

remarkable

Chess

Mate in 2 — Beginners

Vol. 1



What are chess puzzles?

Thanks a lot for picking up this set!

If you're new to puzzles, here's the short version.

A chess puzzle is a single position from a real game. **It's your turn.**

There's a best move — sometimes a single move, sometimes a short sequence — and your job is to find it.

You don't need to play full games to do puzzles.

You don't need an opponent.

You just look at the board and figure it out.

Why solve them?

The same patterns keep appearing in real chess games — knight forks, back-rank mates, pinned pieces, double attacks.

Once you've seen each pattern a few hundred times in puzzles, you start spotting them in seconds. Solving puzzles is one of the most direct ways to get better at chess.

This isn't new. Chess problems have been composed and solved for over a thousand years, by medieval scholars, by 19th-century newspaper readers, by grandmasters, and by hobbyists.

But you don't have to be improving competitively.

Puzzles are also quietly satisfying — small problems with one right answer.

A few before bed, a stack on a Sunday morning. That's the idea.

What makes a reMarkable a good fit?

No notifications.

No glare.

No apps a tap away.

Just the puzzle, a pen, and time to think.

How this set works

One puzzle per page.

The solution appears at the top on the page after, above the next puzzle.

So the rhythm is:

solve, turn, see solution, repeat.

Puzzle nr. 1

Puzzle 1 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 716)

13	Nxe6	
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◀ Solution: Puzzle 1 13 ... Qxd7

Puzzle 2 of 100: Mate In1 (Rating: 585)

28	...	Kxg8
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page 2

Solution to puzzle nr. 1

Puzzle nr. 2

Below each puzzle are **notation lines**.

The count of lines never hints at the answer.

You can use them to write out the moves as you solve.

The notation is fully optional, though.

If you'd rather sketch arrows directly on the board, or just solve it in your head, that works just as well!

Reading the moves

(notation primer)

Solutions are written in standard algebraic notation — the same notation used on Lichess, chess.com, and in chess books.

Each piece is abbreviated by its first letter:



K — King



Q — Queen



R — Rook



B — Bishop



N — Knight

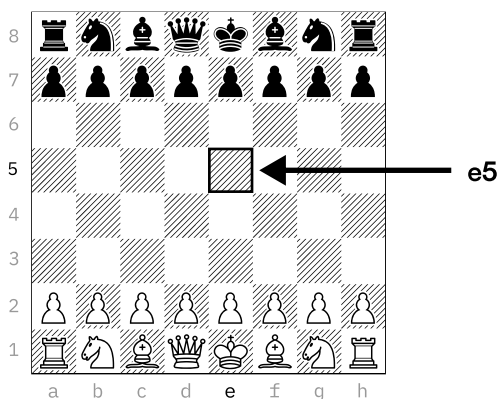


no letter — Pawn

Pawns have no letter.

e4 means a pawn moves to the e4 square.

Squares are named by file (a—h) and rank (1—8), **always from white's perspective.**



Other symbols you'll see:

x is capture,

+ is check,

is checkmate,

=Q marks pawn promotion to Queen.

A few examples

Nf3 knight moves to f3

Bxe5 bishop takes on e5

Qh4+ queen to h4, with check

O-O castle kingside

O-O-O castle queenside

e8=Q pawn promotes to queen on e8

If notation isn't your thing, ignore it.

You can solve every puzzle in this set without writing a single move down.

Difficulty levels

Puzzle ratings come from Lichess.

We group them into five tiers:

Beginners	400 — 800	Clear patterns, single-idea puzzles
Novice	800 — 1200	Light calculation, common motifs
Club	1200 — 1600	Multi-move combinations, sharper geometry
Advanced	1600 — 2000	Quiet moves, less-obvious motifs
Expert	2000 — 2500	Deep calculation, hidden tactics

You only need to know how the pieces move and what check and checkmate are. Everything else gets built up by working through the puzzles themselves.

A note on getting stuck:

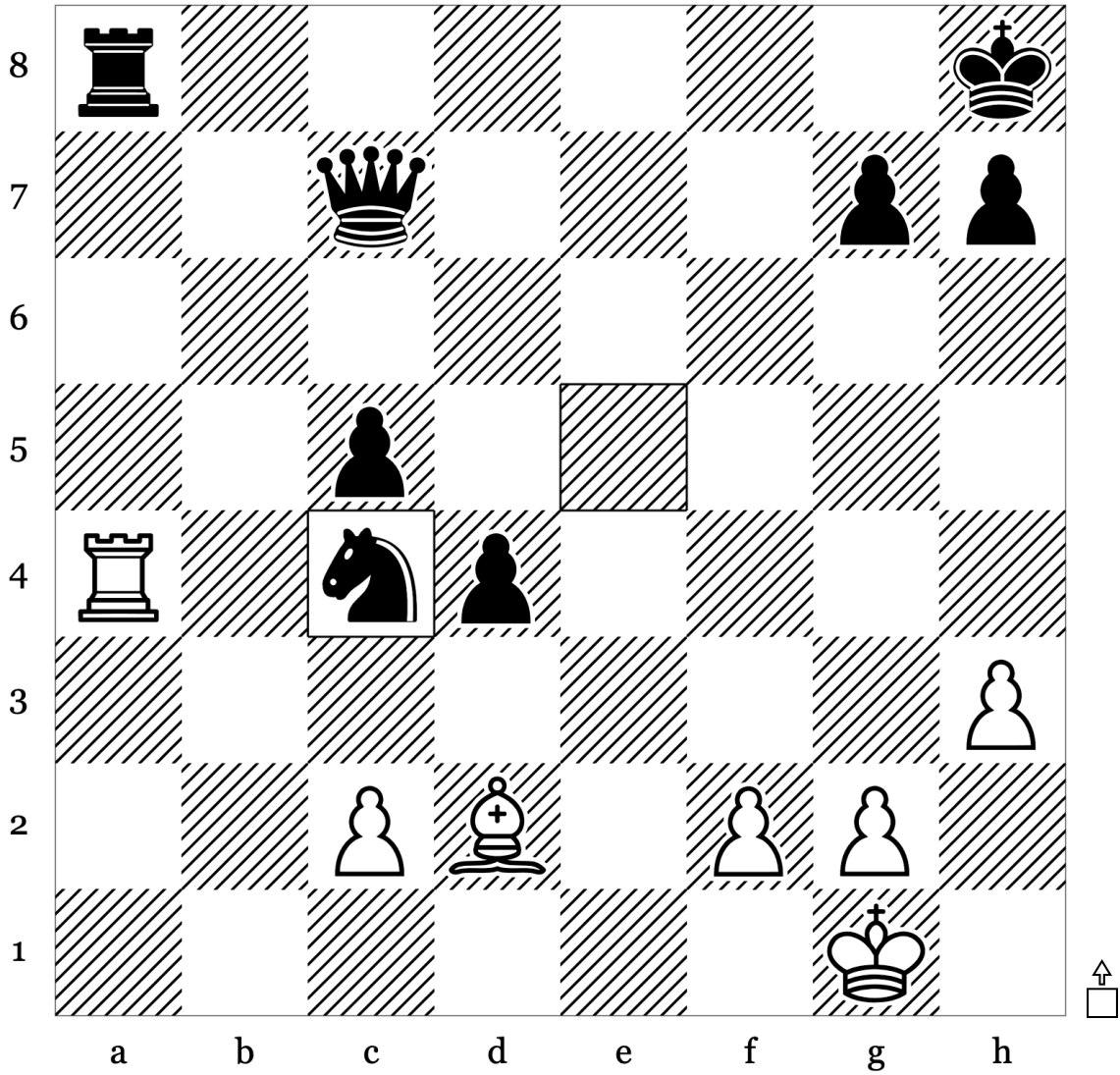
If a puzzle has you for five minutes, look at the solution, understand the pattern, and move on.

That's the training too.

Forcing yourself past the point where you've stopped seeing patterns is just frustration.

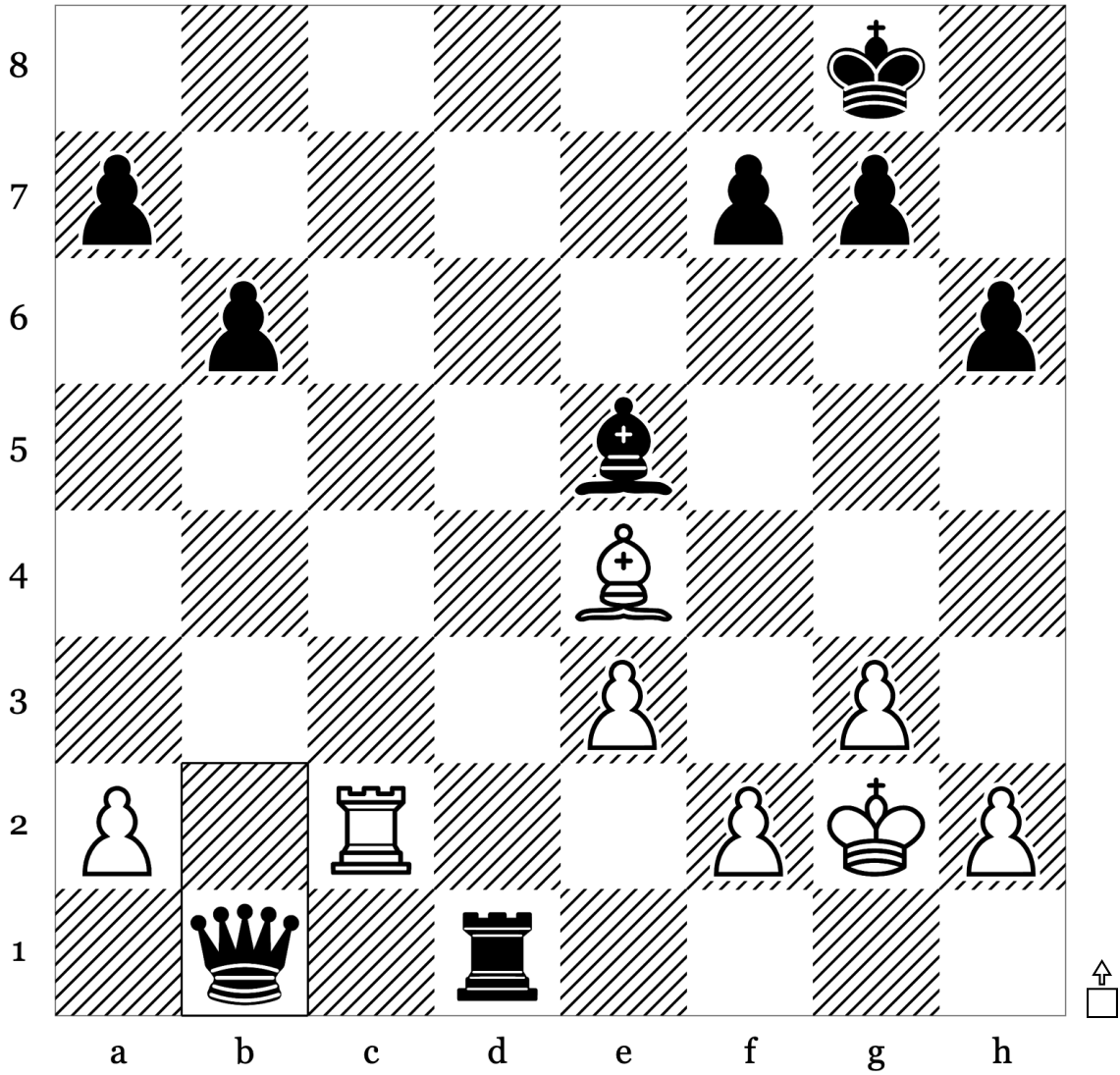
Good luck!

Puzzle 3 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 654)



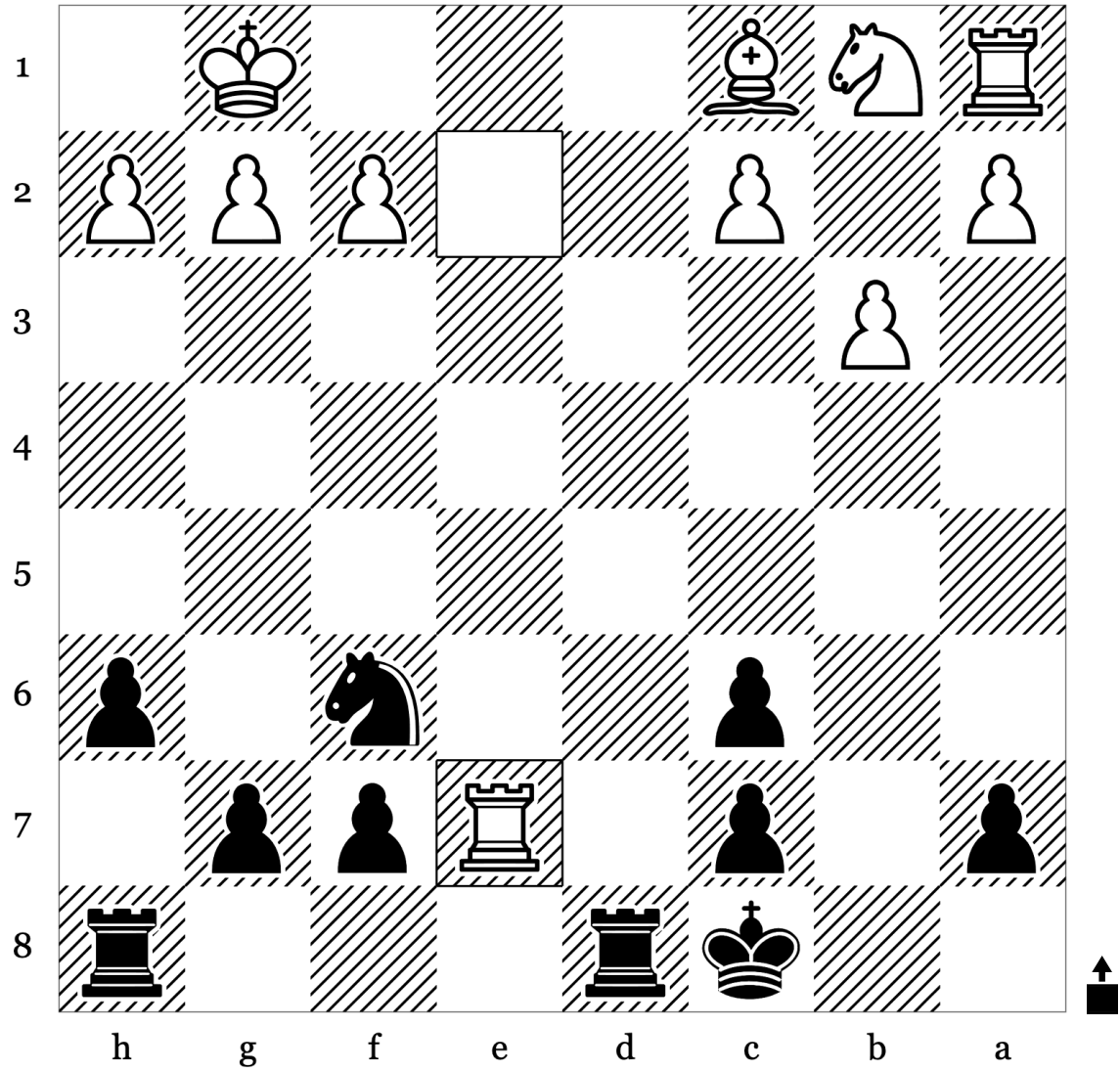
32	...	Nxc4
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Puzzle 4 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 555)



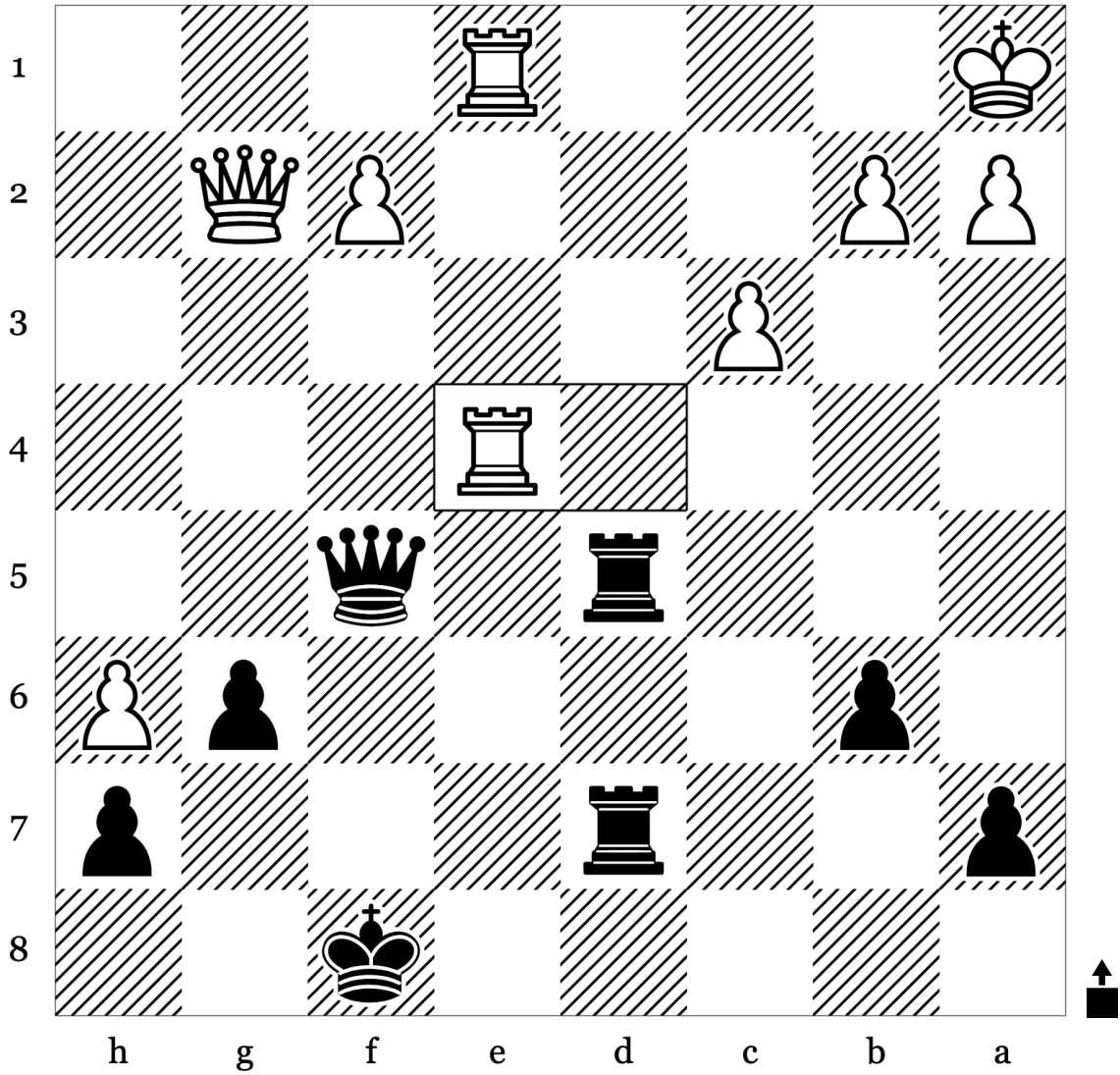
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Puzzle 5 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Fork (Rating: 630)



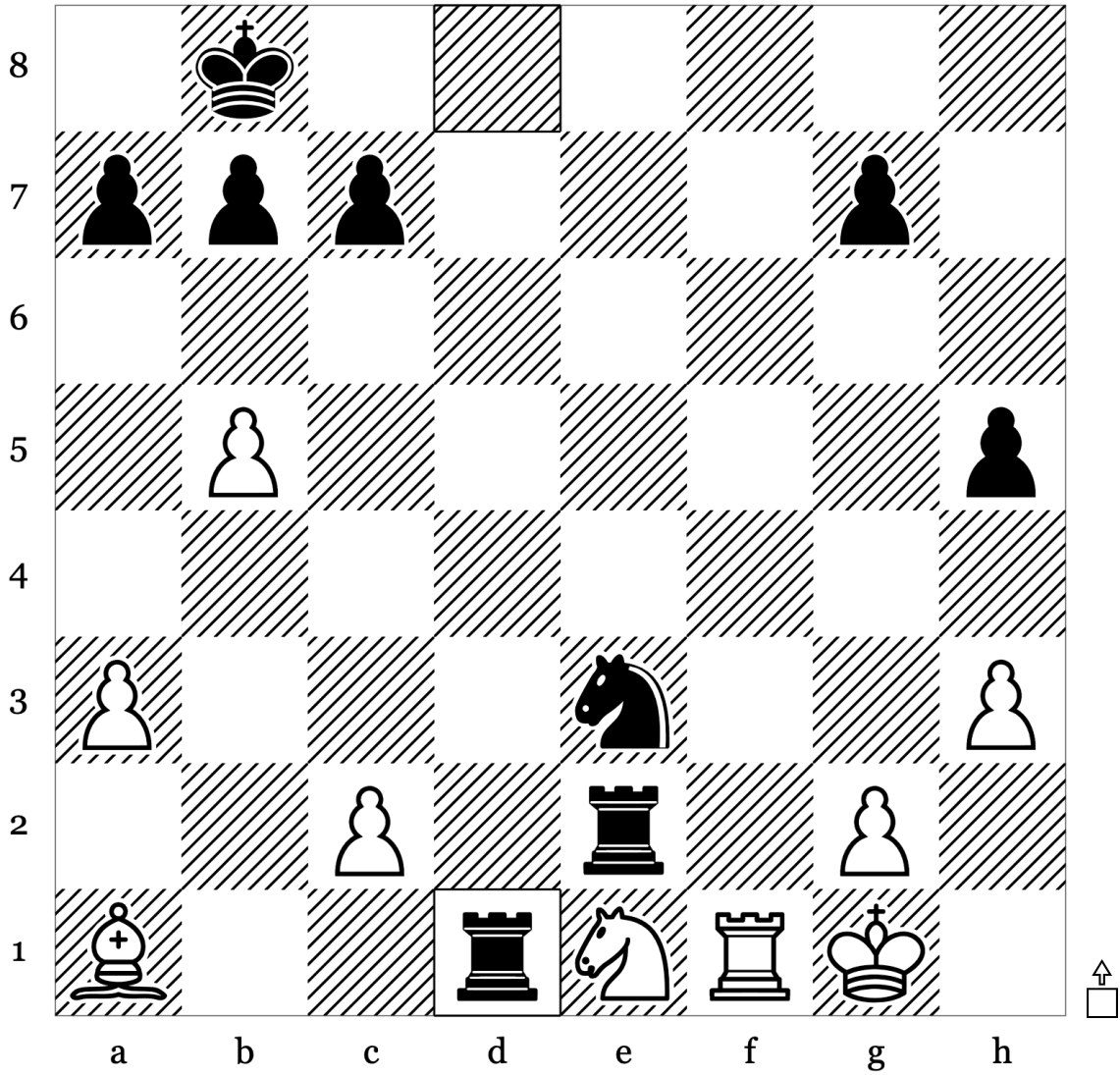
16	Rxe7	
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Puzzle 6 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 735)



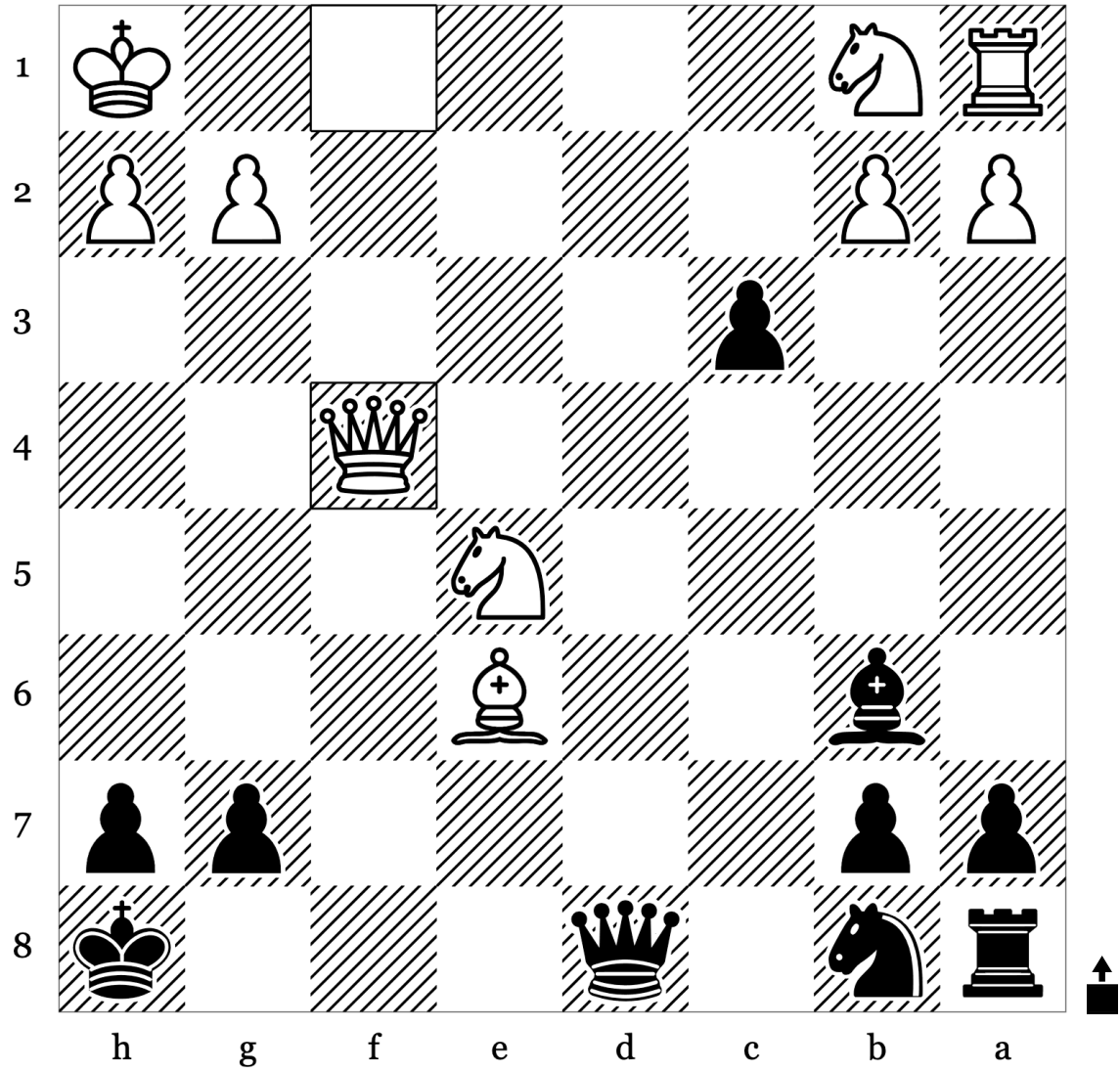
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Puzzle 7 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 490)



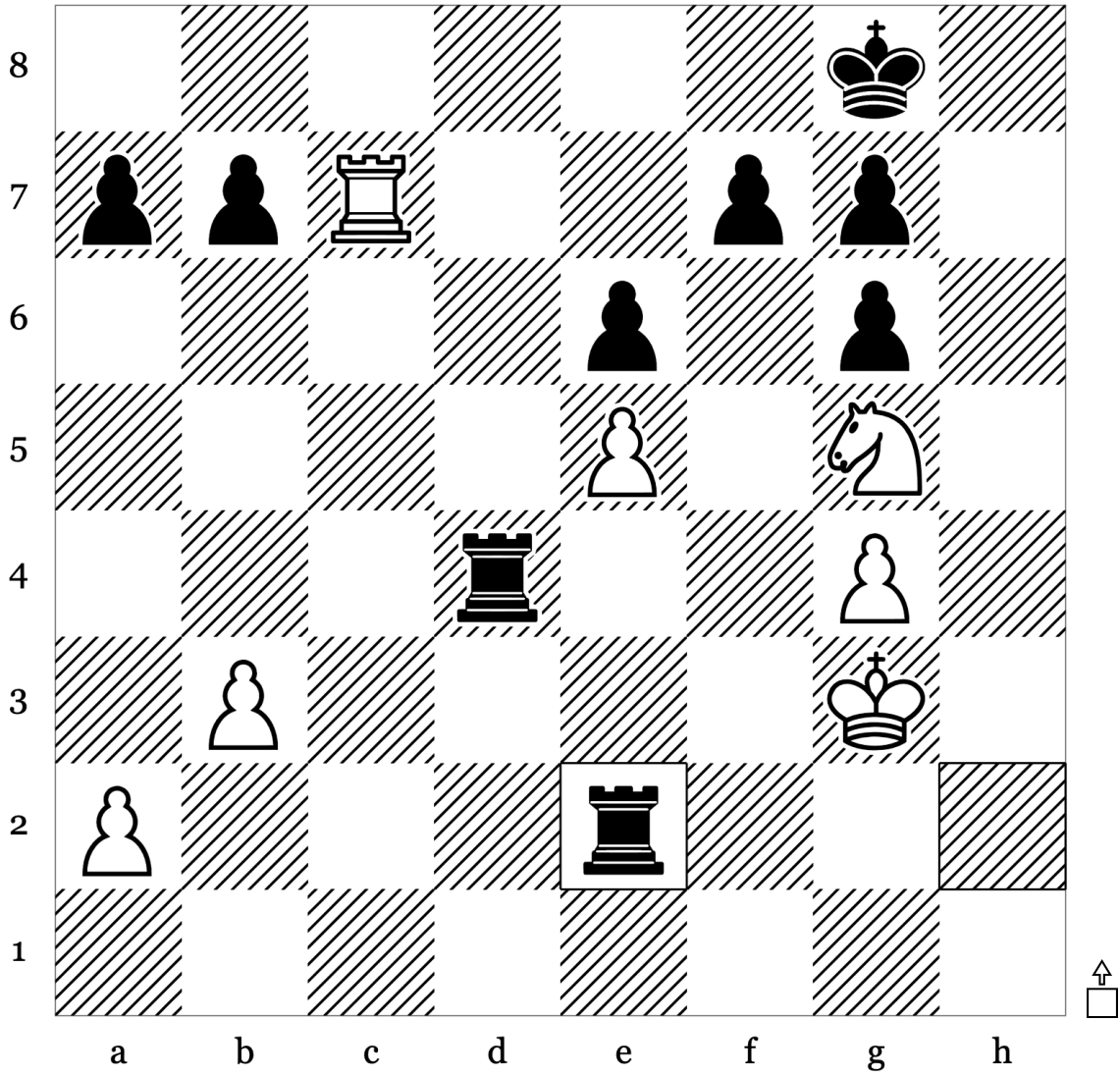
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Puzzle 8 of 100: Kingside Attack · Mate (Rating: 513)



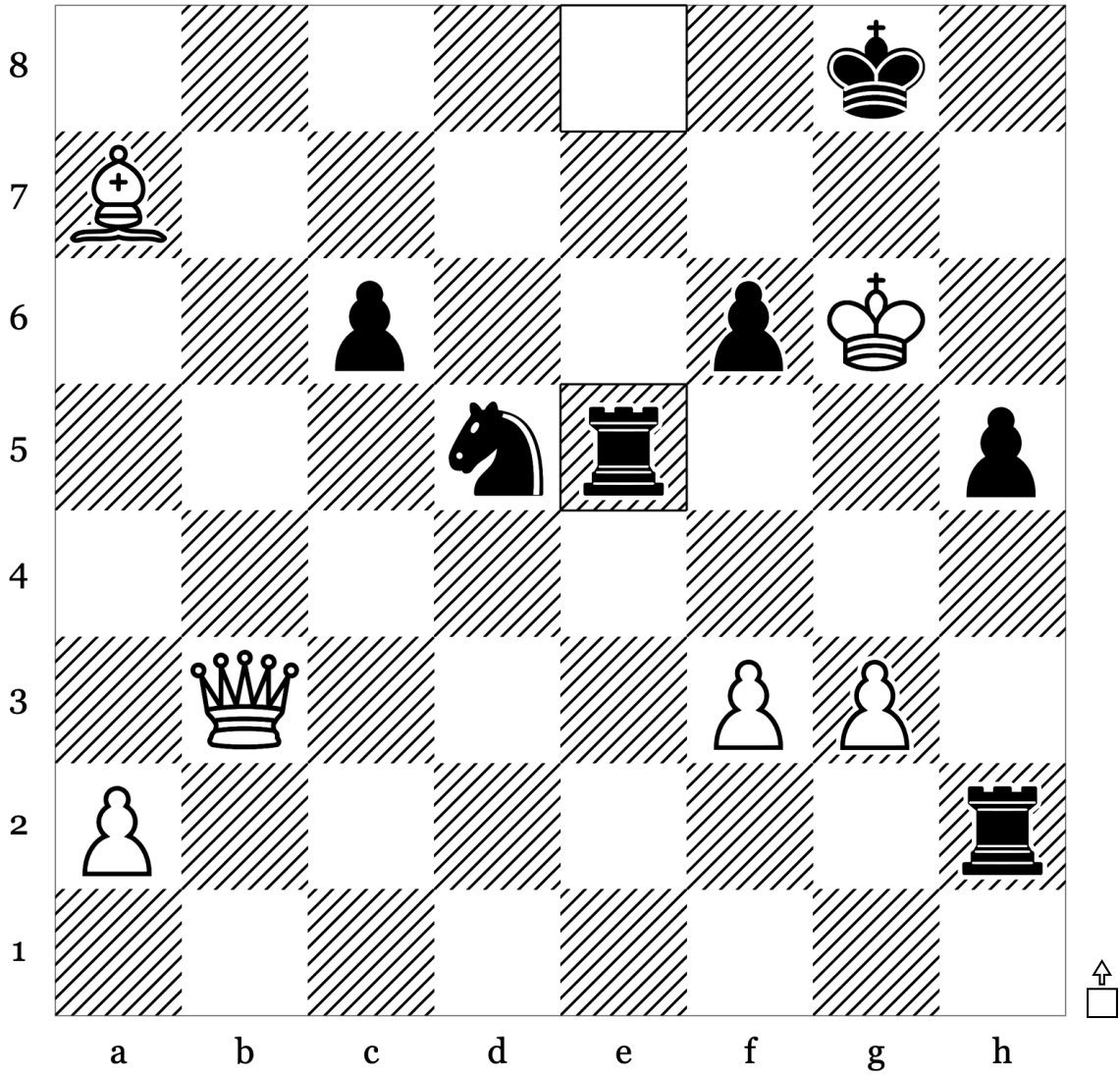
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Puzzle 9 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 456)



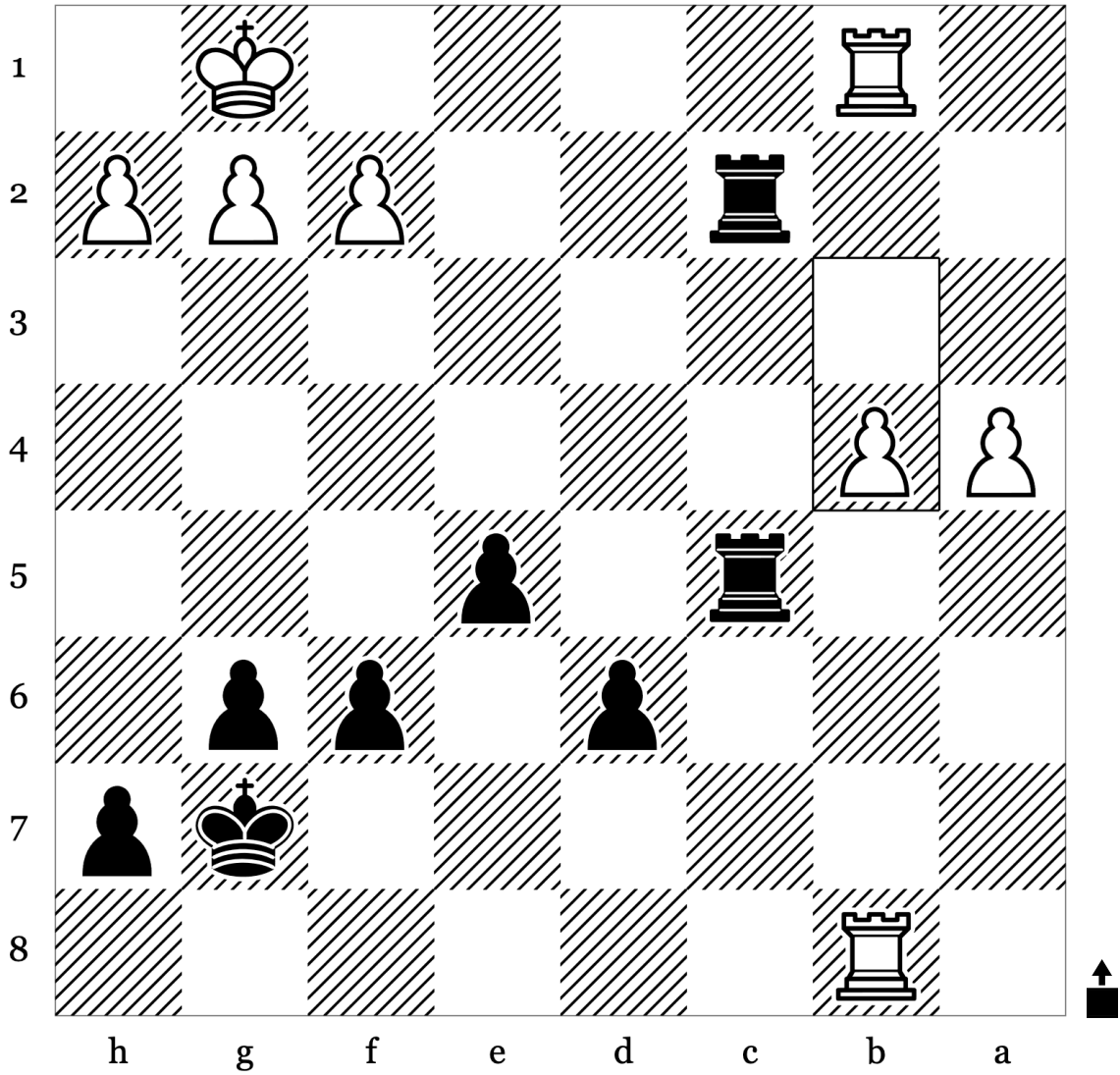
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Puzzle 10 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 632)



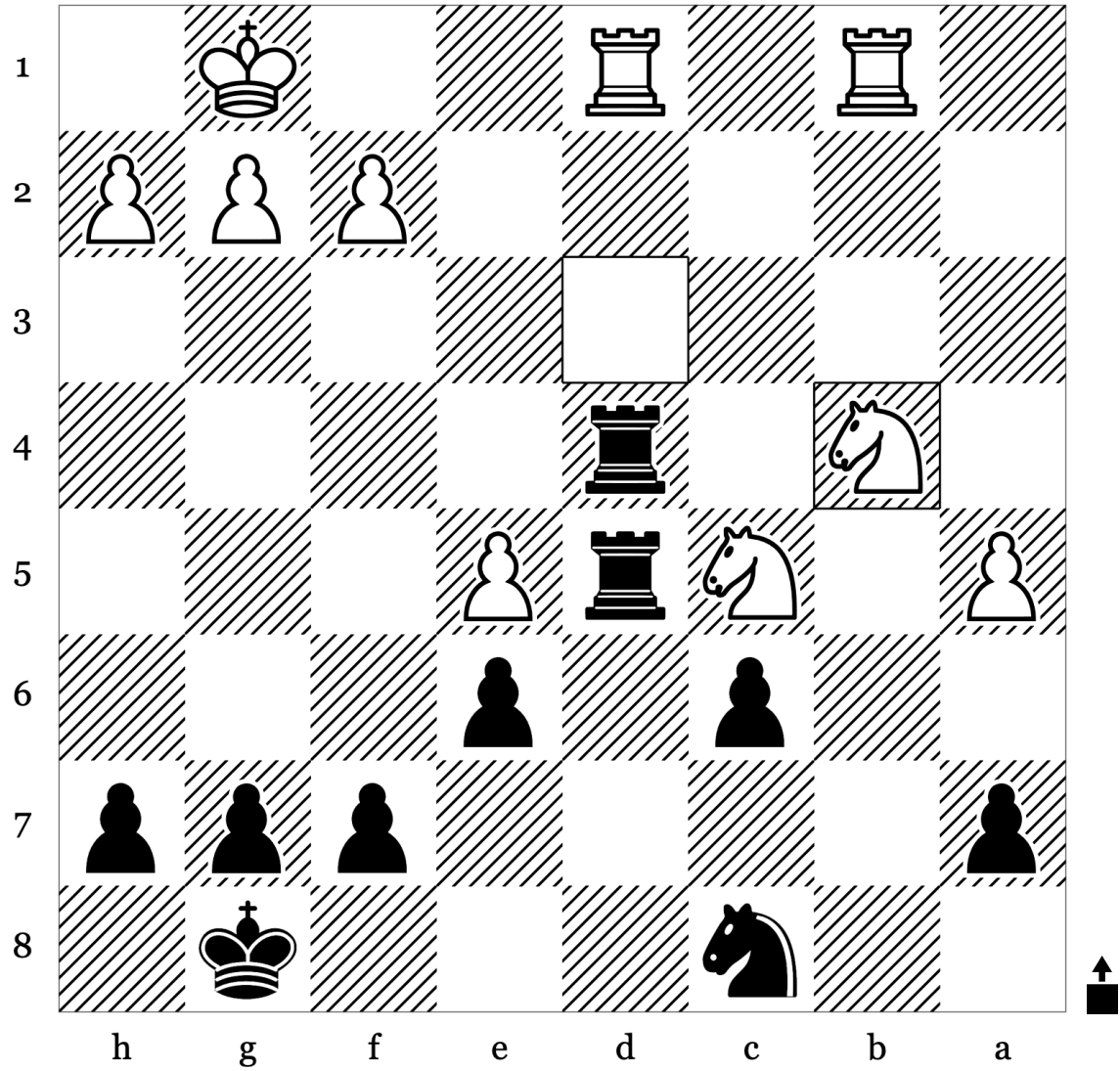
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Puzzle 11 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 570)



