

The World's Easiest **CHESS** **PUZZLE BOOK**

Chess Problems and Tactics for Kids and Beginners



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One-Move Capture Problems and Checkmates



Dedication

This book is dedicated to **Kids** and Novice chess players.

Intro

This is a puzzle book that shows **simple one-move captures** for kids and beginners. Usually a beginner can see the capture if you show nothing else on the board but the piece to be captured and the piece that can capture it. A beginner might even say, “I already know how to capture pieces.” But if you watch kids and beginners in real games they are missing undefended pieces all the time. **These puzzles can help beginners to see these undefended pieces in real games.**

This book of tactics is simple for beginners. Most kids and beginners consistently miss undefended pieces. These are sometimes referred to as “hanging pieces.” ***If a beginner just learns to capture undefended pieces his or her chess ability will increase.***

The ability to see and capture hanging pieces is something that the average chess player takes for granted. That may be why there aren’t a lot of books with these kinds of puzzles. These kinds of puzzles shouldn’t even be called tactics puzzles, since tactics mean skewers, forks, discoveries etc, and involve more than one move. *However, being able to capture loose or undefended pieces is really far more important to a beginner than complex tactics.* Without that ability even simple tactics wouldn’t even make sense.

As a chess coach, it is frustrating to stand back and watch kids miss opportunity after opportunity to capture a piece. I also see kids leave their pieces undefended. It is as if the kids are just moving their pieces around the board with no goals or purpose. ***In games like this, the kid who can notice and capture undefended pieces will be king of the hill.***

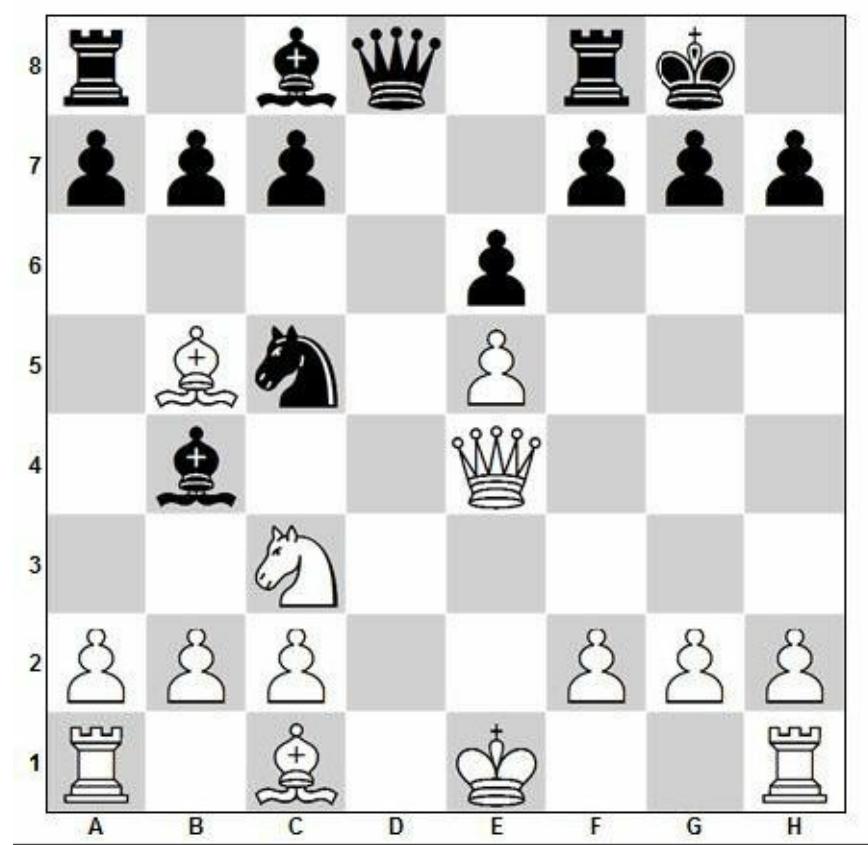
Buy this book for your young chess beginner, and have him or her solve one or two puzzles per day. That might be enough to get him excited about the game of kings, as it is fun for kids to solve these kinds of puzzles and spot the hanging piece and how to capture it.

While there will be explanations provided for some of the answers, this book assumes that the reader knows the basic rules of chess and how to read chess notation. If you need help with that, go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chess_notation



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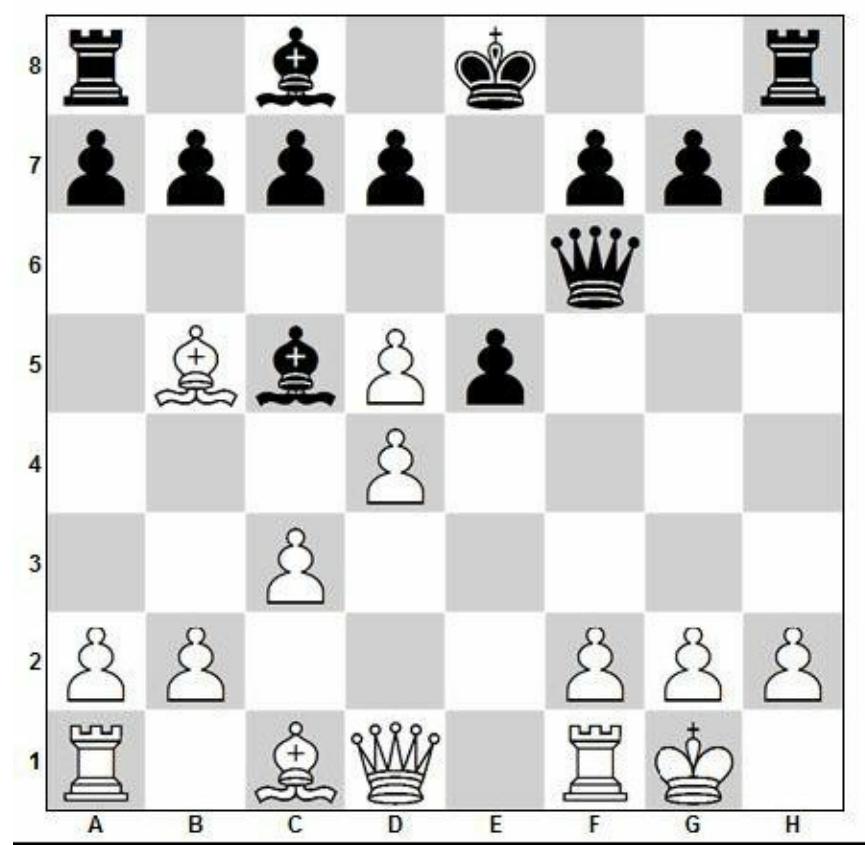
(1) White to move



11.Qxb4 The queen captures the bishop on b4.

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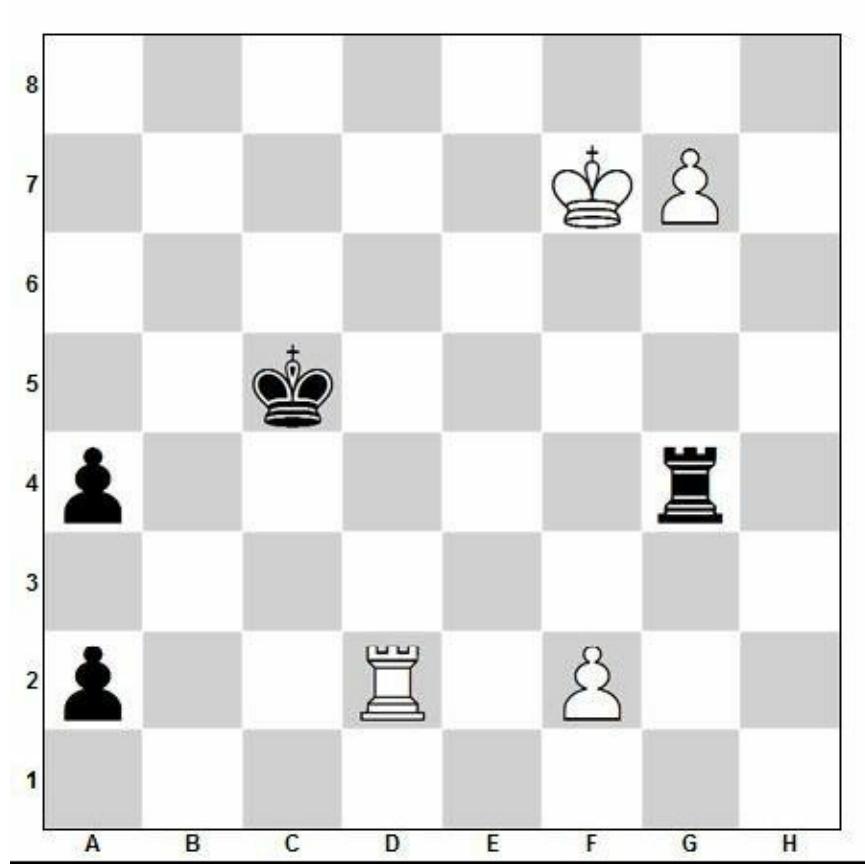
(2) White to move



11.dxc5 The pawn on d4 takes the bishop on c5.

[Jerome Weikel vs Dan Wermers](#)

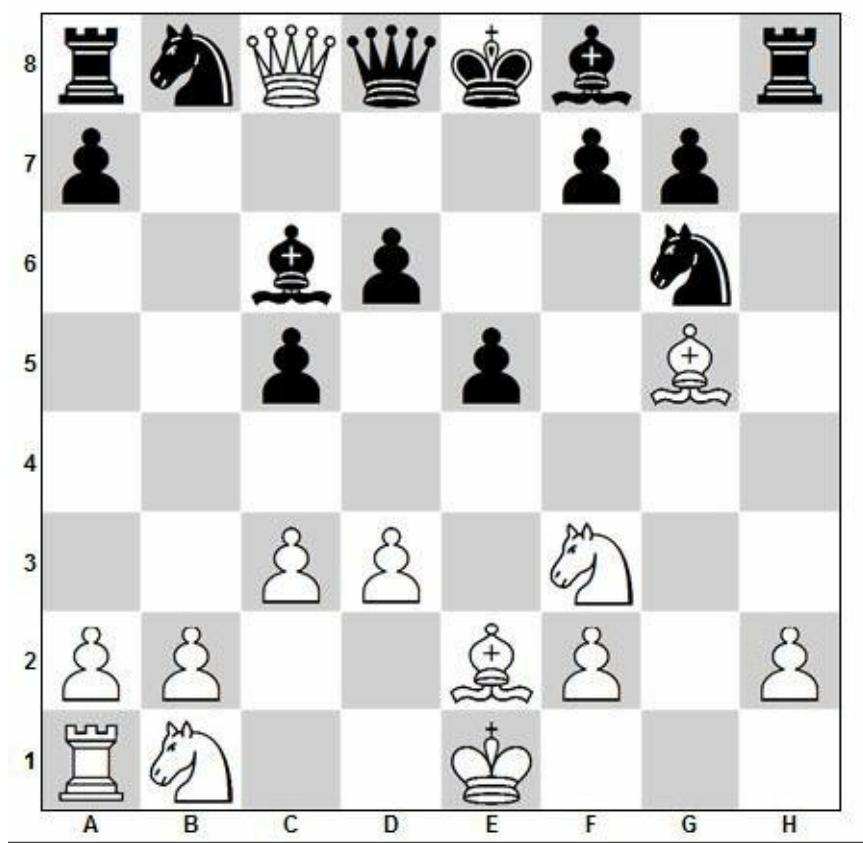
(3) White to move



53. Rx a2 The rook takes the pawn on a2. Since the pawn is black, you know that it started on the a7 square, which means it is about to become a queen if you don't capture it. So not only does this move win a pawn, but it prevents a queen!

[R. Arteaga vs G. Kirste](#)

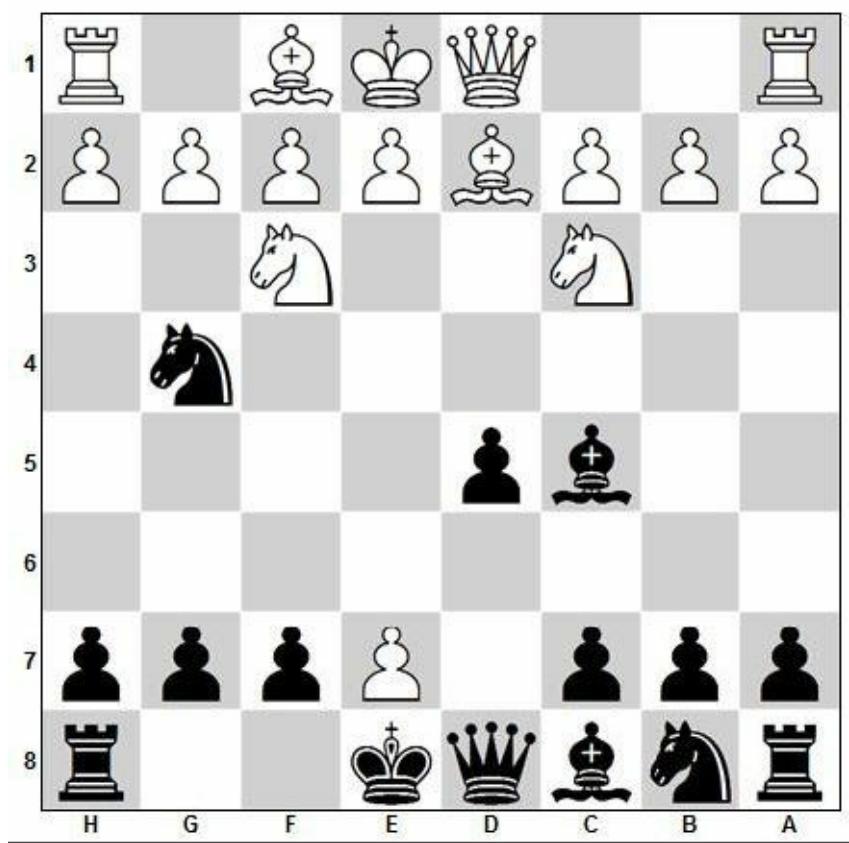
(4) White to move



16.Qxd8# The queen takes the queen with checkmate. The queen is guarded by the bishop on g5.

[Will Grevlos vs Graham Leonard](#)

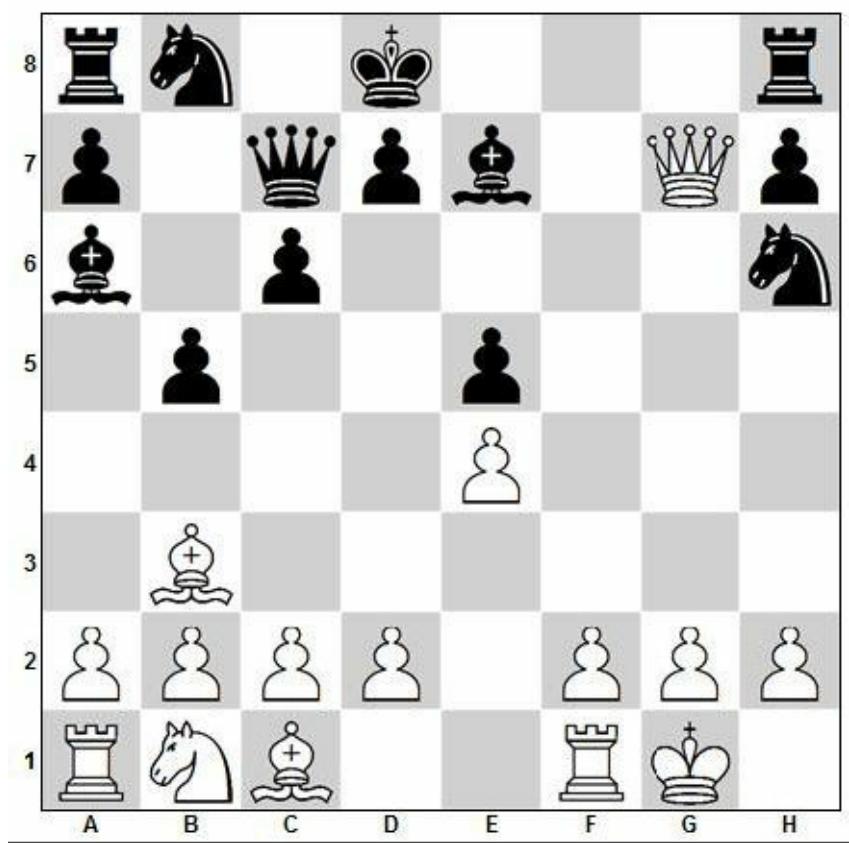
(5) Black to move



7...*Bxf2#* The bishop takes the pawn on f2 with checkmate. The bishop is guarded by the knight on g4.

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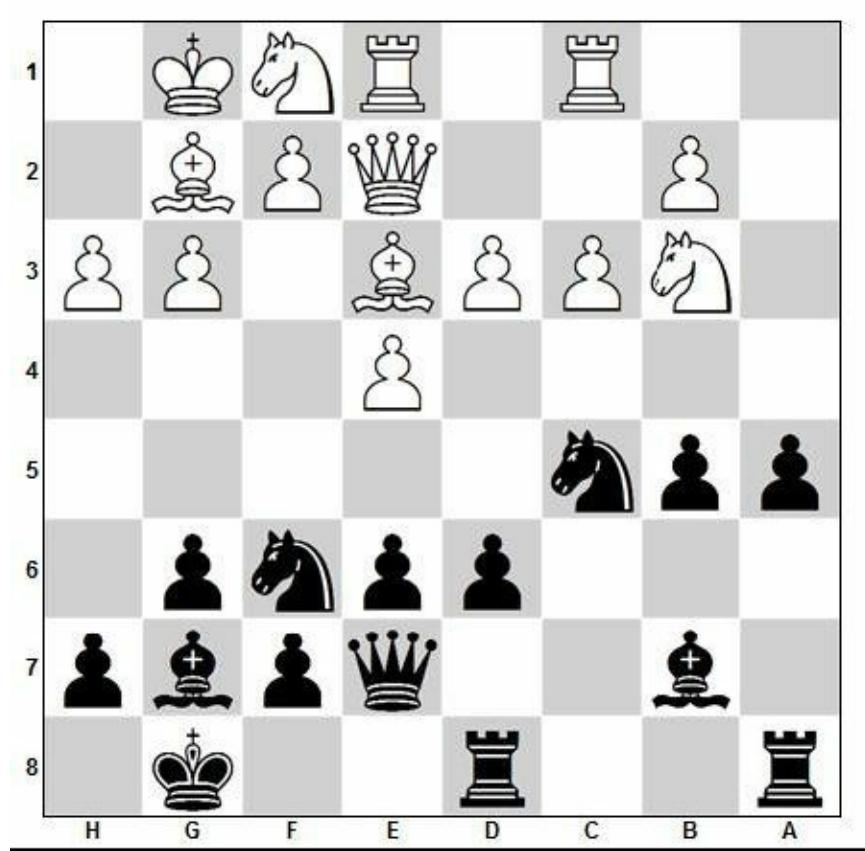
(6) White to move



12.Qxh8+ The queen takes the rook on h8.

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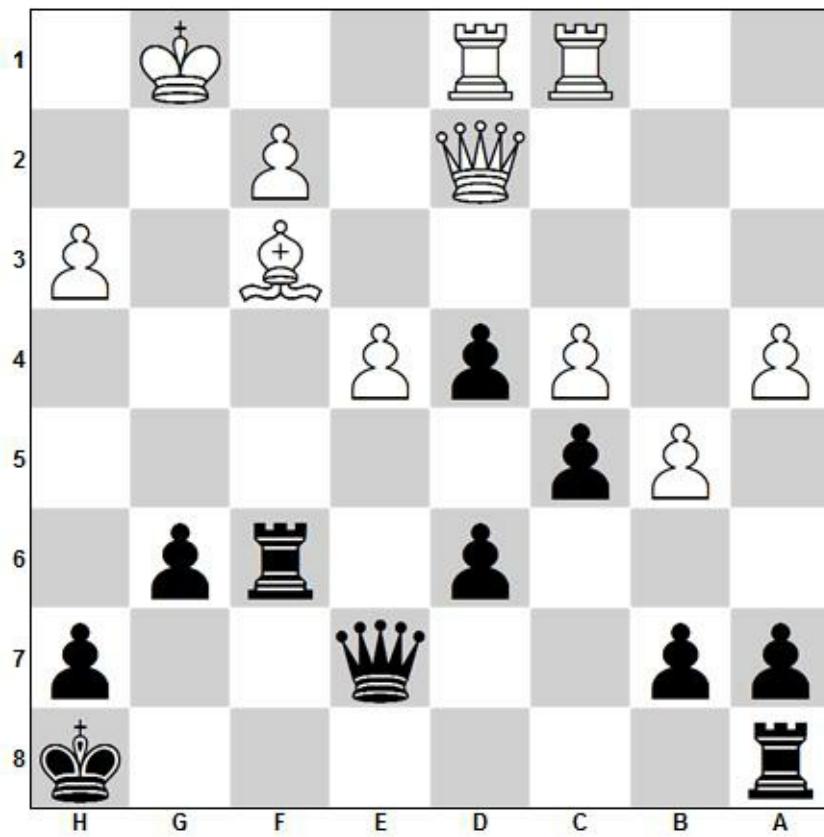
(7) Black to move



18...Nxb3 The knight takes the knight on b3. White played 18. Qe2?? on the previous move, missing this simple capture. Even strong players sometimes miss moves like this.

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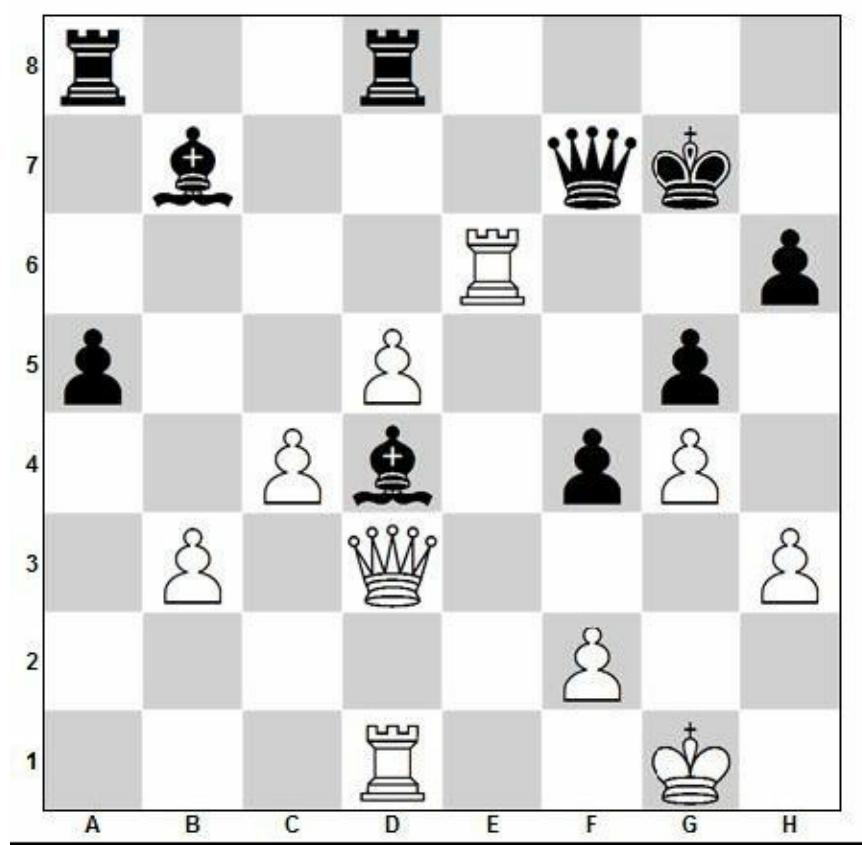
(8) Black to move



25...**Rxf3** The rook takes the bishop on f3.

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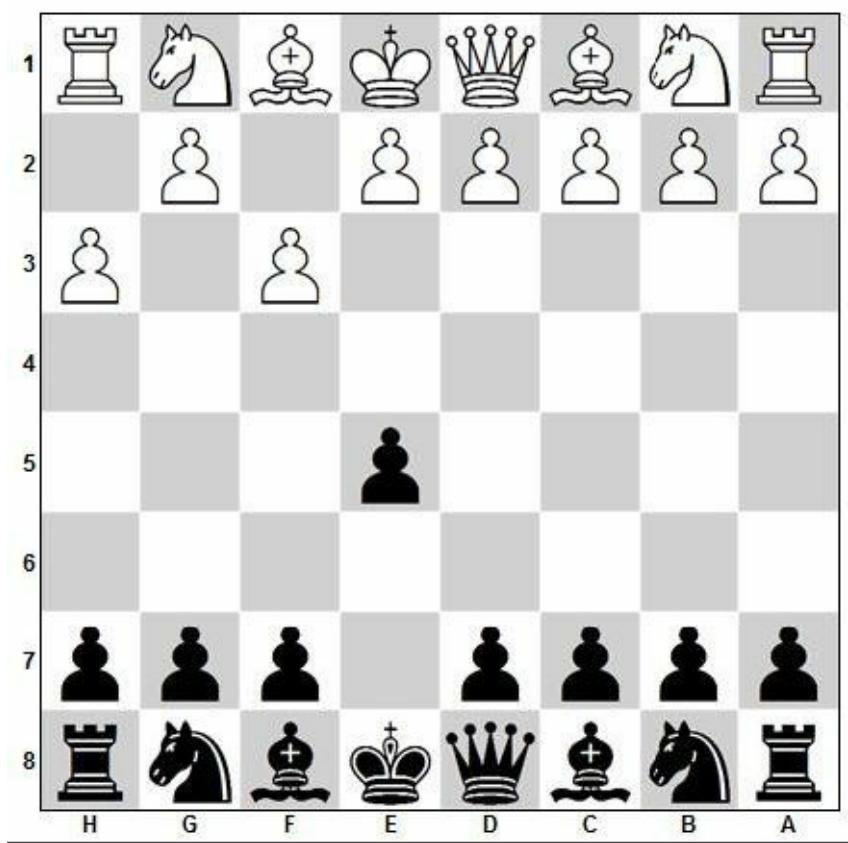
(9) White to move



41.Qxd4+ The queen captures the undefended bishop on d4 with check. The plus sign means check.

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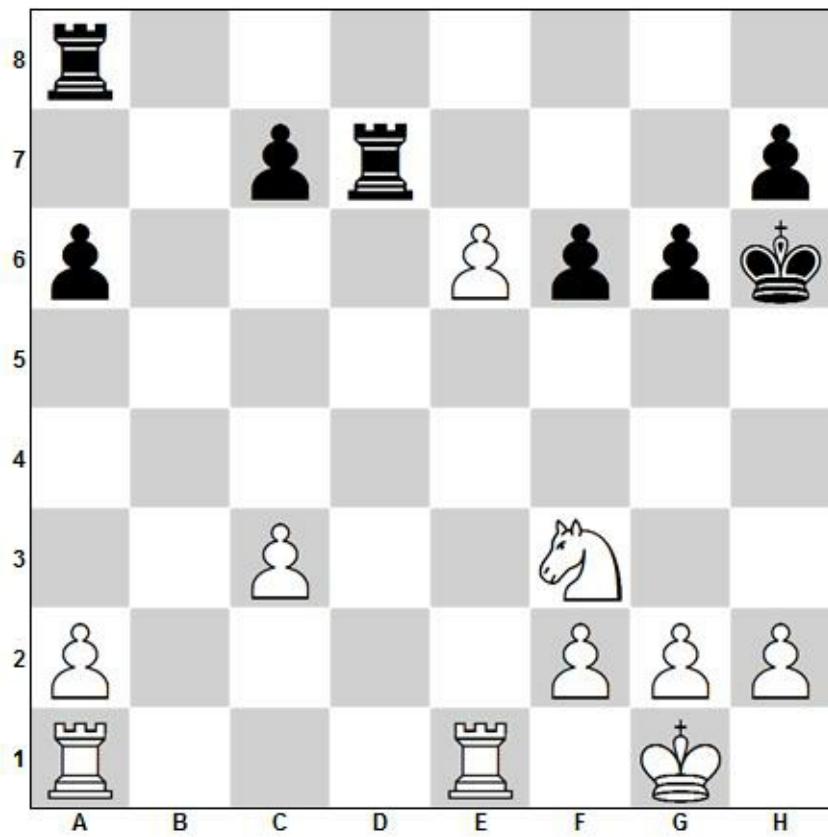
(10) Black to move



2...Qh4+ The queen moves to h4 with check. The next move will be checkmate, because the only way to block the check is to offer a free pawn by playing g3 where it will be unguarded.

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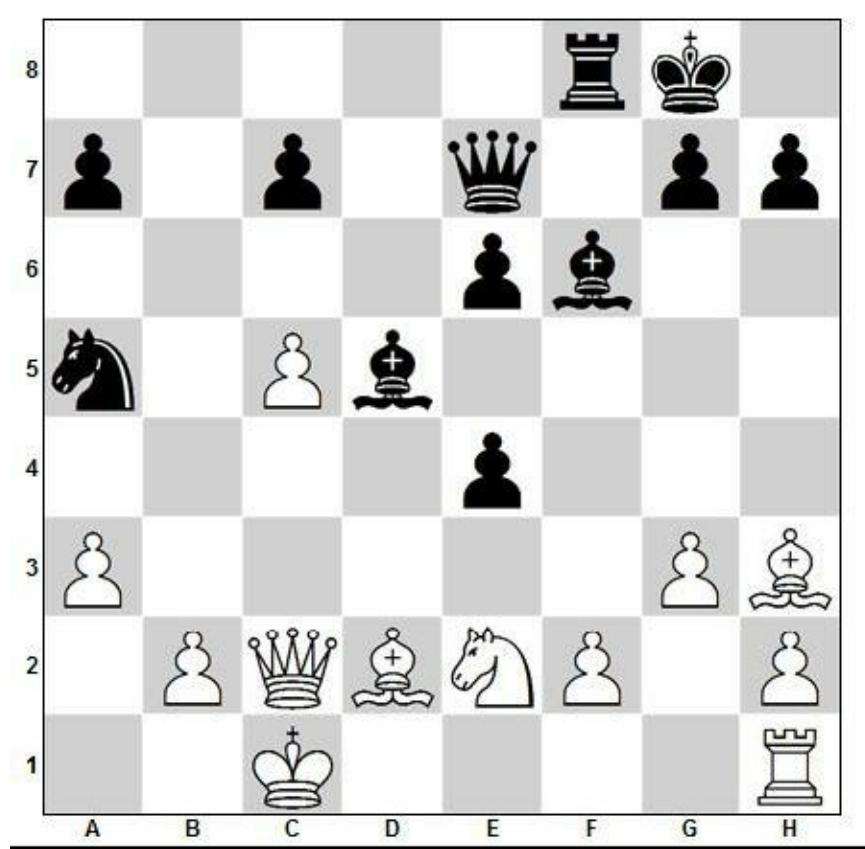
(11) White to move



27. ***exd7*** The pawn on e6 takes the pawn on d7

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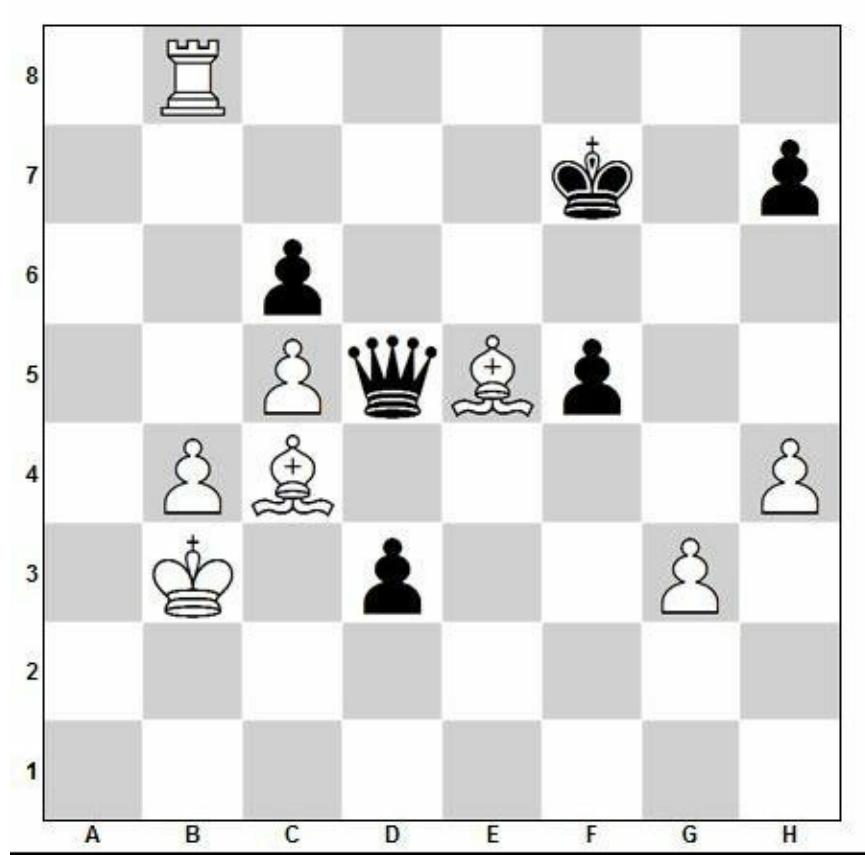
(12) White to move



21.Bxa5 The bishop takes the knight on a5. On the previous move Black played 20...Bd5, missing this one move threat.

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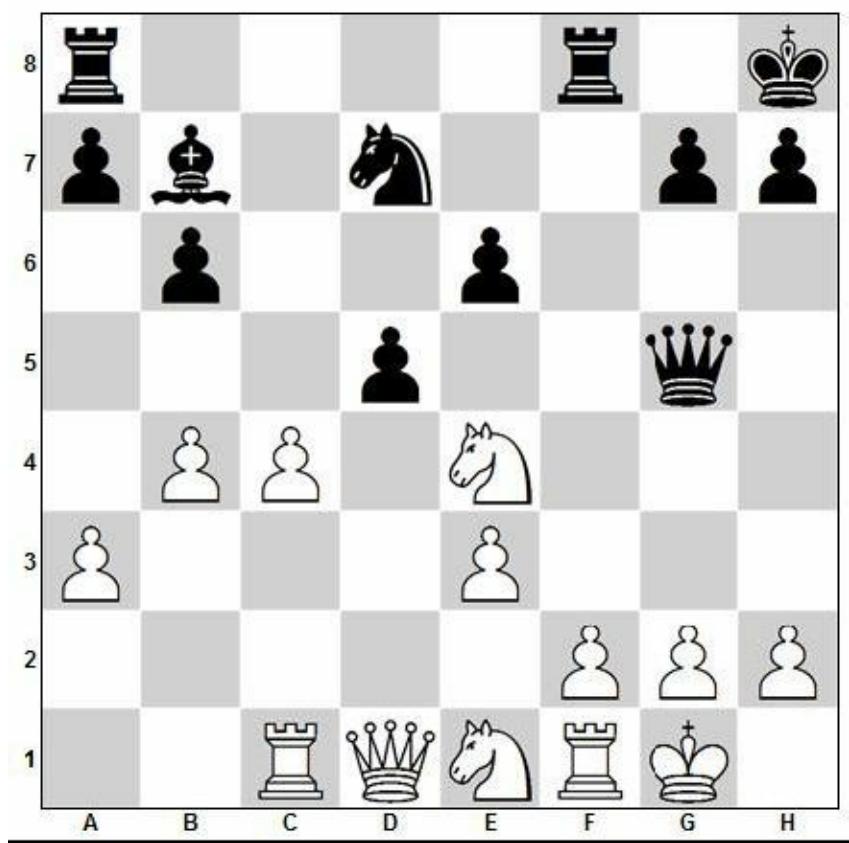
(13) White to move



51.Bxd5+ The bishop takes the queen on d5 with check. The pawn will capture the bishop, but the queen is worth 9 pawns and the bishop is only worth 3, so it is a great trade for white.

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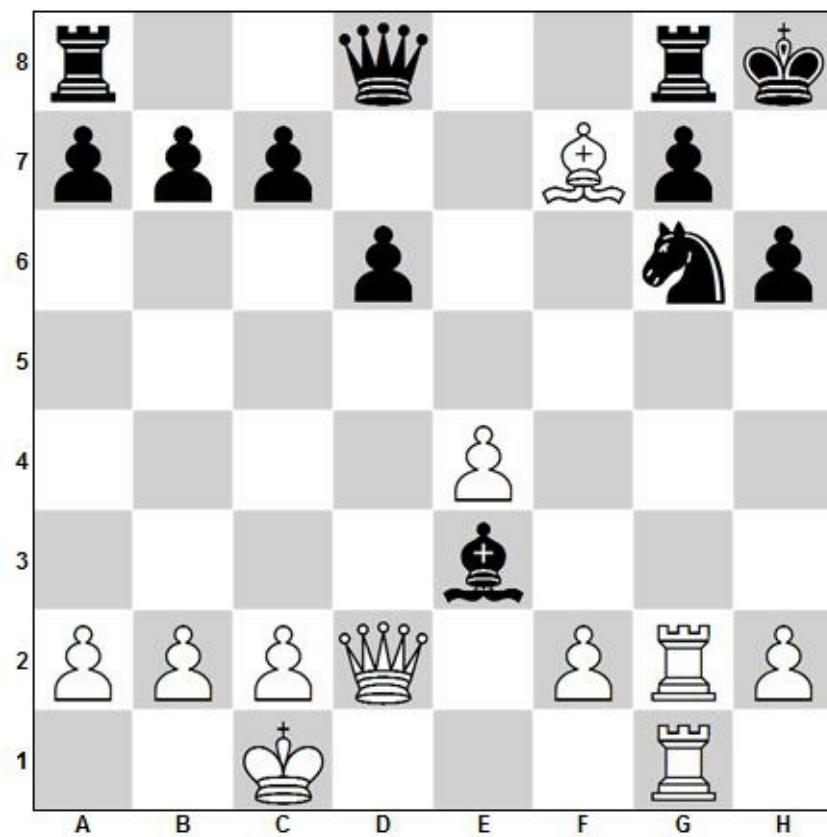
(14) White to move



19.Nxg5 The knight takes the queen on g5.

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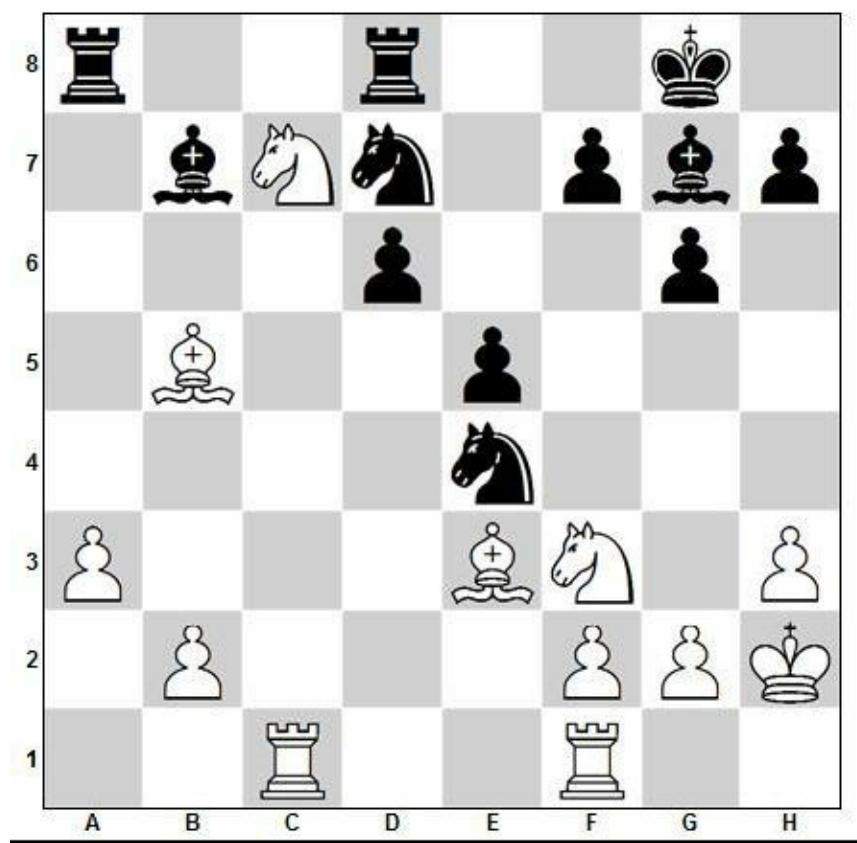
(15) White to move



20.Qxe3 The queen takes the bishop on e3.

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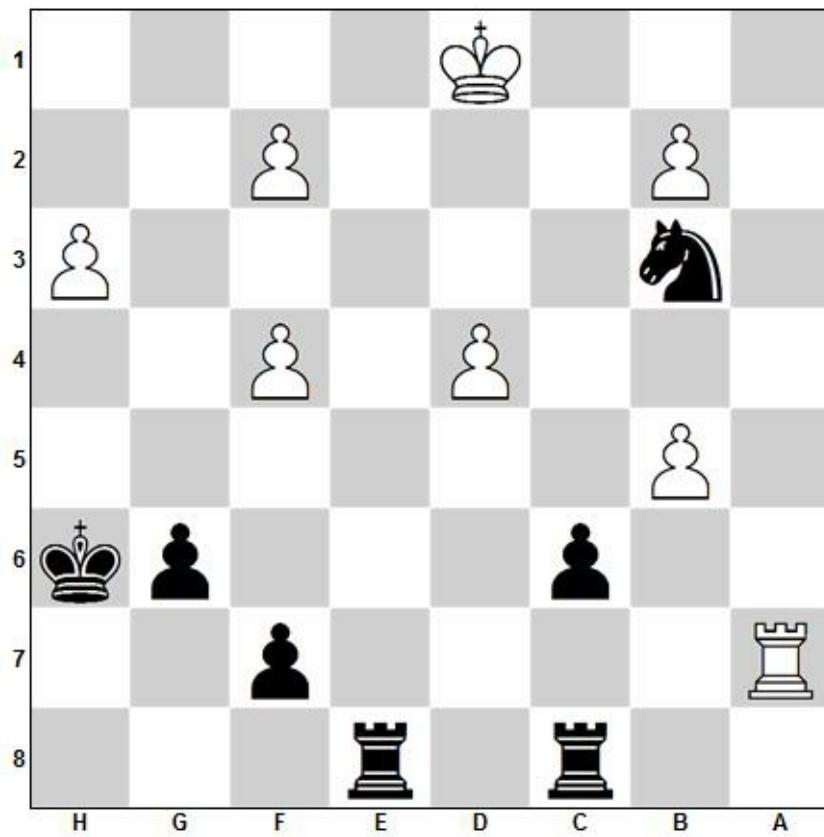
(16) White to move



20.Nxa8 The knight takes the rook on a8.

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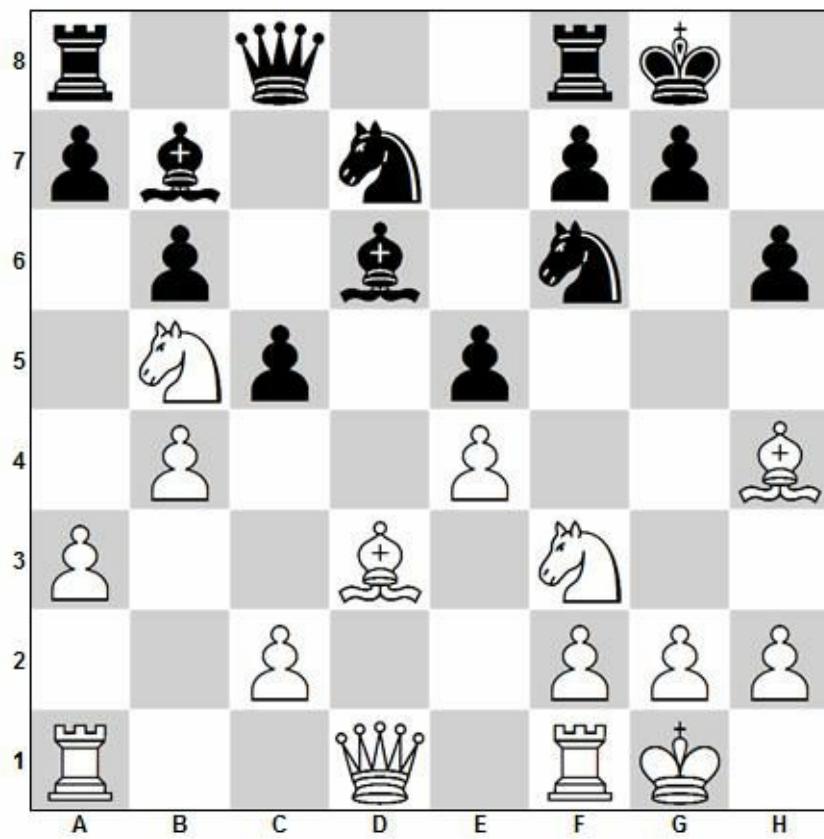
(17) Black to move



28...cxb5 The pawn on c6 takes the pawn on b5.

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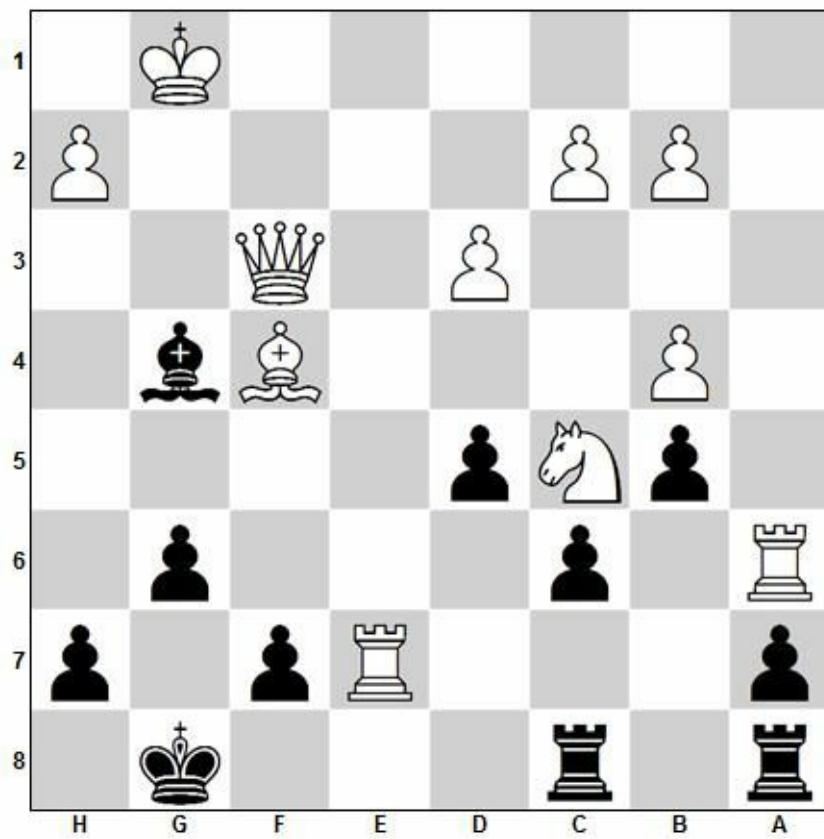
(18) White to move



13.Nxd6 The knight takes the bishop on d6.

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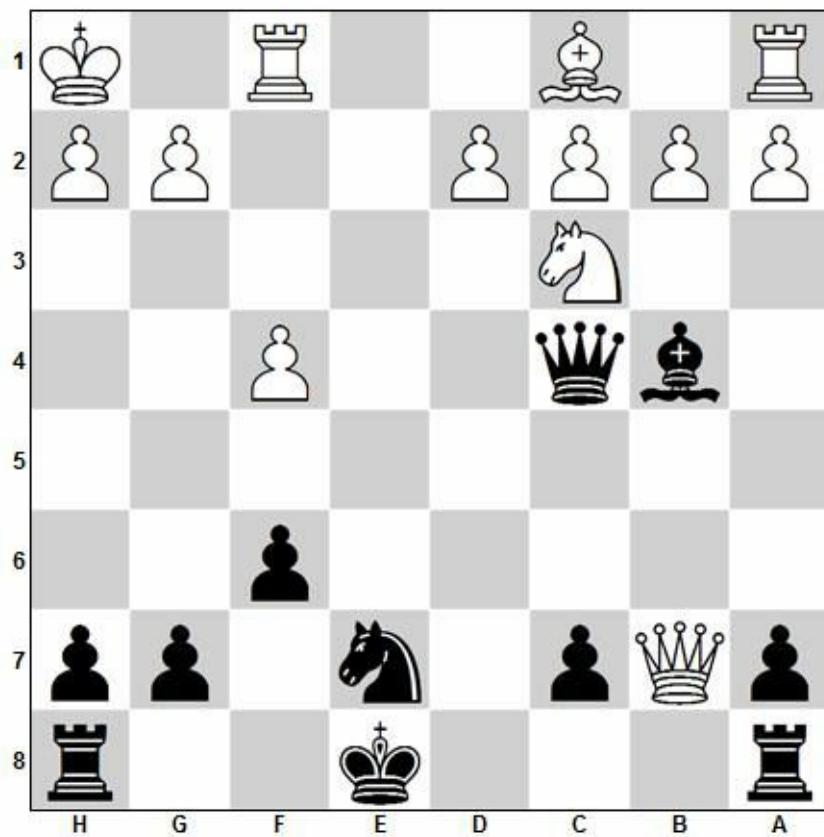
(19) Black to move



23...**Bxf3** The Bishop take the Queen on f3.

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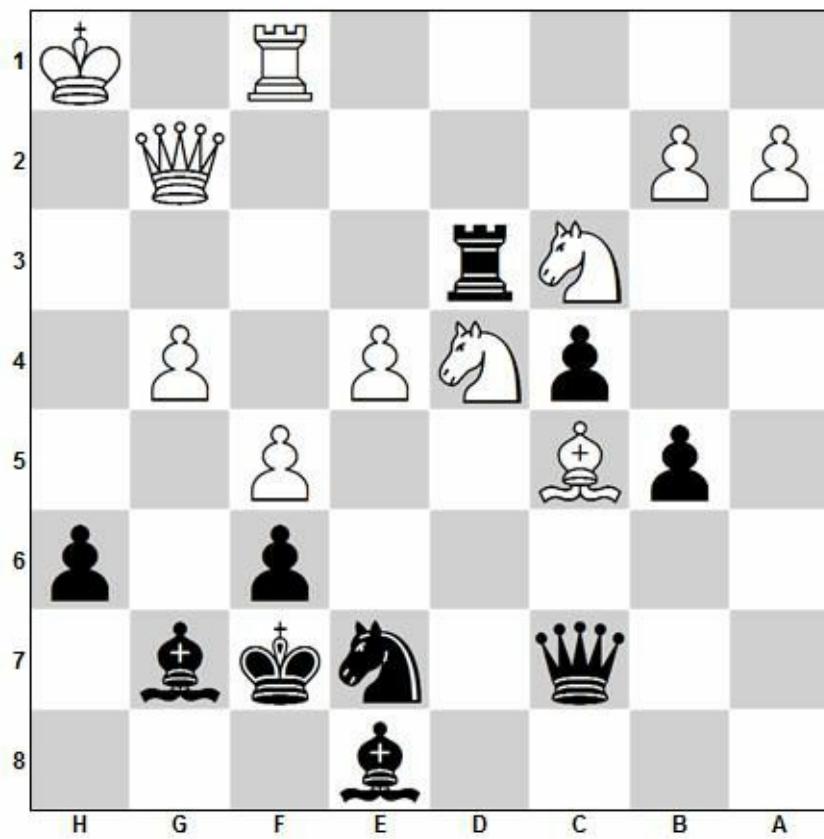
(20) Black to move



12...Qxf1# The queen takes the rook with checkmate!-

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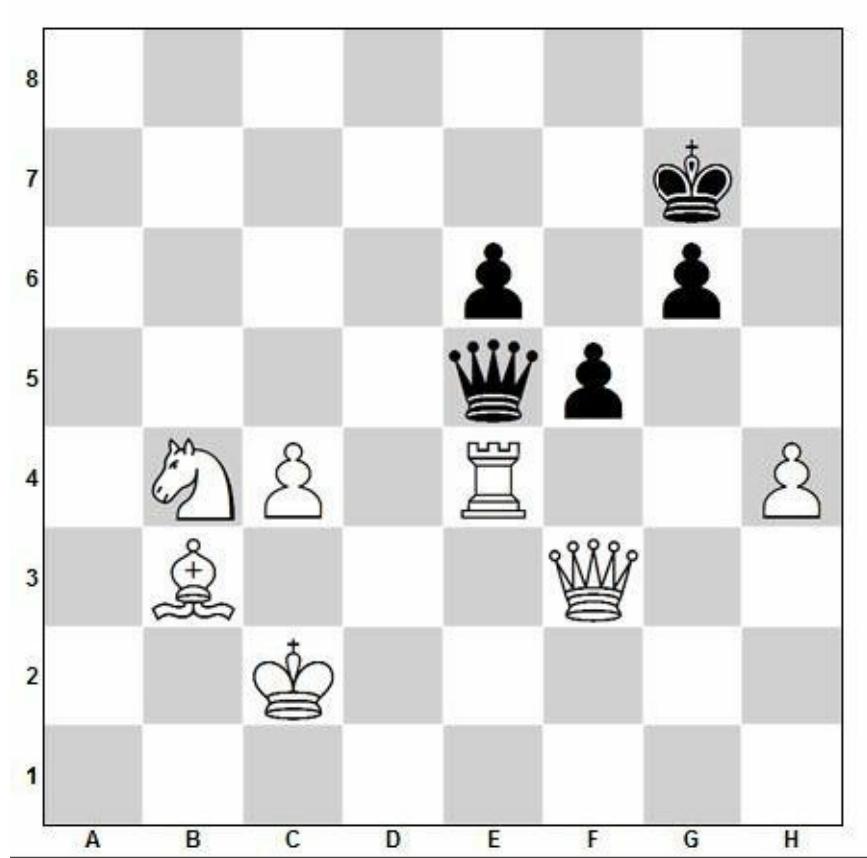
(21) Black to move



34...Qxc5 The Queen takes the bishop on c5.

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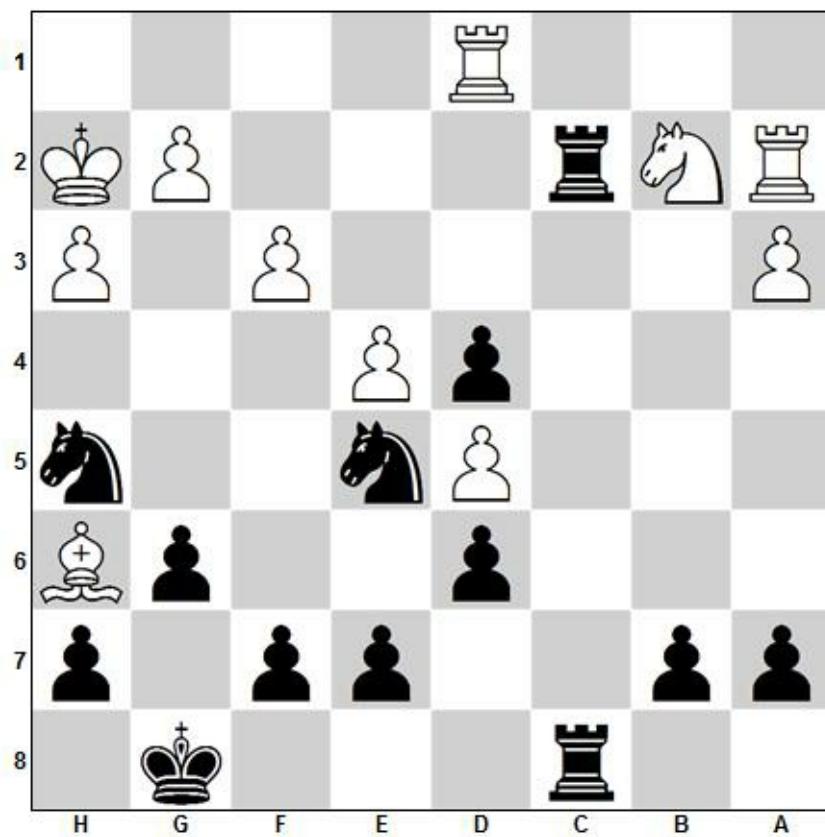
(22) White to move



40.Rxe5 The Rook takes the queen on e5

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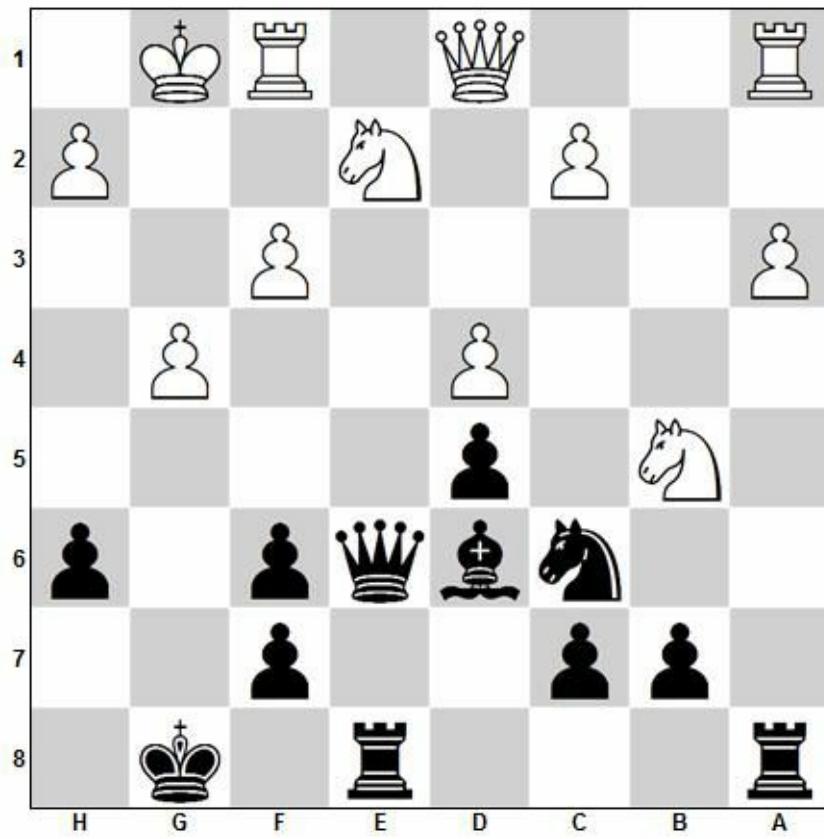
(23) Black to move



25...Nxf3+ The knight takes the pawn on f3. The pawn on g2 can't recapture because it is pinned by the rook. It is illegal to move the pawn because it would be moving into check.

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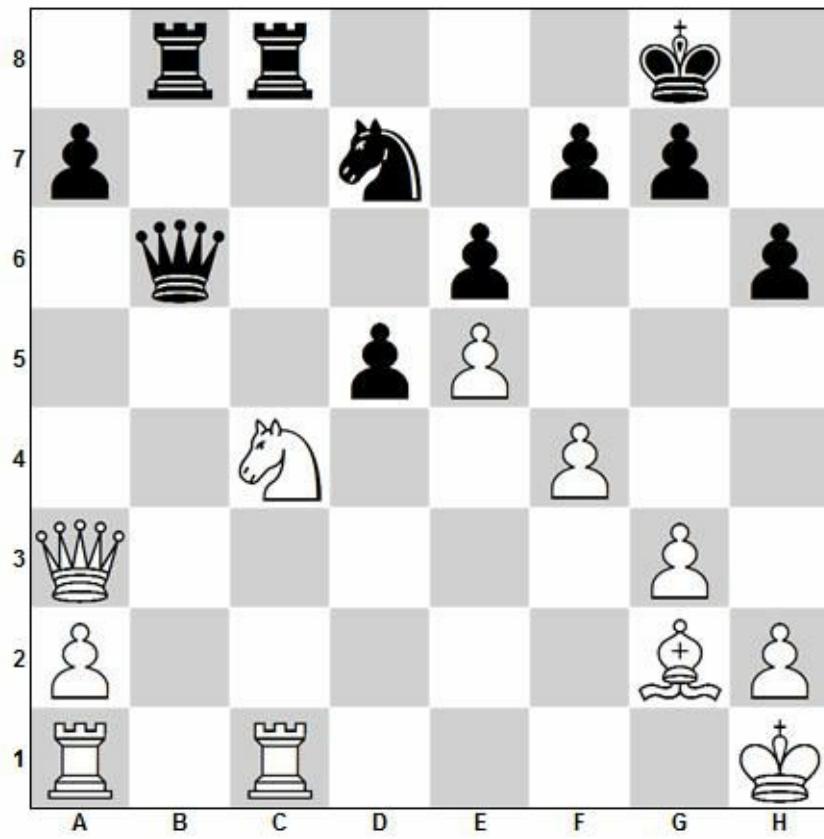
(24) White to move



17...Qxe2 The Queen takes the knight on e2.. The knight was attacked twice, but only defended once. Black wins a piece.

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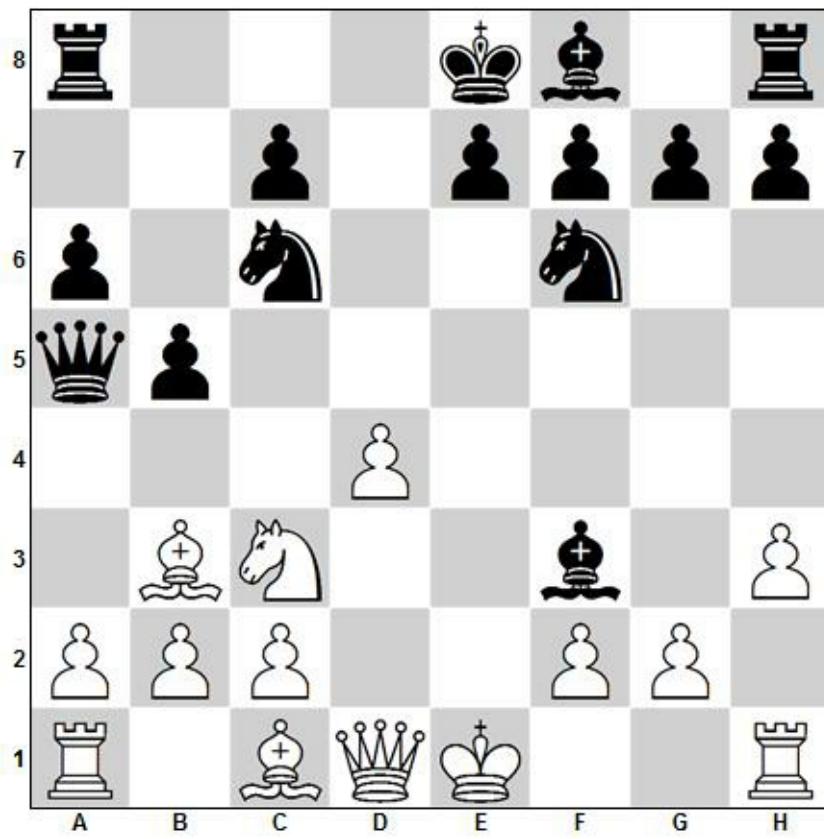
(25) White to move



27.Nxb6 The Knight takes the queen on b6.

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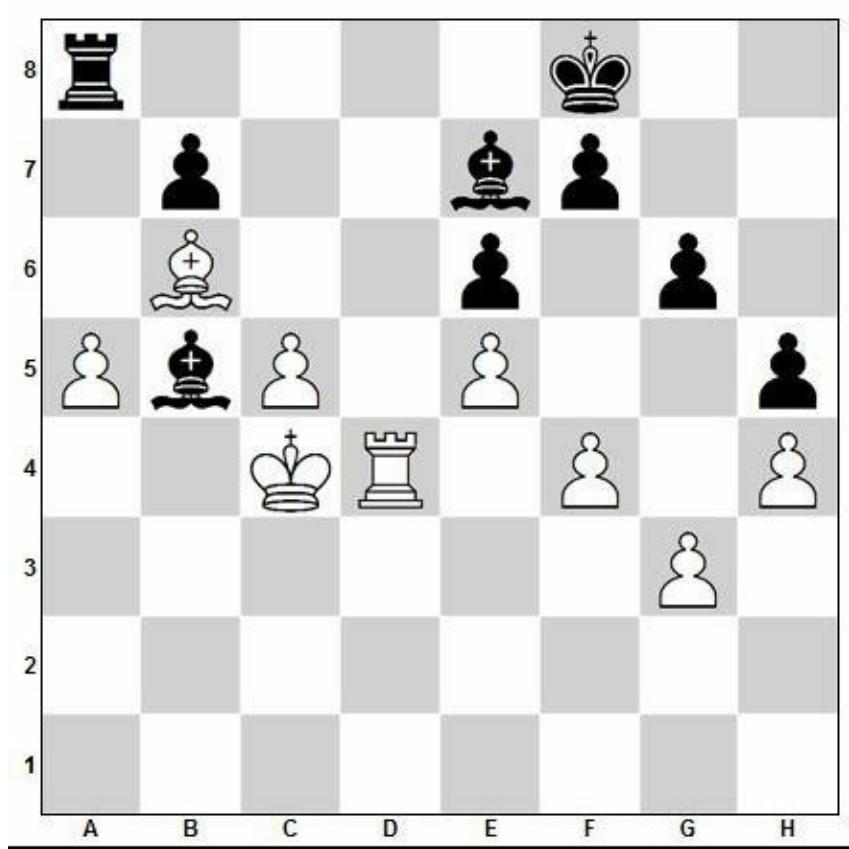
(26) White to move



10.Qxf3 The queen takes the bishop on f3. The pawn can also capture it, but that would weaken white's kingside pawns and his ability to castle.

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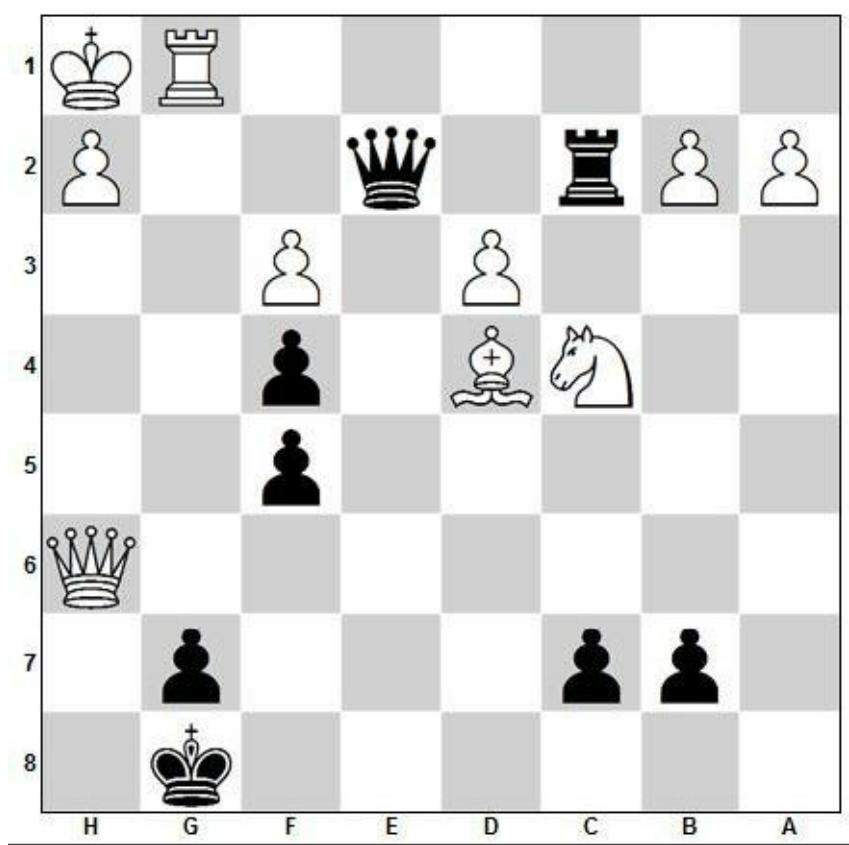
(27) White to move



45.Kxb5 The king takes the unprotected bishop on b5 and gets out of check.

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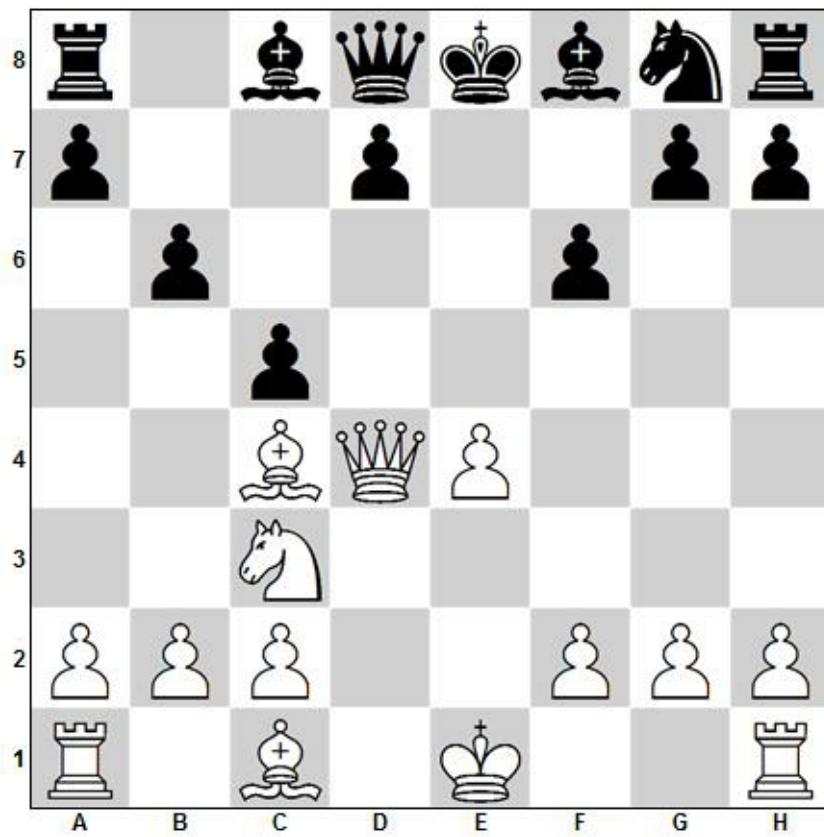
(28) Black to move



36...Qxf3+ The queen takes the pawn on f3 with check.

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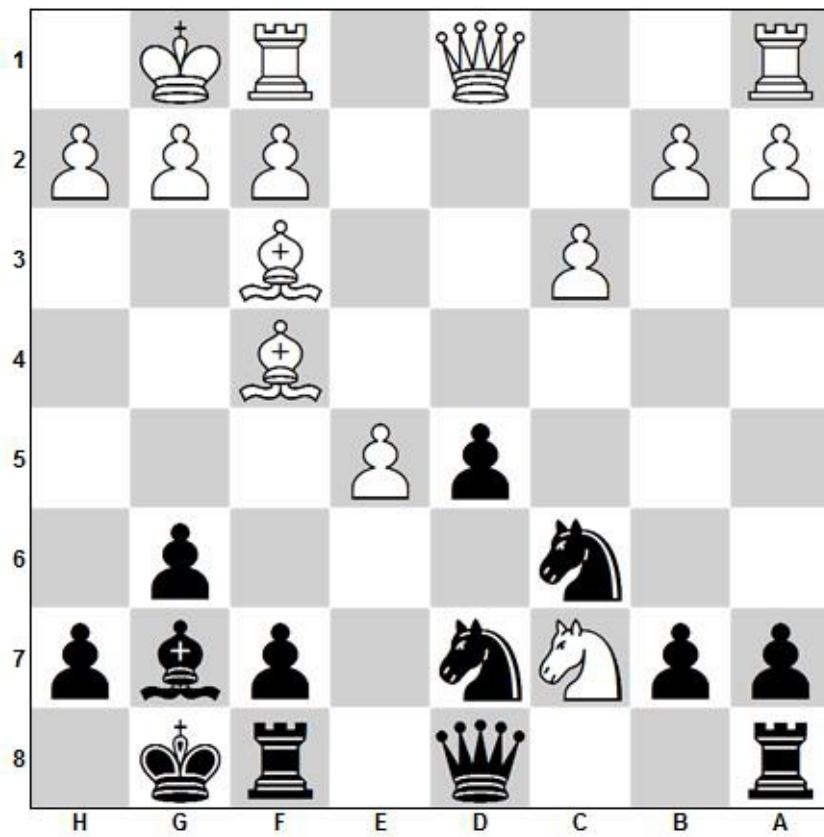
(29) White to move



8.Qd5 Move the queen to d5. If the queen stays on d5 it will be captured by the pawn on c6. On d5 the queen is forking the rook on a8 and the checkmate on f7.

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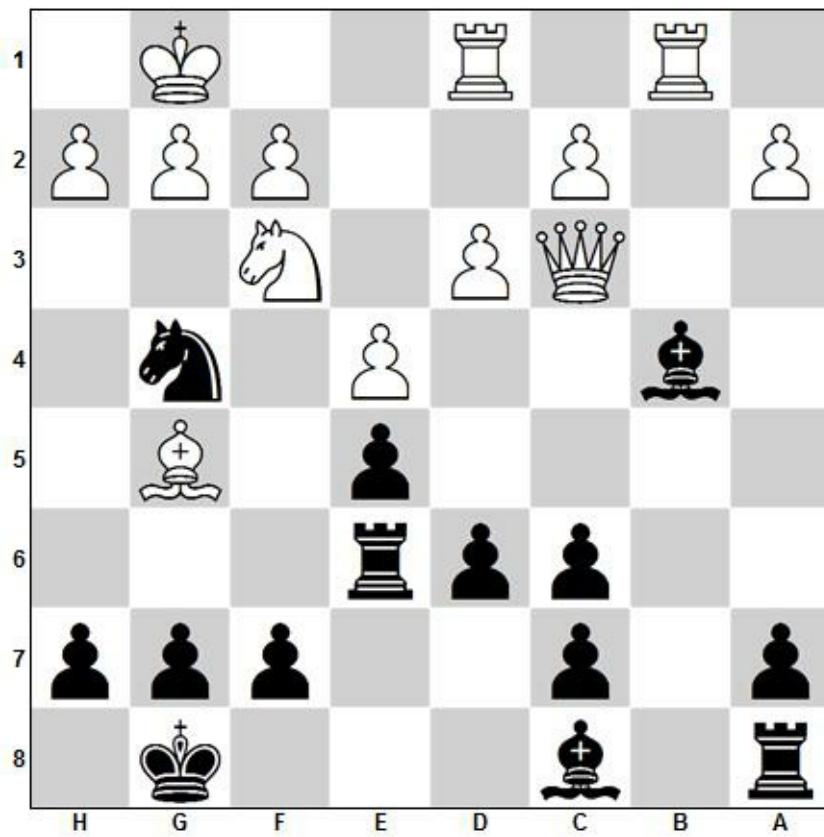
(30) Black to move



13...Qxc7 The queen takes the knight on c7

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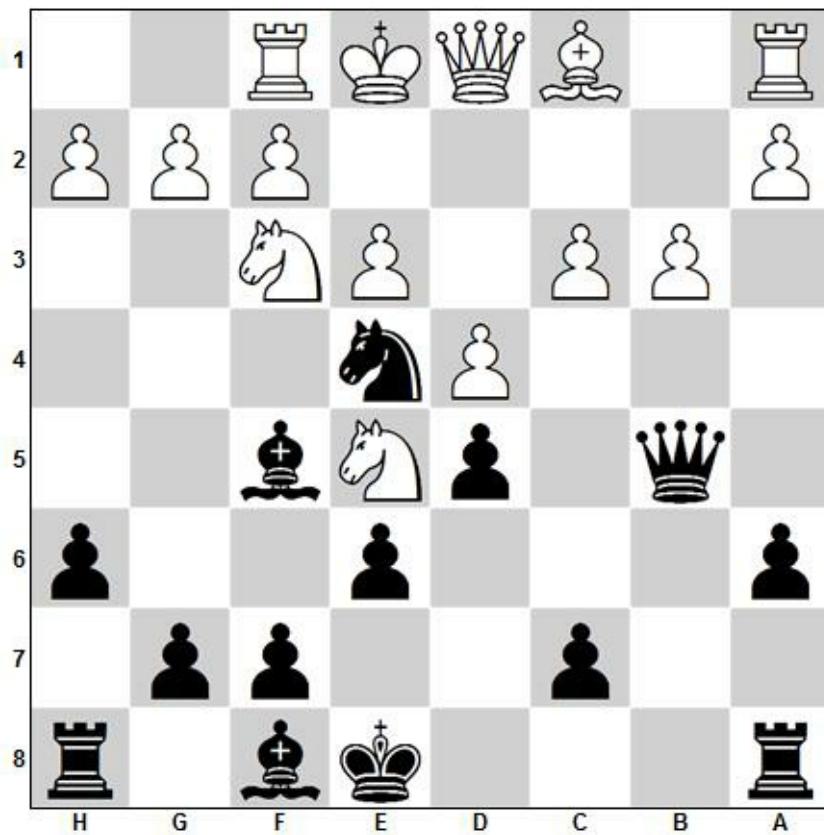
(31) Black to move



17...Bxc3 The bishop takes the queen on c3

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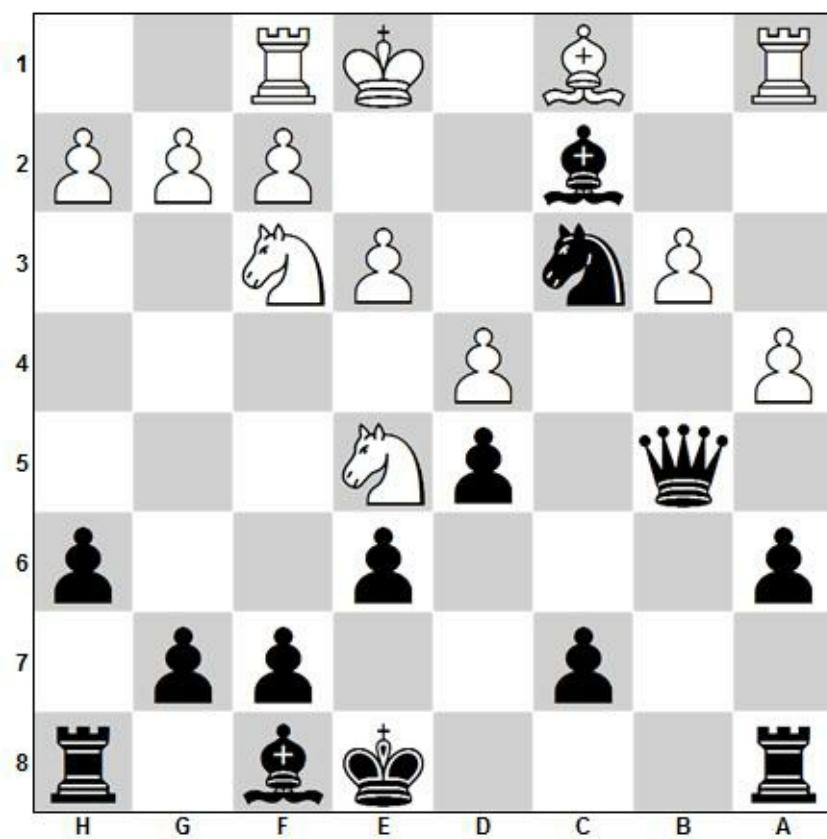
(32) Black to move



13...Nxc3 The knight takes the pawn on c3

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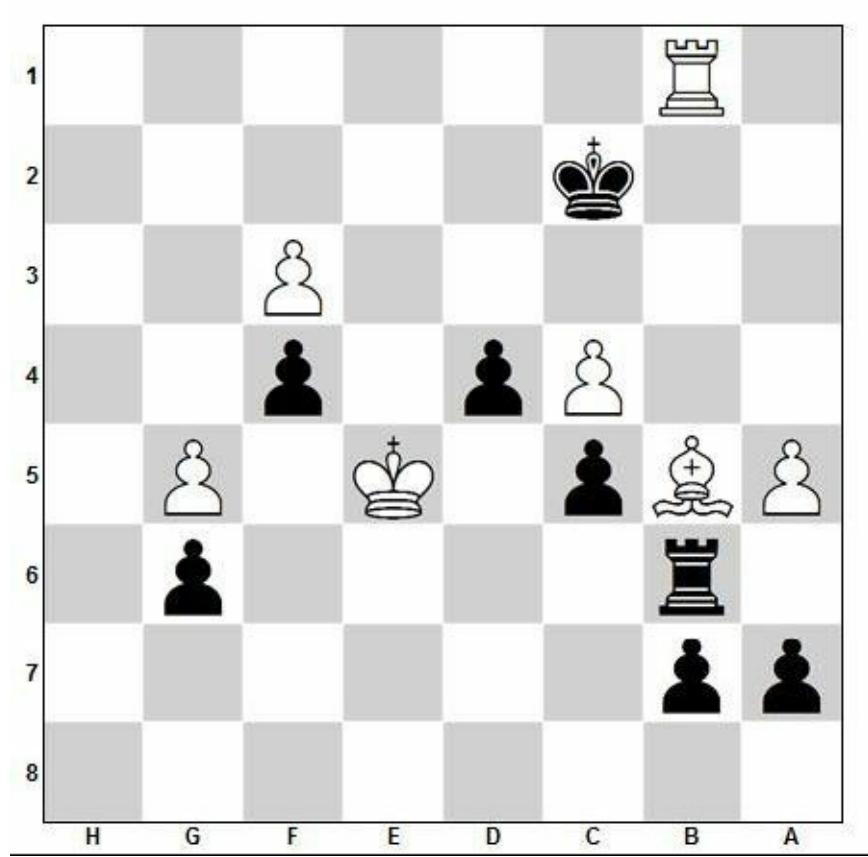
(33) Black to move



15...Qe2# The queen checkmates on e2, guarded by the knight.

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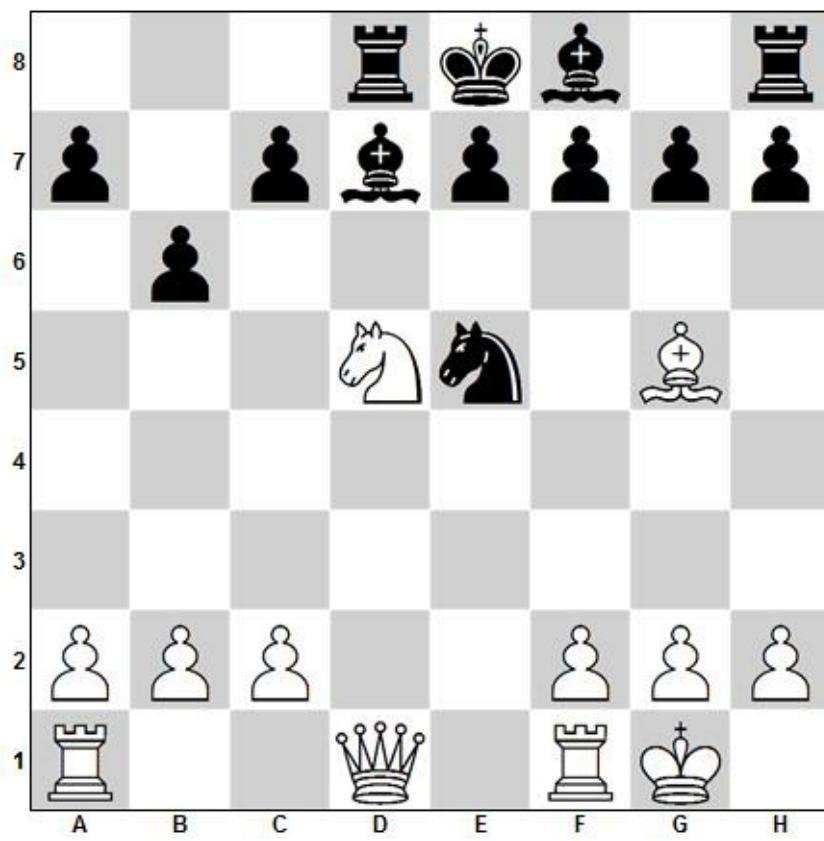
(34) Black to move



43...Kxb1 The king takes the rook on b1.

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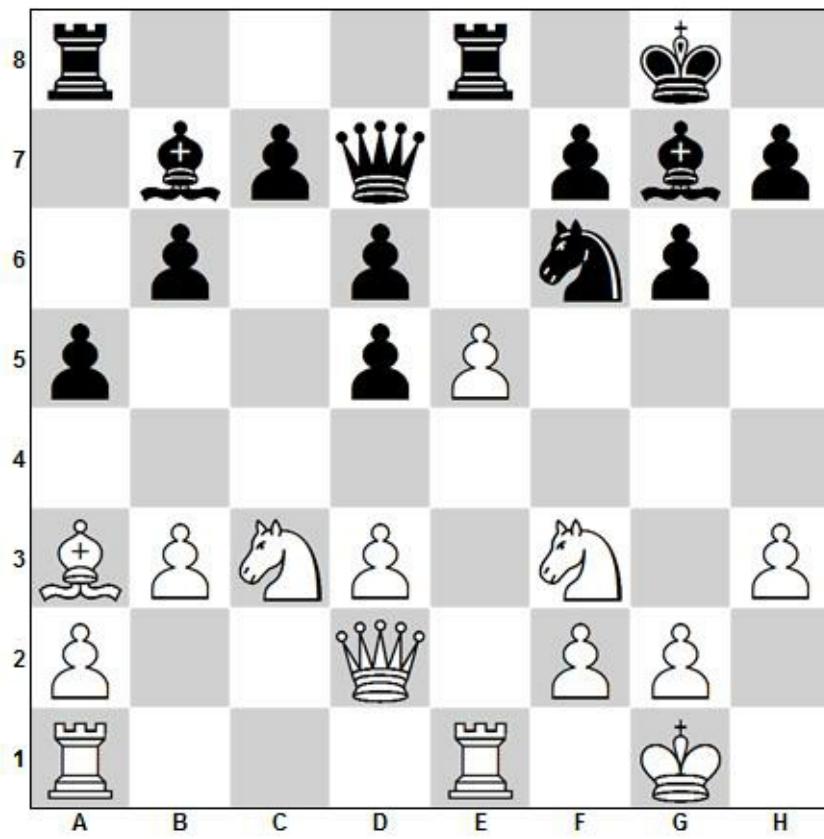
(35) White to move



13.Nxc7# The knight takes the pawn on c7 with checkmate. This kind of checkmate is called a “Smothered Mate” because the king is in check, can’t capture the knight and his own pieces are blocking his escape.

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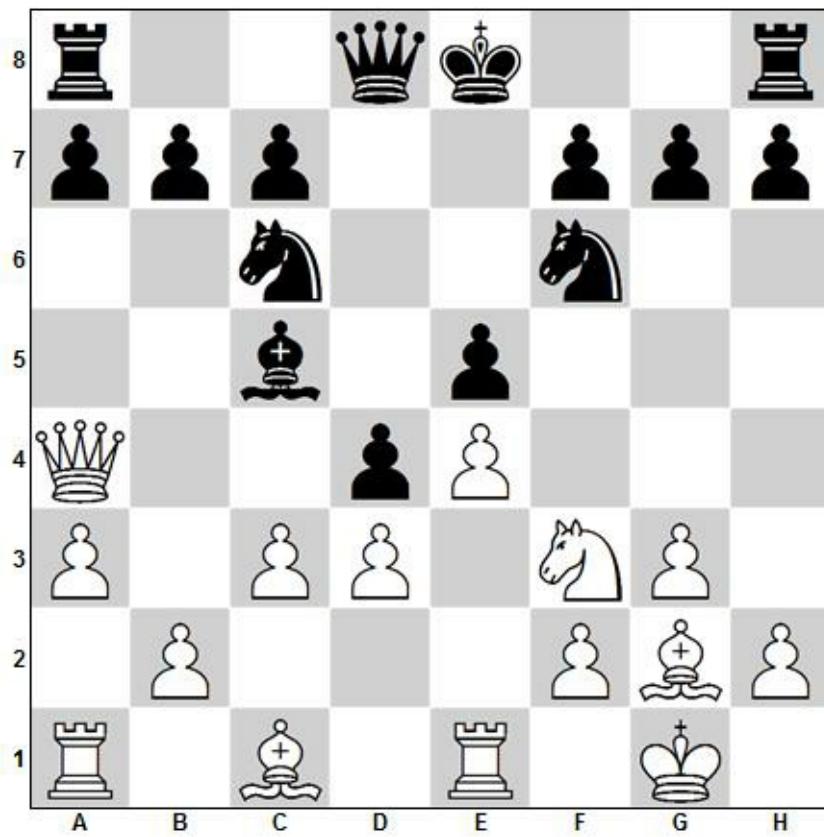
(36) White to move



16.exf6 The pawn on e5 takes the knight on f6

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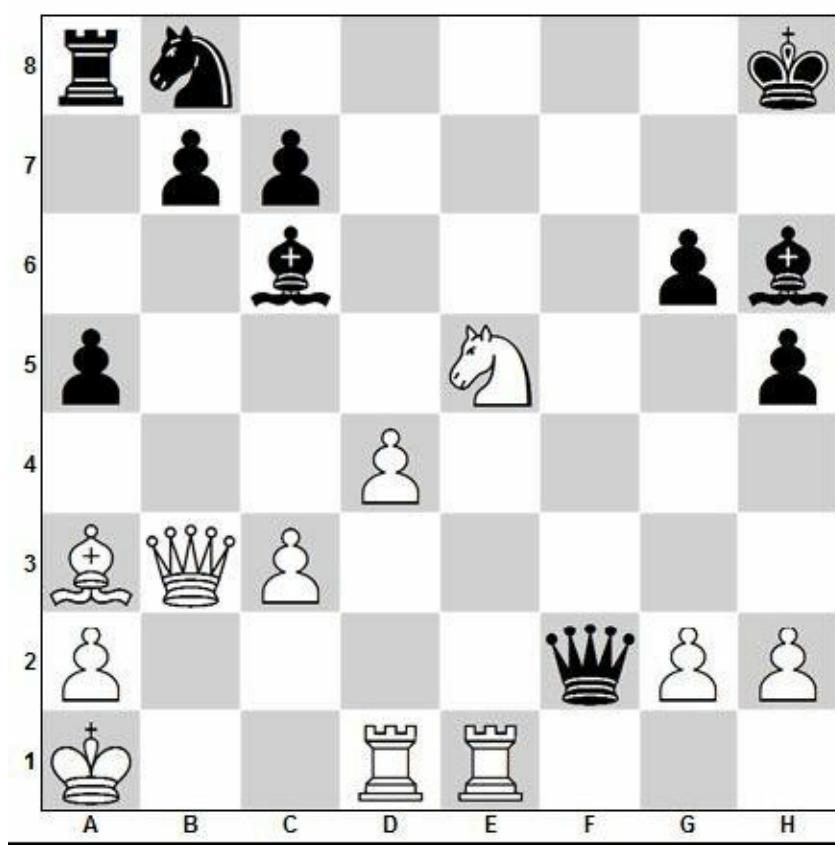
(37) White to move



13.Nxe5 The knight takes the pawn on e5. The knight can't recapture because it is pinned by the queen.

