockholm (5.2), 1975.12.16



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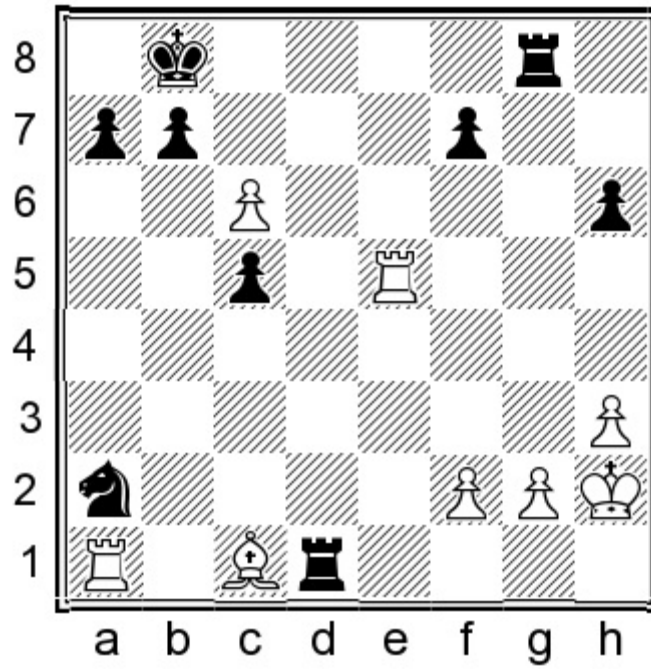
27. ♖d4! ♜xf5

27... ♜xd4 28. ♘e7+ ♔h8 29. ♜xf8#; 27... ♜c7 28. ♜xg4+-

28. ♜xc5 ♜xf1+ 29. ♔g2+- 1-0 (42) Jansson,B-Pytel,K Stockholm 1975.

21. Bernink, Henk - Hoeksema, Hendrik Pieter [E41]

NED-ch sf-A Eindhoven NED (2), 1982

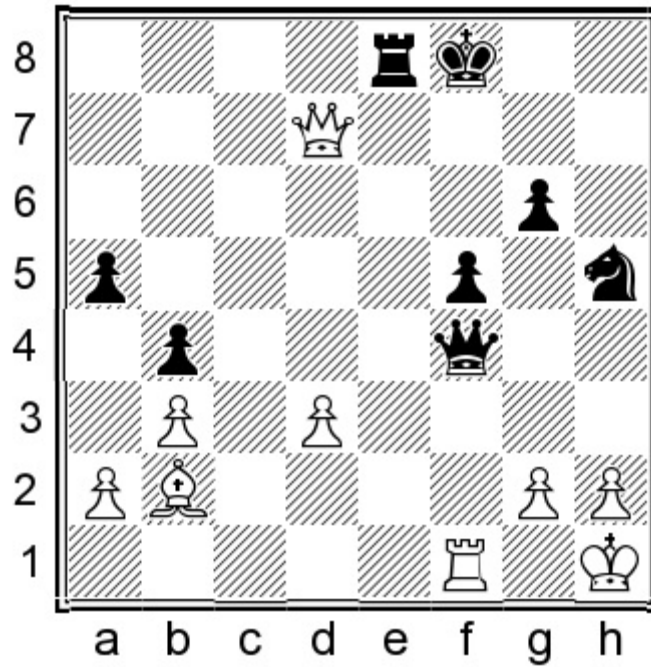


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24.♙f4! ♜xa1 25.♞e8# 1-0 Bernink,H-Hoeksema,H Eindhoven 1982.

22. Klinger, Josef (2495) - Nowak, Ignacy (2395) [B82]
 Rubinstein Memorial 23rd Polanica Zdroj (3), 1985



□ 36.? +-

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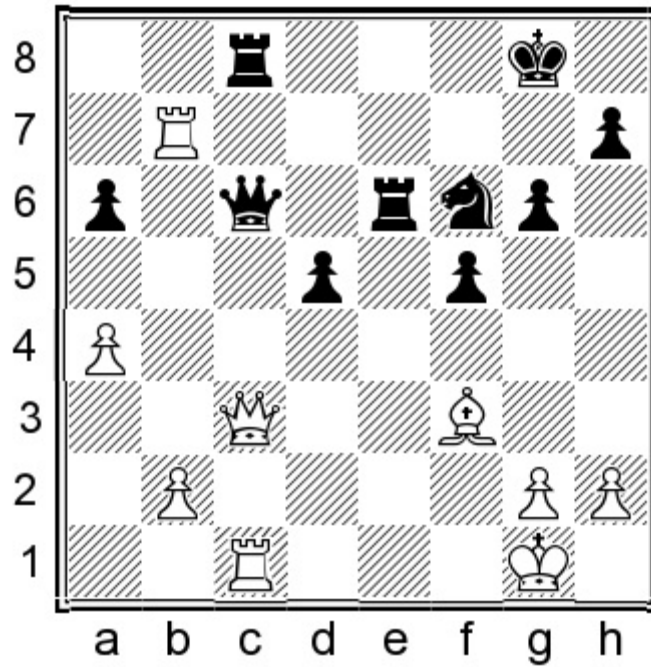
36. ♔g7+! ♖xg7

36... ♕g8 37. ♘xe8++-

37. ♘xe8+ 1-0 Klinger,J (2495) -Nowak,I (2395) Polanica Zdroj 1985.

23. Polgar, Judit (2320) - Singh, Sukh Dave [B85]

Hastings open ENG, 1988



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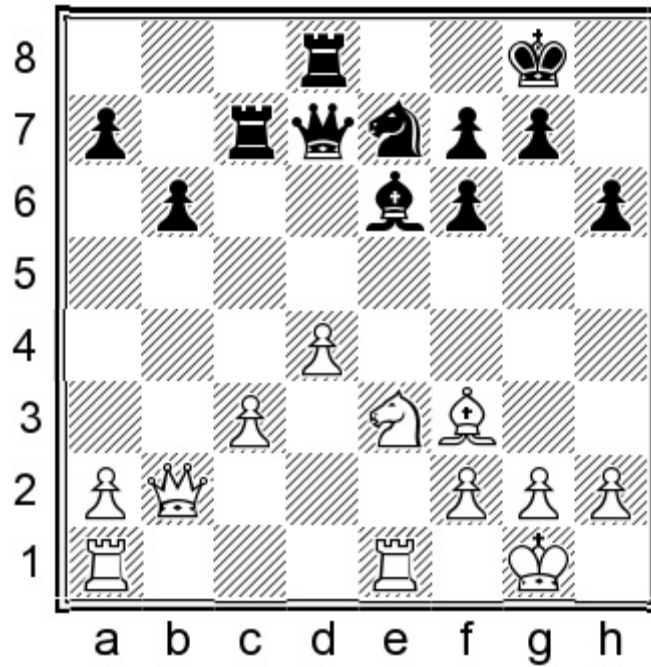
29. ♖xd5! ♚xd5

29... ♗xd5 30. ♚g7#

30. ♚xc8++- 1-0 (31) Polgar, J (2320) - Singh, S Hastings 1988.

24. Kharlov, Andrei (2450) - Guliev, Sarhan [B13]

Cheliabinsk op Cheliabinsk (4), 1991



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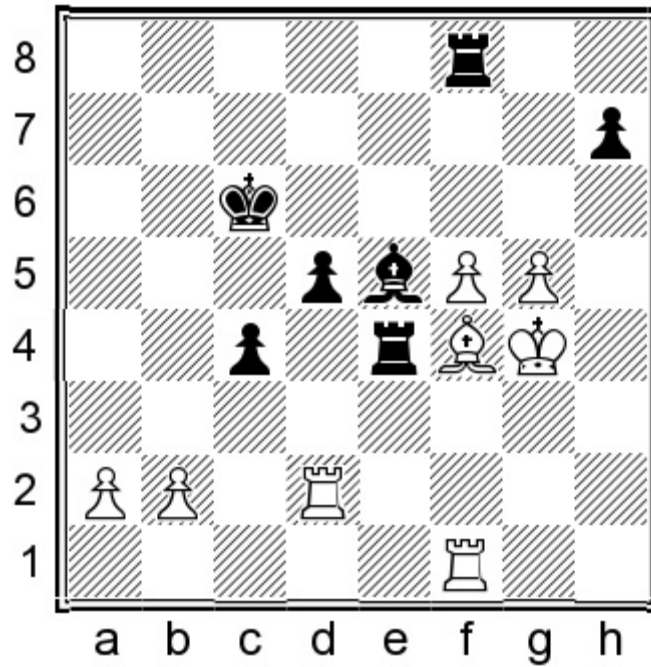
23.d5! ♙f5

23...♘xd5 24.♖ad1 ♚c6 25.c4+-; 23...♙xd5 24.♖ad1 ♚c6 25.c4+-

24.d6! 1-0 Kharlov,A (2450)-Guliev,S Cheliabinsk 1991.

Black resigned in view of: 24.d6 ♚xd6 25.♖ad1 ♙d3 26.♙e2+-

25. Hellers, Ferdinand (2520) - Sveshnikov, Evgeny (2540) [B32]
EU-Cup Poliot-Wasa Soviet Union (2), 1991



■ 31...? –+

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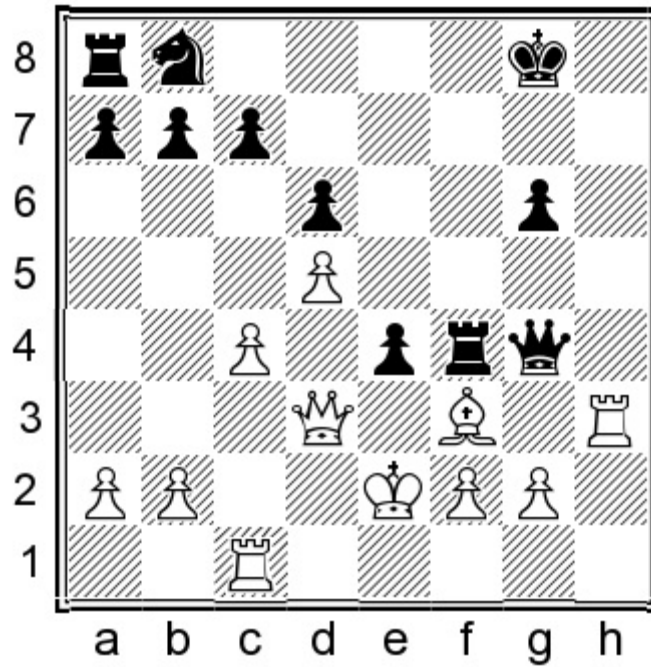
31...h5+! 32.♔xh5

32.gxh6 ♖g8+–+

32...♕xf4 0-1 Hellers,F (2520) -Sveshnikov,E (2540) Soviet Union 1991.

26. (*) Sokolov, Ivan (2640) - Mohr, Georg (2435) [E91]

Vidmar mem Portoroz, 1993



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21. ♖h8+! ♔f7

21... ♔xh8 22. ♕d4+ ♔g8 23. ♕xg4+-

22. ♕e3! ♕f5

22... exf3+ 23. gxf3 ♕f5 24. ♕e8+ ♔g7 25. ♕g8+ ♔f6 26. ♕f8+ ♔g5 27. ♖g1+-

23. ♖ch1

23. ♔f1!? was an easy win as well.

23... exf3+ 24. gxf3 ♕e5

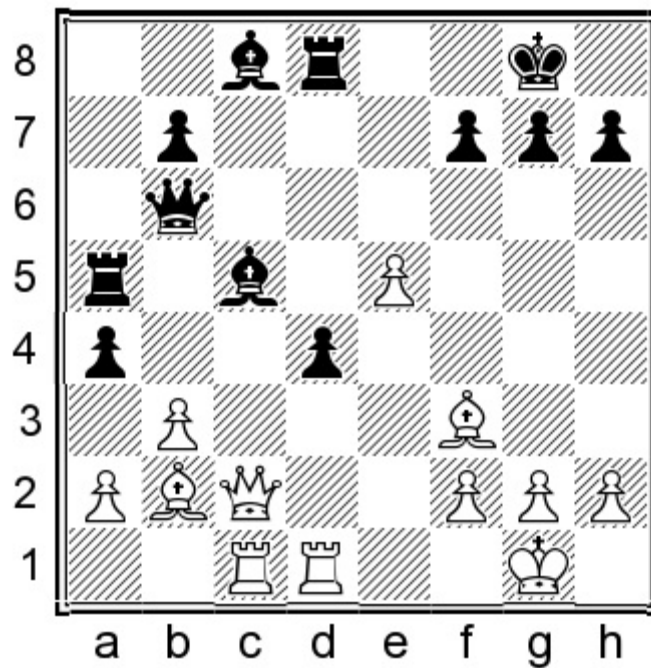
24... ♕c2+ 25. ♔f1 ♕xc4+ 26. ♔g2+-

25. ♖1h7+ ♔f6 26. ♖f8+ ♔g5 27. ♖xf4 ♕xf4 28. ♕e7+ 1-0 (28) Sokolov, I (2640)-Mohr, G (2435) Portoroz 1993.

28. ♕e7+ ♕f6 29. f4+ ♔f5 30. ♖f7+-

27. Kharlov, Andrei (2535) - Franco Ocampos, Zenon (2475) [B22]

Ibercaja op Zaragoza (8), 1994



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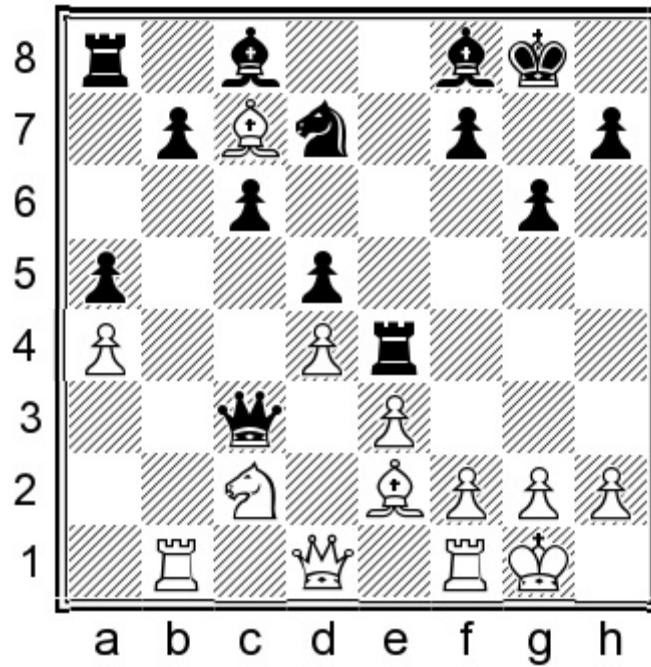
21.b4! ♔xb4

21...♕xb4 22.♔c3!+-

22.♕xc8+- 1-0 (23) Kharlov,A (2535)-Franco Ocampos,Z (2475) Zaragoza 1994.

28. (*) Jussupow, Artur (2660) - Pirrot, Dieter (2395) [D03]

Bundesliga 9495 Germany (?), 1995



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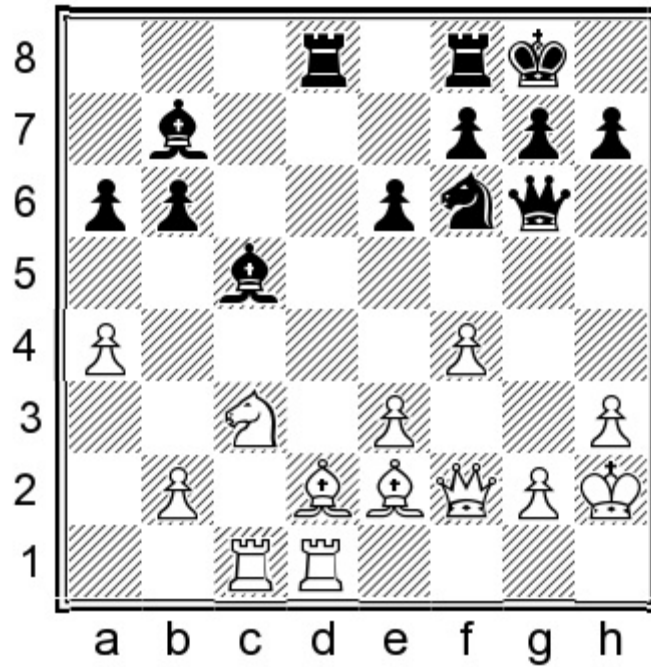
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20. ♔g3!!+- Black is helpless against f3 followed by Be1!

20. ♕c1?! was played in the game but should not be threatening, although White eventually won: 1-0 (37) Jussupow, A (2660)-Pirrot, D (2395) Germany 1995. 20.f3? ♖xe3 is fine for Black.

29. Zheliandinov, Viktor (2350) - Mikhalchishin, Adrian (2200) [D27]

Lvov Lvov (8), 1995



■ 19...? –+

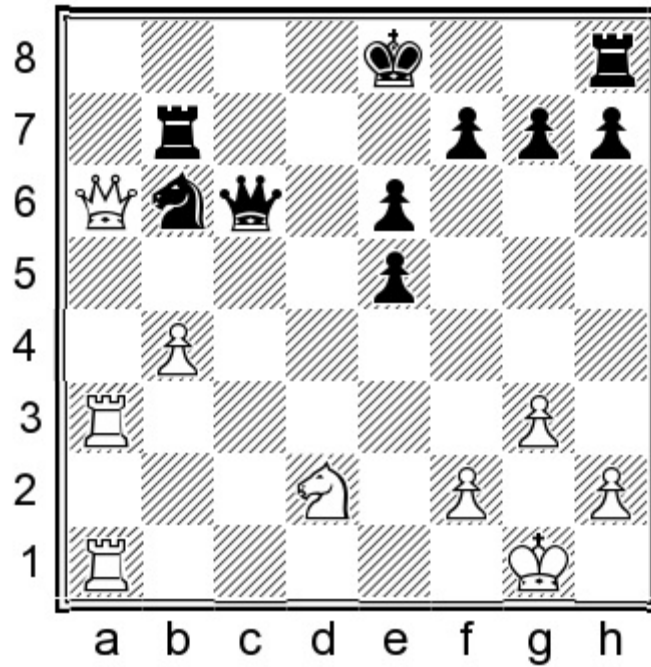
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19...♖xd2! 20.♖xd2 ♘xe3 0-1 Zheliandinov,V (2350)-Mikhalchishin,A (2200) Lvov 1995.

20...♘xe3 21.♔xe3 ♚xg2#

30. Salov, Valery (2680) - Karpov, Anatoly (2735) [E15]

Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee (7), 1998.01.24



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27. ♖c4! White is threatening Na5, as well as Qxb7. And the c4-knight untouchable! **27... ♜b8**

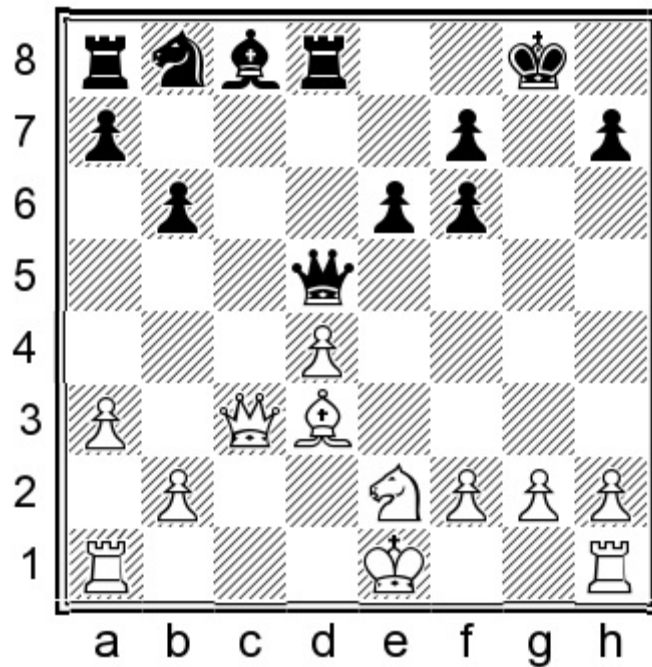
27... ♛xc4 28. ♛xb7+-; 27... O-O 28. ♘a5+-; 27... ♛c7 28. ♛xb7+-

28. ♘xb6 O-O

28... ♛xb6 29. ♛xb6 ♜xb6 30. ♜a8+-; 28... ♜xb6 29. ♛a8+-

29. ♖c4+- 1-0 (32) Salov, V (2680)-Karpov, A (2735) Wijk aan Zee 1998.

31. Kasparov, Garry (2815) - Timman, Jan H (2655) [E32]
EuroTel Trophy Prague (3), 1998.09.09



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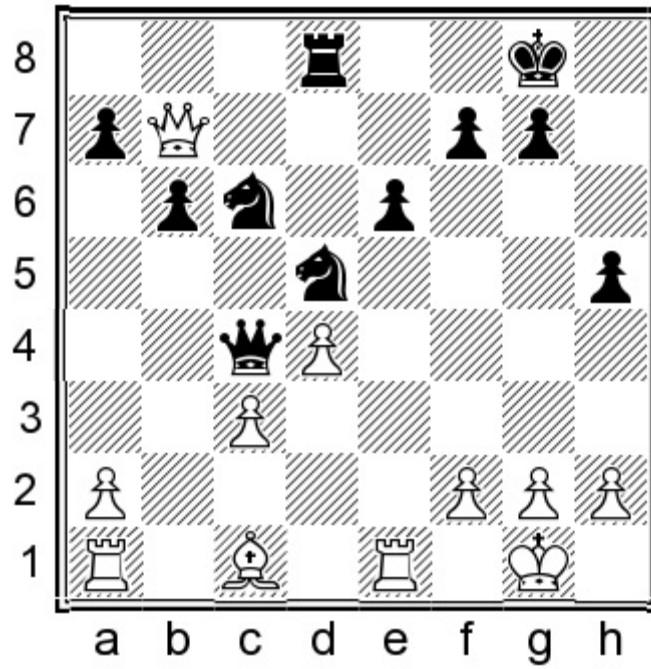
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14. ♖g3! Simple chess. (ΔBe4) 14... ♙xd4

14... f5 15. ♕e2!+- (ΔBf3)

15. ♕e4+- 1-0 (26) Kasparov,G (2815)-Timman,J (2655) Prague 1998.

32. Vladimirov, Yevgeniy (2612) - Kasparov, Garry (2838) [E54]
 EUR-ASIA 30' Batumi (8), 2001.09.18



■ 20...? –+

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20...♘a5 21.♙xa7 ♚c6! 22.♙a6 ♘c4 White can't prevent both ...Nc7 and ...Ra8. 23.♞b1 ♘c7 0-1
 Vladimirov, Y (2612)-Kasparov, G (2838) Batumi 2001.

Chapter 6 Hidden Moves

In this chapter, you have to find atypical winning moves!

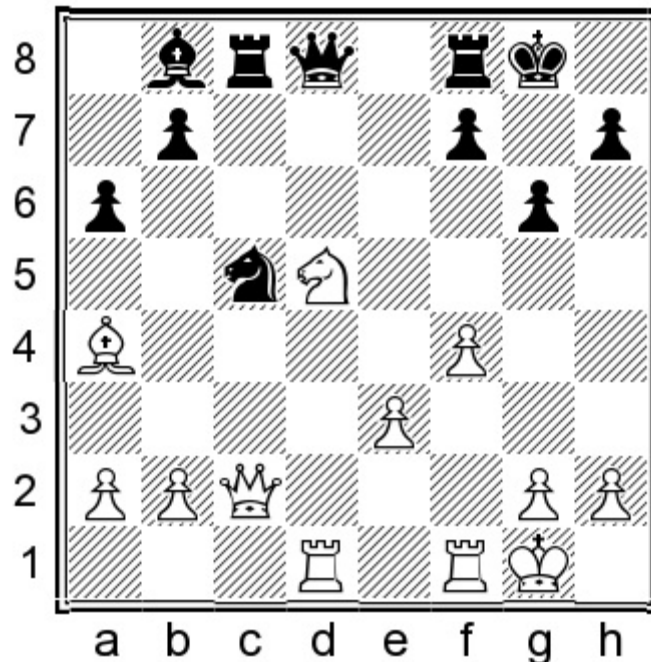
In other words, you won't be able to find these moves if you stick to your usual mechanisms. You must push your own creativity in order not to miss them!

In the majority of the examples, the invisible move should be played on the first move. But, in order to increase the difficulty of this chapter, sometimes it is played on move 2 of the winning variation.

The difficulty of the exercises in this chapter ranges from easy to difficult.

1. Szabo, Laszlo - Polgar, Istvan [D36]

HUN-ch Hungary, 1968



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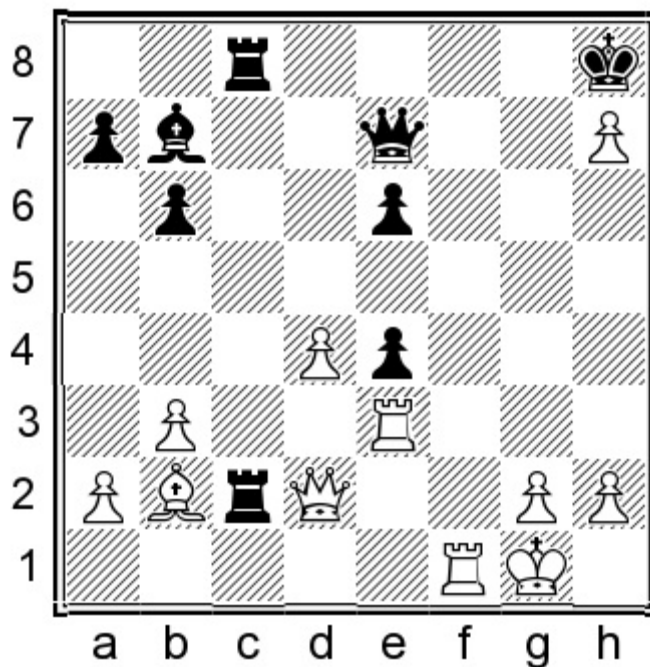
23. ♕d7!! ♖xd7

23...♙xd7 24.♘f6+-

24.♙xc8! ♚xc8 25.♘e7+- 1-0 (27) Szabo,L-Polgar,I Hungary 1968.

2. Zukertort, Johannes Hermann - Blackburne, Joseph Henry [A13]

London London, 1883



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27.d5+ e5 28.♙b4! ♜8c5

In case of 28...♙xb4 Black gets unexpectedly mated: 29.♙xe5+ ♔xh7 30.♖h3+ ♔g6 31.♖g3+ ♔h6 32.♖f6+ ♔h5 33.♖f5+ ♔h6 34.♙f4+ ♔h7 35.♖h5#

29.♖f8+!

Even stronger than 29.♙xe4+-

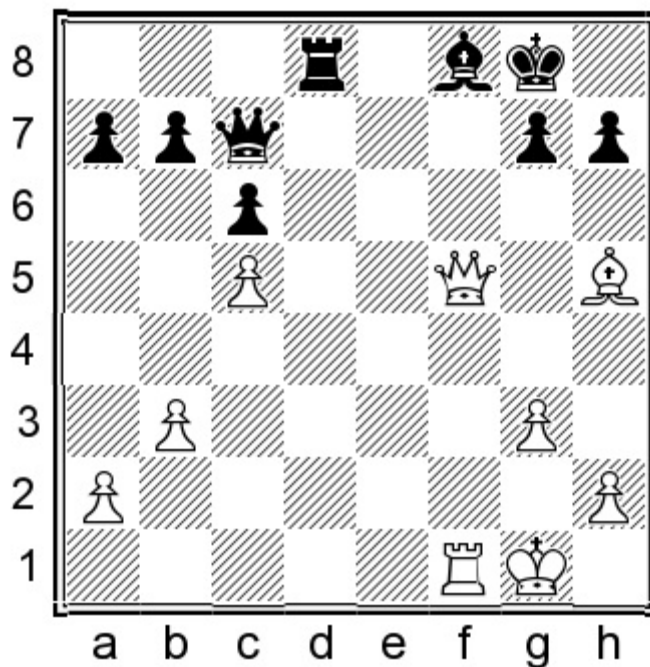
29...♔xh7

29...♙xf8 30.♙xe5+ ♔xh7 31.♙xe4+-

30. ♖xe4+ ♜g7 31. ♗xe5+!? ♜xf8 32. ♗g7+ ♜g8 33. ♖xe7 1-0 Zukertort,J-Blackburne,J London 1883.

3. Reti, Richard - Bogoljubow, Efim [E01]

New York New York (12), 1924



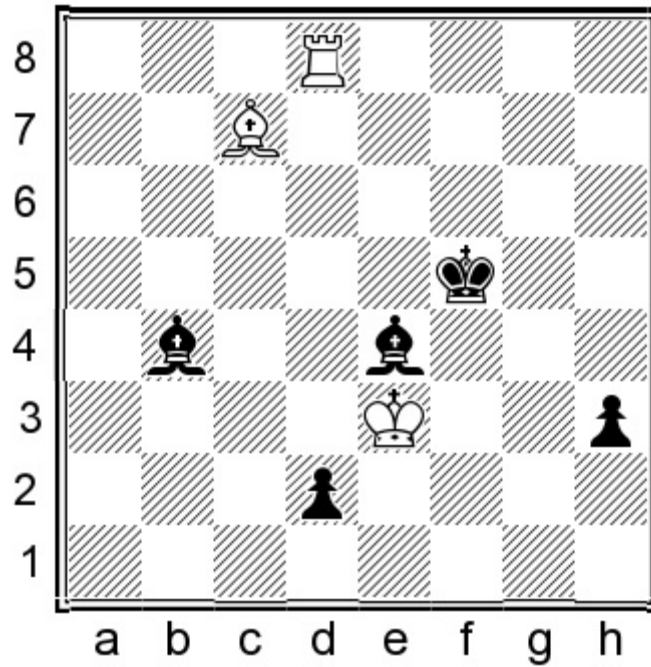
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24. ♗f7+ ♜h8 25. ♗e8! Black resigned as White will play Qf8+ even if the black bishop moves away: 1-0 Reti,R-Bogoljubow,E New York 1924.

4. Nenarokov, V. - Stojanovic, N.

Moskau, 1923



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1...♙d6!! 2.♖xd6

2.♙xd6 d1=Q-+; 2.♔xd2 ♙xc7 3.♖h8 h2-+

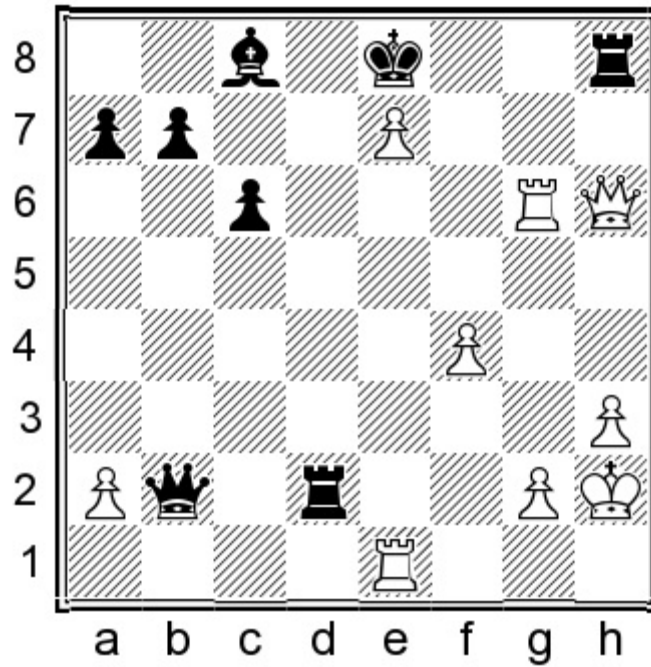
2...h2 3.♖h6

3.♖xd2 h1=Q-+

3...d1=Q 0-1 Nenarokov, V-Grigoriev, N Moscow 1923.

5. Maroczy, Geza - Romi, Massimiliano [D46]

San Remo San Remo, 1930



□ 41.? +-

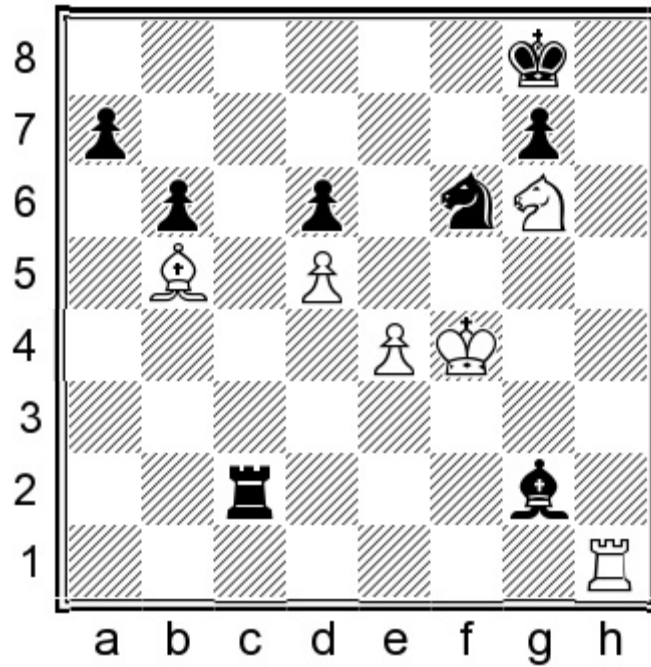
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41. ♖h5!! A brilliant hidden move: otherwise Black wins! **41... ♜xg2+**

41... ♜xh5 42. ♜g8+ ♔d7 43. e8=Q++-

42. ♜xg2+ With check! **42... ♜xh5 43. ♜xb2+-** 1-0 (49) Maroczy, G-Romi, M San Remo 1930.

6. Bondarevsky, I. - Ufimtsev, A.
Leningrad, 1936



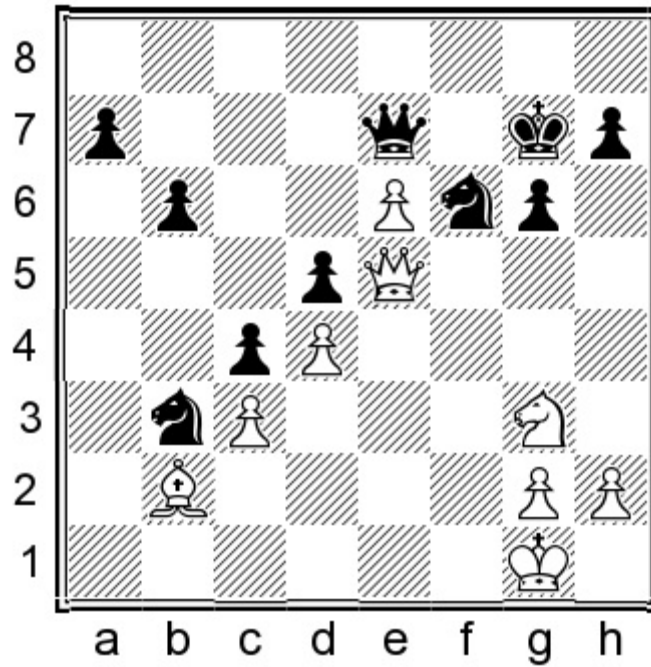
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1. ♖h8+ ♔f7 2. ♜e8+! ♞xe8 3. ♜g5 ♜xe4 4. ♖f8# 1-0 Bondarevsky, I-Ufimzew, A Leningrad 1936.

7. Botvinnik, Mikhail - Capablanca, Jose Raul [E49]

Netherlands The Netherlands (11), 1938.11.22



□ 30.? +-

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30.♔a3! A nasty surprise! **30...♚xa3 31.♘h5+ gxh5 32.♚g5+ ♔f8 33.♚xf6+ ♔g8 34.e7**

34.♚f7+ ♔h8 35.g3! and White will hide his king to h3 and promote his e-pawn!

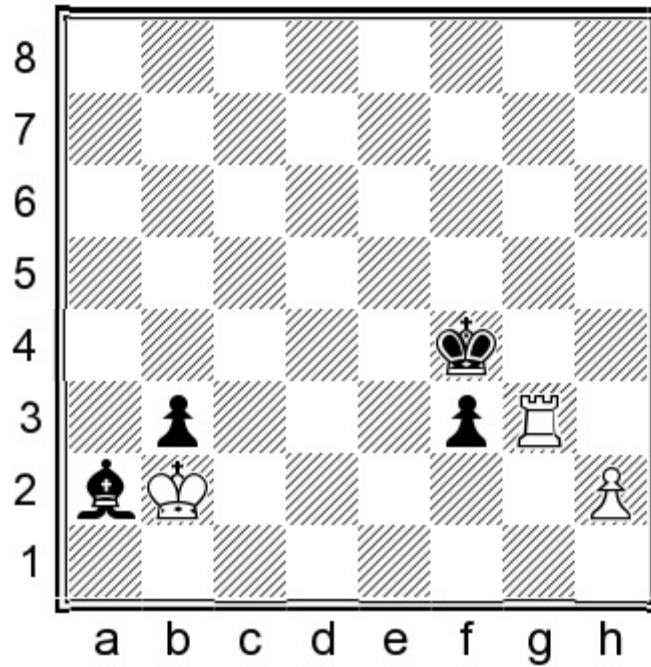
34...♚c1+ 35.♔f2 ♚c2+ 36.♔g3 The white king escapes again! **36...♚d3+ 37.♔h4 ♚e4+ 38.♔xh5 ♚e2+**

38...♚g6+ 39.♚xg6+ hxg6+ 40.♔xg6+-

39.♔h4 ♚e4+ 40.g4 ♚e1+ 41.♔h5 1-0 Botvinnik,M-Capablanca,J Netherlands 1938.

8. Borisenkov - Mesenev

USSR, 1950



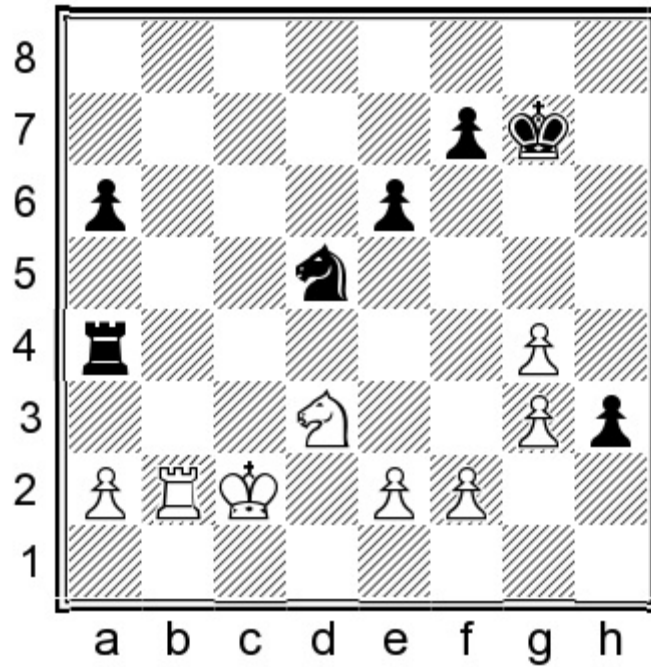
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1...f2 2.♖g8 ♜b1! 3.♙xb1 f1=Q+ 4.♙b2 ♚e2+ 5.♙c3 ♚e5+ 6.♙b4 ♚b2 0-1 Borisenko,G-Mesenew USSR 1950.

9. Averbakh, Yuri L - Korchnoi, Viktor [D73]

Yerevan Yerevan (2), 1965



■ 38...? –+

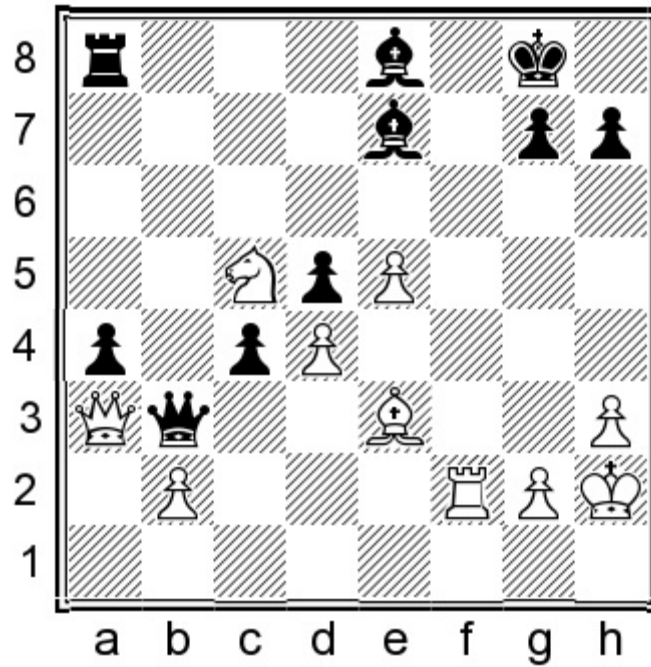
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38...♖c4+ 0-1 Averbakh, Y-Korchnoi, V Yerevan 1965.

Averbakh resigned, not willing to see Black's next move: 38...♖c4+ 39.♔d2 ♖c1!! and White is helpless against a promotion of the h-pawn.

10. Damjanovic, Mato - Lehmann, Heinz 1 - [C82]

Hoogovens 28th Beverwijk (7), 1966



□ 34.? +-

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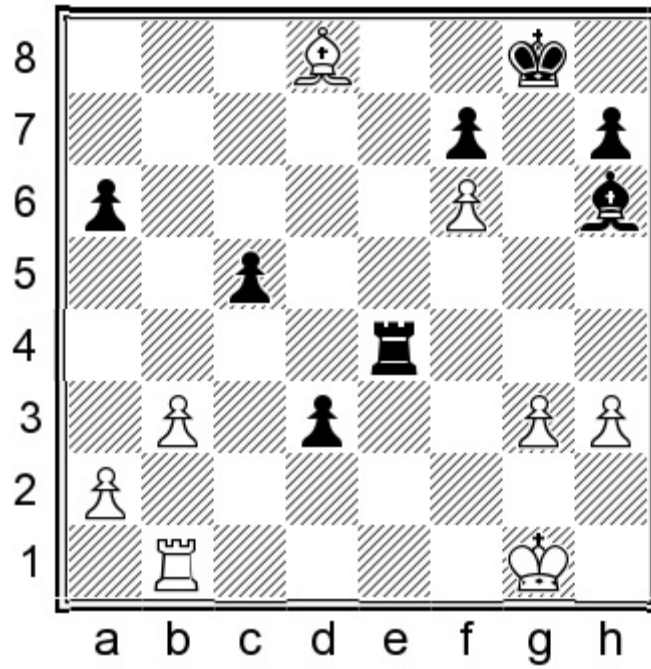
34. ♔g5!! ♚xa3

34... ♕xg5 35. ♖xb3+-

35. ♕xe7+- White plays Rf8# or bxa3 next: 1-0 (41) Damjanovic, M-Lehmann, H Beverwijk 1966.

11. Seredenko - Belousov

USSR Stip, 1972



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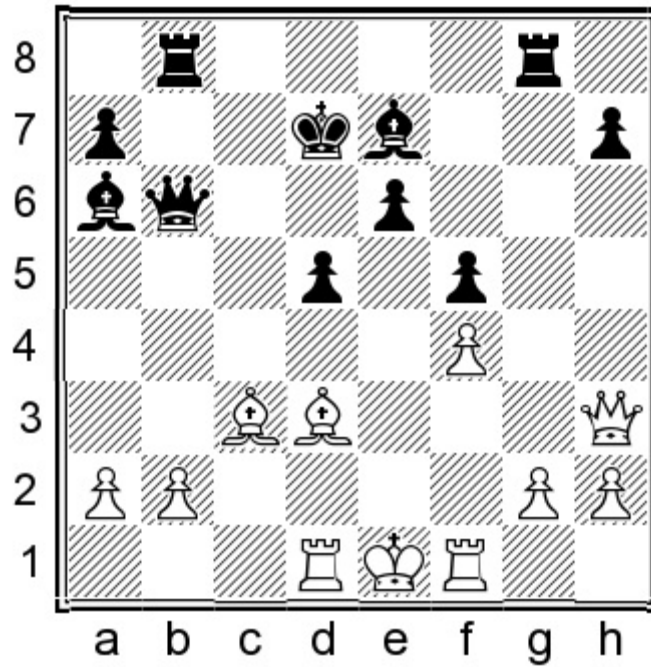
1...♔c1!!

1...d2? 2.♔a5=

2.♖xc1 d2 3.♖d1 ♖e1+-+ 0-1 Sederenko-Belousov USSR 1972.

12. Reggio, Arturo - Miseses, Jacques [B45]

Monte Carlo Monte Carlo (15), 1903



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22...♖g3! 23.♗xg3

23.hxg3 ♕e3+-+

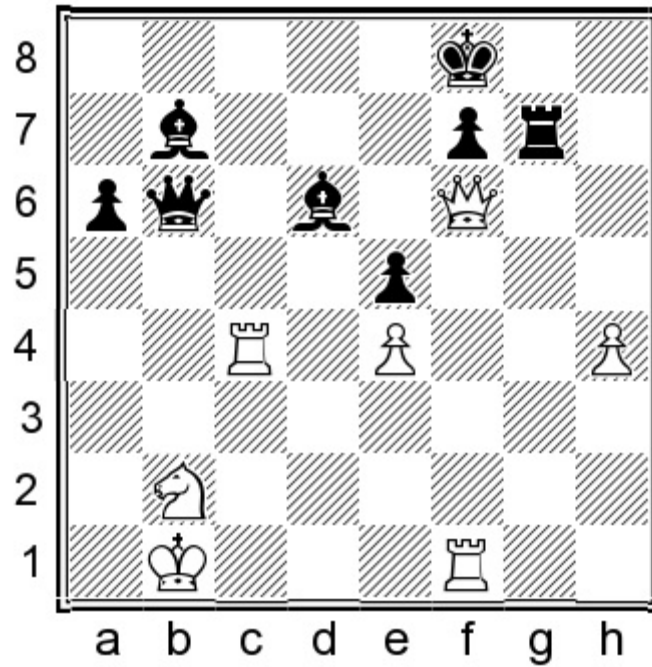
23...♙h4! 24.♙xa6

24.♗xh4 ♕e3+ 25.♙e2 ♗xe2#

24...♙xg3+ 25.hxg3 ♗xa6-+ 0-1 (39) Reggio,A-Miseses,J Monte Carlo 1903.

13. Sindik, Ervin - Cebalo, Miso [B82]

Yugoslavia Yugoslavia (1), 1978



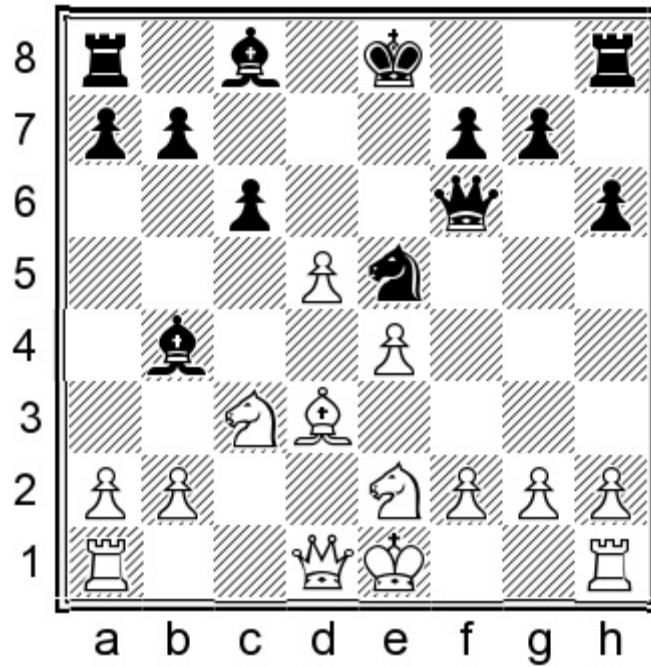
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41. ♖b4! 1-0 Sindik,E (2325)-Cebalo,M (2450) Yugoslavia 1978.

Black resigned in view of: 41. ♖b4 ♔c7 42. ♖xb7 ♕xb7 43. ♕d8#

14. Peev, Peicho Chonev (2435) - Haik, Aldo (2435) [A53]
 Bucharest Bucharest (10), 1979



■ 11...? -+

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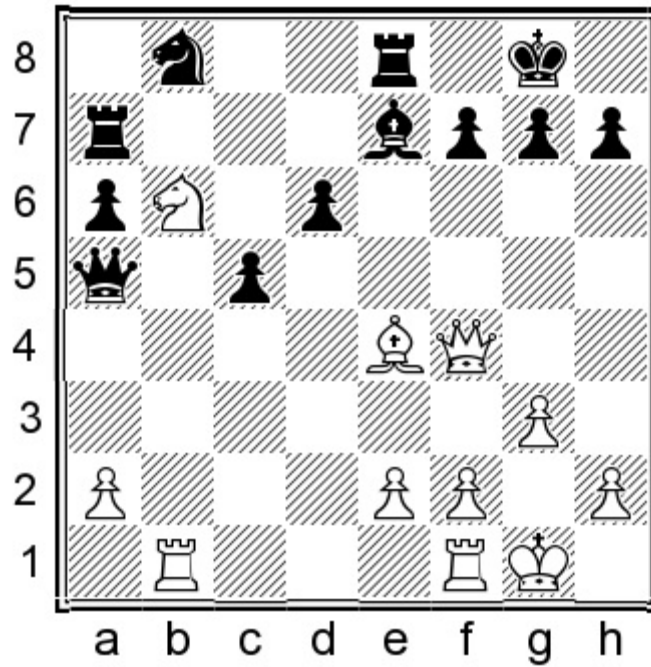
11...♔f3! 12.♕b1

12.gxf3?! ♖xf3+ 13.♕f1 ♕h3#; 12.O-O ♔xd3-+

12...♔xg2-+ 0-1 (36) Peev,P (2435)-Haik,A (2435) Bucharest 1979.

15. Kasparov, Garry (2595) - Ligterink, Gert (2455) [E18]

Malta ol (Men) La Valetta (6), 1980.11.26



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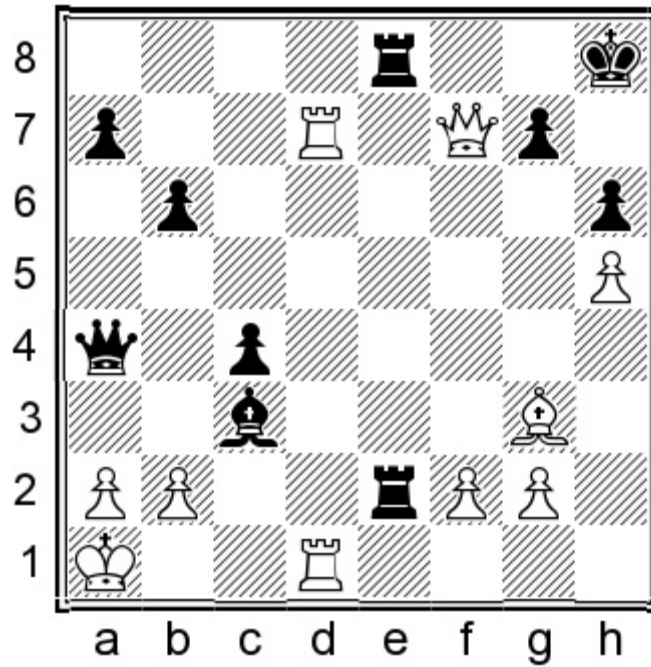
22. ♖c8!! ♜xc8

22... ♘c6 23. ♘xa7 ♘xa7 24. ♙d5 1-0 Kasparov, G (2595) -Ligterink, G (2455) La Valetta 1980. 22... ♜c7
23. ♜xb8 ♜xc8 24. ♜xc8 ♜xc8 25. ♚f5+-

23. ♚f5+-

16. Miles, Anthony - Pritchett, Craig William [D01]

London LB London LB (5), 1982

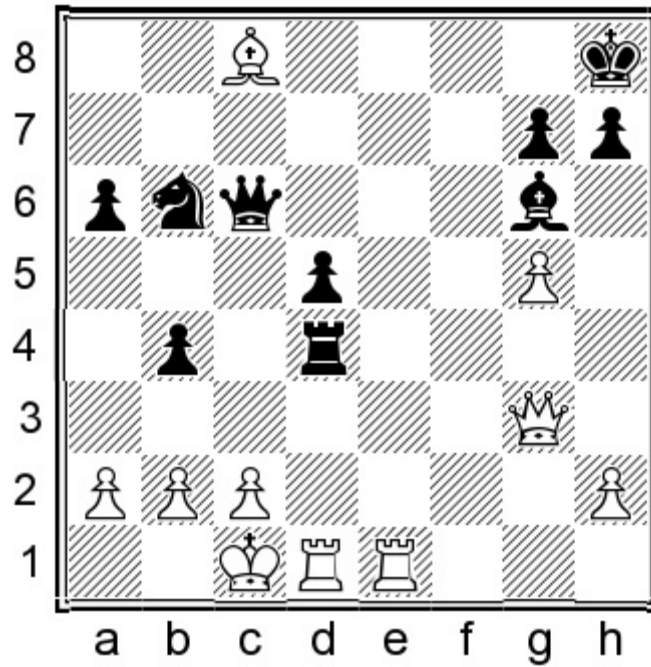


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34. ♕e5! This marvellous move defends against ...Bxb2+, and threatens both Qxg7# and Qxe8+: and Black cannot prevent both! 1-0 Miles,A (2565)-Pritchett,C (2410) London 1982.

17. Khalifman, Alexander (2485) - Ehlvest, Jaan (2505) [B80]
URS-ch U26 Lvov, 1985



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30.♙f5! ♜xf5

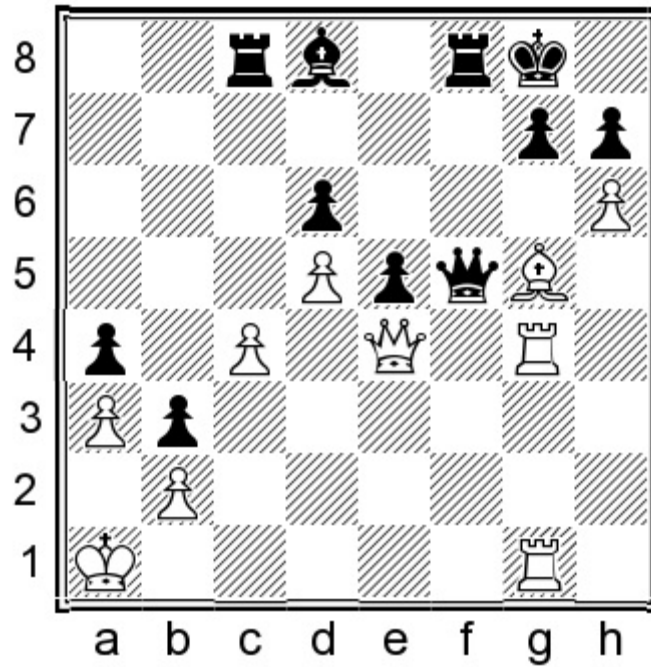
30...♞xd1+ 31.♚xd1 ♜xf5 32.♛c7!! transposes.

31.♛c7!! ♞xd1+ 32.♚xd1 ♜xc2+

32...♛xc7 33.♞e8#

33.♚c1 ♜a4+ 34.♛xc6 ♜xc6 35.♞e6+- 1-0 (42) Khalifman,A (2485)-Ehlvest,J (2505) Lvov 1985.

18. Nunn, John Denis Martin E (2600) - Hansen, Curt (2500) [B84]
Naestved Naestved (10), 1985



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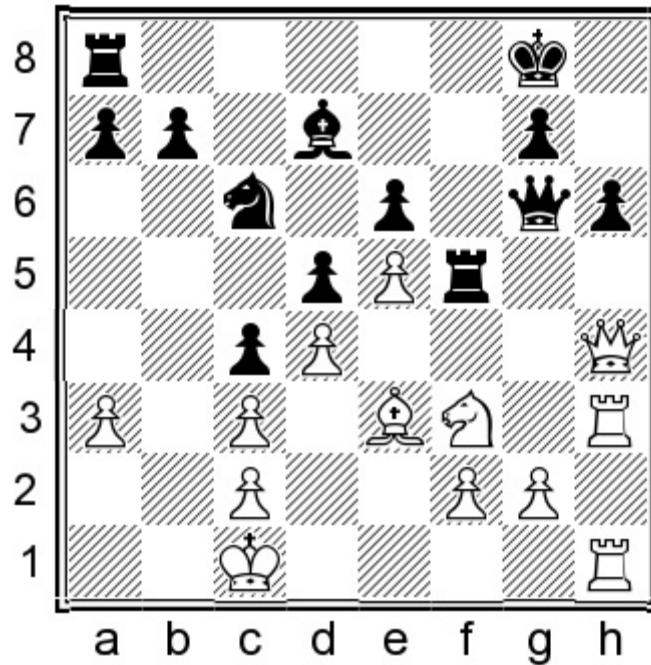
35. ♖f6!! ♜xg4

35... ♜xe4 36. ♖xg7+ ♔h8 37. ♖g8#; 35... ♖xf6 36. ♖xg7+ ♔f8 37. ♖g8+ ♔e7 38. ♖1g7+ ♖f7 39. ♜xf5+-

36. ♜xg4+- 1-0 (39) Nunn,J (2600) -Hansen,C (2500) Naestved 1985.

19. Timmer, Robert (2275) - Apicella, Manuel (2355) [C18]

Paris-ch op Paris (2), 1988



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20...♖xf3! 21.gxf3

This trick was played twice: 21.♖xf3 ♘b4! 0-1 Mortensen,E (2470)-Karlsson,L (2520) Esbjerg 1988.

21...♘b4! The hidden move! **22.♔d2**

22.axb4 ♕a4-+

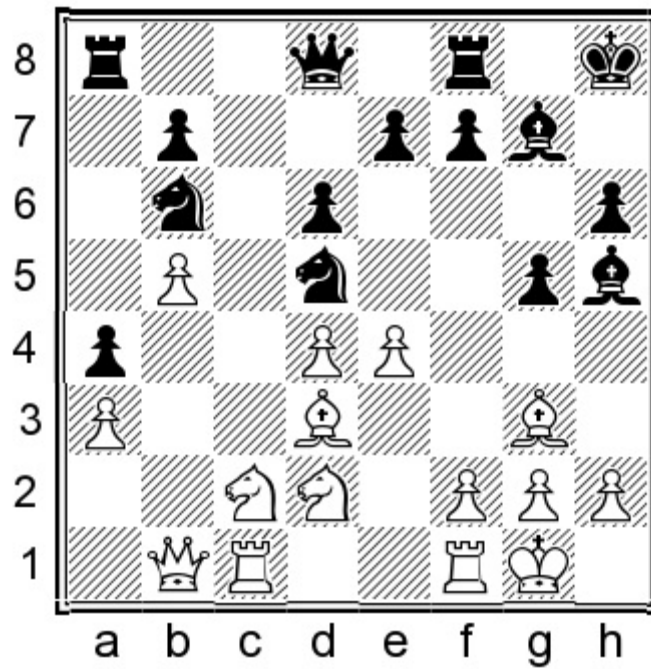
22...♖xc2+ 23.♔e1 ♖b1+ 24.♕c1

24.♔e2 ♖d3+ 25.♔e1 ♘c2#

24...♖xc1+-+ 0-1 (29) Timmer,R (2275)-Apicella,M (2355) Paris 1988.

20. Balashov, Yuri S (2555) - Lanka, Zigurds (2390) [A48]

URS-chT Naberezhnye Chelny (5), 1988



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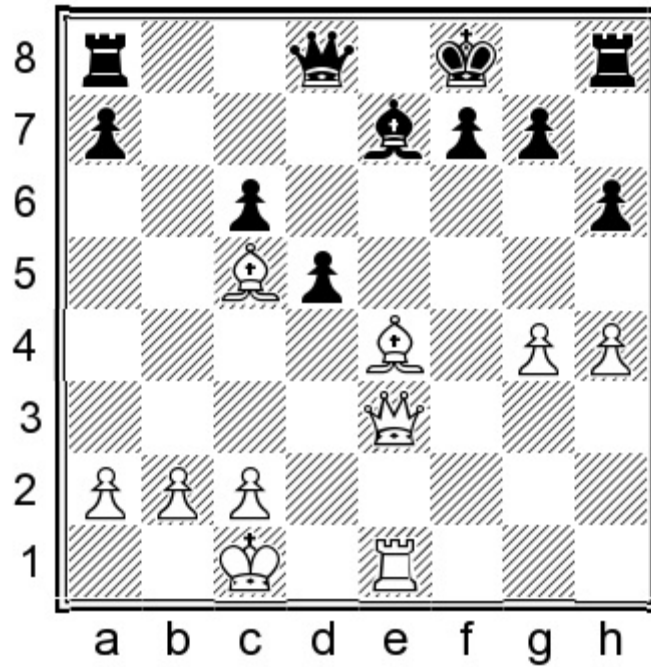
21...♔e2! 22.♘e3

22.♔xe2 ♘c3-+

22...♔xf1-+ 0-1 (36) Balashov, Y (2555)-Lanka, Z (2390) Naberezhnye Chelny 1988.

21. Hommeles, Theo - Skoblikov, E. [D00]

NED-chT Netherlands, 1992



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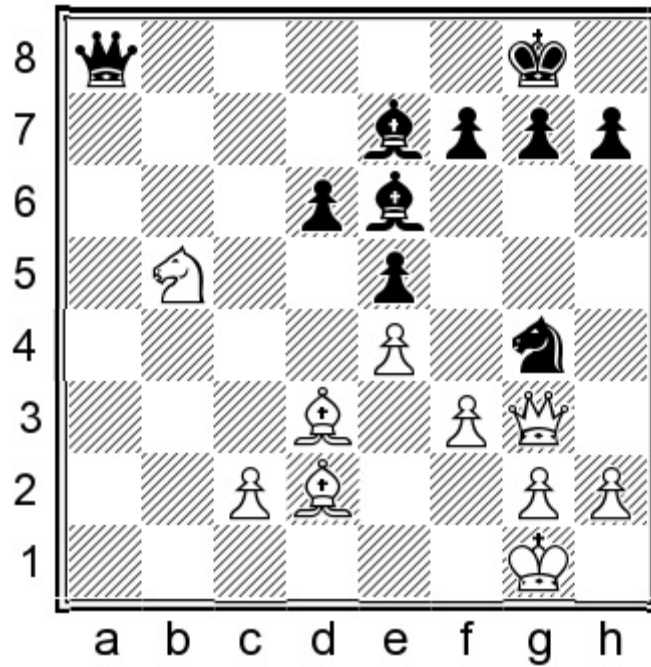
22.♔h7! ♕d6

22...♖d7 23.♔xe7+- 1-0 (25) Hommeles,T-Skoblikov,E Netherlands 1992.

23.♖e8+ ♖xe8 24.♔xd6+-

22. Kuzmin, Gennadi P (2525) - Akopian, Vladimir (2615) [B86]

Rostov op Rostov, 1993



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25...♔g5! 26.fxg4

26.♔xg5 ♚a1+-+

26...♔xd2 27.♔f1? A bad move, but the position was already terrible.

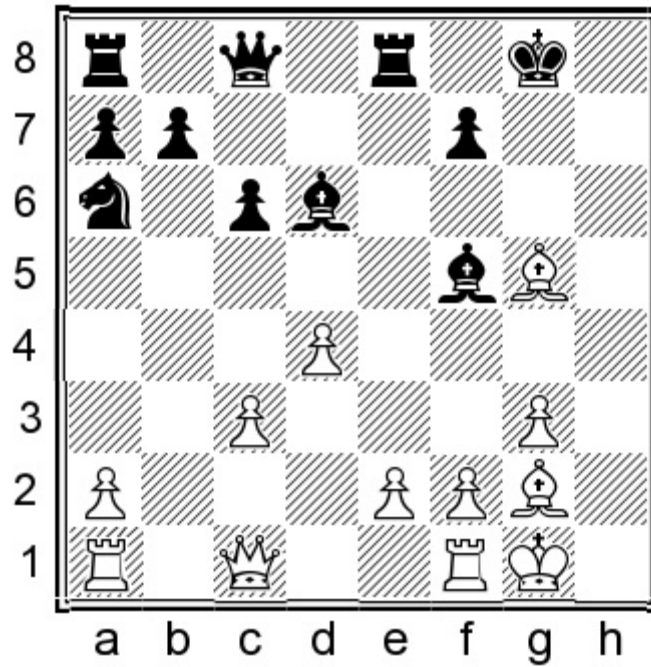
The natural 27.h3? was as bad: 27...♚a1+ 28.♔f1 (28.♔h2 ♔f4-+) 28...♔c4-+

27...♔xg4! 0-1 Kuzmin,G (2525)-Akopian,V (2615) Rostov 1993.

A nasty surprise: 27...♔xg4 28.♚xg4 ♚a1+ 29.♔e2 ♚e1+ 30.♔f3 ♚e3#

23. Chiburdanidze, Maia - Sharif, Mehrshad [E61]

Lippstadt Lippstadt (5), 1995

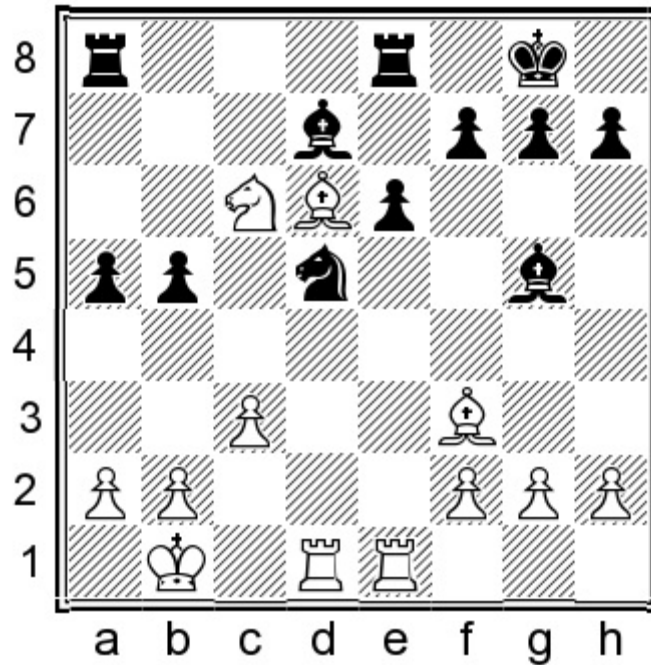


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21.♙f6 ♜f8 □ 22.♙h3! Paralyzing Black's light-squared bishop, and Qg5+ is coming: 1-0
Chiburdanidze,M (2500)-Sharif,M (2465) Lippstadt 1995.

24. Sveshnikov, Evgeny (2570) - Batsanin, Dmitry (2360) [B22]
RUS-Cup01 Chigorin Memorial St Petersburg (1), 1997.11.01



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20. ♖b8!! ♜d8

20... ♜axb8 21. ♙xb8 ♜xb8 22. ♙xd5 exd5 23. ♜xd5+-; 20... ♙e7 21. ♘xd7 ♙xd6 22. ♘b6 ♜ab8 23. ♘xd5 exd5 24. ♜xe8+ ♜xe8 25. ♜xd5 ♙xh2 26. ♜xb5+-

21. ♙xd5 exd5 22. ♘xd7 ♜xd7 23. ♜xd5 ♜ad8?!

23... ♙f6? would have given us a second exercise: 24. ♙b8!! ♜xd5? 25. ♜e8#; 23... h6 24. ♜ed1 ♜ad8 25. ♙c2 with a relatively easy win for White.

24. ♜xg5 ♜xd6 25. ♜xb5 ♜d2 26. ♜be5 White plays a rook to e2 next (unless Black is friendly enough to allow a back rank mate!) and keeps two healthy extra pawns: 1-0 (26) Sveshnikov, E (2570)-Batsanin, D (2360) St Petersburg 1997.

Chapter 7 Kasparov The Mating Machine

Garry Kasparov (photo J.M. Péchiné – Europe
Echecs) – World Champion 1985-2000

In this chapter, you must play like Garry Kasparov!

He was a true mating machine, seizing every opportunity to heap trouble on his opponent's king. Just do the same!

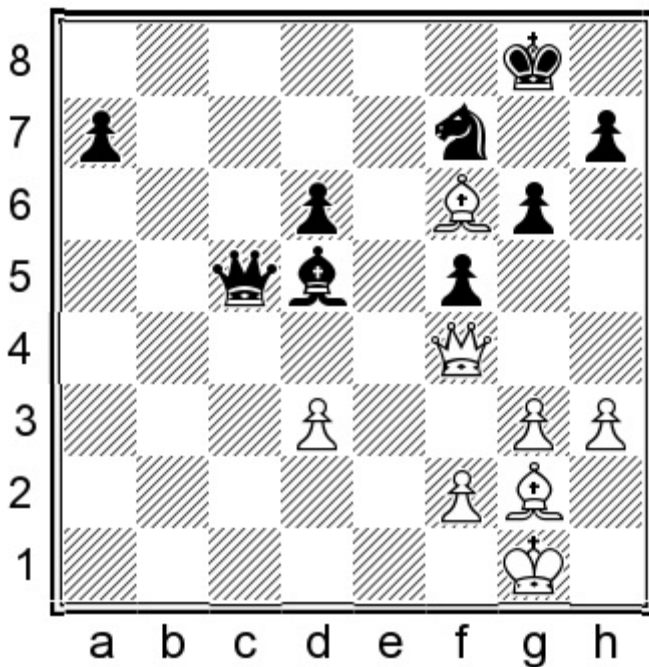
The difficulty of the exercises is around moderate, unless an asterisk (*) indicates that the position is more challenging.



1. Kasparov, Gary (2820) - Mnatsakanian, E. (2385)

[A25]

Moscow tt (7), 1979



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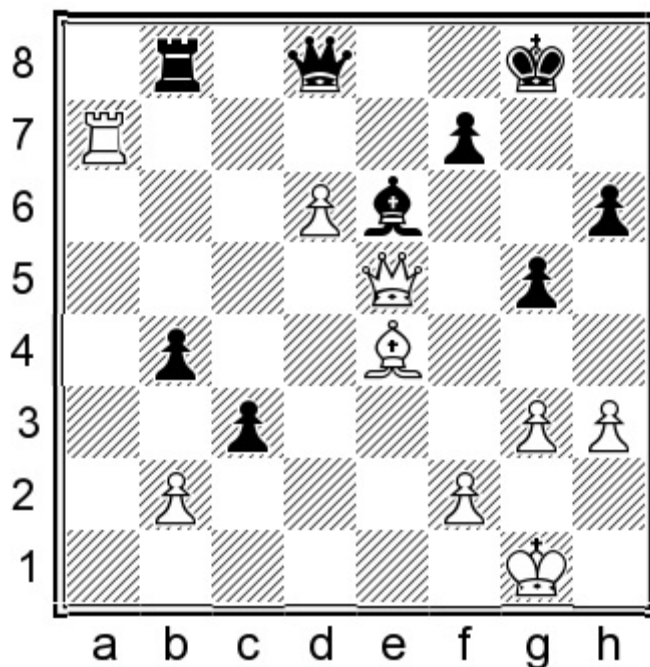
32. ♖a4! ♔f8

32... ♕xg2?! 33. ♖e8#; 32... h5 33. ♖e8+ ♔h7 34. ♕xd5 ♖xd5 35. ♖f8+-

33. ♖d7! Black is helpless against Qe7+ followed by Qe8#. 1-0 Kasparov, G (2200)-Mnatsakanian, E (2425) Moscow 1979. Imagine – at that time Kasparov was only 2200!

2. Kasparov, Garry - Browne, Walter Shawn (2540) [E12]

Banja Luka Banja Luka (3), 1979.04.13



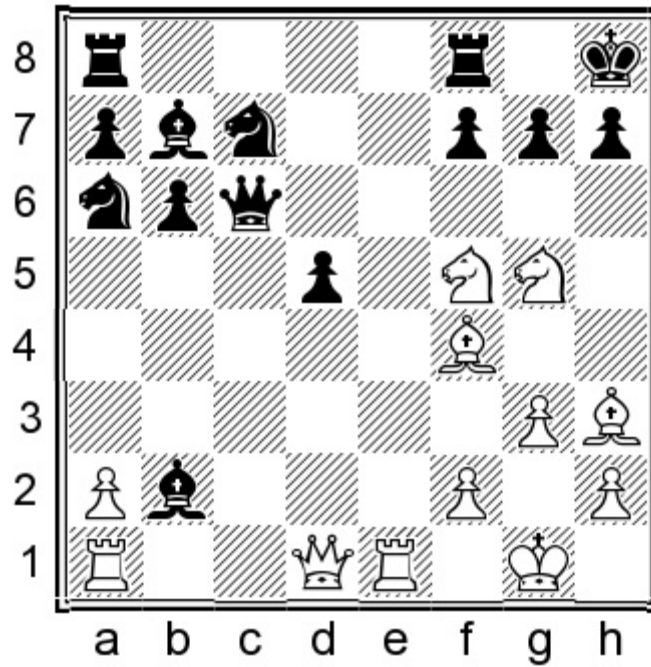
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38. ♕h7+! ♔xh7 39. ♖xe6+- 1-0 Kasparov, G-Browne, W (2540) Banja Luka 1979.