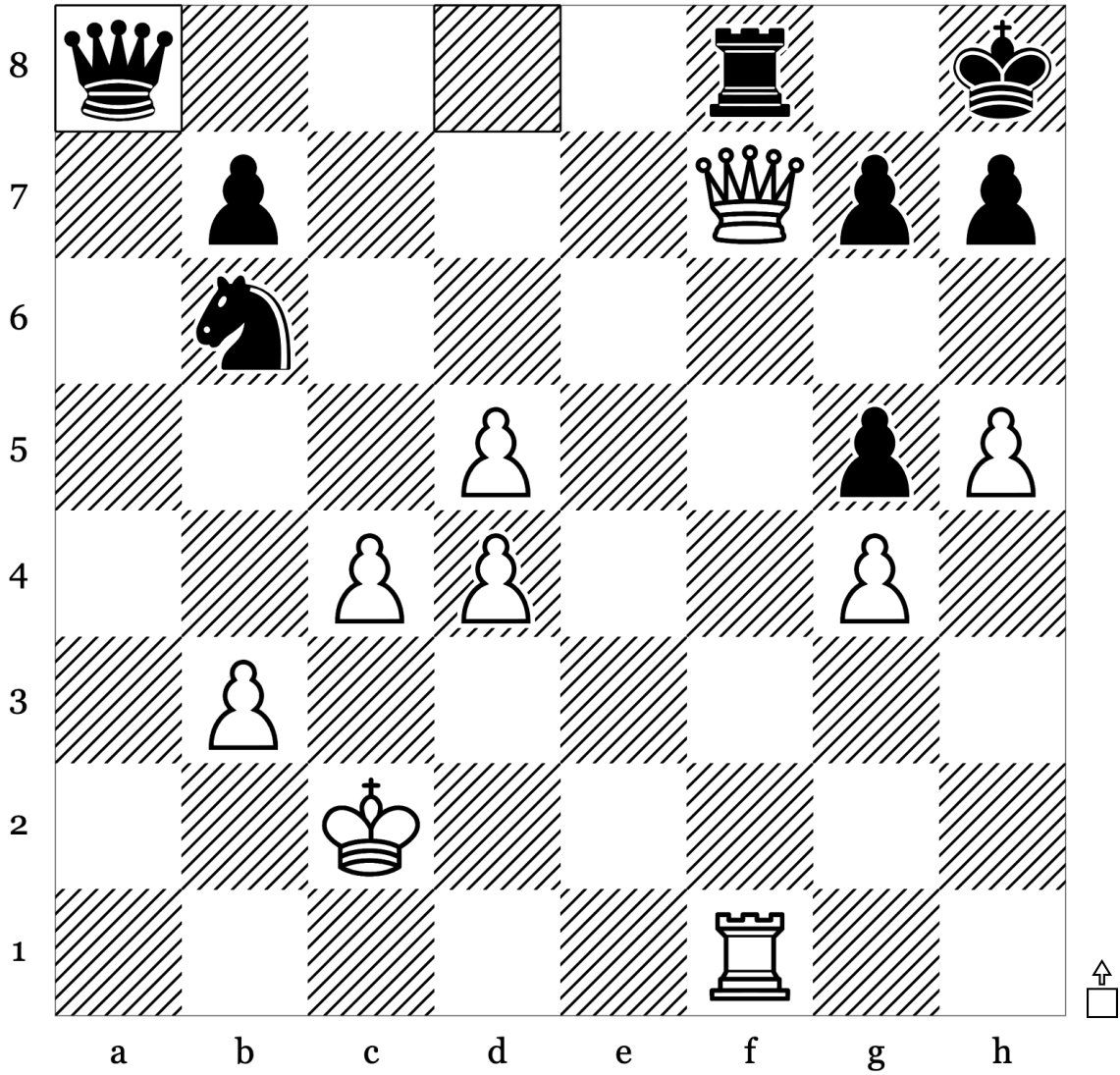
30	b4	
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Puzzle 12 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 608)



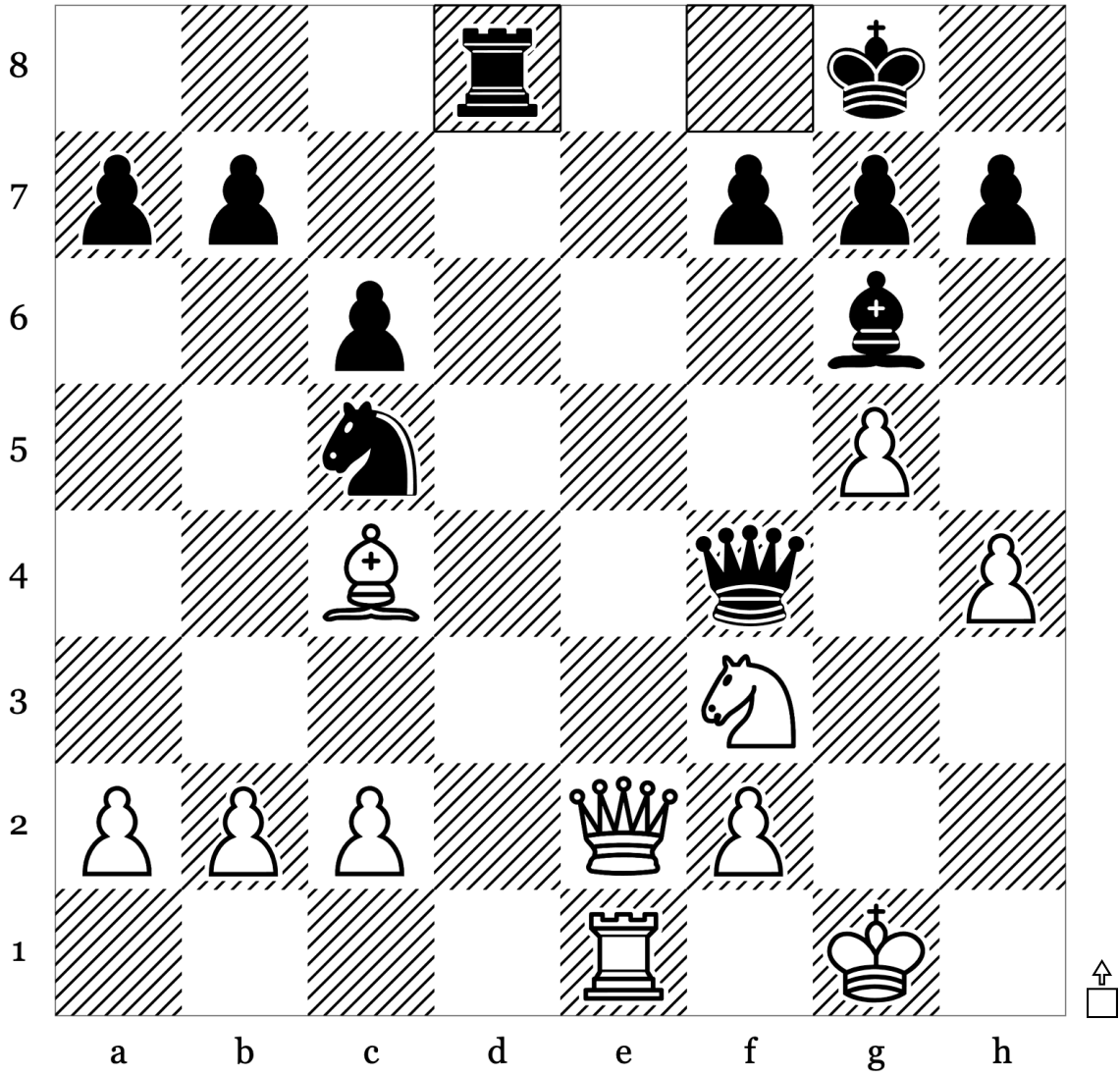
29	Nxb4	
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Puzzle 13 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 622)



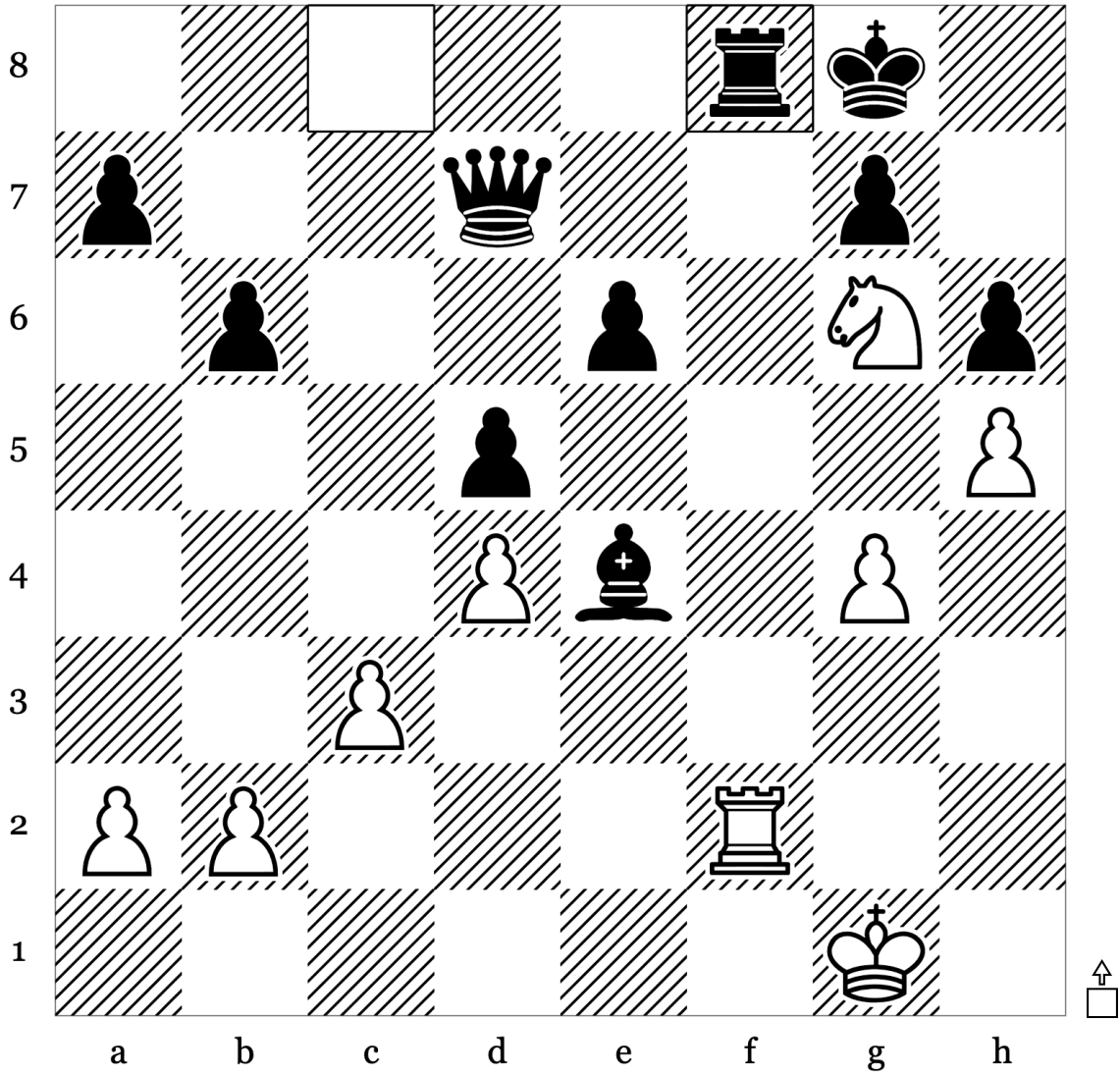
29	...	Qxa8
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Puzzle 14 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 795)



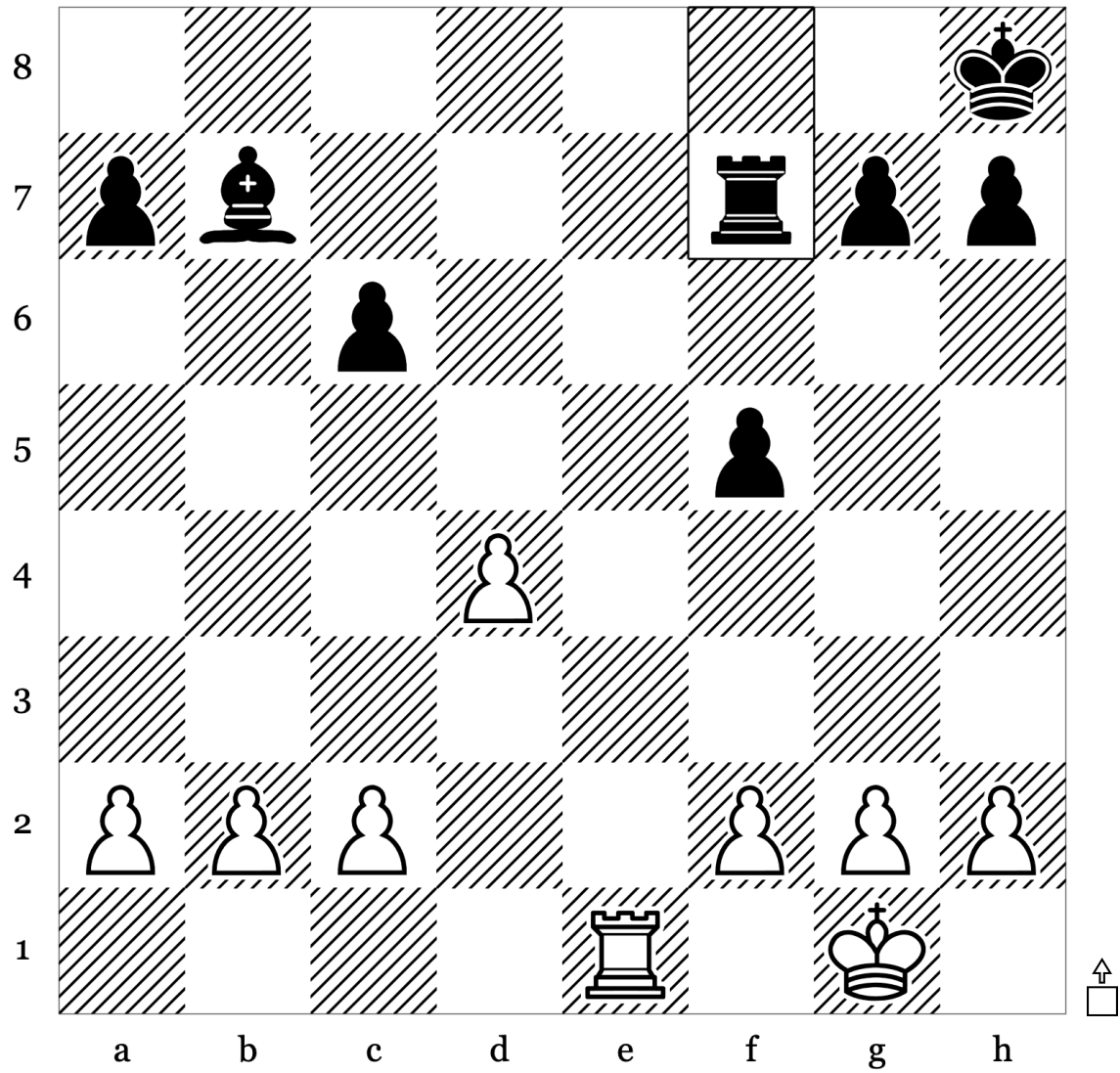
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Puzzle 15 of 100: Endgame · Hook Mate (Rating: 763)



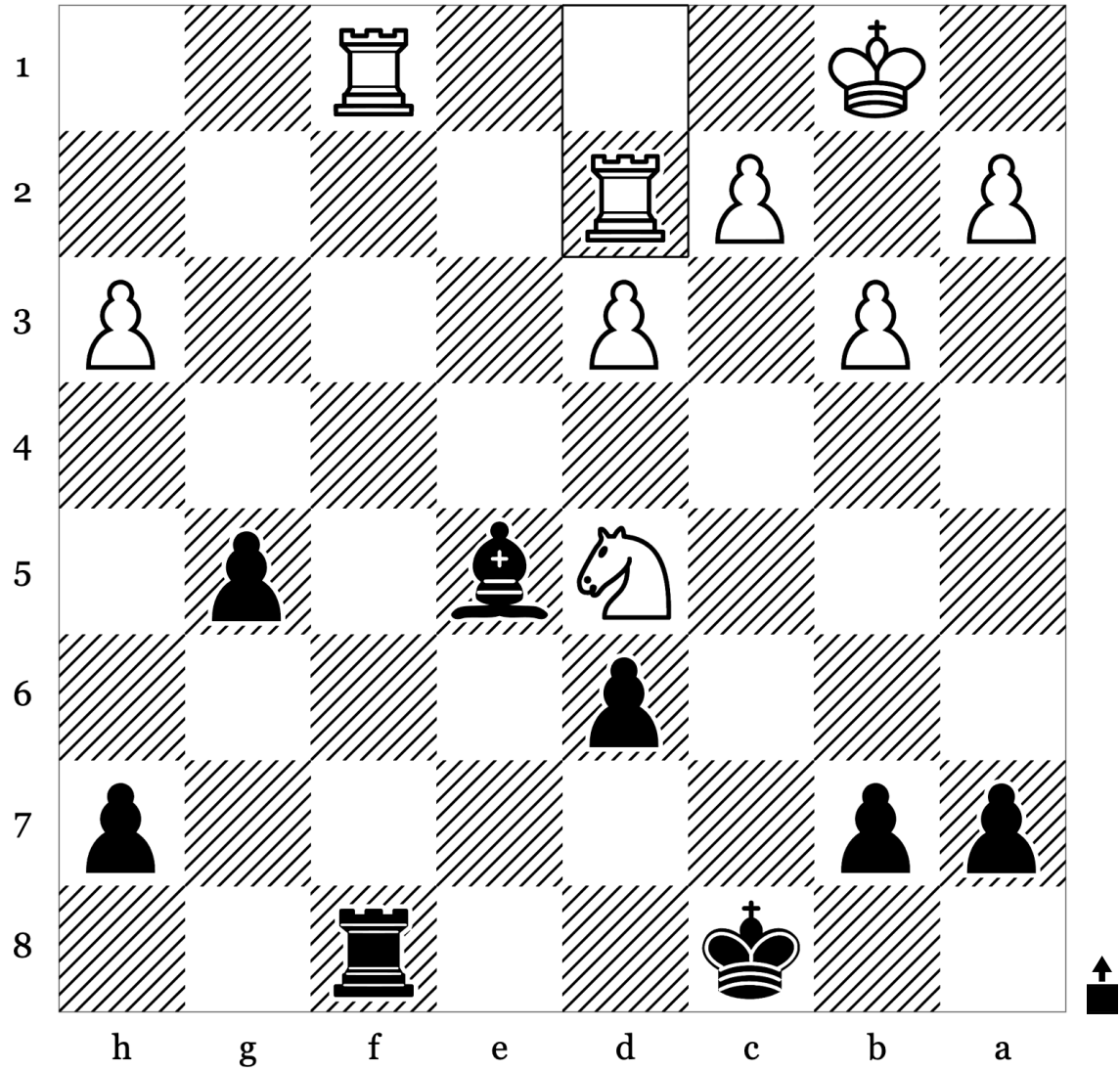
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Puzzle 16 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 560)



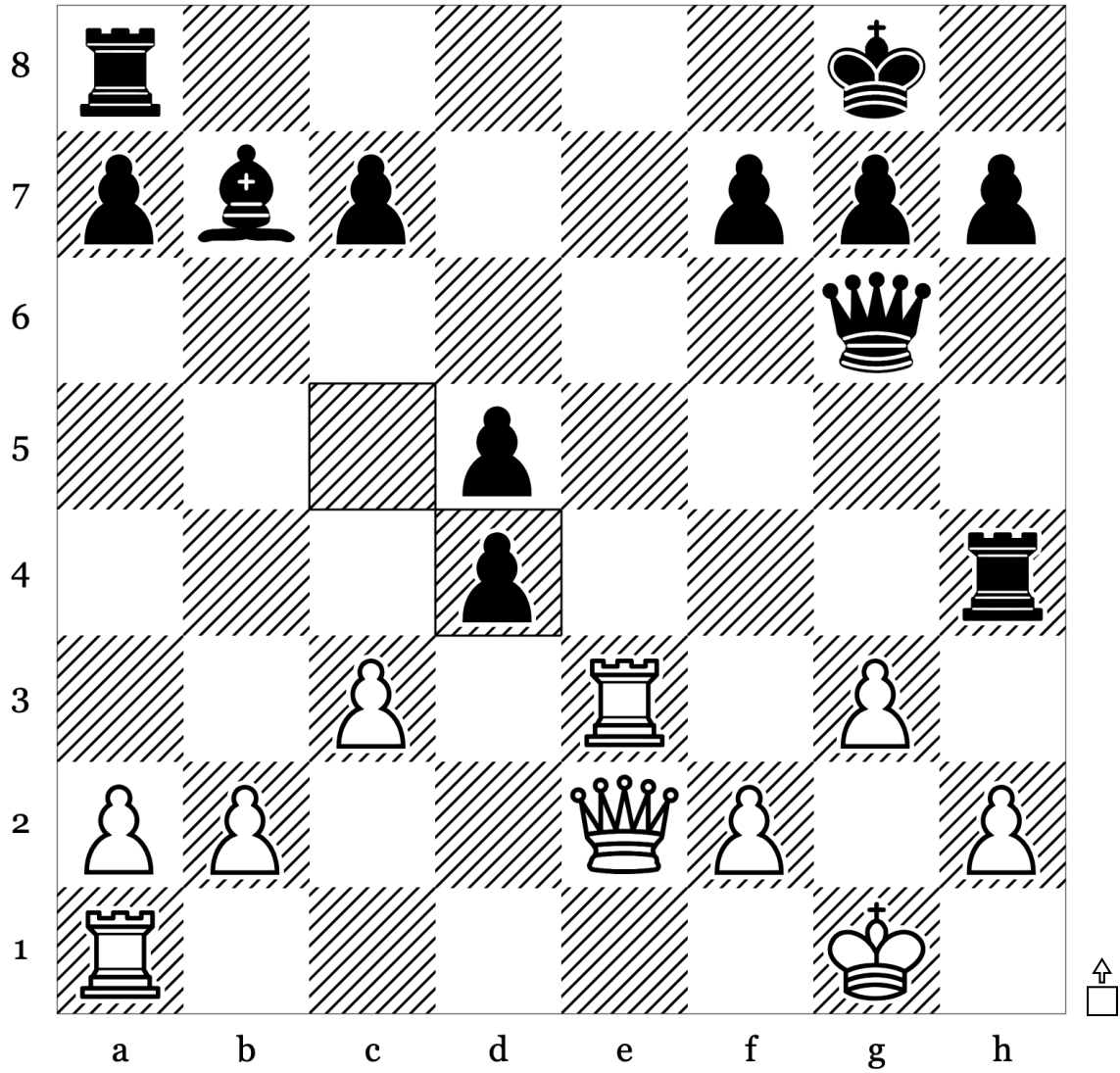
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Puzzle 18 of 100: Endgame · Hanging Piece (Rating: 588)



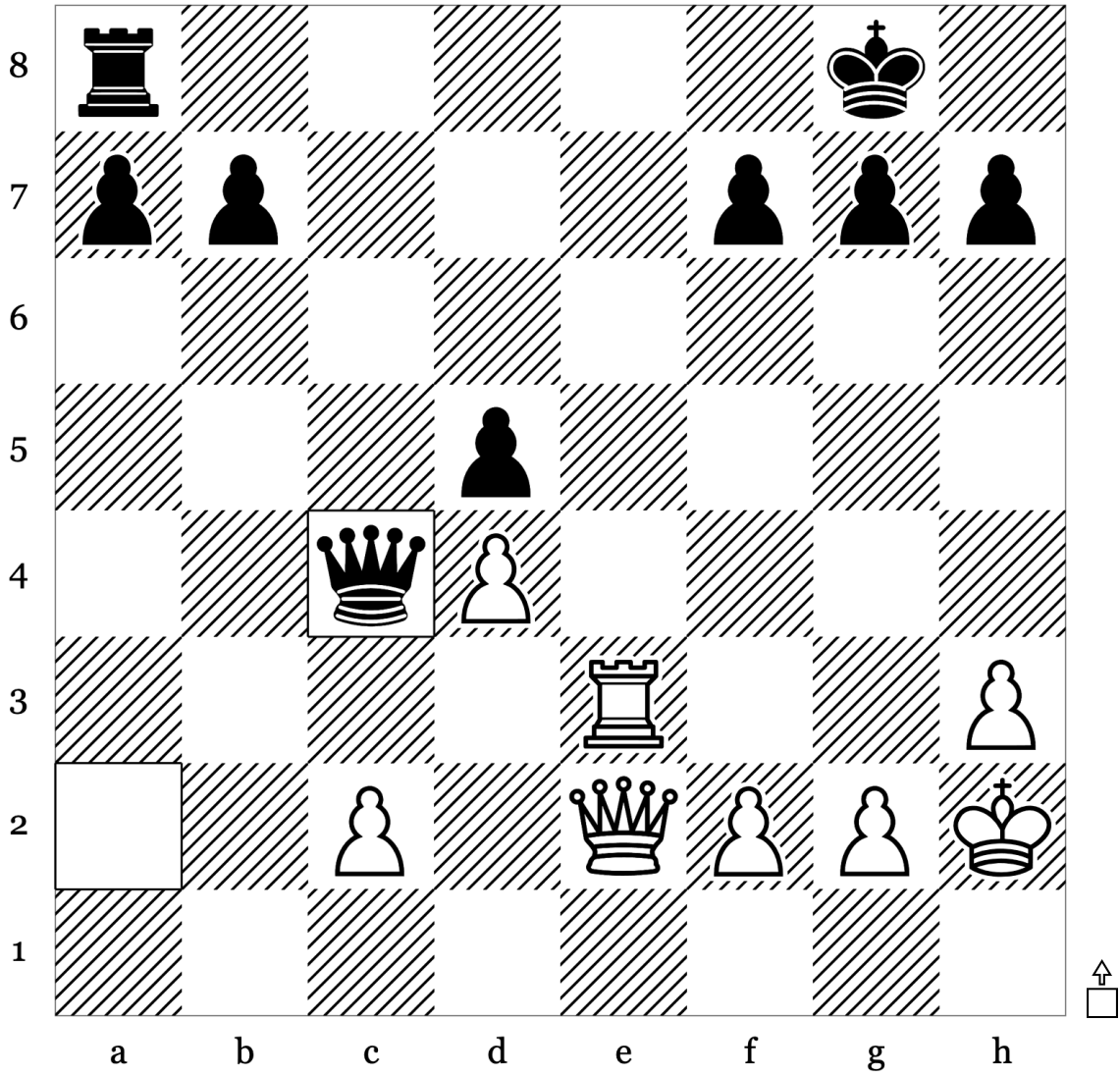
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Puzzle 19 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 587)



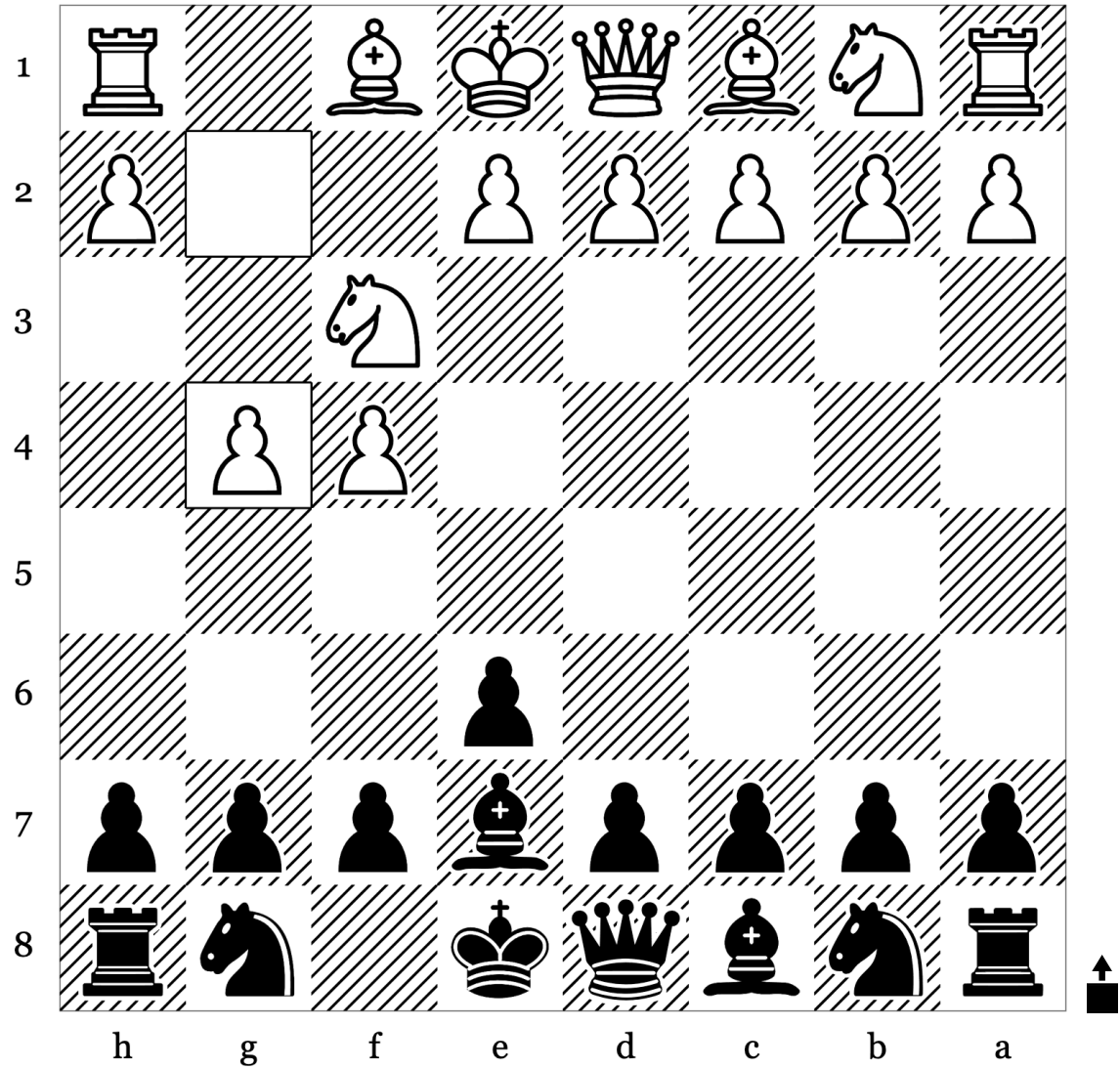
20	...	cxd4
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Puzzle 20 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 715)



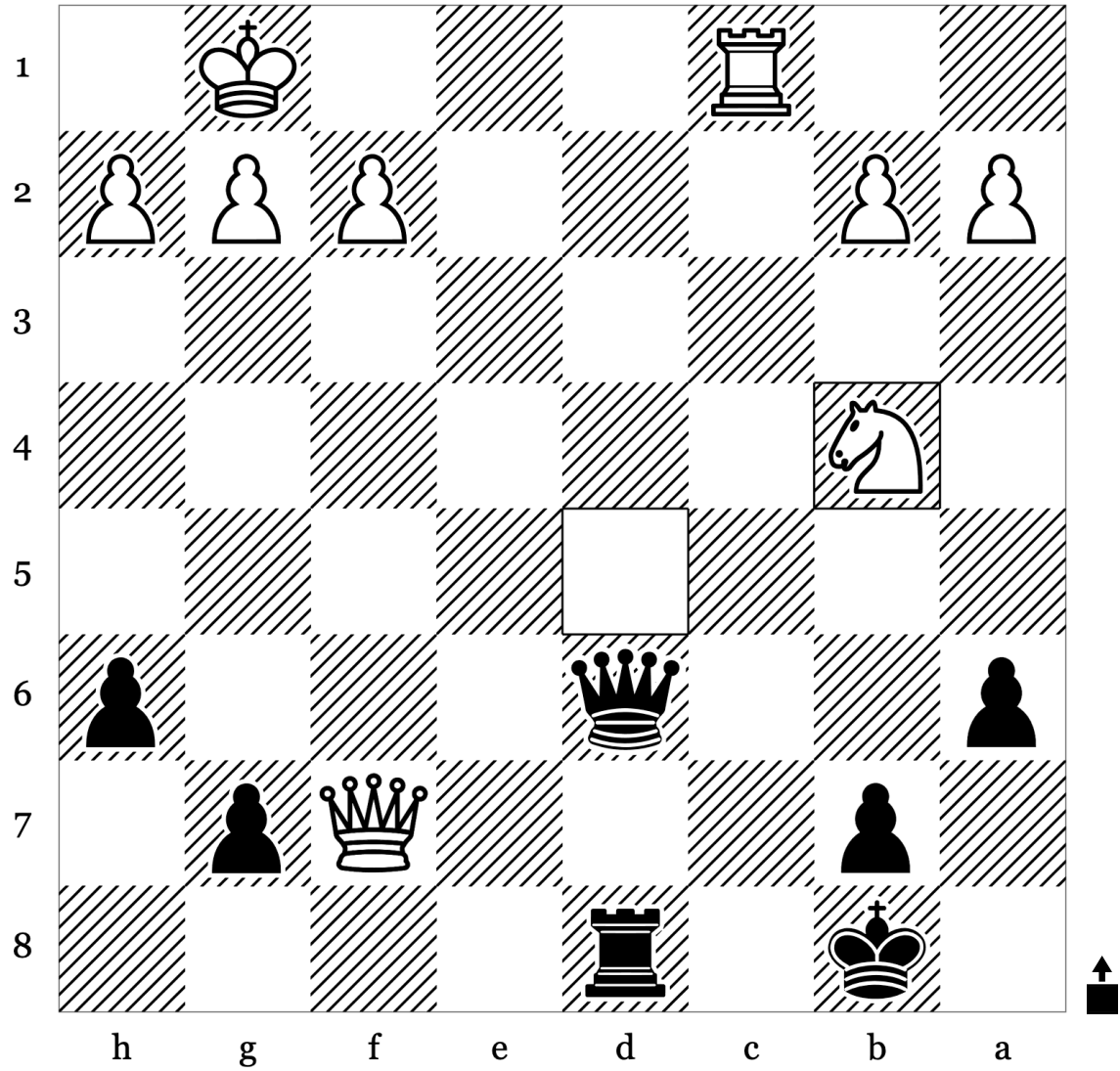
21	...	Qc4
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Puzzle 22 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 694)



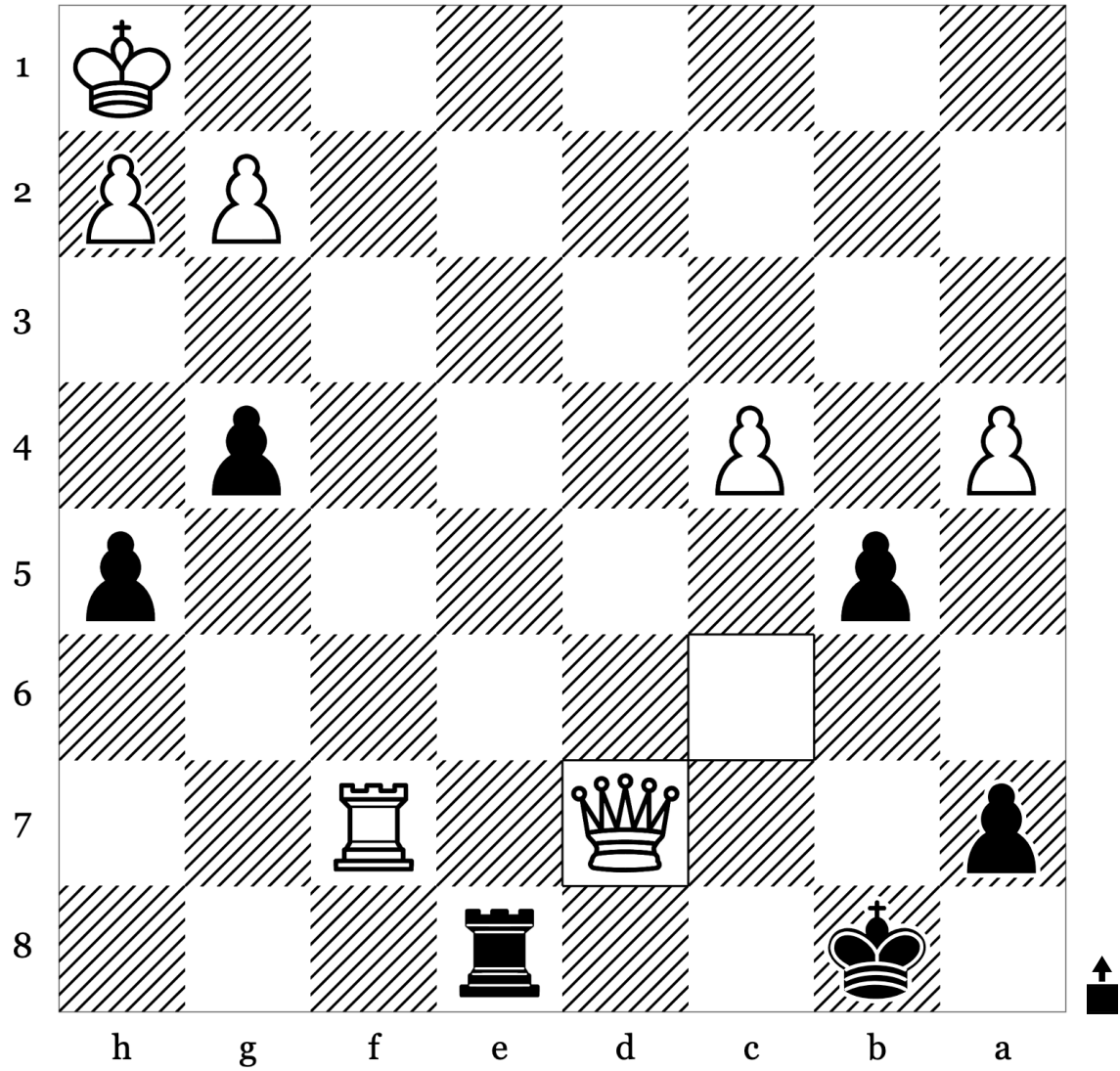
3	g4	
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Puzzle 23 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 625)



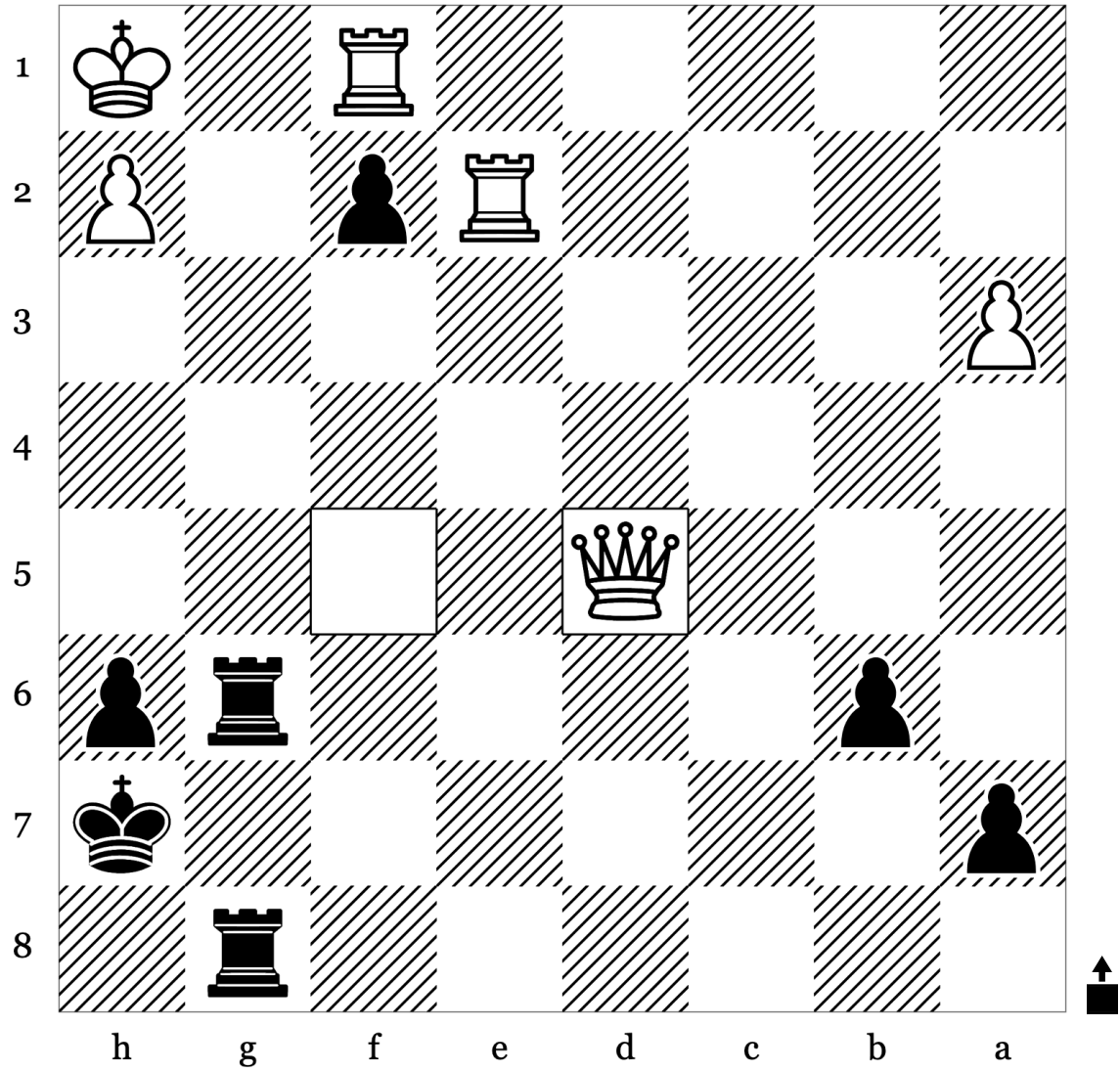
22	Nxb4	
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Puzzle 24 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 423)



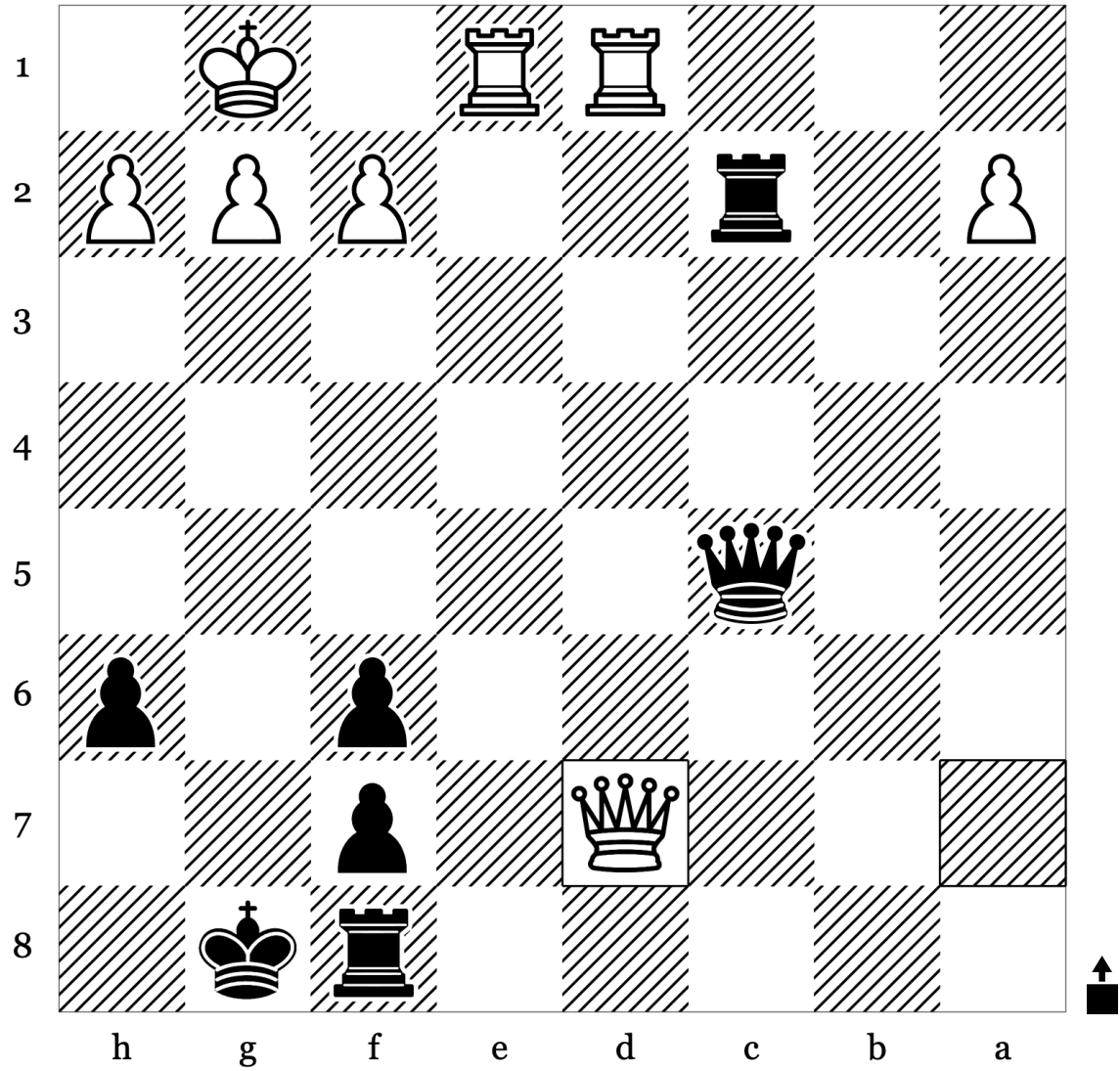
44	Qxd7	
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Puzzle 25 of 100: Advanced Pawn · Endgame (Rating: 686)