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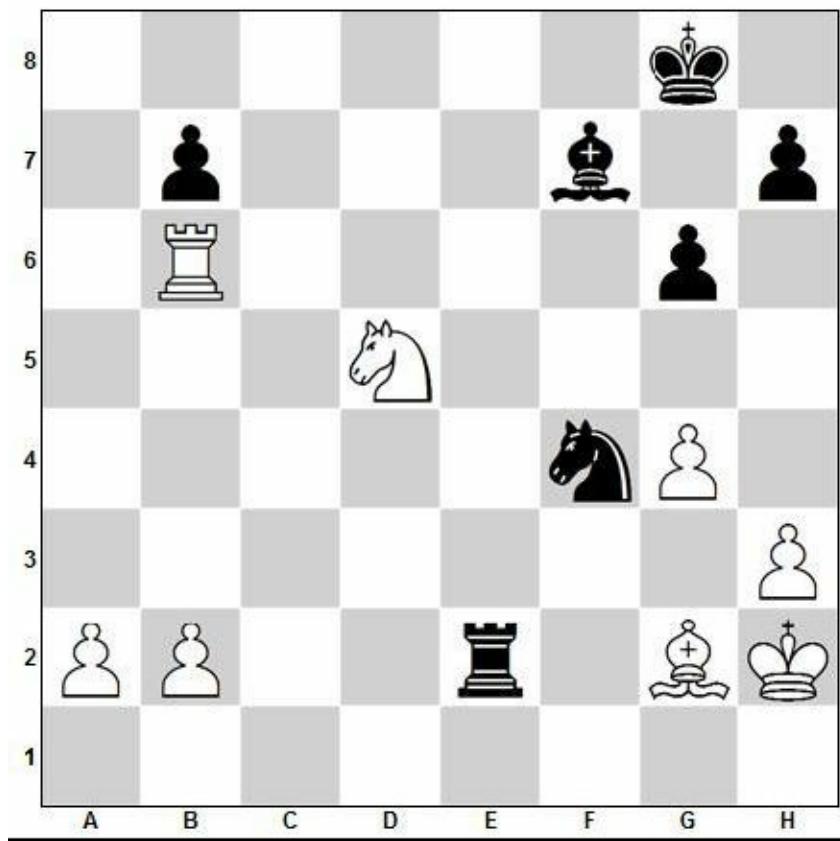
(38) White to move



23.Nxg6+ The knight captures the pawn on g6 with check.

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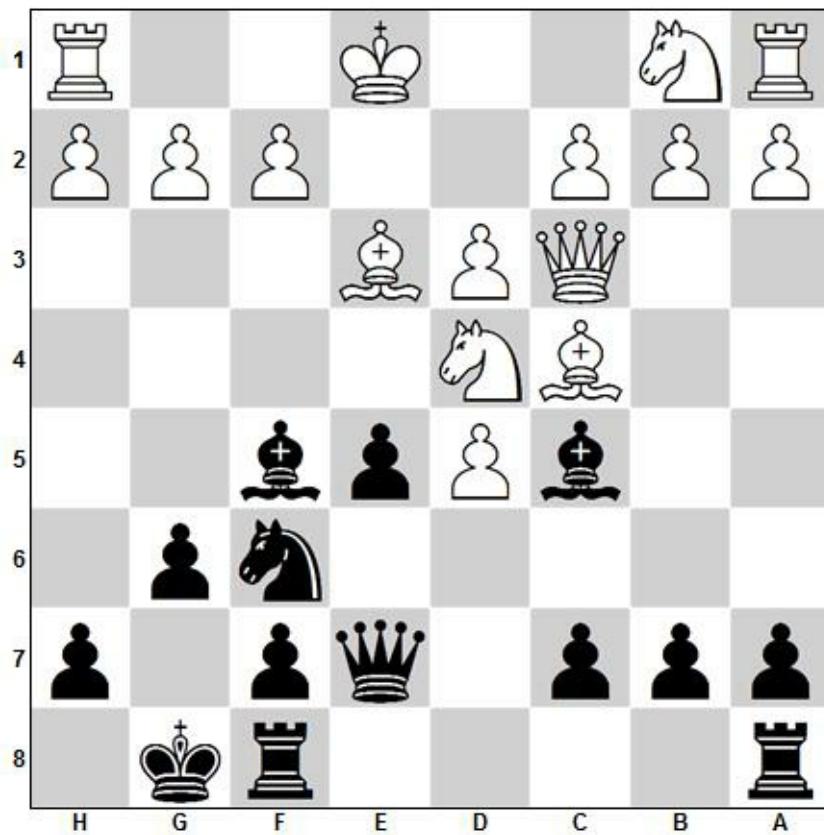
(39) White to move



33.Nxf4 The knight takes the knight on f4

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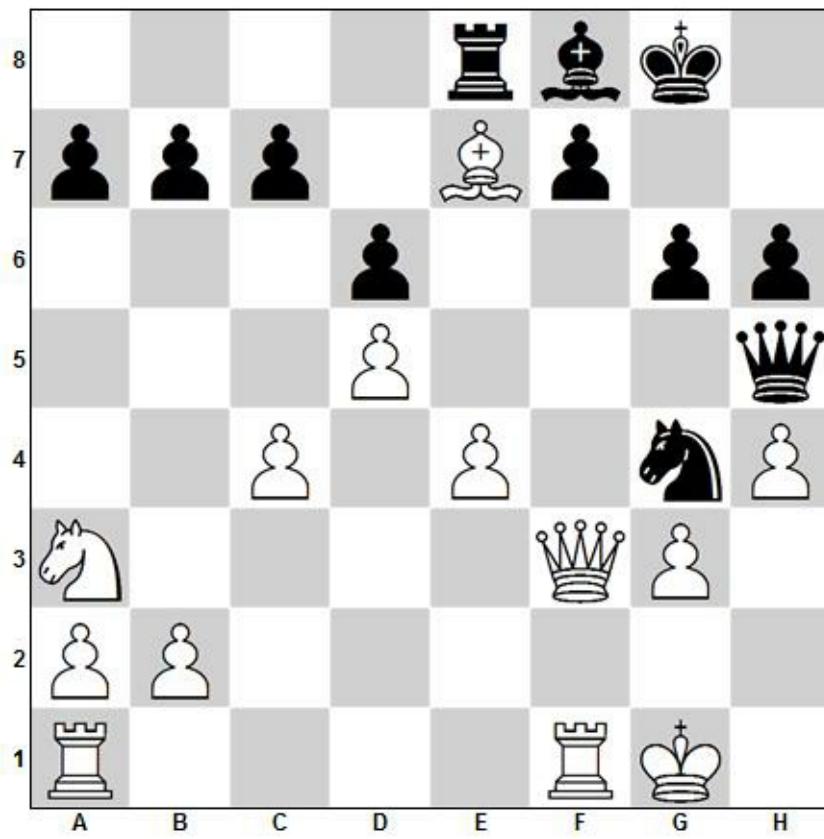
(41) Black to move



11...exd4 The pawn takes the free knight on d4, forking the queen and bishop.

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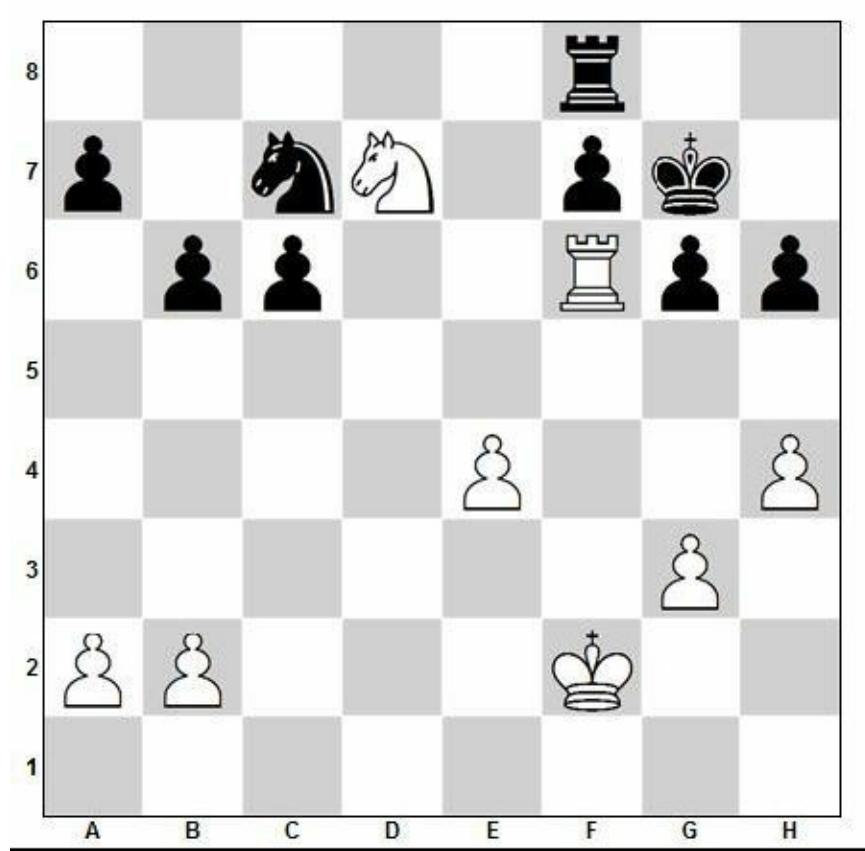
(42) White to move



19.Qxf7+ The queen takes the pawn on f7 with check. The f7 square is guarded by the rook on f1.

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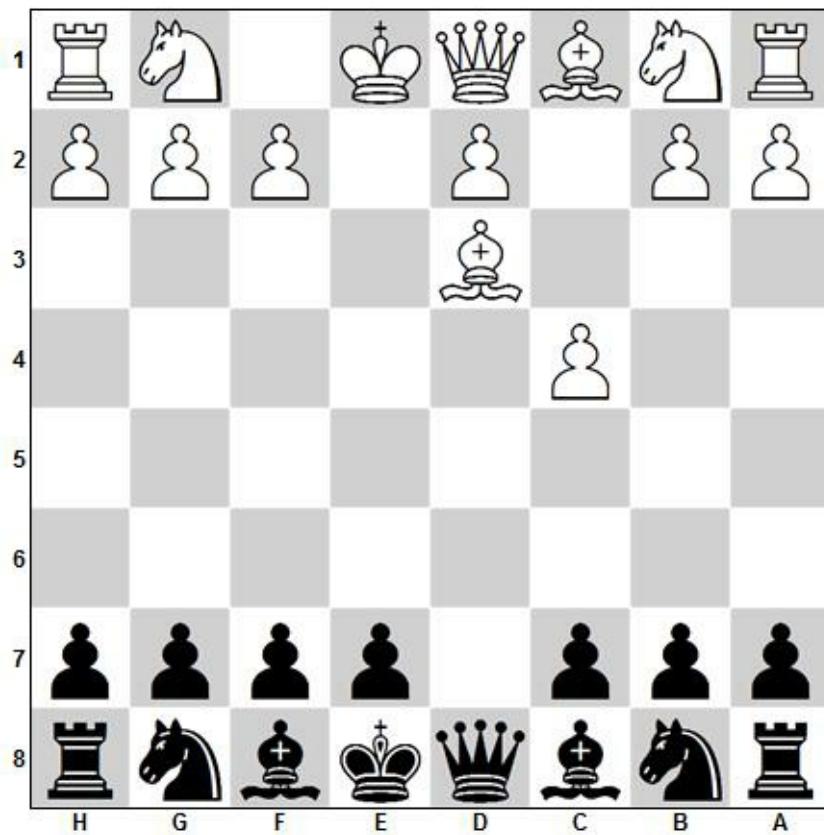
(43) White to move



36.Rxc6 The rook captures the pawn on c6. The rook would be captured by the king on g7 if the knight were to capture the rook on f8. By capturing the unprotected pawn on c6 he also frees up his knight on d7 to move.

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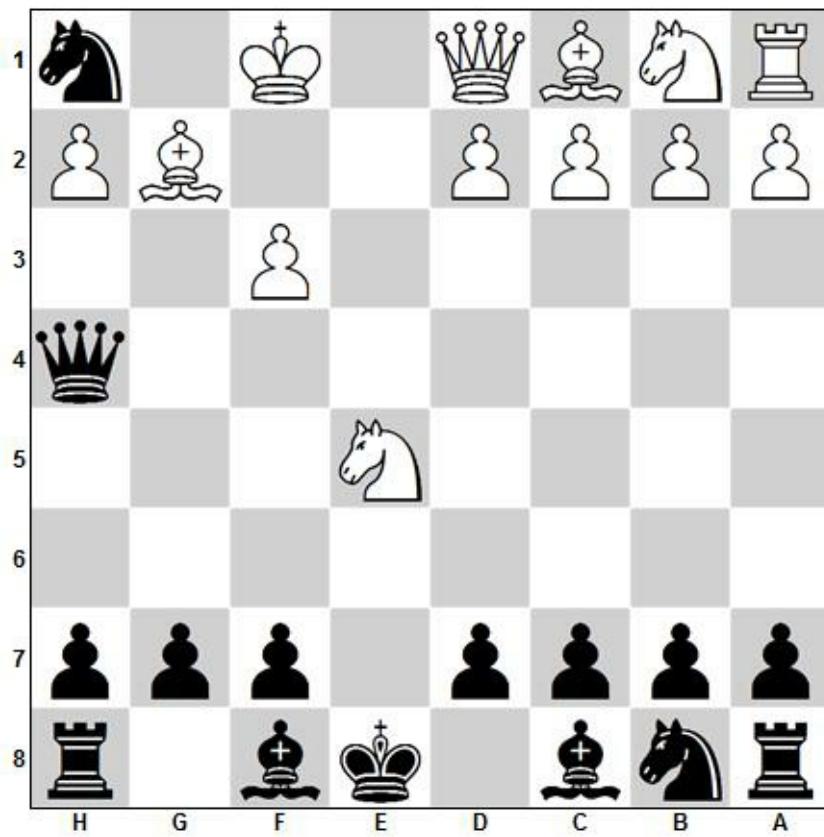
(44) Black to move



4...Qxd3 The queen takes the bishop on d3.

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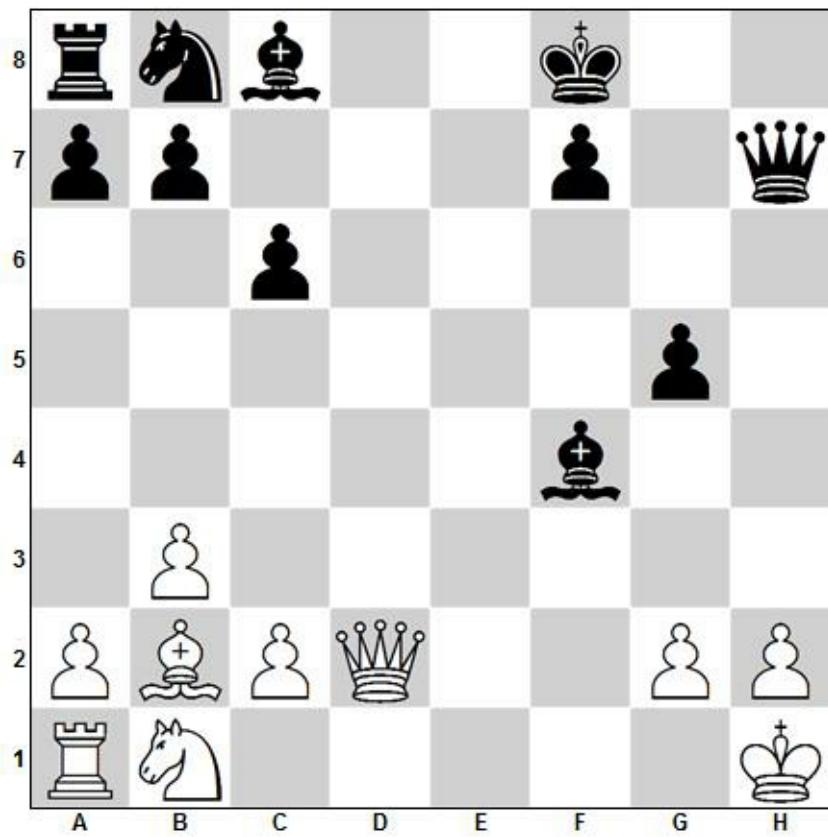
(45) Black to move



7...Qf2# The queen goes to f2 with checkmate.

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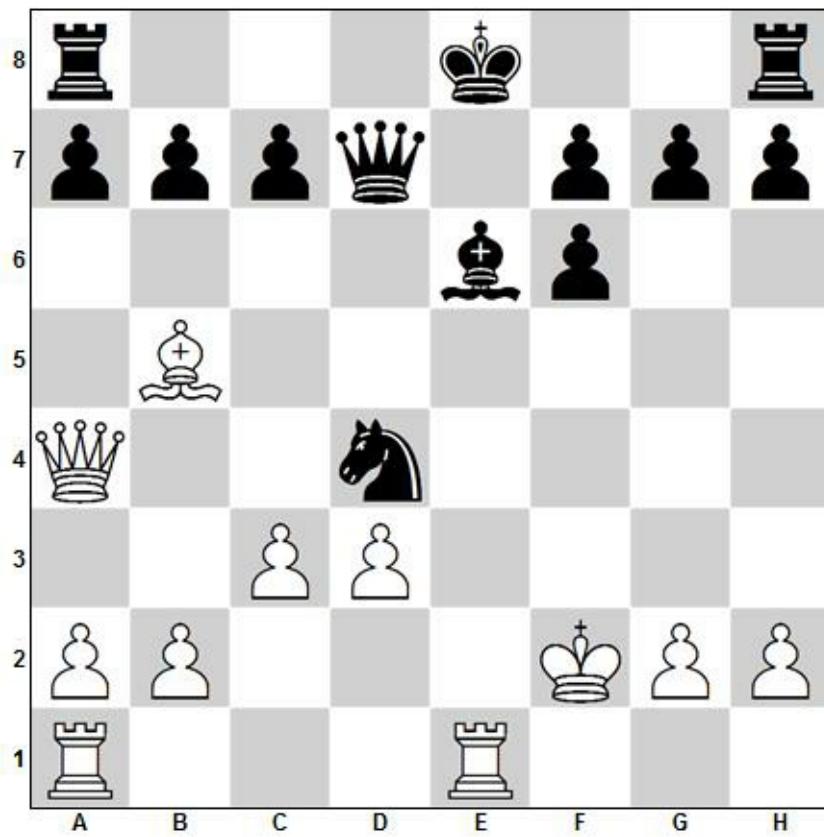
(46) White to move



25.Qd8# The queen moves to d8 with checkmate. The bishop cuts off the only escape square for black's king.

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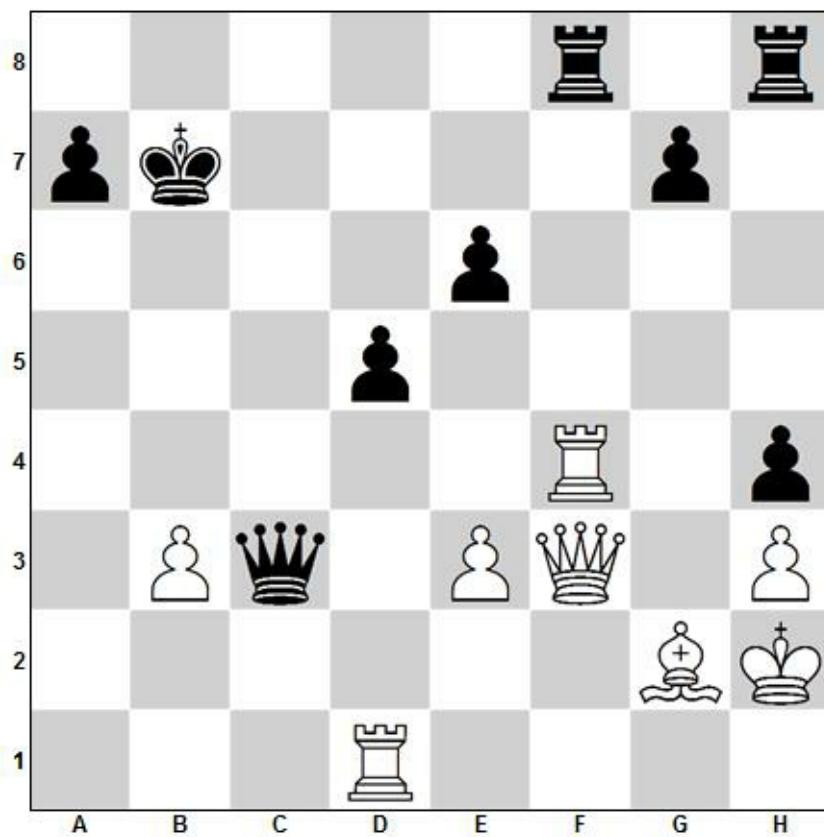
(47) White to move



15.Bxd7+ The bishop takes the queen on d7.

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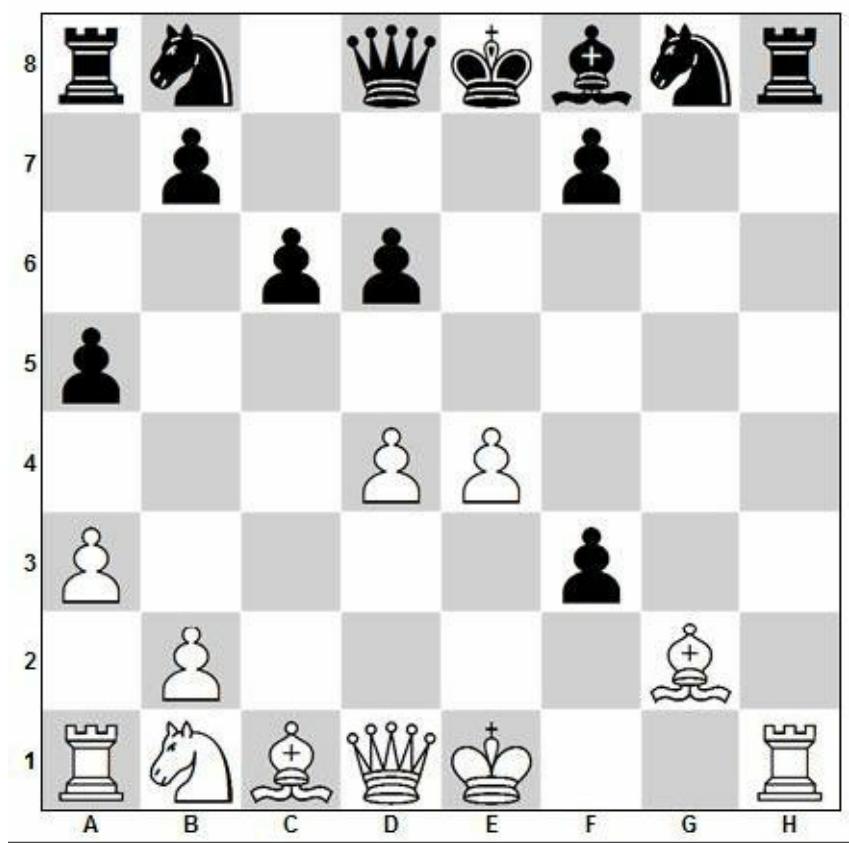
(48) White to move



39. Rx f8 The rook takes the rook on f8. The rook on h8 can recapture, but white's queen will recapture the rook.

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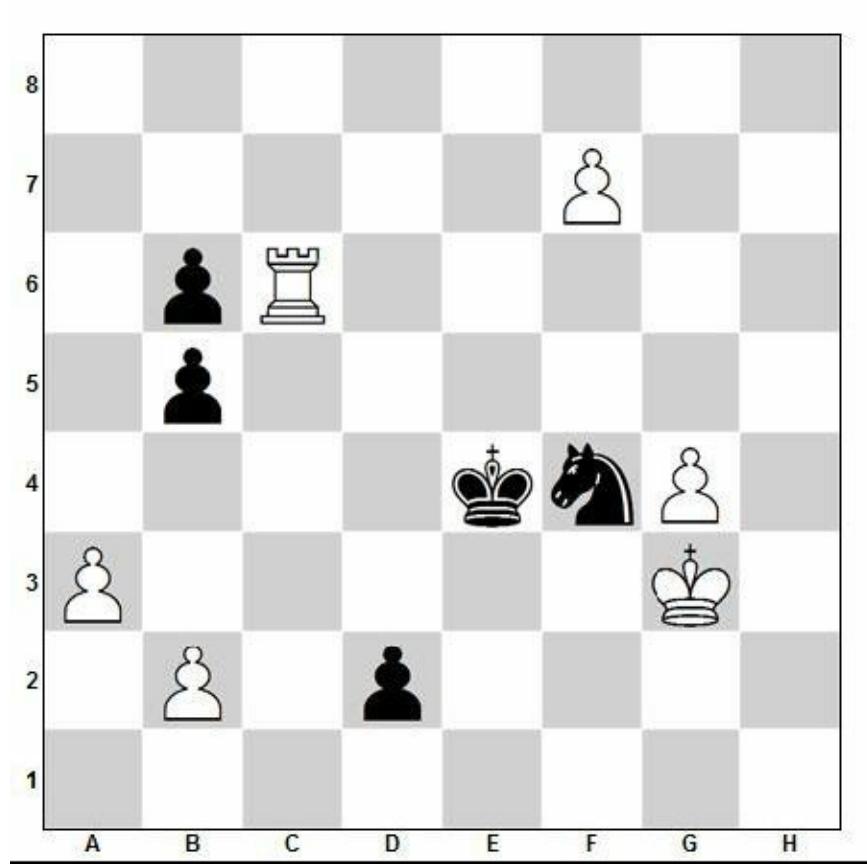
(49) White to move



17.Rxh8 The rook captures the rook on h8. The pawn can capture the bishop, but the rook is worth more than the bishop. The pawn is then close to queening so don't let the pawn stay there too long.

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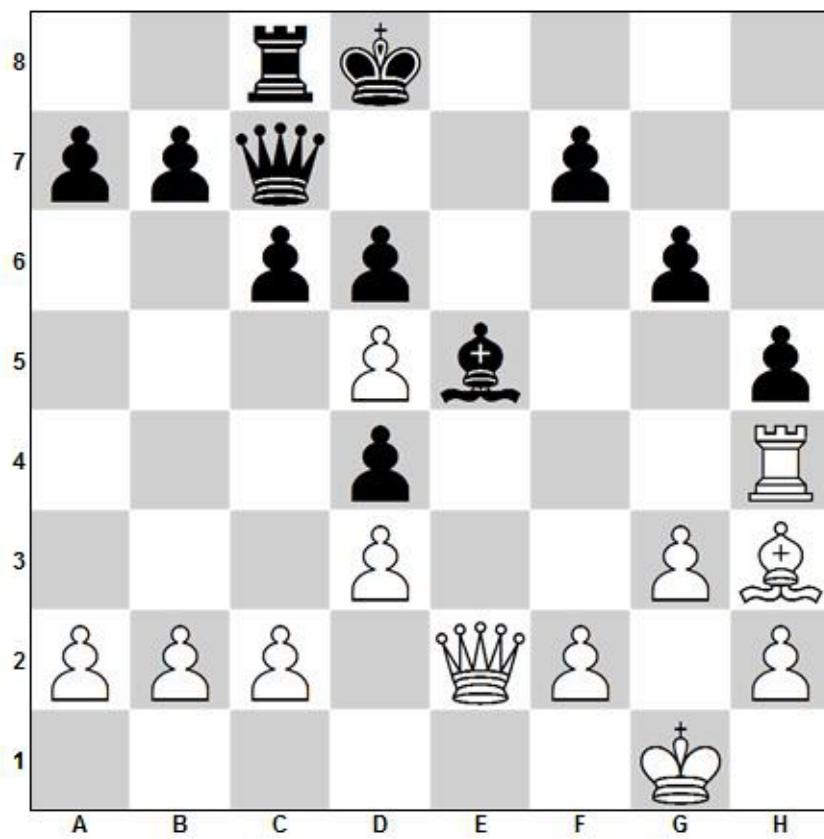
(50) White to move



44.f8=Q The pawn on f7 moves to f8 and promotes to a queen. If you get your pawn to the other side you can get any piece except a pawn or a king..

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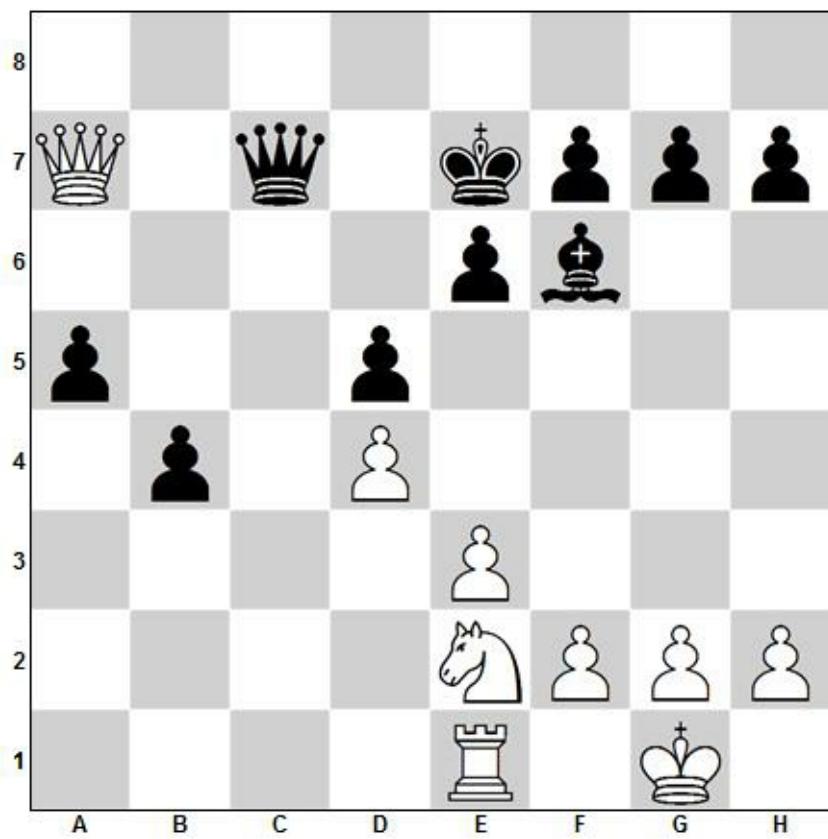
(51) White to move



23.Bxc8 The bishop takes the rook on c8.

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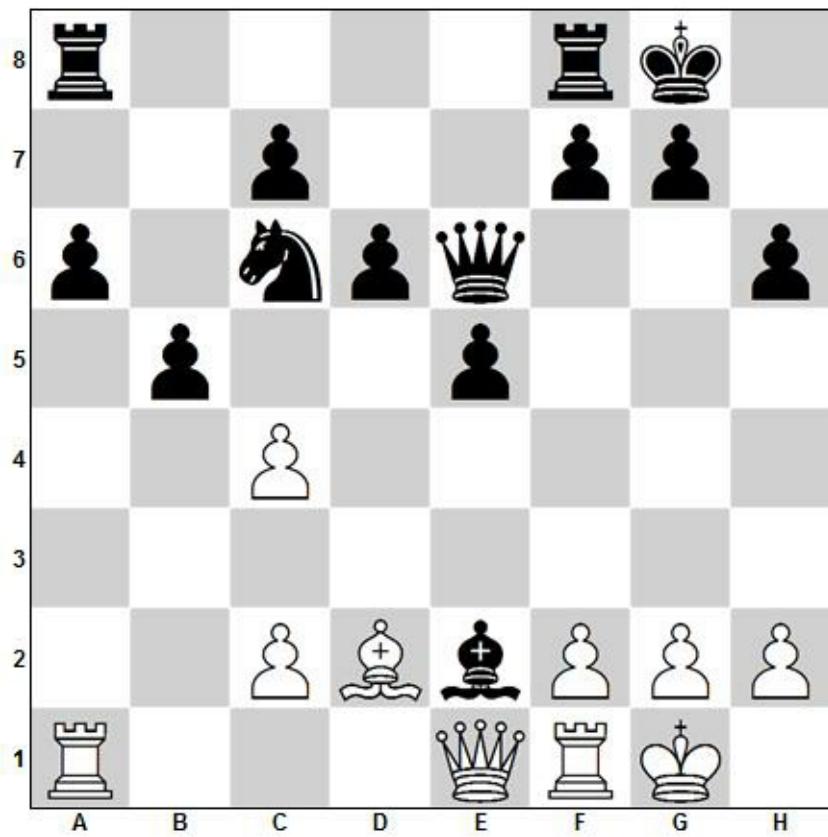
(52) White to move



30.Qxc7+ The queen takes the queen on c7.

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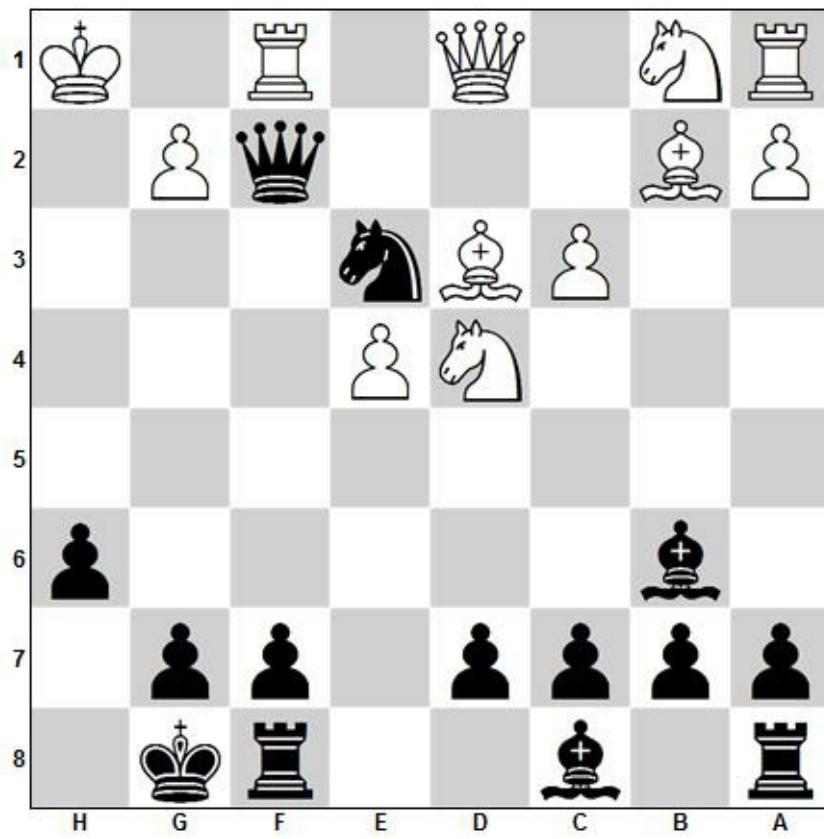
(53) White to move



18.Qxe2 The queen takes the bishop on e2.

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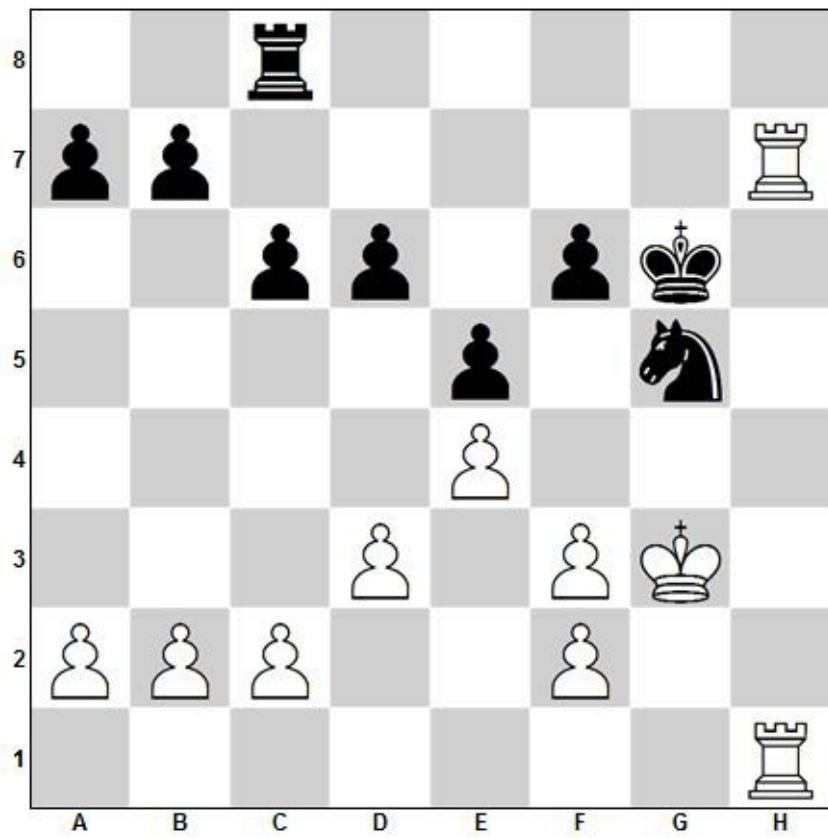
(54) Black to move



17...Qxg2# The queen takes the pawn on g2 with checkmate.

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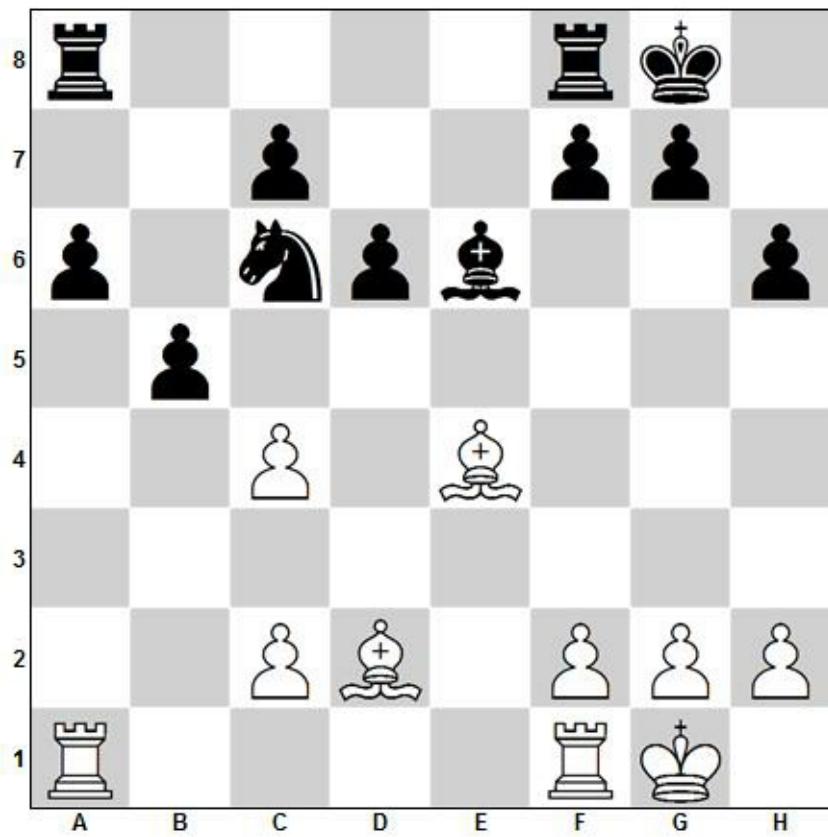
(55) White to move



28.R1h6# The rook on h1 moves to h6 with checkmate.

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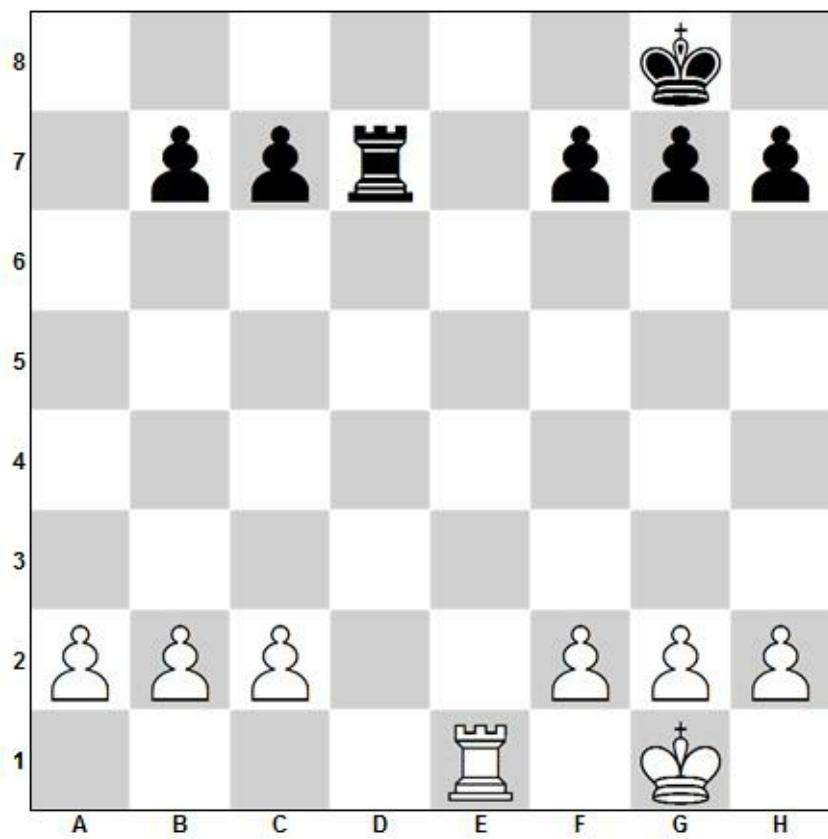
(56) White to move



21.Bxc6 The bishop takes the knight on c6.

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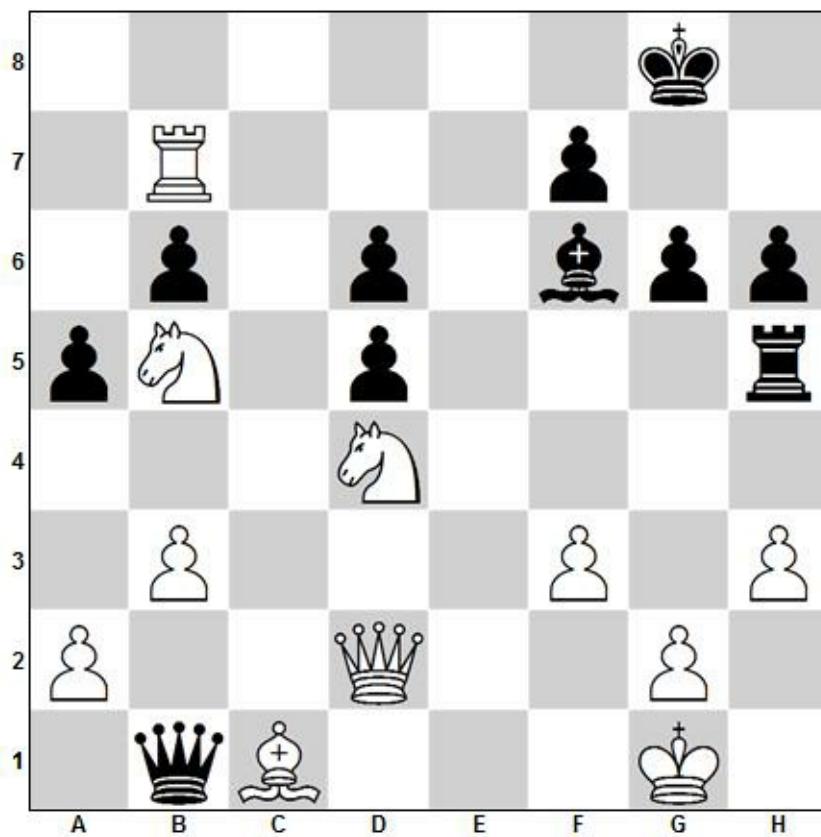
(57) White to move



20.Re8# The rook moves to e8 with checkmate.

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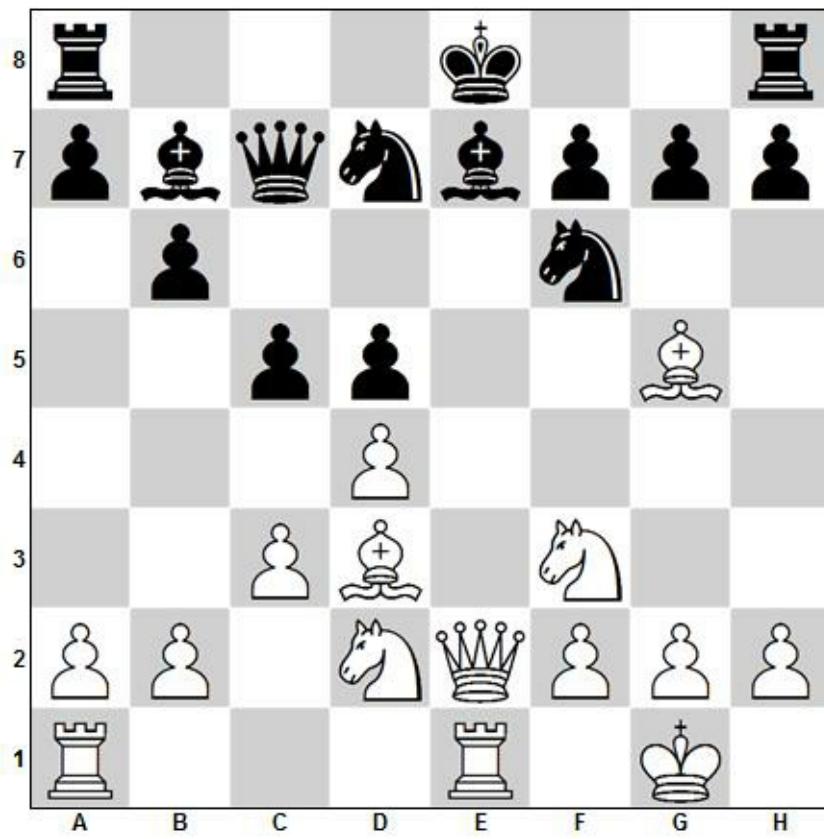
(58) White to move



29.Qf4 The queen moves to f4. Although it looks like the knight on b5 can take the pawn on d6, it isn't actually safe. After Bishop takes knight on c4 the queen can't recapture without losing the bishop on c1. Always make sure it is safe before capturing.

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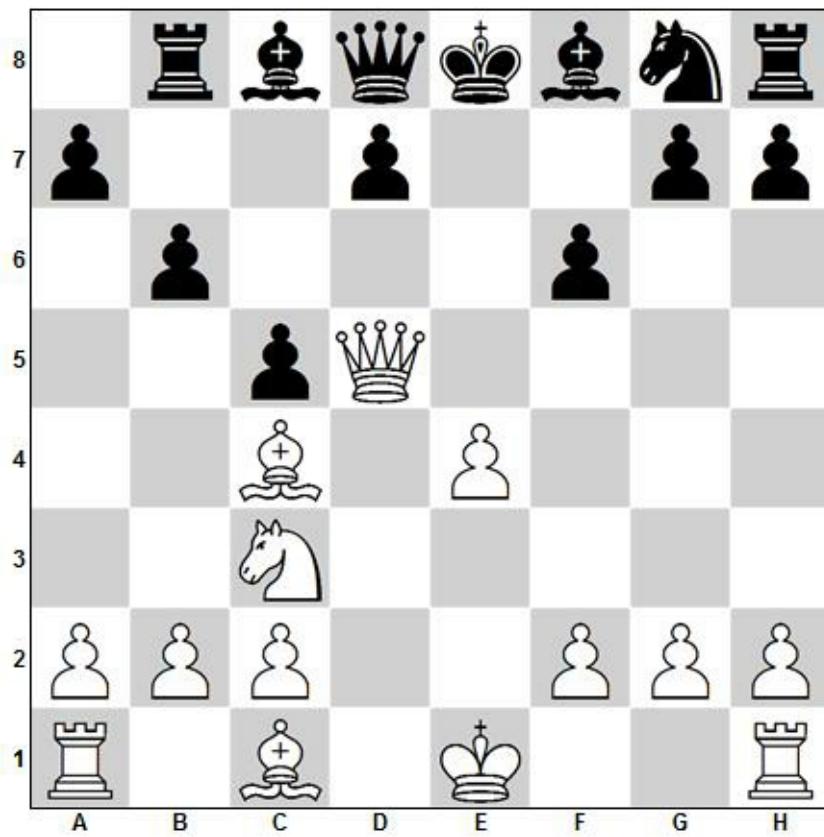
(59) White to move



13.Qxe7# The queen takes the pawn on e7 with checkmate.

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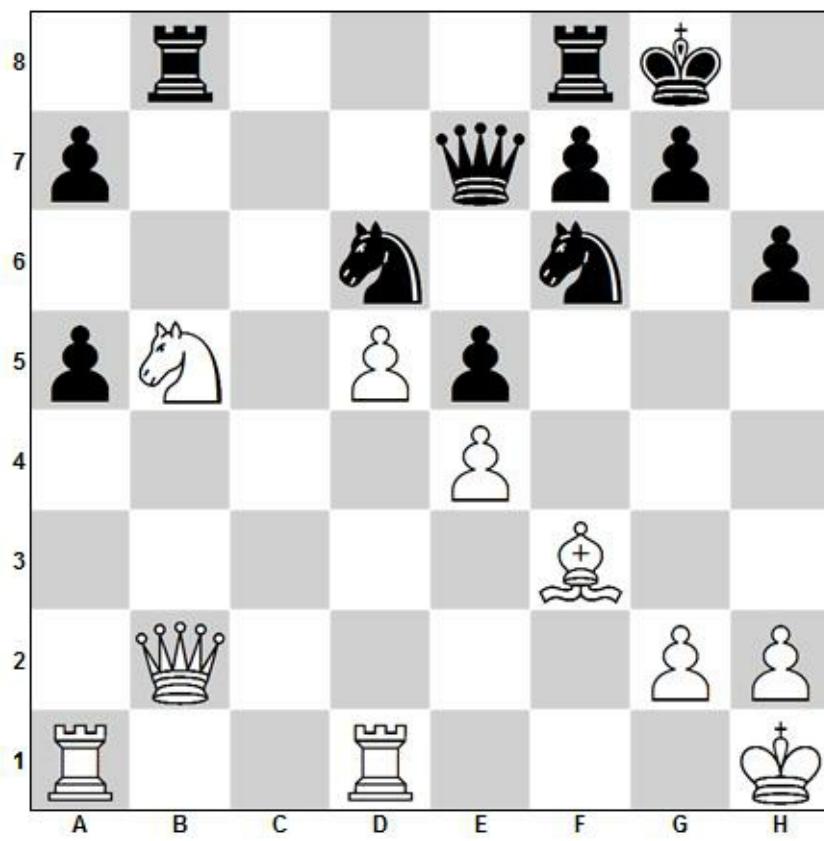
(60) White to move



9.Qf7# The queen moves to f7 with checkmate.

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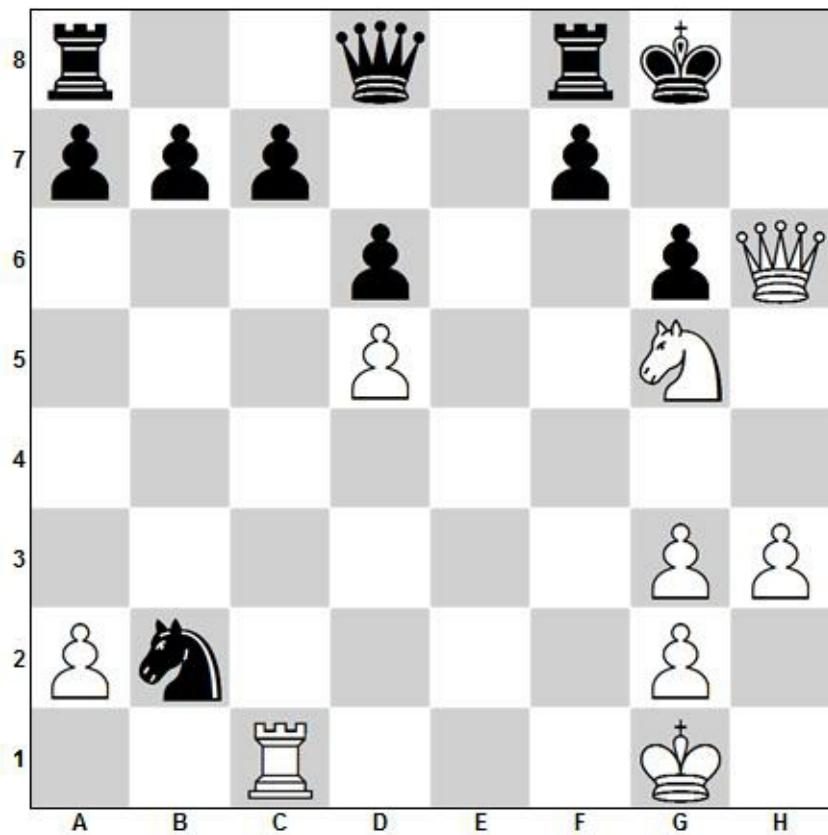
(61) White to move



27.Rxa5 The rook takes the pawn on a5.

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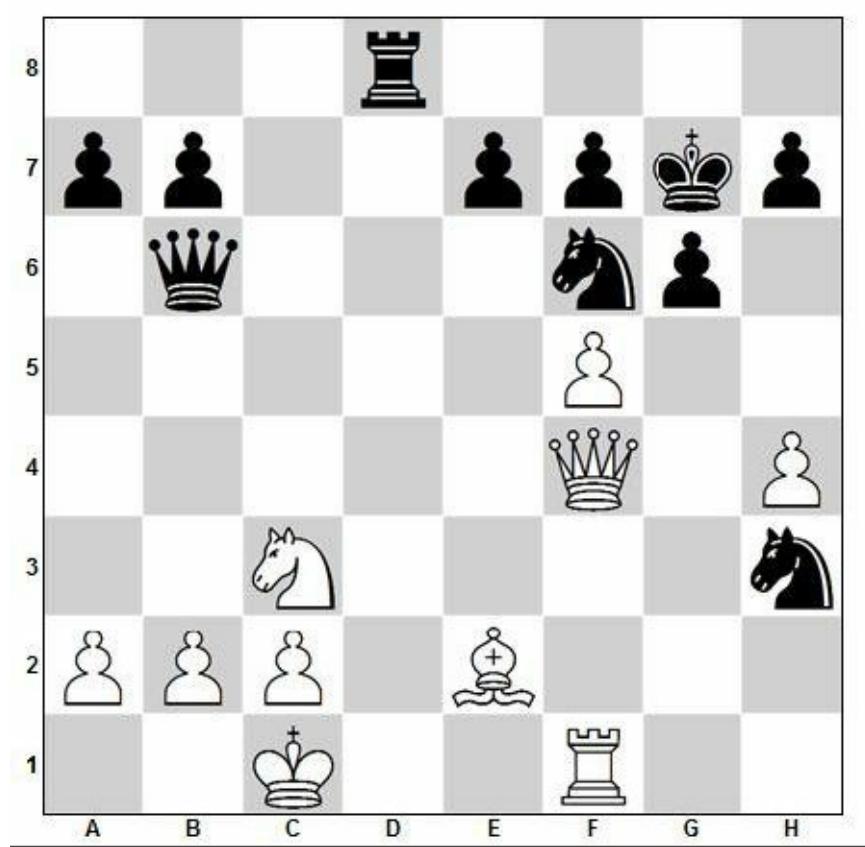
(62) White to move



24.Qh7# The queen goes to h7 with checkmate.

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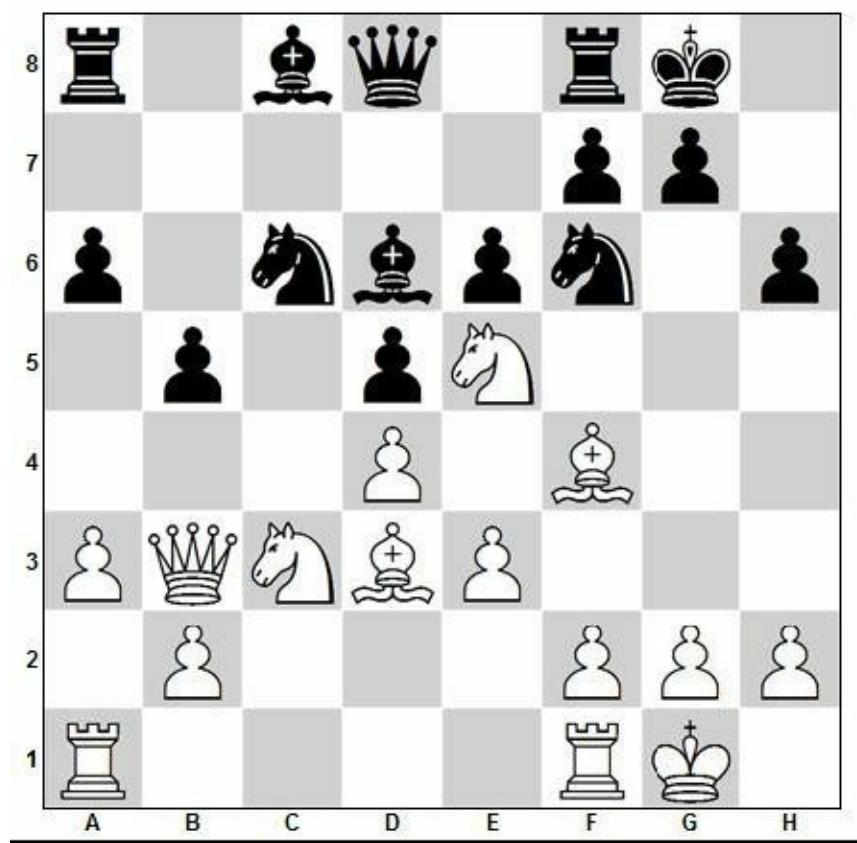
(63) White to move



21.Qg3 The queen moves to g3. It moves away to avoid being captured by the knight on h3. It is important also to avoid being captured. Sometimes there is no piece for you to capture, you just need to notice that one of your pieces is going to be captured. Also, if the queen moves not just anywhere, but to g3, it makes it so the knight has no where to go, and so next move you will be able to win it.

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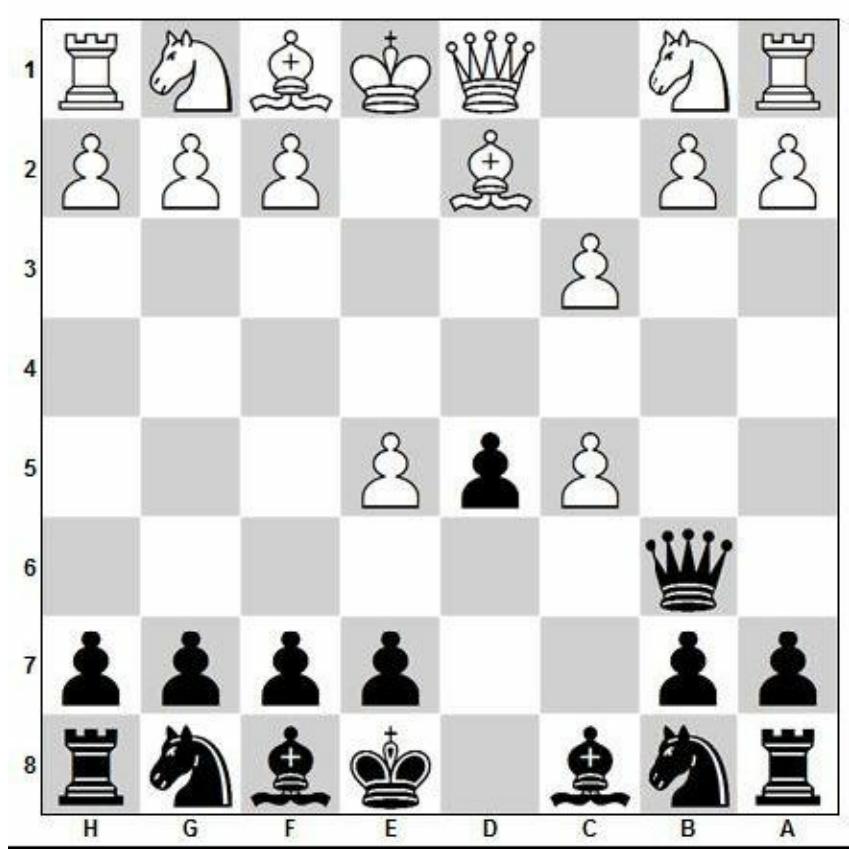
(64) White to move



14.Nxc6 The knight captures the undefended knight on c6. After the capture, the knight will also be aiming at the queen.

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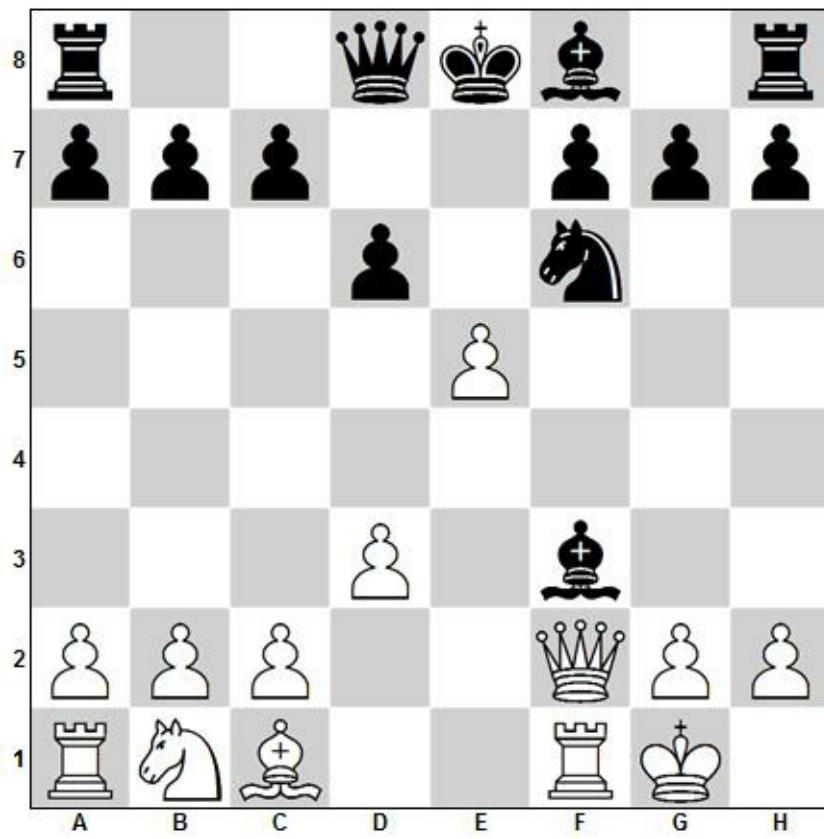
(65) Black to move



6...Qxb2 The queen captures the pawn on b2. The queen could also capture the pawn on c5. It is better to capture on b2 here, because then the queen will also be able to win the rook on a1. This is called thinking ahead.

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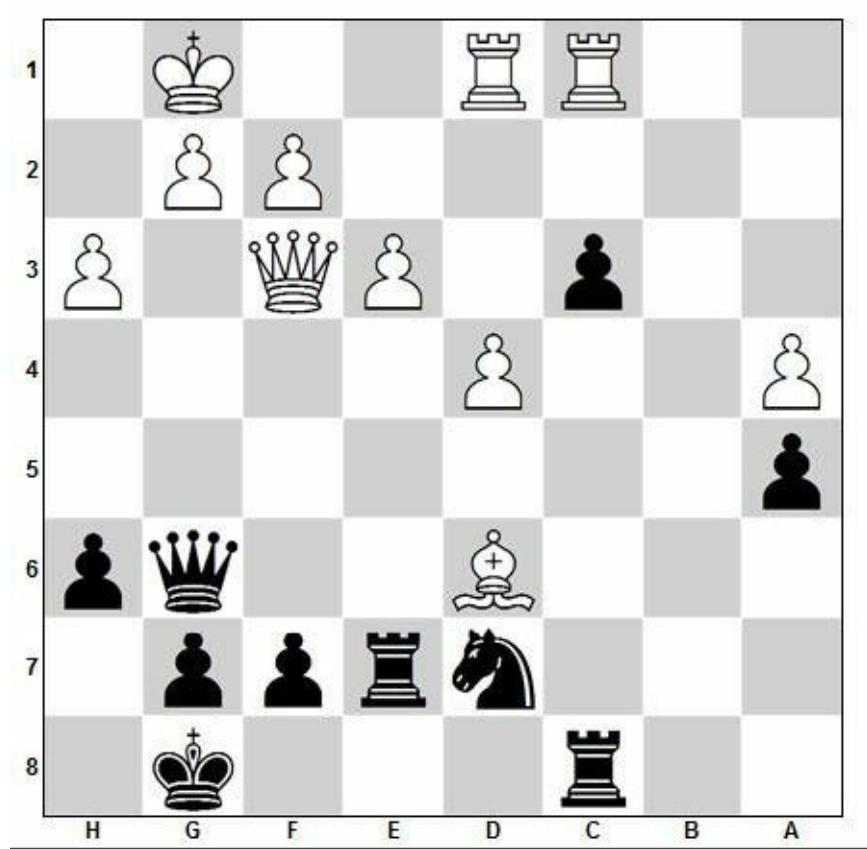
(66) White to move



12.exf6 The pawn on e5 takes the knight on f6.

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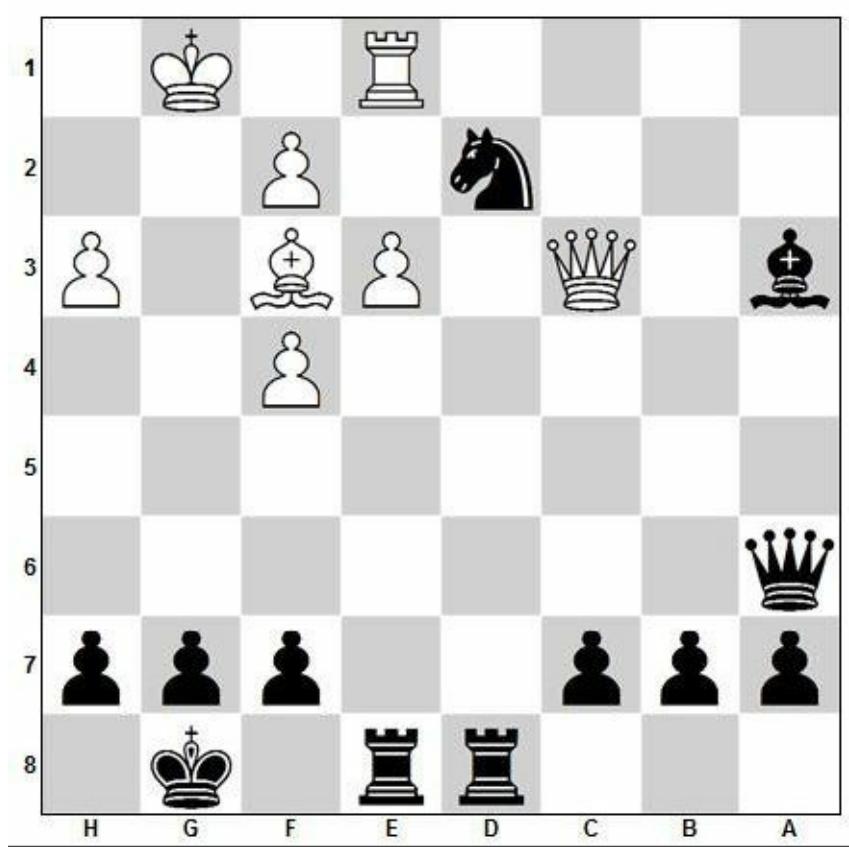
(67) Black to move



28...Qxd6 The queen captures the undefended bishop on d6 which was aiming at the rook on e7.

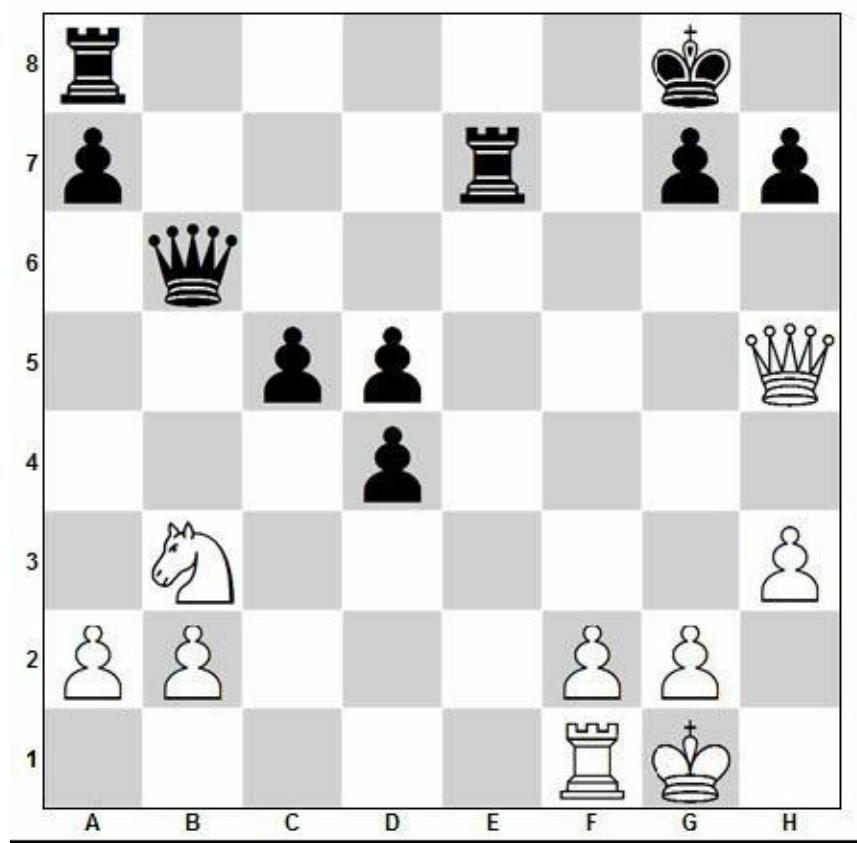
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(68) Black to move



27...**Nxf3+** The knight takes the bishop on f3 with check. The knight will also be aiming at the rook on d1. This is a knight-fork.

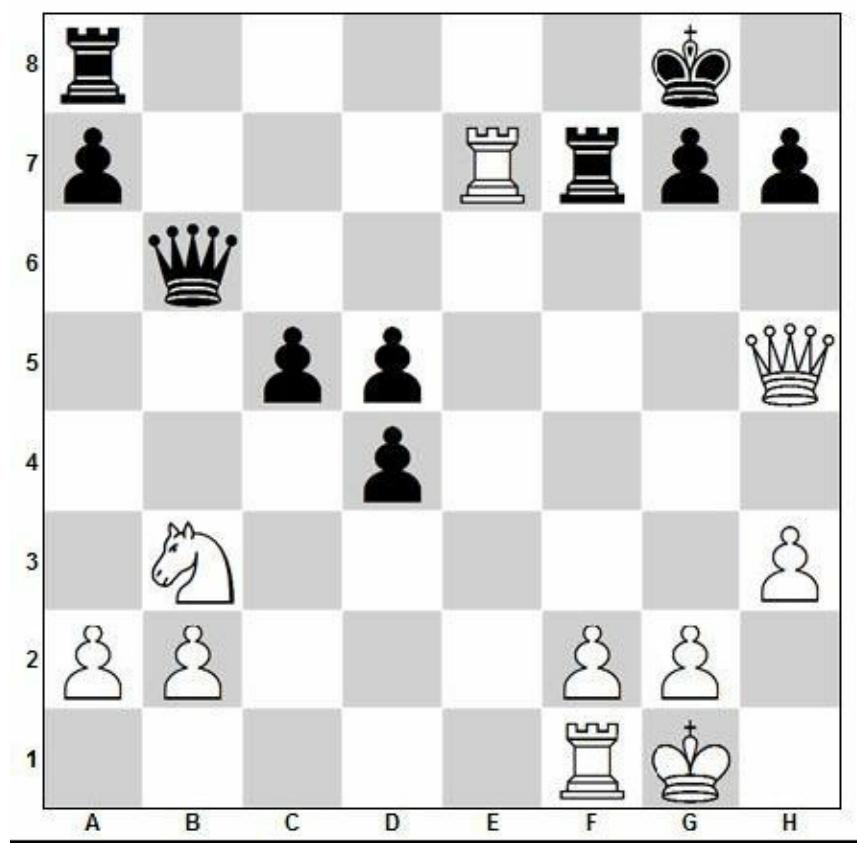
(69) White to move



20.Qxd5+ The queen takes the pawn on d5 with check

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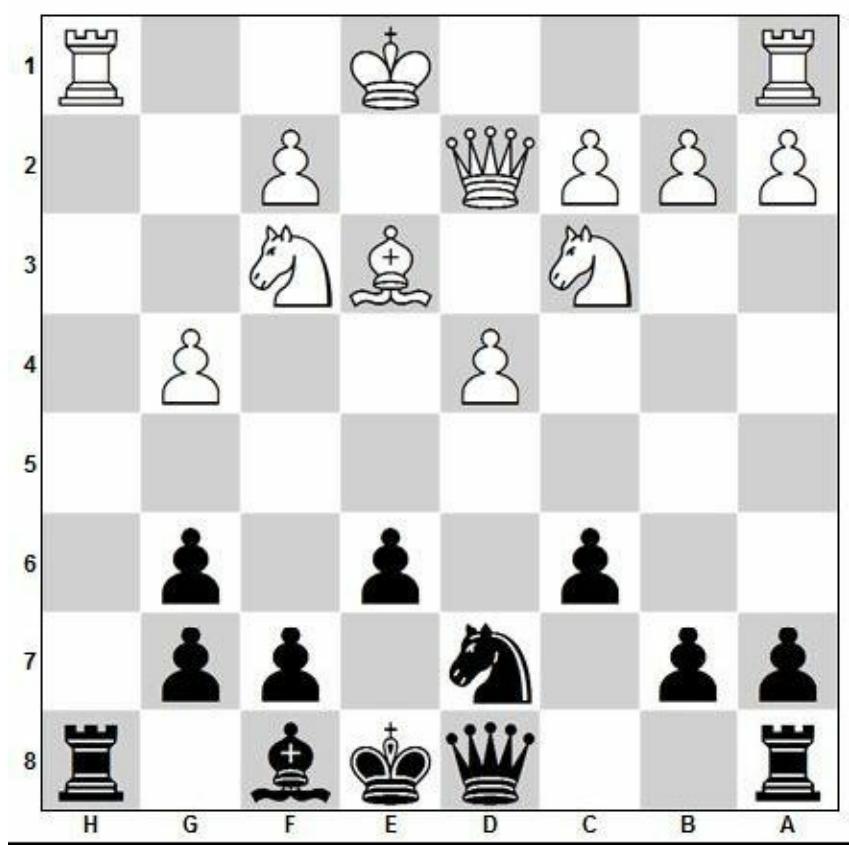
(70) White to move



20.Qxf7+ The queen takes the pawn on f7 with check.

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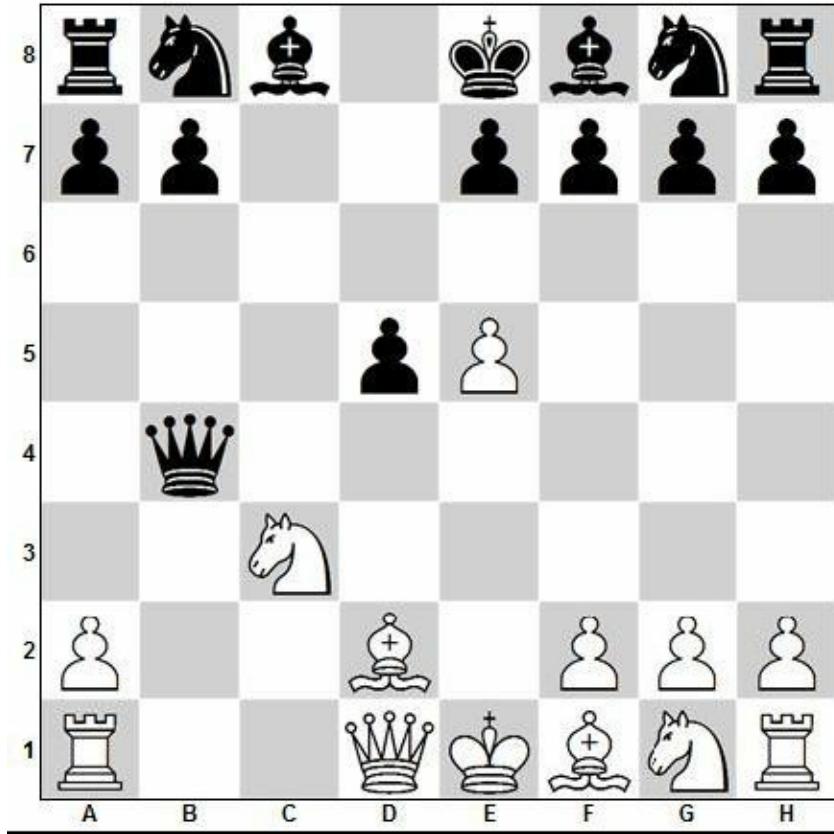
(71) Black to move



13...Rxh1+ The rook takes the rook on h1. After the king moves out of check, the other rook can be captured too.

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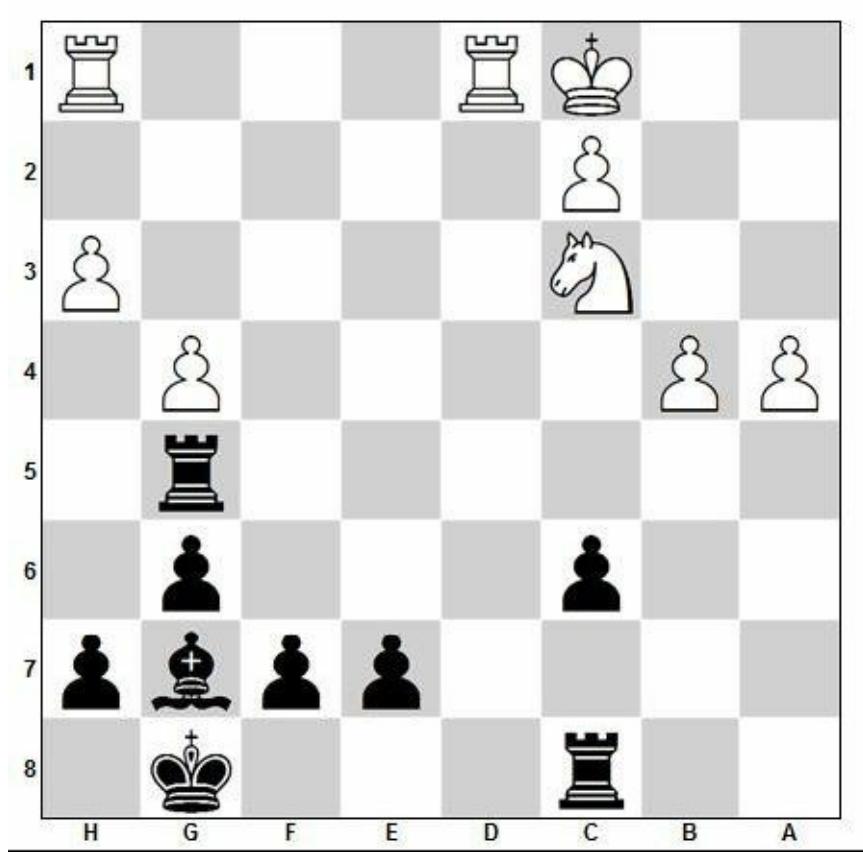
(72) White to move



9.Nxd5 The knight takes the pawn on d5.

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(73) Black to move

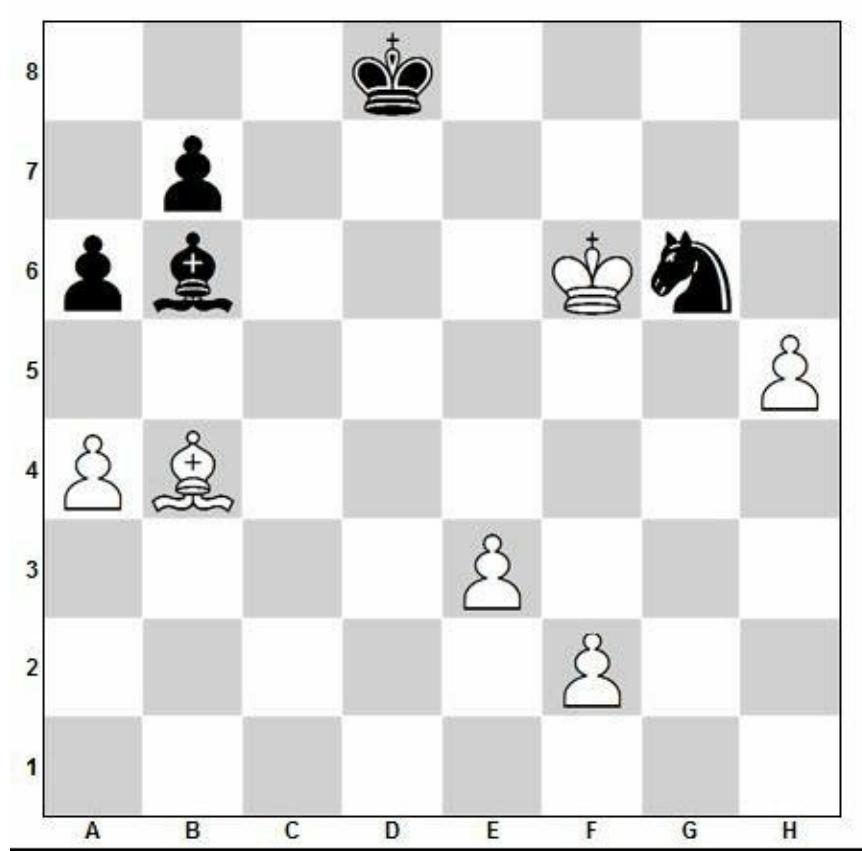


21...Bxc3 The bishop takes the knight on c3.

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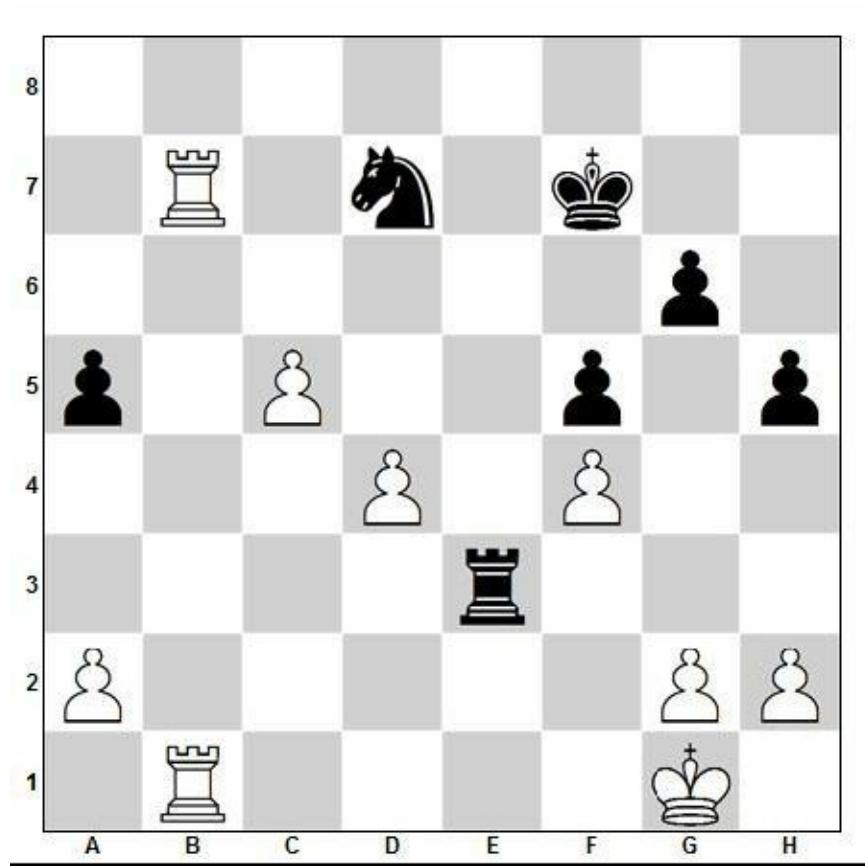
(74) White to move



44. hxg6 The pawn on h5 captures the piece on g6.

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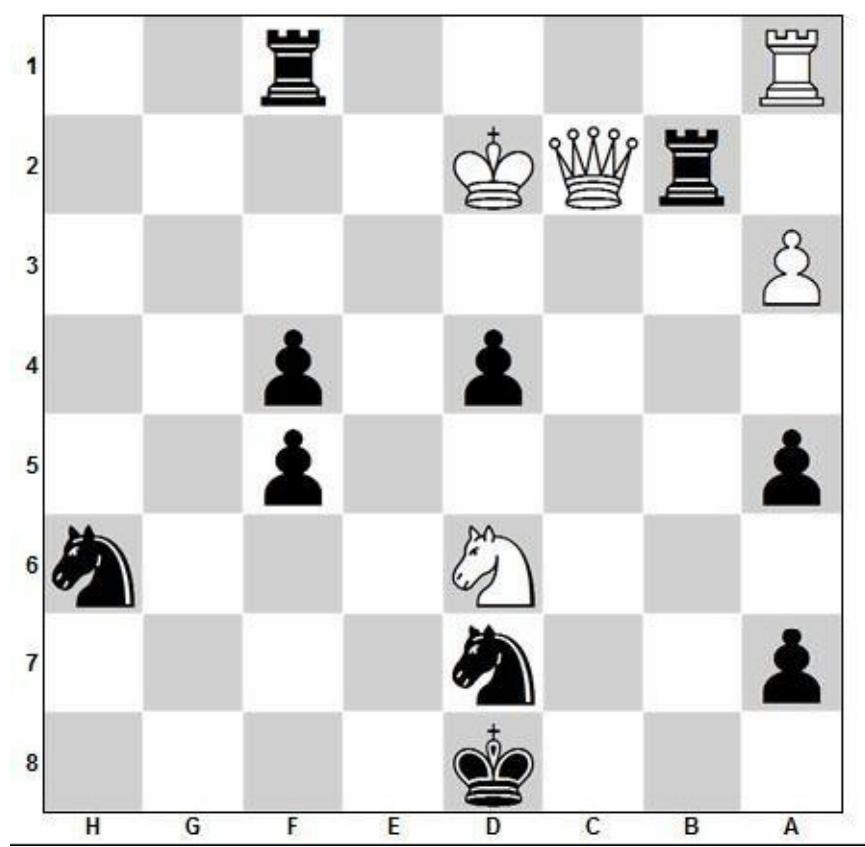
(75) White to move



28.Rxd7+ The rook takes the knight with check.

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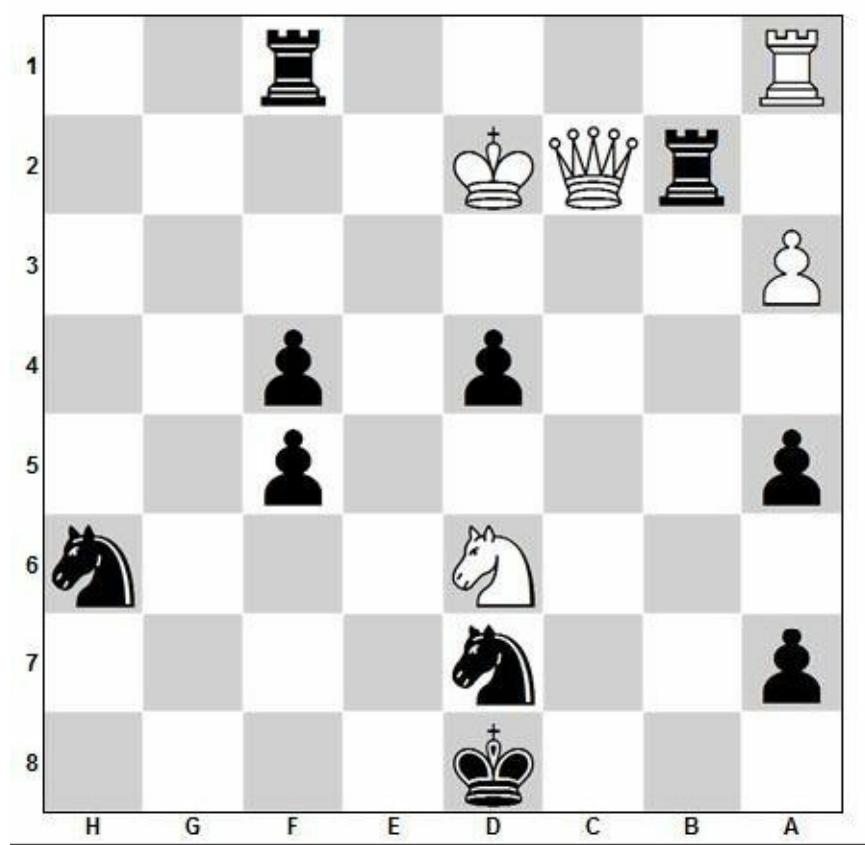
(76) Black to move



33...**Rxc2+** The rook trades for the queen. Queen is worth 9 pawns, rook is only worth 5.

