

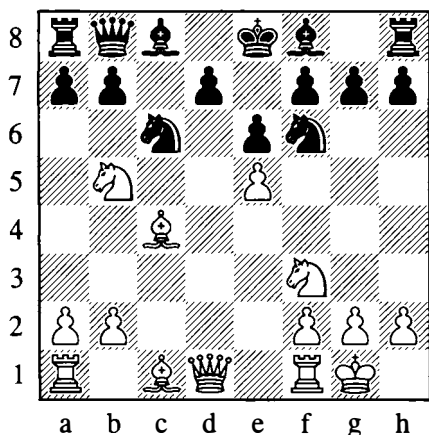
Here, so many neophytes continue with the illogical ♖e2. As the black queen just vanished from the d-file, the natural follow up ♜d1 has therefore lost its sting. While already lacking in strategy, the mindless ♖e2 makes even less sense tactically...

### 8.♠b5!

8.♖e2? ♠g4! and Black readies to spring the infamous Siberian trap. I banish this snare to Chapter 1 so that you will never, ever fall for it. Such a coup simply makes the Morra bashers way too happy. 9.h3?? ♠d4! And in the blink of an eye, White must either lose his queen or resign, as mate on h2 looms. What a teary tale for gambiteers worldwide. Observe once again that the fatal blow fell on the d4-square, the Morra's Achilles heel.

But if White follows the maxim of stalking the queen, he will not become the subject of public ridicule. Rather, the black queen will be reprimanded for her tricky ways, and sent back to "Siberia", or the frigid corner of the board, so to speak.

### 8...♖b8 9.e5!



White hopes that Black continues with his greedy strategy. First he took on c3, now will he grab twice?

### 9...♠xe5?! 10.♠xe5! ♖xe5 11.♜e1!±

And it is open season on the queen again. Her troubles are just beginning, as we shall find out soon enough.

## Chase #3

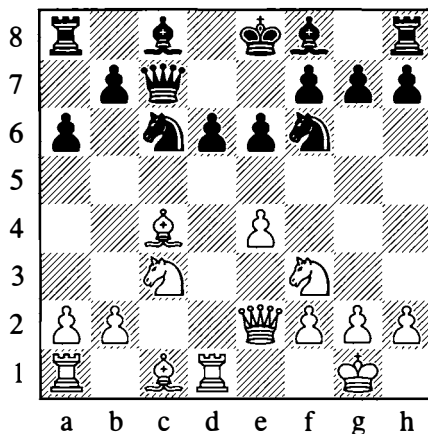
In our next display, also a main line, White has two different methods of pursuing the queen.

### 1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.♠xc3 ♠c6 5.♠f3 d6 6.♙c4 e6 7.0-0 a6

Black takes a tempo to stop the pesky ♠b5 so that his queen can rest at c7, if only for a moment...

### 8.♖e2 ♠f6 9.♜d1 ♖c7

The gambiteer's bishop now sharply glares at the queen along the h2-b8 diagonal.



### 10.♙f4! ♙e7 11.♜ac1!?

The Morra rook seizes control of the c-file, reminding the queen that this is no Open Sicilian. White can give chase immediately with 11.e5!?, leading to great complications, or delay the hunt...

### 11...0-0 12.♙b3!