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Weekly Lesson with Younggil

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Part I

David (Black) vs Josh (White)

Introduction

Kashomon [1k]: This was a game I played with David Ormerod on KGS. I've mostly been taking Black + no-komi, but I played White in this game to switch it up.

Beginning with the Magic Sword

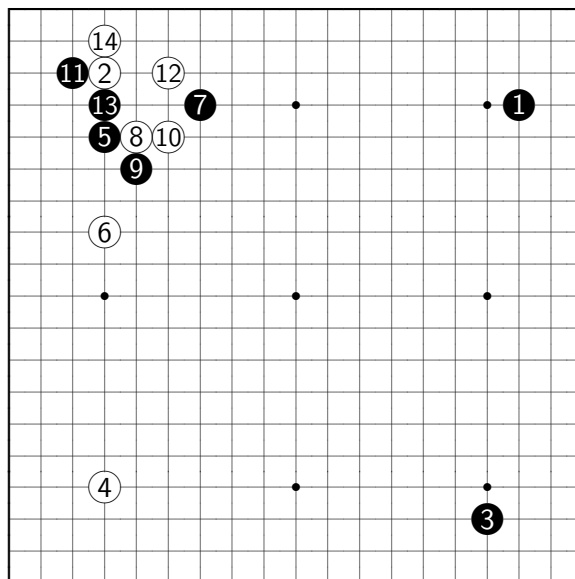
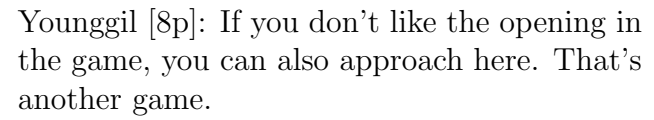


Diagram. 1
(Moves: 1-14)

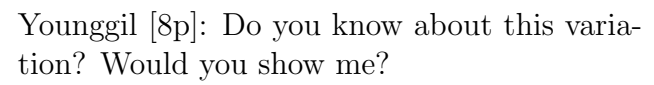
Younggil [8p]: So, do you prefer this to E17?

Kashomon [1k]: I don't know! I haven't played this particular Joseki.

Younggil [8p]: This move is getting less popular, because people think that it's not good. In this variation, White's top is weaker.

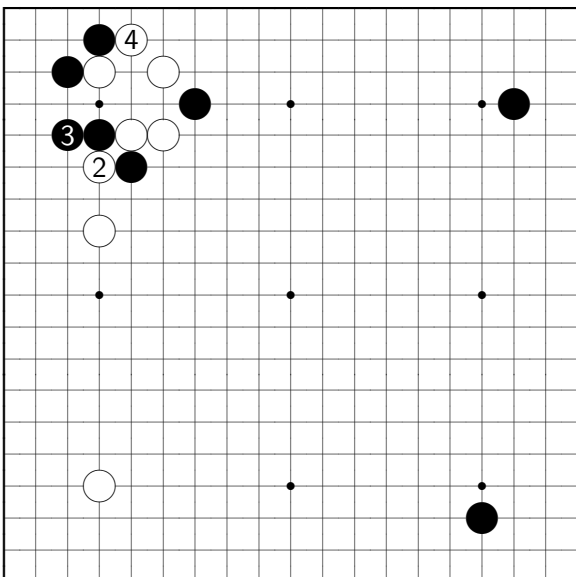


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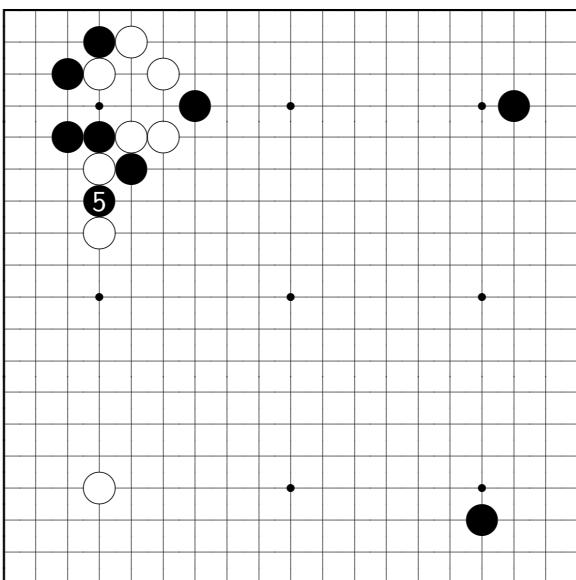
Kashomon [1k]: Let's see...

Variation. 2

*Variation. 3*

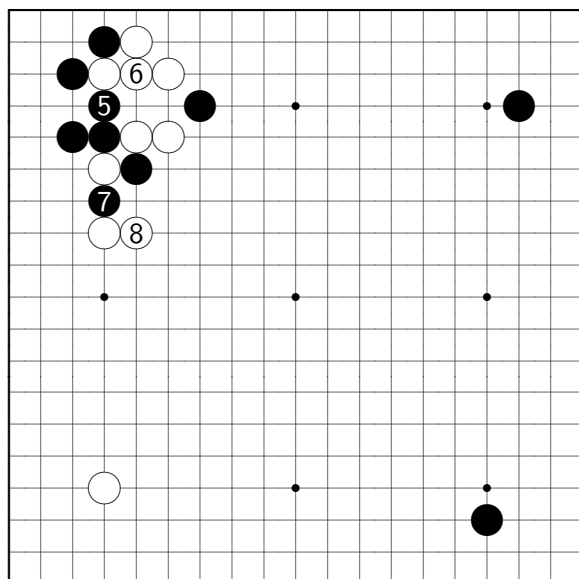
Younggil [8p]: Good so far. And?

Kashomon [1k]: hmm

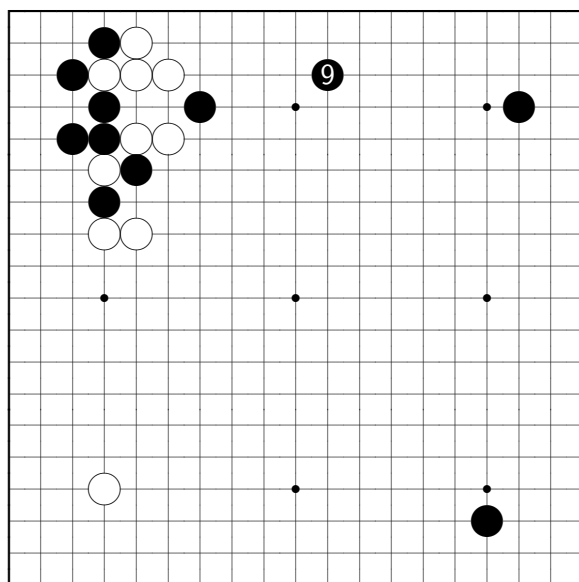
*Variation. 4*

Kashomon [1k]: this?

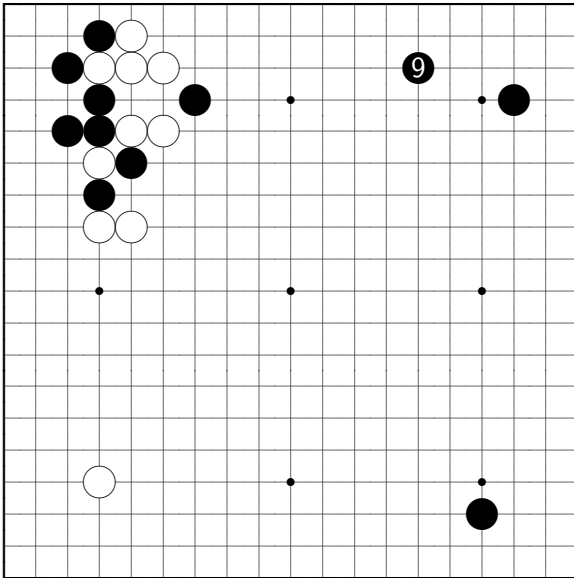
Younggil [8p]: Not quite

*Variation. 5*

Younggil [8p]: This is common

*Variation. 6*

Younggil [8p]: This is a possible follow-up.

*Variation. 7*

Younggil [8p]: This is also possible. This is quite popular recently, so you'd better know this main variation :)

Kashomon [1k]: This doesn't seem like a great result for White.

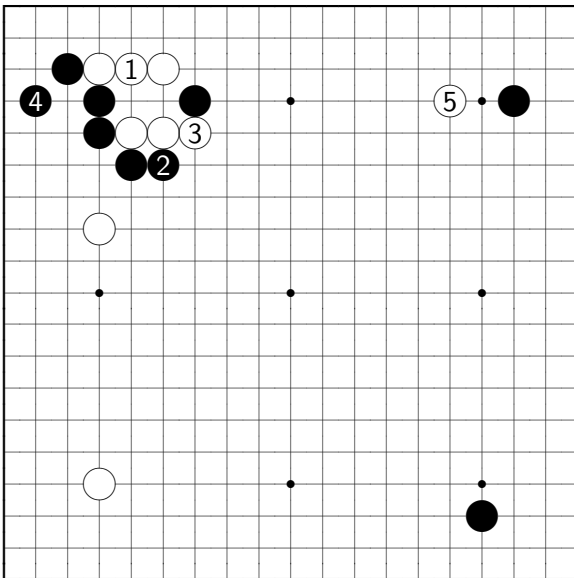
Younggil [8p]: Because black has sente and the corner as well?

Kashomon [1k]: Well, the stones in the top left can be separated with F14.

Younggil [8p]: I see

Kashomon [1k]: And then Black still has the opportunity to play around R10

Younggil [8p]: Right. In this game, yes. But there's no good alternative after Black's hane at D18.

*Variation. 8*

Younggil [8p]: This is a standard variation.

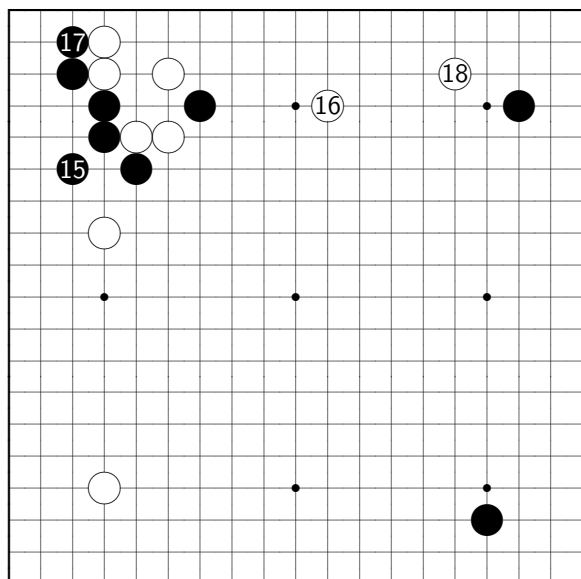
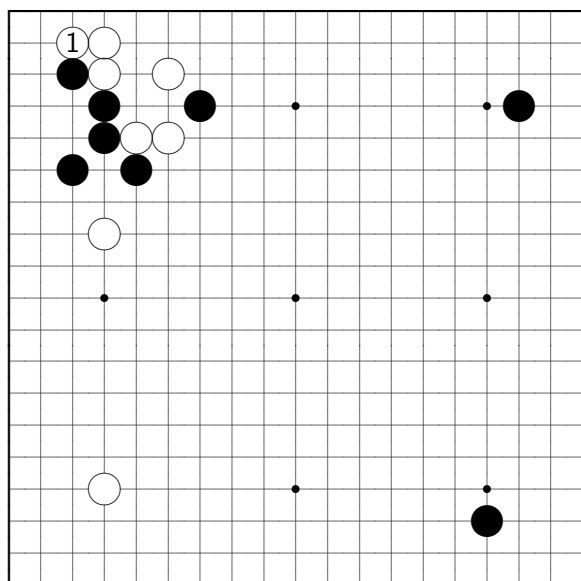


Diagram. 2
(Moves: 15-18)

Younggil [8p]: This approach is very big, so the opening is still ok for White.