3. (*) Kasparov, Garry (2595) - Marjanovic, Slavoljub (2490) [E17]

Malta ol (Men) La Valetta (4), 1980.11.23



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19. ♖e7!

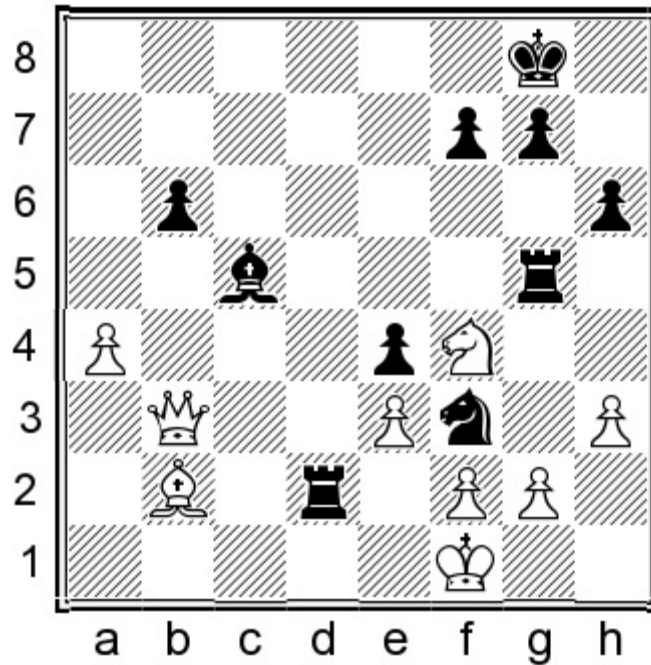
19. ♖xh7?? d4-+

19... ♖f6 20. ♖xh7! ♖d4 21. ♖h5 g6 22. ♖h4 ♔xa1 23. ♖f6+ 1-0 Kasparov, G (2595)-Marjanovic, S (2490) La Valetta 1980.

Black gets mated: 23. ♖f6+ ♔g7 24. ♖h6+ ♔xf6 25. ♖g5#

4. (*) Sunye Neto, Jaime - Kasparov, Garry (2630) [D32]

WchT U26 Graz, 1981



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42...♙xe3! 43.fxe3

43.♚xe3? ♜d1+ 44.♙e2 ♜e1#

43...♜dxg2! 44.♚c3

44.♘xg2?! ♘d2+-+

44...♜h2

44...♜g1+!? also wins: 45.♙f2 ♜c5 46.♚b3 (46.♚b4 ♜c2+ 47.♘e2 ♜e1 48.♚xe4 ♜xb2 49.♙xf3 ♜bxe2 50.♚e8+ ♙h7-+) 46...♜f1+! 47.♙e2 (47.♙xf1 ♘d2+-+) 47...♜h1 and White doesn't have a move, for example 48.♙f2?! ♜h2+ 49.♙g3 ♜g5#

45.♘e2 ♙h7! The simplest: White is paralyzed. 46.♚c8

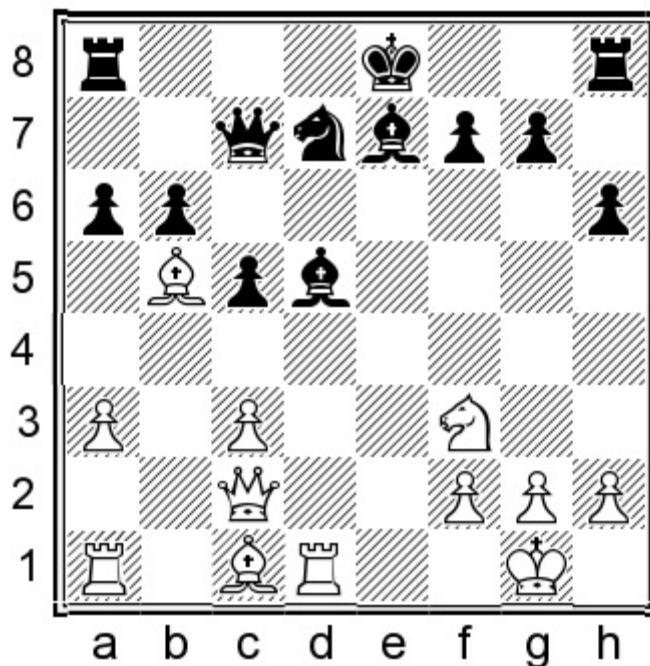
46.♚b4 f5 doesn't help.

46...♜h1+ 47.♙f2 ♘d2 Δ...Rf1#: 0-1 Sunye Neto,J-Kasparov,G (2630) Graz 1981.

White resigned in view of: 47...♘d2 48.♘f4 ♜h2+ 49.♙e1 ♜g1#

5. (*) Kasparov, Garry (2675) - Gheorghiu, Florin (2535) [E12]

Moscow Interzonal Moscow (12), 1982



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17. ♖f4!!

17. ♖xd7+? ♜xd7 18. c4 ♕e4!±

17... ♜xf4

17... ♜b7 18. ♖xd7+ ♜xd7 19. c4+-

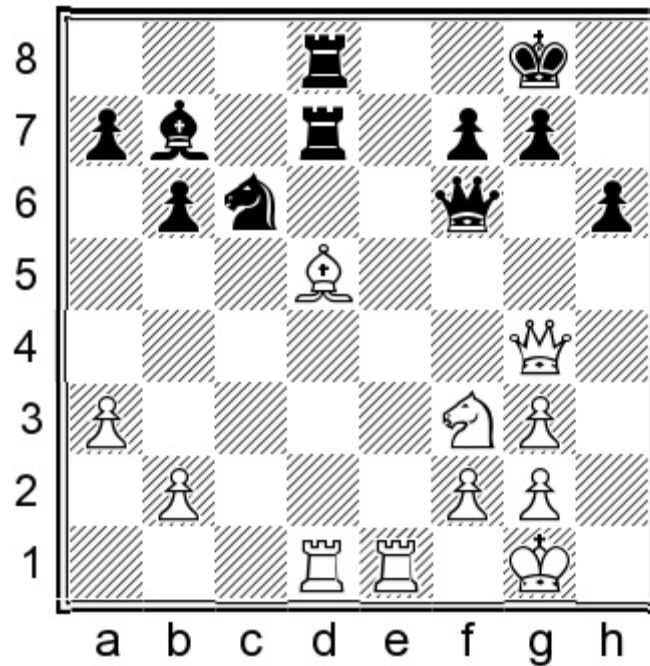
18. ♖xd7+ ♜xd7 19. ♖xd5+ ♜c7

19... ♜e8 20. ♖e1 ♜f8 wins for White in many ways, e.g. 21. ♘e5 (Δg3) 21... ♜g8 22. ♖d7 ♕f6 23. g3+-

20. ♖e1 ♕d6 21. ♖f5 ♜c4 22. ♖e4 ♜b5 23. ♖xf7+- 1-0 (27) Kasparov,G (2675) -Gheorghiu,F (2535) Moscow 1982.

6. Kasparov, Garry (2700) - Karpov, Anatoly (2720) [E21]

World Championship 32th-KK2 Moscow (11), 1985.10.01



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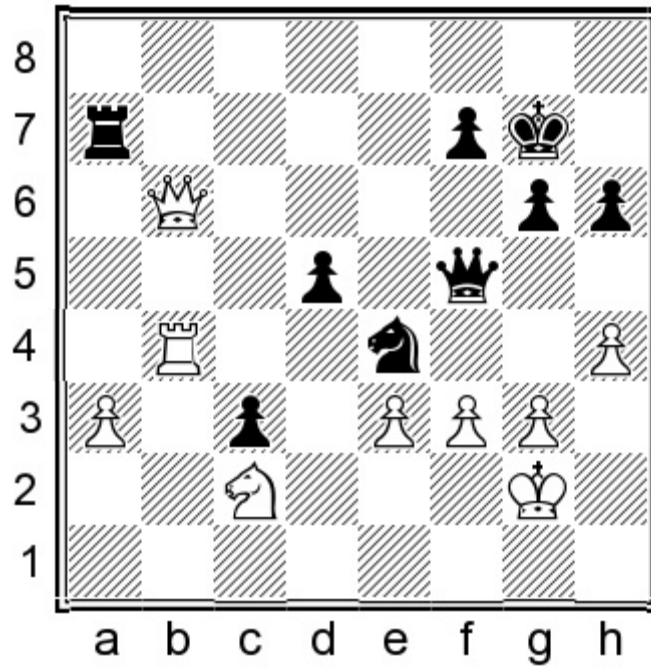
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23. ♖xd7! ♜xd7 24. ♜e8+ ♔h7 25. ♙e4+ 1-0 Kasparov,G (2700)-Karpov,A (2720) Moscow 1985.

Black resigned in view of: 25. ♙e4+ g6 26. ♜xd7 ♙a6 27. ♙xc6+-

7. Winants, Luc (2415) - Kasparov, Garry (2735) [D59]

Brussels Brussels (3), 1987.04.12



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43...♘g5! 44.hxg5

44.♖xa7 ♖xc2+ 45.♔f1 ♖d1+ 46.♔f2 ♖xf3+ 47.♔e1 ♖h1+ 48.♔e2 ♖g2+ 49.♔e1 ♘f3+ 50.♔d1 ♖d2#

44...♖xc2+ 45.♔g1

45.♔h3 ♖f5+ 46.♔g2 ♖xa3-+

45...♖d1+ 46.♔g2 ♖e2+

46...hxg5 47.♖xa7 c2 48.♖b7 ♖e2+ 49.♔h3 ♖xf3

47.♔h3 ♖xf3! 48.♖xa7 ♖h1+ 49.♔g4 h5+

49...hxg5!?

50.♔f4 ♖f1+

50...c2!?-+

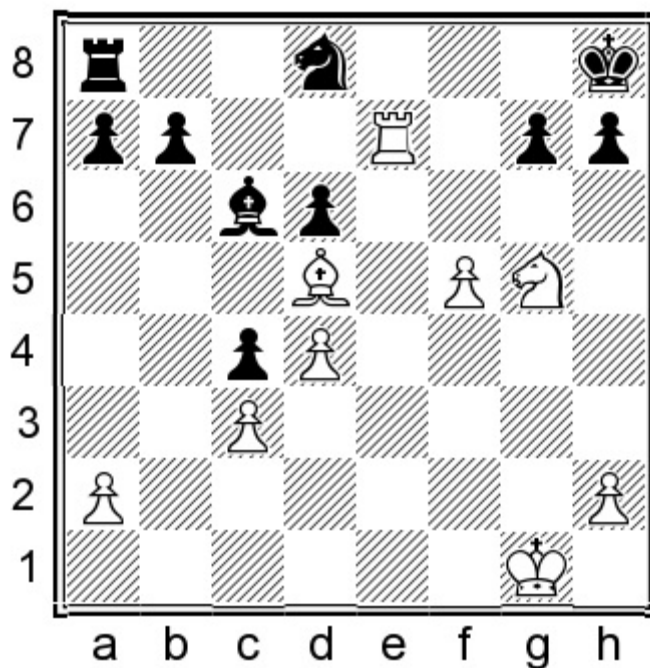
51.♔e5 ♖f5+ 52.♔d6

52.♔d4 c2 53.♚c5 ♚e4+--

52...♚e6+ 53.♔c7 ♚e7+ 54.♔b6 ♚xa7+ 55.♔xa7 c2 0-1 Winants,L (2415)-Kasparov,G (2735)
Brussels 1987.

8. Kasparov, Garry - Ivanchuk, Vassily [A29]

Ch URS Moscow, 1988



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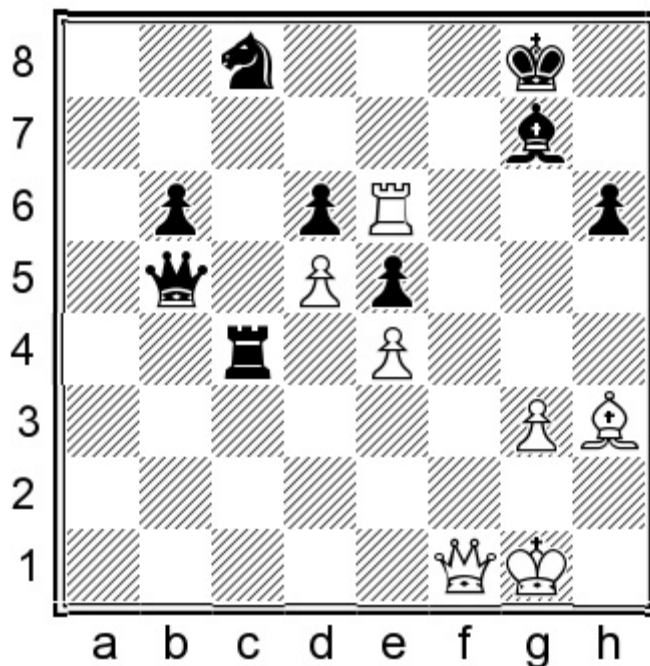
24.f6! ♔xd5

24...gxf6 25.♚xh7#

25.♚e8+ ♔g8 26.f7 ♔xf7 27.♔xf7# 1-0 Kasparov,G-Ivanchuk,V Moscow 1988.

9. Kasparov, Garry (2760) - Smirin, Ilia (2500) [E97]

URS-ch55 Moscow (12), 198807



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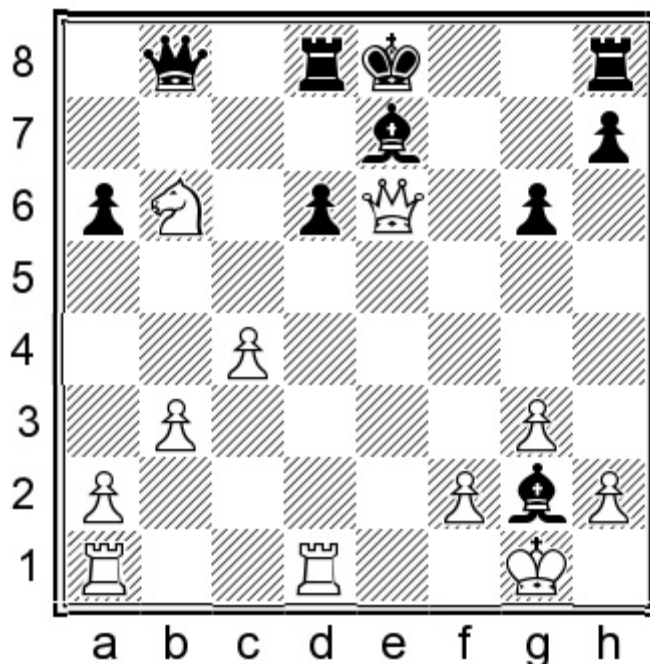
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39. ♖xh6! ♗xh6 40. ♕e6+ ♔h8 41. ♗f6+ 1-0 Kasparov, G (2760)-Smirin, I (2500) Moscow 1988.

Black resigned in view of: 41. ♗f6+ ♔h7 42. ♗f7+ ♗g7 43. ♕f5+ ♔h8 44. ♗h5+ ♔g8 45. ♕e6+ ♔f8 46. ♗f7#

10. (*) Kasparov, Garry (2775) - Salov, Valery (2630) [A34]

World Cup Barcelona (12), 198903



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21.c5!!

21.♖e1 ♜b7 22.♞xe7+ ♞xe7 23.♞xe7+ ♔xe7 24.♔xg2±

21...♔b7 The best defence, but White wins by force anyhow!

21...dxc5 22.♔xg2+-; 21...♔f3 22.♞d3+-; 21...♔a8 22.♞e1 ♞c7 23.♘xa8 ♞xa8 24.cxd6+-; 21...♔c6 22.♞e1 ♞c7 23.♘c8! ♞xc8 24.cxd6 ♞d7 25.♞f6+-

22.♞e1

A move like 22.♞d3 would be enough to be winning: Black is paralyzed and in case of 22...dxc5 then just (22...♔c8 23.♘xc8 ♞xc8 24.♞xc8 ♞xc8 25.cxd6+-) 23.♞e1 ♞c7 24.♞de3+-

22...♞c7 23.c6! Brilliant! Only finding the first move of the exercise and assessing it correctly was required. But if you even saw this move, you did amazingly well! The rest of the game is nice as well:

23...♔xc6 24.♞ac1 ♞d7

24...♔f8 25.♞xc6+-

25.♘xd7 ♞xd7 26.♞c4

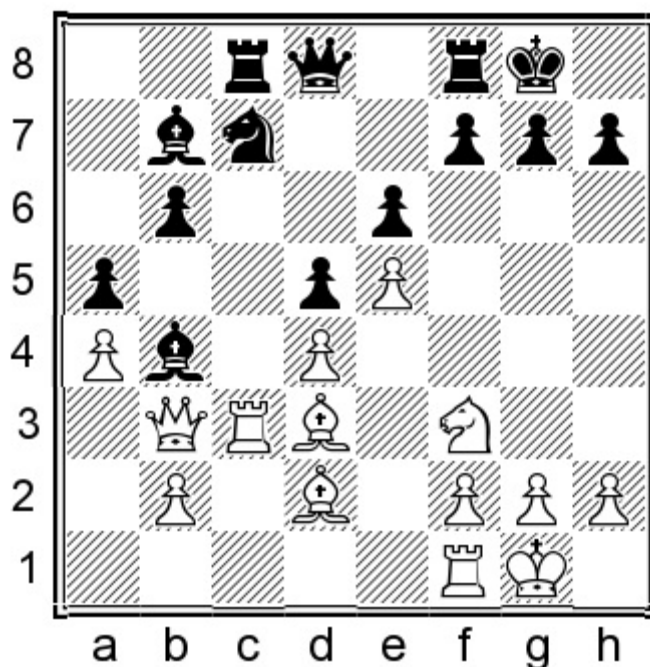
26. ♖xc6? was Black's last hope: 26... ♗xe6 27. ♖xe6 ♔d7 but even then, after 28. ♖xe7+ ♕xc6 29. ♕f1 White should win the endgame. 26. ♗e3!? ♕b7 27. ♗b6 O-O 28. ♗c7! ♗f5 29. ♗xb7 also wins.

26... ♕b7 27. ♗c7 ♖f8 28. ♗b8+ ♕f7 29. ♖c7! 1-0 Kasparov, G (2775)-Salov, V (2630) Barcelona 1989.

Black resigned in view of: 29. ♖c7 ♖xb8 30. ♖xd7 ♖e8 31. ♖xb7+-

11. Kasparov, Garry (2815) - Short, Nigel D (2665) [D23]

London rapid m London (3), 1993



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20. ♕xh7+! ♕xh7 21. ♖g5+ ♕g8

21... ♕g6 22. ♖g3+-

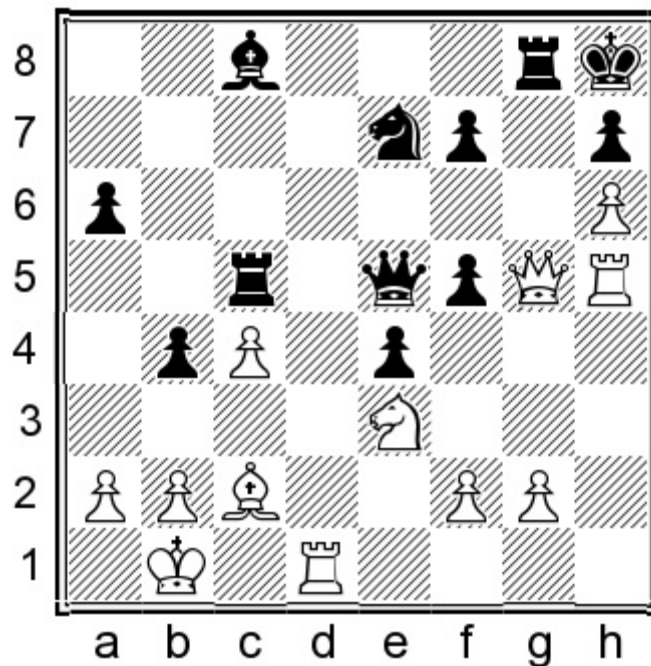
22. ♖h3 ♖e8

22... f6? 23. ♖h8+ ♕xh8 24. ♗h3+ ♕g8 25. ♗h7#

23. ♗f3 ♗d7 24. ♗h5 ♕f8 25. ♖h7+ ♕e7 26. ♕g5+ f6 27. ♖xf6 1-0 Kasparov, G (2815)-Short, N (2665) London 1993.

12. (*) Kasparov, Garry (2800) - Lautier, Joel (2645) [B33]

Moscow ol (Men) Moscow (7), 1994



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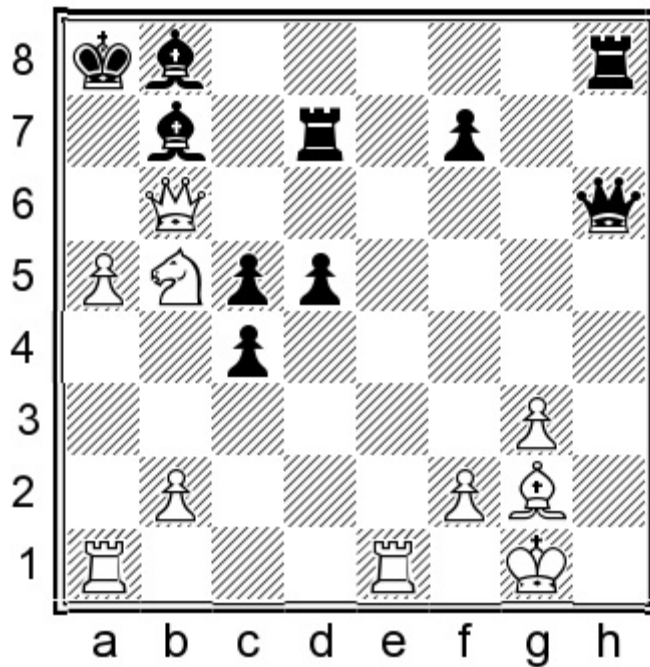
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28. ♖g4!! 1-0 Kasparov,G (2800)-Lautier,J (2645) Moscow 1994.

Black resigned in view of: 28. ♖g4!! ♔e6 (28...fxg4 29. ♖xe5+ ♜xe5 30. ♖xe5+-; 28...♜xg5 29. ♖xe5 ♜xh5 30. ♖d8+ ♖g8 31. ♖xf7#) 29. ♖d8! ♖g6 (29...♖g6 30. ♖xe7+-) 30. ♖xg8+ ♜xg8 31. ♖d8+ ♖f8 32. ♖g5+-

13. (*) Kasparov, Garry (2805) - Ivanchuk, Vassily (2710) [D44]

Linares 12th Linares (4), 1994



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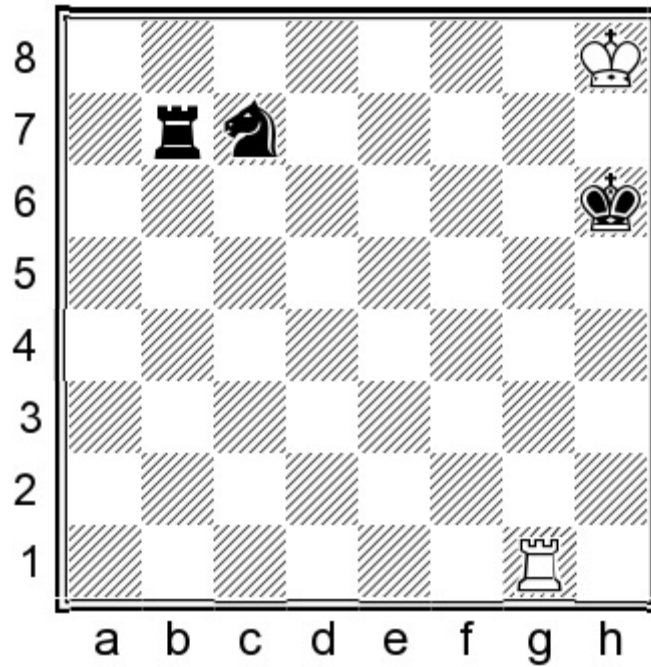
30.♖e8!! ♕h2+ 31.♔f1 ♖xg2+

31...♞xe8 32.a6+-

32.♔xg2 d4+ 33.♗xb7+ ♞xb7 34.♞xh8+- ♞xb5 35.a6 ♔a7 36.♞f8+- 1-0 (39) Kasparov,G (2805) - Ivanchuk,V (2710) Linares 1994.

14. Polgar, Judit (2675) - Kasparov, Garry (2775) [B82]

Dos Hermanas Dos Hermanas (7), 1996.05.29



■ 89...? –+

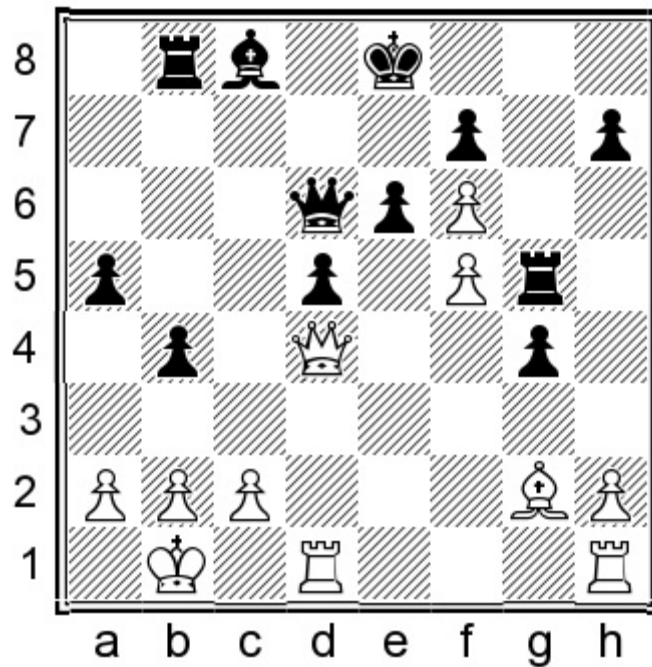
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89...♖b8+ 90.♖g8 ♘e8! 0-1 Polgar,J (2675)-Kasparov,G (2775) Dos Hermanas 1996.

Black wins: 90...♘e8 91.♖f8 ♔g6 92.♖g8+ ♔f7 and ...Nf6 is the next mov almost whatever White plays.

15. Kasparov, Garry (2785) - Hracek, Zbynek (2625) [B66]

Yerevan ol (Men) Yerevan (7), 1996.09.23



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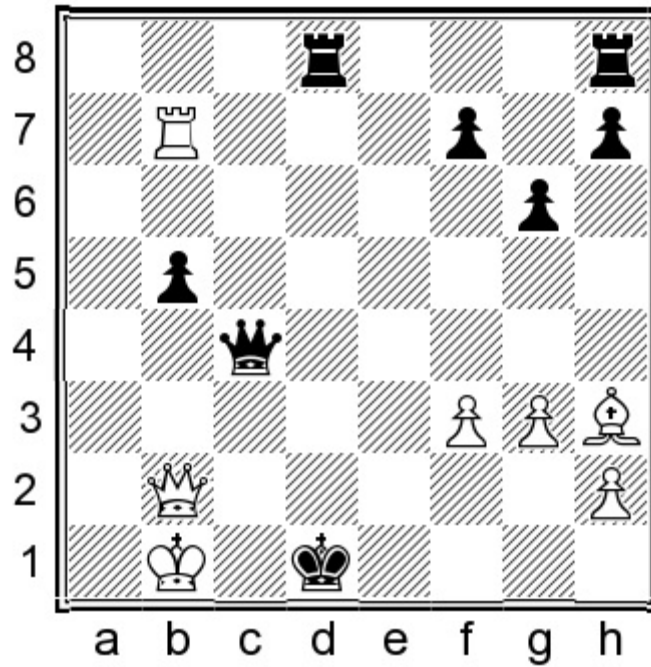
22.♔xd5! ♔d7

22...exd5 23.♕e3+ +-; 22...♕xd5 23.♕f4 +-

23.♖h1+- 1-0 (25) Kasparov,G (2785)-Hracek,Z (2625) Yerevan 1996.

16. (*) Kasparov, Garry (2812) - Topalov, Veselin (2700) [B07]

Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee (4), 1999.01.20



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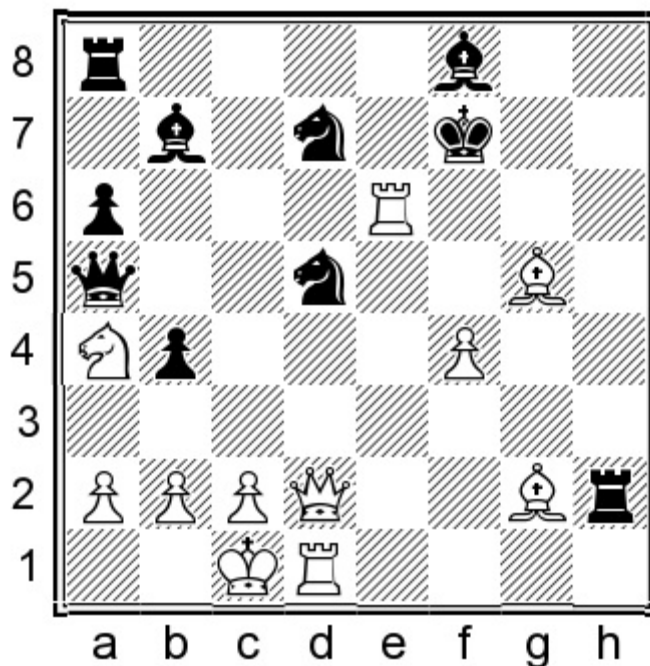
36.♔f1! ♖d2

36...♜xf1 37.♜c2+ ♔e1 38.♞e7++-

37.♞d7! ♜xd7 38.♔xc4 bxc4 39.♜xh8+- An immortal game – which I strongly advise you to check from the start if you don't know it! 1-0 (44) Kasparov,G (2812)-Topalov,V (2700) Wijk aan Zee 1999.

17. (*) Kasparov, Garry (2851) - Van Wely, Loek (2646) [B80]

Corus Wijk aan Zee (3), 2000.01.18



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Hint: don't move the e6-rook!

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22. ♖d3!! Instead of retracting/protecting the e6-rook, White uses it to mate the black king. White has other moves to retain an advantage (e.g. 23. f5, to which Black must answer with 23? R Rc8!), but this move is overwhelming. **22... ♗g7**

22... ♖xe6 23. ♗xd5+ ♗xd5 24. ♖g6+ ♗f6 25. ♖xf6+ ♖d7 26. ♗xd5+ ♖xd5 27. ♗b6+-; 22... ♗g8 23. ♖g6+ ♖h8 (23... ♗g7 24. ♗xd5 ♗xd5 25. ♗e7 ♗h7 26. ♗h6+-) 24. ♗e1!? (24. ♗e2!? is as good, for example threatening to take on d5.) 24... ♗g7 25. ♗h1 ♗xh1 26. ♗xh1+ ♖g8 27. ♗h7+-

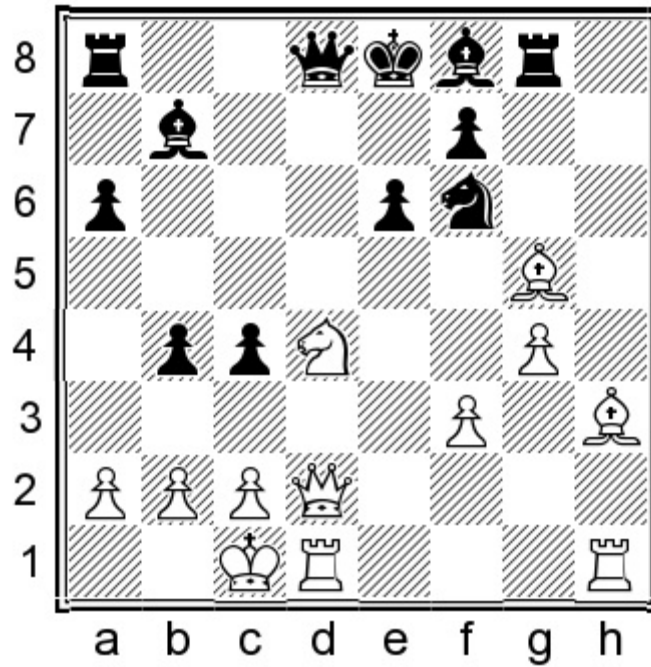
23. ♖f5+

23. ♖g6+ ♖g8 24. ♗xd5 ♗xd5 25. ♗e7 would do the job as well.

23... ♗g8 24. ♗xd5 ♖xa4 25. ♗e7 1-0 Kasparov, G (2851)-Van Wely, L (2646) Wijk aan Zee 2000.

18. Kasparov, Garry (2851) - Wojtkiewicz, Aleksander (2563) [B80]

Chess@iceland rap sf1 Kopavogur (2), 2000.04.02



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19.♙xf6! ♜xf6 20.♘xe6! ♙h6□

20...♜xe6 21.♖he1+-; 20...fxe6 21.♜d7#

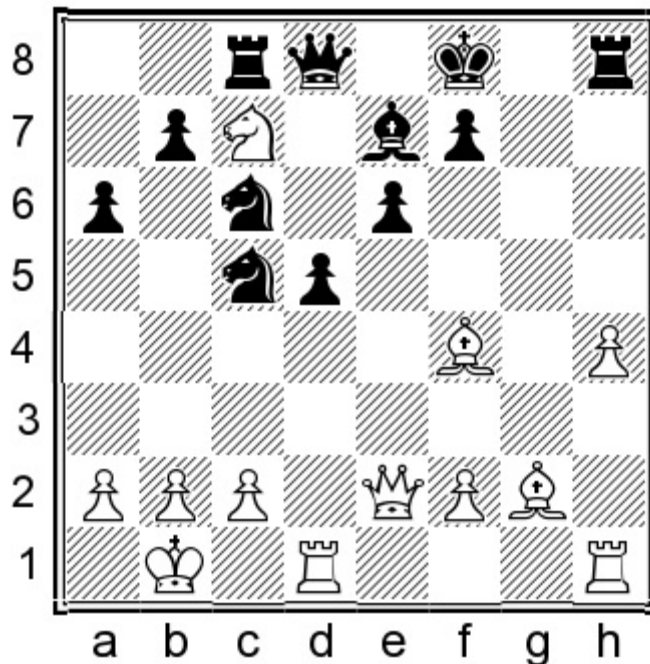
21.g5 fxe6

21...♙xg5 22.♘xg5 ♜xg5 23.f4+-

22.♜d7+ ♔f8 23.gxh6+- 1-0 (26) Kasparov,G (2851)-Wojtkiewicz,A (2563) Kopavogur 2000.

19. Kasparov, Garry (2849) - Karpov, Anatoly (2679) [B12]

Linares Anibal op 8th Linares (5), 2001.02.28



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22.♔xd5! By far most convincing. **22...exd5 23.♖xd5 ♘d7**

23...♗xc7 24.♔xc7 ♖xc7 is hopeless for Black. He has three pieces for the queen but White has two extra pawns, a safer king, and Black's pieces are dominated. For example: 25.♖f5!?+- 1-0 (31)

Kasparov,G (2849)-Karpov,A (2679) Linares 2001. (25.h5 ♘e6 26.♗e3+-)23...♖xc7 24.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 25.♔d6+! ♘e7 26.♗e5+-

24.♖h5!!

24.♘e6+ fxe6 25.♗xe6 is strong well, but definitely not as convincing as Black can play 25...♘f6 .

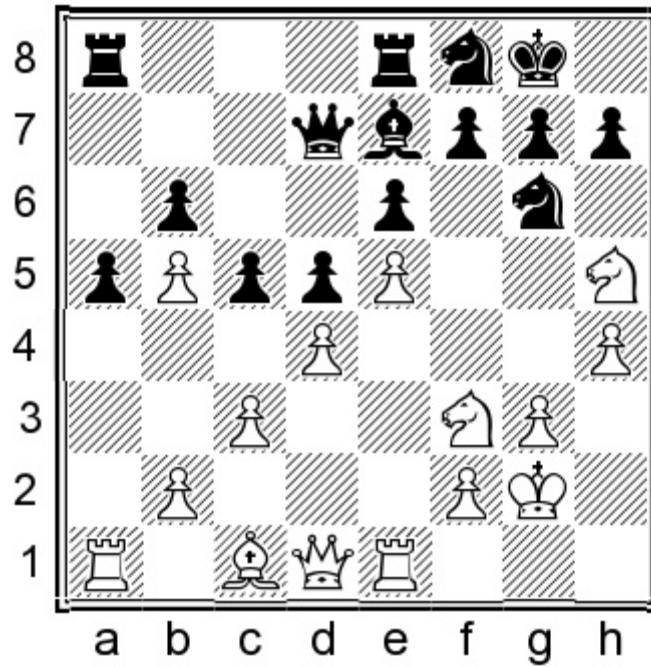
24...♖xh5

24...♖g8 25.♔h6+-; 24...♔f6 25.♔d6+ ♘e7 26.♖xh8+ ♔xh8 27.♘d5 ♔f6 28.♗h5+-

25.♗xh5 ♔f6 26.♔d6+ ♘e7 27.♘d5+- (ΔBxe7+)

20. Kasparov, Garry (2827) - Short, Nigel D (2676) [C05]

Zuerich Kortschnoj Zuerich (2.1), 2001.04.29



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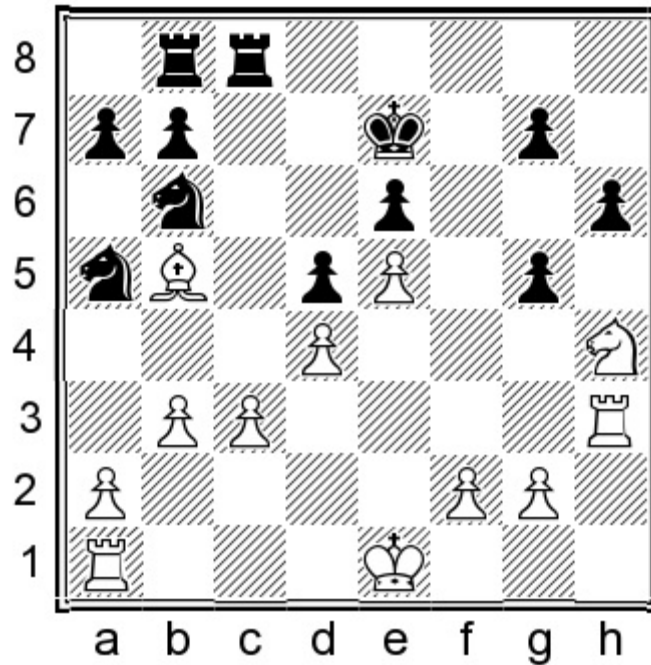
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18.♙h6!! gxh6 19.♚d2 f5□ 20.exf6 ♔d8 21.♜xh6 White is helpless against Ng5, e.g. 21...♞a7 22.♞g5 ♜xb5 23.f7+ ♝xf7 24.♞xf7 1-0 Kasparov,G (2827)-Short, N (2676) Zurich 2001.

Black resigned as 24.♞xf7 ♔xf7 is answered with 25.♚g7#

21. Kasparov, Garry (2827) - Korchnoi, Viktor (2643) [C14]

Zuerich Kortschnoj Zuerich (1.1), 2001.04.29



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20. ♖g6+! ♕f7

20... ♕d8 21. ♖f3 is hopeless for Black.

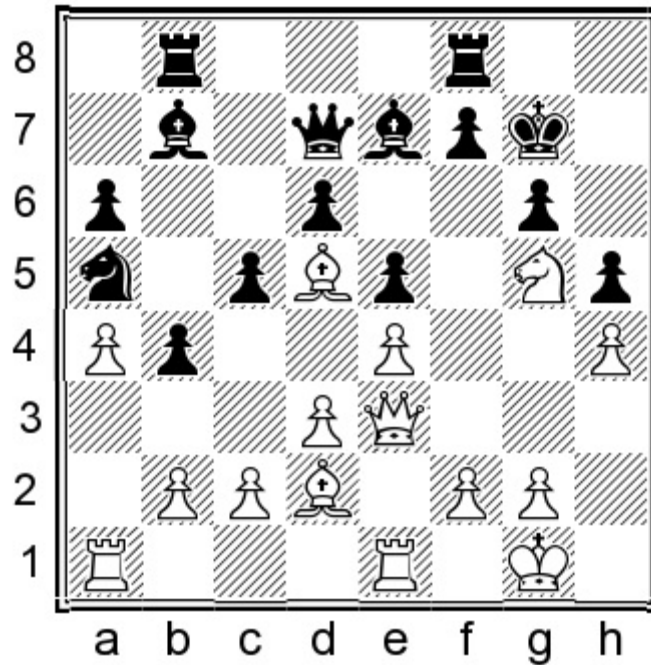
21. ♖f3+! ♕xg6

21... ♕g8 22. ♖e7+-

22. ♕d3+ ♕h5 23. ♖h3+ ♕g4 24. f3+ ♕f4 25. ♕f2 g4 26. g3+ 1-0 Kasparov, G (2827)-Korchnoi, V (2643) Zurich 2001.

And mate to follow: 26. g3+ ♕g5 27. f4#

22. Kasparov, Garry (2838) - Vladimirov, Yevgeniy (2612) [C88]
 EUR-ASIA 30' Batumi (7), 2001.09.18



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23. ♖h7! ♙xd5

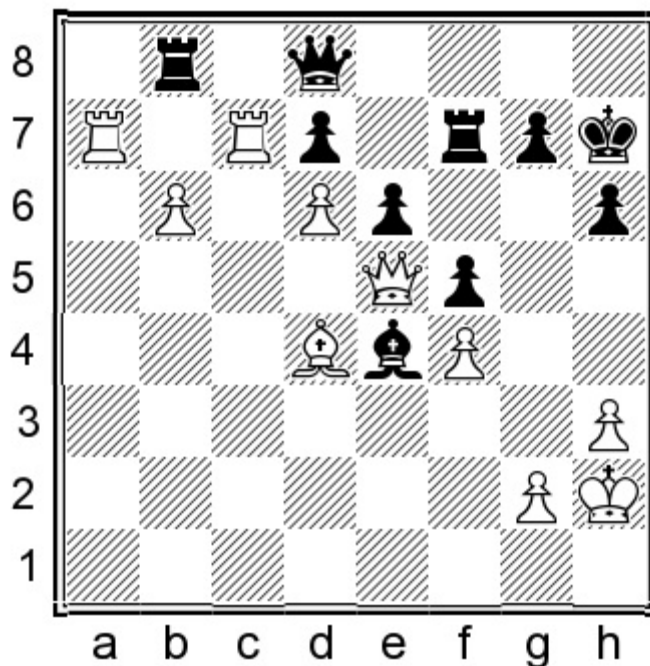
23... ♔xh7 24. ♚h6+ ♔g8 25. ♚xg6+ ♔h8 26. ♚xh5+ ♔g8 27. ♙h6 ♙xd5 28. ♖e3+-

24. ♚h6+ ♔g8 25. ♙g5! (ΔNf6+/Bf6): 1-0 Kasparov,G (2838) -Vladimirov,Y (2612) Batumi 2001.

Black is lost, for example: 25. ♙g5 ♙xg5 (25...f6 26. ♚xg6+ ♔h8 27. ♖xf6+-) 26. hxg5 f5 27. ♖xf8 ♖xf8 28. ♚xg6+-

23. Kasparov, Garry (2838) - Vallejo Pons, Francisco (2629) [B41]

Linares (8), 2002.03.03



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48. ♖xe6! dxe6

48... ♖h4 49. ♖xf7 ♖xf4+ 50. ♔g1 1-0 Kasparov,G (2838) -Vallejo Pons,F (2629) Linares 2002.

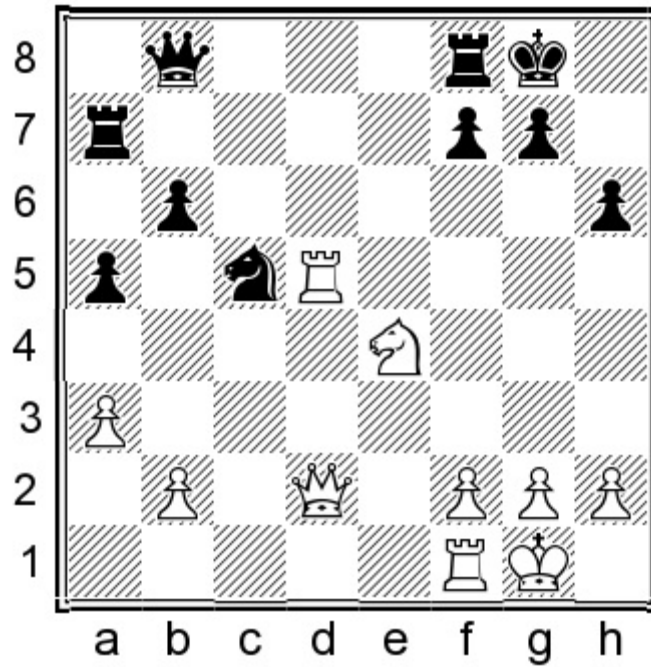
49. ♖xf7 h5

49... ♖b7 50. ♖axb7 ♖xb7 51. ♖xg7+ ♔h8 52. ♖d7+ +-; 49... ♔g8 50. ♖xg7+ ♔f8 51. ♖h7+-

50. ♖xg7+ ♔h6 51. ♖h7+ ♔g6 52. ♖ag7#

24. Kasparov, Garry (2812) - Karpov, Anatoly (2619) [D31]

Match K/K RAPID Valencia ESP (2), 2009.09.22



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22. ♖f6+! gxf6 23. ♙xh6 (ΔRh5) 23... f5 24. ♙g5+ ♔h8

24... ♔h7 25. ♙xf5+-

25. ♙f6+! It is important not to let Black play ...f6. 25... ♔g8 26. ♖xf5 ♘e4 27. ♙h4 ♖e8 28. ♖h5 1-0 Kasparov,G (2812)-Karpov,A (2619) Valencia 2009.

Black is totally lost, for example: 28. ♖h5 f5 29. ♖h8+ ♔f7 30. ♙h7+ ♔f6 31. ♖xe8 ♙xe8 32. ♙xa7+-

Chapter 8

Karpov

Right on target

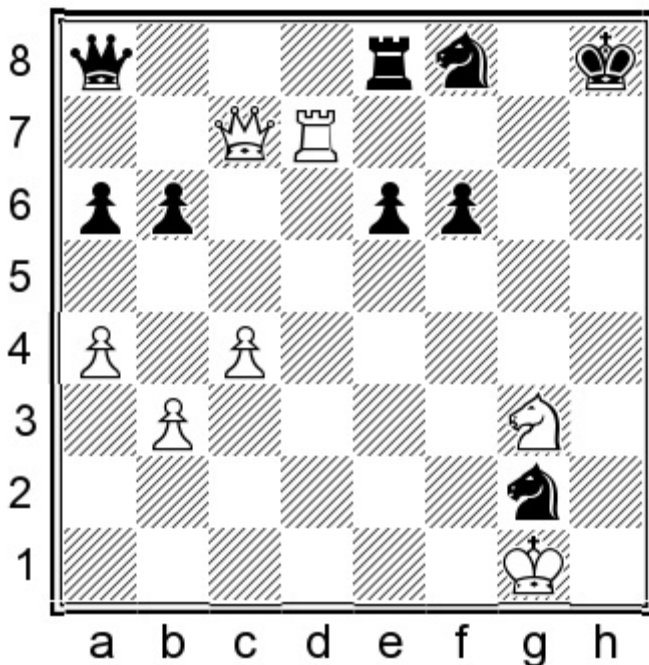
This time you must play like Anatoly Karpov!

He was the King of technical positions and knew how to use his opponent's weakness(es) as efficiently as possible, using aggressive tactics or "quiet" moves. The following positions are a mix of those!

This is a relatively easy chapter, but it includes two more challenging exercises, which are marked with an asterisk (*).

1. Karpov, Anatoly (2690) - Csom, Istvan (2535) [A30]
FRG-ch int 4th Bad Lauterberg (12), 1977

Anatoly Karpov – World Champion 1975-1985
(photo Jean-Michel Péchiné – Europe Echecs)



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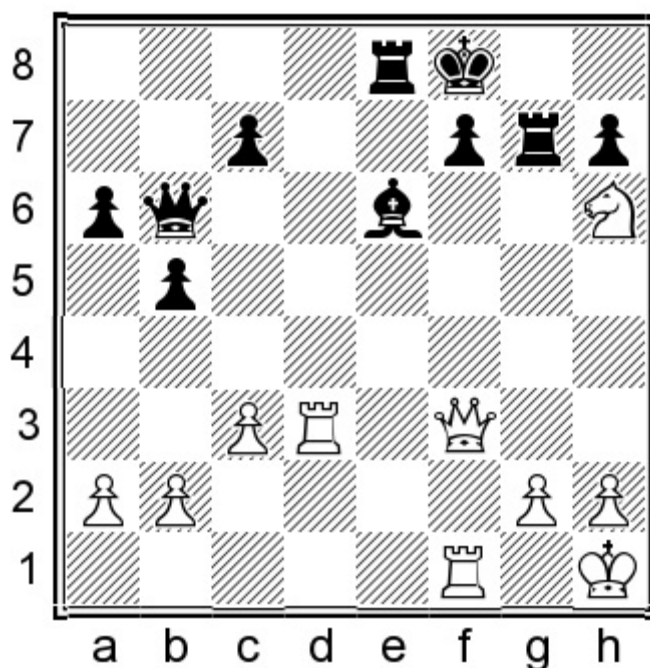
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50. ♖f5! 1-0 Karpov,A (2690)-Csom,I (2535) Bad Lauterberg 1977.

Black resigned due to the double threat Qh2+/Rh7+, for example: 50. ♖f5 exf5 (50... ♖e4 51. ♖h7+ +-)
51. ♗h2+ +-

2. Karpov, Anatoly (2725) - Korchnoi, Viktor (2665) [C80]

Ch World (match) Baguio (Philippines) (8), 1978



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26. ♖d7! ♖b8

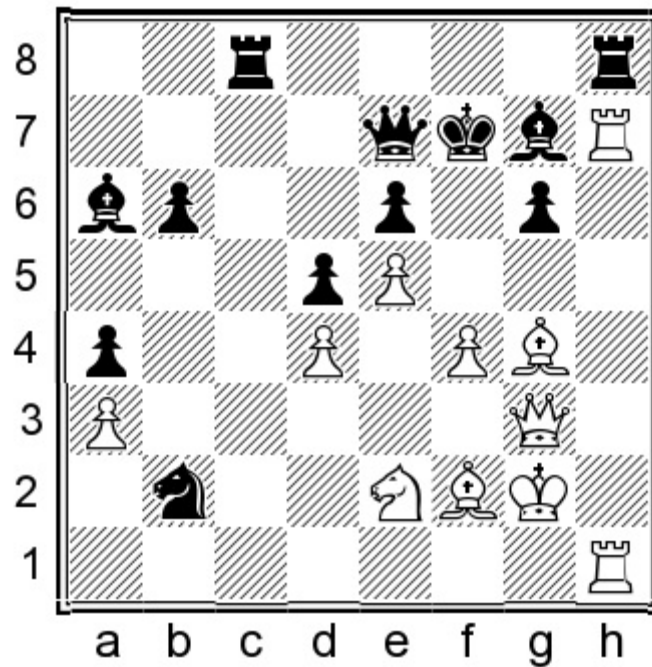
26... ♗xd7 27. ♗xf7+ ♖xf7 28. ♖xf7#

27. ♖xf7 ♗xd7 28. ♖d8+ 1-0 Karpov,A (2725)-Korchnoi,V (2665) Baguio (Philippines) 1978.

Black resigned in view of: 28. ♖d8+ ♗f5 (28... ♖e7 29. ♗f8#) 29. ♗xf5+ ♖e7 30. ♗f8+ +-

3. Karpov, Anatoly (2725) - Quinteros, Miguel Angel (2515) [B25]

Buenos Aires Buenos Aires, 1980



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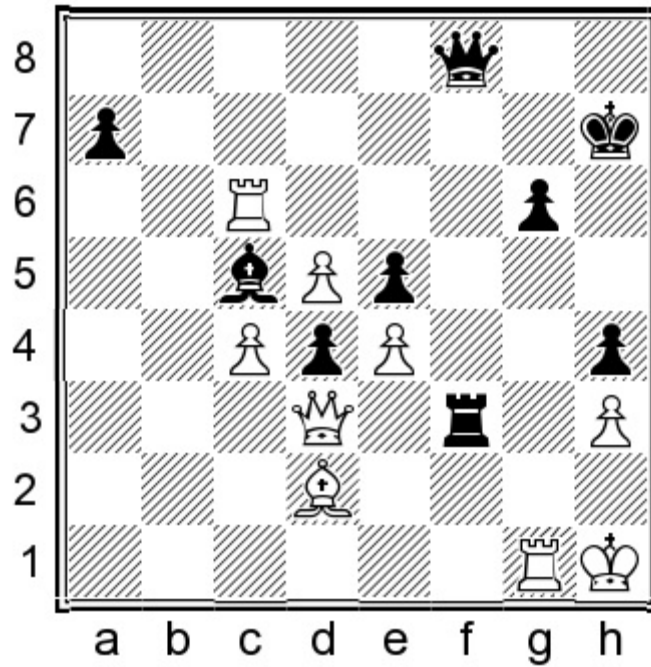
32.f5! ♖xh7

32...exf5 33.♔xf5!+-

33.fxg6+!? ♔g8 **34.gxh7+** ♔h8 **35.♕f4** 1-0 Karpov,A (2725)-Quinteros,M (2515) Buenos Aires 1980.

4. Karpov, Anatoly (2700) - Kasparov, Garry (2740) [A34]

World Championship 34th-KK4 Sevilla (23), 1987.12.16

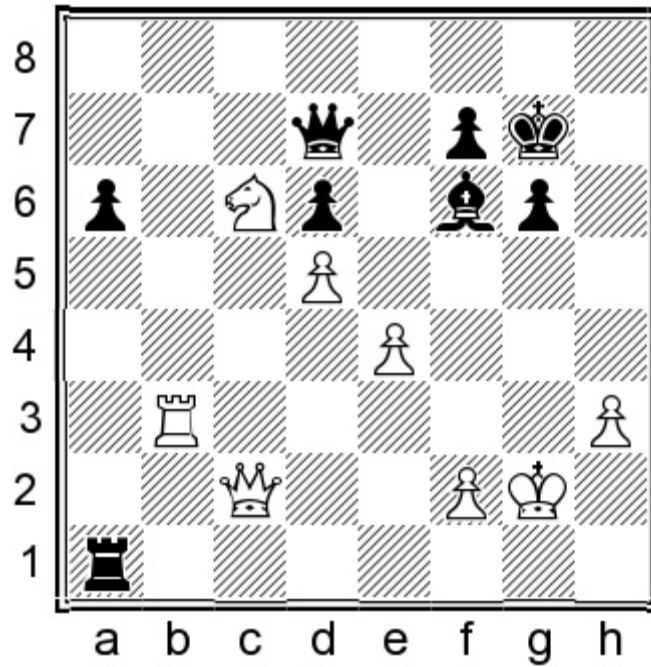


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52.♖c7+ ♔h8 53.♙h6!+- 1-0 (57) Karpov,A (2700)-Kasparov,G (2740) Sevilla 1987.

5. Karpov, Anatoly (2725) - Portisch, Lajos (2630) [E18]
Tilburg Tilburg, 1988



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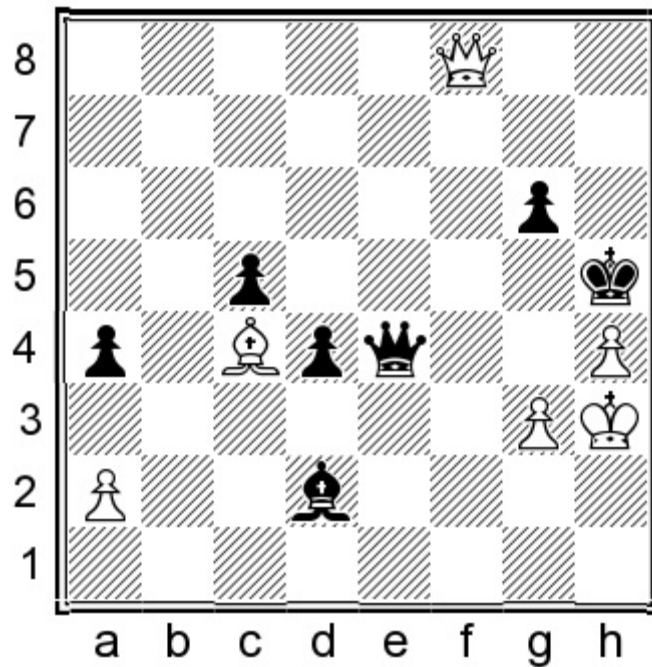
52. ♖f3!+- Black is helpless against Rxf6. **52... ♕b7**

52... ♔e5 53. ♗xe5 dxe5 54. ♕b2+-

53. ♖xf6 ♕b5 54. ♕c3 ♕f1+ 55. ♔g3 ♕g1+ 56. ♔h4 1-0 Karpov,A (2725)-Portisch,L (2630) Tilburg 1988.

6. Karpov, Anatoly (2725) - Gurevich, Mikhail 1 (2650) [E81]

Reggio Emilia91 Top16 Reggio Emilia, 1991



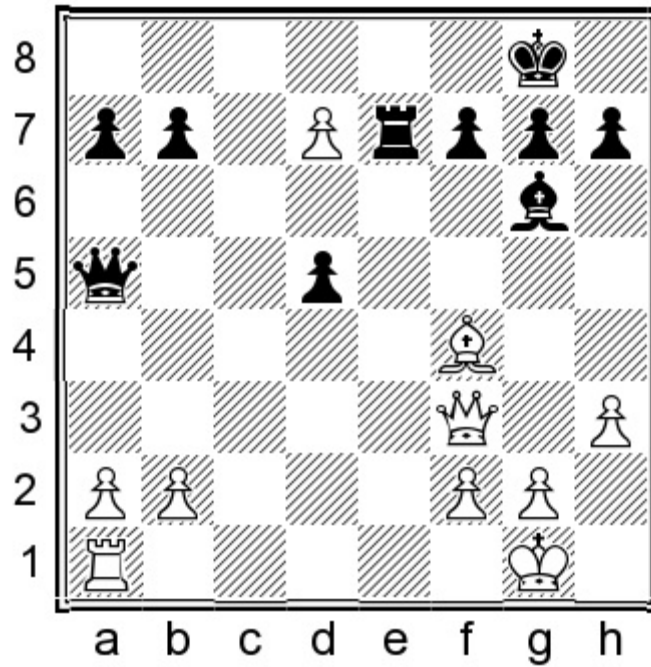
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77. ♖h8+ ♔h6 78. ♕e5+! 1-0 Karpov,A (2725)-Gurevich,M (2650) Reggio Emilia 1991.

Black resigned in view of: 78. ♕e5+ ♖xe5 79.g4#

7. Karpov, Anatoly (2725) - Timman, Jan H (2630) [D20]
Amsterdam Euwe Memorial Amsterdam (7), 1991



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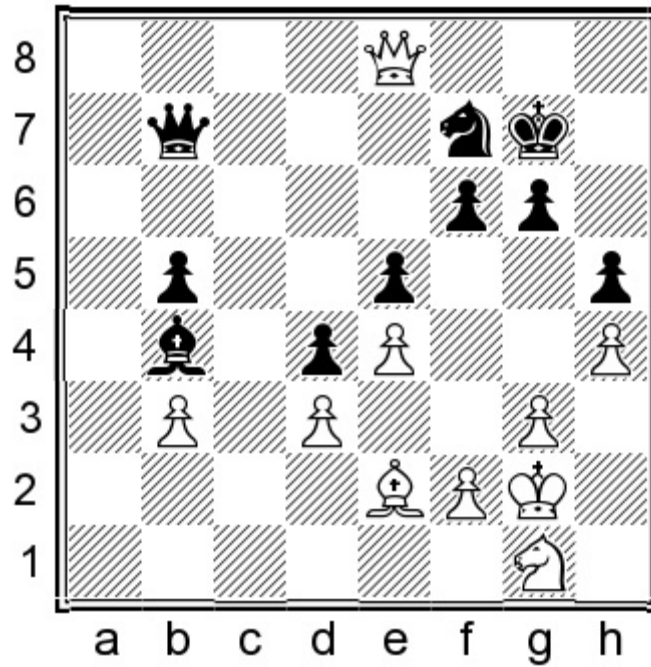
22.♖c1! ♜xd7 23.♖c8+ ♜d8 24.b4!

24.♙c7?? ♚e1+-+

24...♚b6 25.♙c7+- 1-0 (31) Karpov,A (2725)-Timman,J (2630) Amsterdam 1991.

8. Ljubojevic, Ljubomir (2610) - Karpov, Anatoly (2725) [B10]

Linares 10th Linares (1), 1992

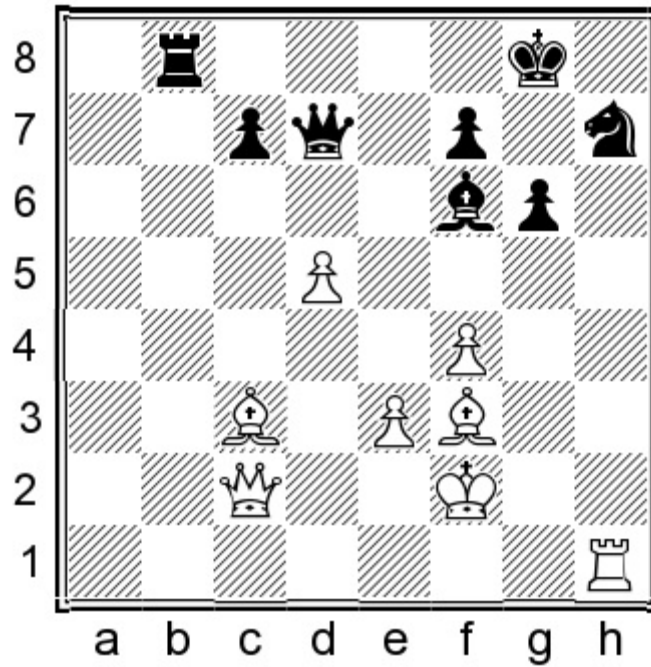


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48...♔e7!-+ White is helpless against ...Nd6, trading his queen: 0-1 (60) Ljubojevic,L (2610)-Karpov,A (2725) Linares 1992.

9. Karpov, Anatoly (2715) - Lautier, Joel (2580) [D38]
Baden-Baden Baden-Baden (8), 1992



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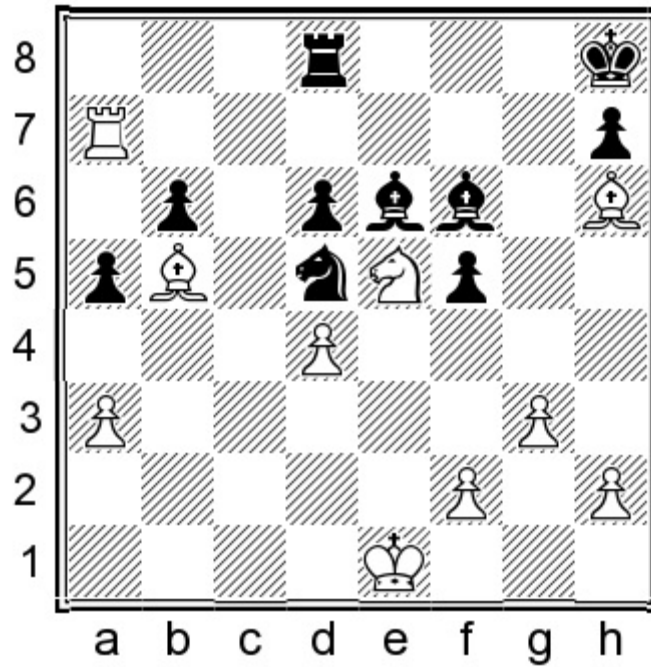
46. ♖xh7! ♕xc3 47. ♖xg6+! fxg6

47... ♔f8 48. ♖h6+-

48. ♖xd7 ♖b2+ 49. ♔g3 ♕d2 50. e4+- 1-0 (68) Karpov,A (2715)-Lautier,J (2580) Baden-Baden 1992.

10. Karpov, Anatoly (2715) - Timman, Jan H (2665) [D85]

Alekhine Memorial Moscow, 1992



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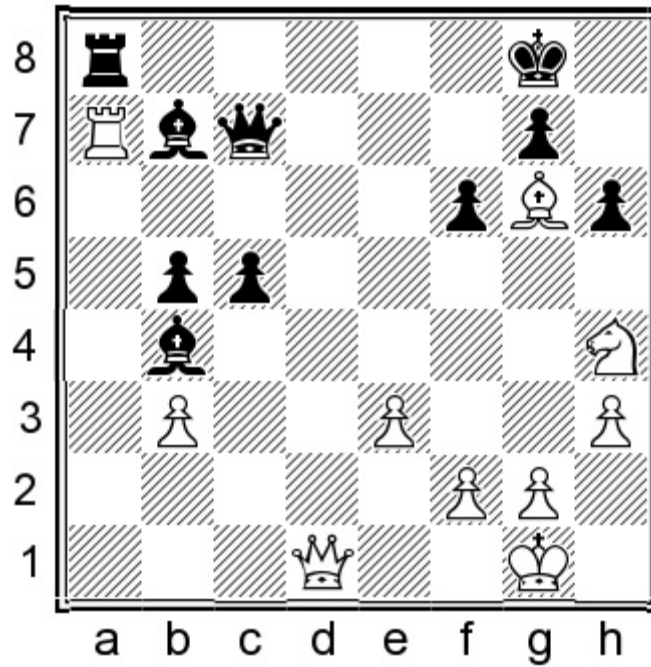
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33.♙d7! ♜xd7

33...♙xd7 34.♘f7+ ♔g8 35.♘xd8+-; 33...dxe5 34.♙xe6 exd4 35.♞f7+-

34.♘xd7+- 1-0 (56) Karpov,A (2715)-Timman,J (2665) Moscow 1992.

11. (*) Karpov, Anatoly (2715) - Shirov, Alexei (2710) [D46]
Biel Biel (13), 1992



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29. ♖g4! ♔c6

29... ♖xa7 30. ♖e6+-; 29... ♔h8 30. ♖xa8+ ♕xa8 31. ♖e6+-

30. ♖xb7 ♖xb7 31. ♖e6+ ♔h8

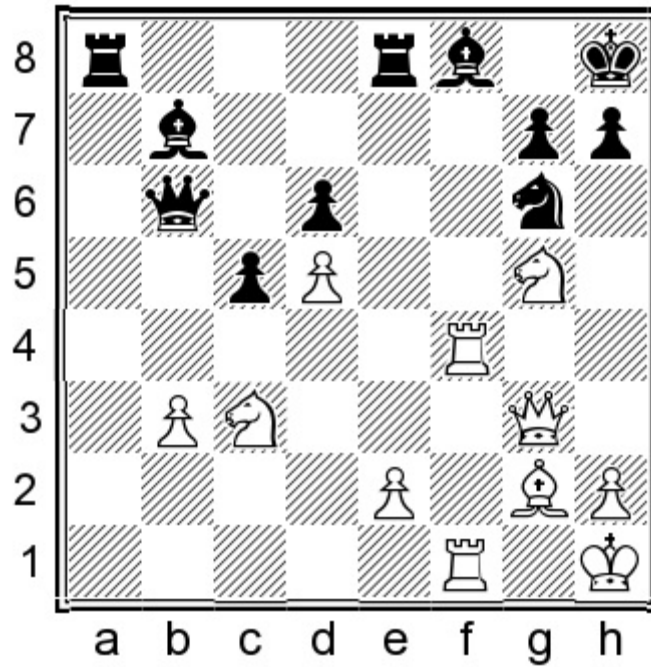
31... ♔f8 32. ♕e4 ♖c8 33. ♖g6#

32. ♕e4 1-0 Karpov, A (2715)-Shirov, A (2710) Biel 1992.

Black resigned in view of: 32. ♕e4 ♖a1+ 33. ♔h2 ♖c7+ 34. f4 ♖d8 35. ♖g6+ ♔h7 36. ♖e5+ ♔h8 37. ♖f7+-

12. Karpov, Anatoly (2725) - Salov, Valery (2660) [E18]

Linares 11th Linares (1), 1993



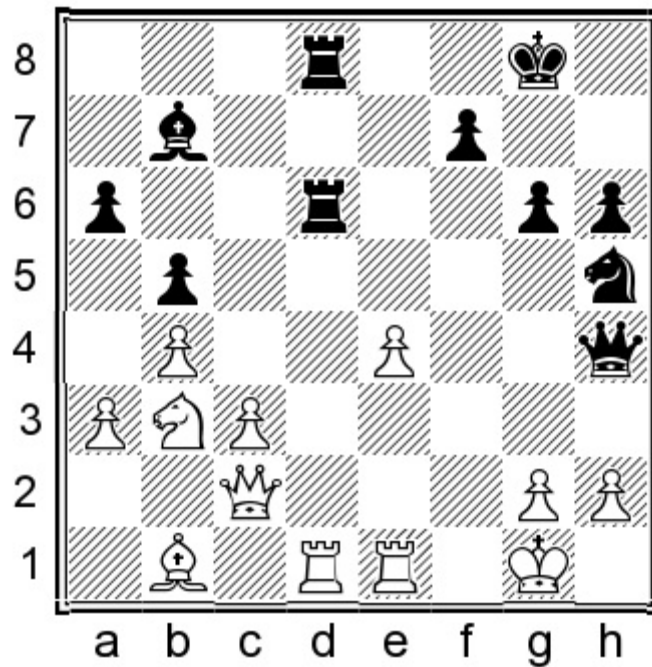
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32. ♖f7+! ♔g8 33. ♕xg6! 1-0 Karpov,A (2725)-Salov,V (2660) Linares 1993.

Black resigned in view of: 33. ♕xg6 hxg6 34. ♖h4+-

13. Izeta Txabarri, Felix (2505) - Karpov, Anatoly (2725) [B17]
 Dos Hermanas Dos Hermanas (2), 1993



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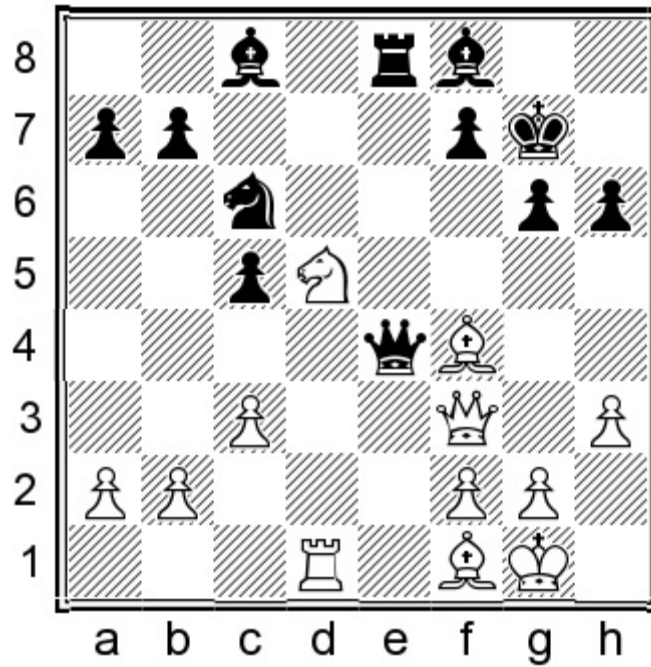
39...♙xe4! 40.♚c1

40.♜xe4 ♜xe4 41.♙xe4 ♞xd1-+

40...♜g4 0-1 Izeta Txabarri,F (2505)-Karpov,A (2725) Spain 1993.

