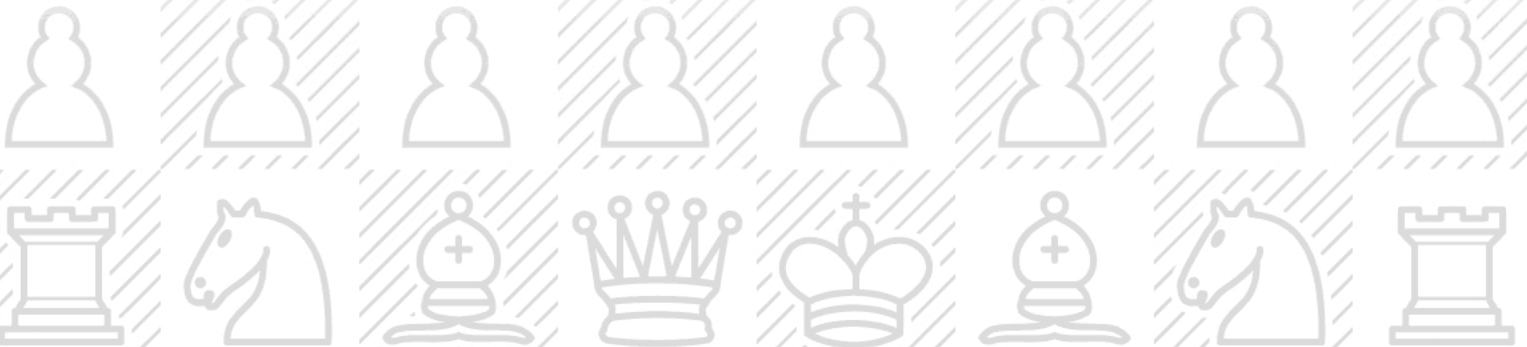


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Chess

Mate in 2 — Beginners

Vol. 2



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 Nx6

14

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17

page 1

◀ Solution: Puzzle 1 13 ... Qd3#

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

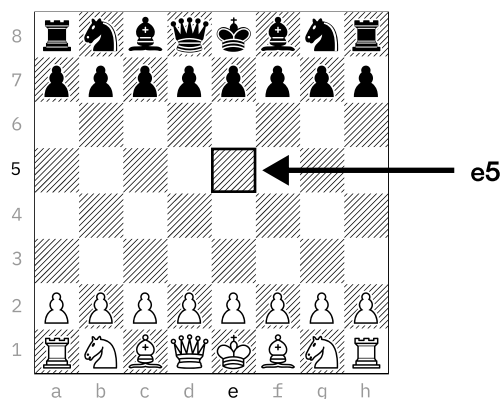


no letter — Pawn

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:

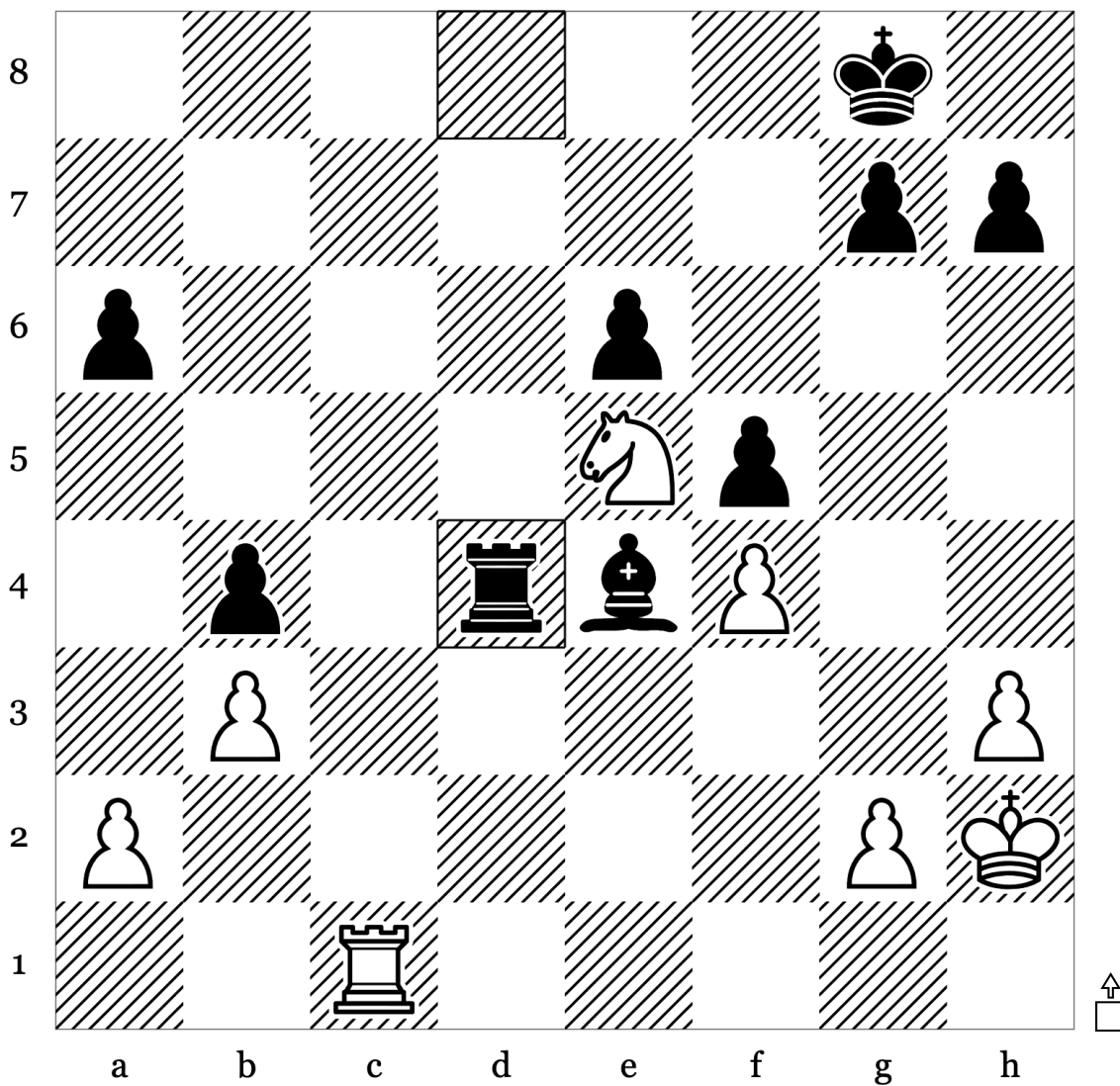
If a puzzle has you for five minutes, look at the solution, understand the pattern, and move on.