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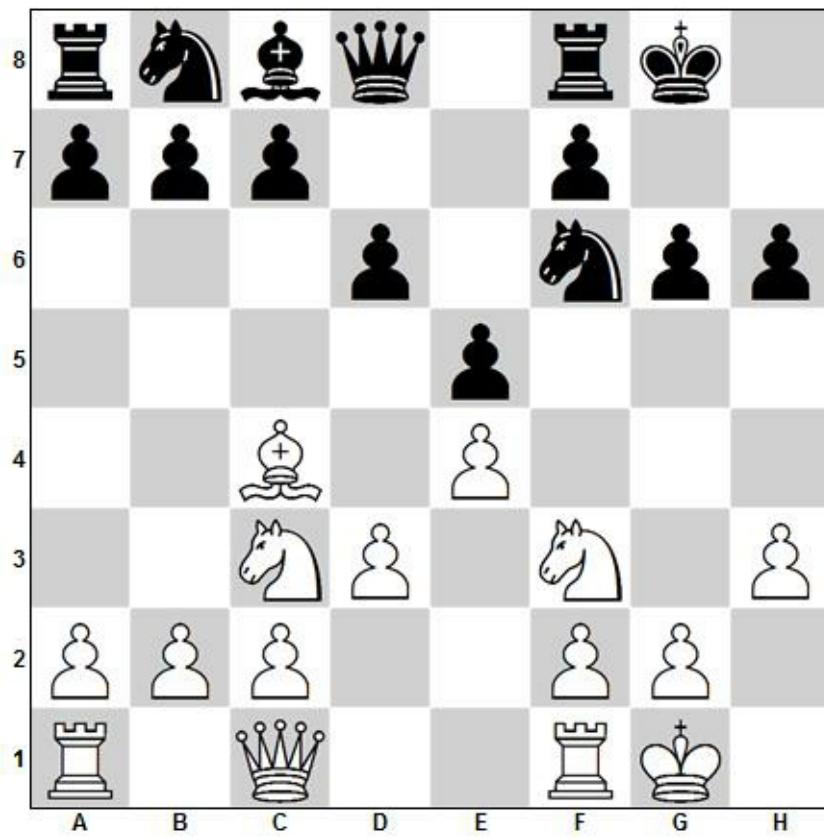
(77) Black to move



33...Rxc2+ The rook takes the queen on c2. The rook trades for the queen. Queen is worth 9 pawns, rook is only worth 5.

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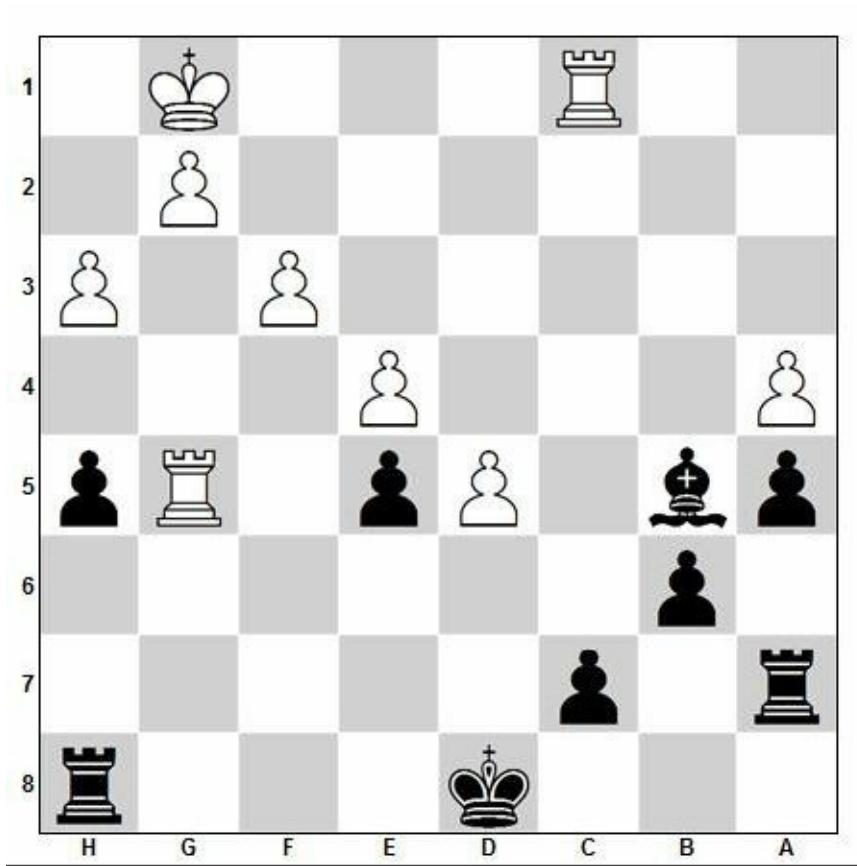
(78) White to move



9.Qxh6 The queen takes the pawn on h6.

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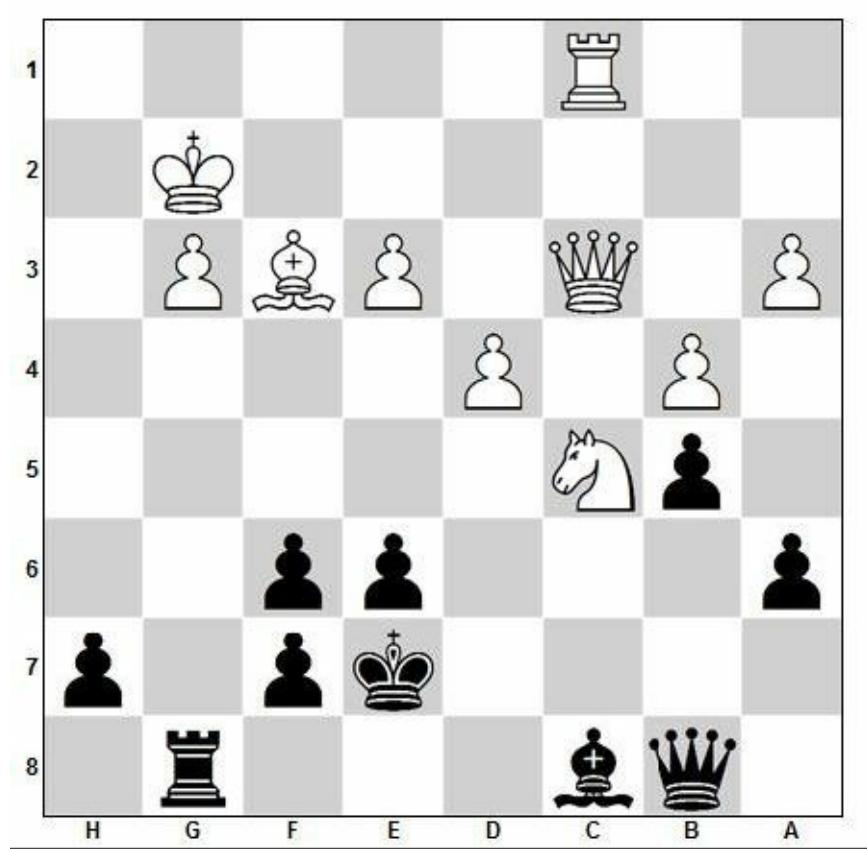
(79) Black to move



26...Bxa4 The bishop takes the pawn on a4.

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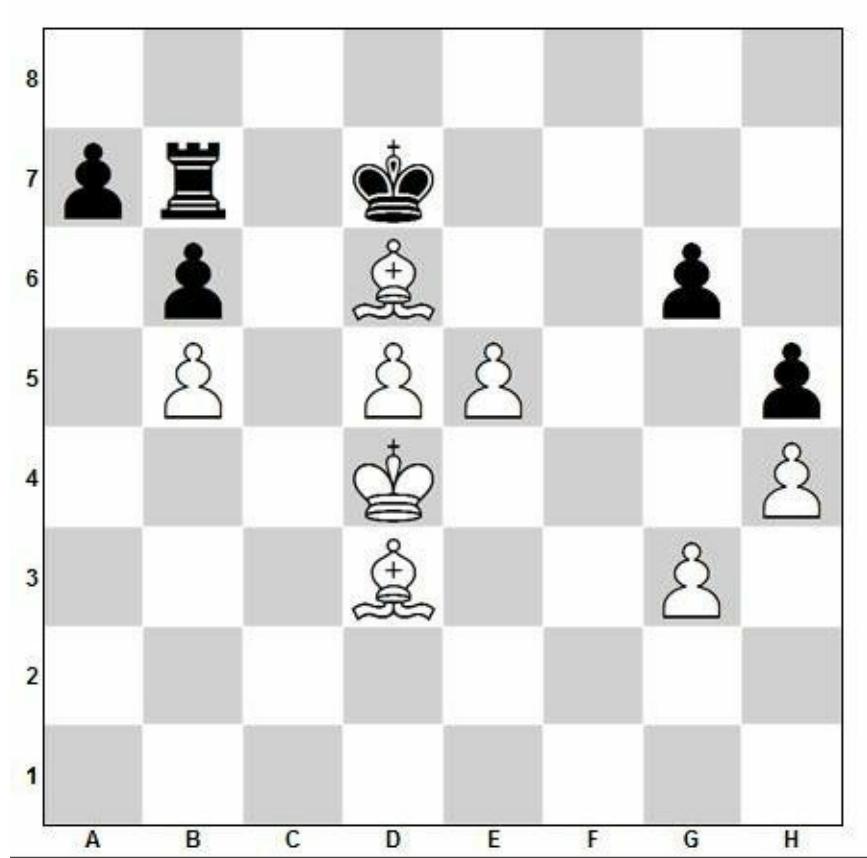
(80) Black to move



29...Qxg3+ The queen takes the pawn on g3 with check. The g3 square is guarded by the rook on g8.

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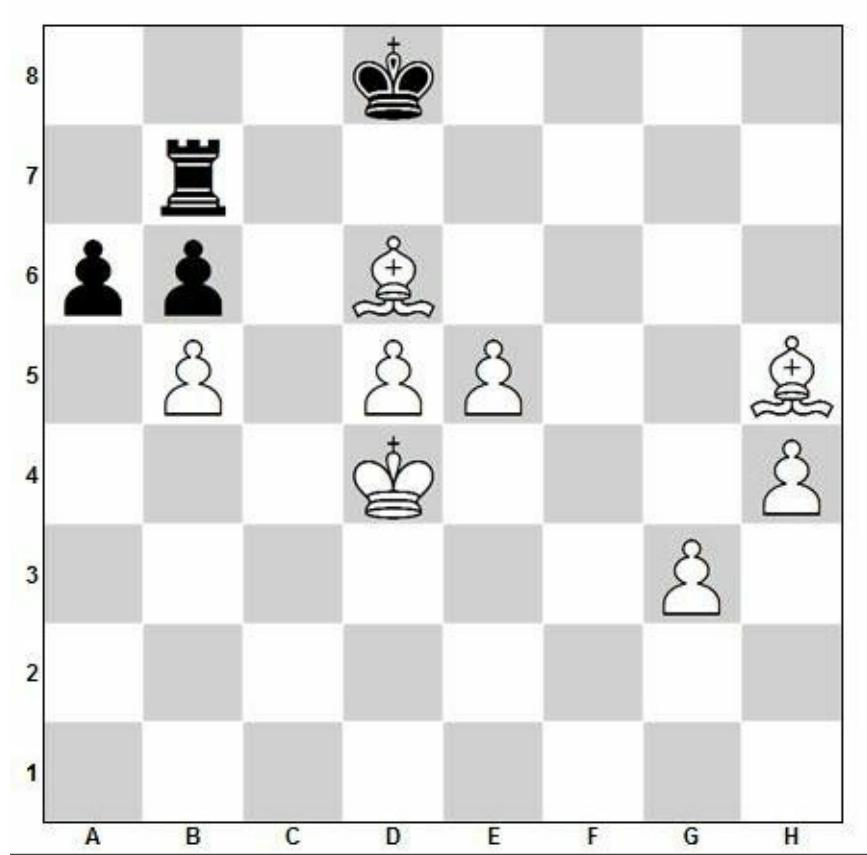
(81) White to move



51.Bxg6 The bishop takes the pawn on g6.

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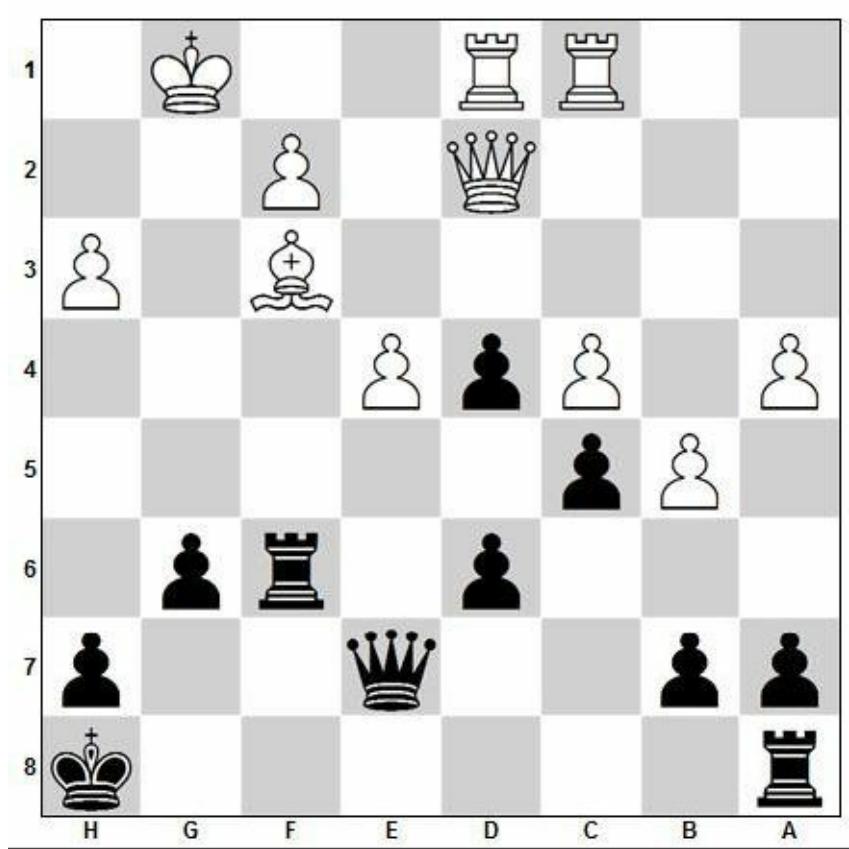
(82) White to move



53.bxa6 The pawn on b5 captures the pawn on a6.

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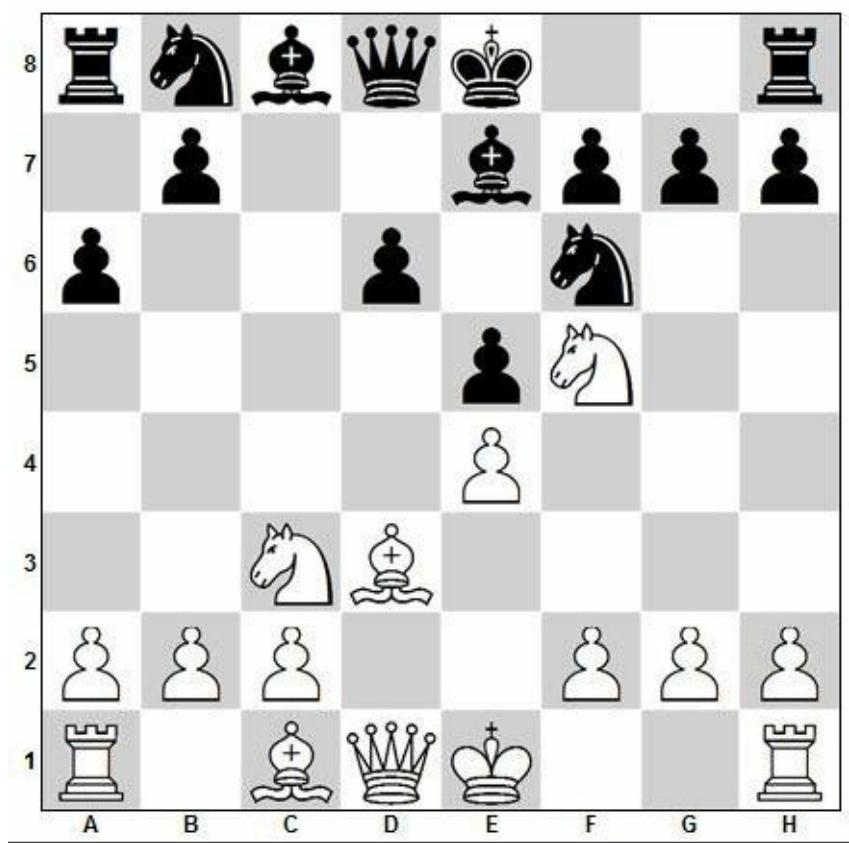
(83) Black to move



25...Rxf3 The rook takes the bishop on f3.

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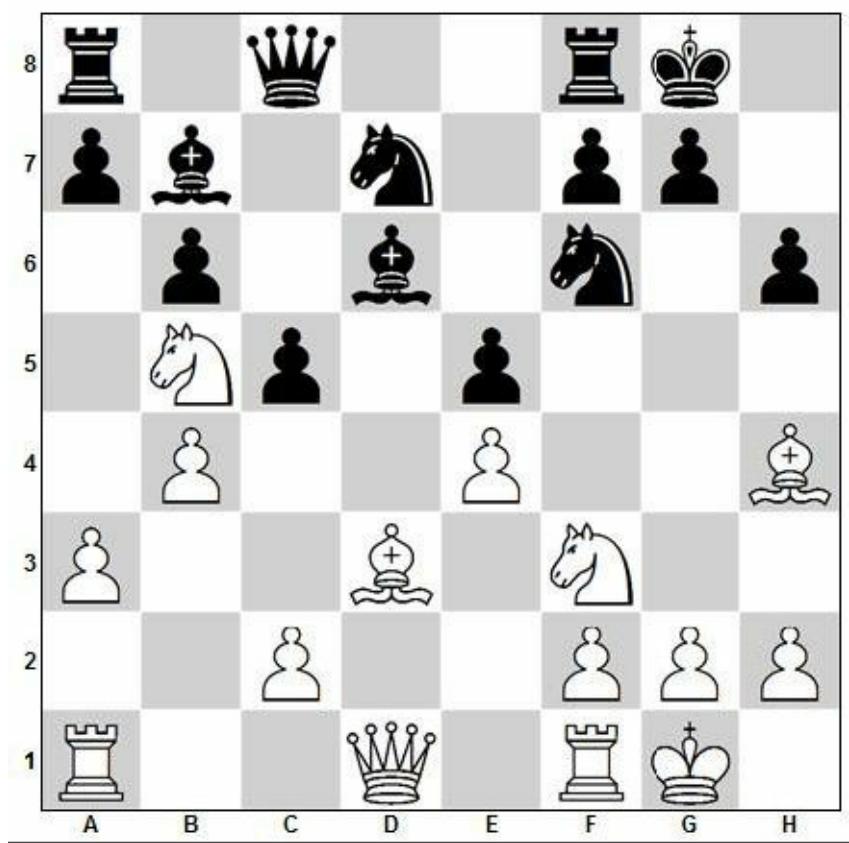
(84) White to move



8.Nxg7+ The knight captures the undefended pawn on g7, putting the king in check.

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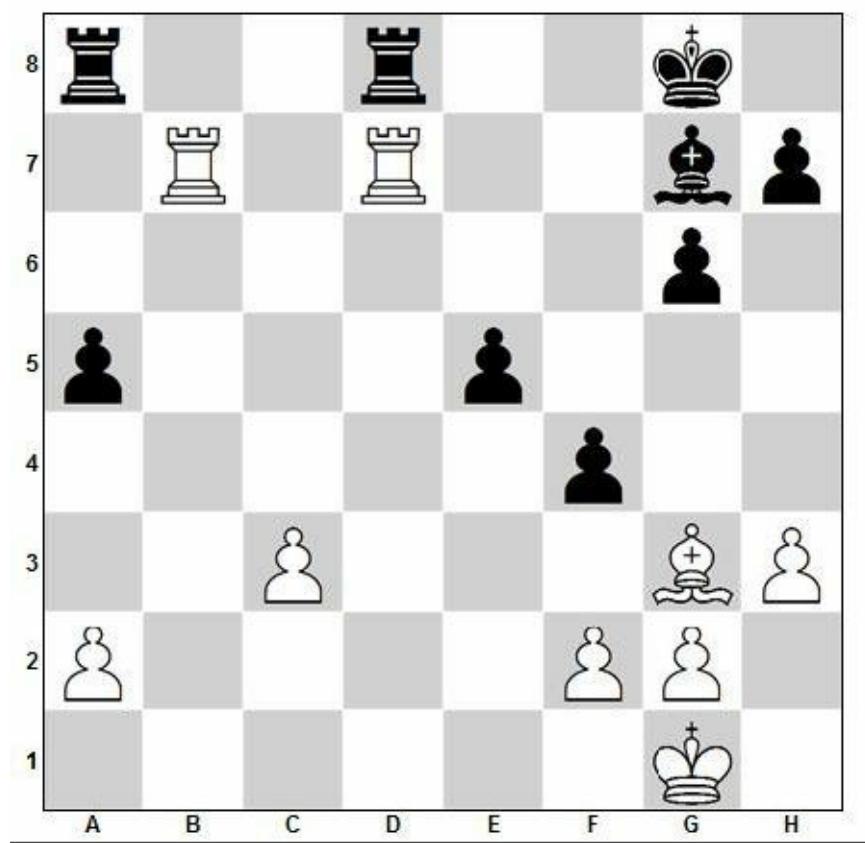
(85) White to move



13.Nxd6 The knight on b5 takes the bishop on d6.

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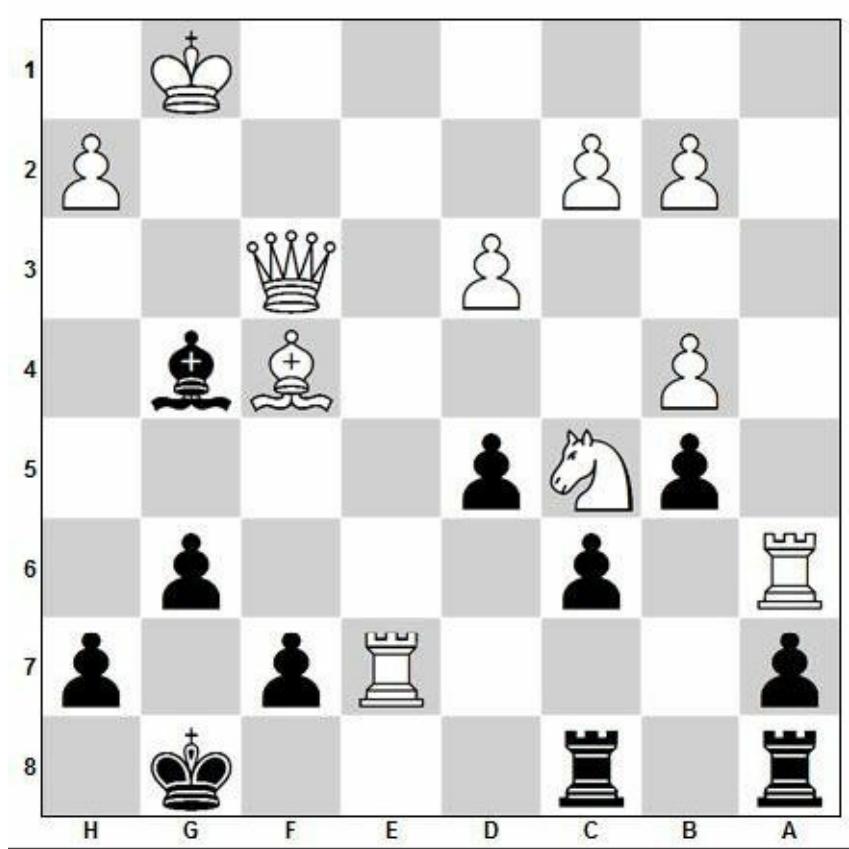
(86) White to move



25.Rxg7+ The rook takes the bishop on g7 with check.

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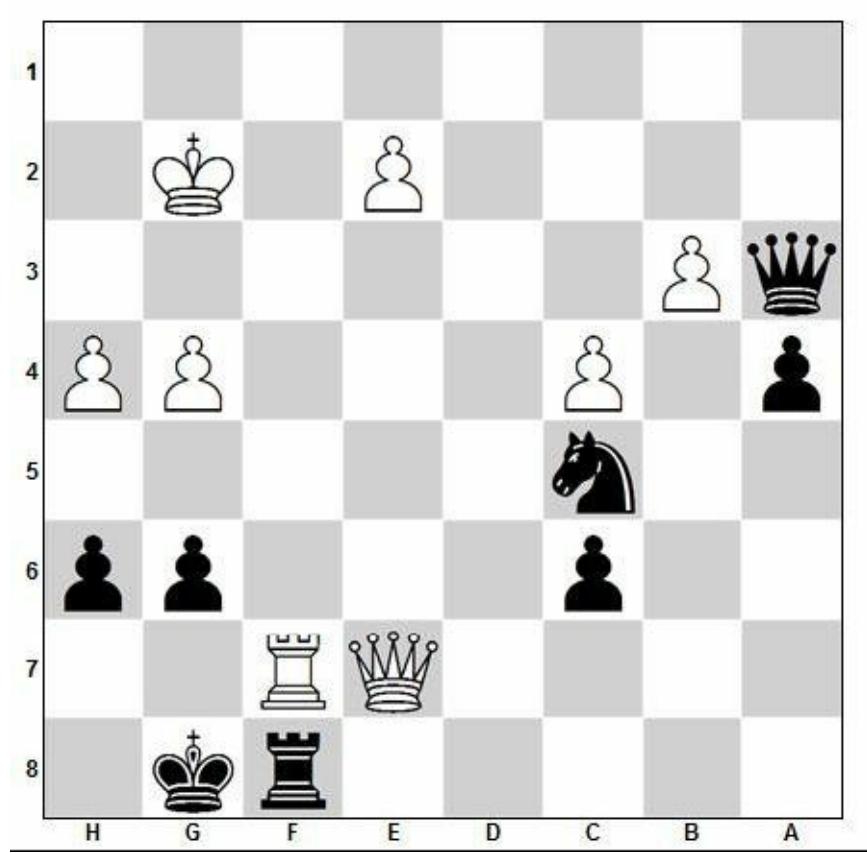
(87) Black to move



23...Bxf3 The bishop takes the queen on f3.

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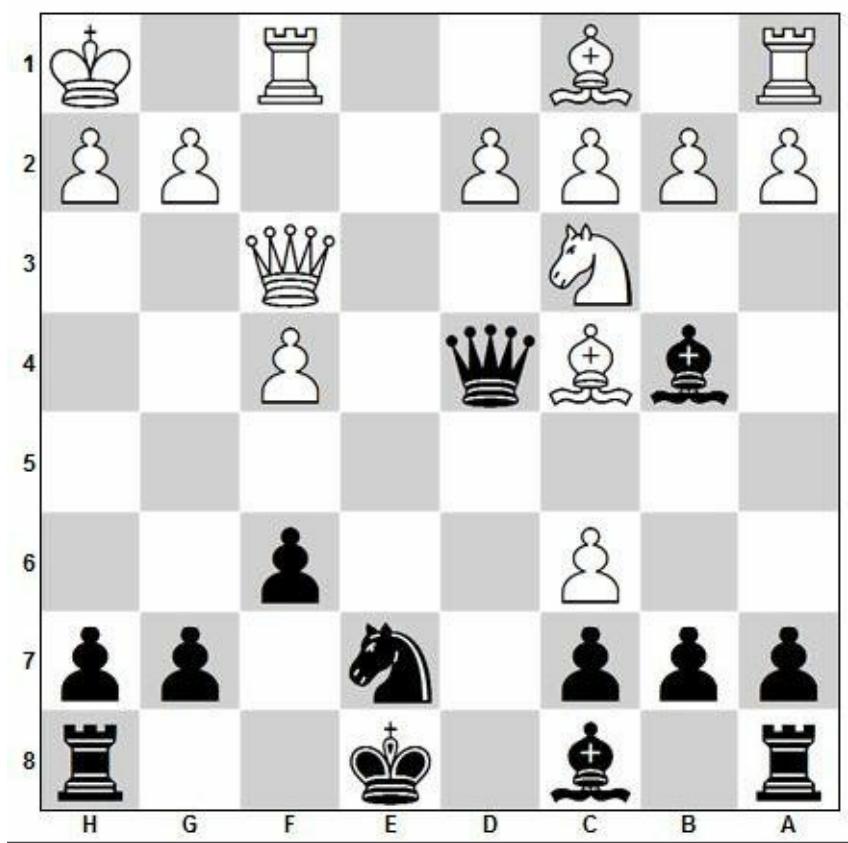
(88) Black to move



38...Rxf7 If the queen recaptures, the king can capture the queen.

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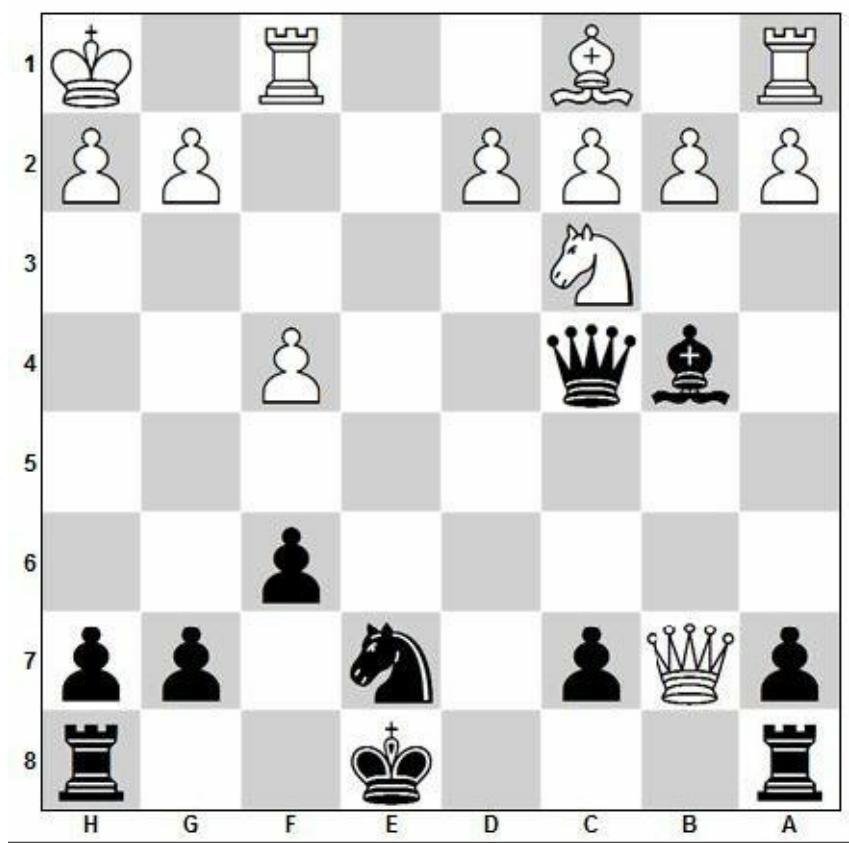
(89) Black to move



10...Qxc4 The queen takes the bishop on c4.

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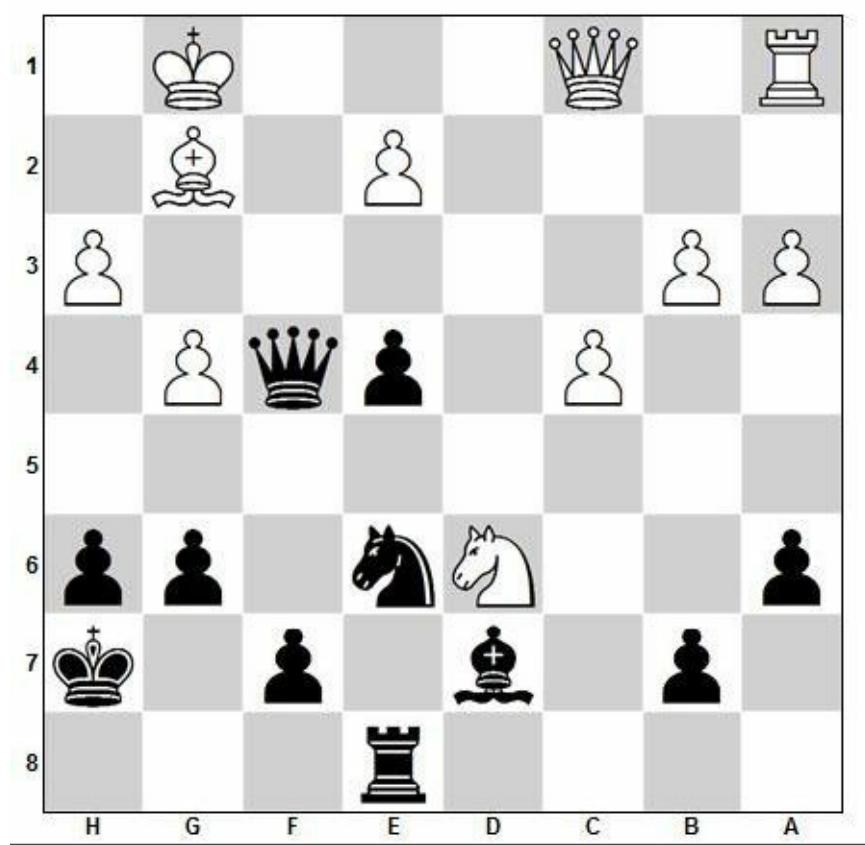
(90) Black to move



12...Qxf1# The queen takes the rook on f1 with checkmate.

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(91) Black to move



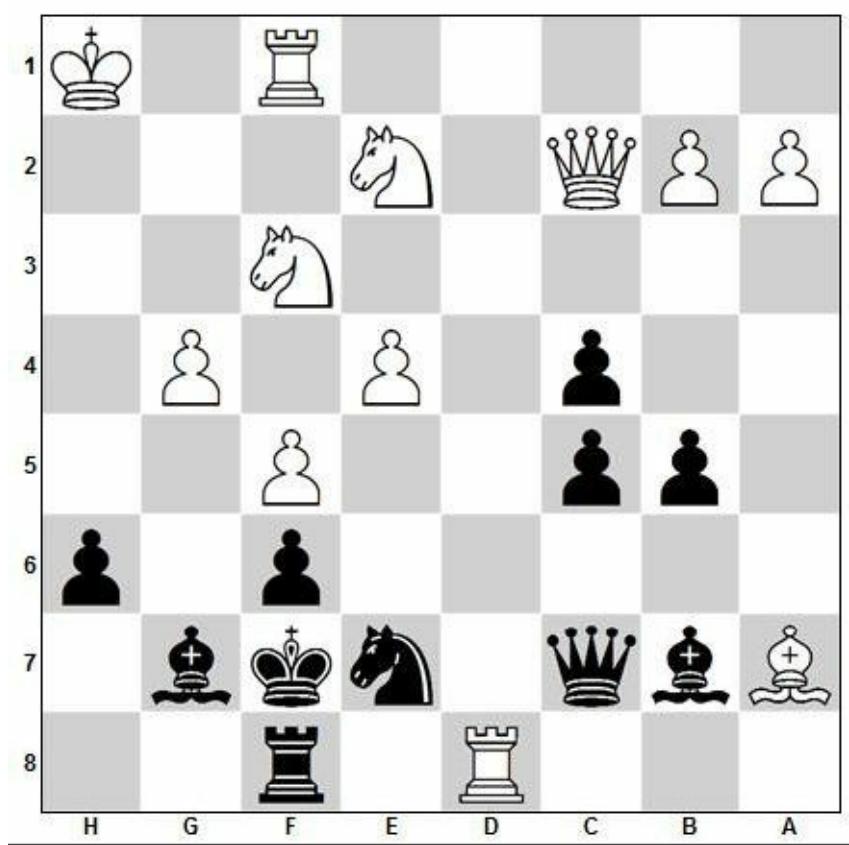
29...Qxd6 The queen takes the knight on d6.

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(92) Black to move



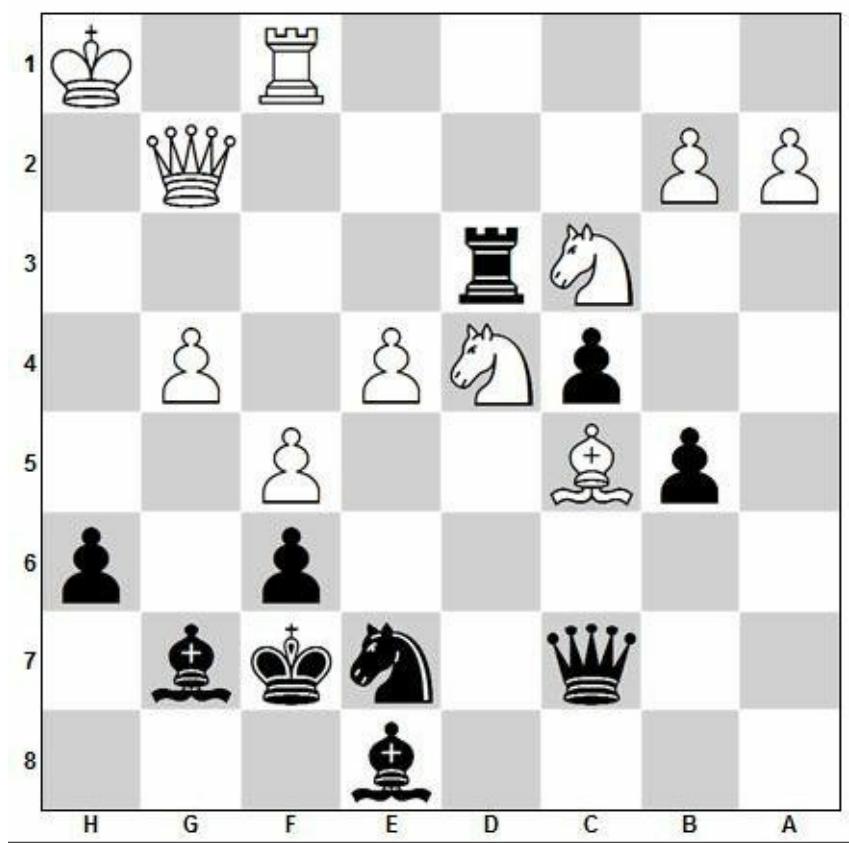
28...Rxd8 You could also capture with the queen. Capturing with the rook activates the rook.

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(93) Black to move



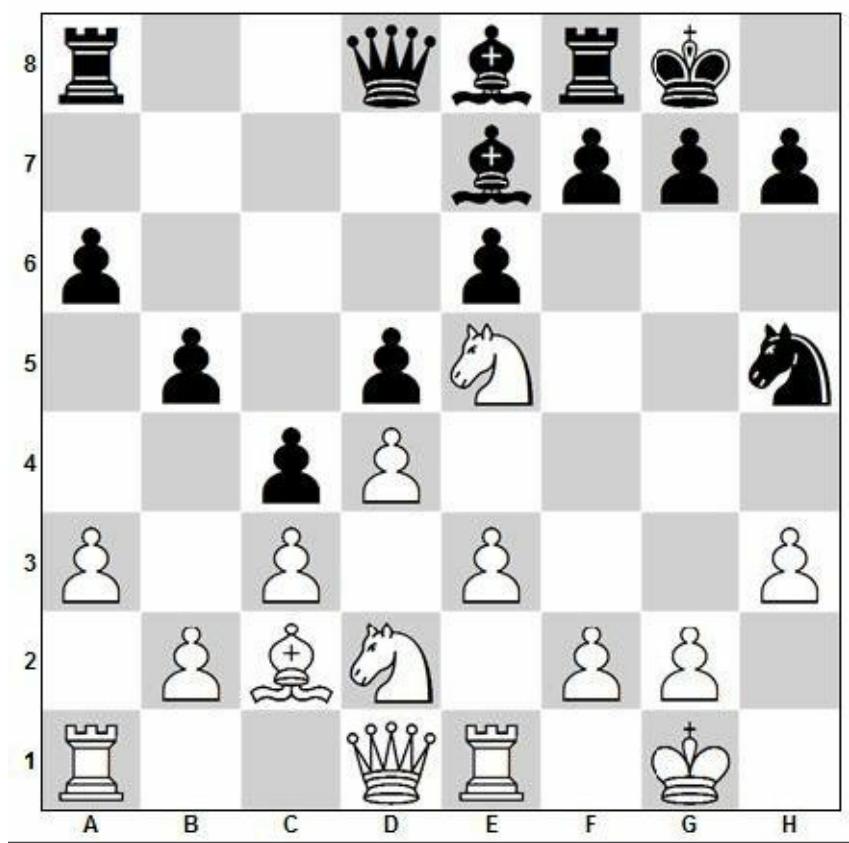
34...Qxc5 The queen takes the bishop on c5.

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(94) White to move



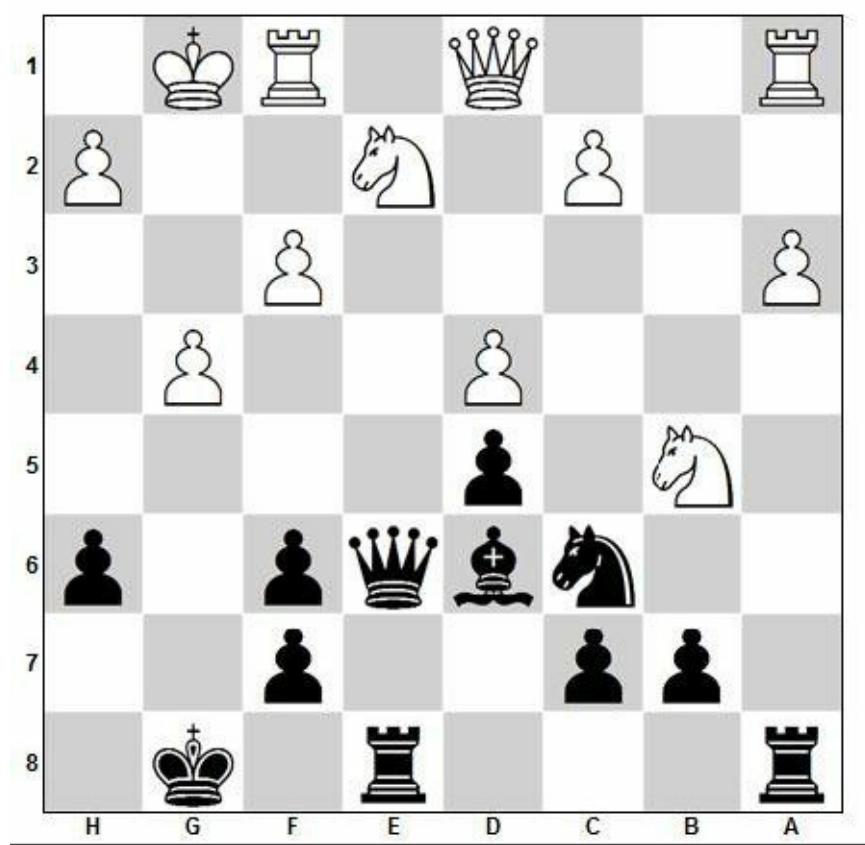
17.Qxh5 The queen takes the knight on h5.

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(95) Black to move



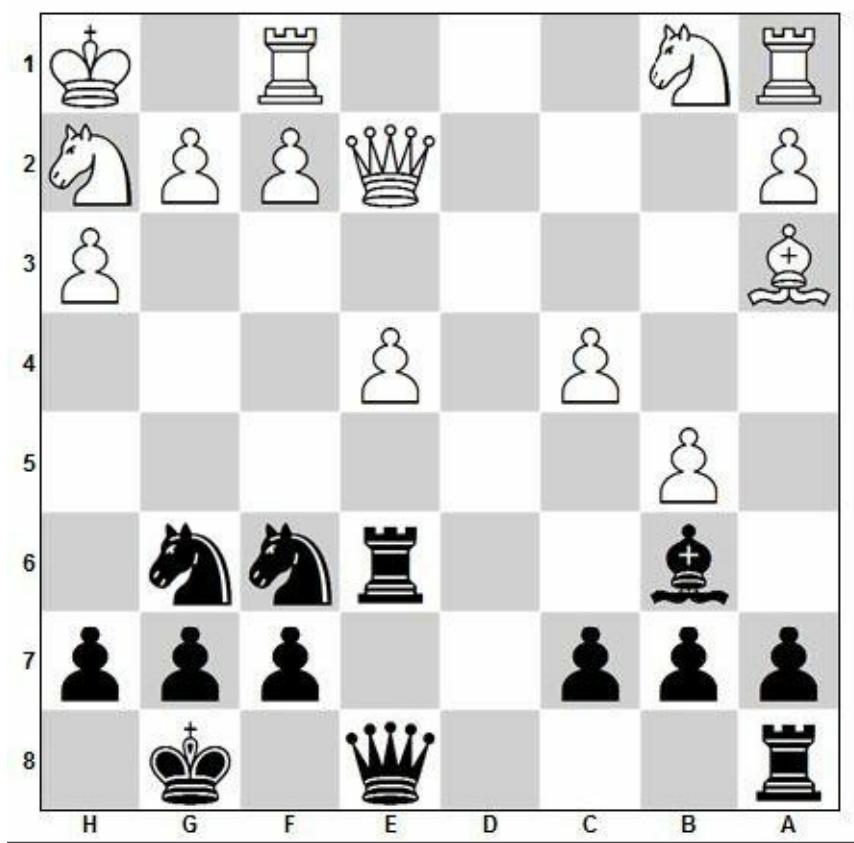
17...Qxe2 The queen can be captured, but it is really just a queen trade after the rook recaptures again on e2. At the end of the exchange, black will have won a knight.

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(96) Black to move



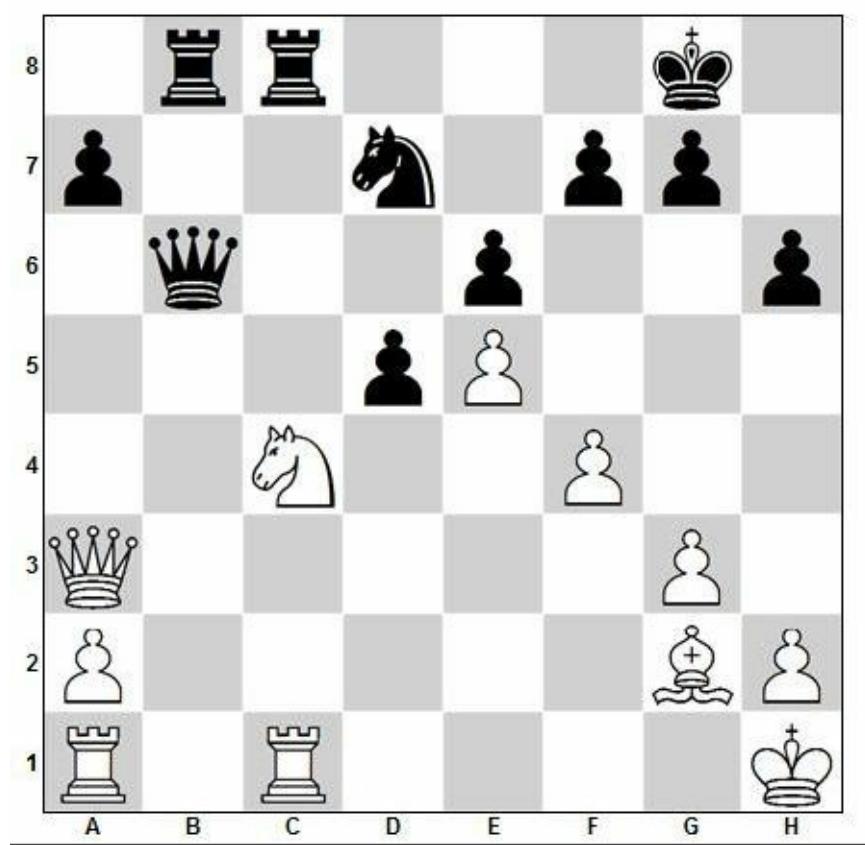
20...Nxe4 The rook could also capture. By capturing with the knight you bring your knight to more active square where it makes two more threats; one is to capture on f2 and if the queen doesn't move, you can check by playing knight to g3, with a discovery attack from the rook on the queen.

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(97) White to move



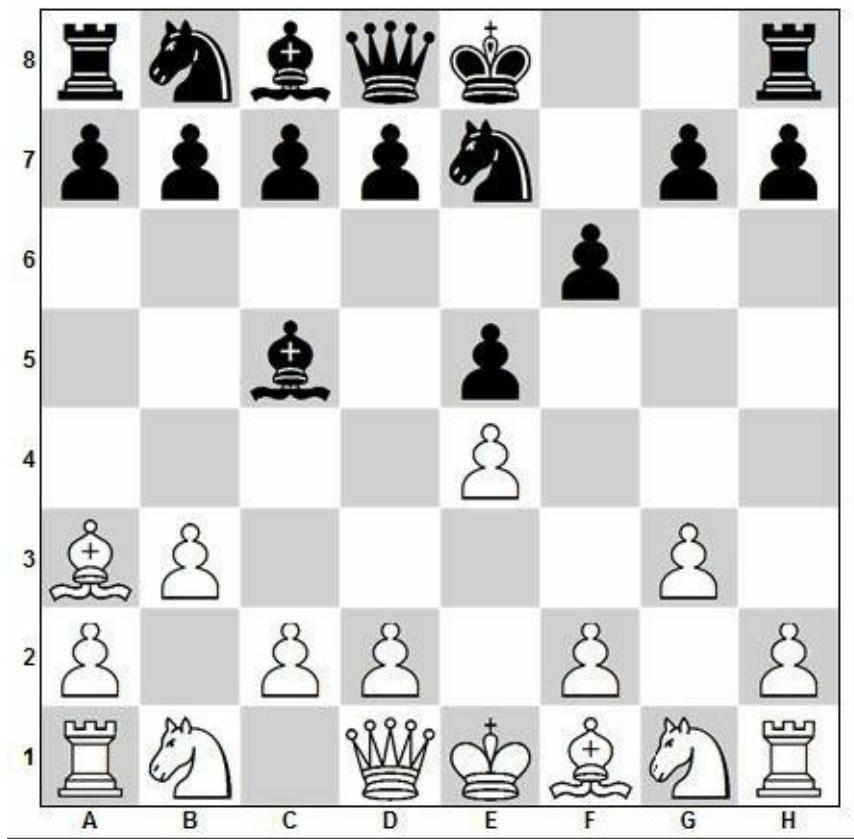
27.Nxb6 The knight will be recaptured, but the queen is worth 9 pawns and the knight is only worth 3, so it's a great deal for white.

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(98) White to move



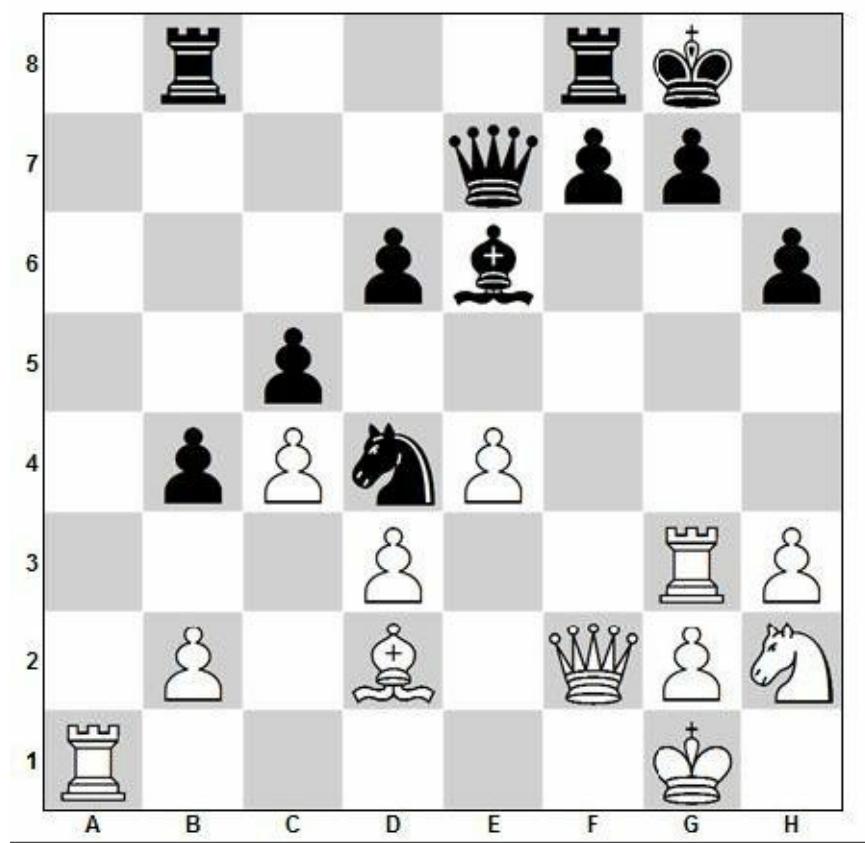
5.Bxc5 The bishop takes the bishop on c5.

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(99) White to move

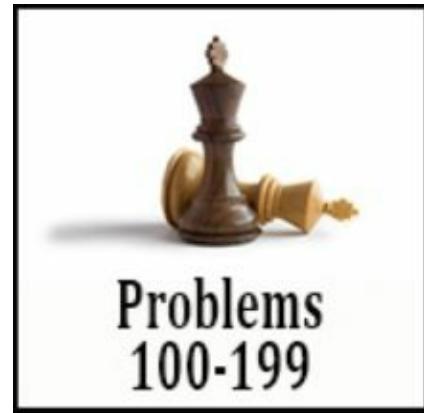


24.Bxh6 The pawn on g7 cannot recapture because it's pinned by the rook on g3 because it is illegal to move into check.

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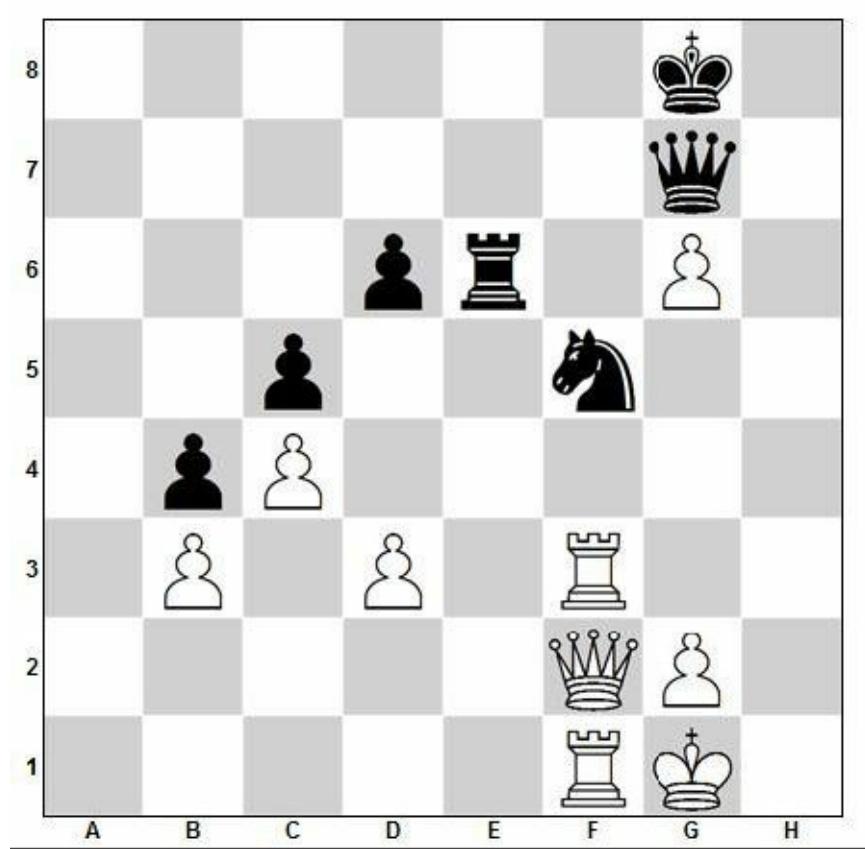
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(100) White to move



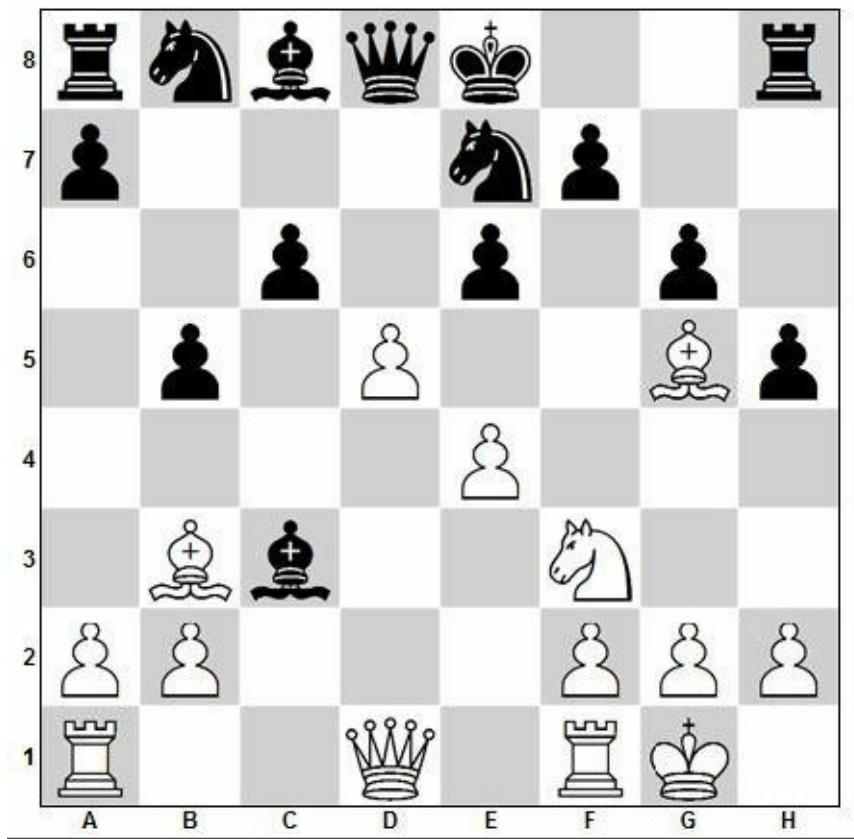
36.Rxf5 The rook takes the knight on f5.

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(101) White to move



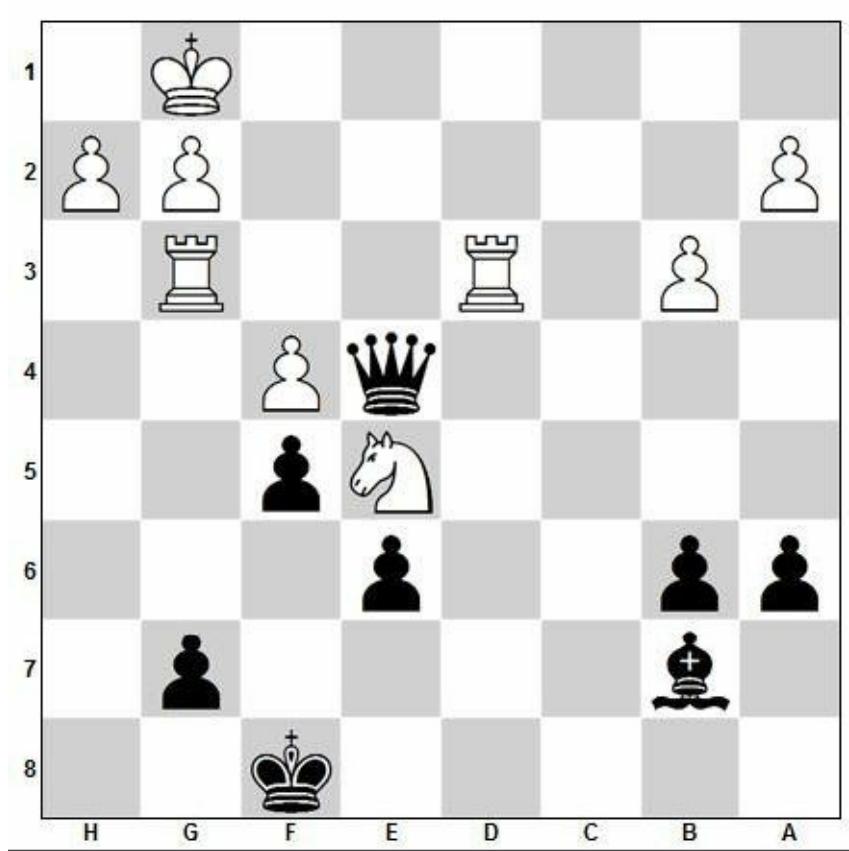
11.bxc3 The pawn on b3 takes the bishop on c3.

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(102) Black to move



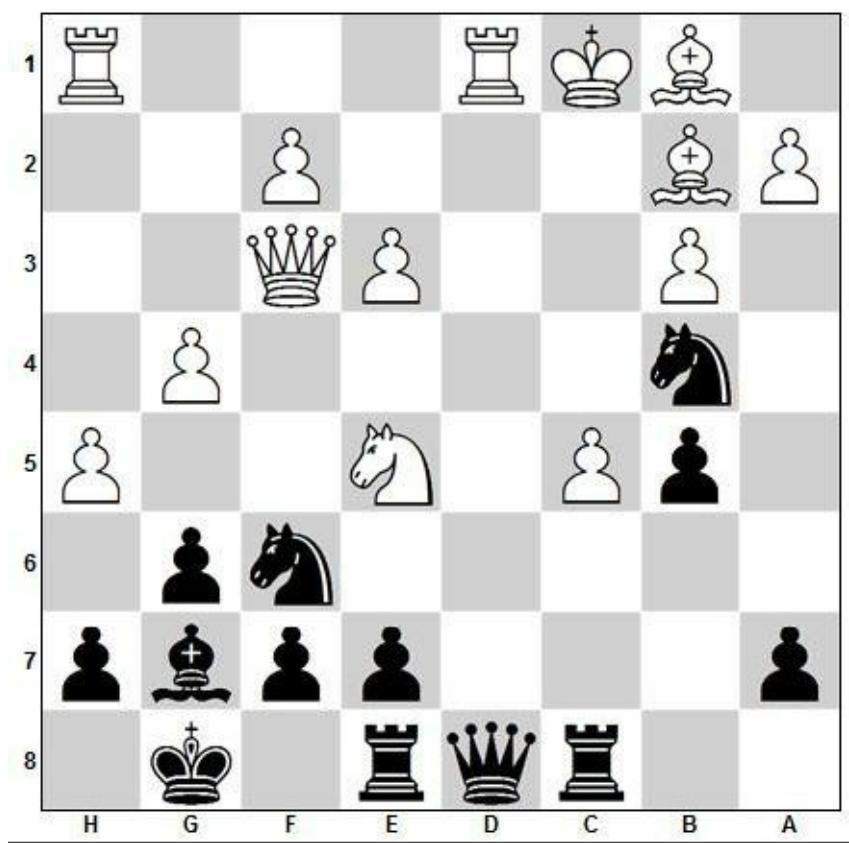
27...Qe1# The queen moves to e1 with checkmate.

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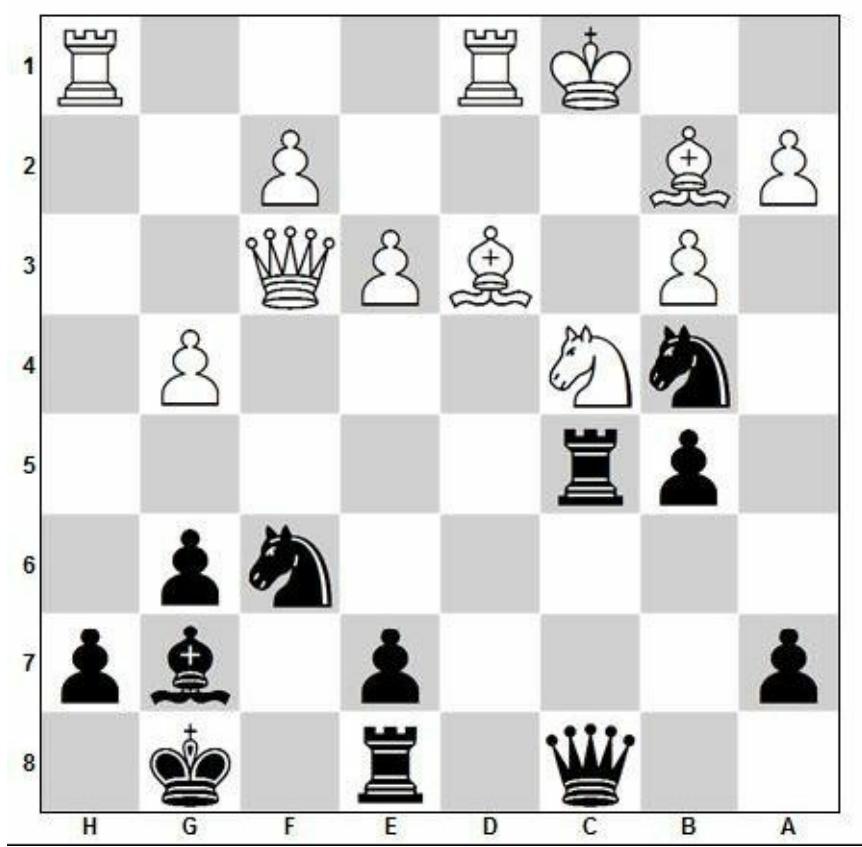
17...Rxc5+ The rook takes the pawn on c5 with check. If it wasn't for the check, it would be a mistake because it would allow the rook on d1 to capture black's queen.

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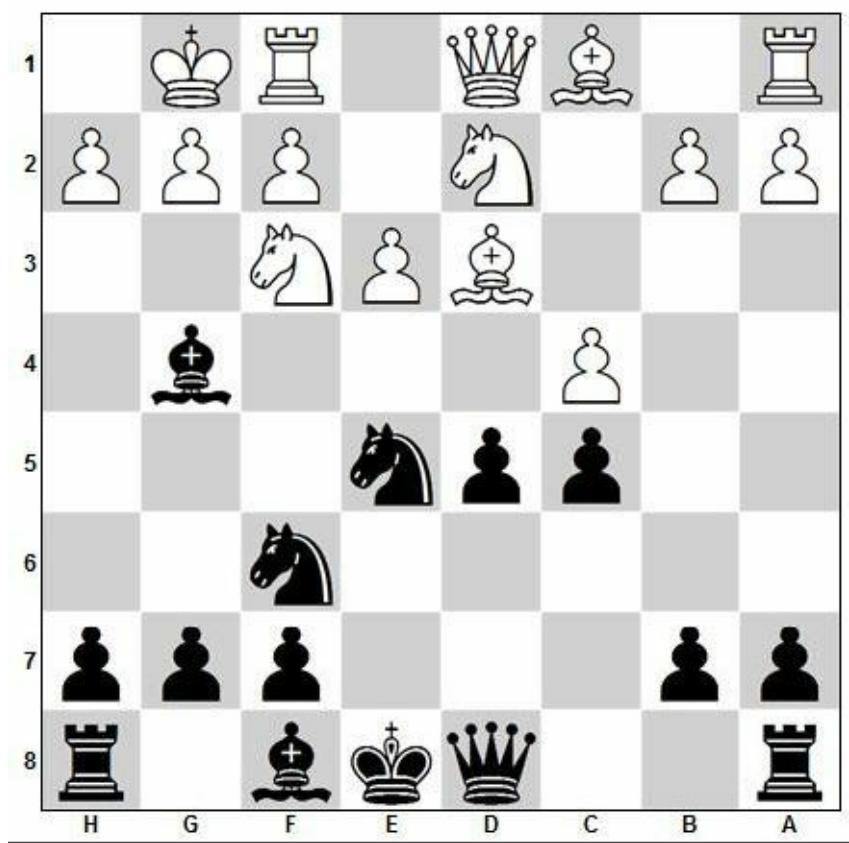
20...bxc4 The pawn on b5 captures the knight on c4.

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(105) Black to move



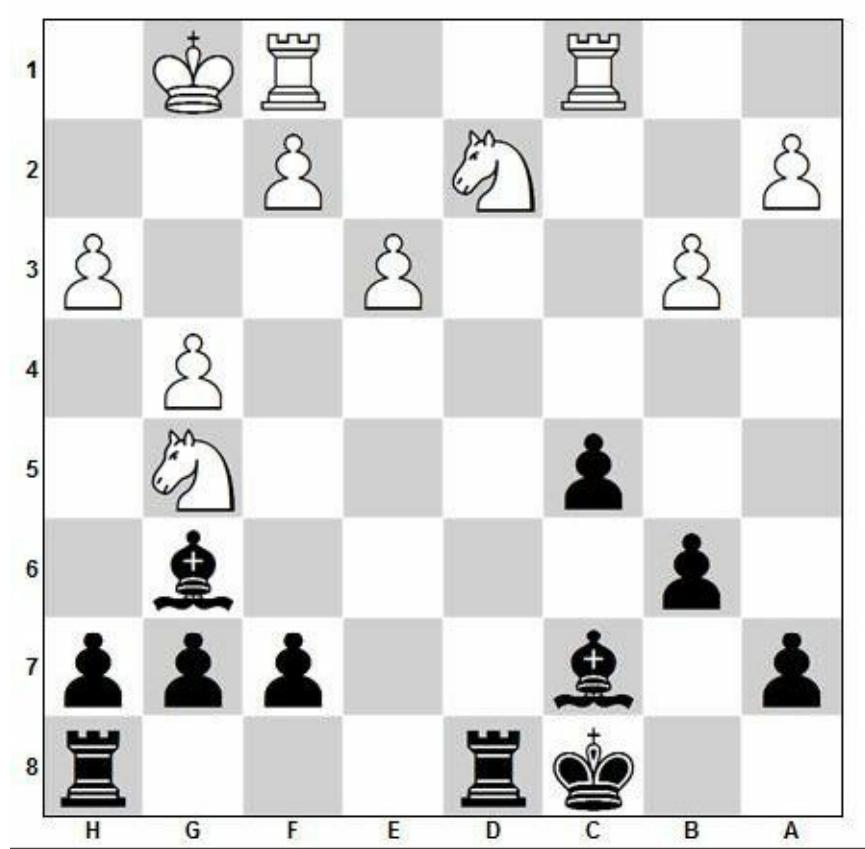
8...Nxd3 The knight takes the bishop on d3.

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(106) Black to move



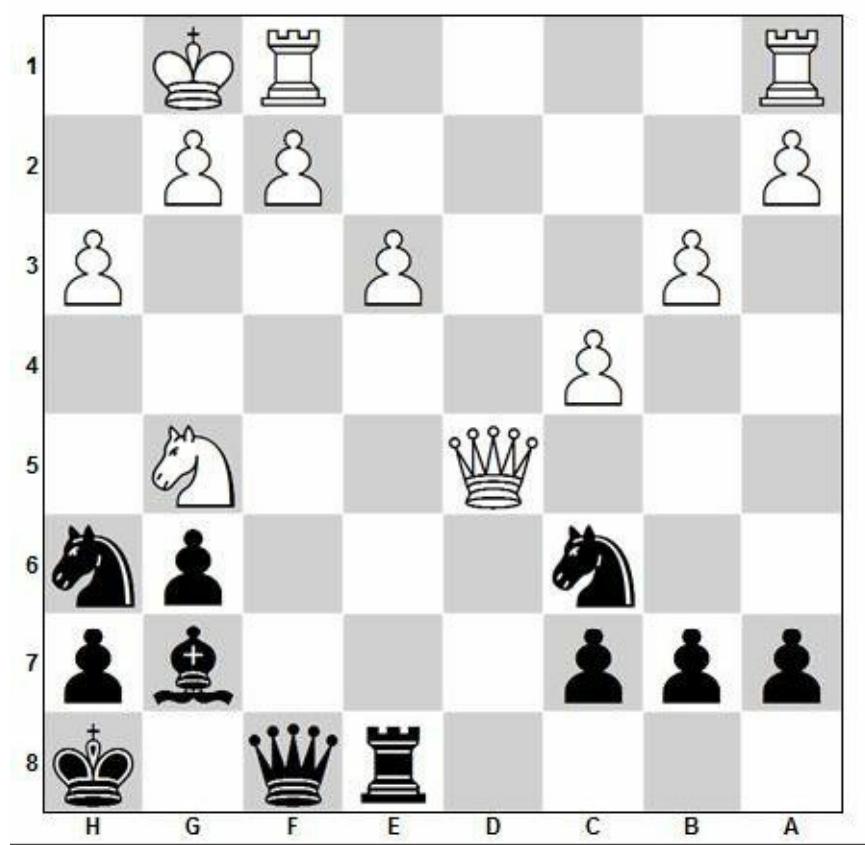
19...Rxd2 The rook takes the knight on d2.

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(107) Black to move



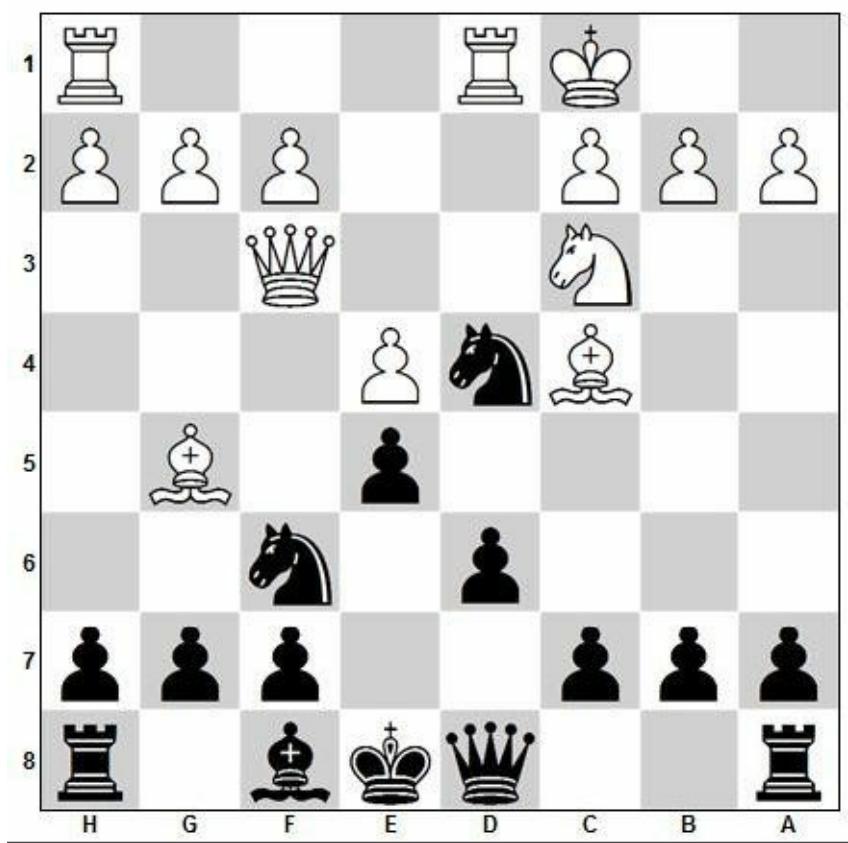
18...Bxa1 The bishop takes the rook on a1.

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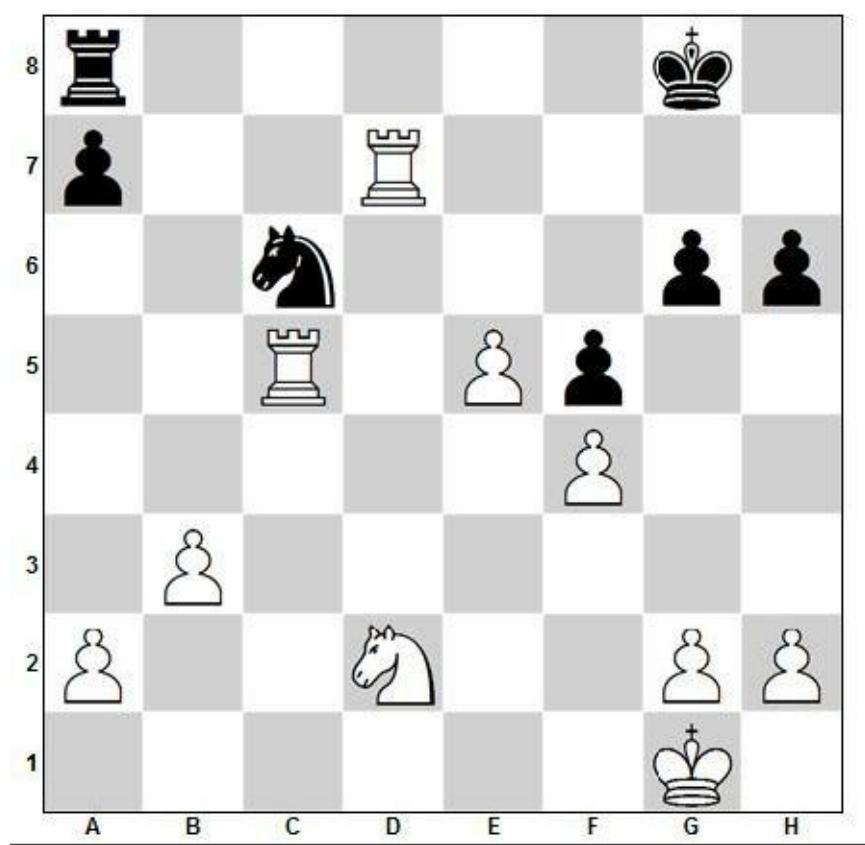
8...Nxf3 The knight takes the queen on f3.

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(109) White to move



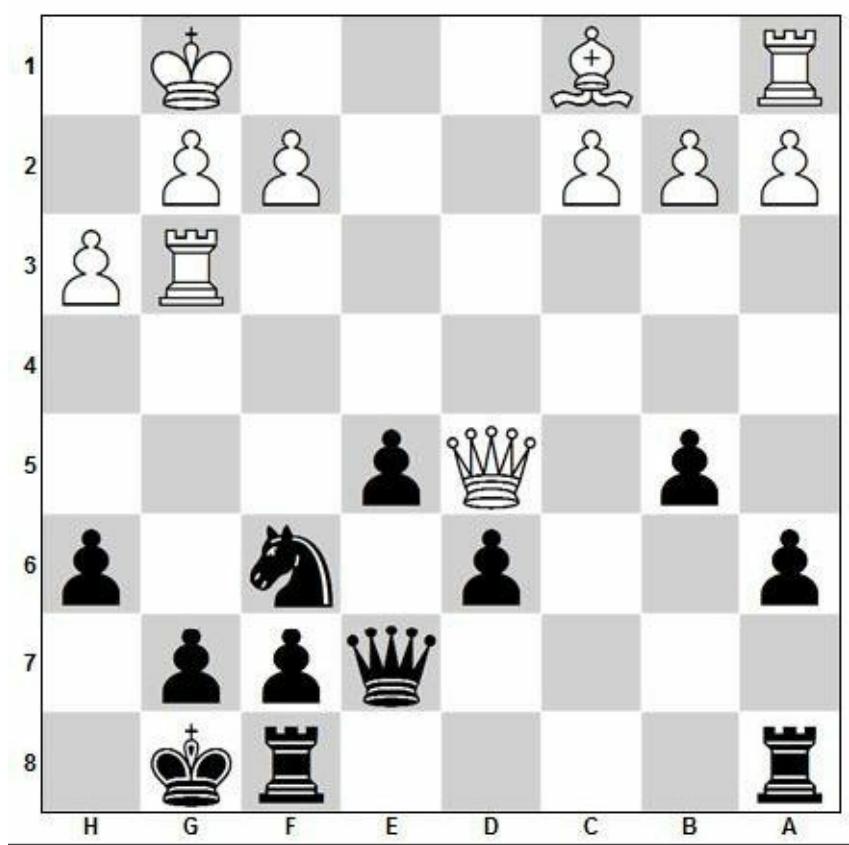
31.Rxc6 The rook takes the knight on c6.

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(110) Black to move



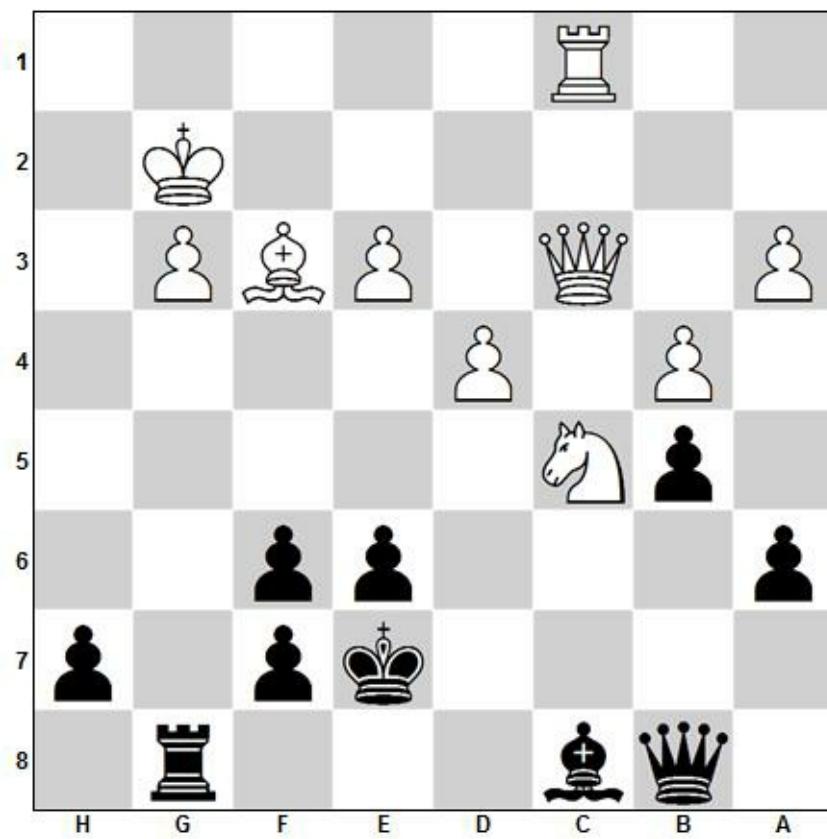
19...Nxd5 The knight takes the queen on d5.

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(111) Black to move



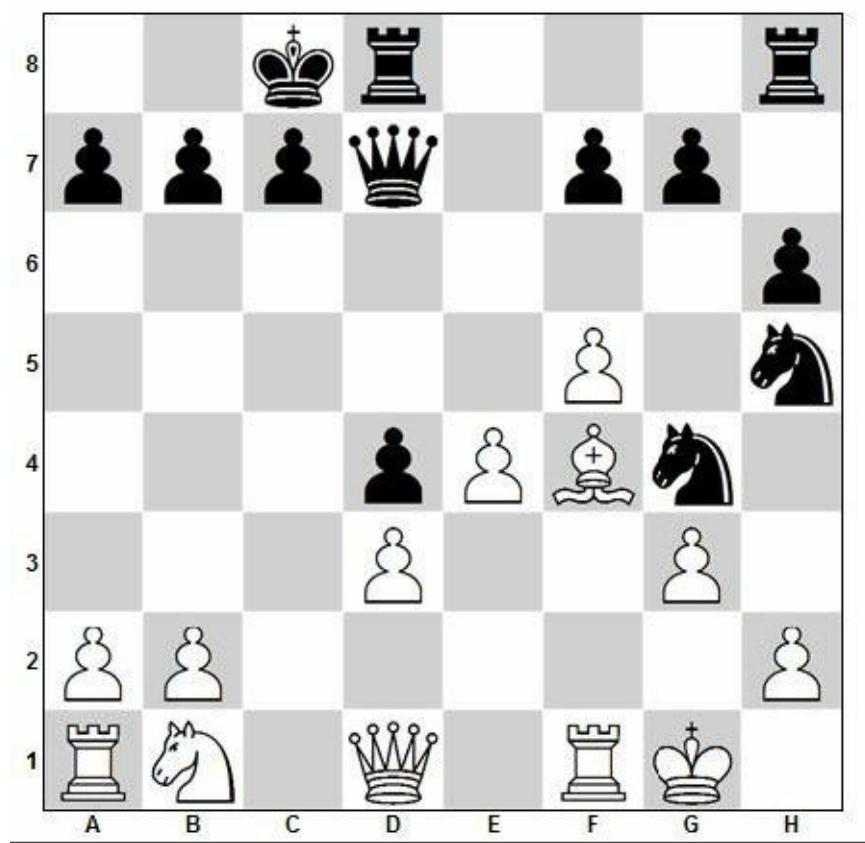
29...**Qxg3+** The queen takes the pawn on g3, guarded by the rook on g8.

From the game Neitzsche1844 (1369) – Morbius (1654) 0-1 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(112) White to move



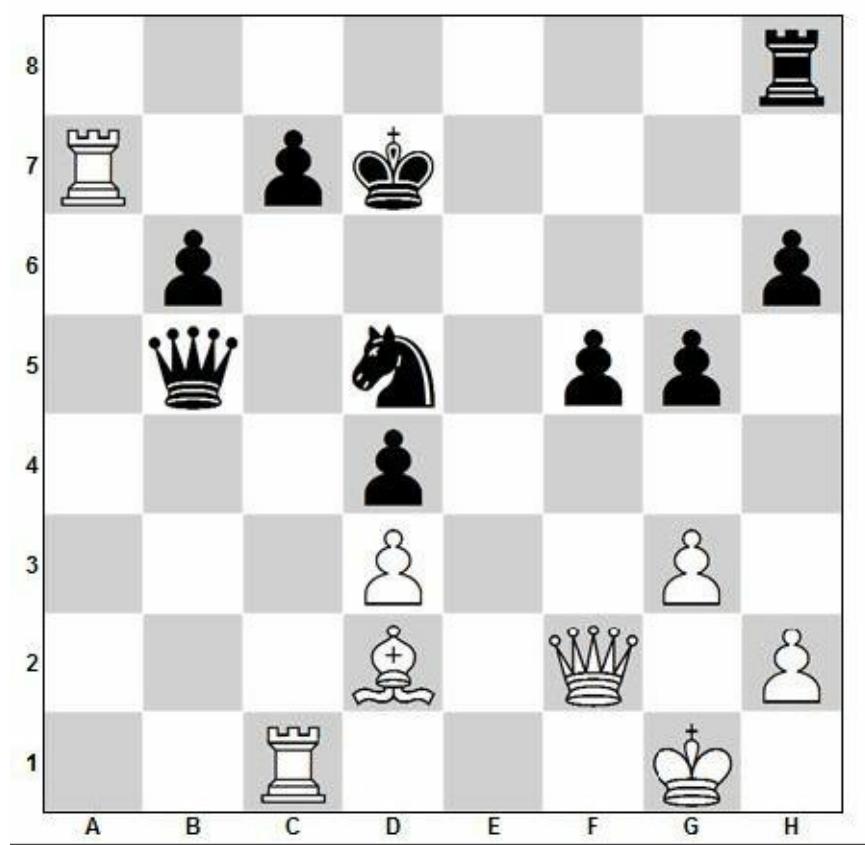
19.Qxg4 The queen takes the knight on g4.

From the game hedonist (1692) – rabnes (1475) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(113) White to move

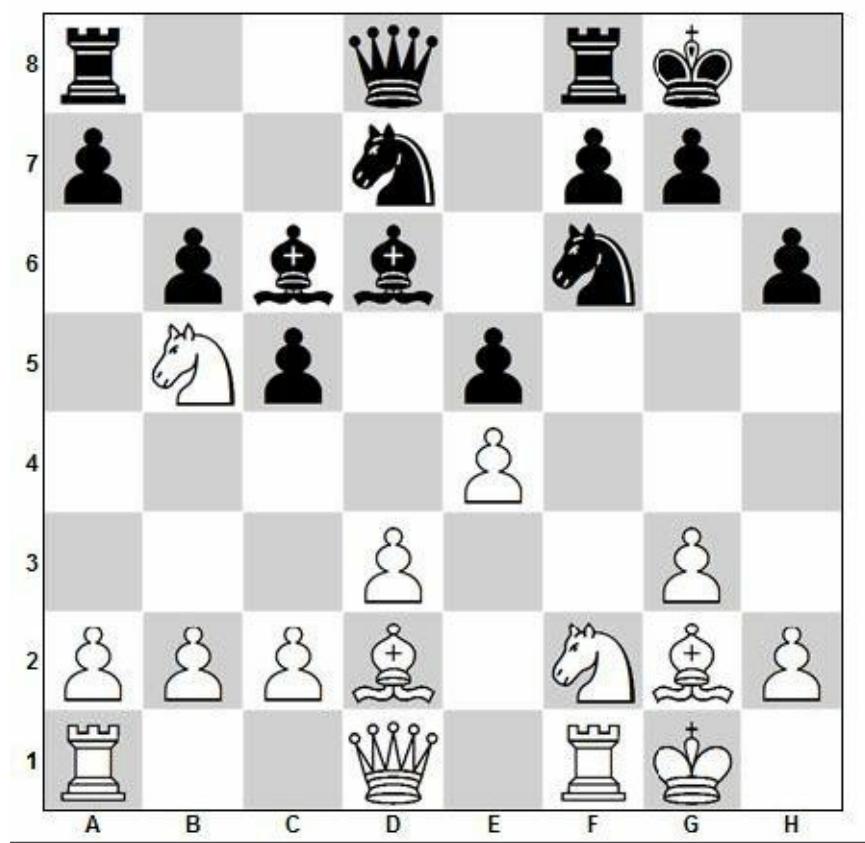


37.Qxf5+ The queen takes the pawn on f5.