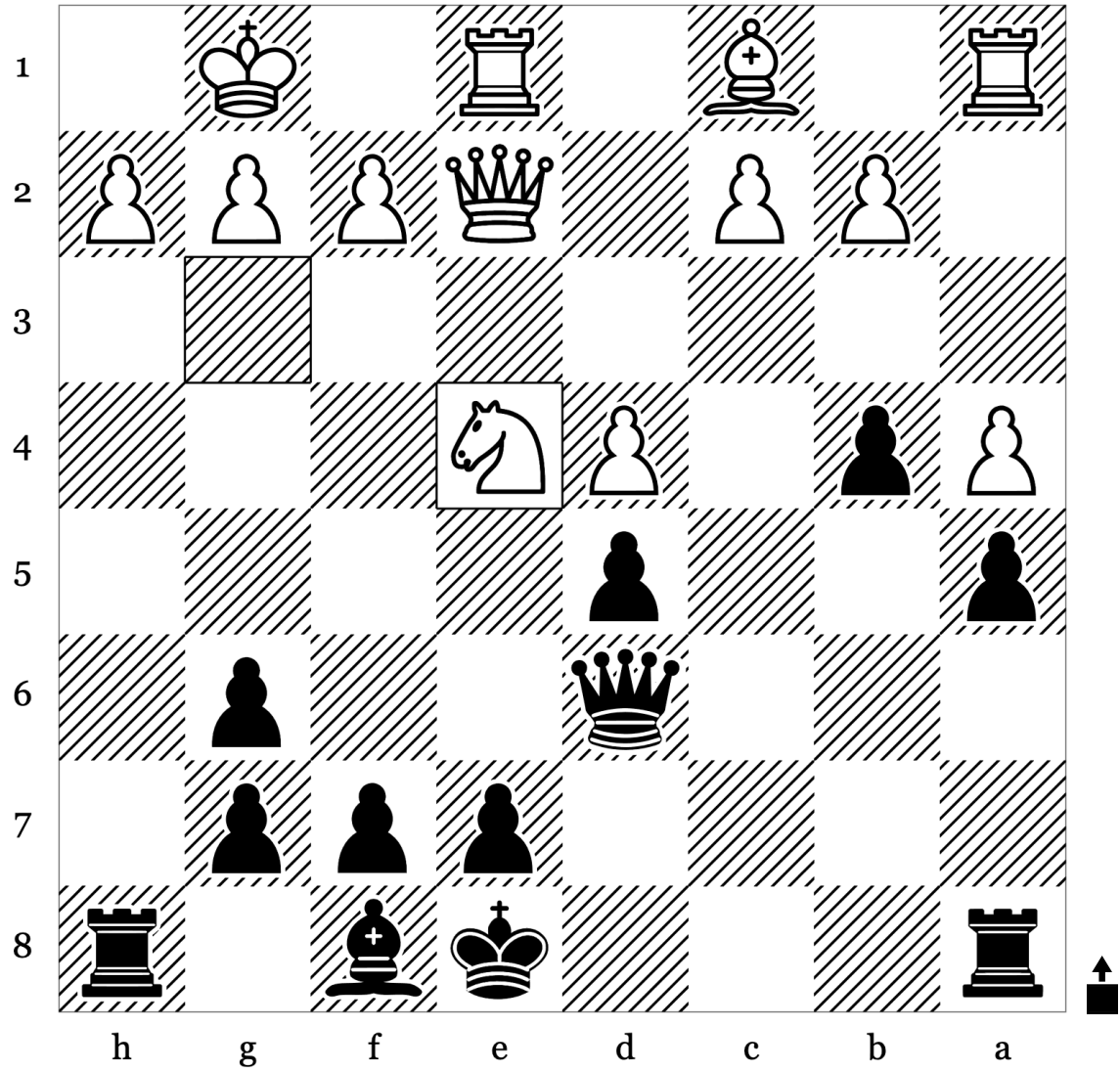
37	Qxd5	
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Puzzle 26 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 759)



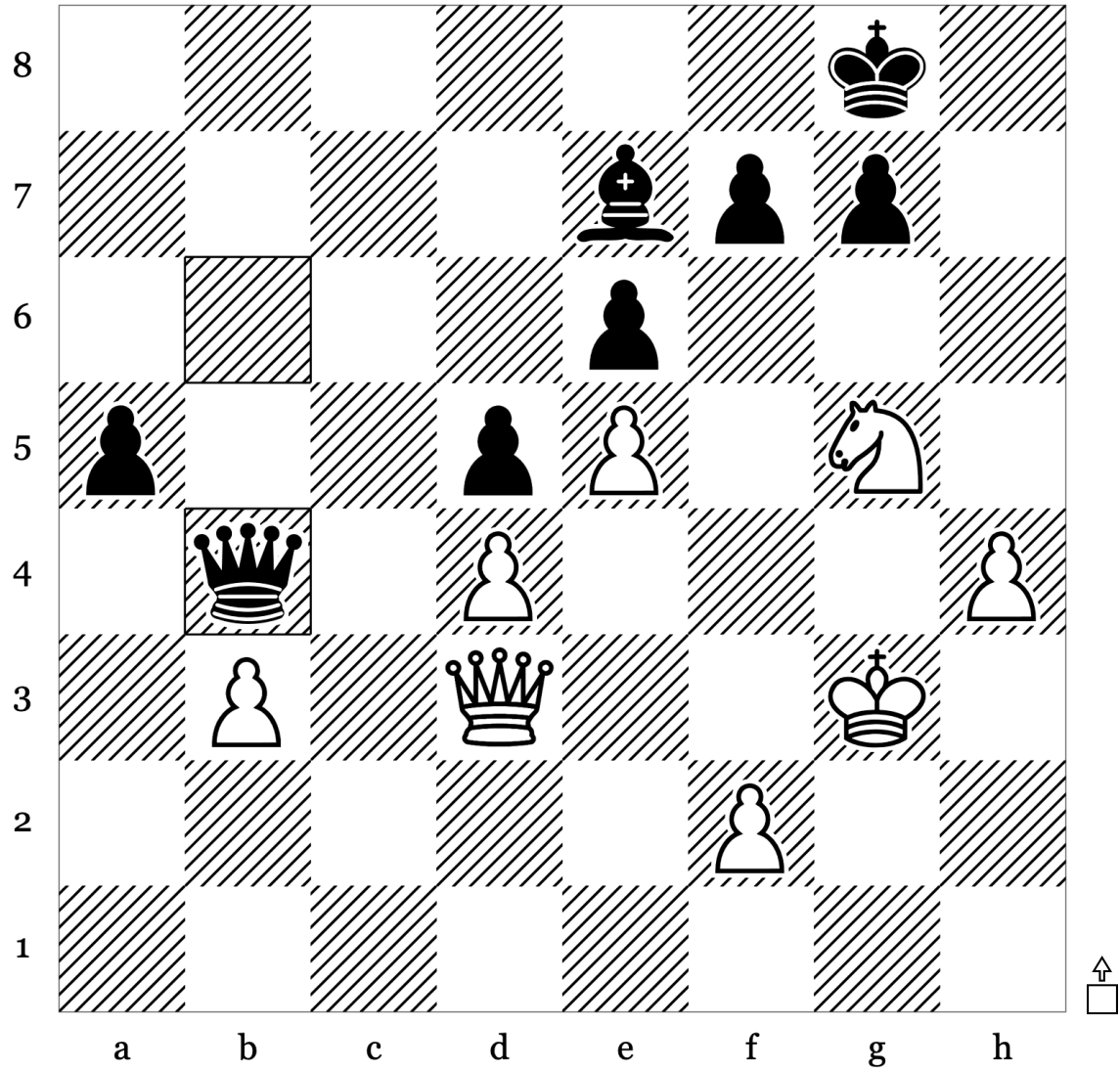
23	Qd7	
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Puzzle 27 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 760)



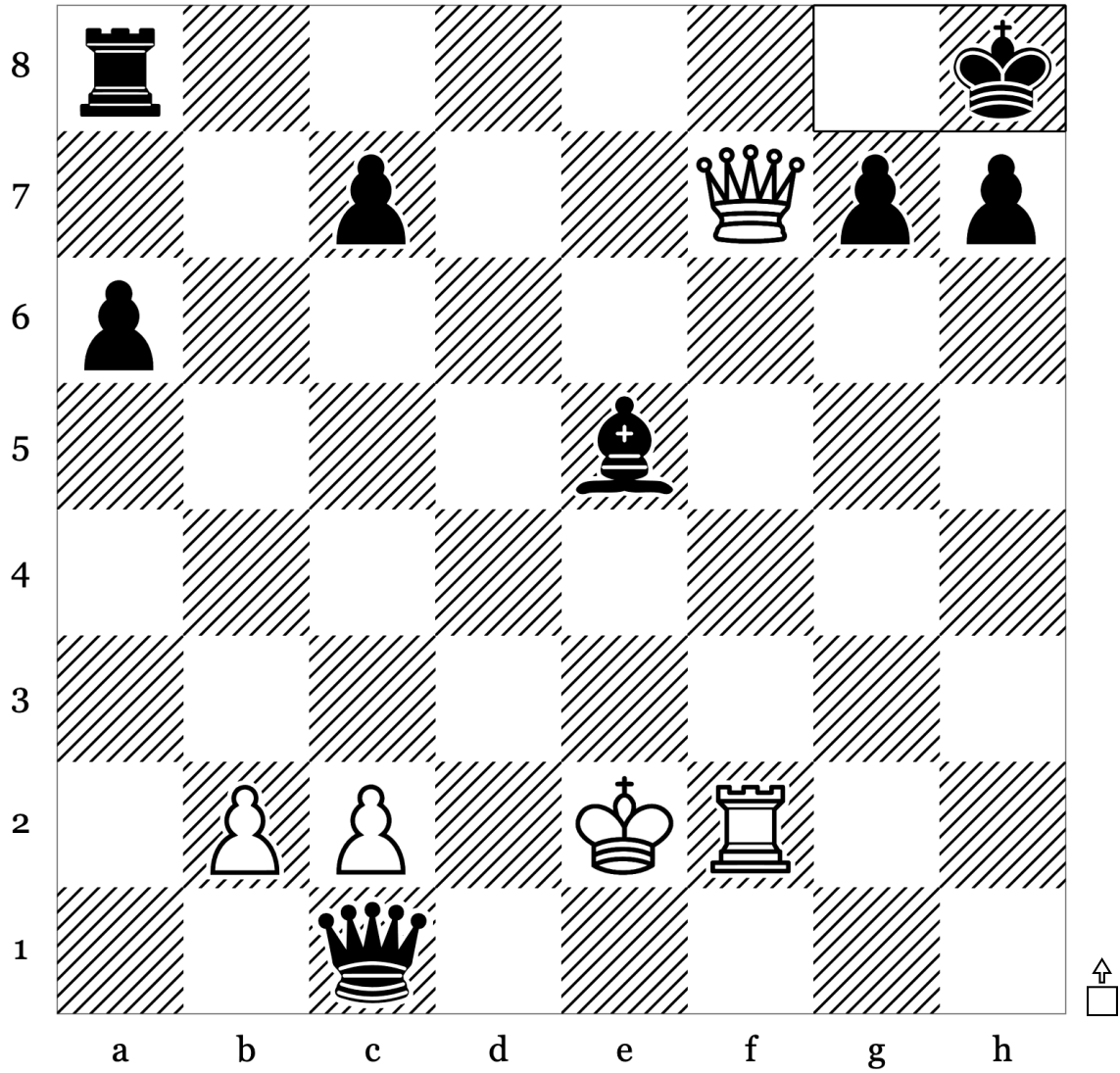
17	Nxe4	
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Puzzle 28 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 762)



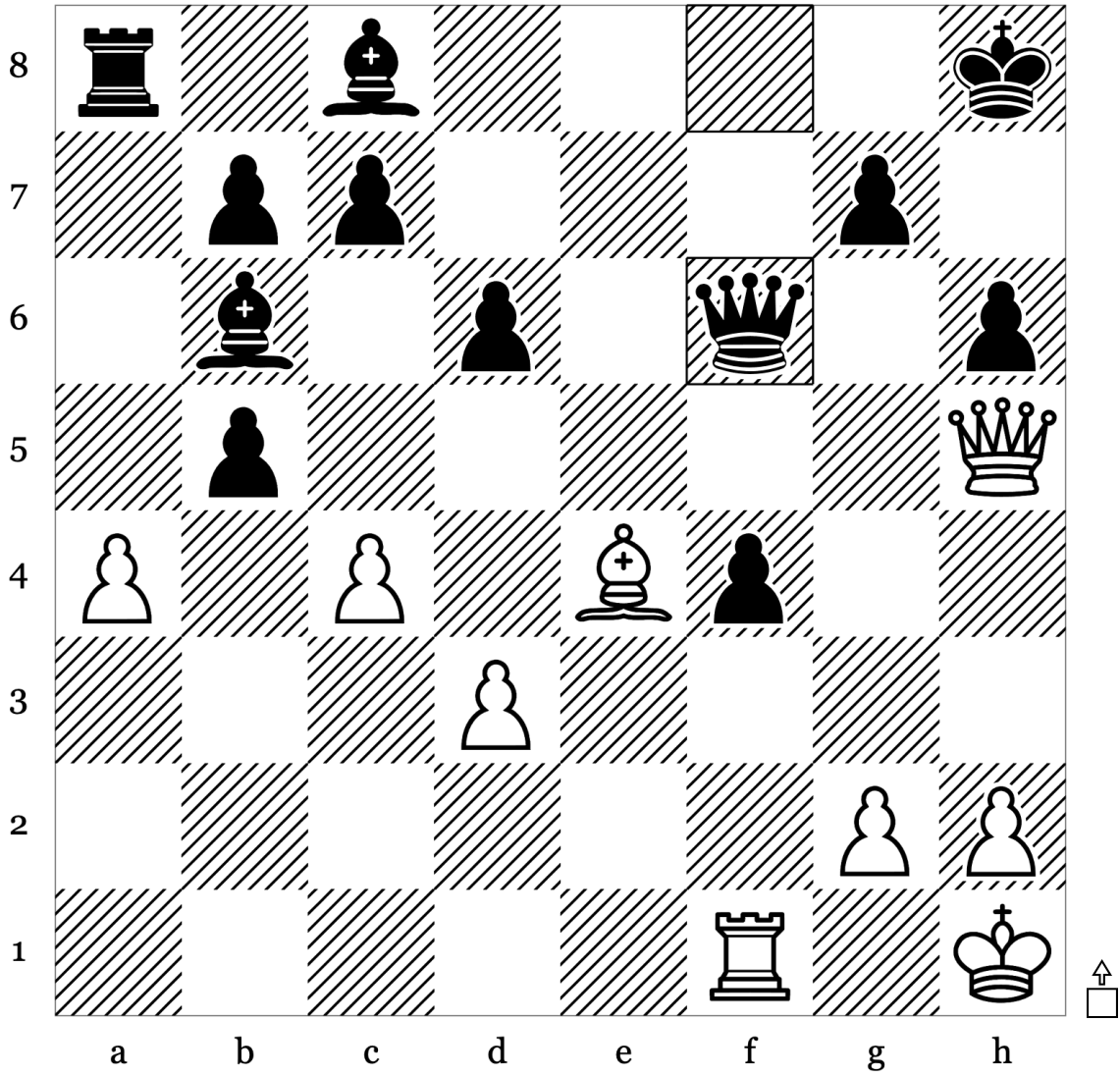
33	...	Qb4
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Puzzle 29 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 621)



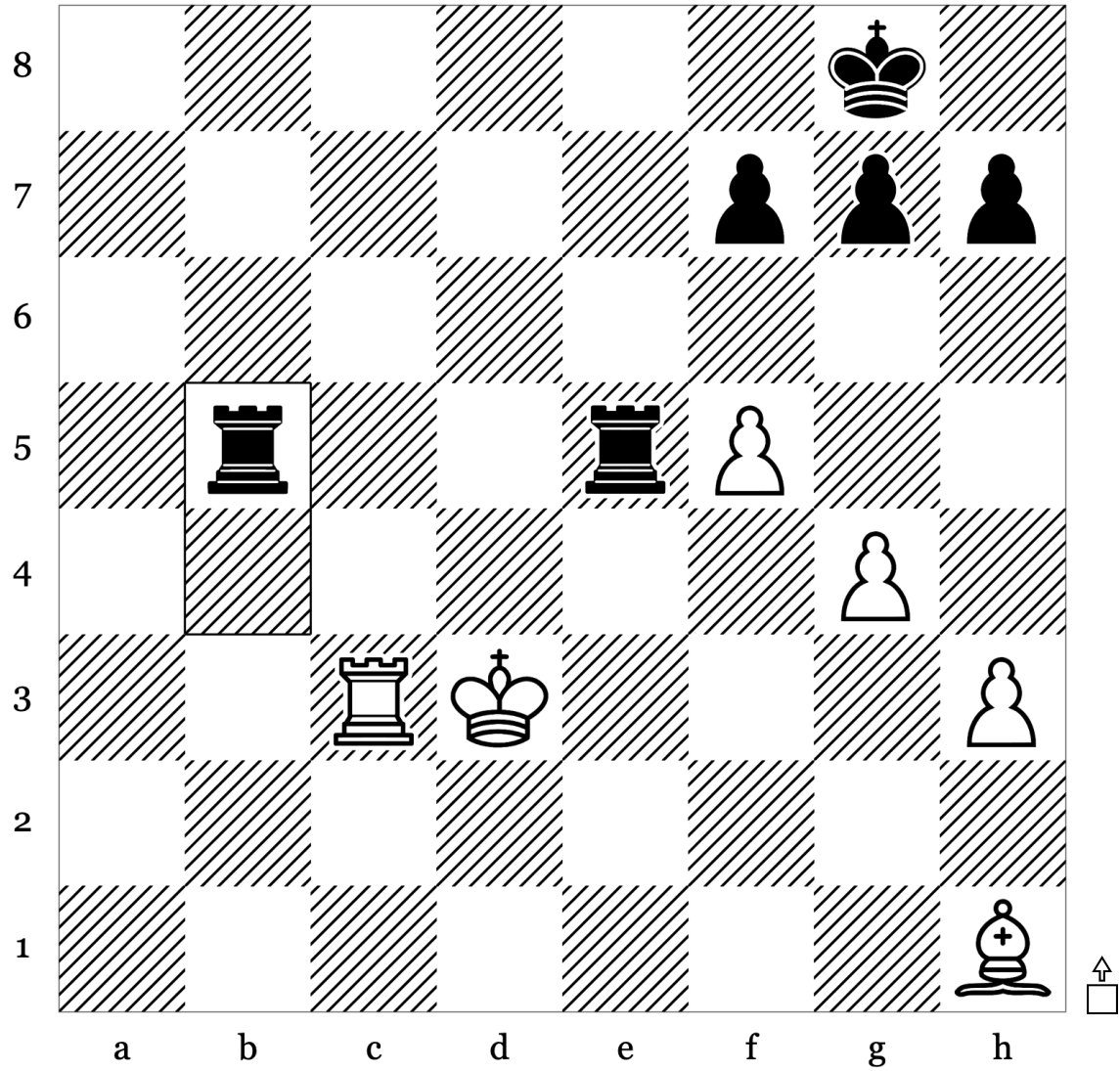
24	...	Kh8
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Puzzle 30 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 740)



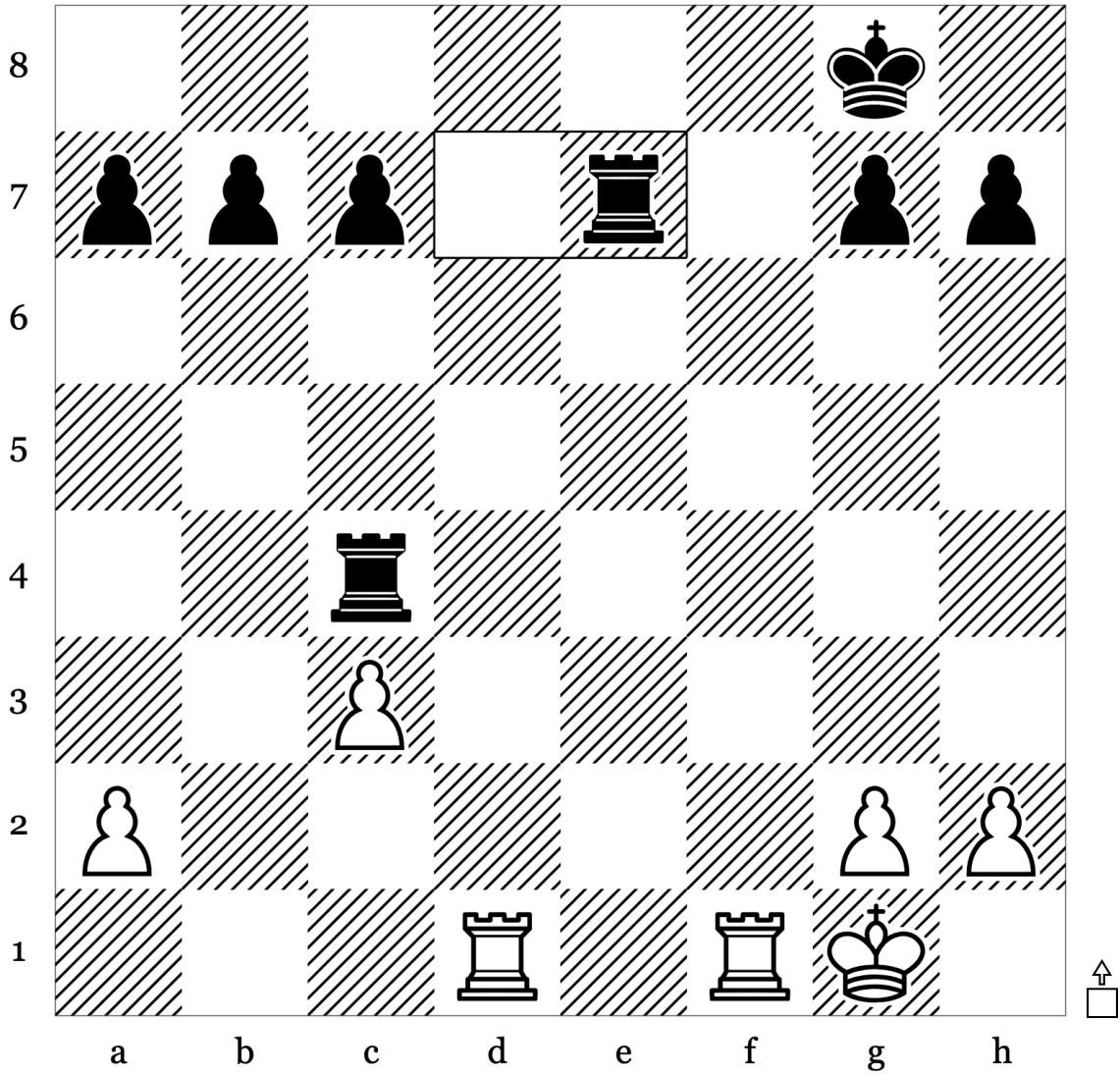
23	...	Qf6
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Puzzle 32 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 570)



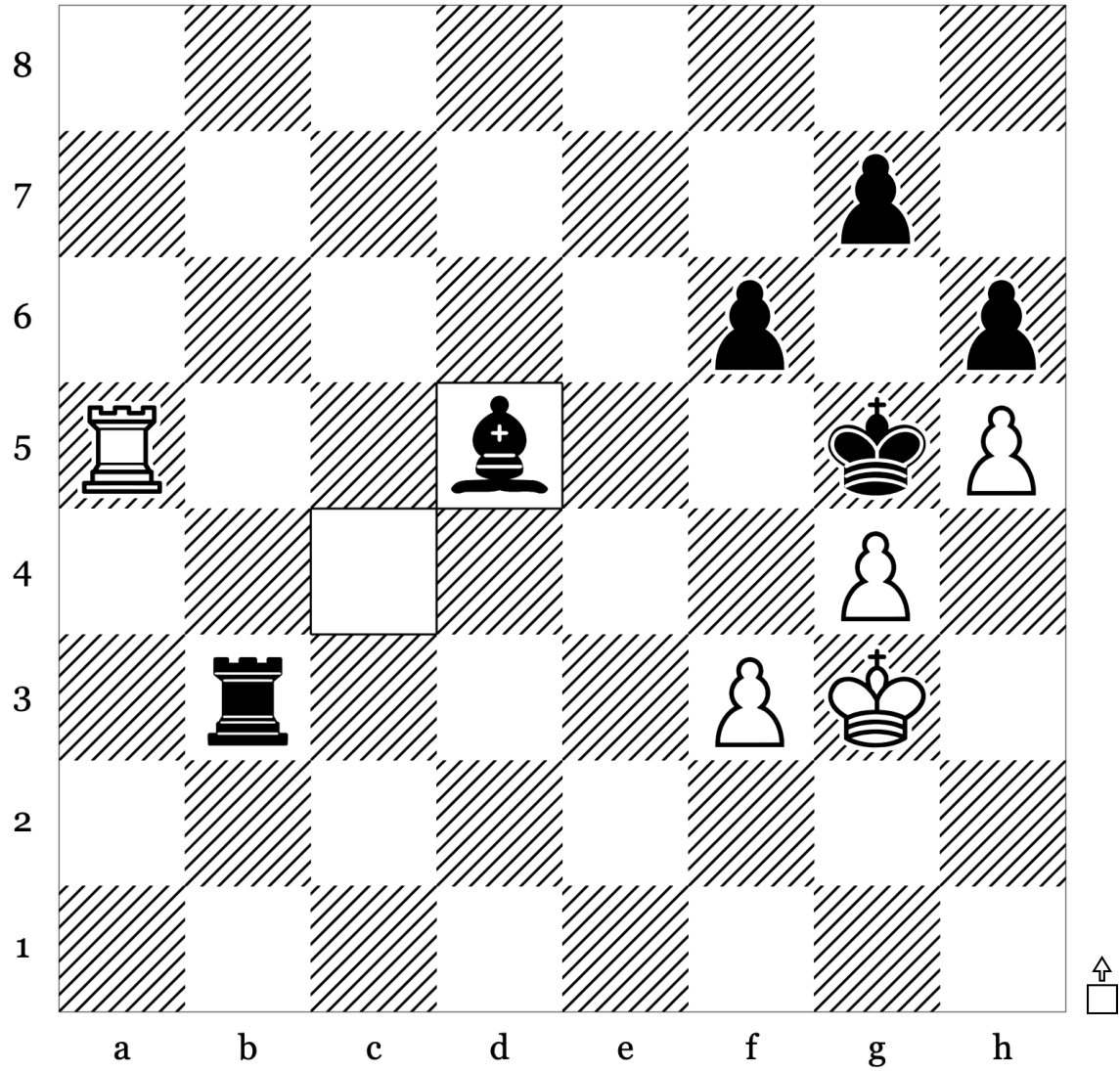
47	...	Rbb5
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Puzzle 33 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 703)



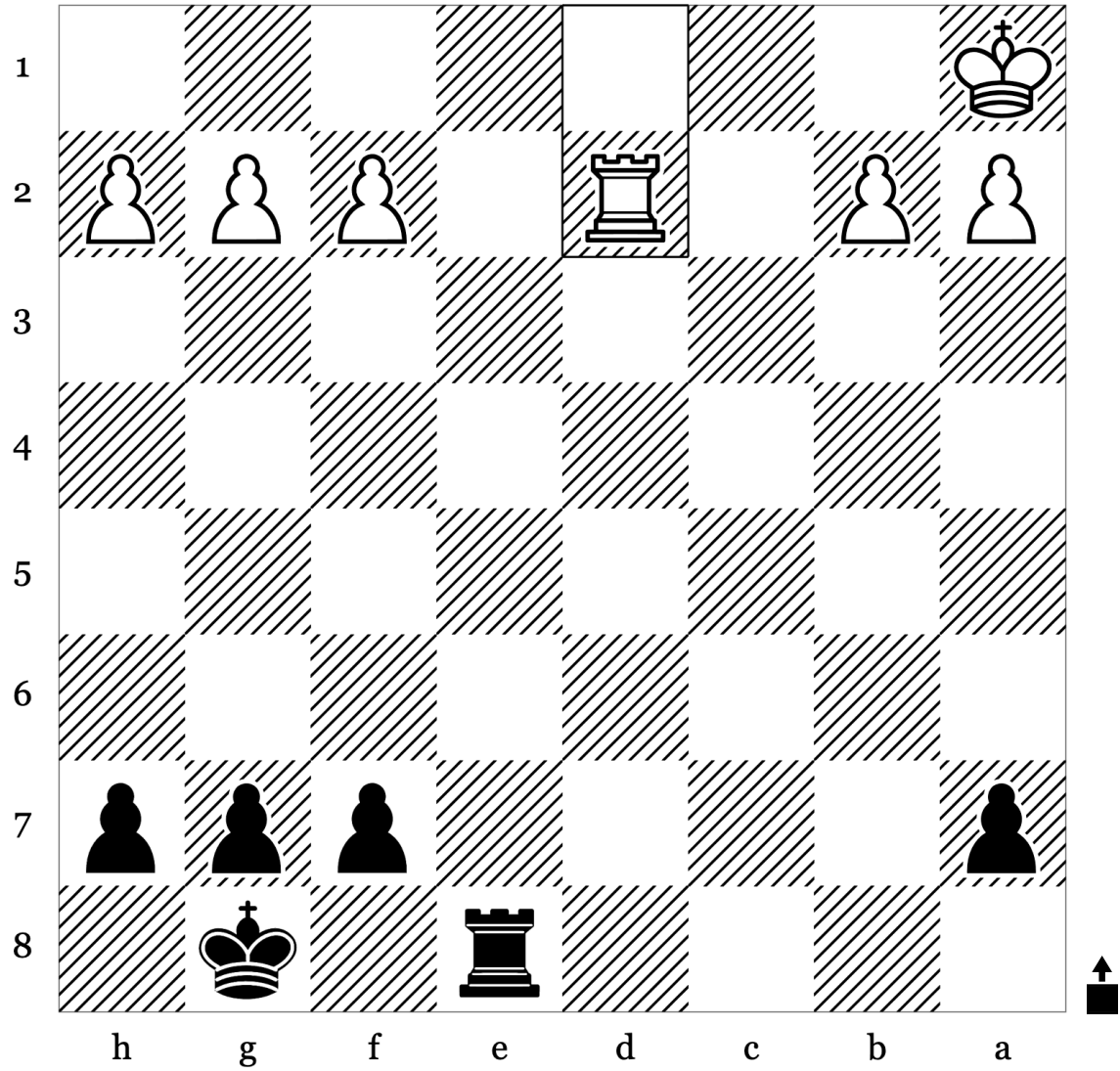
26	...	Rxe7
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Puzzle 34 of 100: Endgame · Hanging Piece (Rating: 777)



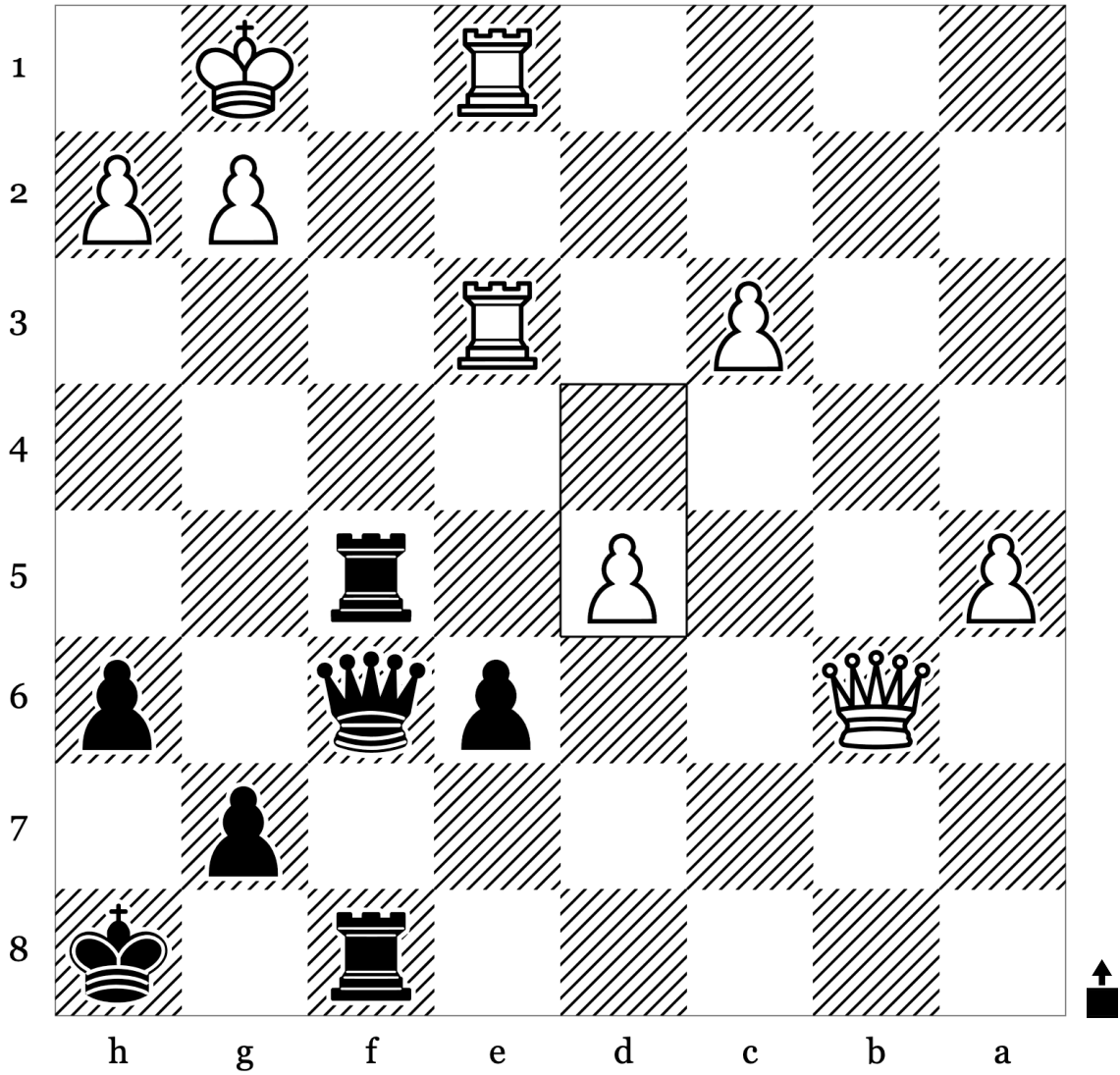
61	...	Bd5
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Puzzle 35 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 584)



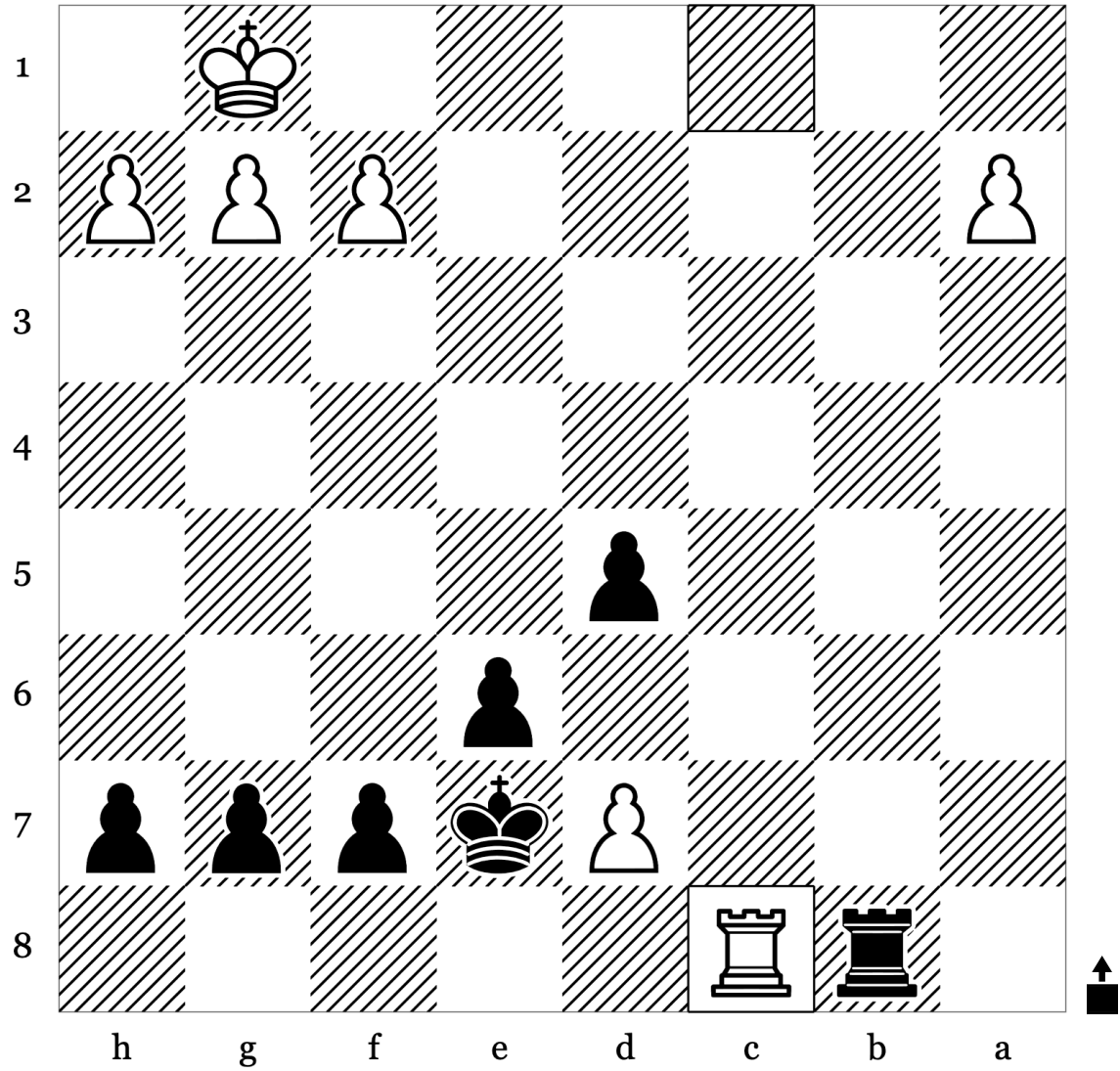
21	Rxd2	
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Puzzle 36 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 697)



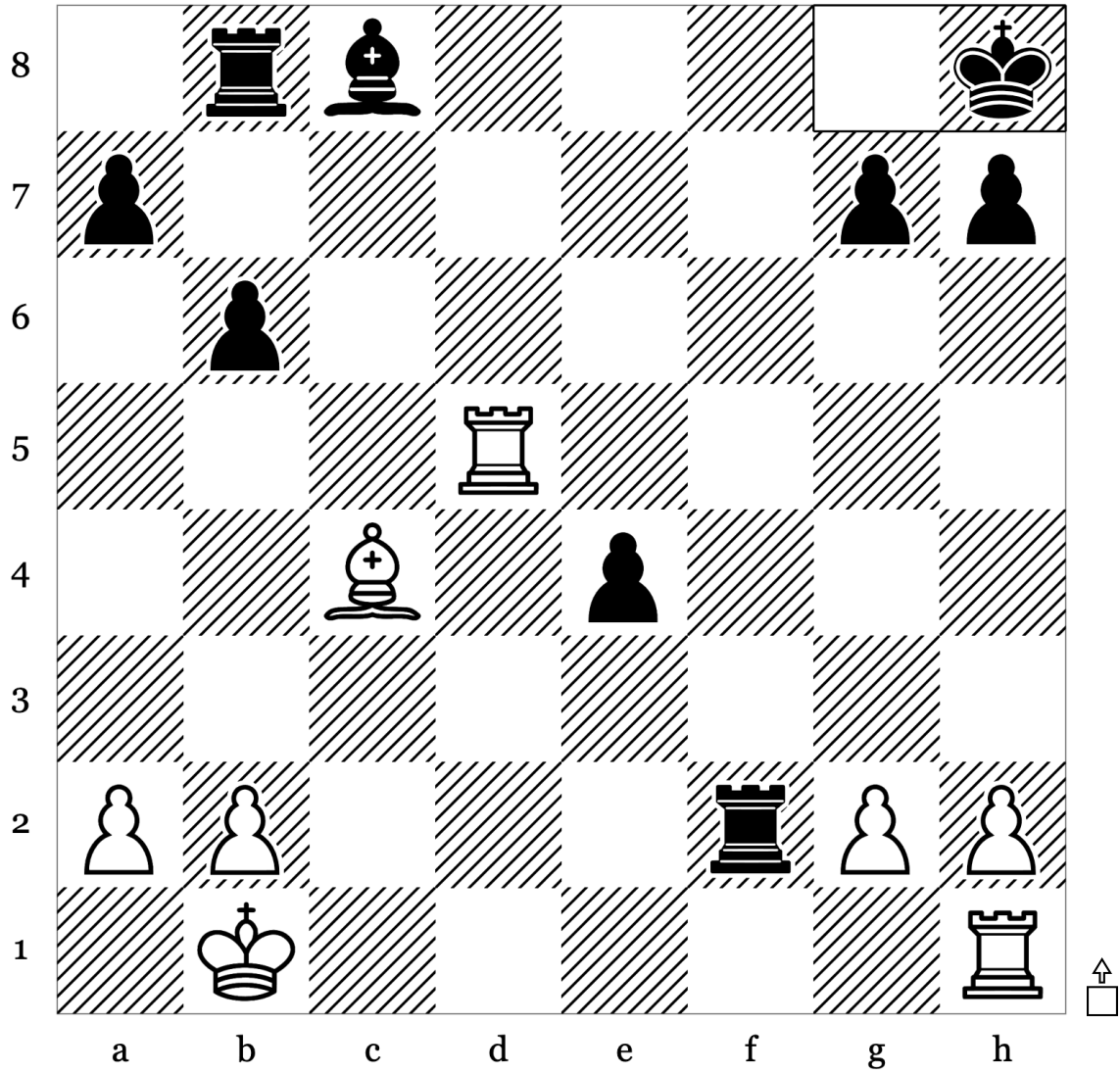
39	d5	
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43		