That's the training too.

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

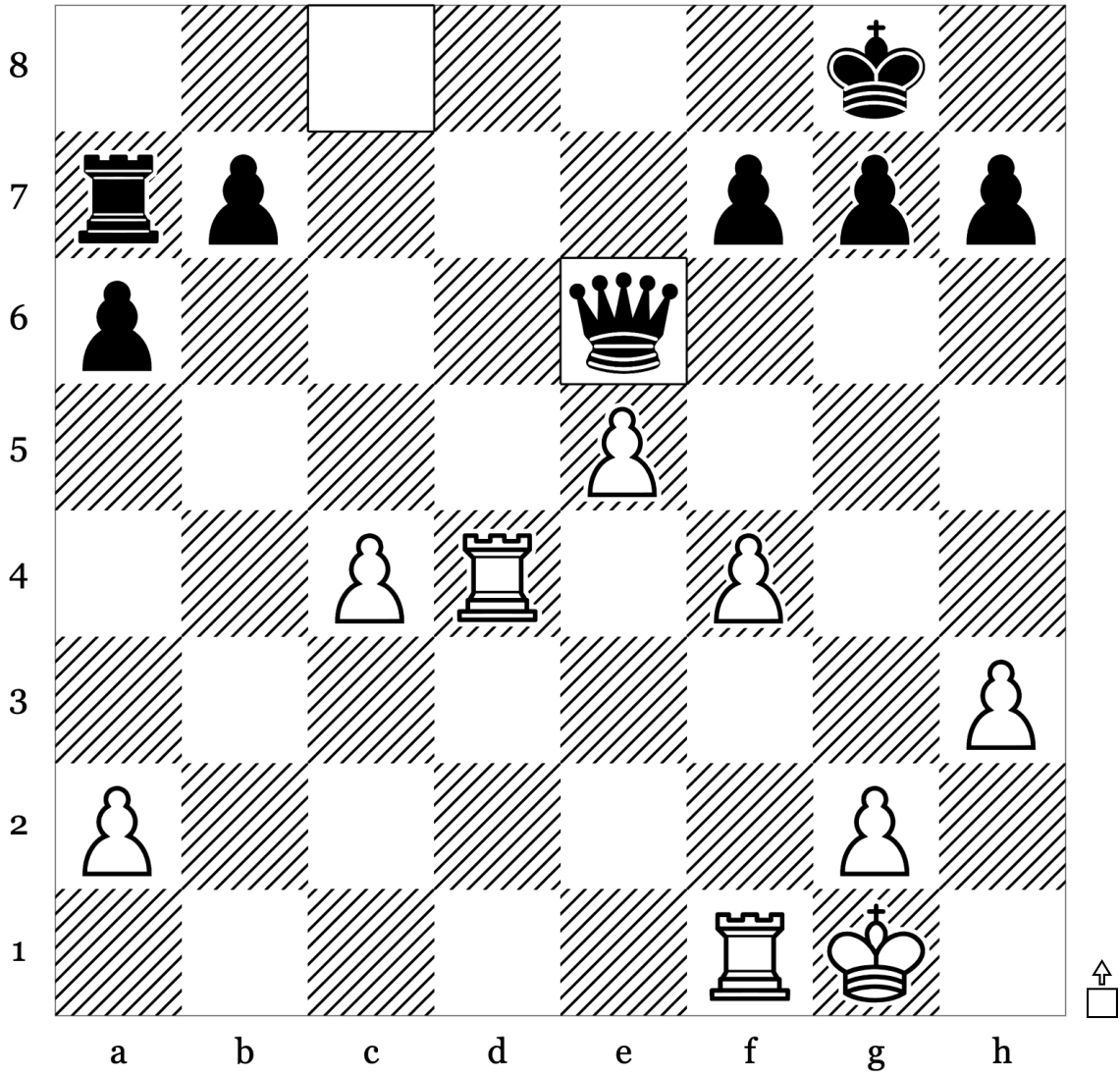
Good luck!