Variation. 9

Younggil [8p]: Normally, turn here first, but the actual game was also ok

Black Begins a Fight

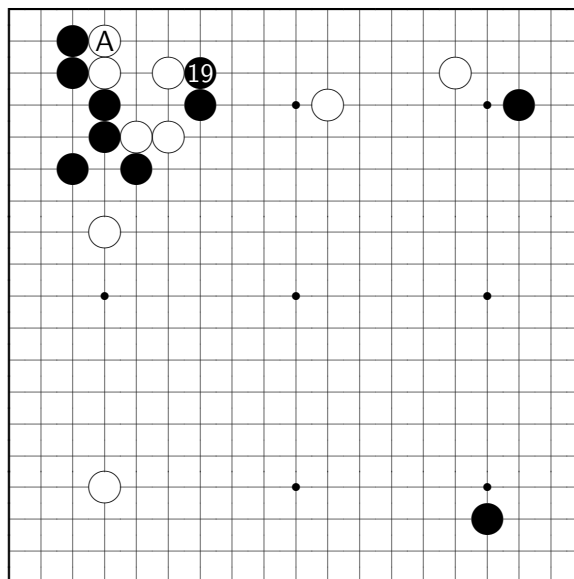


Diagram. 3
(Move: 19)

Kashomon [1k]: G17 is a nice counter

Younggil [8p]: Because White played at A, G17 is good and the hane at F18 is sente.

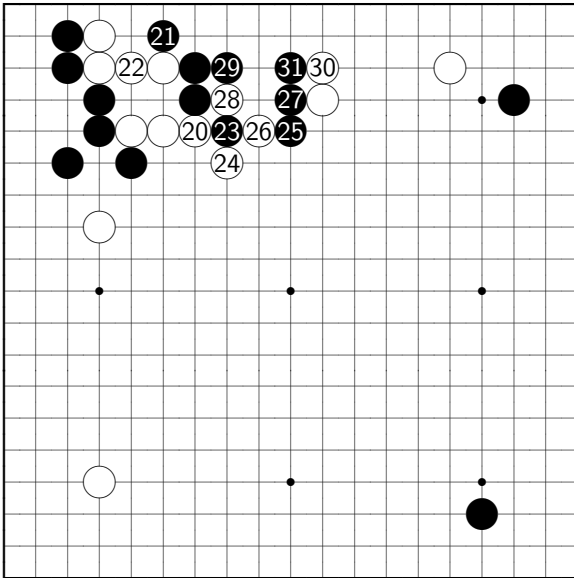


Diagram. 4
(Moves: 20-31)

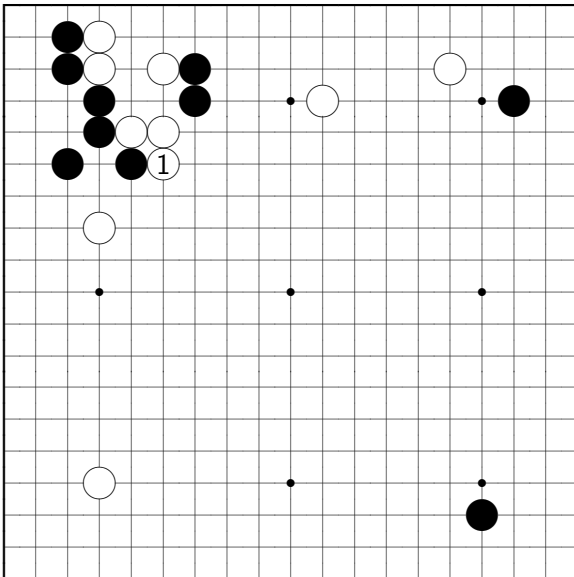
Younggil [8p]: So what did you feel about the result so far?

Kashomon [1k]: I think it's a little better for black.

Younggil [8p]: Then what was problem?

Kashomon [1k]: Both Black's groups are pretty safe and White is weak.

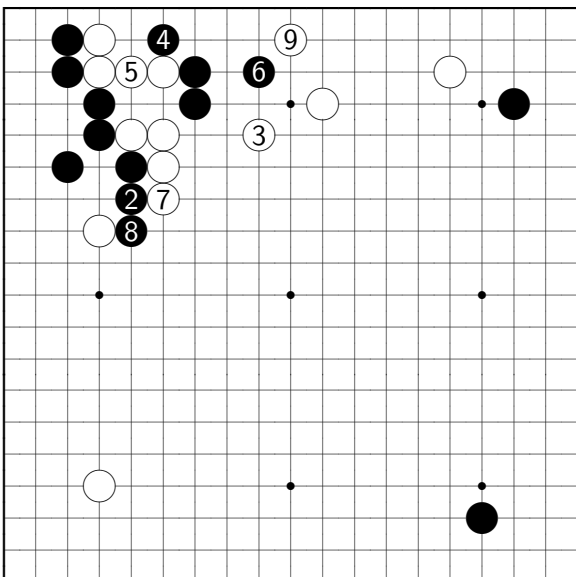
Younggil [8p]: Yea



Variation. 10

Younggil [8p]: then how about pushing here?

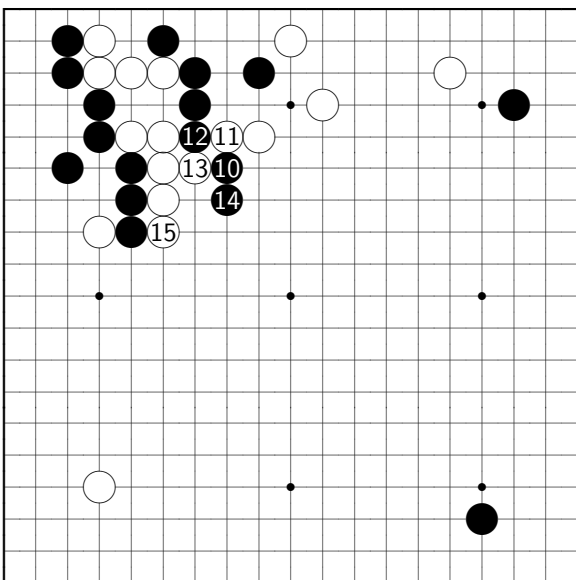
Kashomon [1k]: Looks like it hurts the D12 stone...

*Variation. 11*

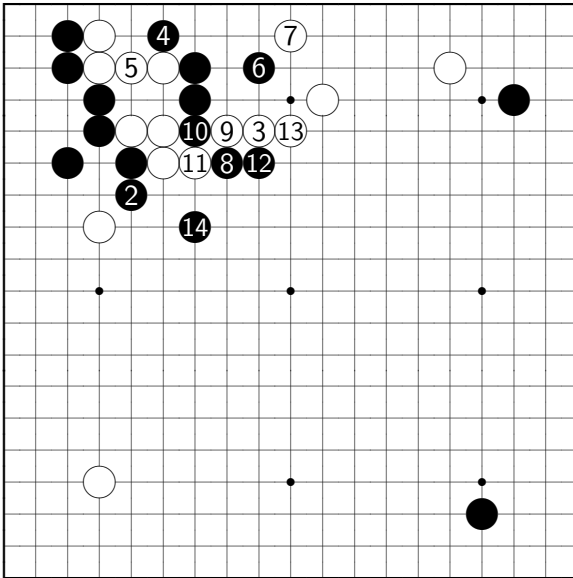
Kashomon [1k]: But maybe it's worth it!

Younggil [8p]: Yes, but White can play strongly like this.

Kashomon [1k]: Why one more push?

*Variation. 12*

Younggil [8p]: Now, White is fine.

*Variation. 13*

Younggil [8p]: White pushes one more because of this.

Kashomon [1k]: Ah.

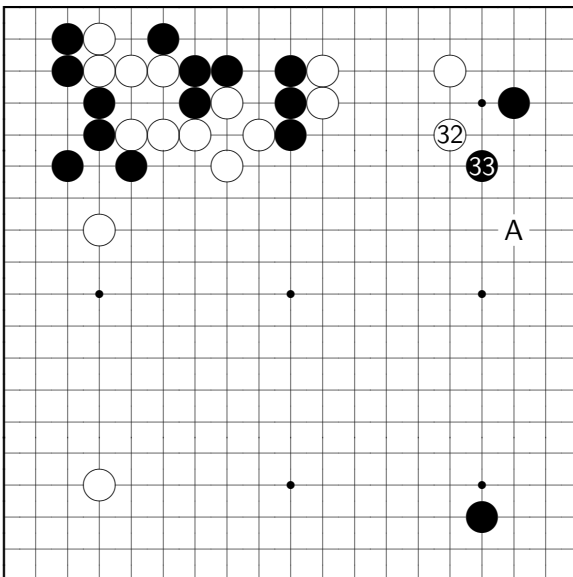


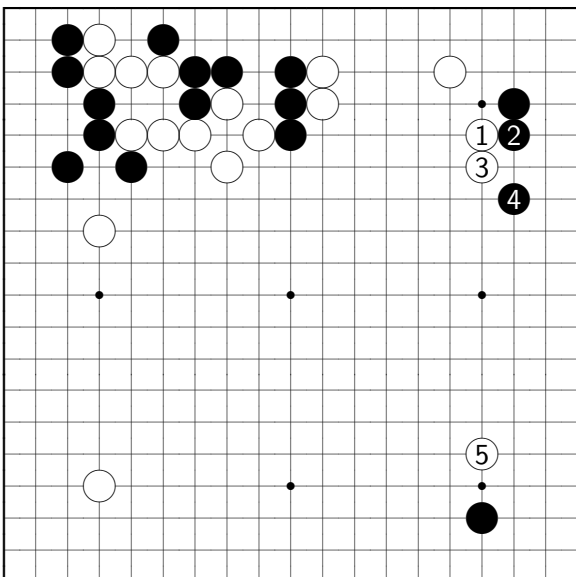
Diagram. 5
(Moves: 32-33)

Kashomon [1k]: Probably White needs to respond here

Younggil [8p]: Yea, White's top is still not solid enough

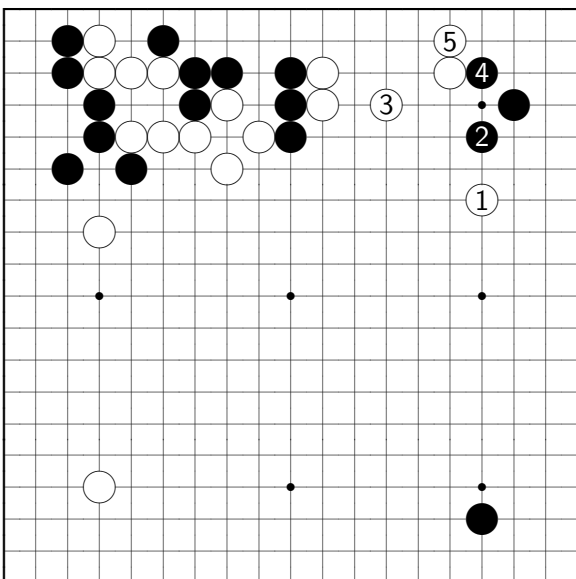
Younggil [8p]: So here, if you were Black, where you wouldn't want White to play?

Kashomon [1k]: I guess, if I were black I would worry about A.

