

11. Overloaded pieces

It's a position when a piece has too many things to do in the same move. Sometimes a chess piece is overloaded by having more than one defending job to do. Therefore, the overloaded piece can be easily disturbed by capturing one of the pieces it is defending.



Diagram 11.1

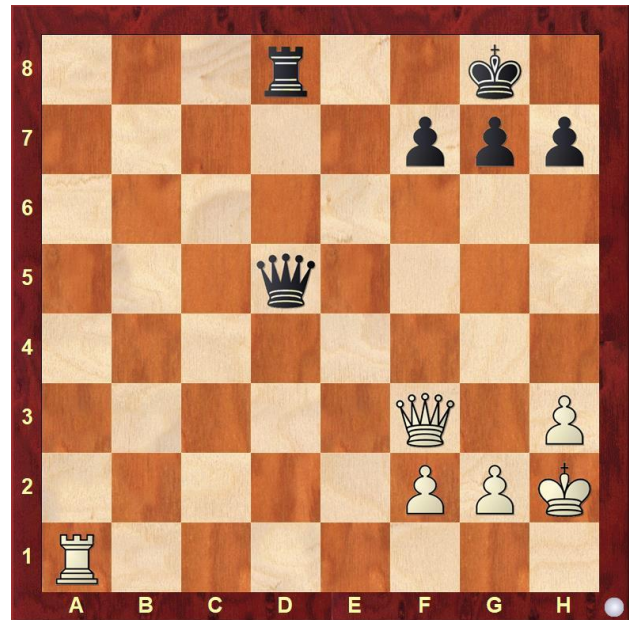


Diagram 11.2

In diagram 11.1 we can observe that the Black is protecting the black rook as well as the bishop. Therefore white can take the advantage of the black queen being overloaded and play Rxa7 forcing the black to play Qxa7 followed by Nxf5.

In diagram 11.2 we can observe that the black rook is protecting the queen as well as the back-rank checkmate (Ra8). Therefore, white can take the advantage of the overloaded rook and play Qxd5 and then black cannot capture the queen in return because of the threat of back-rank checkmate from the rook.

