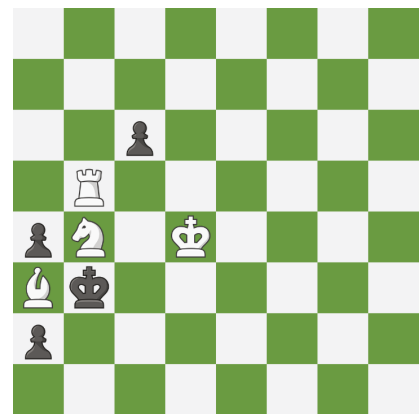


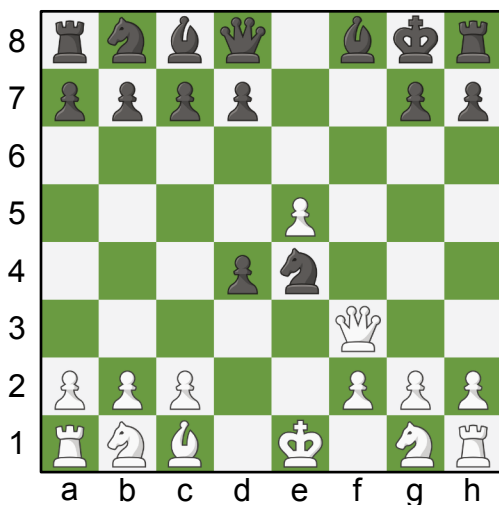
## 46. Falling Apart

In this position, white has all the firepower, but a closer inspection reveals that black is close to promoting a pawn, and all three white pieces are under attack. Is white winning or is the advantage falling apart?

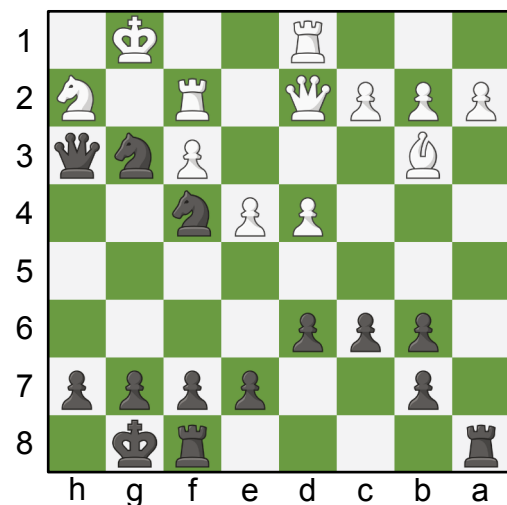


## Challenge Puzzles

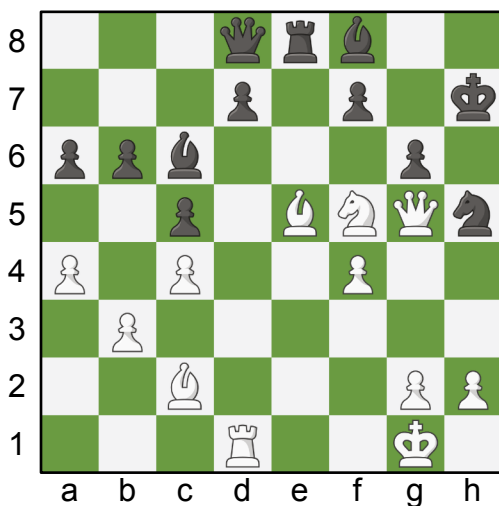
① White to play - Find best move.



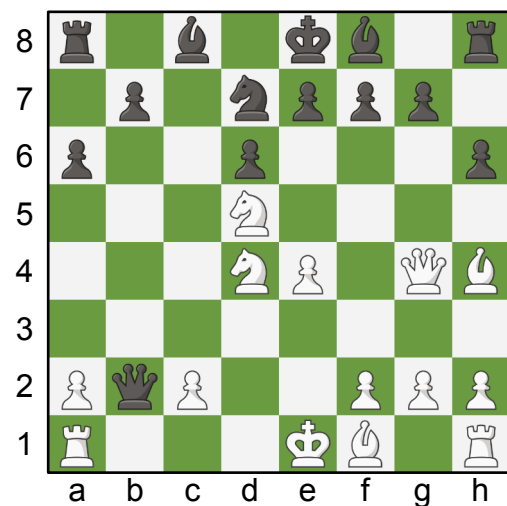
② Black to play - Find best move.



③ White to play - Find best move.



④ White to play - Find best move.



Hints.

- ① Start with the queen.
- ② Start with the queen.
- ③ Start with the queen.
- ④ Start with the knight.

Answers.

- ① 1. ♔b3+ ♚d5 2. ♙exd6+ ♜e6 3. ♔xe6#
- ② 1... ♔g2+ 2. ♖xg2 ♞h3#
- ③ 1. ♔xh5+ ♚gxh5 2. ♙e7+ ♜e4 3. ♞xe4+ ♚f5 4. ♞xf5+ ♔h6  
5. ♞g8#
- ④ 1. ♞c7+ ♔d8 2. ♞de6+ ♚fxe6 3. ♞xe6+ ♔e8 4. ♔g6#