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(114) White to move



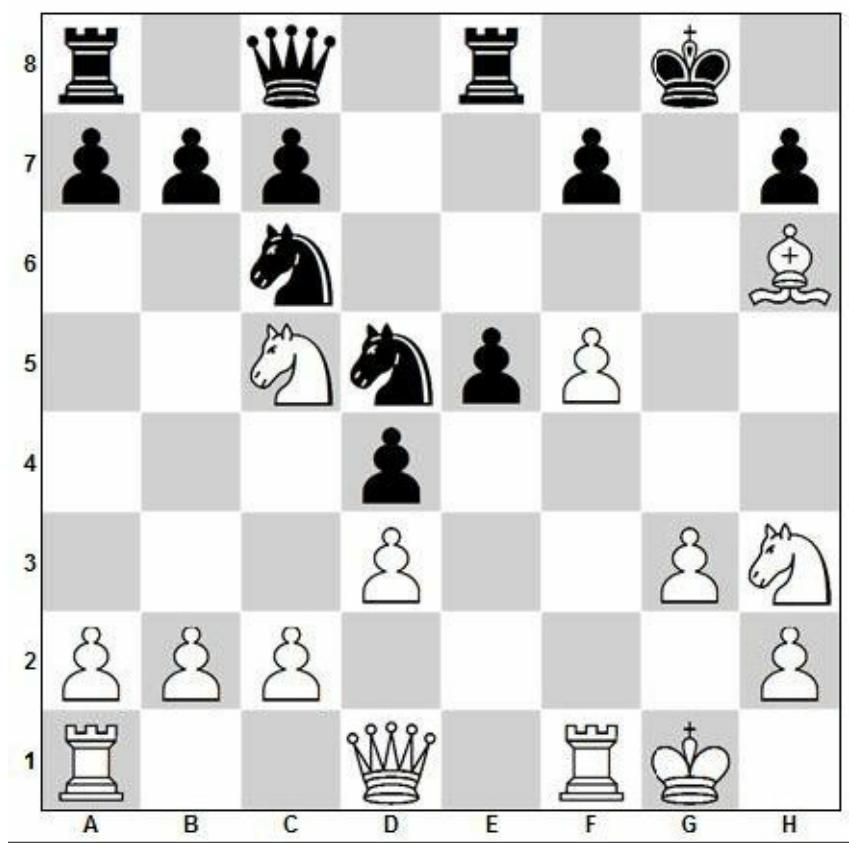
14.Nxd6 The knight takes the bishop on d6.

From the game hedonist (1692) – Dieter Sievert (1191) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(115) White to move



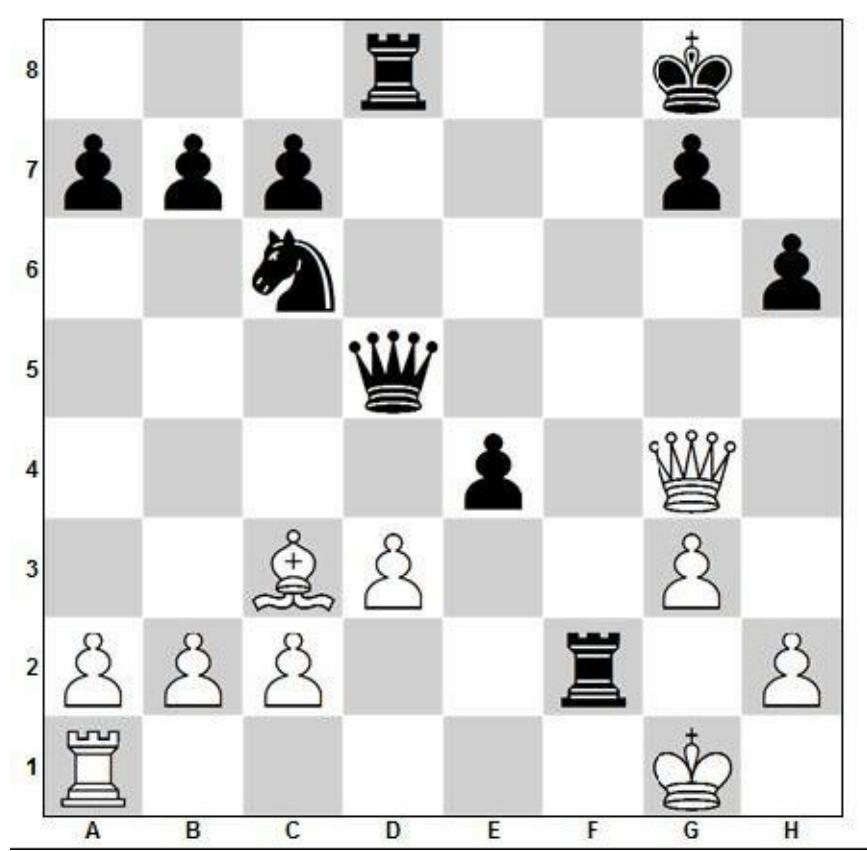
19.Qg4+ The queen moves to g4 with check, and checkmate next move via Qg7 is inevitable.

From the game hedonist (1692) – Peter Cobb (1454) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(116) White to move



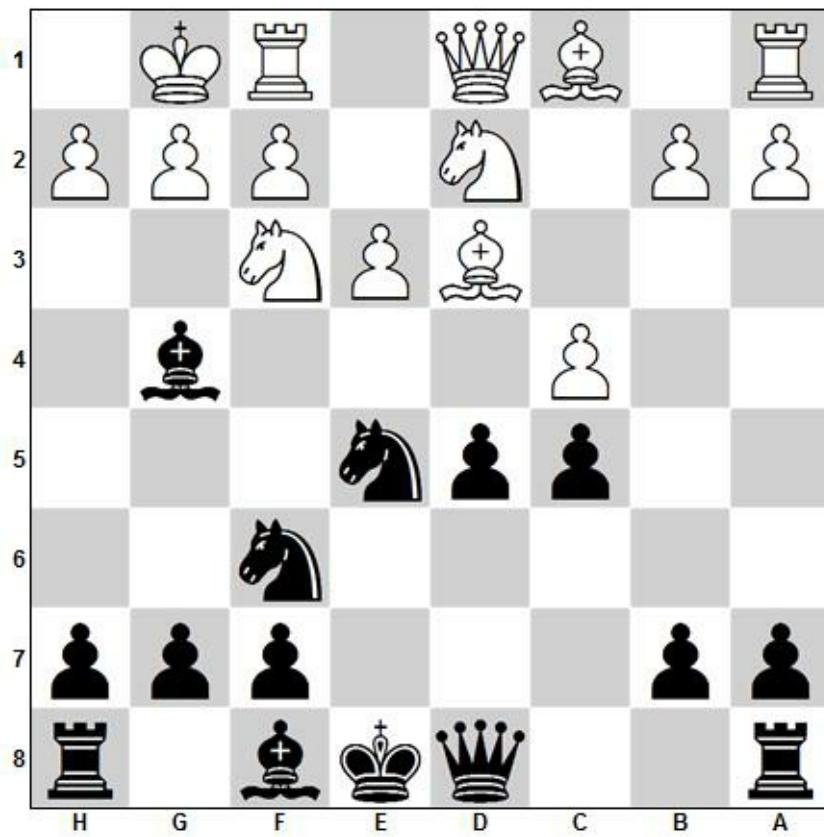
20.Qxg7# The queen takes the pawn on g7 with checkmate. If you noticed that the king can take the rook on f2, great, but when you see a good move, always look for a better move.

From the game hedonist (1692) – Heatonite (1598 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(117) Black to move



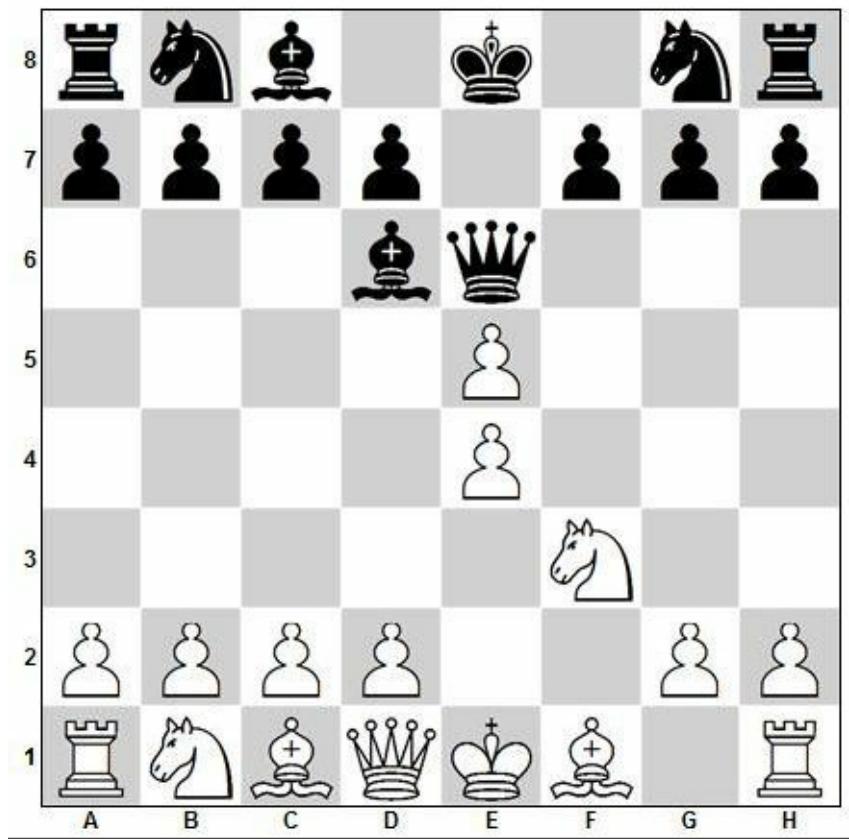
8...Nxd3 The knight takes the bishop on d3.

From the game Dieter Sievert (1191) – Peter Cobb (1454) 0-1 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(118) White to move



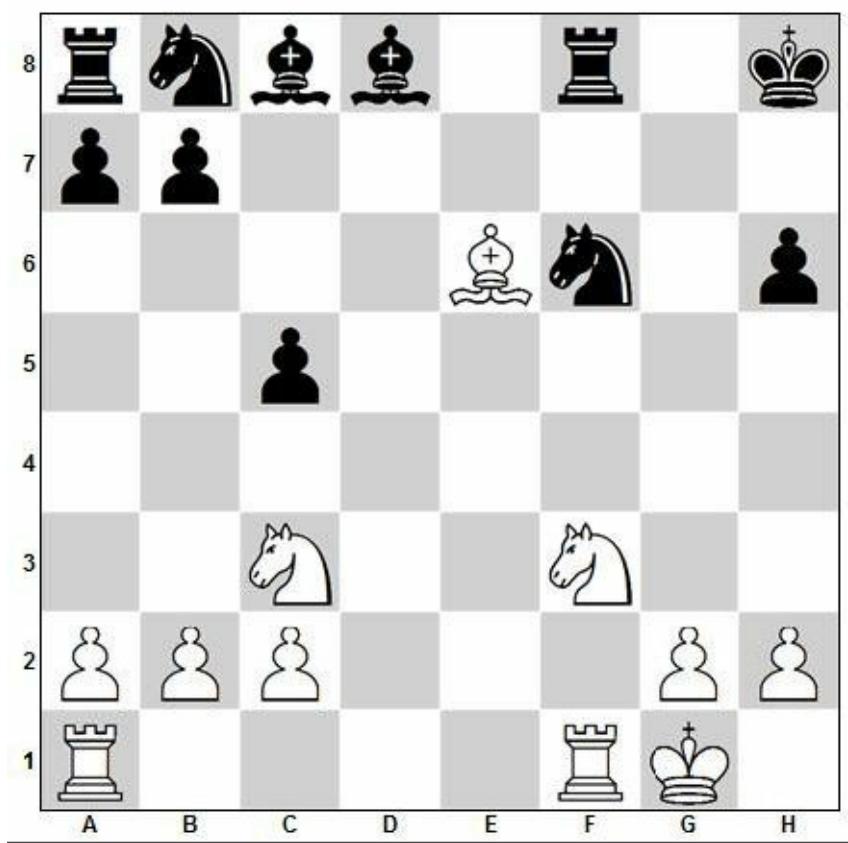
5.exd6 The pawn on e5 takes the bishop on d6.

From the game Red House (1631) schlammblut (1272) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(119) White to move



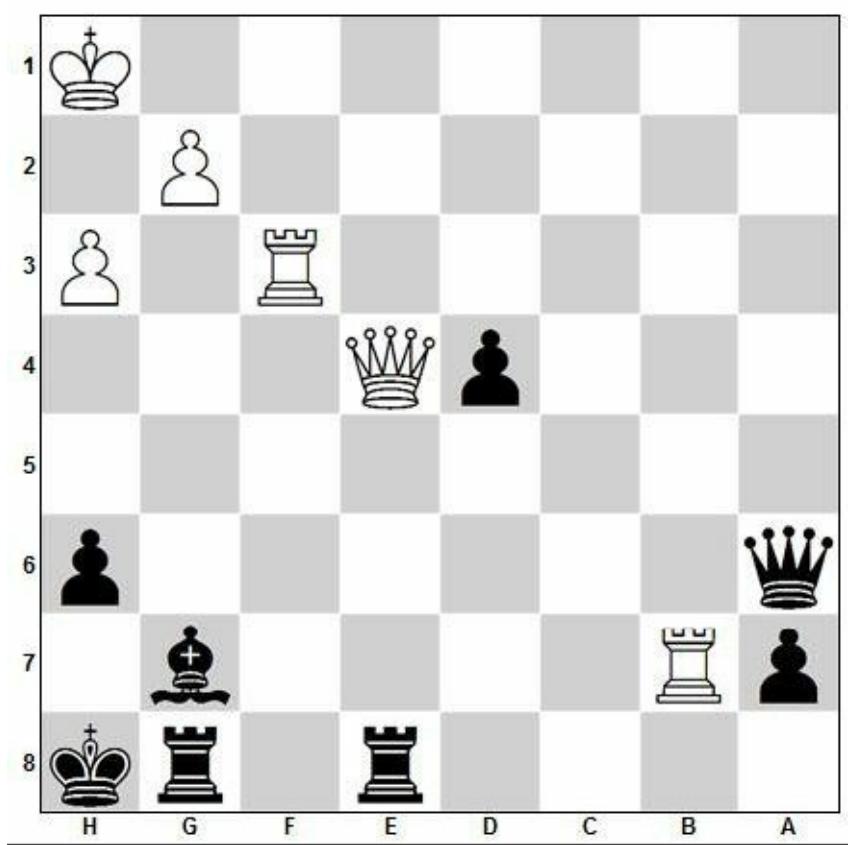
16.Bxc8 The bishop takes the bishop on c8.

From the game Red House (1631) – friis76 (1349) 0-1 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(120) Black to move



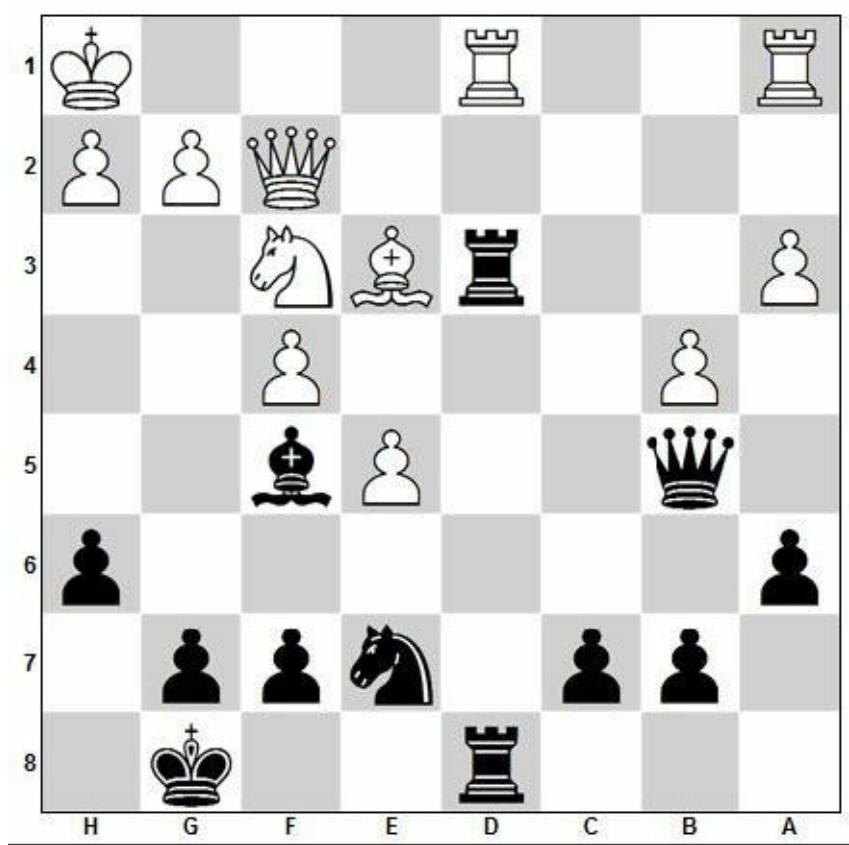
30...Rxe4 The rook takes the queen on e4.

From the game Red House (1631) – friis76 (1339) 0-1 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(121) Black to move



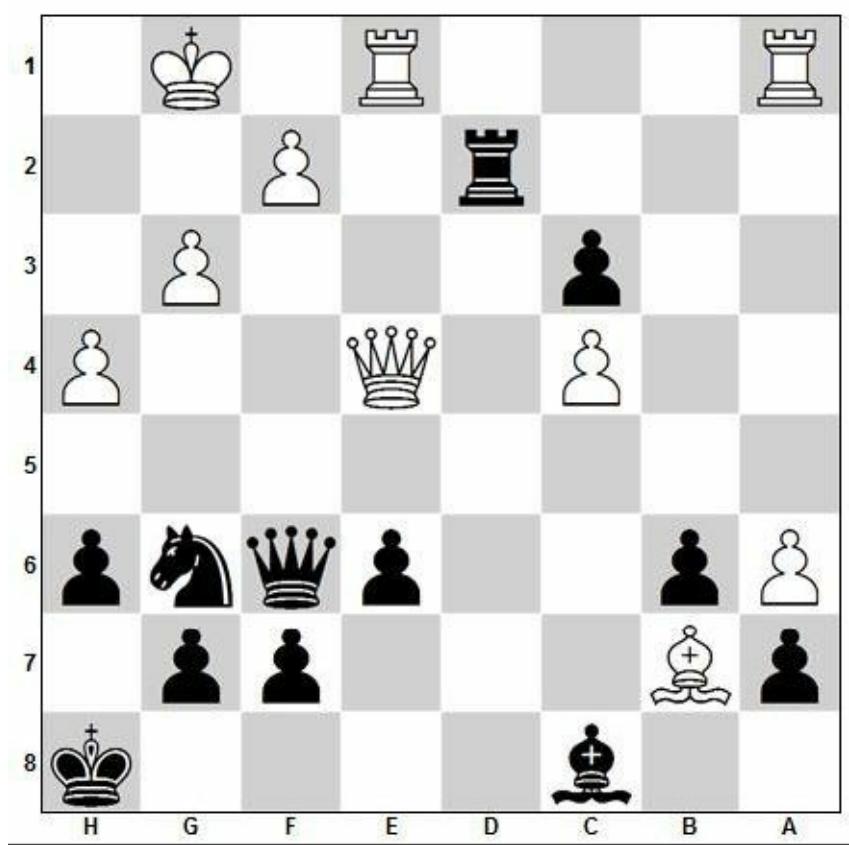
26...Rxd1+ The rook takes the rook on d1. The rook is guarded once and attacked twice. It is guarded by the rook on a1, but it is being attacked by the rook on d3 and by the rook on d8.

From the game Inspector5251 (1321) – Red House (1631) 0-1 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(122) Black to move



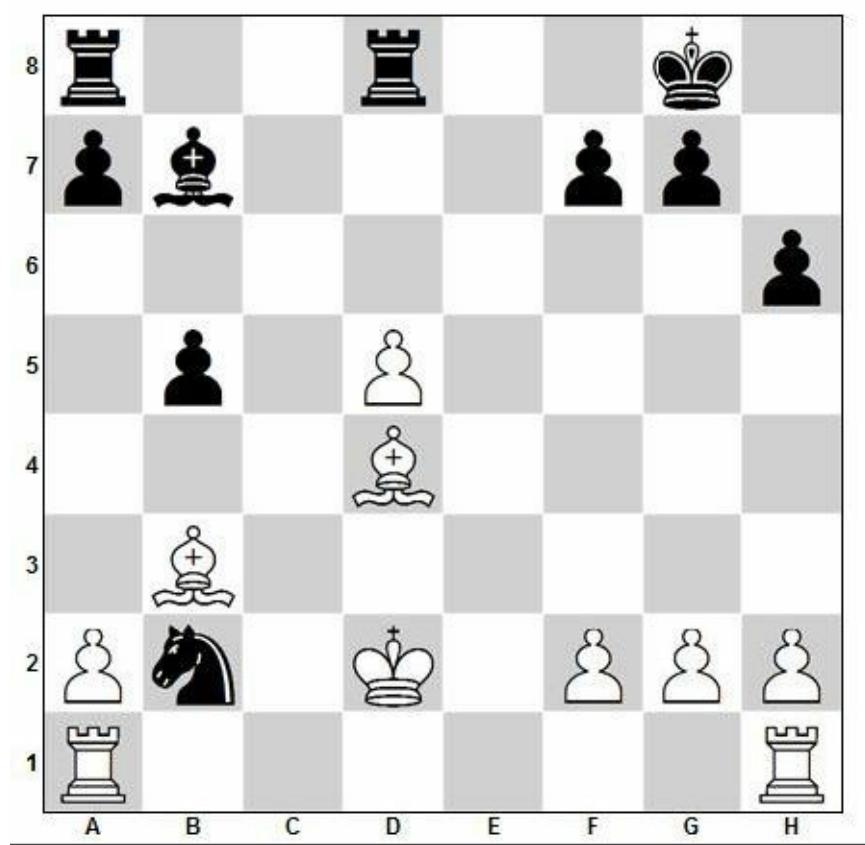
25...**Qxf2+** The queen takes the pawn on f2 with check. The queen is protected by the rook on d2, so the king can't take it.

From the game Inspector5251 (1321) – jecidi (1661) 0-1 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(123) White to move



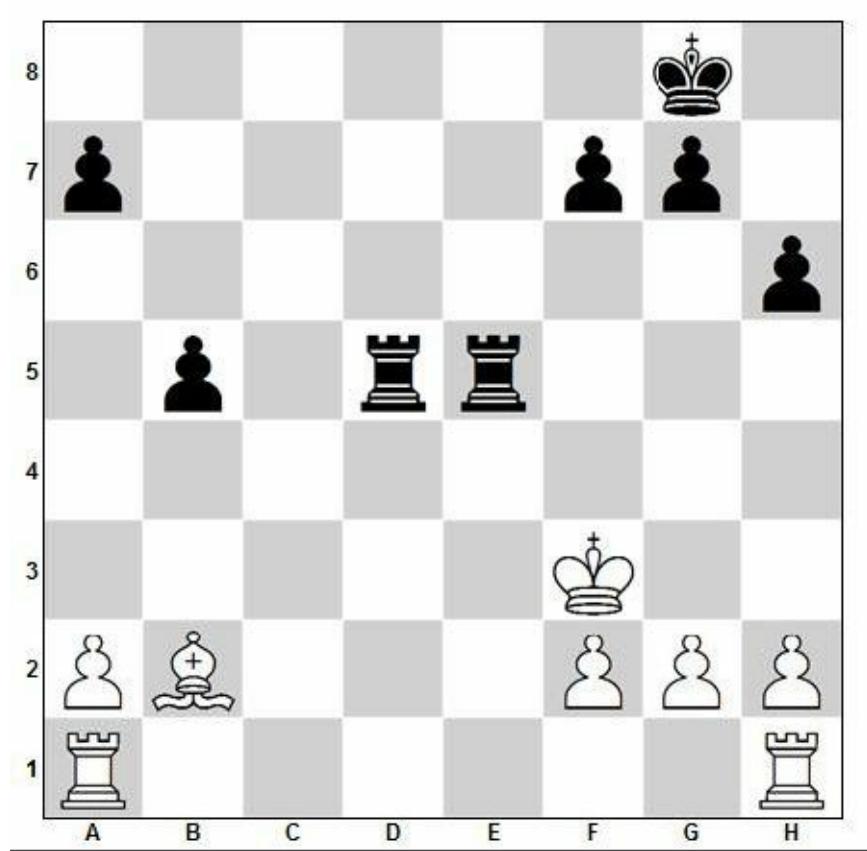
19.Bxb2 The bishop takes the knight on b2.

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(124) White to move



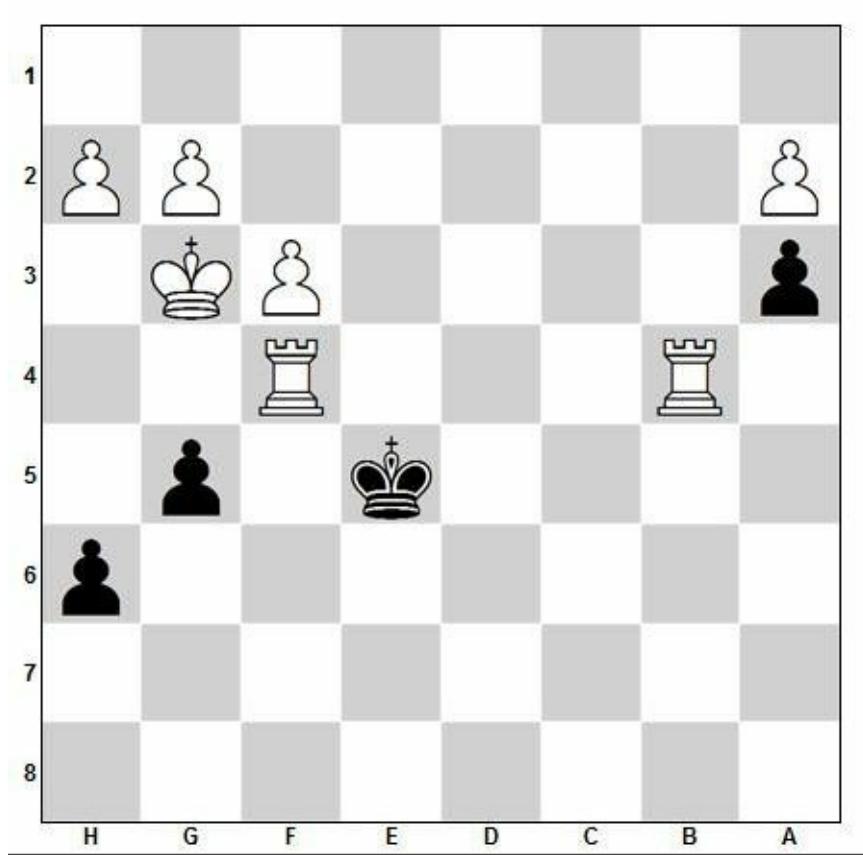
23.Bxe5 The bishop takes the rook on e5. The rook on d5 will recapture the bishop, but the rook is worth more than the bishop, so it is a good trade for white.

From the game Inspector5251 – friis (1349) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(125) Black to move



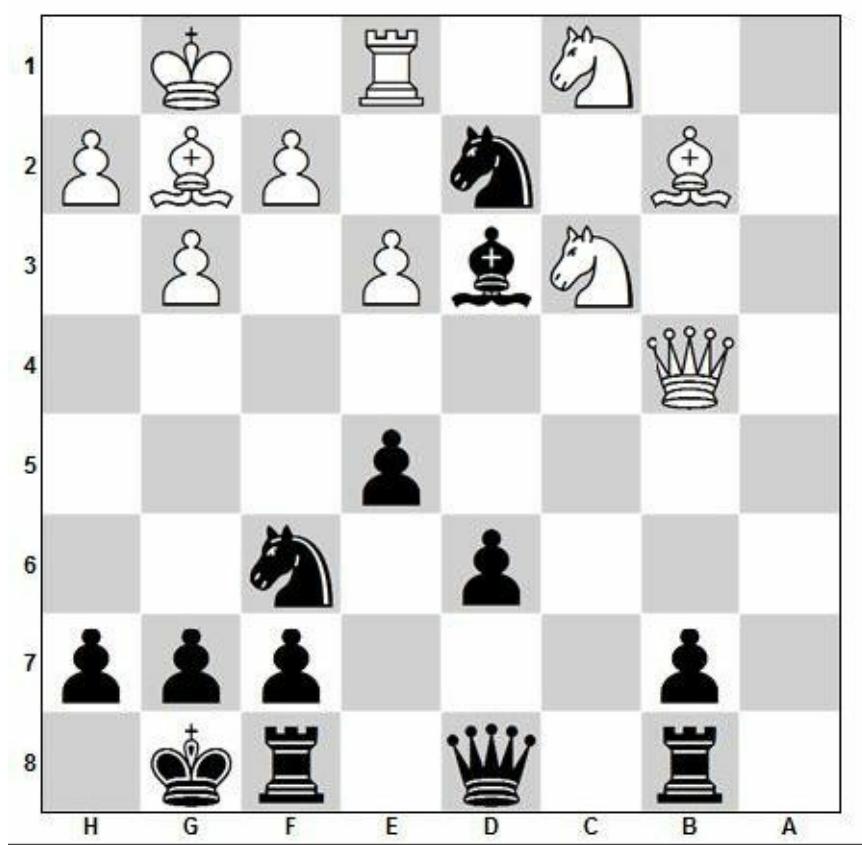
46...gxf4+ The pawn on g5 takes the rook on f4.

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(126) Black to move



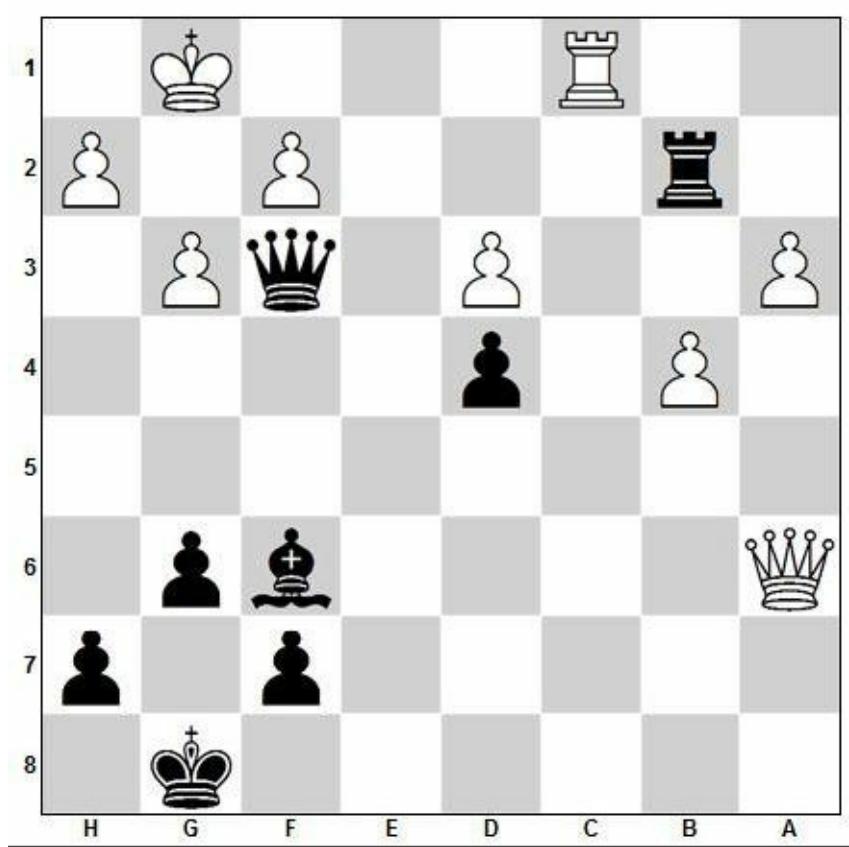
18...Ba6 The bishop moves to a6. The bishop is being threatened by the knight on c1. Although it is true that there are two pieces aiming at the pawn on b7, and only one guarding it, it might not be wise for white to capture that pawn. If he captures with the bishop, the bishop is then pinned by the rook, and if it moves, white loses his queen. Of course he would not want to take with his queen, since the queen is worth far more than a pawn. By moving the bishop to a6, black keeps a safe retreat square for his knight on d2. A6 is the only safe square for the bishop that is on the diagonal that includes c4. This is thinking far ahead, but it's a good idea to try to see ahead in chess.

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(127) Black to move



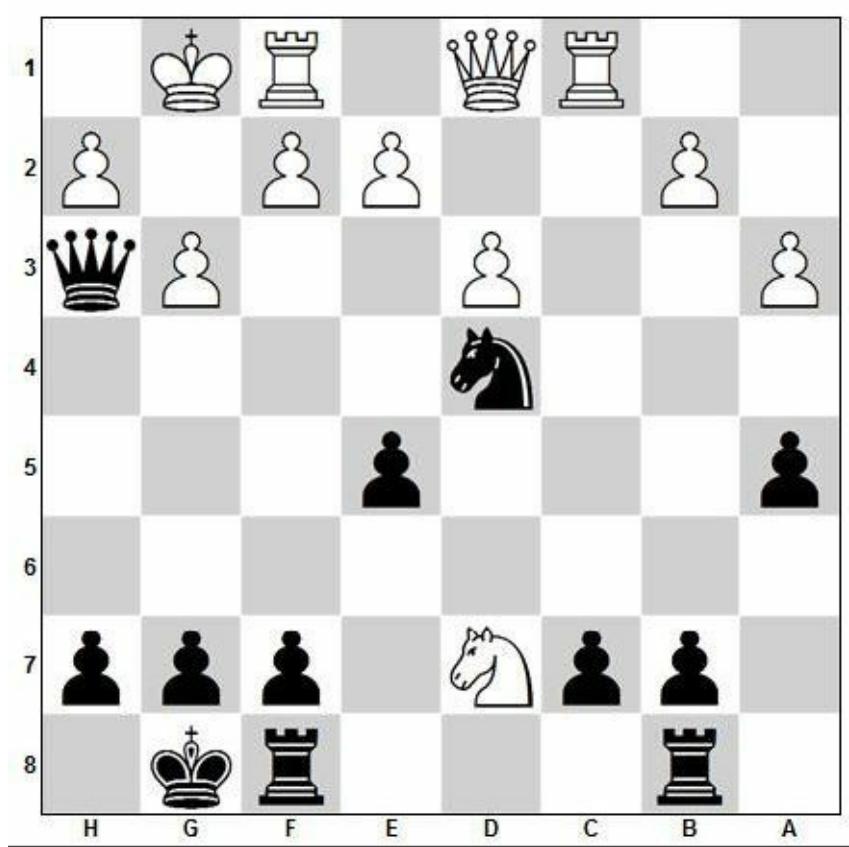
25...Qxf2+ The queen takes the pawn on f2 with check.

From the game porygon (1958) – Inspector5251 (1321) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(128) Black to move



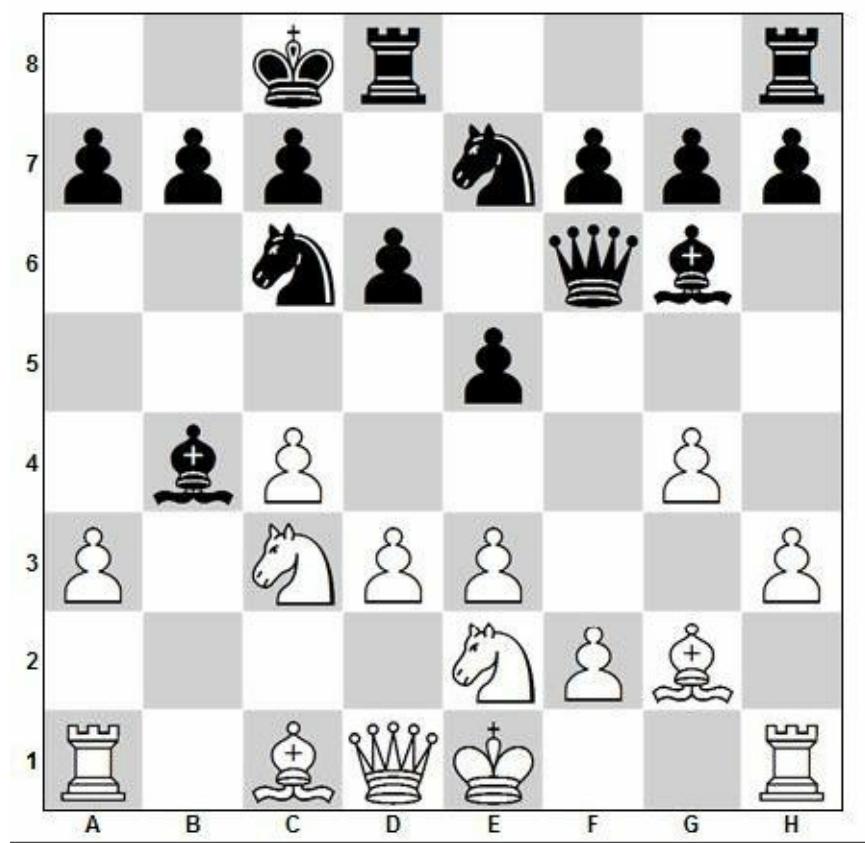
19...Qxd7 The queen takes the knight on d7.

From the game porygon (1958) – scrappie (1747) 0-1 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(129) White to move



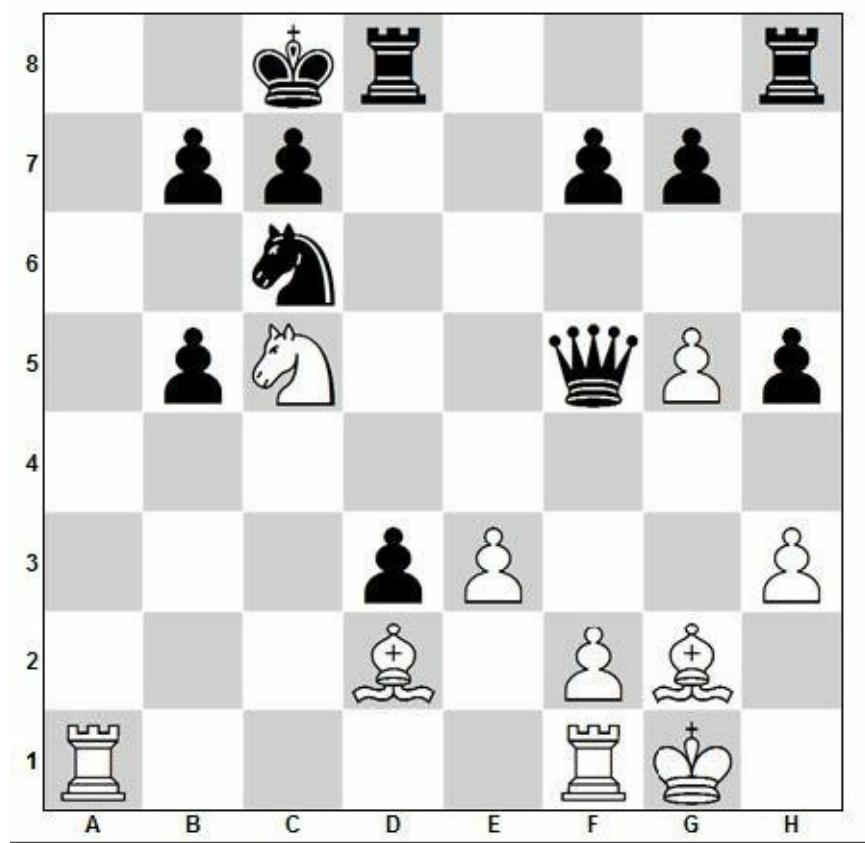
12.axb4 The pawn on a3 takes the bishop on b4.

From the game porygon (1958) – schlammblut (1272) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(130) White to move



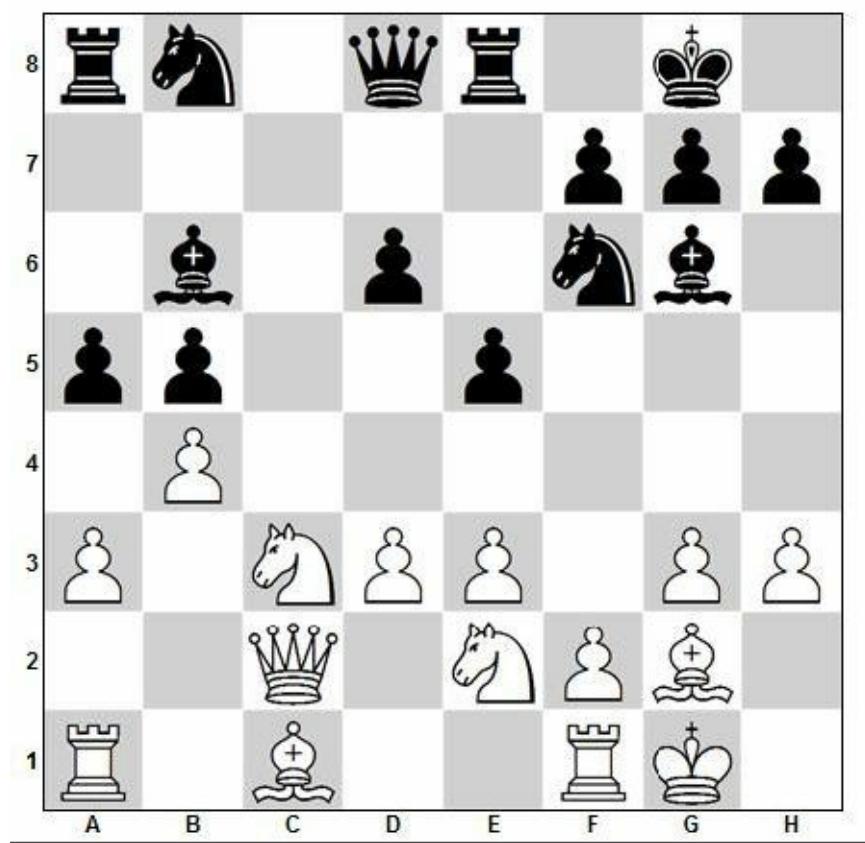
24.Ra8+ The rook moves to a8 with check, and it will be mate in one move. The only way out of check is for the knight to move to b8 and block it. The knight on c5 is guarding the only escape square on d7.

From the guard porygon (1958) – schlammblut (1272) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(131) White to move



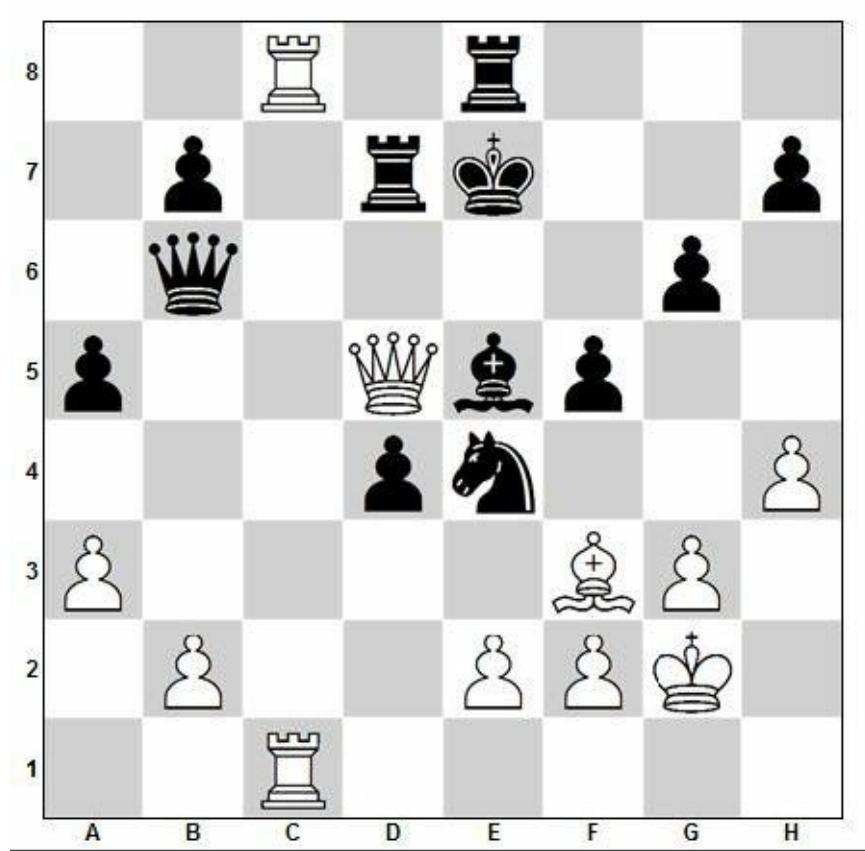
15.Bxa8 The bishop on g2 takes the rook on a8.

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(132) White to move



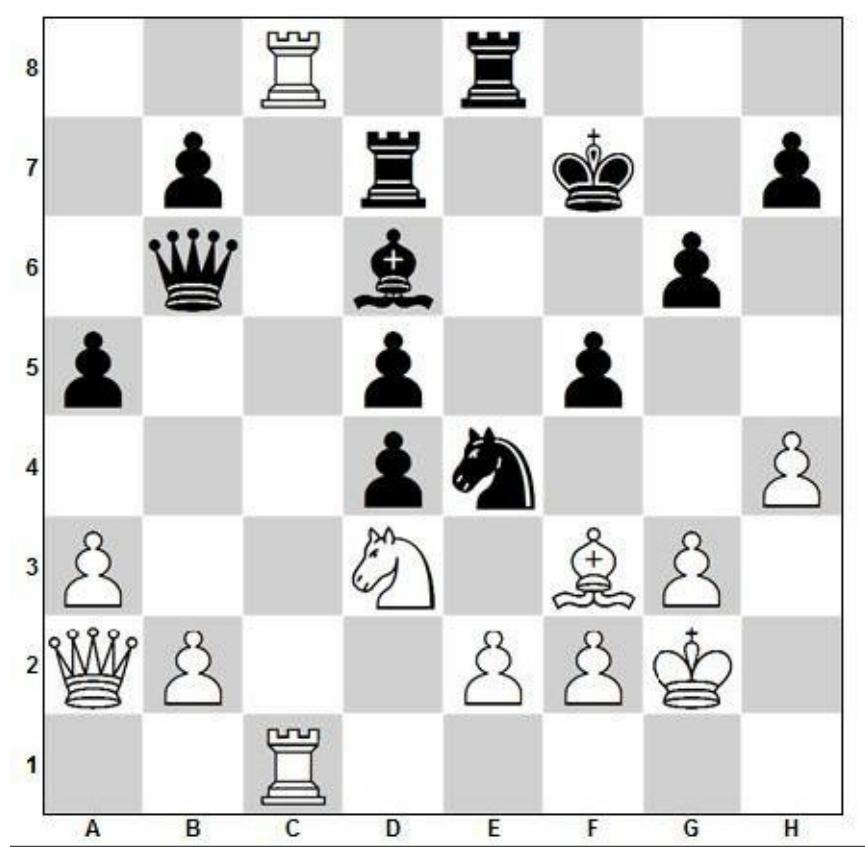
31.Qxe5+ The queen takes the bishop on e5 with check.

From the game scrappie (1747) – polygon (1958) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(133) White to move



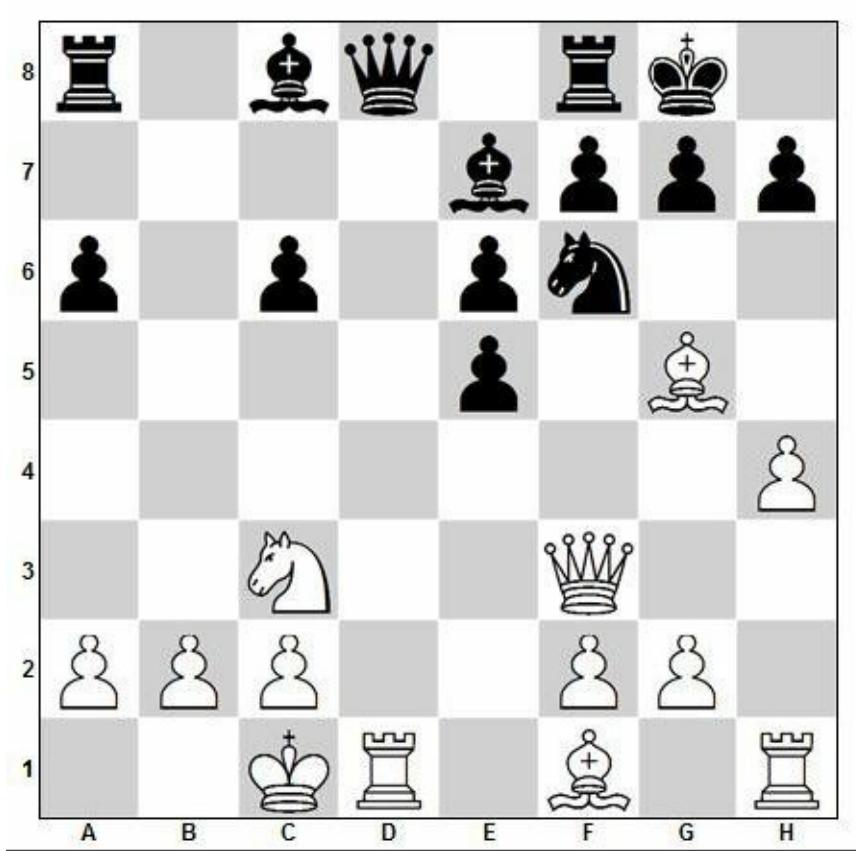
29.Qxd5+ The queen takes the pawn on d5 with check.

From the game scrappie (1747) – polygon (1958) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(134) White to move



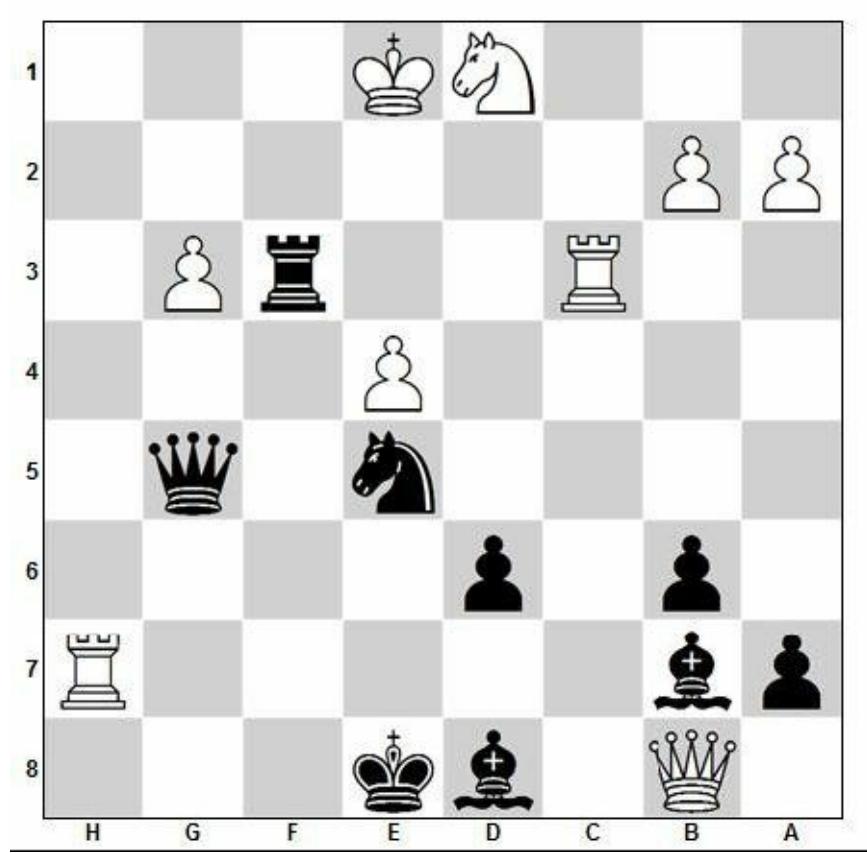
12.Rxd8 The rook takes the Queen on d8.

From the game petethesweep (2031) – Inspector5251 (1321) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(135) Black to move



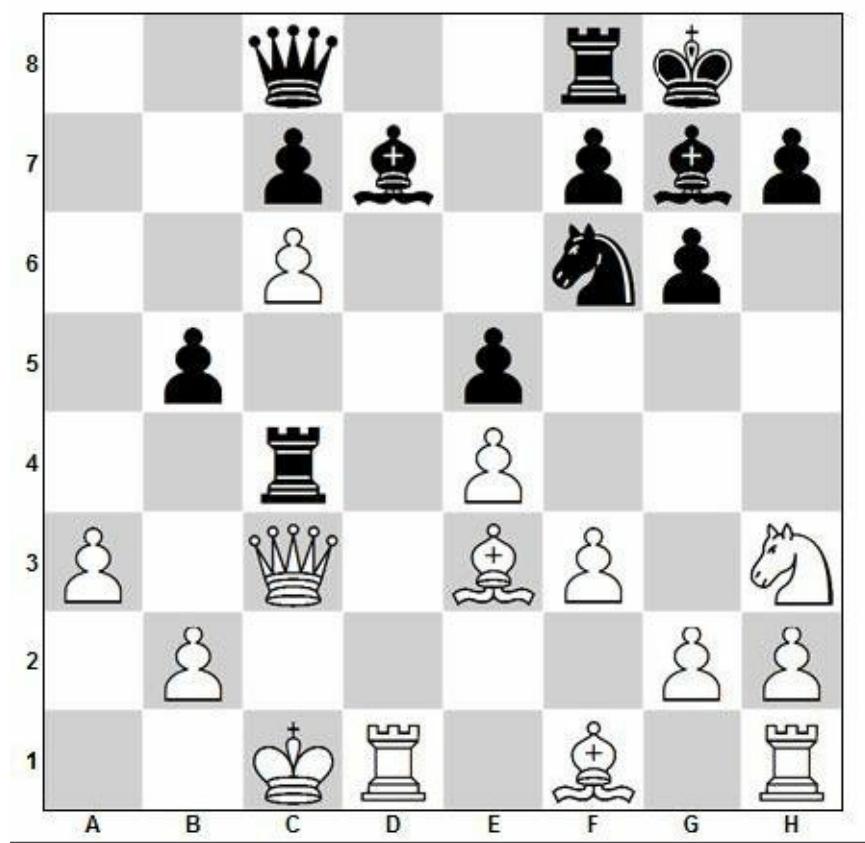
29...Qxg3+ The queen takes the pawn on g3 with check.

From the game petethesweep (2031) – Arnoud (2343) 0-1 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(136) White to move



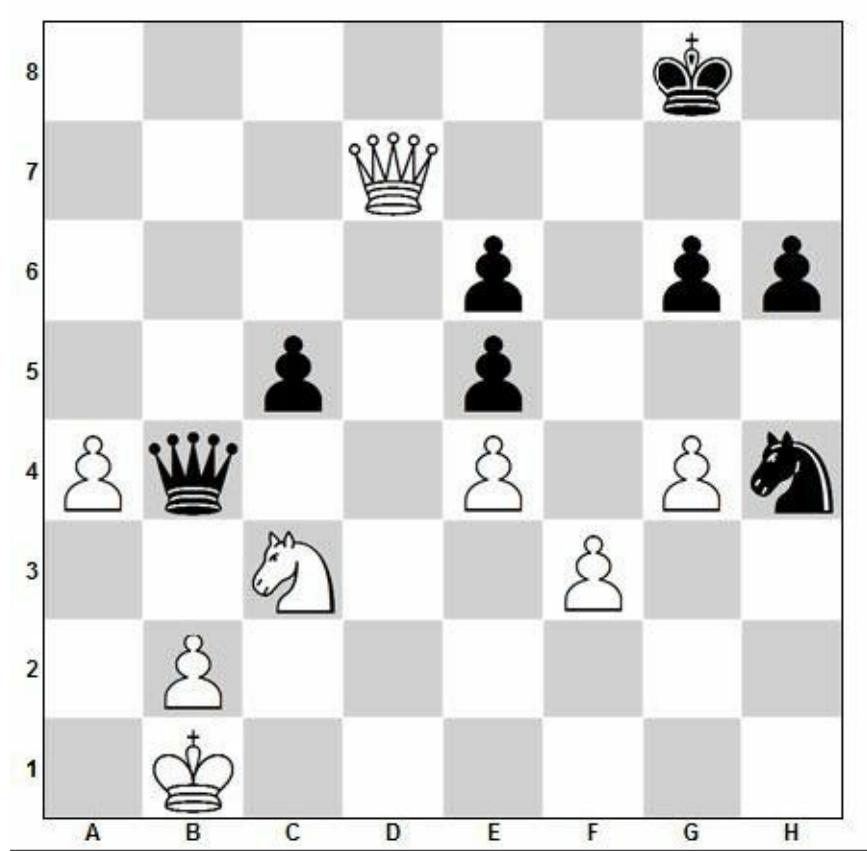
19.Bxc4 The bishop takes the rook on c4.

From the game petethesweep (2031) – friis76 (1349) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(137) White to move



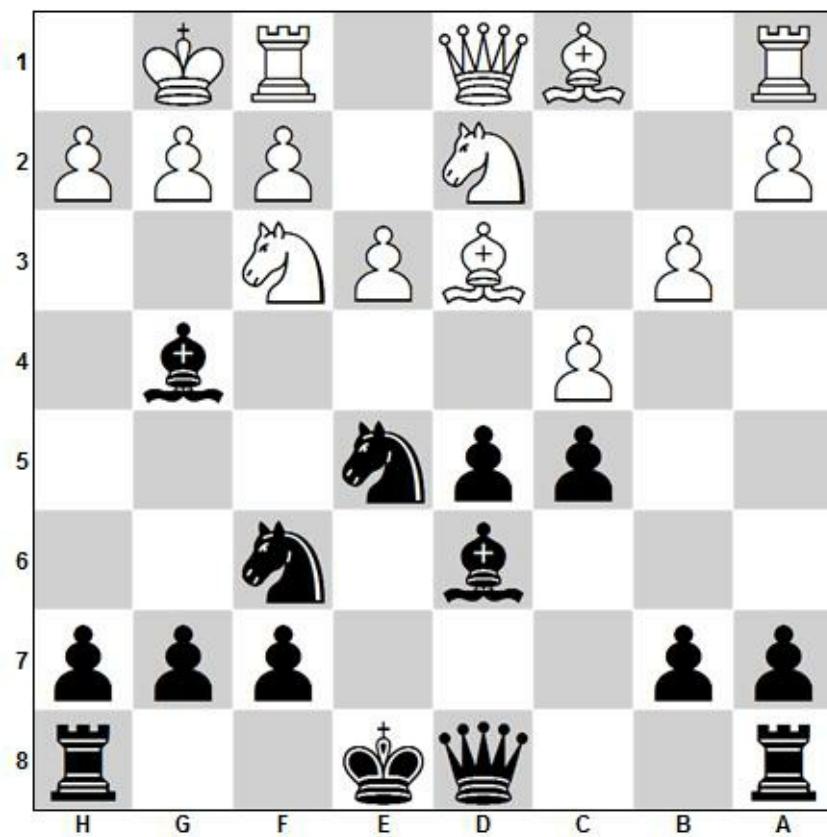
36.Qxe6+ The queen takes the pawn on e6 with check.

From the game Arnoud (2343) – ChessFM (2139) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(138) Black to move



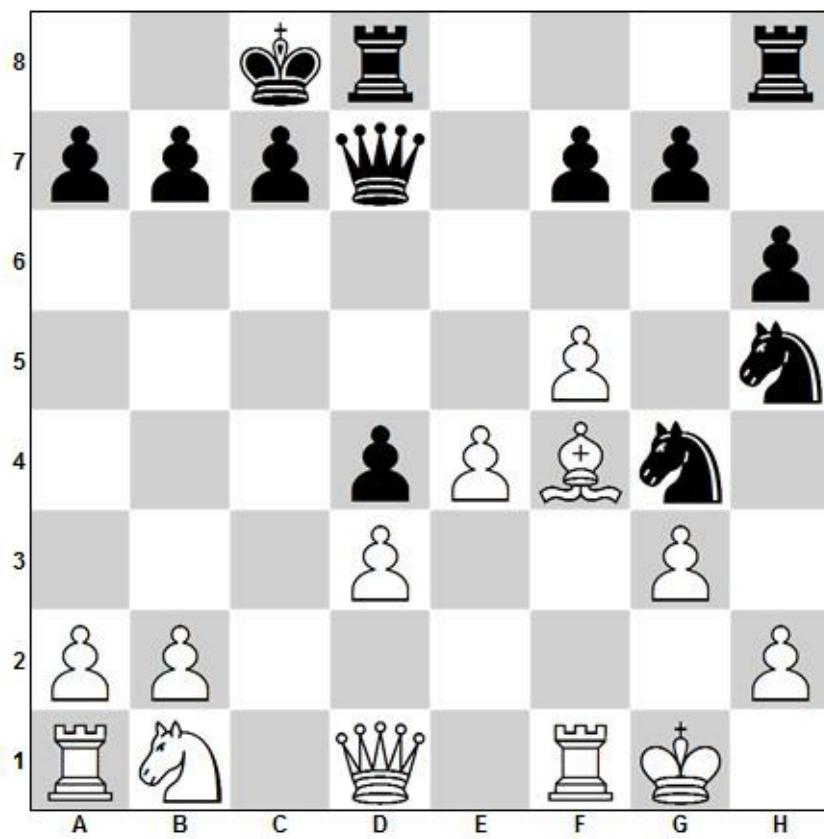
9...Nxd3 The knight on e5 takes the bishop on d3.

From the game Dieter Sievert (1191) – Peter Cobb (1454) 0-1 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(139) White to move



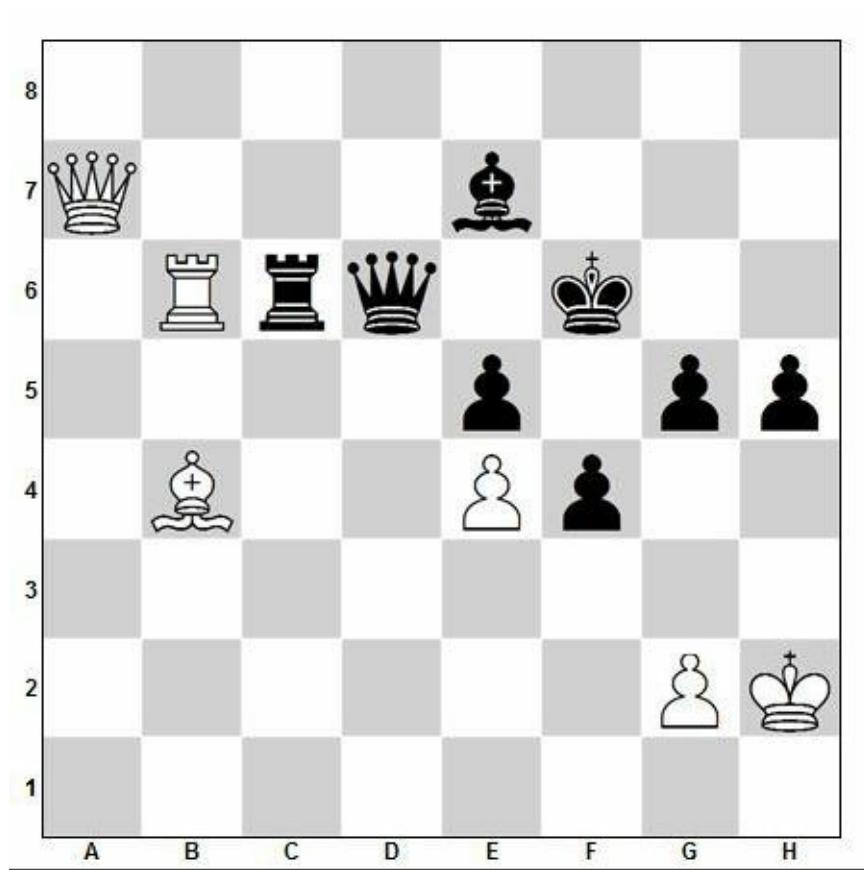
19.Qxg4 The queen takes the knight on g4.

From the game hedonist (1692) – rabnes (1475) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(140) White to move

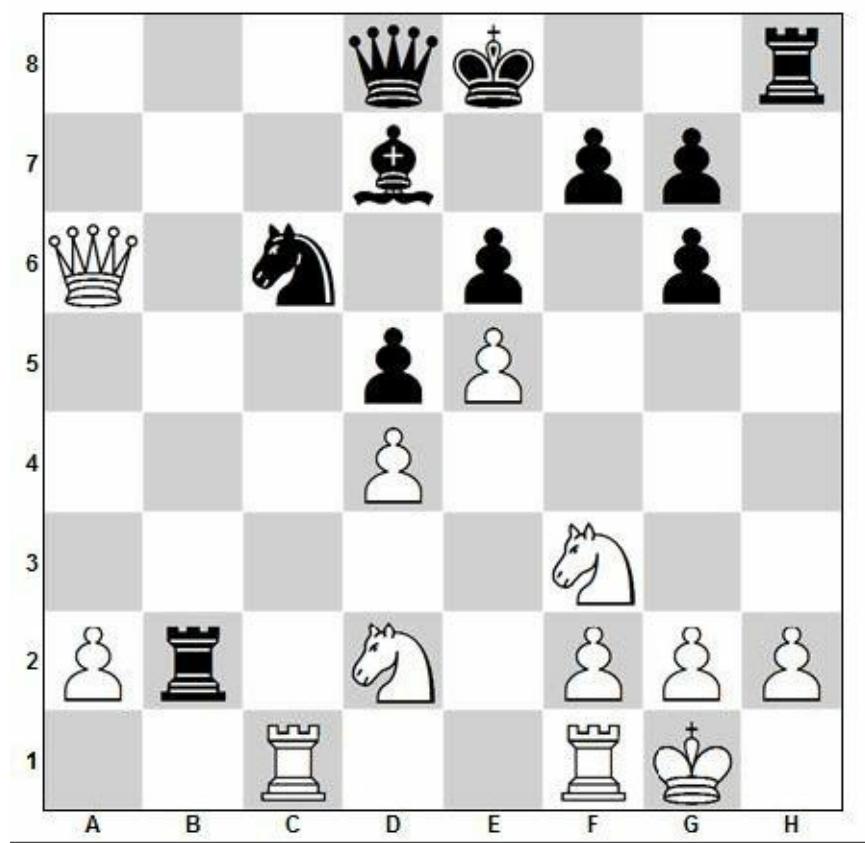


54.Bxd6 The bishop takes the queen on d6.

From the game jecidi (1661) – Red House (1631) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(141) White to move



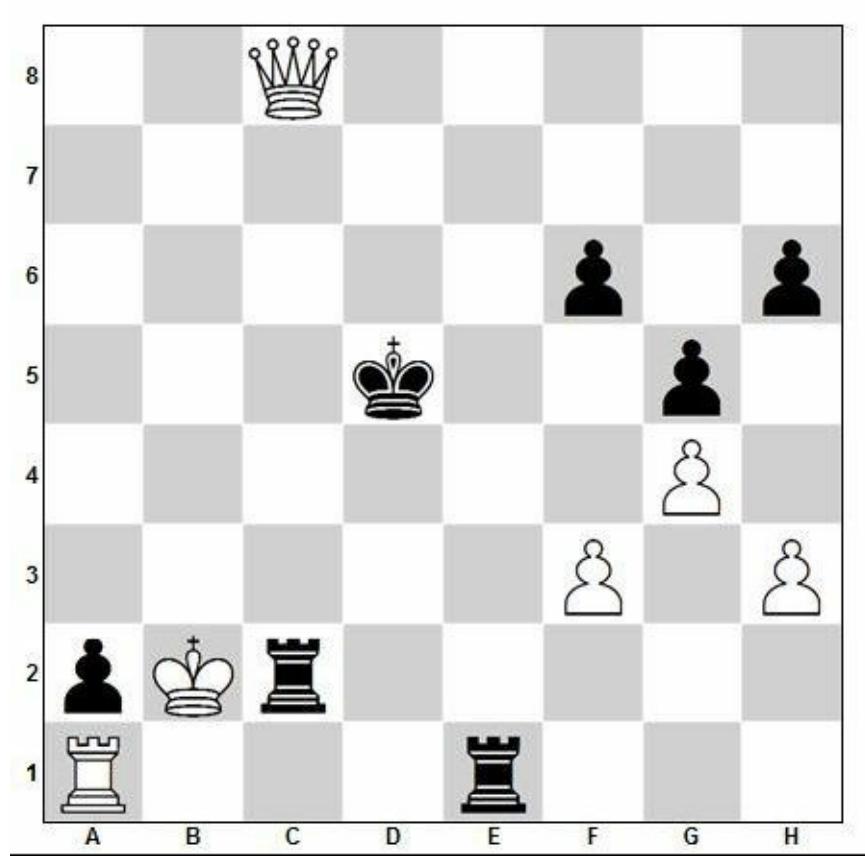
17.Rxc6 Two pieces are worth more than a rook.

From the game jecidi (1661) – Inspector5251 (1321) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(142) White to move



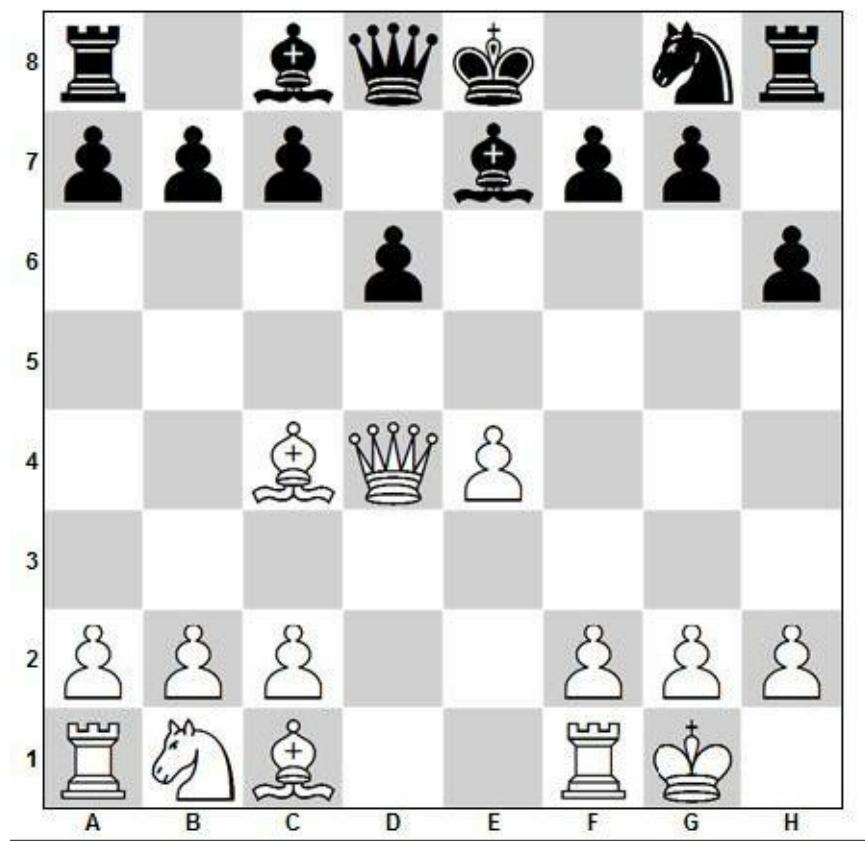
48.Qxc2 The queen takes the rook on c2.

From the game jecidi (1661) schlammblut (1272) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(143) White to move



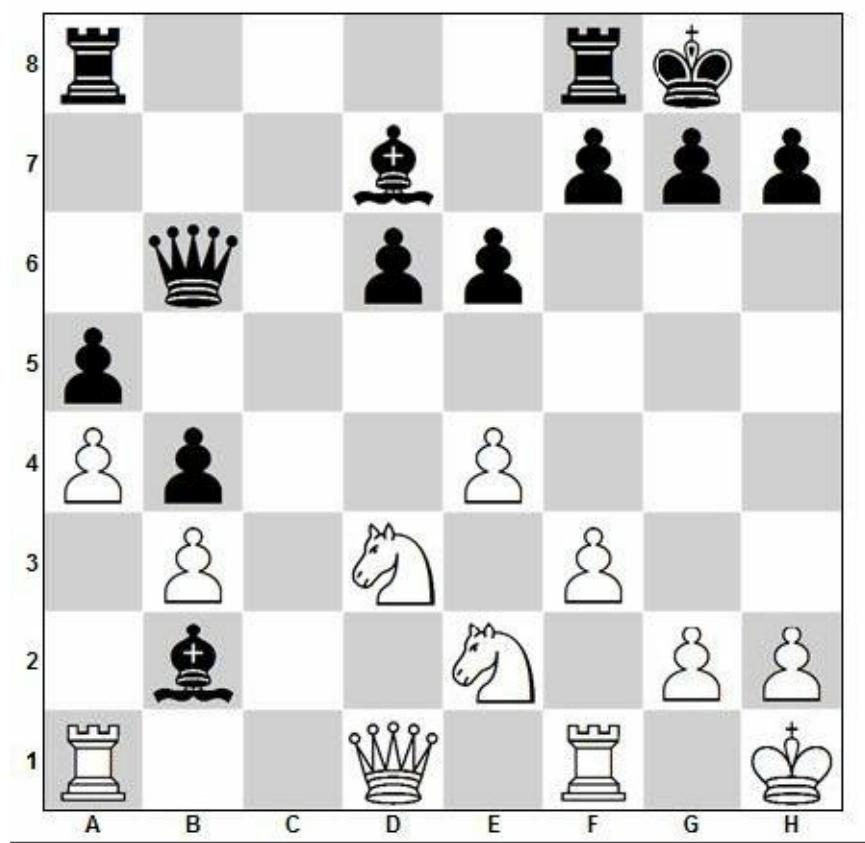
8.Qxg7 The queen takes the pawn on g7.

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(144) White to move



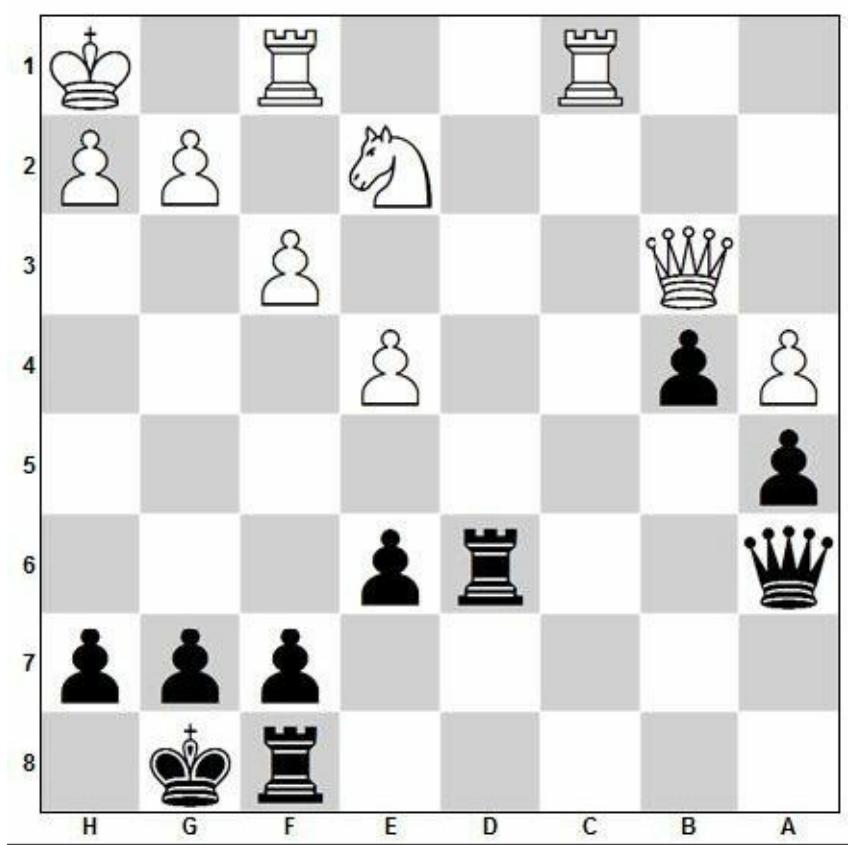
20.Nxb2 The knight takes the bishop on b2.

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(145) Black to move



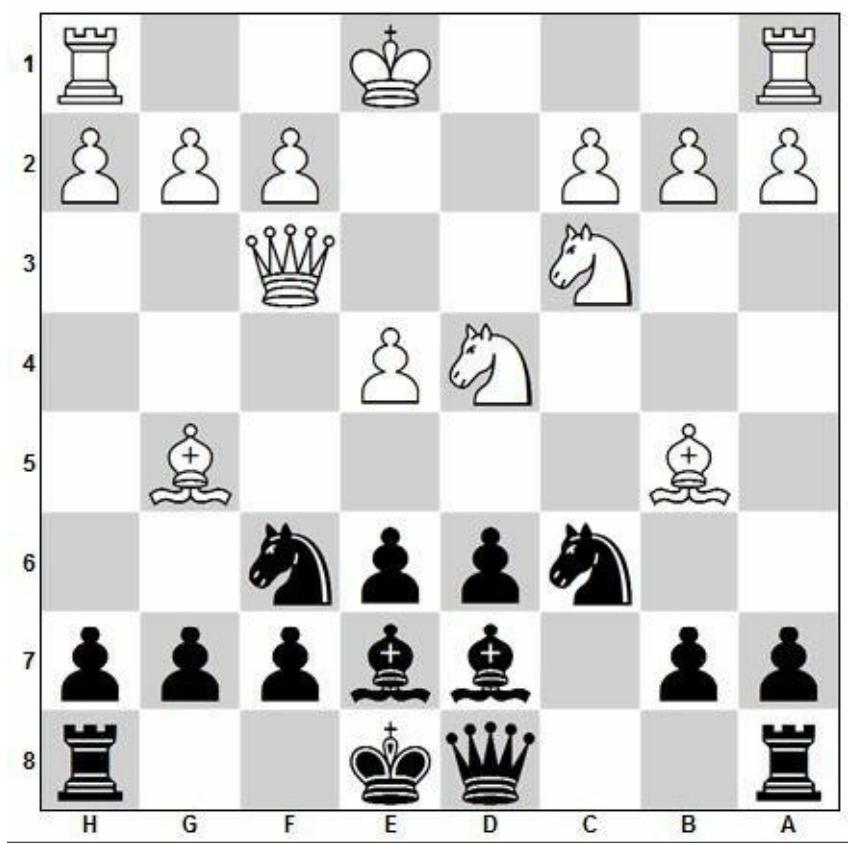
25...Qxe2 The queen takes the knight on e2.

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(146) Black to move



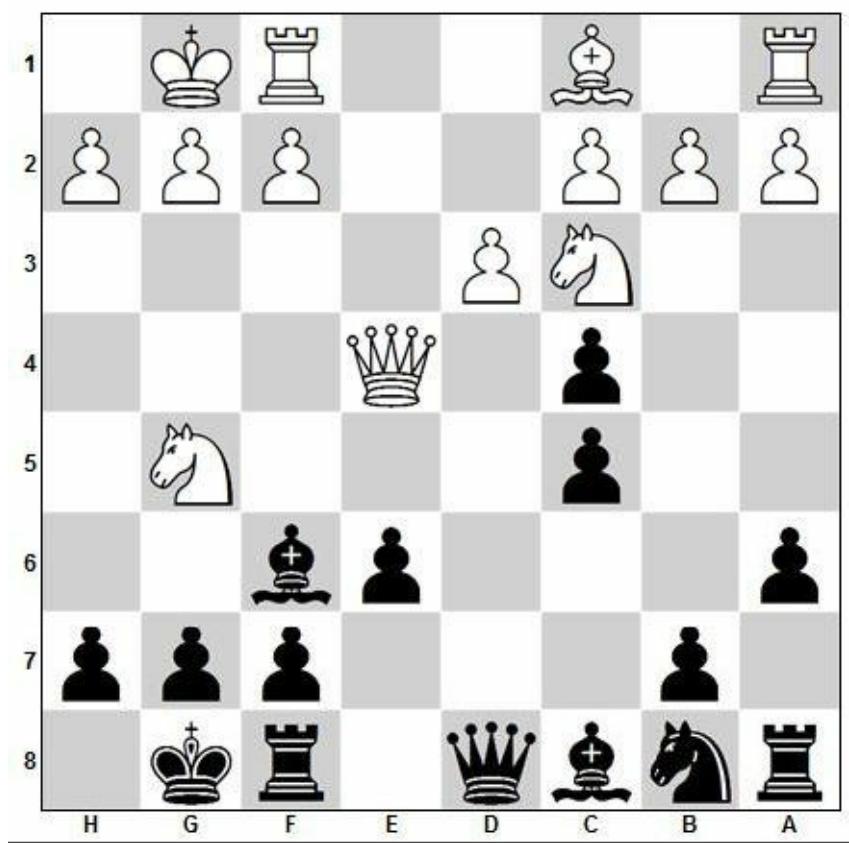
9...Nxd4 The knight takes the knight on d4.

From the game schlammblut (1272) – ChessFM (2139) 0-1 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(147) Black to move



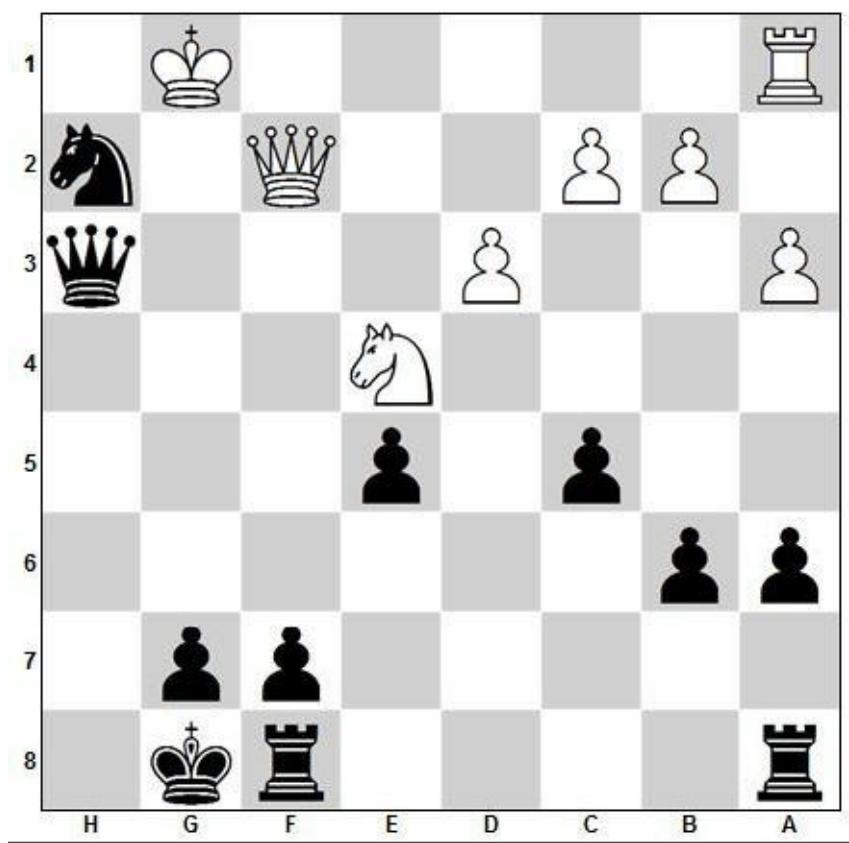
11...Bxg5 The bishop takes the knight on g5.

From the game friis76 (1349) – Inspector5251 (1321) 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(148) Black to move



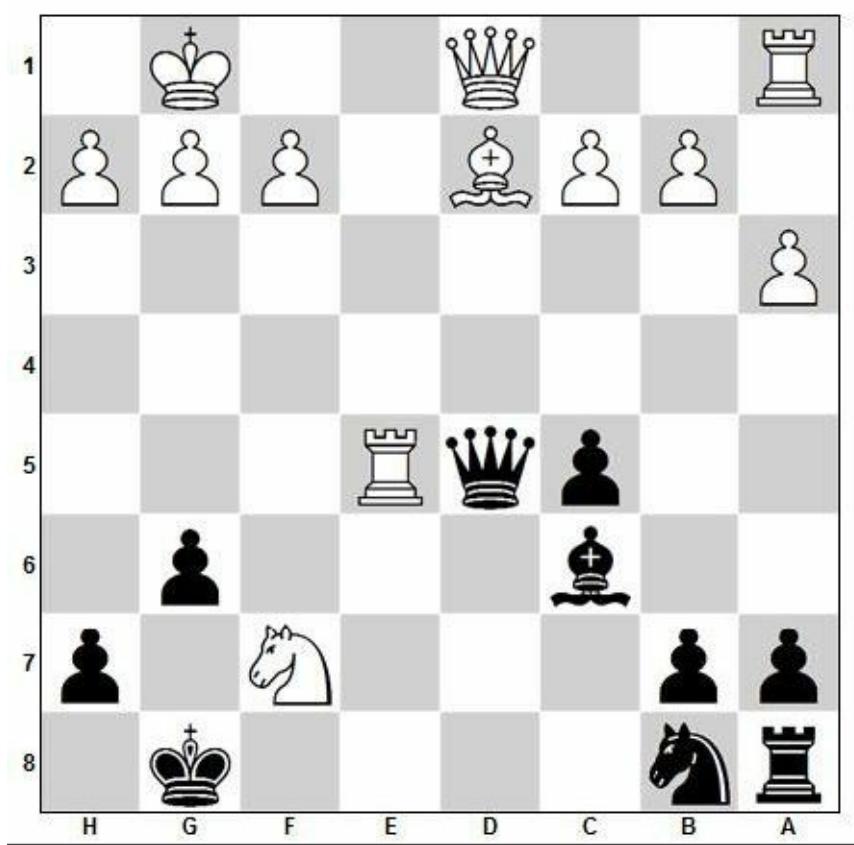
34...Nf3+ The knight moves to f3 with check. The only way to stop the check is to capture the knight with the queen, and then the black's queen recaptures and wins the queen.

From the game friis76 (1349 – Inspector5251 (1321) 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(149) Black to move



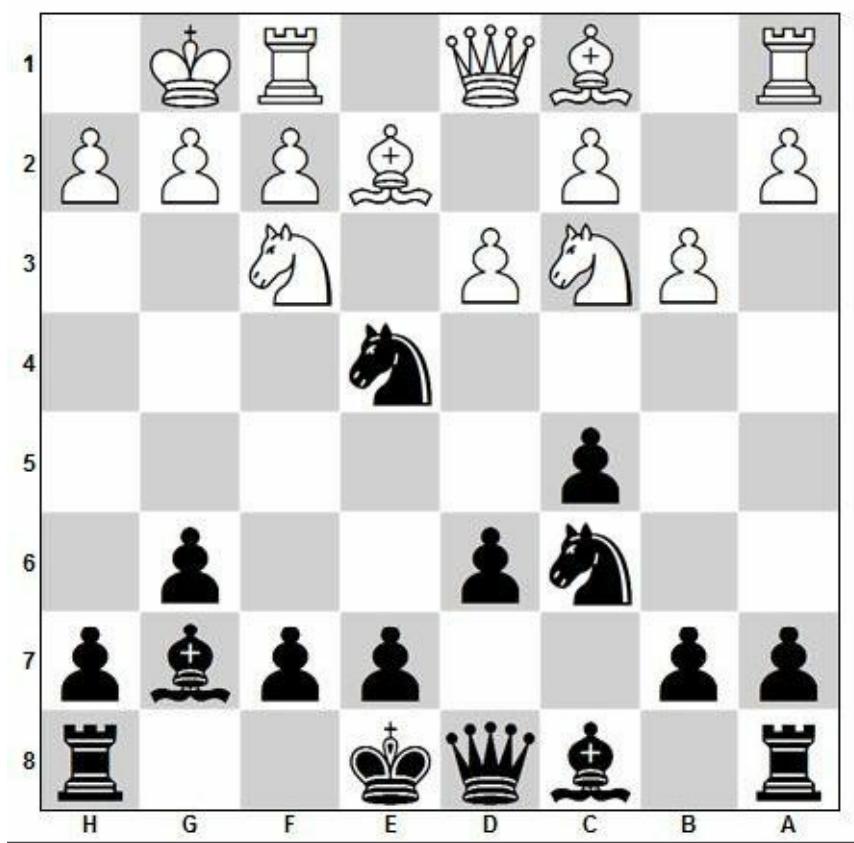
18...Qxg2# The queen takes the pawn on g2 with checkmate.