14. Karpov, Anatoly (2740) - Topalov, Veselin (2640) [A43]

Dos Hermanas Dos Hermanas (9), 1994



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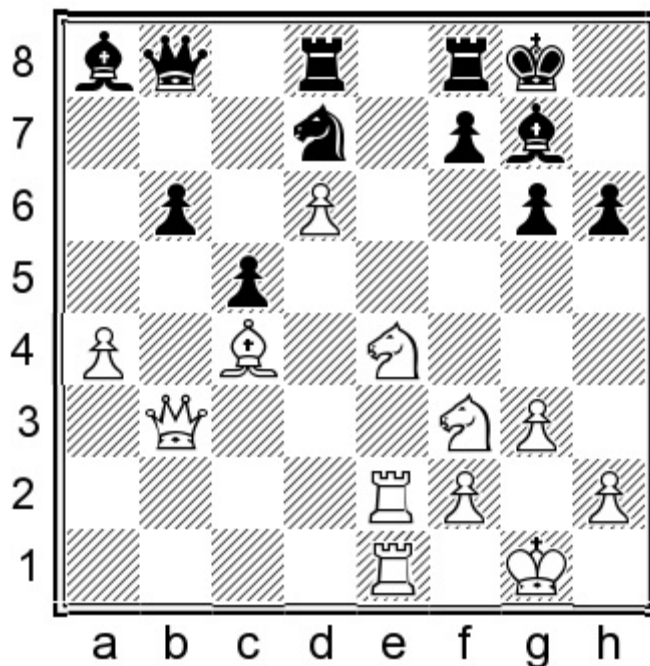
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30. ♖f6!! ♔xf6

30... ♕xf3 31. ♖xe8+-

31. ♕e5+! ♔xe5 □ 32. ♖xe4+ ♔xe4 33. ♖e1+ ♔f5 34. ♖xe8+- 1-0 (36) Karpov,A (2740)-Topalov,V (2640) Dos Hermanas 1994.

15. Karpov, Anatoly (2780) - Georgiev, Kiril (2615) [D58]
Tilburg Tilburg (5), 1994



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29. ♖xf7+!! ♜xf7 30. ♘eg5 hxg5 31. ♘xg5 ♜f8

31... ♜xd6 32. ♜xf7+ ♔h8 33. ♜e7 ♜g8 34. ♜xd7 ♜c6 35. ♜xg7+! ♜xg7 36. ♜e8+ ♜g8 37. ♜h7#

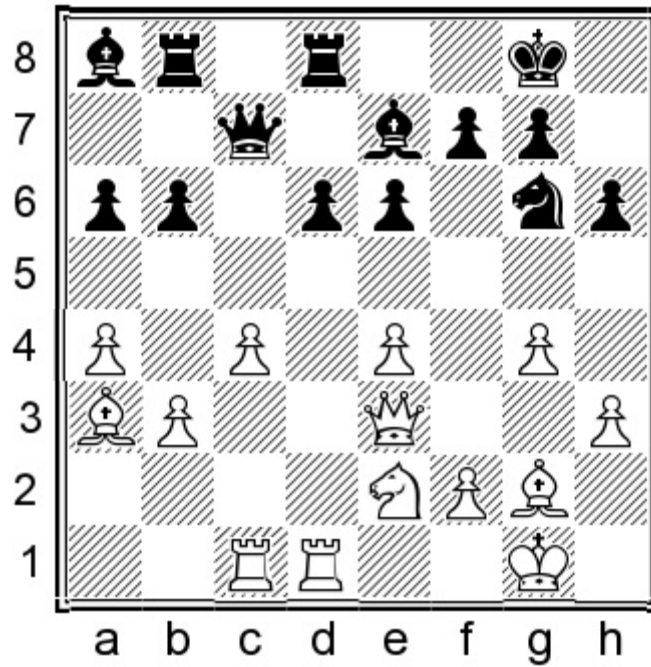
32. ♜e8! ♜xd6

32... ♜xe8 33. ♜xf7+ ♔h8 34. ♜xe8+-; 32... c4 33. ♜xc4 ♘e5 34. ♜1xe5+-; 32... ♜b7 33. ♜xf7+ ♔h8 34. ♜xa8+-

33. ♜xf7+ ♔h8 34. ♘e6! 1-0 Karpov,A (2780)-Georgiev,K (2615) Tilburg 1994.

16. Ivanchuk, Vassily (2710) - Karpov, Anatoly (2740) [E15]

Linares 12th Linares (5), 1994



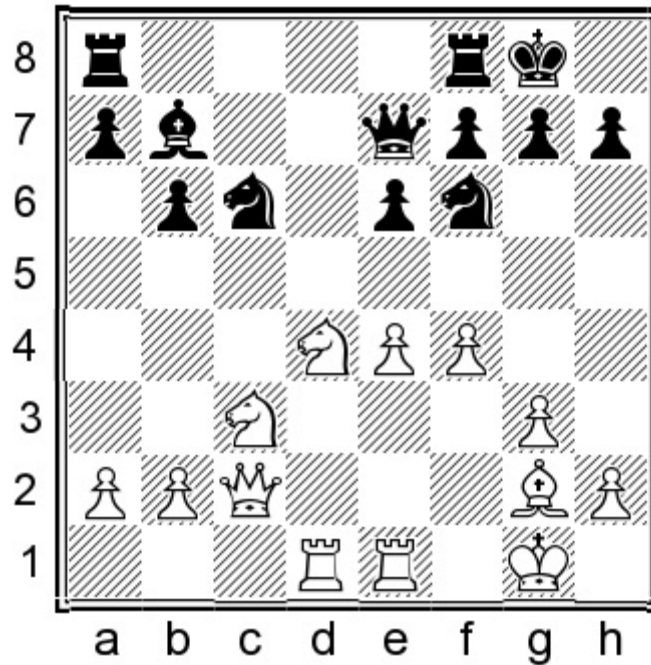
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28...♔g5 29.f4 ♖xf4! 30.♖xf4 e5 ♣ 0-1 (30) Ivanchuk,V (2710) -Karpov,A (2740) Linares 1994.

17. Karpov, Anatoly (2775) - Andersson, Ulf (2630) [E11]

Nykoping m 25' Nykoping (1), 1995



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17. ♘d5! exd5

17... ♘xd5 18. ♘xc6 ♙xc6 19. exd5 ♙b7 20. d6 ♚d7 21. ♚c7 ♚xc7 22. dxc7 ♙xg2 23. ♚xg2+- The d1-rook comes to d7 and Black's position is hopeless.

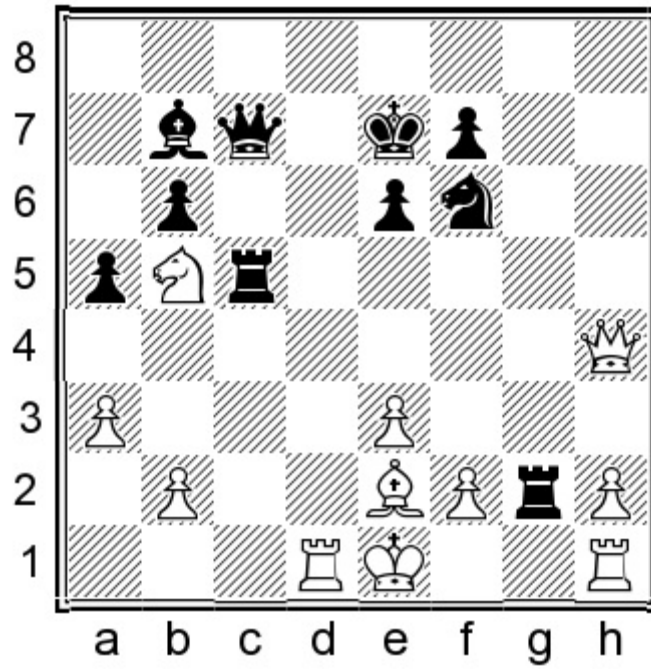
18. ♘xc6 ♙xc6 19. exd5 ♚xe1+

19... ♚c7 20. dxc6+-

20. ♚xe1 ♙xd5 21. ♙xd5 ♘xd5 22. ♚a4+- 1-0 (38) Karpov, A (2775)-Andersson, U (2630) Nykopping 1995.

18. Portisch, Lajos (2600) - Karpov, Anatoly (2775) [E12]

Biel SKA Biel (8), 1996.07.30

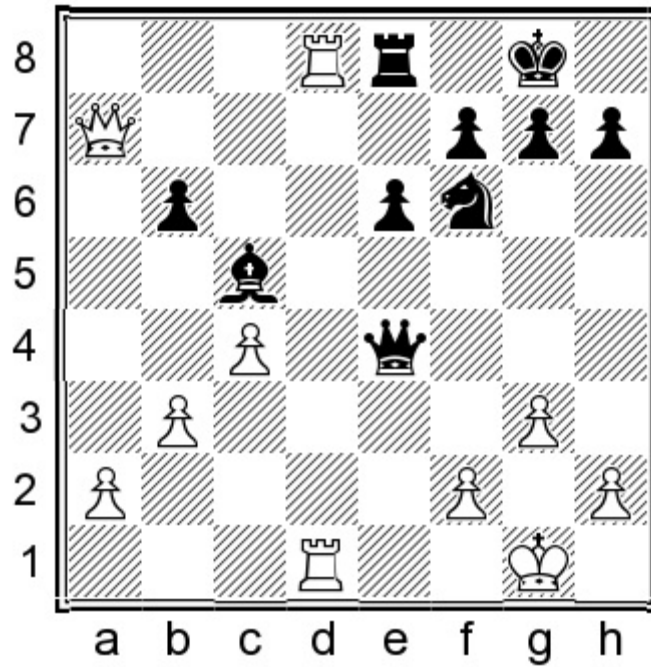


■ 19...? -+

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19...♖xb5! 20.♗xb5 ♜g4! -+ 0-1 Portisch,L (2600)-Karpov,A (2775) Biel 1996.

19. Van Wely, Loek (2632) - Karpov, Anatoly (2710) [E15]
Amber-blindfold 08th Monte Carlo (7), 1999.03.23



■ 26...? -+

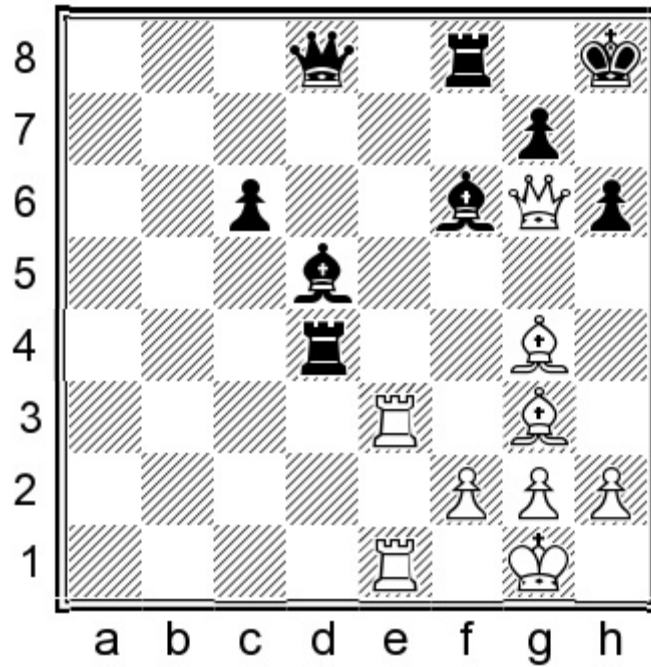
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26...♙xf2+! 27.♖xf2 ♜g4+ 28.♖g1 ♚e3+ 29.♖g2 ♚e2+ 30.♖h3 ♜f2+ 0-1 Van Wely,L (2632)-Karpov,A (2710) Monte Carlo 1999.

White resigned in view of: 30...♜f2+ 31.♖g2 ♜xd1+-+

20. Milos, Gilberto (2614) - Karpov, Anatoly (2692) [C42]

Najdorf mem op Buenos Aires (1), 2001.09.04



■ 29...? –+

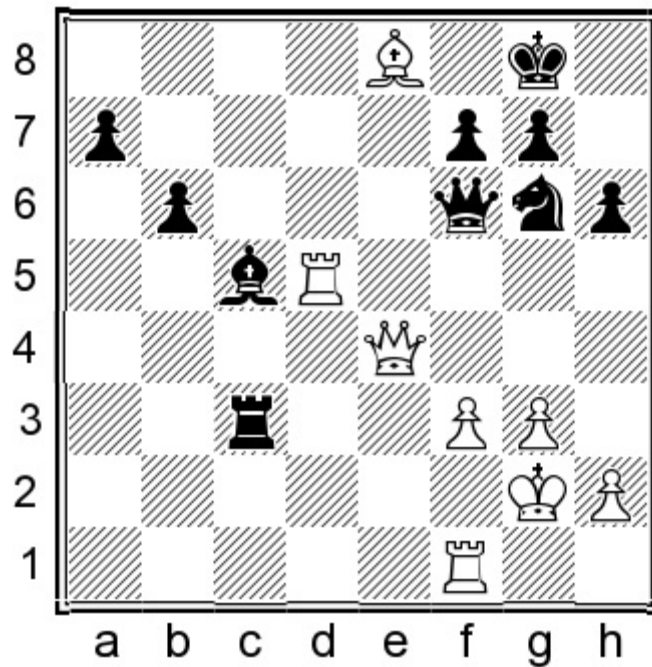
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29...♔f7 30.♚f5 g6! 31.♚f3 ♘d5 32.♚e2 ♘c4 33.♚f3 ♘g7! Finally the white queen has to abandon the g4-bishop!

34.♚xc6 ♜xg4-+ 0-1 (59) Milos,G (2614)-Karpov,A (2692) Buenos Aires 2001.

21. Krasenkow, Michal (2633) - Karpov, Anatoly (2688) [E12]

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■ 27...? -+

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27...♞e3! 28.♚a4 ♞e2+ 29.♔h1

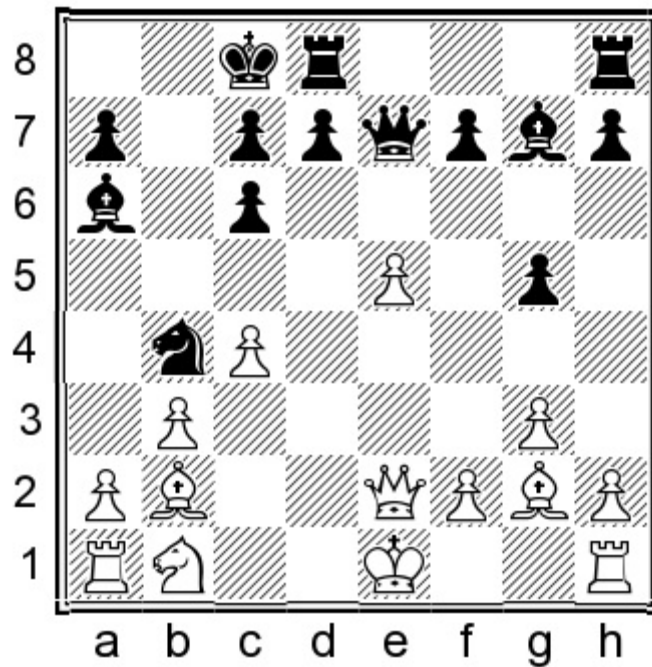
29.♔h3 ♚e6+-+

29...♞e1! 0-1 Krasenkov,M (2633)-Karpov,A (2688) Wijk aan Zee 2003.

White resigned due to: 29...♞e1 30.♞xe1 ♚xf3#

22. Macieja, Bartłomiej (2634) - Karpov, Anatoly (2686) [C45]

Warsaw PlusGSM RAPID Warsaw (2), 2003.04.07



■ 13...? ♣

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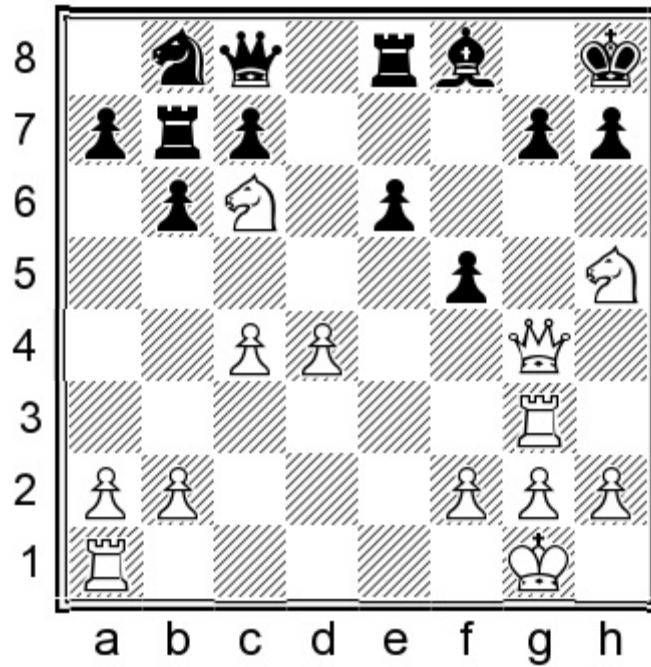
13...♘d3+ 14.♙xd3 ♘xe5 15.♙xe5

15.♙e2 ♘xb2 16.♙xe7 ♖he8 ♣

15...♙xe5+ 16.♙e3 ♙xa1 ♣ 0-1 (34) Macieja,B (2634)-Karpov,A (2686) Warsaw 2003.

23. (*) Karpov, Anatoly (2668) - Stojanovic, Mihajlo (1977) (2588) [C10]

Gorenje GM Valjevo SRB (8), 2007.06.20



□ 22.? +-

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22. ♖h4! ♜xc6

22...h6 23. ♞f6 ♙e7 and now White has several wins: 24. ♞e5! ♙xf6 25. ♞f7+ ♚h7 26. ♖h5 followed by Nxf6 being the nicest one.

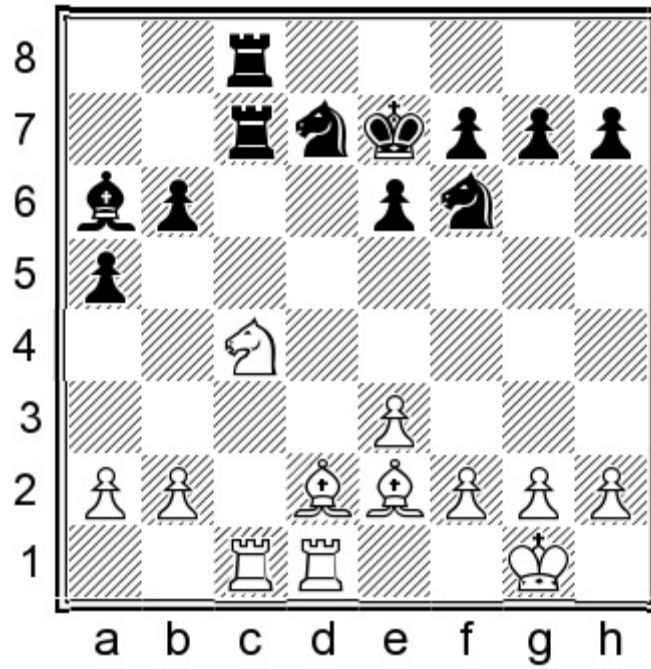
23. ♞f6! h6

23...gxf6 24. ♖xf6+ ♙g7 25. ♖xg7#

24. ♖xh6+! gxh6 25. ♖g8# 1-0 Karpov,A (2668)-Stojanovic,M (2588) Valjevo 2007.

24. Karpov, Anatoly - Edouard, Romain [D27]

Cap d'Agde-Trophee Karpov Semi final FRA (3), 2012.11.02



□ 20.? +-

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20. ♖xb6! ♙xe2 21. ♖xc8+ ♜xc8 22. ♝xc8 ♙xd1 23. ♙xa5 White's position is crushing: 23... ♗e5 24. ♙c3 ♗fd7 25. f4 ♗g4 26. e4+- 1-0 (29) Karpov, A-Edouard, R Cap d'Agde 2012.

Chapter 9

No Second Chance against Fischer

Bobby Fischer was a true killer over the chess board. There was usually no need to give him two chances to win a game: he would seize the first one!

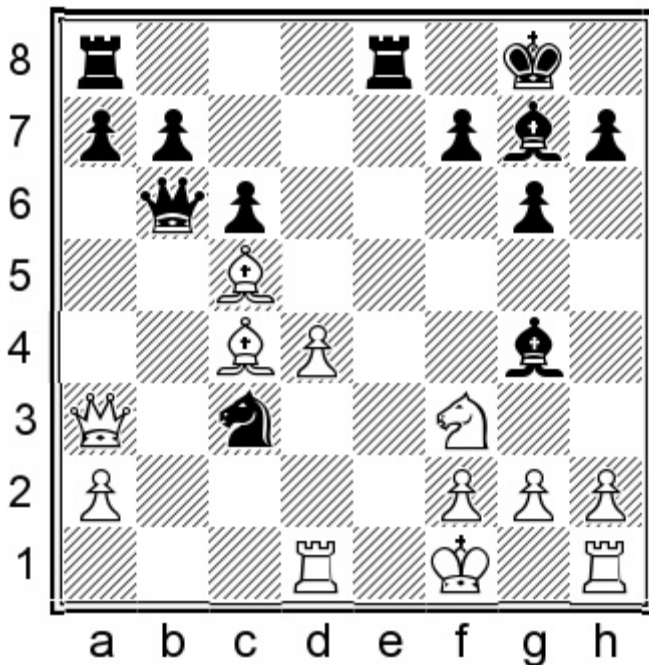
In this chapter, you must find the same incisive winning moves as Fischer did. No mercy!

The difficulty of the exercises is around moderate, unless an asterisk (*) indicates that the position is more challenging.

Robert James Fischer – World Champion 1972-1975



1. Byrne, Donald - Fischer, Robert James [D97]
New York Rosenwald New York, 1956



■ 17...? –+

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17...♔e6!!

17...♖b5? 18.♔xf7+! ♕xf7? 19.♚b3+ ♔e6 20.♗g5+-

18.♔xb6

18.♔xe6 ♚b5+ 19.♔g1 ♖e2+ 20.♔f1 ♗g3+ 21.♔g1 ♚f1+! 22.♙xf1 ♖e2#; 18.♚xc3 ♚xc5!-+; 18.♔d3 ♖b5-+

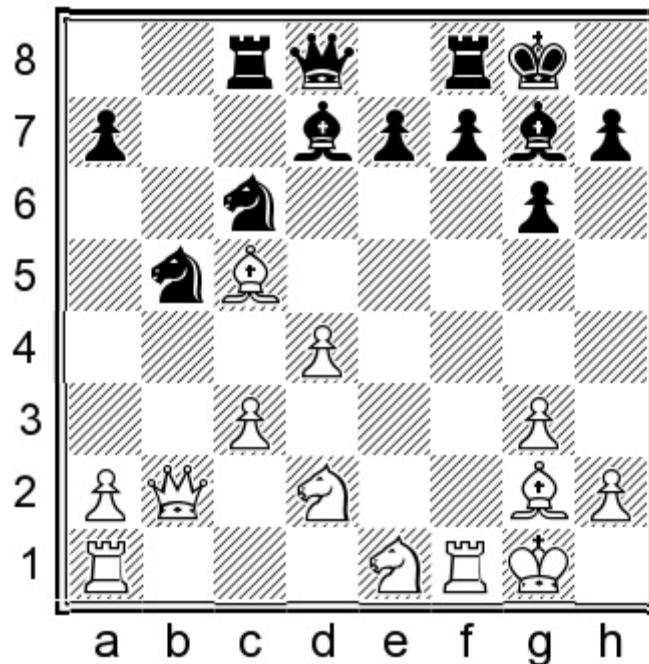
18...♔xc4+ 19.♔g1 ♖e2+ 20.♔f1 ♖xd4+ 21.♔g1

21.♙d3 axb6-+

21...♖e2+ 22.♔f1 ♖c3+ 23.♔g1 axb6-+ One of the most famous games of all times: 0-1 (41) Byrne,D-Fischer,R New York 1956.

2. Kramer, George Mortimer - Fischer, Robert James [A04]

USA-ch New York (8), 1957



■ 19...? -+

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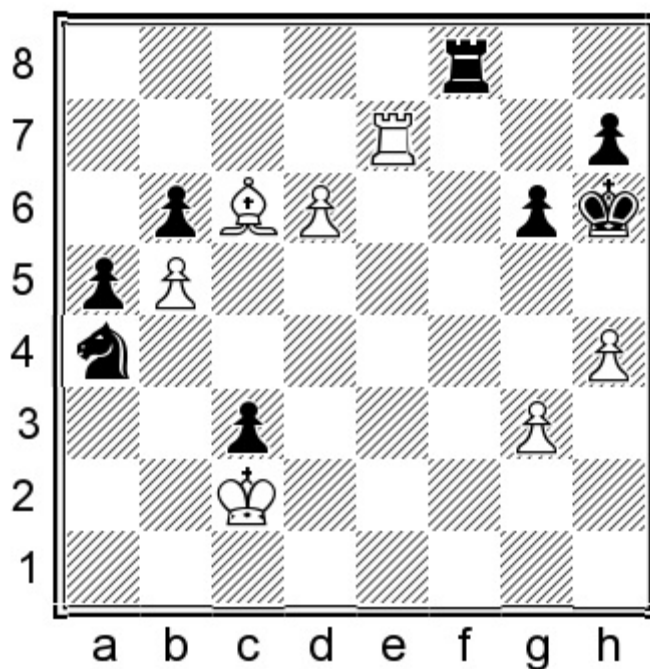
19...♖xc3! 20.♚xc3 ♖xd4 21.♚b4 ♖e2+

21...a5! 22.♔a3 ♖b5 was even stronger.

22.♔h1 ♜xc5 23.♞xc5 ♙xa1-+ 0-1 (32) Kramer,G-Fischer,R New York 1957.

3. (*) Lombardy, William James - Fischer, Robert James [E60]

USA-ch New York (10), 1957



■ 46...? -+

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46...♞f2+! 47.♔b3

47.♔c1 ♖c5! 48.♙e4 ♘a4! 49.d7 ♖b3+ 50.♔d1 ♞d2+ 51.♔e1 a3-+

47...♞b2+! 48.♔xa4 c2 49.♞e1 ♞b4+! A crucial check!

Instead, 49...♞b1?? would fail as after 50.d7 ♞xe1 51.d8=Q Black would not promote his-pawn with check: 51...c1=Q 52.♞f8+ ♔h5 53.♙f3#

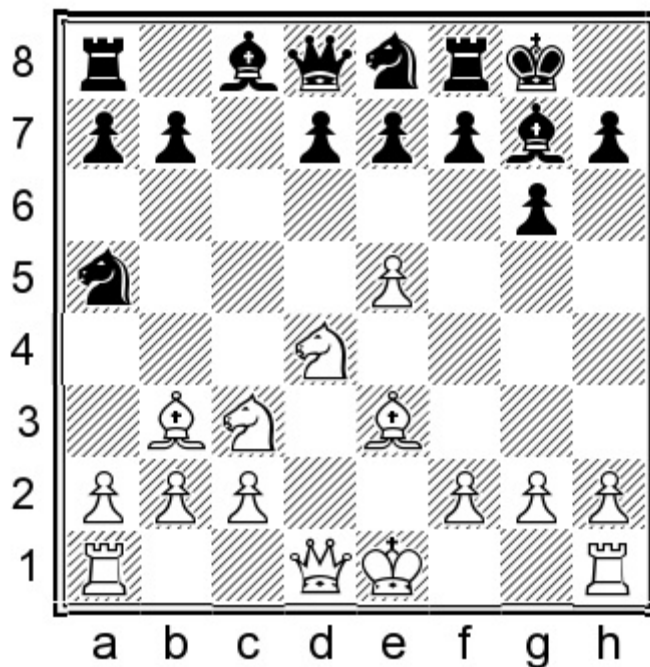
50.♔a3 ♞b1 51.♙e4

51.d7 ♞xe1 52.d8=Q c1=Q-+-

51...♖xe1 52.♗xc2 ♜e6 53.d7 ♝d6 0-1 Lombardy,W-Fischer,R New York 1957.

4. Fischer, Robert James - Reshevsky, Samuel [B35]

US Championship 1958/59 New York, NY USA (6), 195812



□ 10.? +-

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10.♗xf7+! Nowadays a well-known theoretical trick. 10...♔xf7

10...♖xf7 11.♘e6+-

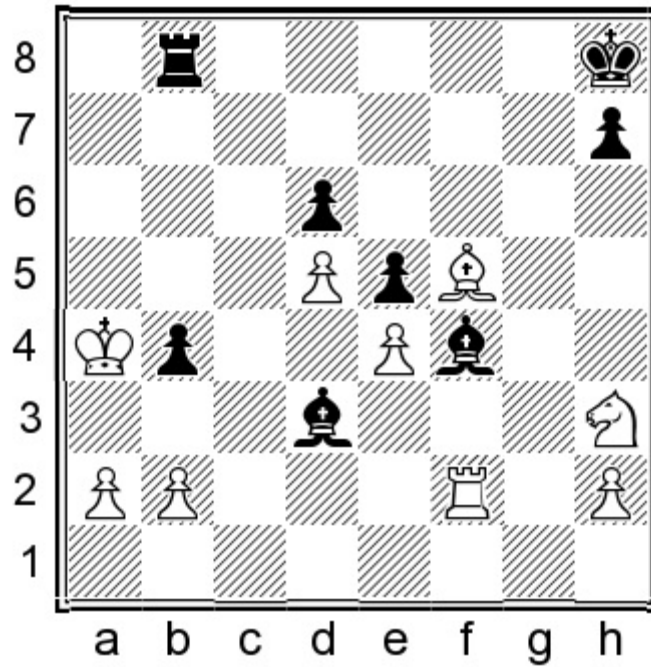
11.♘e6! dxe6

11...♔xe6 12.♙d5+ ♔f5 13.g4+ ♔xg4 14.♖g1+ ♔h5 15.♙g2+-

12.♙xd8 1-0 (42) Fischer,R-Reshevsky,S New York 1958.

5. (*) De Souza Mendes, Joao - Fischer, Robert James [E81]

Mar del Plata Mar del Plata (4), 1959.03.26



■ 36...? -+

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36...b3! 37.axb3

37.a3 ♖e3 38.♖f3 ♖b5+ 39.♔xb3 ♖e2+-+

37...♖e3! 38.♖f3

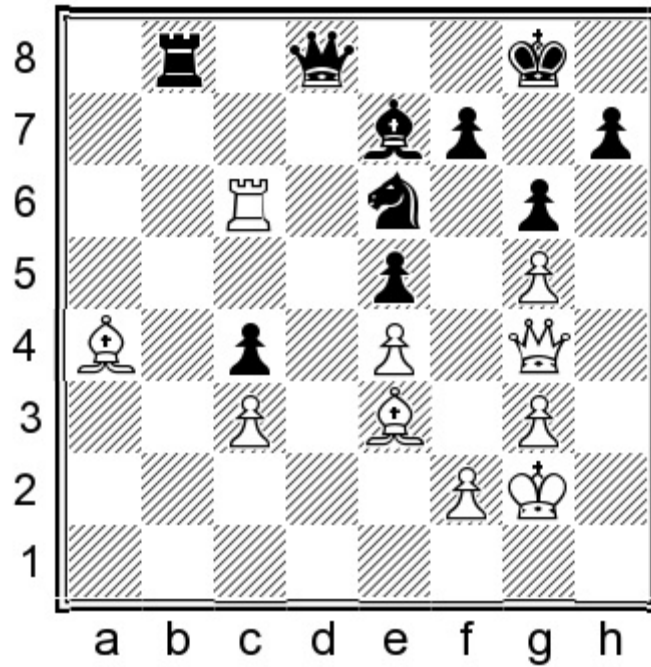
38.♖g2 ♖c5 39.b4 ♖xb4+ 40.♔a5 ♖b8-+

38...♖a8+ 0-1 De Souza, J-Fischer,R Mar del Plata 1959.

White gets mated: 38...♖a8+ 39.♔b4 ♖d2#

6. Fischer, Robert James - Shocron, Ruben

Mar del Plata Mar del Plata (7), 1959.03.30



□ 39.? +-

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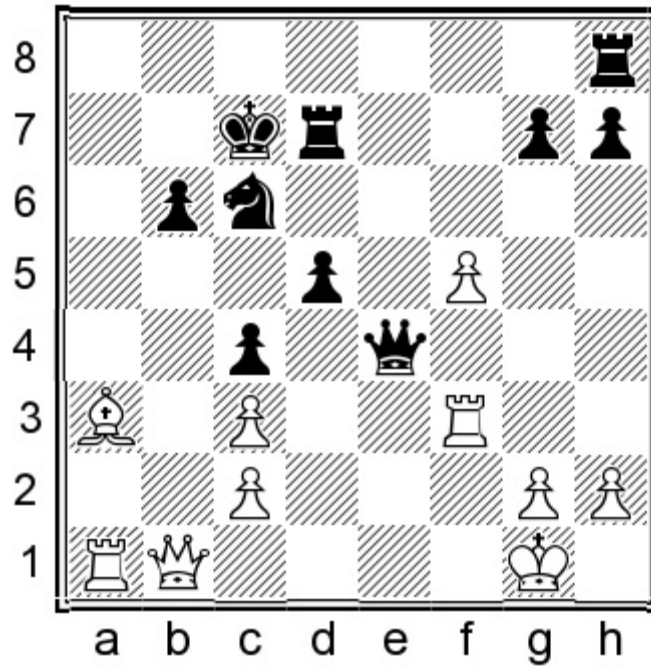
39. ♖xe6! ♚c8

39...fxe6 40. ♚xe6+ ♔f8 41. ♚xe5+-

40. ♕d7! 1-0 Fischer,R-Shocron,R Mar del Plata 1959.

Black resigned in view of: 40. ♕d7! ♚xd7 41. ♖xg6+ +-

7. (*) Fischer, Robert James - Darga, Klaus [C19]
W.Germany/USA Berlin, 1960



□ 27.? +-

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27.♔c1! Brilliant! Avoiding ...Ra8 while Bf4+ and Qb5 is coming.

27.♚b5?? ♘d4-+

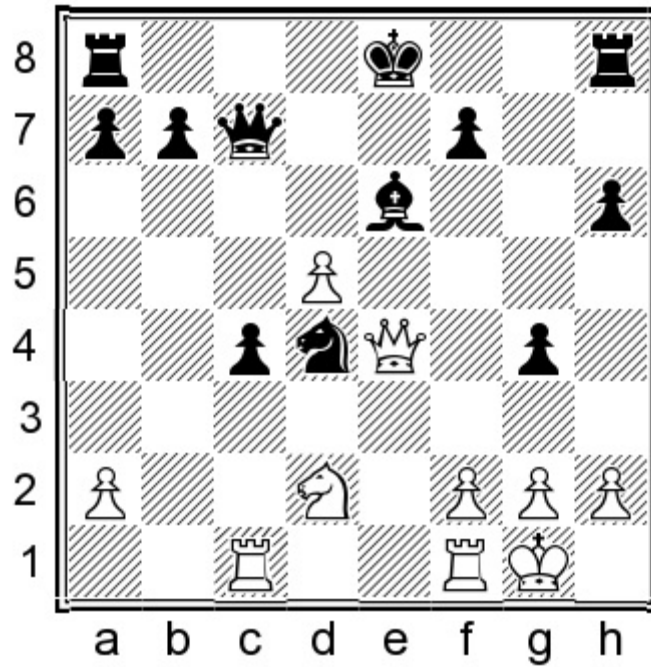
27...♚e1+

27...♘e5 28.♔f4 ♔c6 29.♚f1+-; 27...♔b7 28.♚b5+-

28.♚f1 ♚xc3 29.♔f4+ ♔b7 30.♚b5 1-0 Fischer, R-Darga,K Berlin West 1960.

8. Bazan, Osvaldo - Fischer, Robert James [D38]

Mar del Plata Mar del Plata (8), 1960.04.07



■ 20...? -+

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20...♙f4! 21.♖xc4

21.♙xf4 ♘e2+ 22.♔h1 ♘xf4 23.dxe6 b5!-+; 21.dxe6 ♙xe4 22.♘xe4 ♘e2+-+; 21.♙e1 b5 22.dxe6 fxe6-+

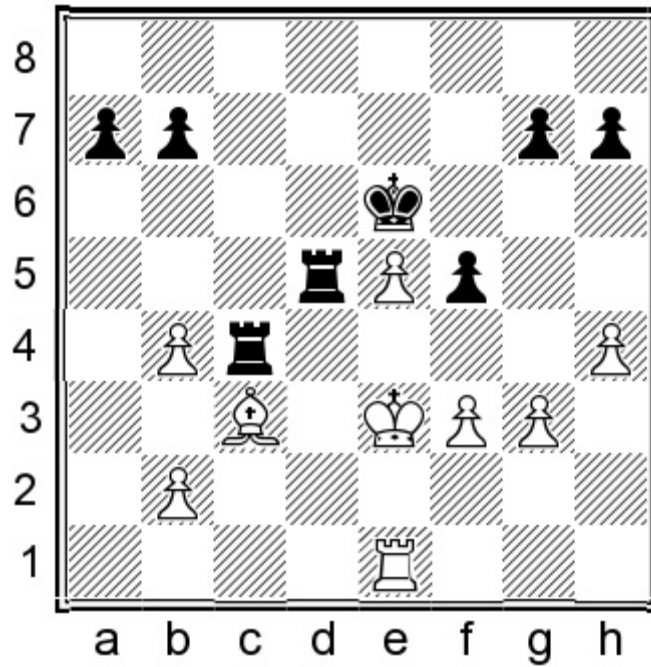
21...♙xe4 22.♘xe4 ♘e2+ 23.♔h1 f5!

23...♙d7? 24.♖e1 ♘0-1 (33) Bazan,O-Fischer,R Mar del Plata 1960.

24.dxe6 fxe4 25.♖e1 ♘f4 26.♖exe4 ♘d5-+

9. Lombardy, William James - Fischer, Robert James [B55]

USA-ch (Rosenwald 7th) New York (2), 1960.12.19



■ 30...? –+

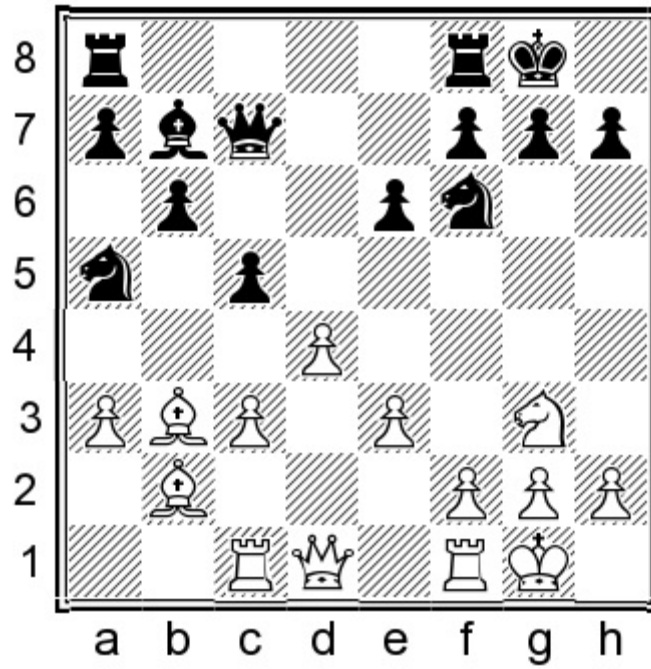
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30...♞xc3+! 31.bxc3 ♞xe5+ 32.♔d2 ♞xe1 33.♔xe1 ♔d5 34.♔d2 ♔c4-+

The pawn ending is easily won, e.g. 34...♔c4 35.h5 b6 36.♔c2 g5 37.h6 f4 38.g4 a5 39.bxa5 bxa5 40.♔b2 a4 41.♔a3 ♔xc3 42.♔xa4 ♔d4-+ 0-1 (43) Lombardy, W-Fischer, R New York 1960.

10. Rivera, D. - Fischer, Robert James [E26]

Varna ol (Men) qual-B Varna (9), 1962



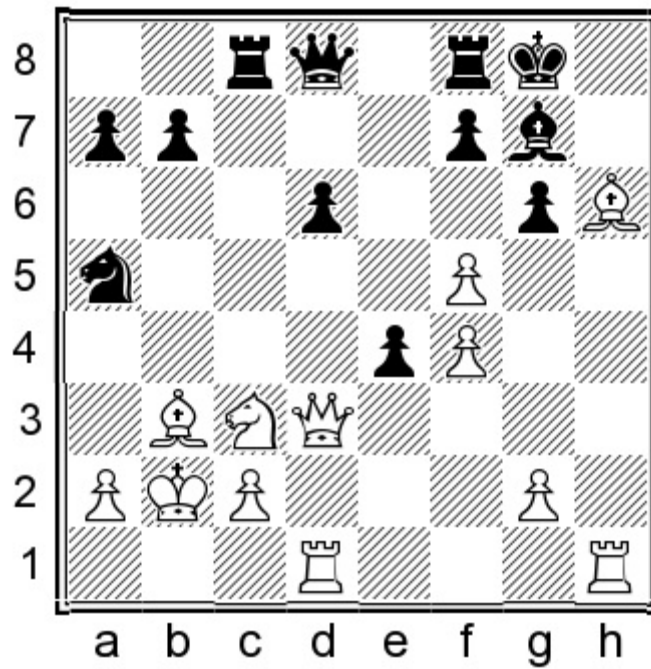
■ 14...? –+

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14...♔c6! 15.f3 ♕b5-+ 0-1 (16) Rivera,D-Fischer,R Varna 1962.

11. Fischer, Robert James - Purevzhav, S. [B77]

Varna ol (Men) qual-B Varna (1), 1962



□ 21.? +-

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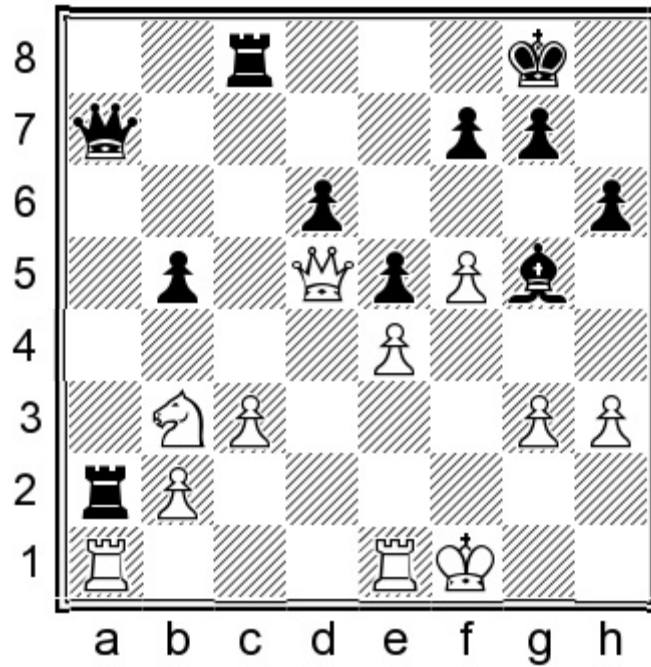
21. ♕xg7! ♔xg7

21...exd3 22.f6!+-

22. ♖xe4 1-0 Fischer,R-Purevzhav, S Varna 1962.

12. Unzicker, Wolfgang - Fischer, Robert James [B92]

Varna ol (Men) Varna (7), 1962



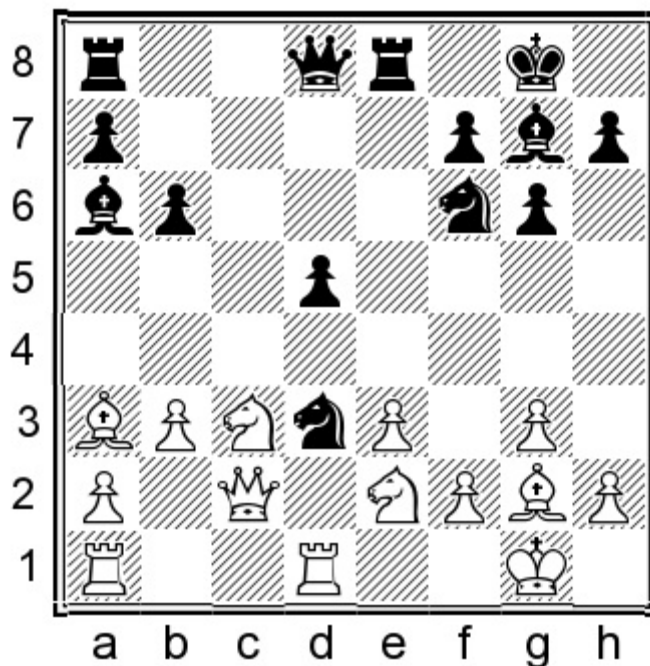
■ 26...? –+

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26...♖xc3! 0-1 Unzicker,W-Fischer,R Varna 1962.

White resigned in view of: 26...♖xc3 27.♖xa2 ♜f3+ 28.♔e2 ♜f2+ 29.♔d1 ♚xa2-+

13. Byrne, R. (2440) - Fischer, Robert J (2780) [D71]
GCG_050 New York (3), 1963



■ 15...? -+

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15...♖xf2! 16.♗xf2 ♘g4+ 17.♔g1 ♘xe3 18.♕d2 ♘xg2 19.♗xg2 ♔d4! Black recovers his piece with interest. 20.♘xd4 ♙b7+ 21.♗f1

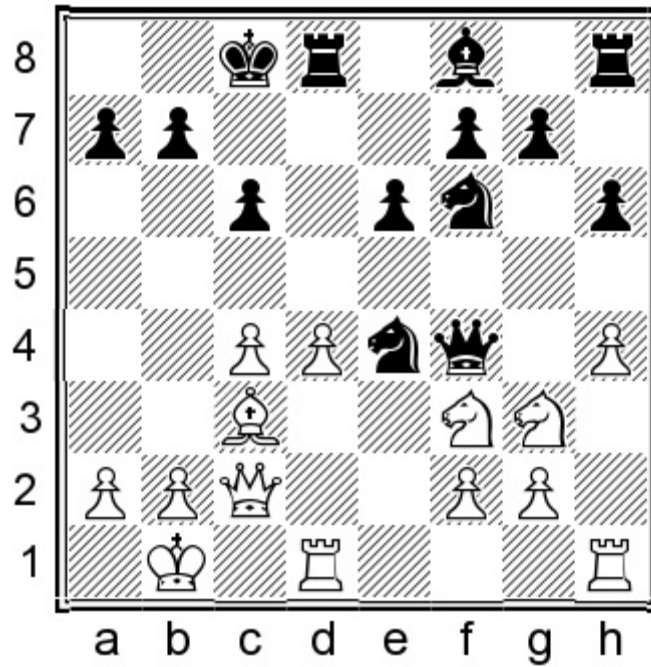
21.♔g1 ♙xd4+ 22.♕xd4 ♖e1+ 23.♗f2 ♕xd4+ 24.♖xd4 ♖xa1-+

21...♕d7! 0-1 Byrne,R-Fischer,R New York 1963.

White resigned in view of: 21...♕d7 22.♕f2 (22.♘db5 ♕h3+ 23.♔g1 ♙h6-+) 22...♕h3+ 23.♔g1 ♖e1+!! 24.♖xe1 ♙xd4-+

14. (*) Fischer, Robert James - Steinmeyer, Robert [B19]

USA-ch New York (6), 1963.12.22



□ 16.? +-

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16. ♘e5! ♘xf2

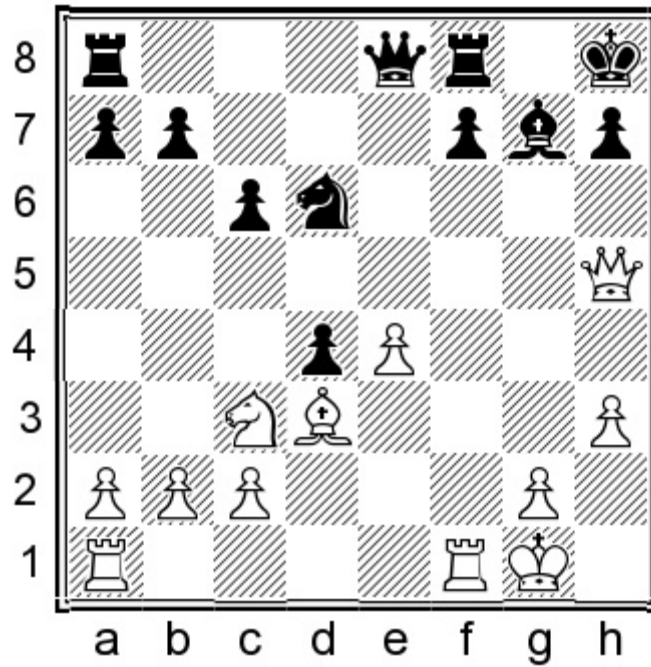
16... ♘xc3+ 17. bxc3! ♘d7 18. ♘h5! ♔f5 19. ♕xf5 exf5 20. ♘xf7+-

17. ♖df1! 1-0 Fischer,R-Steinmeyer,R New York 1963.

Black resigned as after 17. ♖df1 ♔xg3 18. ♖xf2 he is helpless against White's three deadly threats: 19. Rf3, 19. Rh3, 19. Nxf7.

15. Fischer, Robert James - Benko, Pal C [B09]

USA-ch New York (10), 1963.12.30



□ 19.? +-

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19. ♖f6!! A very famous game! 19... ♔g8

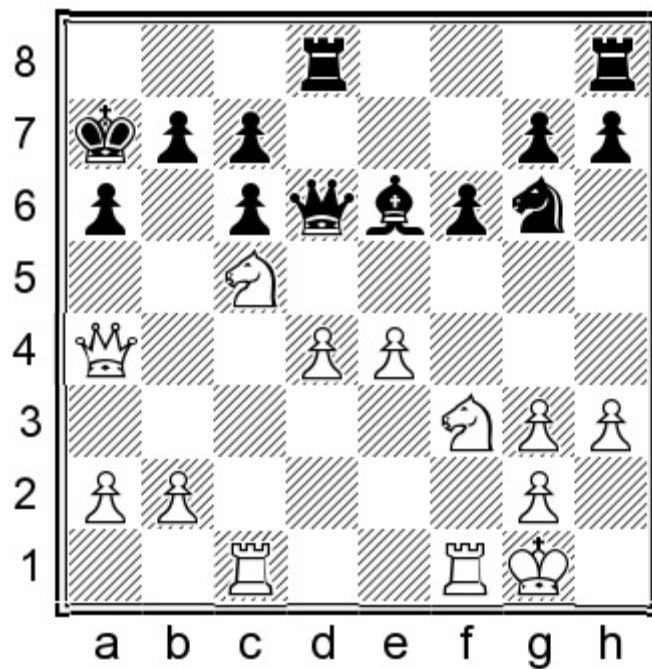
19... ♙xf6 20. e5+-

20. e5 h6 21. ♘e2 1-0 Fischer, R-Benko, P New York 1963.

Black resigned in view of: 21. ♘e2 ♙xf6 22. ♚xh6+-

16. Fischer, Robert James - Gligoric, Svetozar [C69]

Havana olm, 1966



□ 18.? +-

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18. ♖xa6! ♗xh3

18... bxa6 19. ♖xc6+-

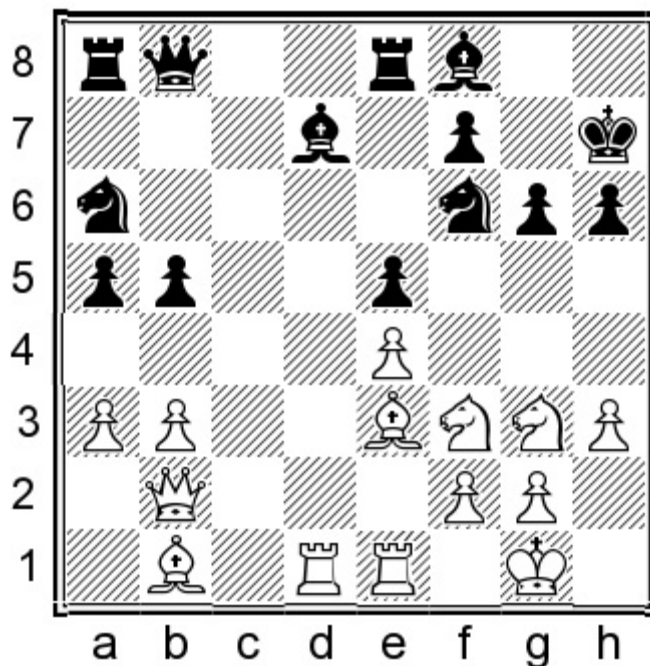
19. e5!? ♗xe5

19... fxe5 20. ♗c5+ ♔b8 21. ♖c3+-

20. dxe5+- 1-0 (25) Fischer, R-Gligoric, S Havana 1966.

17. Fischer, Robert James - Reshevsky, Samuel Herman [C93]

Sousse Interzonal+ Sousse (11), 1967



□ 26.? +-

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26. ♘xe5!

Just for the record, I am very impressed that the engine shows as second strongest move 26. ♘h5!? gxh5 (26... ♗xh5 27. ♖xd7 ♔g8 28. ♖c1± /+-) 27. ♘xe5! and given the problems on the b1-h7 diagonal, White is also winning, playing Nxe5 after sacrificing a full piece!

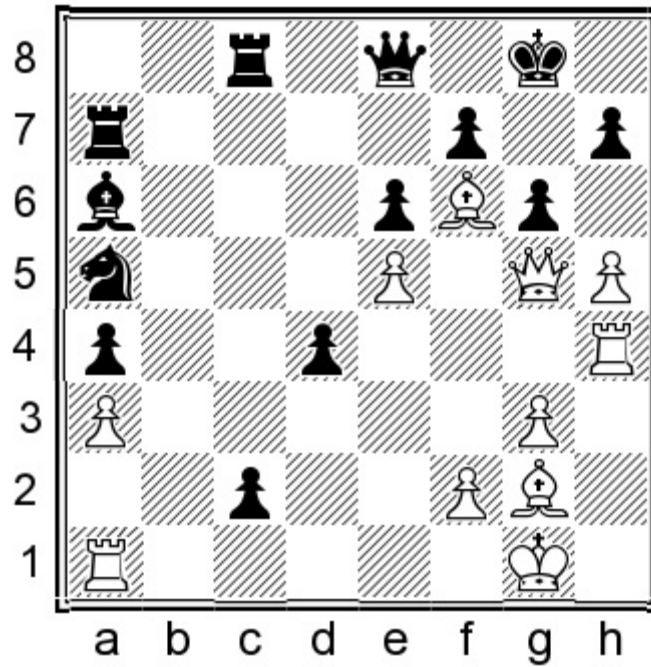
26... ♖xe5

26... ♔xe5 27. ♕d4+-

27. ♕f4+- 1-0 (46) Fischer,R-Reshevsky,S Sousse 1967.

18. Fischer, Robert James - Myagmarsuren, Lhamsuren [C00]

Sousse Interzonal+ Sousse (3), 1967



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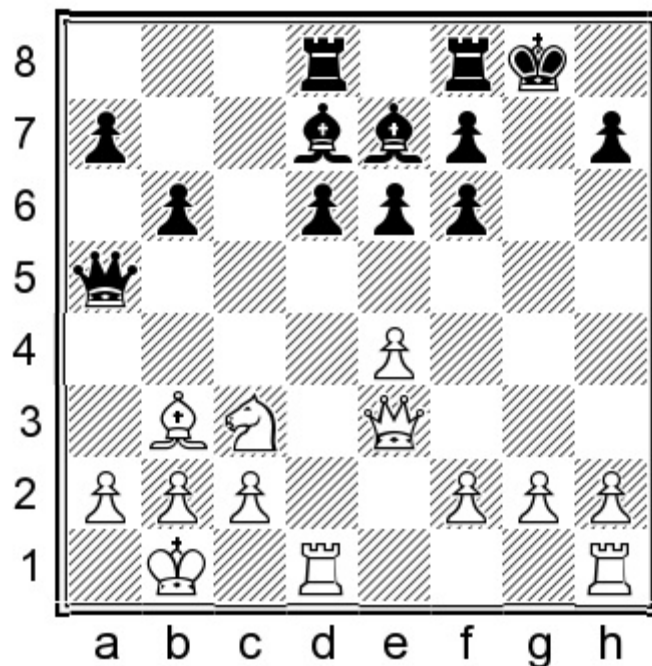
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30. ♖h6 ♜f8 31. ♖xh7+! 1-0 Fischer,R-Myagmarsuren,L Sousse 1967.

Black resigned in view of: 31. ♖xh7+ ♔xh7 32. hxg6+ ♔xg6 33. ♕e4#

19. Fischer, Robert James - Sofrevski, Jovan [B89]

Skopje Skopje (17), 1967



□ 15.? +-

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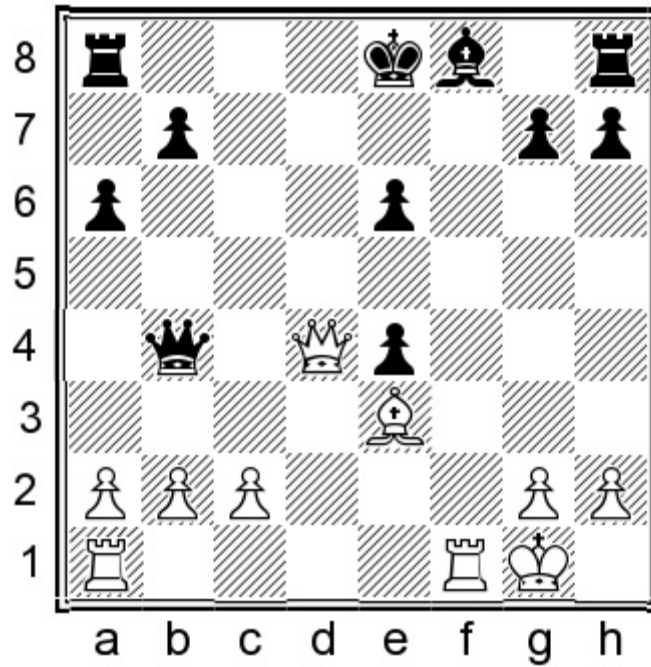
15. ♘d5! ♖fe8

15...exd5 16. ♖xd5 ♔a6 17. ♖h5 (ΔQh6) 17...♗g4 18. ♔g3+-

16. ♘xe7+ ♖xe7 17. ♖xd6+- 1-0 (19) Fischer,R-Sofrevski,J Skopje 1967.

20. (*) Fischer, Robert James - Dely, Peter [B88]

Skopje Skopje (4), 1967



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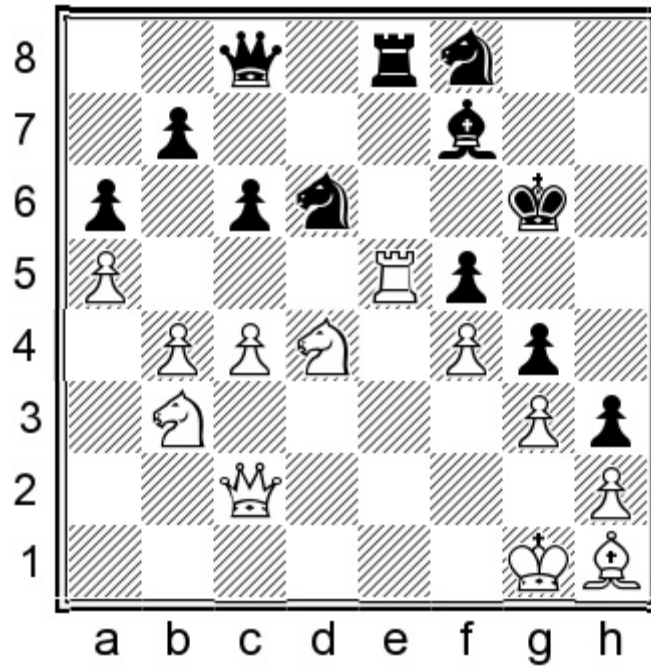
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16. ♖xf8+! ♜xf8 17. ♚a4+! 1-0 Fischer,R-Dely,P Skopje 1967.

Black resigned in view of: 17. ♚a4+ b5 (17... ♔f7 18. ♖f1++-) 18. ♚xe4 ♜d8 (18... ♜c8 19. ♚xe6++-) 19. ♚c6+! ♜d7 20. ♖d1 ♚e7 21. ♙b6!?+- (ΔQc8+)

21. Lombardy, W. - Fischer, R. [A15]

Monte Carlo, 1967



■ 43...? -+

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43...♖xe5! 44.fxe5 ♕e8!

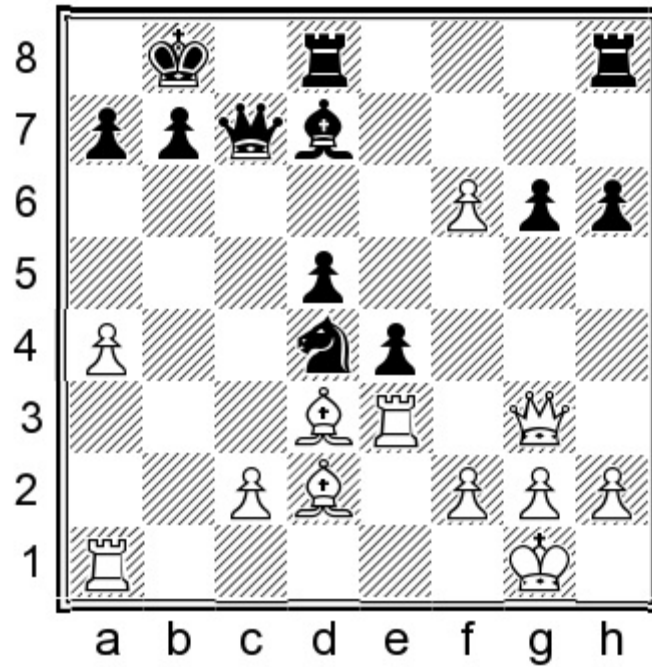
44...♘xc4?? 45.♘xf5+-

45.♕e2

45.exd6? ♕e1#

45...♙xc4 46.♕e3 ♙xb3 47.♘xb3 ♘c4-+ 0-1 (54) Lombardy, W-Fischer, R Monte Carlo 1967.

22. (*) Fischer, Robert - Schweber, Samuel
Buenos Aires, 1970



□ 23.? ±/+-

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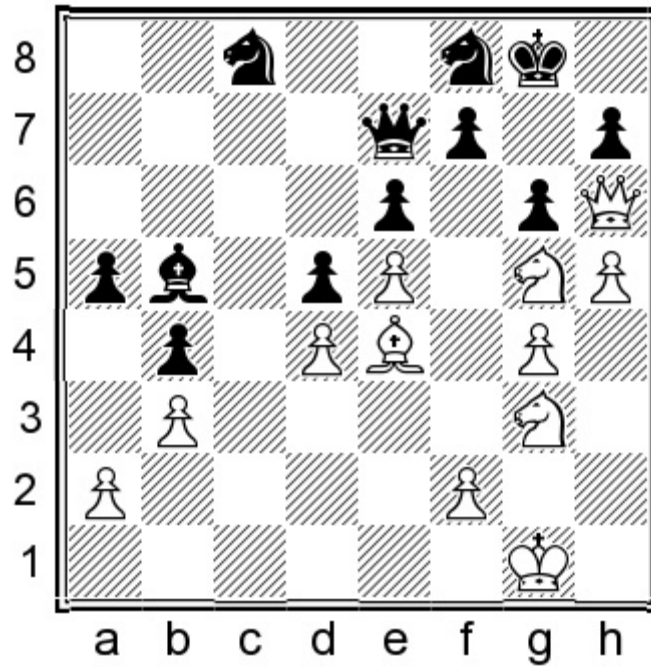
23.♖xe4!! ♜xg3 24.♖xd4 ♜g4

24...♜c7 25.♙f4±

25.♖xg4 ♙xg4 26.♙xg6± /+- 1-0 (47) Fischer,R-Schweber,S Buenos Aires 1970.

23. Fischer, Robert James - Panno, Oscar [A04]

Buenos Aires Buenos Aires (8), 1970.07.30



□ 29.? +-

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29. ♖xh7! ♜xh7 30. hxg6 fxg6

30... ♜f8 31. g7+-

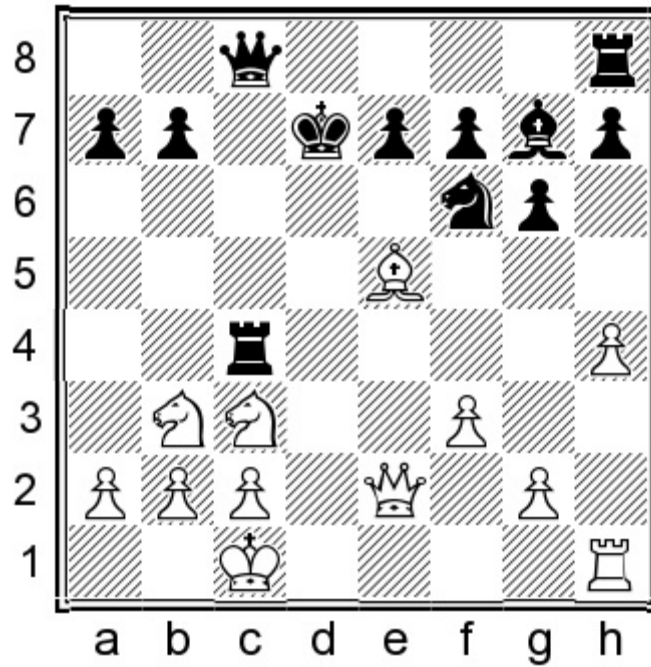
31. ♙xg6 ♜g5

31... ♜f8 32. ♖h5+-

32. ♖h5 ♜f3+ 33. ♙g2 ♜h4+ 34. ♙g3 ♜xg6 35. ♖f6+ ♜f7 36. ♙h7+ ♜f8 37. ♙g8# 1-0 Fischer, R-Panno, O Buenos Aires 1970.

24. Fischer, Robert James - Camara, Helder [B75]

Siegen ol (Men) qual-C Siegen (3), 1970.09.07



□ 20.? +-

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20. ♖b5! ♚c6

20... a6 21. ♖d1+ ♔e8 22. ♙xf6 ♜xf6 23. ♘d6+-

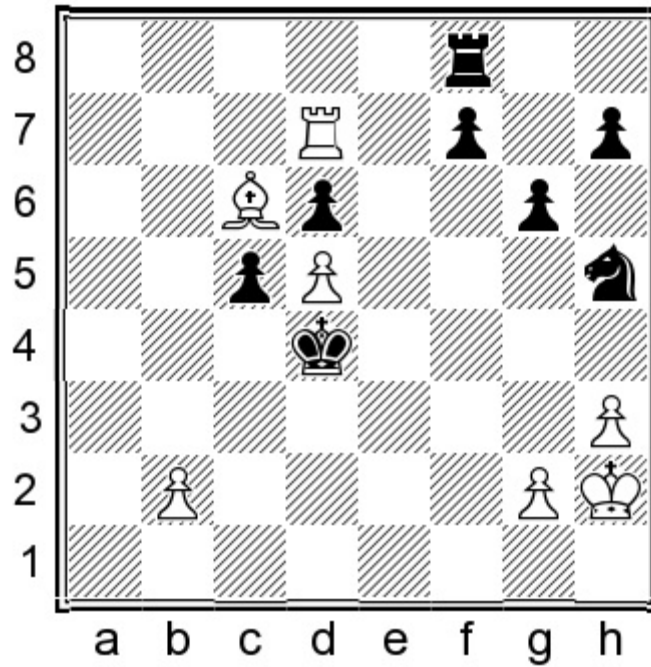
21. ♖d1+ ♔e8

21... ♜c8 22. ♘xa7#

22. ♘c7+- 1-0 (24) Fischer,R-Camara,H Siegen 1970.

25. Uhlmann, Wolfgang - Fischer, Robert James [A75]

Palma de Mallorca Interzonal Palma de Mallorca (18), 1970.12.03



■ 34...? –+

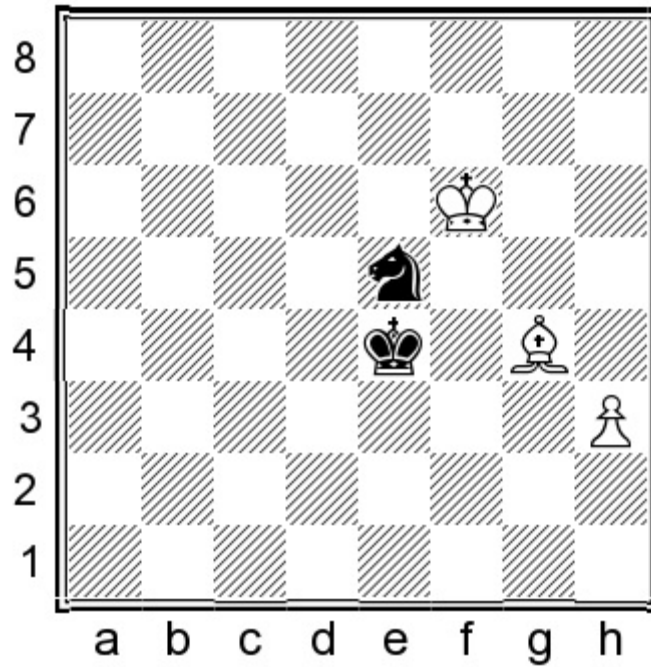
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34...♘f6! 0-1 Uhlmann,W-Fischer,R Palma de Mallorca 1970.

White resigned as instead of recovering his pawn, he is losing another: 34...♘f6 35.♖xd6? ♔e5--+

26. Fischer, Robert James (2740) - Taimanov, Mark E (2620) [B44]

Candidates qf3 Vancouver (2), 1971.05.18



□ 82.? +-

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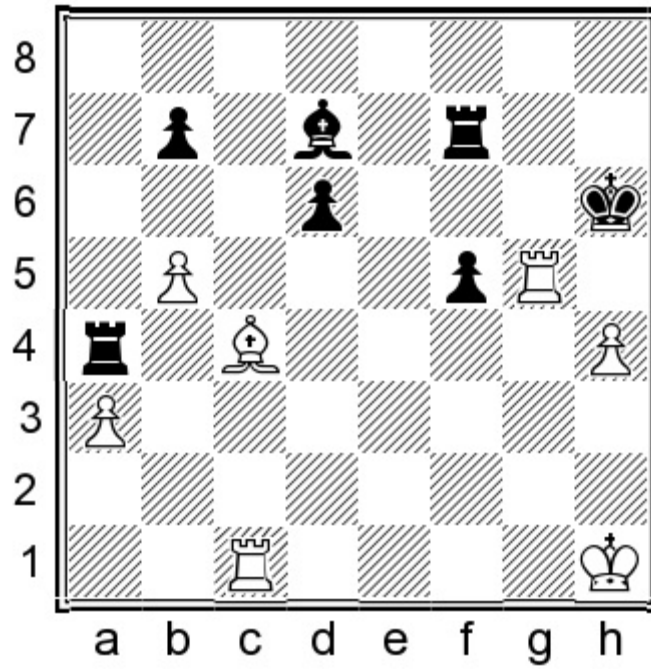
82.♔c8! Thanks to this move the black knight is dominated!

82.♔e6? ♖f3=; 82.♔d1? ♕f4 83.h4 ♖g4+=

82...♕f4 83.h4 ♖f3 84.h5 ♖g5 85.♔f5 ♖f3 86.h6 ♖g5 87.♕g6 ♖f3 88.h7 ♖e5+ 89.♕f6 1-0 Fischer,R (2740)-Taimanov, M (2620) Vancouver 1971.

27. Larsen, Bent (2660) - Fischer, Robert James (2760) [B36]

Candidates sf1 Denver (2), 1971.07.08



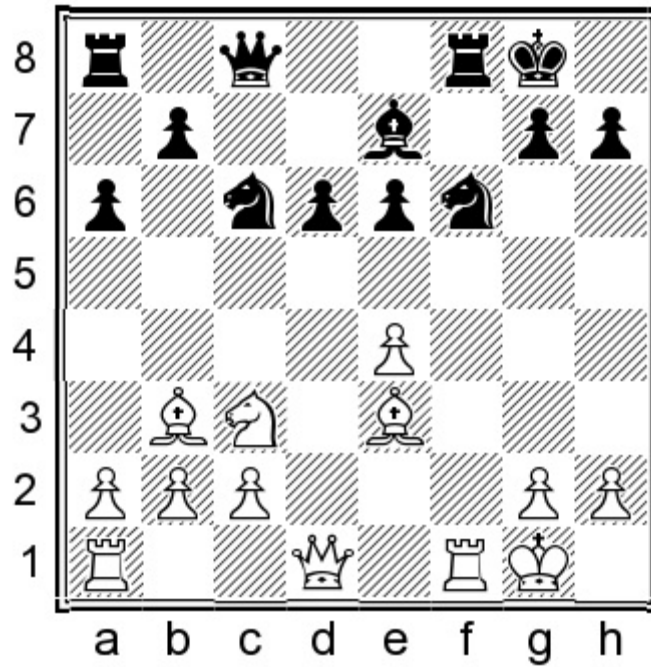
■ 38...? –+

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38...♙xb5! 39.♙xf7 ♖xh4+ 40.♔g2 ♕xg5-+ 0-1 (54) Larsen,B (2660) -Fischer,R (2760) Denver 1971.