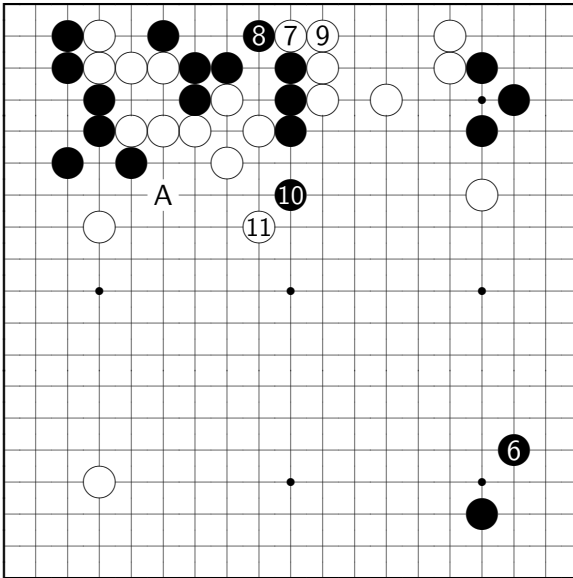
*Variation. 14*

Younggil [8p]: Maybe like this?

Kashomon [1k]: Looks better than the game.

*Variation. 15*

Younggil [8p]: Or this is also possible



Variation. 16

Younggil [8p]: Now, Black has only one eye, so White can keep chasing

Younggil [8p]: White's top is already safe, and White doesn't need to play at A.

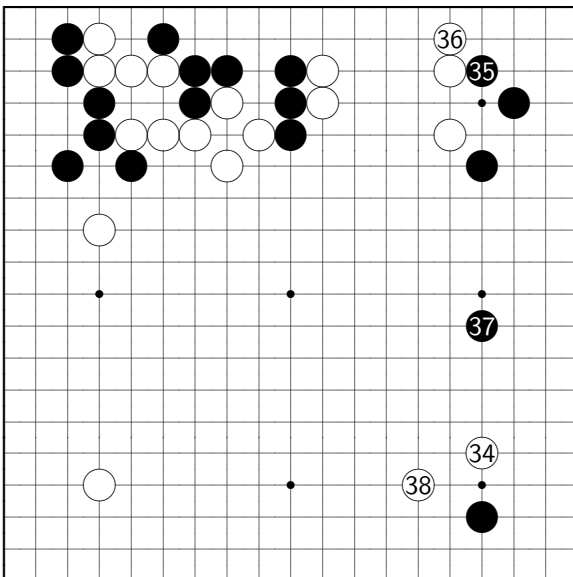
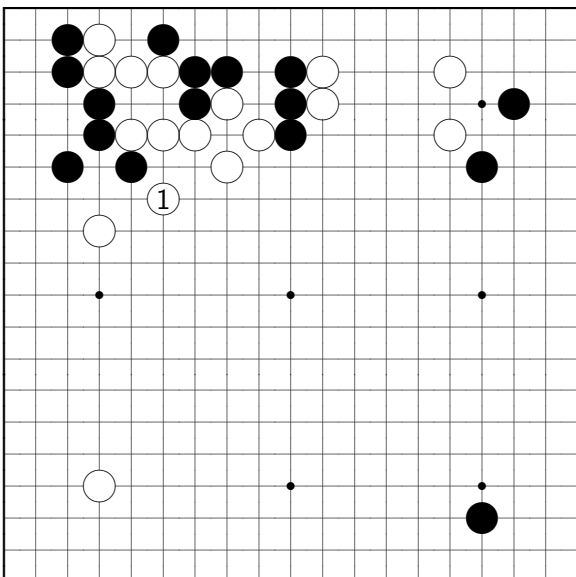


Diagram. 6
(Moves: 34-38)

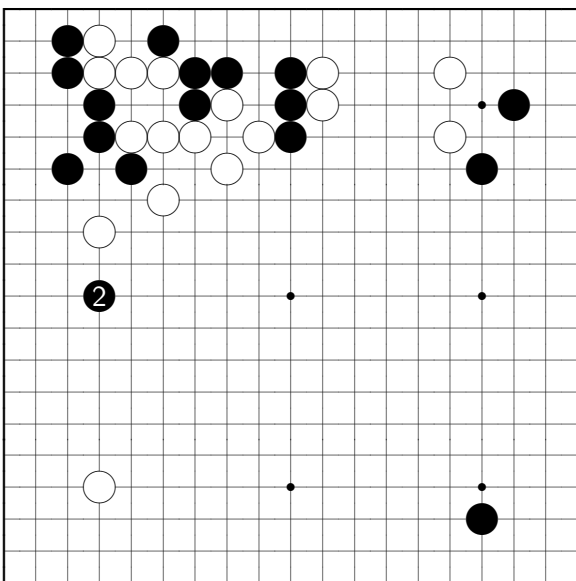
Kashomon [1k]: I thought this was a mistake because Black launched an attack on my top left stones.

Younggil [8p]: This knight's move seems to be alright. The stones on the top left are ok: The center is open :)

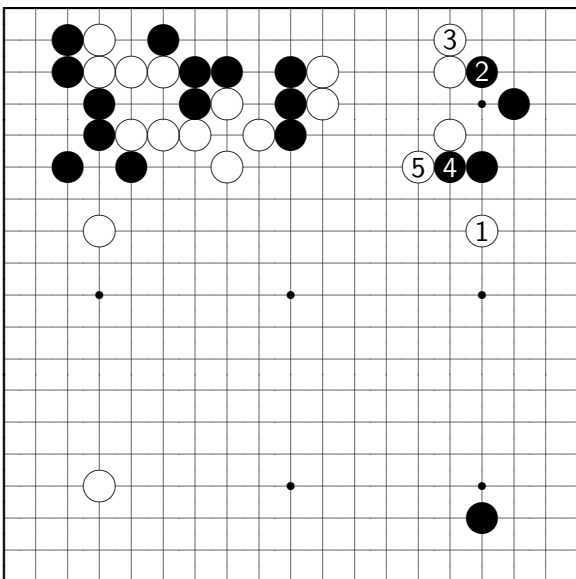
*Variation. 17*

Kashomon [1k]: In the game, I regretted not playing here.

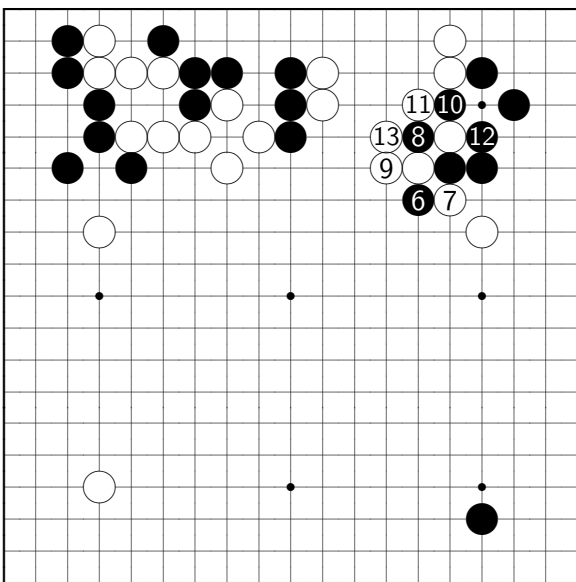
Younggil [8p]: Hmm. this is a good connection, but it's not a nice shape.

*Variation. 18*

Younggil [8p]: White's shape is thin.

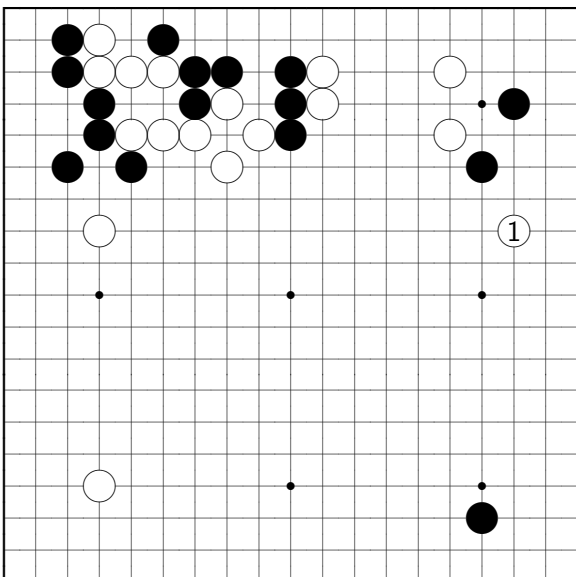
*Variation. 19*

Younggil [8p]: White also play this. And if Black keeps answering, White's top will become stronger. This is more active and gives Black pressure.

*Variation. 20*

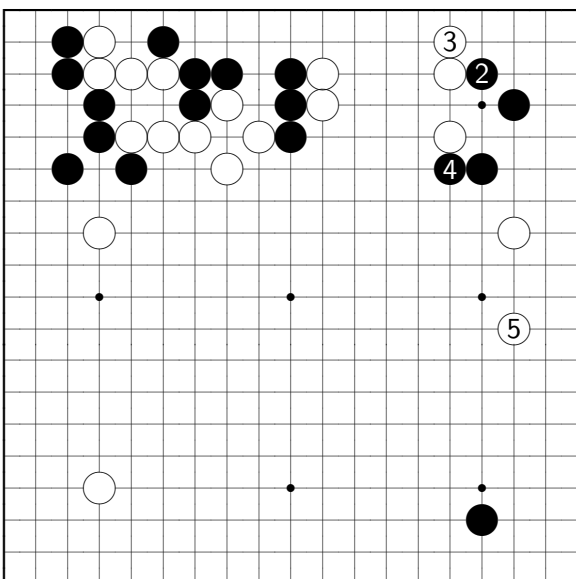
Younggil [8p]: Like this

Kashomon [1k]: Ah, that's a nice tesuji.



Variation. 21

Younggil [8p]: Playing low is also possible



Variation. 22

Younggil [8p]: The game might go like this.

A Slack Move.

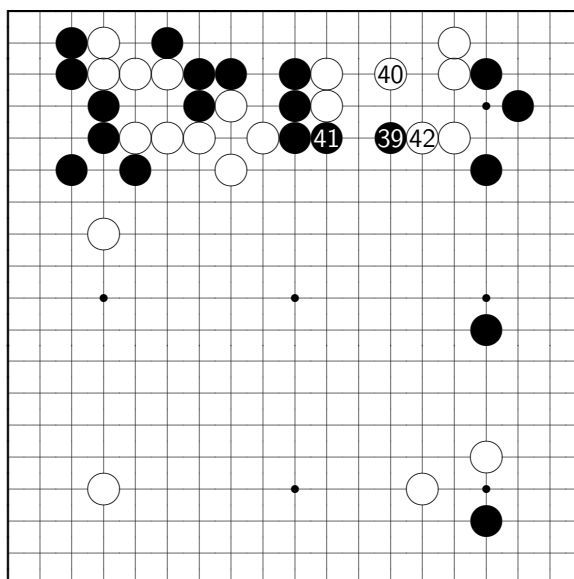
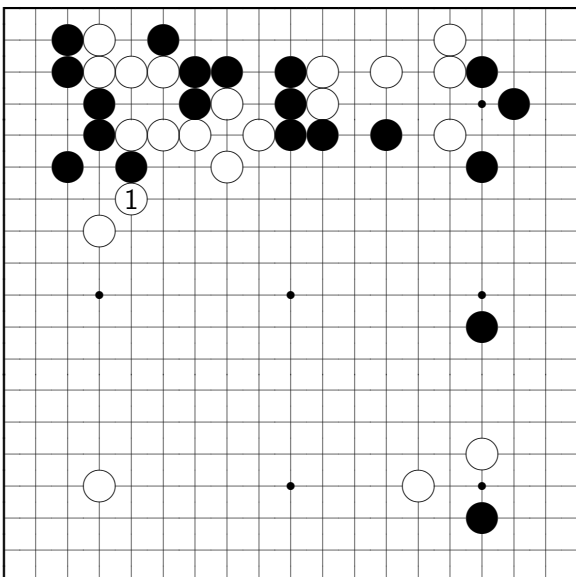
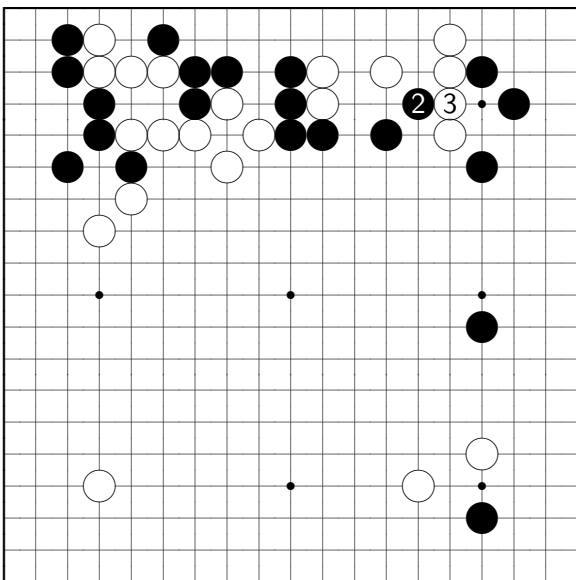