Puzzle 1 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 700)



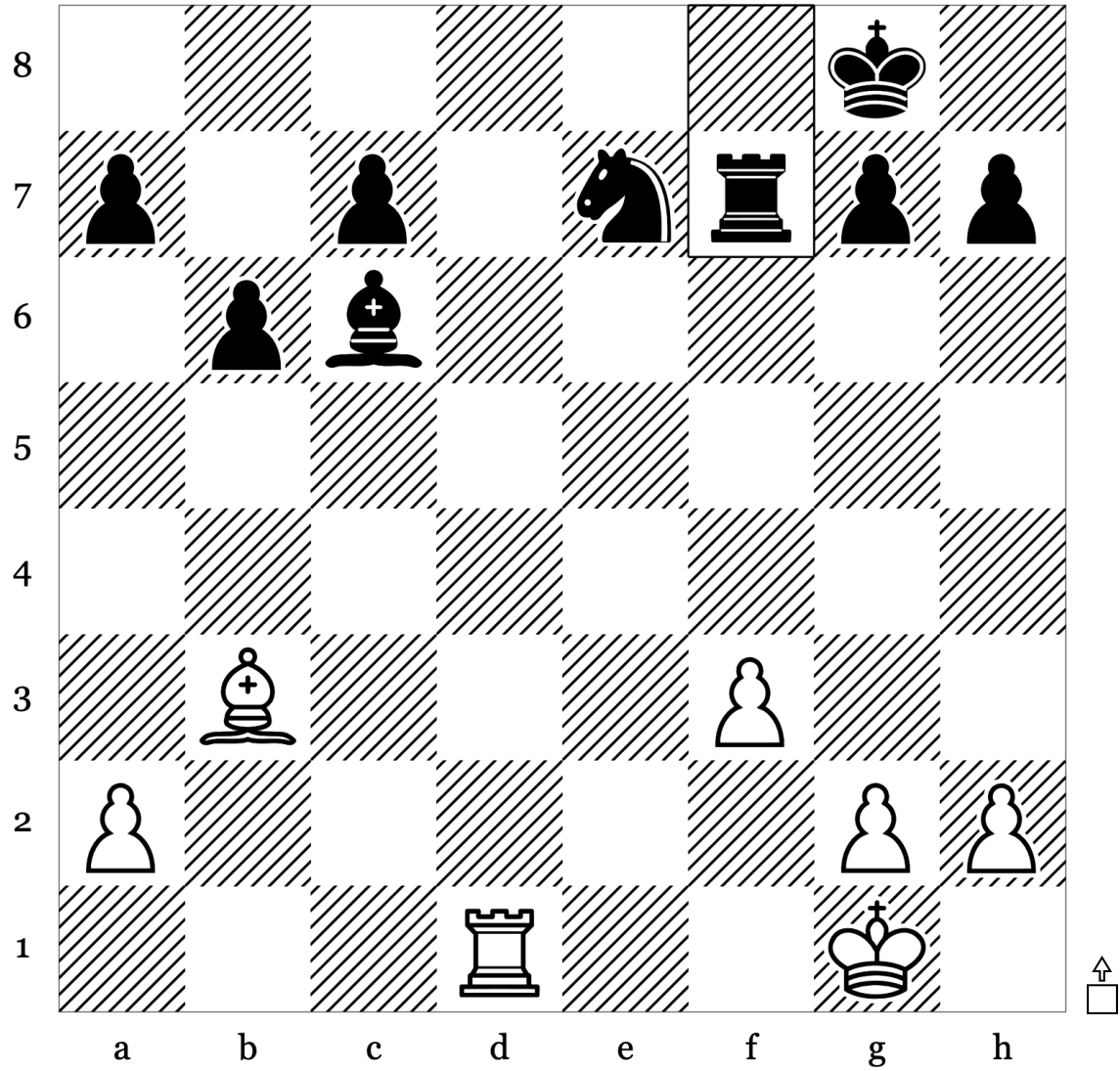
31	...	Rxd4
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Puzzle 2 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 584)



