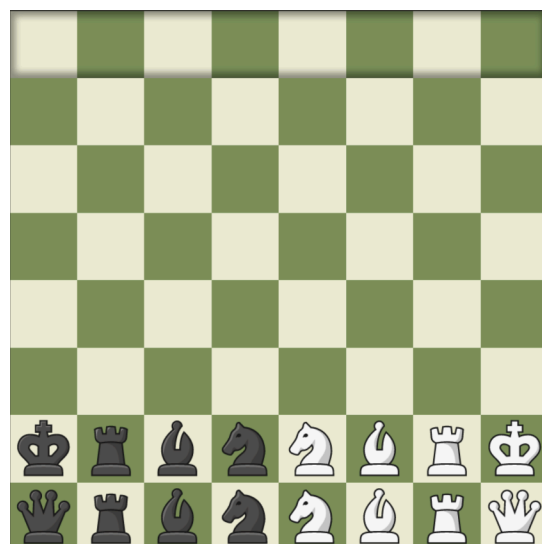


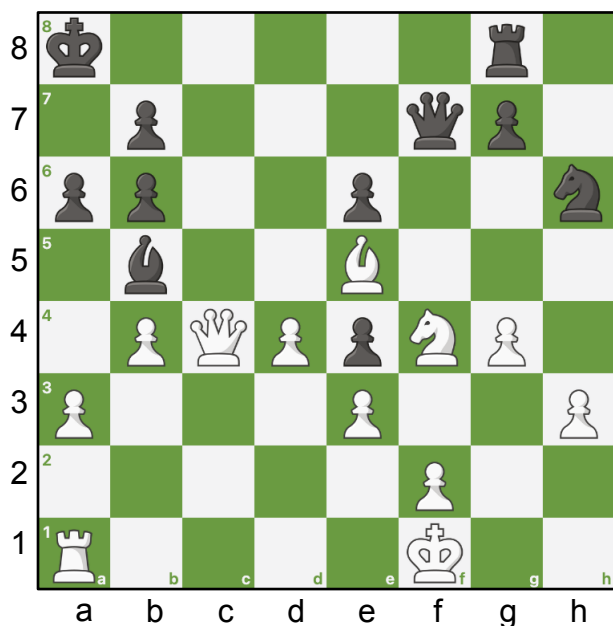
89. Racing Kings

In this strange variant, the black and white kings race to be the first to the top rank. Checking the king is forbidden. Since white goes first, black can draw the game if the black king reaches the back rank on the same turn as the white king. This game will definitely stretch your brain.

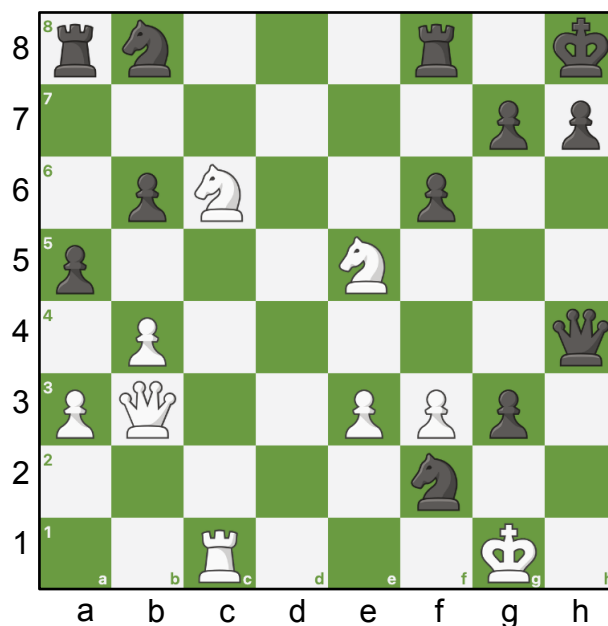


Challenge Puzzles

① White to play - Find best move.



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Hints.

- ① Start with the queen.
- ② Start with the queen.

Answers.

① 1. ♔xb5 ♚xb5 2. ♖a4 ♔c7 3. ♙xc7 ♚bxa4 4. ♖xa4# Black gets mated if they recapture the queen on b5.

② 1. ♔g8+ ♚xg8 2. ♘e7+ ♔h8 3. ♘f7+ ♚xf7 4. ♖c8+ ♚f8 5. ♖xf8#