Diagram. 7
(Moves: 39-42)

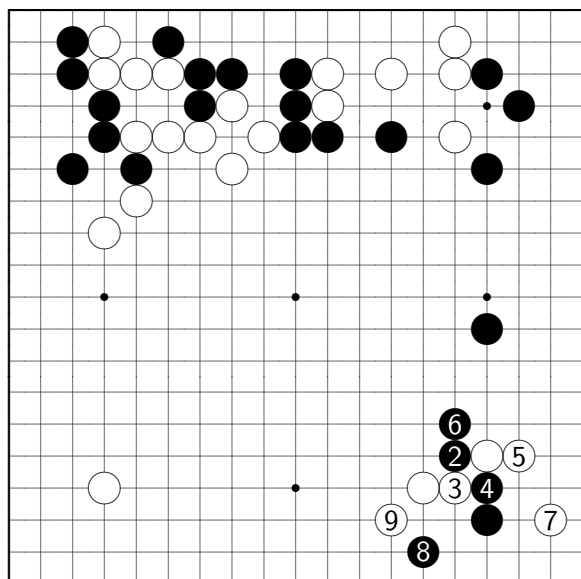
Younggil [8p]: Probably, this move (White 42) was questionable.

*Variation. 23*

Younggil [8p]: if you want, you can come back here, and it creates a better connection since there's no cutting point.

*Variation. 24*

Younggil [8p]: The top group is already safe, and Black can't attack because white can simply jump at R18

*Variation. 25*

Younggil [8p]: The game would still be alright because he has more territory, but still playable.

A Punishing Attack

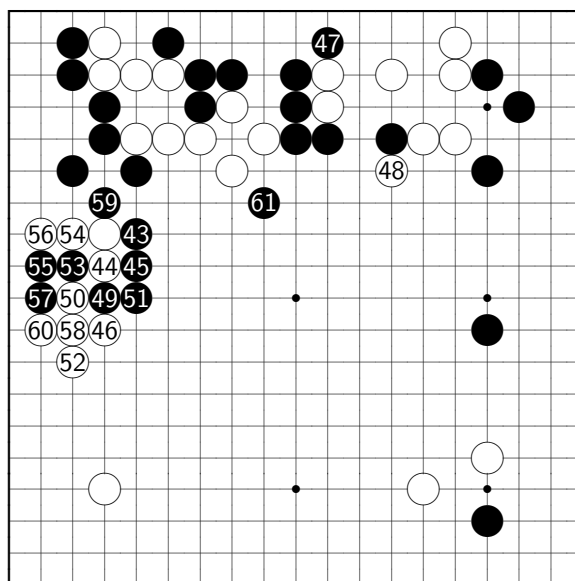


Diagram. 8
(Moves: 43-61)

Younggil [8p]: Now, White's big group is under attack

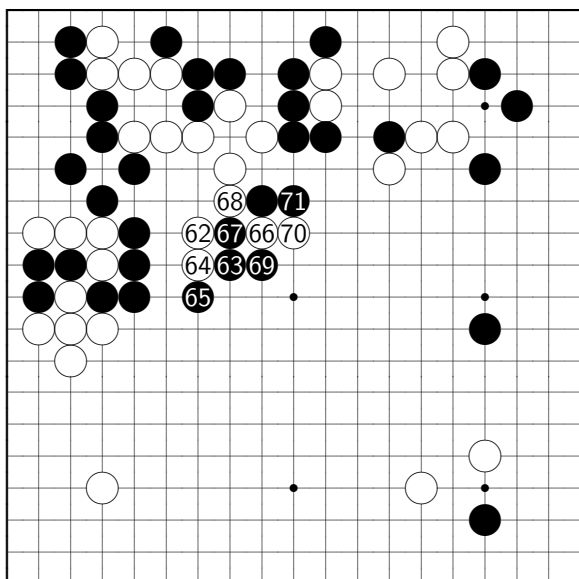


Diagram. 9
(Moves: 62-71)

Kashomon [1k]: I couldn't figure out how to escape, and so I resigned.

Younggil [8p]: Oh, the game was suddenly finished.

Part II

Jared (Black) vs Josh (White)

Introduction

Kashomon [1k]: This is another game I played with my friend Jared. I'm going to write up the feedback and send it to him like I did for the game with Patrick.

Younggil [8p]: Ok, good.

A Chinese-Variant

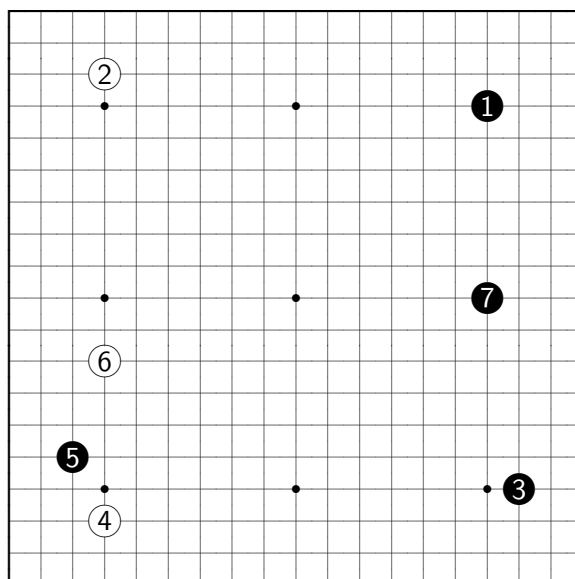
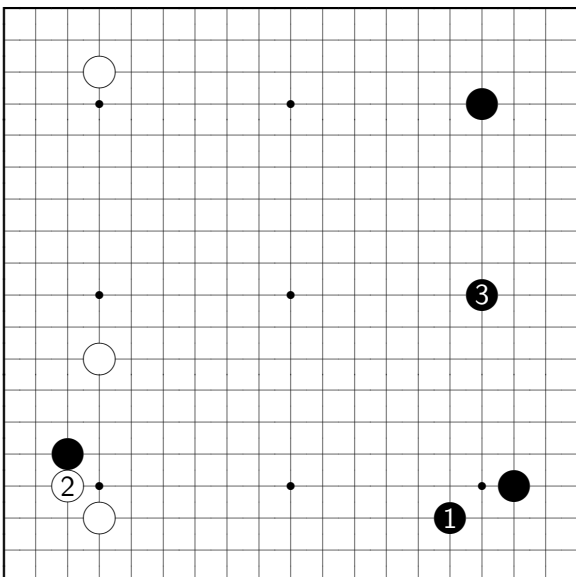


Diagram. 1
(Moves: 1-7)

Kashomon [1k]: Seems like weird shape here.

Younggil [8p]: Yea, this isn't common.



Variation. 1

Younggil [8p]: This is more usual if he wants to have this sort of position.

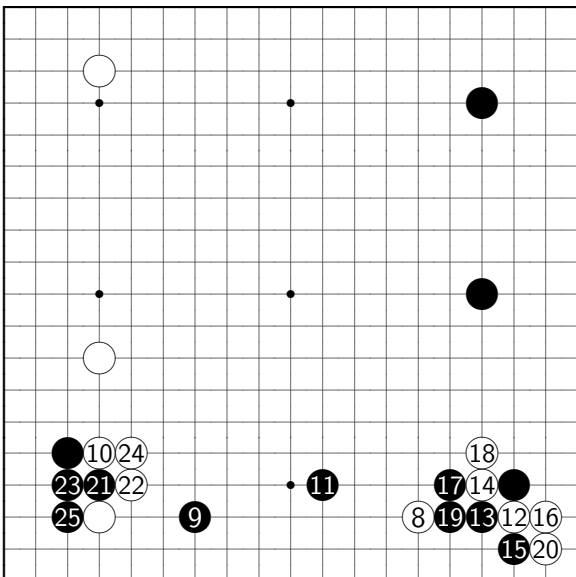
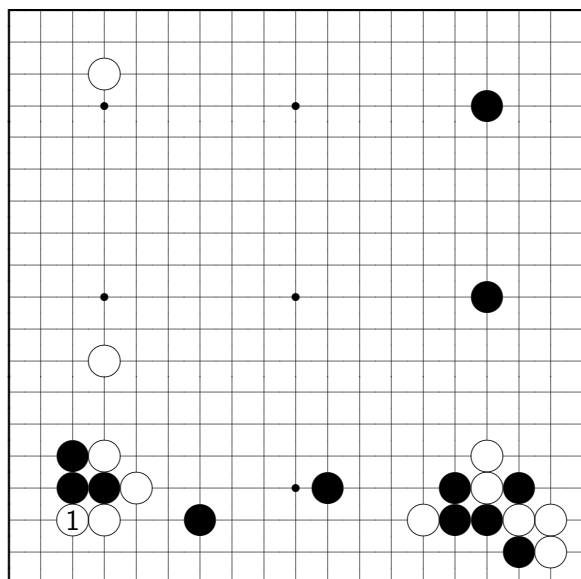


Diagram. 2
(Moves: 8-25)

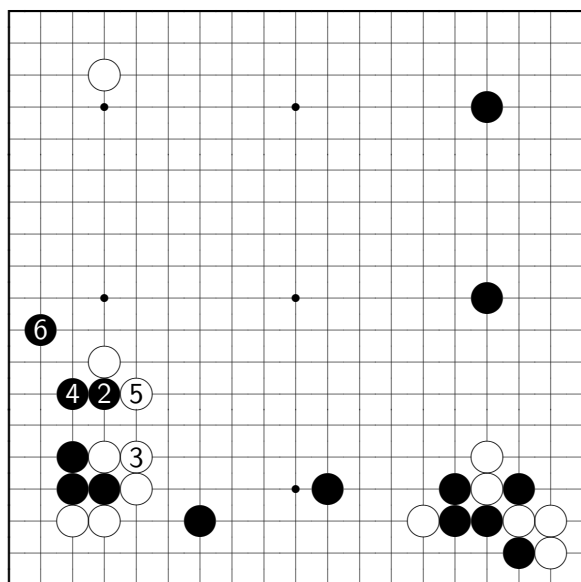
Younggil [8p]: This was too easy on Black.

Kashomon [1k]: Yeah, I thought so too.