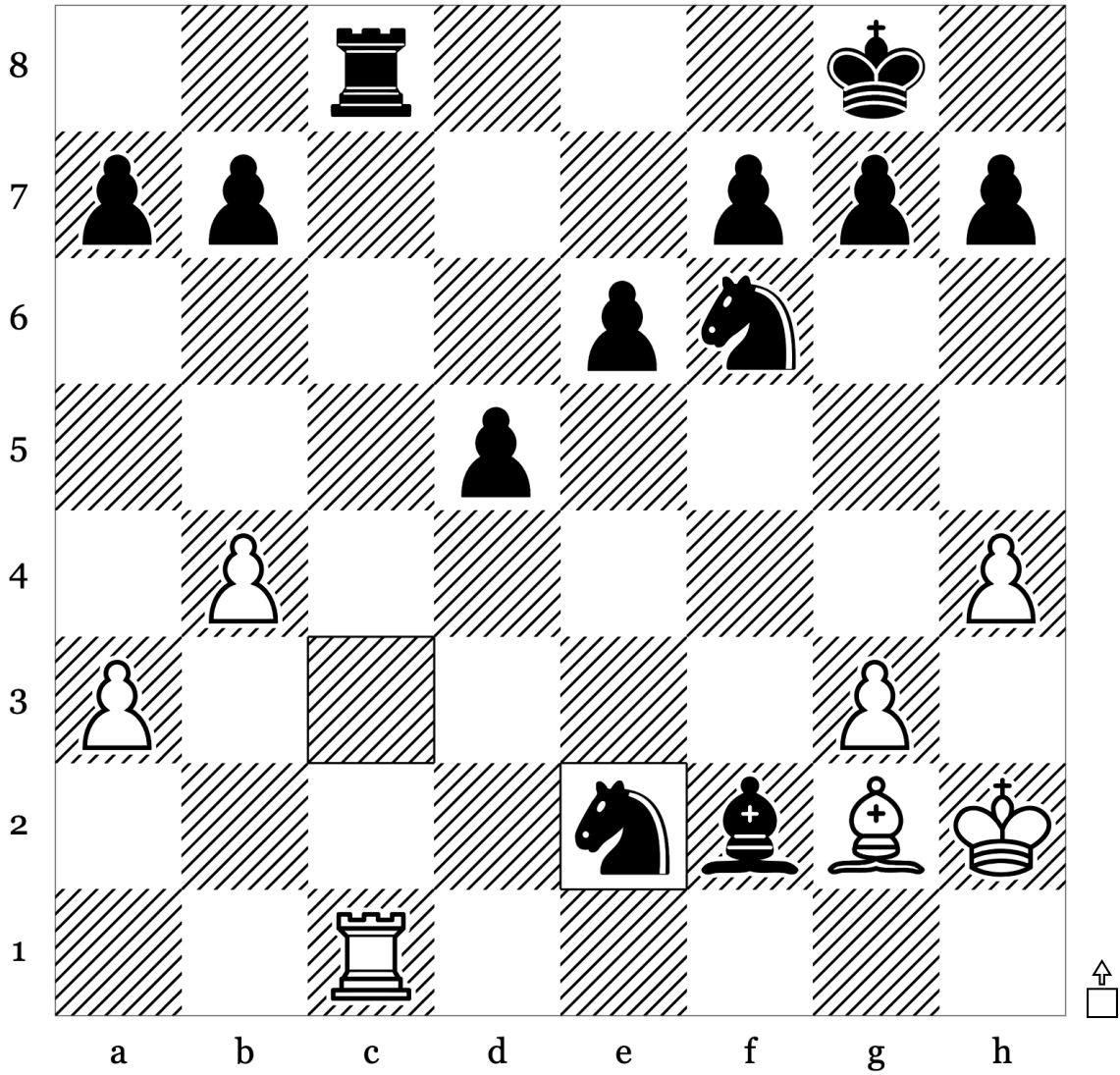
27	...	Qxe6
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Puzzle 3 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 647)