Puzzle 37 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 798)



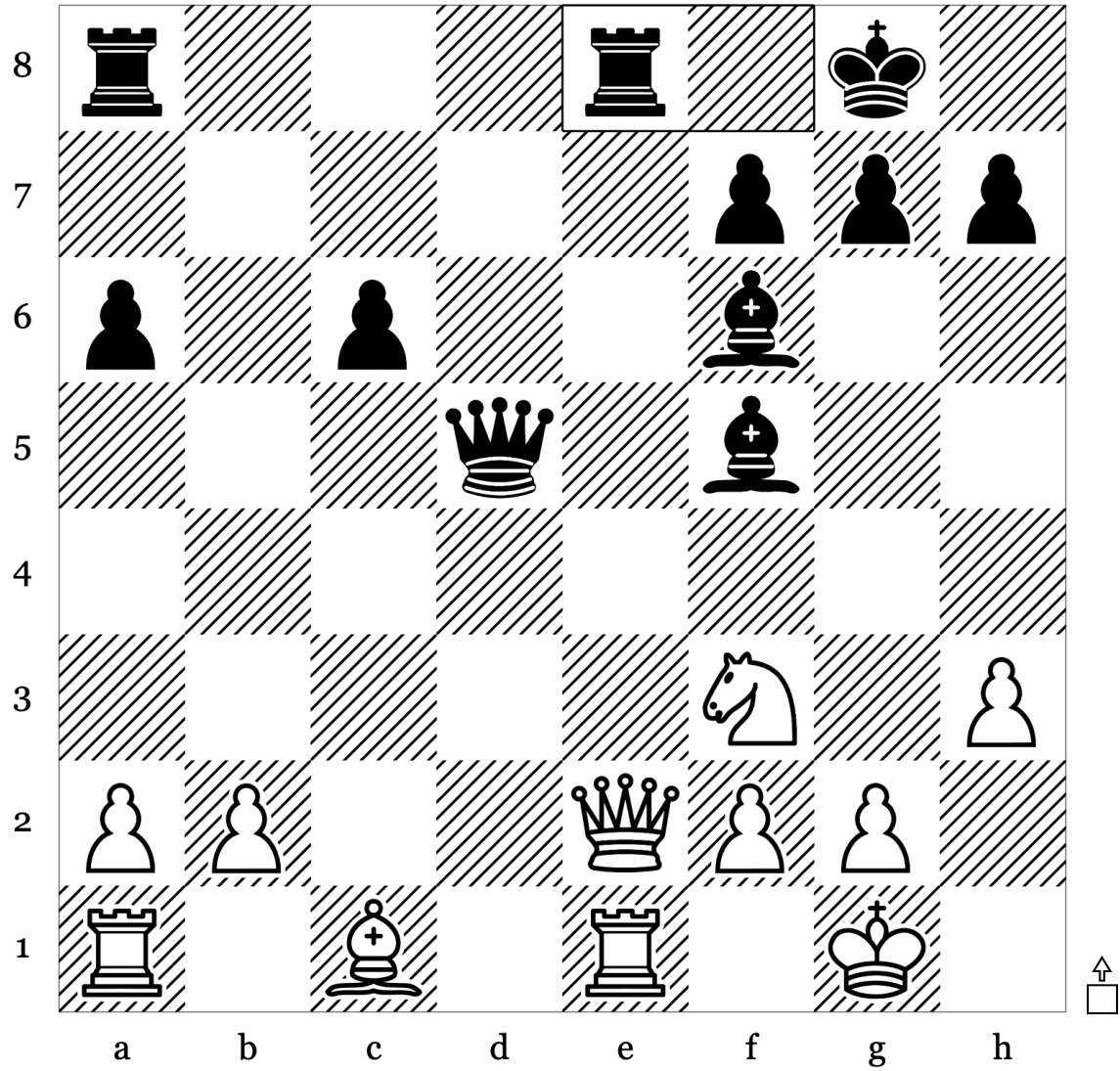
29	Rc8	
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Puzzle 38 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 417)



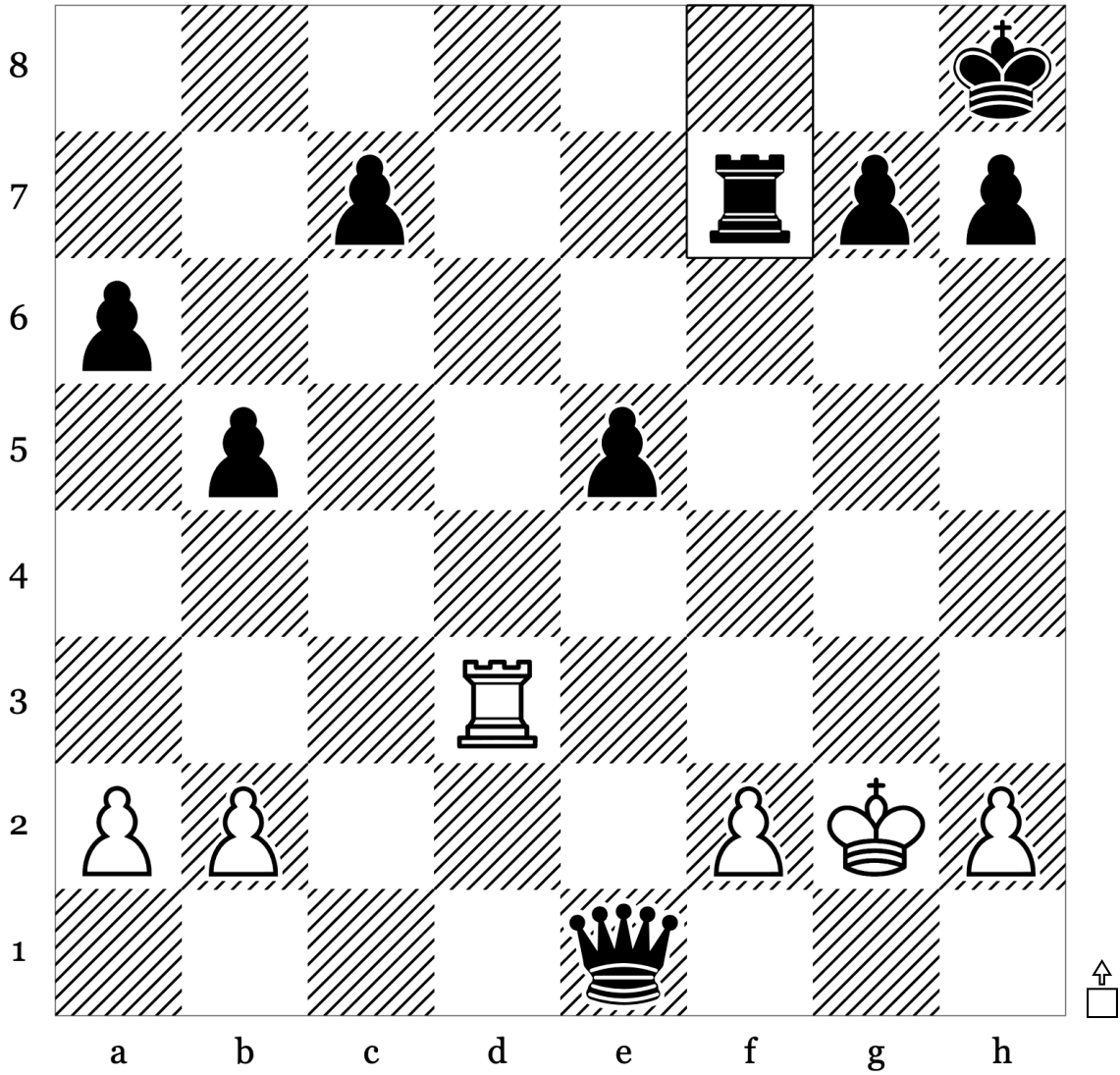
26	...	Kh8
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Puzzle 39 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 431)



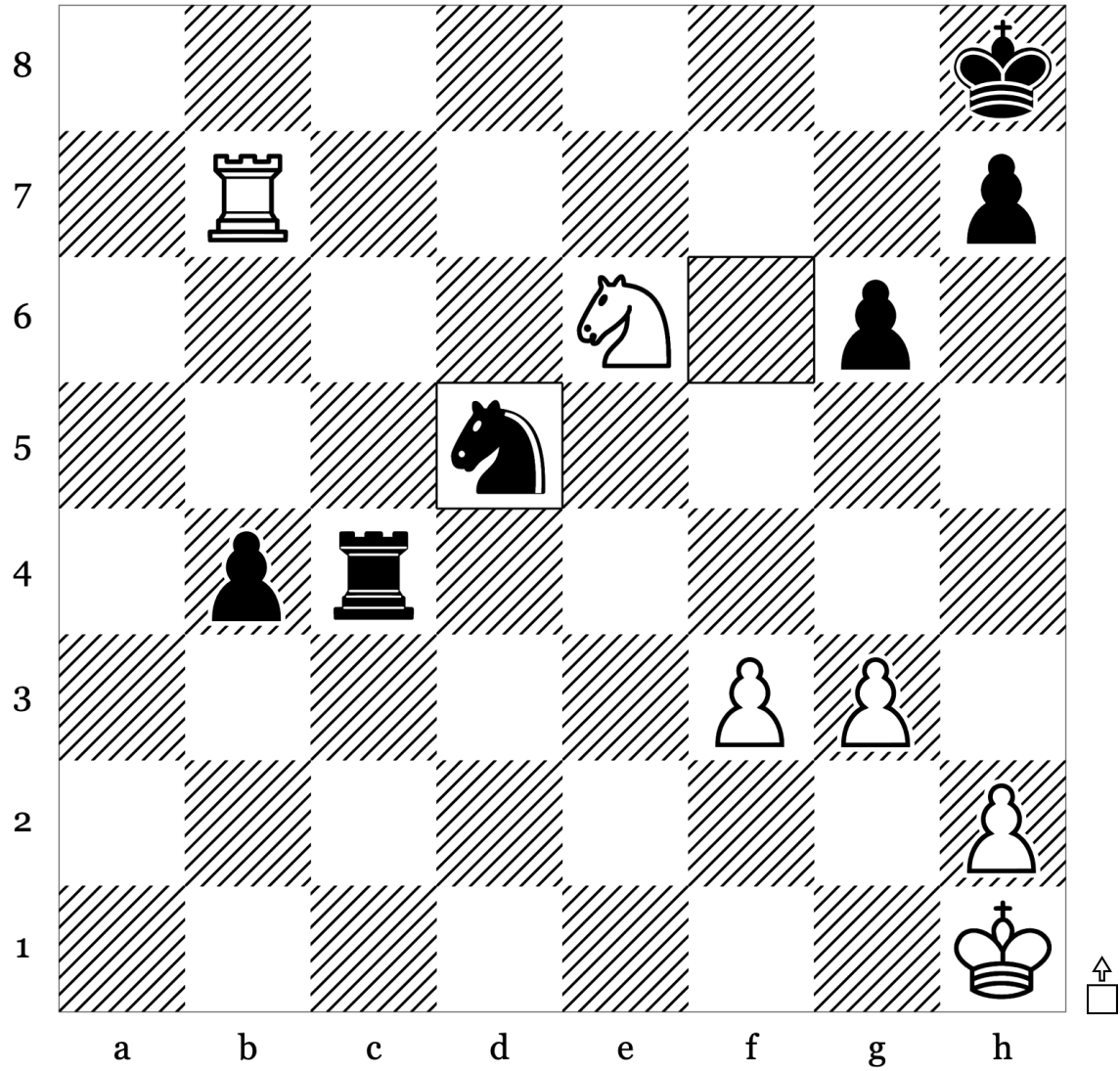
19	...	Rfe8
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Puzzle 40 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 400)



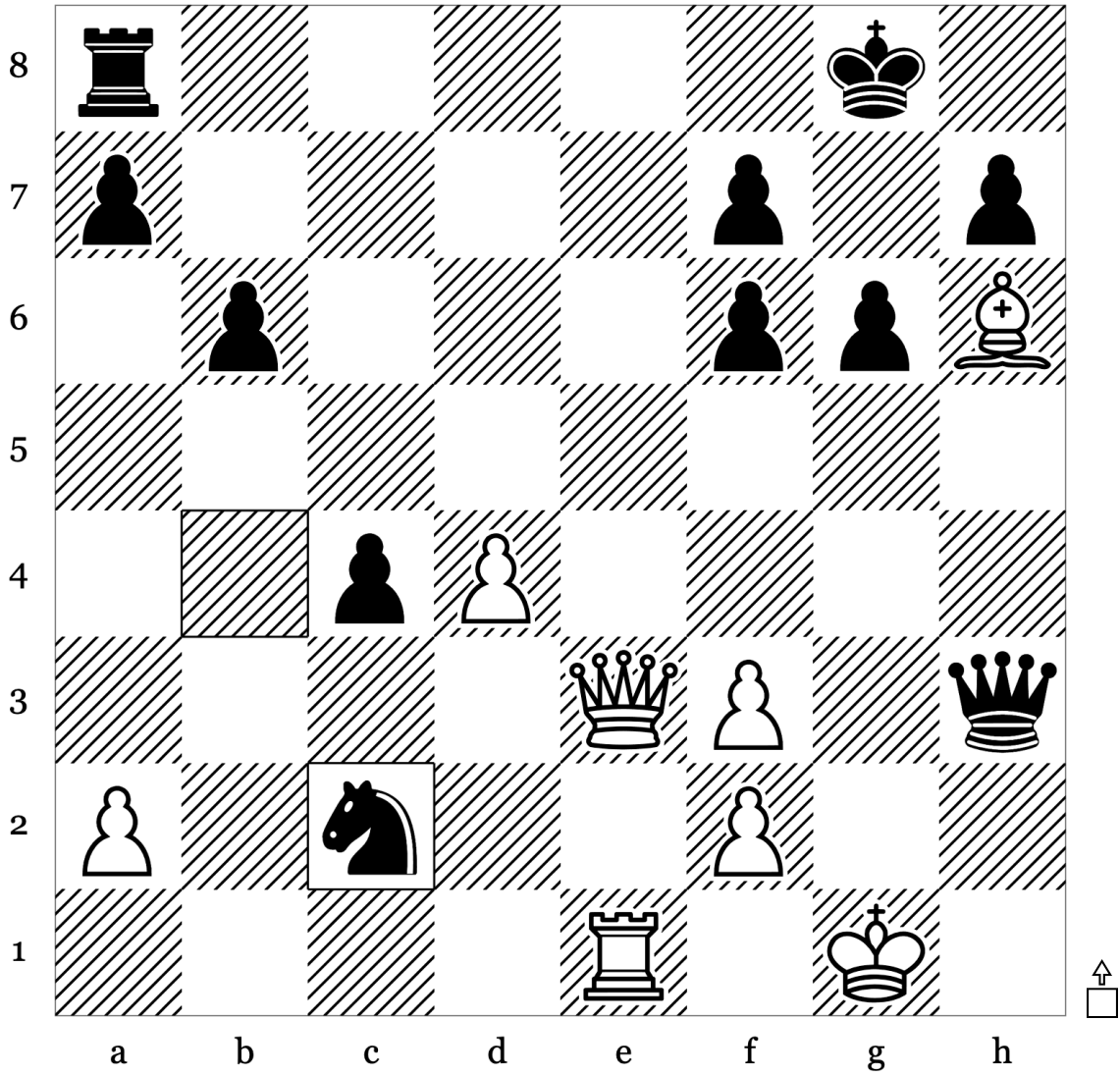
32	...	Rxf7
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Puzzle 41 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 643)



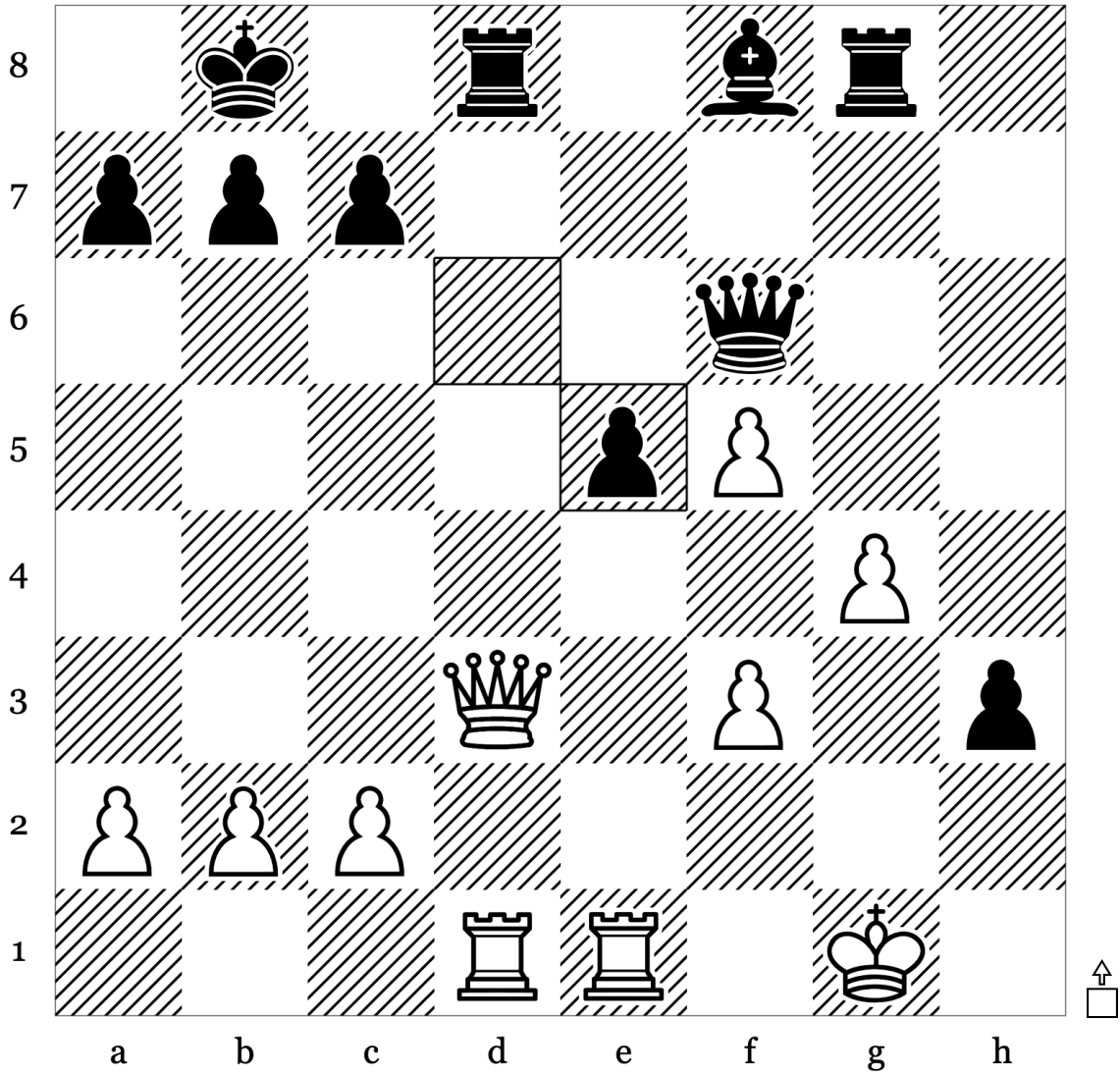
34	...	Nd5
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Puzzle 42 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 516)



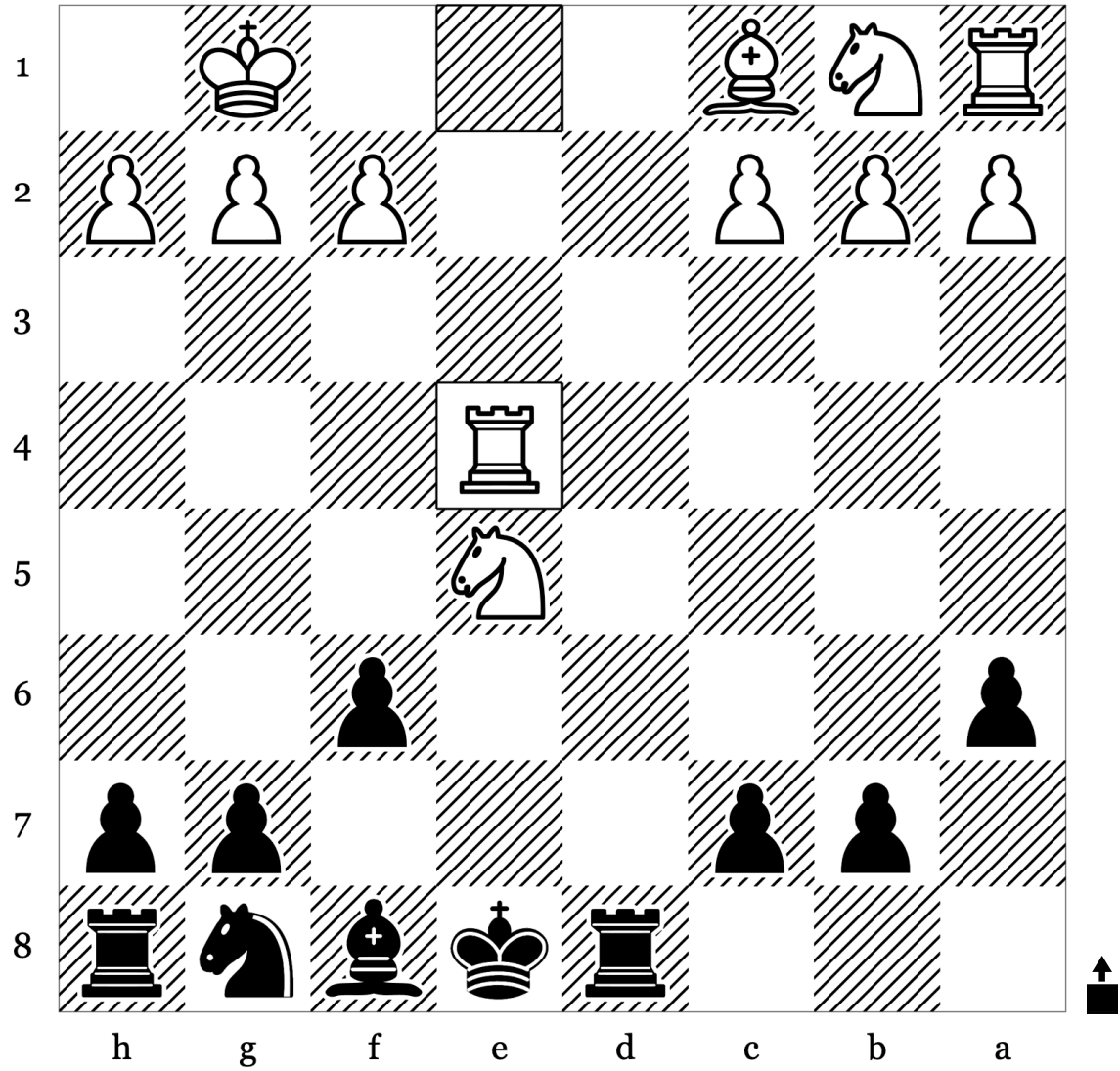
21	...	Nxc2
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Puzzle 43 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 800)



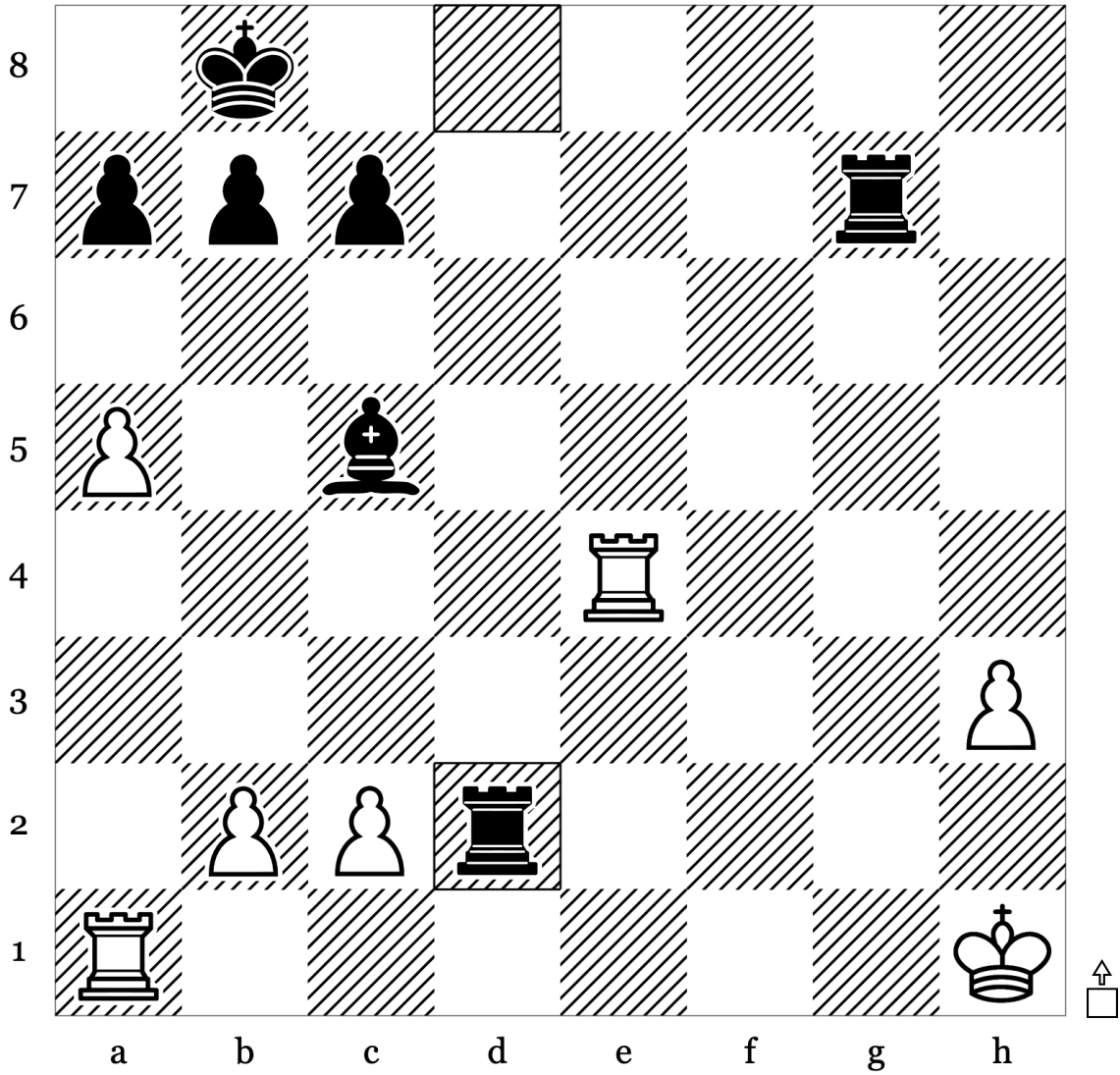
26	...	dxe5
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Puzzle 44 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Fork (Rating: 682)



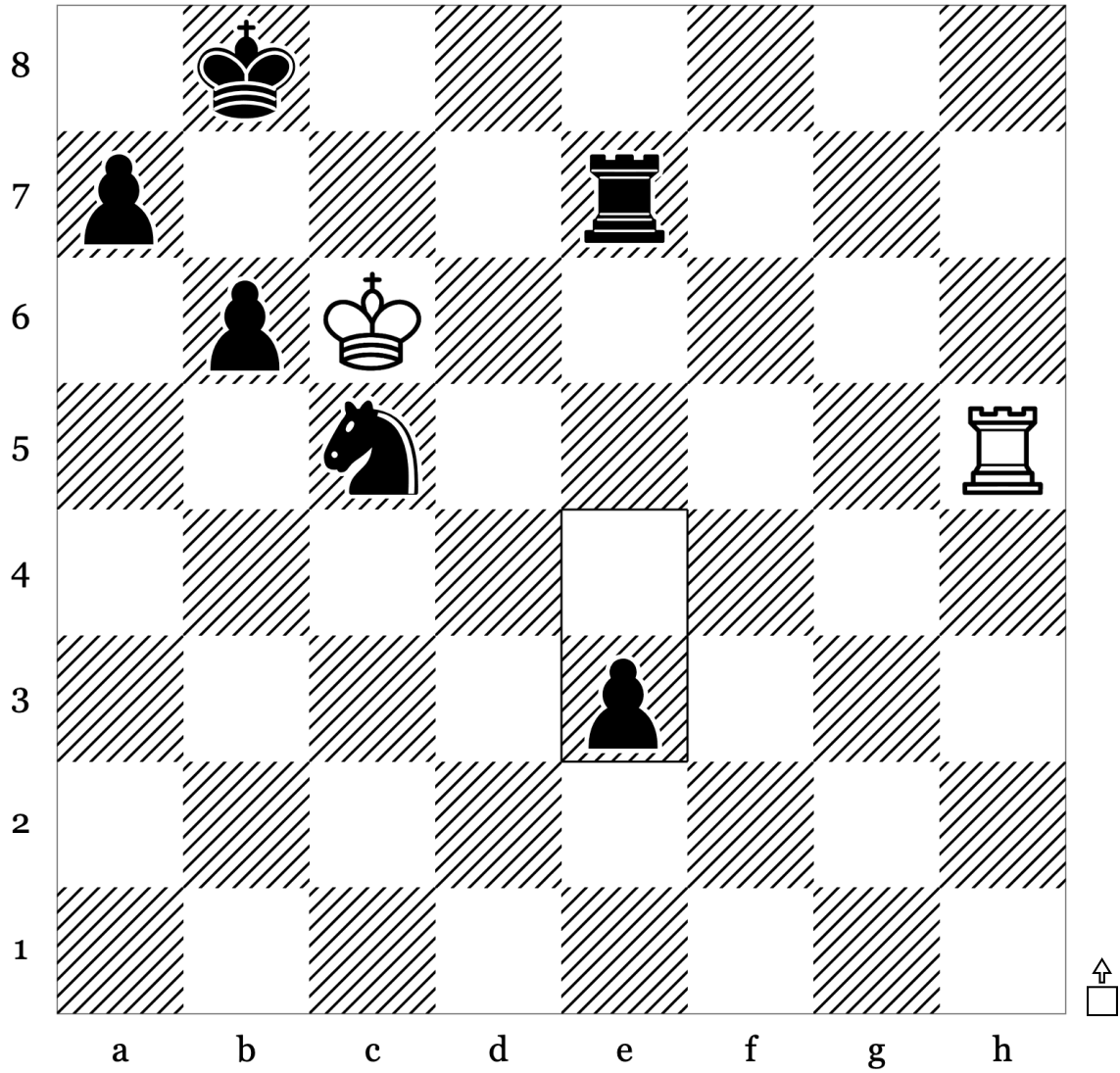
11	Rxe4	
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Puzzle 46 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 576)



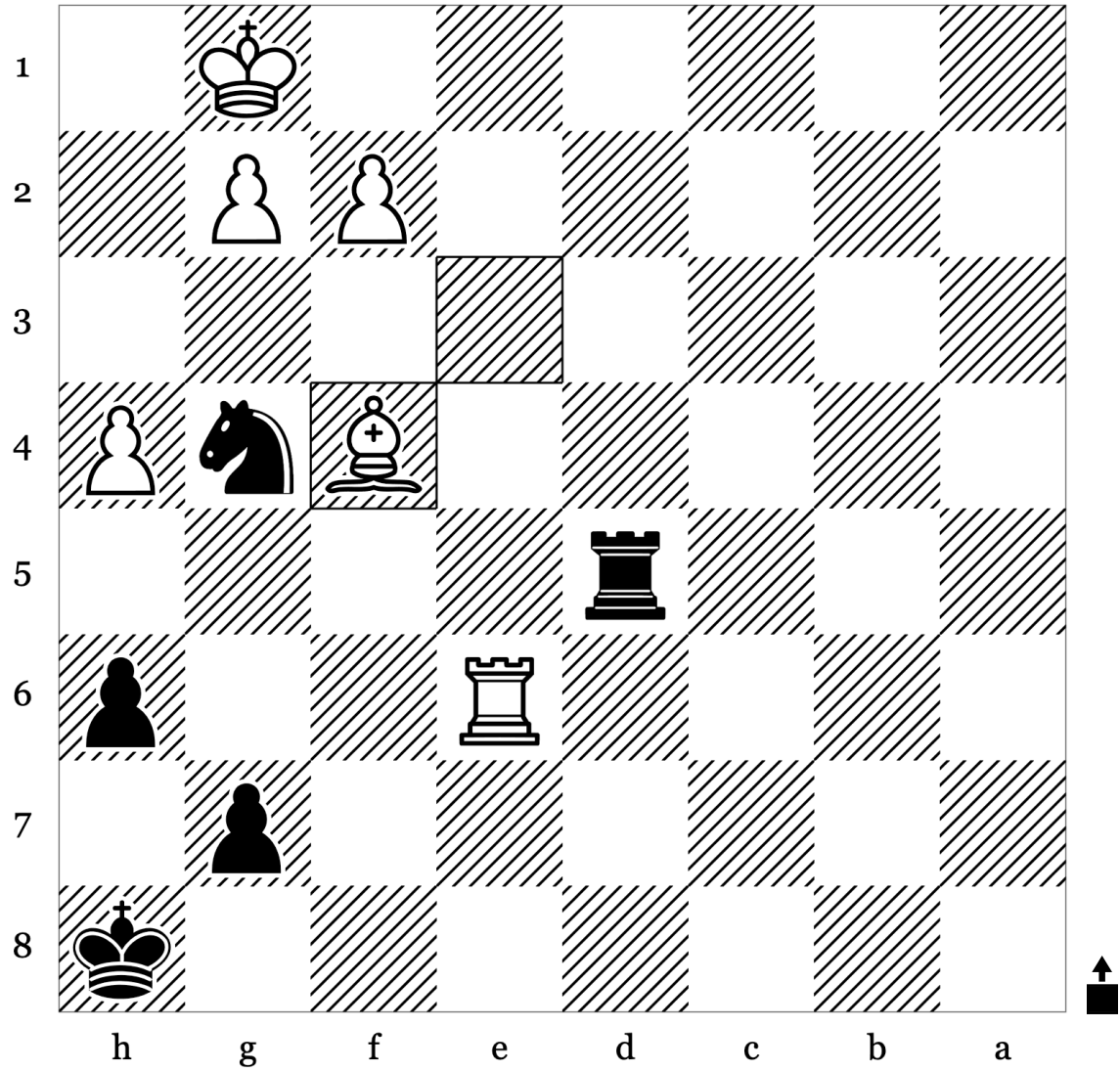
25	...	Rd2
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Puzzle 47 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 674)



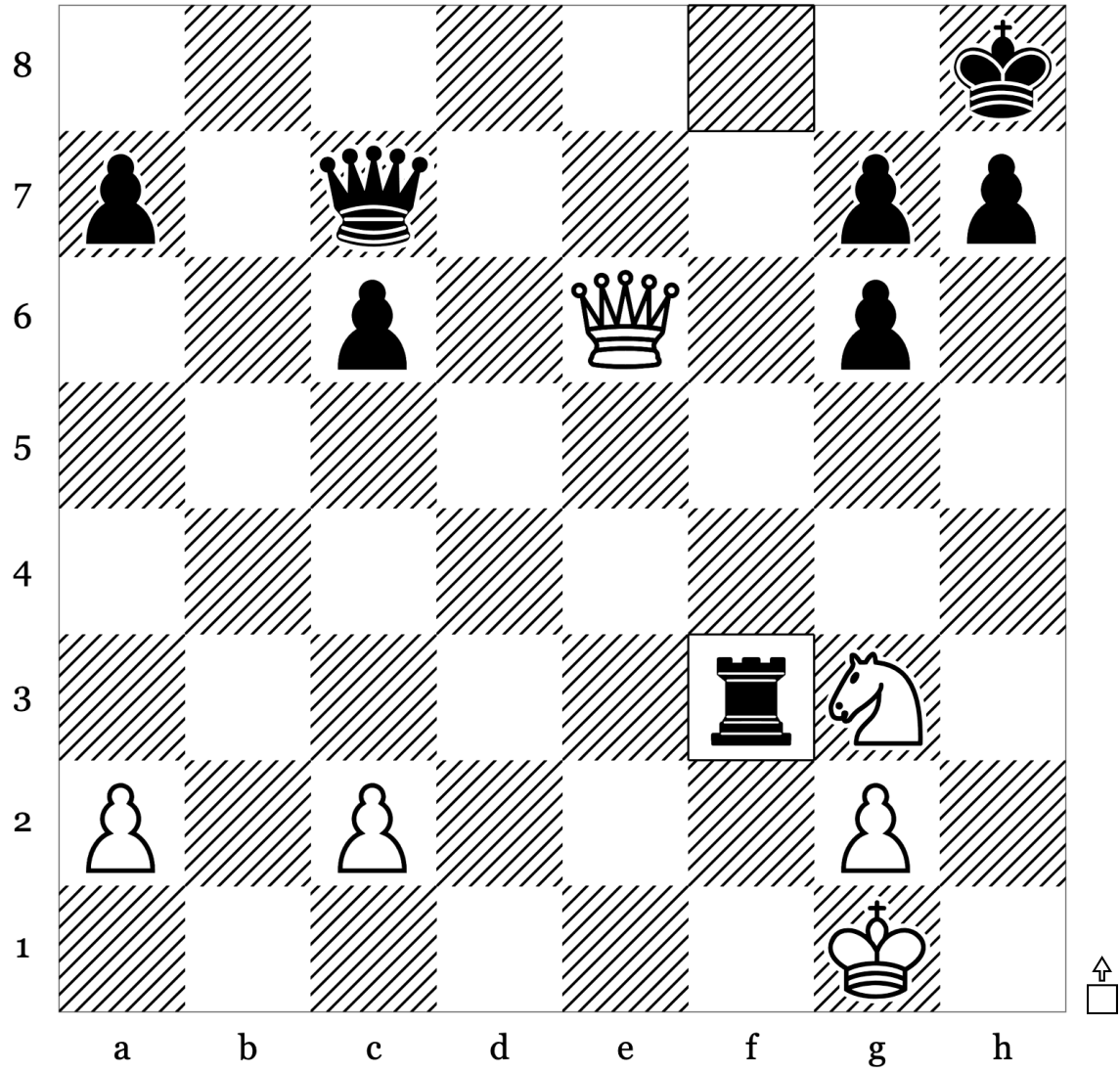
52	...	e3
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Puzzle 48 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 566)



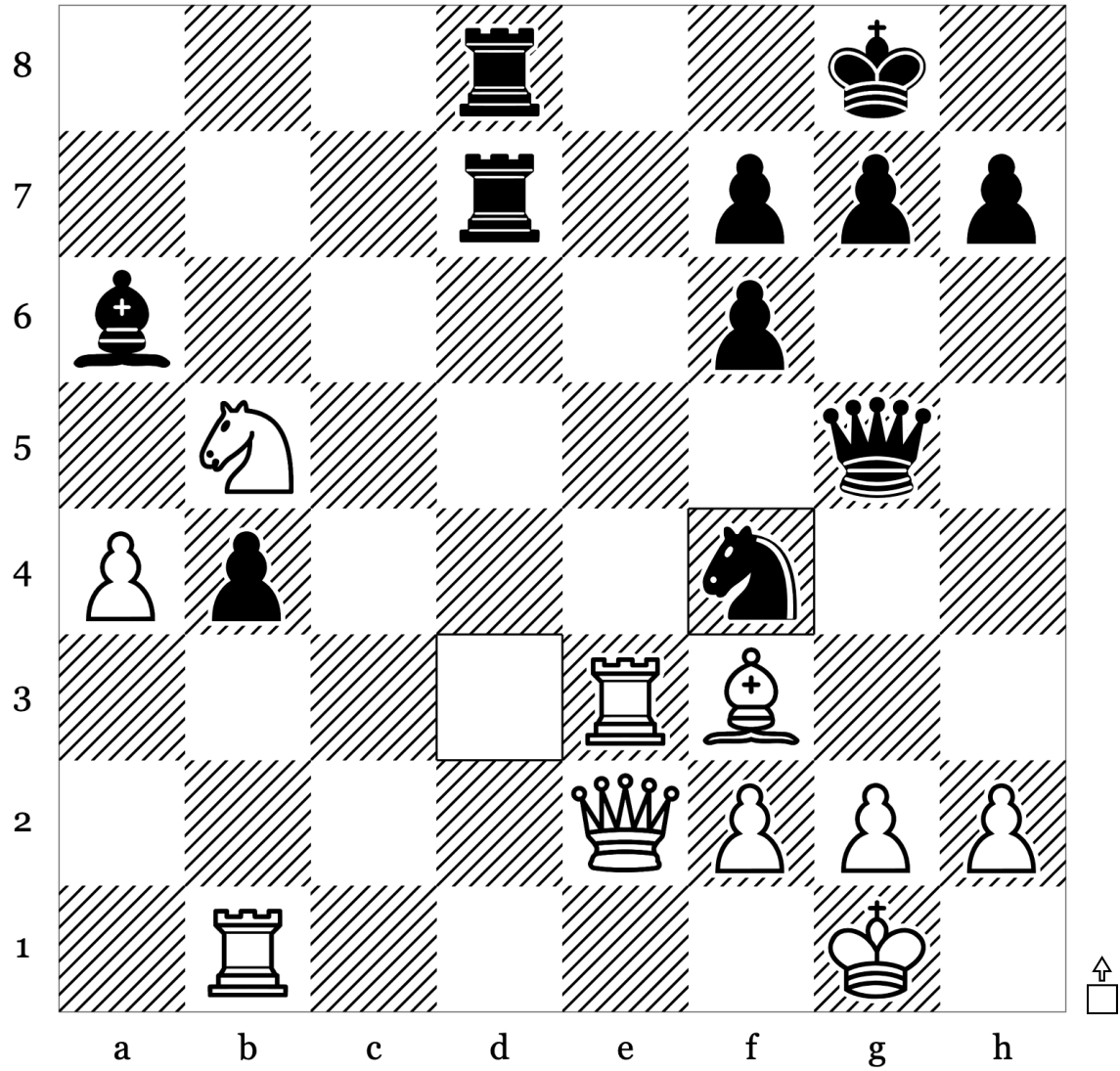
44	Bf4	
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48		

Puzzle 49 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 594)