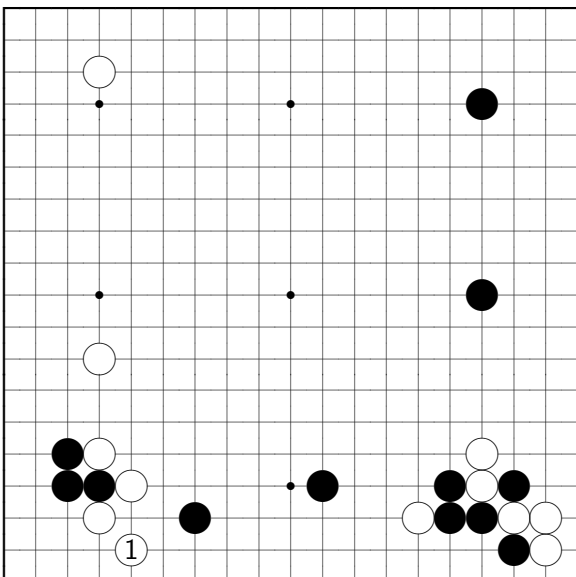
Younggil [8p]: So if White blocks at 3-3, that'd be better than this.

*Variation. 2*

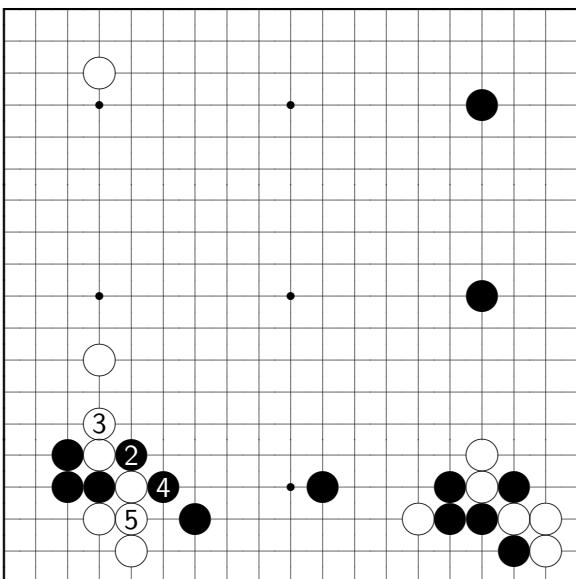
Younggil [8p]: This is more common.

*Variation. 3*

Younggil [8p]: There are many possible variations and this is one of them

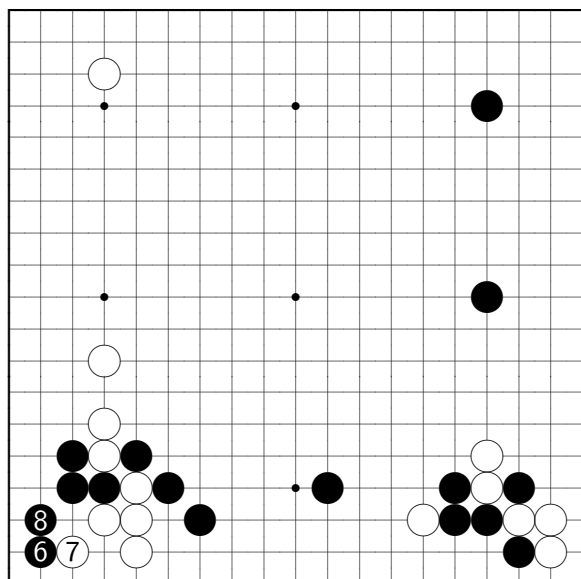
*Variation. 4*

Younggil [8p]: This is also possible

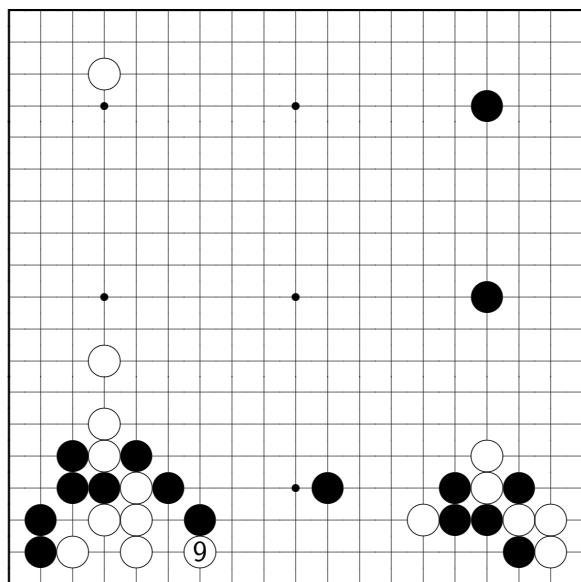
*Variation. 5*

Kashomon [1k]: It looks a little scary

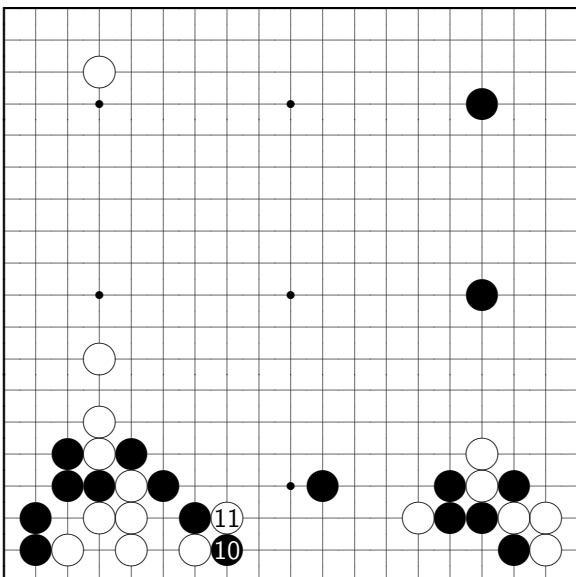
Younggil [8p]: since Black's outside is weak, White can fight

*Variation. 6*

Younggil [8p]: Black must do this.

*Variation. 7*

Younggil [8p]: And then White can easily live inside



Variation. 8

Younggil [8p]: White can even cut here to counter.

Kashomon [1k]: Wow, nice.

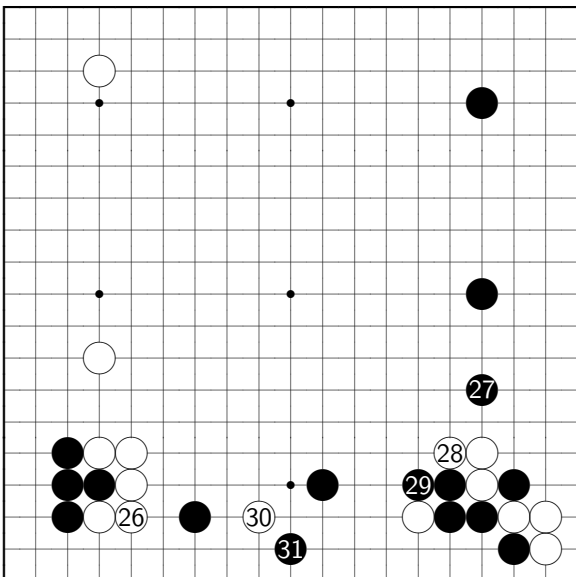
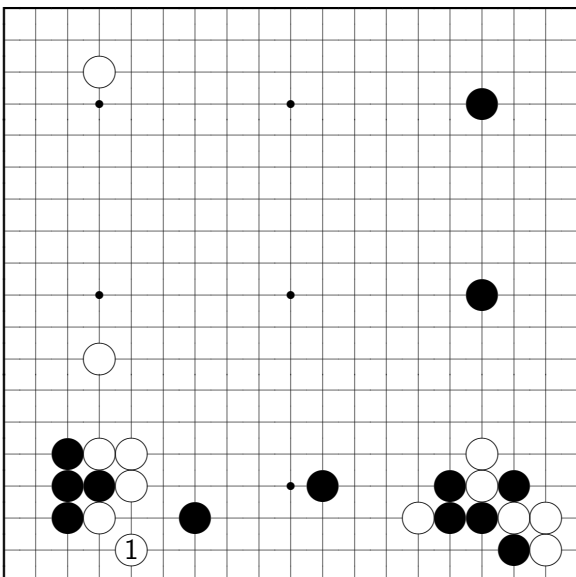


Diagram. 3
(Moves: 26-31)

Younggil [8p]: Oh, good time to invade.

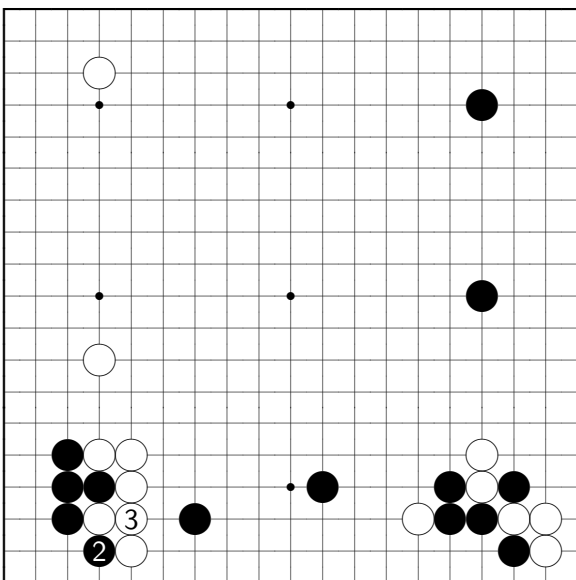
Kashomon [1k]: Was Black's response a mistake here?

Younggil [8p]: It was alright. I can't say this is a mistake. Depends on how Black plays



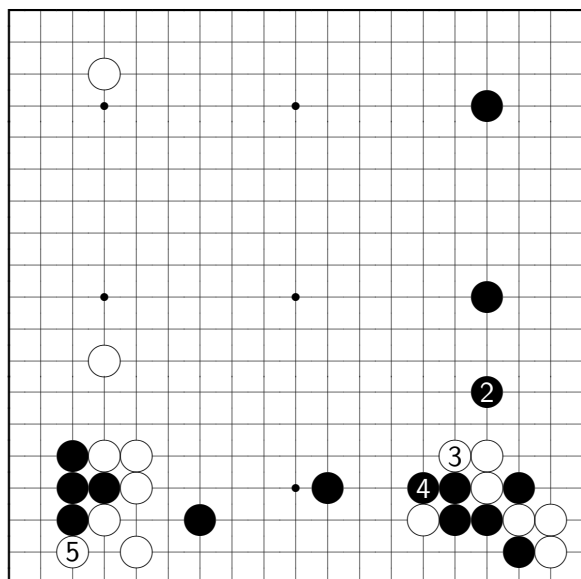
Variation. 9

Younggil [8p]: This connection is generally better. And also...

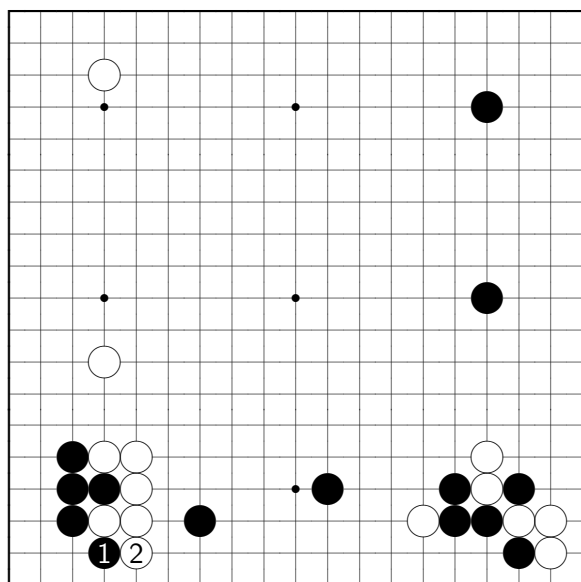


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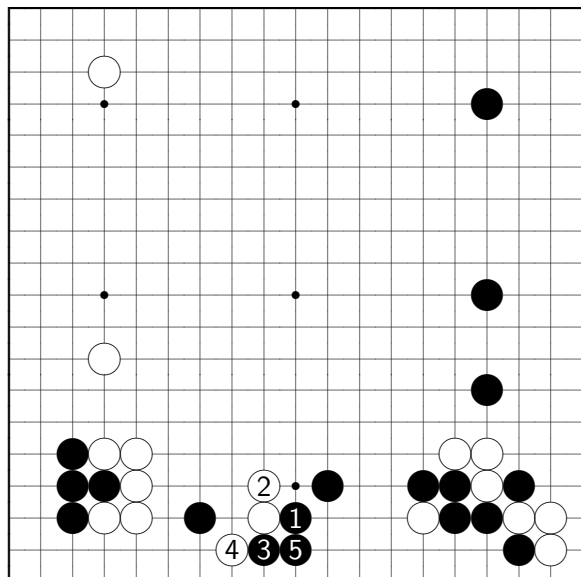
Younggil [8p]: If Black has to atari, the exchange is better for White

*Variation. 11*

Younggil [8p]: if Black doesn't play, White can hane here.