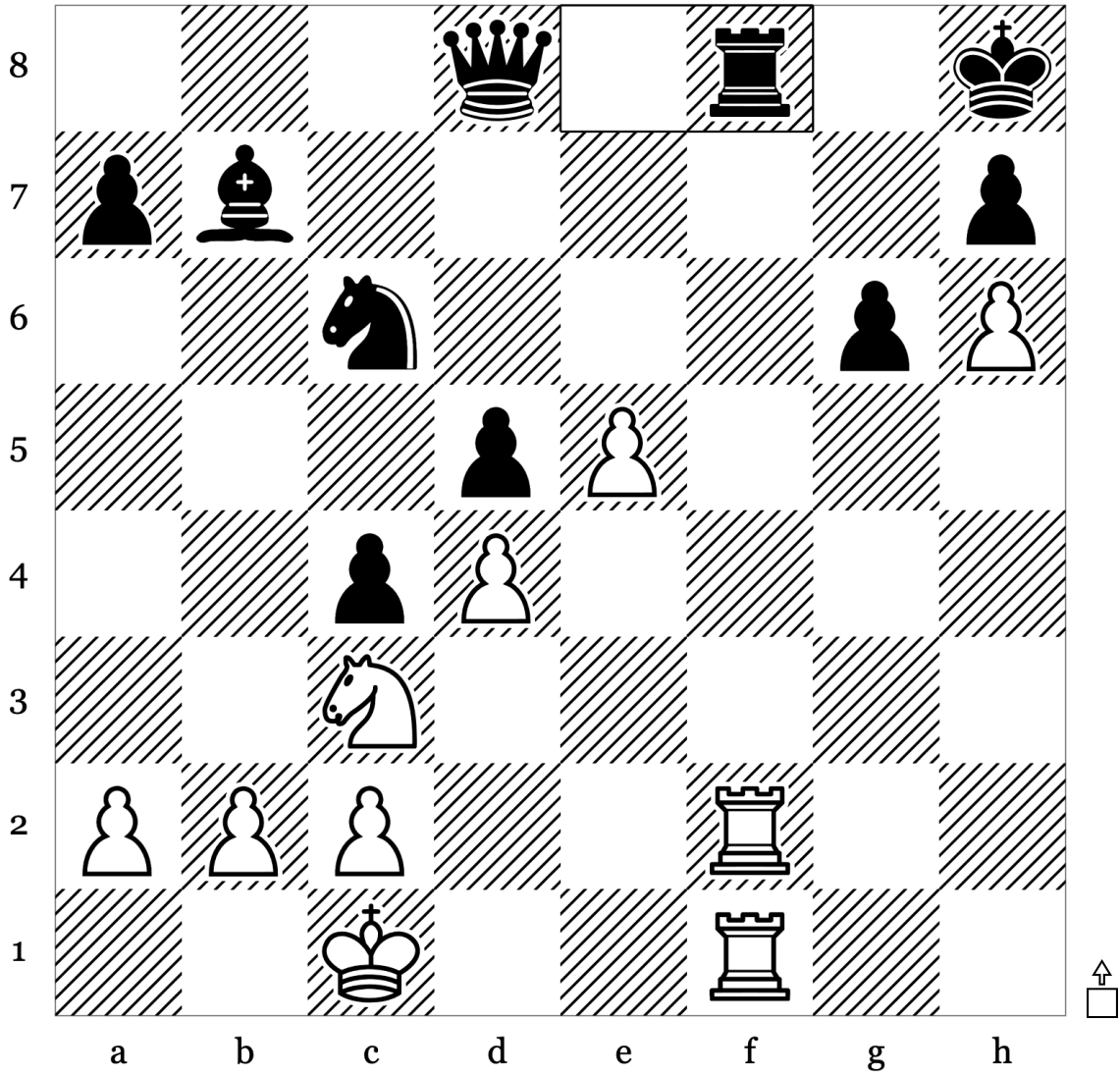
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Puzzle 4 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 579)