28. Fischer, Robert James (2760) - Larsen, Bent (2660) [B88]

Candidates sf1 Denver (3), 1971.07.11

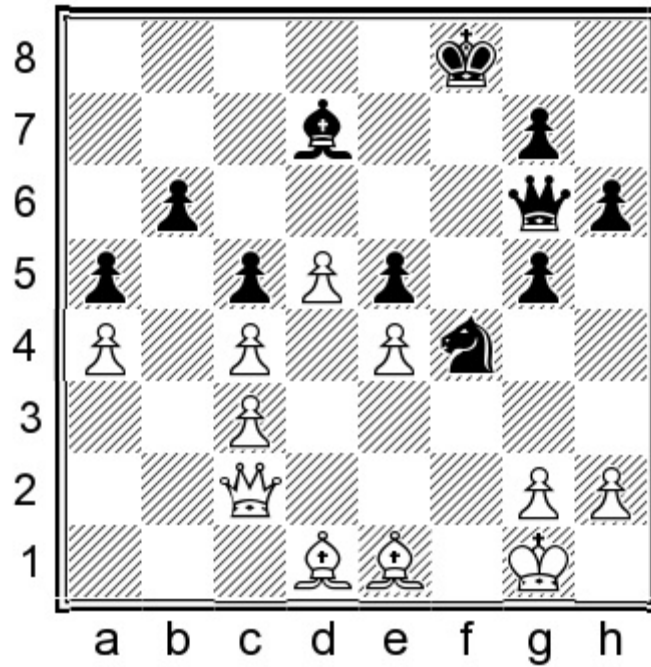


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14. ♘a4! Simple and efficient. The e6-pawn is lost. **14... ♜b8 15. ♘b6 ♚e8 16. ♙xe6+ 1-0** (41) Fischer,R (2760)-Larsen,B (2660) Denver 1971.

29. Spassky, Boris Vasilievich (2660) - Fischer, Robert James (2785) [E41]
 World-ch27 Fischer-Spassky +7-3=11 Reykjavik (5), 1972.07.20



■ 27...? –+

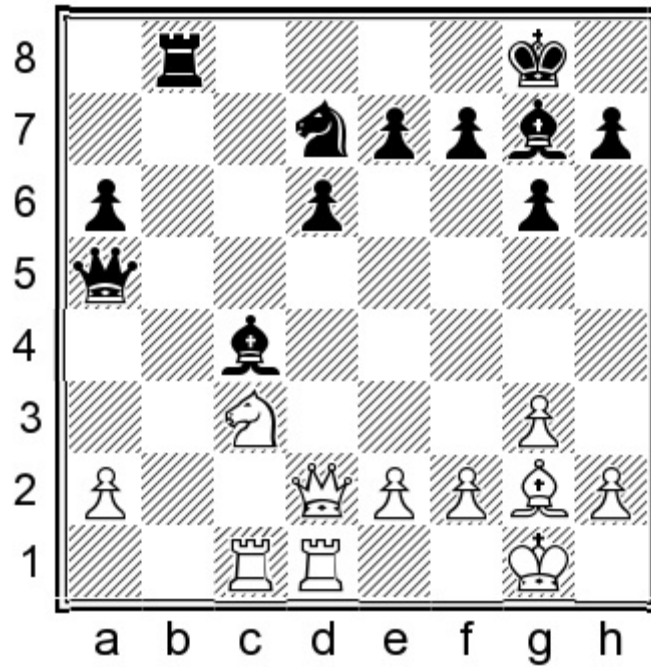
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27...♙xa4! 0-1 Spassky,B (2660)-Fischer,R (2785) Reykjavik 1972.

White resigned in view of 27...♙xa4 28.♚xa4 ♚xe4 attacking g2 and e1: 29.♙f2 ♘d3+-+

30. Fischer, Robert James (2785) - Spassky, Boris Vasilievich (2660) [A39]

World-ch27 Fischer-Spassky +7-3=11 Reykjavik (8), 1972.07.27

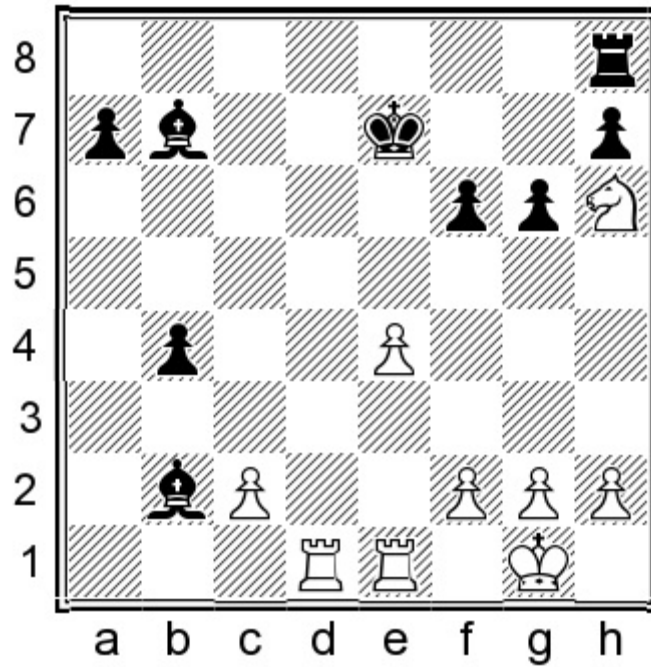


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20. ♖d5! ♚xd2 21. ♘xe7+ ♔f8 22. ♙xd2 The e7-knight is hanging, but the c4-bishop as well. 1-0 (37)
 Fischer,R (2785)-Spassky,B (2660) Reykjavik 1972.

31. Fischer, Robert James (2785) - Spassky, Boris Vasilievich (2560) [B31]
 St Stefan/Belgrade m Belgrade (11), 1992



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21. ♖f5+! gxf5

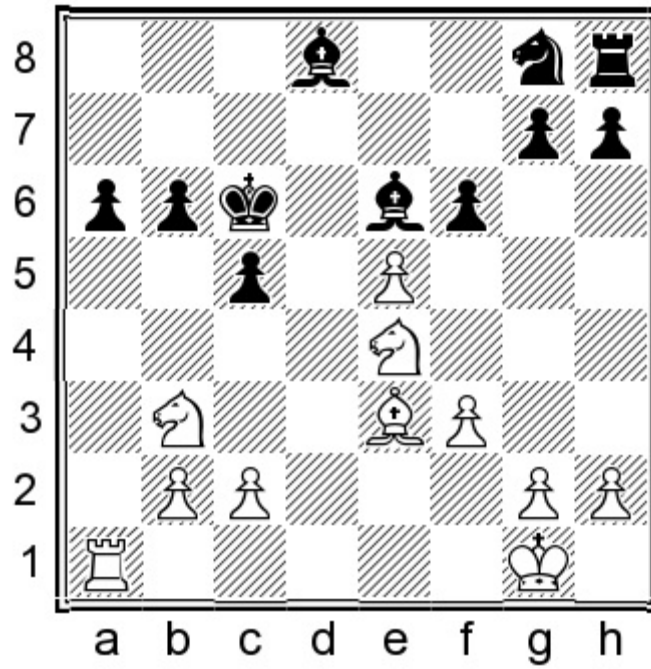
21... ♔e6 22. ♖d6+ ♔e5 23. ♖d7+-

22. exf5+ ♔e5

22... ♔f7 23. ♖d7++-

23. f4+- 1-0 (41) Fischer,R (2785)-Spassky,B (2560) Belgrade 1992.

32. Fischer, Robert James (2785) - Spassky, Boris Vasilievich (2560) [C69]
 St Stefan/Belgrade m Belgrade (9), 1992



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19. ♖bxc5! bxc5

19... ♗c8 20. ♘xa6 fxe5 21. ♘b4+ 1-0 Fischer, R (2785) -Spassky, B (2560) Belgrade 1992.

20. ♜xa6+ ♔d5

20... ♗d7 21. ♘xc5+-

21. ♜d6+ ♗xe5 22. ♜xd8+-

Chapter 10 Domination by Kramnik

Vladimir Kramnik (photo Jos Sutmuller) – World
Champion 2000-2007

In this chapter you are asked to find winning moves by Vladimir Kramnik. Although Kramnik is renowned as a great strategist, slowly grinding down his opponents, he is also a strong and inventive tactician, as can be seen from games at the beginning of his career and also more recently.

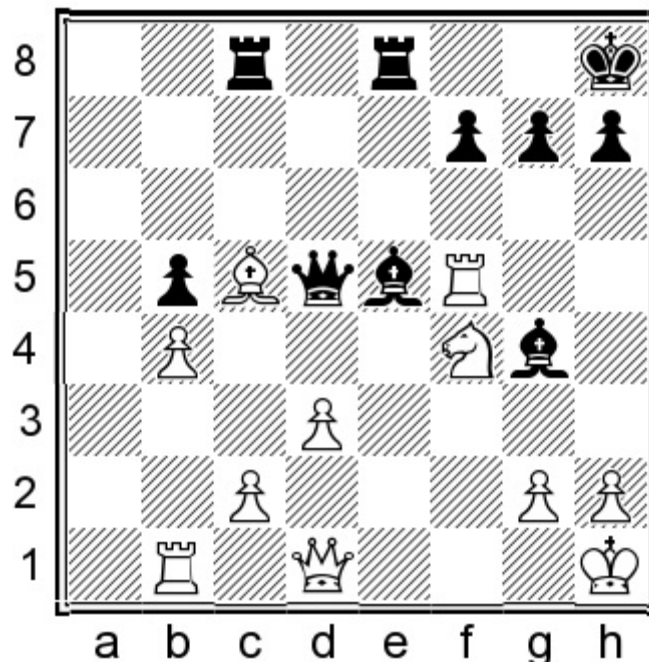
In exercises marked (P) you need to find a crushing positional move, while those marked (D) mean you should focus on dominating the opponent's pieces. But watch out! You will also find regular tactical exercises, which require imagination to solve.

This chapter is only a little more difficult than the previous three; the most challenging exercises are marked with an asterisk (*).



1. (D) Yurtaev, Leonid (2510) - Kramnik, Vladimir [B30]

GMA op Moscow (2), 1989



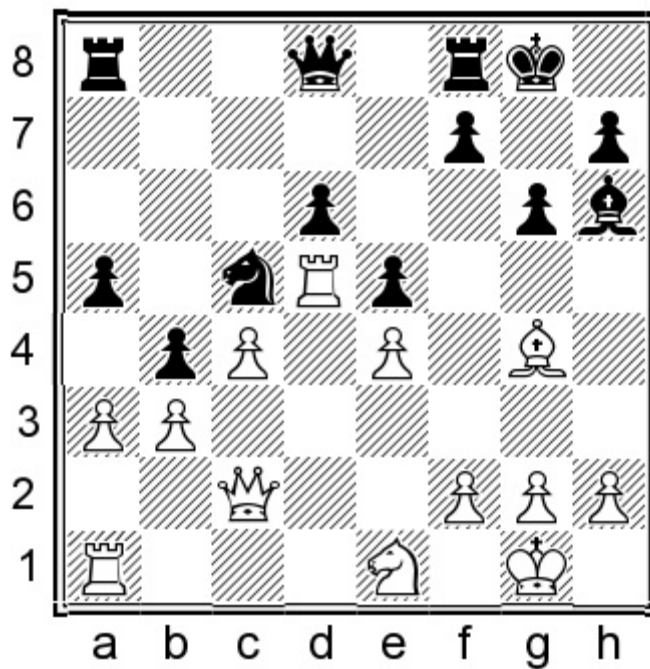
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28...♙a2! 29.♚xg4 ♜xb1+-+ 0-1 (74) Yurtaev,L (2510)-Kramnik,V Moscow 1989.

2. (P) Frolov, Artur (2485) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2450) [B33]

URS-qual U18 Sochi, 1990



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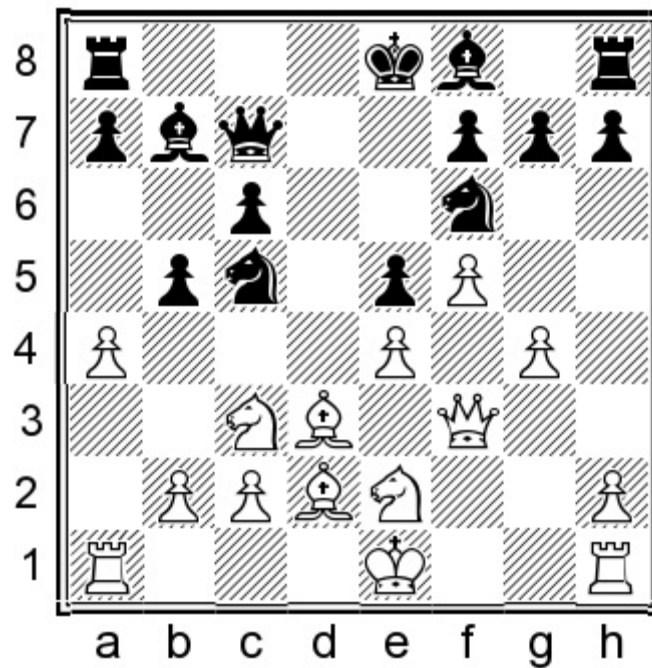
22...a4!23.axb4

Also after 23.bxa4 White is positionally doomed: 23...b3 24.♚b2 ♜b6+-+

23...axb3 24.♚b1 ♜xa1 25.♚xa1 ♞xe4 Black has too many threats, such as ...Nf6, ...Qh4, ...Qb6.
26.♙f3 ♞d2+-+ And most probably ...e4 and ...e3 next. 0-1 (36) Frolov,A (2485)-Kramnik,V (2450)
Sochi 1990.

3. Neverov, Anatoly - Kramnik, Vladimir (2450) [B07]

RSFSR-ch Kuibyshev, 1990



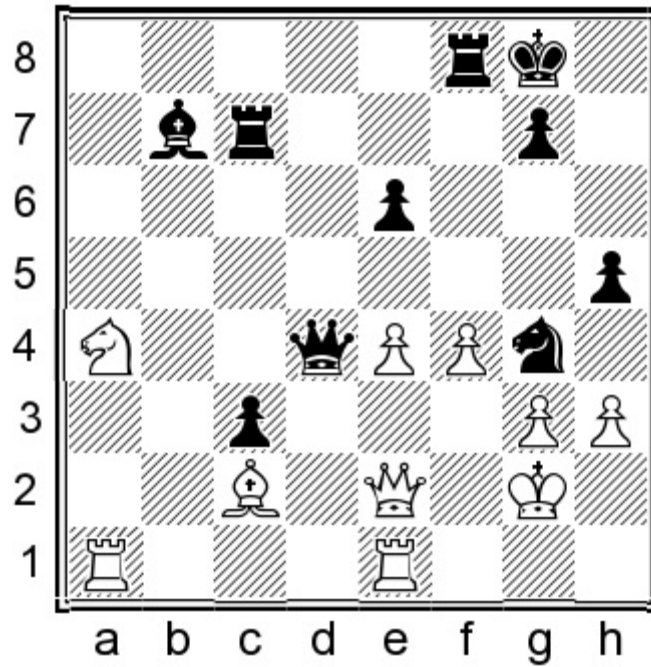
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12...b4 13.♘d1 ♗fxe4! 14.♙xe4 ♘xe4 15.♚xe4 c5 16.♚c4 ♙xh1-+ 0-1 (40) Neverov,A-Kramnik,V (2450) Kuibyshev 1990.

4. (D) Martens, Martin (2325) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2450) [B30]

EU-ch U20 Arnhem (7), 1990



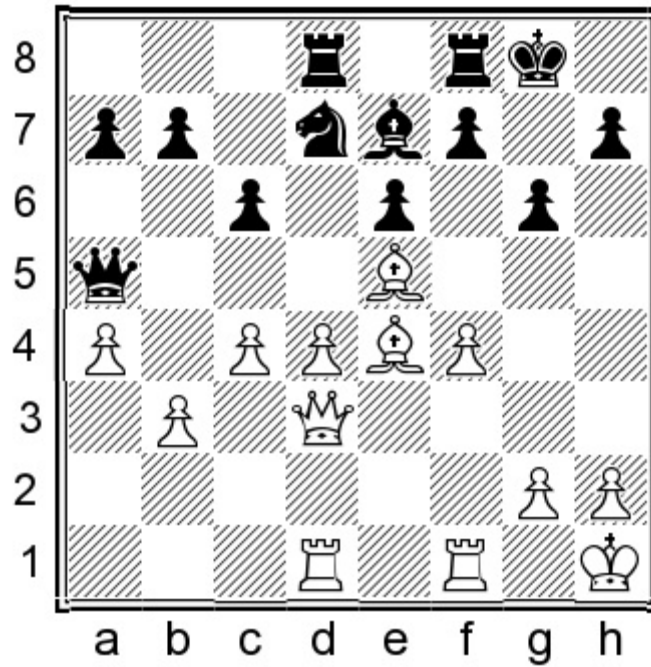
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36...♙a6! 0-1 Martens,M (2325)-Kramnik,V (2450) Arnhem 1990.

White resigned in view of: 36...♙a6 37.♚xa6 (37.♚f3 ♖d2+-+) 37...♚f2+ 38.♔h1 ♚h2#

5. (D) Voekler, Bernd (2370) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2490) [C10]
Groningen op Groningen (5), 1991



■ 20...? -+

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20...♞c5!

20...f6? 21.♙xg6+-

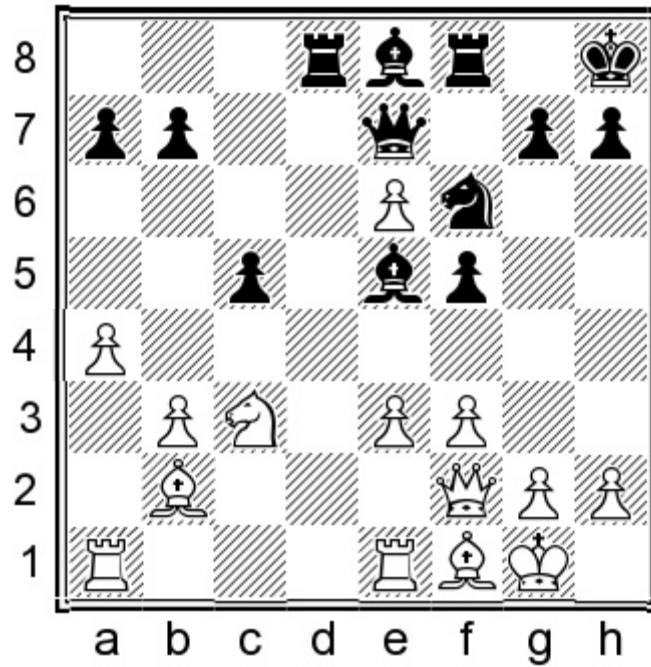
21.dxc5

21.♚c2 ♞xe4 22.♚xe4 f6-+

21...♞xd3 22.♞xd3 ♚xc5-+ 0-1 (38) Voekler,B (2370)-Kramnik,V (2490) Groningen 1991.

6. (*) Lindstedt, Johan (2345) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2480) [A84]

WchT U26 Maringa (3), 1991



■ 22...? -+

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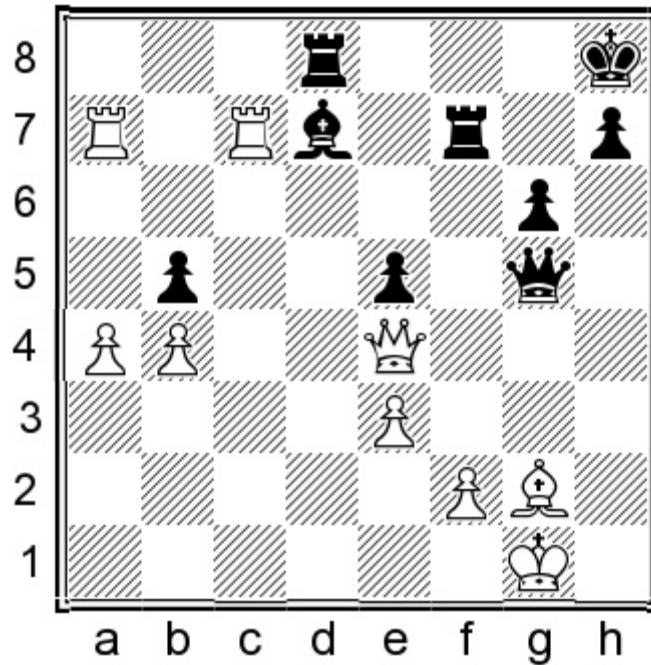
22...♘g4! 23.f×g4 fxg4 24.♙xf8+

24.♙e2 ♔xh2+! 25.♔xh2 ♚h4+ 26.♔g1 g3-+

24...♙xf8-+ 0-1 (42) Lindstedt,J (2345)-Kramnik,V (2480) Maringa 1991.

7. (*) Miranda, Marcio Marcos (2280) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2480) [A88]

Rio de Janeiro schev Rio de Janeiro (10), 199109



■ 30...? –+

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30...♙c6! 31.♖xf7?

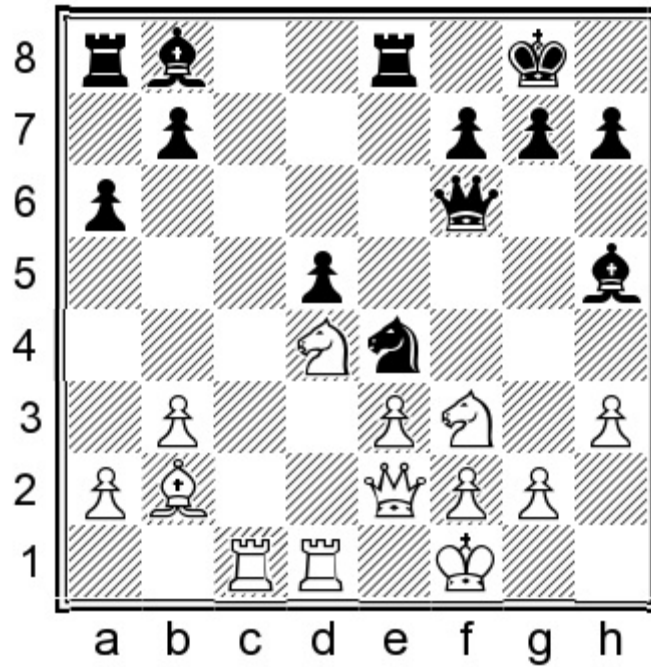
31.♖xc6 ♖xa7 32.axb5 was the only way to stay in the game; however Black is not just better, he can win by force: 32...♖d1+! 33.♔h2 ♖f7! 34.♖c2 (34.b6?! ♖xf2! 35.b7 ♖xg2+! 36.♙xg2 ♙h4+ 37.♙h3 ♖d2+ 38.♔g1 ♙e1+ 39.♙f1 ♙g3+ 40.♔h1 ♙h2#) 34...♖f5! 35.b6 ♙h5+ 36.♙h3 (36.♔g3 ♖g5+-+) 36...♖f3 37.♙g4 ♖xh3+ 38.♙xh3 ♖h1+-+; 31.♙xc6 ♖d1+ 32.♔h2 ♙h4+ 33.♙h3 ♖xf2+-+

31...♙xe4 32.♖xh7+ ♔g8 0-1 Miranda,M (2280) -Kramnik,V (2480) Rio de Janeiro 1991.

White resigned in view of: 32...♔g8 33.♖ag7+ ♔f8 34.♖f7+ ♔e8 35.♖e7+ ♙xe7 36.♖xe7+ ♔xe7+-+

8. (D) Graf, Alexander (2510) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2625) [D30]

Alekhine op Moscow, 1992



■ 20...? -+

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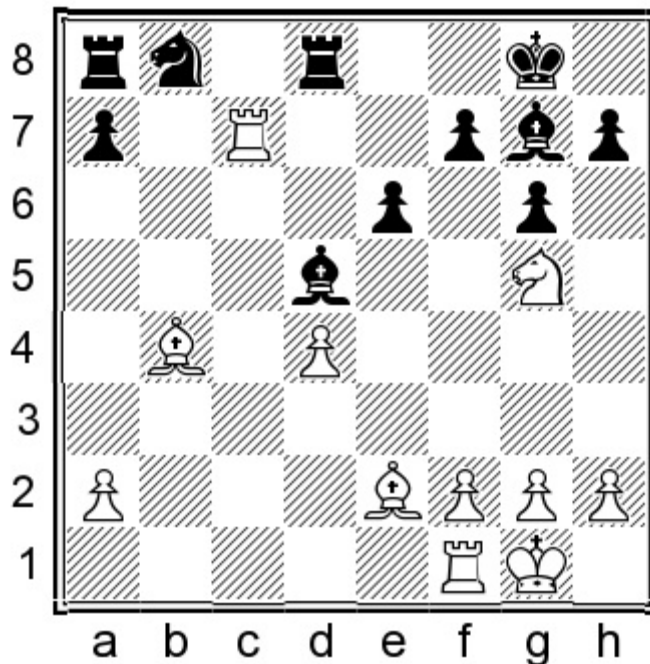
20...♔g3! 21.♘b5

21.fxg3? ♘xg3+-+

21...♚h6 22.♘c3 ♘xf2-- 0-1 (31) Graf,A (2510)-Kramnik,V (2625) Moscow 1992.

9. (D) Kramnik, Vladimir (2590) - Lputian, Smbat G (2560) [D85]

Dortmund op-A Dortmund (7), 1992



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19.♙b5! Black is helpless against Nxf7 or Be7.

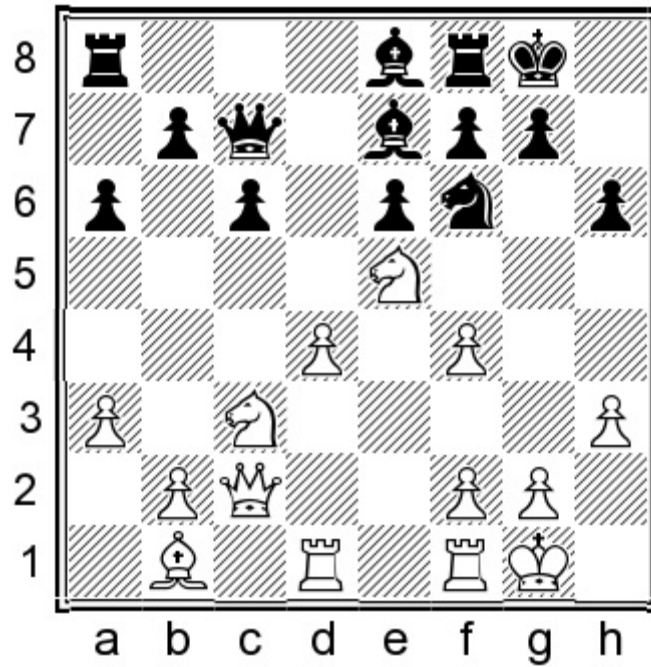
19.♘xf7? ♖d7=; 19.♙e7? ♖e8 20.♙b5 ♘c6 21.♙xc6 ♙xc6 22.♘xf7 ♖ec8=

19...a6

19...♙f8 20.♘xf7+-

20.♙a4 a5 21.♙e7 ♘a6 22.♙xd8 ♖xd8 23.♖a7+- 1-0 (28) Kramnik,V (2590)-Lputian,S (2560) Dortmund 1992.

10. (P) Kramnik, Vladimir (2590) - Lputian, Smbat G (2560) [D37]
EU-chT (Men) Debrecen (6), 1992



□ 17.? +-

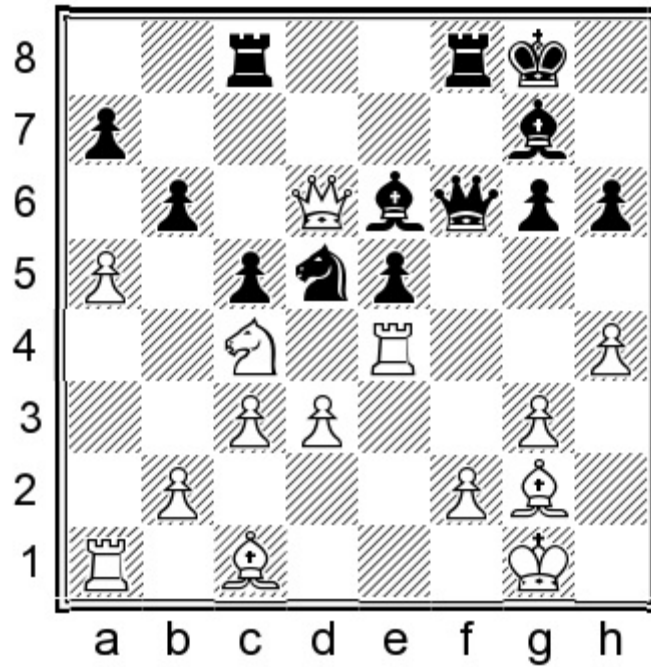
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17.d5! A killing positional move! **17...♞d8**

17...exd5 18.♘xd5 ♘xd5 19.♙h7#; 17...cxd5 18.♘xd5! ♙xc2 19.♘xe7+-

18.♞fe1!? ♔h8 **19.dxe6** ♞xd1 **20.♞xd1** fxe6 **21.♘e4** g6 **22.♘c5+-** 1-0 (26) Kramnik,V (2590)-Lputian,S (2560) Debrecen 1992.

11. (11) Arencibia Rodriguez, Walter (2485) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2710) [A08]
Biel Interzonal Biel (5), 1993



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20...♖cd8! Simple chess!

Instead 20...♕xf2+ 21.♔h2 is anything but clear, as the e6- bishop is hanging.

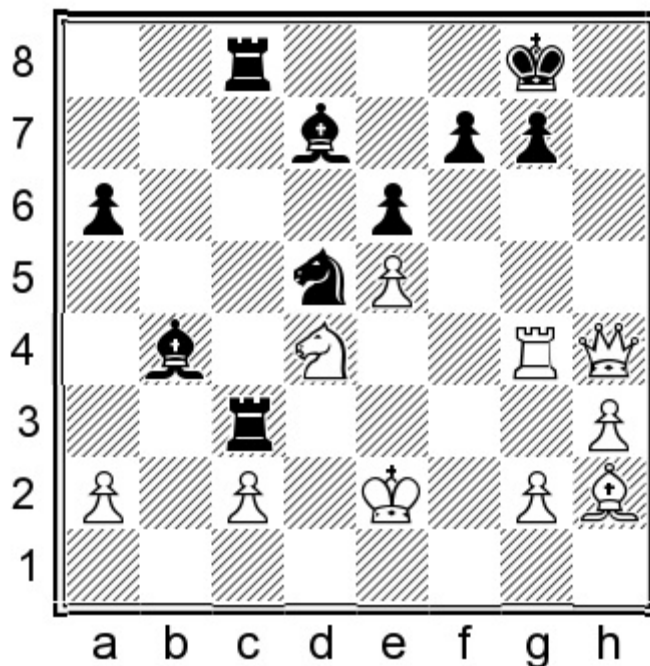
21.♖c6 ♘e7 22.♖a4 ♕xf2+ 23.♔h1

23.♔h2 ♘f5-+

23...♕xg3-+ 0-1 (26) Arencibia Rodriguez,W (2485)-Kramnik,V (2710) Biel 1993.

12. Ivanchuk, Vassily (2710) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2685) [B57]

Linares 11th Linares (6), 1993



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29...♙b5+! 30.♗xb5

30.♔f2 ♖xc2+! 31.♗xc2 ♖xc2+ 32.♕f3 (32.♕g3 ♙e1+-+; 32.♕g1 ♖c1+ 33.♕f2 ♙e1+-+) 32...♙e2+ 33.♕e4 (33.♕g3 ♙e1#) 33...♖c4#

30...♖xc2+ 31.♕f3

31.♕d3 axb5 32.♖xb4 ♖8c3+ 33.♕e4 ♖c4+-+

31...axb5 32.♖xb4

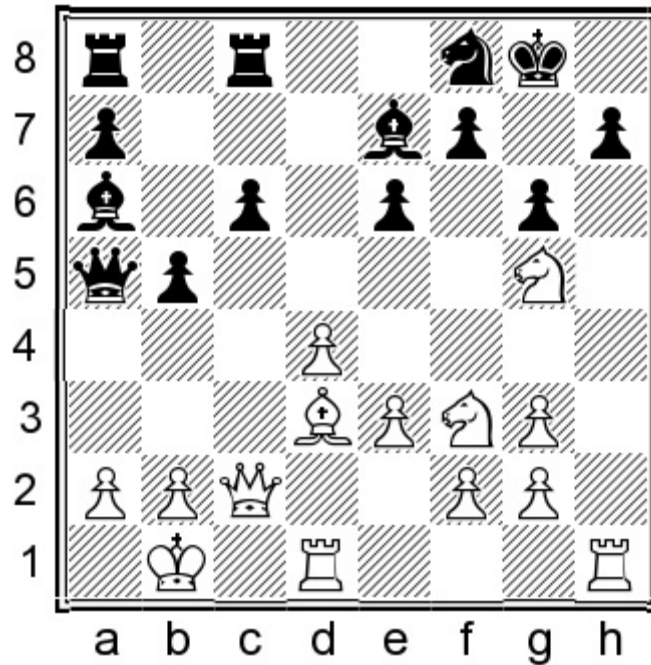
32.♖xg7+ ♕xg7 33.♗g5+ ♕f8 leads nowhere for White.

32...♗xb4 33.♗xb4 ♖8c3+ 0-1 (33) Ivanchuk,V (2710)-Kramnik,V (2685) Linares 1993.

White resigned in view of: 33...♖8c3+ 34.♕e4 ♖c4+-+

13. Kramnik, Vladimir (2710) - Abramovic, Bosko (2460) [D37]

Biel Interzonal Biel (2), 1993



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17. ♖xh7! ♜xh7

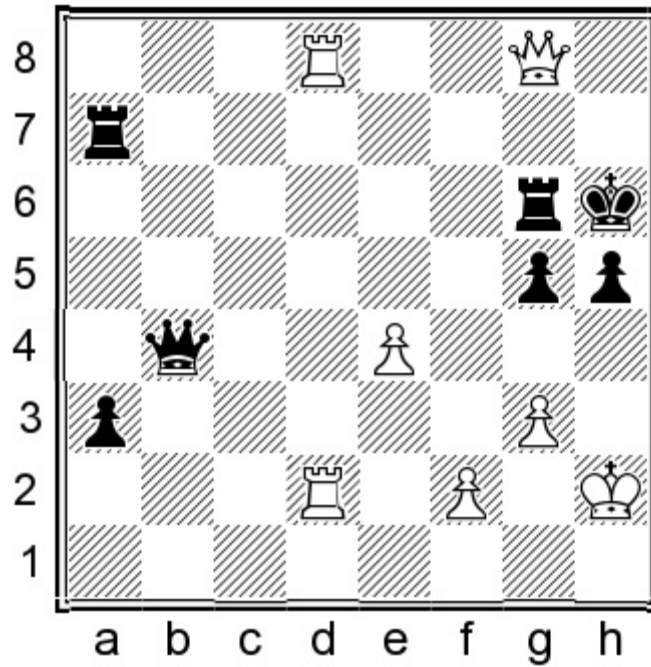
17...c5 18. ♖xf8 cxd4 19. ♚b3 ♜xf8 20. ♜xg6!+- 1-0 (29) Kramnik,V (2710)-Abramovic,B (2460) Biel 1993.

18. ♜xg6! ♜f8

18...♜f6 19. ♜e5+-

19. ♜h7+ ♜g7 20. ♚e4 White is completely winning, for instance: 20...♜f6 21. ♚g4+ ♜g6 22. ♜xg6 fxg6 23. ♜e5 ♜xe5 24. dxe5 ♜d8 25. ♚xe6+-

14. Kramnik, Vladimir (2710) - Huebner, Robert (2605) [D11]
Biel Interzonal Biel (10), 1993



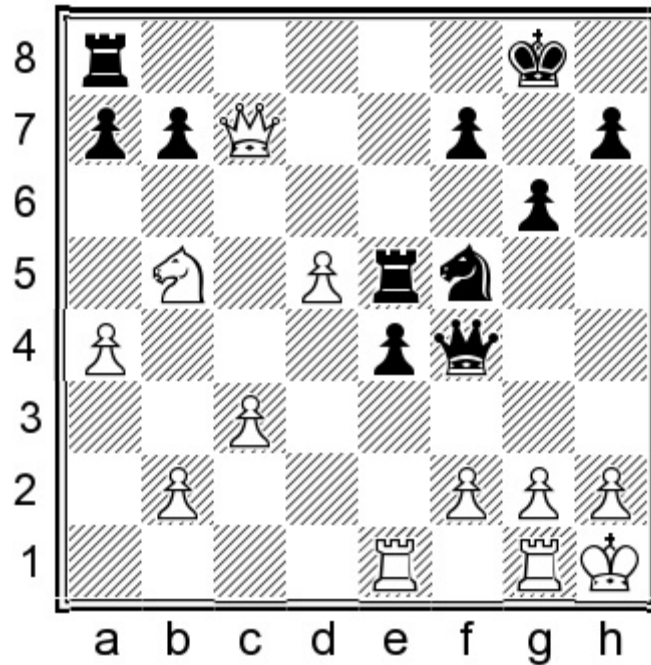
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48.♖h8+ ♜h7 49.♞2d7! 1-0 Kramnik,V (2710)-Huebner,R (2605) Biel 1993.

Black resigned in view of: 49.♞2d7 ♜xh8 50.♞xh8#

15. (*) Yudasin, Leonid (2625) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2710) [B33]
Candidates FIDE m5 Wijk aan Zee (1), 1994



■ 23...? -+

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23...e3! 24.♞xe3

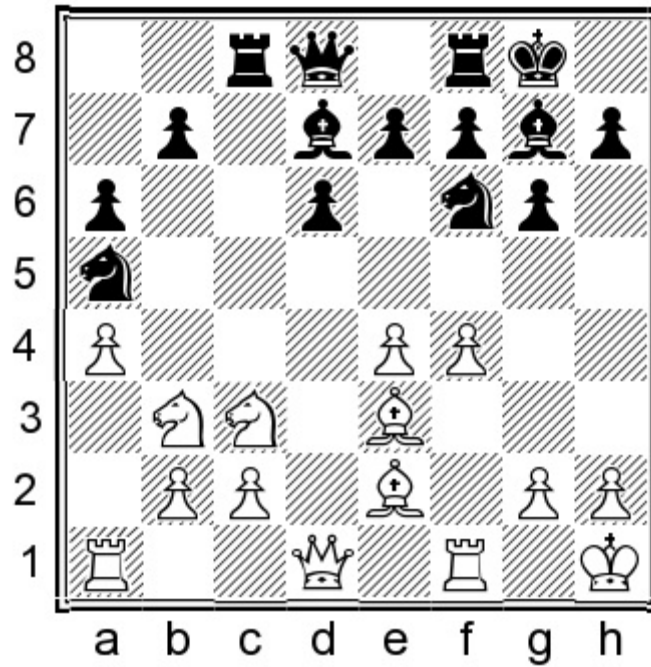
24.h3 exf2 25.♞xe5 ♜g3+ 26.♔h2 ♜f1+ 27.♔h1 fxe1=Q! 28.♞xf4 ♜g3+ 29.♔h2 ♞xg1+! 30.♔xg3 (30.♔xg1 ♜e2+-+) 30...♞e8!-+; 24.fxe3? ♜g3+ 25.hxg3 ♞h5#

24...♞xe3!! 25.♜d6

25.fxe3 ♜g3+ 26.hxg3 ♞h5#

25...♞e7! 26.♜xf5 gxf5 27.♞d6 ♞e5--+ 0-1 (30) Yudasin,L (2625) -Kramnik,V (2710) Wijk aan Zee 1994.

16. (D) Kramnik, Vladimir (2710) - Cvitan, Ognjen (2570) [B74]
Munich Intel Express blitz '5 Munich, 1994



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13.e5! ♖e8

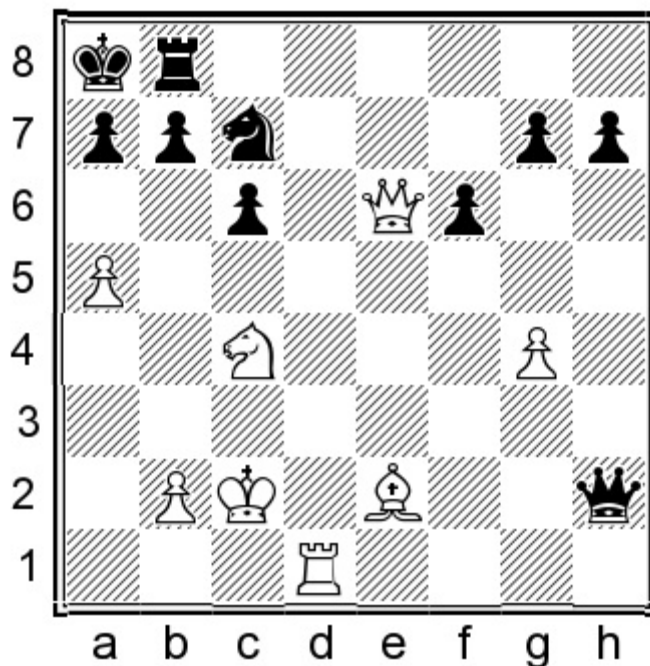
13...dxe5 14.fxe5 ♖e8 15.♘xa5 ♕xa5 16.♙xd7+-

14.♘xa5 ♕xa5 15.♘d5 ♖c6

15...♙d8 16.♙b6+-

16.♘xe7+- 1-0 (23) Kramnik,V (2710)-Cvitan,O (2570) Munich 1994.

17. (*) Kramnik, Vladimir (2725) - Georgiev, Kiril (2615) [D17]
 Moscow ol (Men) Moscow (6), 1994



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24. ♘b6+!!

24. ♖a1? ♜e8 25. ♘b6+ ♔b8=

24...axb6 25.axb6 ♘a6

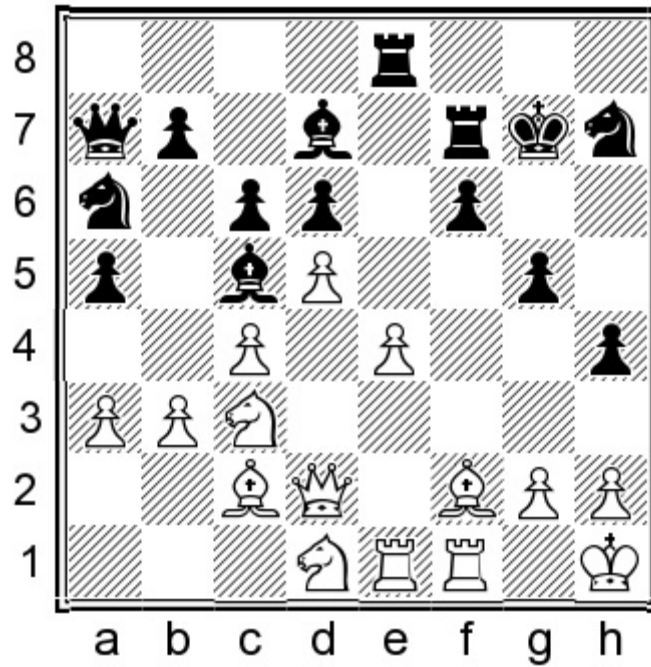
25...♜e8 26.bxc7+-

26. ♖a1 White threatens Rxa6+ followed by Qxc6-Qc8-Qa6#. 26...♜d8

26...♞e5 27. ♖xa6+ (27. ♔xa6!?!+-) 27...bxa6 28. ♞xc6+ ♜b7 29. ♔f3 ♞b8 30. ♔b1!+- ΔQc4 26...♞g2
27. ♞e7+- ΔRxa6+

27. ♞e7 ♞d6 28. ♖xa6+ ♔b8 29. ♞xd6+ ♜xd6 30. ♖a3+- 1-0 (41) Kramnik, V (2725)-Georgiev, K (2615)
Moscow 1994.

18. (P) Kramnik, Vladimir (2725) - Nunn, John Denis Martin E (2625) [E92]
Bundesliga 9495 Germany (?).1, 1994



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29.e5! ♖xe5 30.♖xe5 fxe5

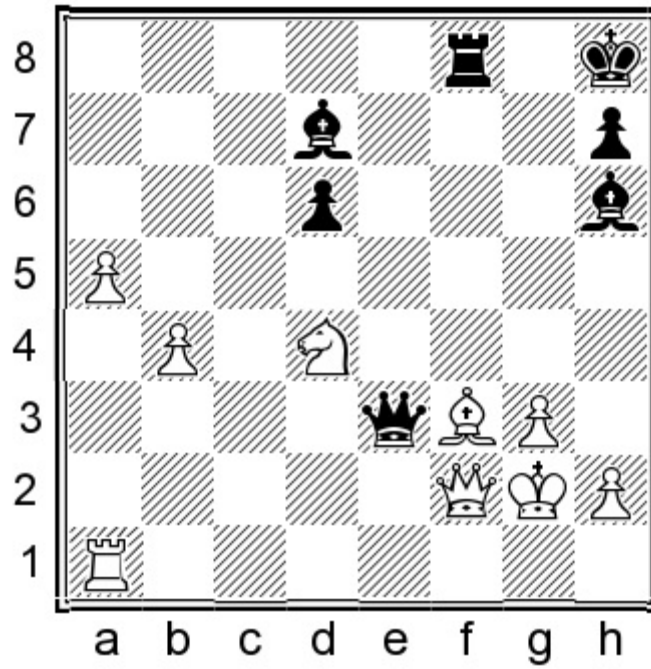
30...dxe5 31.♙xh7 ♔xh7 32.♘e4 ♙xf2 33.♖xf2+-

31.♙xh7

31.♚e2 (ΔBxh7, Qh5) was very strong as well: 31...♘f6 32.♙xc5 ♚xc5 33.♚d2+-

31...♔xh7 32.♚xg5 ♙xf2 33.♘xf2+- 1-0 (43) Kramnik, V (2725)-Nunn, J (2625) Germany 1994.

19. (D) Lutz, Christopher (2560) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2715) [B33]
 Bundesliga 9495 Germany (?), 1995

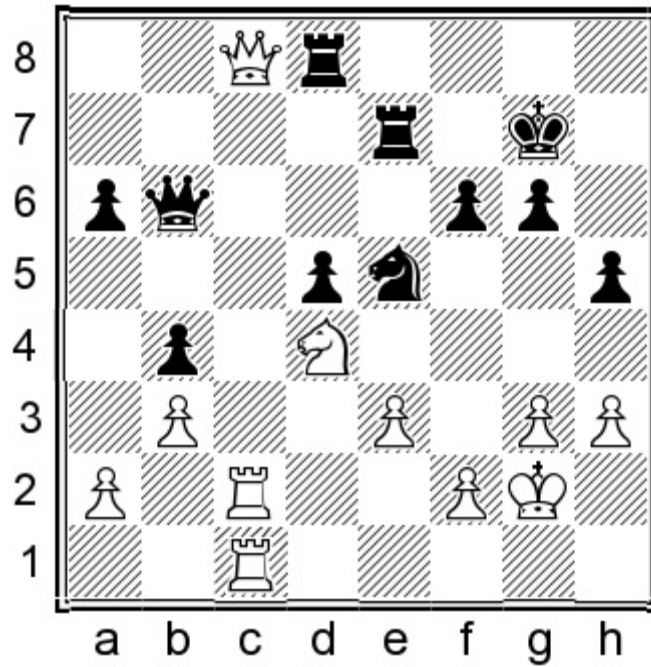


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33...♔h3+! 34.♖g1 ♕c3! 35.♞e1 ♔d2! 0-1 Lutz,C (2560)-Kramnik,V (2715) Germany 1995.

20. Kramnik, Vladimir (2715) - Kengis, Edvins (2575) [D41]
Tal mem Riga (1), 1995



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35. ♘e6+! ♙xe6

35... ♖xe6 36. ♖c7+! ♜d7 37. ♖xd7+ ♘xd7 38. ♙xd7+ ♔h6 39. ♖c8+-

36. ♙xd8 ♘f7 37. ♙c8 ♙e4+ 38. ♔g1 ♘g5 39. ♖c7! ♘f3+

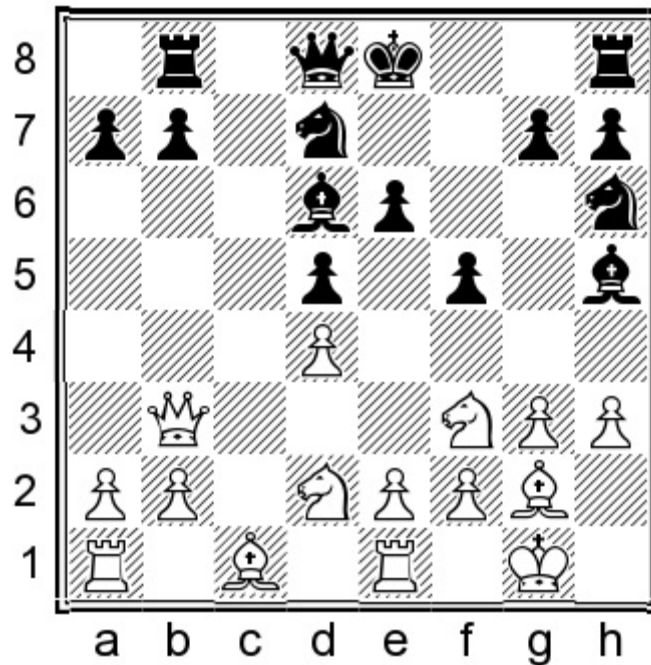
39... ♘xh3+ 40. ♔h2+-

40. ♔f1 ♘h2+ 41. ♔e2 1-0 Kramnik, V (2715)-Kengis, E (2575) Riga 1995.

Black resigned in view of: 41. ♔e2 ♙f3+ 42. ♔e1 ♙h1+ 43. ♔d2 ♘f3+ 44. ♔c2! ♘e1+ 45. ♖xe1+-

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21. (P) Kramnik, Vladimir (2730) - Beliavsky, Alexander G (2650) [A07]
Belgrade Investbank Belgrade (11), 1995



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12.e4! fxe4

12...dxe4 13.♘g5! ♚xg5 14.♘xe4+-

13.♘g5! ♚f7

13...♚xg5 14.♘xe4 ♚e7 15.♚g5 ♚f8 16.♚xd5! Wow! The nicest win. 16...exd5 17.♘xd6#

14.♘dx4! dx4 15.♘xe6 ♚xe6

15...♚f6 16.♚xe4+-

16.♚xe6+ ♚e7

All this was played in another game 14 years later: 16...♔e7 17.♕xh6 gxh6 18.♖xe4 ♖f8 19.♗e3!
 (19.♕f1 b5 was less easy for White in: 0-1 (33) Neubauer, M (2446)-Shabalov, A (2569) Bridgetown
 2009) 19...♘f6 (19...♖f6 20.♚g8+ ♘f8 21.♖ae1 ♖f7 22.♕d5 ♚xd5 23.♖xe7+; 19...♖f7 20.♕d5 ♖g7
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17.♖xe4 ♔d8

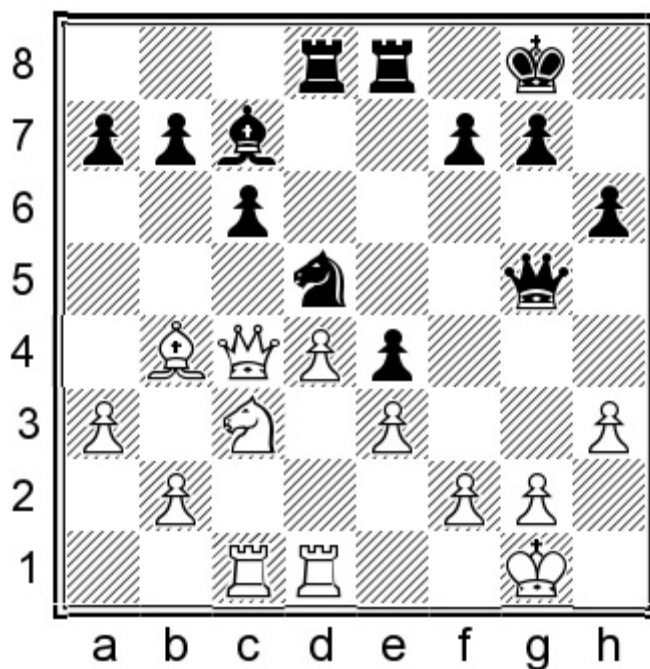
17...♗xe6 18.♖xe6+ ♕e7 19.♕xh6 gxh6 20.♖ae1+-

18.♗d5 1-0 Kramnik, V (2730)-Beliavsky, A (2650) Belgrade 1995.

Black resigned in view of: 18.♗d5 ♘f6 19.♖xe7 ♘xd5 20.♖e6+-

22. Huebner, Robert (2635) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2775) [D45]

Chess Classics Frankfurt (5), 1996



■ 22...? -+

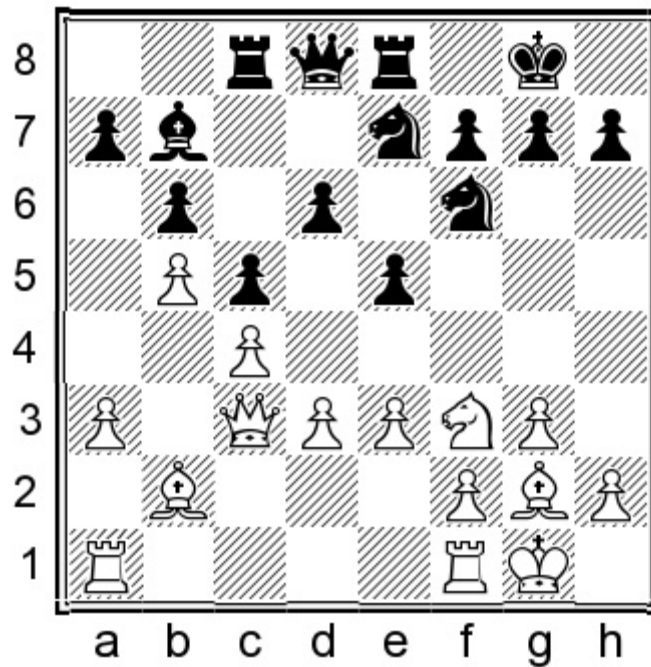
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22...♘xe3! 23.fxe3 ♗xe3+ 0-1 Huebner, R (2635)-Kramnik, V (2775) Frankfurt 1996.

White resigned in view of: 23...♗xe3+ 24.♔f1 (24.♔h1 ♗g3 25.♔g1 e3+-) 24...♖e6+-

23. (*) Kramnik, Vladimir (2765) - Ehlvest, Jaan (2660) [A17]

Vienna Millenium Vienna (3), 1996



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15. ♖xe5! ♙xg2 16. ♖g4! ♜ed5□

16... ♙xf1 17. ♖xf6+ gxf6 18. ♚xf6+-

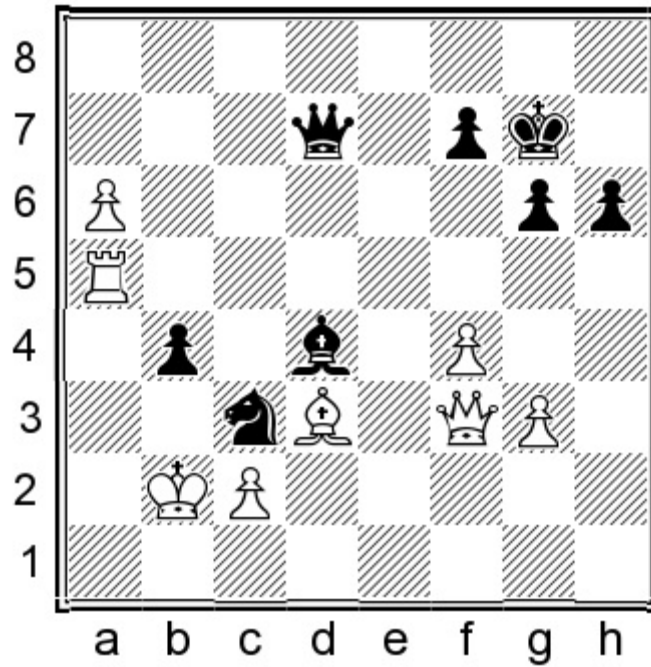
17. ♖xf6+ gxf6 18. cxd5 ♙xd5

18... ♙xf1 19. ♚xf1±

19. ♚fe1 ♜e6 20. f4± Δf5, e4: 1-0 (29) Kramnik,V (2765)-Ehlvest,J (2660) Vienna 1996.

24. (*) Polgar, Judit (2675) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2775) [B66]

Moscow PCA-GP Kremlin Stars Moscow (3.1), 1996.04.30



■ 50...? -+

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50...♔c7!! An excellent multi-task move! **51.♖e5**

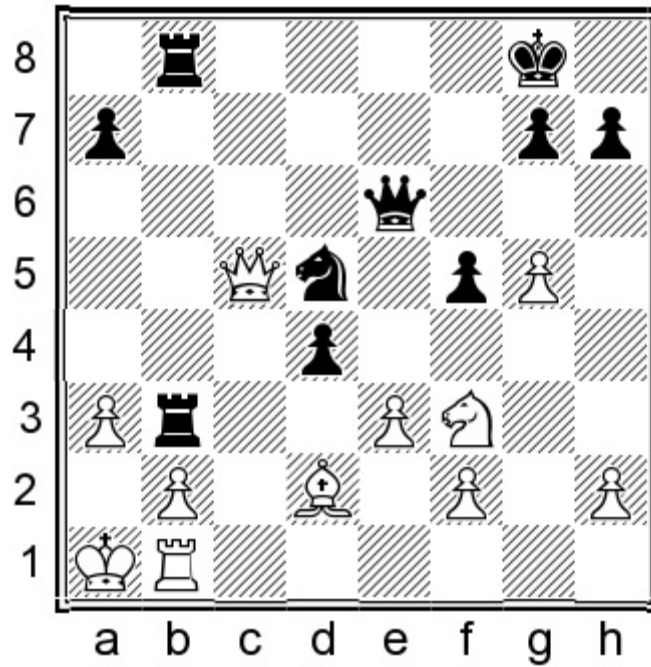
51.a7 ♖xa5 52.a8=Q ♜d5+! 53.♔c1 ♖xa8-+ 0-1 (65) Polgar,J (2675)-Kramnik,V (2775) Moscow 1996.

51...♞a2+!! **52.♔xa2**

52.♔b3 ♖c3+ 53.♔a4 b3!-+

52...♖c3-+

25. Gelfand, Boris (2665) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2765) [D45]
European Club Cup Berlin GER (2), 1996.09.06



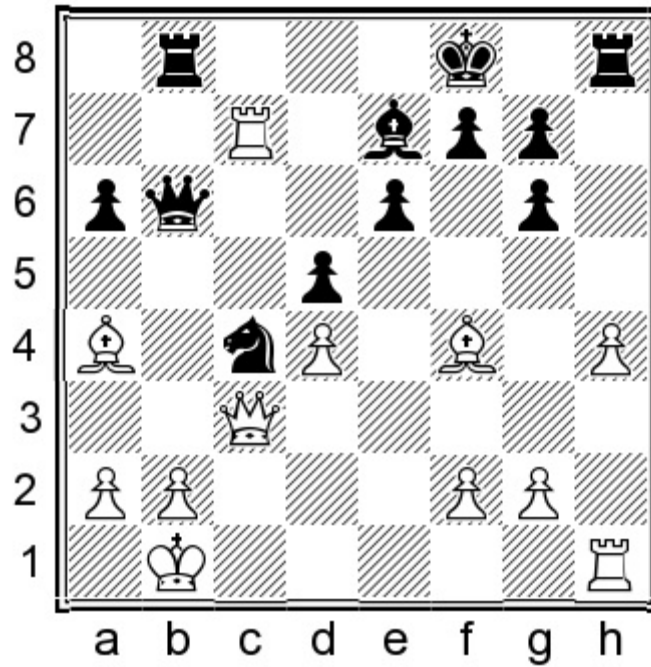
■ 26...? –+

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26...♘c3! 27.♘xd4 ♙xb2! 28.♙xb2 ♚a2+ 0-1 Gelfand,B (2665)-Kramnik,V (2765) Berlin 1996.

White resigned in view of: 28...♚a2+ 29.♙xa2 ♜b1#

26. (D) Kramnik, Vladimir (2790) - Gelfand, Boris (2675) [D11]
Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee (4), 1998.01.20



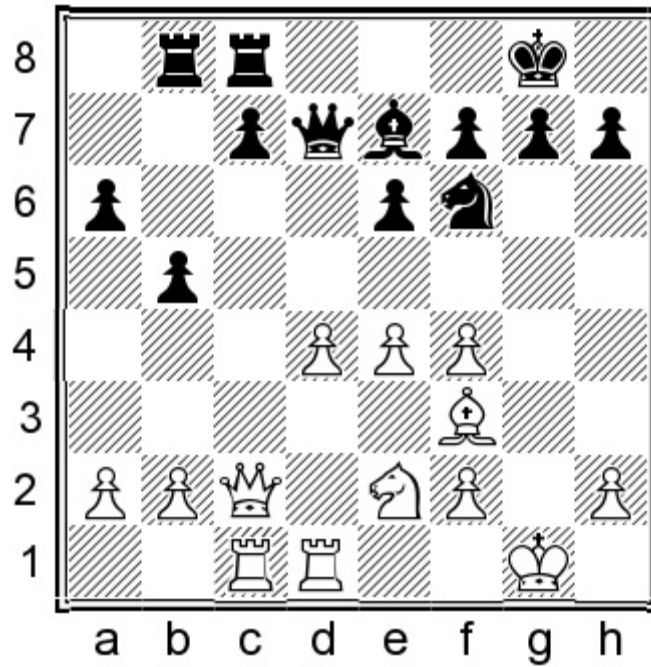
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23.♖c6! ♜xb2+ 24.♜xb2 ♝xb2+ 25.♔a1 (ΔRc8/Rxc4) 25...♔g8□ 26.♝xc4 ♝xf2 27.♝c8+ ♔h7
 28.♝xh8+ ♔xh8 29.g3+- 1-0 (40) Kramnik,V (2790)-Gelfand,B (2675) Wijk aan Zee 1998.

27. (P) Kramnik, Vladimir (2790) - Svidler, Peter (2690) [E05]

Linares Anibal op 5th Linares (12), 1998.03.07



□ 19.? +-

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19.d5!

19.♔c6 is also great for White, but isn't comparable to the solution move!

19...exd5 20.e5! ♘e8 21.♖xd5 ♔h3 22.♙g2 ♔h4 23.♘d4! The strongest.

23.♖d3!?+- (ΔRh3) is also good, but the text move is stronger.

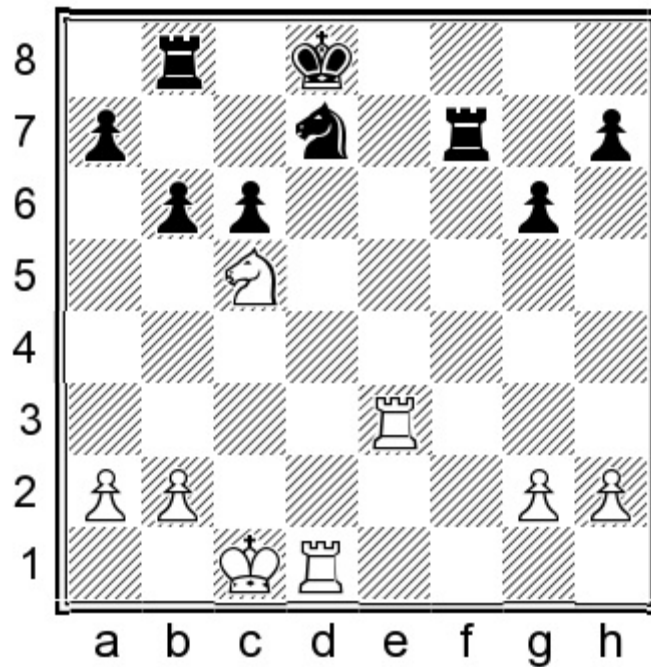
23...♔xf4

23...c5 24.♘f5+-

24.♘c6+- 1-0 (29) Kramnik, V (2790)-Svidler, P (2690) Linares 1998.

28. (D) Kramnik, Vladimir (2790) - Topalov, Veselin (2740) [A41]

Amber-blind 7th Monte Carlo (2), 1998.03.14



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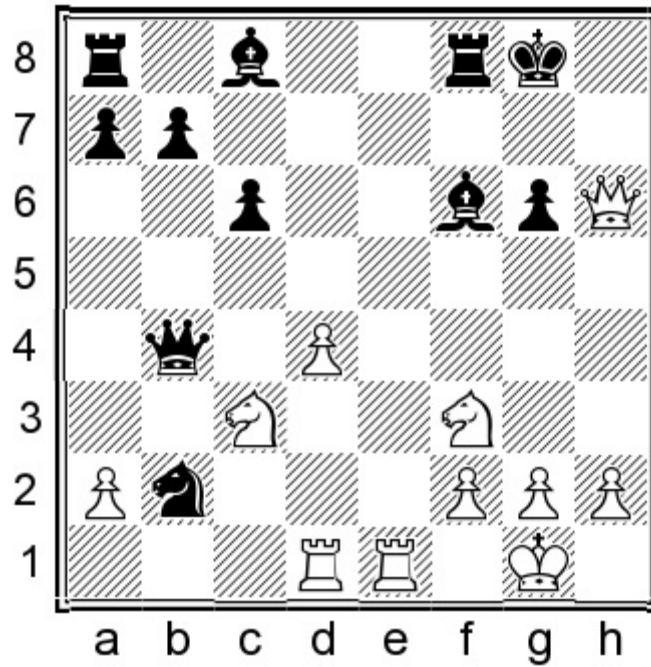
28. ♖f3! ♜xf3

28... ♜e7 29. ♘xd7 ♜xd7 30. ♖f8+ +-

29. ♘xd7! ♜f2 30. ♘xb8+ ♜c7 31. ♘a6+ ♜b7 32. ♘b4+- 1-0 (48) Kramnik, V (2790)-Topalov, V (2740) Monte Carlo 1998.

29. Kramnik, Vladimir (2780) - Lautier, Joel (2625) [D30]

Tilburg Fontys Tilburg (3), 1998.10.25



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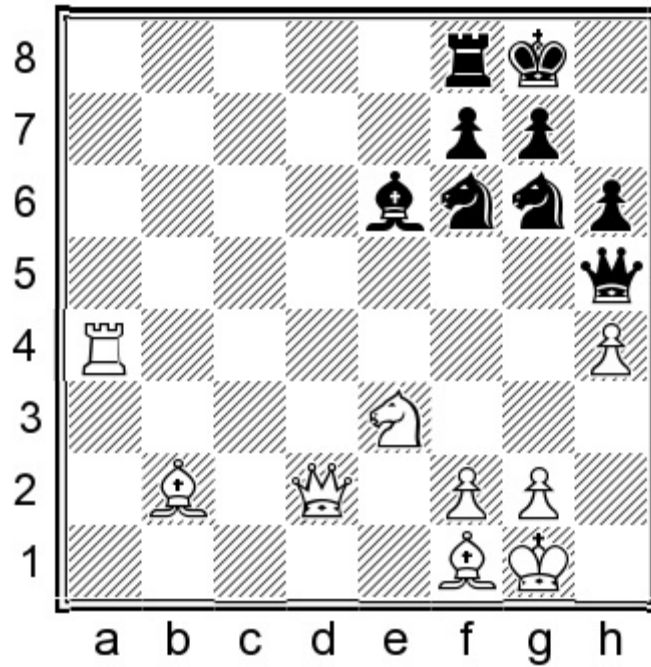
20. ♖g5! ♗xg5 21. ♜xg6+ ♔h8 22. ♜h5+ ♔g7 23. ♜xg5+ ♔f7

23... ♔h7 24. ♜e4+-

24. ♜e3 The other d-rook will go to e1 and Black's position will be undefendable: 1-0 Kramnik, V (2780)-Lautier, J (2625) Tilburg 1998.

30. (D) Kramnik, Vladimir (2751) - Piket, Jeroen (2619) [D31]

Amber-blind 8th Monte Carlo (7), 1999.03.23

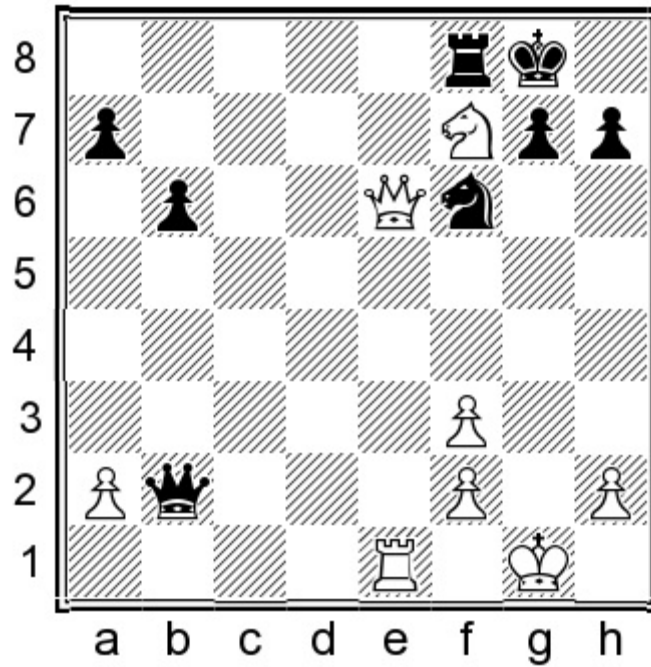


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42.♙e2! Simple chess! 42...♚c5 43.♙a3 ♚c6 44.♜a6+- 1-0 (80) Kramnik,V (2751)-Piket,J (2619) Monte Carlo 1999.

31. (D) Kramnik, Vladimir (2770) - Kasparov, Garry (2845) [E54]
 BGN World Chess Championship London (10), 2000



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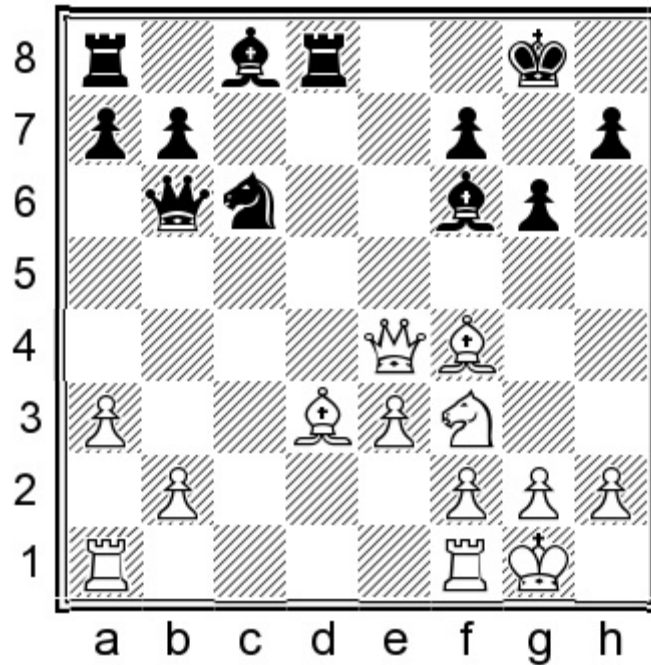
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24. ♖d8+! ♔h8 25. ♚e7! 1-0 Kramnik,V (2770)-Kasparov,G (2849) London 2000.

Black resigned in view of: 25. ♚e7 ♔g8 26. ♗e6 ♜f7 27. ♚d8+-

32. (P) Kramnik, Vladimir (2758) - Short, Nigel D (2683) [D37]

Corus Wijk aan Zee (3), 2000.01.18



□ 16.? +-

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16.♔g5! The active answer to Black's multiple threats (...Bf5/...Qxb2). Otherwise Black is fine!