*Variation. 12*

Younggil [8p]: The previous variations are better when you invade at the bottom, and also for the endgame. Black wouldn't play this now.



Variation. 13

Younggil [8p]: Black could also play like this.

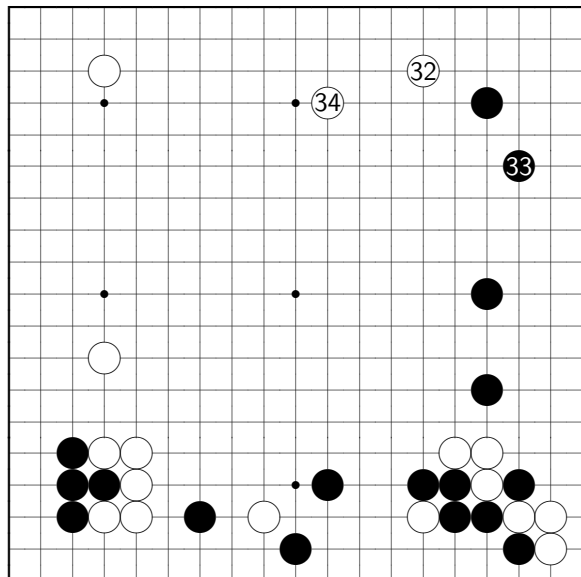
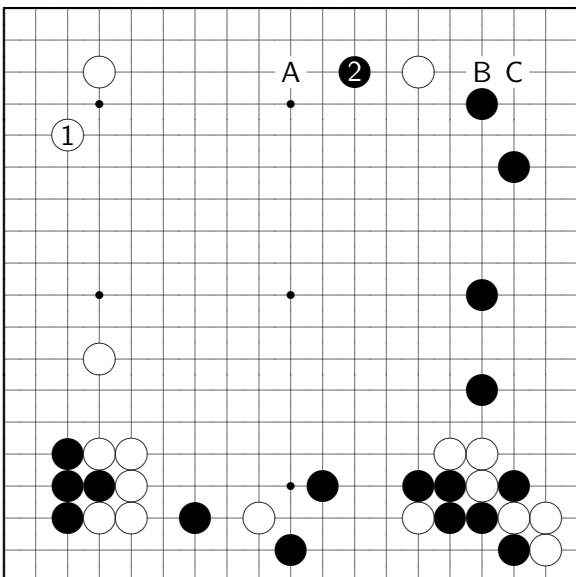


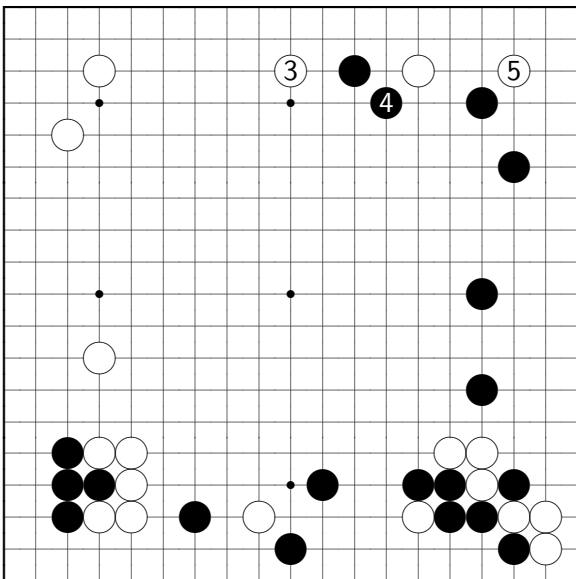
Diagram. 4
(Moves: 32-34)

Younggil [8p]: Good. The opening is slightly better for White



Variation. 14

Younggil [8p]: This is also possible because now, White has some options at A to C.



Variation. 15

Younggil [8p]: White can still come here to live.

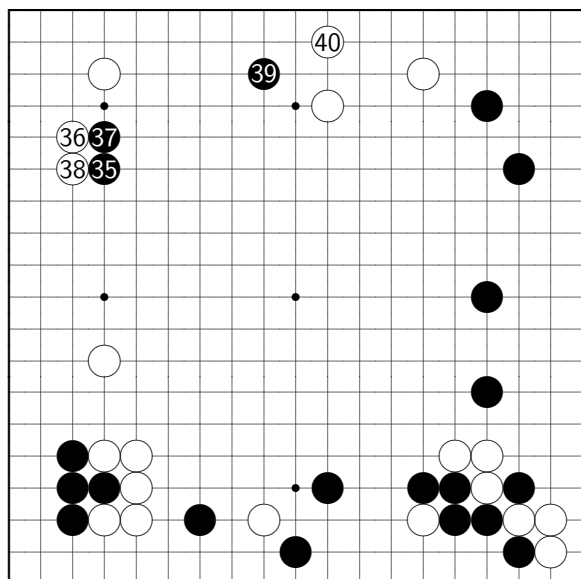
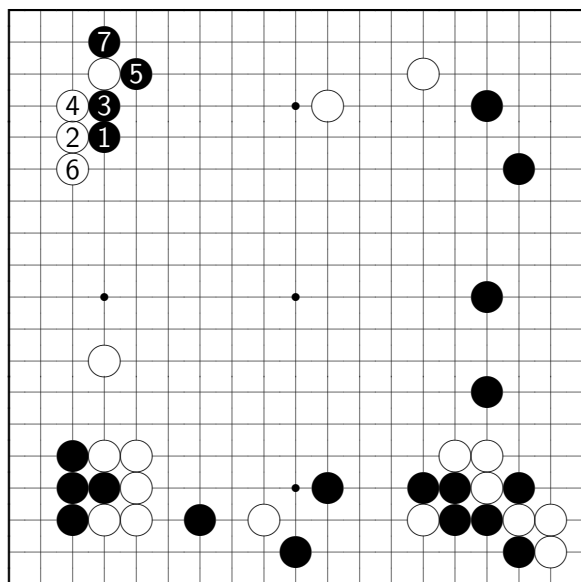


Diagram. 5
(Moves: 35-40)

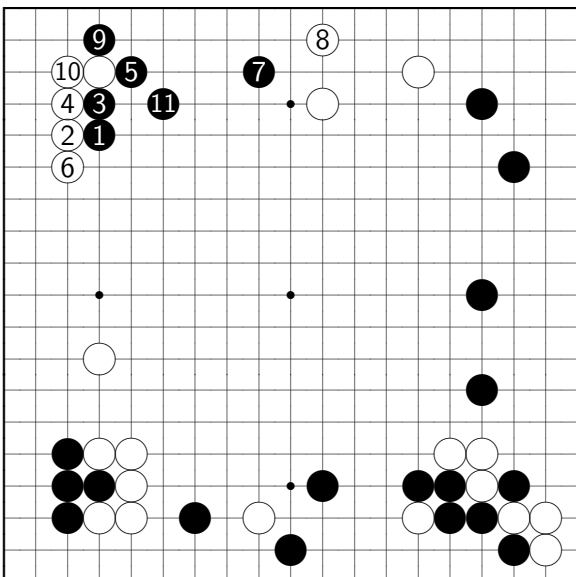
Younggil [8p]: There's a better place for White 40. Where is it?

Kashomon [1k]: A?

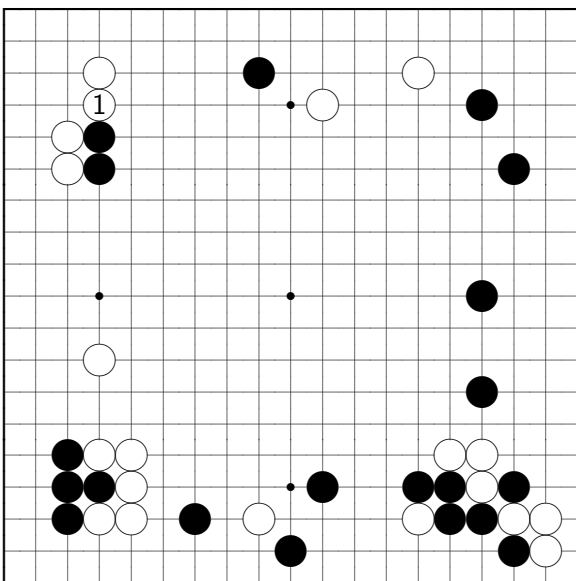


Variation. 16

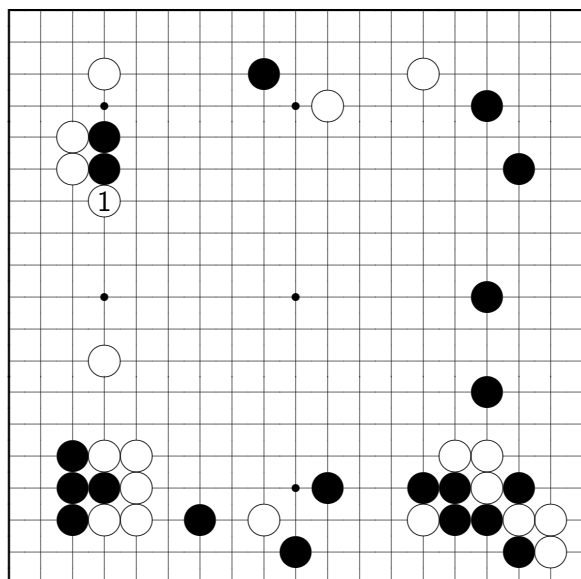
Younggil [8p]: This is reasonable

*Variation. 17*

Younggil [8p]: This is also possible.

*Variation. 18*

Younggil [8p]: This is good.

*Variation. 19*

Younggil [8p]: This also works. Both are ok.

Younggil [8p]: Black played elsewhere while playing here, so playing one move around here is very good.

Younggil [8p]: White can make the two Black stones bad, and so White shouldn't answer the top.