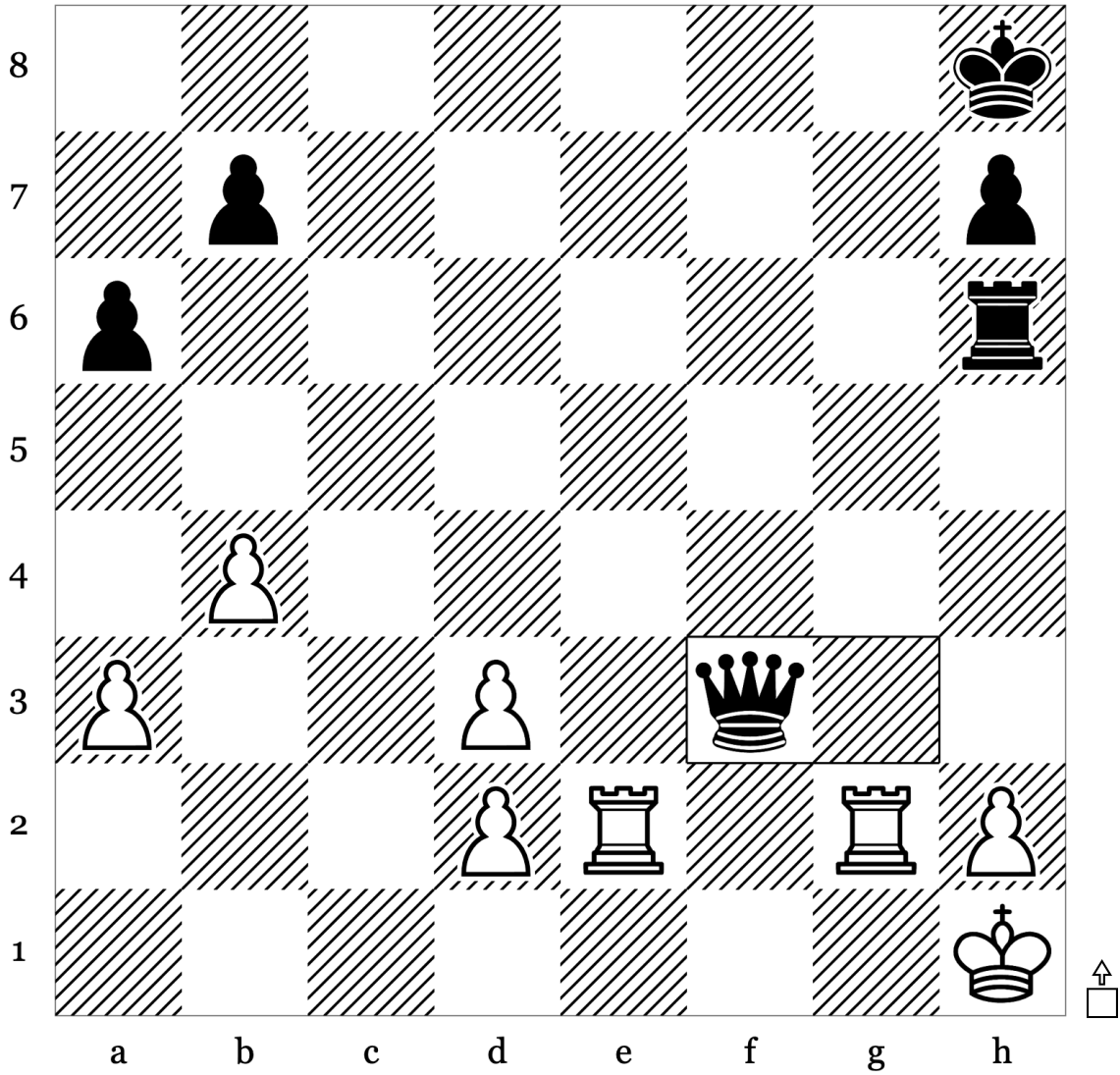
24	...	Nxe2
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Puzzle 5 of 100: Fork · Mate (Rating: 600)



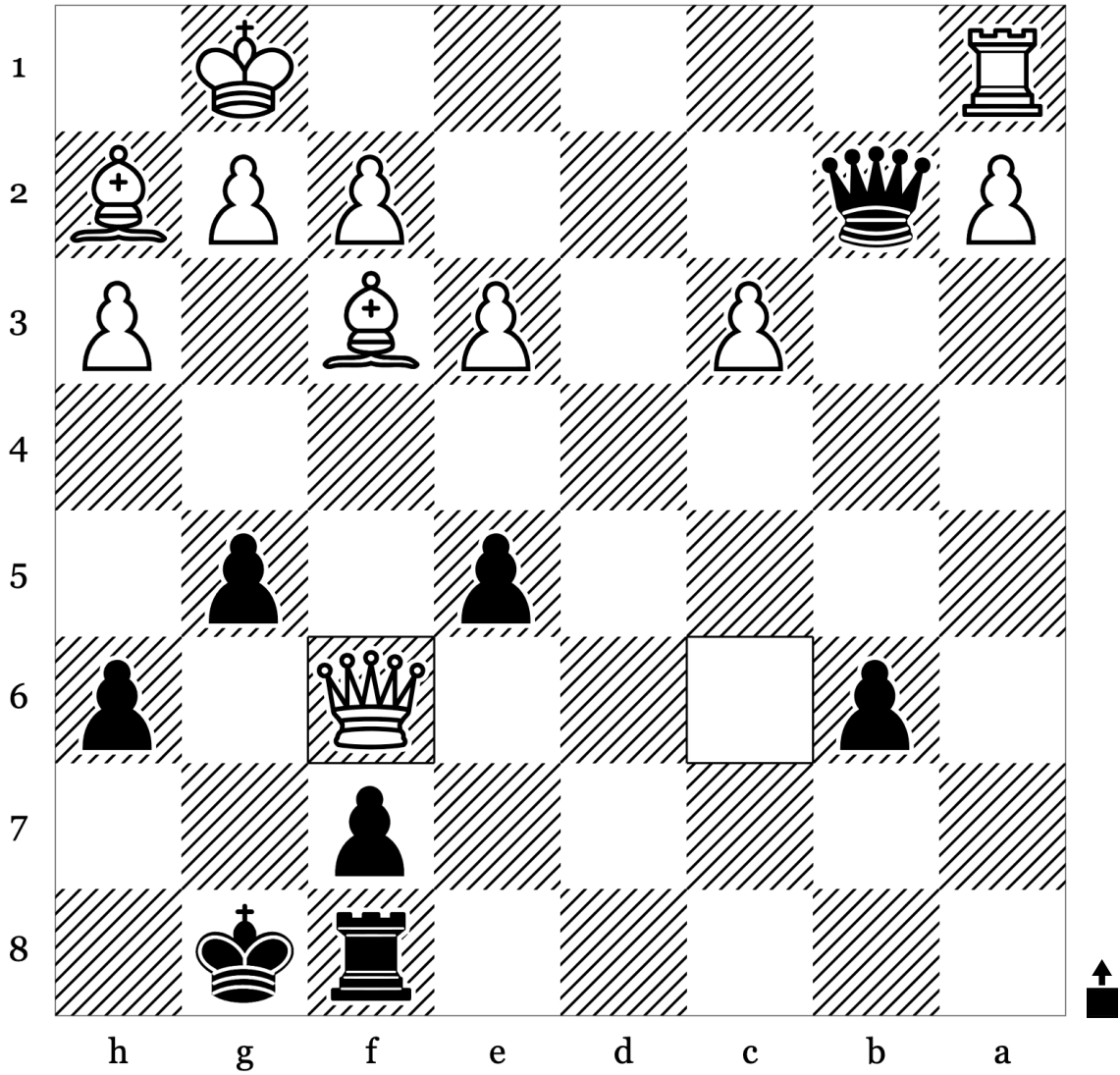
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Puzzle 6 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 660)