From the game friis76 (1349) – scrappie (1747) 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(150) Black to move



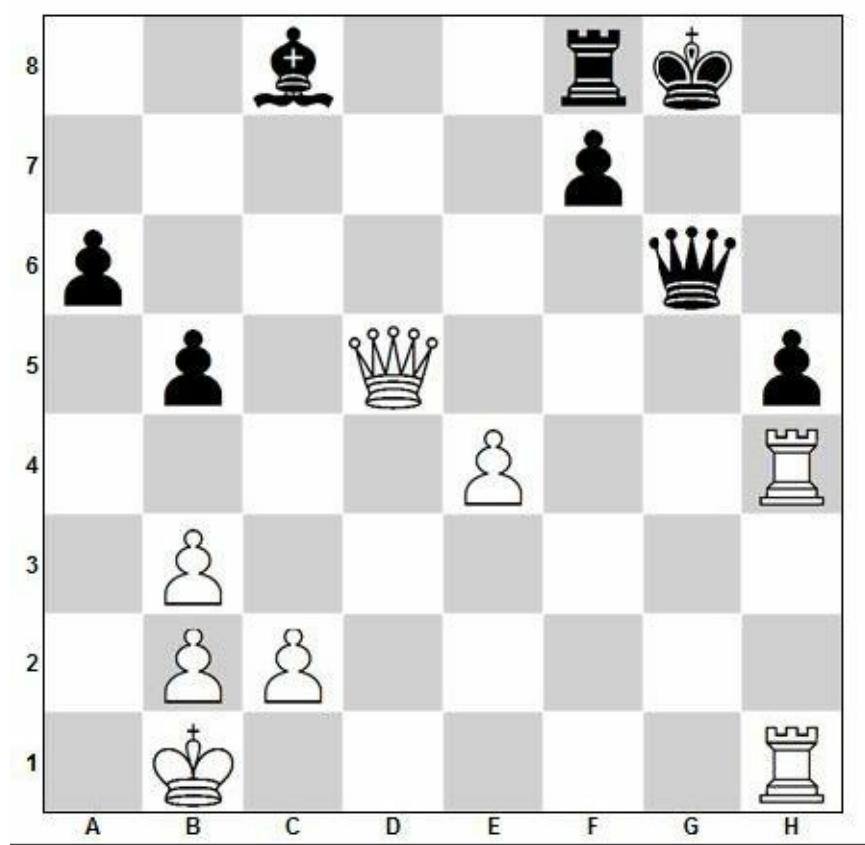
8...Nxc3 The knight takes the knight on c3.

From the game Brucechapman (1109) – Timmybx (1708) 0-1

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(151) White to move



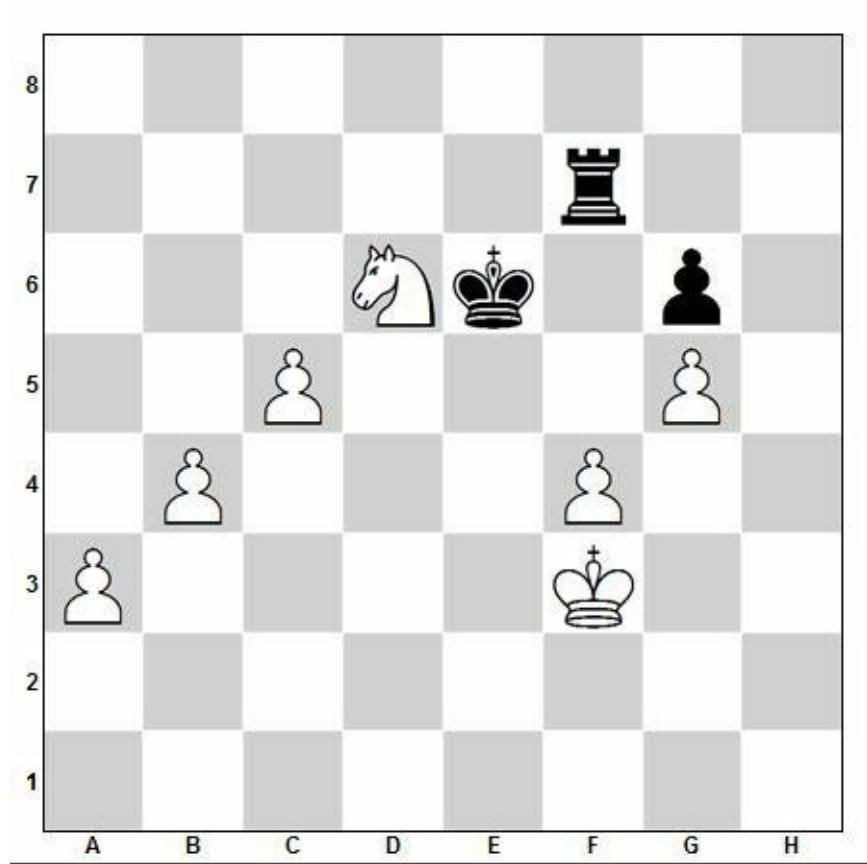
37.Rxh5 The rook takes the pawn on h5.

From the game ChessFM (2139) – Red House (1631) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(152) White to move



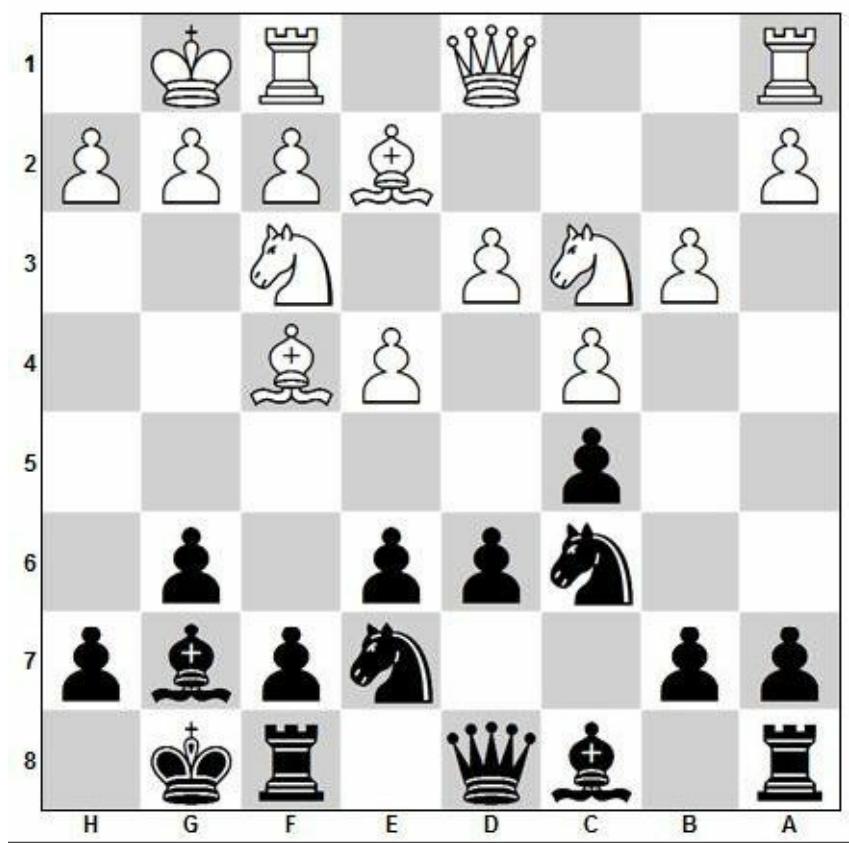
51.Nxf7 The knight takes the rook on f7.

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(153) Black to move



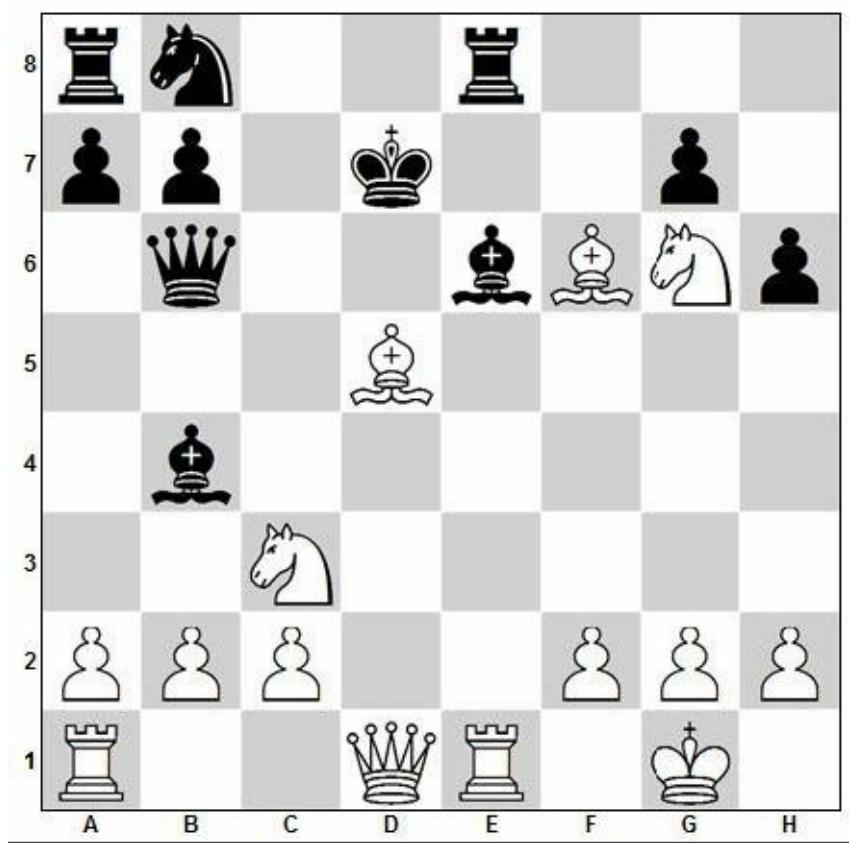
9...Bxc3 The bishop takes the knight on c3.

From the game invigorate (1103) – spats (1631) 0-1 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(154) White to move



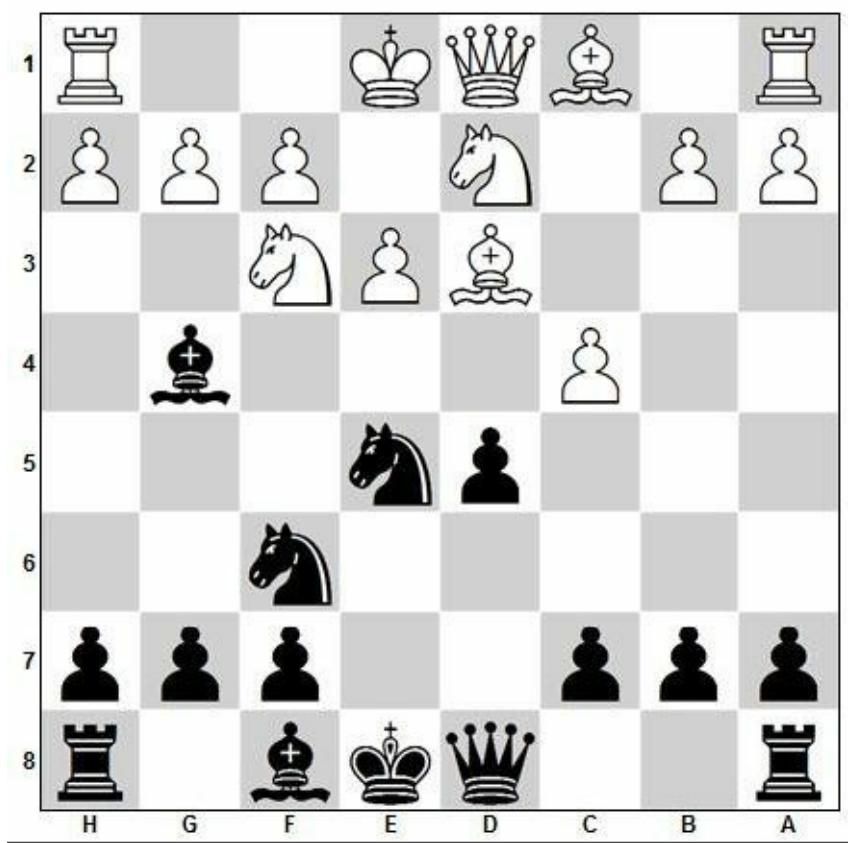
17.Bxe6+ The bishop takes the bishop on e6 with check. The rook can't recapture the bishop because the king is in check from the queen. When the bishop moved, it uncovered an attack from the queen. This is called a ***discovered check***.

From the game invigorate (1103) – Radon (1299) 1-0 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(155) Black to move



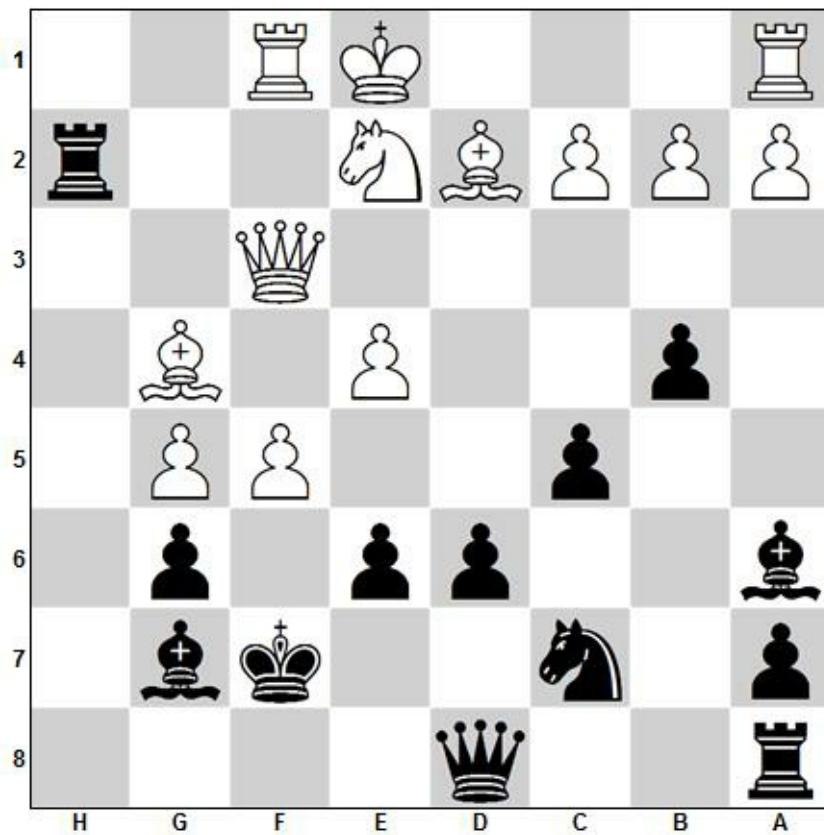
7...Nxd3+ The knight takes the bishop on d3.

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(156) Black to move



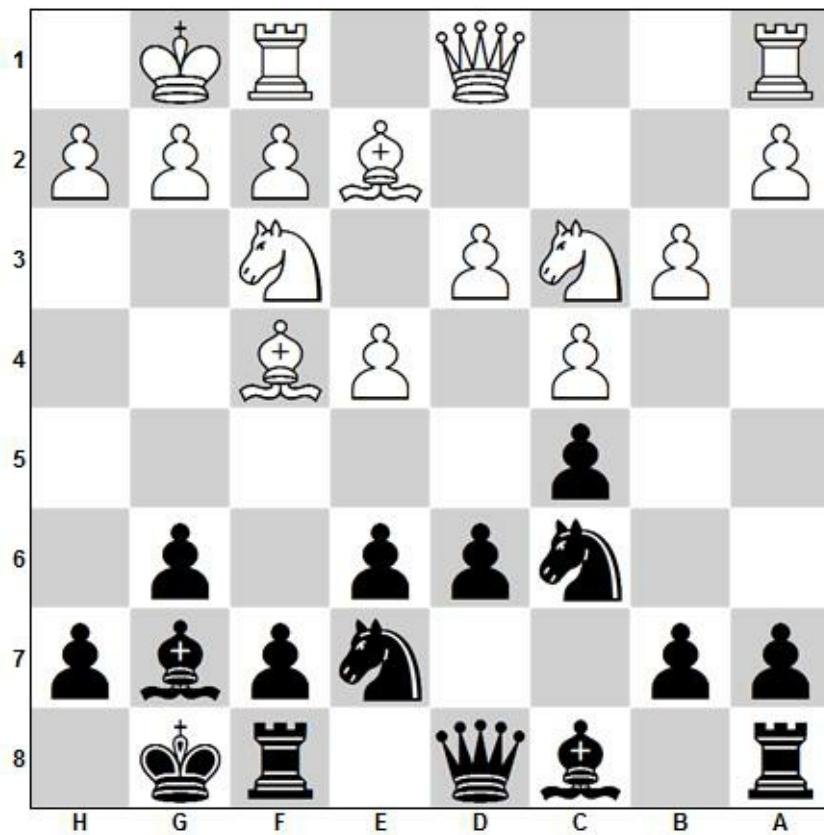
21...Rxe2+ The rook takes the knight on e2. The queen can recapture, but then the bishop will take the queen. It will end up being a queen for a rook and a bishop. The rook and the bishop together are worth 8 and the queen is worth 9.

From the game c antunes (1911) – jcozec (1974) 0-1 2012 Championship February 1, 2012

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(157) Black to move



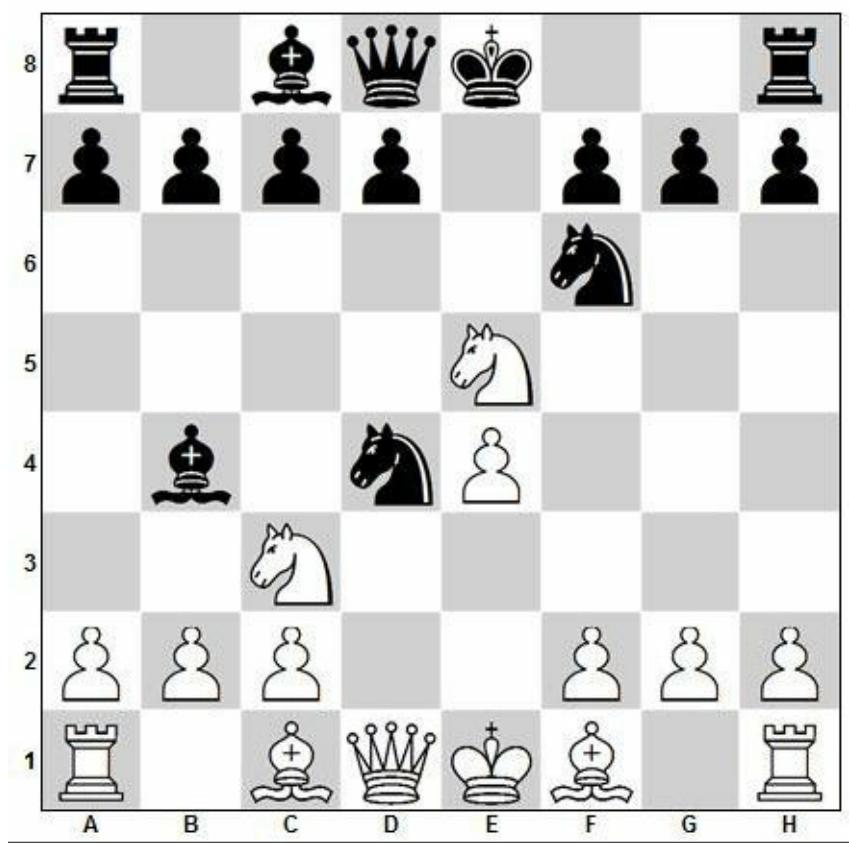
9...Bxc3 The bishop takes the knight on c3.

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(158) White to move



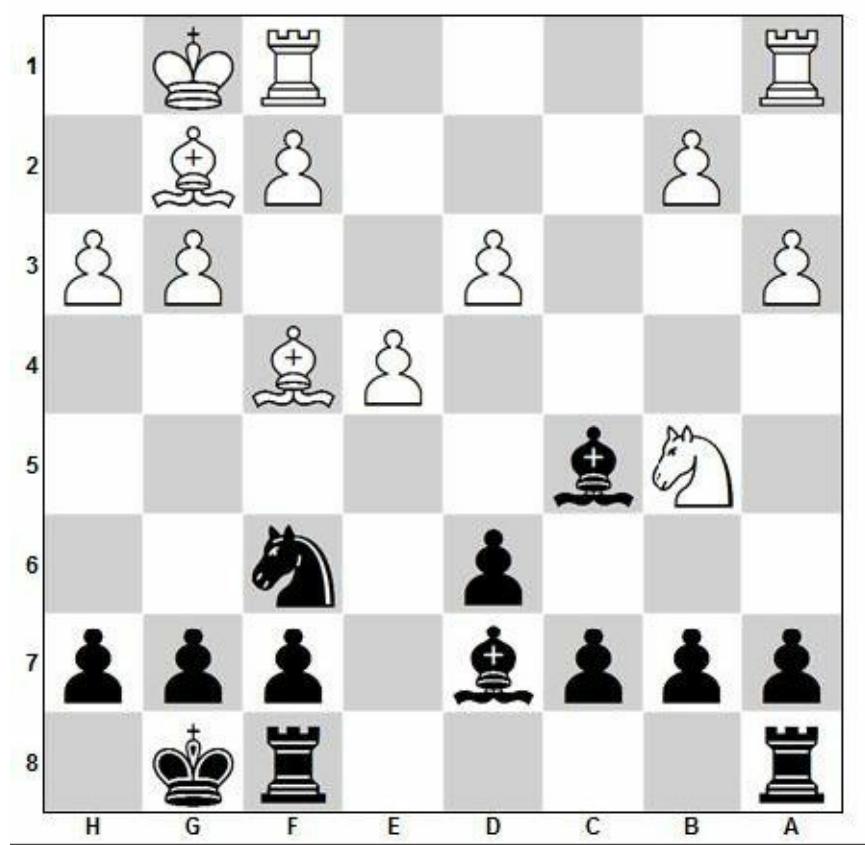
6.Qxd4 The queen takes the knight on d4.

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(159) Black to move



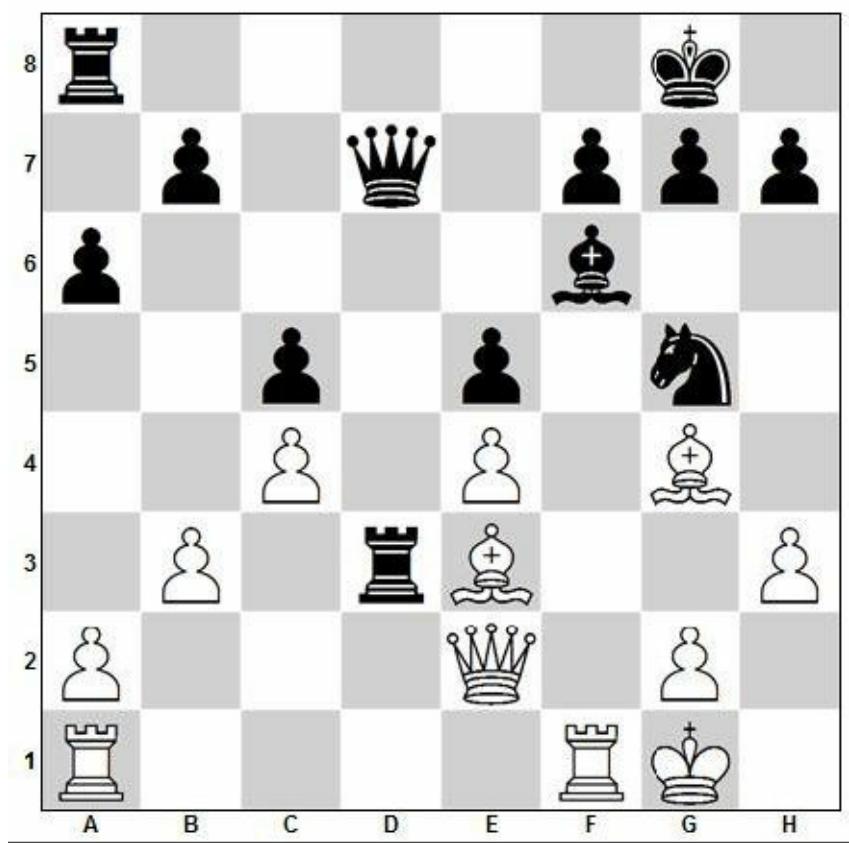
15...Bxb5 The bishop takes the knight on b5.

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(160) White to move



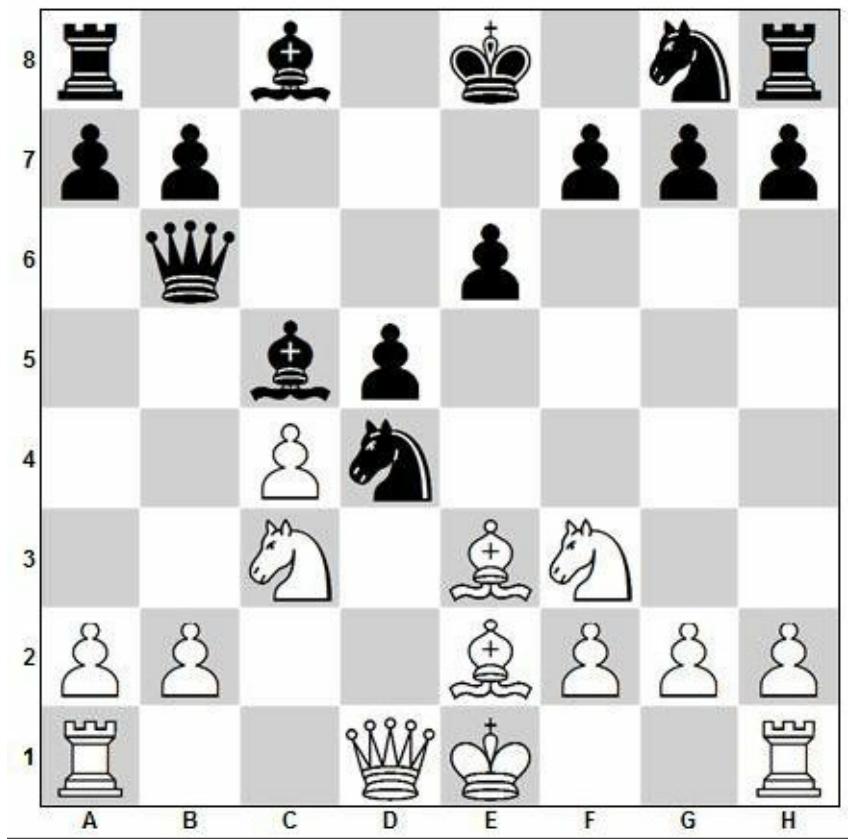
22.Bxd7 The bishop takes the queen on d7.

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(161) White to move



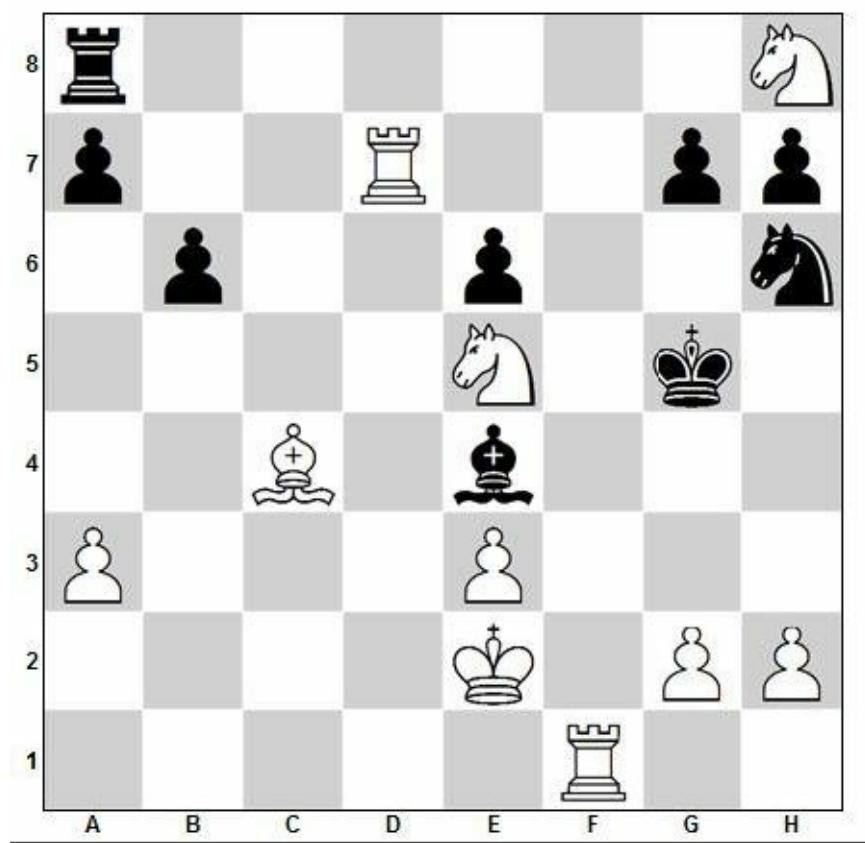
10.Nxd4 The knight takes the knight on d4. The black bishop will recapture, then white's bishop will recapture again, and the queen can't take back because it is guarded by the queen on d1.

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(162) White to move



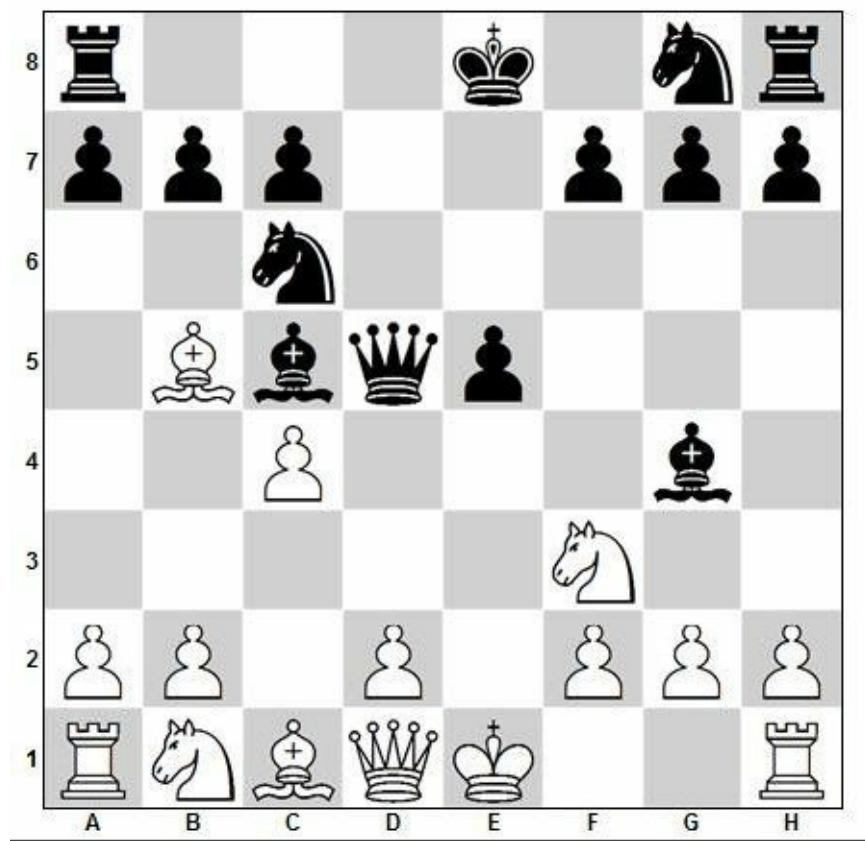
27.Rxg7+ The rook takes the pawn on g7 with check.

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(163) White to move



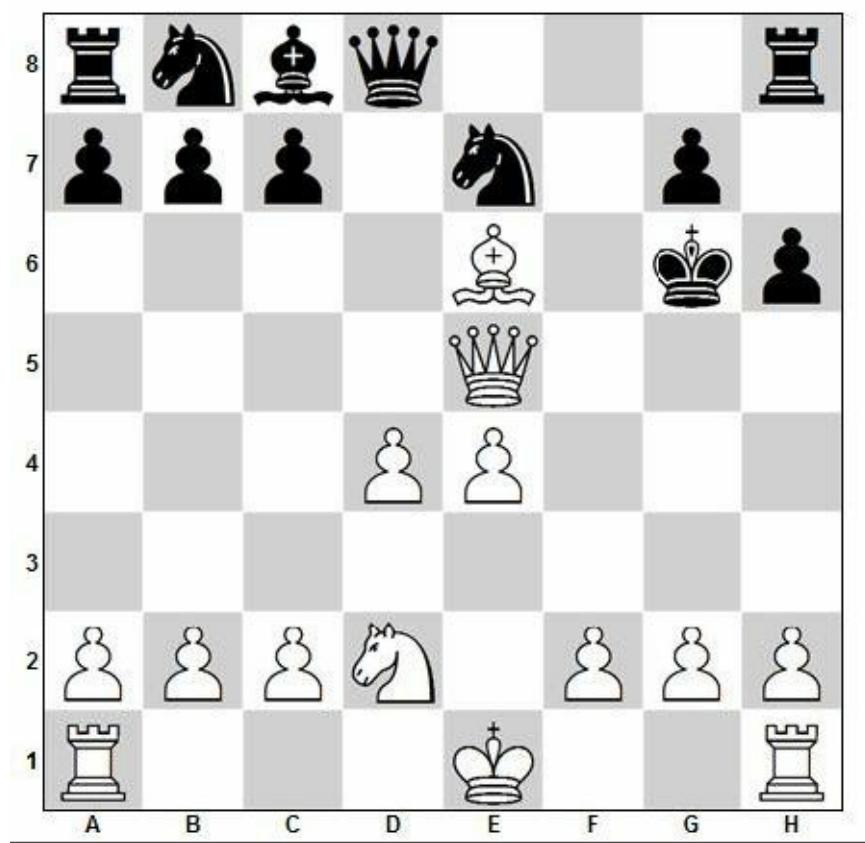
7.cxd5 The pawn on c4 takes the queen on d5.

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(164) White to move



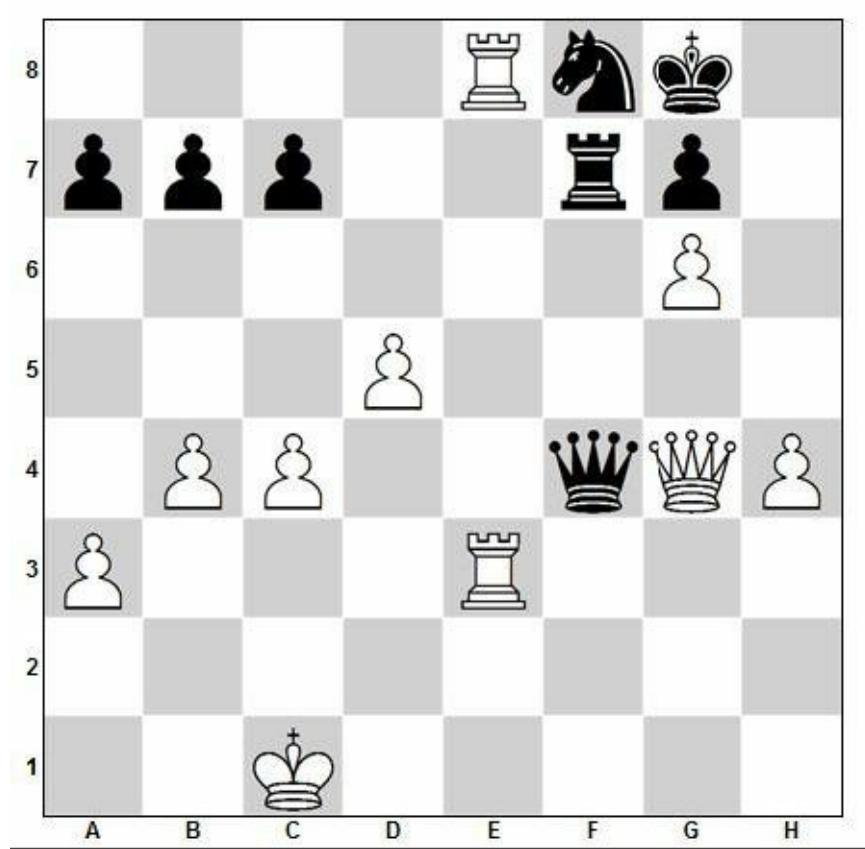
12.Bxc8 The bishop takes the bishop on c8. After black's queen recaptures bishop, white's queen can capture the knight on e7.

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(165) White to move



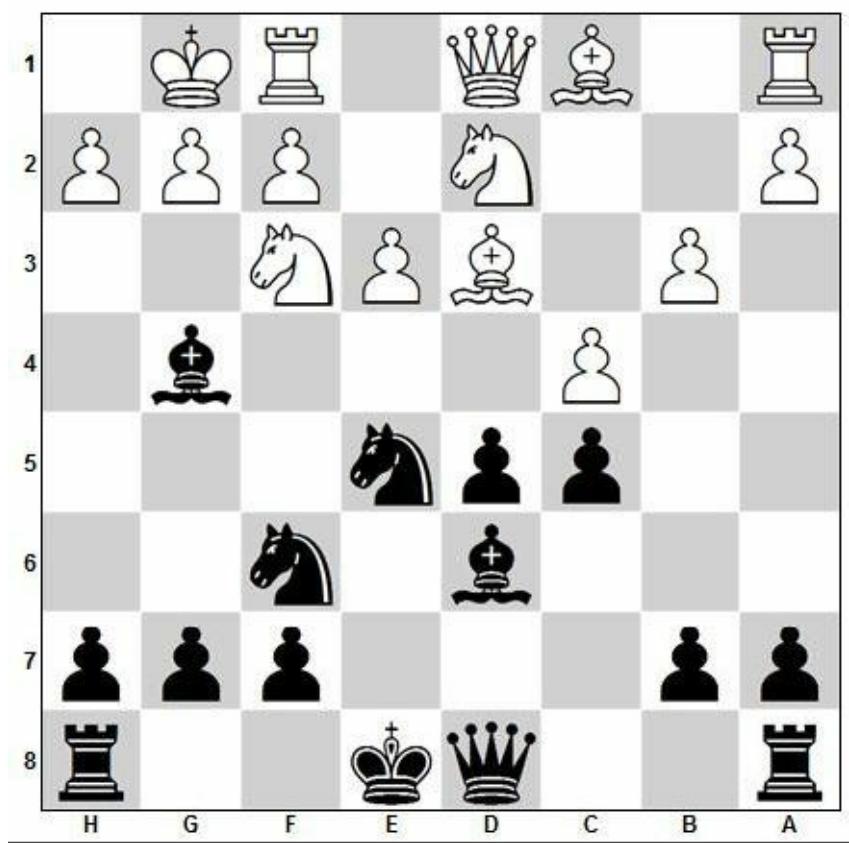
39.gxf7+ The pawn on g6 takes the rook on f7 with check.

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(166) Black to move



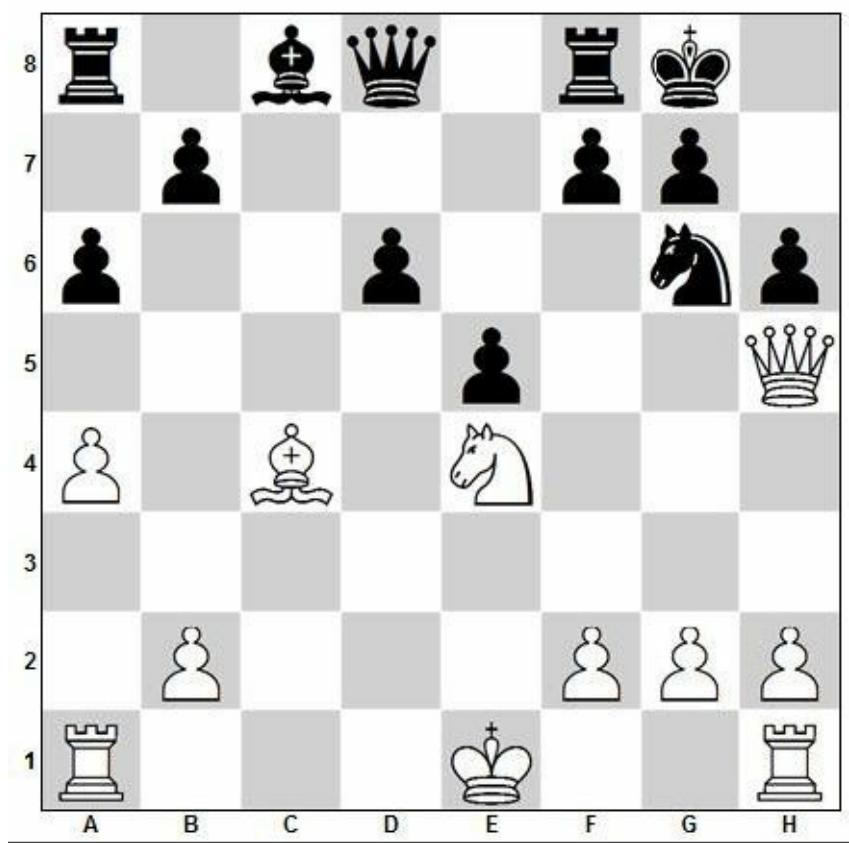
9...Nxd3 The knight takes the bishop on d3.

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(167) White to move



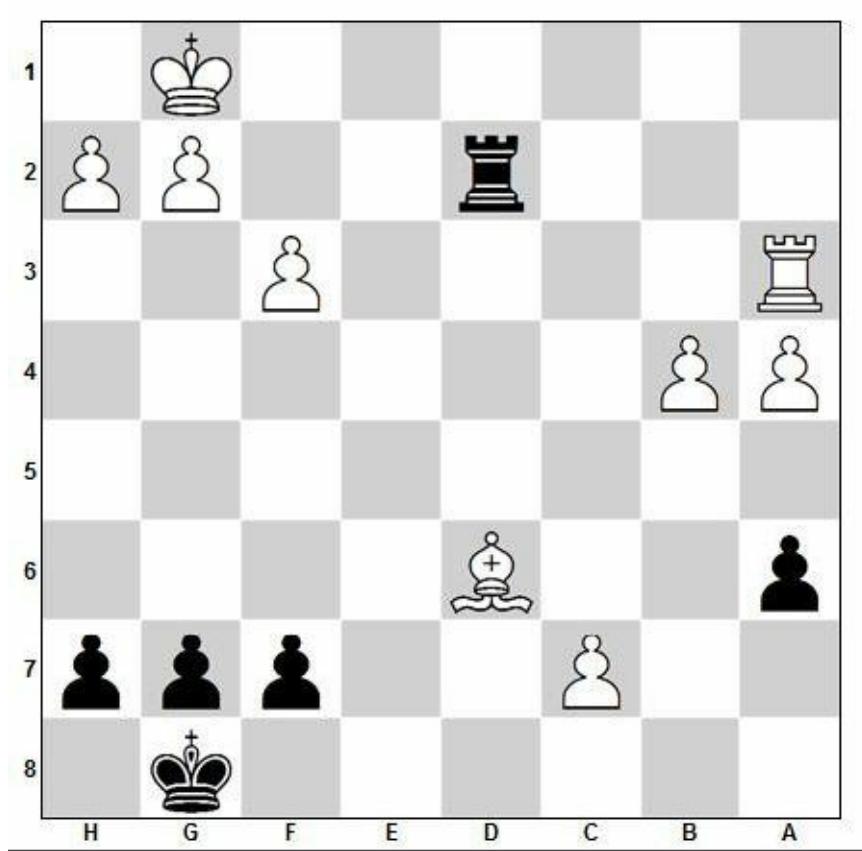
17.Qxg6 The Queen takes the knight on g6. The pawn can't recapture because it is pinned by the bishop on c4. If the pawn on f7 moved it would put the king in check and it's illegal to move into check.

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(168) Black to move



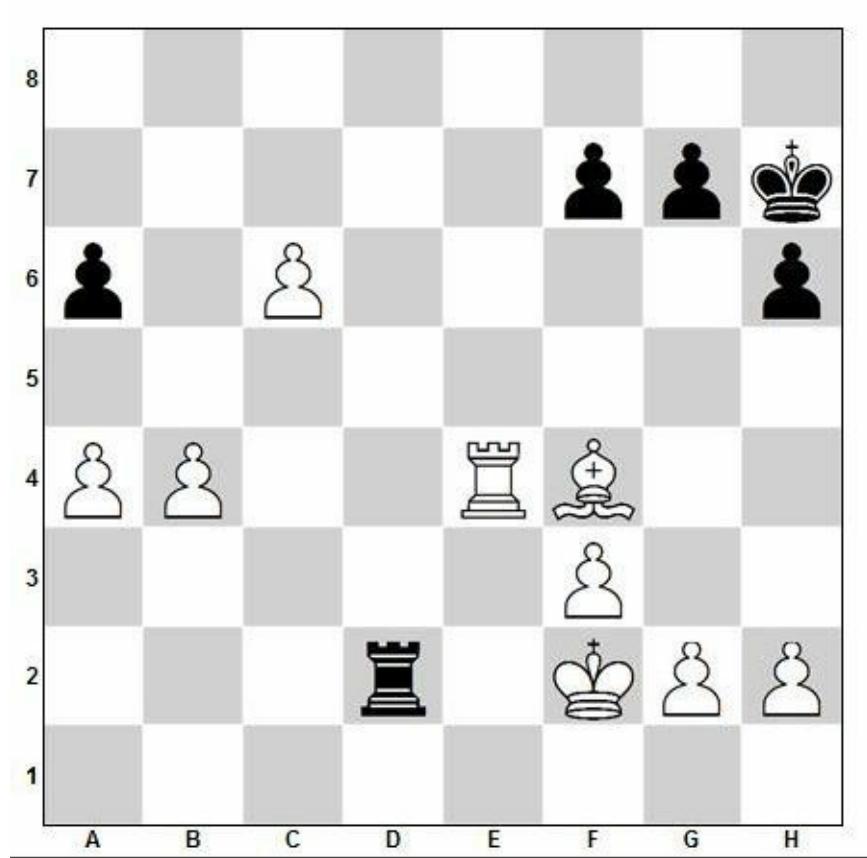
30...Rc2 The rook moves to c2 to stop the pawn from becoming a queen. If you take the bishop, white gets a queen by moving the pawn from c7 to c8.

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(169) White to move



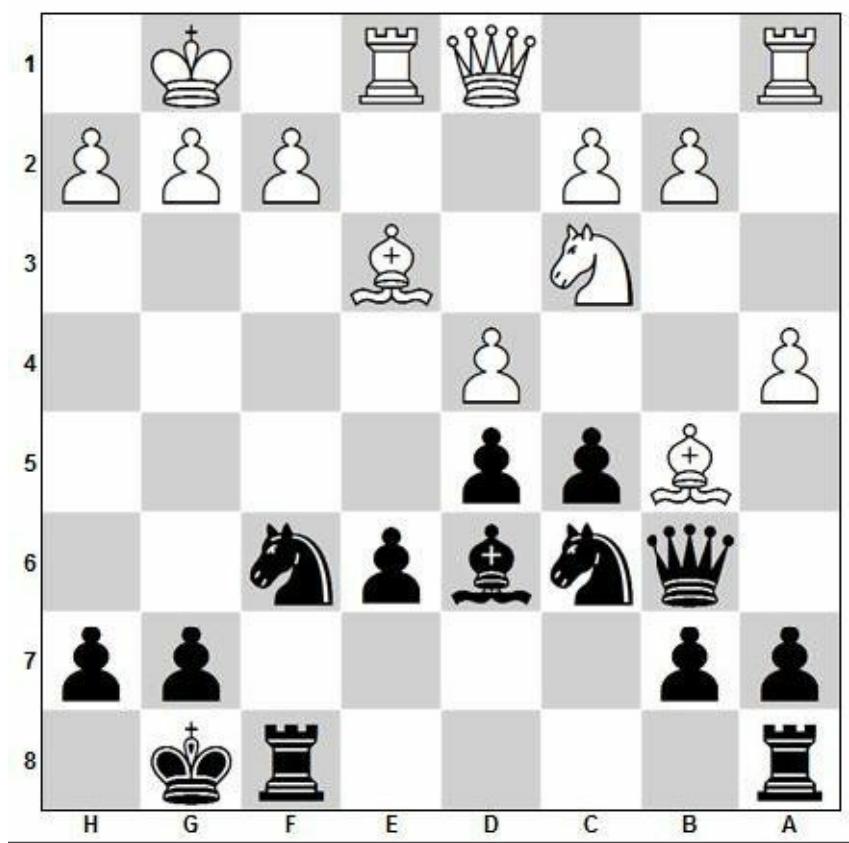
35.Bxd2 The bishop takes the rook on d2 and gets the king out of check.

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(170) Black to move



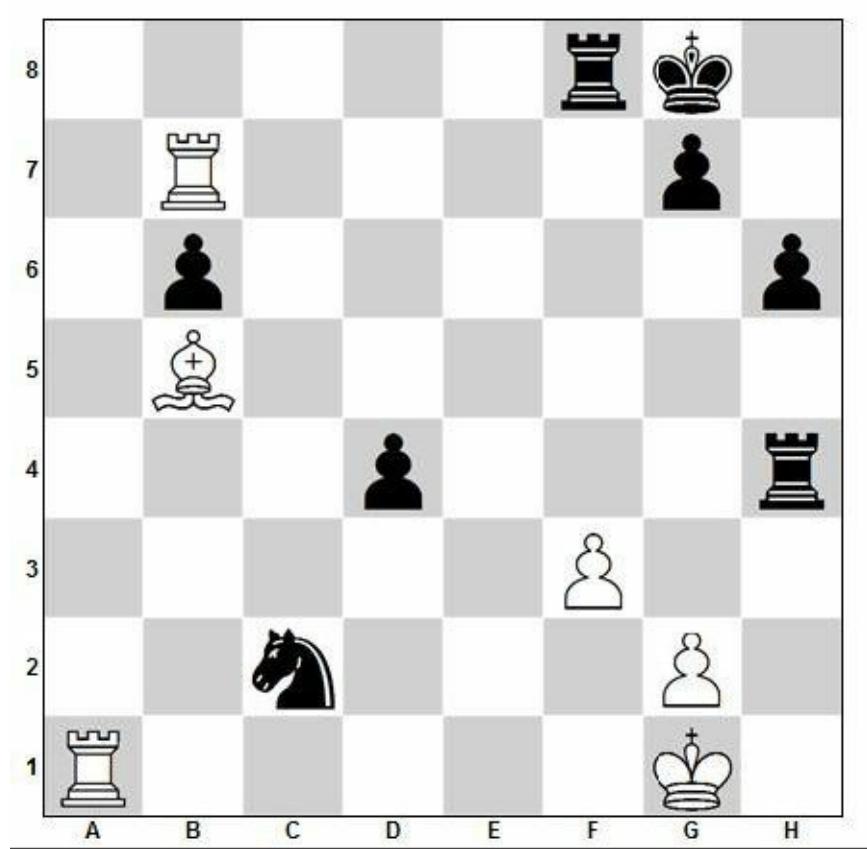
12...cxd4 The pawn on c5 takes the pawn on d4. To find out if you are winning material, count the number of attackers versus the number of defenders of a square.

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(171) White to move



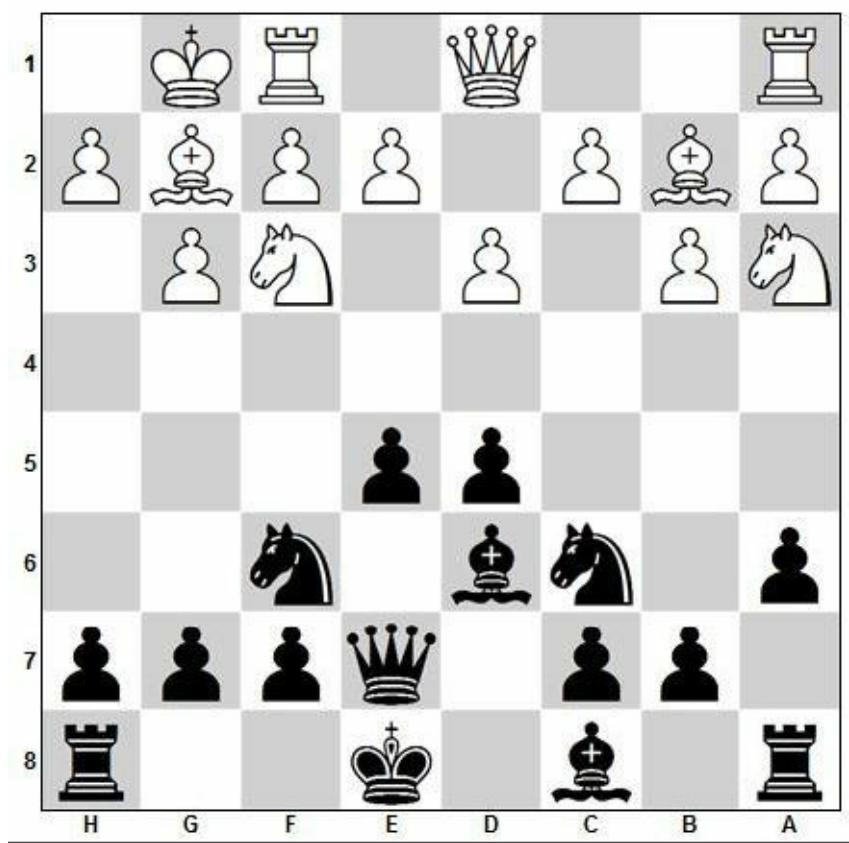
27.Raa7 The rook on a1 moves to a7. To avoid losing the rook on a1, you need to move the rook. A7 was the most aggressive square on which to place it, because it threatens g7. Two attackers, one defender.

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(172) Black to move



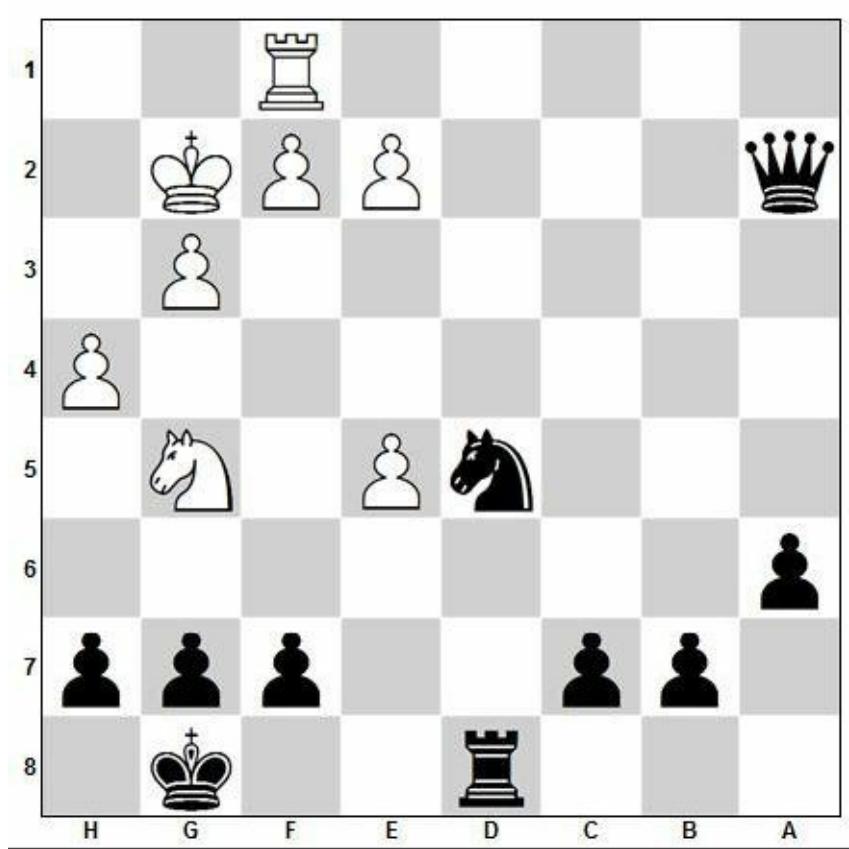
8...Bxa3 The bishop takes the knight on a3. Count the number of attackers versus the number of defenders.

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(173) Black to move



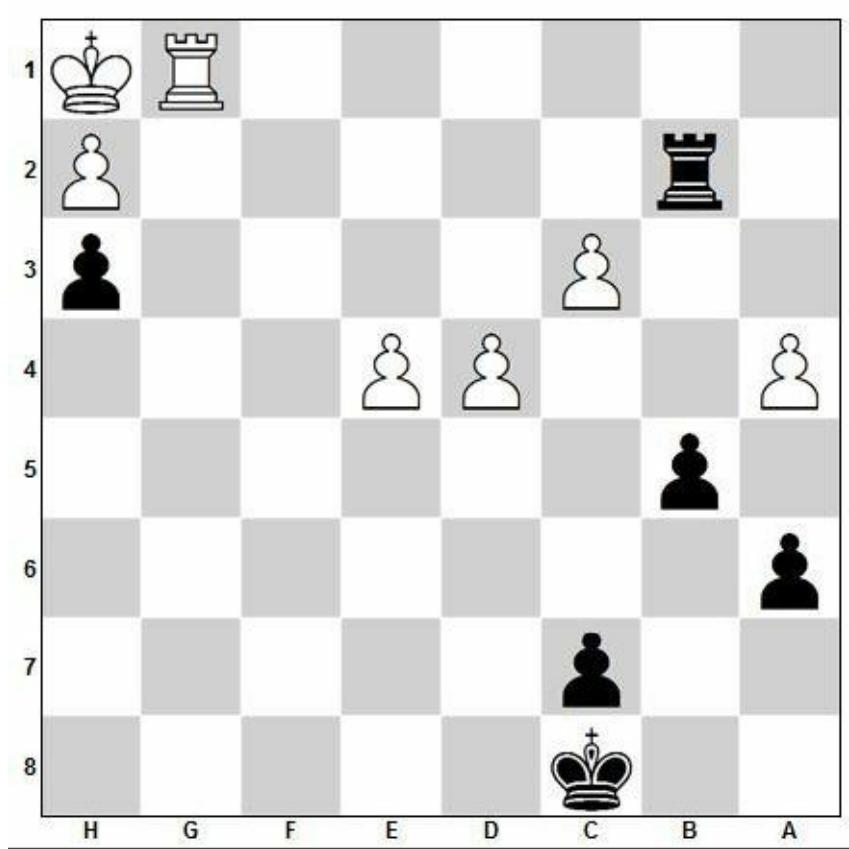
23...**Qxe2** The queen takes the pawn on e2.

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(174) Black to move



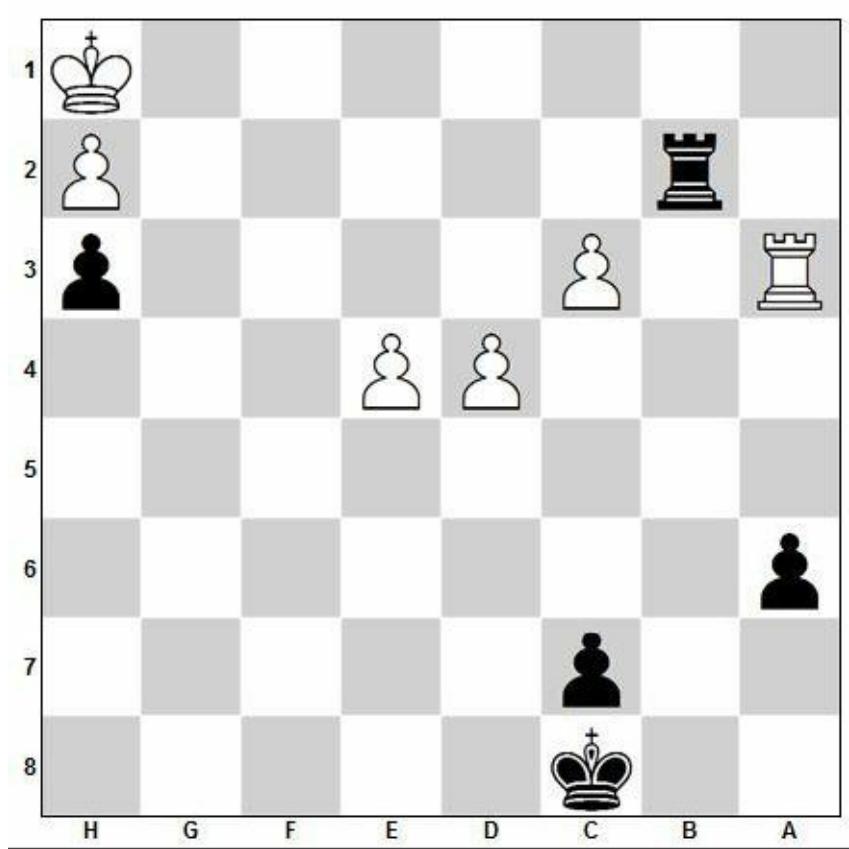
29...bxa4 The pawn on b5 takes the pawn on a4.

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(175) Black to move



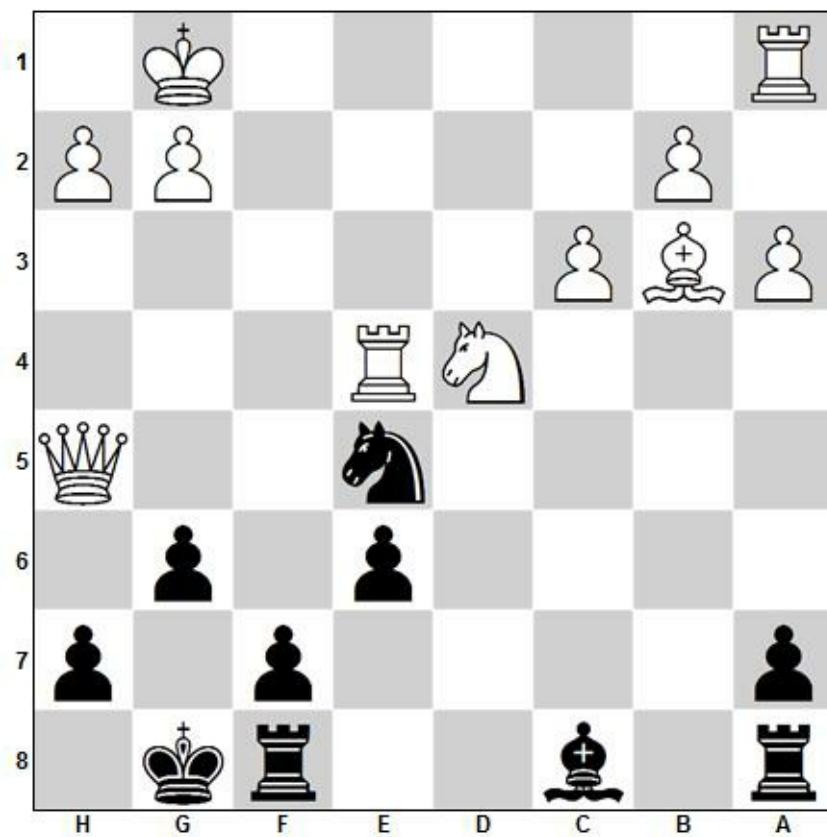
31...Rb1# The rook moves to b1 with checkmate.

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(176) Black to move



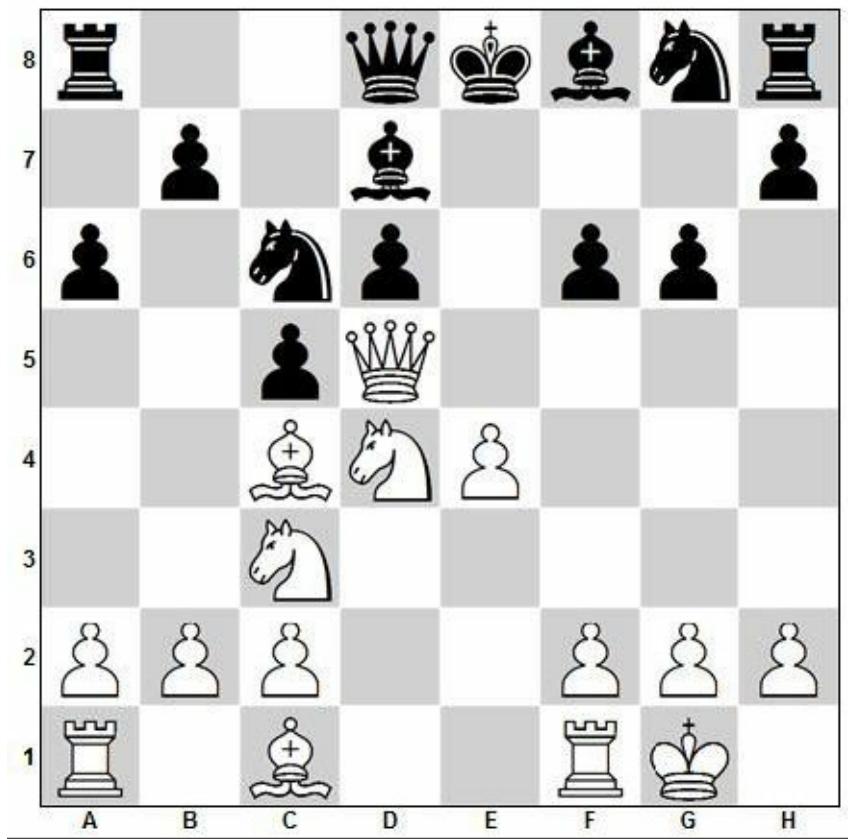
28...gxh5 The pawn on g6 takes the queen on h5.

From the game Grano,G (824) – Butthead (965) 0-1 November 2007 Long Haul Banded November 30, 2012

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(177) White to move



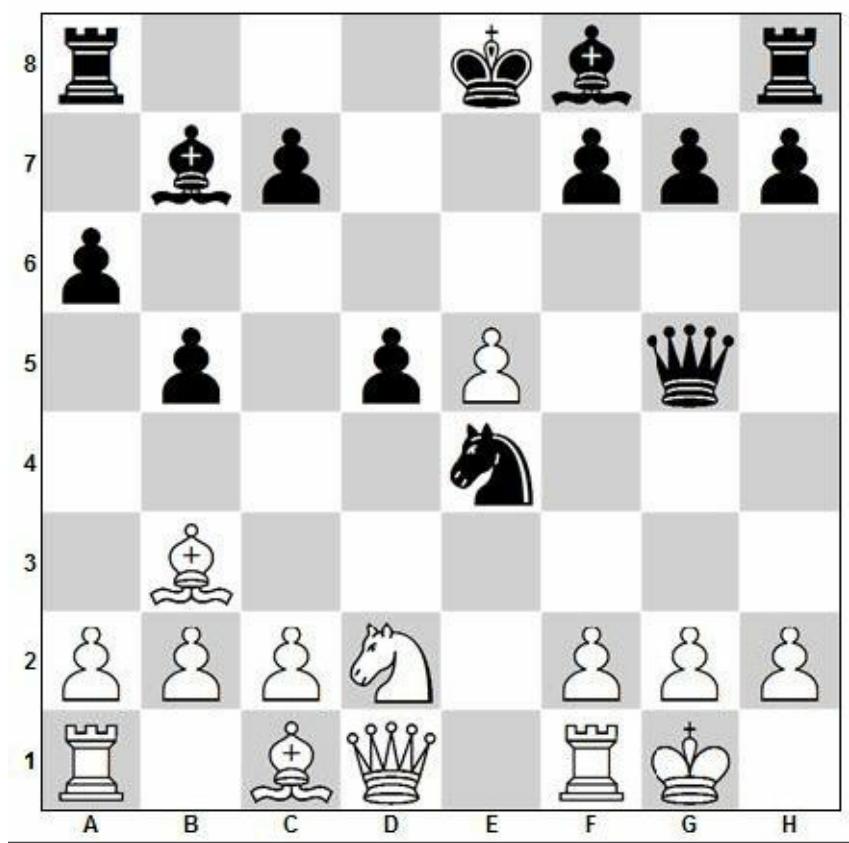
10.Qf7# The queen moves to f7 with checkmate.

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(178) White to move



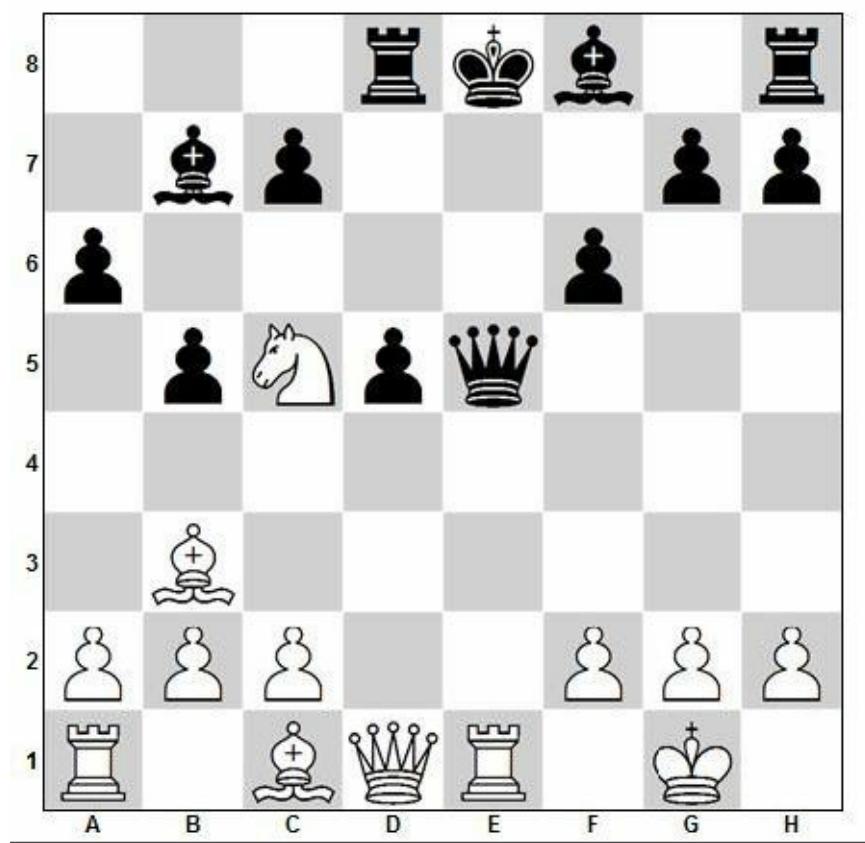
11.Nxe4 The knight takes the knight on e4. Here it looks like a trade, but after the knight moves, an attack on the queen is uncovered. So the queen needs to move since it is more valuable, and then the knight can move again, so it won't get recaptured. So it's not a trade, white is winning a piece.

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(179) White to move



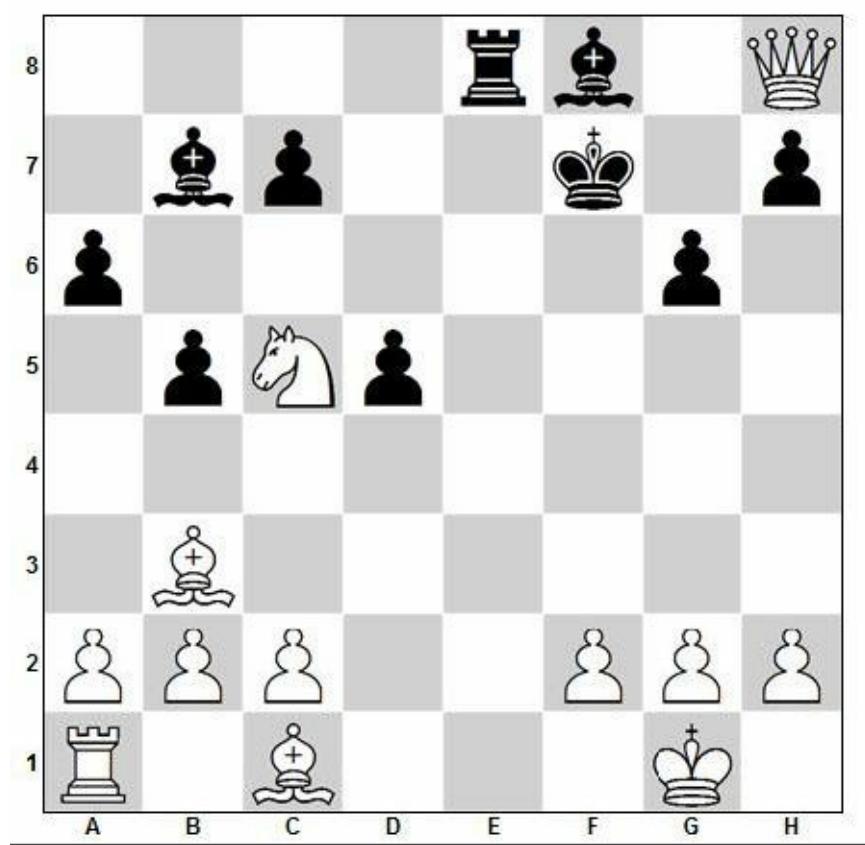
14.Rxe5+ The rook takes the bishop on e5. Here you can also capture the bishop for free, and the rook is actually trading for the queen. However, once the rook is recaptured, you can still win the bishop.

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(180) White to move



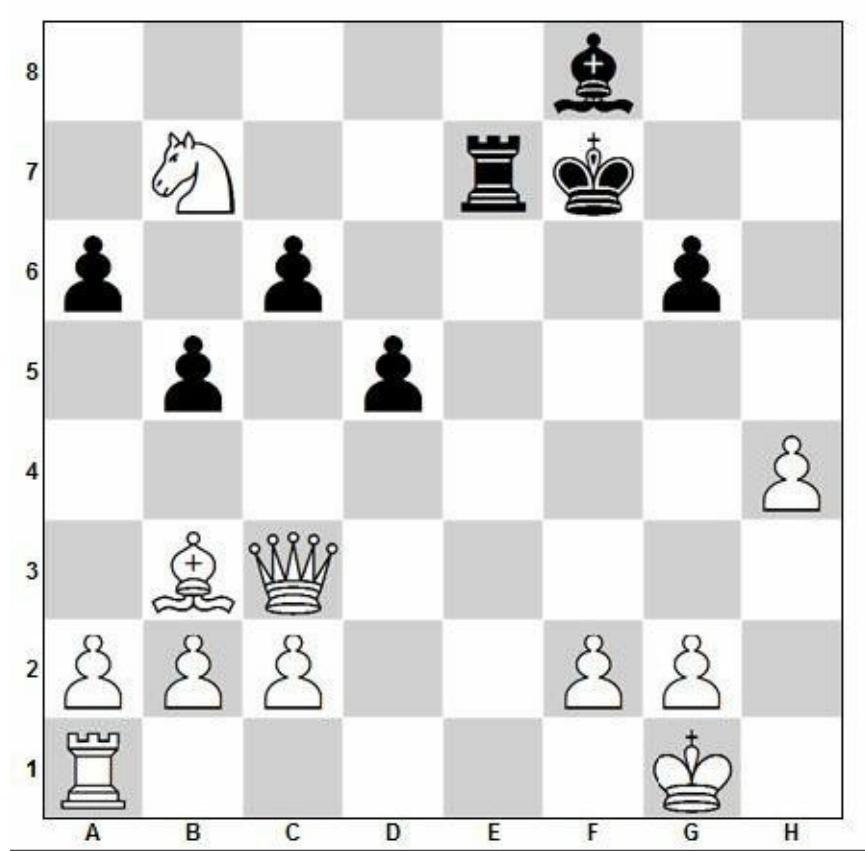
18.Qxh7+ The queen takes the pawn on h7 with check. You can also win the bishop on b7 here, however, when you capture the pawn on h7 it is with check, so the king has to move out of check. Then you can still win the bishop.

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(181) White to move



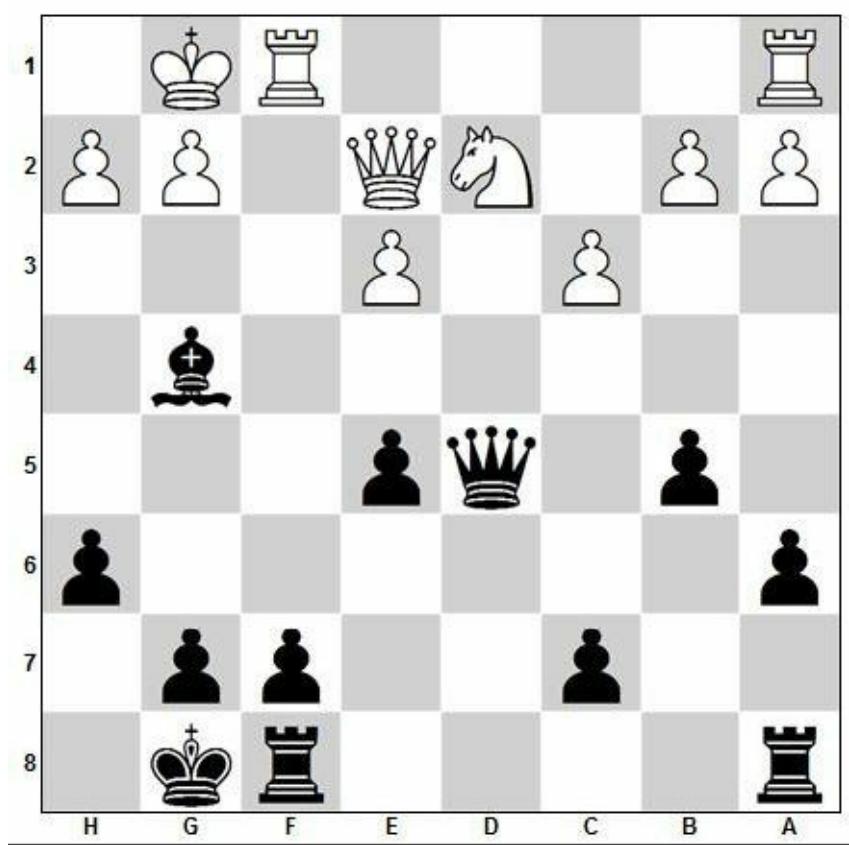
24.Nd8+ The knight moves to d8 with check. Not winning a piece, just avoiding losing one.

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(182) Black to move



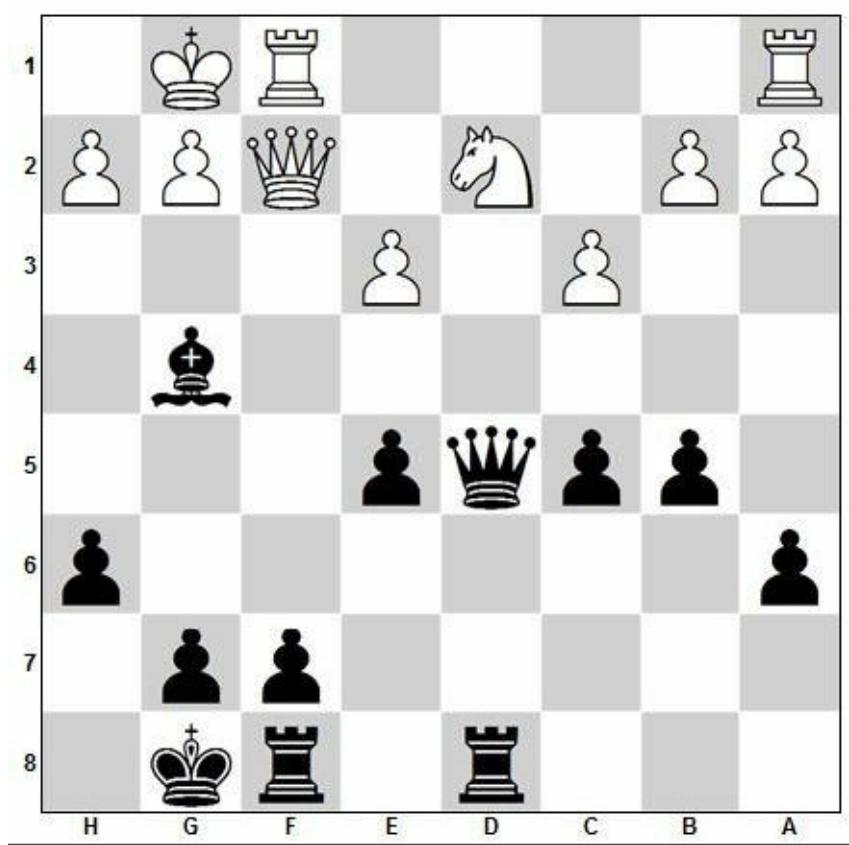
17...Bxe2 The bishop takes the queen on e2.

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(183) Black to move



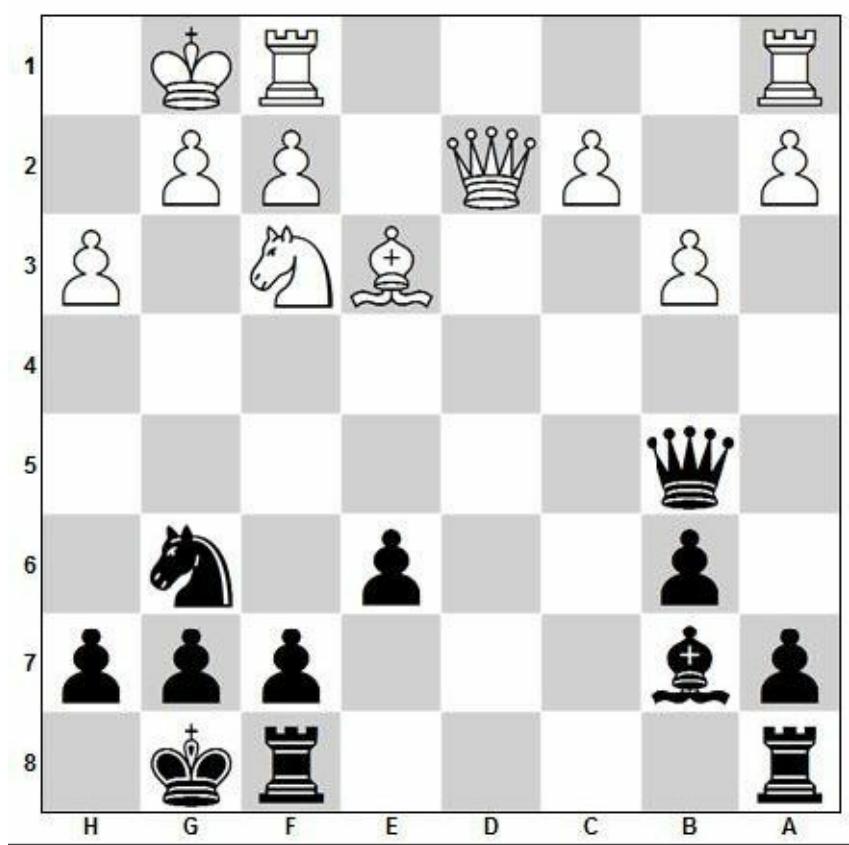
19...Qxd2 The queen takes the knight on d2. There are two pieces attacking the knight, and only one defending.

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(184) Black to move



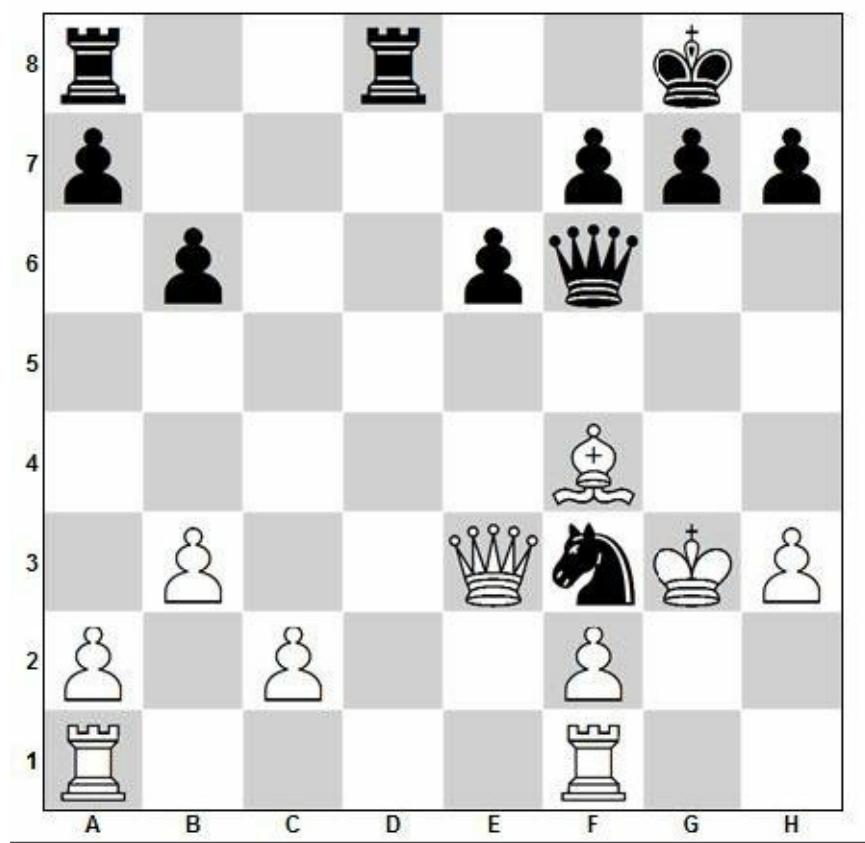
19...Bxf3 The bishop takes the knight on f3. Here you are not winning material, it is just a trade. However, white's kingside is ripped open and now the king is vulnerable. This doubles the pawns as well, making them easier to capture in the endgame.

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(185) White to move



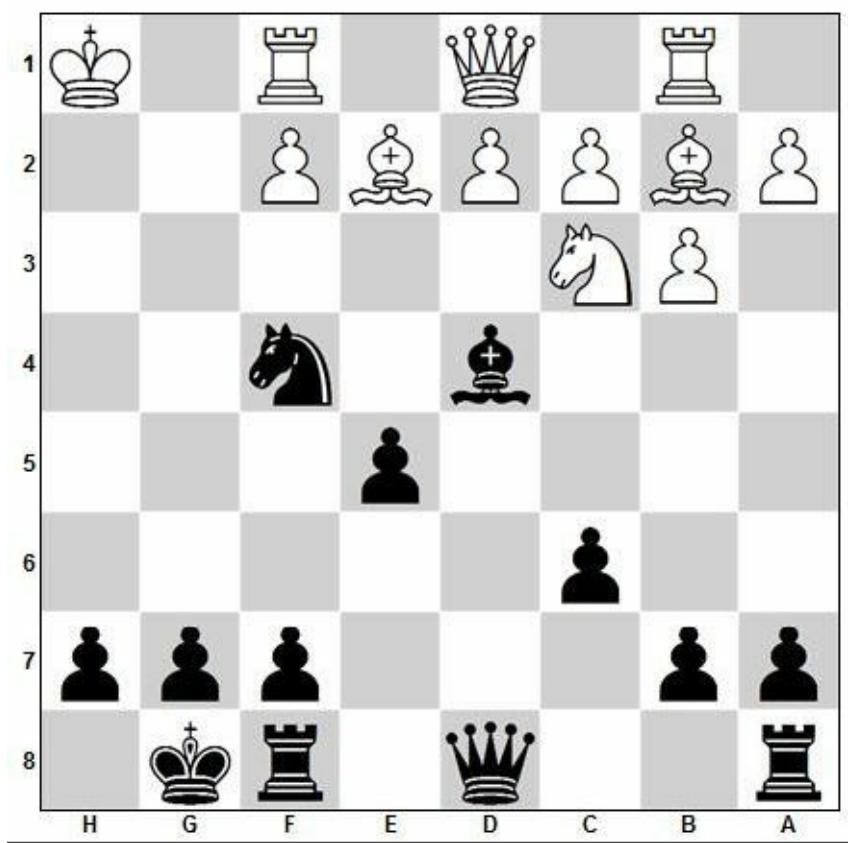
28.Qxf3 The queen takes the knight on f3.

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(186) Black to move



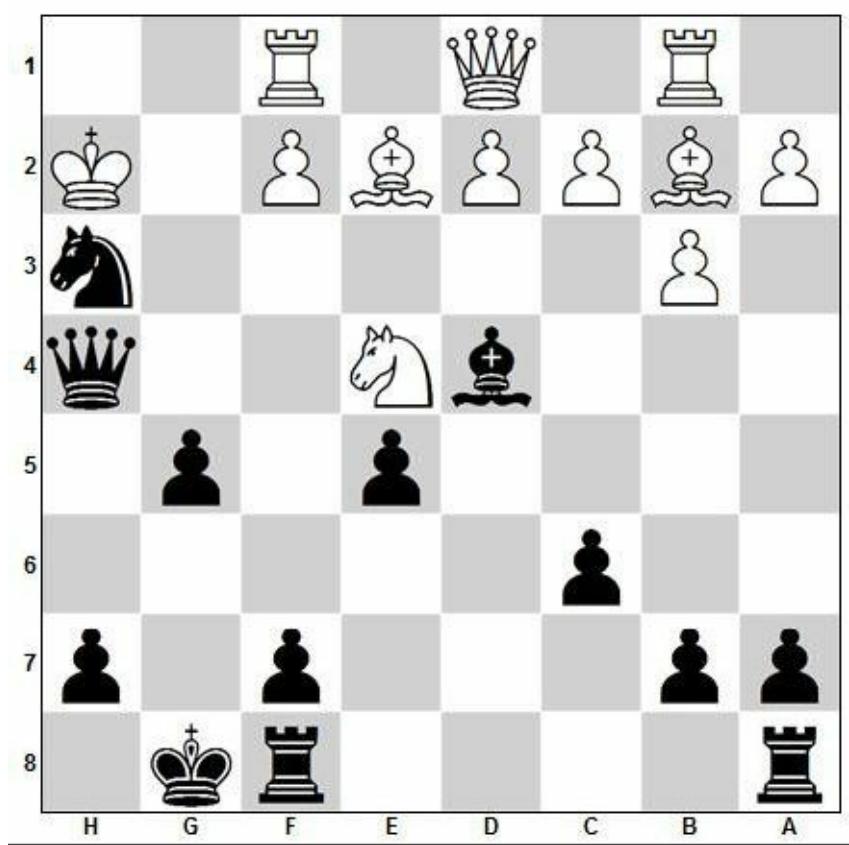
15...Qh4+ The queen moves to h4 with check. Not winning material or checkmating immediately, but the king is trapped.