16...♚xb2

16...♔xg5 17.♘xg5 ♚xb2 (17...h6 18.♘xf7+-; 17...♔f5 18.♚h4+-) 18.♔c4+-

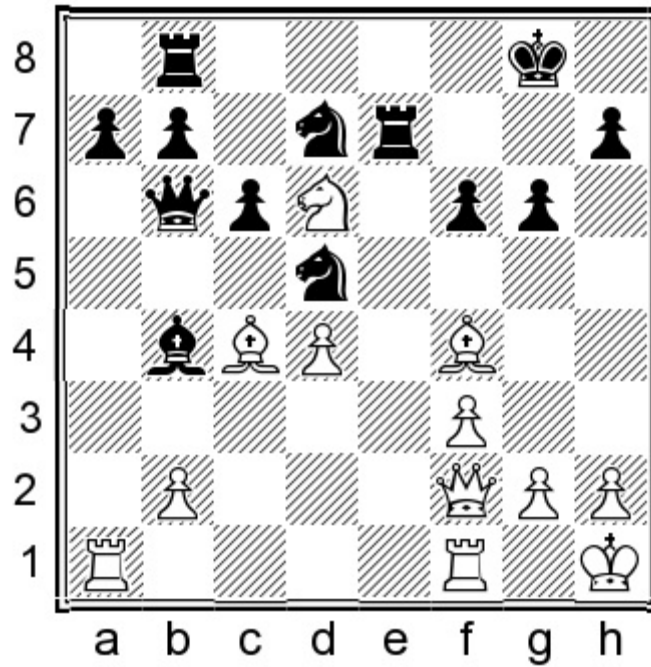
17.♔c4 ♖g7 18.♚h4 h5 19.♔xf7! ♔xg5

19...♖xf7 20.♙ab1 ♚c3 21.♗fc1+-

20.♘xg5 ♚f6 21.e4+- 1-0 (32) Kramnik, V (2758)-Short, N (2683) Wijk aan Zee 2000.

33. Kramnik, Vladimir (2758) - Piket, Jeroen (2633) [D18]

Amber-BLIND RAPID 9th Monte Carlo (1), 2000.03.16



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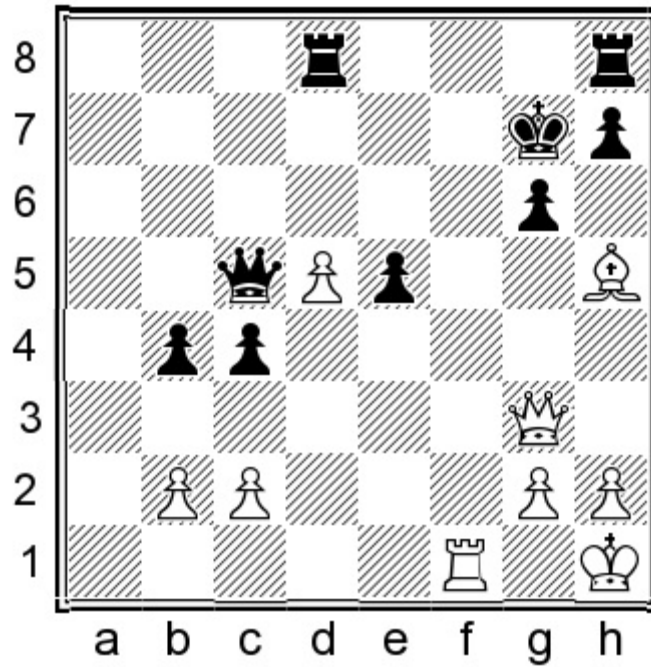
22. ♖f5! gxf5

22... ♖e6 23. ♕xb8 ♜xb8 24. ♞e3+- 1-0 (30) Kramnik, V (2758) -Piket, J (2633) Monte Carlo 2000.

23. ♕xb8 ♜xb8 24. ♕xd5+ cxd5 25. ♚g3+ ♔f7 26. ♚xb8 ♚xd4 27. ♜ad1±

34. Kramnik, Vladimir (2770) - Leko, Peter (2743) [B47]

WDR Match TV g/60 Cologne (1), 2000.08.14



□ 26.? +-

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26. ♖xg6! hxg6 27. ♕xe5+ ♔g8

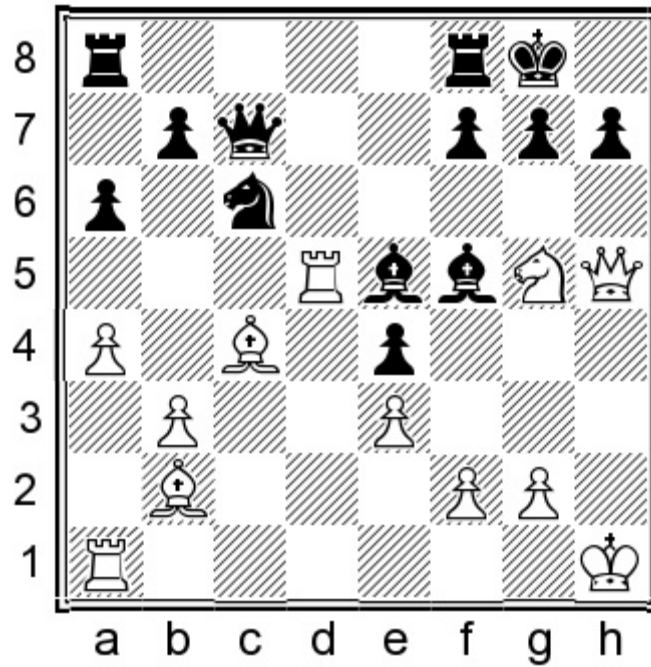
27... ♔h6 28. ♖f4+-

28. ♕e6+ ♔h7 29. ♖f7+ ♔h6 30. ♕h3+ ♔g5 31. ♕g3+ ♔h5 32. ♕e5+ 1-0 (32) Kramnik, V (2770)-Leko, P (2743) Cologne 2000.

Black resigned in view of: 32. ♕e5+ ♔h6 (32...g5 33. ♖g7+-) 33. ♖f4+-

35. Kramnik, Vladimir (2797) - Sadvakasov, Darmen (2585) [D27]

Astana Astana (7), 2001.05.28



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19. ♘xf7! ♜xf7

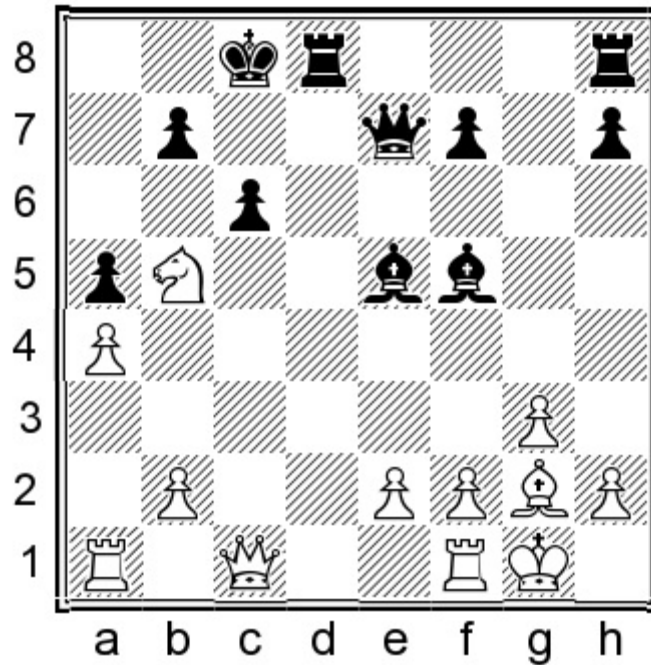
19... ♙xb2 20. ♜xf5+-; 19... ♚xf7 20. ♜xe5+-

20. ♚xf5! g6

20... ♙xb2 21. ♜d7+-; 20... ♜xf5 21. ♜d8#

21. ♙xe5 1-0 Kramnik, V (2797)-Sadvakasov, D (2585) Astana 2001.

36. Kramnik, Vladimir (2809) - Morozevich, Alexander (2742) [D17]
 Amber-BLIND and RAPID 11th Monaco (5), 2002.03.21



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19. ♖a7+! ♔b8 20. ♖xc6+! bxc6 21. ♕xc6 ♔a7

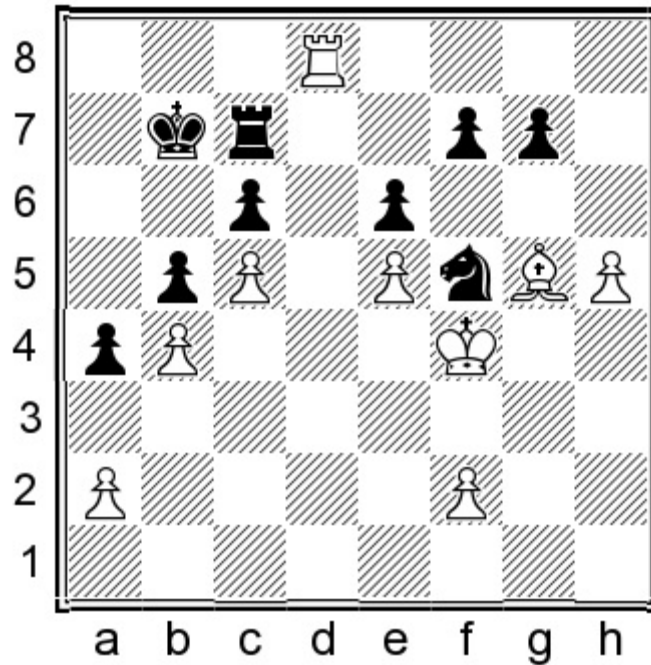
21... ♜d6 22. ♕b5+ ♔a7 23. ♕c5+ ♔b8 24. ♕xa5+-

22. ♕b5

22. ♜fc1! is even stronger according to the engine. White wants to play Rc5, while for example after 22... ♜c8 23. ♕b5 Black is defenceless.

22... ♜c8 23. ♕xa5+ ♔a6 24. ♜ac1 ♜c8 25. b4 The position is not a concrete mate, but White has four pawns for a piece and a crushing attack: far enough to be winning! 25... ♜c7 26. ♕f5 ♜he8 27. b5 ♜b7 28. ♜xb7 ♔xb7 29. ♕d5+ ♔b8 30. b6 ♜xb6 31. ♜b1 ♕e6 32. ♕xe6 ♜xe6 33. a5 ♜cc6 34. e3 1-0 (34) Kramnik, V (2809)-Morozevich, A (2742) Monaco 2002.

37. (D) Kramnik, Vladimir (2807) - Bareev, Evgeny (2729) [B19]
Corus Wijk aan Zee (3), 2003.01.14



□ 46.? +-

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46.♙f6! The key move! Before Black plays ...Rc8.

46.a3? ♖c8 47.♙xc8 ♜xc8 48.♙f6 g6=

46...gxf6

46...g6 47.hxg6 fxg6 48.♙g5+- 1-0 Kramnik,V (2807)-Bareev,E (2729) Wijk aan Zee 2003. Black's resignation might be a tiny bit premature; he could have tried 48...♖c8 but after 49.♙d7+ ♖c7 50.♙d2 his position is hopeless.

47.exf6 ♖c8 48.♙xc8 ♜xc8 49.♙g5 ♜d7 50.h6 ♜xh6 51.♙xh6 e5 52.♙h7!

Not 52.♙g7?? ♜e6 53.f3 a3+-

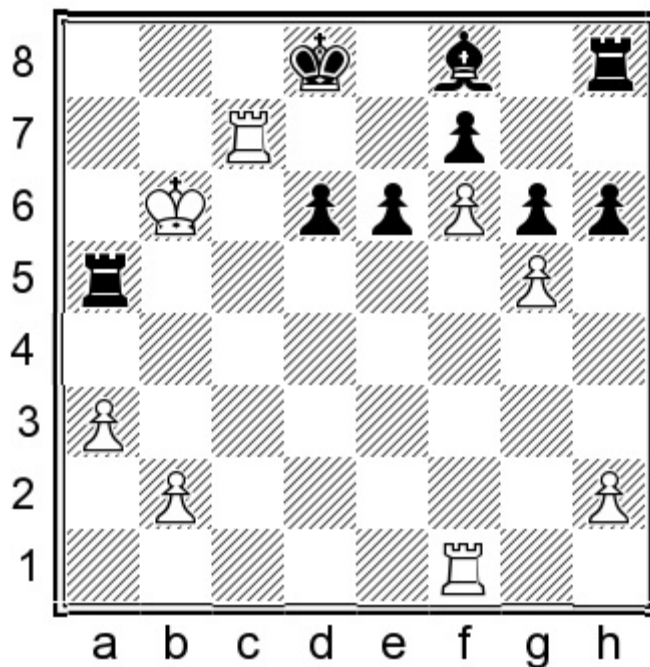
52...♜e6

52...e4 53.a3 ♜e6 54.♙g7+-

53.♙g7 a3

53...e4 54.a3+-

38. (D) Kramnik, Vladimir (2809) - Topalov, Veselin (2743) [B82]
 Melody Amber-BLIND RAPID 9th Monte Carlo, 2003



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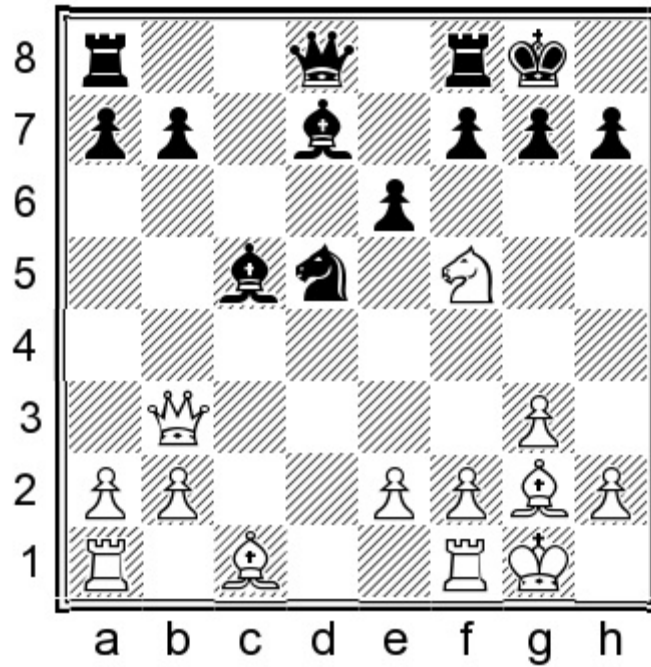
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37. ♖fc1! ♜c5

37... ♜a8 38. ♕b7! hxg5 39. ♕xa8+-

38. ♜1xc5 dxc5 39. ♕c6! ΔRa7-Ra8#: 1-0 Kramnik, V (2809)-Topalov, V (2743) Monte Carlo 2003.

39. Kramnik, Vladimir (2729) - Naiditsch, Arkadij (2664) [E04]
 Olympiad 37th Turin ITA (3), 2006.05.23



□ 14.? +-

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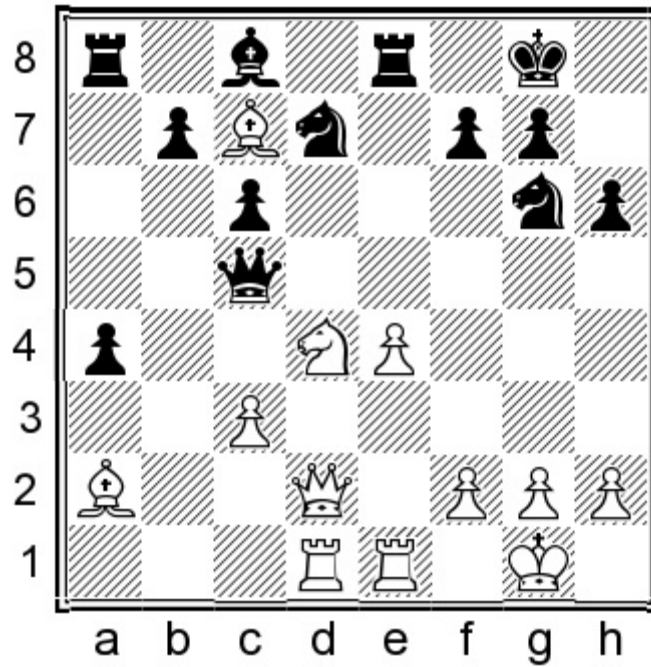
14. ♖xg7! ♜f6

14... ♔xg7 15. ♙xd5 exd5 16. ♚c3+-

15. ♙h6+- 1-0 (20) Kramnik, V (2729)-Naiditsch, A (2664) Turin 2006.

40. Kramnik, Vladimir (2729) - Bruzon Batista, Lazaro (2652) [D52]

Olympiad 37th Turin ITA (12), 2006.06.03



□ 26.? +-

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26. ♕xf7+! ♖xf7 27. ♖a2+ ♖f8

27... ♖f6 28. ♕d8+! ♜xd8 29. ♖e6+ ♖g5 30. ♘f3+-

28. ♘e6+ ♜xe6 29. ♖xe6 ♘e7 30. ♜e3! Black is busted. 30... ♖e8 31. ♜f3 ♖h5 32. ♕d6+- 1-0 Kramnik, V (2729)-Bruzon Batista, L (2652) Turin 2006.

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Chapter 11 Defend Yourself

In this chapter you seem to have a dubious or even lost position. You need to save the game!

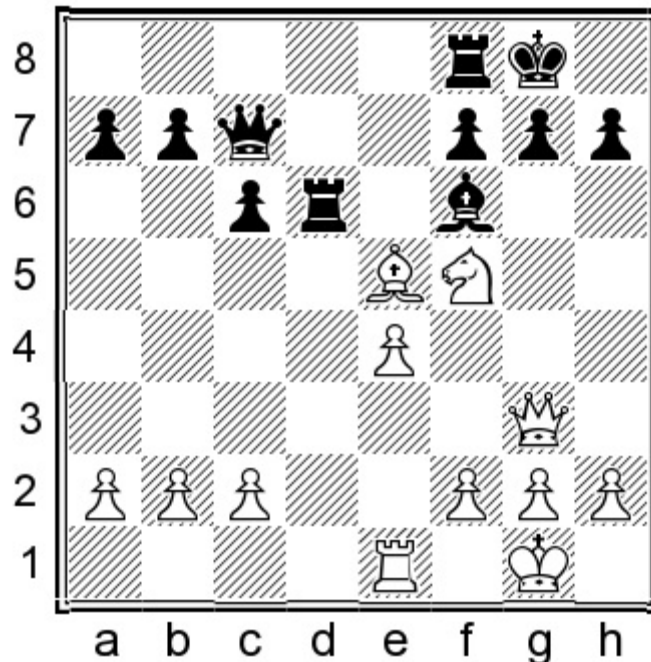
The resulting position should, in the worst case, be very slightly worse for you, except in exercise 10 where you end up clearly worse anyhow.

This is a difficult chapter. The level of the exercises ranges from moderate to very difficult, most of them being somewhere in between. There is no asterisk to help you.

Amazing resources are required everywhere! Good luck!

1. Capablanca, Jose Raul - Fonaroff, Marc [C66]

Casual Game New York, NY USA, 1918.06.18



■ 18...?

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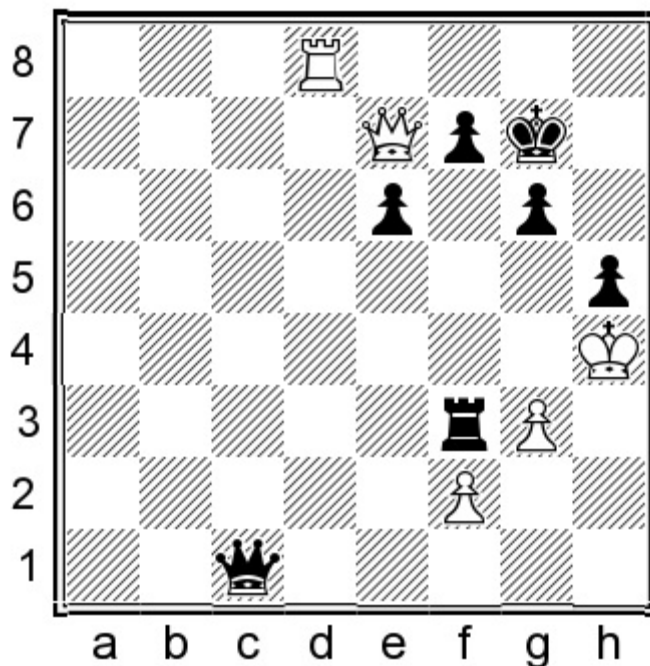
18...♔a5□

18...♖d1?? Did you fall into the trap? 19.♖xd1 ♕xe5 20.♗h6+ ♔h8 21.♚xe5! Oops. 21...♚xe5
 22.♗xf7+! 1-0 Capablanca,J-Fonaroff,M New York 1918; Black resigned in view of 22...♖xf7
 23.♖d8+--

19.♙c3 ♕xc3 20.bxc3 ♖g6□ 21.♗e7+ ♔h8 22.♗xg6+ hxg6☞ White is maybe a bit better - but not more!

2. Lazdynis - Semitis

Riga, 1936



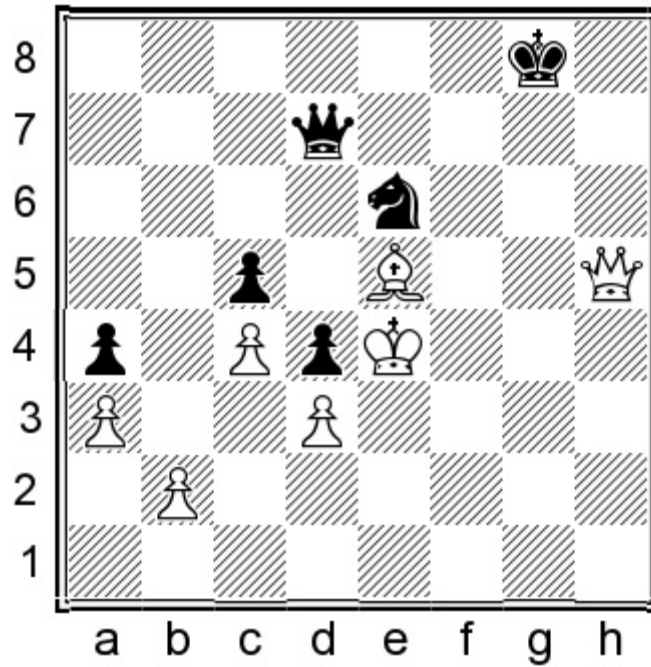
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1.♚f8+ ♔f6 2.♚h8+ ♔f5 3.g4+! hxg4 4.♖d5+! exd5 5.♚c8+! ♚xc8 Stalemate! 1/2-1/2 Lazdynis-Semitis Riga 1936.

3. Pietzsch, W. - Fuchs, R.

Berlin, 1963



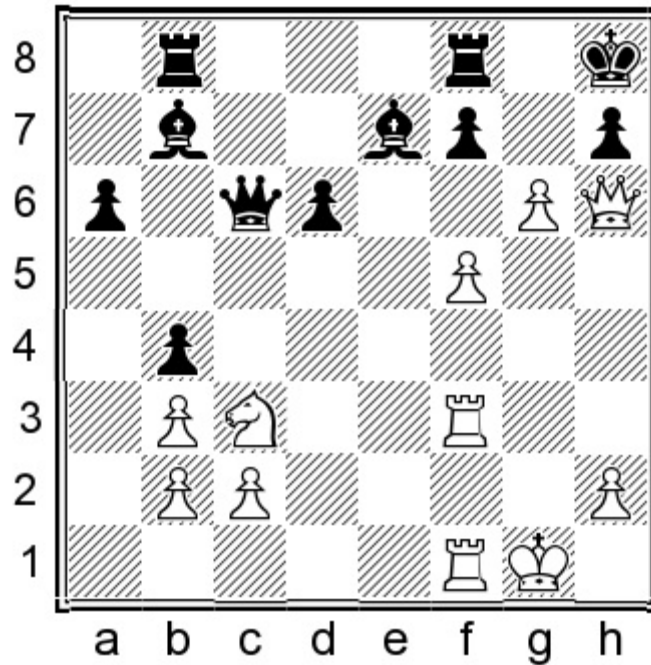
■ 1...?

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1...♙c6+ 2.♔f5 ♘g7+! 3.♙xg7 ♚g6+! 4.♙xg6 1/2-1/2 Pietzsch,W-Fuchs,R Berlin 1963. A very famous game!

4. Fischer, Robert James - Cardoso, Radolfo Tan [B88]

Match Cardoso New York (2), 1957



■ 25...?

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25...fxg6

25...♔c5+? Black soon lost: 26.♖1f2 fxg6 27.fxg6 ♕g5+ 28.♗xg5 ♘xg5 29.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 30.♖xf8+ ♕g7 31.gxh7 1-0 Fischer,R-Cardoso,R New York 1957.

26.fxg6 ♖f7!! What a move! **27.gxf7**□

Of course not 27.♖xf7?? ♗g2#

27...♖f8 And Black is just fine, for example... **28.♗e6 ♗c5+ 29.♖1f2 ♘xf3 30.♘e4!**

In case of 30.♗xe7? ♖xf7! would come as a nasty surprise: 31.♗xf7? ♗g5+ 32.♕f1 ♗c1+ 33.♘d1 ♗xd1#

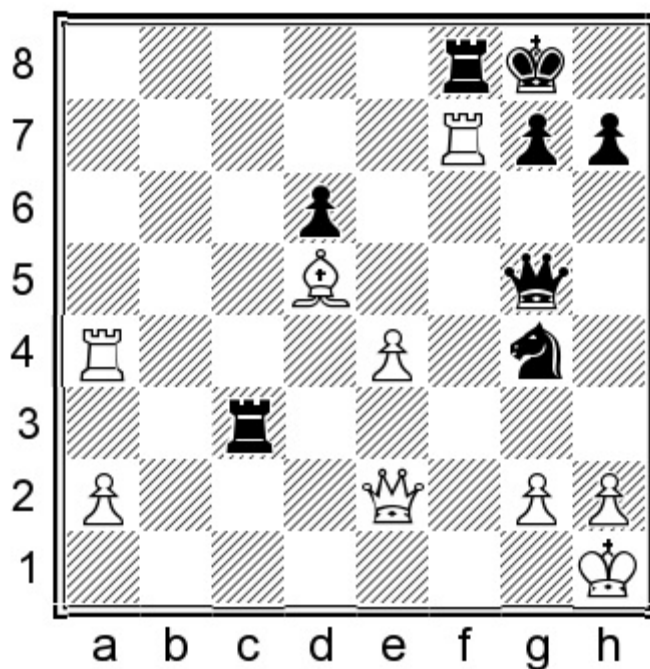
30...♗e3

30...♘xe4? 31.♗xe7+-

31.♗xe7 ♗e1+ 32.♖f1 ♗e3+=

5. Fischer, Robert James - Sherwin, James T [B87]

USA-ch New York (7), 1957



■ 30...?

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30...h5!!

30...♖c1+? 31.♚f1!!+- 1-0 (36) Fischer,R-Sherwin,J New York 1957. 30...♖xf7? 31.♖a8+-+;
30...♚xd5? 31.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 32.♚f1+ ♚f7 33.♖a8+ ♔e7 34.♖a7+-+ And the nicest of all, 30...h6? fails
as well: 31.♖c4 ♖xc4 32.♚xc4 ♖xf7 33.♚c8+ ♔h7 34.♔xf7 ♘f6 35.♚f5+-+

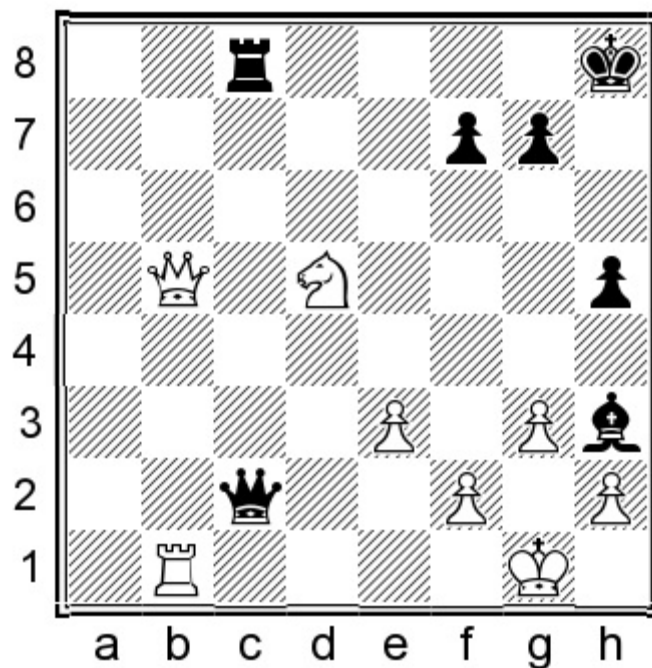
31.♖c4

31.♖f3+?? ♔h7 32.♖xc3 ♚d2!-+; 31.♖f1+?? ♔h7 32.♖xf8 ♖c1+ 33.♖f1 ♚f4!-+; 31.♚f1? ♔h7 32.♖xf8
♖c1+; 31.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 32.♚f1+ ♚f6± Black is very active and will have great drawing chances in the
endgame.

31...♖xc4 32.♚xc4 ♖xf7 33.♔xf7+ ♔h7 34.♚c8 And now, thanks to the pawn being on 'h5' and not 'h6',
Black can play **34...♘h6** followed by ...Qd2 or ...Qe3, and enjoy full compensation.

6. Reshevsky, Samuel Herman - Fischer, Robert James [D32]

USA-ch New York (5), 1963.12.21



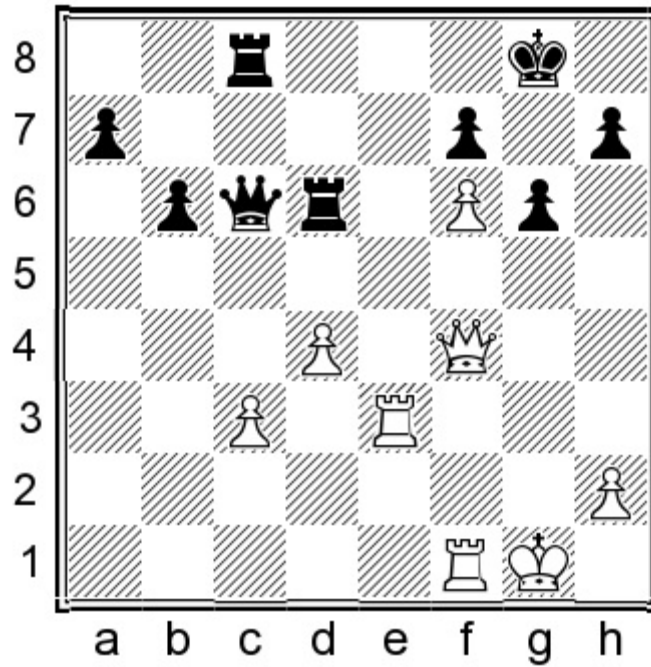
□ 37.?

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37. ♔b4 □ ♞ The only good move to prevent a mate with ...Qc1+. The white queen gets back to e1 and White is at least not worse.

37. ♞c3? ♜xc3 38. ♔xh5+ ♚g8 39. ♞b8+ ♜c8-+ 0-1 (47) Reshevsky, S-Fischer, R New York 1963. 37. ♞e1? ♔d2-+

7. Garcia, Guillermo Gonzales - Romanishin, Oleg M (2595) [E42]
Cienfuegos Cienfuegos, 1977



■ 37...?

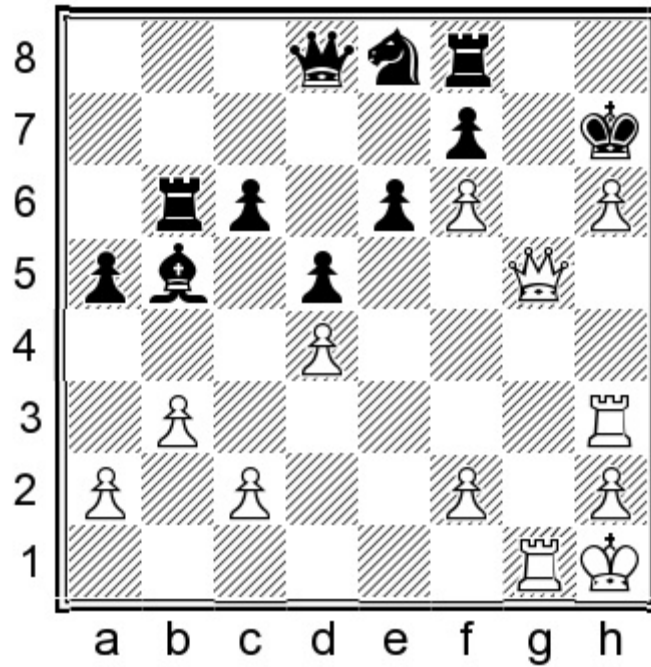
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37...h6!!=

And not 37...h5? 38.d5! ♔xd5 39.♕h6 1-0 (43) Garcia, G-Romanishin,O (2595) Cienfuegos 1977. After 37...h6 if White goes for 38.d5? he becomes much worse: 38...g5!♣

8. Stanishevsky - Nikonov [B30]

Moscow Moscow, 1981



■ 29...?

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29...♔f1!! Such a brilliant move!

29...♕xf6? 30.♕g7+! ♖xg7 31.hxg7+ ♕h6 32.gxf8=N+ Cute finish! 32...♔h8 33.♖xh6# 1-0
Stanishevsky,A-Nikonov,A Moscow 1981.

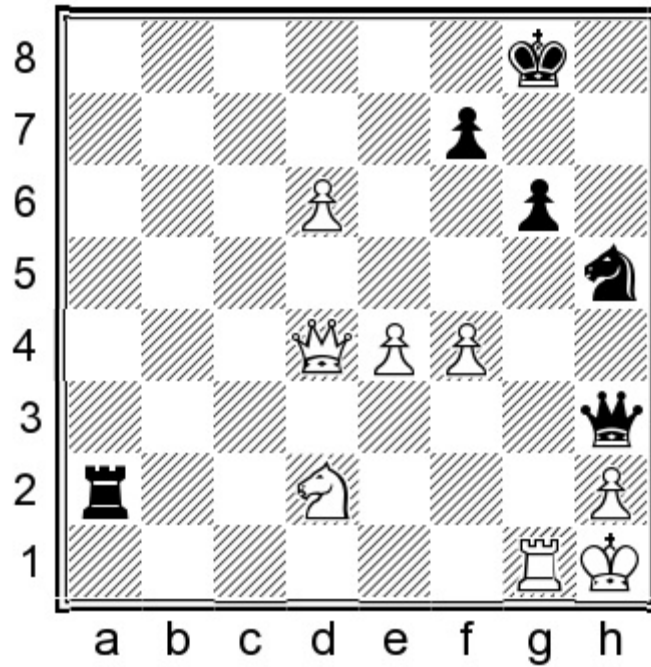
30.♖h5□

30.♖h4 ♕xf6 wins for Black as after 31.♕g7+ ♖xg7 32.hxg7+ the h4-rook hangs: 32...♕xh4-+

30...♔e2□ 31.♖h3□ ♔f1=

9. Portisch, Lajos (2650) - Kasparov, Garry (2625) [A75]

Moscow Moscow (3), 198104

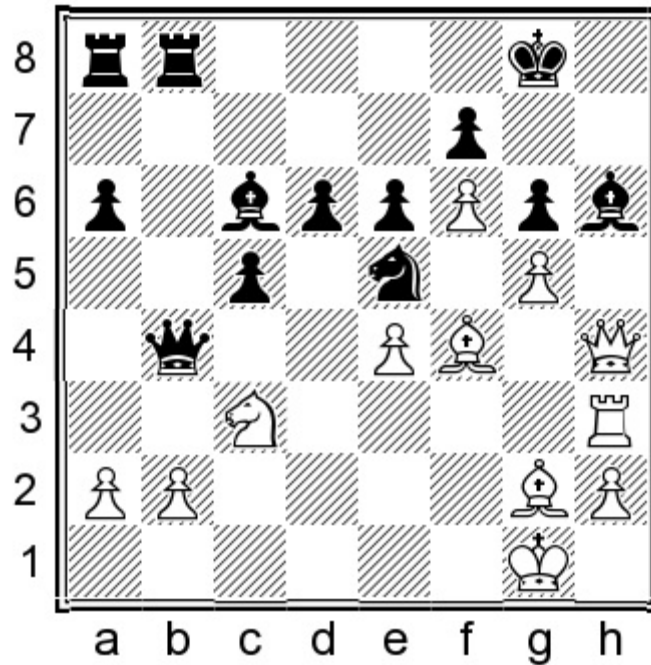


■ 42...?

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42...♖xd2! 43.♔xd2 ♕f3+ 44.♔g2 ♘g3+! 45.hxg3 ♕h5+ 46.♔h2 ♕f3+ 47.♖g2 ♕d1+ 48.♔g1 ♕h5+ 49.♖h2 ♕f3+ 1/2-1/2 Portisch,L (2650)-Kasparov,G (2625) Moscow 1981.

10. Kudrin, Sergey (2520) - Suba, Mihai (2525) [B80]
Beersheba Beersheba (13), 1984



■ 29...?

Can you find the only continuation for Black to avoid immediate resignation?

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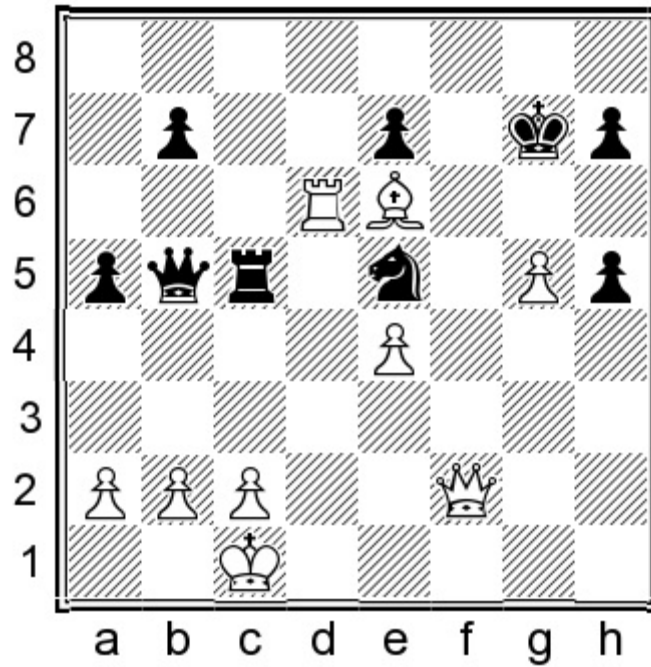
29...♙xb2□

29...♔f8? 30.♙xh6+ ♔e8 31.♙f8+! 1-0 Kudrin,S (2520)-Suba,M (2525) Beersheba 1984; and Black gets mated: 31...♔d7 (31...♔xf8 32.♖h8#) 32.♙e7+ ♔c8 33.♖h8+ ♔e8 34.♖xe8#

30.♙xh6 ♙f2+□ 31.♔xf2 ♘g4+ 32.♔g1 ♘xh6 33.gxh6 ♔h7 34.♔xd6 ♖b2± Black is clearly worse but he definitely has chances.

11. Gruenfeld, Yehuda (2475) - Meeres, Mark [B78]

New York op New York (4), 1985



■ 29...?

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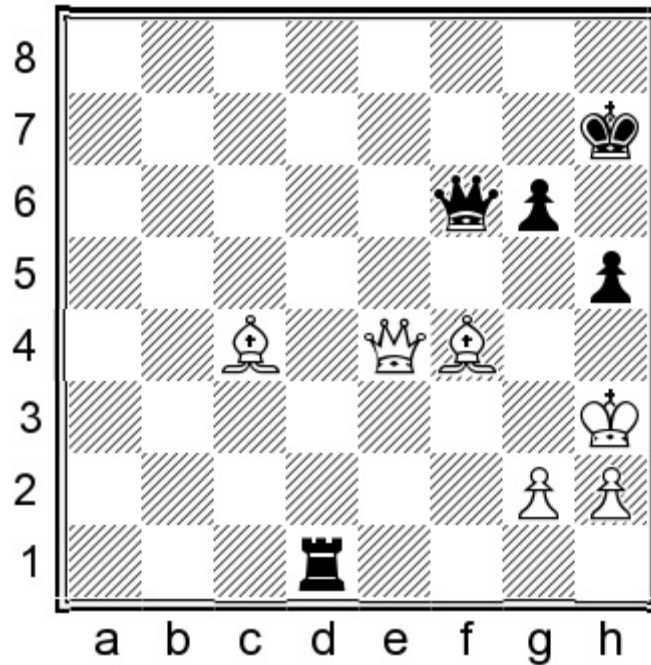
29...♔d3! The only way to avoid the two big threats: 30.Rd8 and... 30.Qf8+!

29...♖c6 30.♔f8+! 1-0 Gruenfeld, Y (2475)-Meeres, M New York 1985; Black resigned in view of 30...♕xf8 31.♖d8+ ♕g7 32.♖g8#; 29...♘d3+? 30.♖xd3 ♔xd3 31.♔f7+ ♕h8 32.♔g8#

30.♔xc5 ♔xd6 31.♔c8 ♘f7 And Black is even slightly better.

12. Kramnik, Vladimir (2590) - Adorjan, Andras (2535) [D85]

EU-chT (Men) Debrecen (8), 1992



■ 36...?

How can Black make a draw at once?

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36...♖e1!

36...♖d8? 37.g3 ♕g7 38.♙b5 ♖f7 39.♙c4 ♖d7+ 40.♔g2 ♖e8 41.♗f3 ♖c8 42.♙d3 ♖c5 43.♙e3 ♖a5 44.♙f2 ♖e5? 45.♗f6 1-0 Kramnik,V (2590)-Adorjan,A (2535) Debrecen 1992.

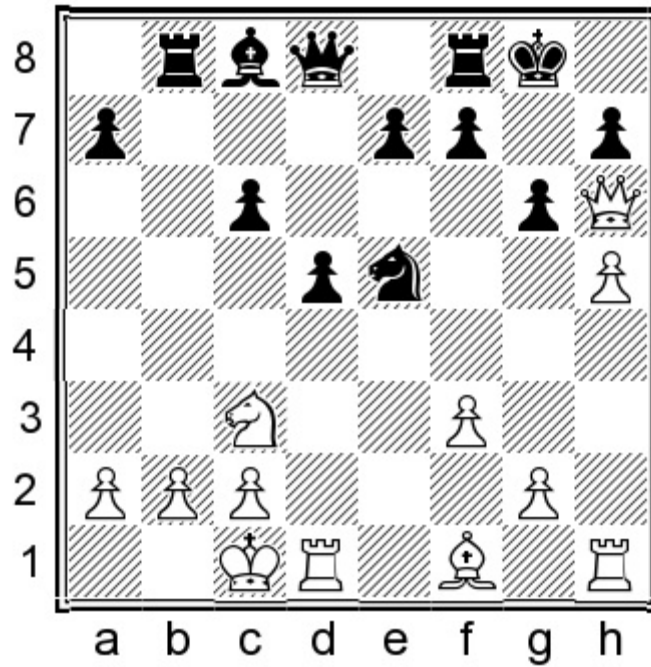
37.♗f3

37.♙e3 ♖xe3+! 38.♗xe3 ♖f5+ 39.♔g3 ♖g4+ 40.♔f2 ♖xc4=; 37.♗xe1 ♖f5+ 38.♔g3 ♖g4+ 39.♔f2 ♖xf4+ 40.♔g1 ♖xc4=; 37.♙e2 ♖xe2=; 37.♗b7+ doesn't help: 37...♖e7=

37...♗f5+ 38.♔g3 ♖e4 39.♙d3 h4+ 40.♔f2 ♖xf4 41.♙xf5 ♖xf5=

13. Gonell Aparici, Ramon - Marin, Mihail (2520) [B76]

Manresa op Manresa (3), 1995



■ 15...?

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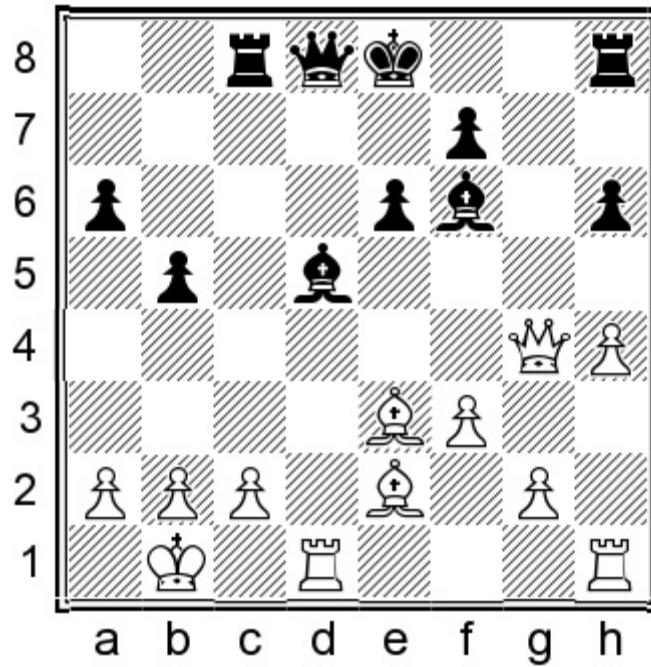
15...♙f5 16.g4 f6!! Nowadays this is a relatively well-known theoretical trick! 17.♚e3

17.gxf5? g5 and ...Nf7 next trapping the white queen! 18.f4 ♘f7-+; 17.♚f4?! ♚d6! 0-1 (22) Gonell Aparici, R-Marin, M (2520) Manresa 1995.

17...♙d7∞

14. Kasparov, Garry (2812) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2751) [B66]

Siemens Giants Frankfurt (2), 1999.06.29

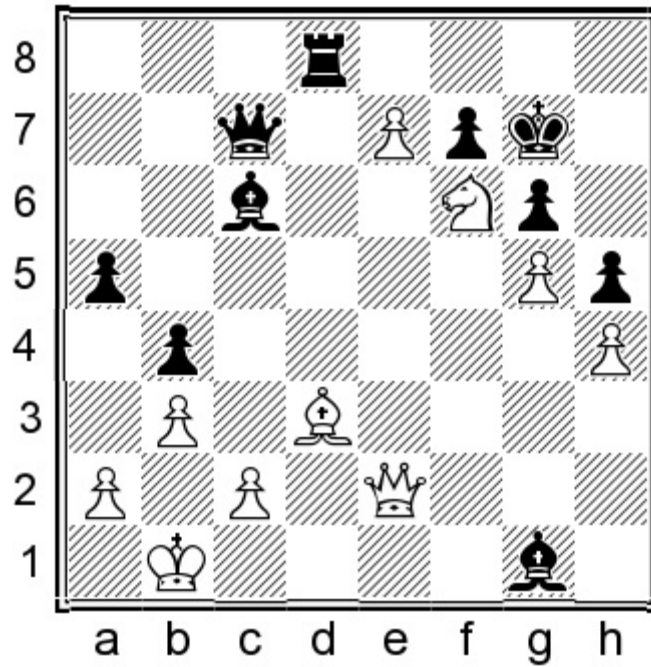


■ 18...?

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18...♙xa2+! 19.♖xa2 ♚a5+ 20.♖b1 ♙xb2! 21.♖xb2 ♚c3+ 22.♖a2 ♚xc2+ 23.♖a1 ♚c3+ 24.♖a2 ♚c2+ 1/2-1/2 Kasparov,G (2812)-Kramnik,V (2751) Frankfurt 1999.

15. Kasparov, Garry (2851) - Van Wely, Loek (2646) [B80]
Kasparov Cadet GP Internet (2.1), 2000.02.13



□ 38.?

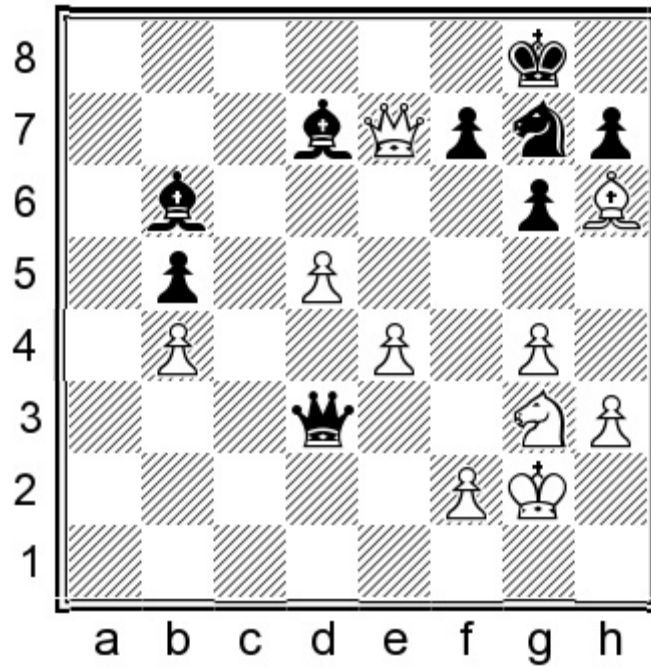
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38. ♔e5! 1/2-1/2 Kasparov,G (2851)-Van Wely,L (2646) Internet 2000.

38. ♔e5 ♕xe5 □ 39. exd8=Q and Black is having to repeat moves: 39... ♔e1+ 40. ♖b2 ♕c3+ 41. ♖b1 ♔e1+=

16. Kasparov, Garry (2851) - Piket, Jeroen (2633) [C99]

Kasparov Cadet GP Internet (4.1), 2000.02.20



■ 42...?

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42...♙c2□

42...♙d4? 43.♙e3+-; 42...♙xf2? 43.♙xf2 leads to nowhere. 42...♙e8? 43.♙f6+-

43.♙f6 ♖f5! 44.♙xb6□ ♖h4+ 45.♙h2

45.♙g1 ♖f3+=

45...♖f3+ 46.♙g2

46.♙h1 ♙d1+ 47.♙g2 ♖h4+ 48.♙h2 ♖f3+=

46...♖h4+ 47.♙h2 ♖f3+ 48.♙g2 ♖h4+ 49.♙h2 1/2-1/2 Kasparov,G (2851) -Piket,J (2633) Internet 2000.

Chapter 12 Other Famous Tactics

This chapter is a collection of famous winning tactics.

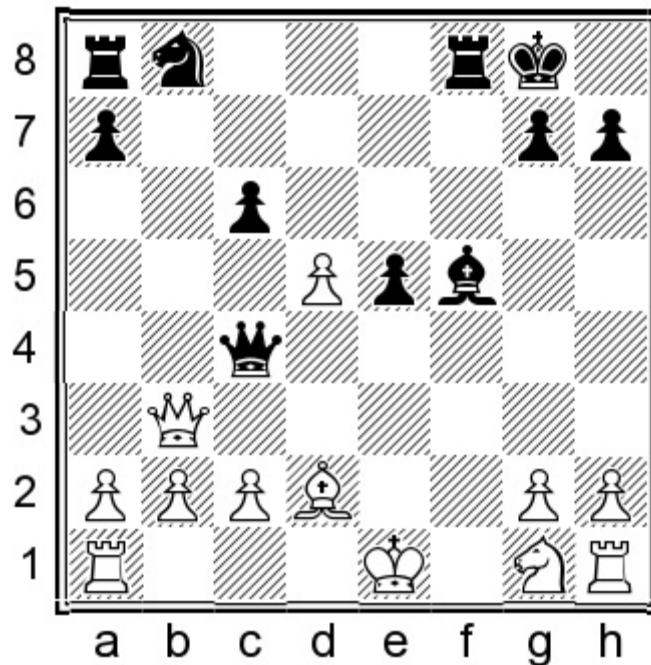
You will find problems of all kinds where you must find the winning move. These positions are relatively well-known – test your tactics, or, if you’ve seen them before, at least test your memory!

Due to their historical aspect, it was sometimes difficult to collect the full data on some games. This is why you will find a few exercises starting on move one (the real move number being unknown), as well as some first names missing. When you see ‘N.N.’, it means the game is from a simul and the opponent is unknown.

The difficulty of the exercises ranges from quite easy to difficult, the most challenging ones being marked with an asterisk (*).

1. Schulten, John William - Horwitz, Bernhard [C27]

London London, 1846



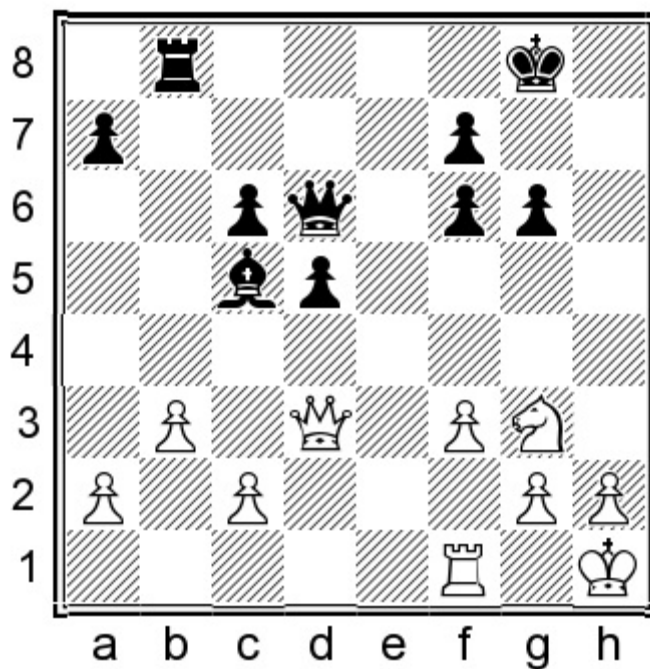
■ 15...? –+

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15...♚f1+!! 16.♜xf1 ♔d3+ 17.♜e1 ♚f1# 0-1 Schulten,J-Horwitz,B London 1846.

2. Alapin, S. - Schiffers, E.

St Petersburg, 1902



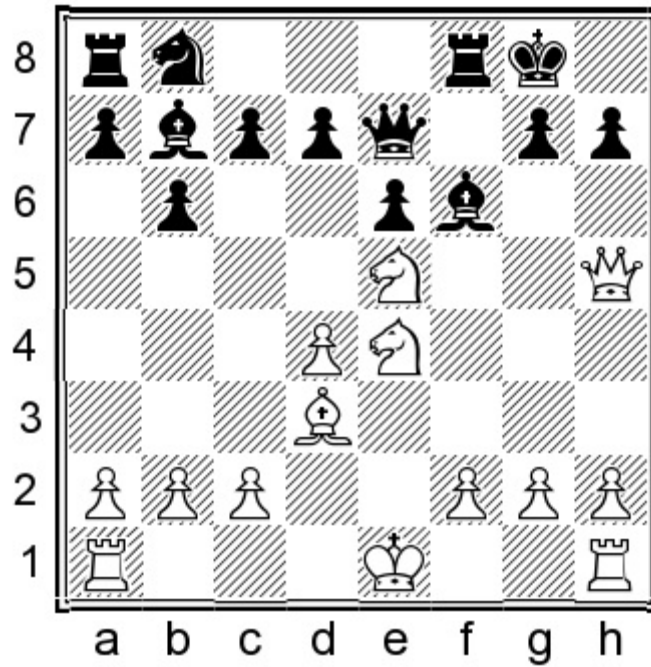
■ 1...? -+

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1...♚xg3! 2.hxg3 ♔g7 Δ...Rh8#: 0-1 Alapin,S-Schiffers,E St Petersburg 1902.

3. Lasker, Edward - Thomas, George Alan [A83]

London London, 1912



□ 11.? +-

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11. ♖xh7+! ♔xh7 12. ♘xf6+ ♔h6

12... ♔h8 13. ♘g6#

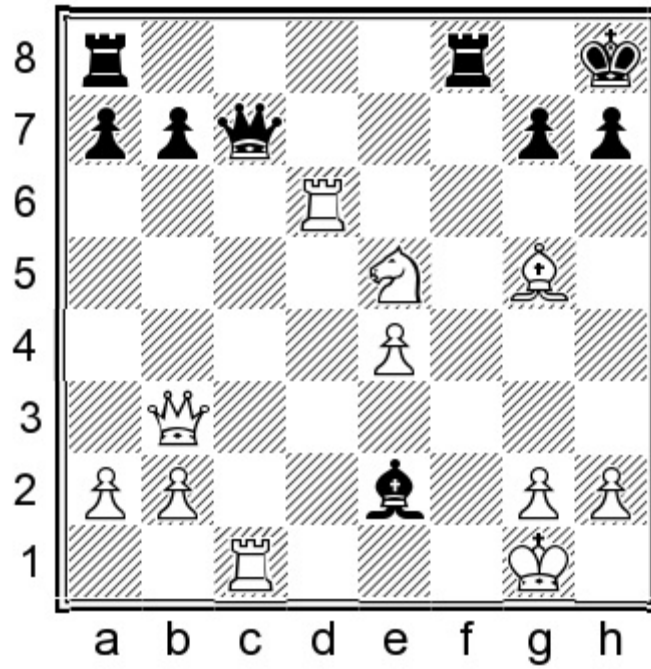
13. ♘eg4+ ♔g5 14. h4+ ♔f4 15. g3+ ♔f3 16. ♕e2+

16.O-O followed by Nh2# was even quicker.

16... ♔g2 17. ♖h2+ ♔g1 18. ♔d2# 1-0 Lasker,E-Thomas,G London 1912.

4. Alekhine, Alexander - Verlinsky, Boris [C44]

Odessa m Odessa, 1918



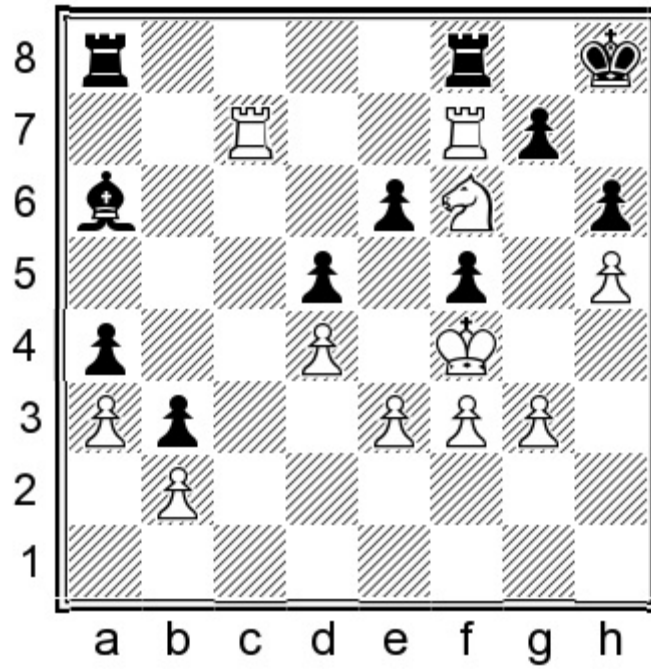
□ 24.? +-

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24. ♔d1!+- Closing all debates: 1-0 (26) Alekhine,A-Verlinsky,B Odessa 1918.

5. Alekhine, Alexander - Yates, Frederick [D64]

London BCF Congress London (10), 1922

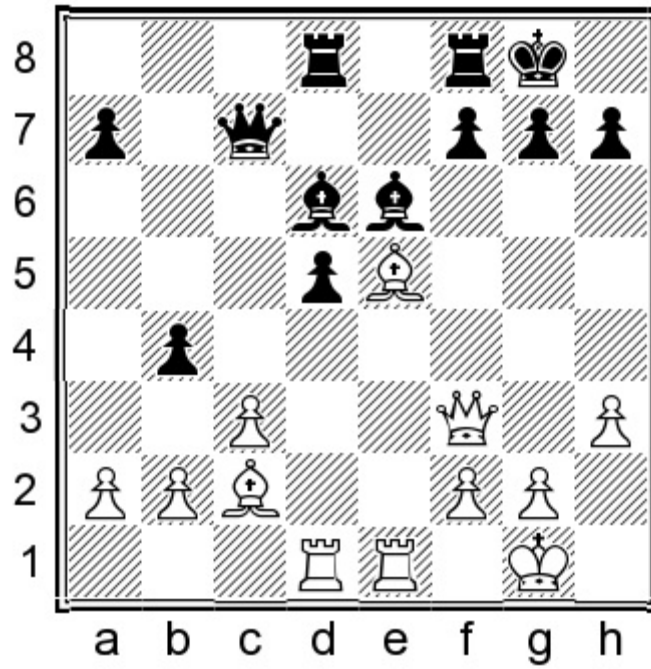


□ 37.? +-

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37.♖xg7 ♜xf6 38.♔e5! 1-0 Alekhine,A-Yates,F London 1922.

6. Koltanowski, Georges - Defosse, Marcel [D05]
Ch BEL, 1936

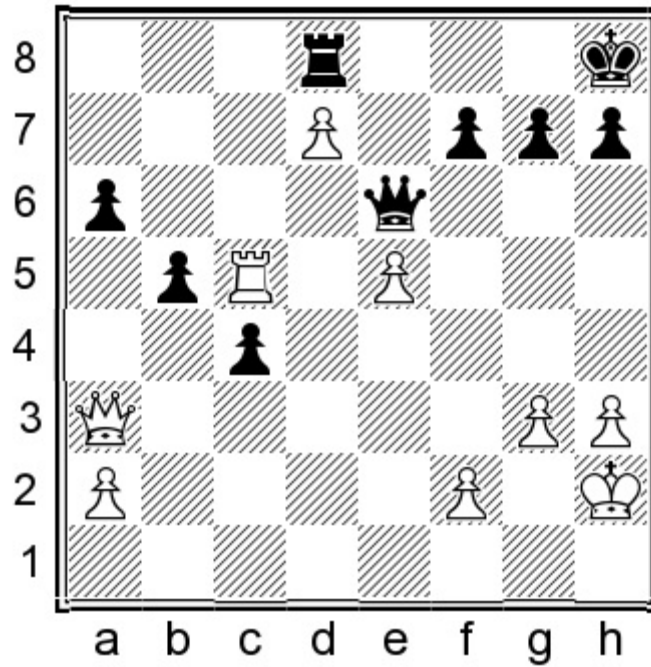


□ 22.? +-

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22.♙xh7+! ♔xh7 23.♚h5+ ♔g8 24.♙xg7! ♔xg7 25.♚g5+ ♔h7 26.♞d4+- 1-0 (30) Koltanowski,G-Defosse,M Belgium 1936.

7. Alekhine - Gektor
Trinidad, 1939



□ 1.? +-

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1. ♖c8! ♜xc8

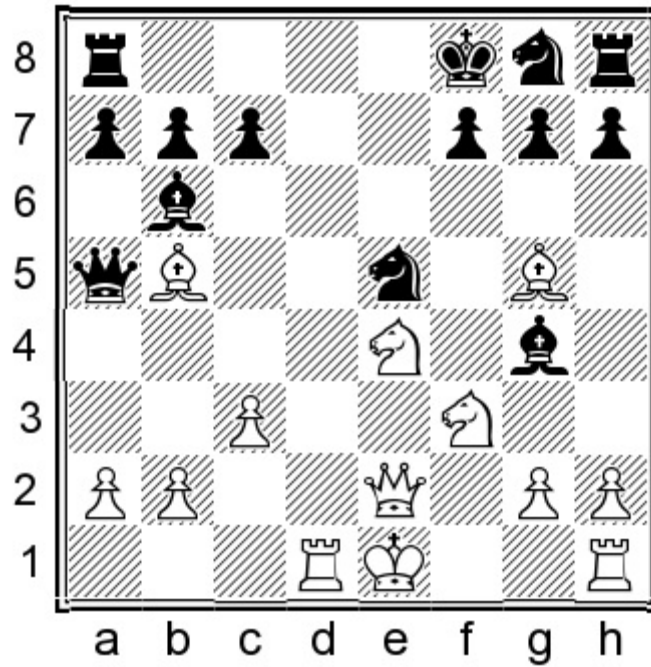
1... ♕xd7 2. ♕f8+ ♜xf8 3. ♖xf8#

2. ♕e7+- 1-0 Alechine-Gektor Trinidad 1939.

Black resigned in view of: 2. ♕e7 ♜g8 3. d8=Q+-

8. (*) Najdorf, Miguel - NN [C29]

Buenos Aires - Buenos Aires - (173), 1942

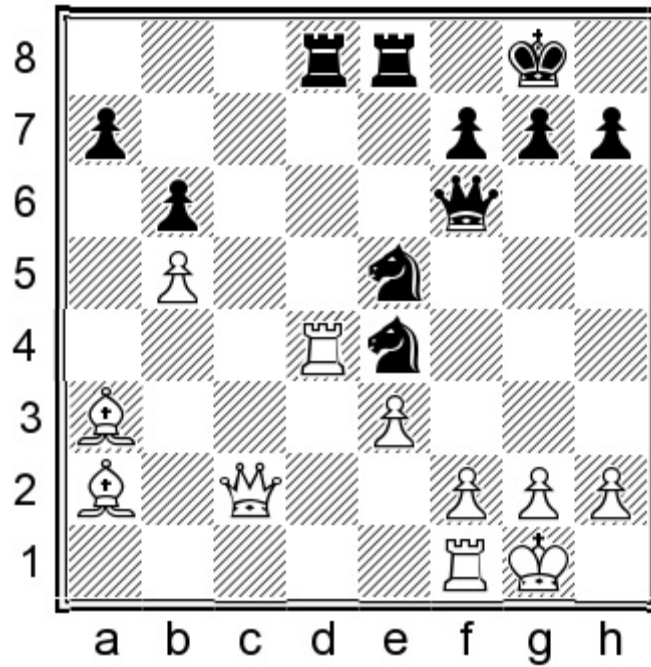


□ 16.? +-

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16. ♖xe5 ♗xe2 17. ♘d7+ ♕e8 18. ♘b8+! c6 Otherwise Rd8#. 19. ♘d6+ ♕f8 20. ♘d7# 1-0 Najdorf, M-NN Buenos Aires 1942.

9. Liublinsky, Victor Alexandrovic - Baturinsky, Viktor Davidovich [E49]
URS-sf Moscow (11), 1945



■ 22...? -+

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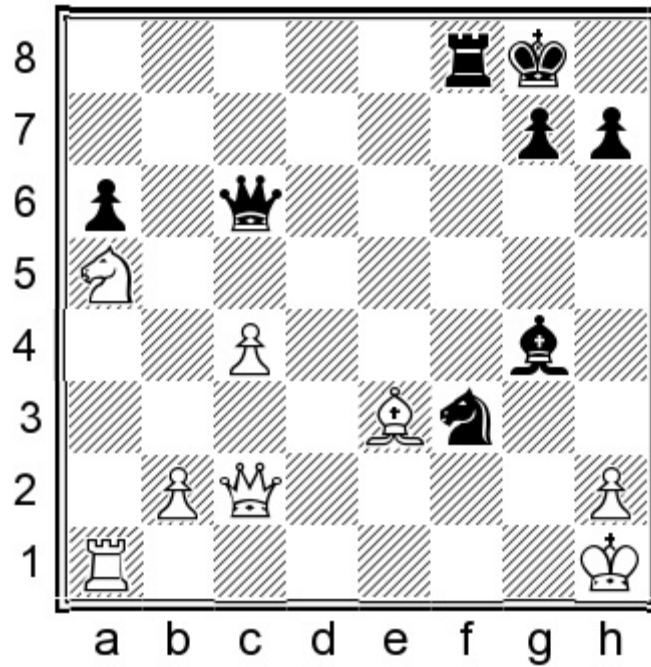
22...♘f3+!

22...♖xd4 23.exd4 ♘f3+! is similar.

23.gxf3 ♔g6+ 24.♔h1 ♘g3+ 25.hxg3 ♚xc2-+ 0-1 (45) Liublinsky,V-Baturinsky,V Moscow 1945.

10. NN - Evans

Londres, 1946



■ 1...? -+

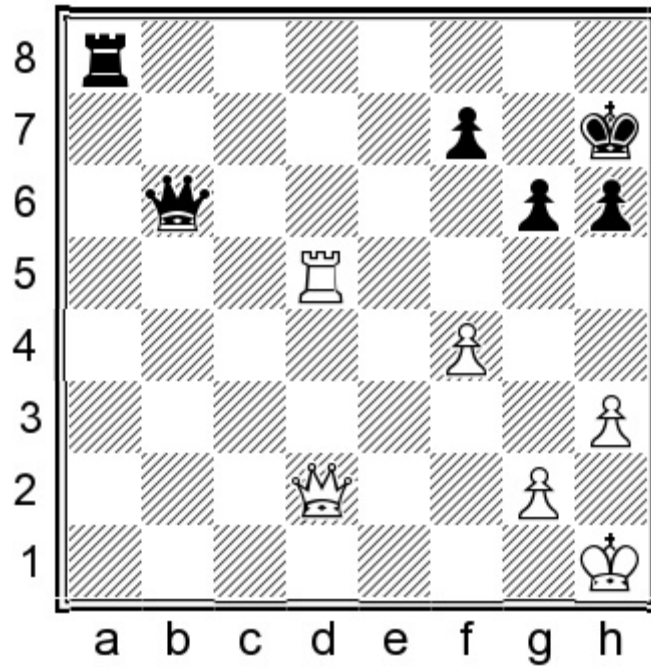
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1...♘e1+! 2.♔g1

2.♘xc6 ♜f1+ 3.♙g1 ♙f3+ 4.♚g2 ♙xg2#

2...♚h1+! 3.♔xh1 ♜f1+ 4.♙g1 ♙f3+ 5.♚g2 ♙xg2# 0-1 NN-Evans London 1936.

11. Bogatyrev, O. - Zagoriansky, E.
Moscow, 1947



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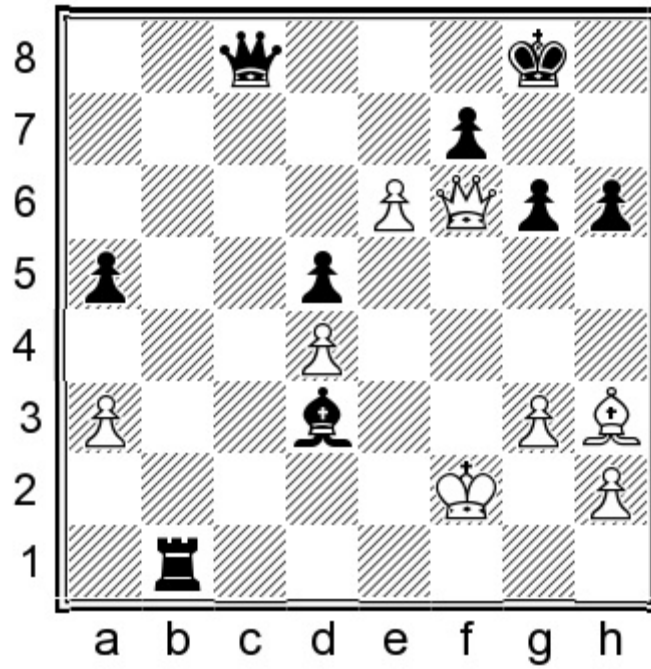
1...♖a1+ 2.♔h2 ♜g1+ 3.♔g3 ♖a3+ 4.♞d3

4.♔g4 ♜h2 5.♜f2 ♖xh3-+; 4.♔h4 ♜h2 5.♜f2 ♖xh3-+-

4...♜d4! 0-1 Bogatyrev,O-Zagoriansky,E Moscow 1947.

12. (*) Furman, Semen Abramovich - Keres, Paul [E15]

URS-ch16 Moscow (7), 1948



□ 43.? +-

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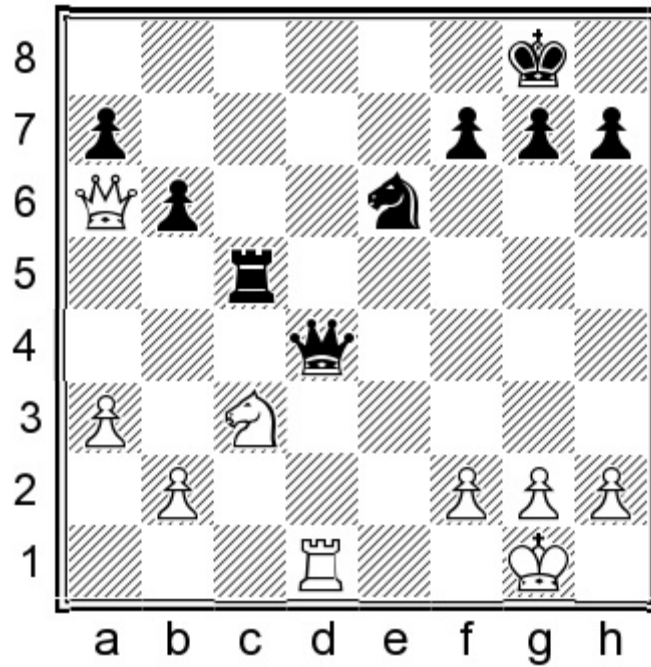
43.exf7+ ♔h7 44.f8=N+!

44.♙xc8?? ♖f1+-+

44...♔g8 45.♙e6+!+- 1-0 (56) Furman,S-Keres,P Moscow 1948.