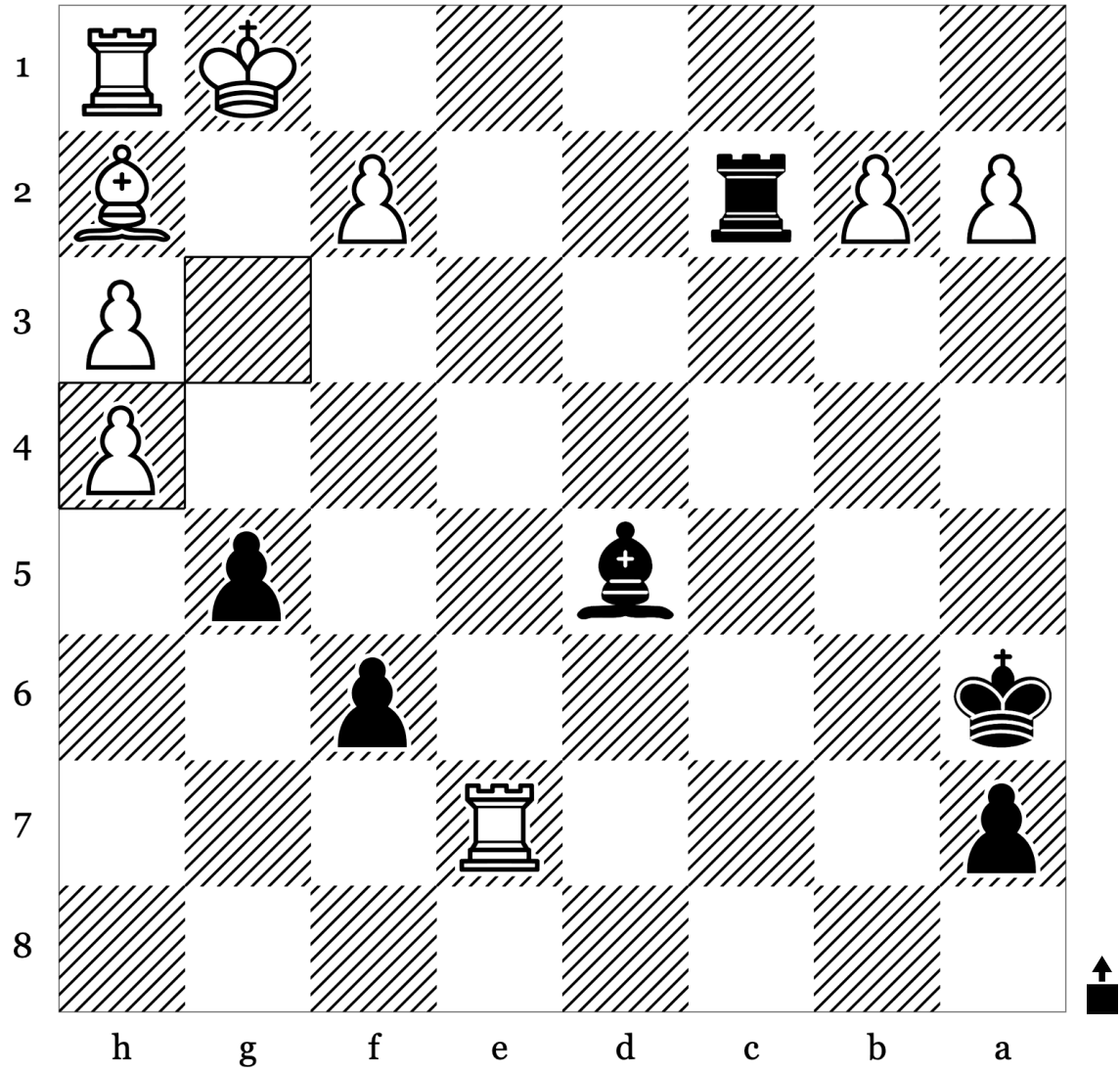
32	...	Qxf3
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Puzzle 8 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 795)