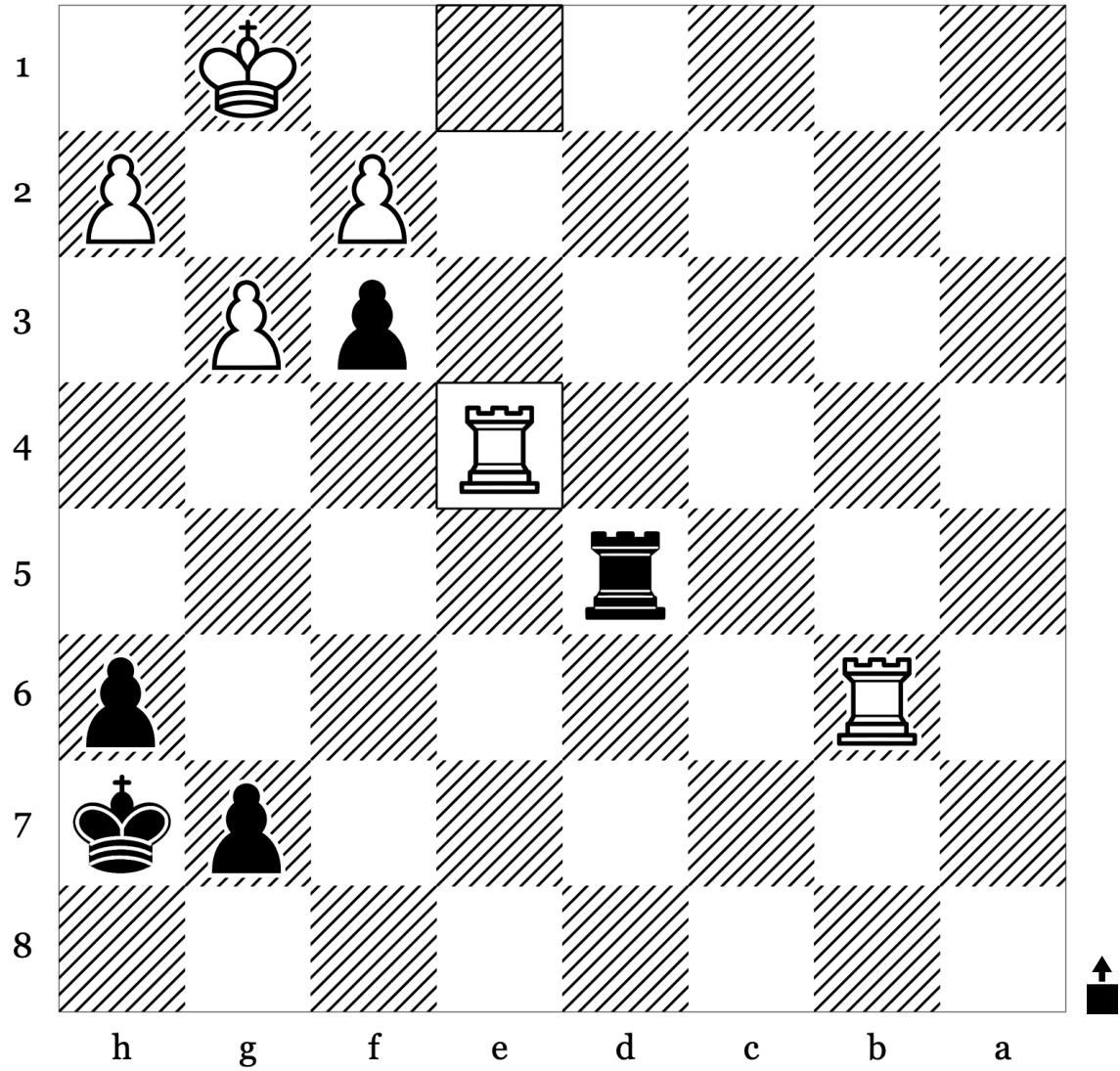
26	...	Rxf3
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Puzzle 50 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 520)



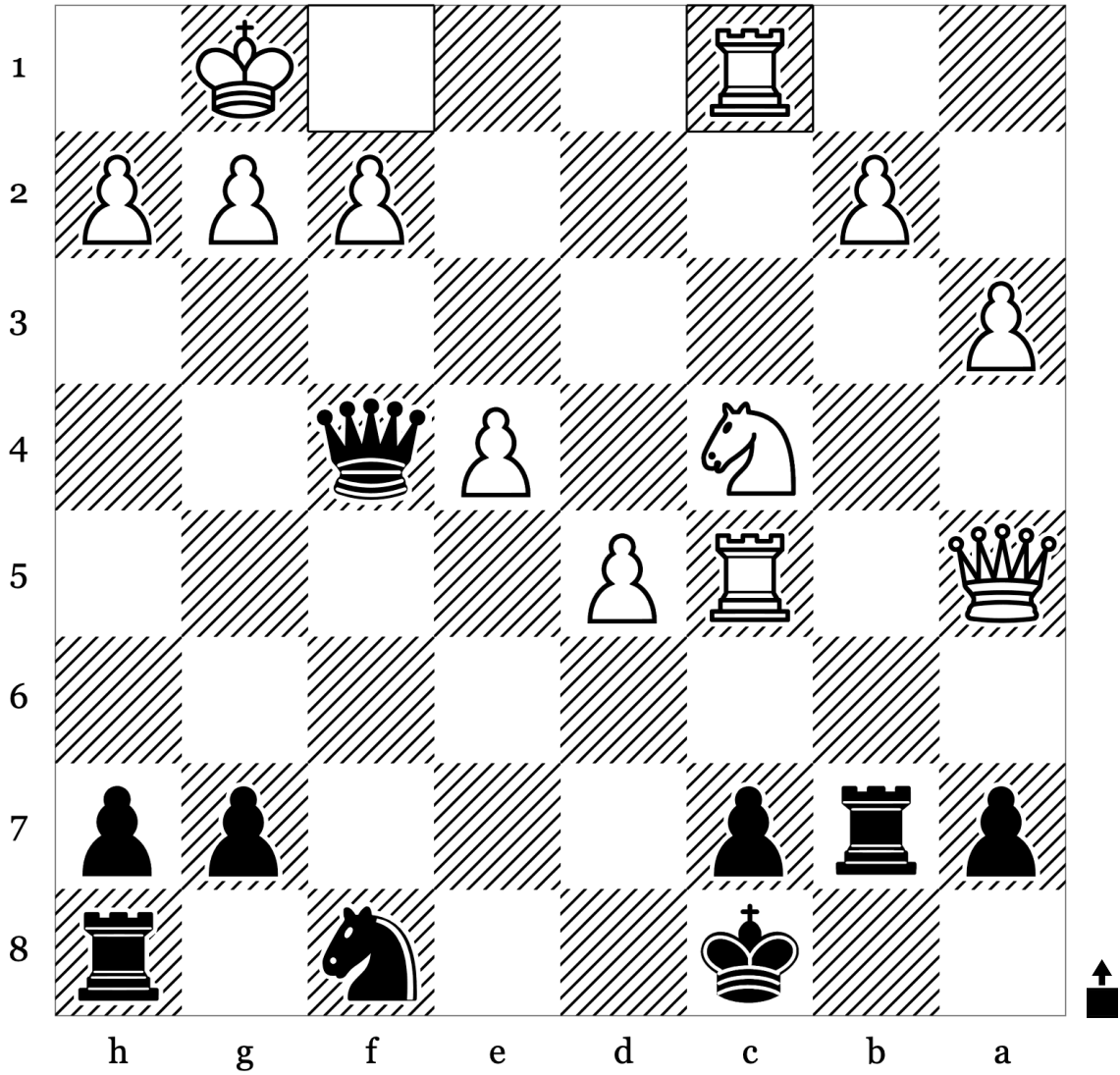
28	...	Nf4
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Puzzle 51 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 578)



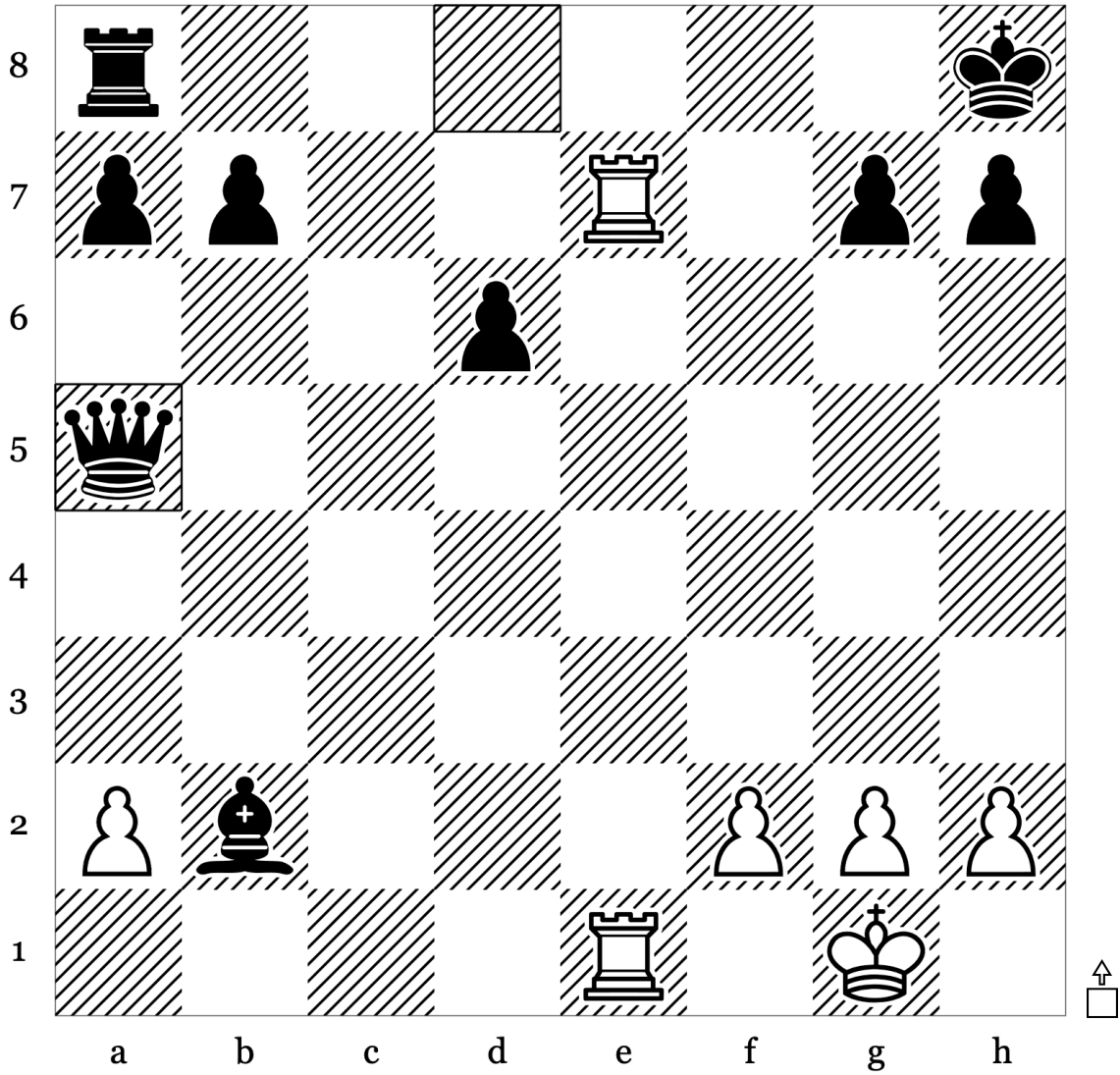
41	Rxe4	
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Puzzle 52 of 100: Hanging Piece · Kingside Attack (Rating: 691)



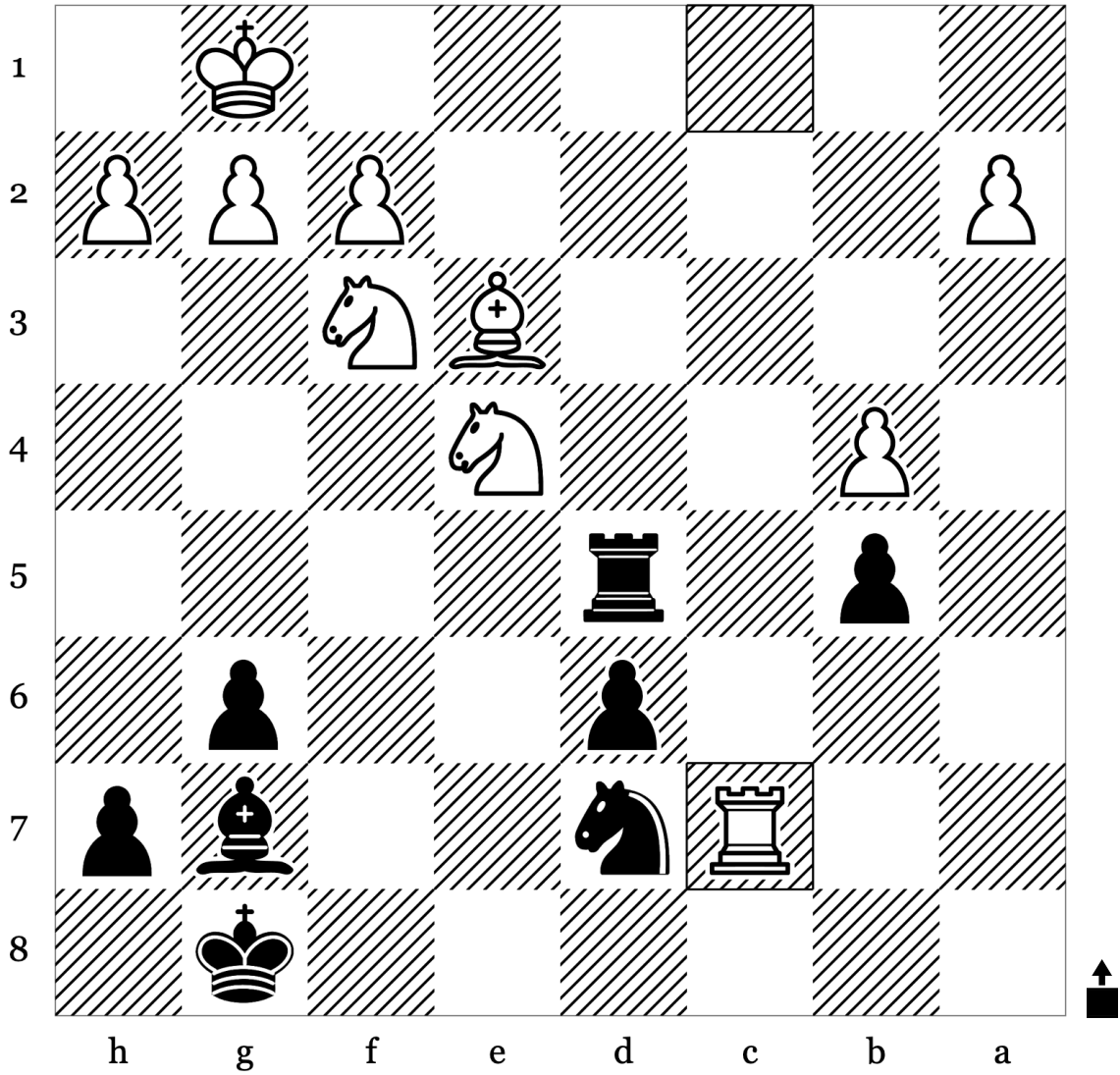
28	Rc1	
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Puzzle 53 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 530)



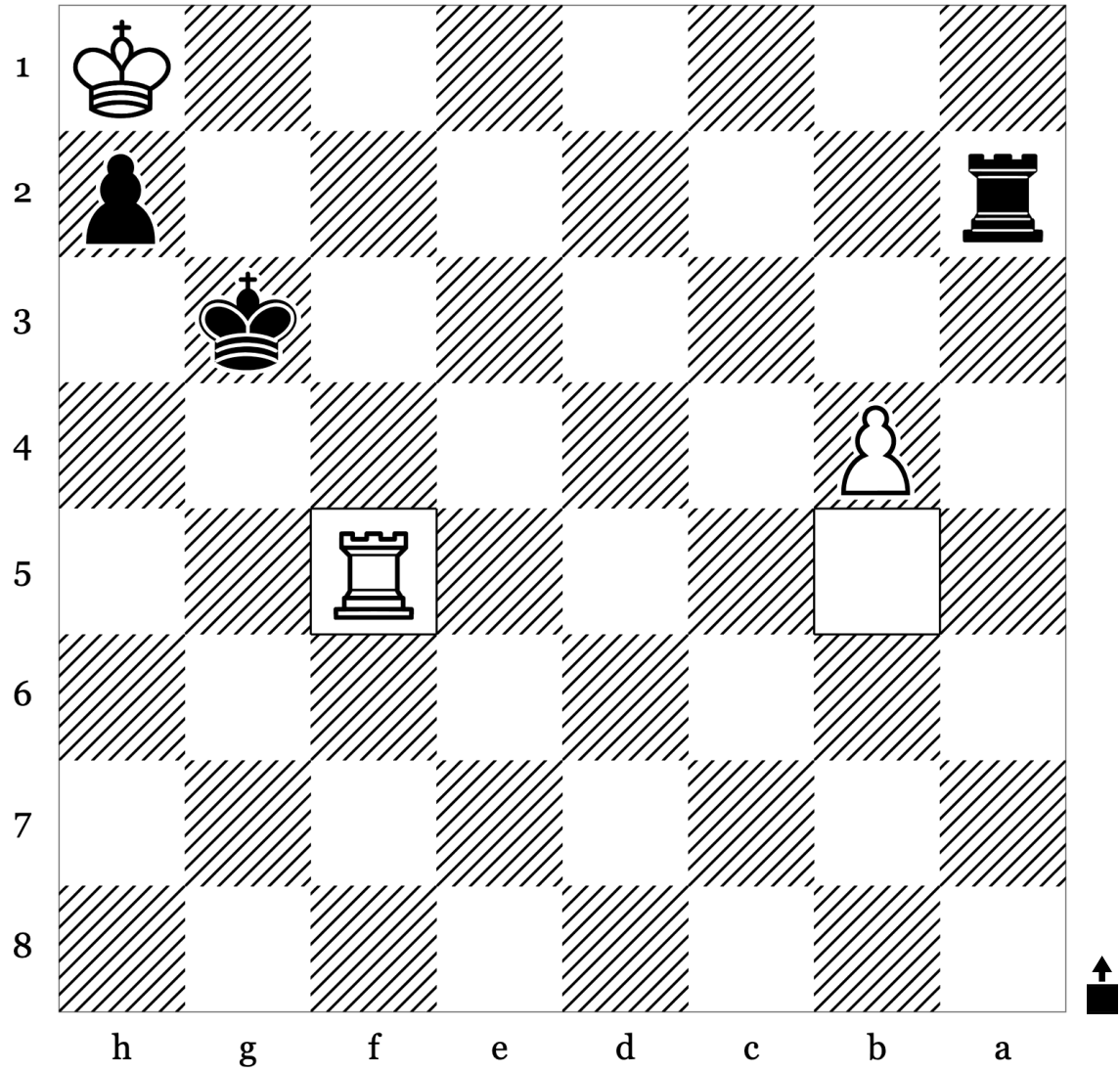
29	...	Qxa5
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Puzzle 54 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 446)



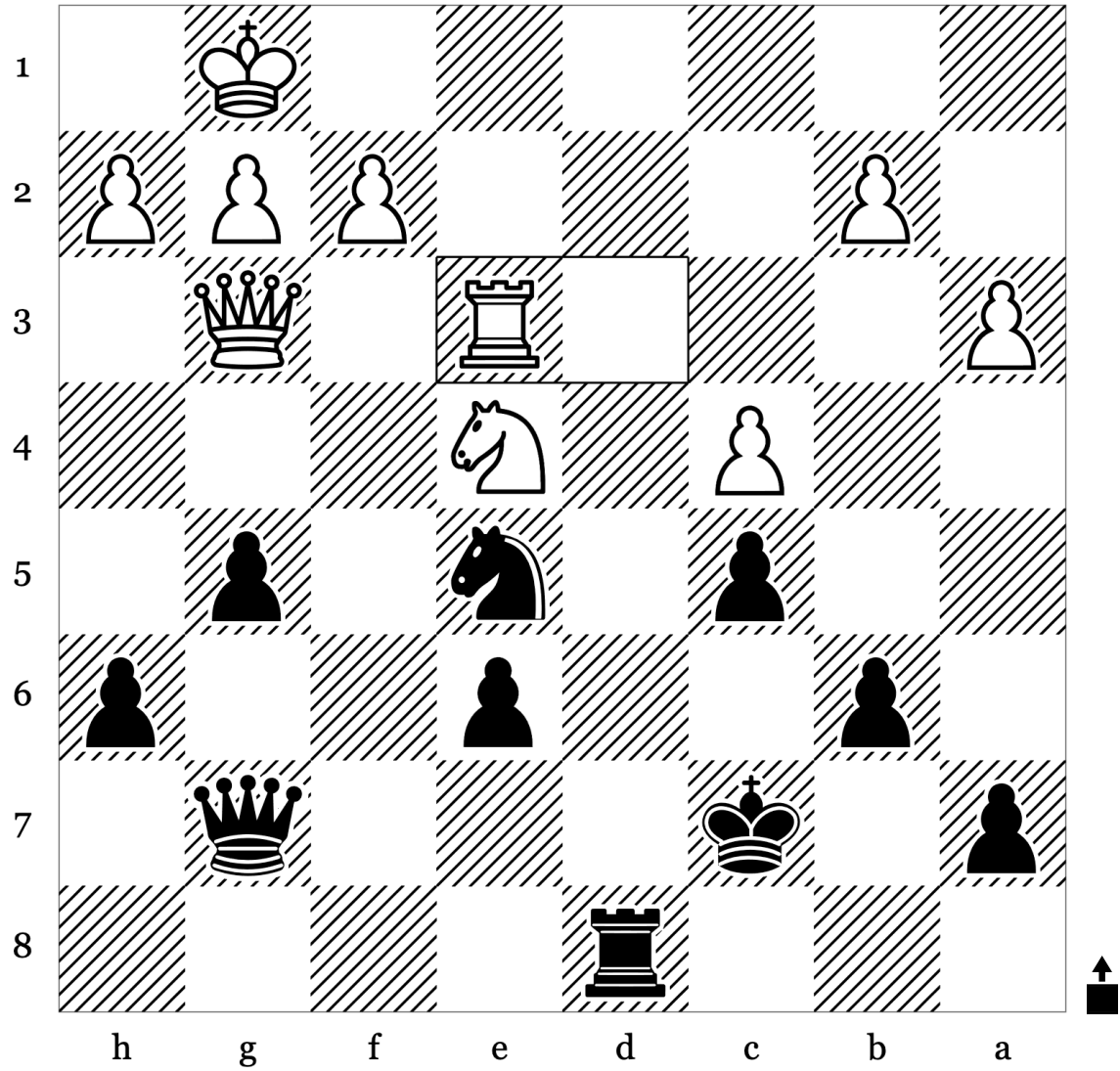
26	Rxc7	
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Puzzle 56 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 437)



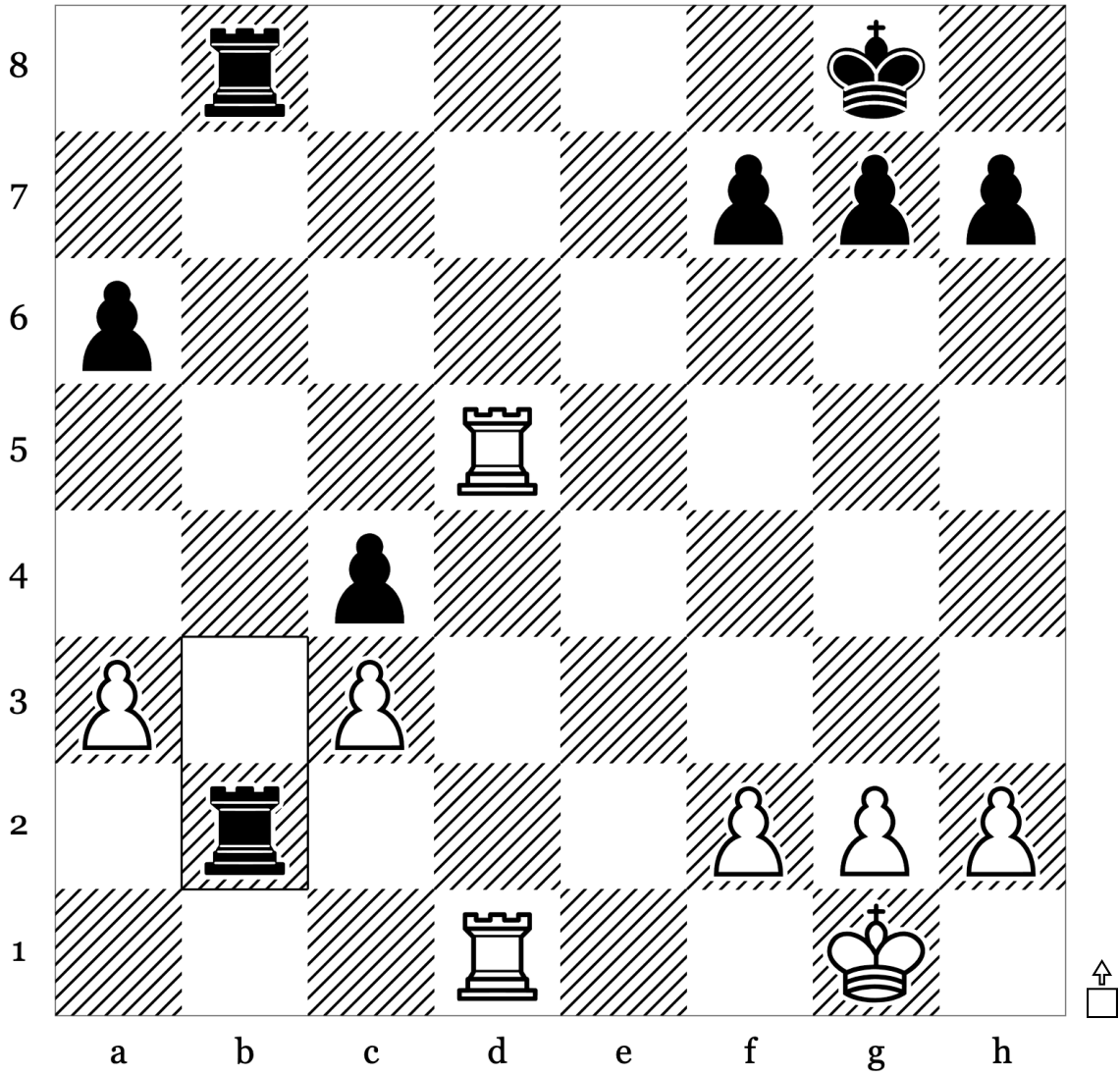
50	Rxf5	
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Puzzle 57 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 676)



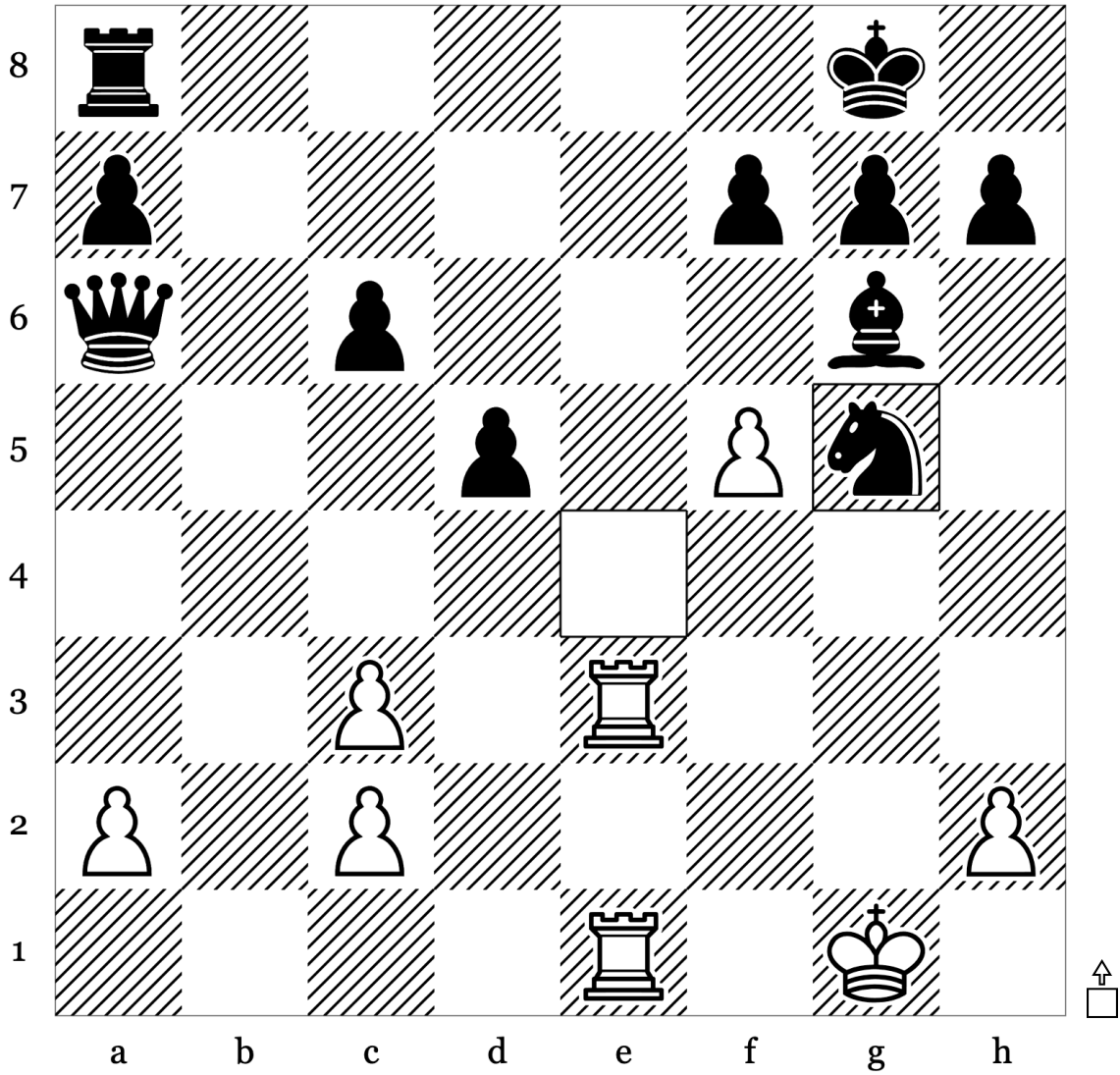
29	Re3	
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Puzzle 58 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 458)



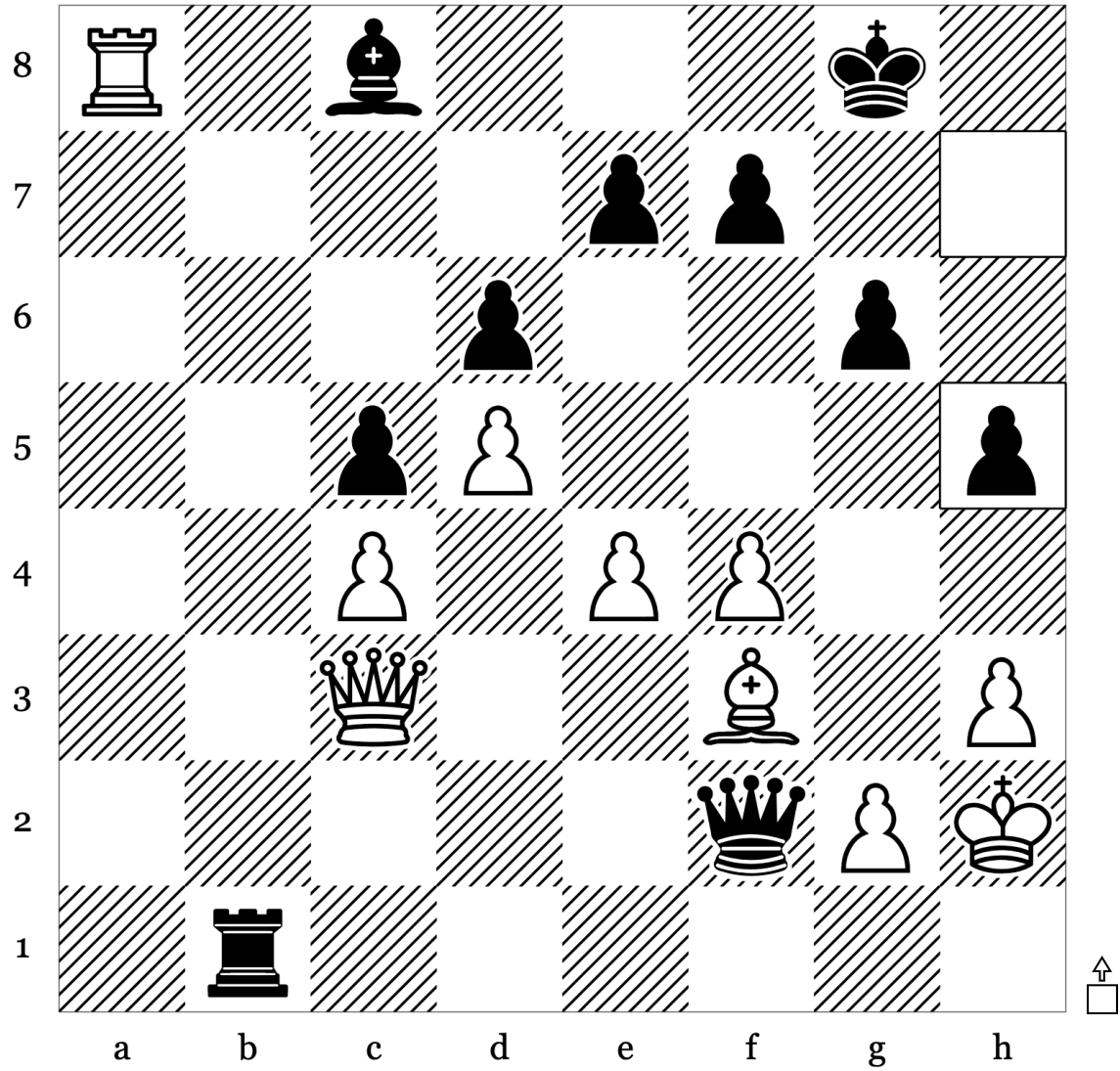
23	...	Rxb2
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Puzzle 59 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 585)



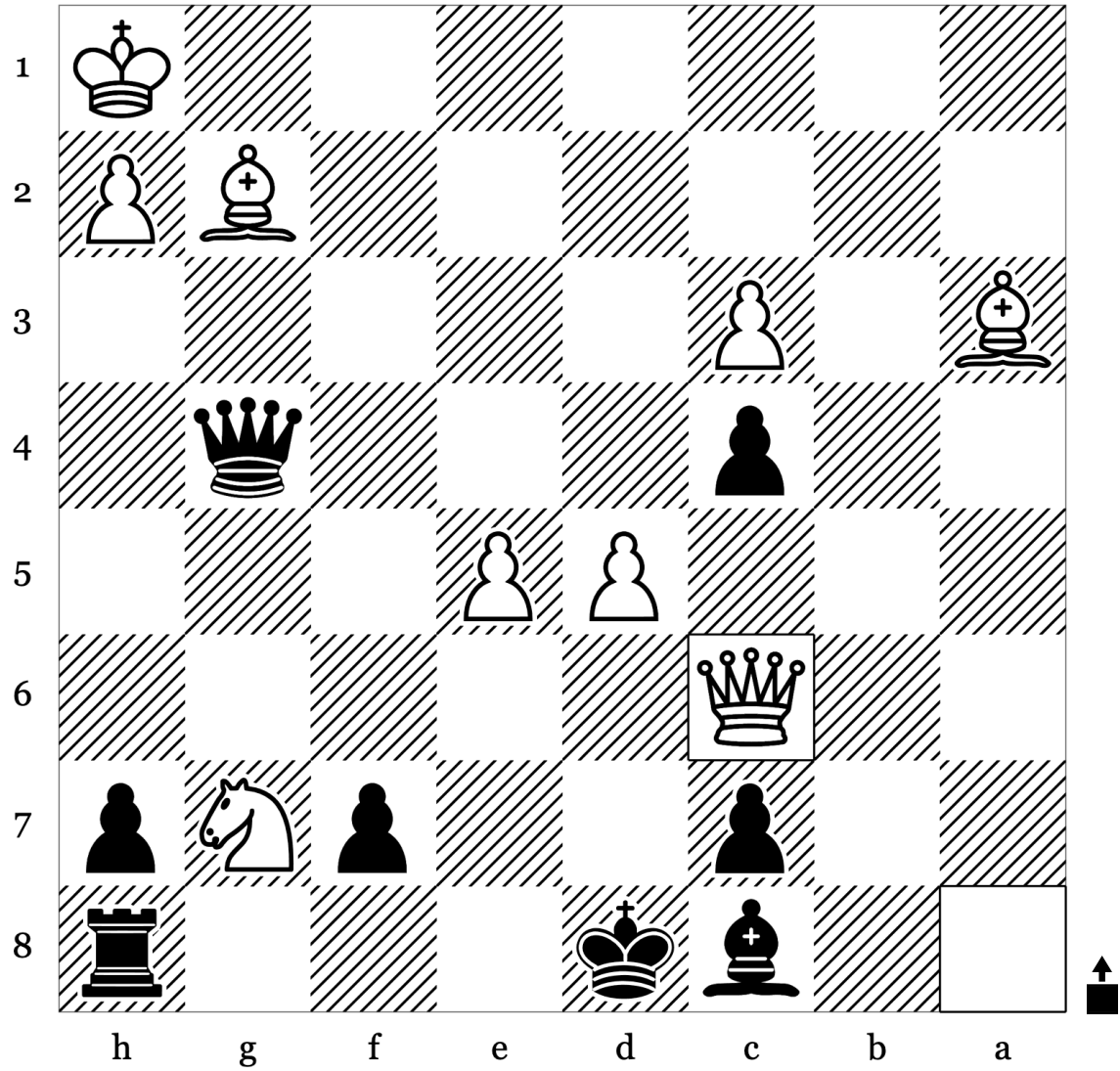
23	...	Nxg5
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Puzzle 60 of 100: Endgame · Hanging Piece (Rating: 794)



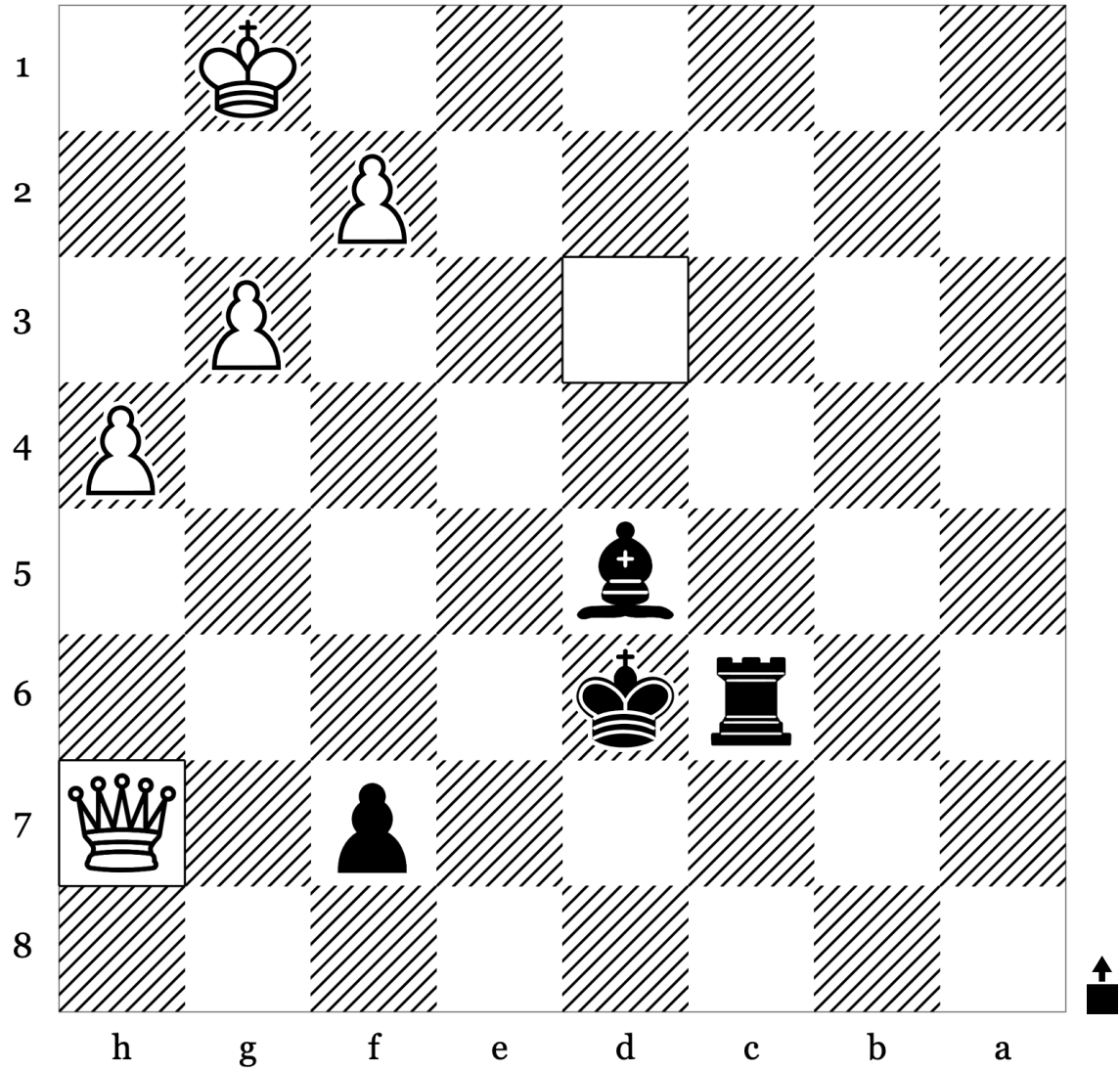
27	...	h5
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Puzzle 63 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 781)