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(187) Black to move



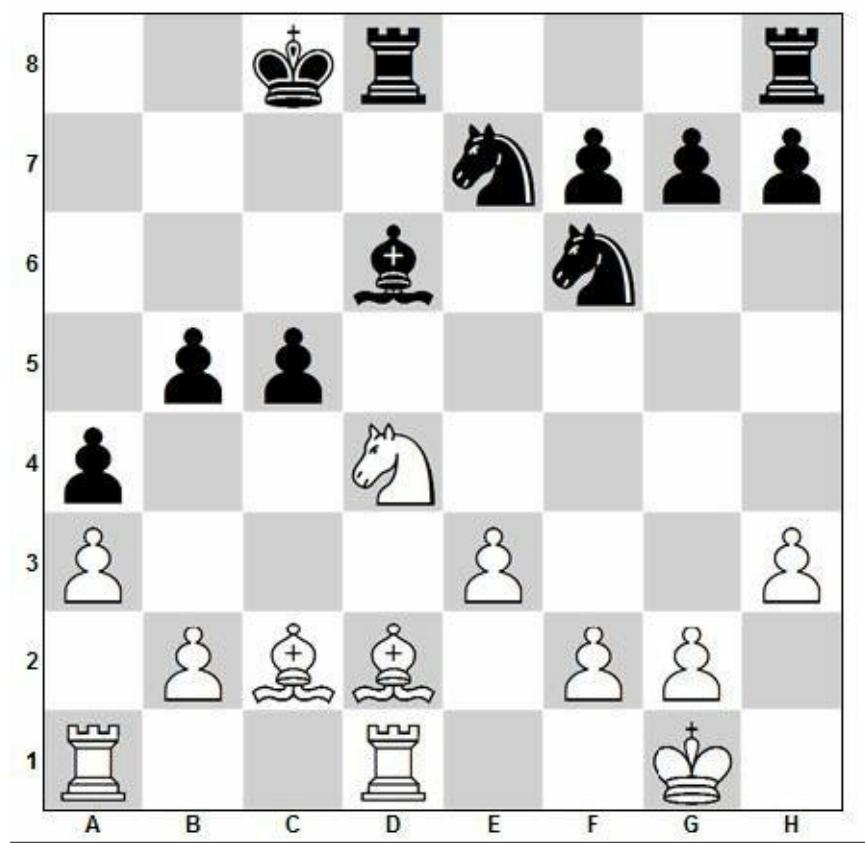
18...Nxf2+ The knight takes the pawn on of2 with check. Check is from the queen. This is called a discovered check.

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(188) White to move



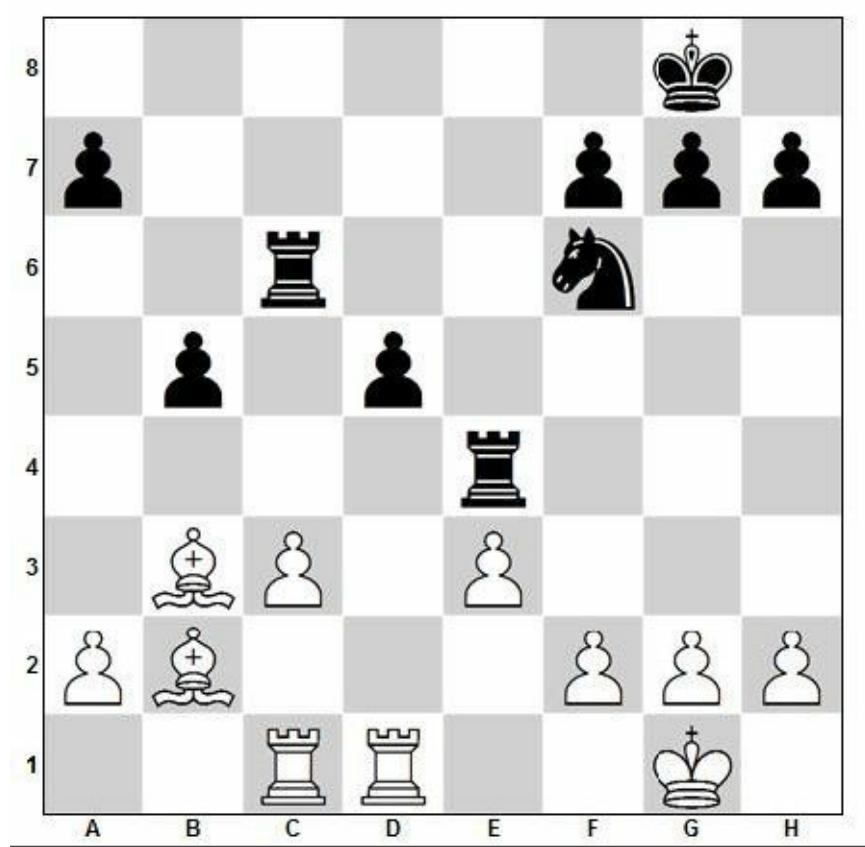
20.Nxb5 The knight takes the pawn on b5.

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(189) White to move



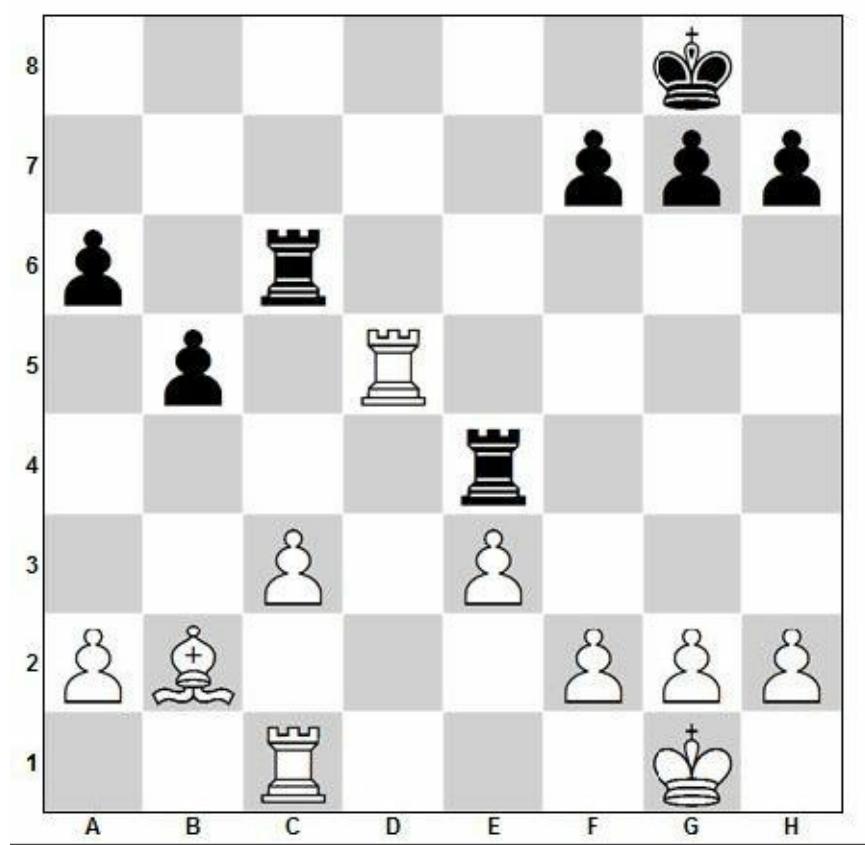
22.Bxd5 The bishop takes the pawn on d5. There are more attackers than defenders, so you can safely take the piece.

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(190) White to move



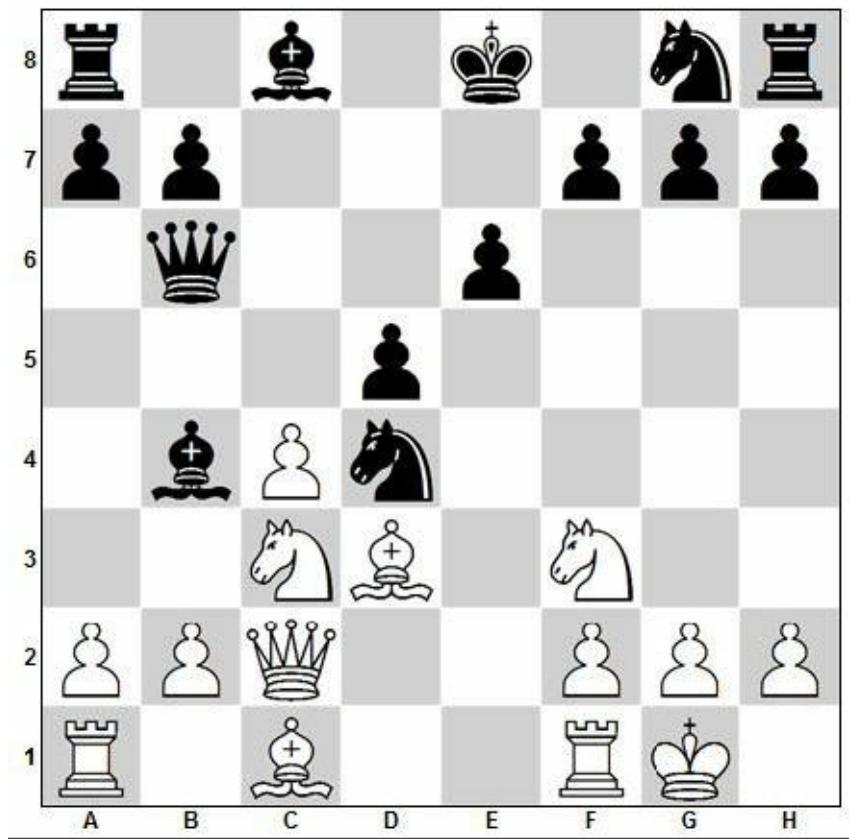
24.Rd8+ The rook moves to d8 with check. After the rook blocks, it will be checkmate with Rxe8#.

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(191) White to move



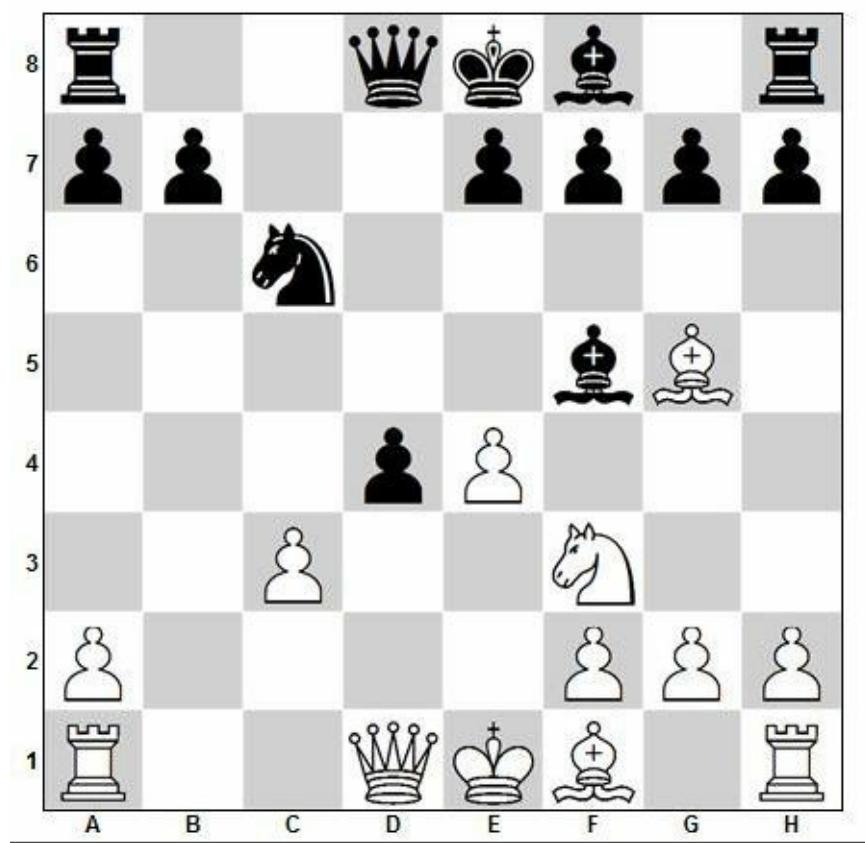
12.Nxd4 The Knight takes the knight on d4. The queen on c2 was “en prise” which means at risk of being captured. You could also have moved the queen to d1 to guard the f3 square so that black doesn’t rip the kingside apart, but it undevelops a piece and is too passive. Undeveloping pieces means moving them back to their original squares. Sometimes you have to do this, but in the opening the goal is to develop your pieces, so it’s usually not a good idea.

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(192) White to move



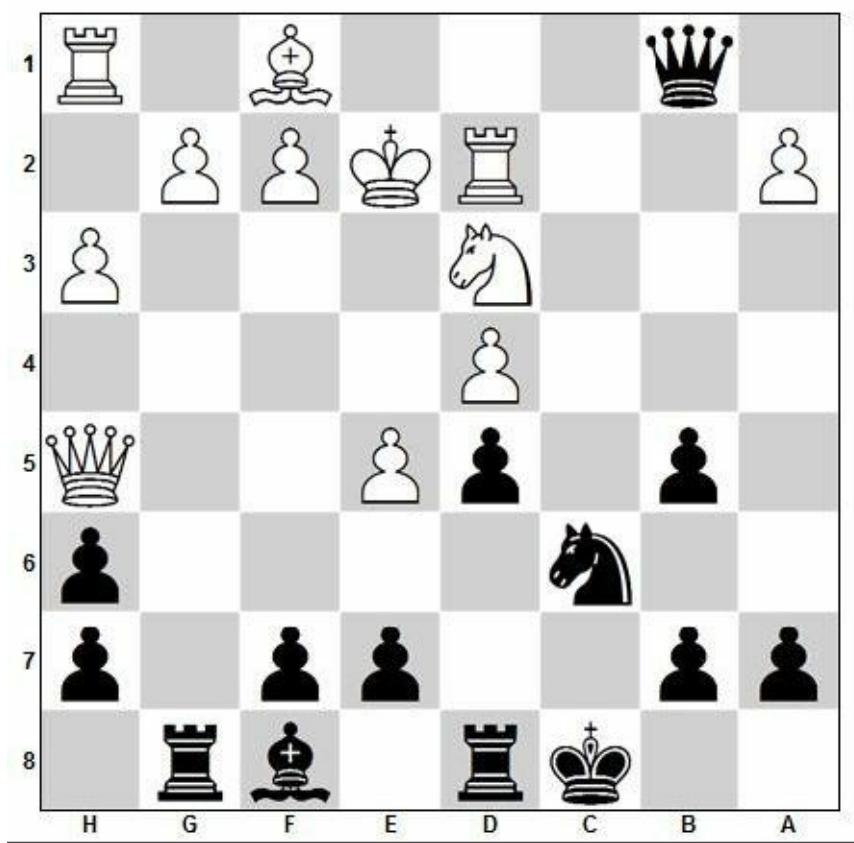
9.exf5 The pawn on e4 takes the bishop on f5.

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(193) Black to move



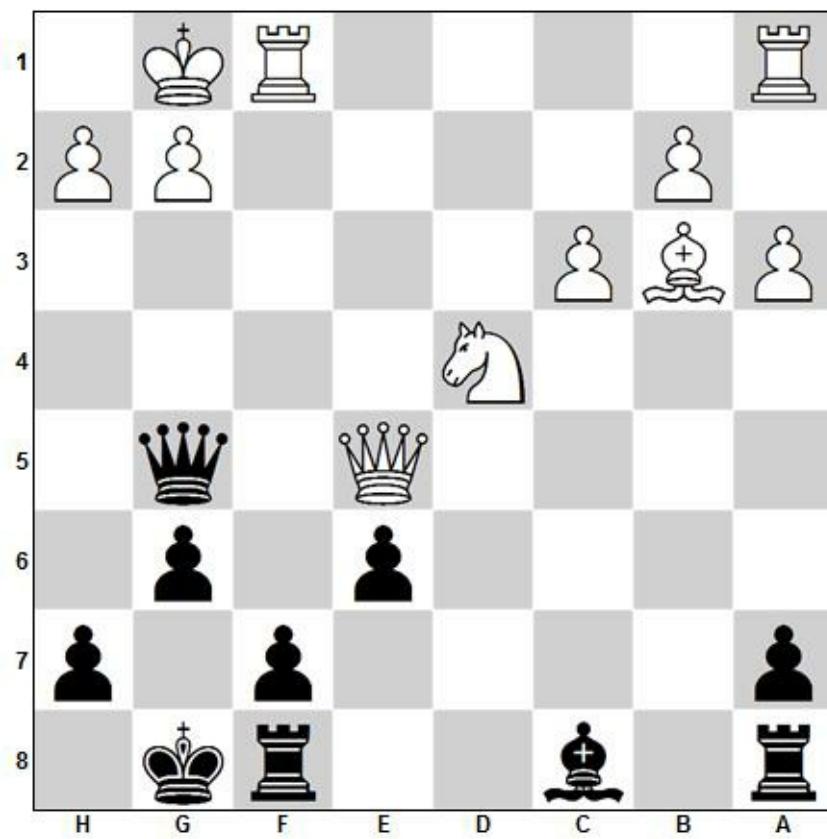
18...Nxd4+ The knight takes the pawn on d4 with check.

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(194) Black to move



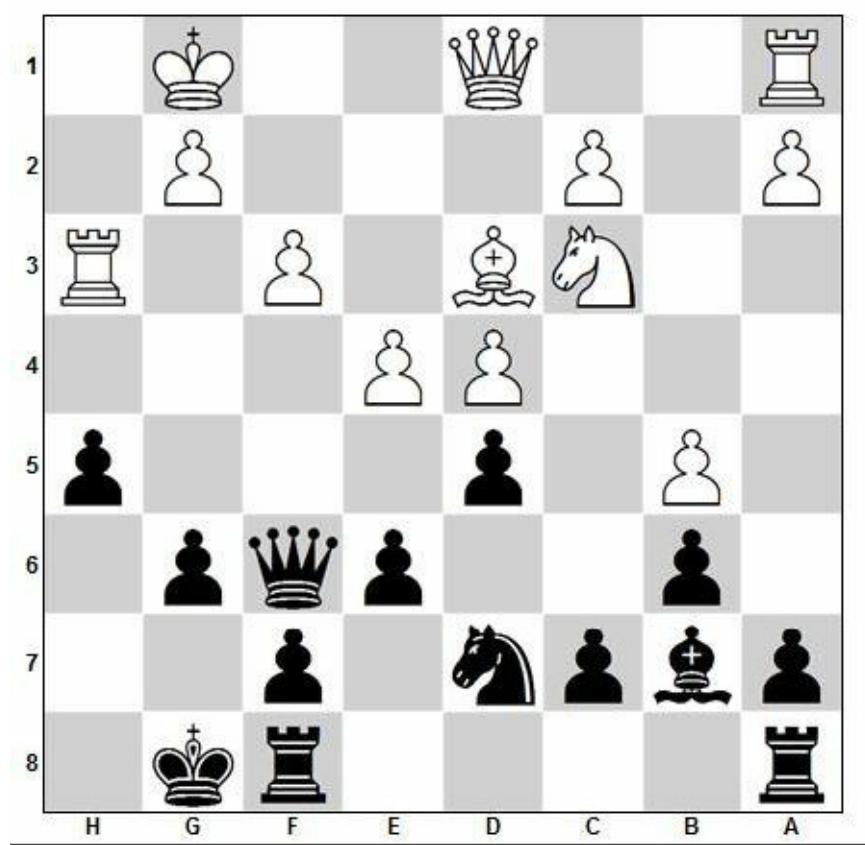
30...Qxe5 The queen takes the queen on e5.

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(195) Black to move



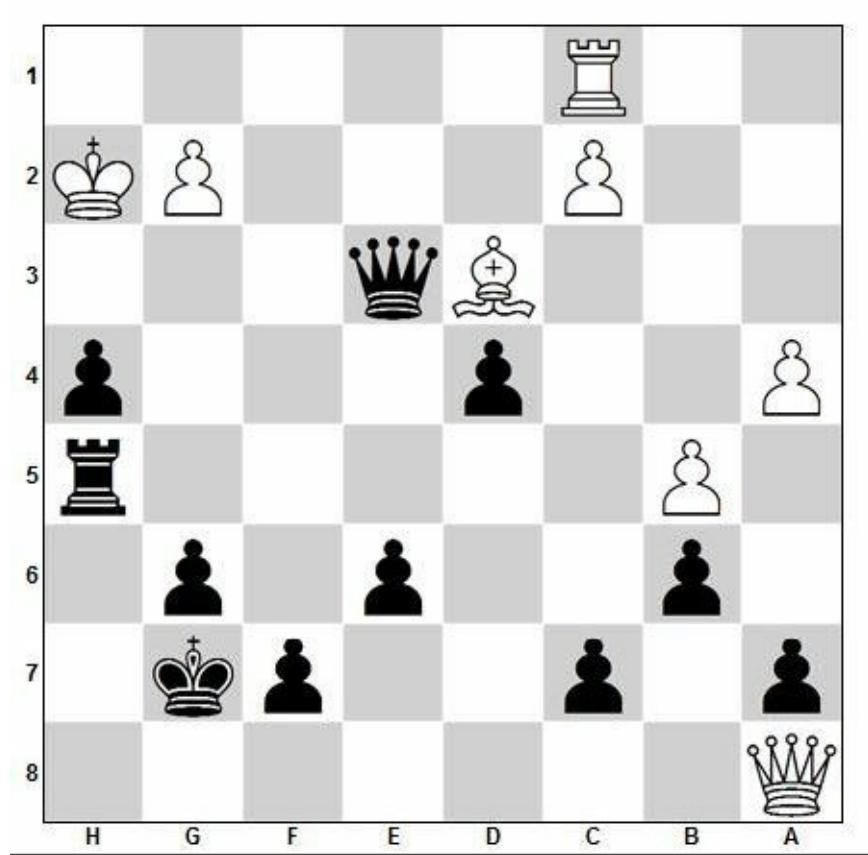
16...Qxd4+ The queen takes the pawn on d4 with check.

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(196) Black to move



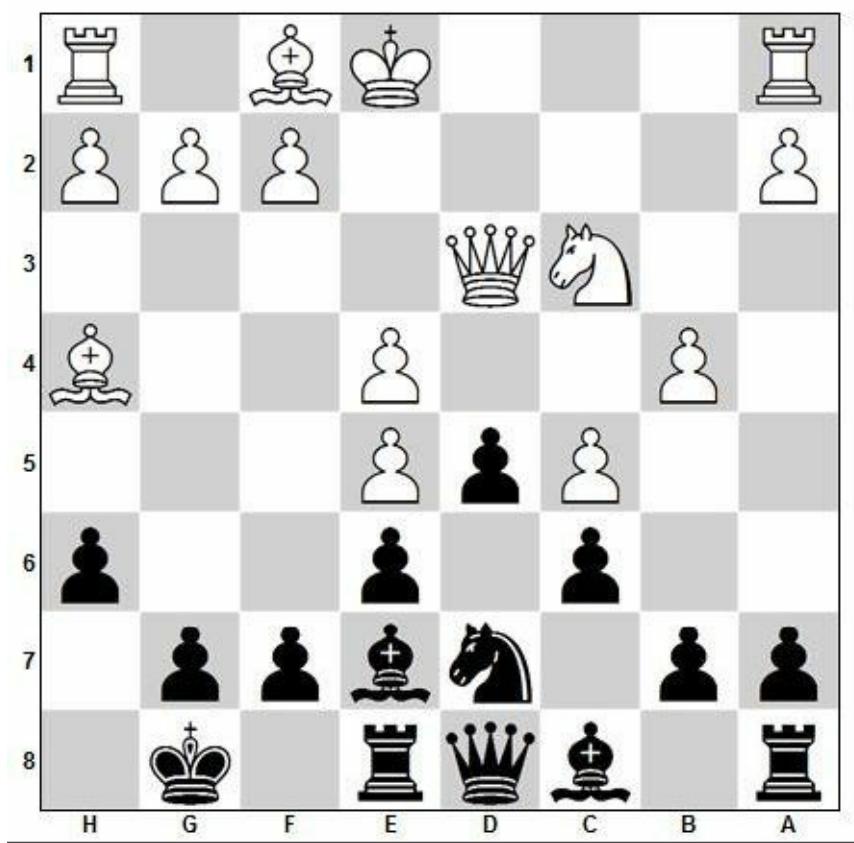
29...***Qf4+*** The queen goes to f4 with check. If the king moves to the 1st rank next move, the queen will still be able to capture the rook, but it will be with check, which allows black to keep the initiative. If the king moves to h3, it will be checkmate by Qg3#.

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(197) Black to move



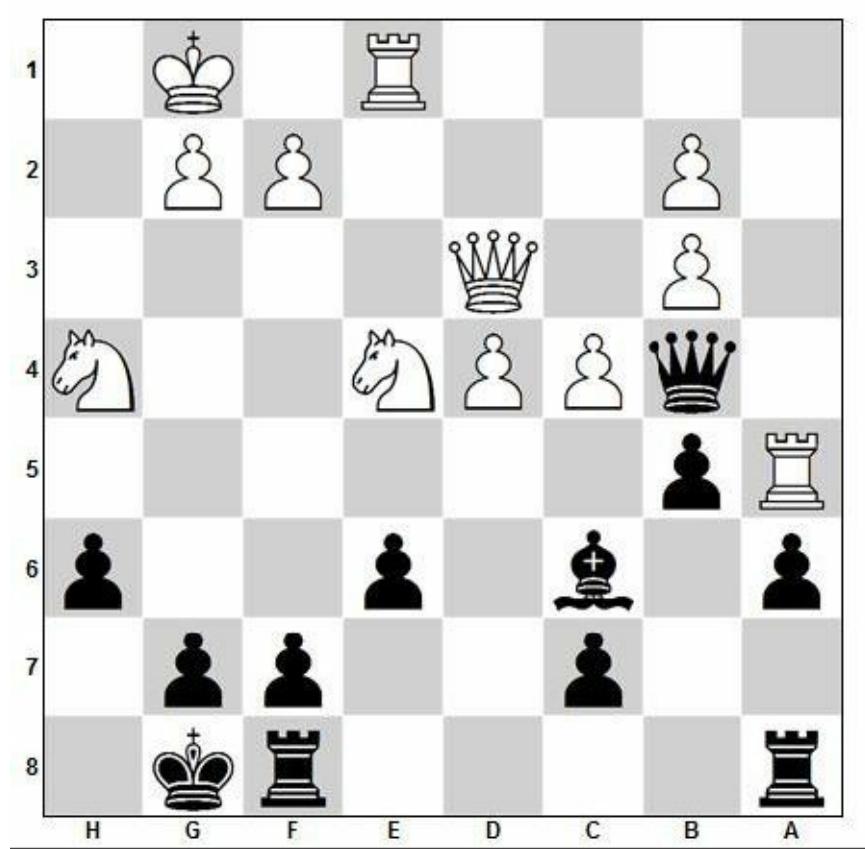
12...Bxh4 The bishop takes the bishop on h4.

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(198) Black to move



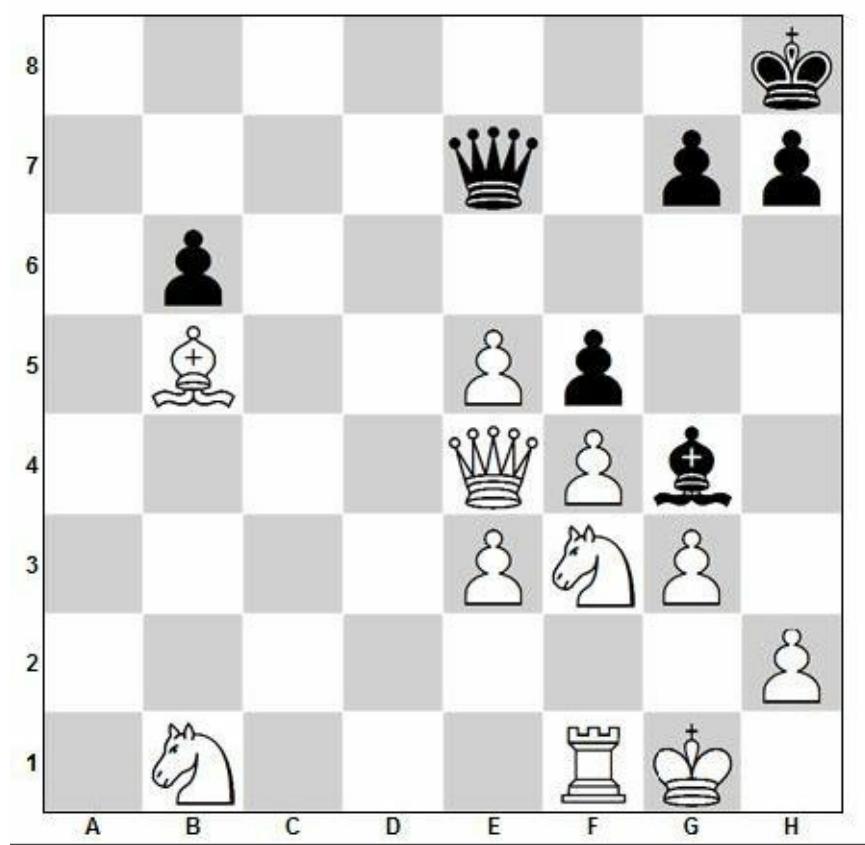
19...Qxe1+ The queen takes the rook on e1 with check. You can take either rook, but if you take the one on e1 first, you can take with check, which means you get both rooks, because he will have to move out of check, instead of moving his rook.

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(199) White to move

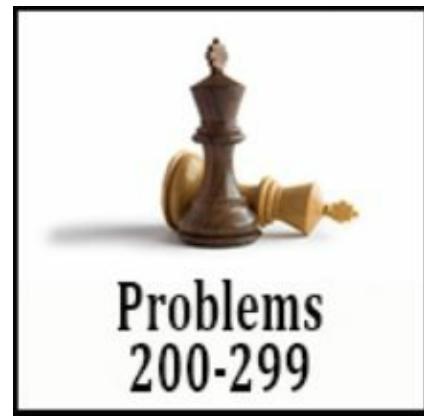


24.Qa8+ The queen moves to a8 with check. It's checkmate after the queen blocks the check.

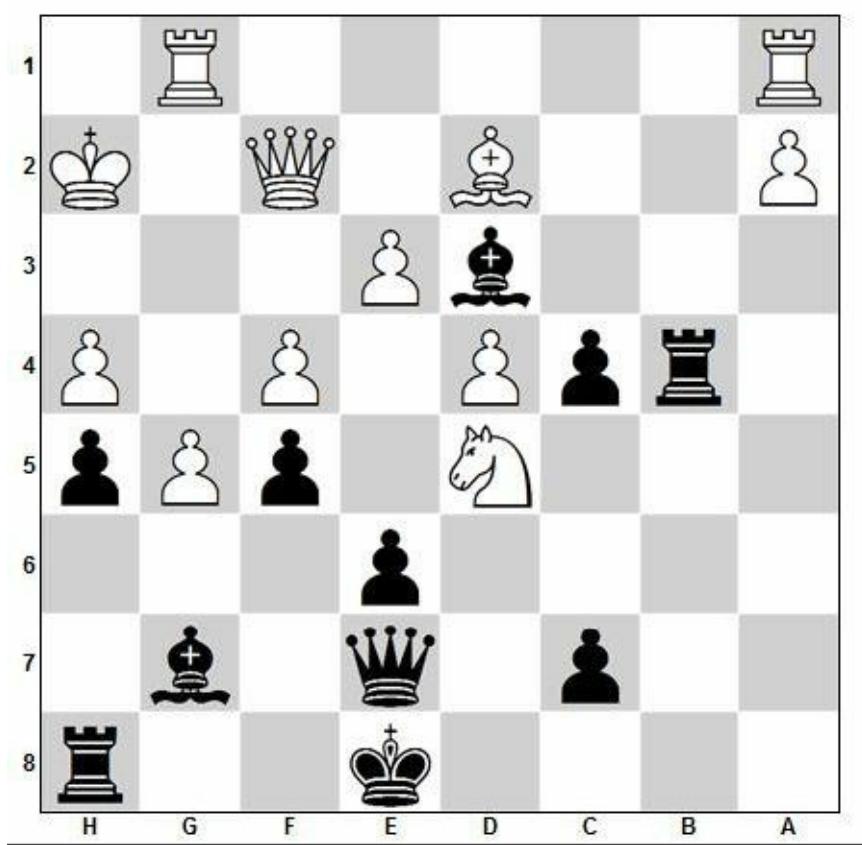
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(200) Black to move



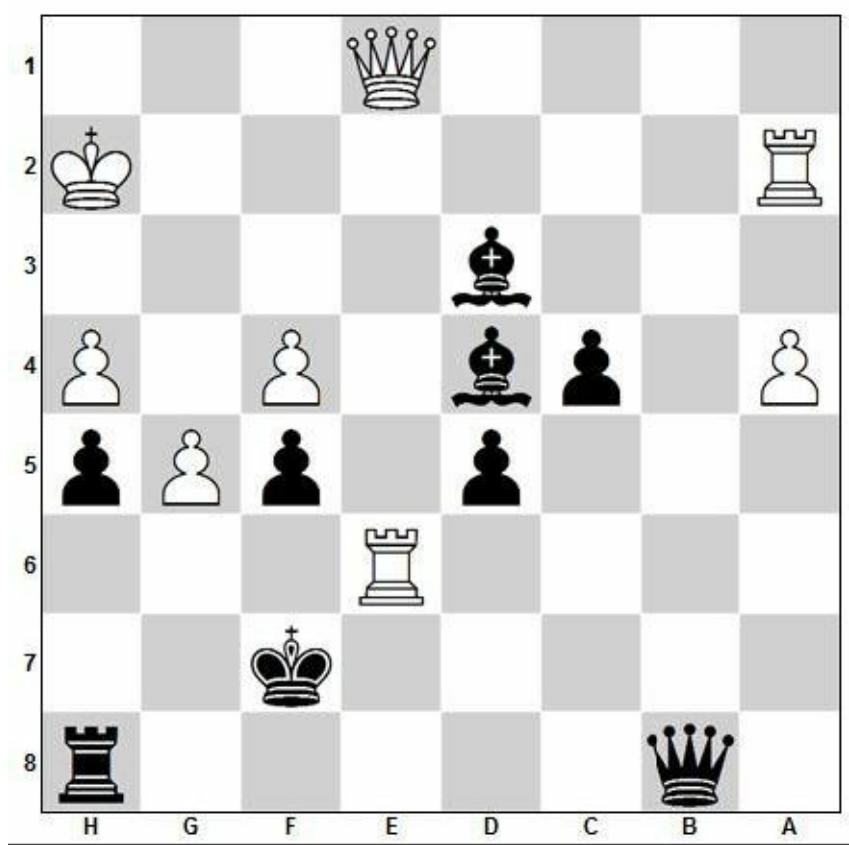
25...exd5 The pawn on e6 takes the knight on d5.

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(201) Black to move



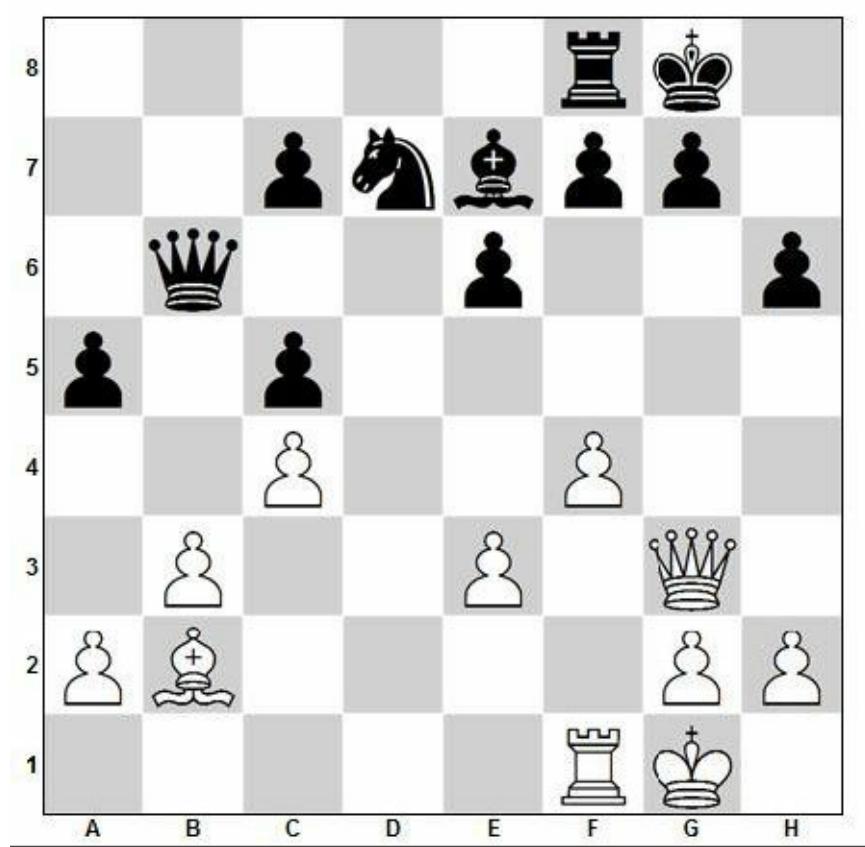
34...Qxf4+ The queen takes the pawn on f4 with check.

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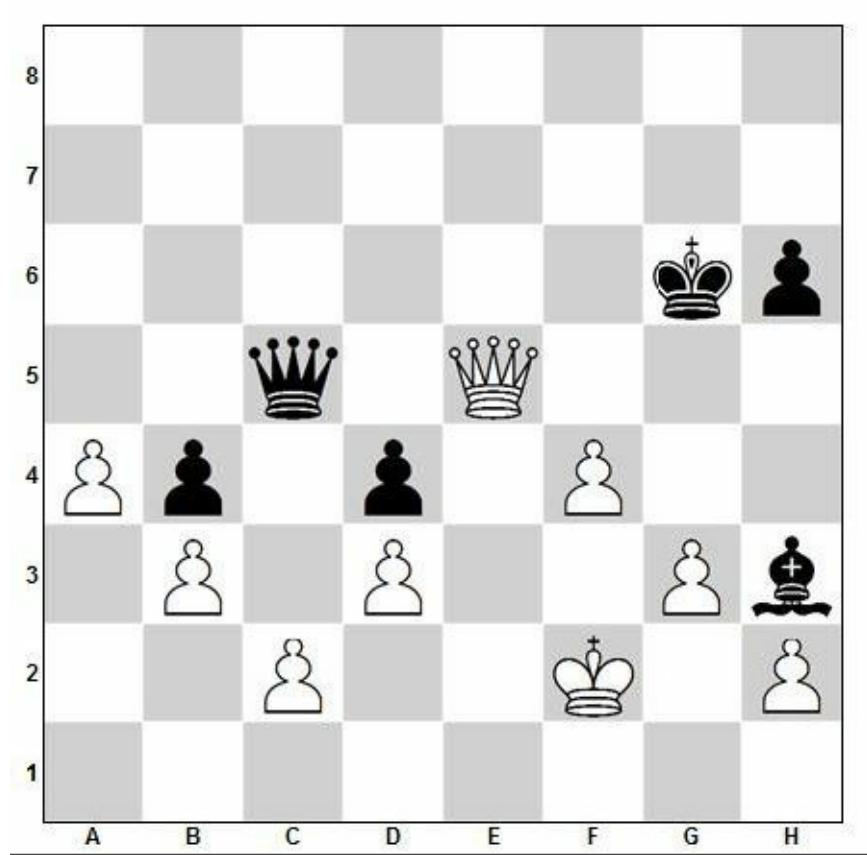
(202) White to move



23.Qxg7# The queen takes the pawn on g7 with checkmate.

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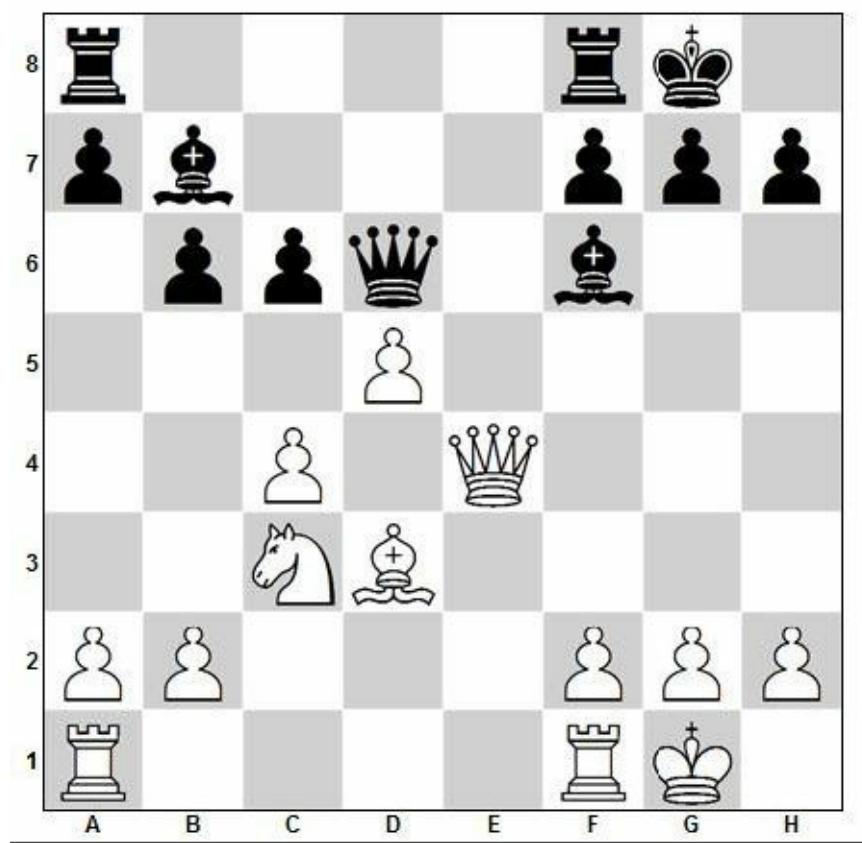
(203) White to move



34.Qxc5 The queen takes the queen on c5.

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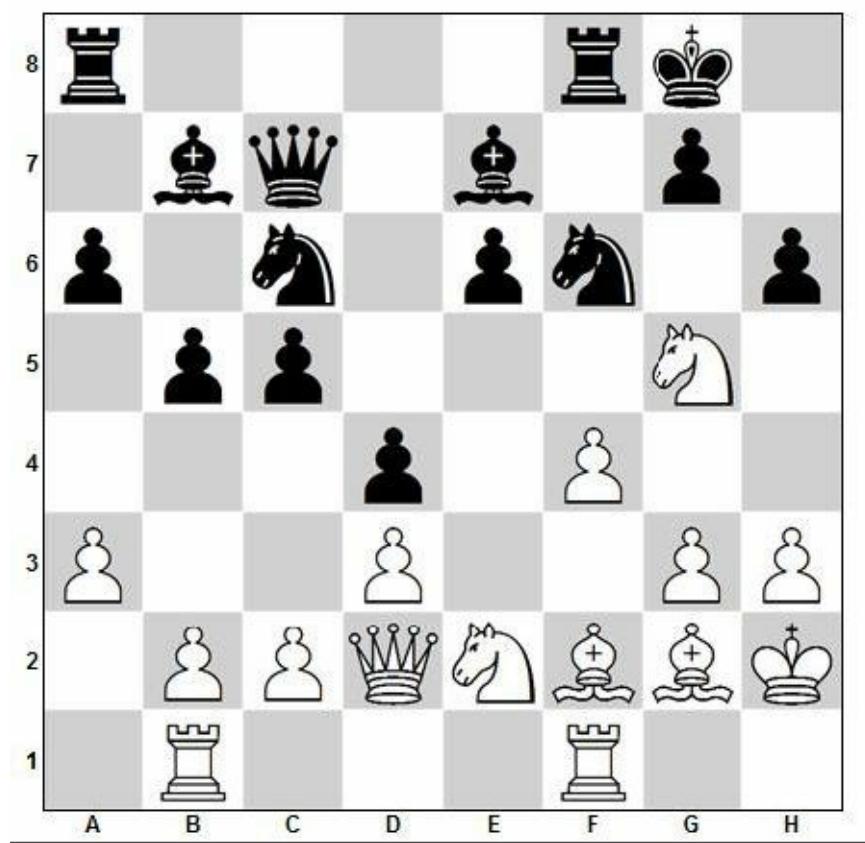
(204) White to move



14.Qxh7# The queen takes the pawn on h7 with checkmate.

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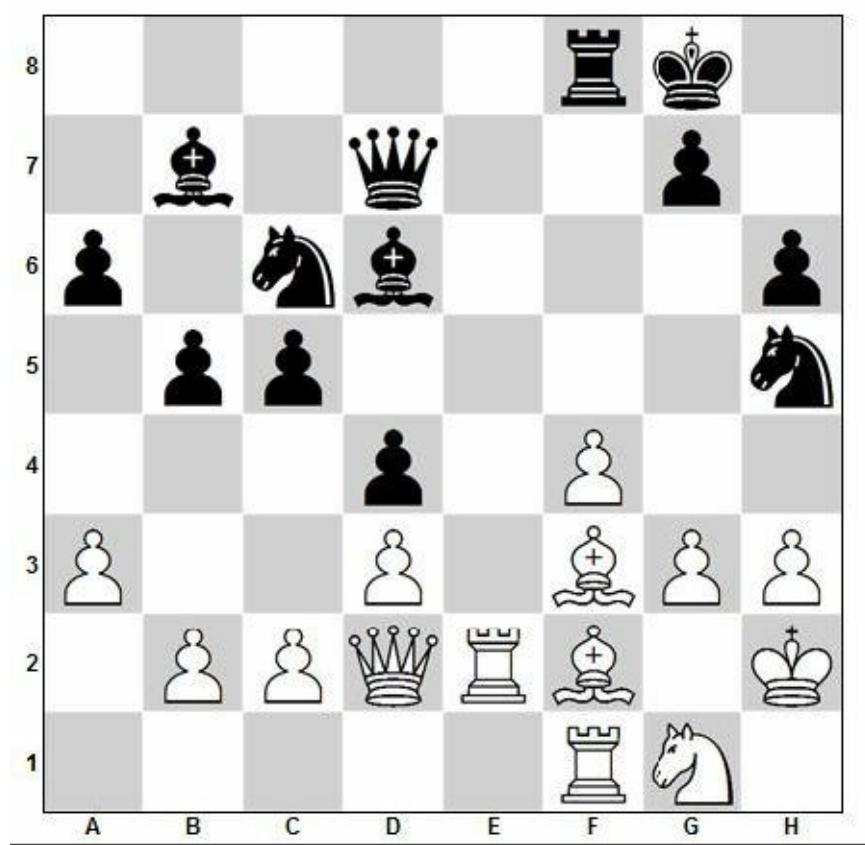
(205) White to move



20.Nxe6 The knight takes the pawn on e6, forking the queen and rook.

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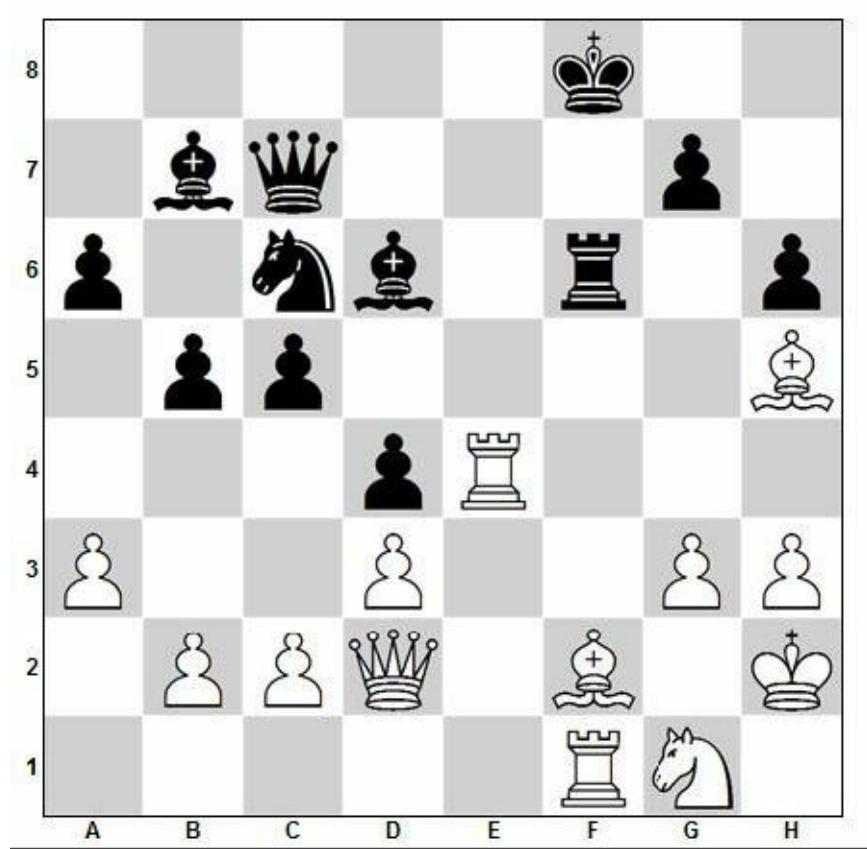
(206) White to move



26.Bxh5 The bishop takes the free knight on h5.

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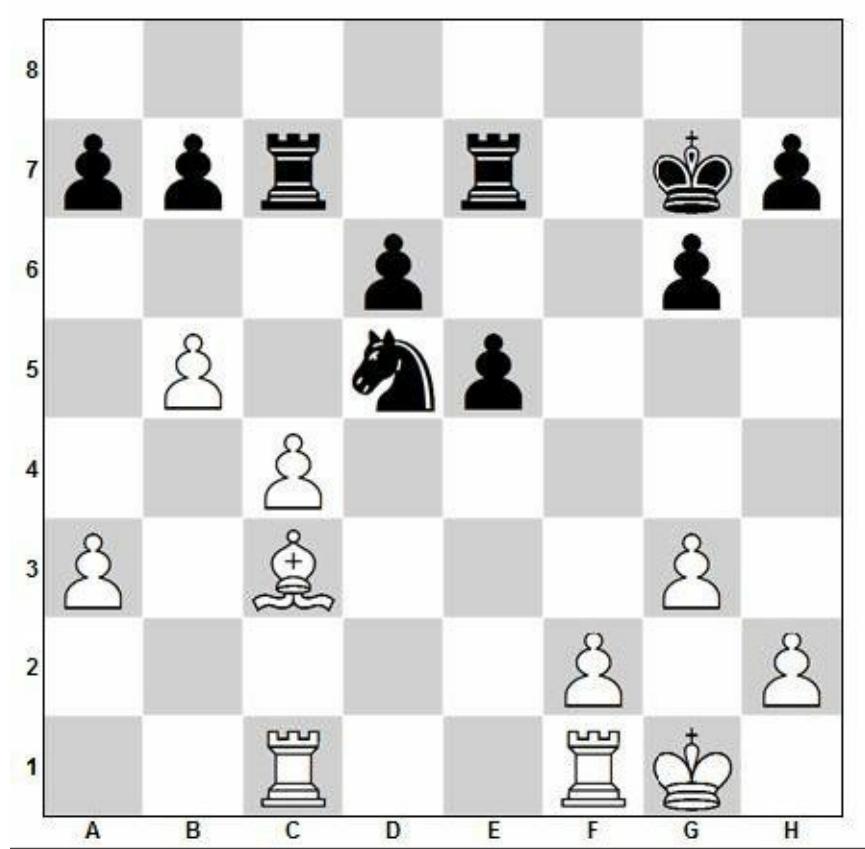
(207) White to move



31.Re8# The rook moves to e8 with checkmate.

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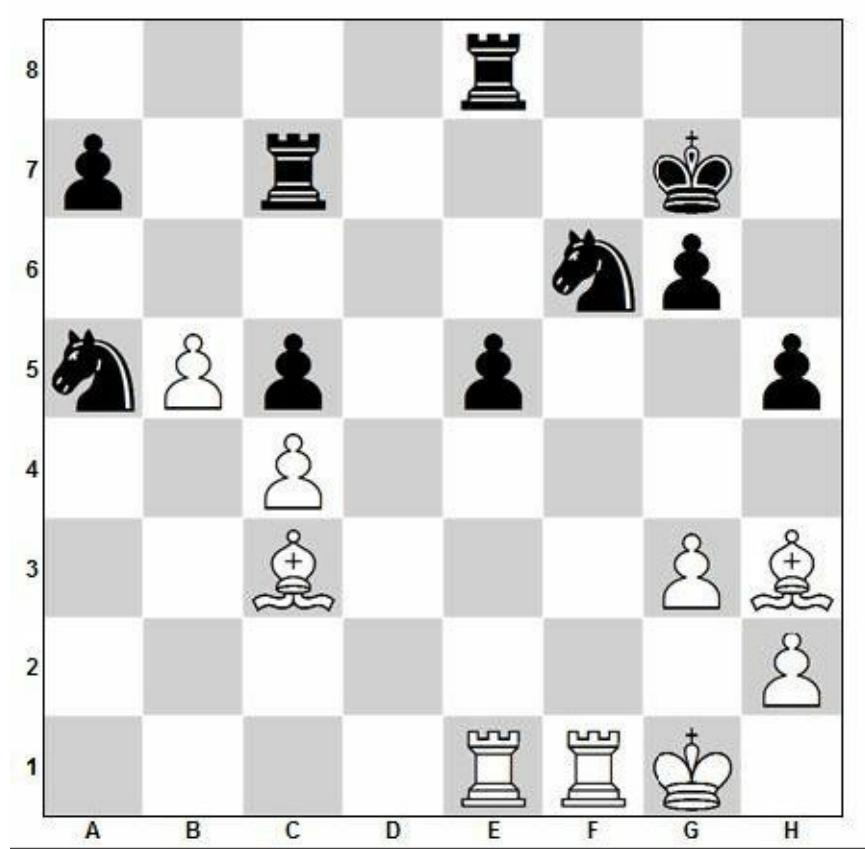
(208) White to move



30.cxd5 The pawn on c4 takes the knight on d5.

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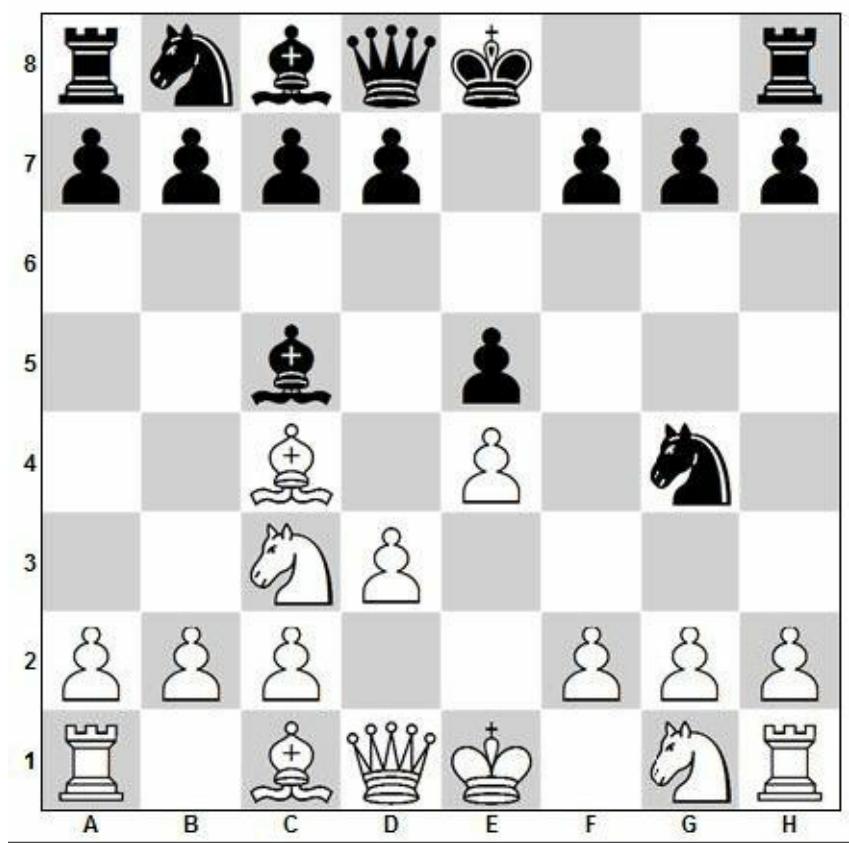
(209) White to move



42.Bxa5 The bishop takes the knight on a5. From there it skewers the rooks.

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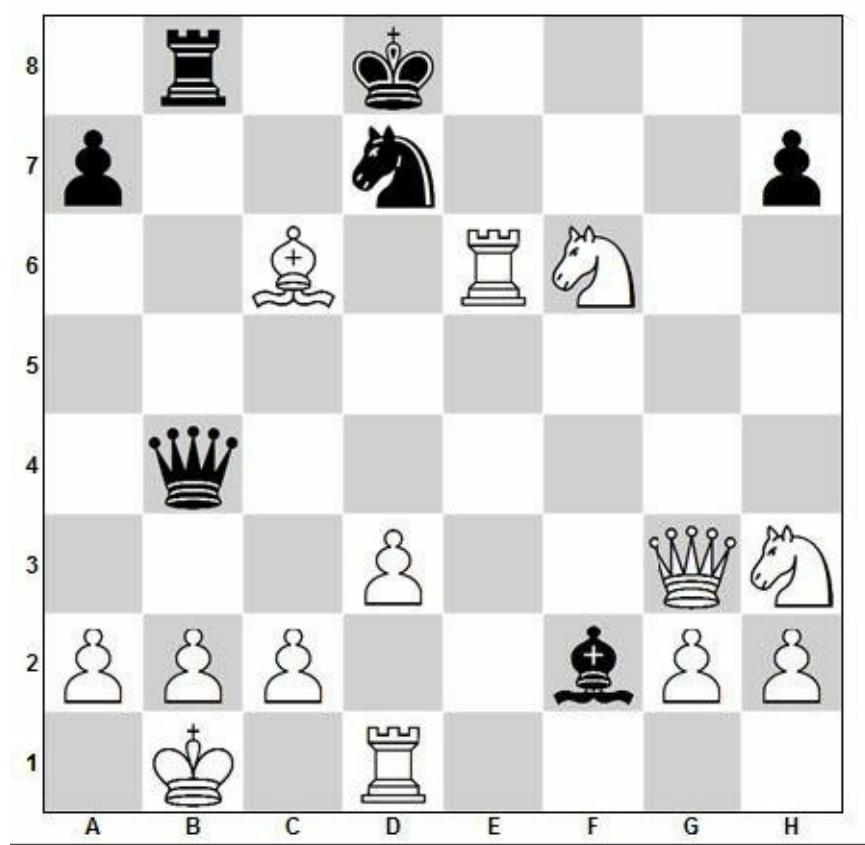
(210) White to move



5.Qxg4 The queen takes the knight on g4.

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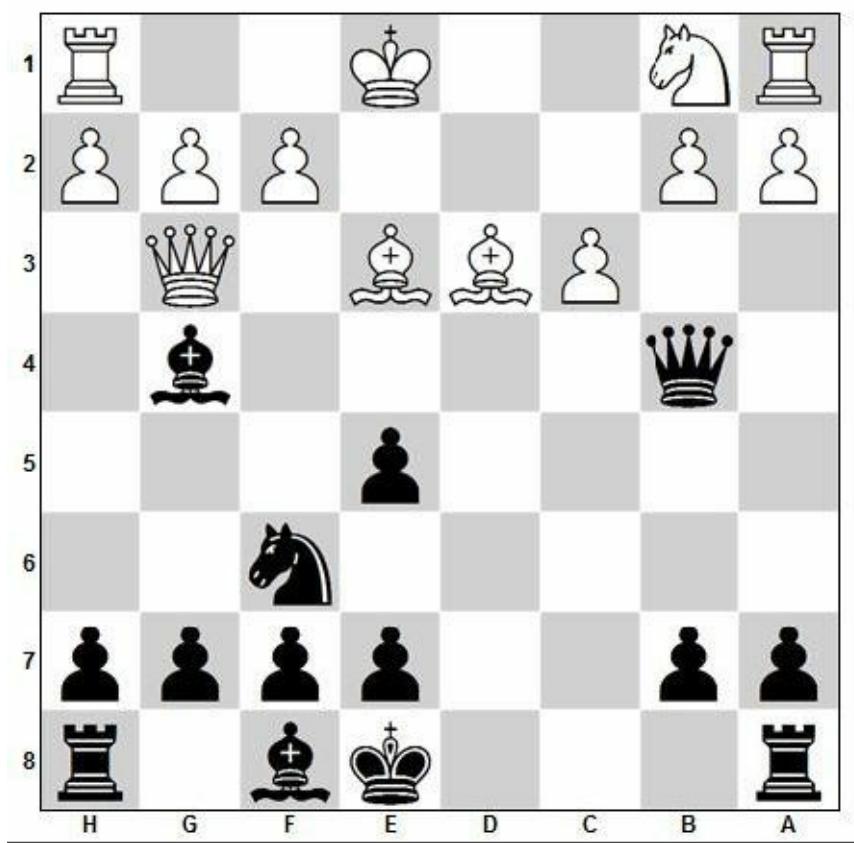
(211) White to move



22. Re8# The rook goes to e8 with checkmate.

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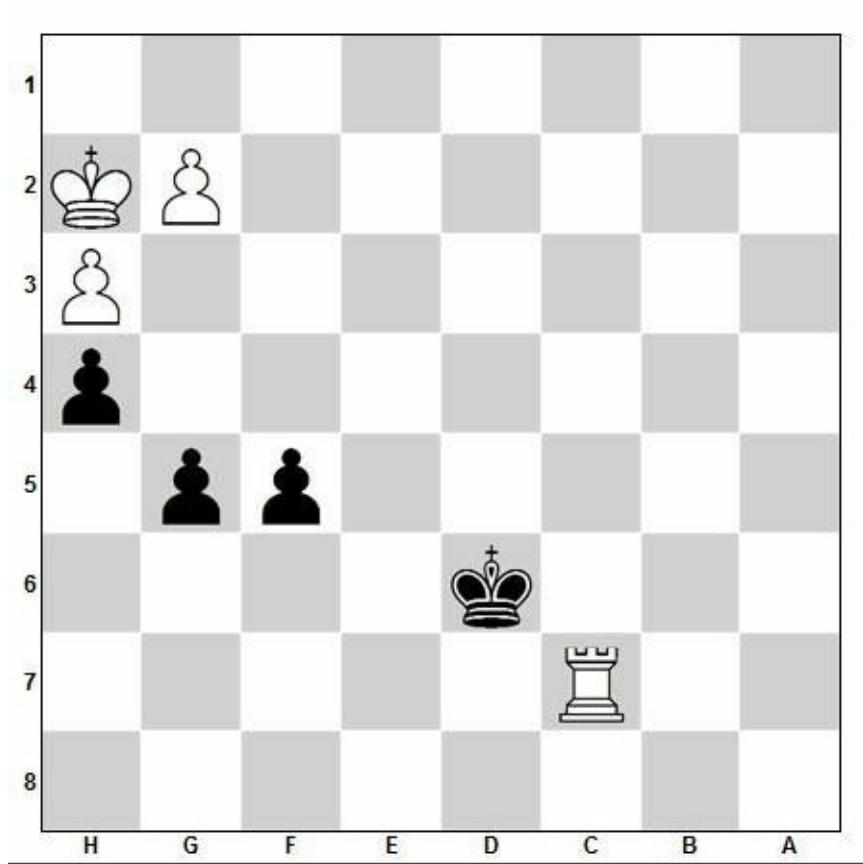
(212) Black to move



12...Qxb2 The queen takes the pawn on b2, and will be able to capture the knight on a1 as well, next move.

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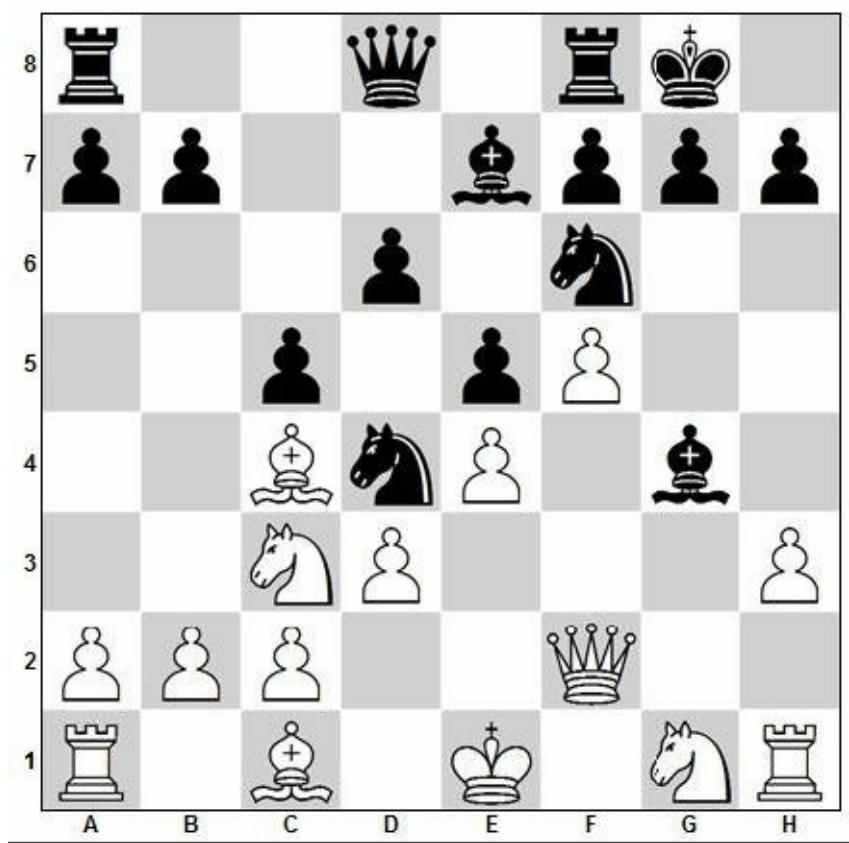
(213) Black to move



50...Kxc7 The king takes the rook on c7.

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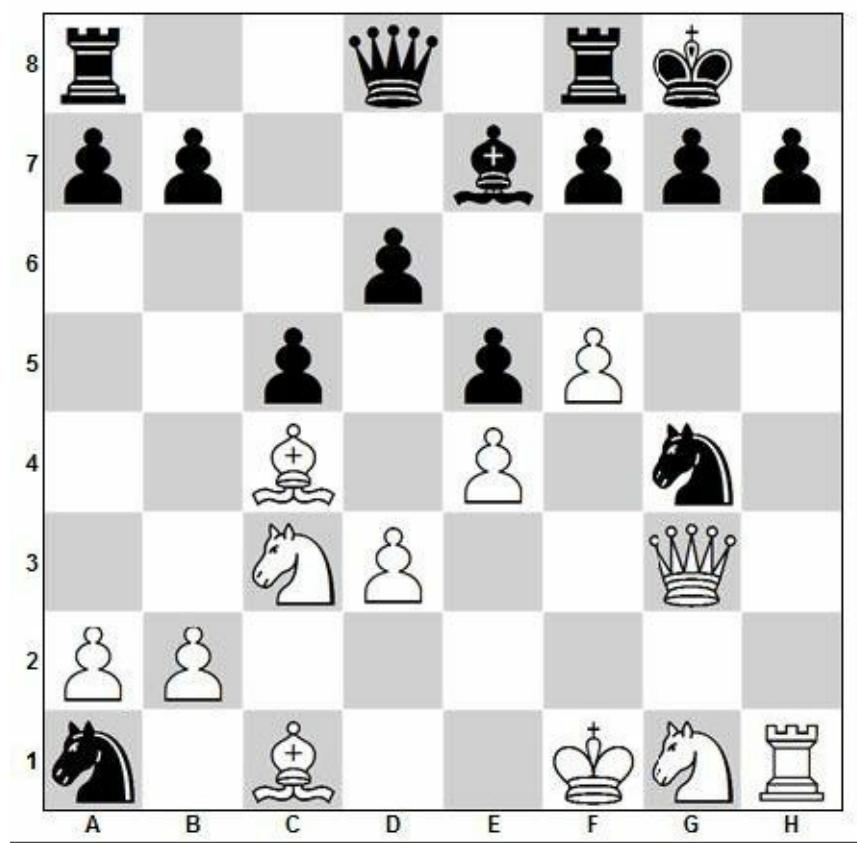
(214) White to move



12.hxg4 The pawn on h3 takes the tbishop on g4.

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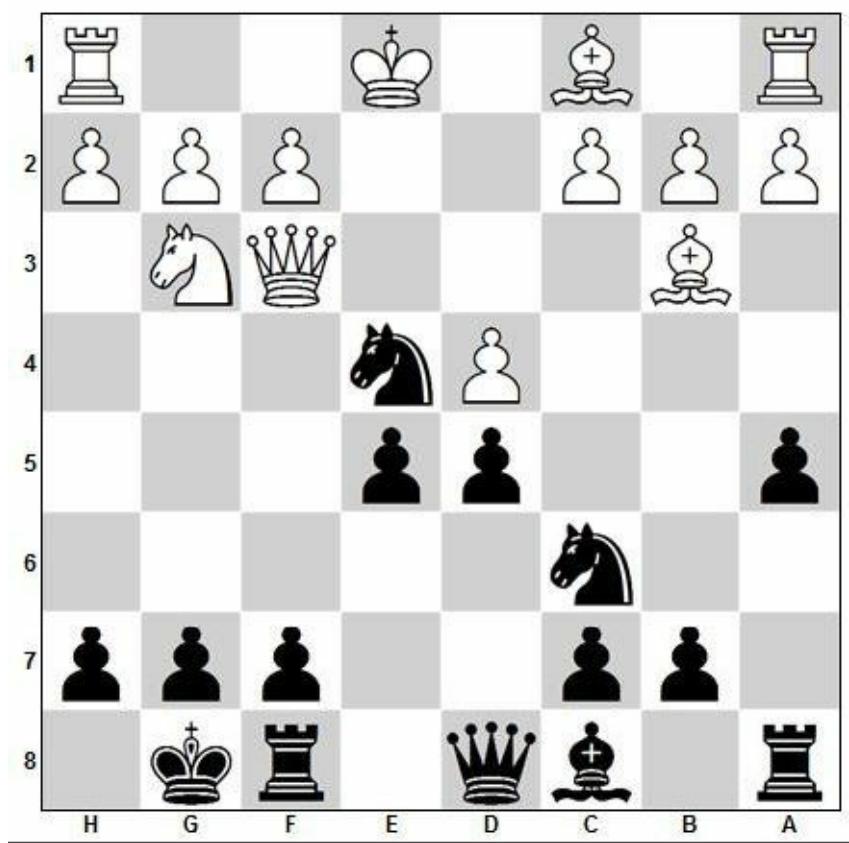
(215) White to move



15.Qxg4 The queen takes the knight on g4.

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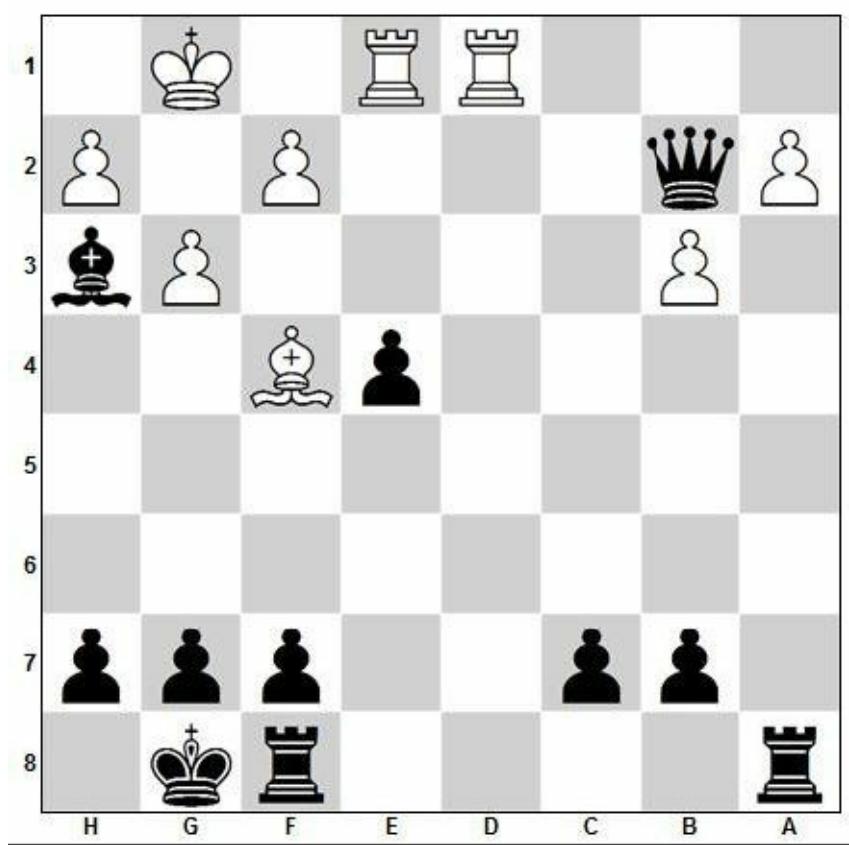
(216) Black to move



11...Nxd4 The knight takes the pawn d4.

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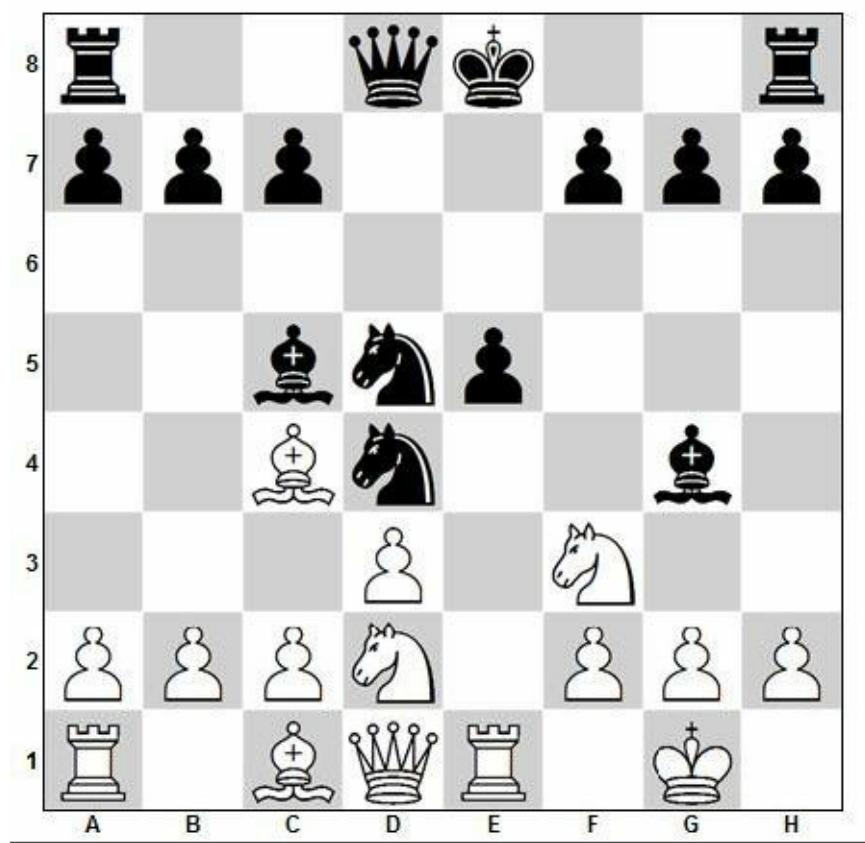
(217) Black to move



20...Rxa2 The rook takes the pawn on a2. The queen could also take the pawn, but by having the rook take instead, you now have two attackers on the pawn on f2.

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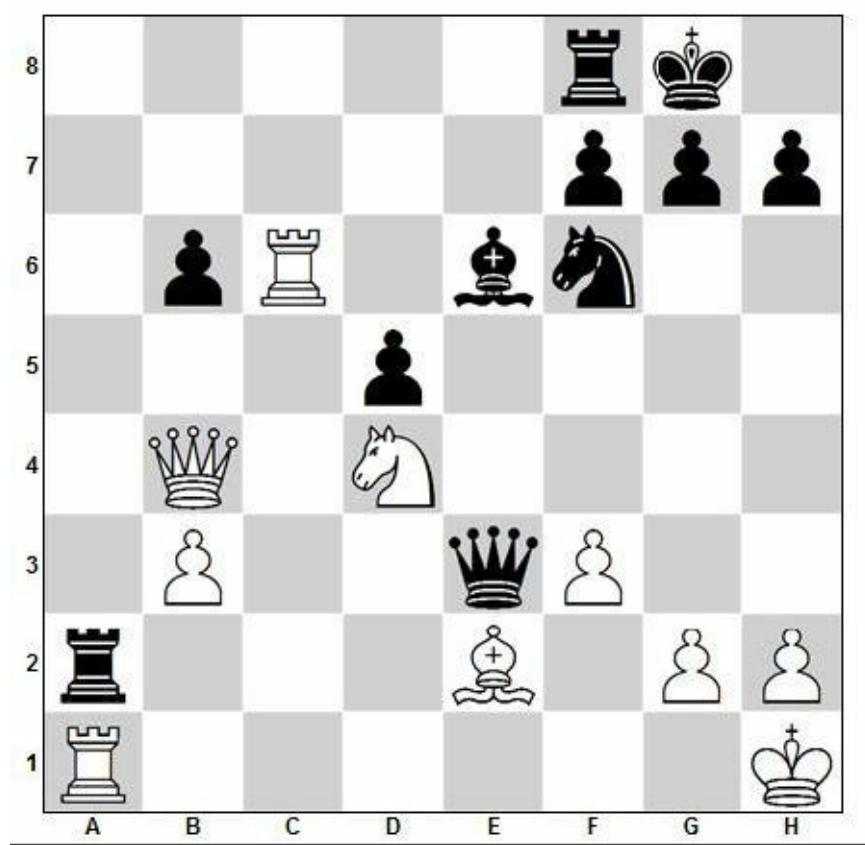
(218) White to move



9.Rxe5+ The rook takes the pawn on e5 with check, forking the king and the bishop on d5.

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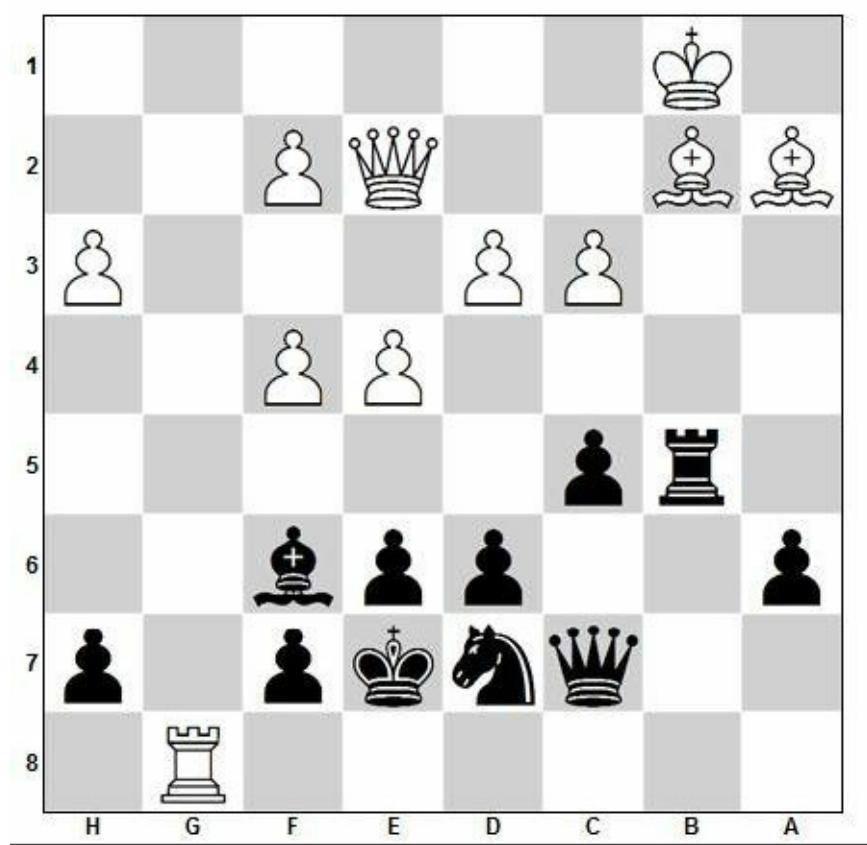
(219) White to move



22. *Rxa2* white will not get back rank mated because the rook is covering the only square the queen can get to. However, if you noticed the threat of the back rank mate, and were hesitant to capture the rook, good on you!

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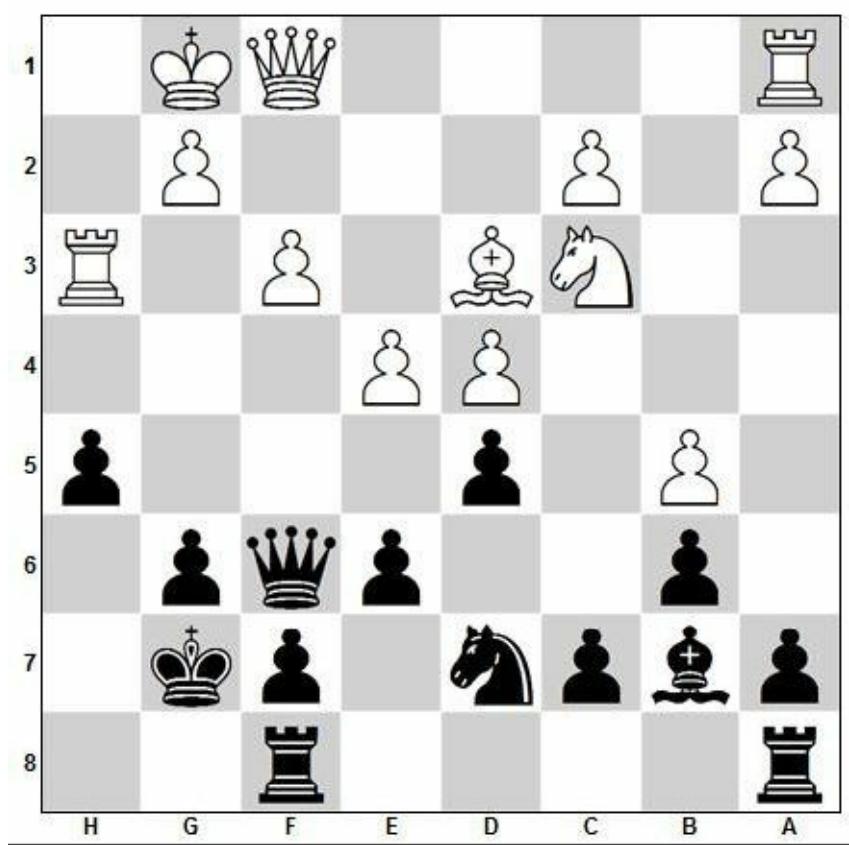
(220) Black to move



26...Bxc3 The bishop takes the pawn on c3. The bishop on b2 can't recapture because it is pinned by the rook. Moving the bishop would put the king in check. It is illegal to move into check.

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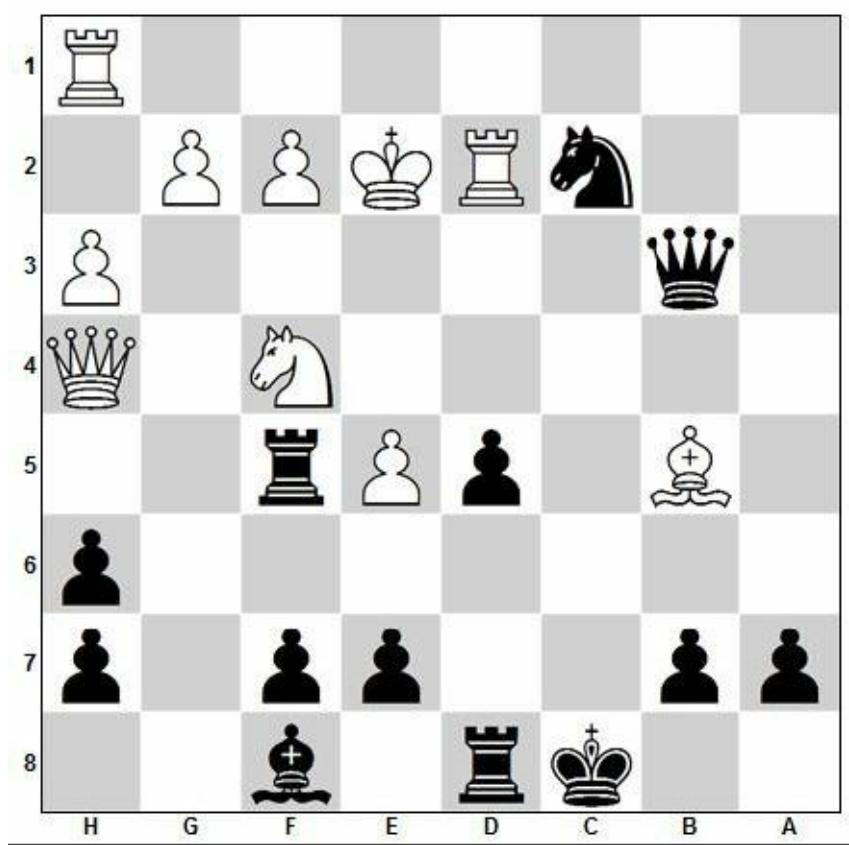
(221) Black to move



17...Qxd4+ The queen takes the pawn on d4 with check.

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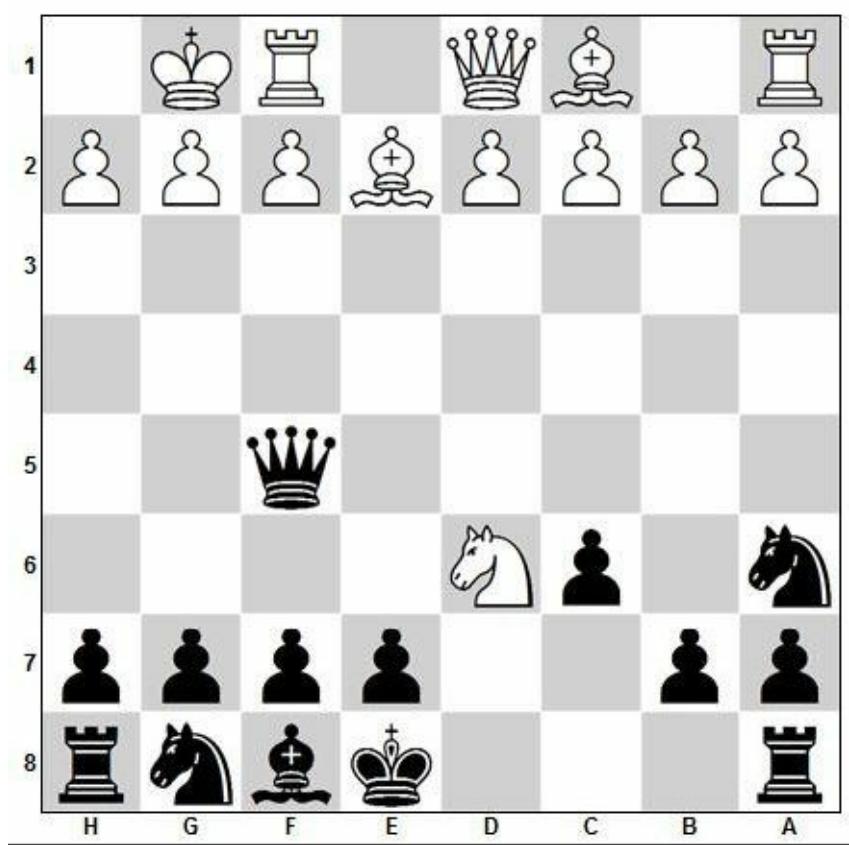
(222) Black to move



24...Rxe5+ The rook takes the pawn on e5. The queen can take the bishop, and the bishop is worth more than the pawn, and it is also en pris. But when you capture the pawn with the rook, you capture with check, so you can still win the bishop next move.

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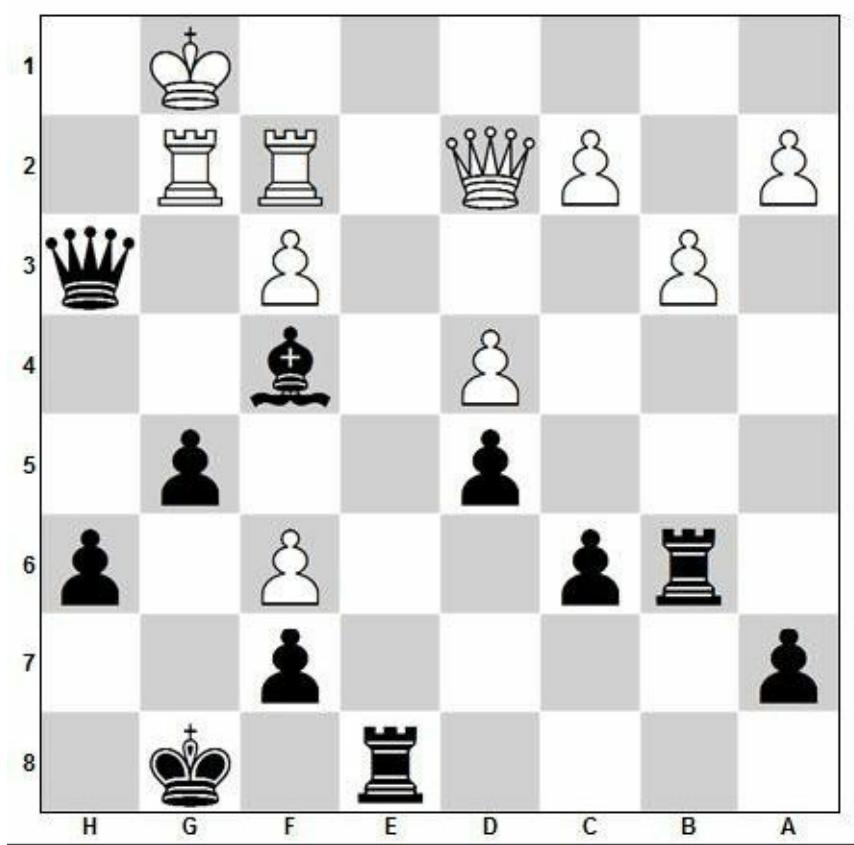
(223) Black to move



10...exd6 The pawn on e7 captures the knight on d6, getting out of check by capturing the piece that is aiming at the king.