13. (*) Poliak - Levin

Kiev, 1949



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1...♖xc3! 2.♚f1□

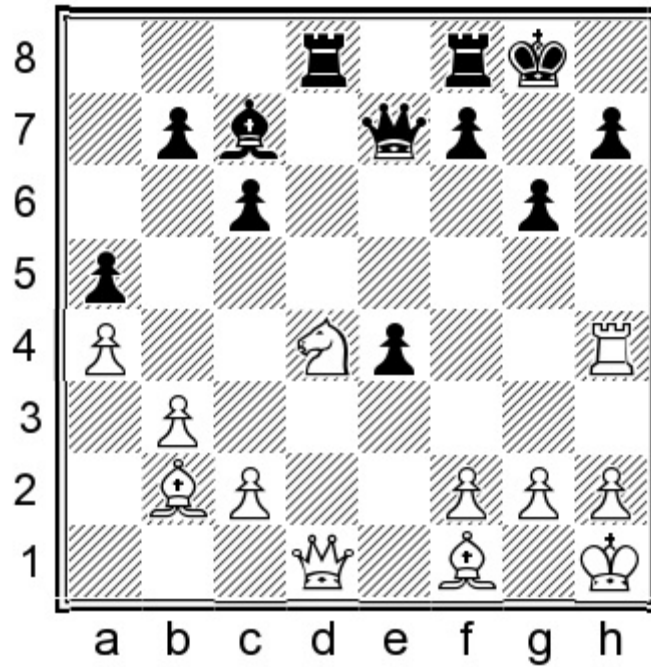
2.♖xd4 ♖c1+ 3.♚f1 ♖xf1+ 4.♔xf1 ♘xd4-+

2...♖c8! 3.♖xd4 ♘xd4 4.♔h1

4.h3 ♖c1! 5.♚xc1 ♘e2+-+

4...♘e2 Δ...Rc1: 0-1 Poljak-Lewin Kiev 1949.

14. (*) Vukovic - NN
Simul, 1953



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1. ♘f5! ♚xh4

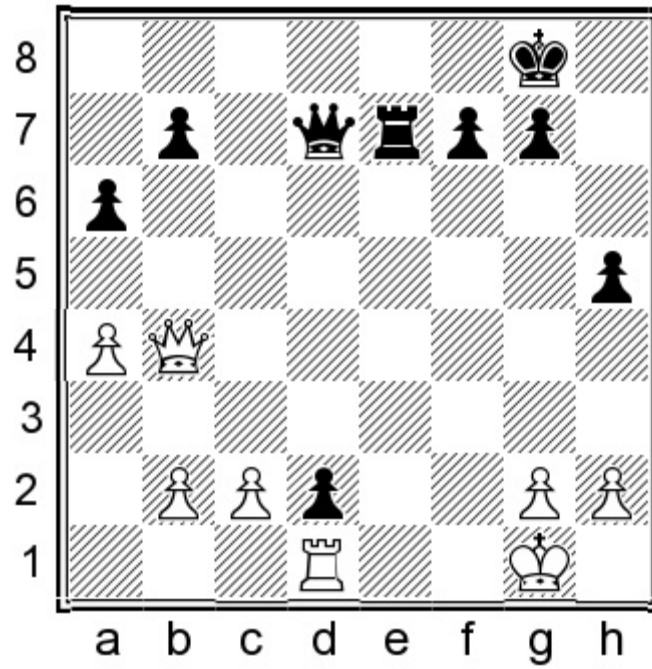
1... gxf5 2. ♚g4+ fxg4 3. ♖xg4+ ♚g5 4. ♖xg5#

2. ♚h5!! 1-0 Vukovic-NN simul 1953.

Black resigned in view of: 2. ♚h5 gxh5 (2... ♚xh5 3. ♘e7#) 3. ♘h6#

15. Madsen - Napolitano [B23]

1° Camp. Mondiale corr., 1953



■ 29...? –+

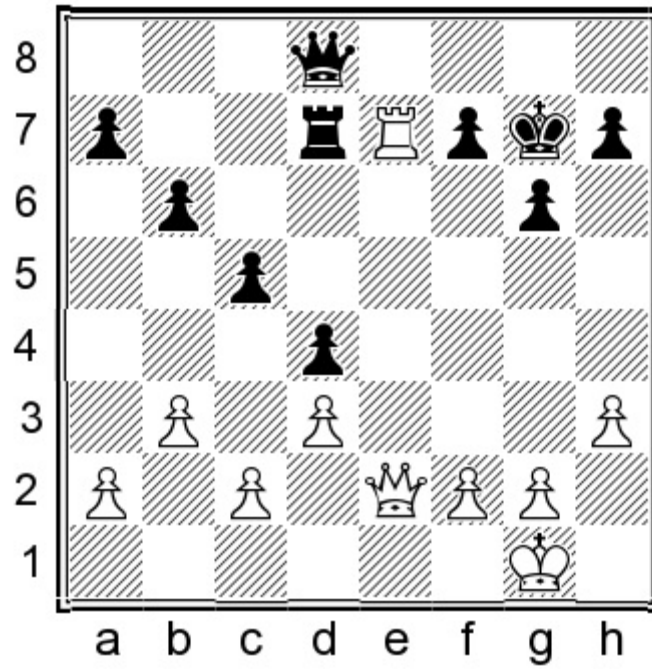
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29...♖e1+ 30.♖xe1 ♕d4+! 0-1 Madsen-Napolitano corres. 1953.

White resigned in view of: 30...♕d4+ 31.♕xd4 dxe1=Q#

16. Kwilezki - Roslinski

Krakow, 1954

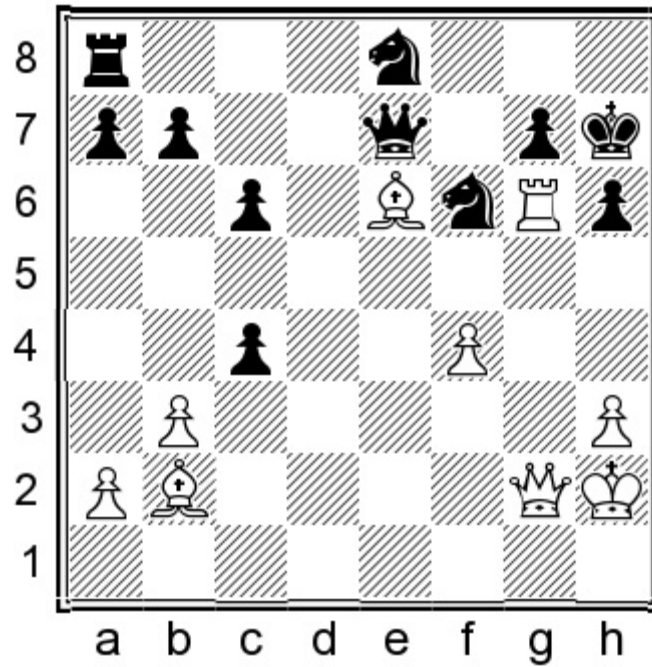


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1. ♖e5+ ♔f8 2. ♖f6! 1-0 Kvelezky-Roslinsky Krakow 1954.

17. Bauer, E. - G?llner
Berlin, 1956



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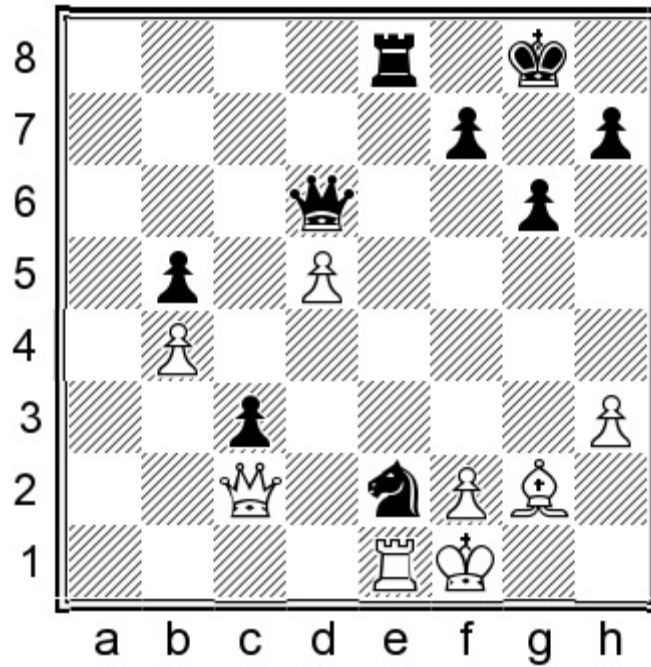
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1. ♖xh6+! gxh6

1... ♔xh6 2. ♕g5+ ♔h7 3. ♕h4+ ♔g6 4. f5#

2. ♕g8+ ♖xg8 3. ♕f5# 1-0 Bauer-Goellner Berlin 1956.

18. Veltmänder, Ioganess - Polugaevsky, Lev
Sochi Sochi, 1958



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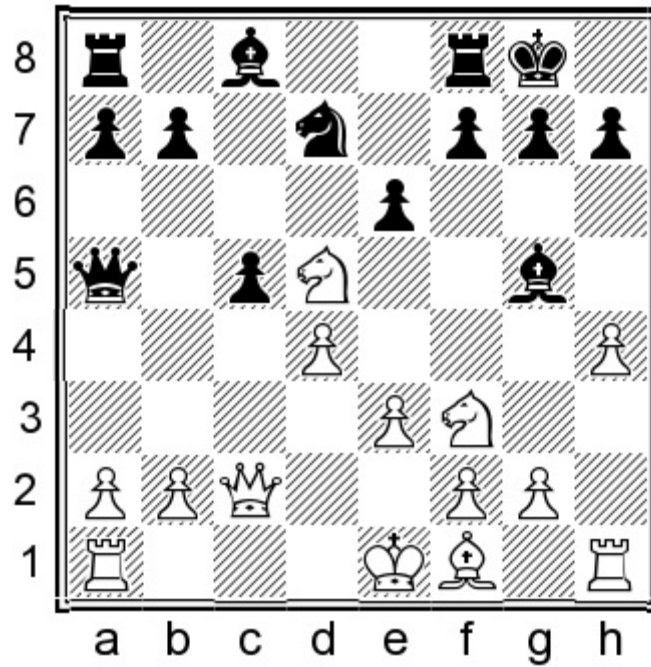
1...♘g3+! 2.fxg3 ♕f6+ 3.♖f2

3.♔g1?! ♖xe1+ 4.♔h2 ♕d4-+

3...♖xe1+ 4.♔xe1 ♕xf2+ 5.♔xf2 c2-+ 0-1 Weltmänder-Polugaevsky,L Sochi 1958.

19. Casas - Piazzini [D61]

Buenos Aires, 1962



□ 11.? +-

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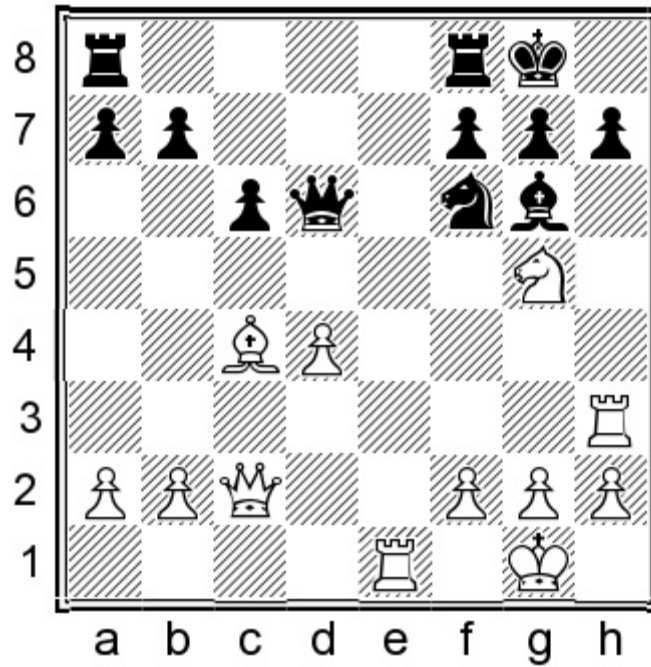
11.b4! cxb4 12.♙xh7+! ♔xh7 13.hxg5+ ♕g6

13...♕g8 14.♖e7#

14.♖e7# 1-0 Casas-Piazinni Buenos Aires 1962.

20. Marovic, Drazen - Tsagan, T. [D68]

WchT U26 11th fin-A Krakow (5.2), 1964.07.28



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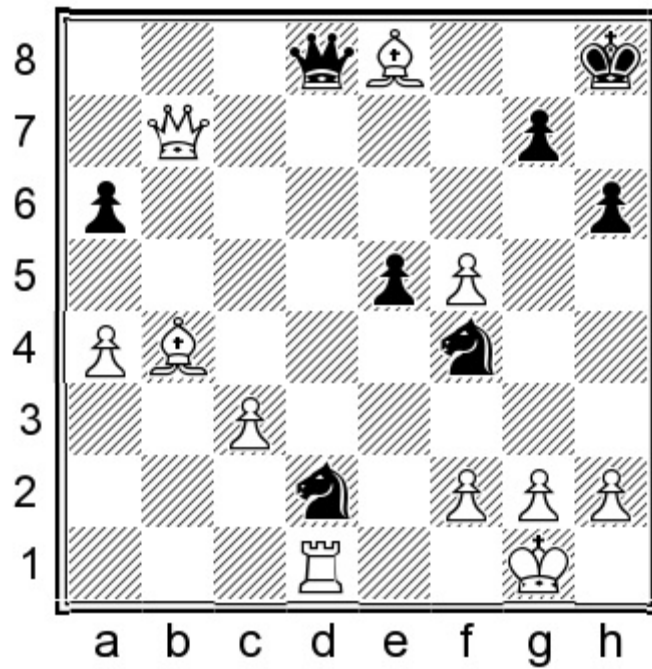
19. ♖xg6! hxg6 20. ♕xf7+ ♖xf7 21. ♗h8+ ♔xh8 22. ♘xf7+ ♔h7 Actually that trick was played twice!

22... ♔g8 23. ♘xd6 ♖d8 24. ♗e6± 1-0 (42) Oestreich, R-Spilker, F Steinheim 1969.

23. ♘xd6 ♖d8 24. ♗e6± 1-0 (51) Marovic, D-Tsagan, T Krakow 1964.

21. Krstev - Popov

Corres, 1965



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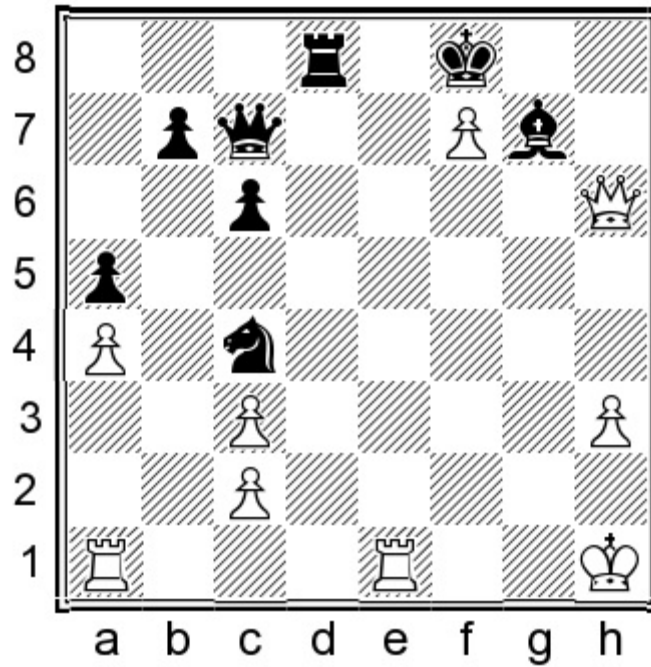
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1...♘e2+ 2.♕h1 ♘e4! 3.♖f1 ♘xf2+ 0-1 Krstev-Popov Corr. 1936.

White resigned in view of: 3...♘xf2+ 4.♖xf2 ♚d1+ 5.♖f1 ♚xf1#

22. Popov, Stevan - Buljovic, Ivan [B05]

Parcetic Memorial 2nd Sombor (3), 1966

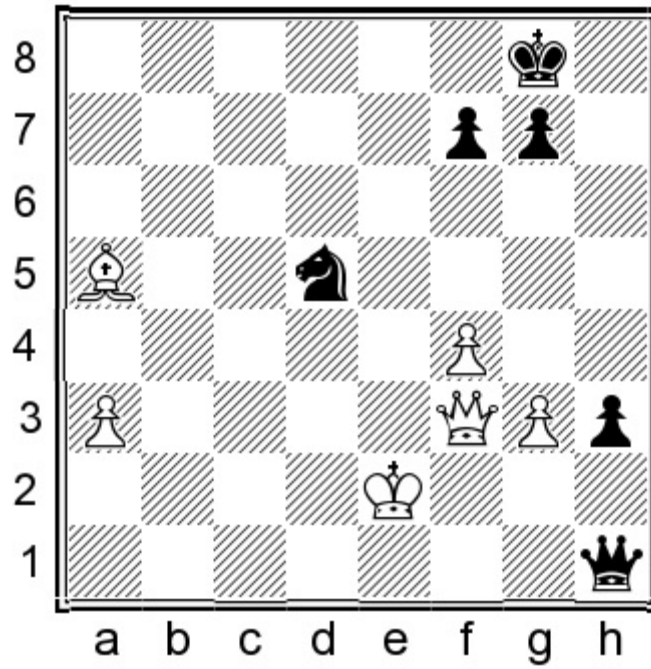


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26.♖e8+! ♜xe8 27.♙xg7+ ♔xg7 28.fxe8=N+! 1-0 Popov,S-Buljovic,I Sombor 1966.

23. Medina, Antonio Angel Garci - Tal, Mihail [B80]
Palma de Mallorca Palma de Mallorca (11), 1966

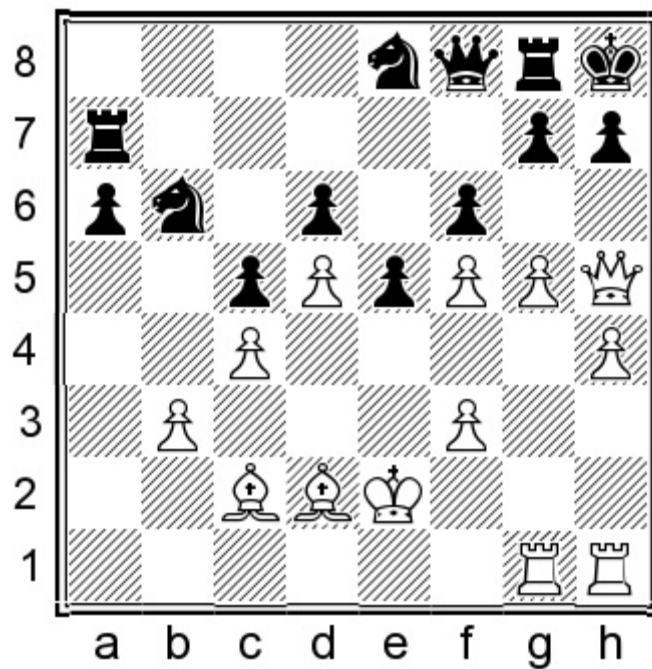


■ 37...? –+

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37...♔xf3+ 38.♕xf3 ♘e3! The next move is ...h2: 0-1 Medina,A-Tal,M Palma de Mallorca 1966.

24. Belova, Valentina M - Nakhimovskaya, Zara [A56]
URS-chT Riga, 1968



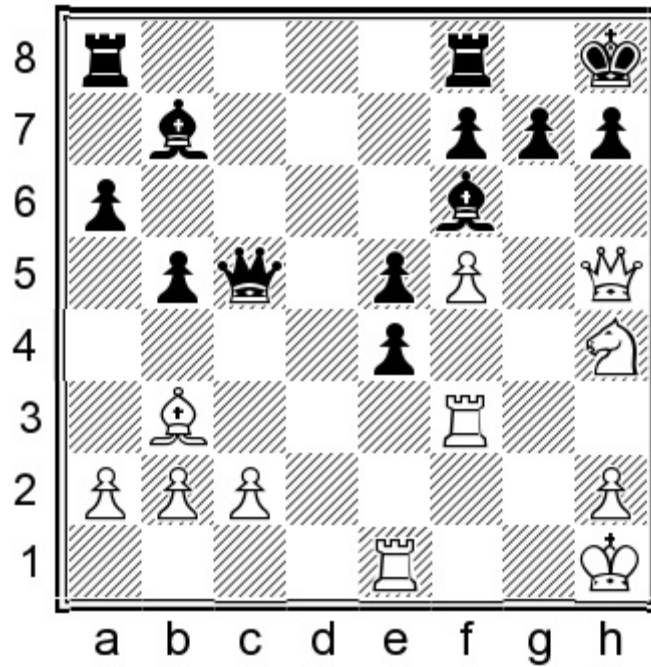
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37. ♖xh7+! ♔xh7 38. g6+ ♔h8 39. ♖g5! ΔRh5#: 1-0 Belova, V-Nakhimovskaya, Z Riga 1968.

25. Kaisauri, Konstanty - Sznepik, Aleksander [B87]

Warszaw U20 2nd (6), 1970



□ 23.? +-

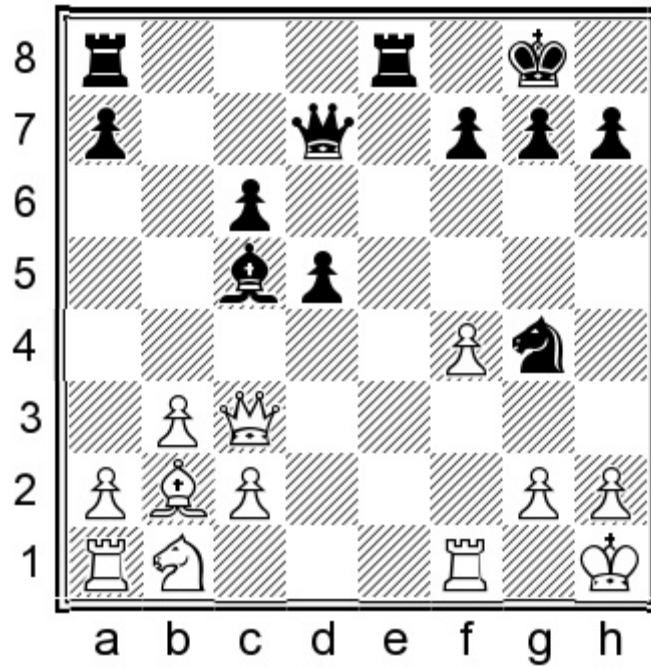
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23. ♖g6+! 1-0 Kaiszauri,K-Sznapik,A Warsaw 1970.

Black resigned in view of: 23. ♖g6+ f×g6 (23... ♔g8 24. ♚xh7+ ♔xh7 25. ♖h3+ ♔g8 26. ♖h8#)
 24. ♚xh7+ ♔xh7 25. ♖h3+ ♔h4 26. ♖xh4#

26. Martinik - Dobosz [B21]

? Poland, 1973



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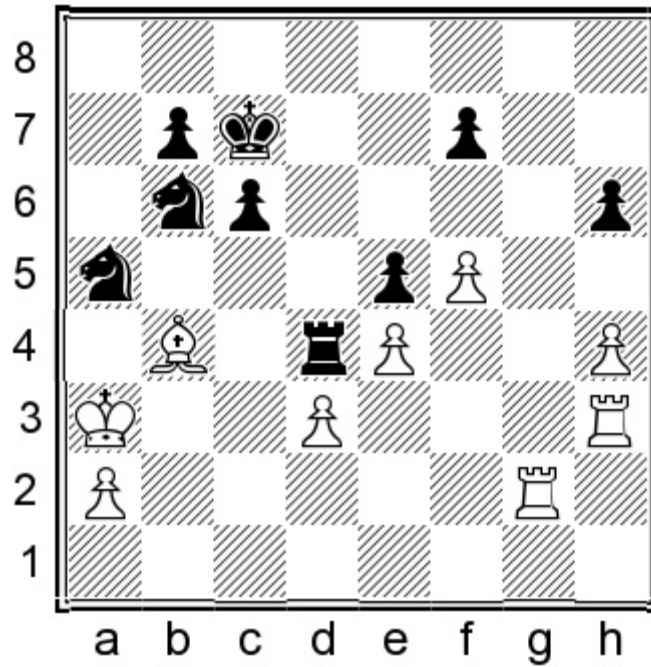
15...♘f2+! 16.♙xf2 ♔d4! 17.f5

17.♚xd4 ♖e1+

17...♔xc3 –+ 0-1 (18) Martinik-Dobosz Poland 1973.

27. Uhmeier - Krüger

Neumünster, 1976



■ 1...? -+

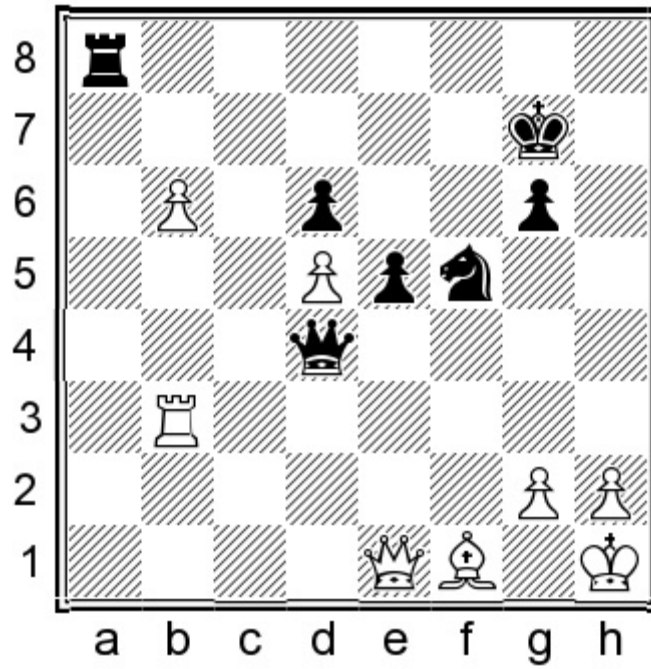
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1...♖xd3+! 2.♔b2

2.♖xd3 ♜bc4+ 3.♔a4 b5#

2...♜ac4+ 3.♔c2 ♖xh3 0-1 Uhmeier-Krueger Neumuenster 1976.

28. (*) Karpov, Anatoly (2690) - Taimanov, Mark E (2530) [B28]
October Revolution 60 Leningrad (1), 1977.06.25



■ 37...? –+

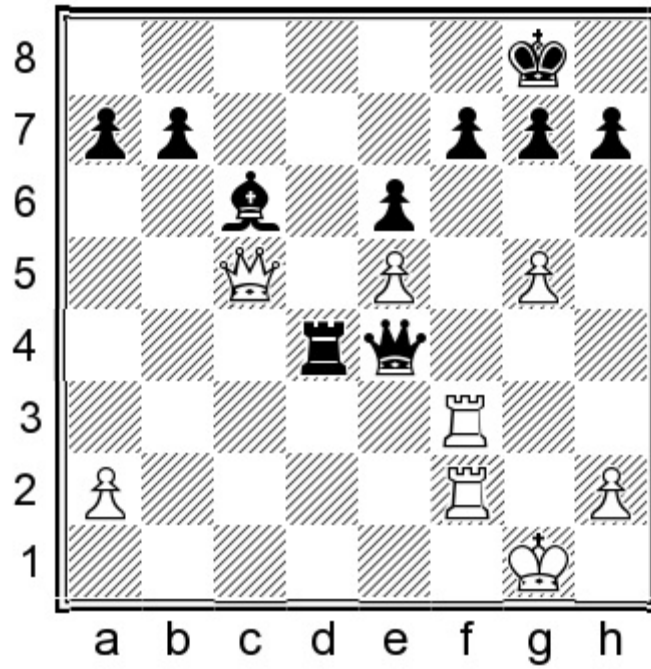
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37...♖a1 38.♜b1 ♘g3+! 0-1 Karpov,A (2690)-Taimanov,M (2530) Leningrad 1977.

White resigned in view of 38...♘g3+ 39.hxg3 ♜a8 followed by ...Rh8.

29. Winter, William - Friede [D52]

RDA, 1978

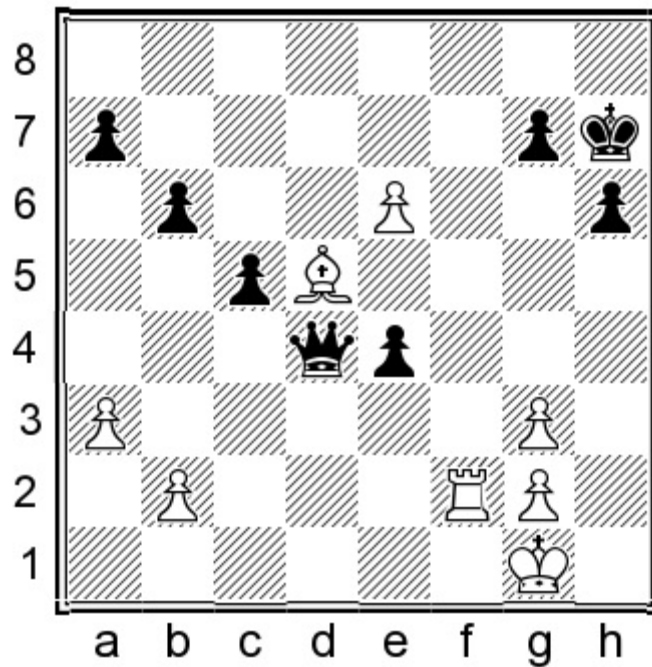


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26. ♖f8+! ♔xf8 27. ♝xf7+ ♕e8 28. ♞f8+ ♔d7 29. ♞2f7# 1-0 Winter, W-Friede RDA 1978.

30. (*) Zolotov - Ivlev, V.
USSR, 1982



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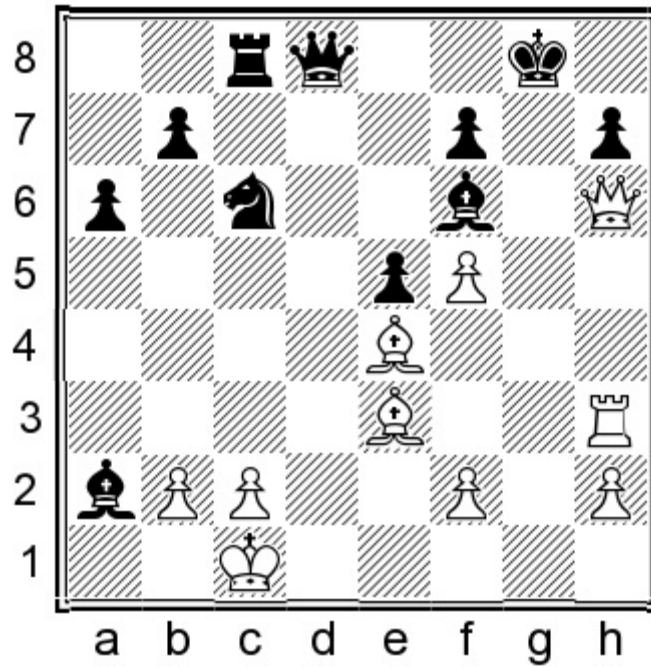
1.e7 ♖e5

1...e3 2.♙g8+! ♔h8 3.e8=Q exf2+ 4.♔h2+-

2.♙g8+! ♔h8 3.♙e6! 1-0 Zolotov-Ivlev, V USSR 1982.

Black resigned in view of 3.♙e6 ♜xe6 4.♞f8+ ♔h7 5.e8=Q+-

31. (*) Flis, Jacek (2360) - Ksieski, Zbigniew (2400) [B89]
POL-ch 41th Poznan (8), 1984

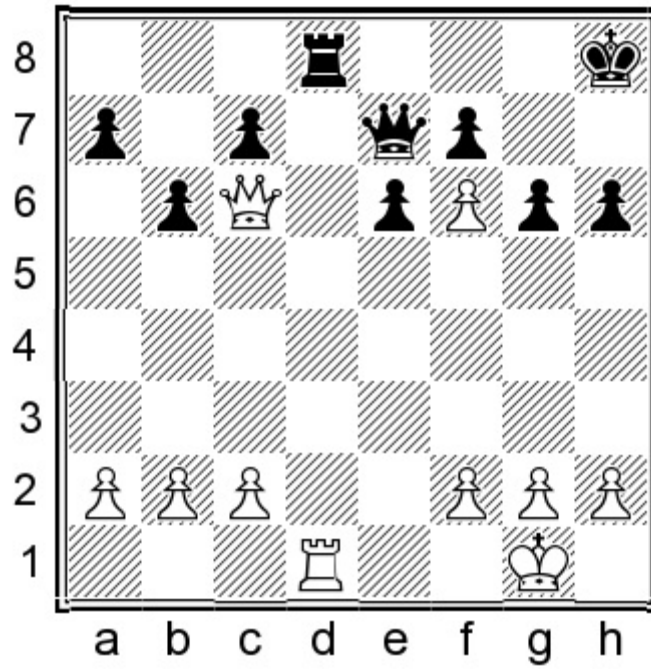


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23. ♖g3+ ♔h8 24. ♘b6! ♚e7 25. ♙c5 ♛d8 26. ♙f8! Black is helpless against Bg7+: 1-0 Flis, J (2360)-Ksieski, Z (2400) Poznan 1984.

32. Pagilla, C. - Carbone
Argentine, 1985



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1. ♔a8!! ♖xa8 2. fxe7 ♜e8 3. ♜d8+- 1-0 Paglilla, C-Carbone Argentine 1985.

Chapter 13 Crush Your Opponent

Unlike in other parts of the book, in this chapter the main move in the solution is a powerful idea, and doesn't necessarily mean an immediate win after a few moves of calculation.

You are asked to find crushing positional moves and powerful attacking moves. Your calculation should stop at the moment when it is clear that you have achieved the best you possibly can out of the initial position.

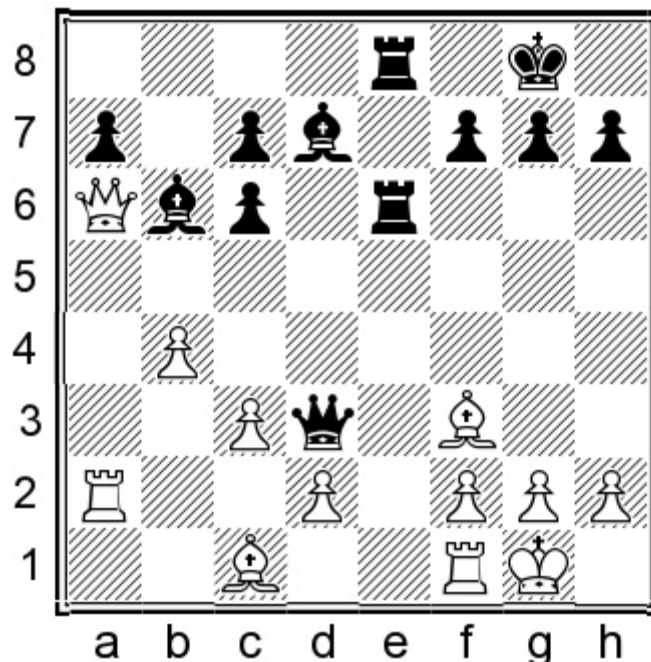
You will find three kinds of exercises:

- when there is a (C) you must find a crushing idea that will lead to an advantage (between clear and large).
- when there is a (W), the right idea leads to a winning advantage.
- when there is a (P), the right idea poses huge practical problems to your opponent, although he might be able to save the game with perfect play.

The slightly less concrete nature of this chapter increases its difficulty. The level of the exercises ranges from medium to very difficult, the most challenging positions being marked with an asterisk (*).

1. (W) Paulsen, Louis - Morphy, Paul [C48]

USA-01.Kongress New York (4.6), 1857



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17...♖xf3! 18.gxf3 ♖g6+! 19.♔h1 ♕h3 20.♞d1

20.♞d3 f5 21.♞c4+ ♔f8-+ (And not 21...♔h8?? 22.♞f7!±)20.♞g1 ♖xg1+ (20...♕g2+!? 21.♞xg2 ♖e1+-+)
21.♔xg1 ♖e1+ 22.♞f1 ♖xf1#

20...♕g2+ 21.♔g1 ♕xf3+ 22.♔f1 ♕g2+

22...♞g2!? (Δ...Rhx2) 23.♞d3 ♖xf2+ 24.♔g1 ♖g2+ 25.♔f1 ♖g1#

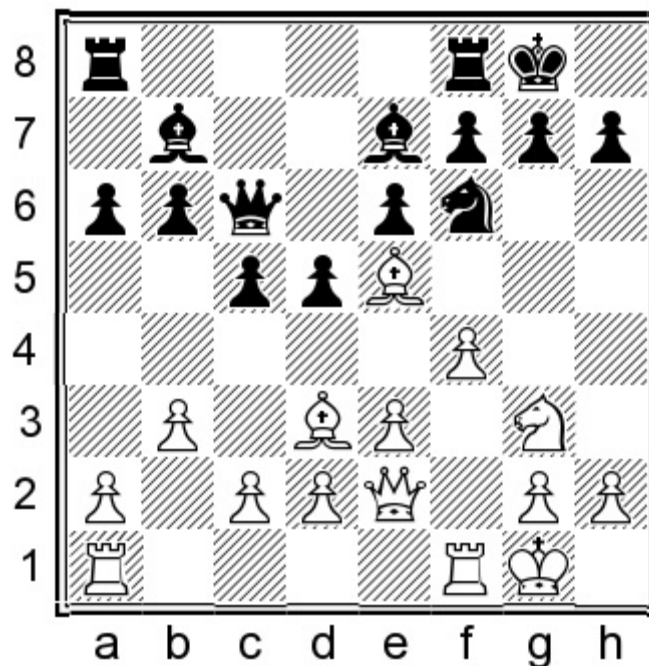
23.♔g1 ♕h3+?!

23...♕e4+ 24.♔f1 ♕f5! was winning instantly.

24.♔h1 ♕xf2 25.♞f1 ♕xf1 26.♞xf1 ♖e2-+ 0-1 (28) Paulsen,L-Morphy,P New York 1857.

2. (C) (*) Lasker, Emanuel - Hermann Bauer, Johann [A03]

Amsterdam Amsterdam NED (1), 1889.08.26



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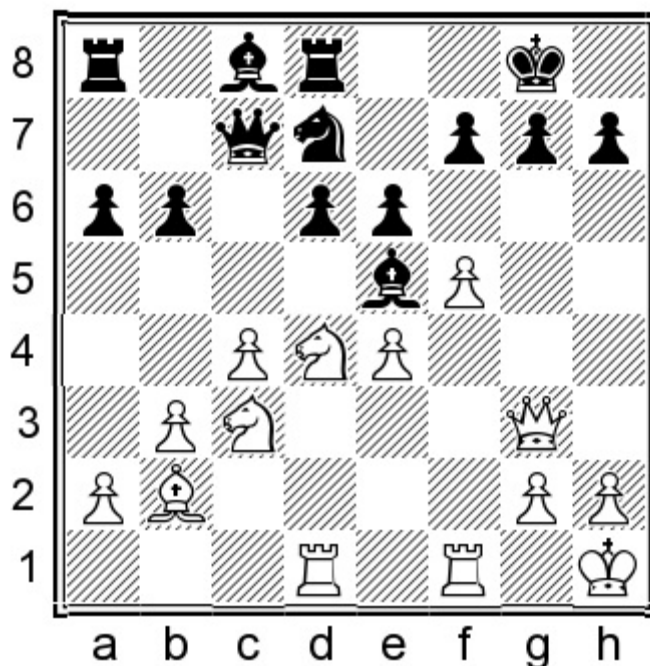
14. ♖h5! ♜xh5 Not a good move - but otherwise Black's position is terrible.

14... ♜e8? 15. ♕xg7! ♜xg7 16. ♖g4+-

15. ♕xh7+! ♜xh7 16. ♖xh5+ ♜g8 17. ♕xg7! ♜xg7 18. ♖g4+ ♜h7 19. ♖f3 e5 20. ♖h3+ ♖h6 21. ♖xh6+ ♜xh6 22. ♖d7+- 1-0 (38) Lasker,E-Bauer,J Amsterdam 1889.

3. (W) (*) Alekhine, Alexander - Saemisch, Fritz [B40]

Berlin Berlin, 1923



□ 18.? +-

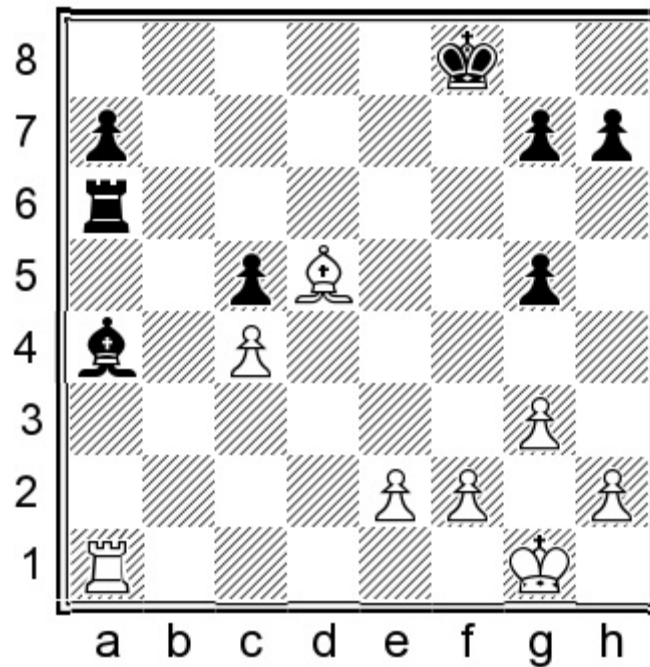
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18. fxe6!! ♕xg3 19. exf7+ ♜h8 20. ♜d5! 1-0 Alekhine,A-Saemisch,F Berlin 1923. Black resigned already!

The position is lost: 20. ♜d5 ♖b8 (20... ♖b7 21. ♜e6+-) 21. ♜c6 (21. hxg3!?) 21... ♕e5 (21... ♕h4 22. ♜xb8 ♖xb8 23. ♜c7+- ΔNe6) 22. ♜xb8 ♖xb8 23. ♕xe5 dxe5 24. ♜xb6+-

4. (C) Euwe, Max - Alekhine, Alexander [D17]

World Championship 16th Netherlands (20), 1935.11.16



□ 30.?

Can you find the very famous move Euwe played to paralyse the black position?

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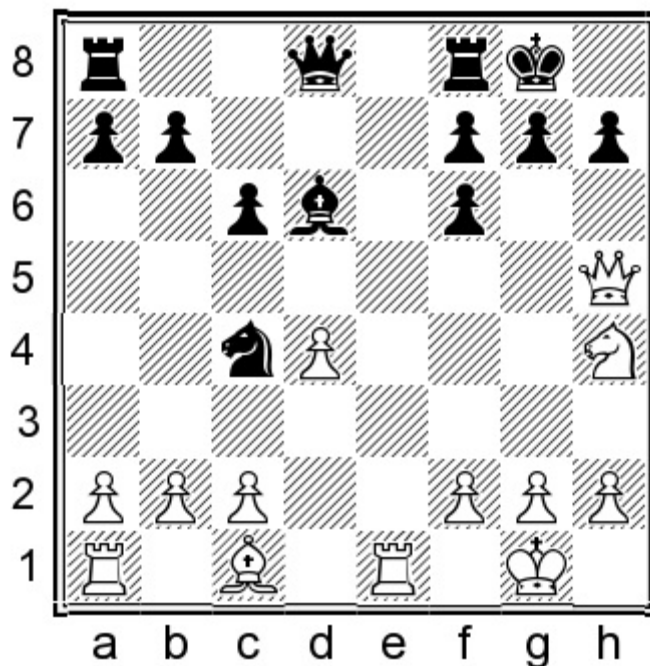
30.♖a2!! Keeping the a4-bishop pinned and preventing 30...Bb5! What a move! 30...♔e7

30...♗b5? 31.cxb5+-

31.f4 White pushes his central pawns and bring his king in the action as well. The rest of the game is flawless. 31...gxf4 32.gxf4 ♕f6 33.e4 g5 34.f5! h5 35.h4! gxh4 36.♔h2 ♕g5 37.♕h3 ♖a5 38.♗b7 Zugzwang! Black loses the h4-pawn and his situation is hopeless. 1-0 (41) Euwe,M-Alekhine,A Netherlands 1935.

5. (C) (*) Ragozin, Viacheslav - Boleslavsky, Isaak [B15]

Sverdlovsk Sverdlovsk (10), 1942



□ 15.?

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15. ♖h6!! The path to a serious advantage. **15...gxh6**□

15... ♖d7? 16. ♖xg7! ♕xg7 17. ♗f5+ ♕h8 18. ♖e4! (ΔRh4) 18... ♖xh2+ 19. ♕h1 1-0 Ragozin, V-Boleslavsky, I Sverdlovsk 1942. 15...g6 16. ♖e2±

16.b3!

In case of 16. ♗f5 Black holds with 16... ♖f4 17. ♖e4 ♖g5 18. h4 ♗d6, as Ivan Sokolov point out in his book "Chess Middlegames Strategy - Volume 2". Thanks to 16.b3, the black knight won't be able to get to d6.

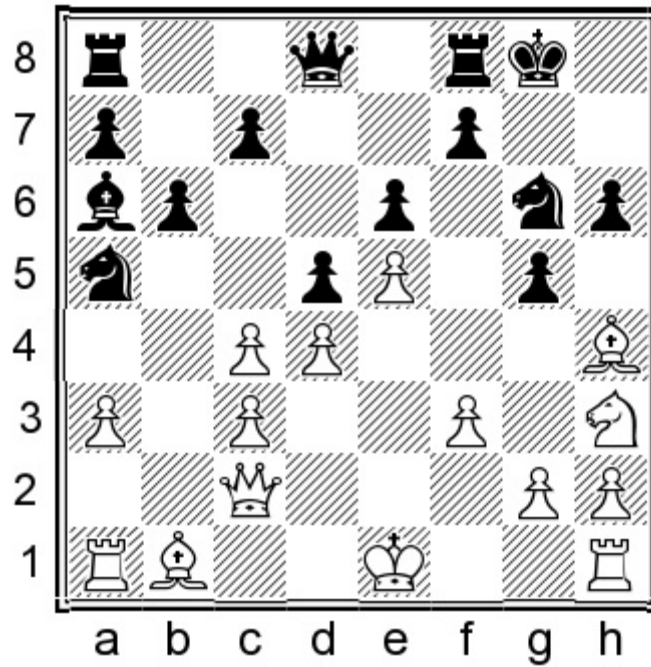
16... ♗a3 17. ♗f5 ♕h8

17... ♖f4 18. ♖e4 ♖g5 19. h4+-

18. ♖xh6 ♖g8 19. ♖e8! Brilliant! 19... ♖f8□ **20. ♖xd8 ♖xh6 21. ♖xg8+ ♖xg8 22. ♗xh6±**

6. (C) Kotov, Alexander - Keres, Paul [E24]

Candidates Tournament Budapest (14), 1950



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16. ♖f4! g×h4 17. ♗xg6 ♜e8 18. ♗h8

18.f4!? first is very strong as well.

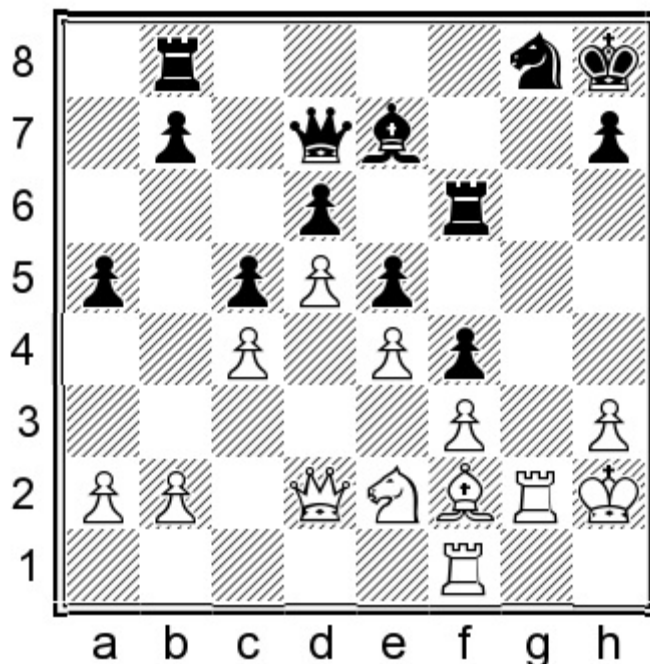
18... ♜e7 19. ♖h7+ ♔f8 20. f4! Going for the black King! **20... ♗xc4?**

20... ♗xc4 was the only defence, but the position remains terrible: 21. f5 ♔e8 22. ♖xh6+-

21. f5 exf5 22. O-O+- 1-0 (33) Kotov, A-Keres, P Budapest 1950.

7. (W) (*) Averbakh, Yuri L - Kotov, Alexander [A55]

Candidates Tournament Zuerich (14), 1953.09.23



■ 30...? –+

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30...♖xh3+! **31.♔xh3 ♖h6+ 32.♔g4** Here seeing one of the following two winning ideas would already be an amazing result on your side! **32...♗f6+**

Also winning was: **32...♖f8!?** **33.♗xf4 ♗f6+ 34.♔g5 ♖g8+ 35.♔f5 ♗g4!!** (Δ ...Rf6#) **36.♗h5** ♖hg6! (Δ ...Rf8#) **37.♖g5** ♗xg5 **38.♔xg4 ♗f4+–+**

33.♔f5 ♗d7 Black just freed the g8-square of his rook. **34.♖g5** ♖f8+ **35.♔g4 ♗f6+ 36.♔f5 ♗g8+** How funny! **37.♔g4 ♗f6+**

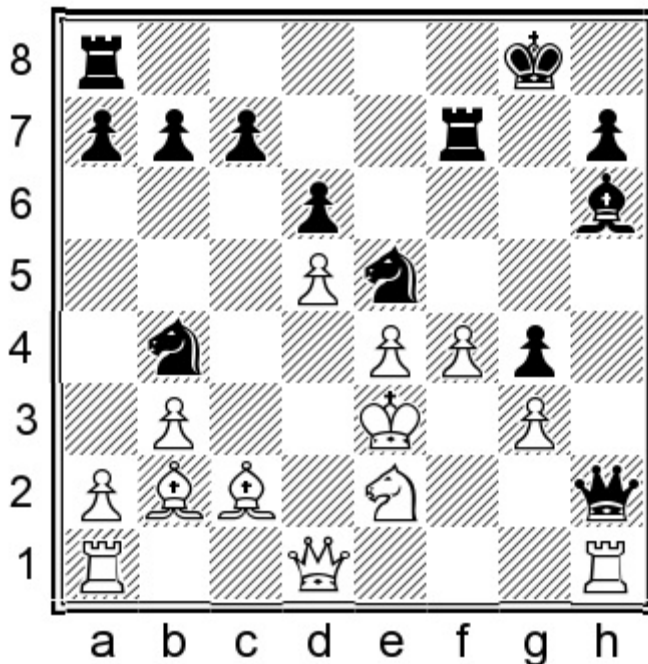
37...♗xg5 38.♔xg5 ♖f7! (Δ ...Rg7+, ...Rf6#) was a forced mate: **39.♗h4** ♖g7+ **40.♔f5 ♖hg6!** (Δ ...Nh6#) **41.♗g5 ♗h6+ 42.♗xh6 ♖f7#**

38.♔f5 ♗xd5+?! Useless. 39.♔g4 ♗f6+ 40.♔f5 ♗g8+ 41.♔g4 ♗f6+ 42.♔f5 ♗g8+ 43.♔g4 ♗xg5 44.♔xg5 ♖f7 45.♗h4 ♖g6+!

Black could no longer play **45...♖g7+ 46.♔f5 ♖hg6** as in the **37...Bxg6** line because of **47.♖xd6!** ♖xd6 **48.♔xe5** and the position isn't so clear.

46.♔h5 ♖fg7! Black wins anyway! **47.♗g5** ♖xg5+ **48.♔h4 ♗f6 49.♗g3 ♖xg3 50.♖xd6 ♖g6 51.♖b8+ ♖g8** 0-1 Averbakh,Y-Kotov,A Zurich 1953.

8. (W) (*) Polugaevsky, Lev - Nezhmetdinov, Rashid [A53]
Sochi Sochi, 1958



■ 24...? -+

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24...♖xf4! 25.♖xh2 Taking the black queen.

25.gxf4 ♕xf4+ 26.♘xf4 ♘xc2+-+ is hopeless.

25...♖f3+ 26.♔d4 ♕g7 In such a position there is no need to find a forced mate all with checks: it is just obvious that White is in huge trouble.

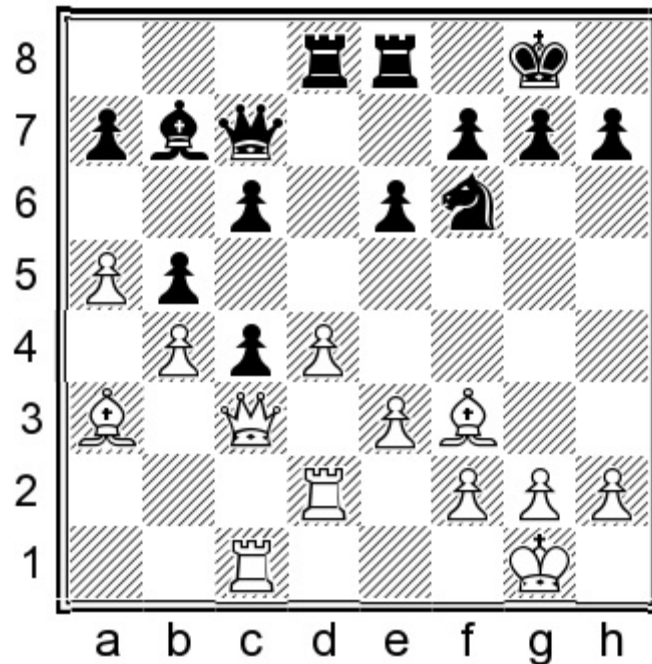
26...c5+ 27.dxc6 b5!! was also winning: 28.♕d3 ♘exc6+ 29.♔c3 ♕g7+ 30.♔d2 ♖xd3+ 31.♔e1 ♖xd1+ 32.♖xd1 ♕xb2-+

27.a4 Not a solution - but the position was terrible anyway.

27.♘g1 ♖xg3! White is paralyzed. (27...♘ed3+? 28.e5! ♕xe5+ 29.♔c4 ♘) 28.♘e2 ♖f3! 29.♘g1 ♘ed3+ 30.♔c4 (30.e5 ♕xe5+ 31.♔c4 ♖f4+-+) 30...♘xb2+ 31.♔xb4 ♕c3+ 32.♔a3 b5! 33.b4 a5-+

27...c5+ 28.dxc6 bxc6! 29.♕d3 ♘exd3+ 30.♔c4 d5+ 31.exd5 cxd5+ 32.♔b5 ♖b8+ 33.♔a5 ♘c6+ 0-1
Polugaevsky,L-Nezhmetdinov,R Sochi 1958.

9. (C) Evans, Larry Melvyn - Fischer, Robert James [E45]
USA-ch New York (3), 1965



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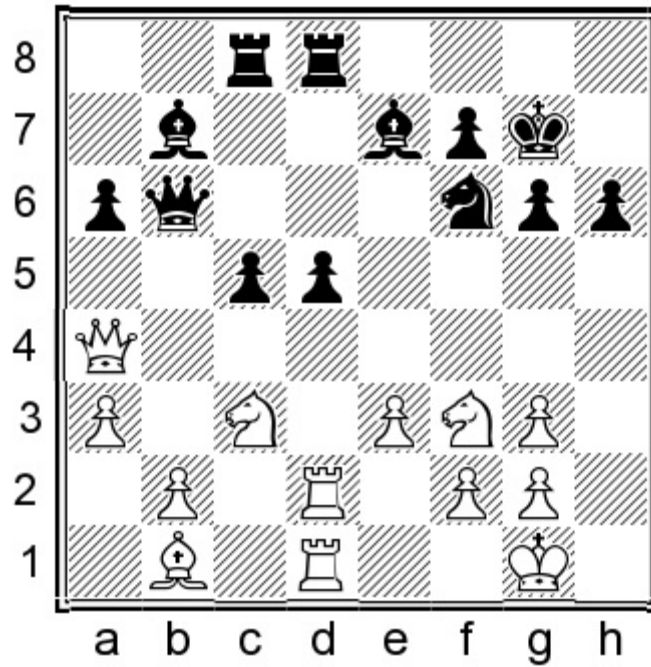
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20...c5! Giving the extra pawn back - but for a tremendous domination! **21.dxc5**

21.bxc5 ♙xf3 22.gxf3 ♜d5-+; 21.♙xb7 cxd4 22.♜xd4 ♚xb7-+

21...♙xf3 22.gxf3 ♜xd2 23.♚xd2 ♜d8 24.♚e1 ♜d3 25.♙b2 ♞d5-+ 0-1 (55) Evans, L-Fischer,R New York 1965.

10. (C) Kortschnoj, Viktor Lvovich (2695) - Karpov, Anatoly (2700) [D58]
World-ch29 Karpov-Kortschnoj +6-2=12 Merano (1), 1981.10.01



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24...d4! 25.exd4

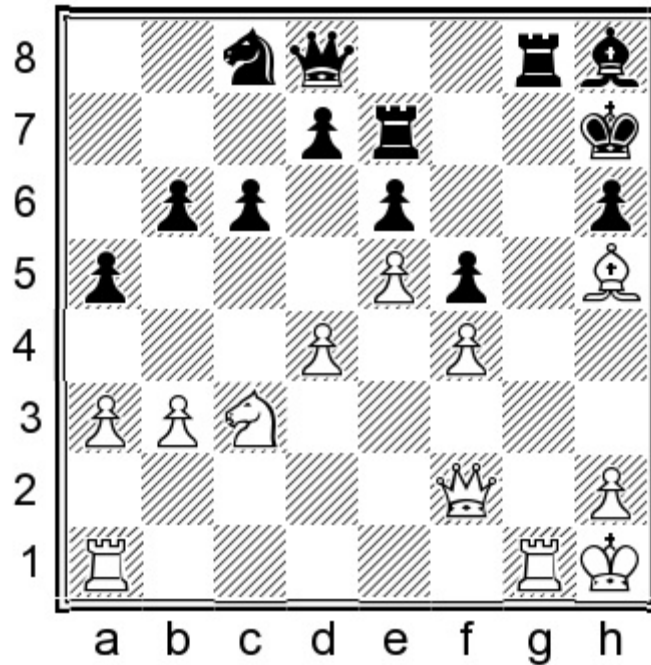
25.♘e2 dxe3 26.fxe3 c4-+ 0-1 (43) Korchnoi,V (2695) -Karpov,A (2700) Merano 1981.

25...♙c6 26.♚c4

26.♚c2 ♙xf3 27.gxf3 cxd4-+

26...♙xf3 27.gxf3 cxd4 28.♘a4 ♚b5 29.♚e2 ♝c7-+ White is paralyzed and has no good way to defend the a4-knight.

11. (P) (*) Kasparov, Garry (2630) - Jussupow, Artur (2575) [E15]
URS-ch49 Frunze (3), 198112



□ 31.?

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31. ♖e4!! ΔNf6+ **31...fxe4** □ **32.f5!** ♚f8 □ The only move according to the engine.

32...♖g5 33.♖xg5 hxg5 34.f6+- 1-0 (39) Kasparov,G (2630) -Jussupow,A (2575) Frunze 1981.

33.f6 ♕xf6

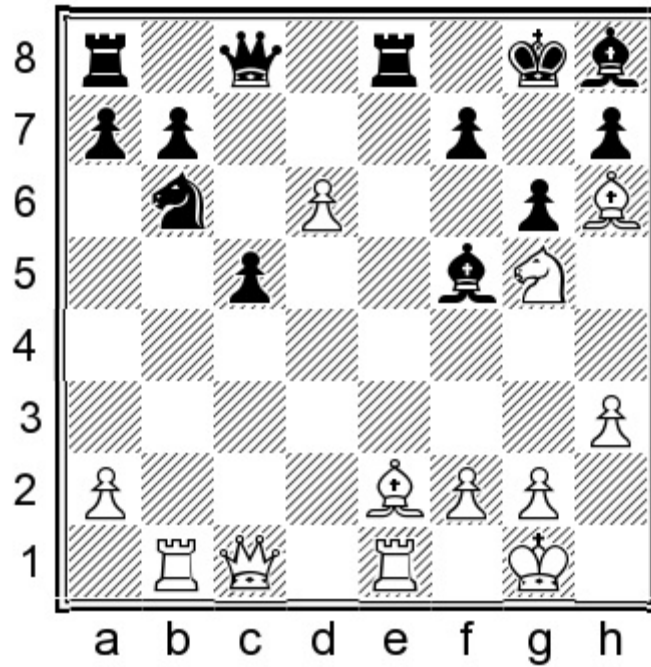
33...♖eg7 34.♖xg7+ ♖xg7 35.♚c2+-

34.♚xf6

34.♖xg8? ♔xg8 35.exf6 ♖g7 holds.

34...♖eg7 □ If Black is able to play all the engine moves for the next 10 moves as well, he will have great chances to hold: **35.♕g6+** ♔h8 **36.♖af1** ♚xf6 **37.exf6** ♖xg6 **38.♖xg6** ♔h7 □ **39.♖g2** ♖xg2 **40.♔xg2** ♔g8 **41.♔g3** ♔f7 **42.♔f4** ♖d6 **43.♔e5** ♖f5 **44.♔xe4** ♔xf6

12. (W) (*) Chiburdanidze, M. - Malaniuk, V. [D85]
USSR, 1982



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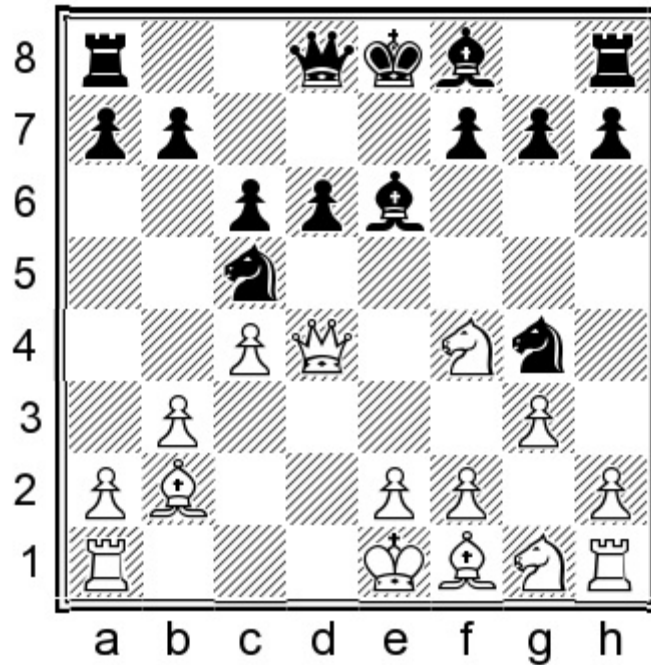
22.♖xb6! axb6 23.♗c4 ♗e6

23...♖xe1+ 24.♔xe1 ♗f6 25.♘xf7+-

24.♖xe6! fxe6 25.♔f4 ♔d7 26.♗b5! 1-0 Chiburdanidze,M-Malaniuk,V USSR 1982.

13. (C) Huebner, Robert (2605) - Kasparov, Garry (2715) [A21]

Hamburg m Hamburg (1), 1985



■ 12...?

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12...♞e4! 13.♙h3 The best move! But White stands much worse anyway.

13.♚xe4? ♚a5+ 14.♔d1 ♞xf2+-+; 13.♞gh3 ♚a5+ 14.♔d1 ♞exf2+ 15.♞xf2 c5-+

13...♚a5+

13...♞gxf2 14.♙g2 ♚b6

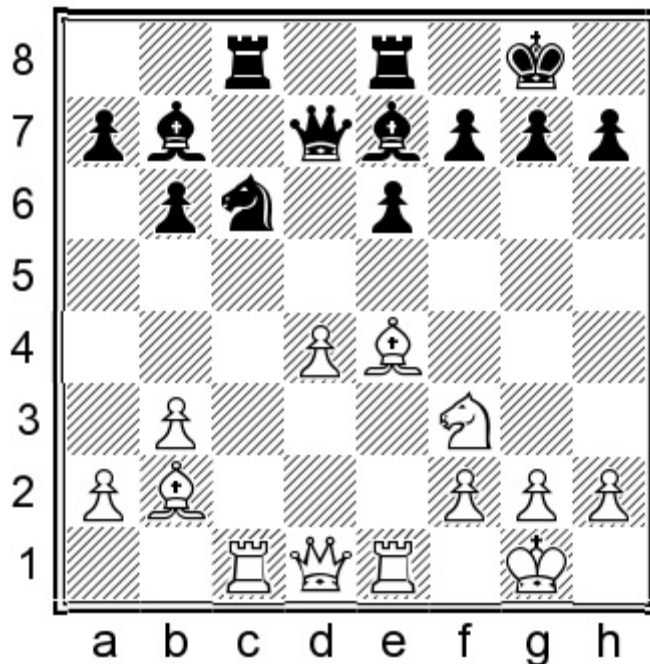
14.♔f1 ♞gxf2 15.♙xe6

15.♙g2 d5±; 15.♞xe6 fxe6 16.♙xe6 ♚e5!± 17.♚xf2 ♚xe6±

15...fxe6 16.♞xe6 ♔d7± 0-1 (28) Huebner,R (2605)-Kasparov,G (2715) Hamburg 1985.

14. (W) (*) Portisch, Lajos (2610) - De Firmian, Nick E (2570) [E14]

Reggio Emilia-A 8990 32nd Reggio Emilia (8), 1989



□ 16.? +-

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16. ♖xc6! ♜xc6 17. ♘e5 ♚b7

17... ♛d6 18. ♜xh7+ isn't any better than the game.

18. ♜xh7+

18. ♛h5 is quite good as well, but not as strong: 18... g6 19. ♛f3 ♜b4 20. ♜xc6 ♖xc6 21. ♘xc6 ♜xe1 22. d5!+- ΔQf6

18... ♜f8

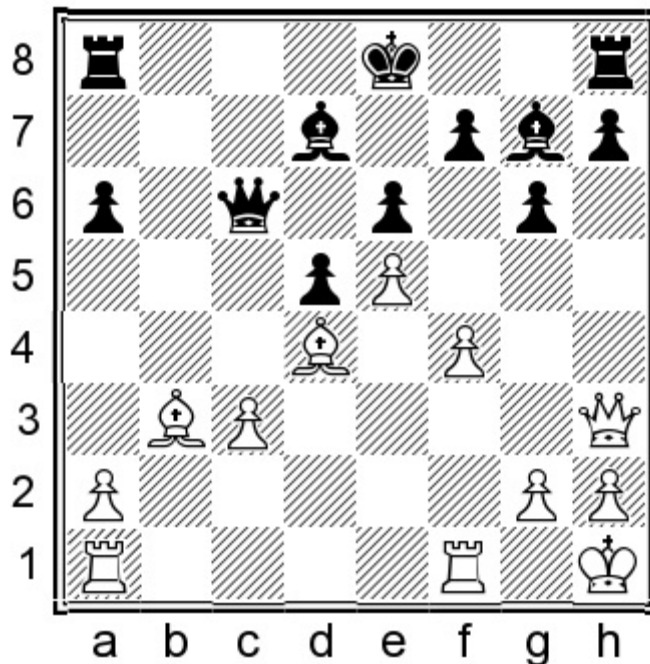
18... ♜xh7 19. ♛h5+ ♜g8 20. ♛xf7+ ♜h7 21. ♘xc6 (Δd5) 21... ♖f8 22. ♛xe7 ♛xc6 23. d5 ♛c7 24. ♛h4+ ♜g8 25. dxe6+-

19. ♛h5 ♜b4 20. ♜d3! g6

Funnily enough, this position was played twice: 20... a5 21. ♜a6!+- 1-0 (26) Kekki,P (2350) -Havansi,E (2270) Finland 1996.

21. ♛h6+ ♜e7 22. d5 ♜xe1 23. ♜a3+ ♜d8 24. ♛h4+ ♜c7 25. dxc6 ♛a8 26. ♛f6+- 1-0 (30) Portisch,L (2610)-De Firmian,N (2570) Reggio Emilia 1989

15. (C) (*) Anand, Viswanathan (2555) - Badea, Bela (2495) [B87]
 Prestwich Prestwich (6), 1990



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23.f5!

23.g4? is too slow because of 23...h5⇒

23...gxf5

23...exf5? 24.e6!+-

24.g4! Opening everything. Besides many problems, Black has to decide where to hide his king, if even possible... **24...♙c7**

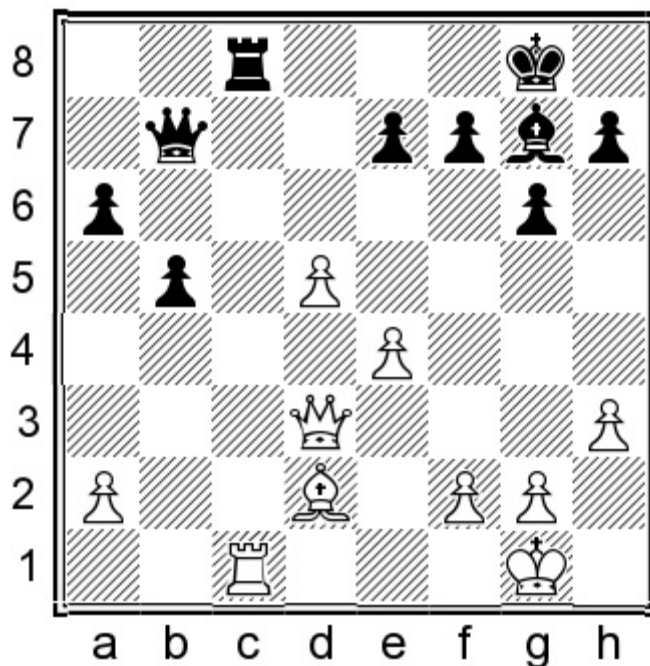
24...fxg4 25.♙xg4 ♘f8 26.♙h5±

25.gxf5+- Black is demolished.

Instead, Anand went for the more timid 25.♙ae1!? but shortly won anyway: 25...♘b5 26.gxf5 ♘xf1 27.♙xf1 ♙d7 28.fxe6 ♙xe6 29.♙g2 1-0 Anand,V (2555)-Badea,B (2495) Prestwich 1990.

16. (C) Karpov, Anatoly (2730) - Kasparov, Garry (2800) [D85]

World-ch34-KK5 Kasparov-Karpov +4-3=17 Lyon (17), 1990.12.05



□ 26.?

Can you find the only path to an advantage?

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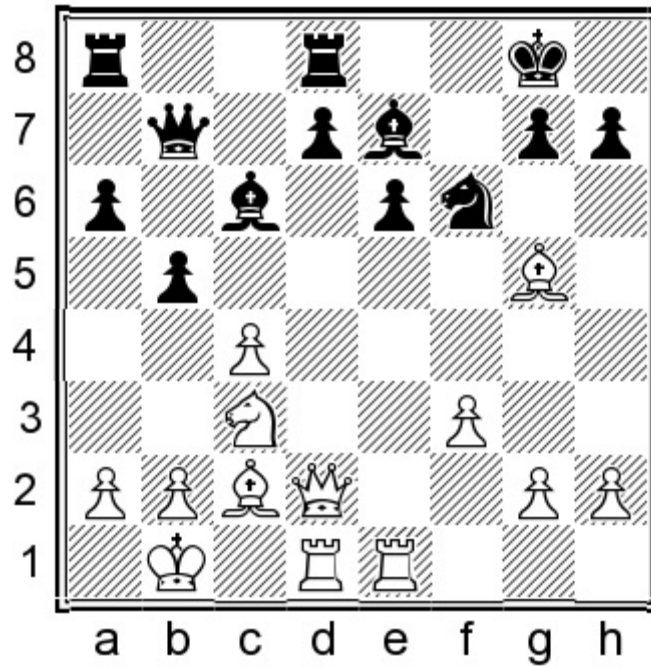
26. ♖c6! Keepig the c-file. 26... ♗e5

26... ♖xc6? 27. dxc6 ♜xc6 28. ♛d8+ ♗f8 29. ♗h6+-

27. ♗c3± The c-file being his, White is definitely much better: 1-0 (40) Karpov,A (2730) -Kasparov,G (2800) World Championship 1990.