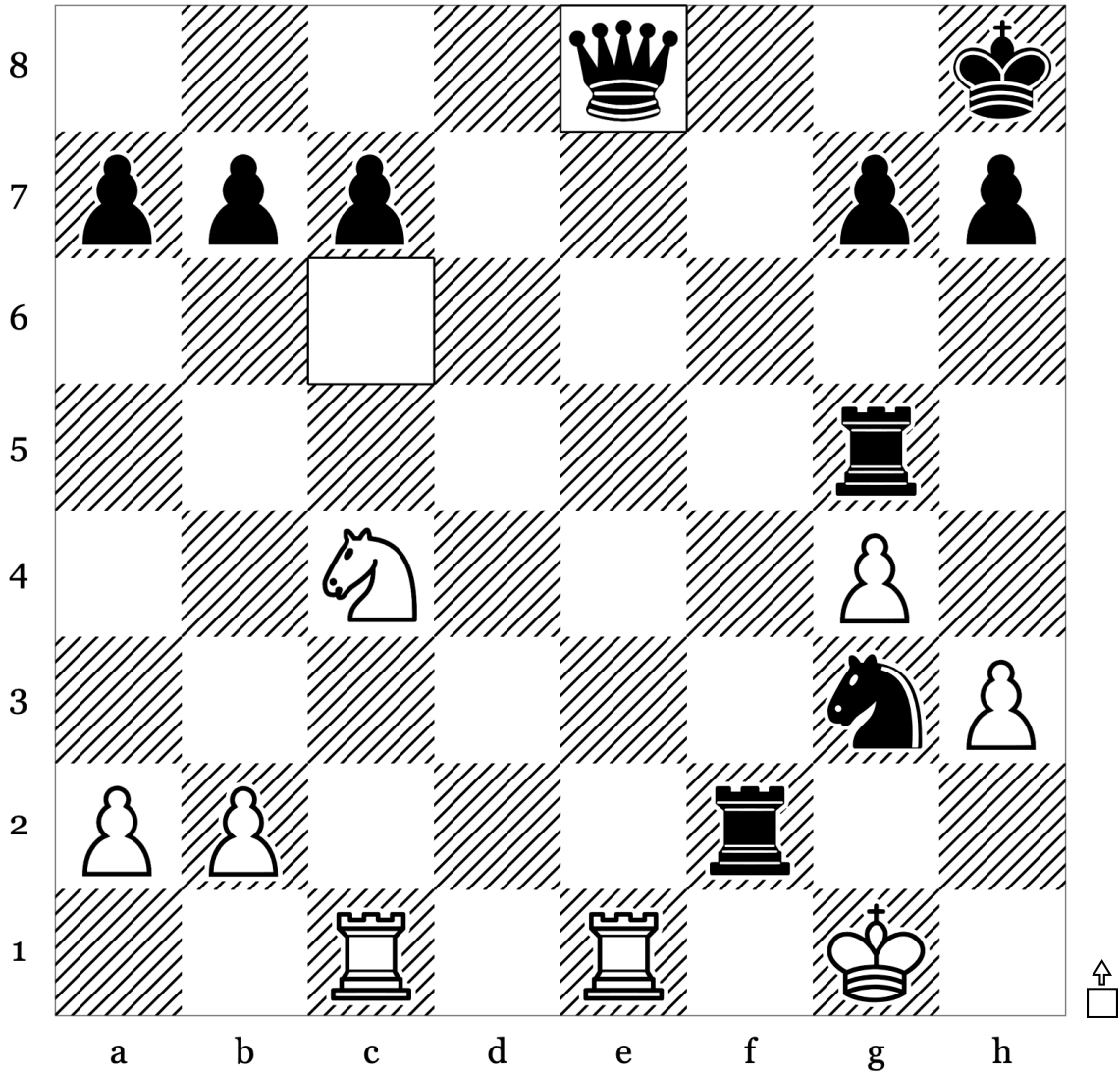
33	Qc6	
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Puzzle 64 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 617)



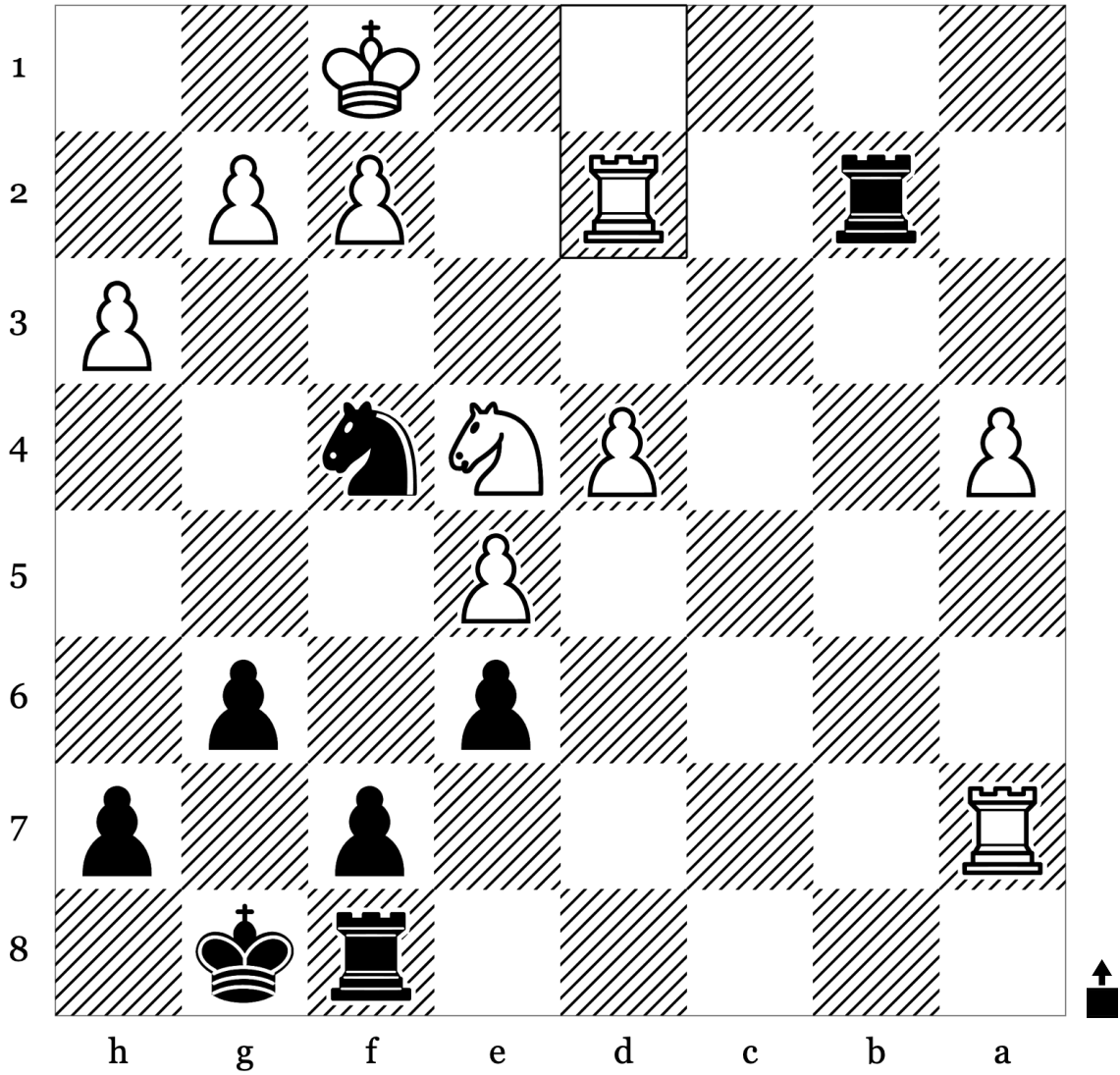
48	Qh7	
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Puzzle 65 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 517)



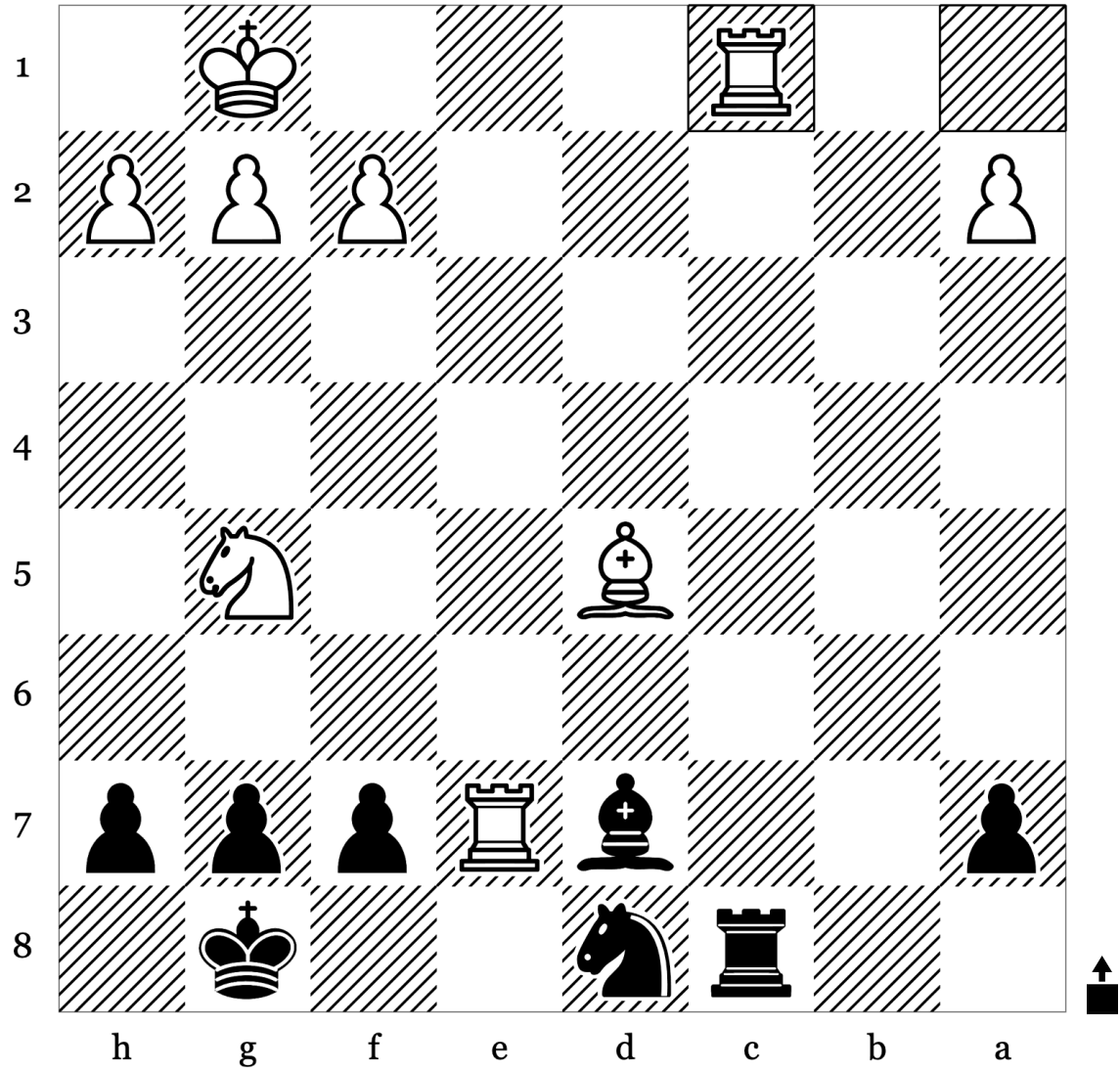
24	...	Qxe8
25		
26		
27		
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Puzzle 66 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 676)



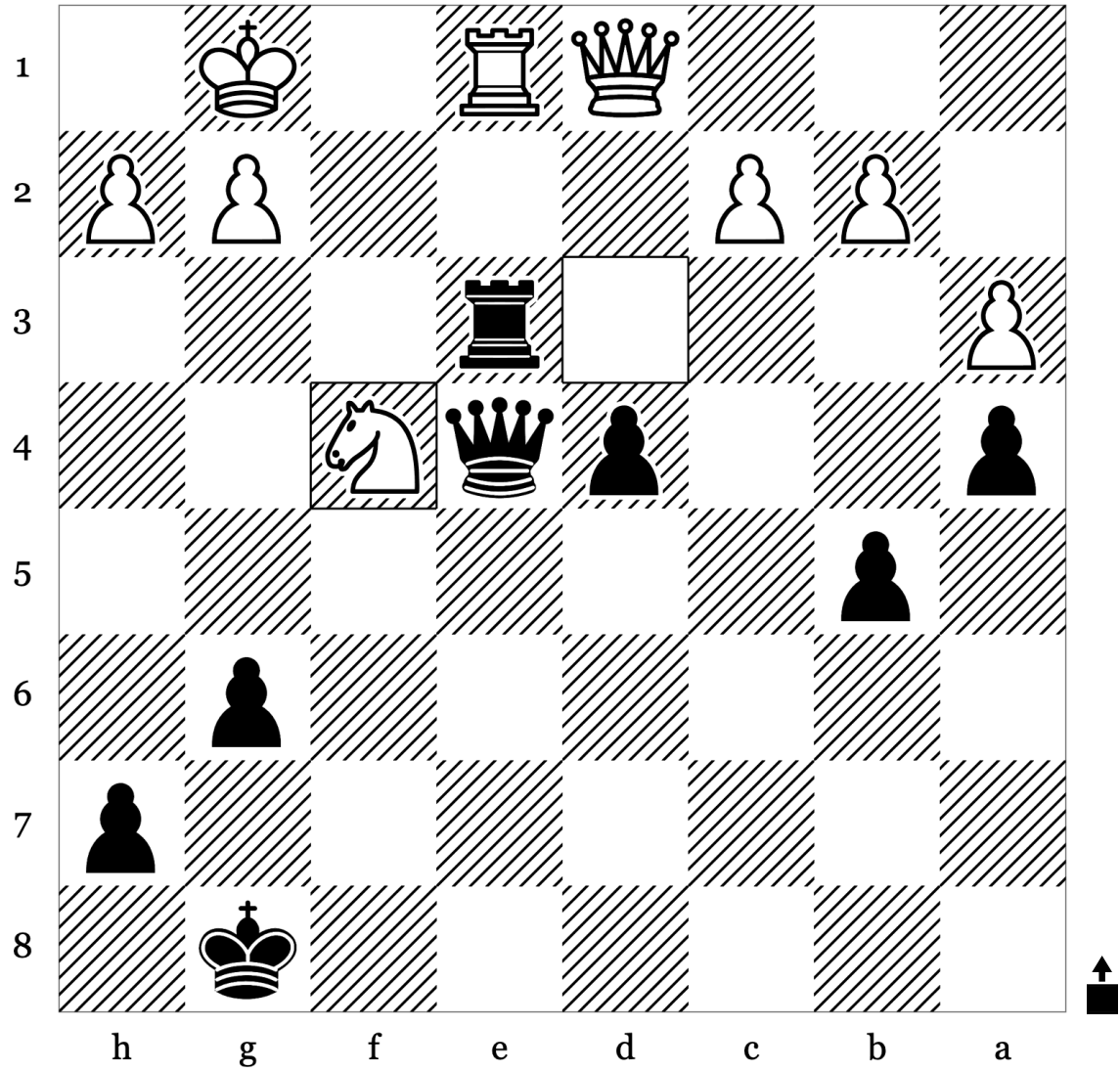
30	Rd2	
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Puzzle 67 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 593)



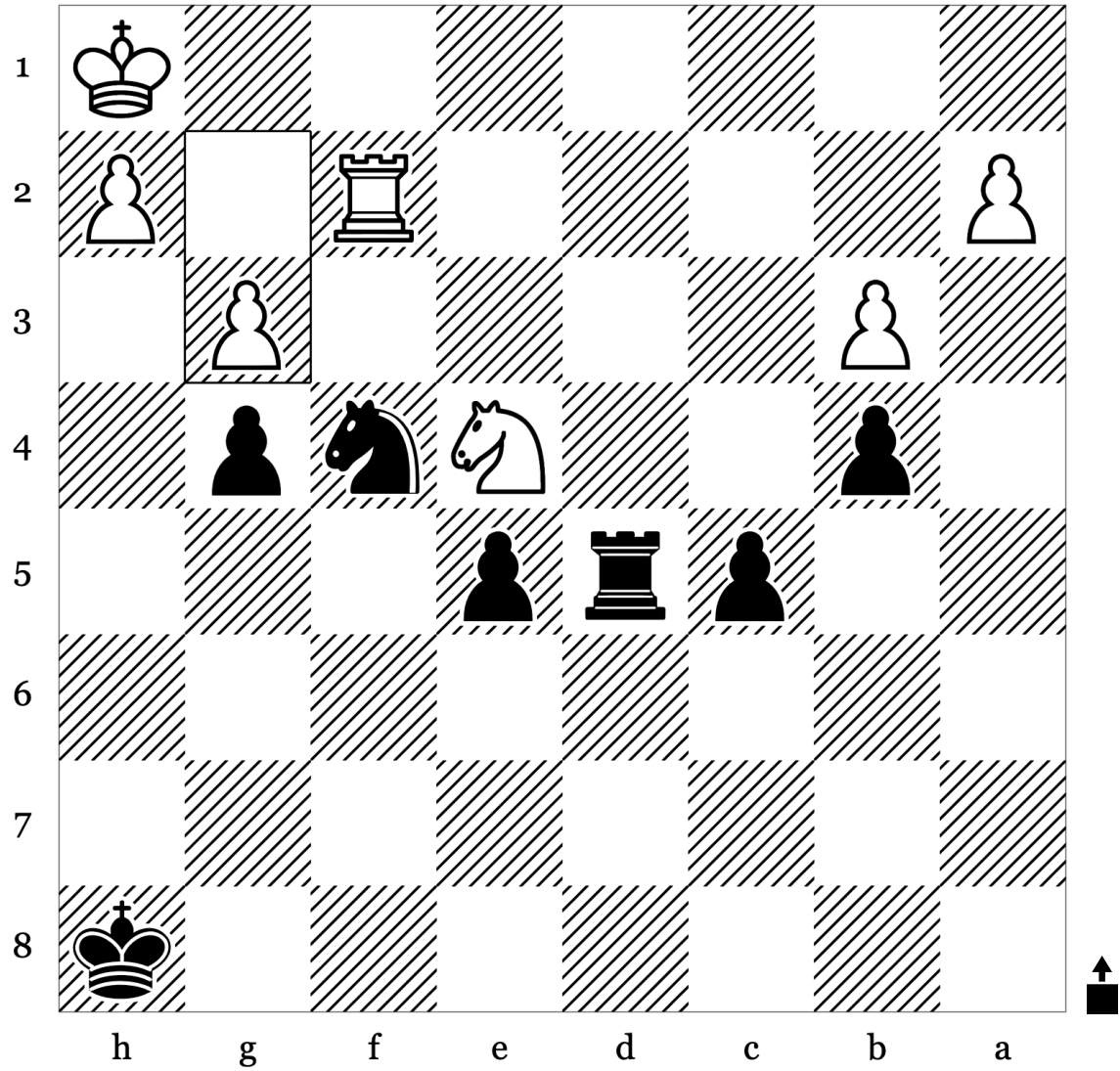
24	Rxc1	
25		
26		
27		
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Puzzle 68 of 100: Endgame · Fork (Rating: 774)



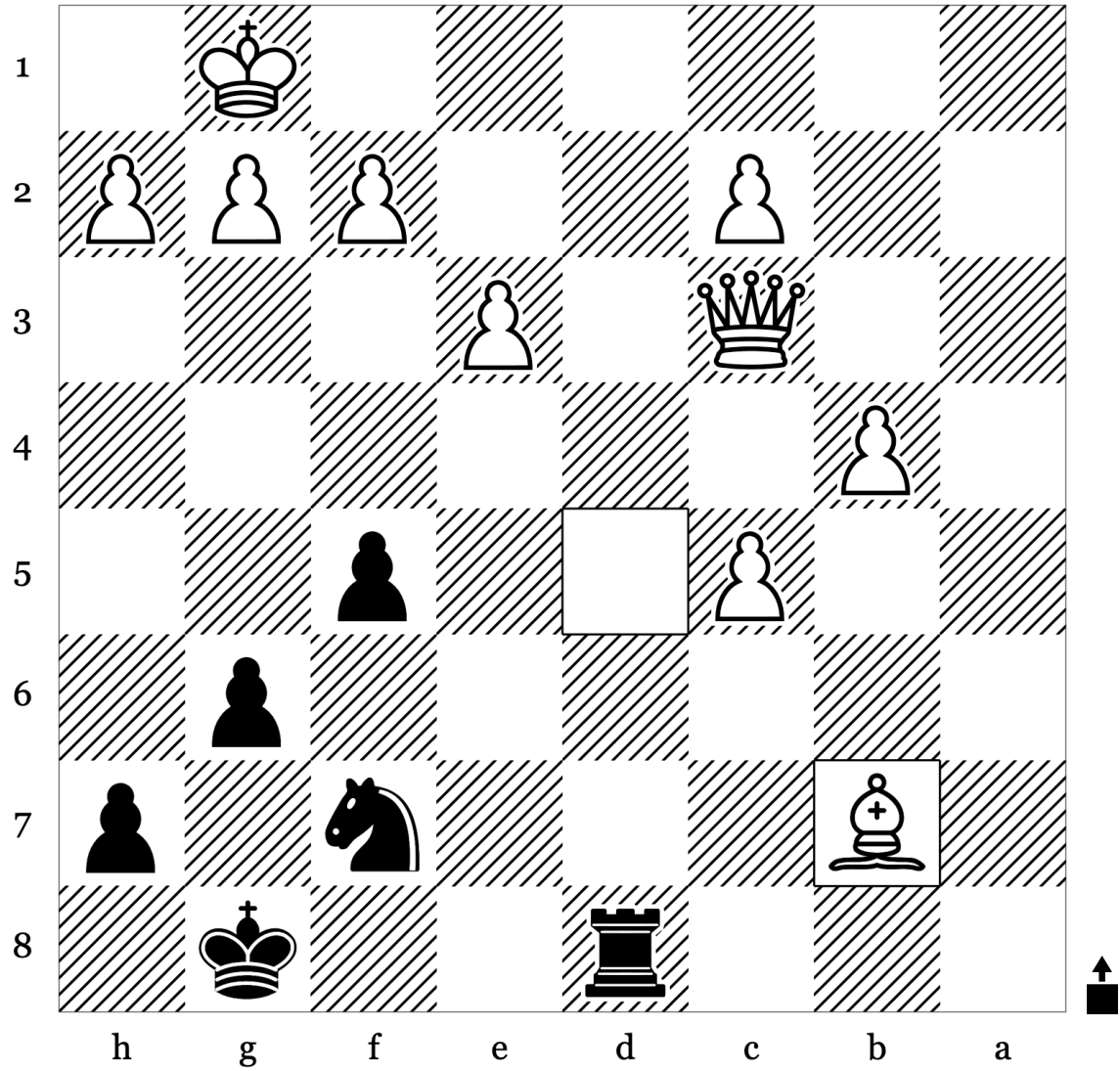
35	Nxf4	
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37		
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Puzzle 71 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 400)



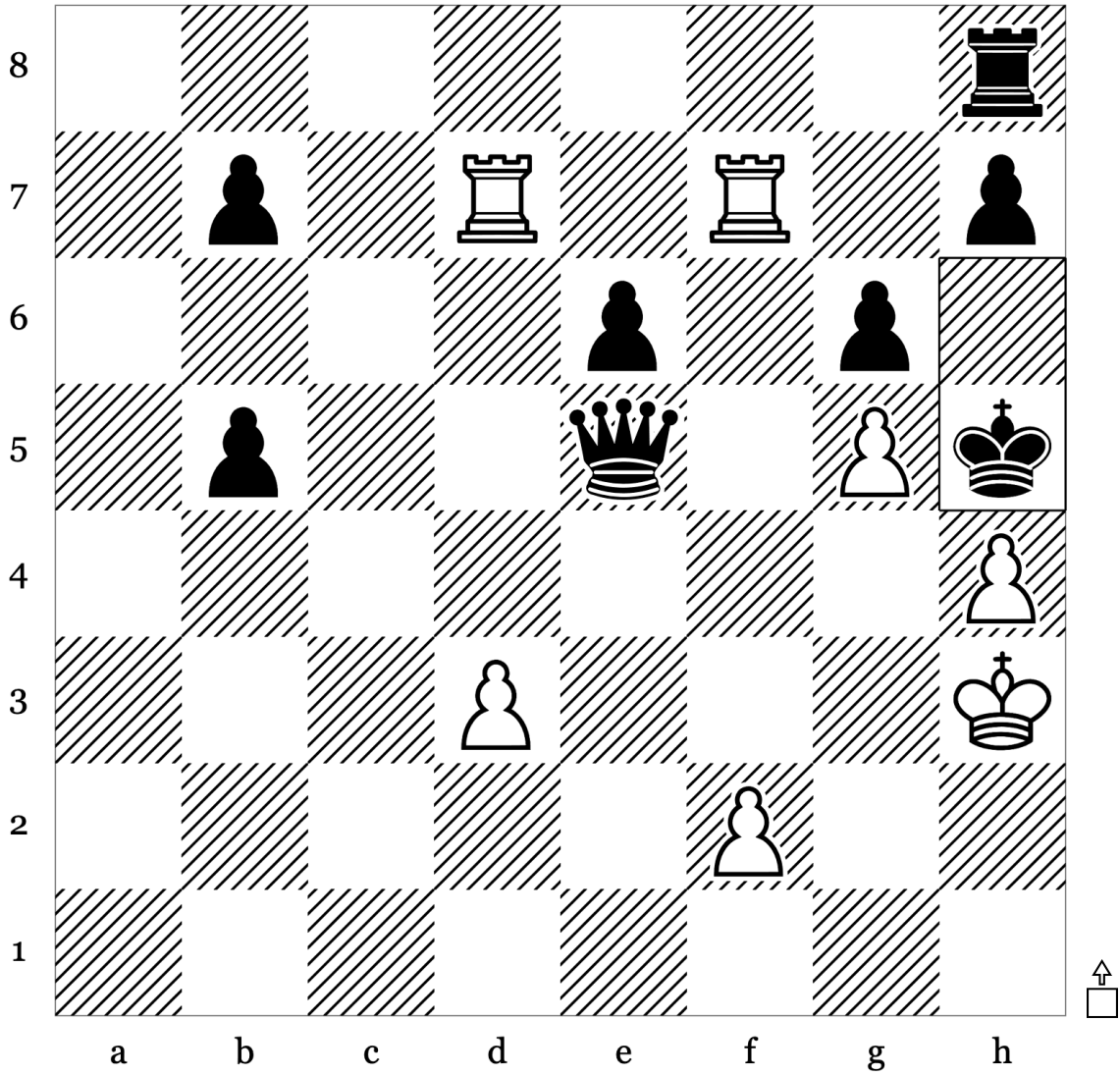
40	g3	
41		
42		
43		
44		

Puzzle 72 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 585)



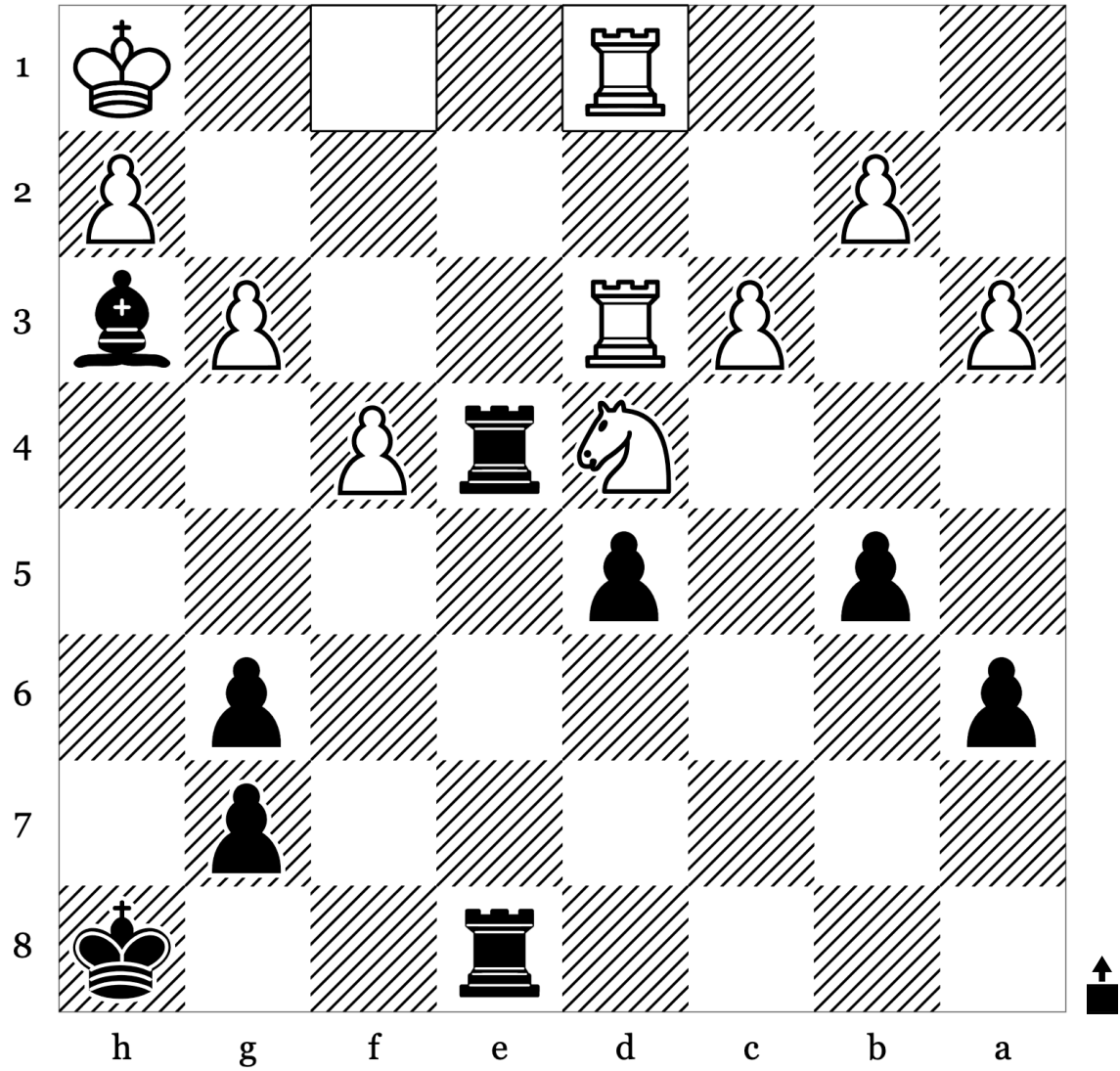
31	Bxb7	
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Puzzle 73 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 723)



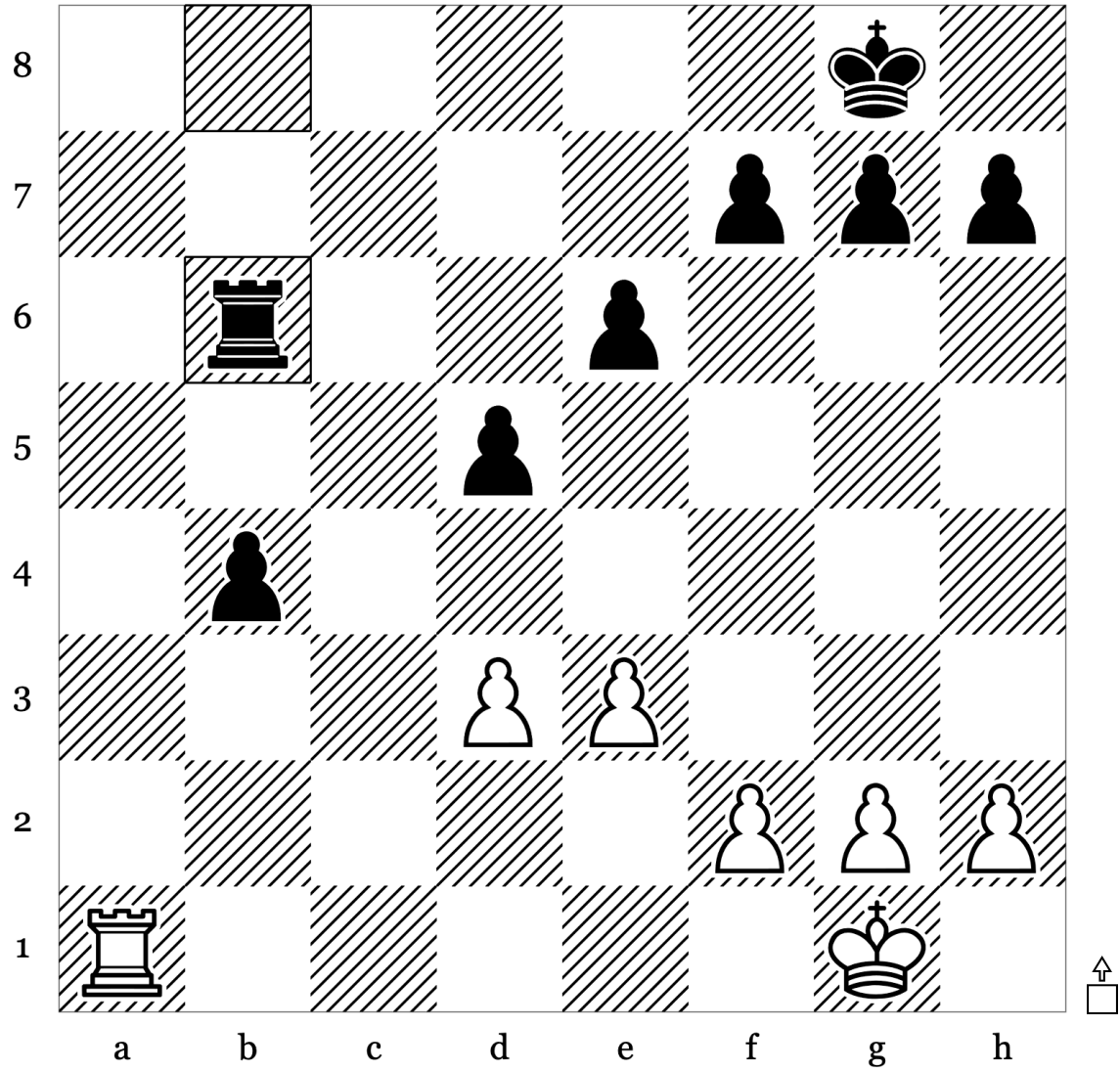
40	...	Kh5
41		
42		
43		
44		

Puzzle 74 of 100: Endgame · Master (Rating: 615)



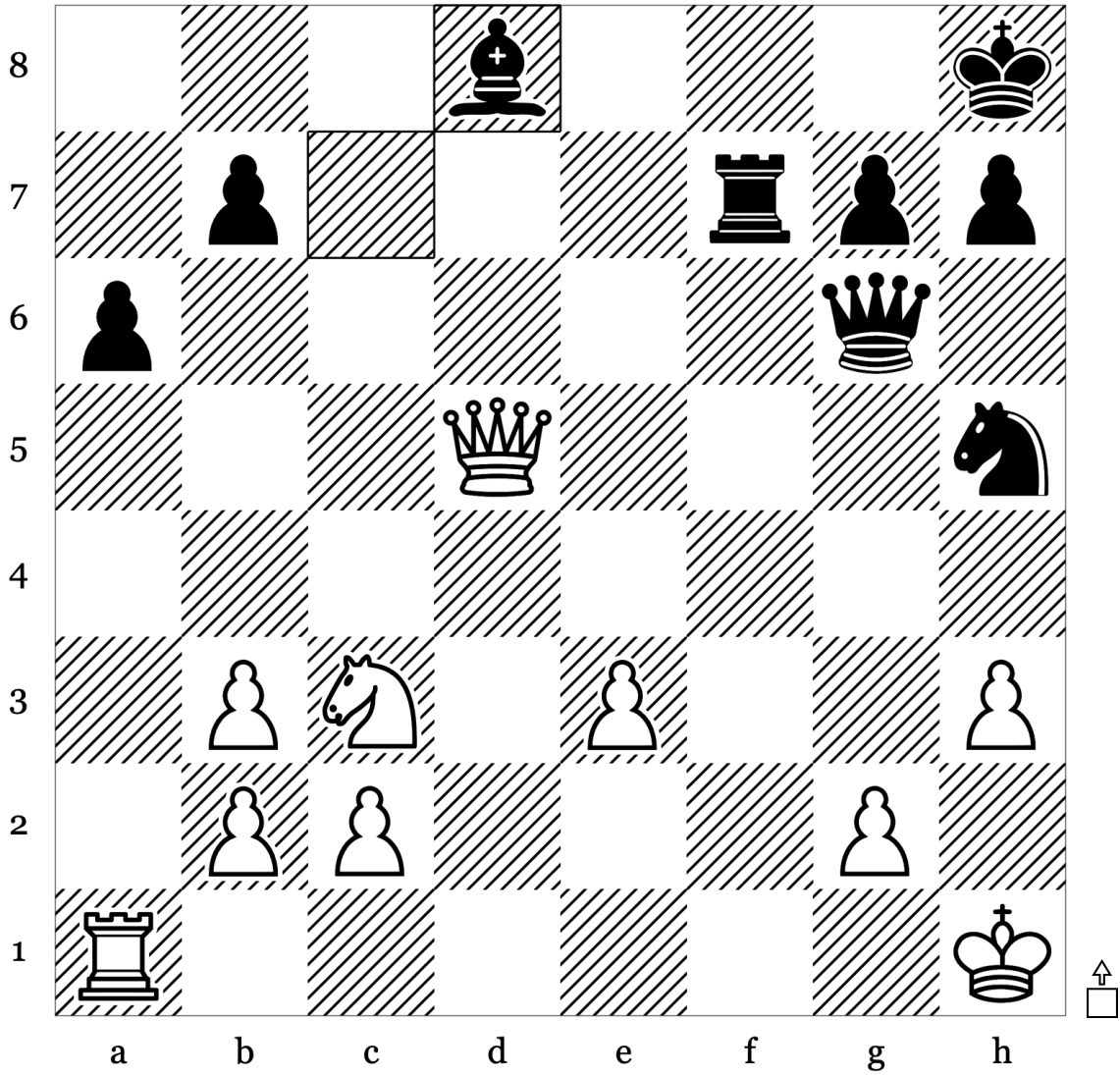
31	Rfd1	
32		
33		
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Puzzle 75 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 482)



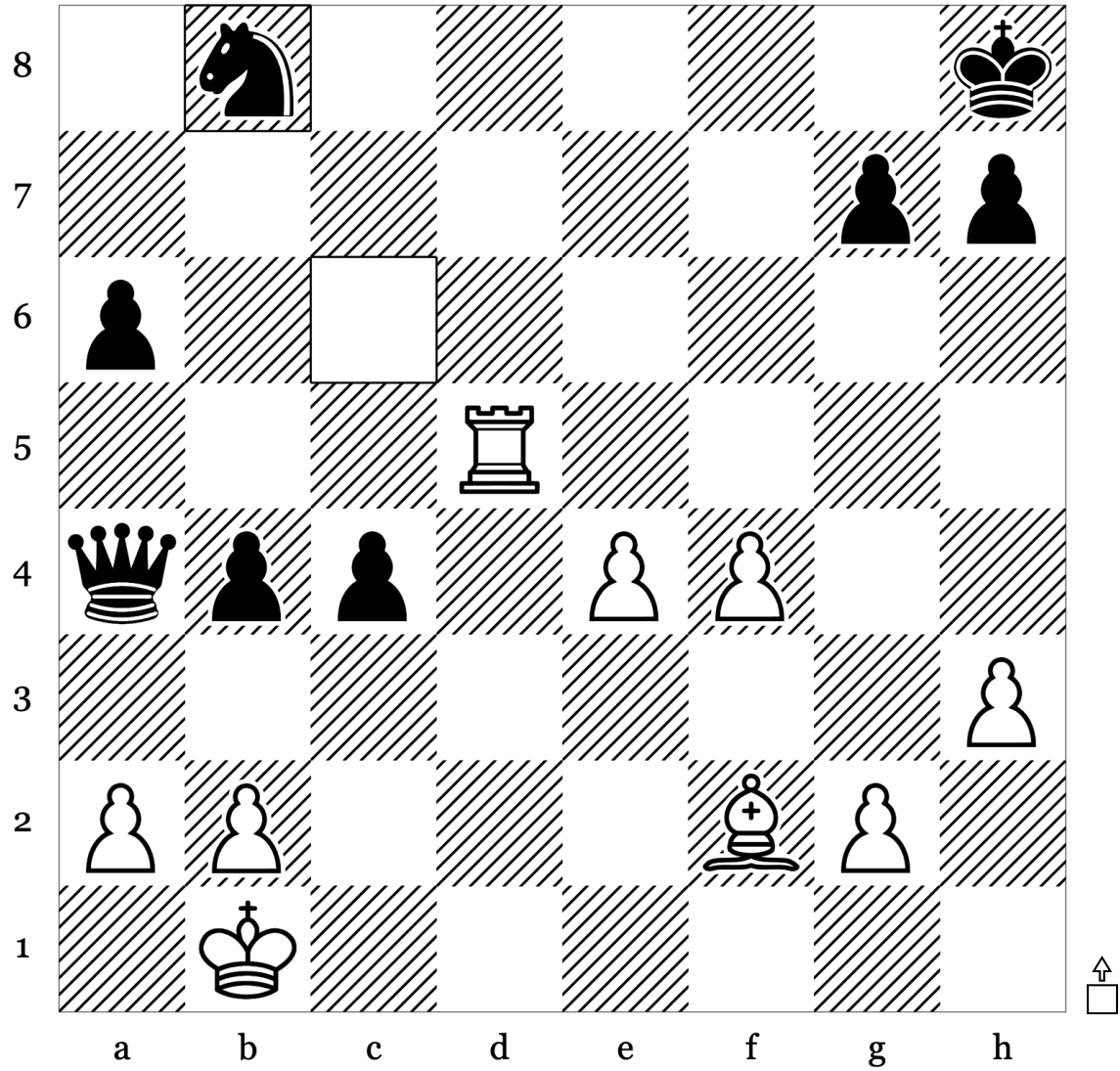
31	...	Rxb6
32		
33		
34		
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Puzzle 76 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 680)



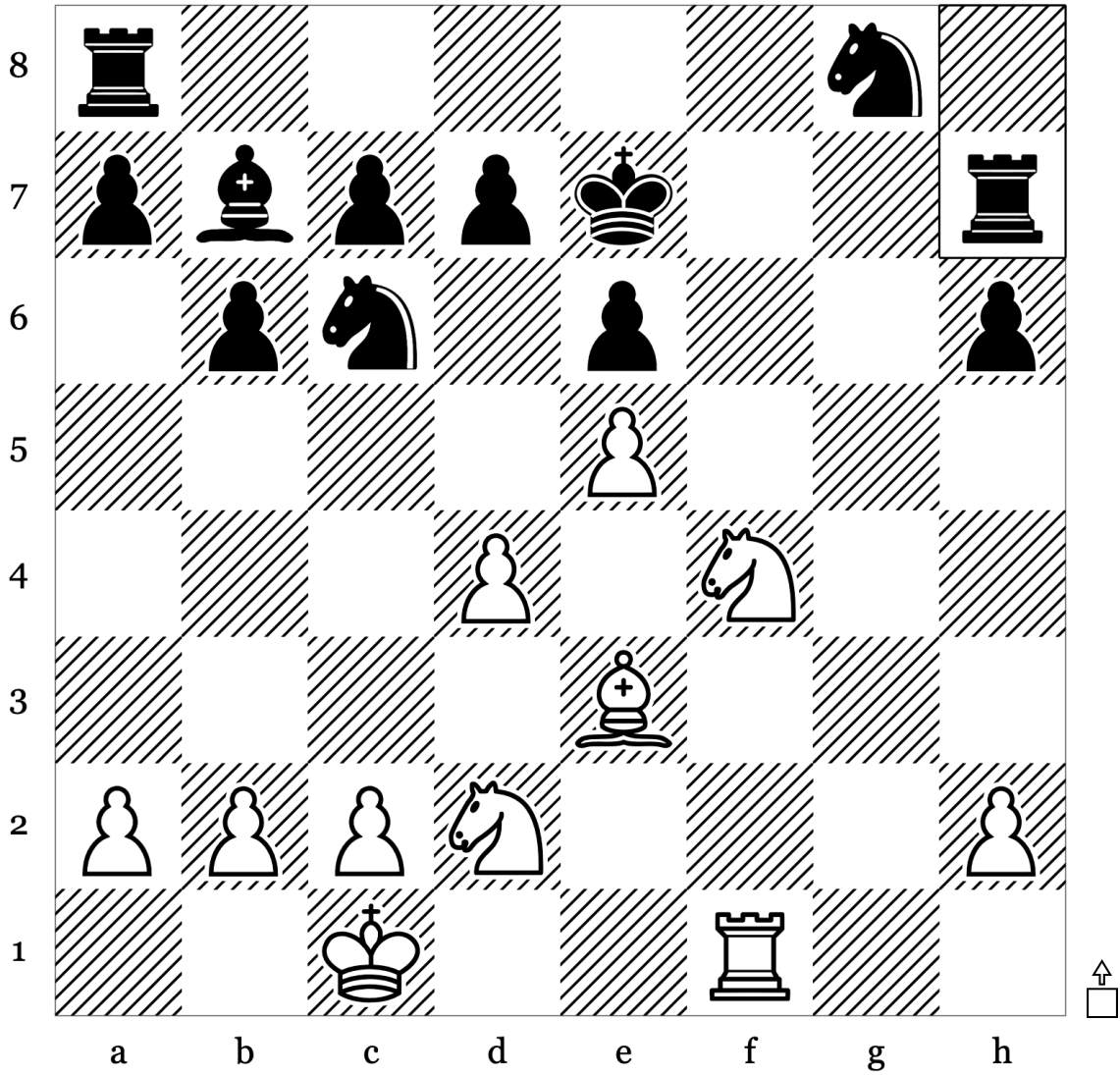
30	...	Bxd8
31		
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Puzzle 77 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 400)