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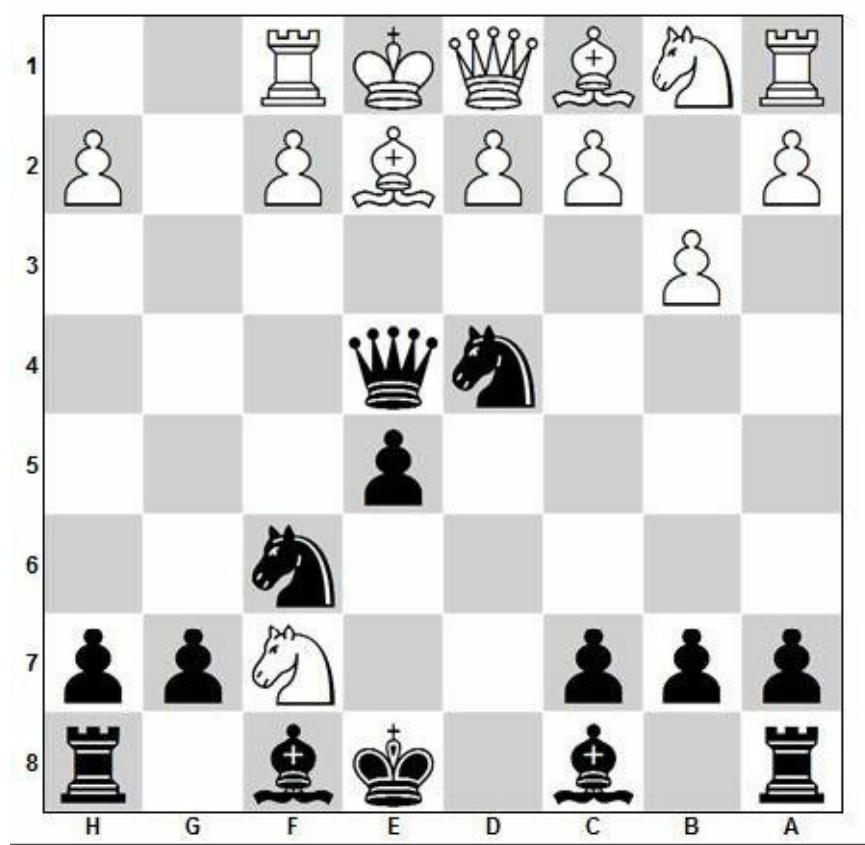
(224) Black to move



32...Bxd2 The bishop takes the queen on d2.

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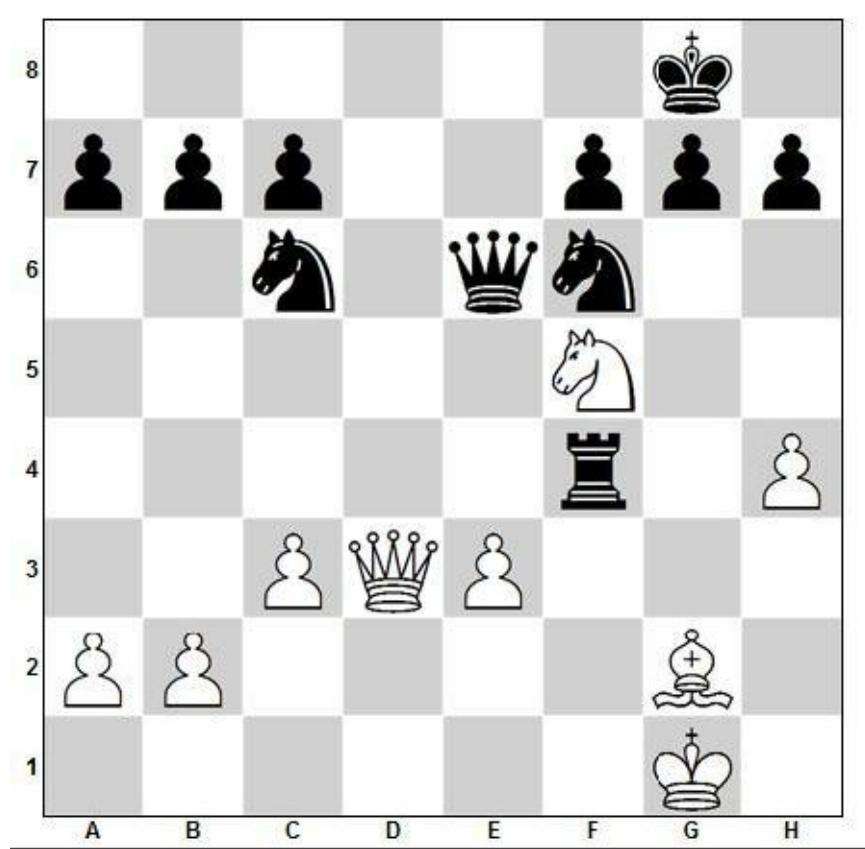
(225) Black to move



10...Nf3# The knight moves to f3 with checkmate. This is called a “smothered mate.” The bishop can’t recapture because it is pinned by the queen. The king can’t move out of check from the knight because he is trapped in by his own pieces.

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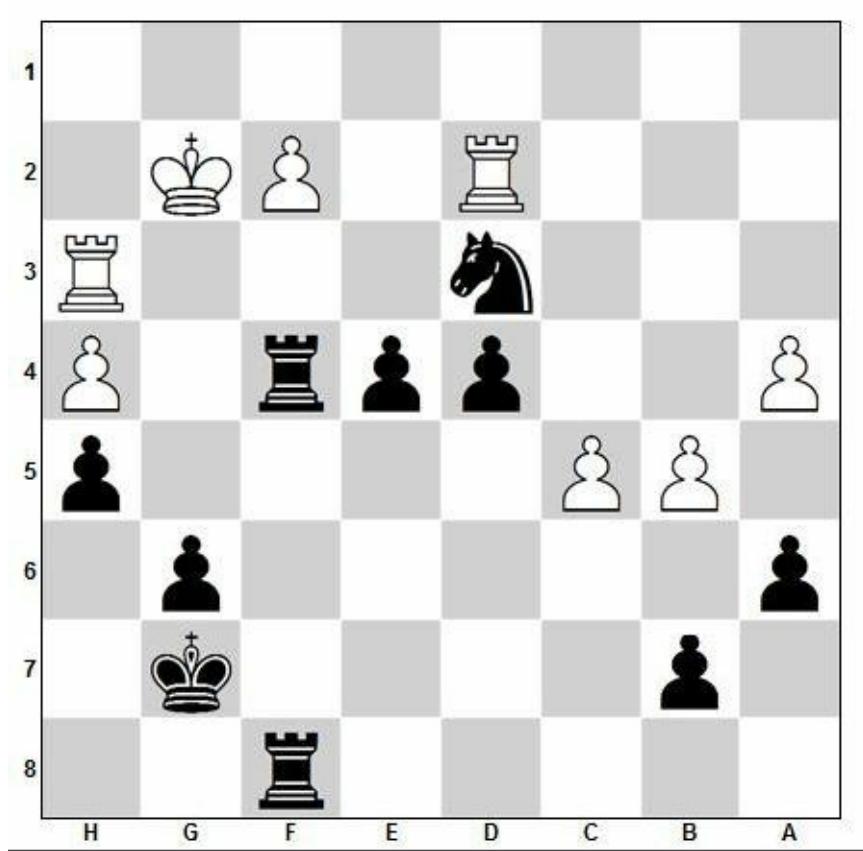
(226) White to move



24.exf4 The pawn on e3 takes the rook on f4.

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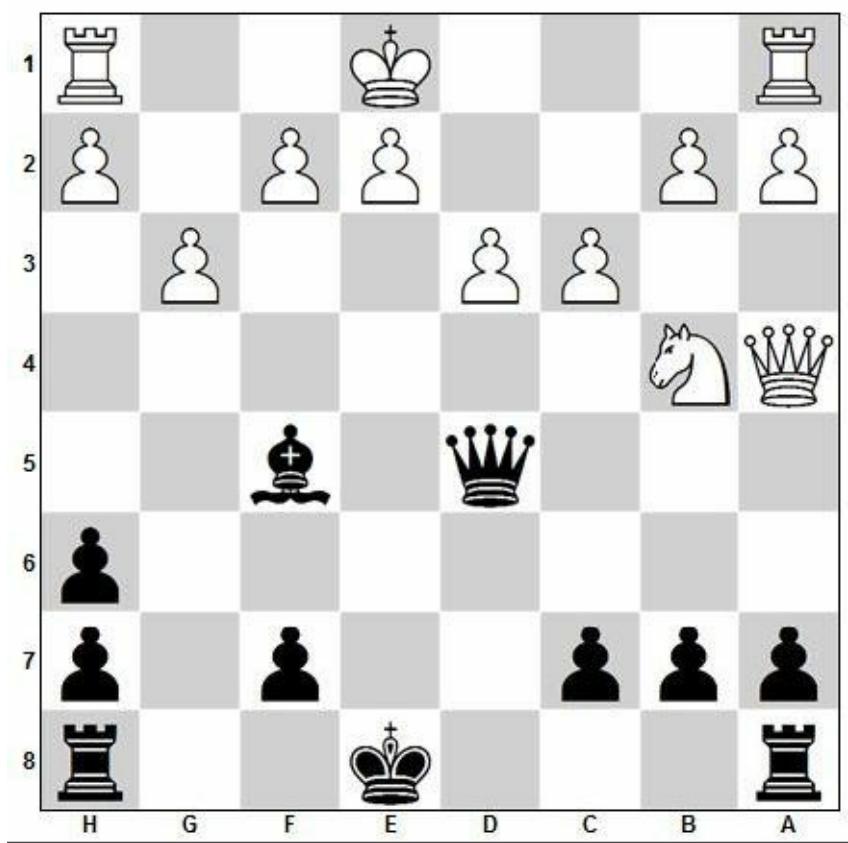
(227) Black to move



45...Rxf2+ The rook takes the pawn on f2 with check. If you count the number of attackers, and the number of defenders you will see that the attackers outnumber the defenders, so it's safe to take the pawn.

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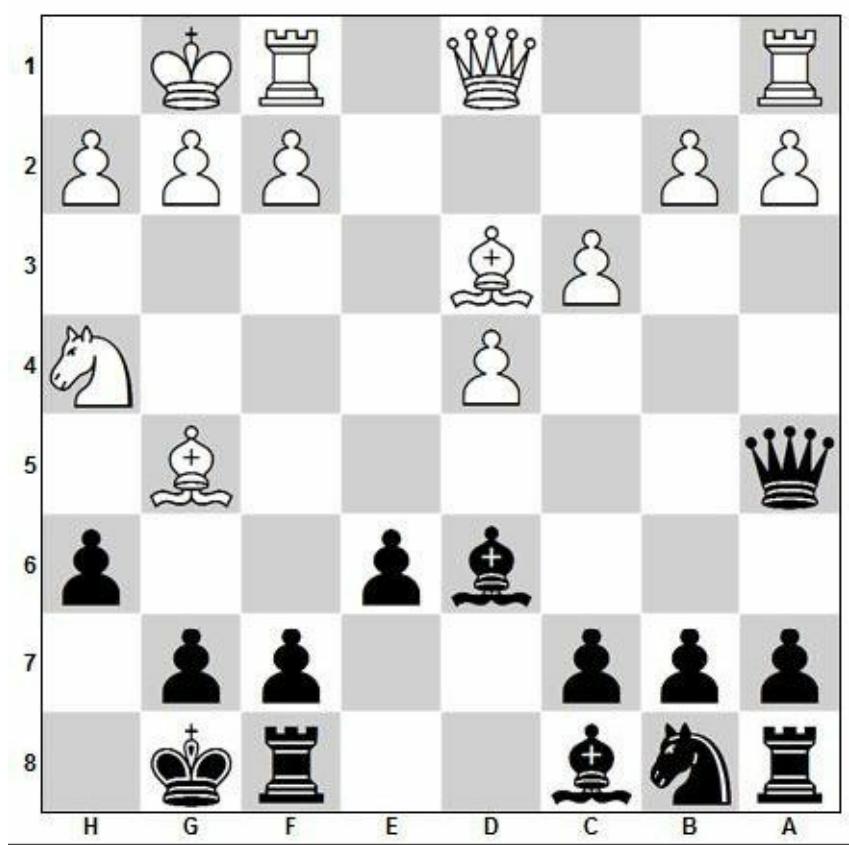
(228) Black to move



14...Qd7 The queen moves to d7. The king is in check from the queen and the knight on b4 is aiming at the queen. If it weren't for the check, the queen could take the rook on h1. But because of the check, the queen has to block the check or else be captured by the knight.

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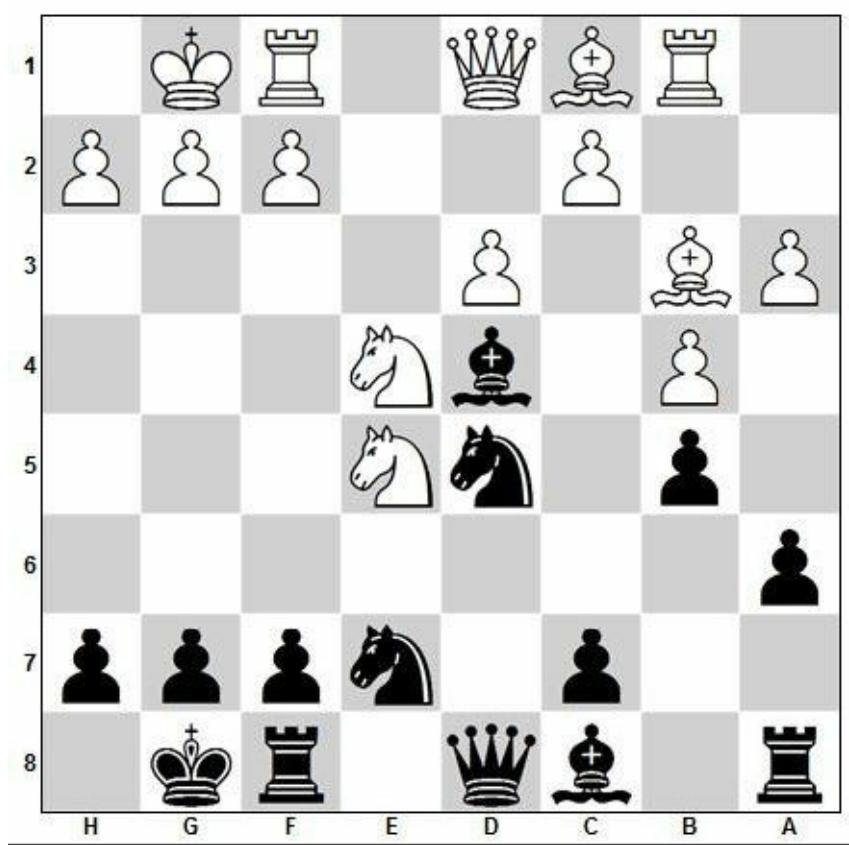
(229) Black to move



11...Qxg5 The queen takes the bishop on g5. The pawn on h6 could also take the bishop.

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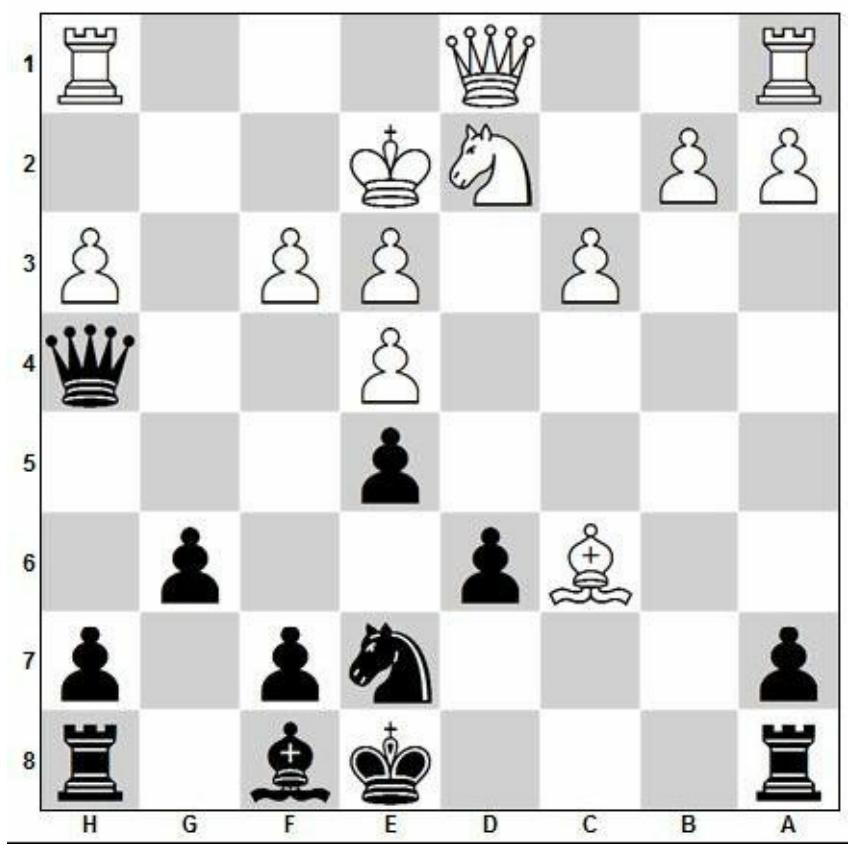
(230) Black to move



14...Bxe5 The bishop takes the knight on e5.

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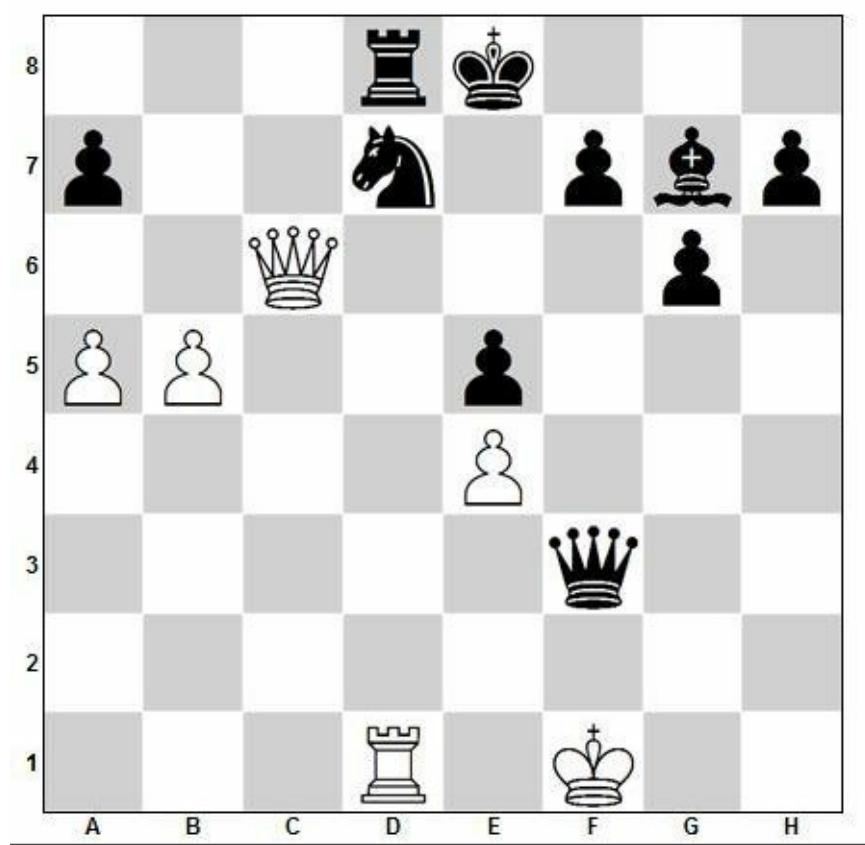
(231) Black to move



15...Nxc6 The knight takes the bishop on c6, getting the king out of check.

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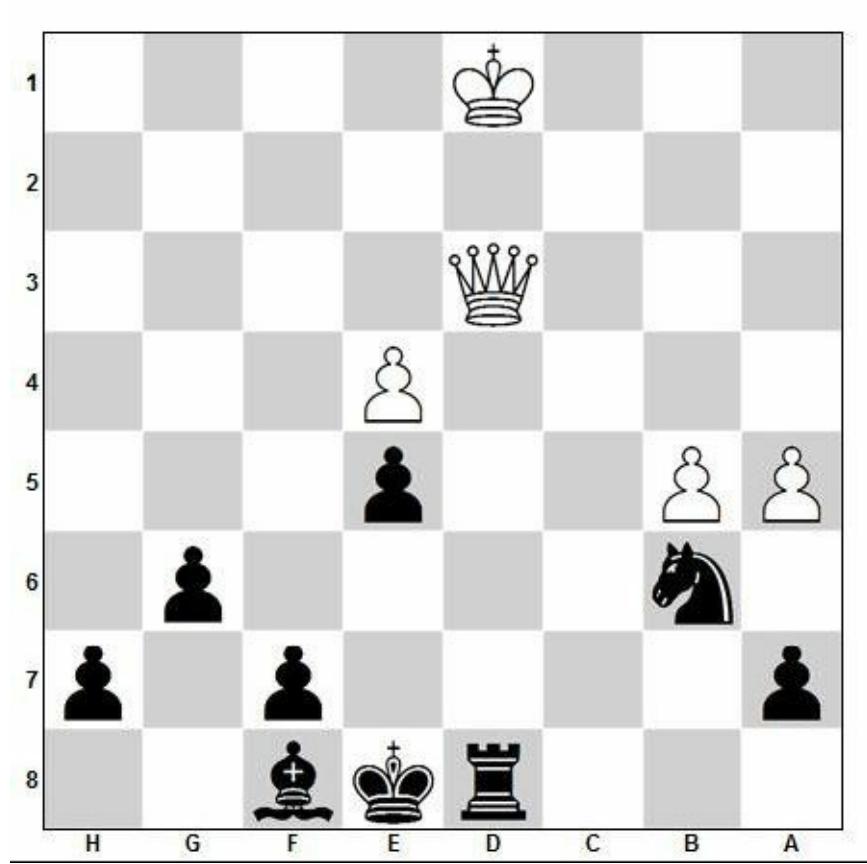
(232) White to move



36.Ke1 The king moves to e1 to get out of check and guard the rook!

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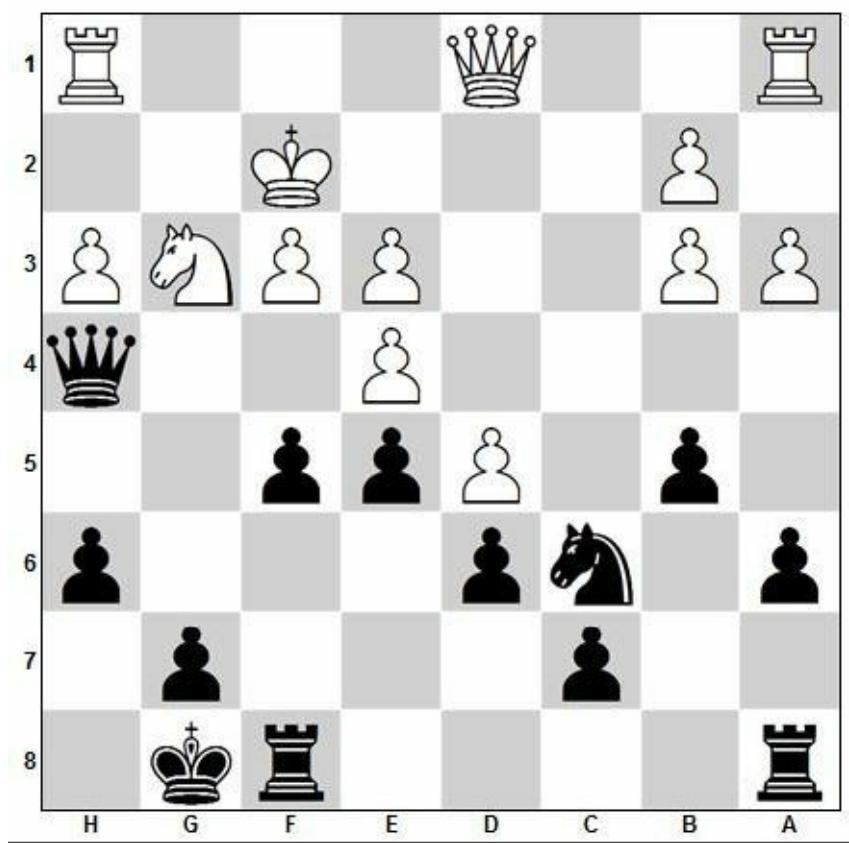
(233) Black to move



39...**Rxd3+** The rook takes the queen on d3.

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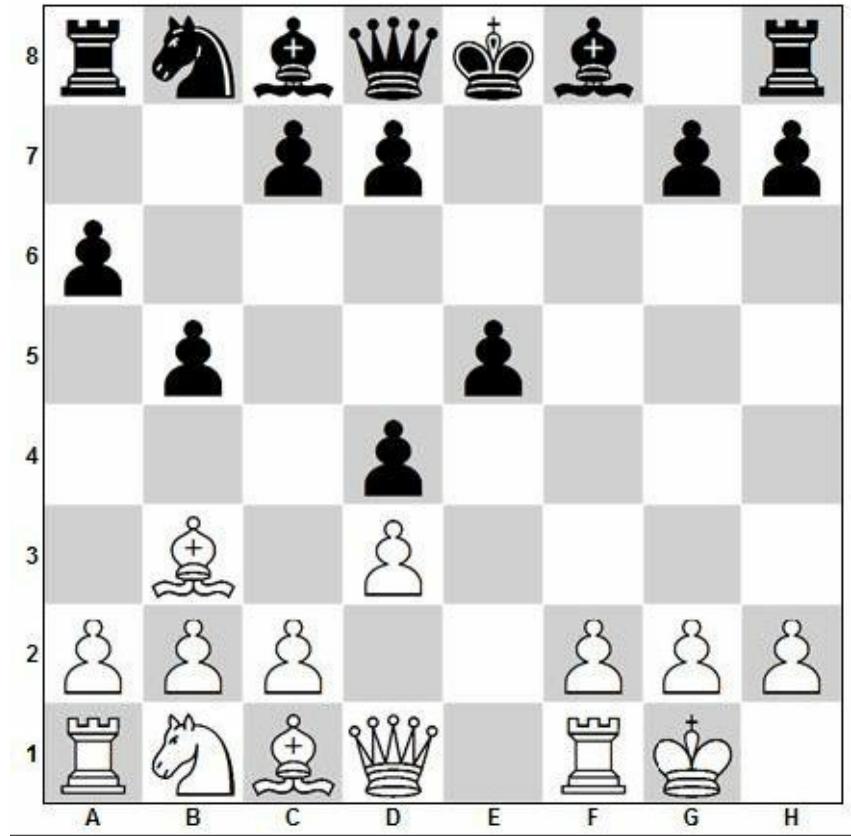
(234) Black to move



18...fxe4 The pawn on f5 takes the pawn on e4. Pins on both the knight and the pawn on f3

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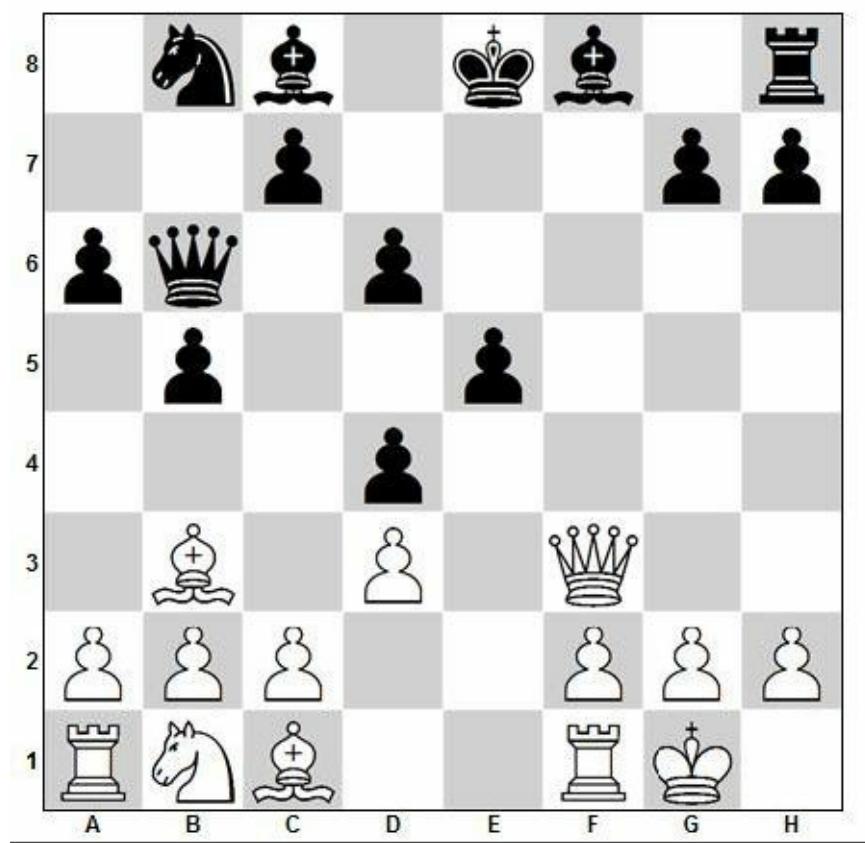
(235) White to move



10.Qh5+ The queen moves to h5 with check. common theme in the 4 move checkmate, the queen checks, the pawn on g7 blocks by moving to g6, then the queen captures on e5 with check, winning the rook

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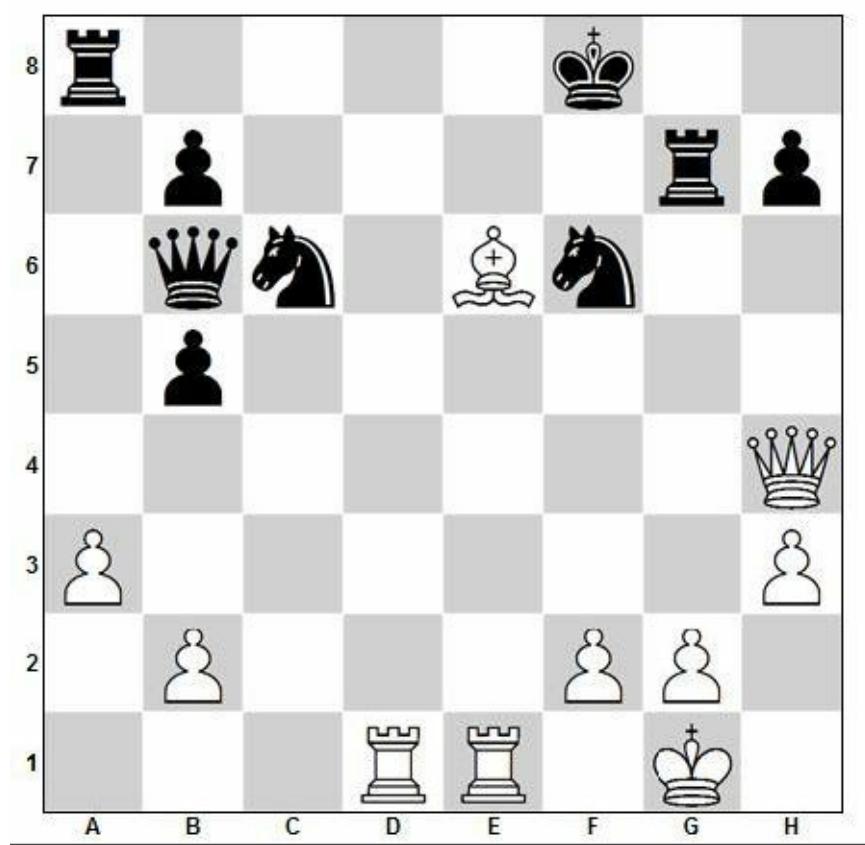
(236) White to move



13.Qf7+ The queen moves to f7 with check. Just like in the 4 move checkmate, the bishop guards the square on f7. After the king moves to d8, the bishop on c2 can come to g5 with check. The bishop blocks, and then the queen can take on d7 with checkmate.

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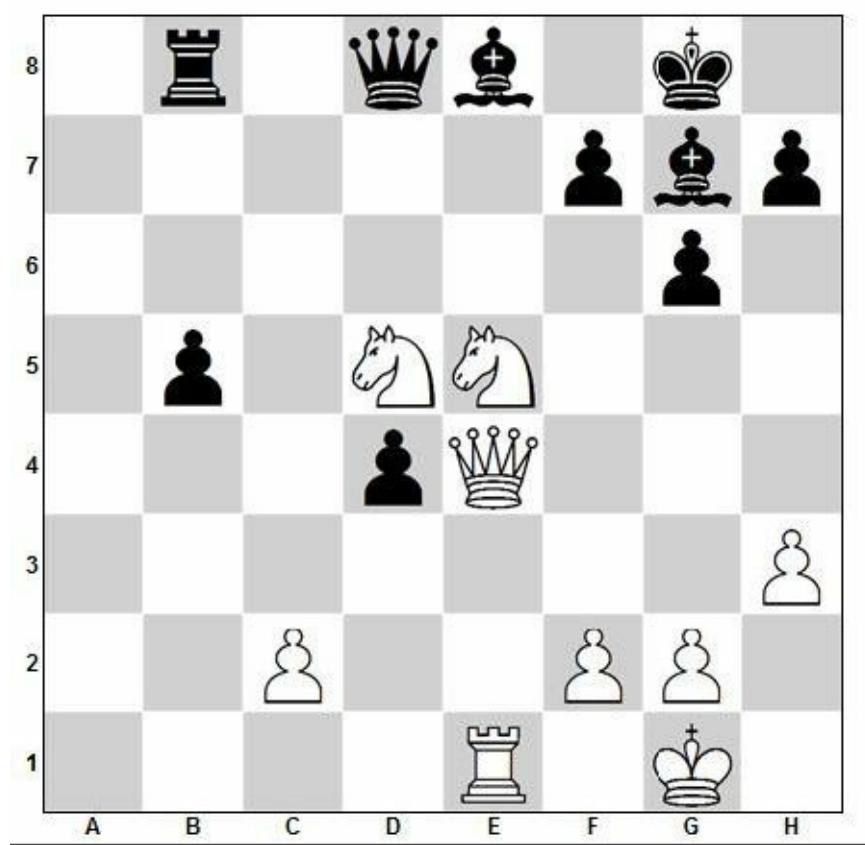
(237) White to move



27.Qxf6+ The queen takes the knight on f6.

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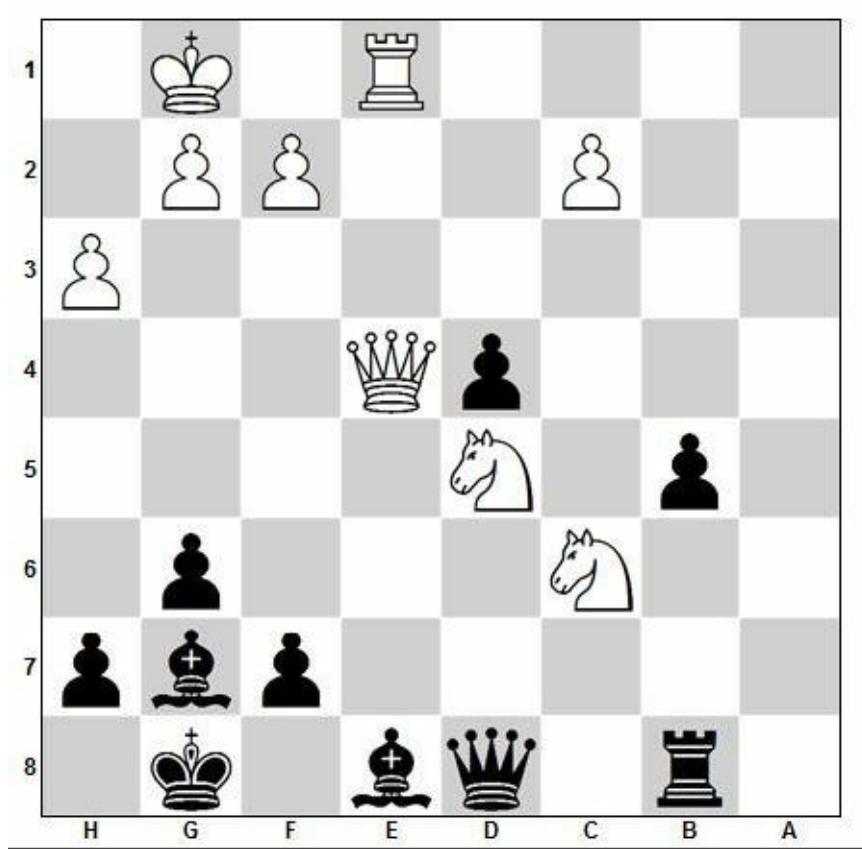
(238) White to move



26.Nc6 The knight moves to c6. Sometimes it's not a good idea to capture a piece or a pawn. Here we would put the queen in a pin if we captured d4. It's better to leave that poison pawn alone and go for the "Knight Fork." A fork is when one piece is aiming at two pieces. Notice that the knight on c6 aims at both the queen and the rook?

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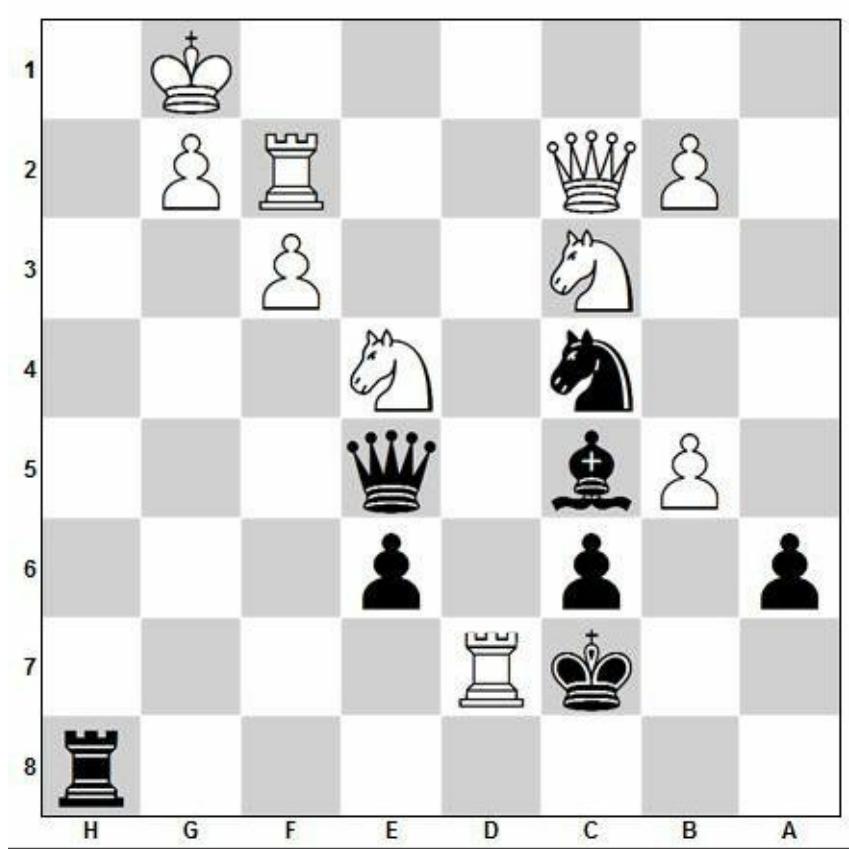
(239) Black to move



26...Bxc6 The bishop takes the knight on c6.

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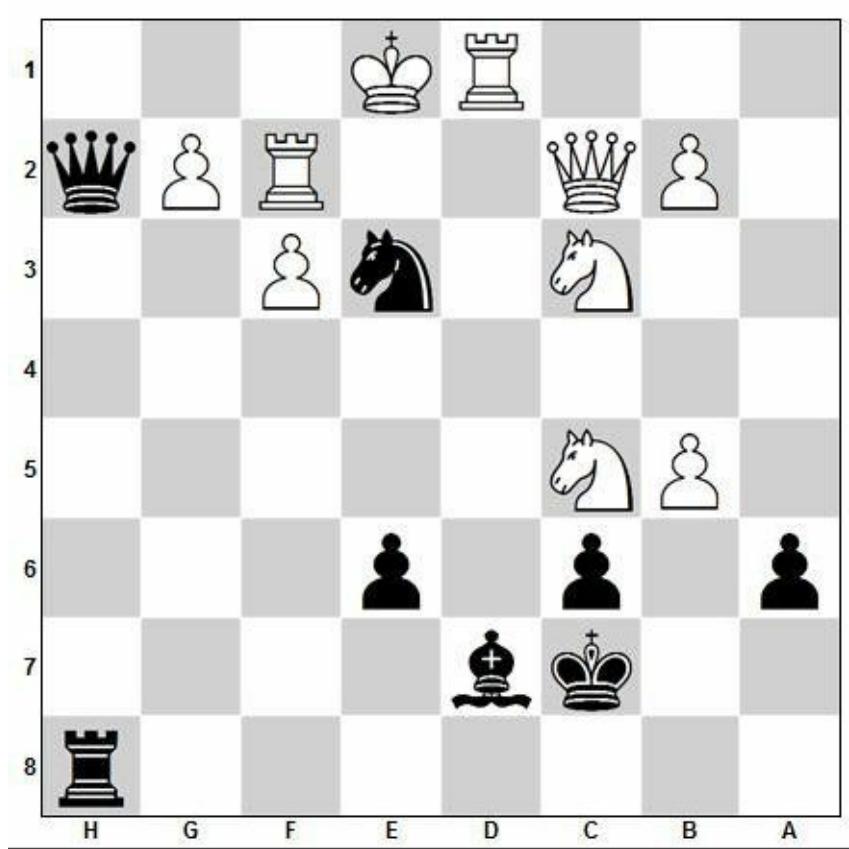
(240) Black to move



27...**Kxd7** The king takes the rook on d7.

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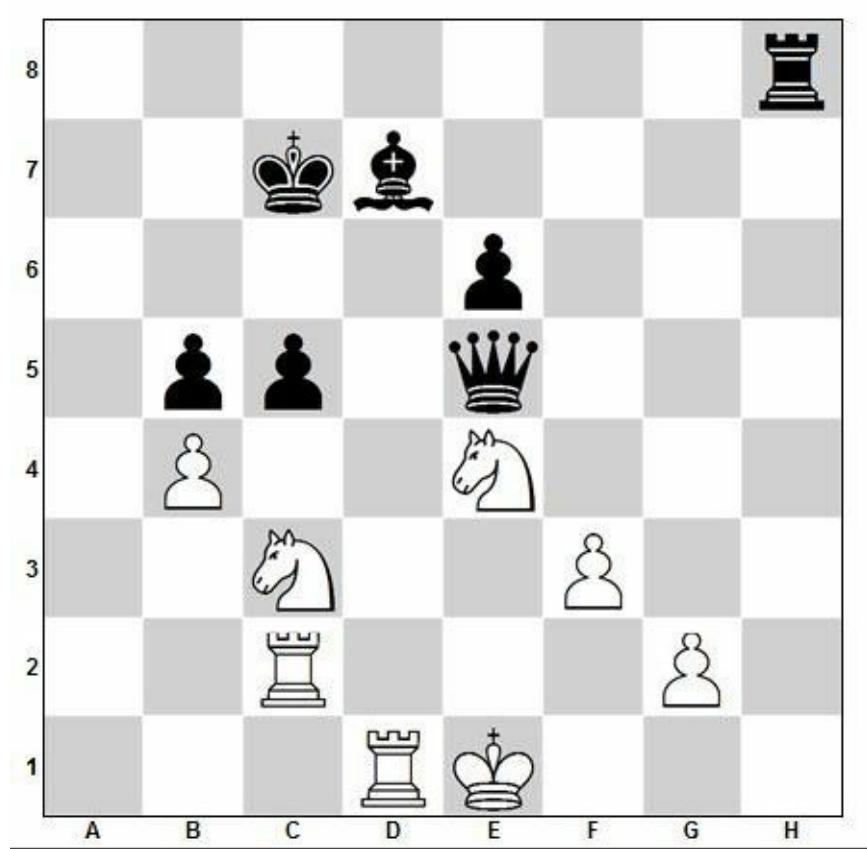
(241) Black to move



29...Nxc2+ The knight takes the queen on c2.

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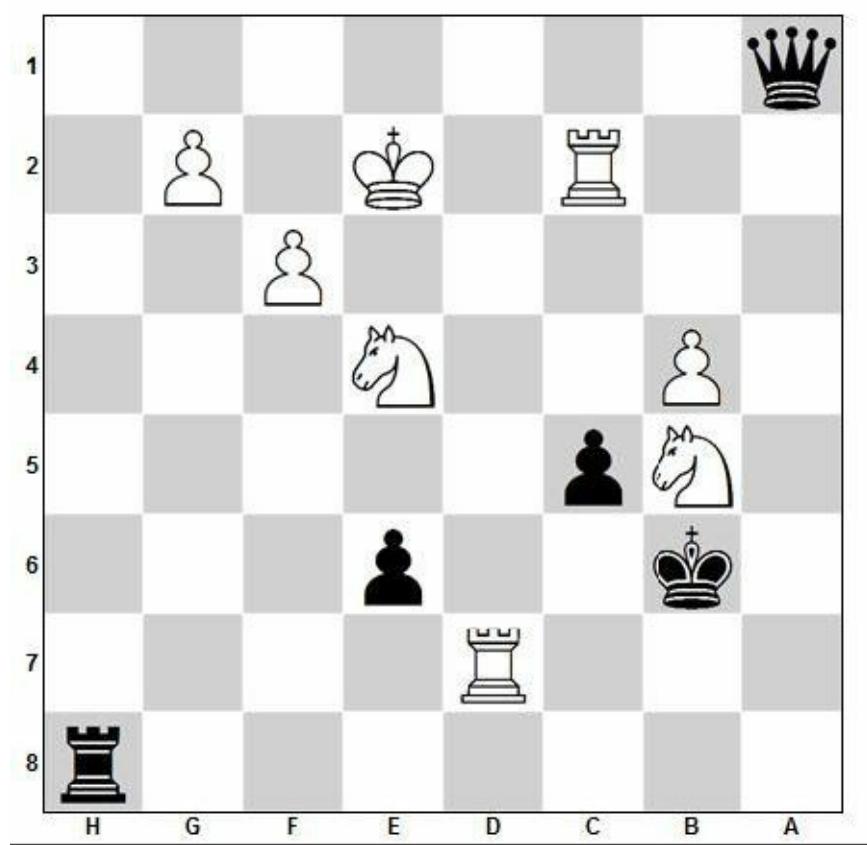
(242) White to move



33.Nxb5+ The knight takes the pawn on b5 with check.

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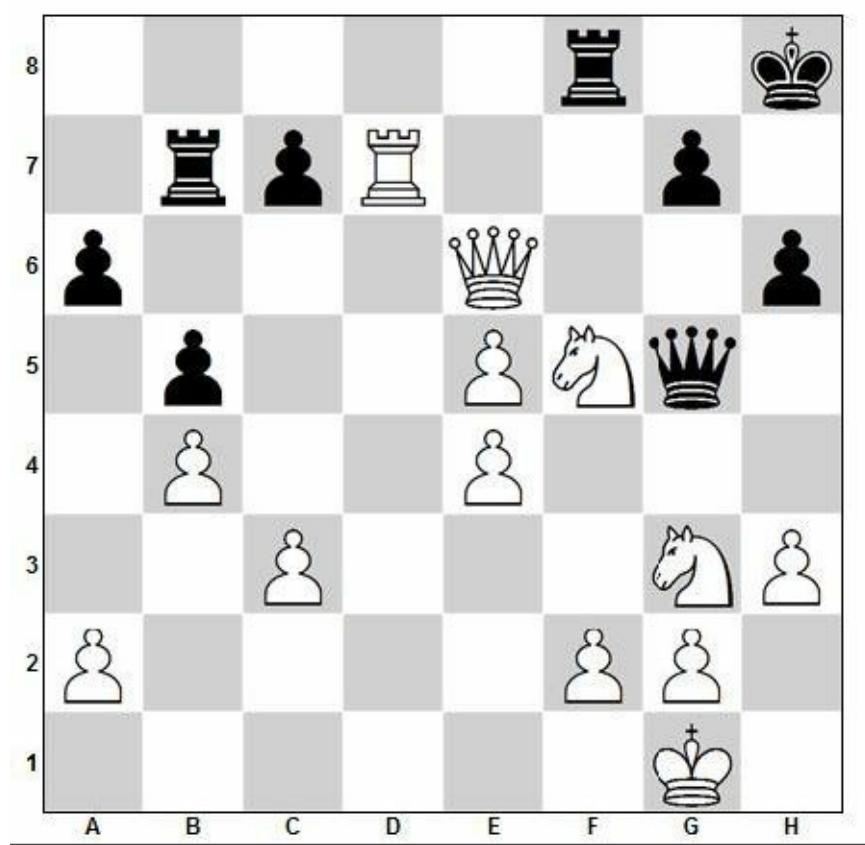
(243) Black to move



35...Kxb5 The king captures the unprotected knight on b5.

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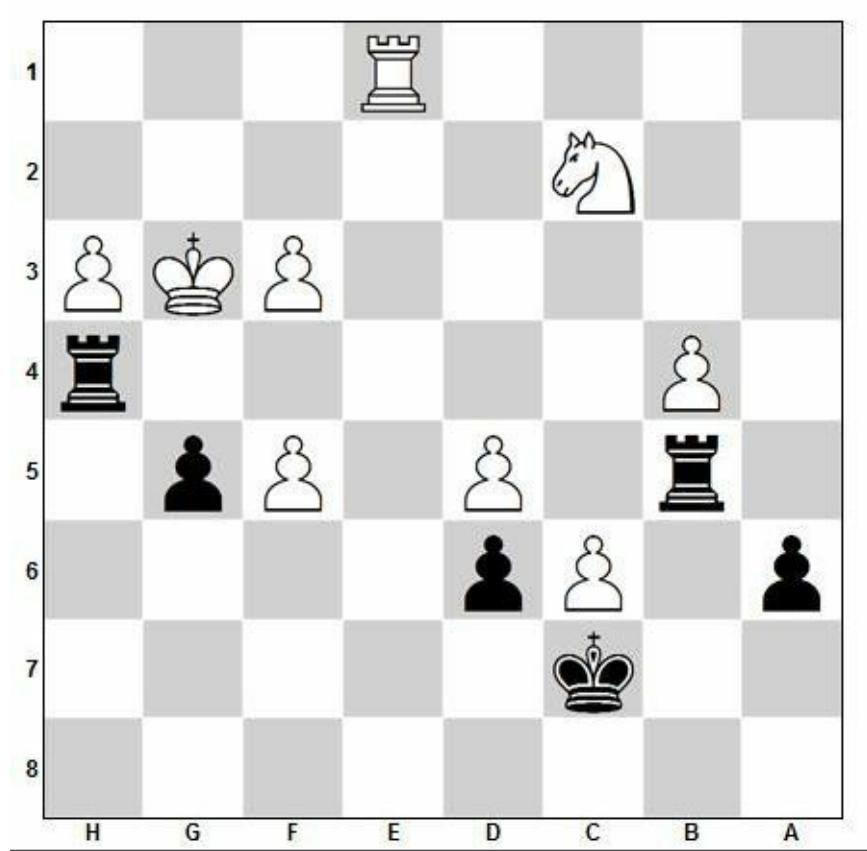
(244) White to move



29. Rxg7 The rook takes the pawn on g7. The queen and the king both guard g7, however, the queen is worth more than the rook and knight that guards g7 combined, so it is a good trade for white. After the rook captures the pawn, the queen can capture the rook, then the knight on f5 can capture the queen, then the king can capture the knight and land on g7 at the end of the trade.

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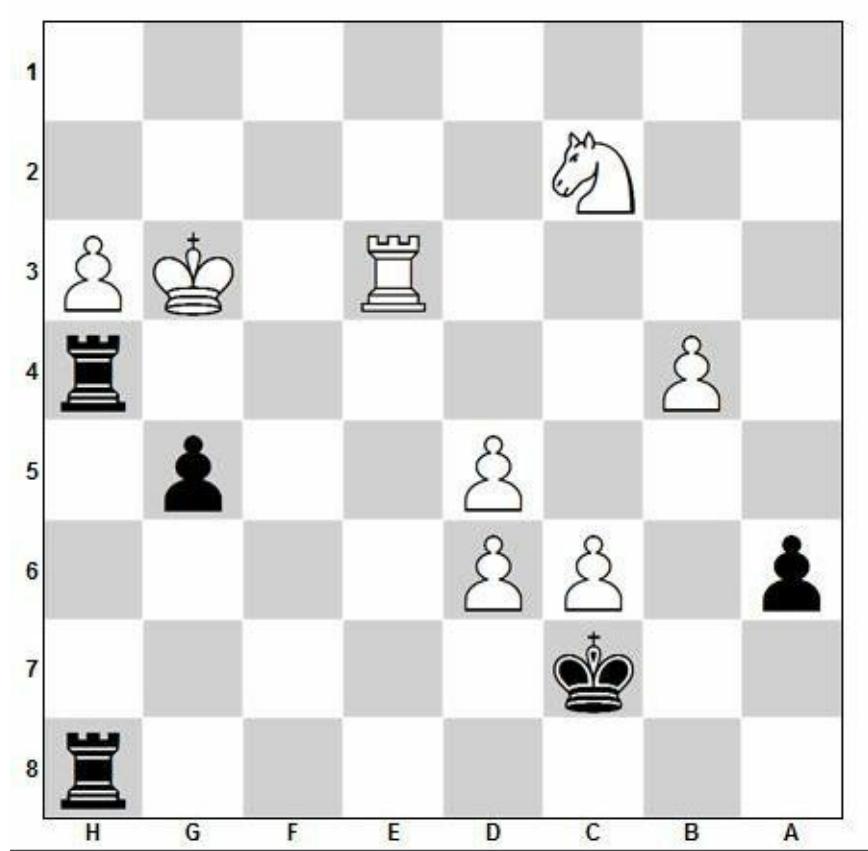
(245) Black to move



48...Rxd5 The rook captures the unguarded pawn on d5.

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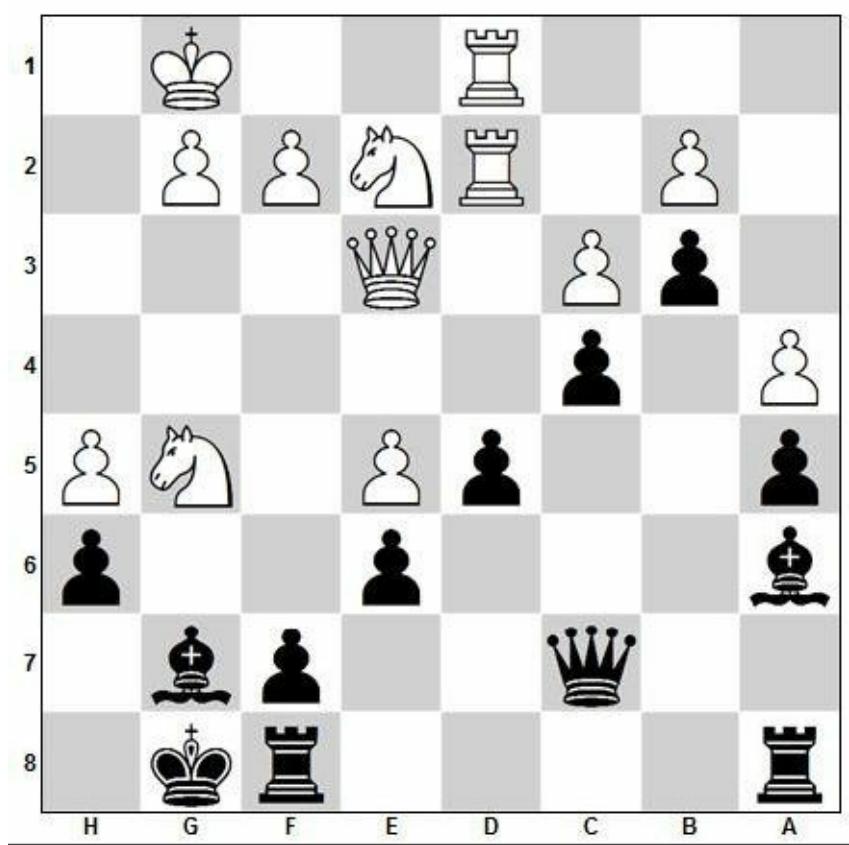
(246) Black to move



51...Kxd6 The king captures the unguarded pawn on d6.

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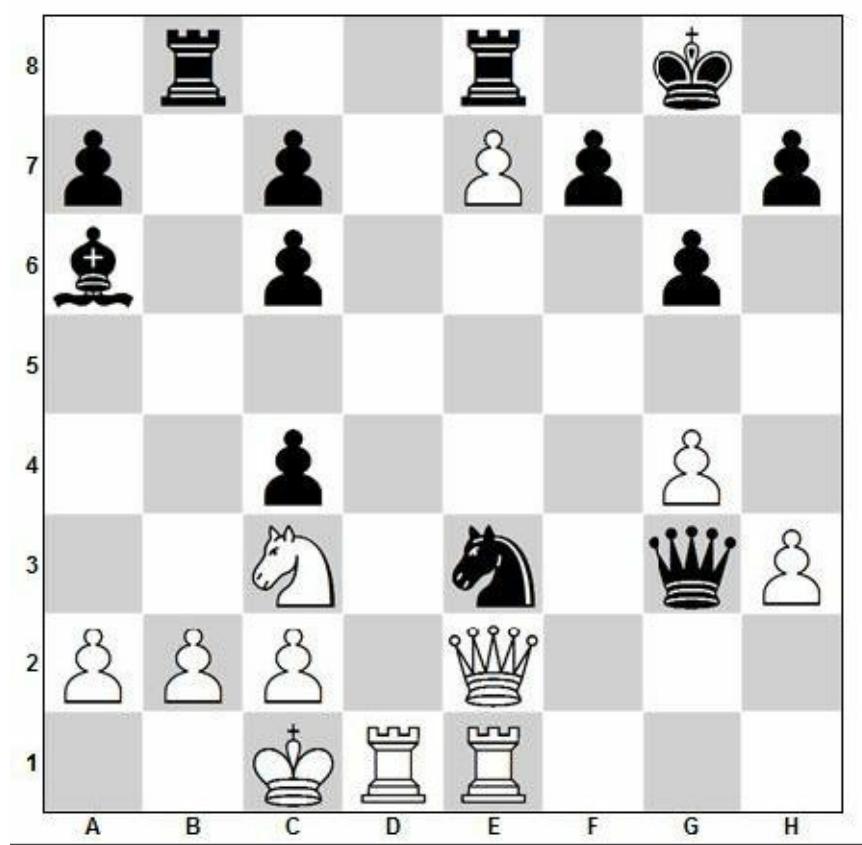
(247) Black to move



25...hxg5 The pawn on h6 captures the knight on g5.

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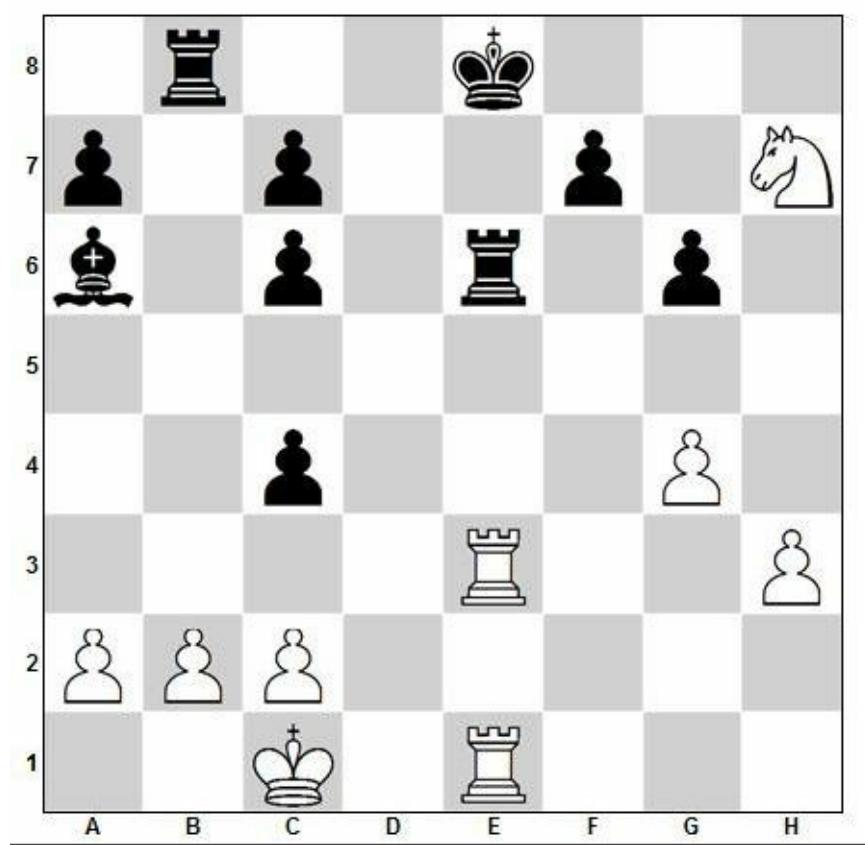
(248) White to move



22.Qxe3 The queen takes the knight on e3.

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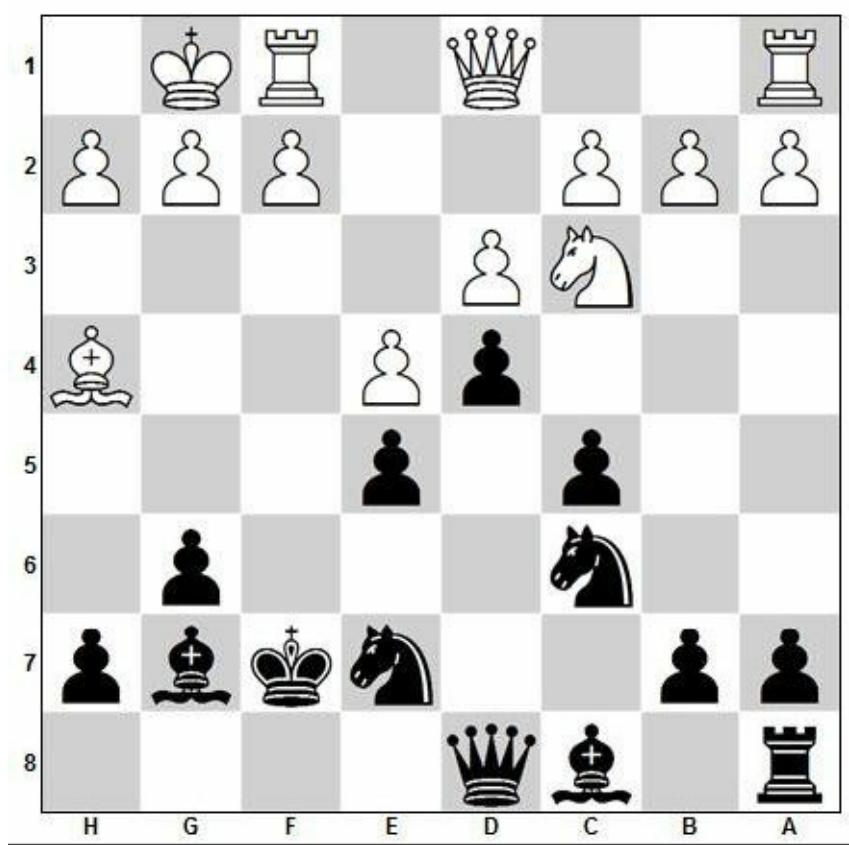
(249) White to move



28.Rxe6+ The rook takes the rook on e6. The pawn will recapture. It's a rook trade, but at the end you win a pawn.

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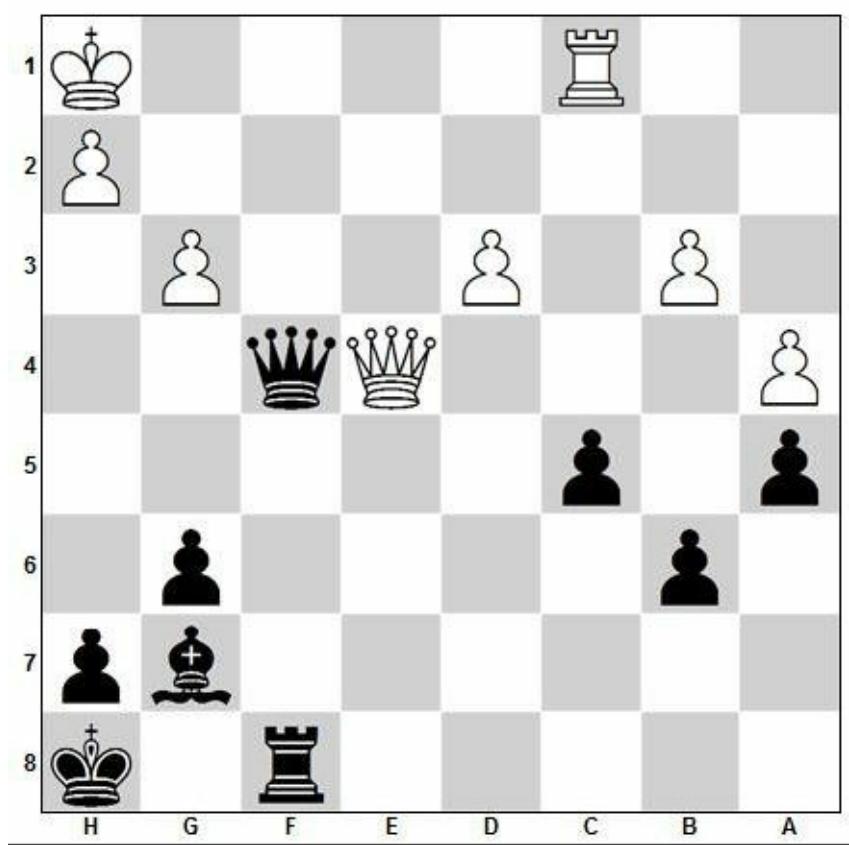
(250) Black to move



13...dxc3 The pawn on d4 captures the knight on c3.

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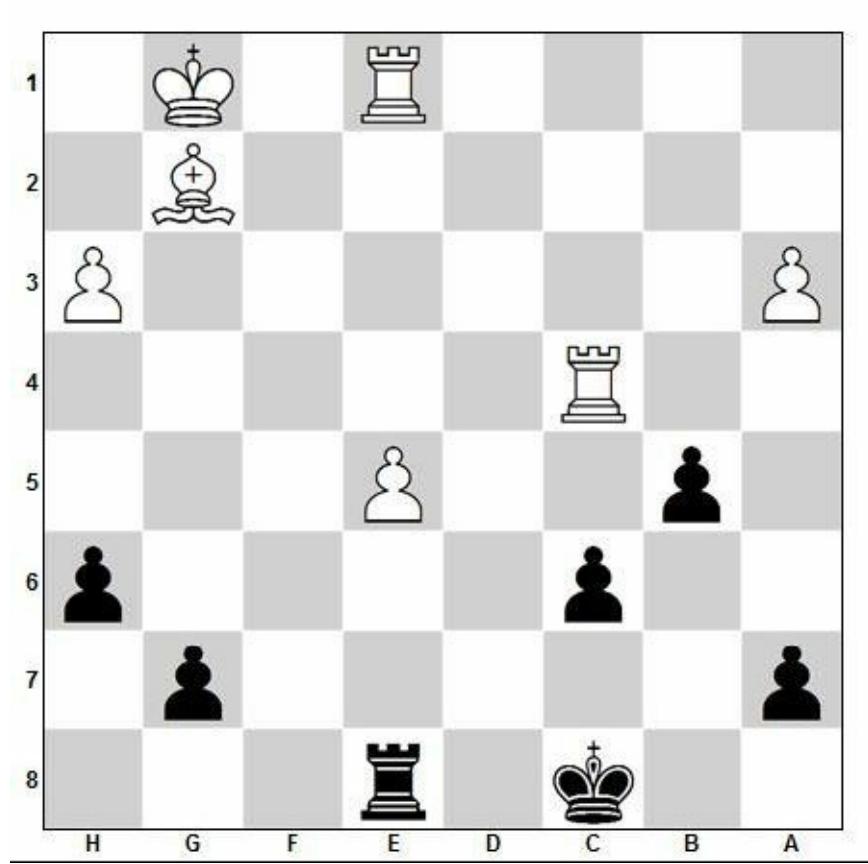
(251) Black to move



29...***Qxc1+*** The queen takes the rook on c1 with check.

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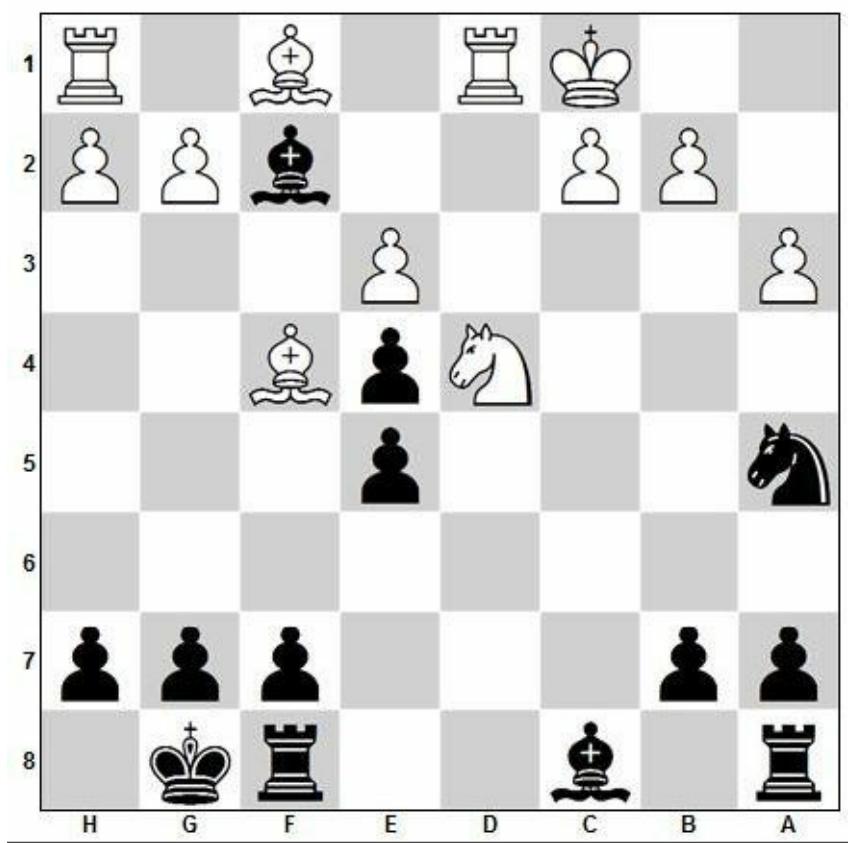
(252) Black to move



29...bxc4 The pawn on b5 captures the rook on c4.

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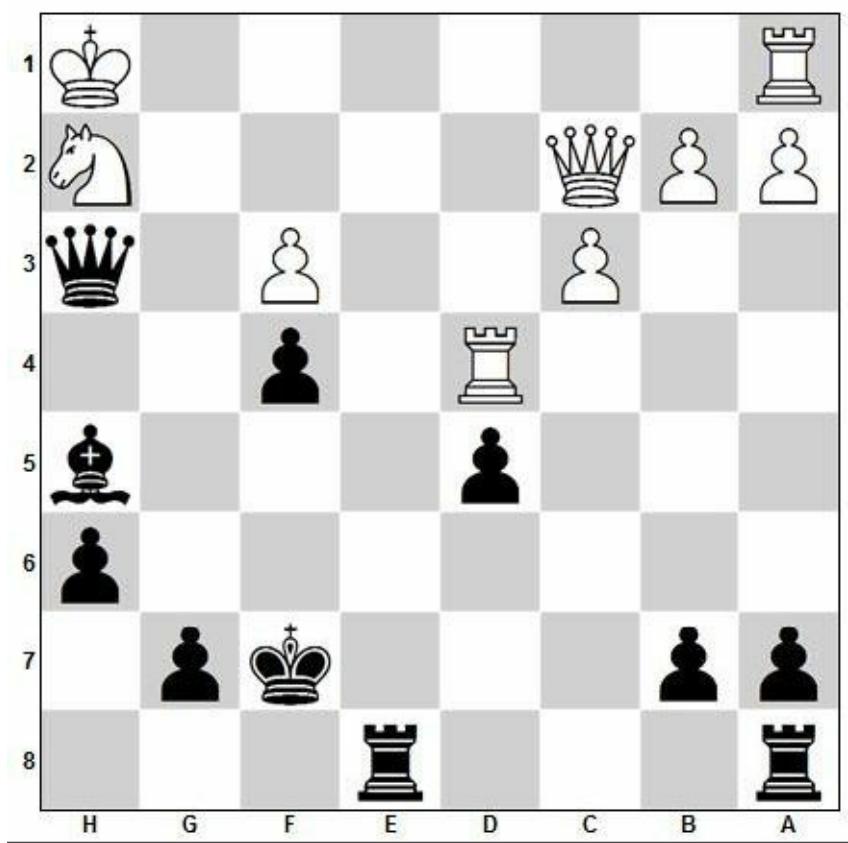
(253) Black to move



14...exf4 The pawn on e5 captures the bishop on f4. The pawn could also capture the knight on d4. This is called a pawn fork. Taking the bishop here keeps white from having the two bishops, which is a slight advantage.

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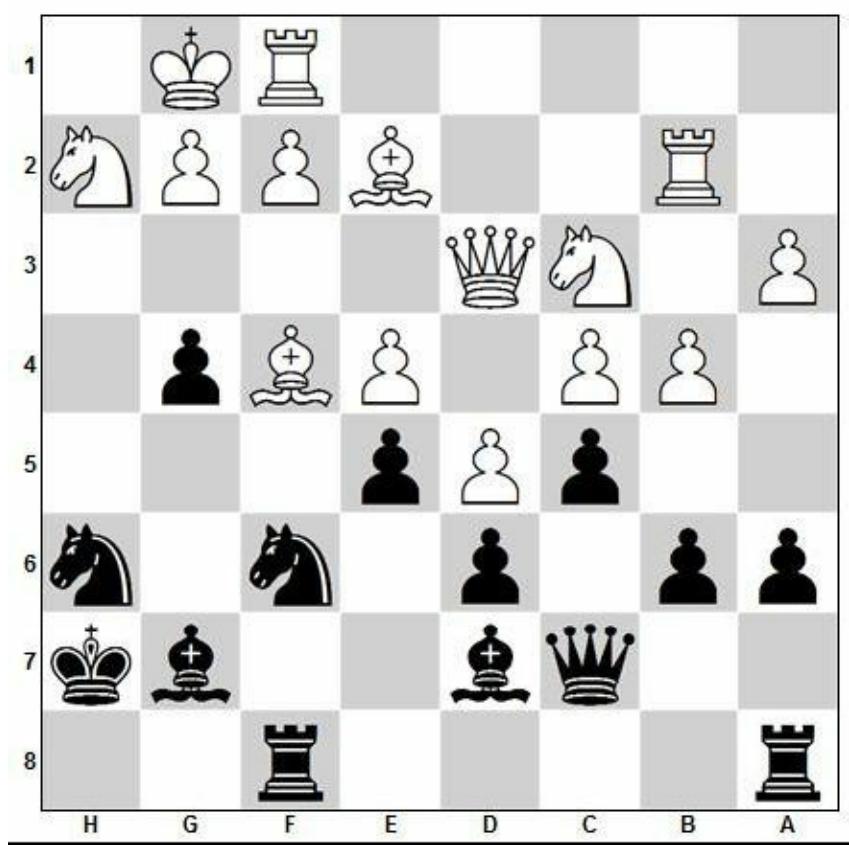
(254) Black to move



29...**Bxf3+** The bishop takes the pawn on f3 with check.

[Grigorfb vs Gattanella](#)

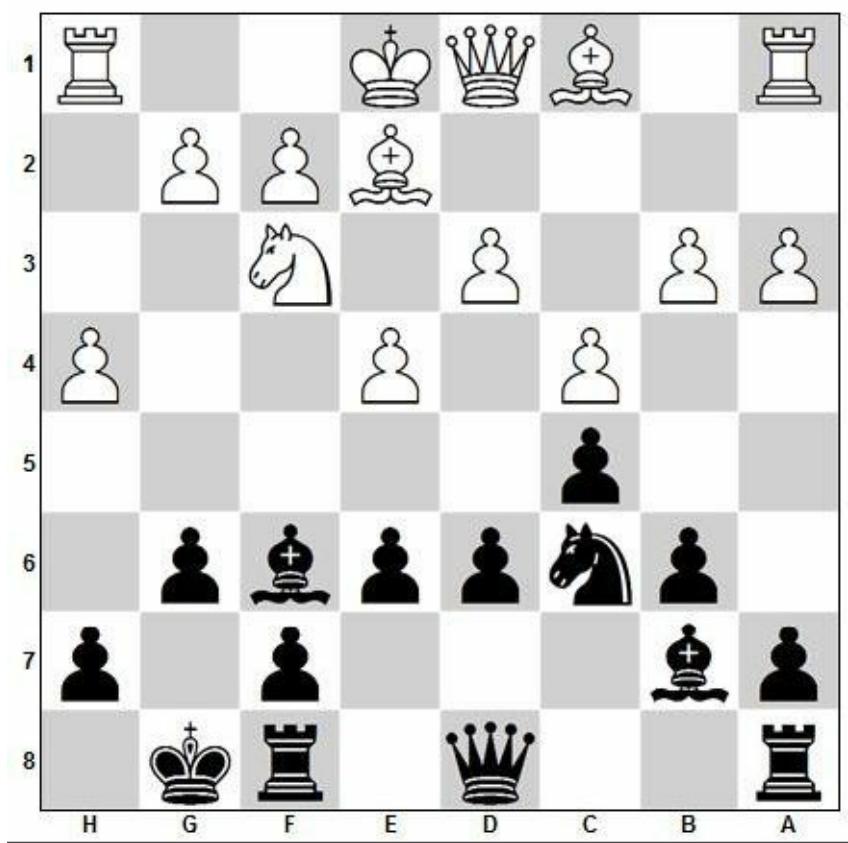
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25...*exf4* The pawn on e5 captures the piece on f4.

[Paul Anderson vs Jeff Fox](#)

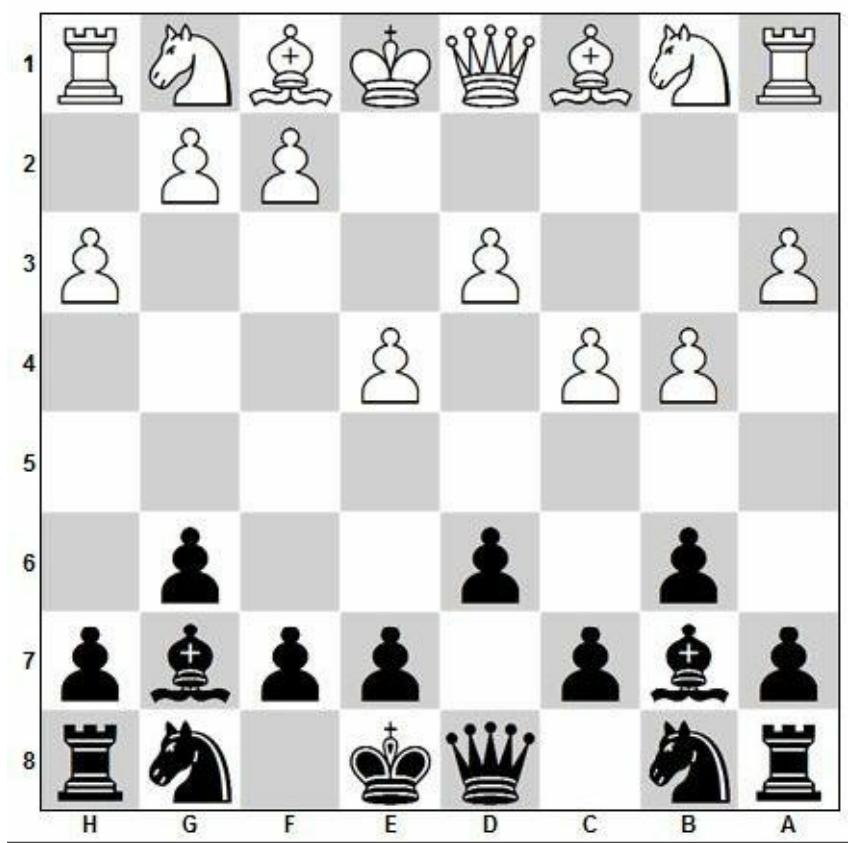
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12...Bxa1 The bishop takes the rook on a1.

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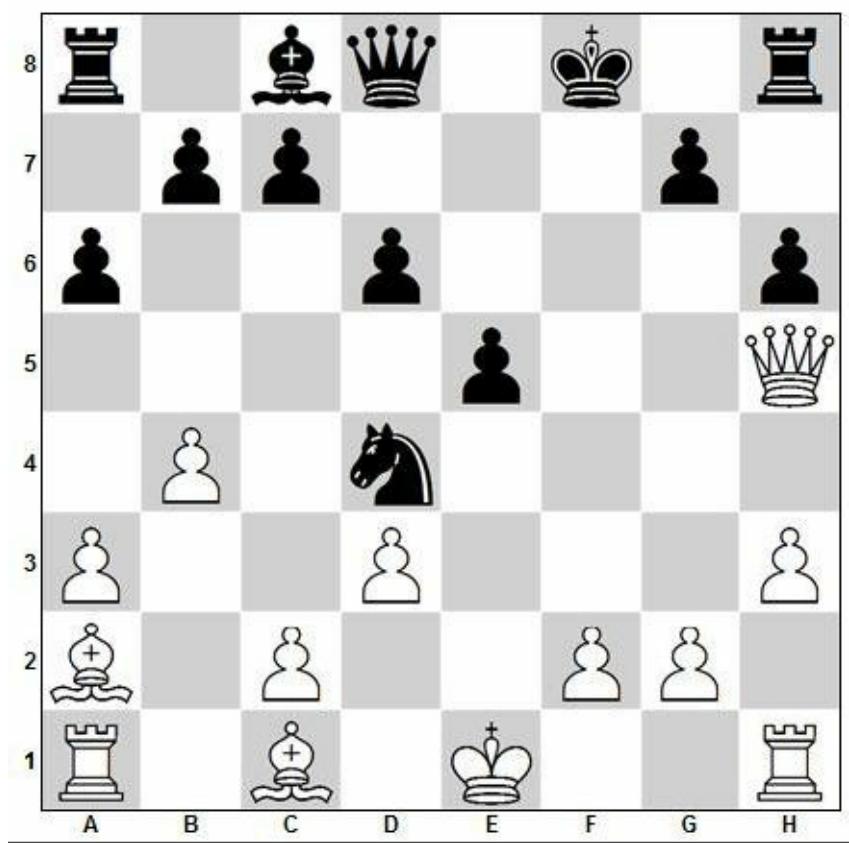
(257) Black to move



6...**Bxa1** The bishop takes the rook on a1.

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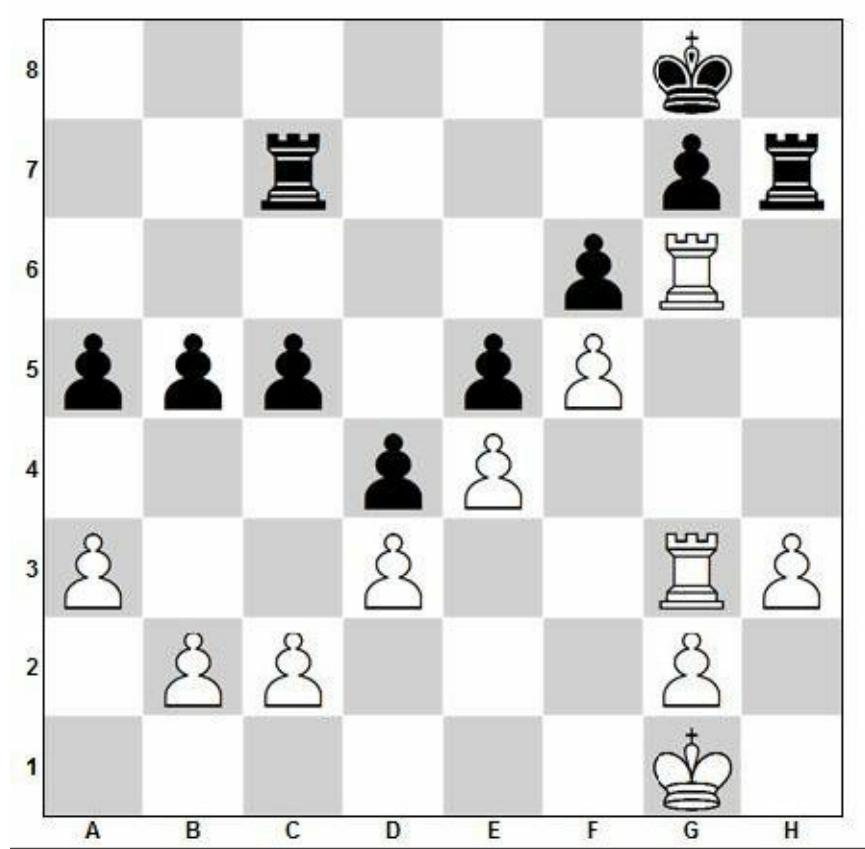
(258) White to move



15.Qf7# The queen moves to f7 with checkmate.

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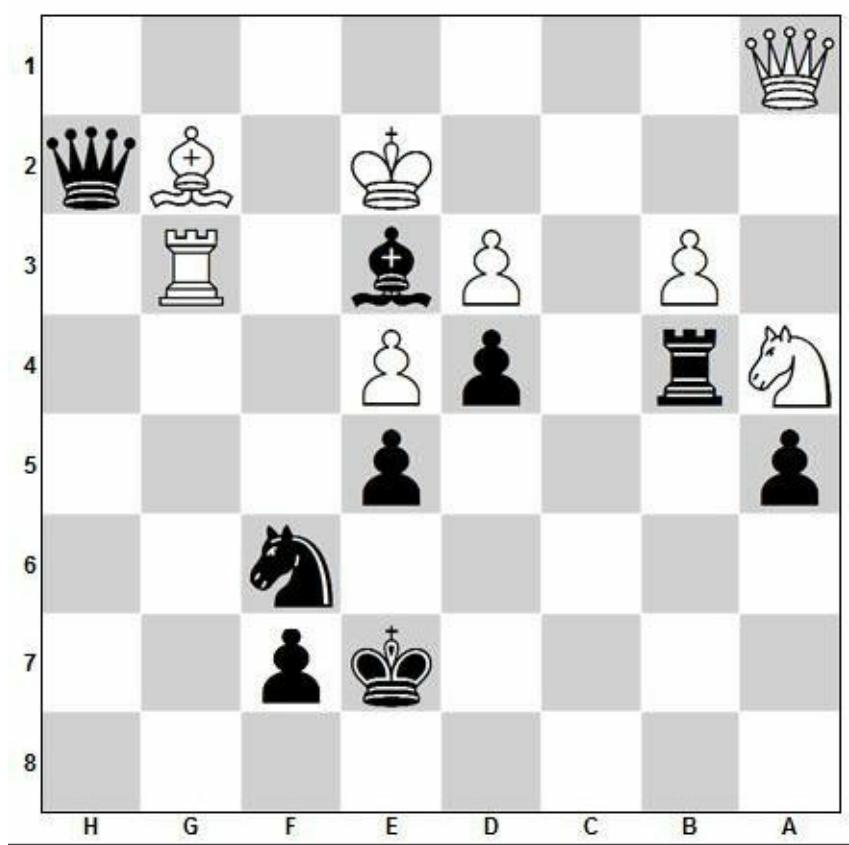
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31.Rxf6 The rook takes the pawn on f6. The pawn is pinned by the rook on g3 so it can't recapture.

[Dinc168 vs rickw66](#)

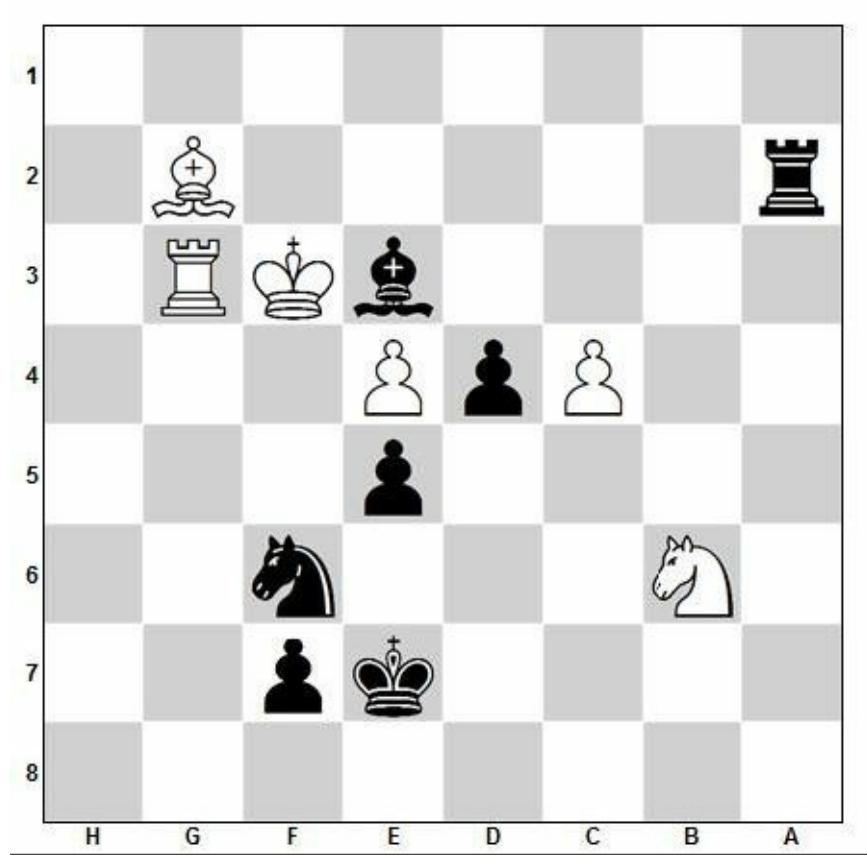
(260) Black to move



40...Qxg3 The queen takes the rook on g3.