17. (C) Karpov, Anatoly (2725) - Adams, Michael (2630) [A31]

Dos Hermanas Dos Hermanas (3), 1993



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21. ♘d5! ♙xd5

21... ♘xd5 22. cxd5 ♙xg5 23. dxc6 ♙xd2 24. cxb7+-; 21... exd5 22. ♖xe7+-

22. cxd5 ♘xd5

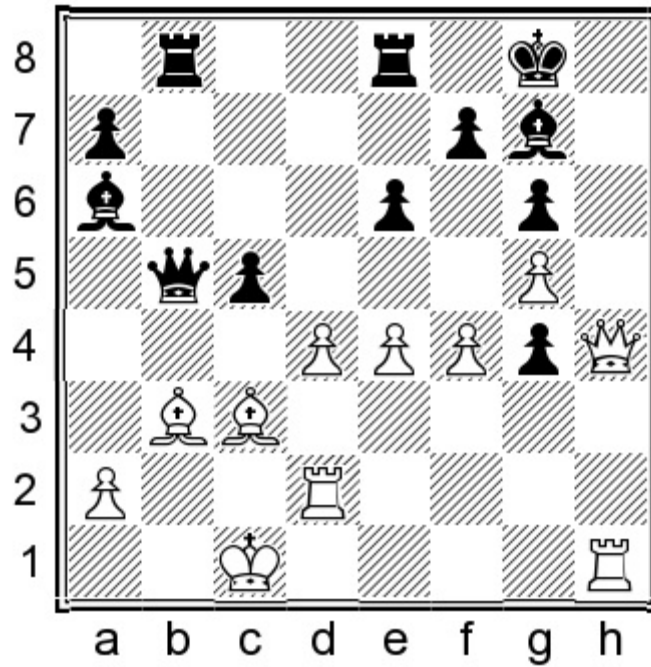
22... ♖xd5? 23. ♖xd5 ♘xd5 24. ♖xd5+-

23. ♙e4! ♙xg5

23... ♙b4? 24. ♖xb4+-

24. ♖xg5 ♖b6 □ 25. ♙xd5 exd5 26. ♖e7 ♖g6+ 27. ♖xg6 hxg6 28. ♖xd5± 1-0 (41) Karpov, A (2725)-Adams, M (2630) Dos Hermanas 1993.

18. (W) Korchnoi, Viktor (2625) - Huzman, Alexander (2520) [D85]
Beersheba Beersheba (4), 1993



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28.f5!

28.♞h7+ ♔f8 29.f5 also works - but that more order makes little sense.

28...exf5

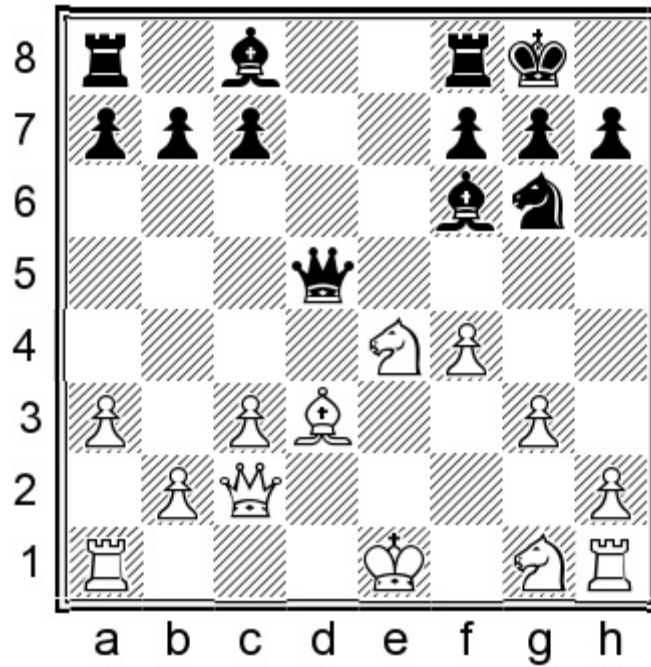
28...cxd4 29.f6+-

29.♞h7+ ♔f8 30.♞xg7+! 1-0 Korchnoi, V (2625)-Huzman, A (2520) Beersheba 1993.

Black resigned in view of: 30.♞xg7+! ♔xg7 31.dxc5+ ♔f8 32.♞h8+ ♔e7 33.♙f6#

19. (W) (*) Topalov, Veselin (2640) - Bareev, Evgeny (2685) [C11]

Linares 12th Linares (11), 1994



■ 13...? –+

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13...♖xf4! 14.♗xf6+

14.gxf4 ♔h4+ 15.♕f1 (15.♕d2 ♕f5-+; 15.♕e2 ♕g4+ 16.♗f3 f5-+) 15...f5-+

14...gxf6 15.♕xh7+ ♔g7 16.♖e4

16.♕e4 ♖e8-+

16...♖e8! The strongest move by far! 17.♖xe8 ♕f5!! 18.♖xa8

18.♖e7 ♗d3+ 19.♕f1 ♕xh7-+

18...♖e4+ White gets mated! 19.♕f2

19.♕d2 ♖g2+ will transpose.

19...♖g2+ 20.♕e3 ♗d5+ 21.♕d4 ♖d2+ 22.♕c5

22.♕c4 ♗b6-+-

22...♖e3+! 23.♕c4

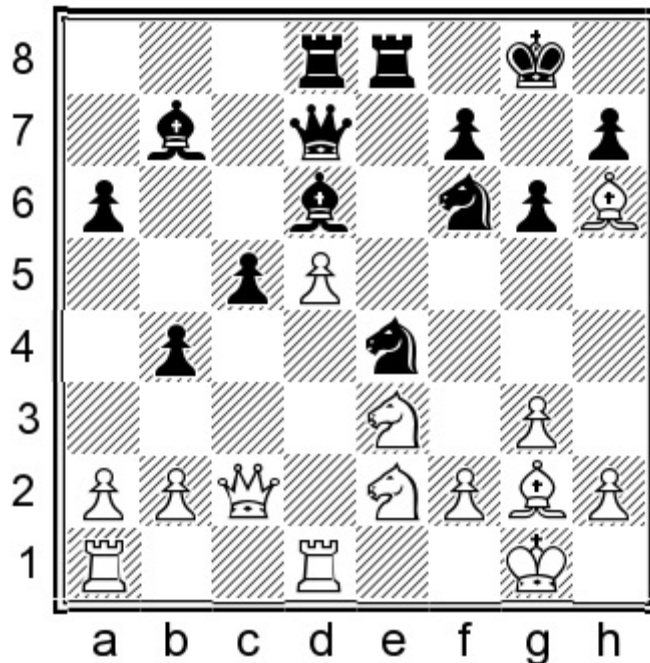
23.♕xd5 ♕e6#

23...♖b6+ This game won the brilliancy prize in the event: 0-1 Topalov,V (2640)-Bareev,E (2685) Linares 1994.

Mate is coming: 23...♖b6+ 24.♔b3 ♚e6+ 25.♔b4 ♚c4+ 26.♔a5 ♚a4#

20. (W) Cifuentes Parada, Roberto - Zvjaginsev, Vadim [D45]

Wik aan Zee Open Wijk aan Zee NED, 1995



■ 24...? -+

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24...♖xf2! 25.♔xf2 ♚xe3! 26.♙xe3

26.♔xe3 ♖g4+ 27.♔d2 ♖xh6-+

26...♖g4+ 27.♔f3 ♖xh2+ 28.♔f2 ♖g4+ 29.♔f3 ♚e6

29...♚e8!? is as good.

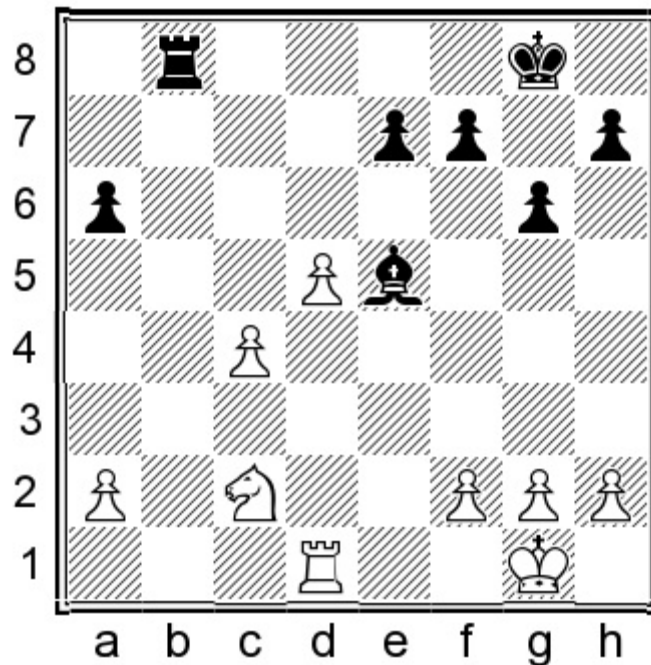
30.♙f4

30.♙c1 h5 is hopeless for White. Black is threatening ...Bxd5+.

30...♚e8 31.♚c4 Allowing a pretty finish! 31...♚e3+! 32.♙xe3 ♚xe3+ 33.♔xg4 ♙c8+ 34.♔g5 h6+

35. ♖xh6 ♜e5 White can't prevent both ...Bf8# and ...Rh5#. 0-1 Cifuentes Parada,R (2535)-Zvjaginsev,V (2585) Wijk aan Zee 1995.

21. (C) Sveshnikov, Evgeny (2575) - Najer, Evgeniy (2535) [B06]
RUS-ch51 St Petersburg (10), 1998.08.06



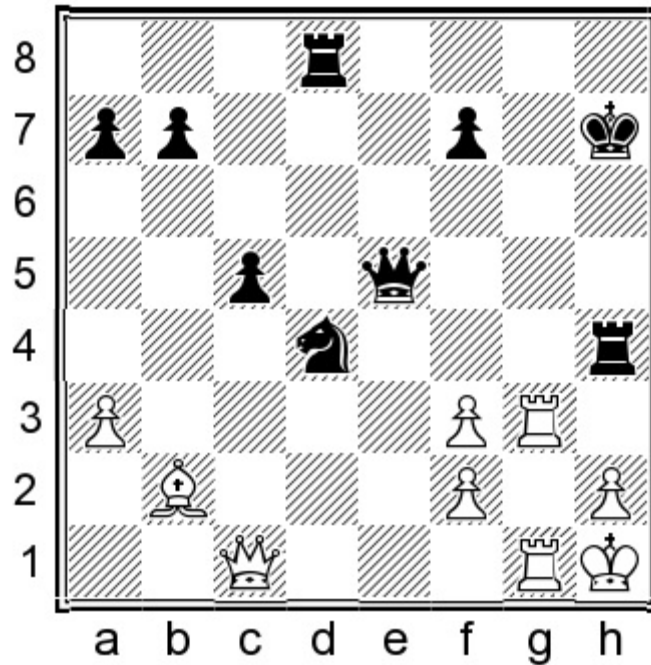
□ 24.?

Find the smart move for White to obtain a clear advantage.

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24. ♖e1! The only way to prevent ...Rb2. 24... ♜d6 25. ♖d3 ♜a3 26. ♖f1± 1-0 (30) Sveshnikov, E (2575)-Najer,E (2535) St Petersburg 1998.

22. (W) (*) Sokolov, Ivan (2610) - Kasparov, Garry (2812) [E59]
Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee (9), 1999.01.26



□ 26.? +-

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26. ♖b1+!

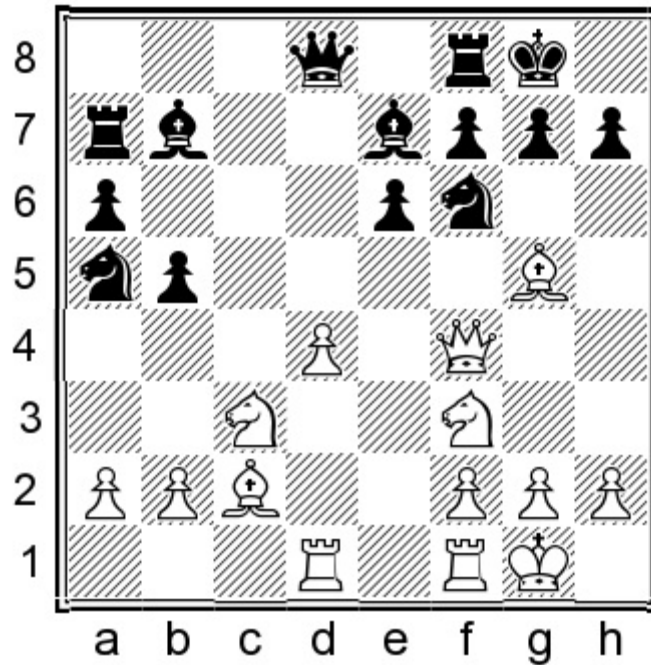
26. ♖f1? ♜g8! ⇝

26... ♔h8

26... ♖f5 27. ♜g7+ ♔h8 28. ♖xf5 ♘xf5 29. ♜g8+-

27. ♖f1! It might look slow at first, but White plays Qg2 next and wins. 27... ♖e6 28. ♖g2 With the double threat Rg8+ and Rh3 (ΔQg7#): 1-0 Sokolov, I (2610)-Kasparov, G (2812) Wijk aan Zee 1999.

23. (C) Kramnik, Vladimir (2802) - Anand, Viswanathan (2794) [D27]
 Dortmund SuperGM Dortmund (9), 2001.07.21



□ 15.?

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15.d5! ♕xd5

15...♗xd5? 16.♖xd5! ♕xd5 17.♕xh7+ ♔xh7 18.♙h4+ ♔g8 19.♕xe7 ♚xe7 20.♗g5+-; 15...exd5 16.♙h4 is crushing: 16...h5□ (16...h6 17.♕xh6 gxh6 18.♙xh6+-; 16...g6 17.♗e4!+-) 17.♗e4 (17.♖fe1!?) 17...dxe4 18.♖xd8 ♖xd8 19.♗d2±

16.♗xd5 exd5 17.♙h4 Black's position is a ruin, strategically and dynamically speaking. However, with perfect defence, the engine manages not to lose by force. **17...h5**□

17...g6 18.♖fe1±; 17...h6 18.♕xh6! gxh6 19.♙xh6+- (ΔRd4)

18.♖fe1

18.♗d4! was probably stronger, not allowing 18...Qc8.

18...♗c6

18...♙c8!? was probably the best defence, although after 19.♗d4 ♚g4 20.♙xg4 hxg4 21.♕d2!? ♕d8 22.♕b4 ♖e8 23.♖xe8+ ♗xe8 24.a4 Black is definitely worse.

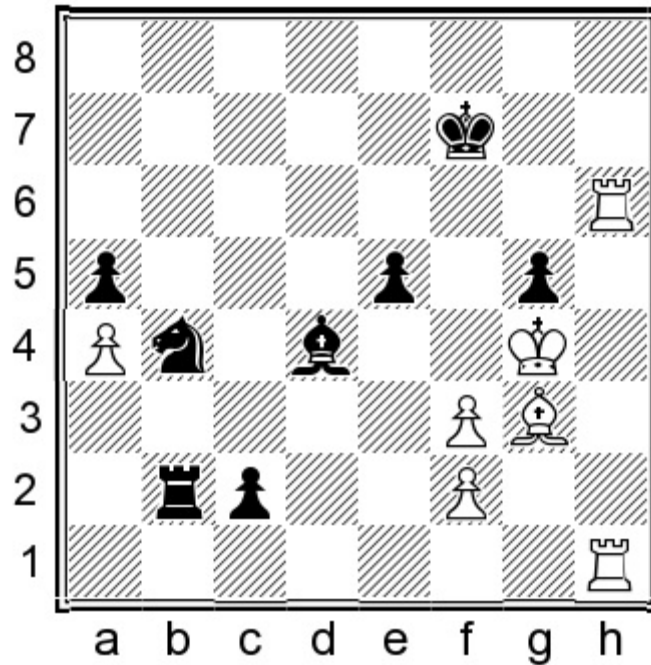
19.g4! ♙d6

19...♖xg4? 20.♚xh5+-

20.gxh5 ♚b4 21.h6± 1-0 (39) Kramnik,V (2802)-Anand,V (2794) Dortmund 2001.

24. (P) (*) Karpov, Anatoly (2668) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2579) [A16]

Cap d'Agde-GpB RAPID Cap d'Agde FRA (6), 2006.10.29



□ 55.?

How can White put Black in huge trouble?

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55.♔f5! A brilliant move, even if Black should be able to make a draw with perfect defence! 55...♚b1?

55...♗d5 was necessary: 56.♚h7+ ♔e8 (56...♔f8 57.♚h8+ ♔e7 58.♙xe5!+-) 57.♔e6 ♔f8□ 58.♔xd5 ♚b1 59.♙xe5 ♙xe5 60.♔xe5 c1=Q 61.♚xc1 ♚xc1 62.♚a7 ♚c3 63.♚xa5 ♚xf3 64.♔e6! ♚xf2 65.♚xg5 ♚e2+ with a theoretical draw.

56.♚f6+! ♔e7

56...♔g7 57.♚g6+ ♔f7 58.♚h7+ ♔f8 59.♔e6! c1=Q 60.♚h8#

57.♚h7+ ♔e8 58.♔e6! Black can't prevent Rh8#. 1-0 Karpov,A (2668)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2579) Cap d'Agde 2006.

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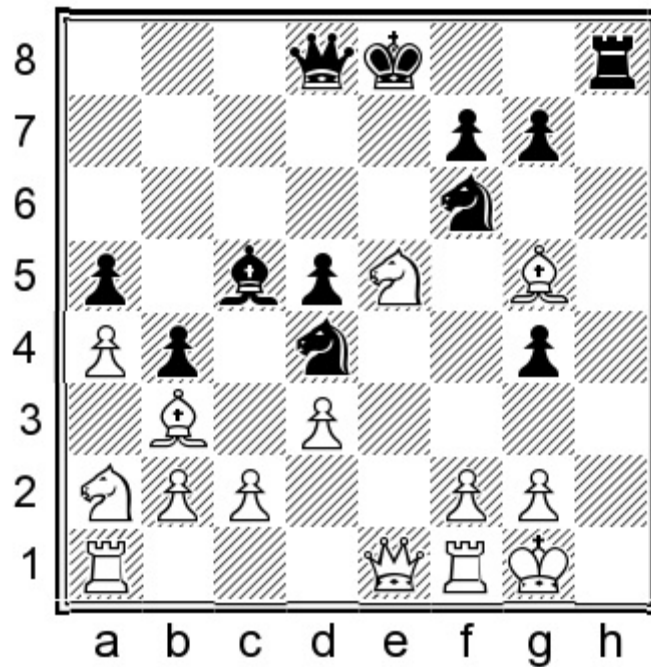
This chapter is a selection of spectacular exercises ranging from difficult to very difficult, so make sure you have enough time to really concentrate on them!

The solutions are very beautiful or very difficult, or, in most cases, both! Bear in mind that you will have to sacrifice quite a few pieces...

Good luck!

1. Mandolfo - Von Kolisch, Ignatz [C26]

Paris Paris FRA, 1859



■ 16...? -+

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16...♘e4!! 17.♙xd8

17.dxe4 ♖xg5 18.exd5 ♖h5! 19.♘g6+ ♘e6! 20.♘xh8 g3-+

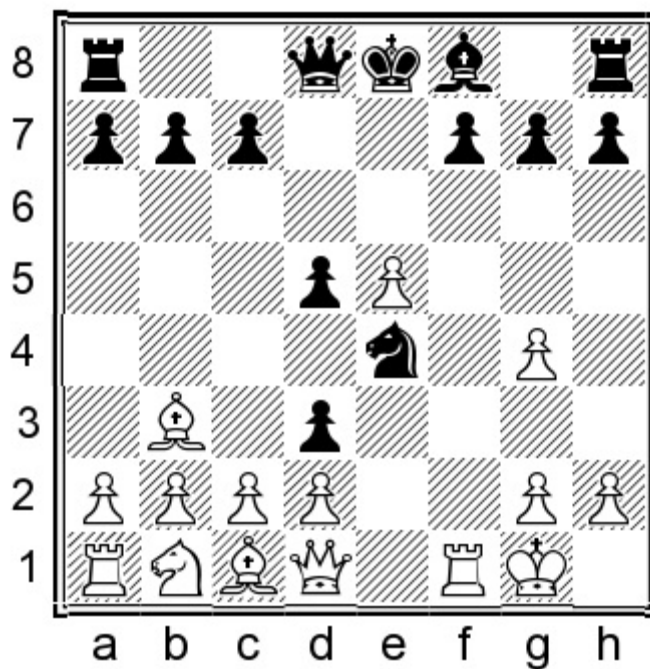
17...♖g3! 18.♗c6+

18.fxg3 ♖f3#

18...♗de2+ 19.♚xe2+ ♗xe2# 0-1 Mandolfo-Von Kolisch,I Paris 1859.

2. Anderssen, Adolf - Lange, Max [C61]

Casual Lange-Anderssen +4-3=1 Breslau, 185901



■ 10...? -+

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10...♗c5+ 11.♔h1 ♗g3+! 12.hxg3 ♗g5! 13.♖f5

13.♖f2 h5-+

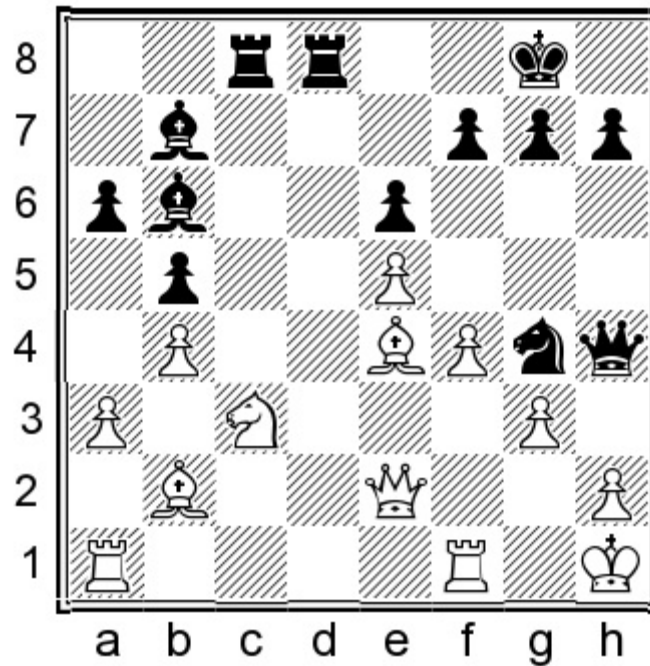
13...h5 14.gxh5

14.♖xg5 hxg4-+-

14...♗xf5-+ 0-1 (21) Anderssen,A-Lange,M Breslau 1859.

3. Rotlewi, Georg A - Rubinstein, Akiba [D40]

Lodz Lodz, 1907



■ 22...? -+

One of the most famous games of all time!

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22...♖xc3!! 23.gxh4

23.♙xc3 ♙xe4+ 24.♚xe4 ♚xh2#; 23.♙xb7 ♖xg3-+

23...♞d2!? 24.♚xd2

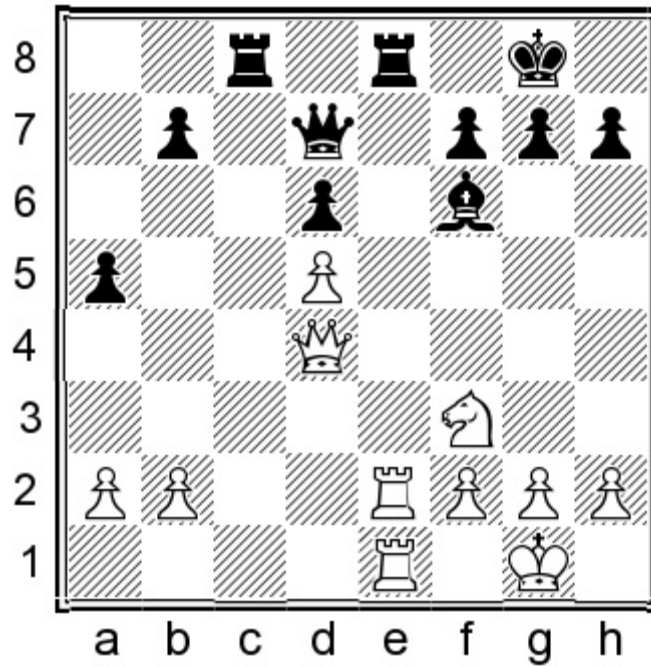
24.♚xg4 ♙xe4+-+ 25.♞f3 ♞xf3-+; 24.♙xc3 ♞xe2-+ 25.♞f2 ♙xe4+ 26.♔g1 ♙xf2+ 27.♔f1 ♙f3 28.♞d1 ♔xh2#; 24.♙xb7 ♞xe2 25.♙g2 ♞h3-+

24...♙xe4+ 25.♚g2 ♞h3!! Rubinstein's 'Immortal game'. White resigned as he cannot prevent a mate on h2. 0-1 Rotlewi,G-Rubinstein,A Lodz 1907.

25...♞h3!! 26.♞f3 (26.♞f2 ♙xf2 27.♚xe4 ♞xh2#) 26...♙xf3 27.♚xf3 ♞xh2#

4. Adams, Edward Bradford - Torre Repetto, Carlos [C62]

New Orleans New Orleans, 1920



□ 18.? +-

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18.♔g4! Chasing the white queen. **18...♕b5**

18...♔xg4 19.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 20.♖xe8#

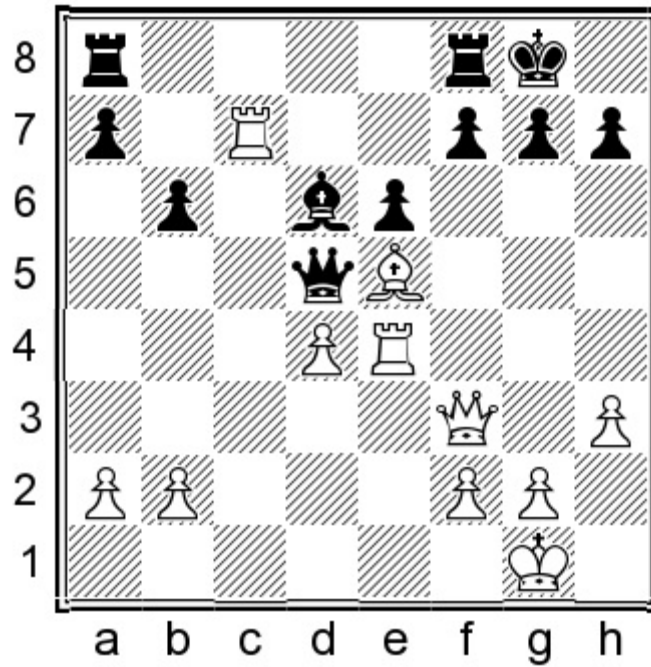
19.♔c4!! ♕d7 20.♔c7!! ♕b5 21.a4!

21.♔xb7?? ♕xe2 22.♖xe2 ♖c1+-+

21...♔xa4 22.♖e4! ♕b5 23.♔xb7! Finally Black doesn't have a move! 1-0 Adams,E-Torre Repetto,C New Orleans 1920.

5. Nimzowitsch, Aron - Nielsen, W. [B17]

Copenhagen simul, 1930



□ 21.? +-

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21.♞d7 ♞ad8

21...♞fd8?! 22.♚xf7+ ♔h8 23.♚xg7#

22.♞xd6 ♞xd6

22...♚xa2 23.♞xd8 ♞xd8 24.♞g4+-

23.♚f6!!

Not 23.♚g3? f6 24.♙xd6 ♚xe4=

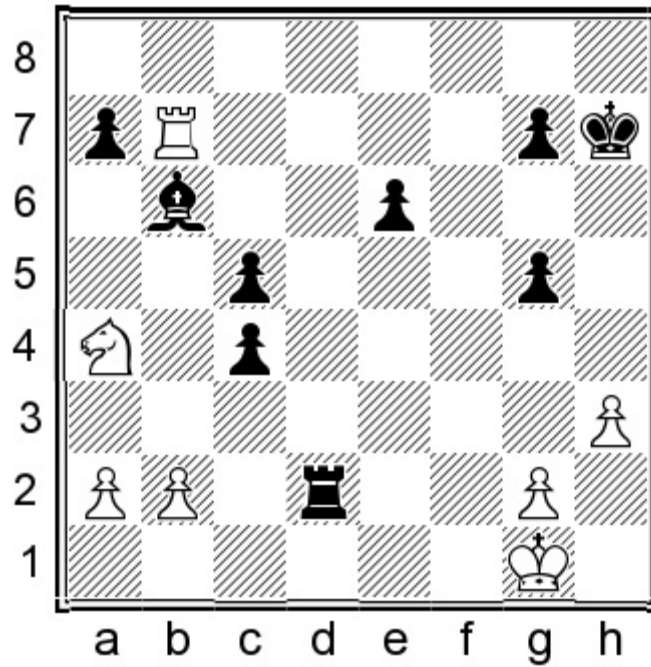
23...gxf6

23...♚xe5 24.♚xe5+-

24.♞g4+ ♔h8 25.♙xf6# 1-0 Nimzowitsch, A-Nielsen Copenhagen 1930.

6. Ortueta Esteban, Martin - Sanz Aguado, Jose [C00]

Madrid game Madrid, 1934



■ 31...? -+

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31...♖xb2!! An extremely famous position! **32.♘xb2 c3** **33.♖xb6**

33.♘d3 c4+ **34.♖xb6 cxd3-+** The two pawns are unstoppable.

33...c4!! **34.♖b4**

34.♘xc4 c2-+

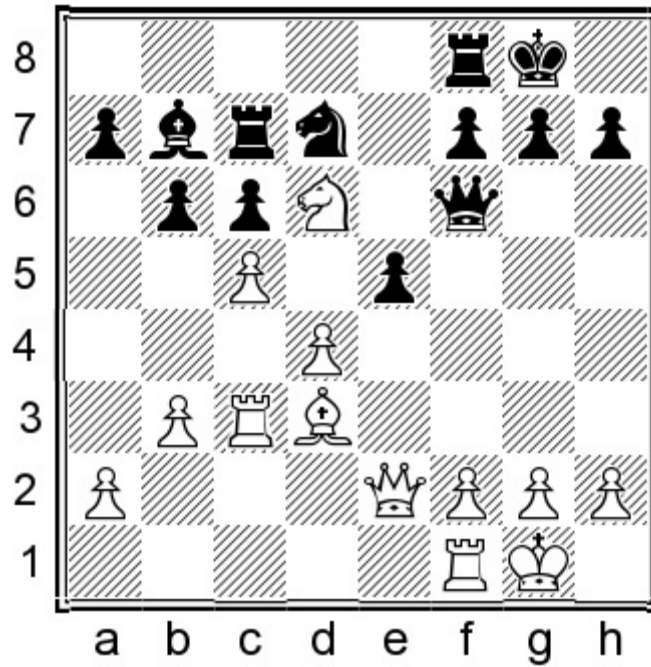
34...a5 **35.♘xc4**

35.♖xc4 cxb2-+

35...c2-+ 0-1 Ortueta Esteban,M-Sanz,J Madrid 1934.

7. Yudovich, Mikhail M - Ragozin, Viacheslav [D40]

URS-ch10 Tbilisi, 1937

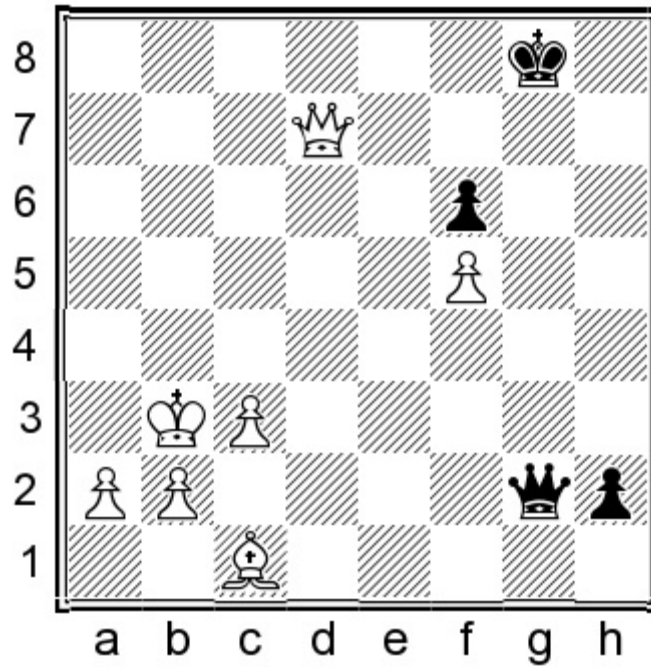


□ 20.? +-

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20. ♖xh7+! ♜xh7 21. ♜h3+ ♜g8 22. ♛h5 ♛h6 23. ♘f5! The point! 23... ♛xh5 24. ♘e7+ ♜h7 25. ♜xh5#
1-0 Toth-Szigeti Budapest 1946.

9. Simagin, Vladimir - Bronstein, David
Estonia, 1947



□ 1.? +-

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1. ♘g5!! h1=Q

1... ♖xg5 2. ♖d8+ ♔g7 3. ♖c7+-; 1... fxg5 2. f6+-

2. ♖e8+ ♔g7 3. ♖g6+ ♔f8 4. ♖xf6+ ♔g8 5. ♖d8+ ♔g7 6. ♖e7+

6. ♘f6+ ♔f7 7. ♖e7+ ♔g8 8. ♖e8+ ♔h7 9. ♖h8#

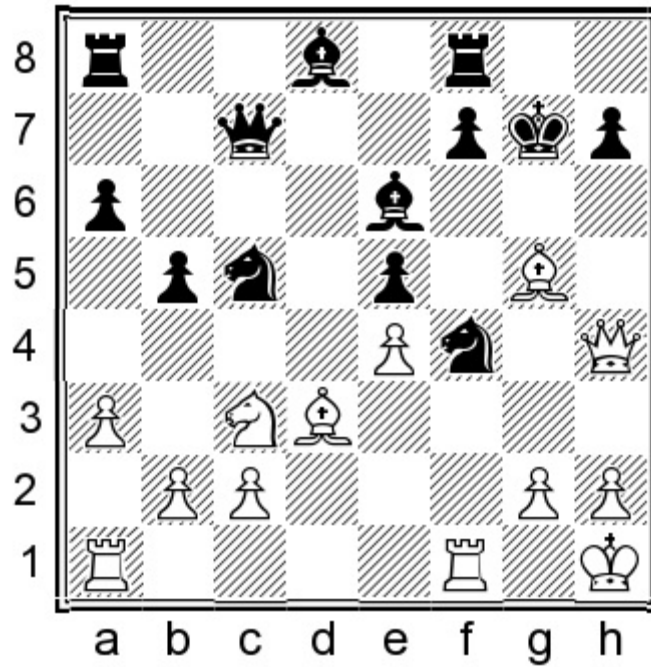
6... ♔g8 7. ♖e8+ ♔g7

7... ♔h7 8. ♖g6+ ♔h8 9. ♘f6#

8. f6+ ♔h7 9. ♖f7+ ♔h8 10. ♖g7# 1-0 Simagin-Bronstein Estonia 1947.

10. Ravinsky, Grigory Ionovich - Ilivitzki, Georgi A [B93]

URS ch sf Riga (6), 1952



□ 19.? +-

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19. ♖xf4! exf4 20. ♗h6+ ♔g8 21. ♘f6! ♙xf6 22. e5 ♜xd3 23. exf6 ♝f2+ 24. ♕g1 ♞h3+ 25. ♕f1!

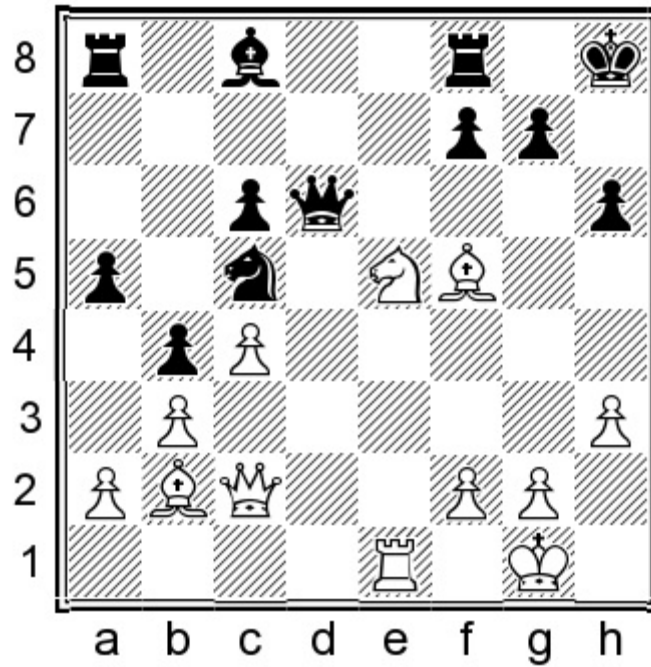
25. gxh3? ♗c5+=

25... ♙c4+ 26. ♞e2 1-0 Ravinsky, G-Ilivitzki, G Riga 1952.

Black resigned in view of: 26. ♞e2 ♙xe2+ 27. ♕e1+-

11. Gheorghiu, Florin - Kinnmark, Ove [D46]

Wch U20 fin-A The Hague (7), 1961



□ 23.? +-

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23. ♖xf7+! ♜xf7 24. ♜e8+ ♜f8

24... ♜f8 25. ♜xf8+ ♜xf8 26. ♜d2 ♔g8 27. ♜d4 ♜f7 28. ♜xc8 ♜xc8 29. ♜xc5+- 1-0 (30) Gheorghiu, F-Kinnmark, O The Hague 1961.

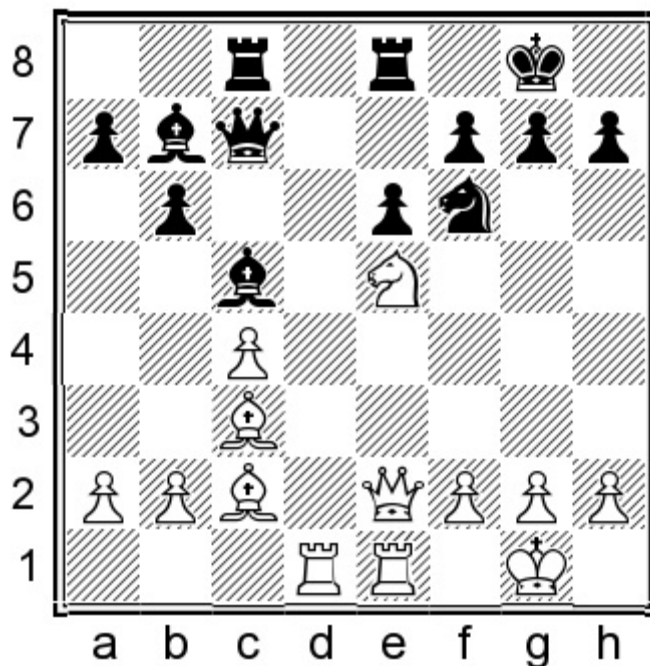
25. ♜d2!! ♜xe8

25... ♜xd2 26. ♜xf8#

26. ♜xd6+-

12. Kots, Yury Isakovich - Riskin, M. [D31]

Ch URSS sf Sverdlovsk, 1963



□ 18.? +-

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18. ♕xh7+!! ♖xh7

18... ♗xh7 19. ♖d7 ♚b8 20. ♖xf7 is crushing: 20... ♕f8 (20... ♗f6 21. ♖xf6 gxf6 22. ♚g4+-; 20... ♗g5 21. ♖xg7+!? ♖xg7 22. ♚h5 and mate to follow.) 21. ♚h5 White threatens Rxg7+ followed by Qf7+ and mate. 21... ♗f6 22. ♖xf6+-

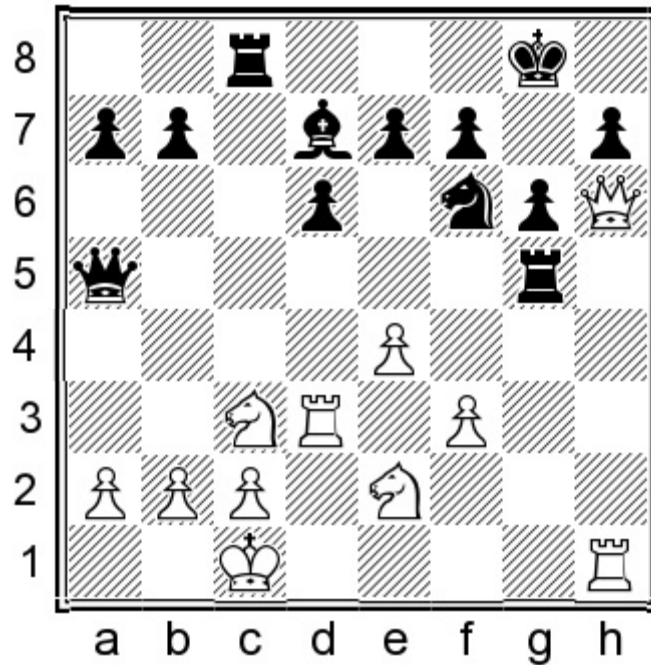
19. ♖d7! ♗xd7

19... ♚b8 20. ♖xf7 ♖c7 21. ♚d3+ ♖g8 22. ♚g6 ♖xf7 23. ♚xf7+ ♖h7 24. ♗d7+-

20. ♚h5+ ♖g8 21. ♚xf7+ ♖h7 22. ♗xd7+- 1-0 (25) Kots, Y-Riskin, M URSS 1963.

13. Karpov, Anatoly (2700) - Korchnoi, Viktor Lvovich (2670) [B78]

Candidates final Moscow (2), 1974



□ 21.? +-

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21.♞d5! ♜xd5 22.♘xd5 ♞e8 23.♗ef4! Black is helpless against e5 next! **23...♙c6 24.e5!** All these moves had to be found!

24.♗xf6+?? exf6 25.♗h5 ♞g5+ =

24...♙xd5

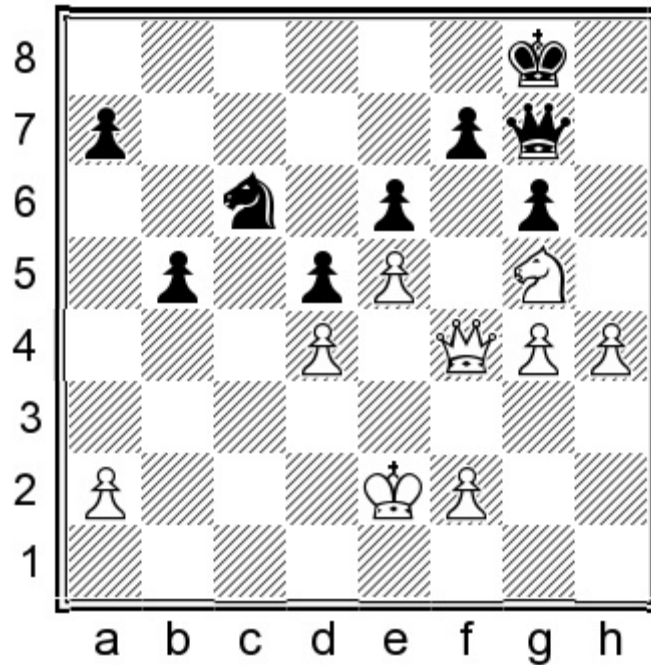
24...dxe5 25.♗xf6+ exf6 26.♗h5! gxh5 27.♞g1+ + -

25.exf6 exf6 26.♞xh7+ ♔f8 27.♞h8+ 1-0 Karpov,A (2700)-Korchnoi,V (2670) Moscow 1974.

Black resigned in view of: 27.♞h8+ ♔e7 28.♗xd5+ ♞xd5 29.♞e1+ + -

14. Matulovic, Milan - Tsvetkov, Alexandar K [C12]

It Varna (Bulgaria), 1975



□ 32.? +-

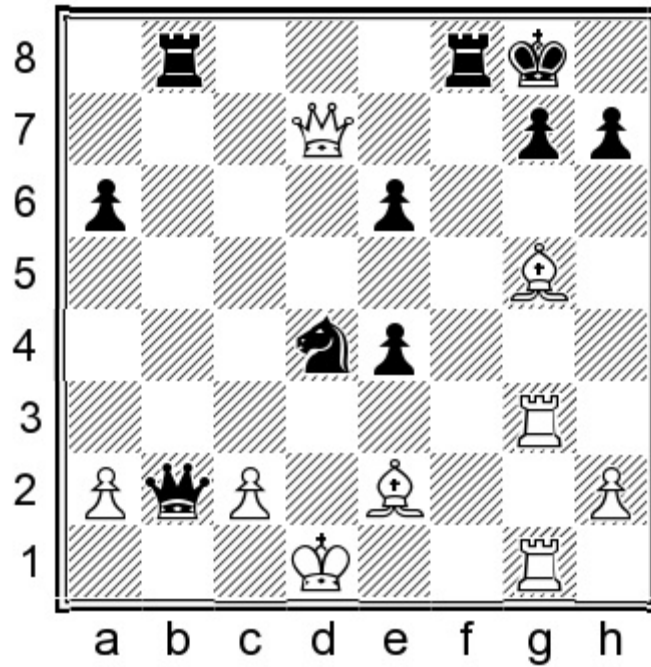
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32.♔c1!! Not giving Black time to get his queen back into the action with ..Qf8. **32...♘xd4+** Otherwise Black a disastrous position.

32...♘e7 33.♔c5 ♔f8 34.♔xa7+- is crushing.

33.♔d3 ♔xe5 34.♔c8+ ♔g7 35.♔h8+! ♔xh8 36.♘xf7+ ♔g7 37.♘xe5+- The black knight is trapped!
1-0 (41) Matulovic, M-Zvetkov,A Varna 1965.

15. Westerinen, Heikki MJ (2430) - Sigurjonsson, Gudmundur (2520) [B96]
New York GHI New York (7), 1977.12.10



□ 25.? +-

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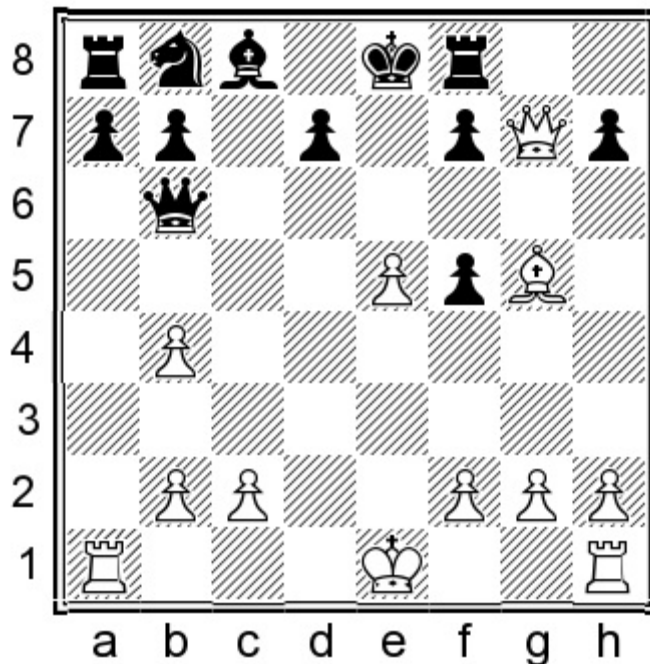
25. ♖xg7+! ♔xg7 26. ♕d8+ ♔h8

26... ♕f7 27. ♕h5#

27. ♖g8+ ♖xg8 28. ♕f6+ ♖g7 29. ♕xg7+ ♔g8 30. ♕xd4+ ♔f7 31. ♖f1+ ♔e7 32. ♕xb2 1-0 Westerinen, H (2430) - Sigurjonsson, G (2520) New York 1977.

16. Tisdall, Jonathan D - Lee, Francis J [B40]

London ENG, 1981



□ 14.? +-

Perhaps the hardest puzzle!

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14.O-O-O!! Threatening Bh6 and Rd6.

14.♔h6? ♖xb4+ 15.c3 ♖e7 followed by ...f6 wouldn't be so clear.

14...♖g6

14...♖xb4 15.c3 ♖g4 16.e6! is similar.

15.e6!! d5

15...♖xg7 16.exd7+ ♘xd7 17.♖he1+ ♖e5 18.♖xe5+ ♘xe5 19.♖d8#; 15...dxe6 16.♖d8#; 15...fxe6 16.♖e7#

16.♖xd5 ♘c6 17.e7 ♘xe7

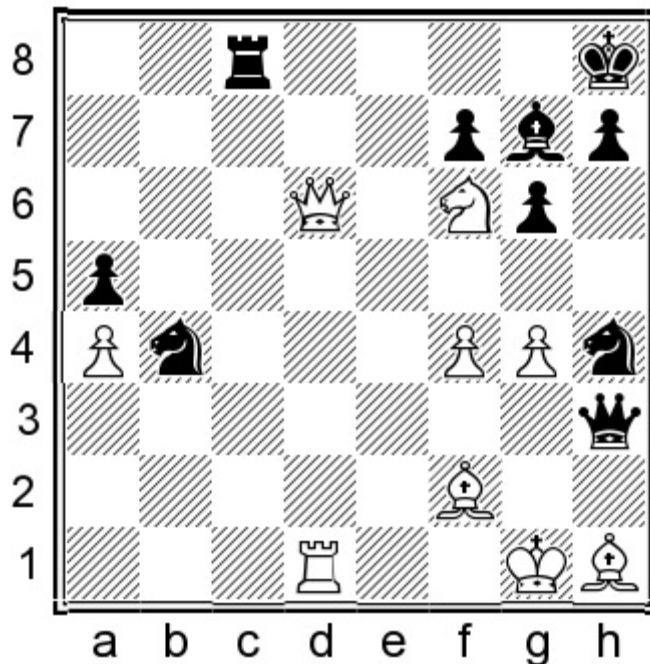
17...♖xg7 18.♖d8+ ♘xd8 19.exd8=Q#

18.♖d8+! 1-0 Tisdall,J-Lee,F London 1981.

Black resigned in view of: 18.♖d8+ ♘xd8 19.♖xf8+ ♘c7 20.♖xe7+ ♔d7 21.♔f4+ ♘b6 (21...♘c8 22.♖f8+ ♔e8 23.♖xe8#) 22.♖c5+ ♘a6 23.♖a5#

17. Norwood, David R (2405) - Gelfand, Boris (2510) [A36]

EU-ch U20 Arnhem (8), 1987



□ 35.? +-

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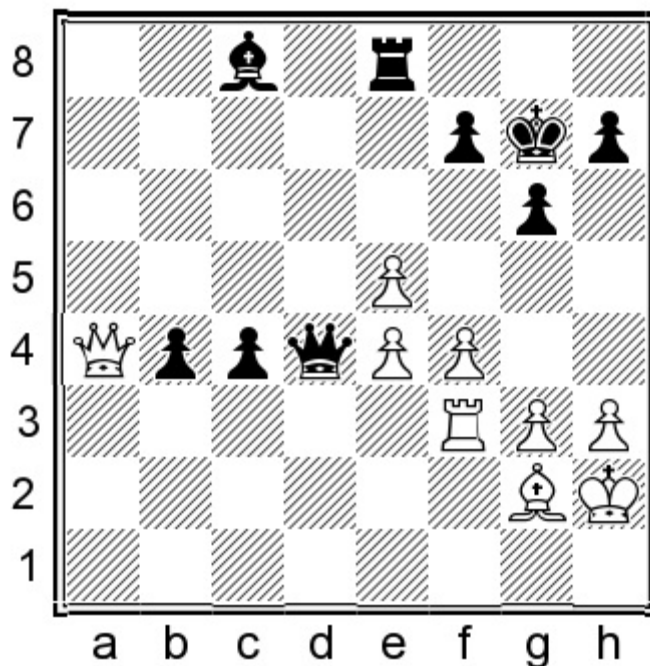
35. ♔d8+!

35. ♔e7? ♘d3 36. ♔d7 ♙xf6 37. ♔xc8+ ♚g7-+ 0-1 (41) Norwood,D (2405)-Gelfand,B (2510) Arnhem 1987.

35... ♙xd8 36. ♙xd8+ ♙f8 37. ♙xf8+ ♚g7 38. ♙e8!!+- Black cannot prevent g4-g5 followed by Rg8# convincingly, while the f6-knight is untouchable due to Bd4#.

18. Jussupow, Artur (2615) - Kasparov, Garry (2800) [E69]

Linares 8th Linares (5), 1990



■ 39...? -+

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39...c3!! White has a choice between capturing the e8-rook or playing Rxc3: the rest is just lost as the passed pawns are too strong. **40.♖xe8**

40.♖xc3 ♕d7! 41.♖c4 ♕xa4 (41...♖xc4 42.♖xd7 ♖e6 was even stronger) 42.♖xd4 ♖b8 43.♕f1 ♕c2!
44.♕c4 b3-+ 0-1 (63) Jussupow,A (2615)-Kasparov,G (2800) Linares 1990.

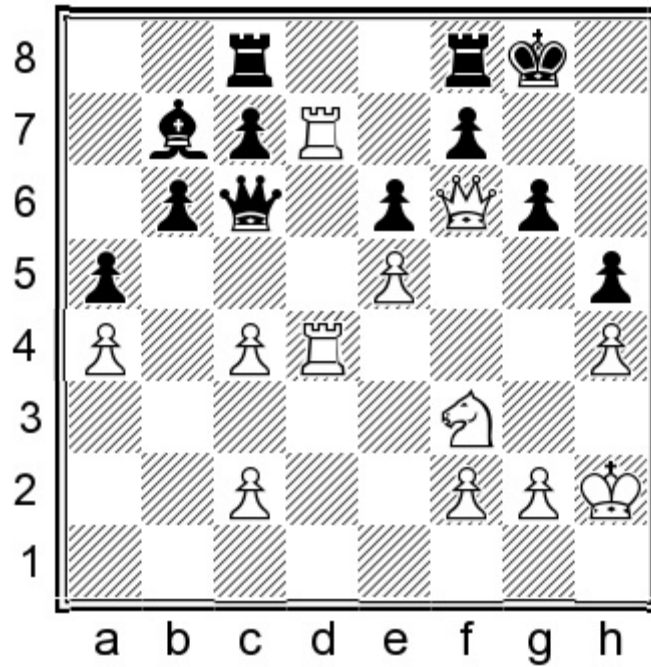
40...♖d7!! 41.♖xd7 ♕xd7 and White can't stop the black pawns! For example: **42.e6**

42.♖d3 ♕e6-+

42...♕xe6 43.f5 ♕c4!-+

19. Short, Nigel D (2660) - Timman, Jan H (2630) [B04]

Tilburg NED (4), 1991



□ 32.? +-

Perhaps the most famous winning plan of all time!

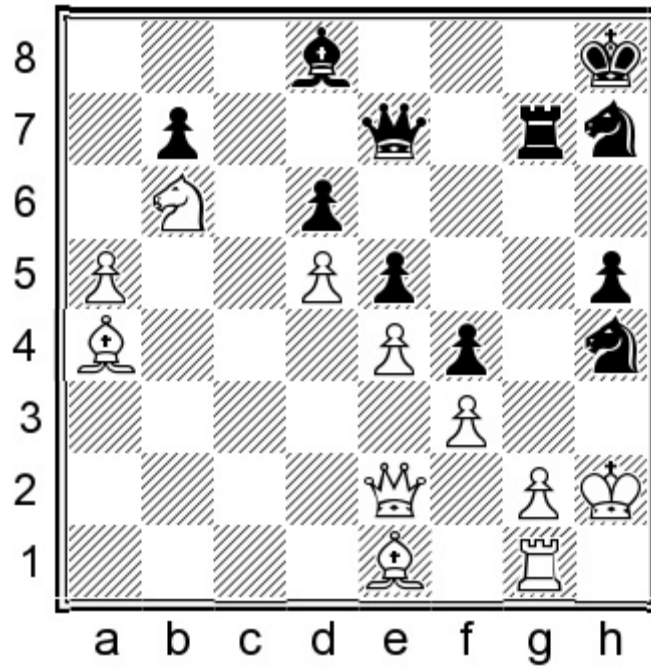
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32.♔g3! ♚ce8 33.♕f4! ♜c8 34.♕g5! Black resigned as the only way to prevent Kh6 and Qg7# is to drop the f7-pawn. 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Timman,J (2630) Tilburg 1991.

34.♕g5 ♖h7 35.♚xf7+ +-

20. Bogdanovski, Vlatko - Golubev, Mikhail [E97]

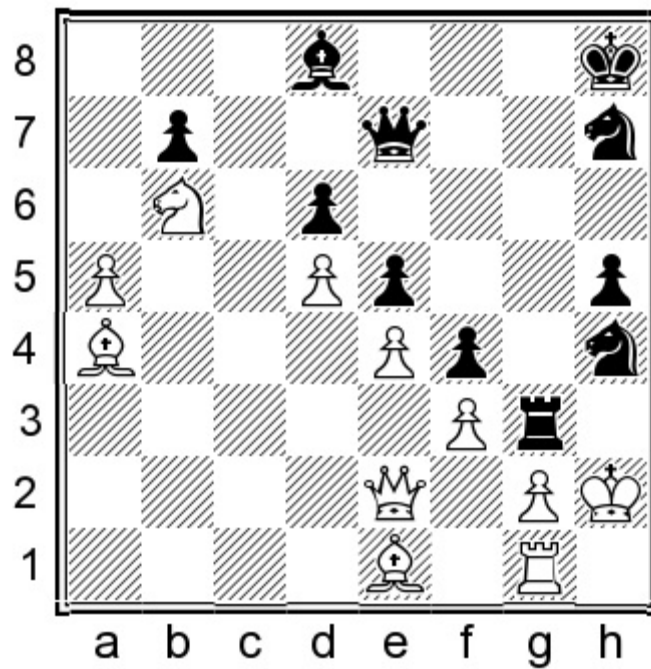
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■ 39...? -+

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39...♞g3!



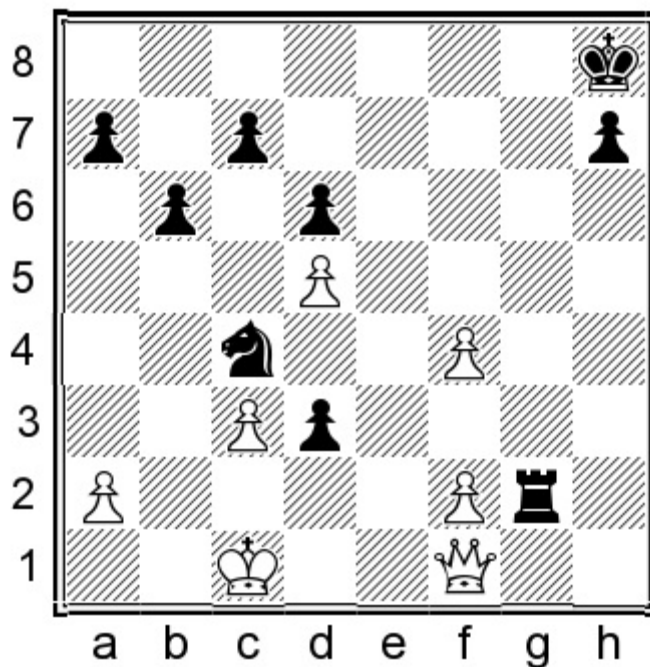
Δ...Nxf3+, ...Qh4 40.♙xg3 ♖f5!! 41.♞c1

41.exf5 fxg3+ 42.♙xg3 ♜h4#; 41.♙f2 ♖g3!-+

41...fxg3+ 42.♔g1 ♚h4 43.♚b5 ♚h2+ 44.♔f1 ♚h1+ 45.♔e2 ♚xg2+ White is losing all of his central pawns: 0-1 Bogdanovski, V (2440)-Golubev,M (2420) Skopje 1991.

21. Legky, N. (2420) - David, Al (2315)

Cannes, 1991



■ 1...? -+

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1...♖g3!! Insane! 2.♚h1

2.fxg3 d2+ 3.♔b1 ♘e3-+; 2.f5 ♖e3!! 3.♔d1 ♖e2-+

2...d2+! 3.♔c2 ♖d3! 4.♔xd3

4.♚d1 ♖xd5-+

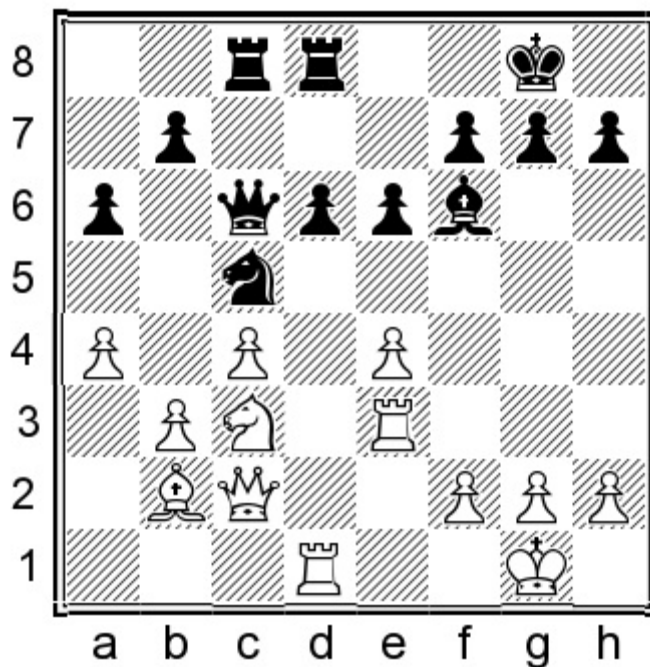
4...d1=Q+ 5.♚xd1 ♘b2+ 6.♔c2 ♘xd1 7.♔xd1 b5! Limiting White's waiting moves on the queenside. The endgame is an easy win for Black. 8.♔e2 ♔g7 9.♔f3 ♔f6 10.♔g4 ♔g6 11.a3 ♔f6 12.f5 a6 13.♔f4 h5 14.♔e4 ♔g5 15.f3 ♔f6!

15...h4? 16.f6! ♔xf6 17.♔f4=

16.♔f4 a5 17.♕e4 ♖g5 0-1 Legky,N (2420)-David,A (2315) Cannes 1991.

22. Tkachiev, Vladislav (2455) - Watson, William N (2550) [B52]

Lloyds Bank op 17th London (7), 1993



□ 20.? +-

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20.♘d5! exd5

20...♙xb2? 21.♘e7+-

21.exd5 ♖d7 22.♙xf6 gxf6 23.♖g3+ ♔h8

23...♔f8 24.♗xh7 ♜e8 25.♖g8+ ♔e7 26.♖e1+-

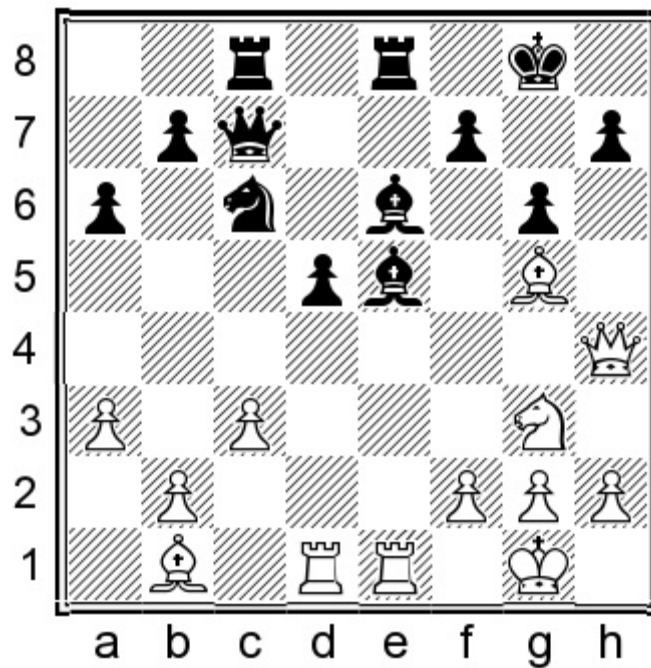
24.♗xh7+!

24.♖d4?? f5

24...♔xh7 25.♖d4 ΔRh4#: 1-0 Tkachiev,V (2455)-Watson,W (2550) London 1993.

23. Karpatchev, Aleksandr (2465) - Lyrberg, Patrik (2420) [B22]

Peer Gynt Gausdal (8), 1993



□ 23.? +-

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23. ♖h5!! Obviously if Black allows Nf6+ he is just lost. 23...gxh5

23... ♙xh2+ 24. ♗h1 doesn't help.

24. ♖xe5! ♜xe5

24... ♚xe5 25. ♙f6+-

25. ♙xh7+! ♜xh7

25... ♜g7 26. ♙f6++-; 25... ♜f8 26. ♙h6#

26. ♚xh5+ ♜g8

26... ♜g7 27. ♚h6+ ♜g8 28. ♙f6+-

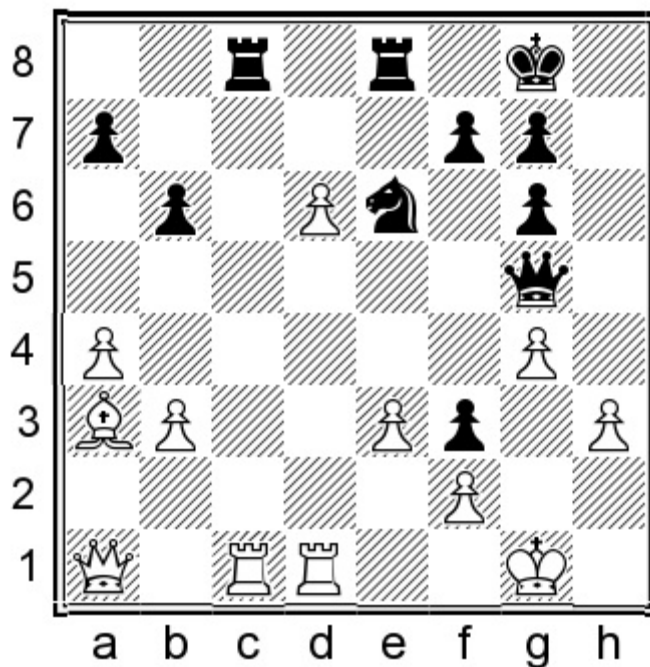
27. ♙f6 ♜g4

27... ♜g6 28. ♚h6+-

28. ♔h8# 1-0 Karpatchev,A (2465)-Lyrberg,P (2420) Gausdal 1993.

24. Kovacevic, Vlatko (2555) - Timman, Jan H (2610) [D04]

Bugojno Bugojno, 1984



■ 25...? -+

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25... ♖f4!!

25... ♔h4? 26. ♔e5±

26. ♖xc8

26. exf4 ♔h4 27. ♖xc8 ♔xh3-+

26... ♖xh3+ 27. ♔h2 ♔h4! 28. ♖xe8+ ♔h7 29. ♔xg7+ ♔xg7 30. ♕b2+ f6 31. ♖e7+ ♔h6 32. ♕xf6 ♔xf2+ 0-1 (32) Kovacevic,V (2555)-Timman,J (2610) Bugojno 1984.

Chapter 15 Special Section

In this chapter you will find exercises which all need a special introduction and so could not be included in any of the other chapters.

You will be asked to find a missed move, to assess a possibility, whether you can play a move or not, to compare two options, and many other things!

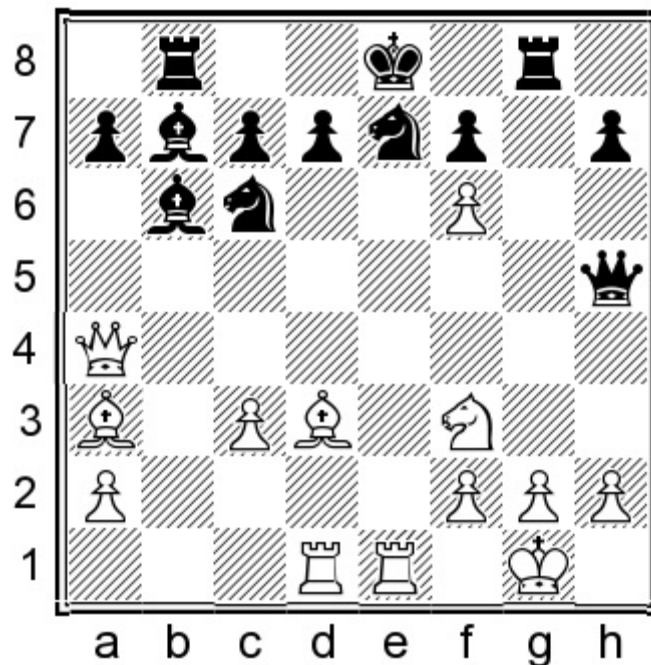
When you are asked to dissect one variation to find out what was missed, try to do it without help, but get a chessboard if really necessary.

Otherwise simply follow the instructions!

The difficulty of the exercises ranges from medium to difficult, the most challenging ones being marked with an asterisk (*).

1. Anderssen, Adolf - Dufresne, Jean [C52]

Berlin 'Evergreen' Berlin, 1852



■ 19...?

Can Black take the f3-knight?

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No, he can't

19...♙xf3? 20.♖xe7+! ♔d8

20...♘xe7 21.♙xd7+! ♔xd7 22.♙f5+ ♔e8 23.♙d7+ ♔f8 24.♙xe7# 1-0 Anderssen,A-Dufresne,J Berlin 1852.

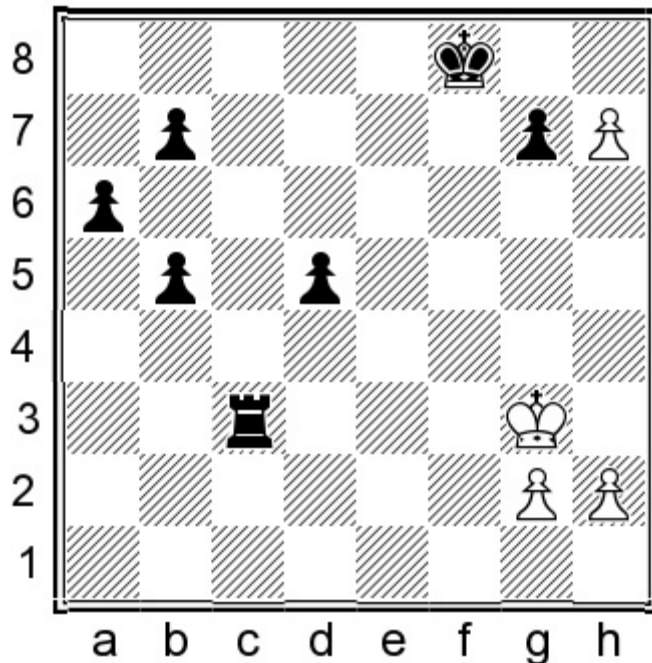
21.♖xd7+ ♔c8 22.♖d8+! ♘xd8

22...♖xd8 23.gxf3+-; 22...♔xd8 23.♙e4+-

23.♙d7+!! ♔xd7 24.♙f5+ ♔e8 25.♙d7#

2. Lasker, Emanuel - Loman, Rudolf Johannes [C84]

London tour sim London ENG, 1903.12.16



□ 38.?

Play the right move as quickly as possible!

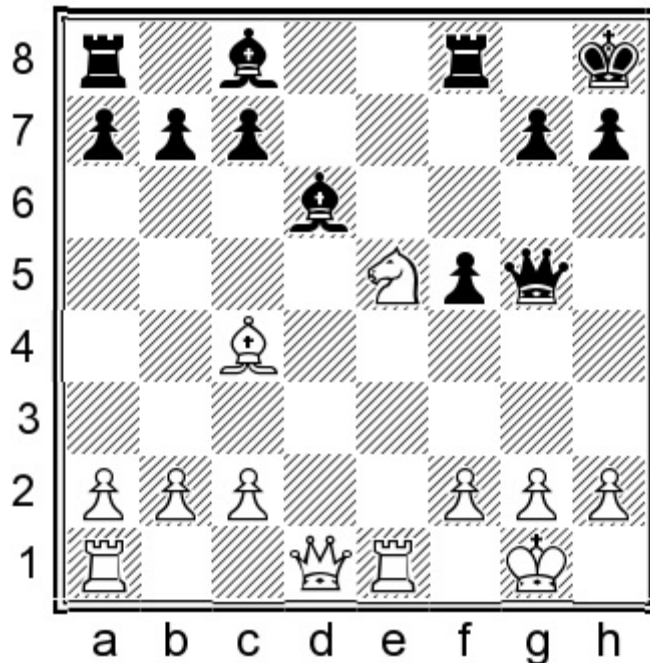
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38. ♖f2!+-

38. ♖g4?? ♜c4+ 39. ♖g5 ♜h4! 40. ♖xh4 g5+ 41. ♖xg5 ♖g7-- 0-1 (42) Lasker,E-Loman,R London 1903.

3. Alekhine, Alexander - Koehnlein, H. [D05]

Duesseldorf Duesseldorf, 1908



□

Anything stronger than 16. ♖f7+?

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Yes!

16. ♜xd6! cxd6

16... ♜xg2+ 17. ♖xg2+- 1-0 (21) Alekhine,A-Koehnlein,H Duesseldorf 1908.