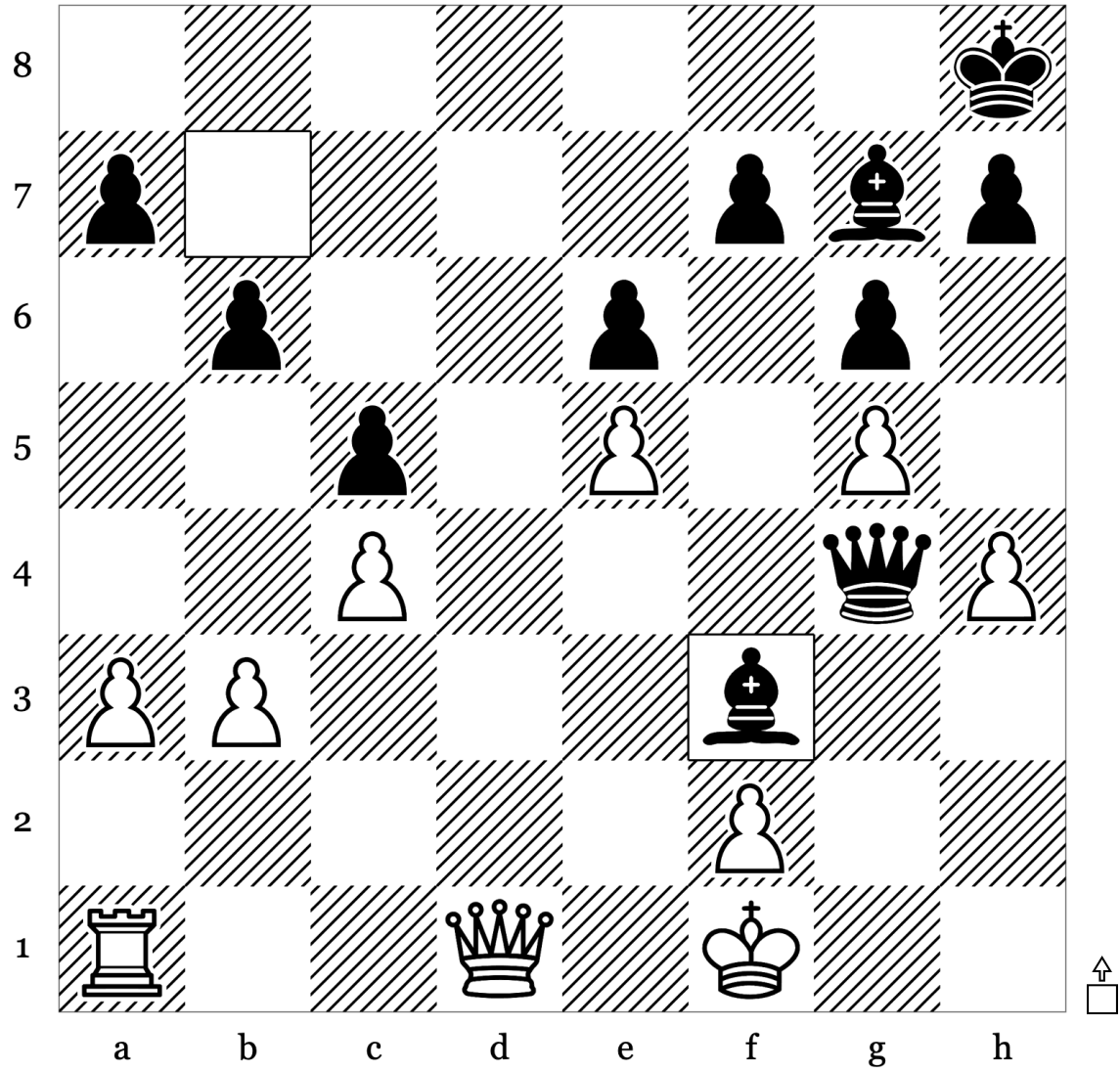
37	...	Nxb8
38		
39		
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41		

Puzzle 78 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 734)



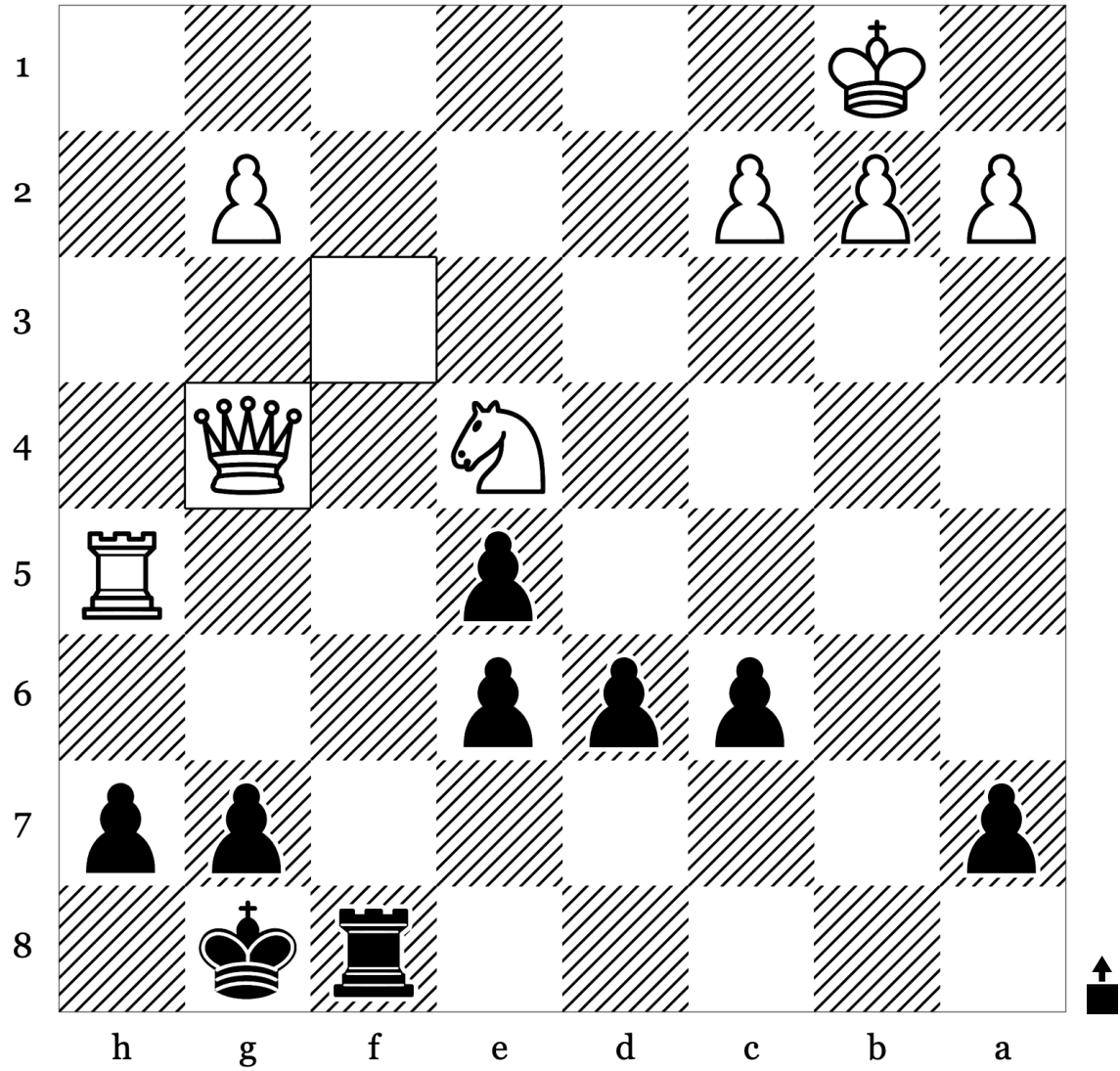
17	...	Rh7
18		
19		
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21		

Puzzle 79 of 100: Endgame - Kingside Attack (Rating: 656)



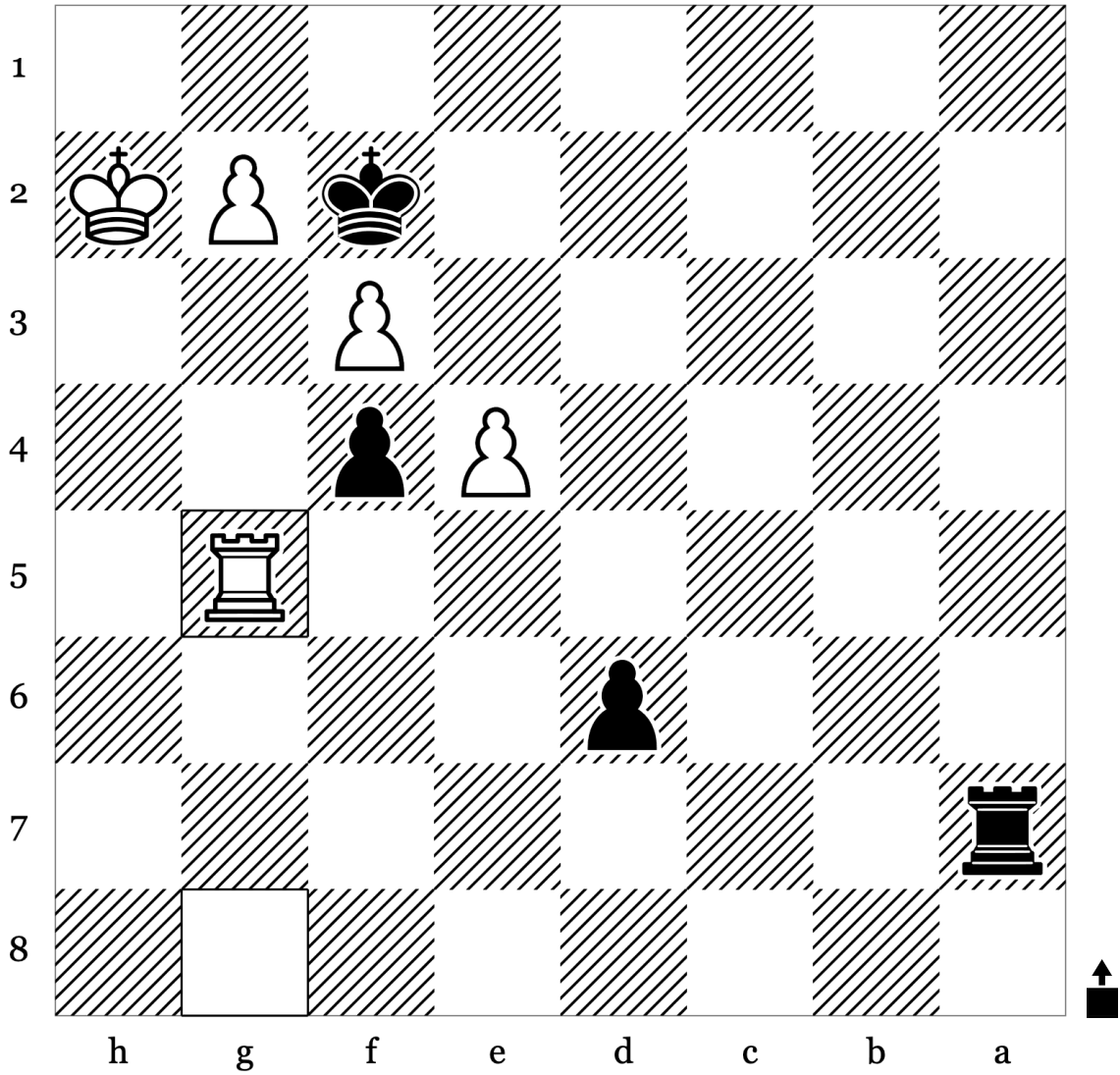
32	...	Bxf3
33		
34		
35		
36		

Puzzle 80 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 400)



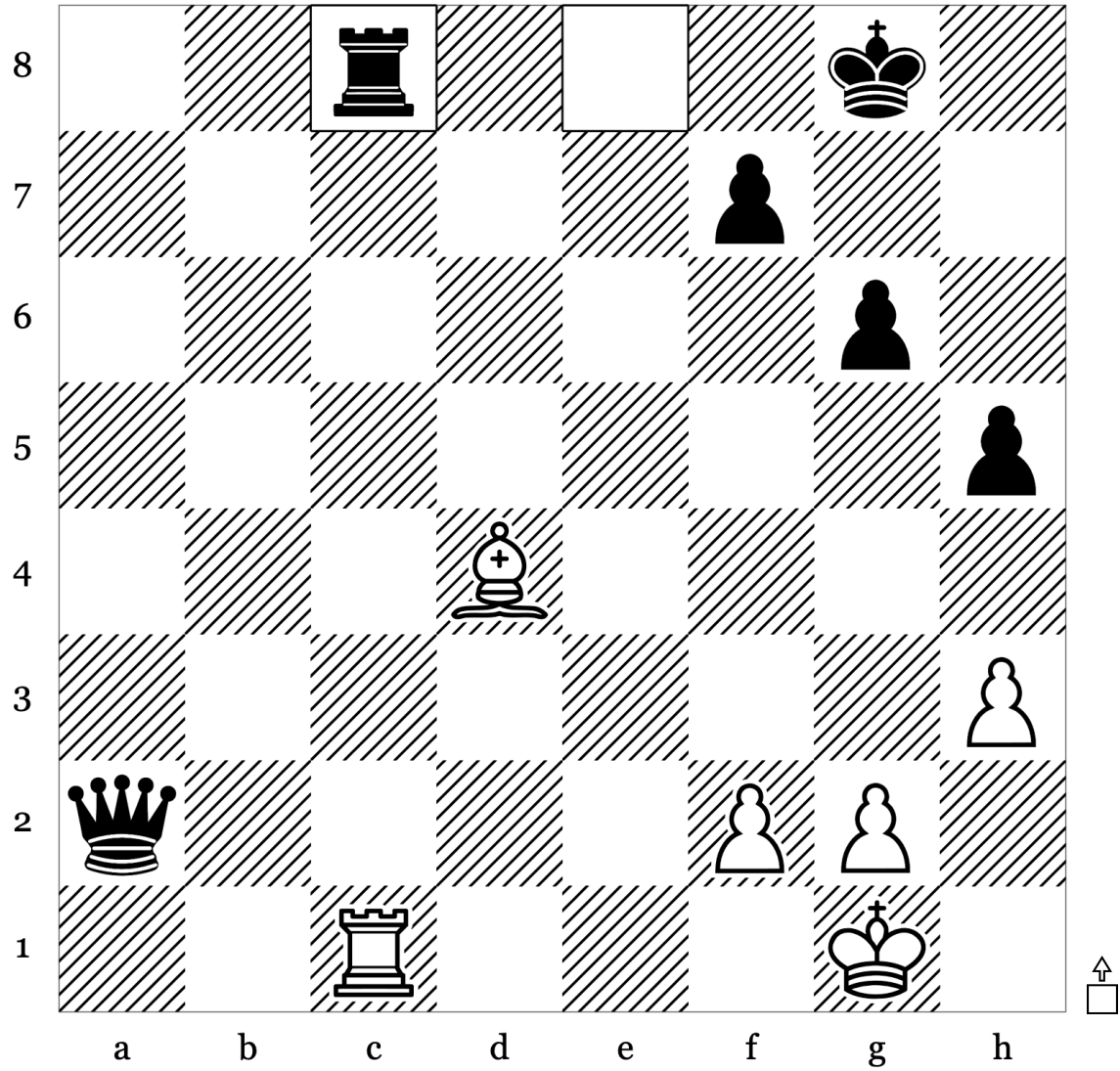
22	Qxg4	
23		
24		
25		
26		

Puzzle 81 of 100: Endgame - Master (Rating: 741)



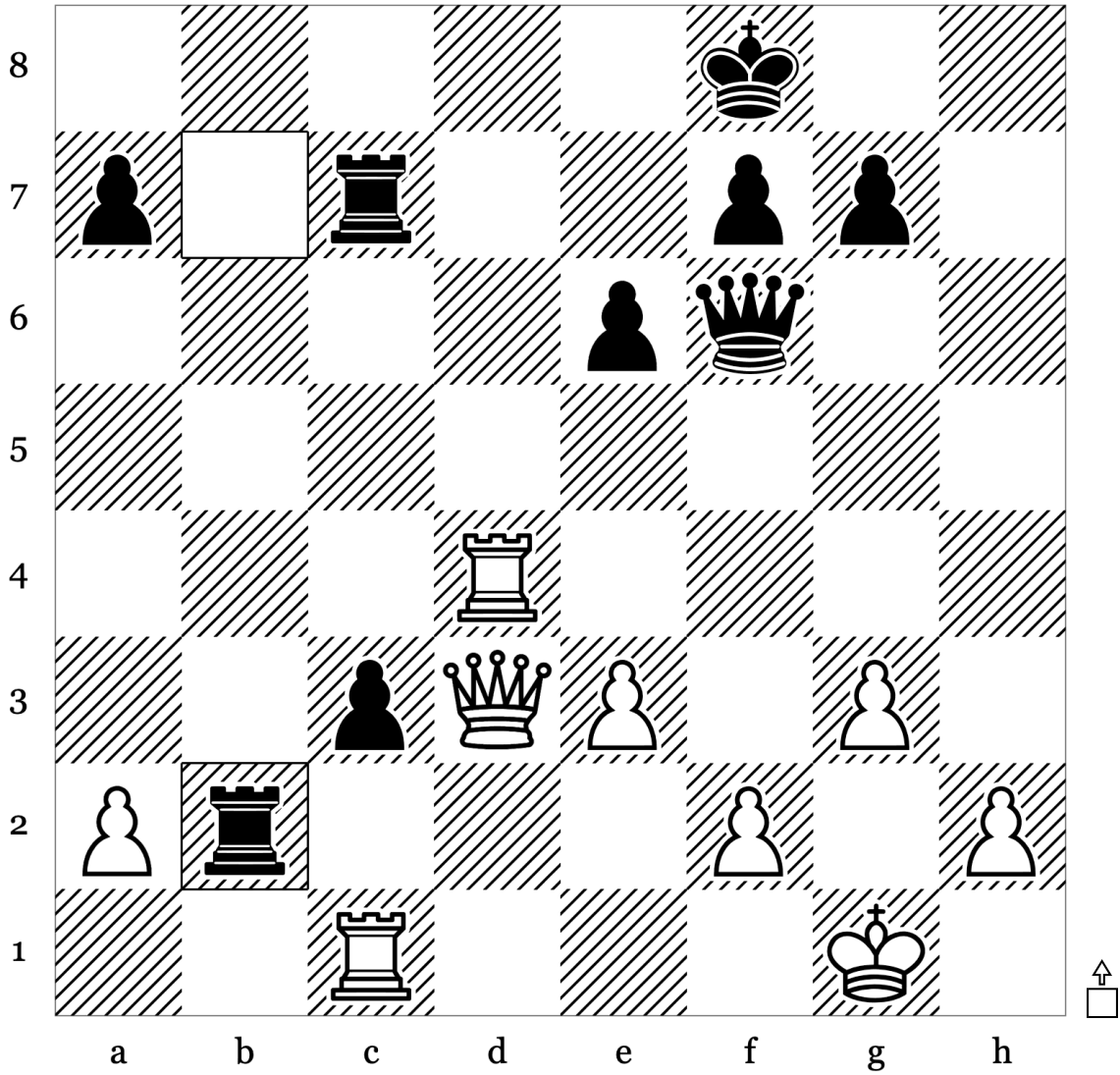
48	Rxg5	
49		
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Puzzle 82 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 635)



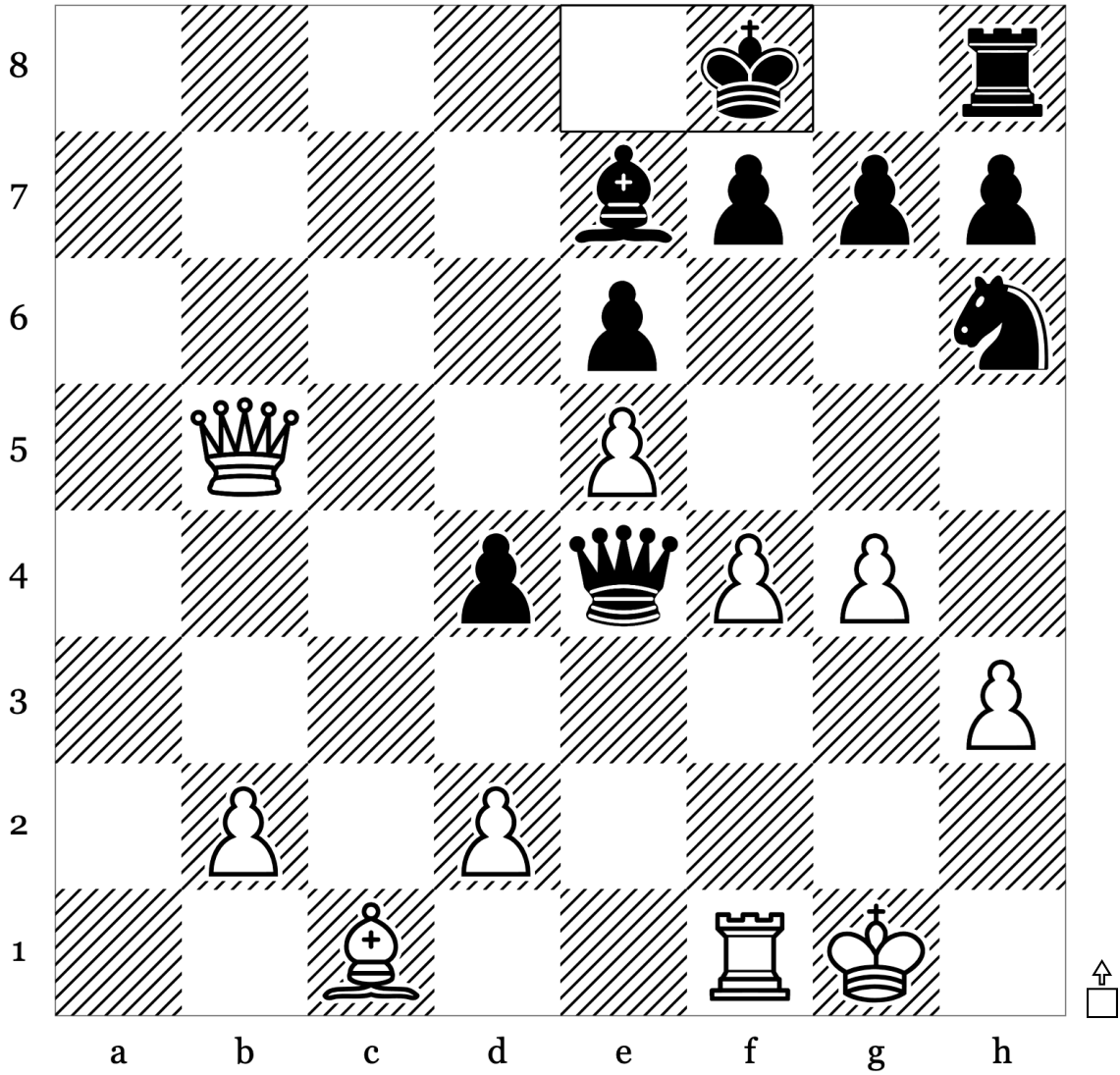
37	...	Rxc8
38		
39		
40		
41		

Puzzle 83 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 776)



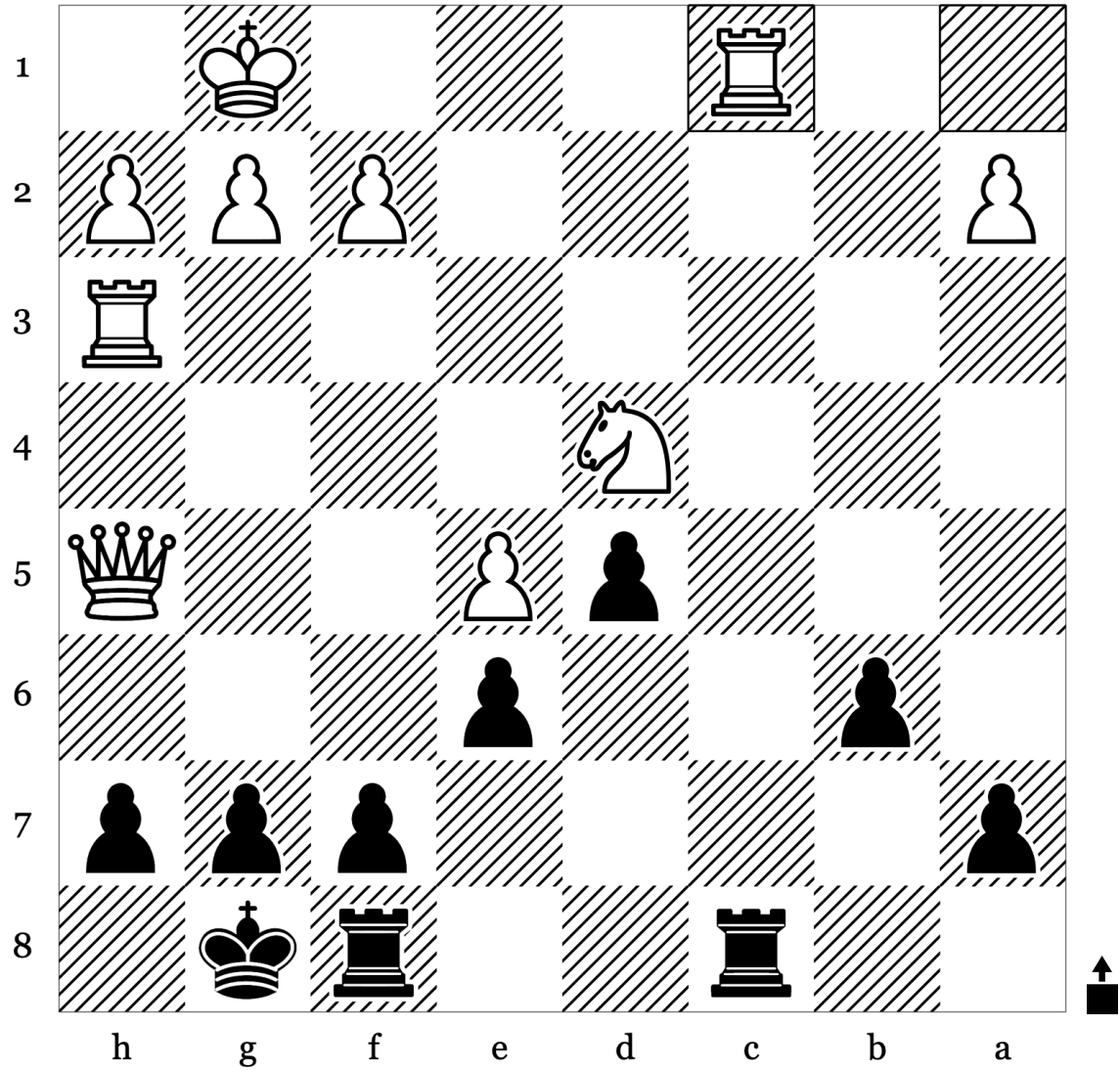
26	...	Rb2
27		
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Puzzle 84 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 718)



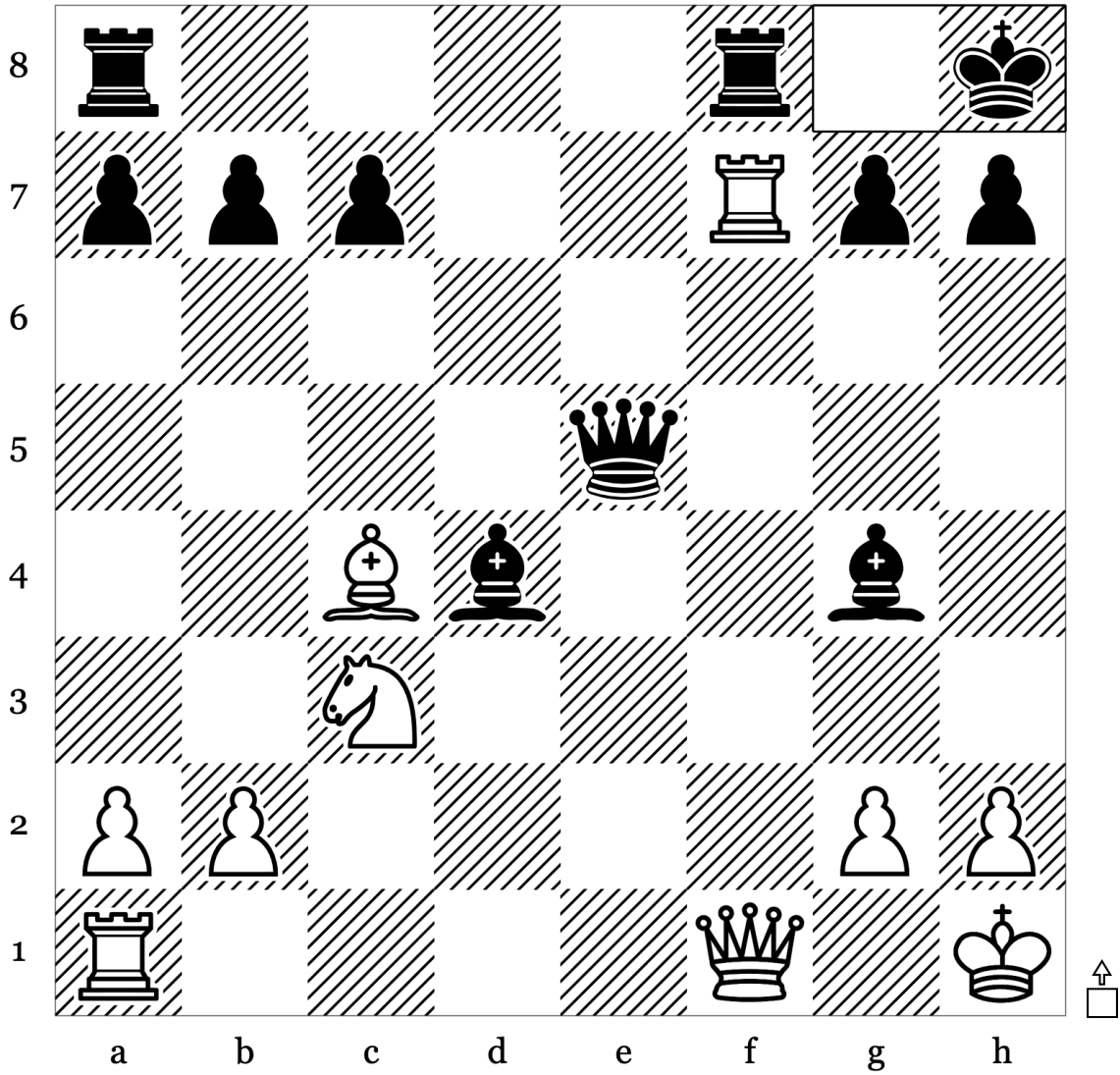
19	...	Kf8
20		
21		
22		
23		

Puzzle 85 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 600)



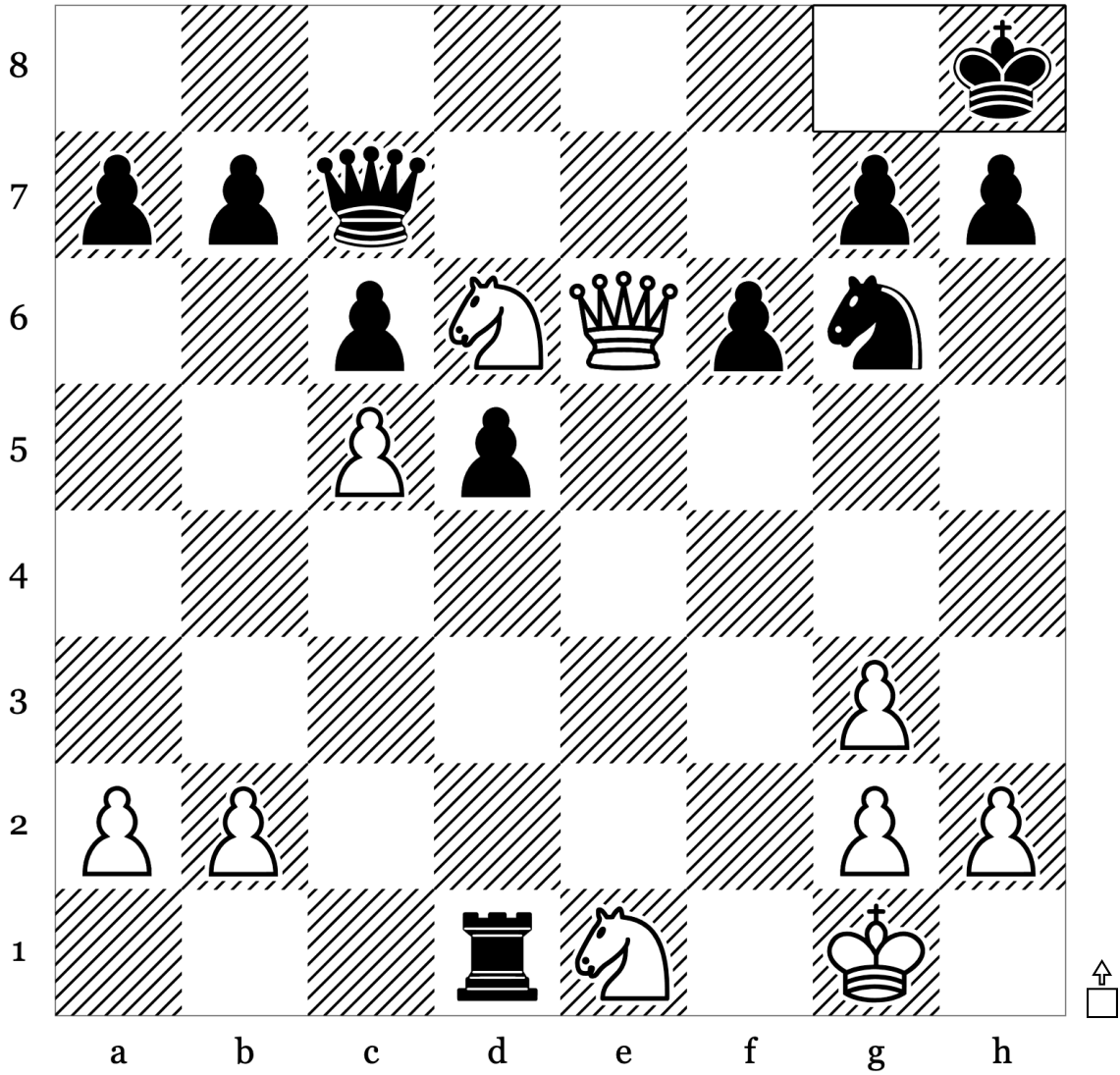
23	Rxc1	
24		
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Puzzle 86 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 565)



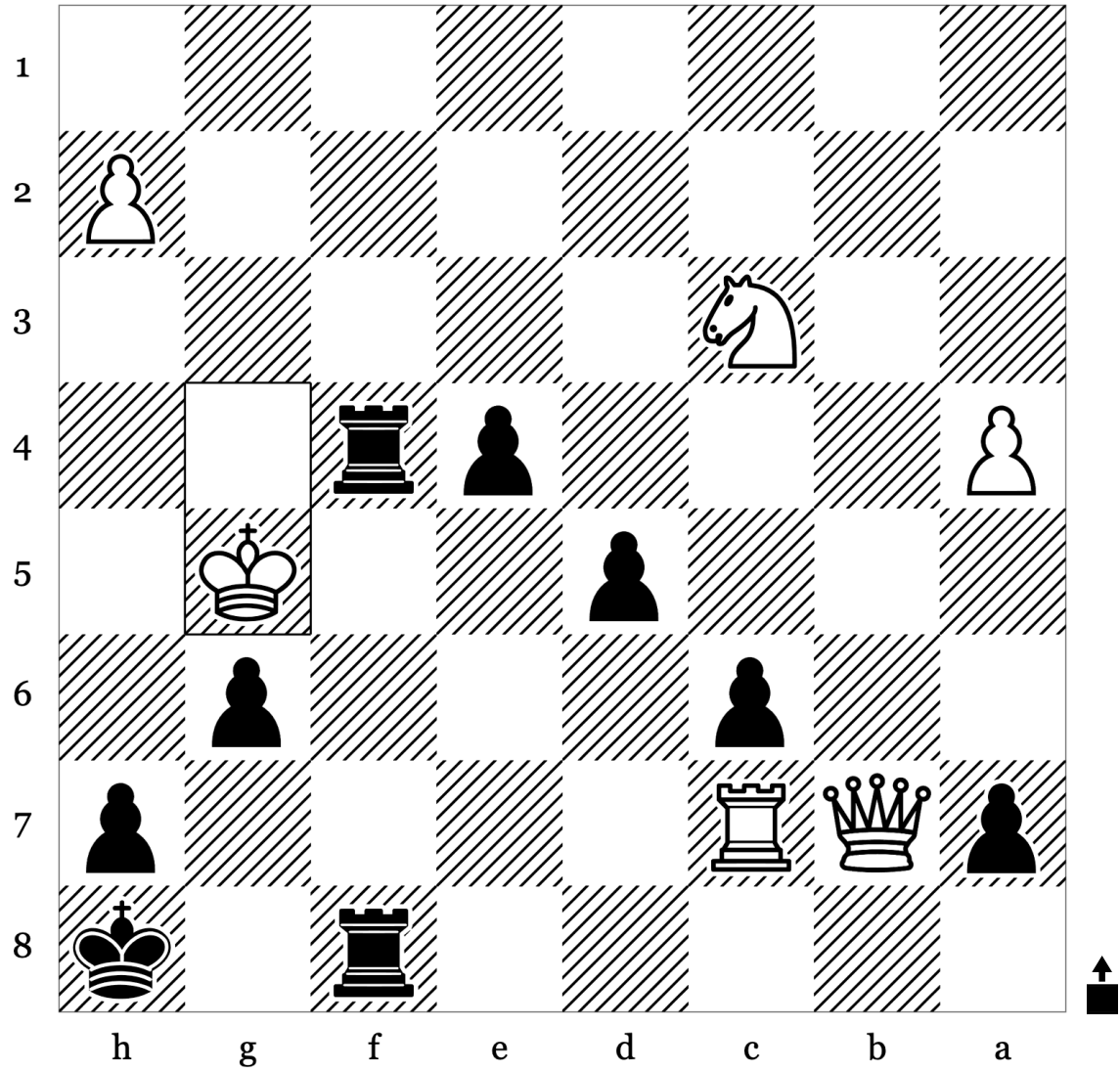
17	...	Kh8
18		
19		
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Puzzle 87 of 100: Endgame · Kingside Attack (Rating: 532)



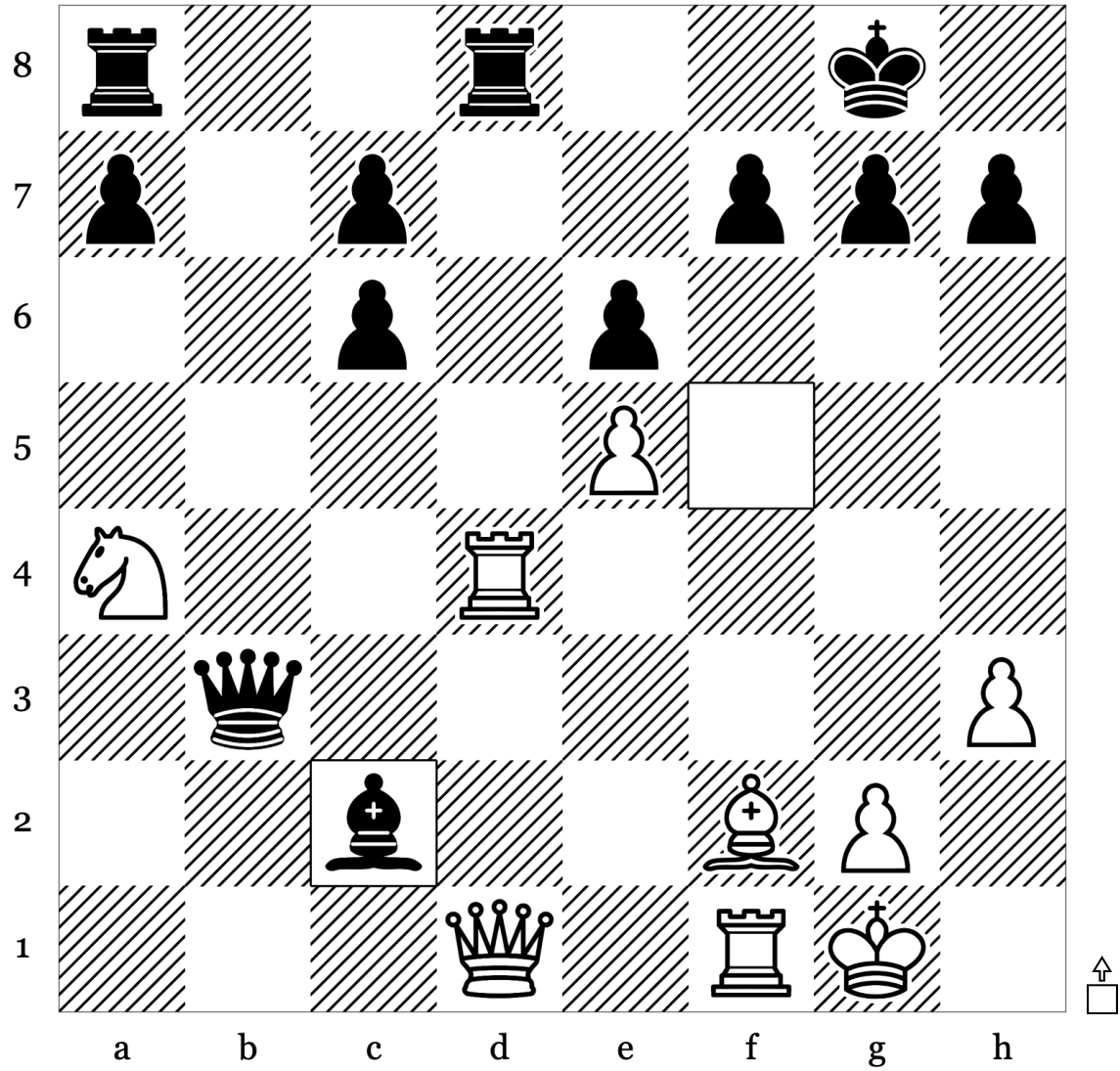
24	...	Kh8
25		
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Puzzle 88 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 721)