A Missed Chance

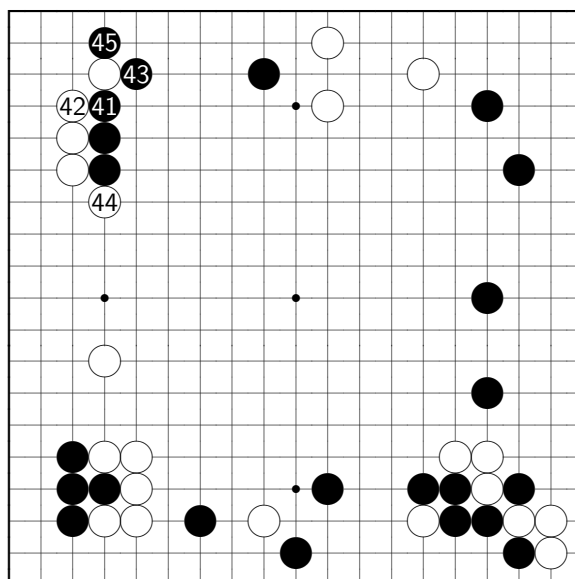
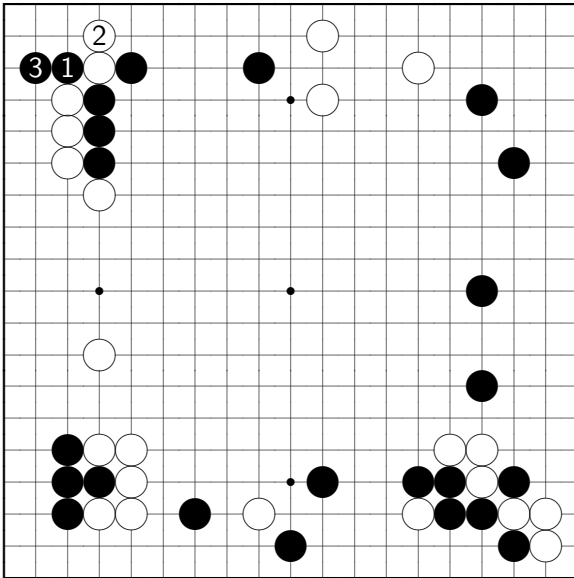
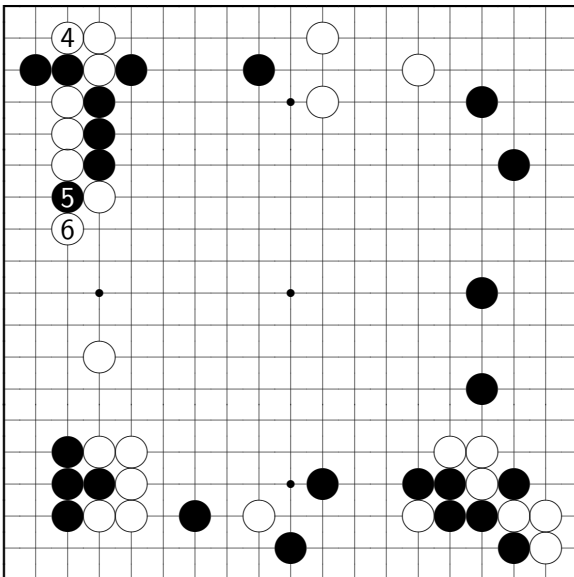


Diagram. 6
(Moves: 41-45)

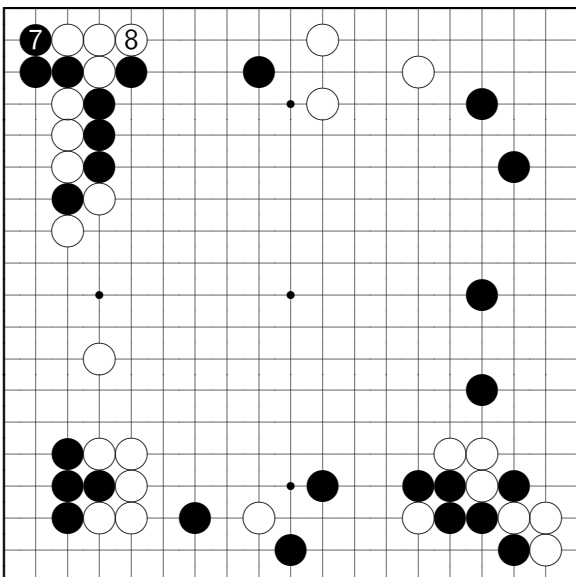
Younggil [8p]: By the way, Black missed a good chance. Black 45 was a mistake.

*Variation. 20*

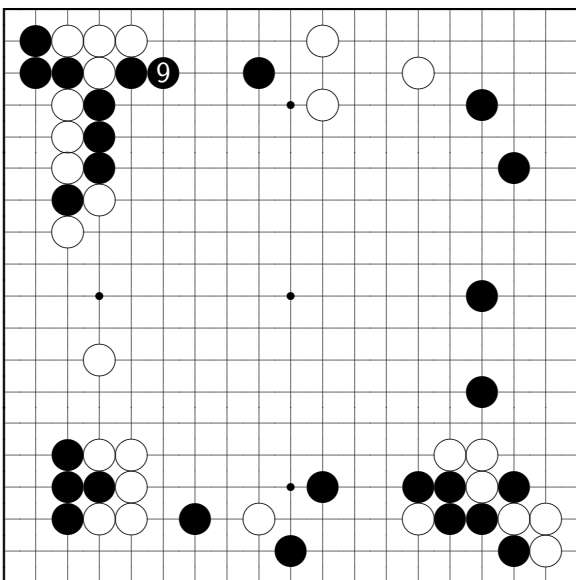
Younggil [8p]: Black should cut here to fight
 Younggil [8p]: if Black plays like this. Where would you continue?

*Variation. 21*

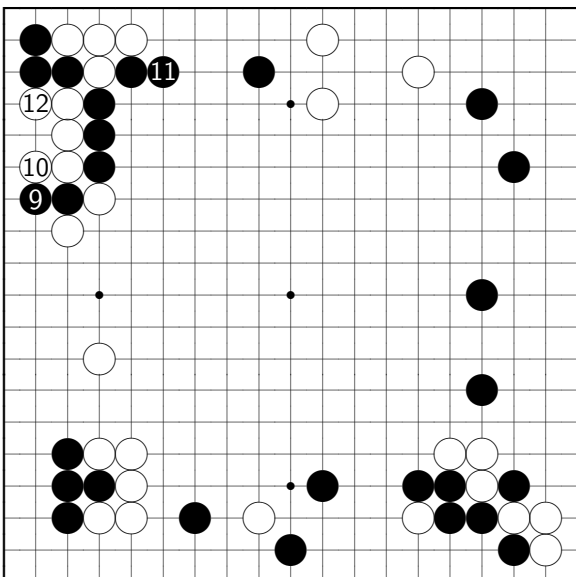
Younggil [8p]: Right, Black should play in the corner first

*Variation. 22*

Younggil [8p]: White should try to save, and then Black can come back to the left side first.

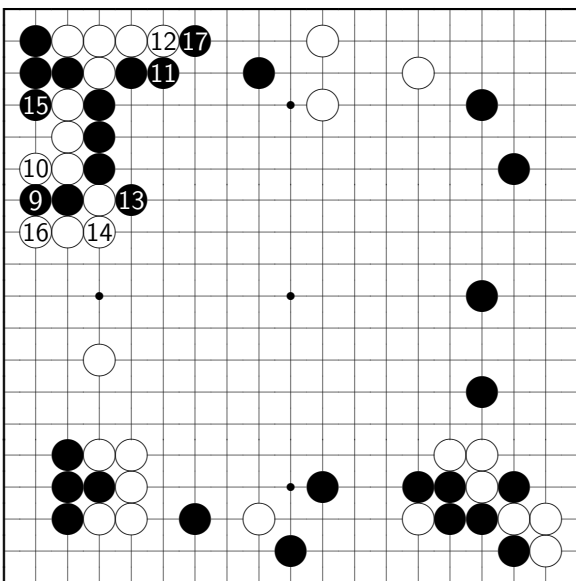
*Variation. 23*

Younggil [8p]: For example, White can make it a ko

*Variation. 24*

Younggil [8p]: This is complicated

Kashomon [1k]: I should study my large avalanche more!

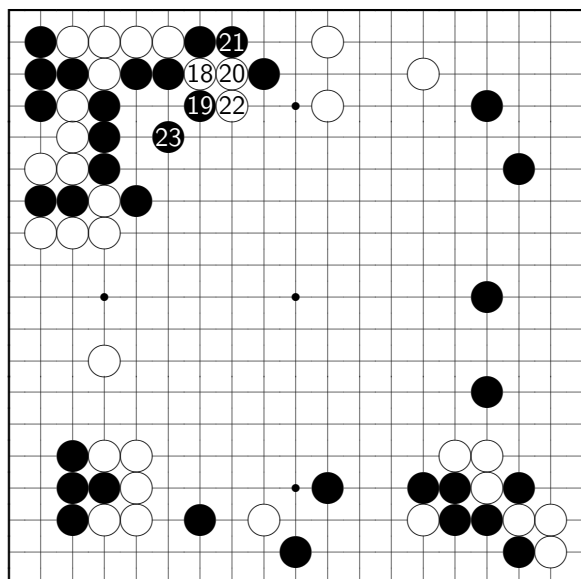
*Variation. 25*

Kashomon [1k]: I haven't seen this variation.

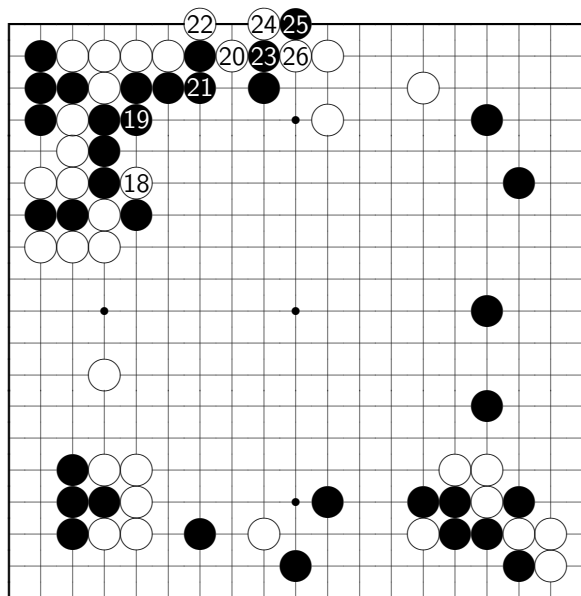
Younggil [8p]: In this case, Black can play like this to capture.

Kashomon [1k]: Because of j17.

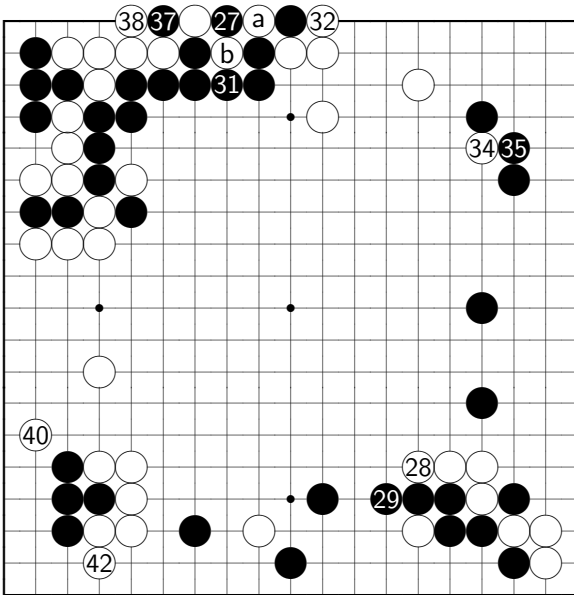
Younggil [8p]: yes right

*Variation. 26*

Younggil [8p]: If White plays like this, Black can capture White's stones.

*Variation. 27*

Younggil [8p]: White still has options: Later, White can make it a ko, later.



Variation. 28

White 30 at a, Black 33 at 27, White 36 at b, Black 39 at 27, Black 41 at b.

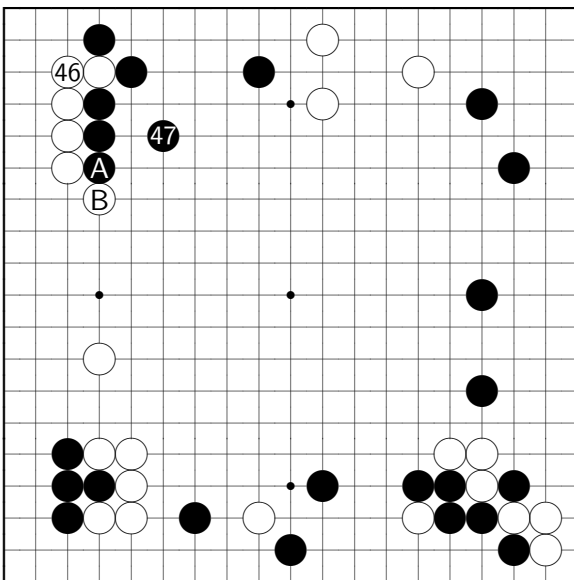
Younggil [8p]: Maybe something like this. White can capture the bottom left

Kashomon [1k]: I see. It's a heavy ko for black.