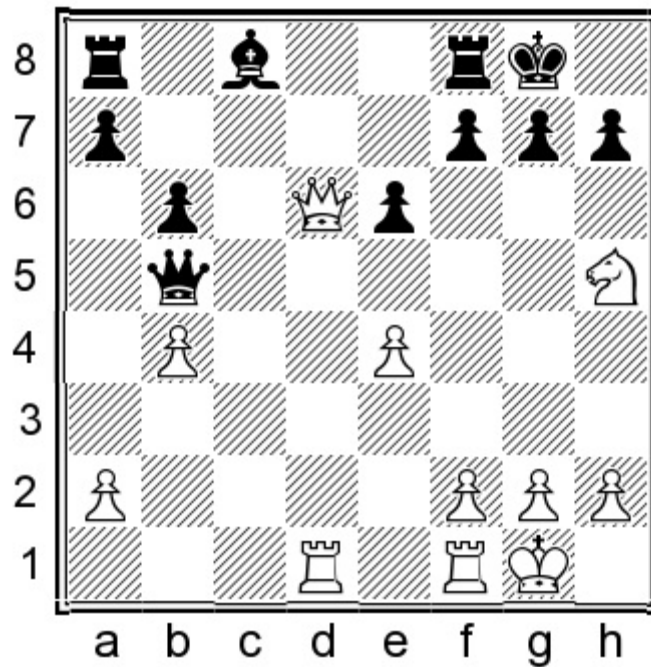
17. ♖f7+ ♖g8

17... ♜xf7 18. ♜e8+ ♜f8 19. ♜xf8#

18. ♖xg5+-

4. Levenfish, Grigory - Riumin, Nikolay Nikolaevich [E38]

Moscow Moscow, 1936



What did White miss in the following series of moves? 26.e5 ♖e2 27.♘g3 ♗b5 28.♞fe1 ♔b7=

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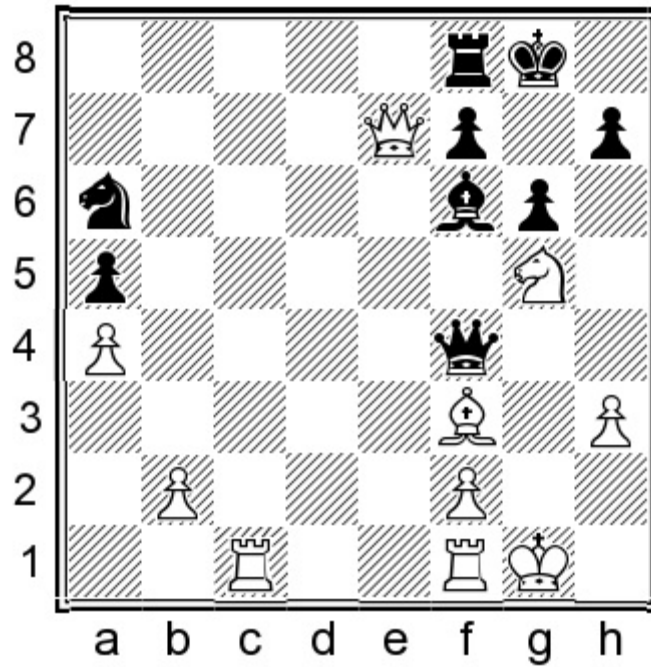
26.e5 ♖e2? 27.♘g3?

27.♘f6+! gxf6 28.exf6+- and Black cannot parry both Qg3+ and Qxf8+ (followed by Rd8#).

27...♗b5 28.♞fe1 ♔b7= 1/2-1/2 (39) Levenfish,G-Riumin,N Moscow 1936.

5. Euwe, Max - Smyslov, Vassily [D99]

World Championship 18th Den Haag/Moscow (14), 1948.04.18



□ 27.?

White is definitely winning, but how can he force his opponent to resign?

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27. ♔xf7+!

27. ♔e3? ♔xe3 28. fxe3 ♕xg5 29. ♖c3+- 1-0 (42) Euwe, M-Smyslov, V Moscow 1948.

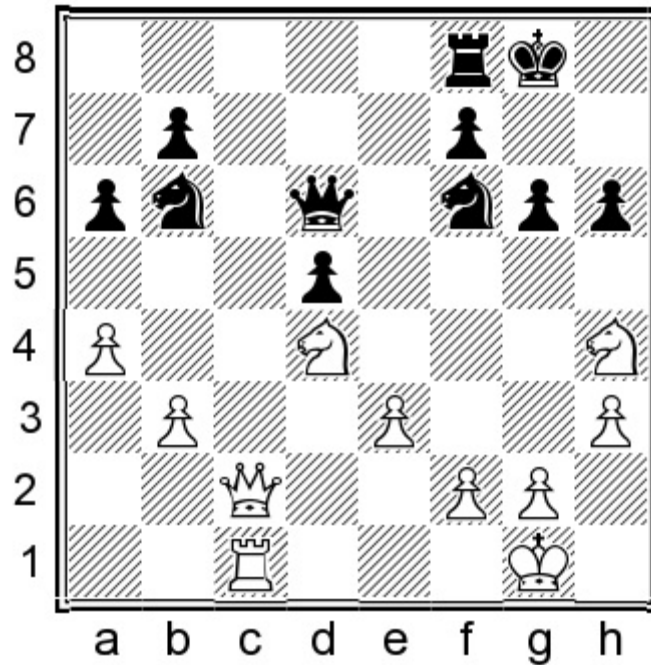
27... ♖xf7 28. ♖c8+ ♖f8

28... ♔g7 29. ♘e6+-

29. ♖xf8+ ♔xf8 30. ♘e6+-

6. (*) Randviir - Heinra

Tallinn, 1950



□ 1.?

Should White go 1. ♖xg6?

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Yes, he should!

1. ♖xg6! ♜c8

1...fxg6 2. ♔xg6+ ♔h8 3. ♔xh6+ ♔g8 4. ♔g6+ ♔h8 5. ♖f5 is crushing for White: 5...♔d7 6.g4! ♔h7 7. ♔xh7+ ♖xh7 8. ♜c7+-

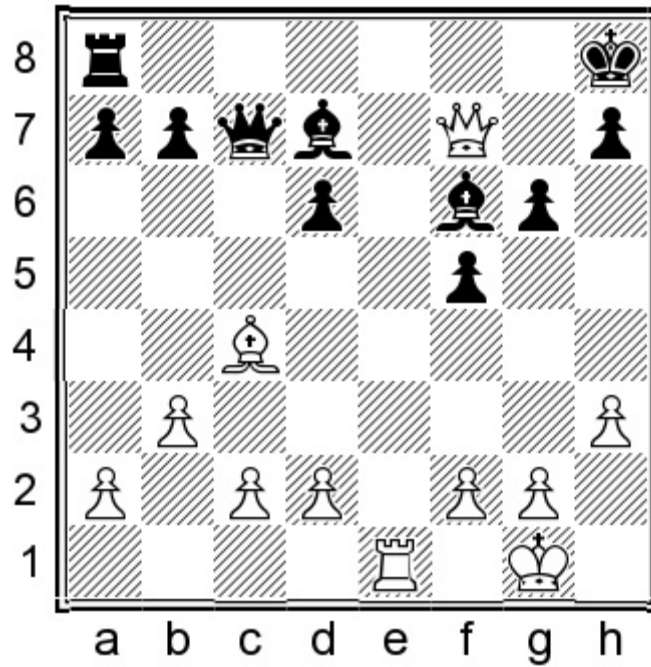
2. ♔xc8+! ♖xc8 3. ♜xc8+ ♔h7 4. ♜h8+! ♔xg6 5. ♜xh6+! ♔g5

5...♔xh6 6. ♖f5++-

6. h4+ ♔xh6 7. ♖f5+ ♔h5 8. ♖xd6 1-0 Randviir-Heinra Tallinn 1950.

7. Nezhmetdin, Rashid Gibiatovich - Kotkov, Yuri M [C67]

17th RSFSR Ch Krasnodar, USSR, 1957



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Which is the tougher defence: 24...♙d8 or 24...♔g5?

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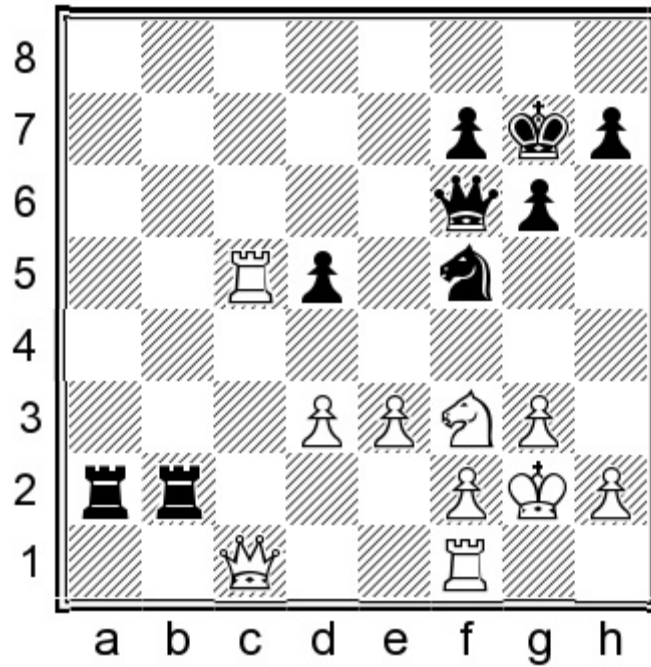
24...♙d8?

24...♔g5! was necessary, although Black is in trouble anyway: 25.g3! f4 26.h4 fxg3 27.hxg5!
(27.fxg3?? d5-+) 27...gxf2+ 28.♔xf2 ♙c5+ 29.♖e3 ♙f5+ 30.♙xf5 ♔xf5 31.♖e7±

25.♖e8+ 1-0 Nezhmetdinov,R-Kotkov,Y USSR 1957.

8. Tal, Mikhail - Feuerstein [B75]

Stuttgart simul Stuttgart, 1958



What did Black miss in the following series of moves? 27...d4 28.exd4 ♖xd4 29.♚e3 ♘e6 30.♞e5=

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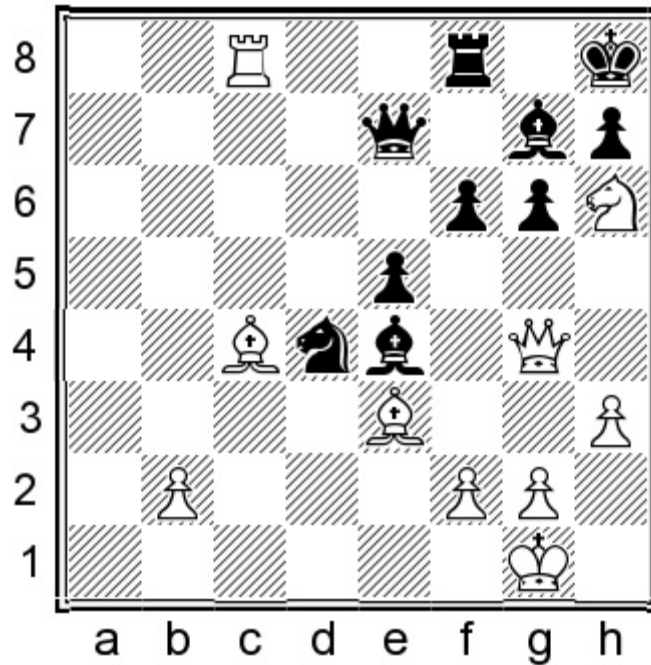
27...d4?

27...♞b1! 28.♚xb1 ♘xe3+ 29.♔g1 ♚xf3--+

28.exd4 ♖xd4 29.♚e3 ♘e6 30.♞e5 1/2-1/2 Bouwmeester,H-Botvinnik,M Wageningen 1958.

10. Fischer, Robert James - Incutto, Carlos [C99]

Mar del Plata (11), 1960



What did Black miss in the following series of moves? 34...f5 35.♔g5 ♕f6 36.♖f7+ ♔g8 37.♖xe5+-

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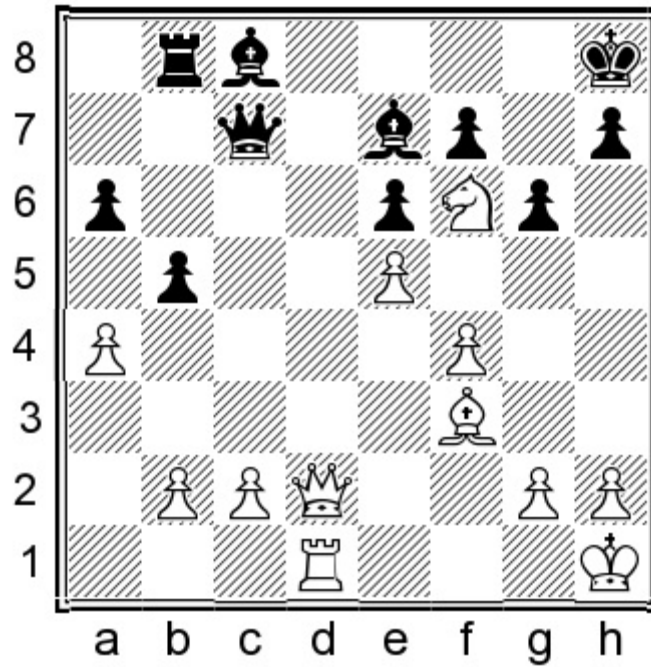
34...f5 35.♔g5? ♕f6?

35...♖f3+! 36.gxf3 ♔xg5+ 37.♕xg5 ♖xc8 38.♖f7+ ♔g8 and now best for White should be 39.♕e6 ♖c6 40.♖d8+ ♖xe6 41.♖xe6 ♕xf3 42.♖xg7 ♔xg7 with a draw if he plays accurate.

36.♖f7+ ♔g8 37.♖xe5+- 1-0 (52) Fischer,R-Incutto,C Mar del Plata 1960.

11. Aitken, James Macrae - Payne, Robert [B09]

BCF-ch Whitby (2), 1962



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Should White play 29.f5 with the idea ♖h6?

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Yes, he should!

29.f5! ♖xe5

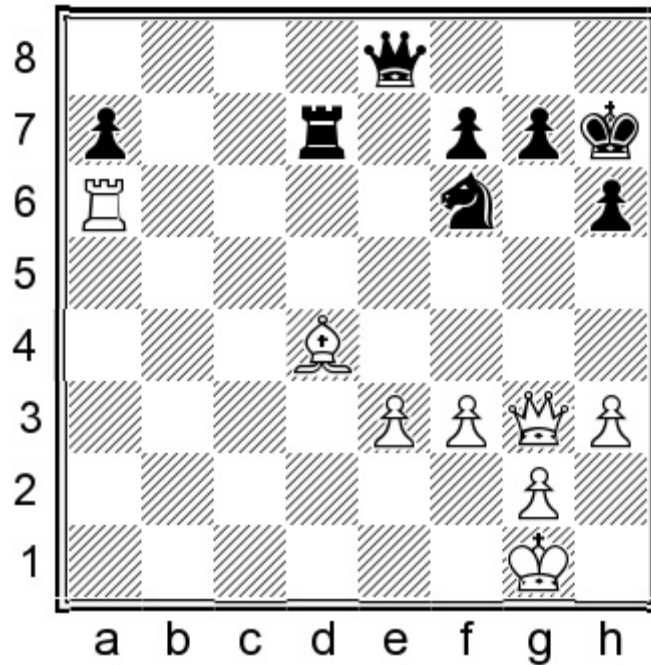
29...♔f8 30.♖d8+-

30.♖h6! 1-0 Aitken,J-Payne,R Whitby 1962.

Black gets mated: 30.♖h6 ♖xf6 31.♖d8+! ♔xd8 32.♖f8#

12. (*) Furman, Semen Abramovich - Kholmov, Ratmir D [E49]

URS-ch31 Leningrad (4), 196311



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The game continued 29. ♖f4 ♘d5 30. ♗g4 g6 31. ♗h4 ♘xe3 32. ♗f6 ♘f5=. What clear win did White miss?

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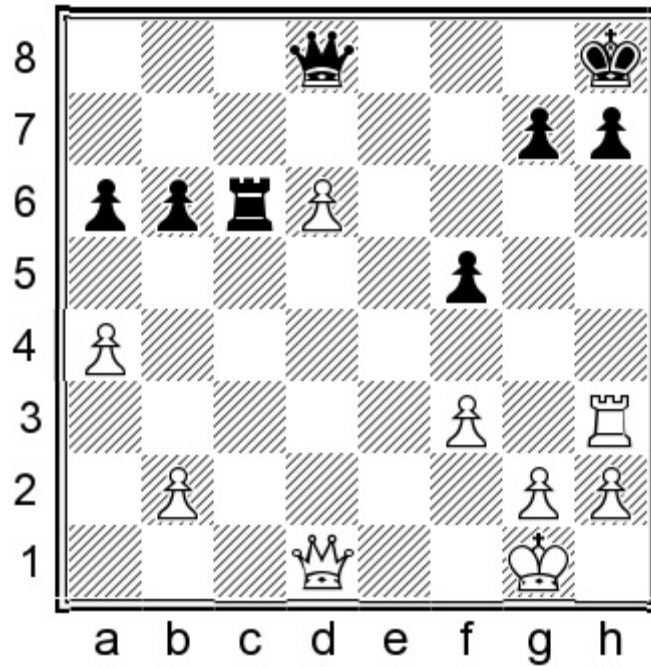
29. ♖f4 ♘d5 30. ♗g4

30. ♖xh6+! gxh6 (30... ♔g8 31. ♖h8+! ♕xh8 32. ♗h6+ ♔g8 33. ♗xg7#) 31. ♗f5+ ♔g8 32. ♗g4+ ♕f8
 33. ♗g7+ ♕e7 34. ♗e5+ Just a sublime pattern! 34... ♕d8 (34... ♕f8 35. ♖c5+ ♘e7 36. ♗h8#) 35. ♗b8+
 ♕e7 36. ♖c5++-

30...g6 31. ♗h4 ♘xe3 32. ♗f6 ♘f5= 1/2-1/2 (36) Furman, S-Kholmov, R Leningrad 1963.

13. Gligoric, Svetozar - Averbakh, Yuri L [E53]

Titovo Uzice Titovo Uzice (13), 1966



□ 35.?

Does White have any advantage at all?

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Yes, he has!

35. ♖h6! ♕d7

35...gxf6 36. ♕d4+ ♔g8 37. ♕d5+-

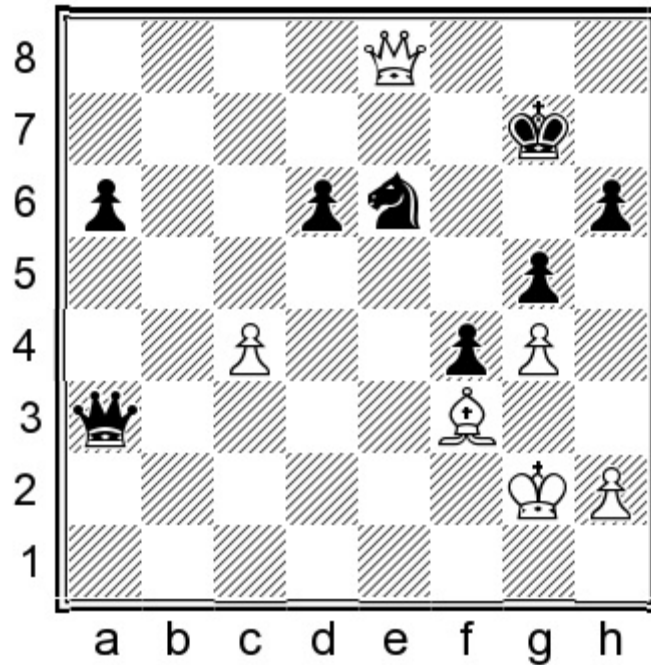
36. ♖e6!

36. ♕d4!?

36... ♕xe6 37. d7 ♖d6 38. d8=Q+ ♖xd8 39. ♕xd8+ ♕g8 40. ♕xb6± 1-0 (87) Gligoric,S-Averbakh,Y Titovo Uzice 1966.

14. Sliwa, Bogdan - Doda, Zbigniew

Poland, 1967



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1...♙a2+ or 1...♙b2+?

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1...♙a2+?

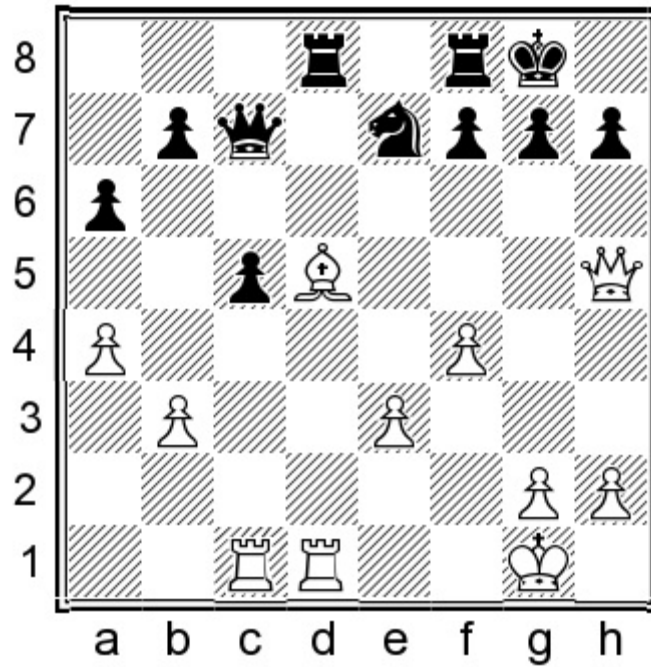
1...♙b2+! 2.♔h3 ♖e5 just wins: 3.♙e7+ ♔g6 4.♙e8+ ♔f6 5.♙h8+ ♔e7 6.♙xh6 ♙g7-+

2.♔h3 ♖xc4 3.♙e7+ Now White manages to hold a draw thanks to two splendid stalemate patterns - which made this game very famous! **3...♔g6**

3...♔g8 4.♙e8+ ♖f8 5.♔d5+! ♙xd5 6.♙xf8+=

4.♔e4+! ♙xe4 5.♙g7+! ♔xg7= 1/2-1/2 Sliwa,B-Doda,Z Poland 1967.

15. (*) Uhlmann, Wolfgang - Hennings, Artur [D27]
DDR-ch 17th Weimar (7), 1968



□ 24.?

Should White take on c5?

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Yes, he should!

24. ♖xc5!

24. ♕f3?! ± 1-0 (38) Uhlmann, W-Hennings, A Weimar 1968.

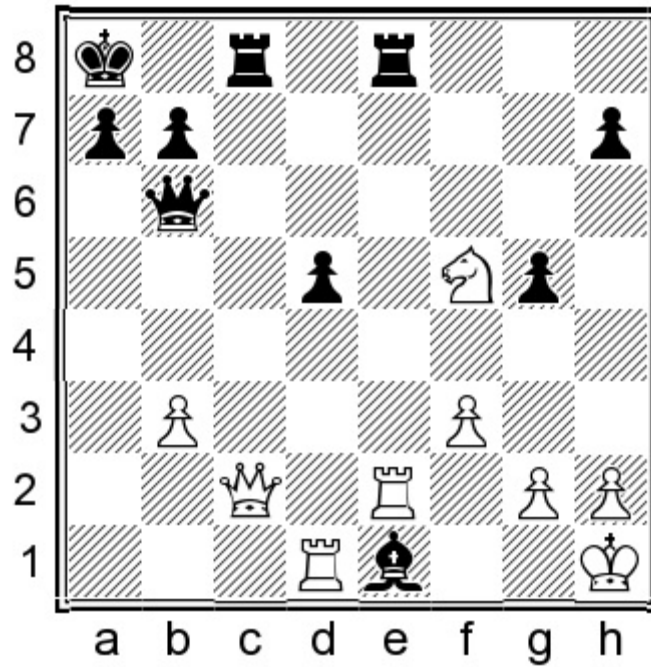
24... ♚xc5

24... ♗b6 25. a5+-

25. ♕xf7+ ♔h8 26. ♗xc5 ♖xd1+ 27. ♕f2 ♖xf7 28. ♗h5!+- Oops! Black can't defend both of his Rooks!

16. (*) Teschner, Rudolf - Portisch, Lajos [C02]

Monte Carlo Monte Carlo, 1969



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What clear win did Black miss in the following series of moves? 28...♙b4 29.♖xd5 ♚a6 30.♘g3 ♜ed8

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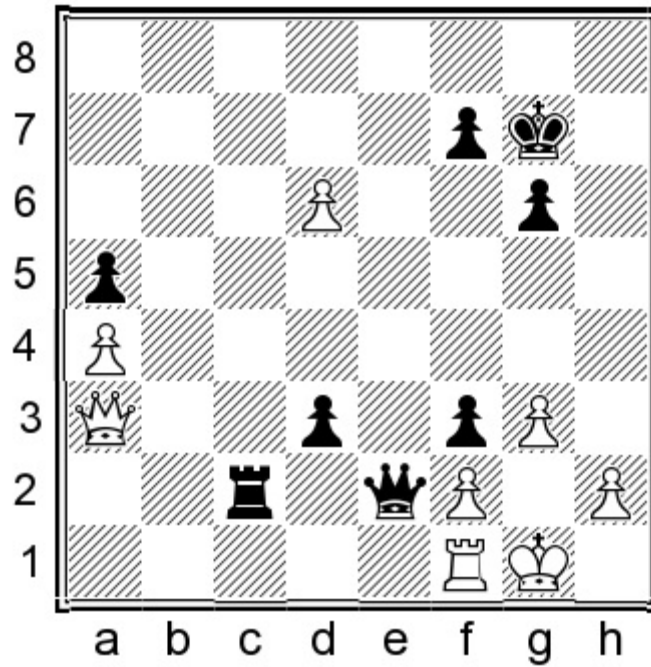
28...♙b4 29.♖xd5? ♚a6

29...♜f2!-+

30.♘g3 ♜ed8 1/2-1/2 (41) Teschner,R-Portisch,L Monte Carlo 1969.

17. (*) Ermenkov, E. - Sax, G.

Warsaw, 1969



□
Should White play 1.d7?

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Yes, he should!

1.d7! ♔xf1+

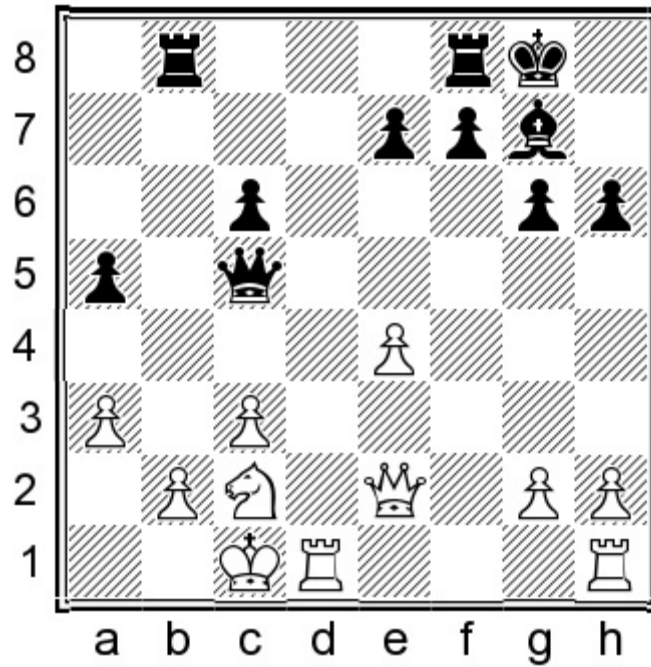
1...d2?! 2.♔a1+-

2.♔xf1 d2 The only trick... but White has a good answer to it! **3.♔xf3! ♖c1+ 4.♔d1!!** → 1-0
Ermenkov,E-Sax,G Warsaw 1969. Brilliant!

Black gave up in view of 4.♔d1 ♖xd1+ 5.♔e2 ♖b1 6.d8=Q d1=Q+ 7.♔xd1 ♖xd1 8.♔xd1+-

18. Kapengut, Albert Z - Vaganian, Rafael A [D01]

URS-ch U18 Dubna, 1970



■ 21...?

Should Black sacrifice his rook on b2?

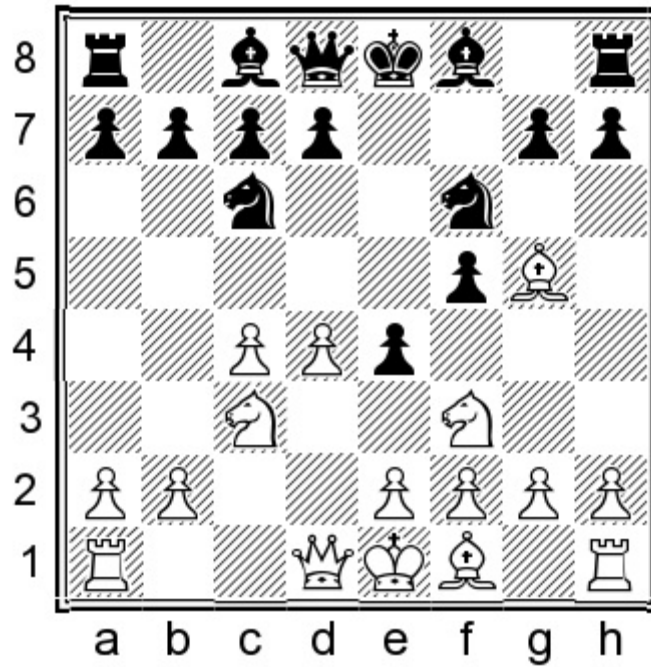
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Yes, he should!

21...♖xb2! 22.♔xb2 ♚xc3+ 23.♔c1 ♜b8 Black is helpless against ...Rb1+ followed by ...Qb2#. 0-1
Kapengut,A-Vaganian,R Dubna 1970.

19. Doroshkievich, Vladimir K - Tukmakov, Vladimir B [A27]

URS-ch38 Riga (9), 1970



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Assess the consequences of 6.d5 exf3 7.dxc6 fxg2 8.cxd7+ followed by 9.♔xg2.

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Losing for White!

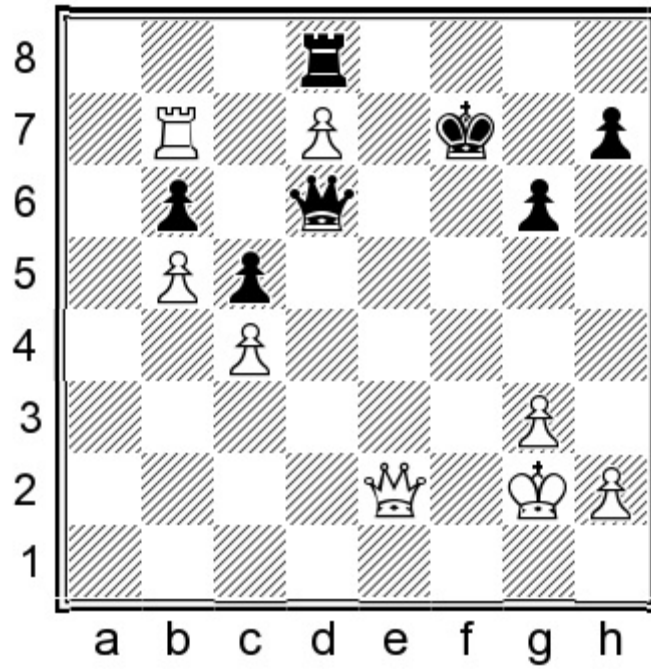
6.d5?! exf3 7.dxc6 fxg2 8.cxd7+??

8.♔xg2 dxc6

8...♞xd7 Oops! And the bishop on g5 hangs: 0-1 Doroshkievich, V-Tukmakov, V Riga 1970.

20. Korchnoi, Viktor - Bakker, Piet [A36]

Leeuwarden Leeuwarden, 1976



□ 51.?

How can White put an end to the game?

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51. ♖e8+! ♜xe8

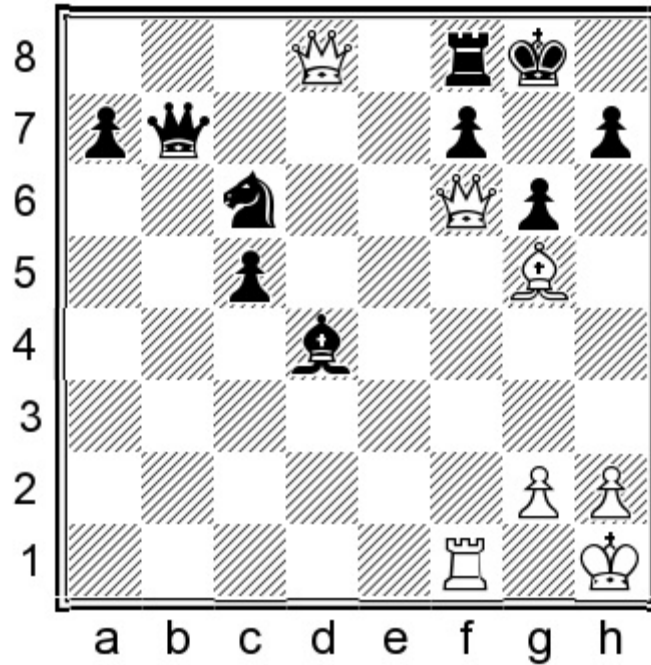
51... ♔g7 52. ♚xd8 ♚d2+ 53. ♔h3 ♚h6+ 54. ♚h4+-

52. d8=Q+ 1-0 Korchnoi, V (2670)-Bakker, P Leeuwarden 1976.

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21. Keller, Manfred - Jaser, Hans Joachim [A69]

FRG-ch16 sf corr Germany, 1977



□ 29.?

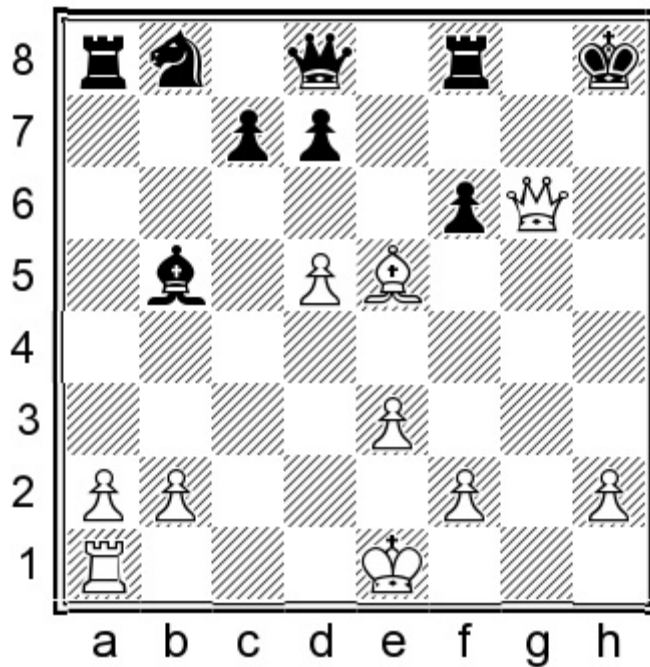
How would you handle this mess?

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29. ♖dxd4! ♜xd4 30. ♙h6 ♞e6 31. ♚xe6! 1-0 Keller,R-Jaser,H corr 1977.

22. Gutman, Lev - Vitolinsh, Alvis [E46]

USSR USSR, 1979



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19.♔d2 or 19.♚h6+ ♔h8 20.♔d2?

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19.♔d2??

19.♚h6+! ♔g8 20.♔d2 and mate to follow.

19...♕d3! Black is better! **20.♔xd3**

20.e4 ♕xe4 21.♚xe4 ♚e7! 22.♚h4+ ♚h7 23.♕xf6+ ♖xf6 24.♚xf6+ ♚g7

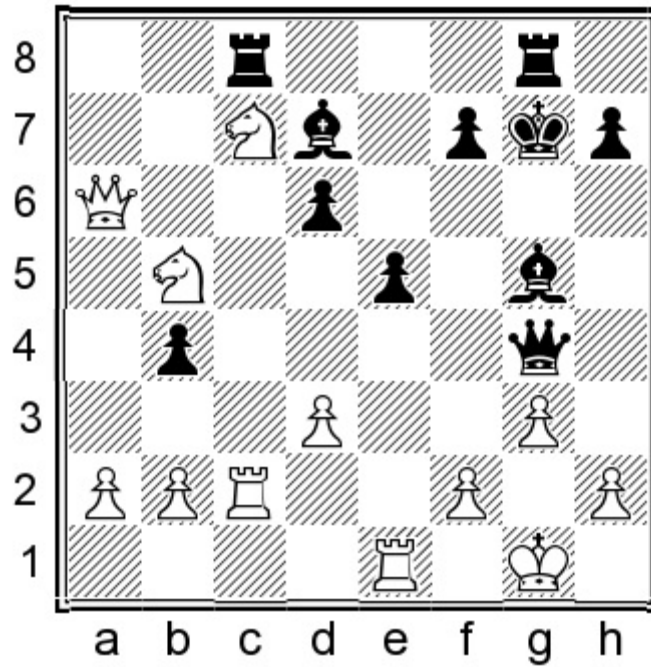
20...♚e7! 21.e4

21.♚h6+?! ♚h7++

21...♚g7 22.♚h5+ ♔g8 White is not having sufficient compensation: 0-1 (27) Gutman,L-Vitolinsh,A (2430) Soviet Union 1979.

23. (*) Levitina, Irina S (2280) - Gaprindashvili, Nona [B33]

URS-ch (Women) Tbilisi (2), 1979



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What did Black miss in the following series of moves? 28...♙f3 29.♙xd6 ♔h3 30.♙c6 ♙f5 31.♘d6+-

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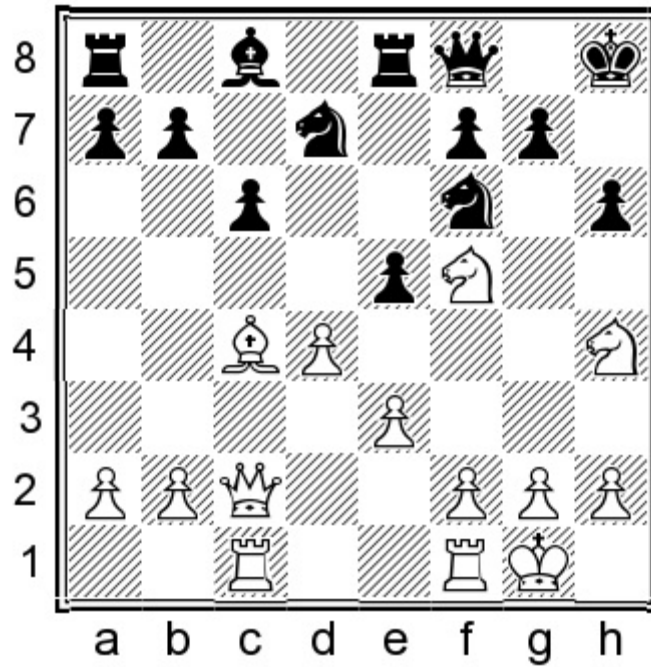
28...♙f3 29.♙xd6?? ♔h3 30.♙c6 ♙f5??

30...e4! 31.♙xe4 ♖ce8! 32.♘xe8+ ♖xe8 33.♙d4+ ♔f6-+

31.♘d6+- 1-0 (39) Levitina,I (2280)-Gaprindashvili,N Tbilisi 1979.

24. Kopec, Danny - Condie, Mark L [D64]

SCO-ch Troon (6), 1980.07.17



□ 17.?

What move would destroy Black's hopes of surviving this position?

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17. ♖g6+!

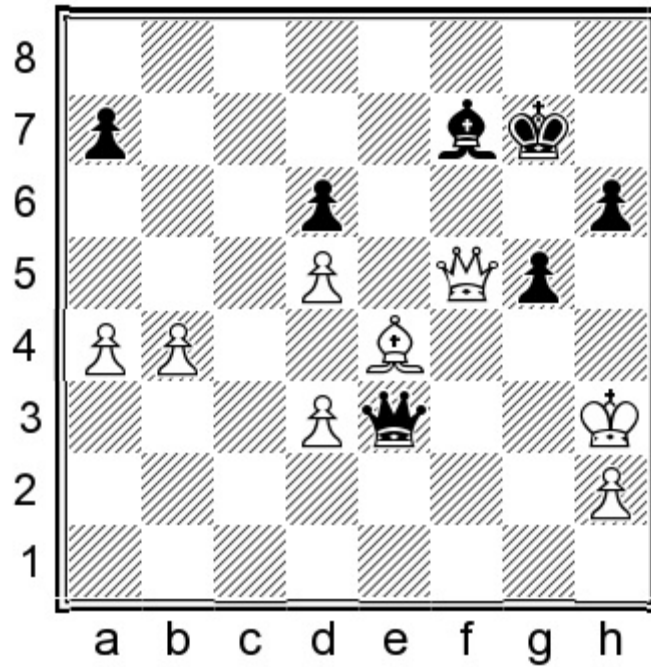
17. ♕b3 was played and is also very strong. 1-0 (51) Kopec, D-Condrie, M Troon 1980.

17... fxc6 18. ♖h4 ♔h7 And if the black queen tries to escape, White obtains a very nice mating pattern.

19. ♖xc6 ♕b4 20. ♖f8+ ♔h8 21. ♕h7+! ♖xh7 22. ♖g6#

25. Larsen, Bent (2610) - Spassky, Boris V (2635) [A25]

Linares Linares, 1981



□

Can White try to play for a win with 43. ♖f3?

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No!

43. ♖f3??

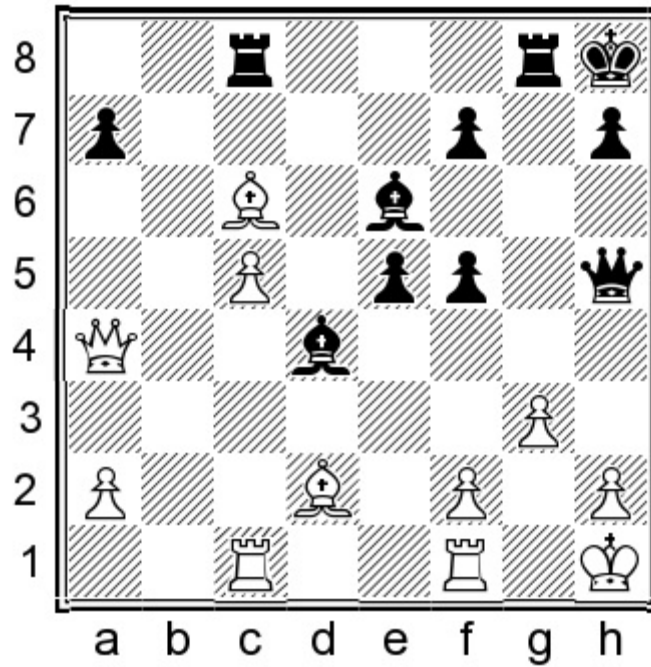
43. ♔g2 ♖e2+=

43...g4+! -+ 0-1 Larsen,B (2610)-Spassky,B (2635) Linares 1981.

White resigned in view of: 43...g4+ 44. ♕xg4 ♖h5+! 45. ♕xh5 ♖g5#

26. Adorjan, Andras (2565) - Miles, Anthony J (2570) [A29]

Linares 5th Linares, 1985



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Here 25...f4 is winning, but Miles found something even stronger. Can you?

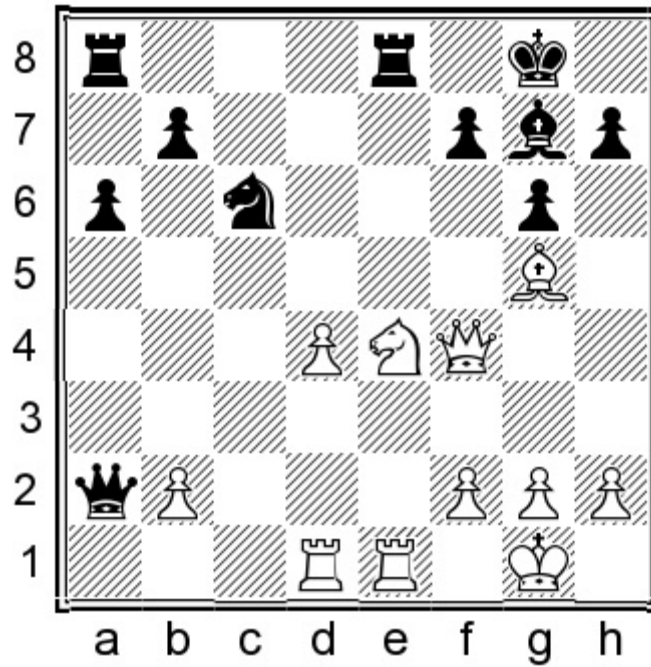
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25...♙d7!! 26.♙xd7 ♖f3+ 27.♔g1 ♜xg3+ 0-1 Adorjan,A (2565)-Miles,A (2570) Linares 1985.

White gets mated: 27...♜xg3+ 28.hxg3 ♖xg3+ 29.♔h1 ♖h3+ 30.♔g1 ♜g8+ 31.♙g5 ♜xg5#

27. Browne, Walter Shawn (2510) - Hoi, Carsten (2405) [B08]

Reykjavik op Reykjavik (2), 1986



■ 21...? -+

What did Black miss in the following series of moves? 21...♖xd4 22.♗f6+ ♕xf6 23.♕xf6 ♔a5↗

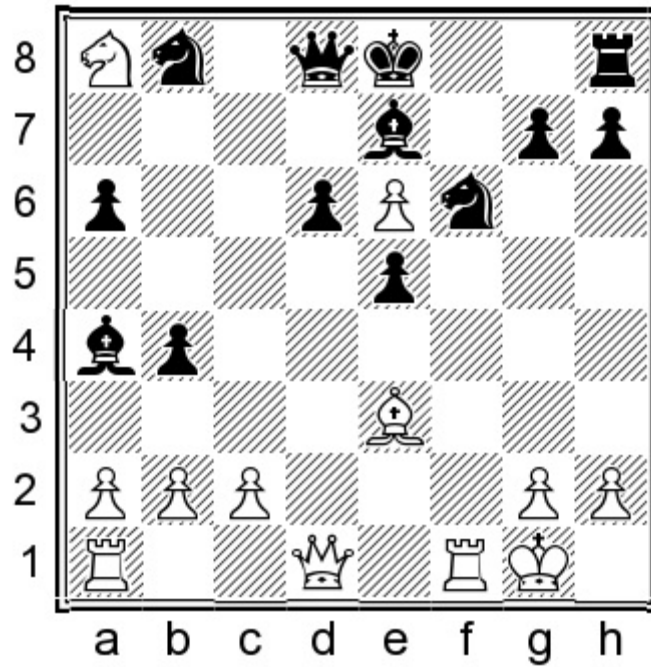
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21...♖xd4 22.♗f6+ ♕xf6 23.♕xf6 ♔a5∞

23...♖xe1+ 24.♖xe1 ♗e2+!-+

28. Velimirovic, Dragoljub (2535) - Suba, Mihai (2560) [B87]

Pinerolo op Pinerolo, 1987



□ 18.?

A typical position for Velimirovic! How did he finish it off?

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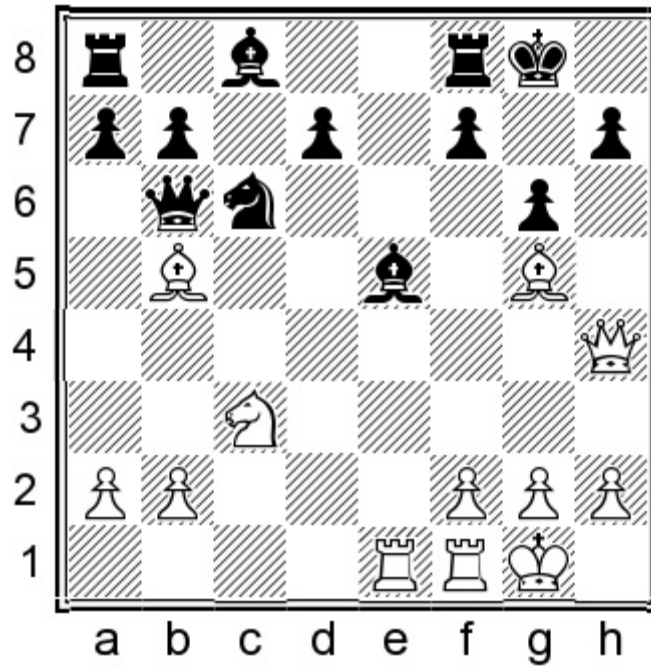
18.♙b6! ♚c8 19.♖xf6! ♗xc2

19...♗xf6 20.♚xd6+- (ΔNc7+) 19...gxf6 20.♚h5+ ♔f8 21.♚f7#

20.♖c1+- 1-0 (24) Velimirovic,D (2535)-Suba,M (2560) Pinerolo 1987.

29. Polgar, Judit (2320) - Chilingirova, Pavlina (2195) [B31]

Thessaloniki ol (Women) Thessaloniki, 1988



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Can Black take a piece with 14...♙xc3 15.bxc3 ♚xb5?

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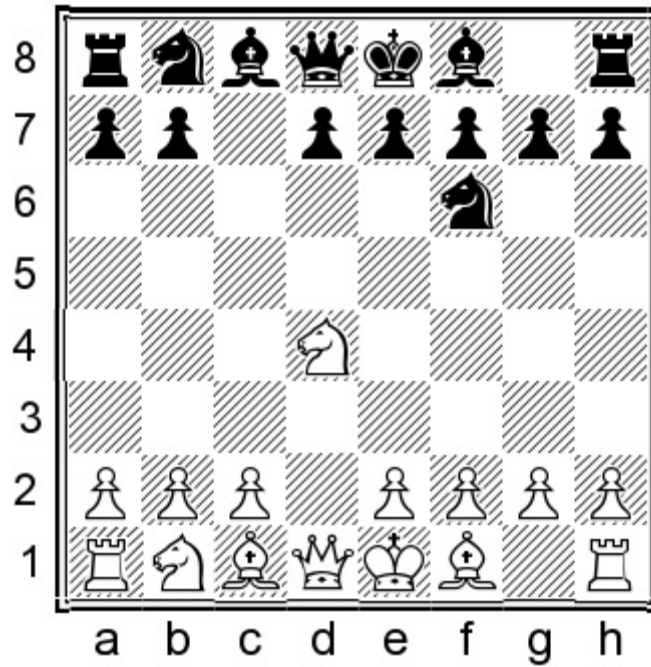
No, he can't!

14...♙xc3?! 15.bxc3 ♚xb5?! 16.♚h6! (ΔBf6) 16...♚f5 17.♚xf8+ 1-0 Polgar,J (2320)-Chilingirova,P (2195) Thessaloniki 1988.

Black resigned in view of: 17.♚xf8+ ♔xf8 18.♙h6+ ♔g8 19.♖e8#

30. Engel, T. - Eberth, Z. [A43]

Fuzesabony, 1988



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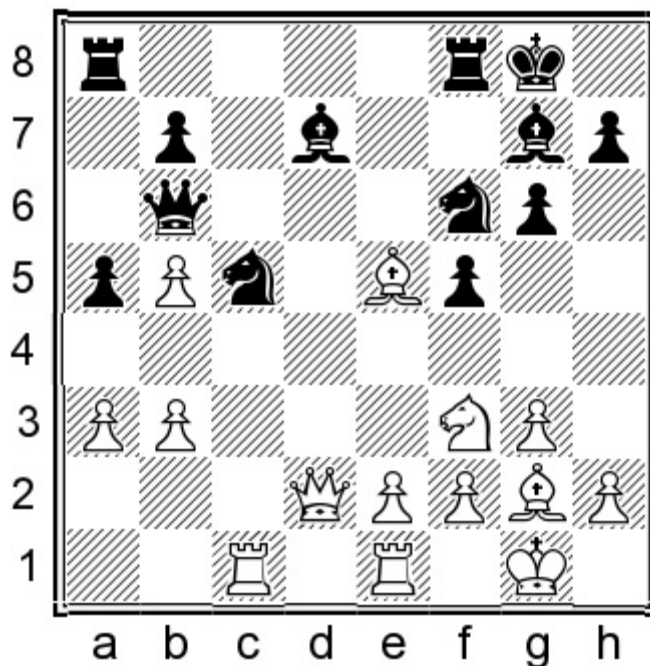
What is the worst square to develop the c1-bishop to, except h6?

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4.♞f4?? This one! 4...e5! 5.♞xe5 ♔a5+-+ 0-1 (40) Engel,T-Eberth,Z Fuzesabony 1988.

31. (*) Karpov, Anatoly (2750) - Jussupow, Artur (2610) [A88]

Linares 07th Linares, 1989



□

Assess the line 19.♙xf6 ♜xf6 20.♚d5+.

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White is clearly better!

19.♙xf6! ♜xf6 20.♚d5+ ♘e6

20...♘e6 21.♚xc5 ♚xc5 22.♝xc5±

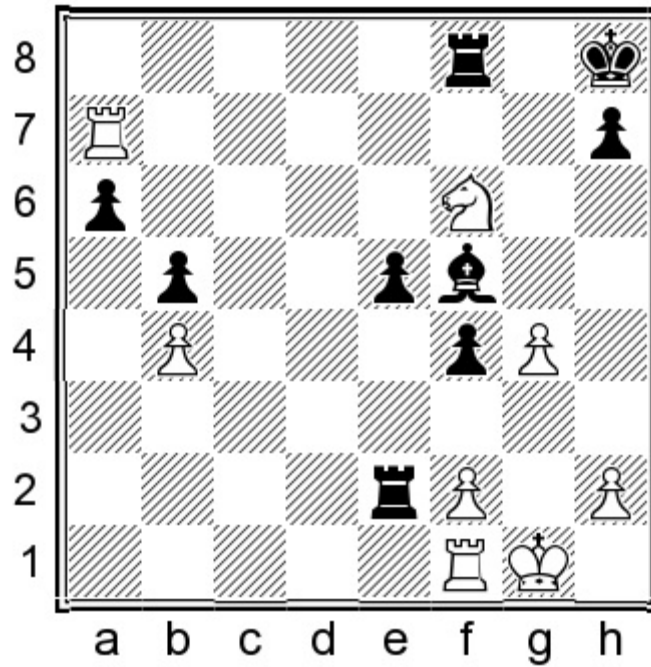
21.♚xd7 ♜ad8 22.♝c6! The point! 22...♝xd7

22...bxc6 23.♚xe6+ ♖h8 24.♘e5±; 22...♚xc6 23.bxc6 ♝xd7 24.cxd7±

23.♝xb6 ♘c5 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4 ♘e4 26.e3± 1-0 (42) Karpov,A (2750)-Jussupow,A (2610) Linares 1989.

32. Anand, Viswanathan (2610) - Kamsky, Gata (2650) [B42]

Delhi Delhi, 1990



□ 41.?

Black just played with fire with 40...♖d8-f8. Can you punish him?

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Yes!

41.♖d1!! ♕g6

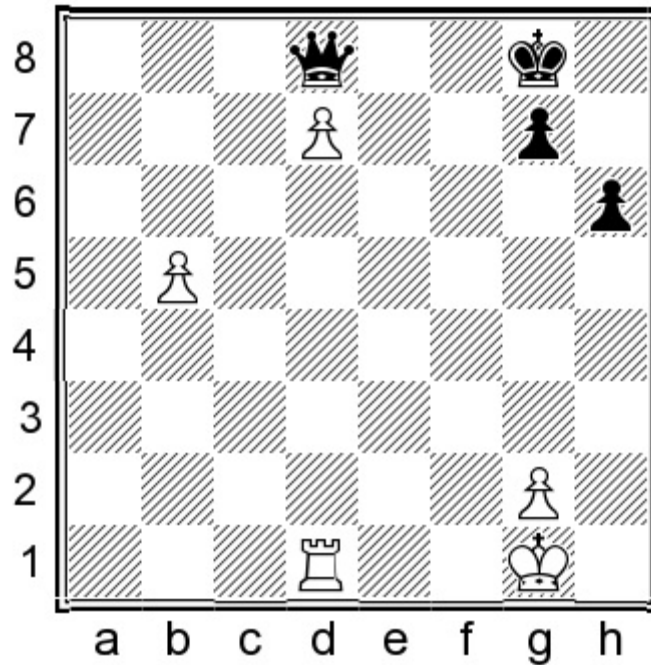
41...♕e4 42.♔f1+-

42.♖dd7 White is threatening Rxh7 with mate to follow, while the f6-knight is still untouchable.

42...♖e1+ 43.♔g2 f3+ 44.♔h3 1-0 Anand,V (2610)-Kamsky,G (2650) Delhi 1990.

33. (*) Gipslis, A. (2475) - Urban, K. (2465)

Berlin, 1991



□ 1.?

How would you assess this position?

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White is winning!

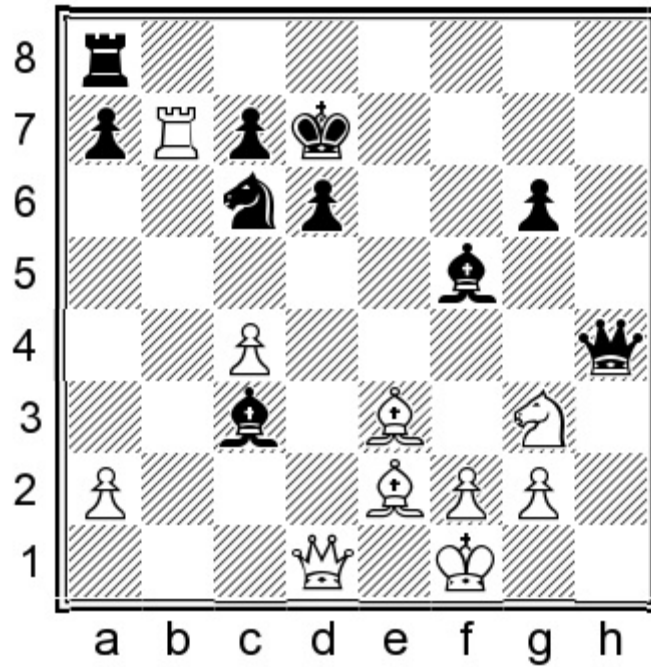
1.♖d4! The key move! In order to be able to play b5-b6. **1...♔f7** **2.b6!** ♔e6 **3.b7** ♔e7 **4.♔h1** **h5** And now the second key move... **5.♗e4+!** ♔f7

5...♔xd7 **6.♗d4+!+-**; 5...♔d6 **6.♗b4!** ♖b8 **7.d8=Q+!+-**

6.♗b4! 1-0 Gipslis,A (2475) -Urban,K (2465) Berlin 1991.

Black resigned in view of: **6.♗b4** ♖b8 **7.d8=Q** ♖xd8 **8.b8=Q+!**

34. (*) Polgar, Zsuzsa (2560) - Seirawan, Yasser (2595) [A42]
Amber-blind 2nd Monte Carlo (4), 1993



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Black missed a mate in the following series of moves. Can you spot it? 19...♖h8 20.♙f3 ♜xc4+ 21.♔g1 ♘e5⇝

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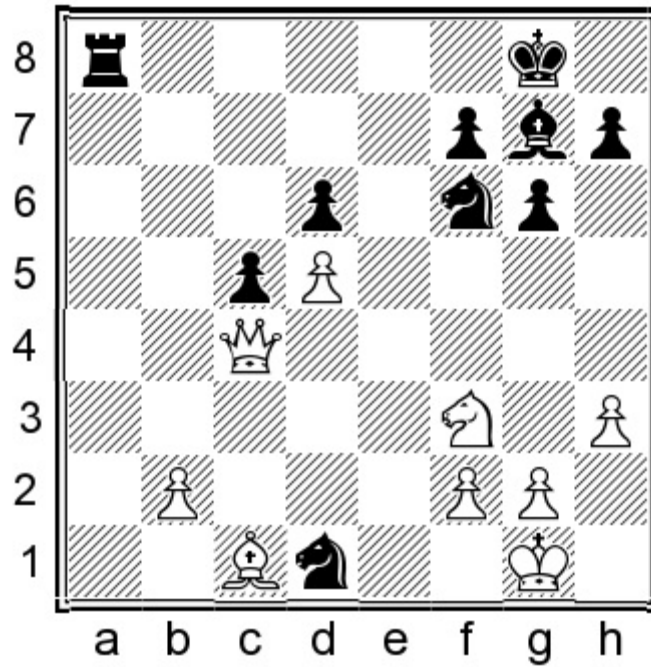
19...♖h8 20.♙f3 ♜xc4+?

20...♙d3+! 21.♜xd3 (21.♙e2 ♜h1+ 22.♘xh1 ♖xh1#) 21...♜h1+! 22.♘xh1 ♖xh1+ 23.♙e2 ♖e1#

21.♔g1 ♘e5∞ 1-0 (24) Polgar,Z (2560)-Seirawan,Y (2595) Monte Carlo 1993.

35. (*) Kramnik, V. (2710) - Hertneck, Gerald (2615) [A57]

Munich Intel Express blitz '5 Munich, 1994



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In the following sequence Black missed a way to solve all his problems. Can you spot it? 22...♖a1
 23.♜c2 ♕h6 24.♘d2 ♘e4 25.♘b3+-

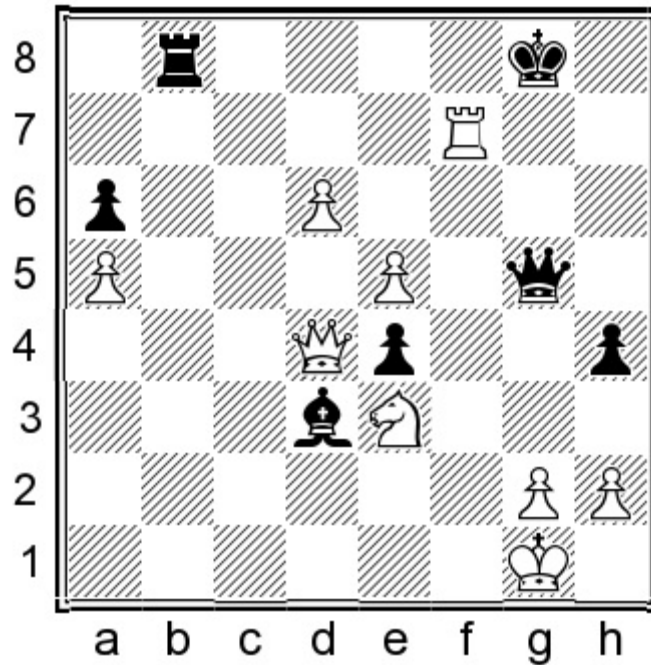
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22...♖a1 23.♜c2 ♕h6 24.♘d2 ♘e4?

24...♕xd2! 25.♜xd2 ♘xf2!∞

25.♘b3+- 1-0 (32) Kramnik,V (2710)-Hertneck,G (2615) Munich 1994

36. (*) Topalov, Veselin (2750) - Polgar, Judit (2665) [B48]
 Novgorod Novgorod (7), 1996



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Here Topalov played 45.e6. Is it a good move?

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Yes, it is!

45.e6! ♚xe3+ The only reason why 45.e6 could be bad.

45...♖b1+ 46.♔f2+-; 45...h3 46.g3 doesn't change much.

46.♗xe3 ♖b1+ 47.♗c1!

Of course not 47.♔f2?? ♖f1#

47...♖xc1+ 48.♔f2 ♖c6

48...♖f1+ 49.♔e3 ♖xf7 50.d7+-

49.♖d7!? White wants Rd8+ and d7.

49.d7 ♖xe6 50.d8=Q+ ♔xf7 51.♗d7+ ♔f6 52.♔e3 should also be an easy win.

49...♗b5 50.♔e3! No need for a direct win here: the two white pawns on the 6th rank are stronger than the black Bishop.

50.♞d8+? ♔g7 51.d7?! e3+! is the last trap not to fall in: 52.♔f3 ♞xe6 53.♞g8+ ♔xg8 54.d8=Q+ ♔f7=

50...♞c2

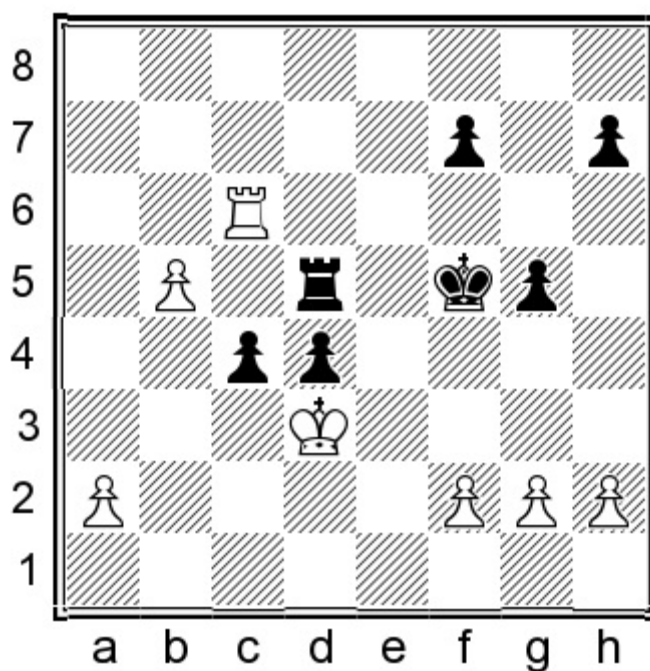
50...♞c3+ 51.♔xe4 ♙xd7 52.exd7+-

51.♞c7 ♞e2+ 52.♔f4 ♞f2+ 53.♔xe4 The white King advances and Black's position is hopeless.

53...♞e2+ 54.♔f5 ♞f2+ 55.♔e5 ♞e2+ 56.♔f6 ♞f2+ 57.♔e7 ♞e2 58.d7 ♙xd7 59.♔xd7 ♞d2+ 60.♔e8 1-0 Topalov,V (2750)-Polgar,J (2665) Novgorod 1996.

37. Kasparov, Garry (2851) - Timman, Jan H (2655) [C45]

Corus Wijk aan Zee (9), 2000.01.25



□ 34.?

What piece should White take back with on c4?

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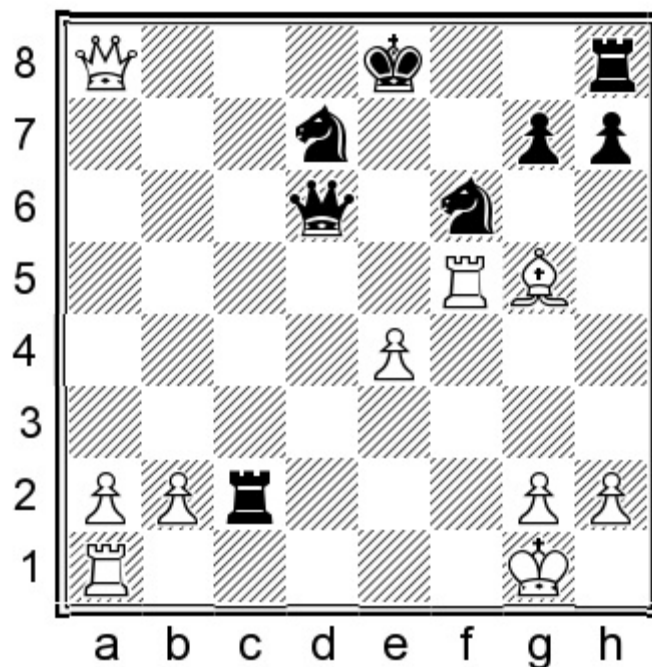
34.♔xc4!

34.♞xc4? ♞xb5±

34...d3 35.♔xd5 d2 36.g4+! 1-0 Kasparov,G (2851)-Timman,J (2655) Wijk aan Zee 2000.

Black resigned in view of: 36.g4+ ♔xg4 37.♖c4+ ♔f3 38.♖d4+-

38. (*) Karpov, Anatoly (2735) - Anand, Viswanathan (2770) [D48]
FIDE-Wch k.o. f Lausanne (8.1), 1998



Should Black play 26...♖b8 with an unclear position, or 26...♔f7 and sac the h8-rook?

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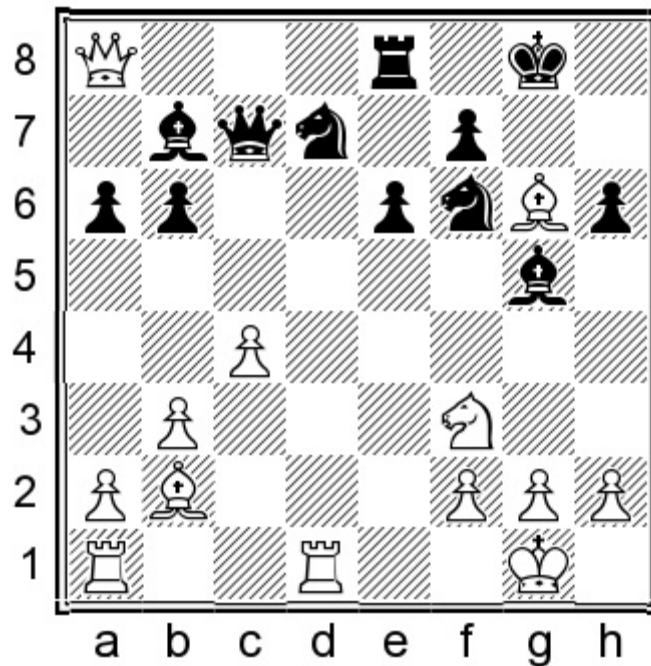
26...♔f7?

26...♖b8! was necessary.

27.♖xh8! ♖d4+ 28.♔h1 ♖xe4 29.♖f3 ♖xg2 30.♔xg2 ♗e5 At first this looks like Black was right to sac his h8-rook, as here he seems to have at least a draw, but a nasty surprise is coming... 31.♖xg7+! ♔xg7 32.♗xf6+ ♔g6 33.♗xe5 ♖xe5 34.♖g1± White is technically winning. 1-0 (108) Karpov,A (2735)-Anand,V (2770) Lausanne 1998.

34.♖f2!? was perhaps even stronger.

39. Ye, Jiangchuan (2530) - Karpov, Anatoly (2735) [B17]



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The game continued 23. ♔xe8+ ♖xe8 24. ♗xg5 hxg5 25. ♕d3. What did White miss?

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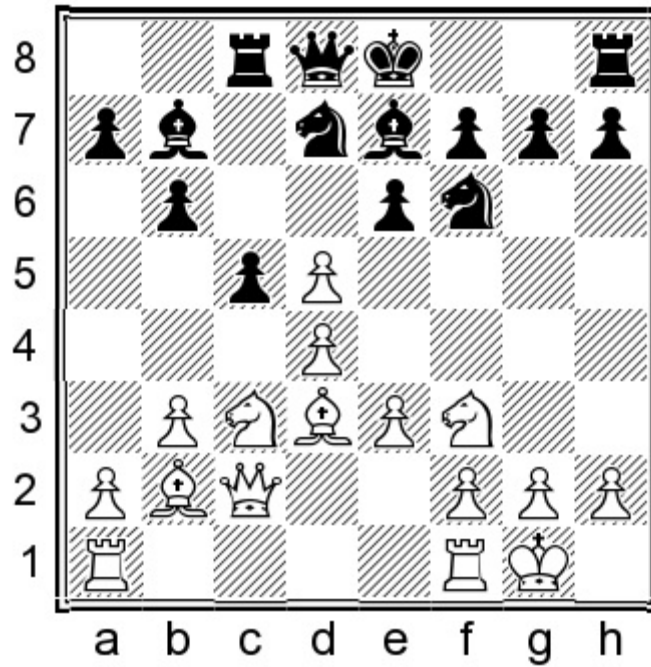
23. ♔xe8+ ♖xe8 24. ♗xg5?

24. ♕xf7+! ♔xf7?! 25. ♖xd7+ ♔xd7 26. ♗e5+±

24...hxg5 25. ♕d3 ♗ef6-+

40. (*) Kramnik, Vladimir (2770) - Ivanchuk, Vassily (2725) [D45]

Dortmund Dortmund (3), 1997.07.06



Black played 11...cxd4, calculating 12.dxe6 dxc3 13.exd7+ ♖xd7 14.♙xc3 ♙b4 15.♙c4 ♙xf3 16.gxf3 ♙xc3 17.♚xc3 ♚g5+ 18.♜h1 b5, which he considered good for him. Did he miss anything?

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Yes, he did!

11...cxd4 12.dxe6 dxc3 13.exd7+ ♖xd7 14.♙xc3 ♙b4 15.♙c4 ♙xf3 16.gxf3 ♙xc3 17.♚xc3 ♚g5+ 18.♜h1 b5 And now... **19.♚a5!** And White ends up with an extra pawn and great initiative. 1-0 Kramnik, V (2770)-Ivanchuk, V (2725) Dortmund 1997.

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