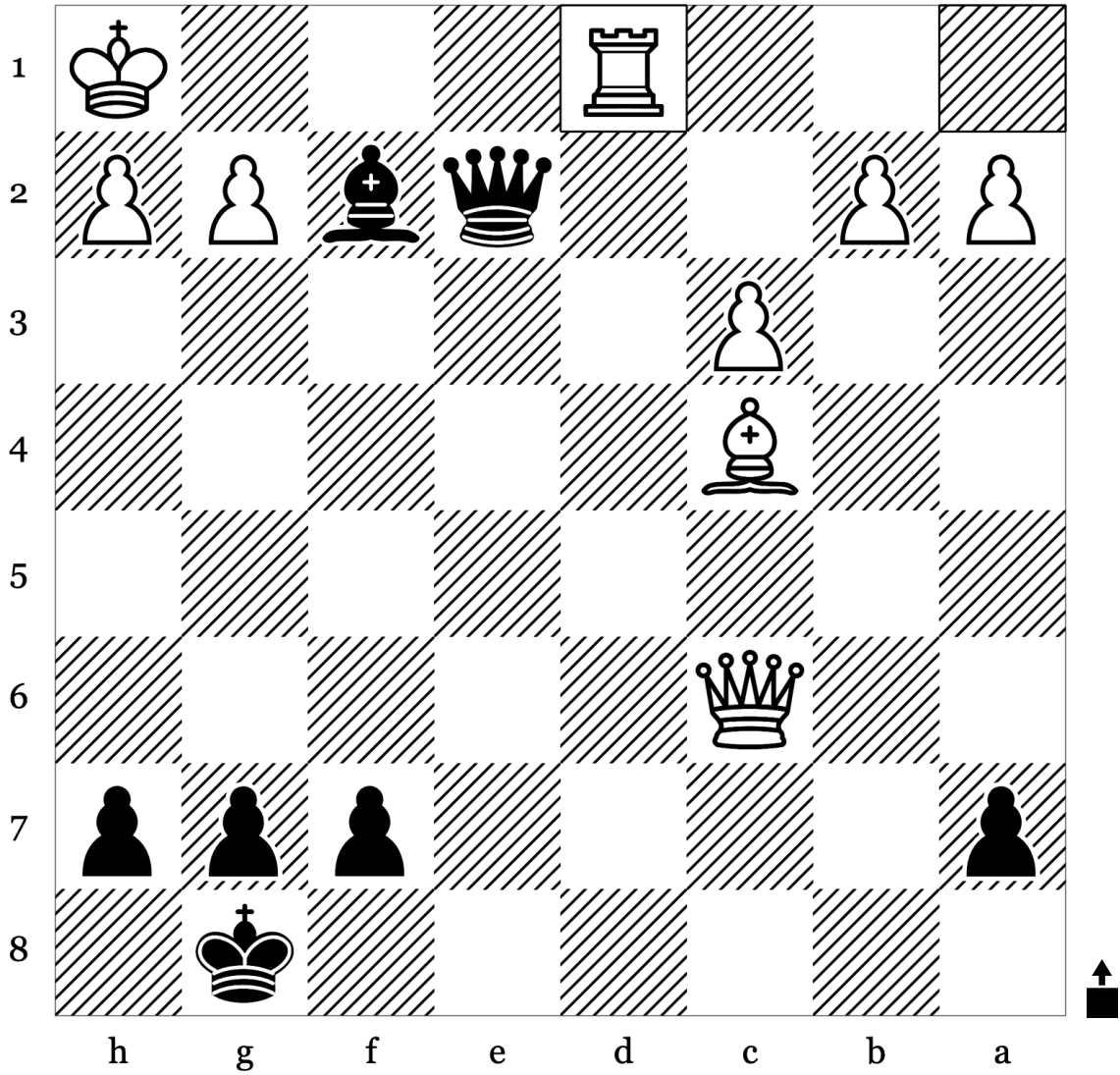
34	Kg5	
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Puzzle 89 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 653)



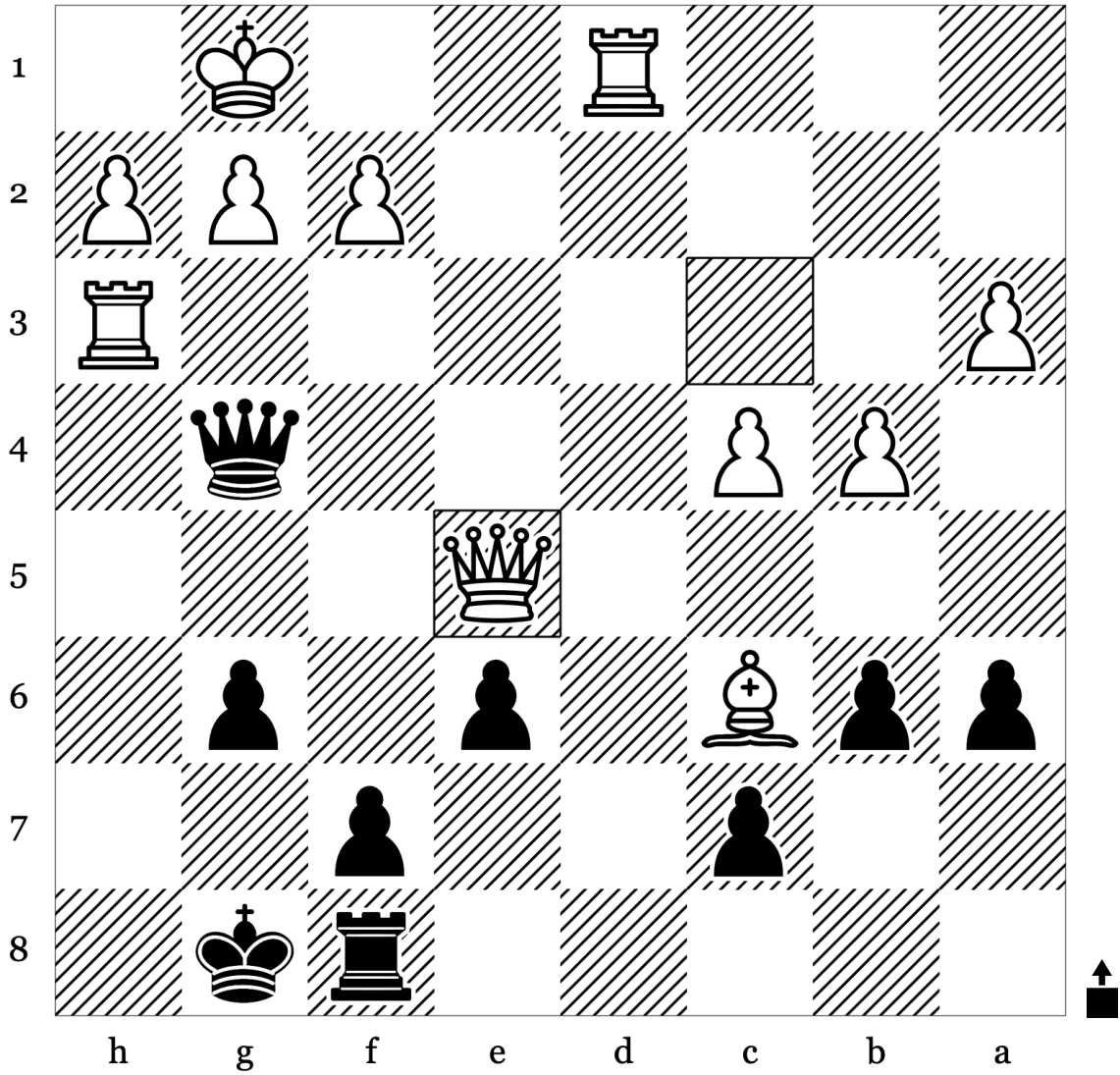
22	...	Bc2
23		
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Puzzle 90 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 518)



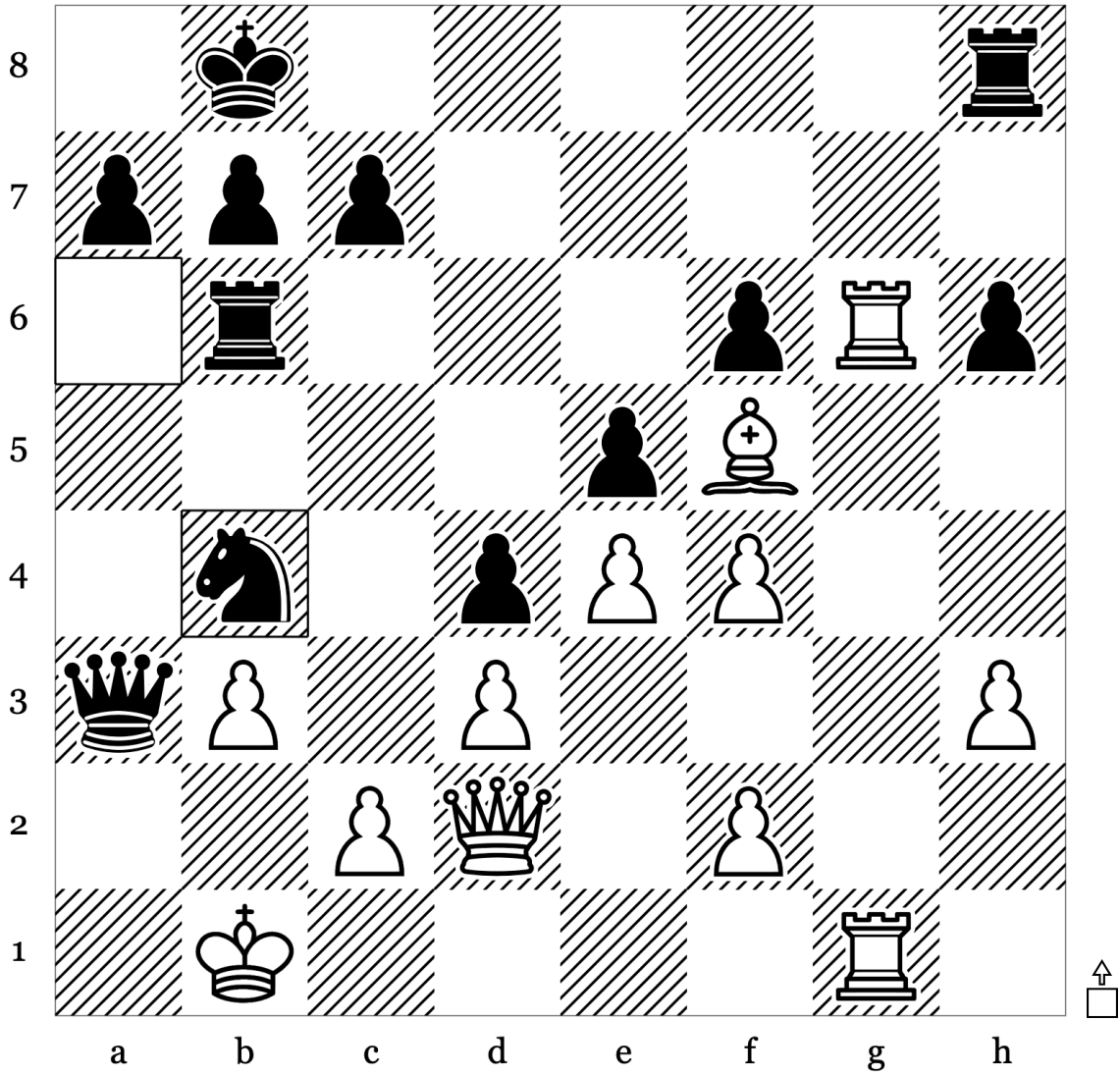
23	Rxd1	
24		
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Puzzle 91 of 100: Endgame · Hanging Piece (Rating: 659)



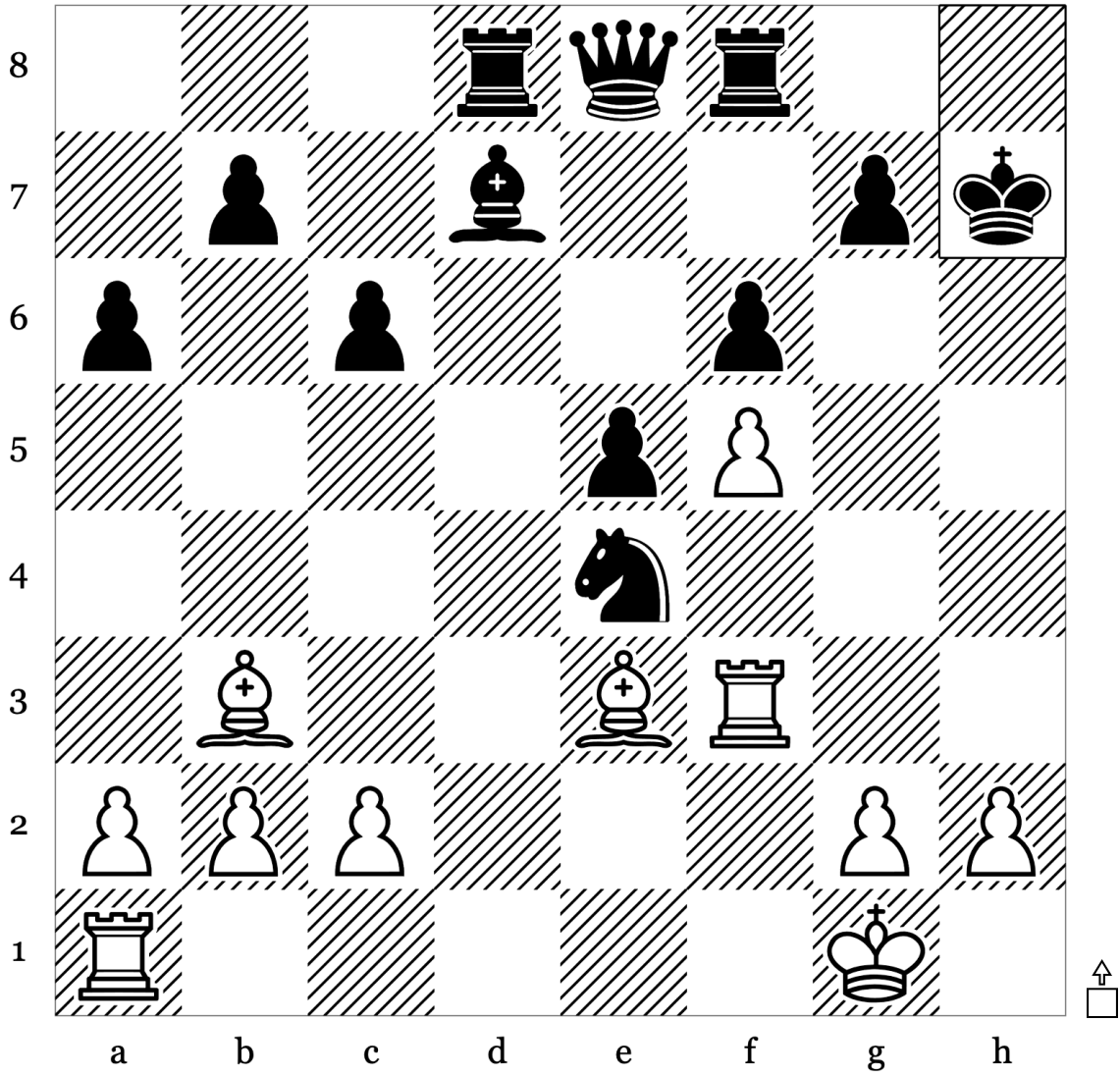
27	Qxe5	
28		
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31		

Puzzle 92 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 724)



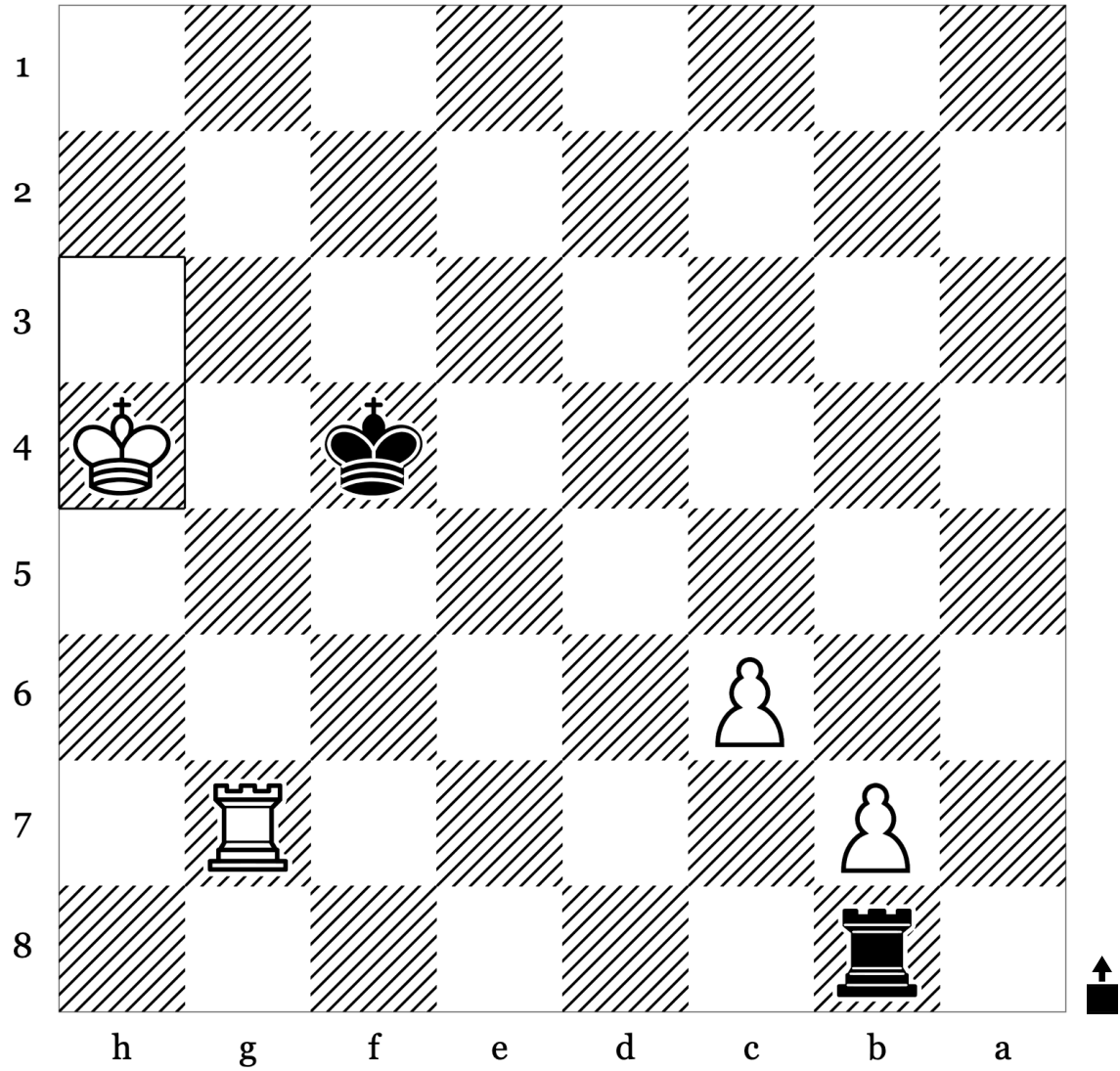
23	...	Nb4
24		
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Puzzle 93 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 590)



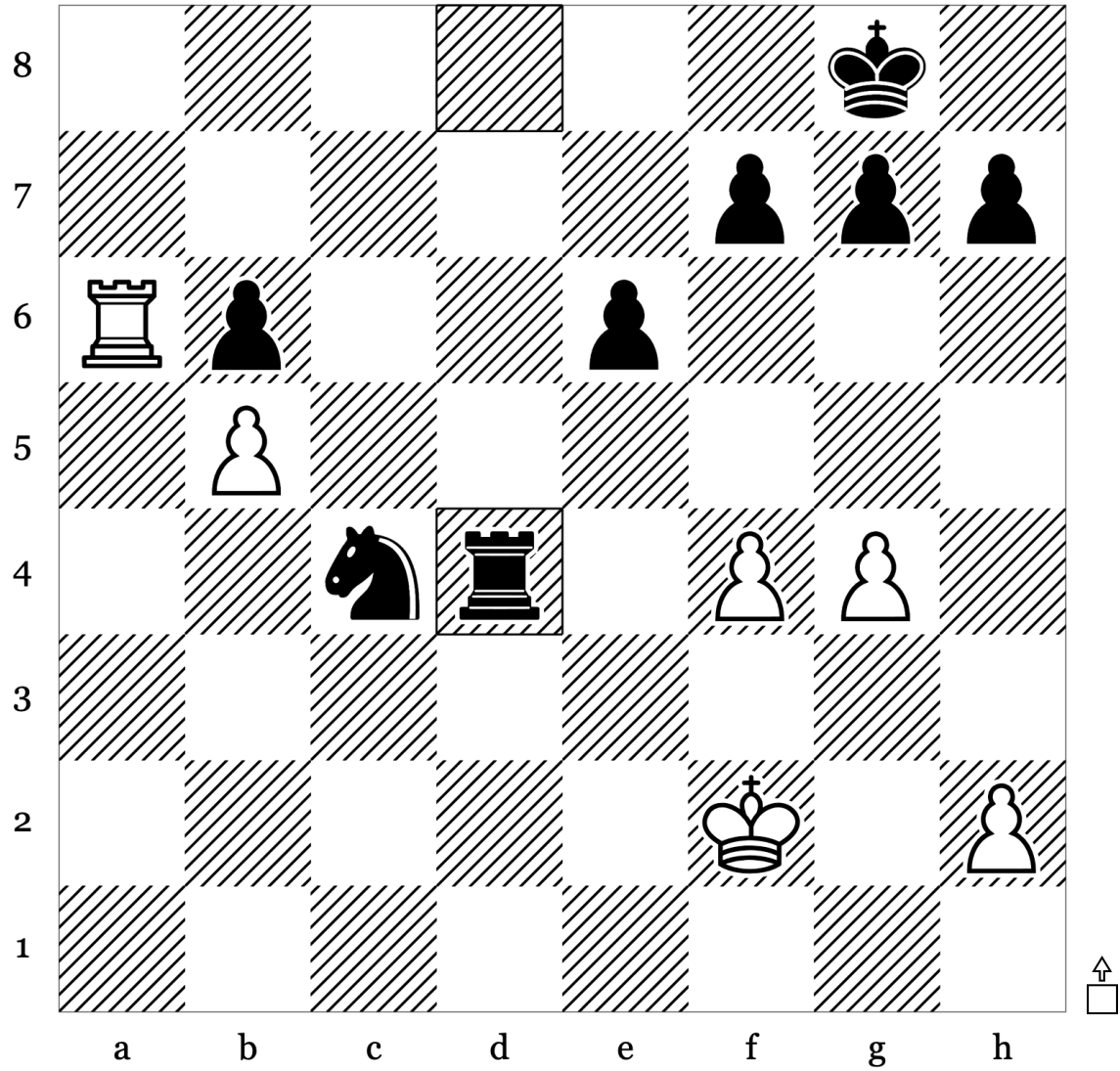
21	...	Kxh7
22		
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24		
25		

Puzzle 94 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 614)



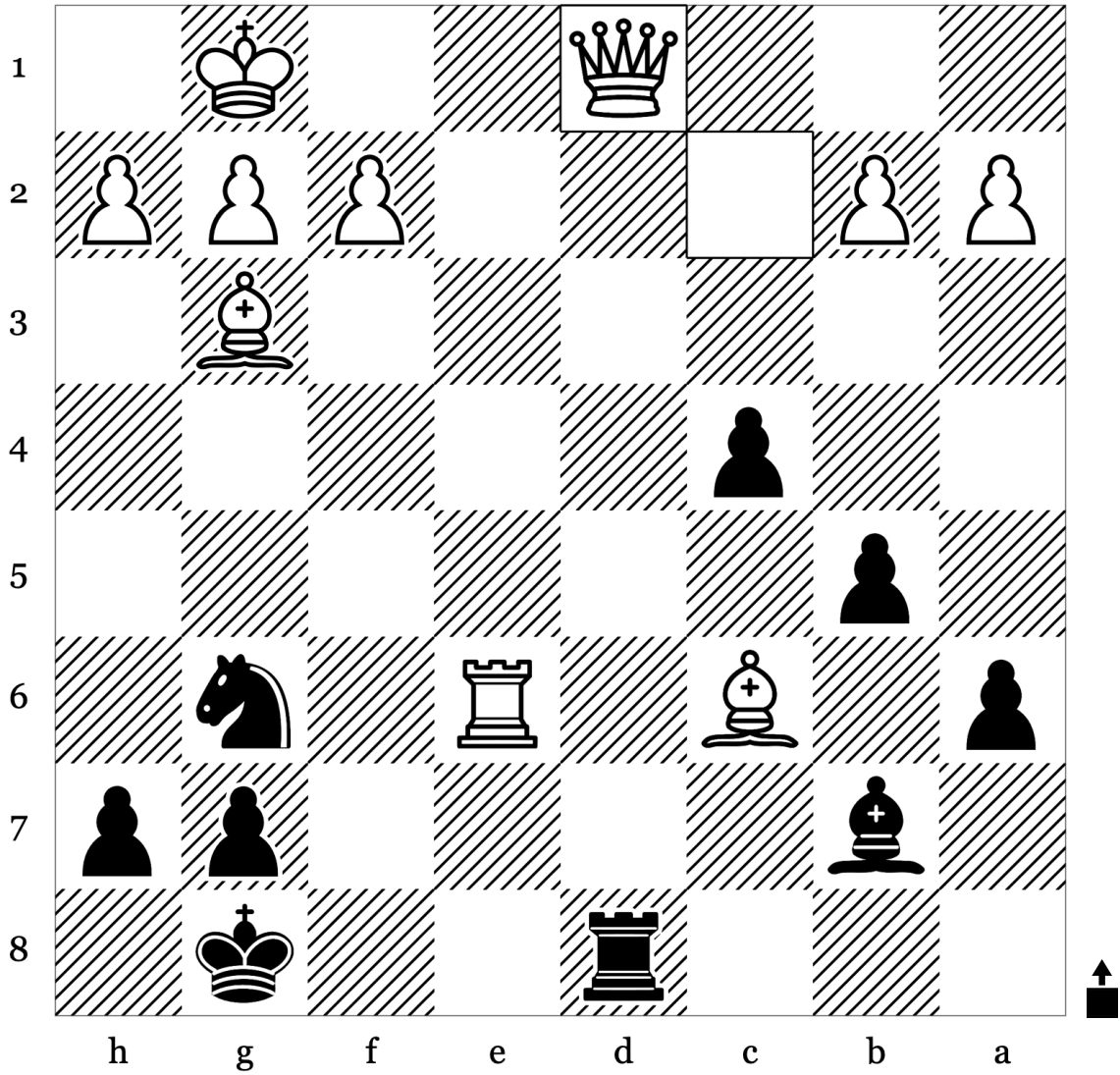
83	Kxh4	
84		
85		
86		
87		

Puzzle 95 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 569)



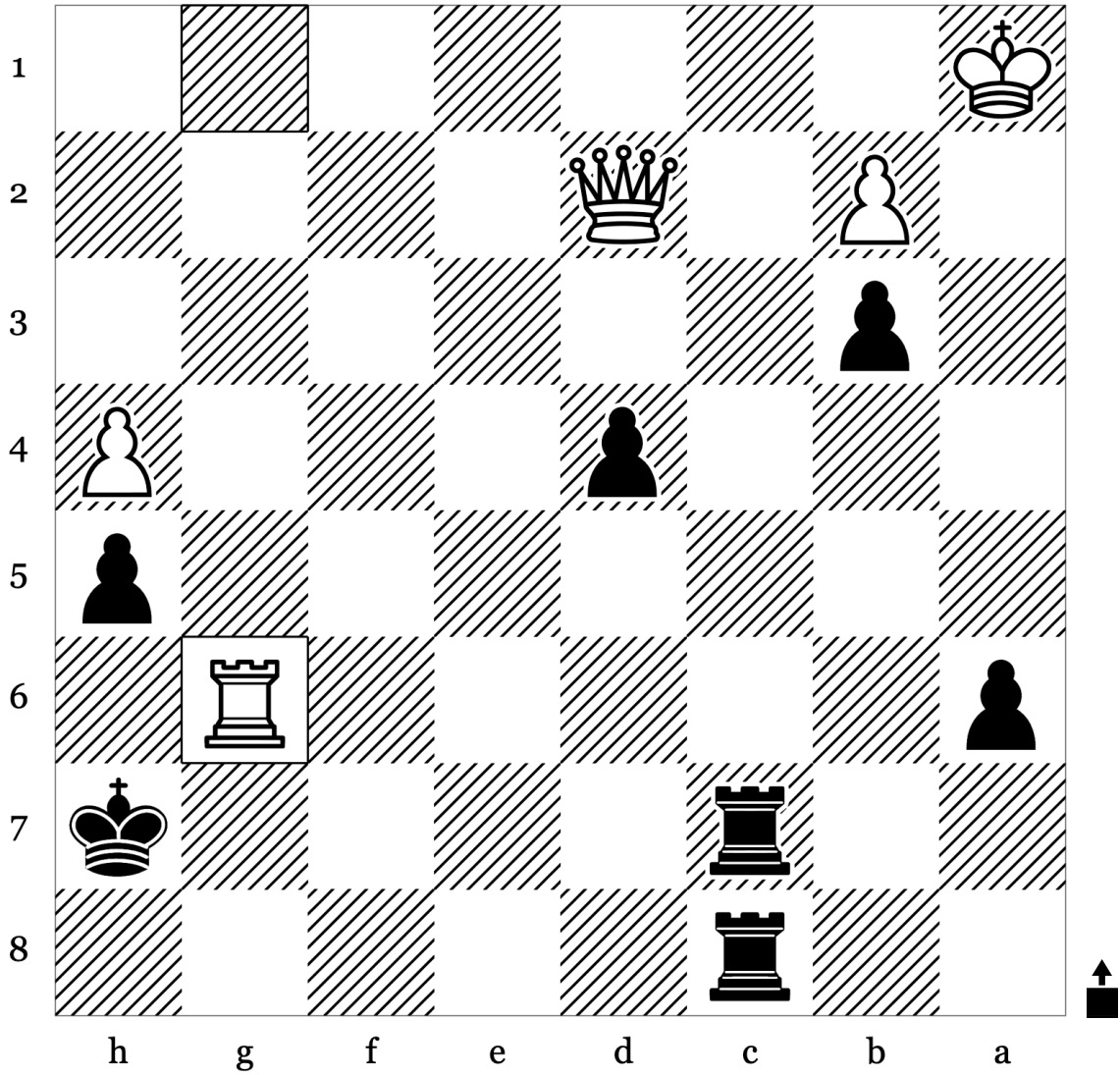
35	...	Rd4
36		
37		
38		
39		

Puzzle 96 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 516)



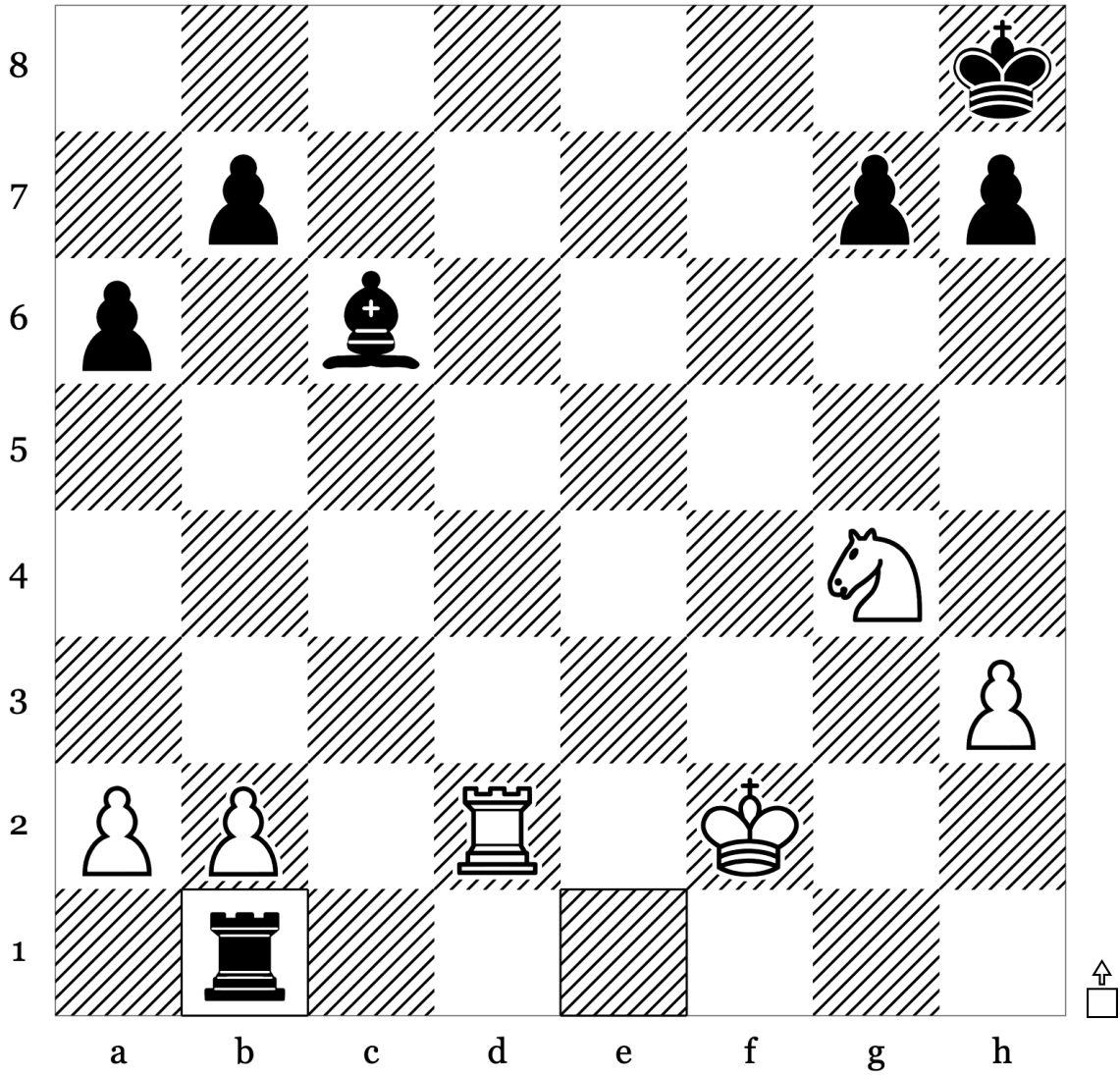
24	Qxd1	
25		
26		
27		
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Puzzle 97 of 100: Endgame · Master (Rating: 739)



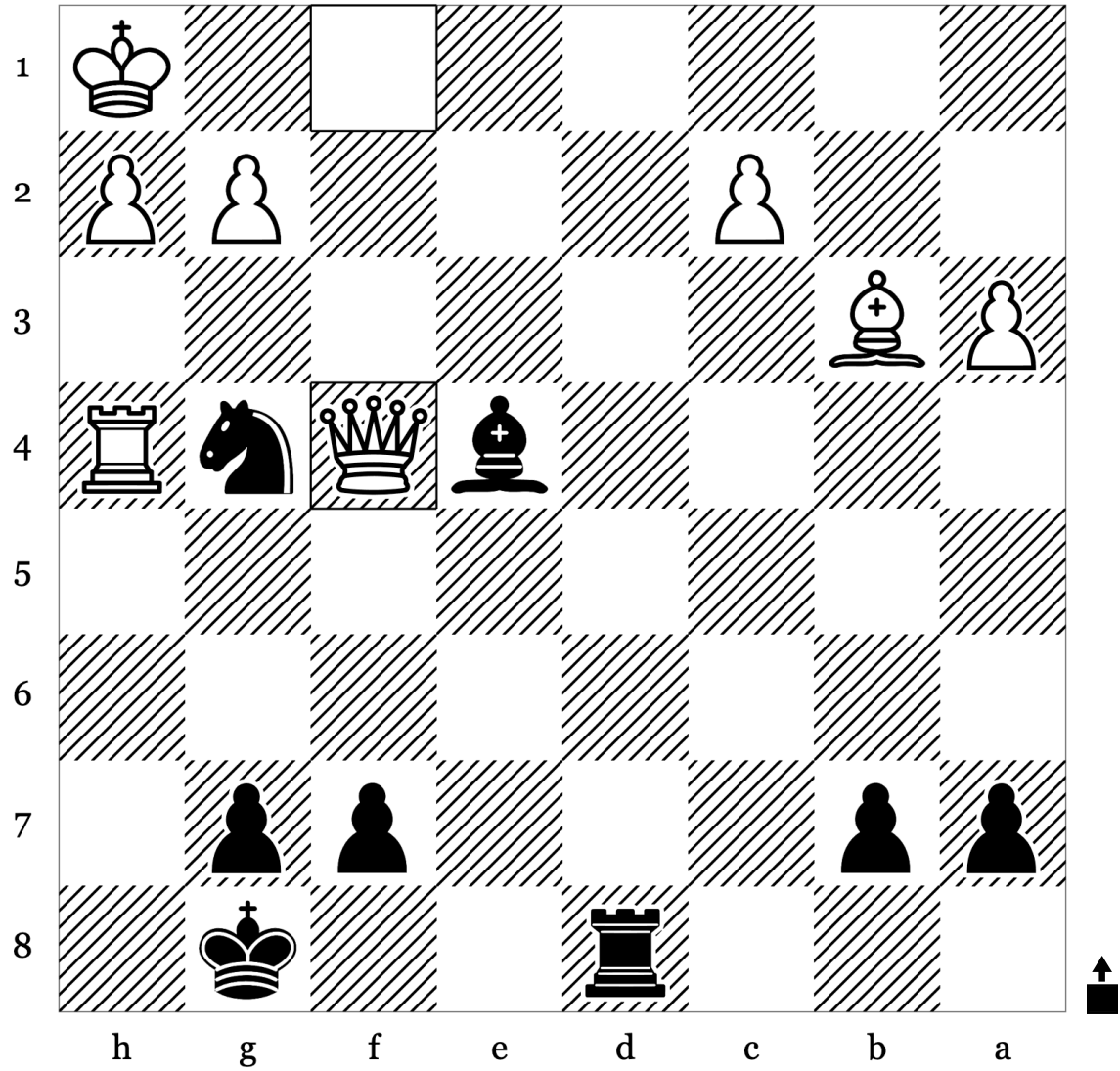
38	Rxg6	
39		
40		
41		
42		

Puzzle 98 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 400)



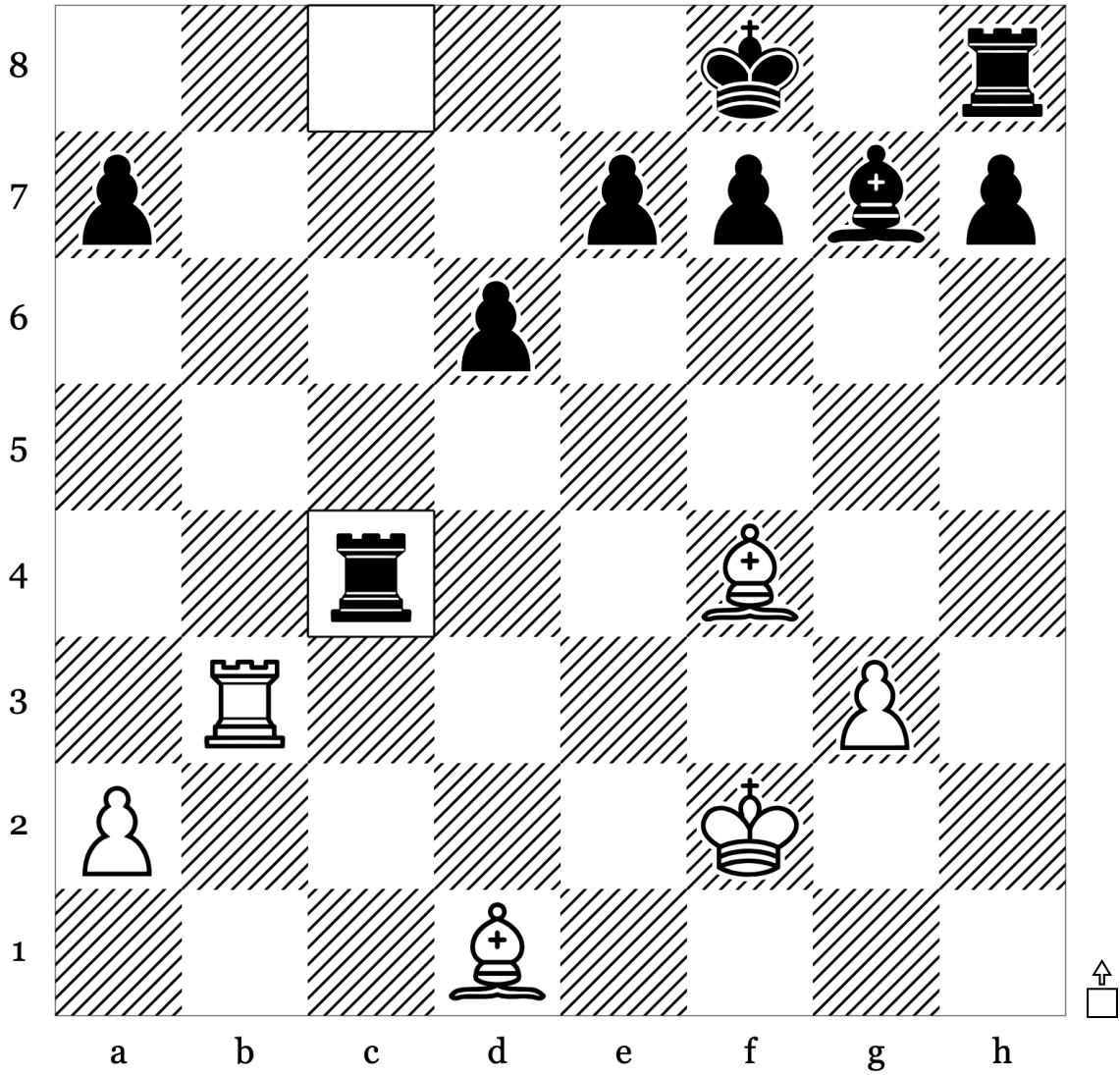
38	...	Rb1
39		
40		
41		
42		

Puzzle 99 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 724)



31	Qxf4	
32		
33		
34		
35		

Puzzle 100 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 400)



25	...	Rxc4
26		
27		
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◀ Solution: Puzzle 100

26. Rb8+ Rc8

27. Rxc8#

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