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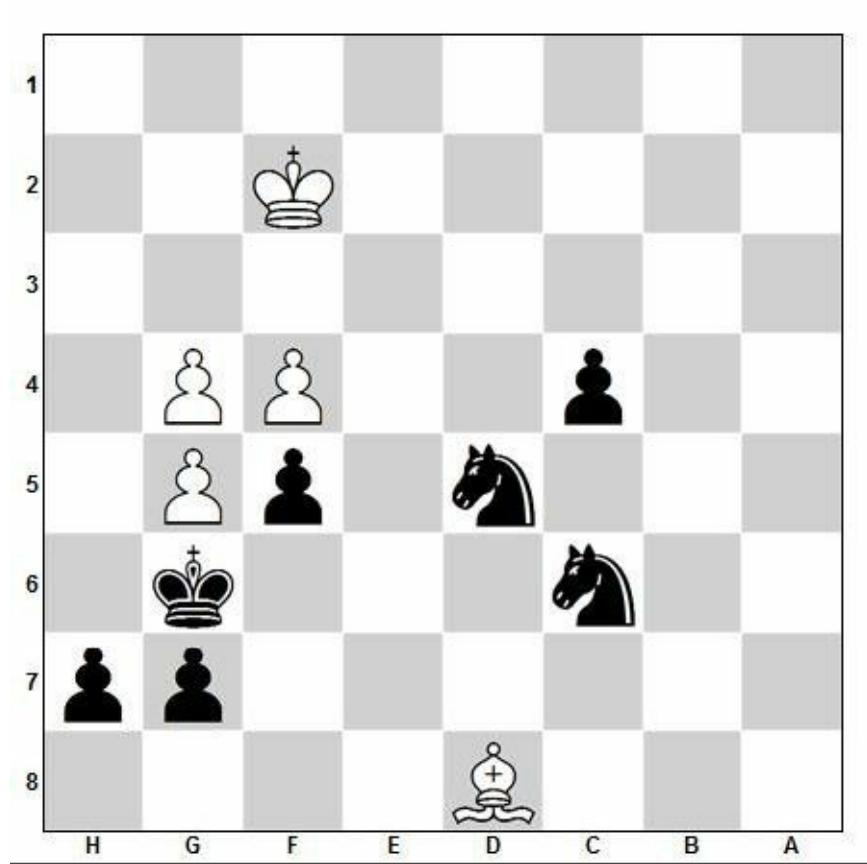
(261) Black to move



47...Rf2# The rook moves to f2 with checkmate.

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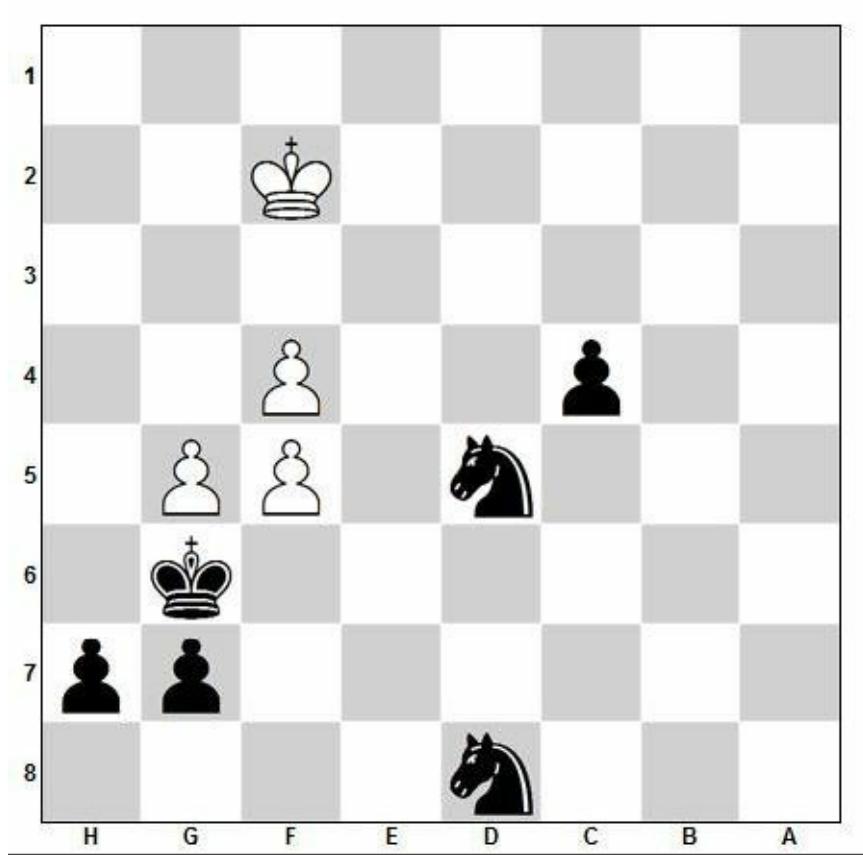
(262) Black to move



37...Nxd8 The knight takes the bishop on d8.

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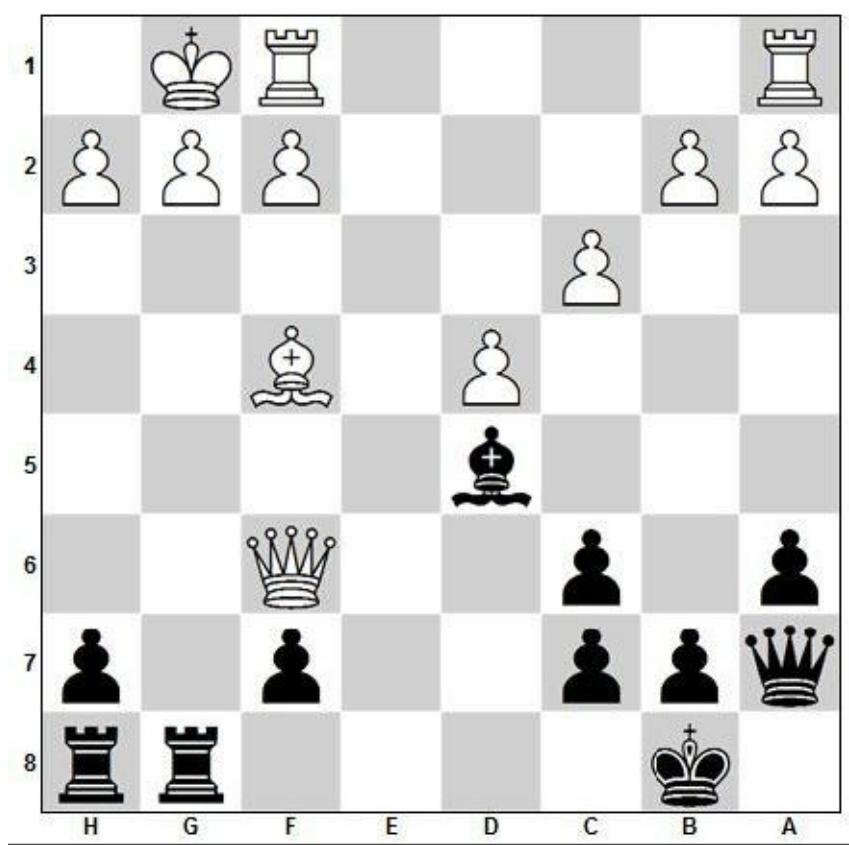
(263) Black to move



38...Kxf5 The king takes the pawn on f5.

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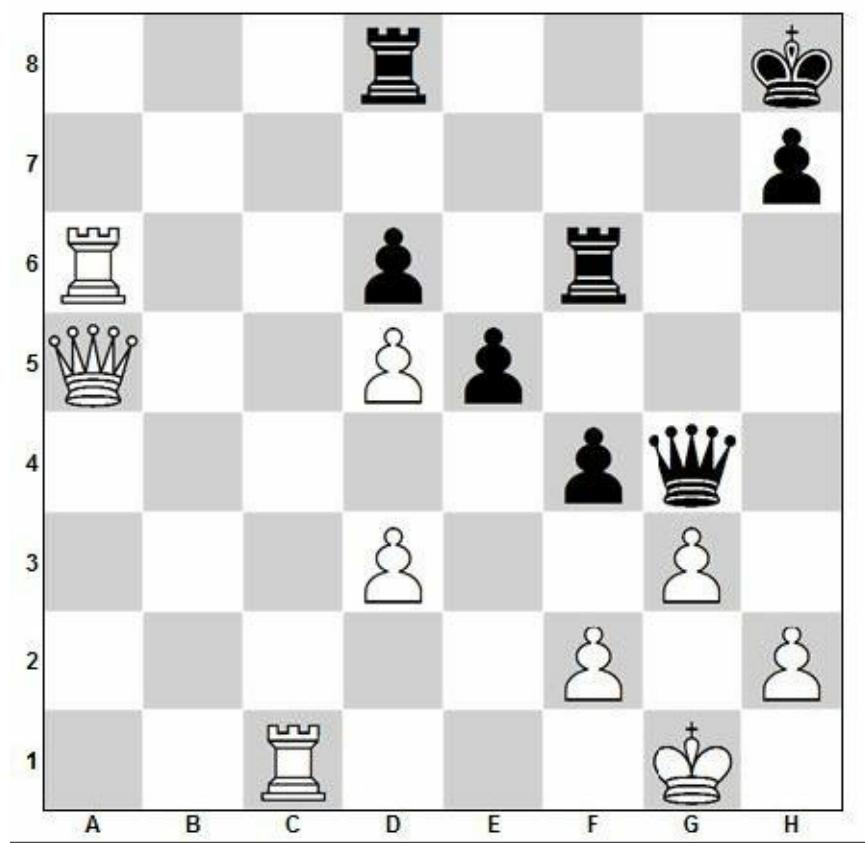
(264) Black to move



19...Rxg2+ The rook takes the pawn on g2.

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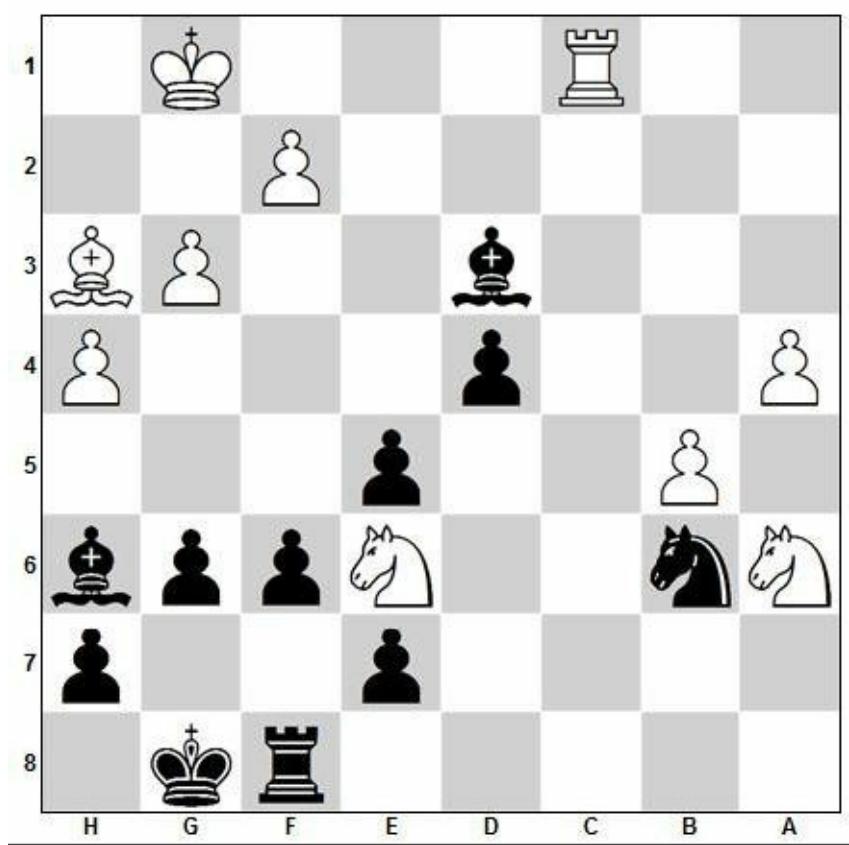
(265) White to move



35.Qxd8+ The queen takes the rook on d8 with check.

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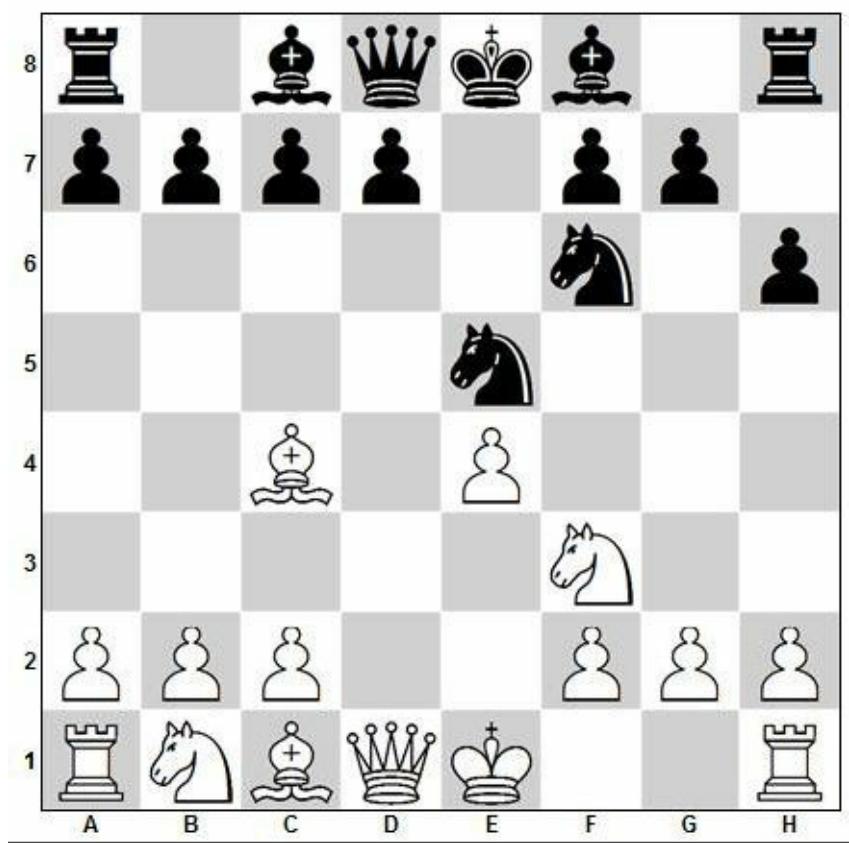
(266) Black to move



27...**Bxc1** The bishop takes the rook on c1.

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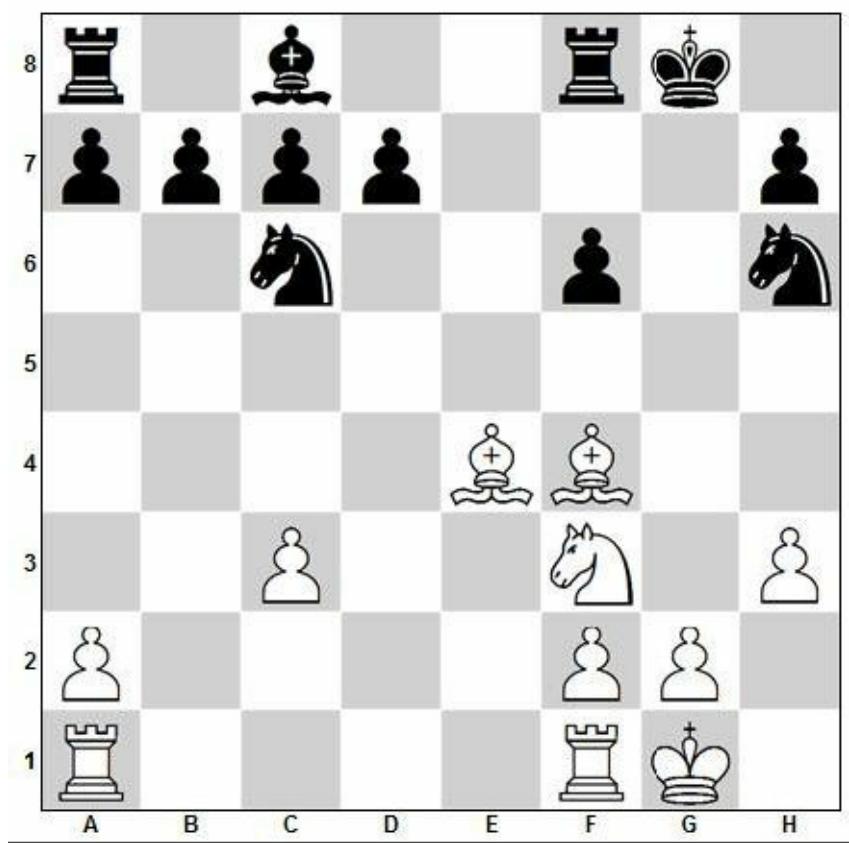
(267) White to move



6.Nxe5 The knight takes the knight on e5.

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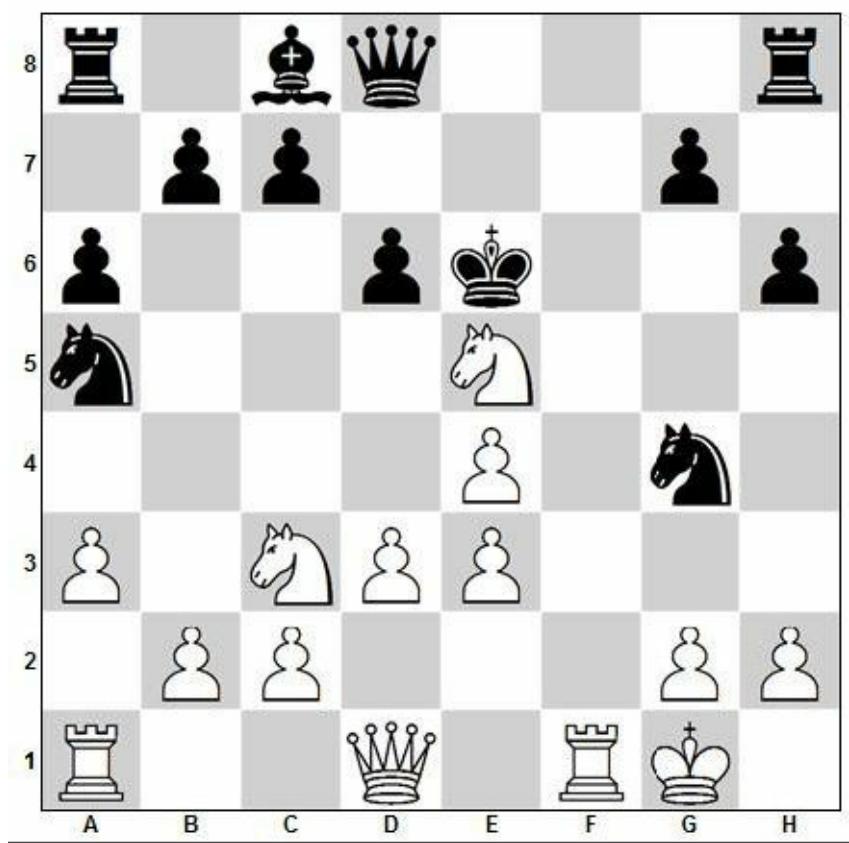
(268) White to move



16.Bxh6 The bishop takes the knight on h6.

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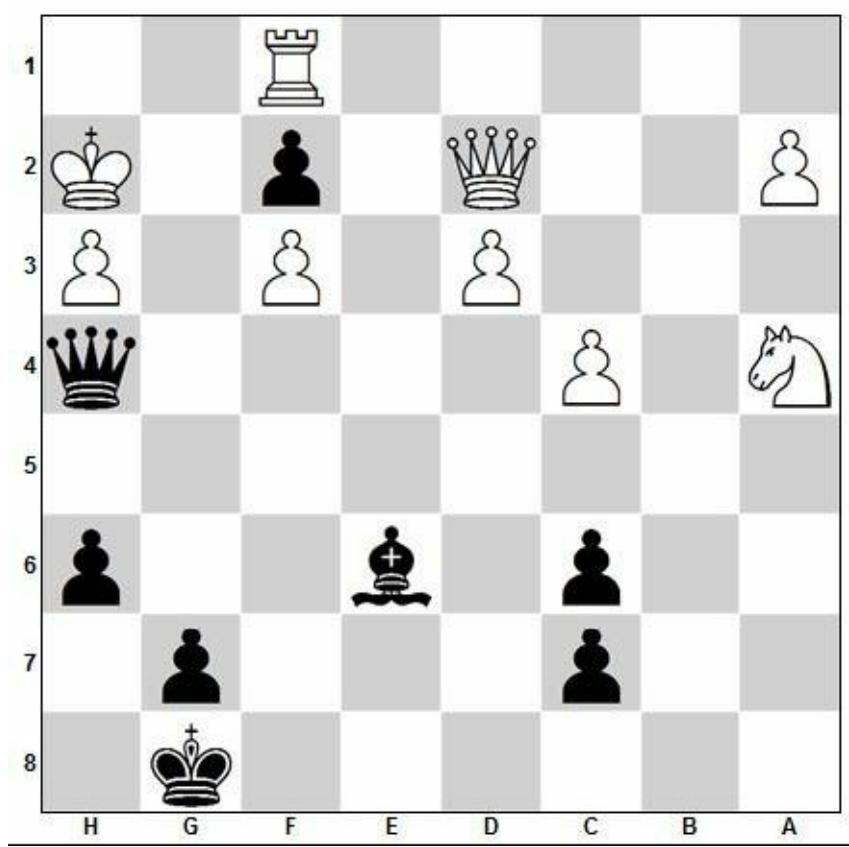
(269) White to move



13.Qxg4+ The queen takes the knight on g4. It's easy to see that the knight is hanging. What's not easy to see here is which piece you should take it with. If you take with the knight, that's fine, it's not a bad move. But if you take with the queen it's a better move because after the king moves, it's checkmate in one move with d4# after the black king takes the knight.

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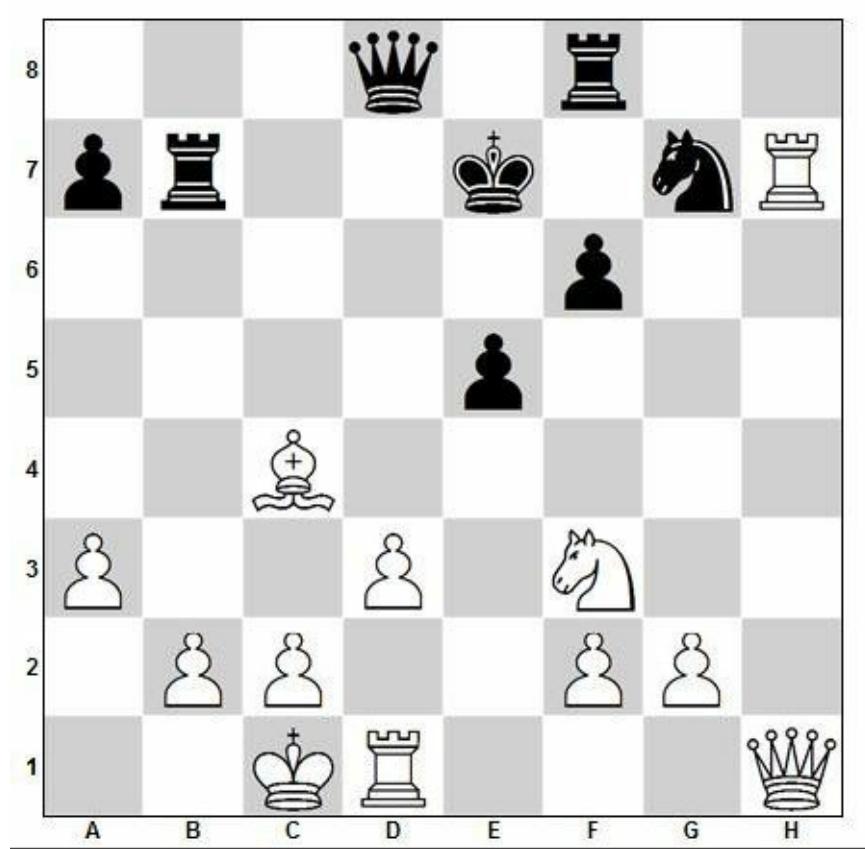
(270) Black to move



29...***Qxh3#*** The queen takes the pawn on h3 with checkmate. The pawn is guarding the only escape square for the king.

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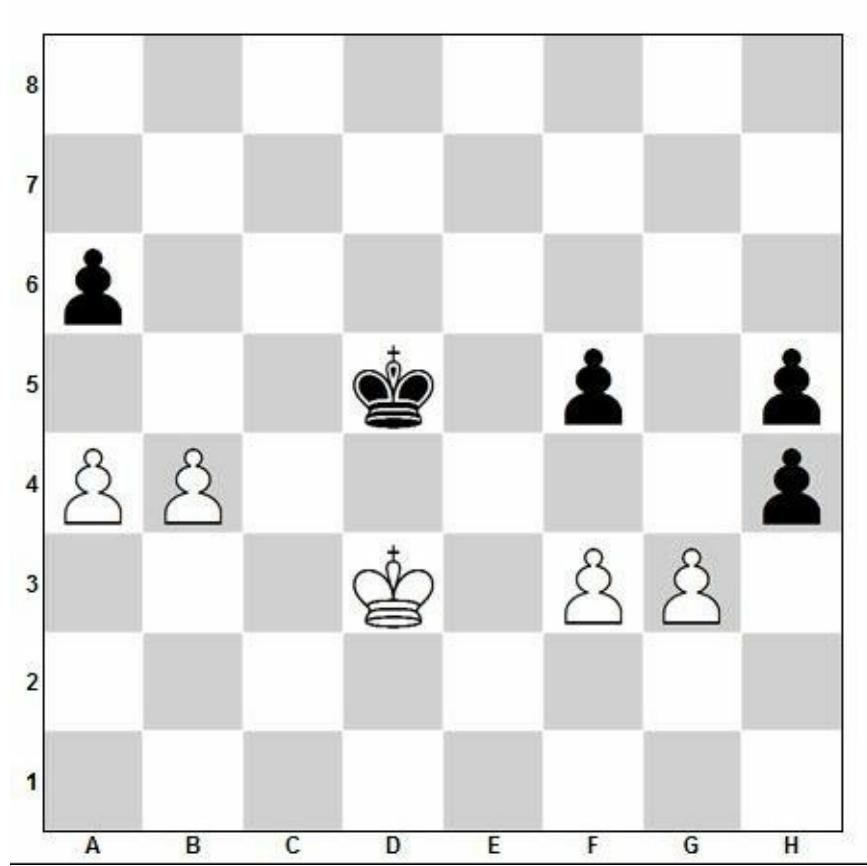
(271) White to move



25. **Rxg7+** The rook takes the knight with check.

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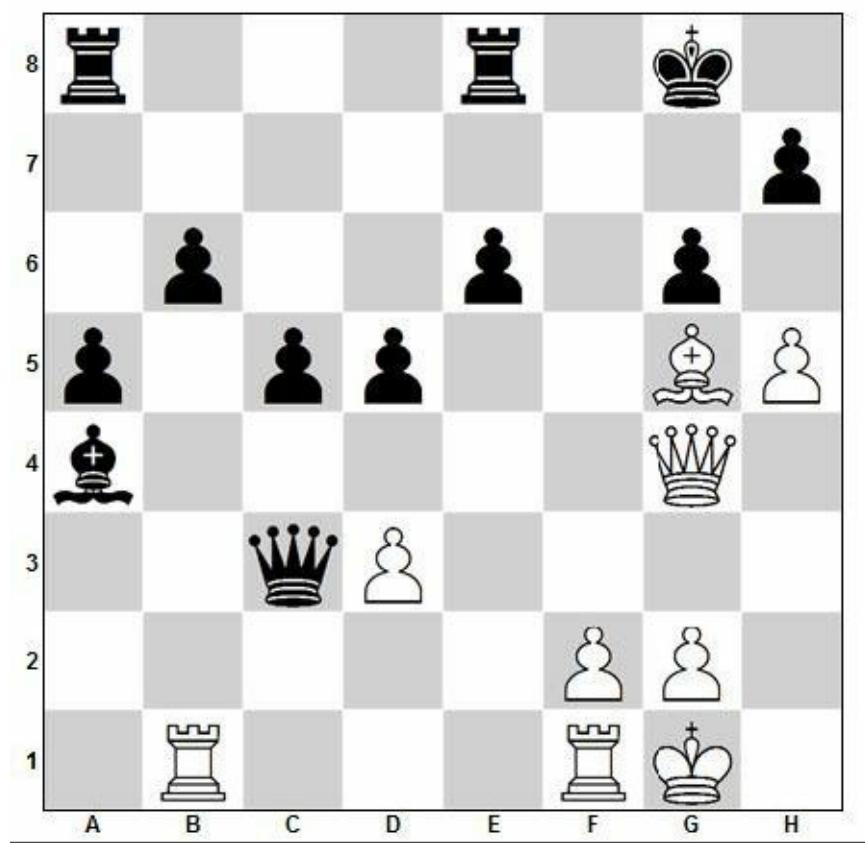
(272) White to move



44.gxh4 The pawn on g3 takes the pawn on h4. If not captured, that pawn on h6 would become a queen.

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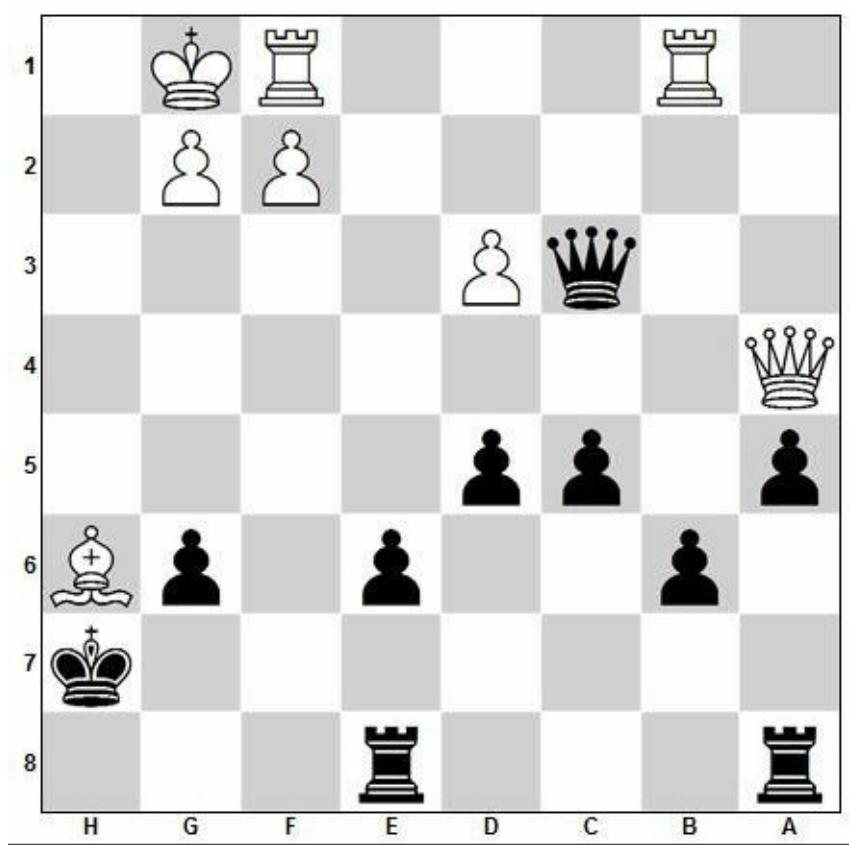
(273) White to move



26.Qxa4 The queen takes the bishop on a4.

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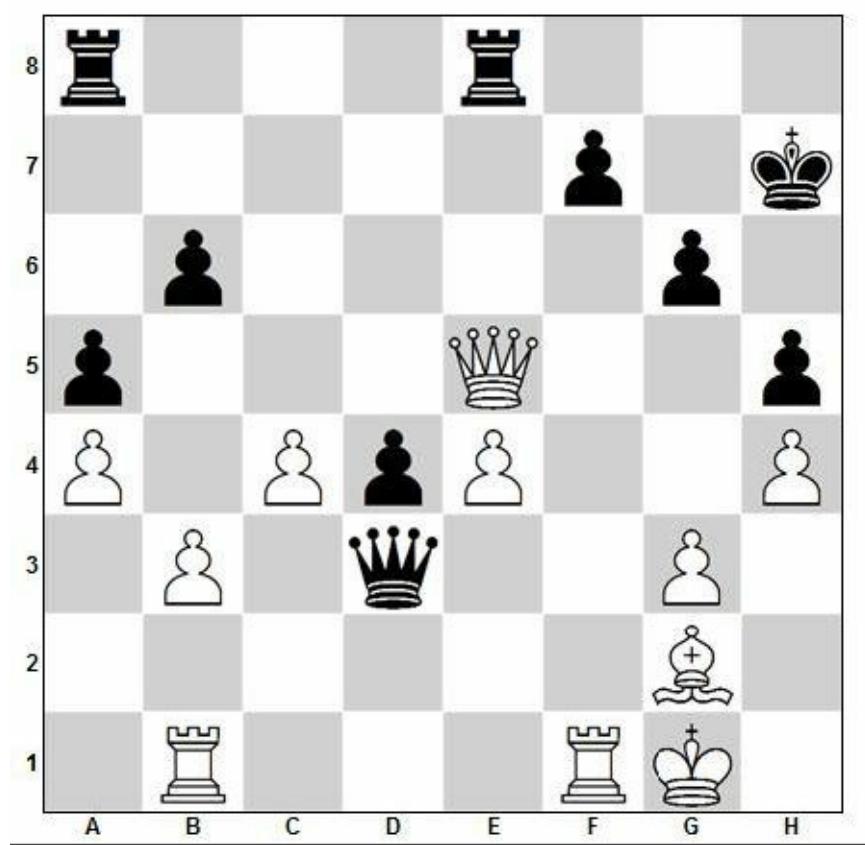
(274) Black to move



28...Kxh6 The king takes the bishop on h6.

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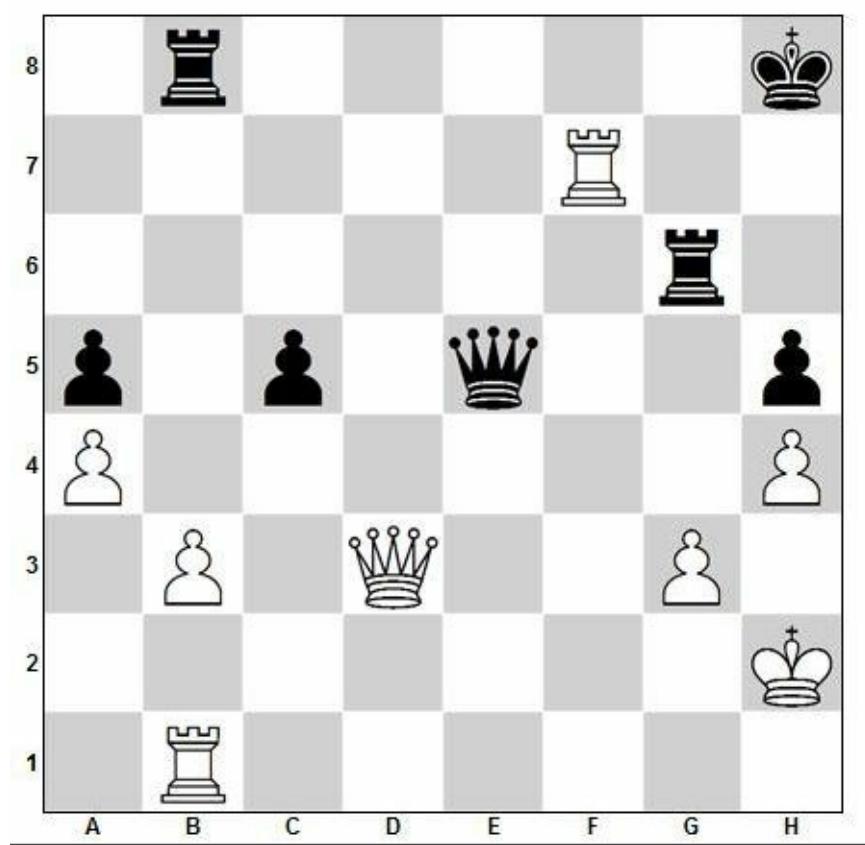
(275) White to move



27. **Rxf7+** The rook takes the pawn on f7 with check. If it weren't for the check, white would lose his queen to the rook on e8, but since there is a check it is safe to take the pawn.

[Ben drix vs orphelins](#)

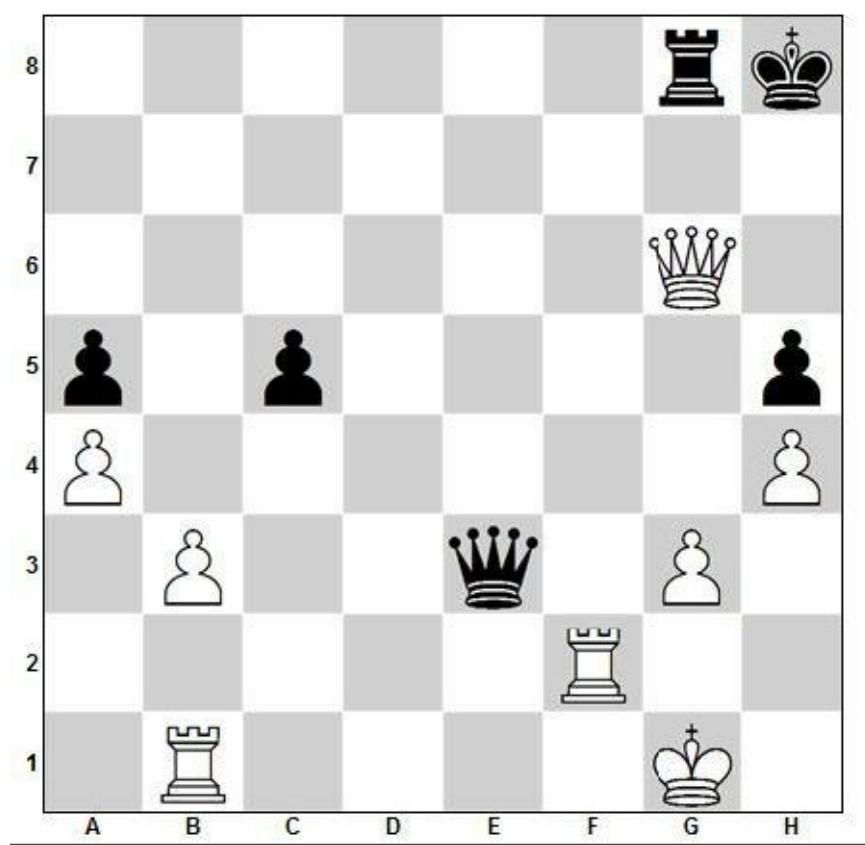
(276) White to move



38.Qxg6 The queen takes the rook on g6.

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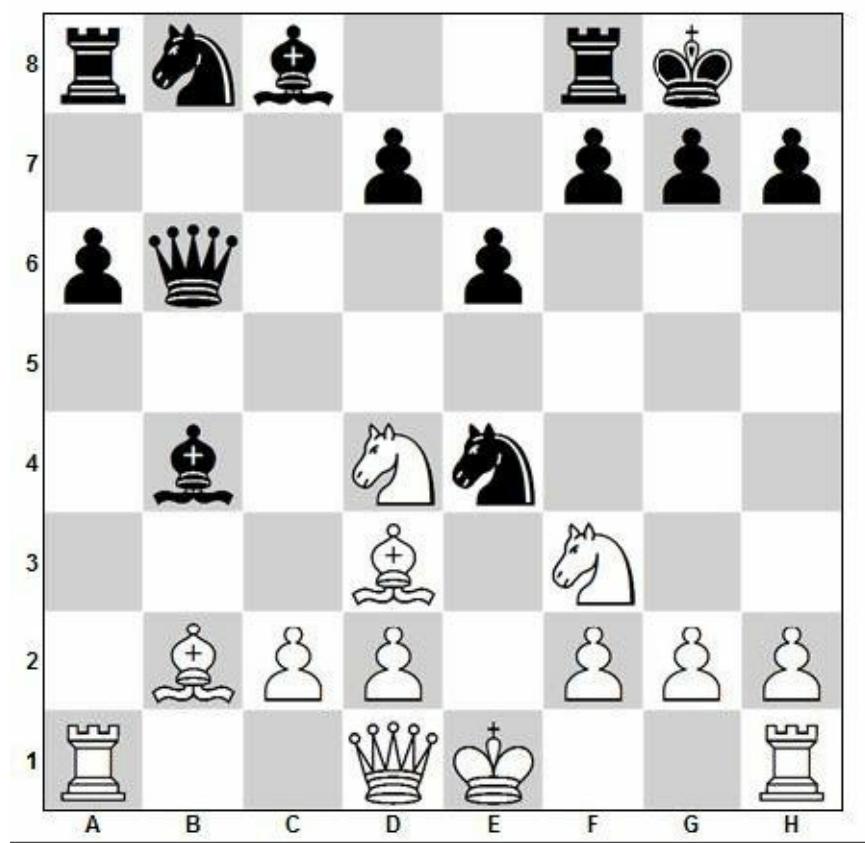
(277) White to move



41.Qxh5+ The queen takes the pawn on h5 with checkmate.

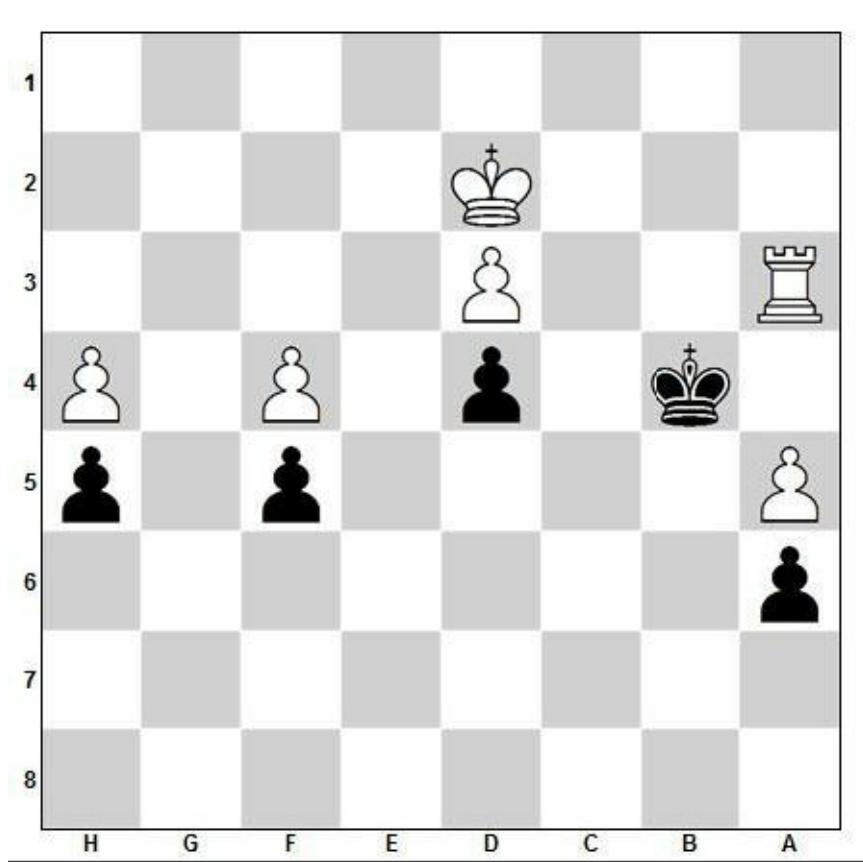
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(278) White to move



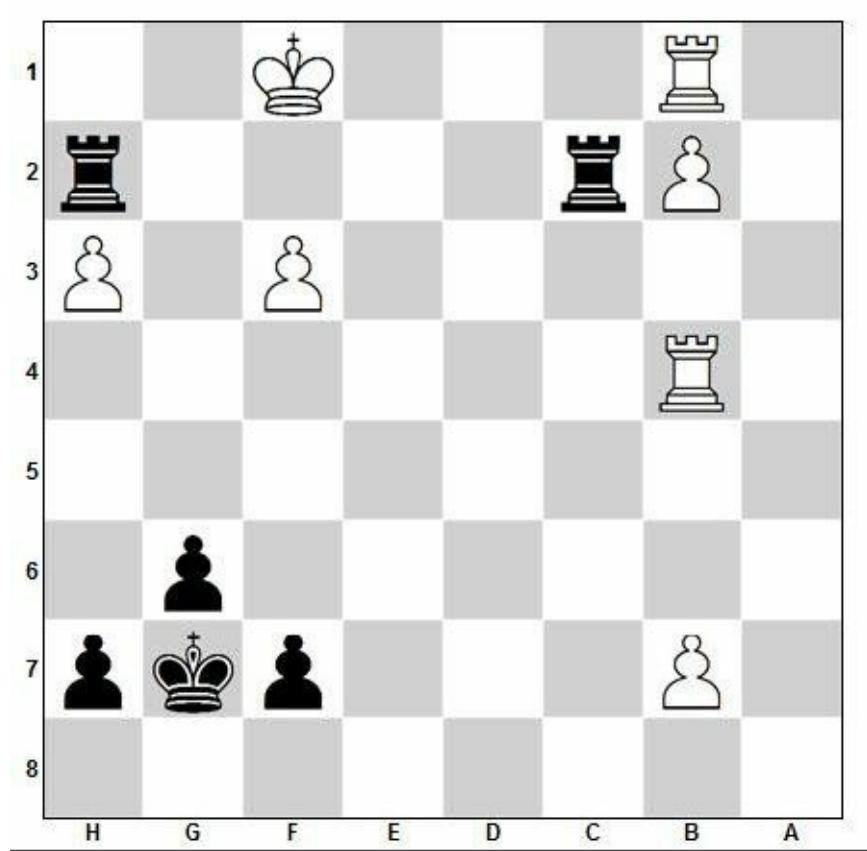
11. *Bxe4*

(279) Black to move



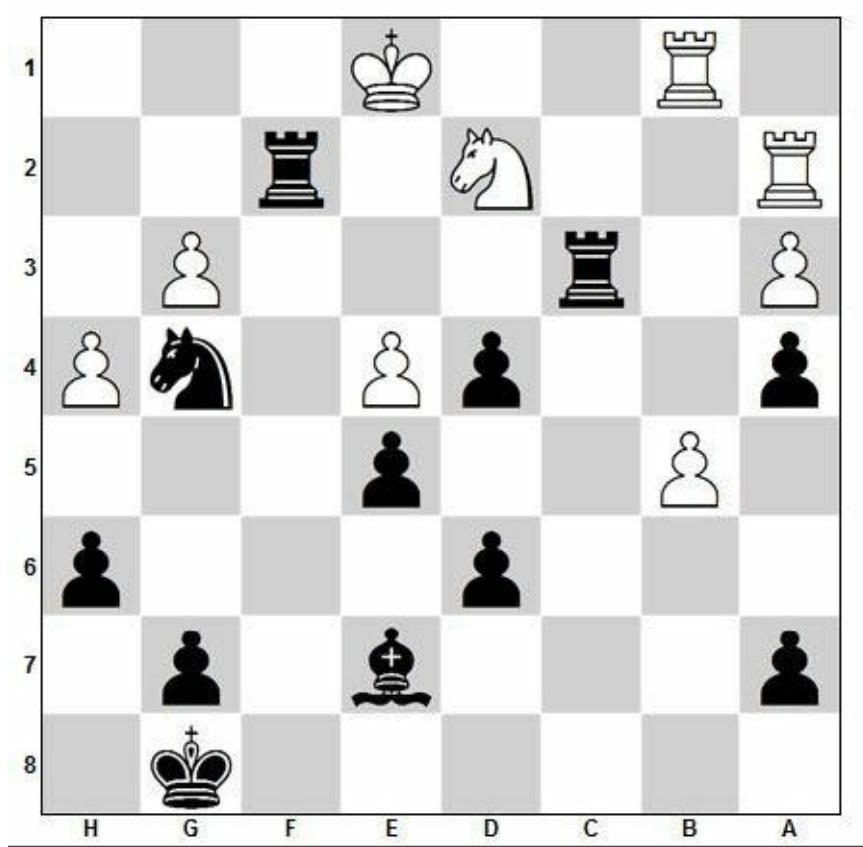
42...Kxa3

(280) Black to move



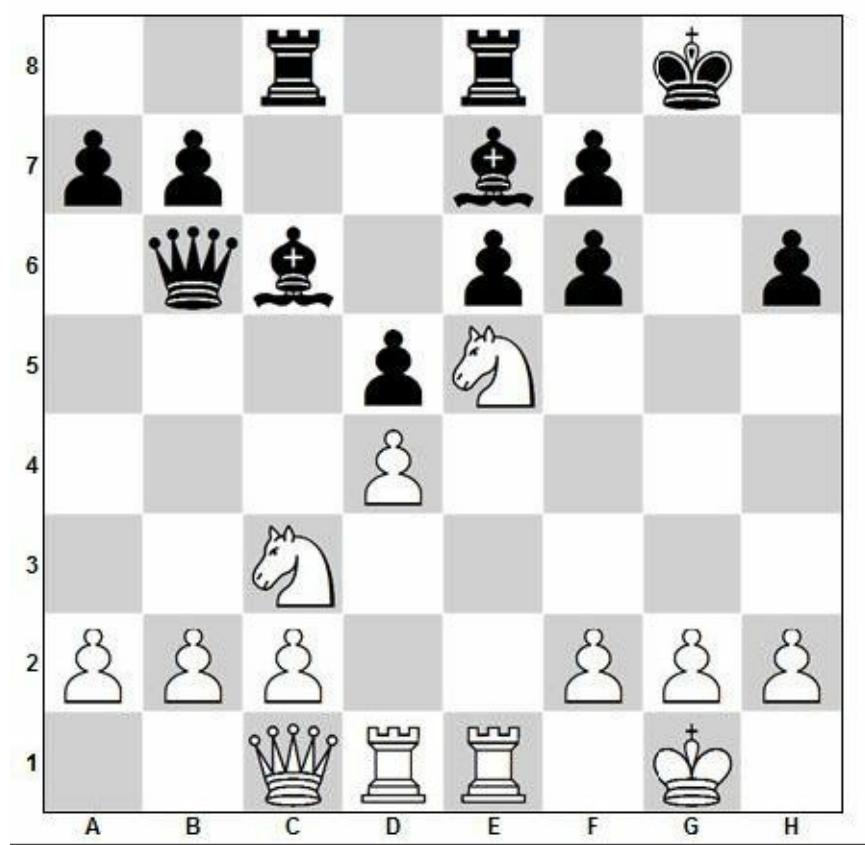
35...Rh1#

(281) Black to move



25...Rxg3

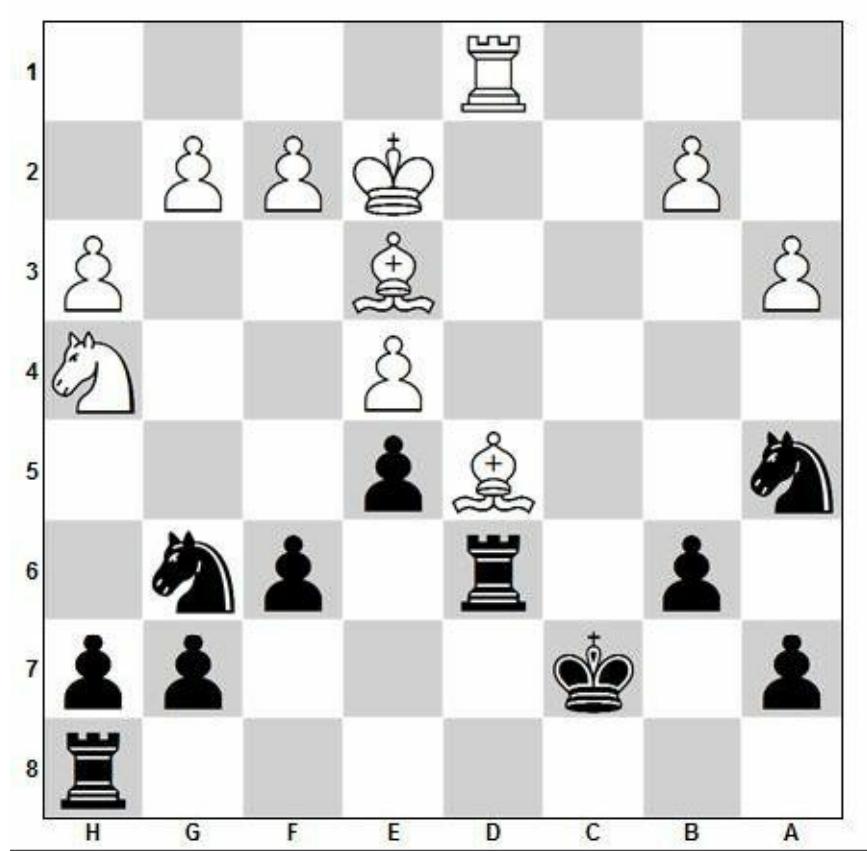
(282) White to move



16.Qxh6 The queen takes the pawn on h6.

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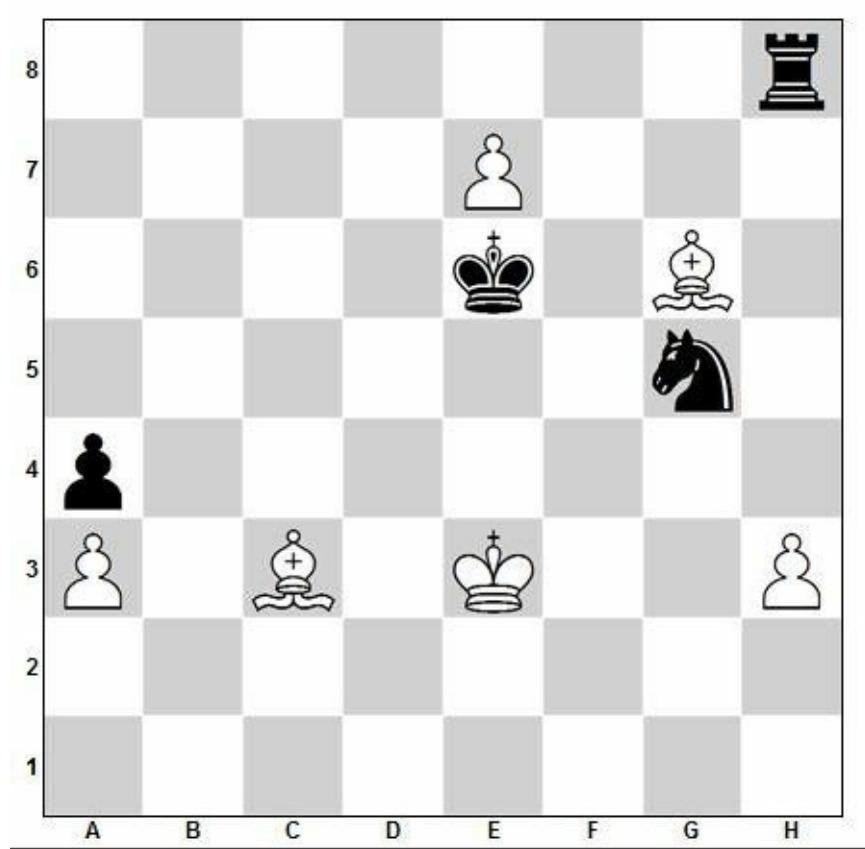
(283) Black to move



22...**Nxh4** The knight takes the knight on h4.

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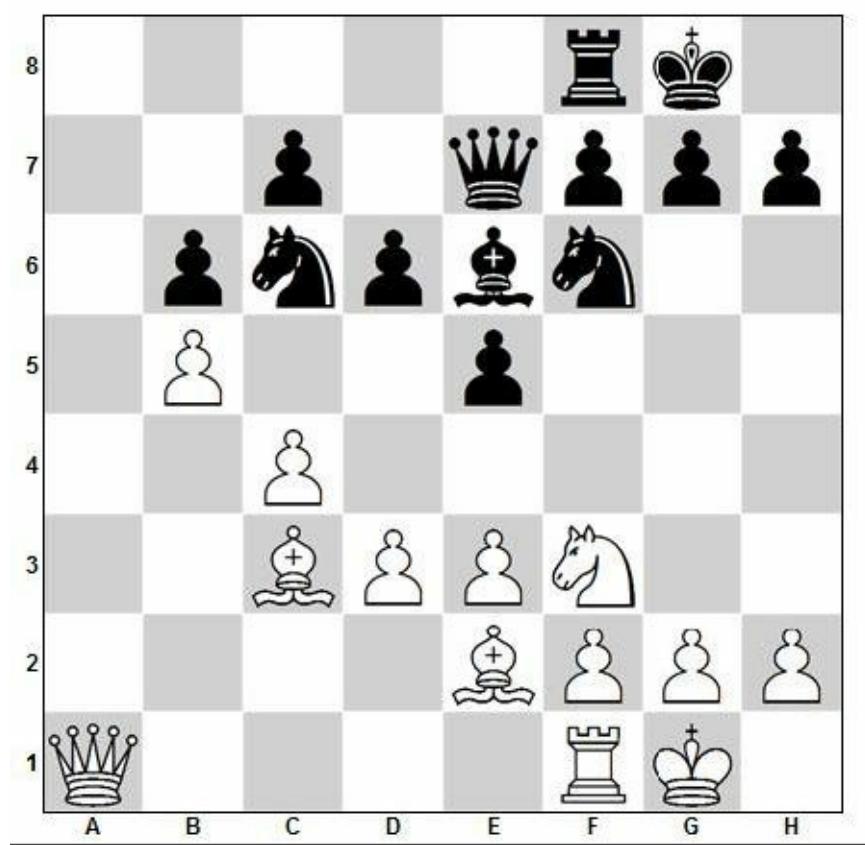
(284) White to move



47. *Bxh8* The bishop takes the rook on h8.

[Dfthd vs kiadvent](#)

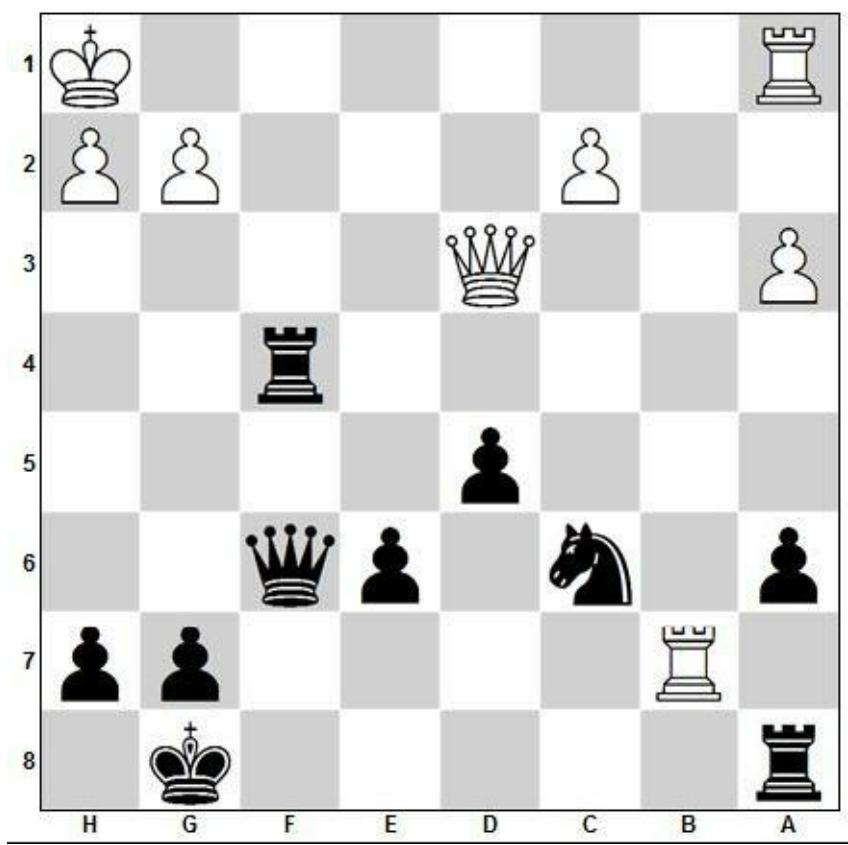
(285) White to move



15.bxc6 The pawn takes the knight on c6.

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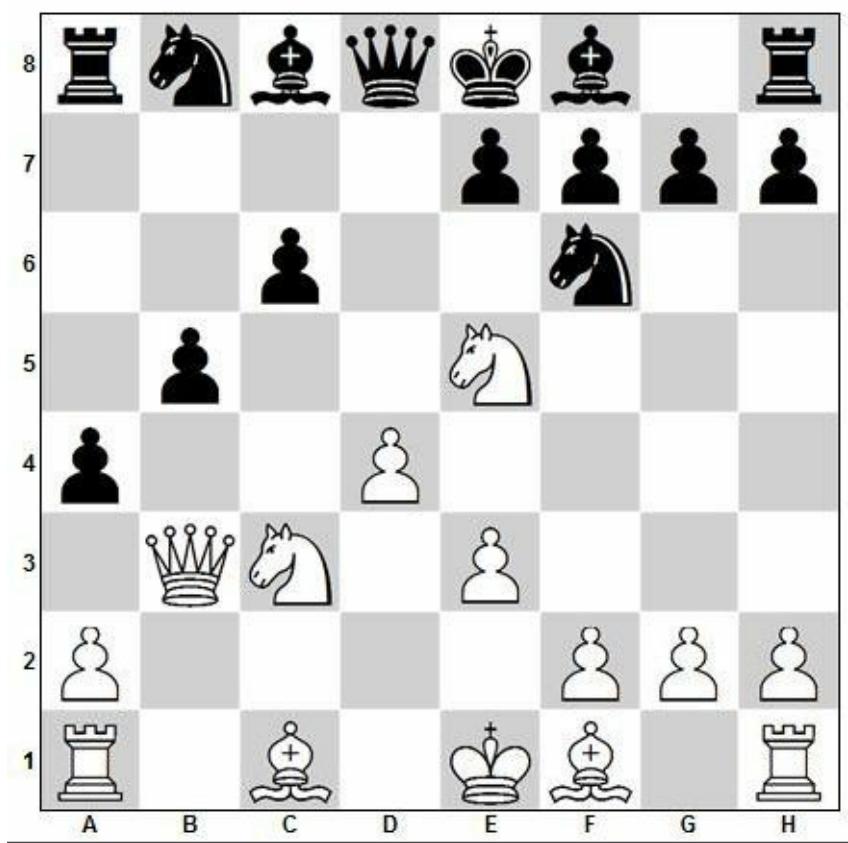
(286) Black to move



26...**Qxa1+** The queen takes the rook on a1.

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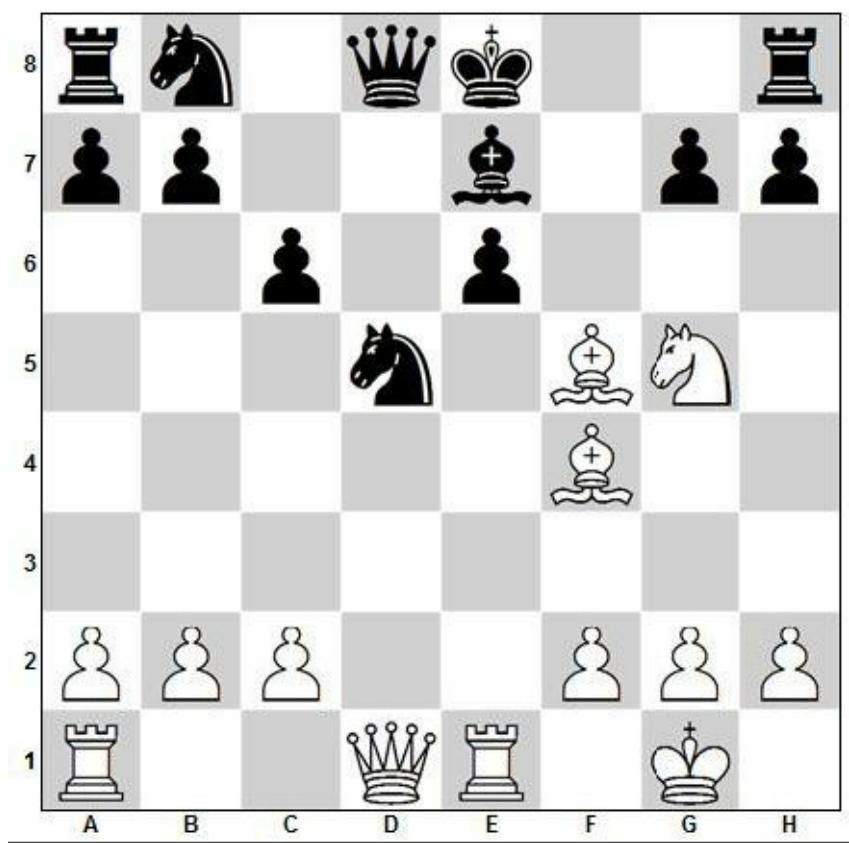
(287) White to move



9.Qxf7# The queen takes the pawn on f7 with checkmate.

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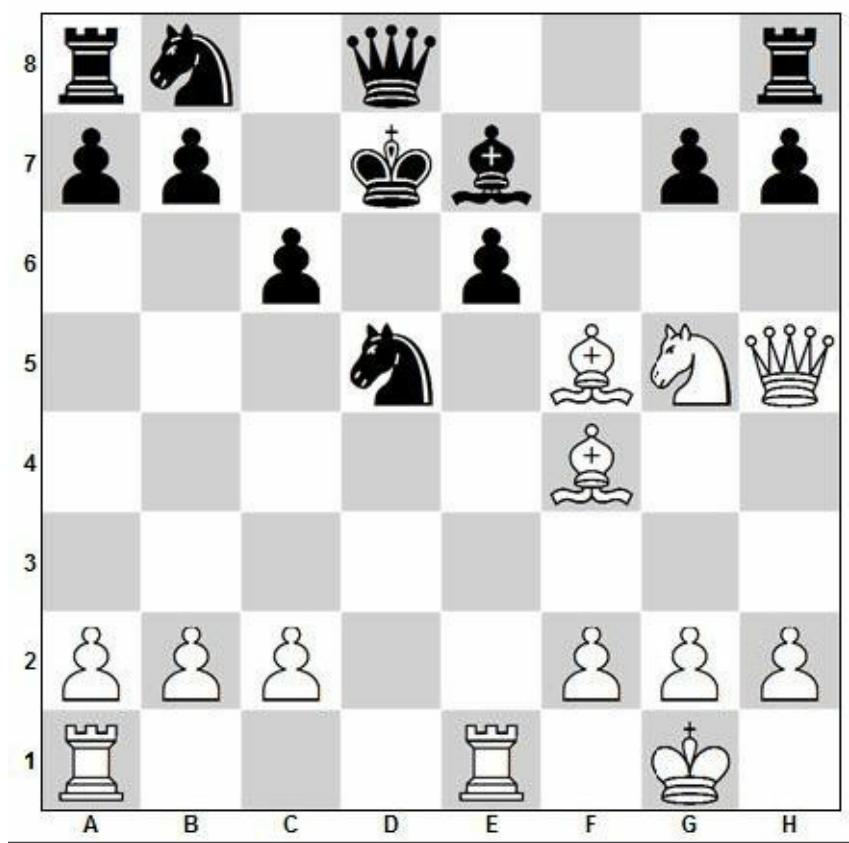
(289) White to move



14.Nxe6 The knight takes the pawn on e6. You can take with the bishop or the knight, or the rook. The knight forks the queen and the pawn on g7.

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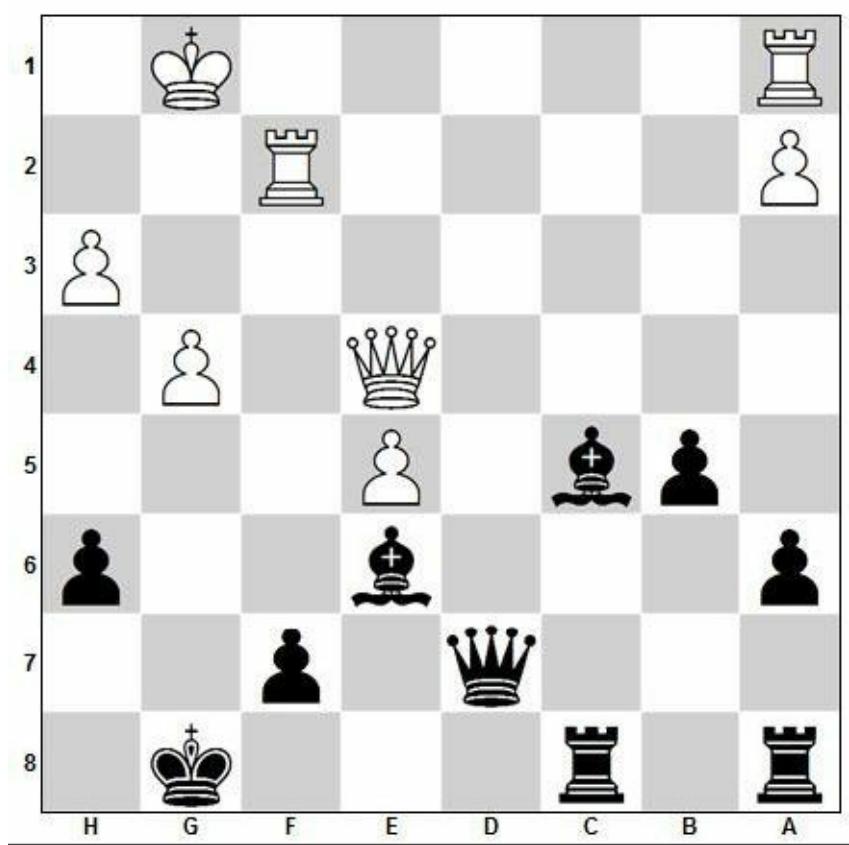
(290) White to move



15.Bxe6# The bishop takes the pawn on e6 with checkmate.

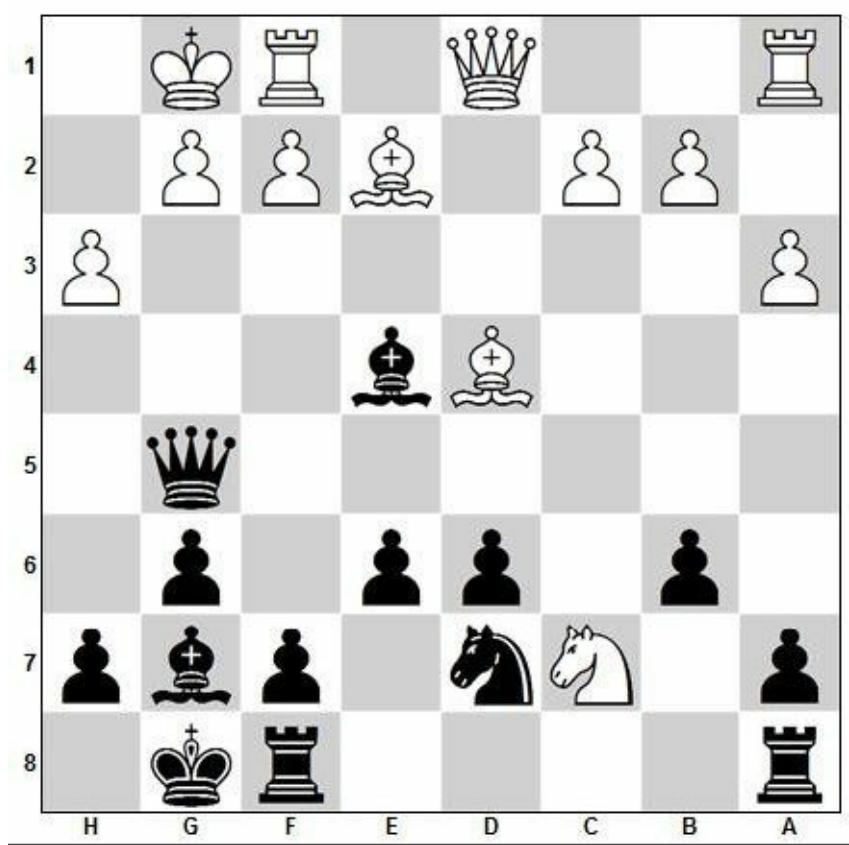
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(291) Black to move



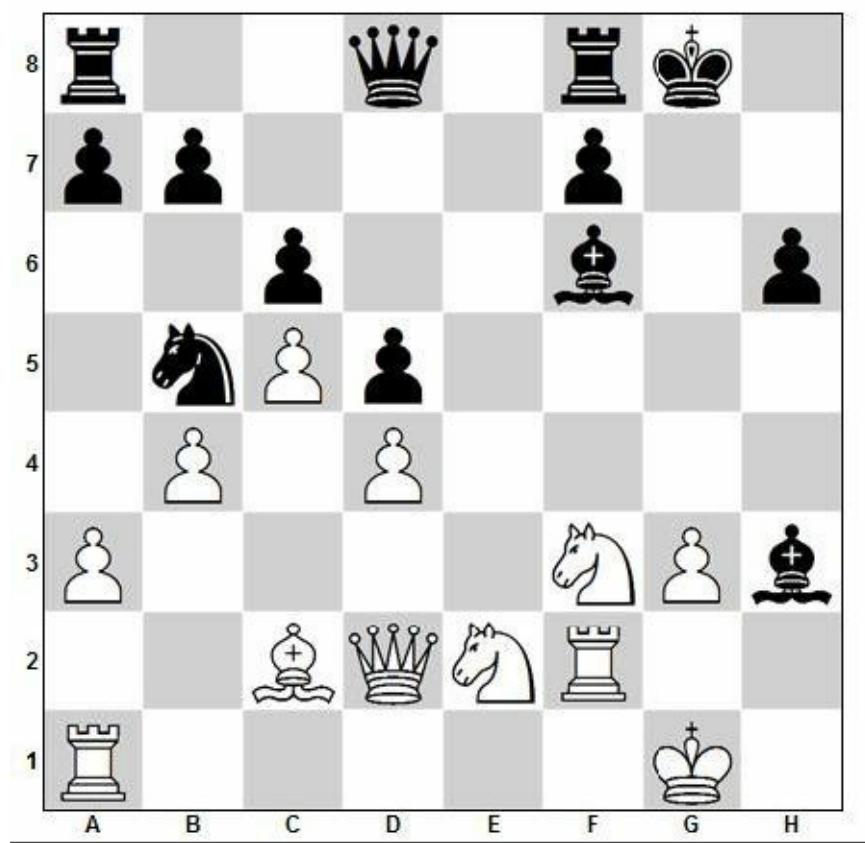
25...Bxf2+

(292) Black to move



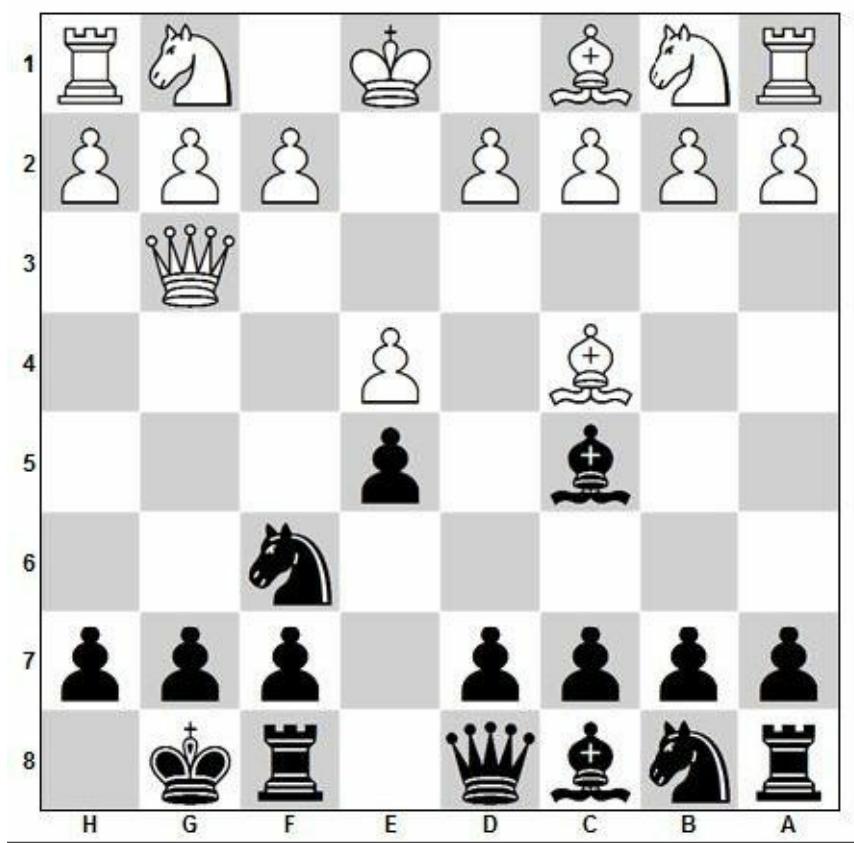
14...Qxg2#

(293) White to move



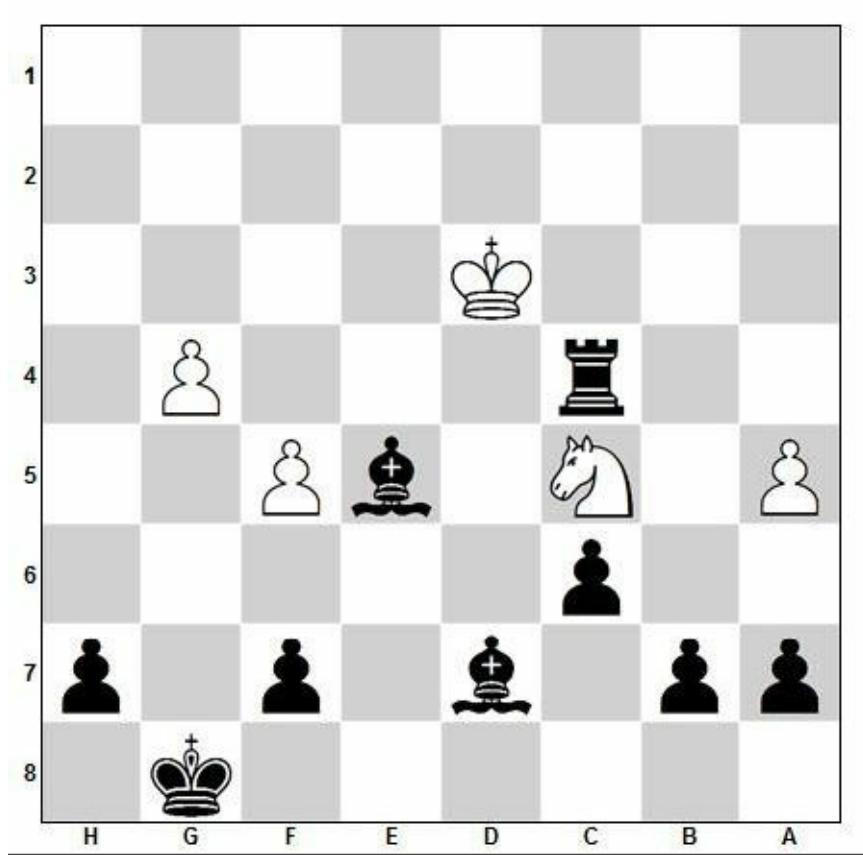
24.Qxh6

(294) Black to move



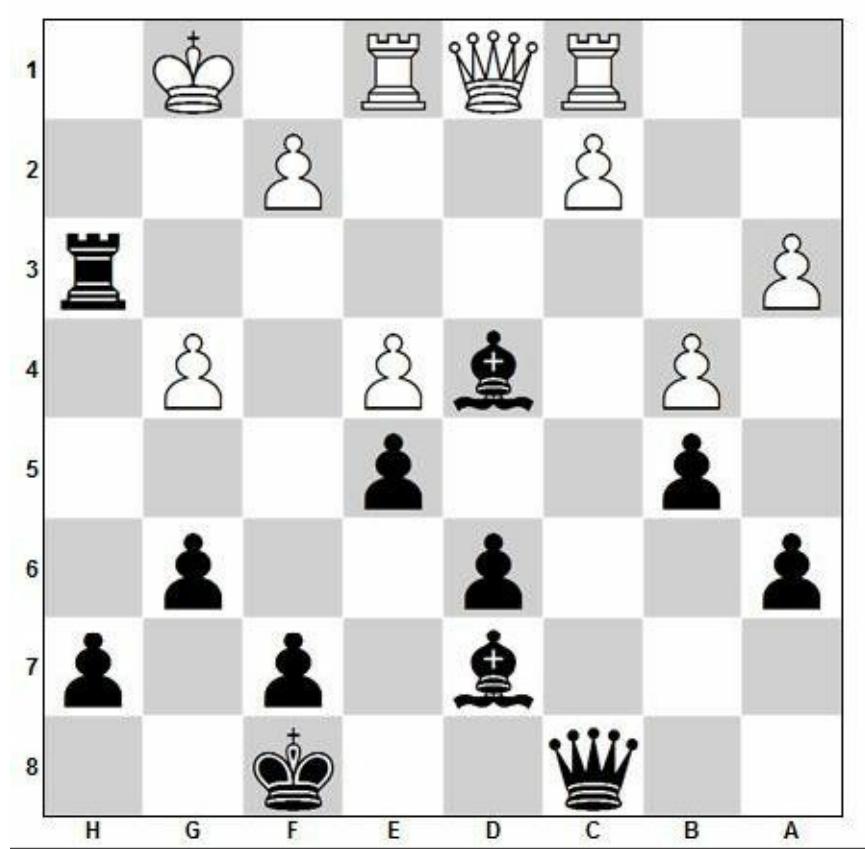
5...Nxe4

(295) Black to move



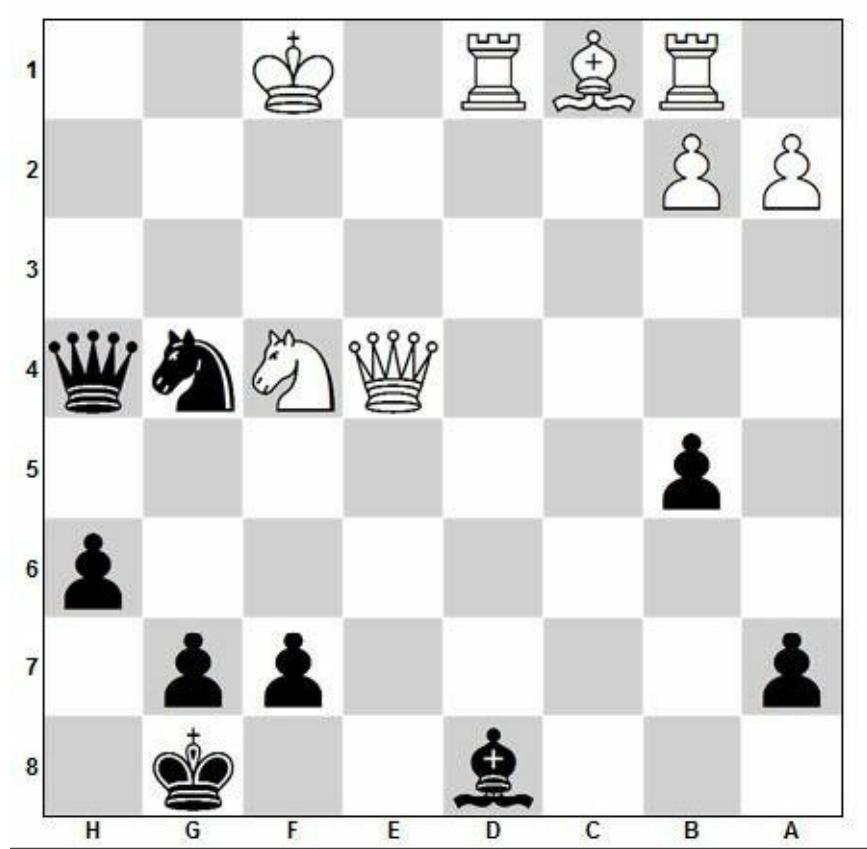
40...Rxc5

(296) Black to move



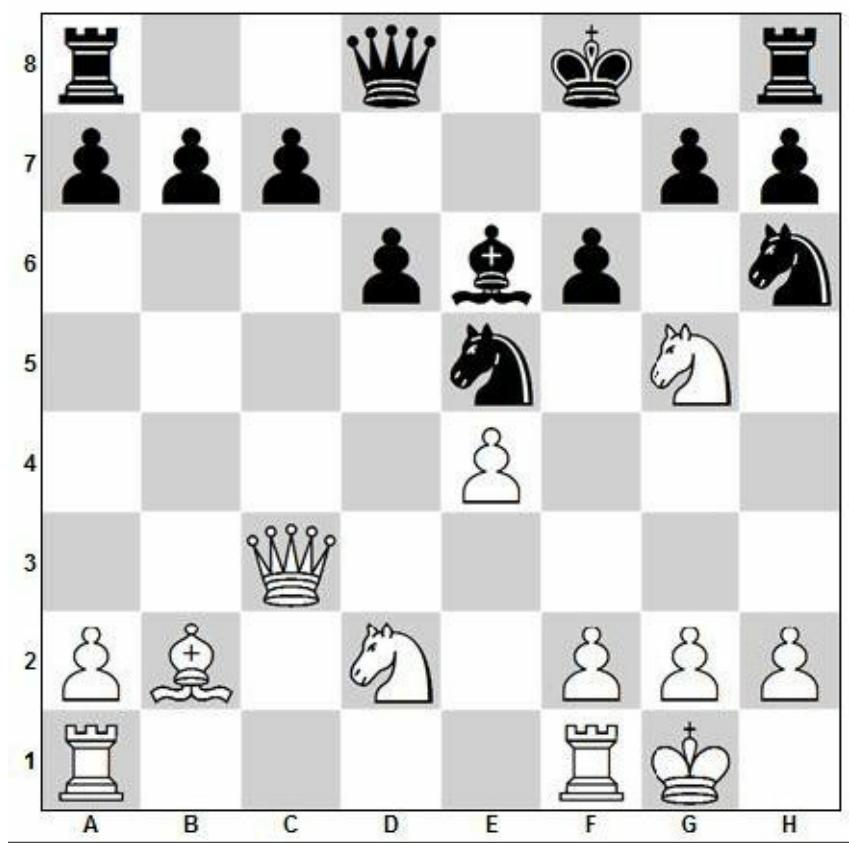
28...Bxg4

(297) Black to move



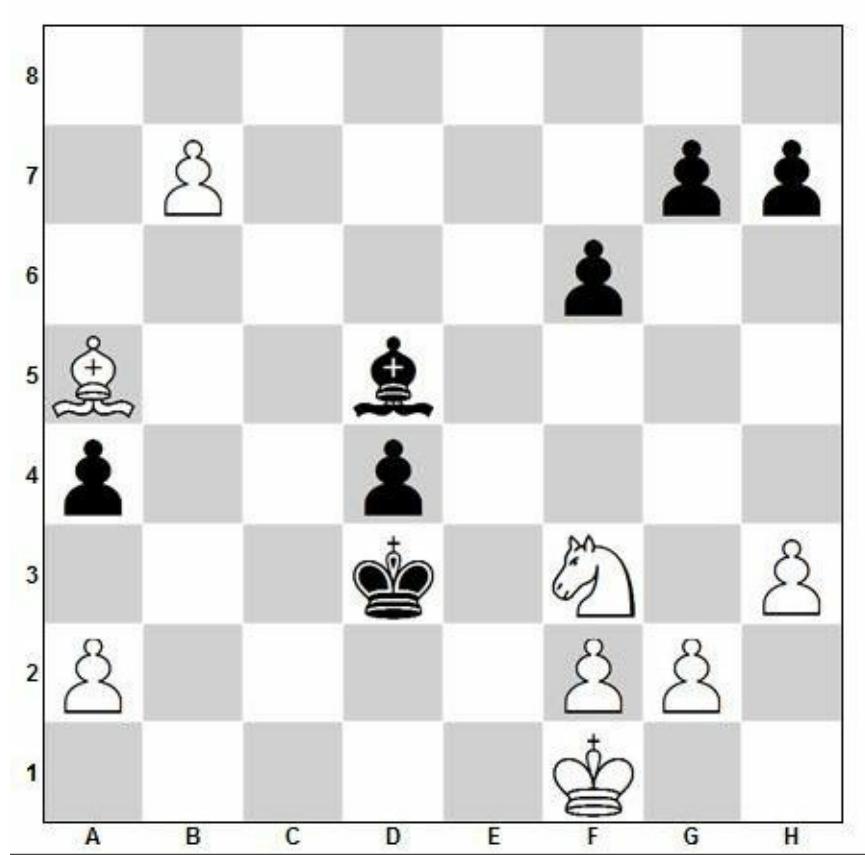
30...Qf2#

(298) White to move



15.Nxe6+

(299) White to move



37.b8Q



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