Younggil [8p]: Yes, normally black's better, but in this game, it wasn't the first joseki on the board – here were already many stones.

Kashomon [1k]: I see

Younggil [8p]: So White has more ko threats compared to normal situations.



*Diagram. 7
(Moves: 46-47)*

Kashomon [1k]: Black 47 seemed like a mistake

Younggil [8p]: because the exchange of A for B is good for White

Kashomon [1k]: I see

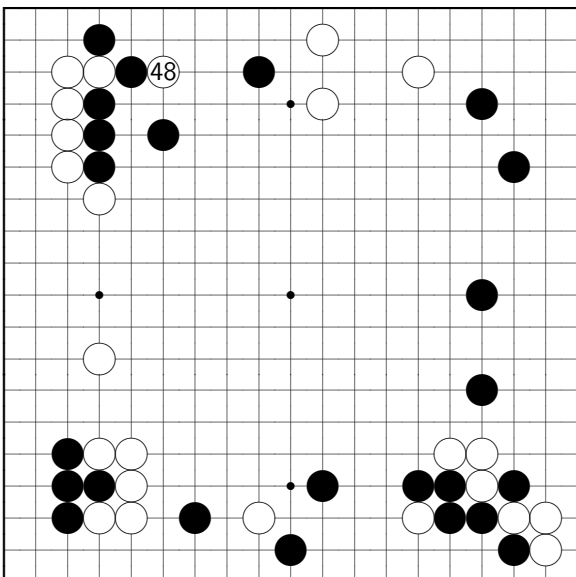


Diagram. 8
(Move: 48)

Younggil [8p]: This was sharp

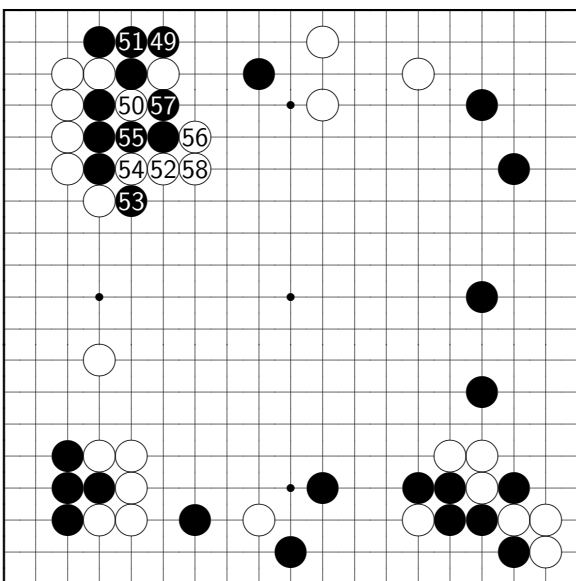


Diagram. 9
(Moves: 49-58)

Younggil [8p]: Very good

White Defends his Moyo

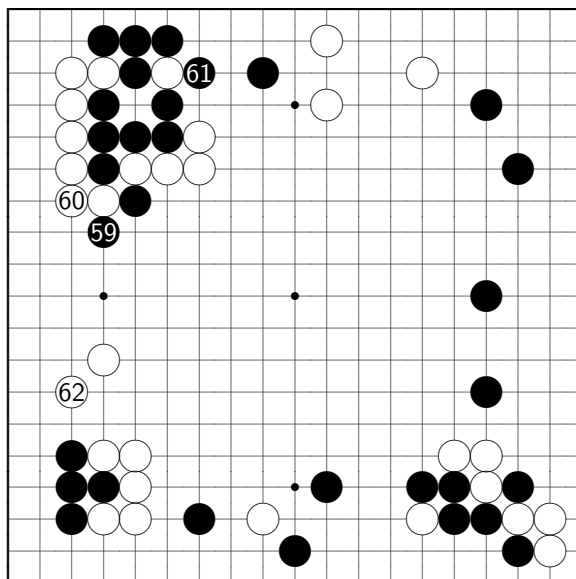
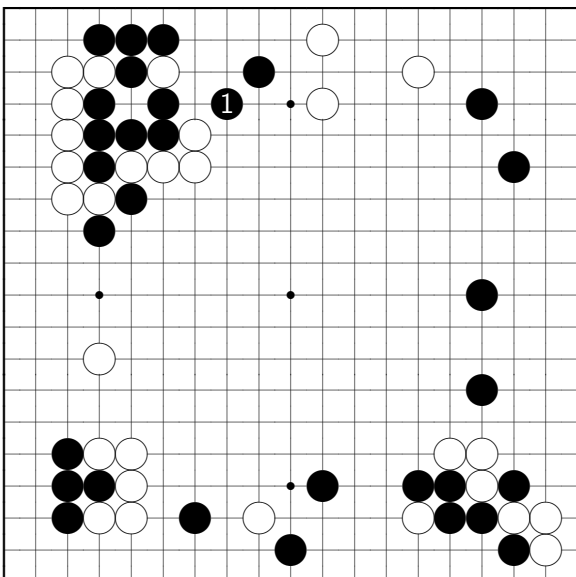


Diagram. 10
(Moves: 59-62)

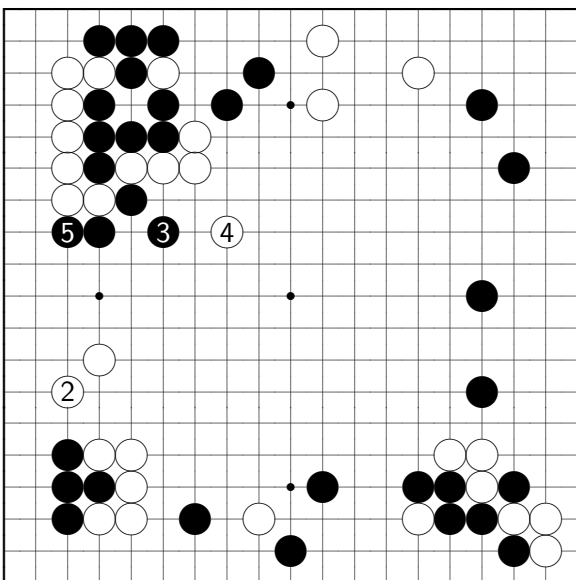
Younggil [8p]: So were you satisfied up to here?

Kashomon [1k]: Yes

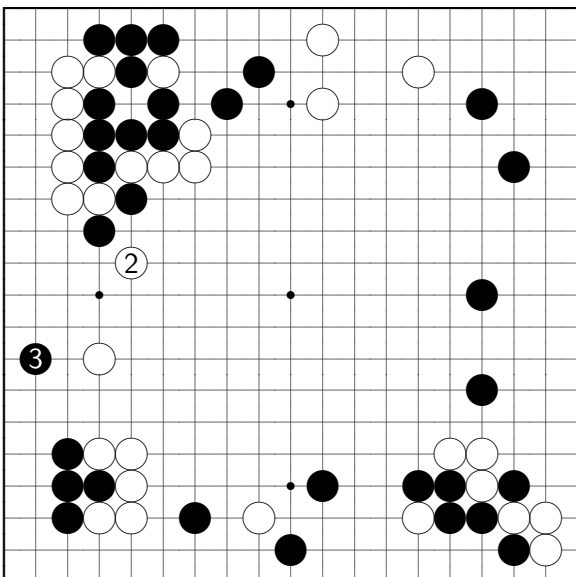
Younggil [8p]: Very good for White.

*Variation. 29*

Younggil [8p]: This would be better shape.

*Variation. 30*

Younggil [8p]: Black can fight like this.



Variation. 31

Younggil [8p]: Black is behind, but it's still playable.

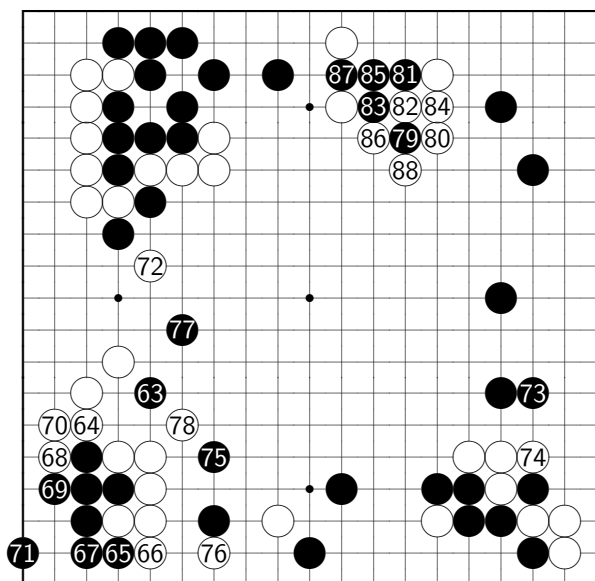


Diagram. 11
(Moves: 63-88)

Younggil [8p]: Smooth and nice. Very good game for you.

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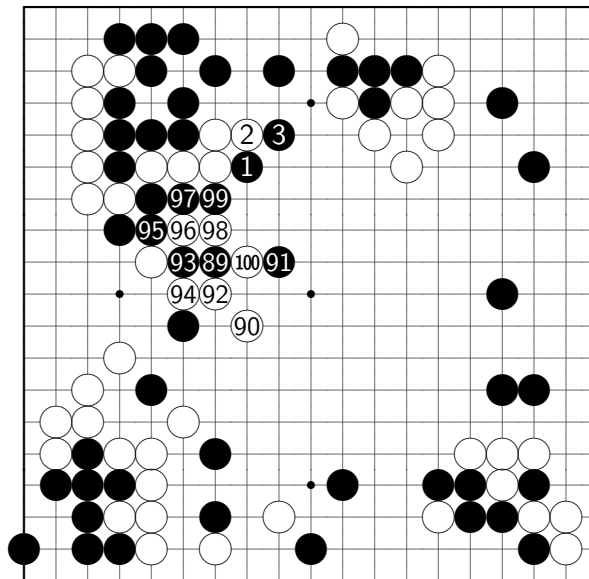


Diagram. 12
(Moves: 89-103)

Younggil [8p]: I see, he misread here, but the game was already quite decided

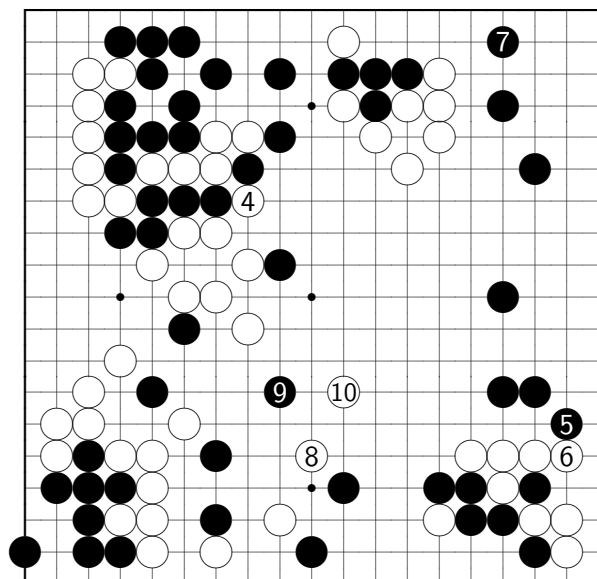


Diagram. 13
(Moves: 104-110)

White wins by Resignation.