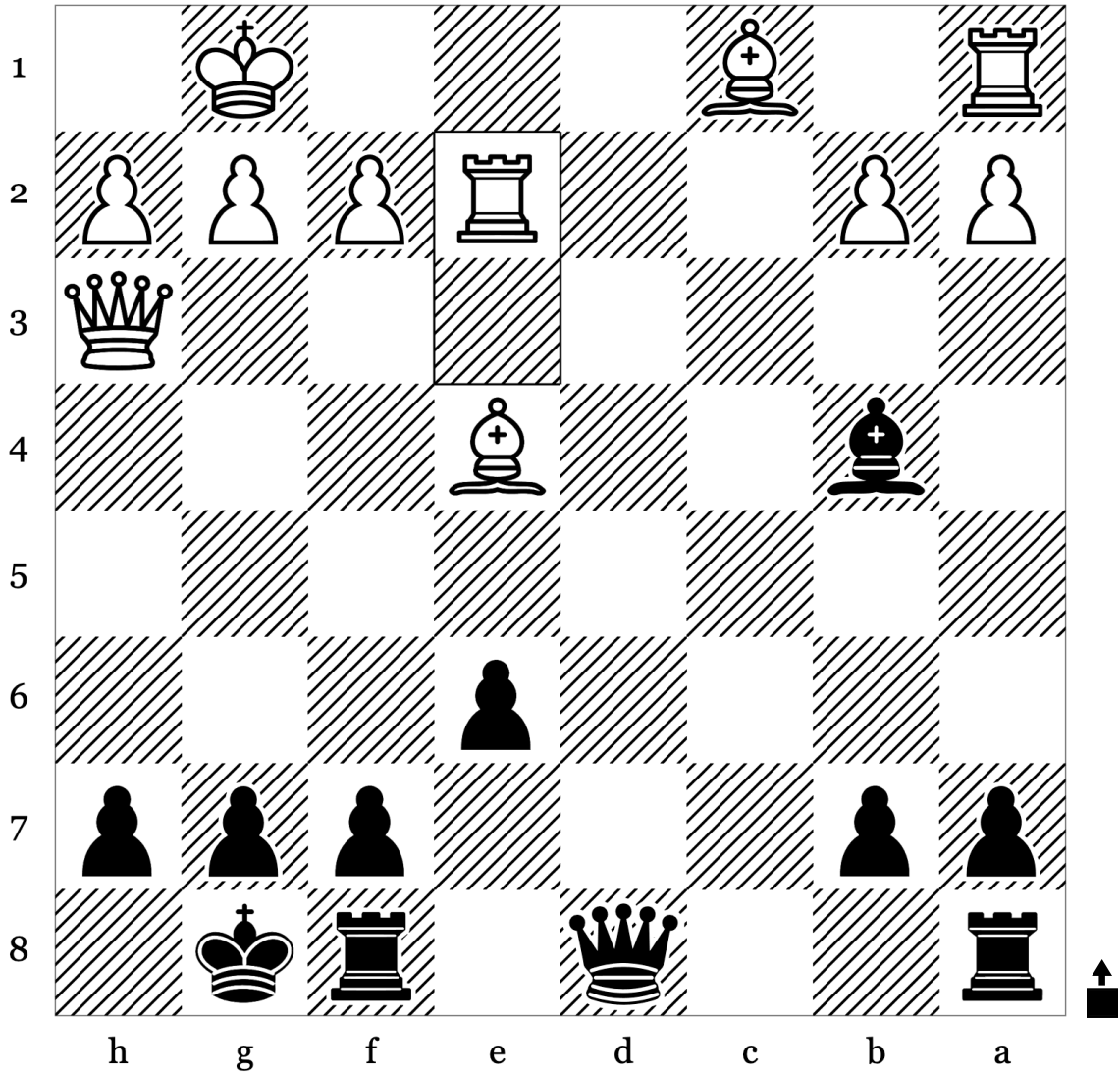
22	Qxf6	
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Puzzle 9 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 652)



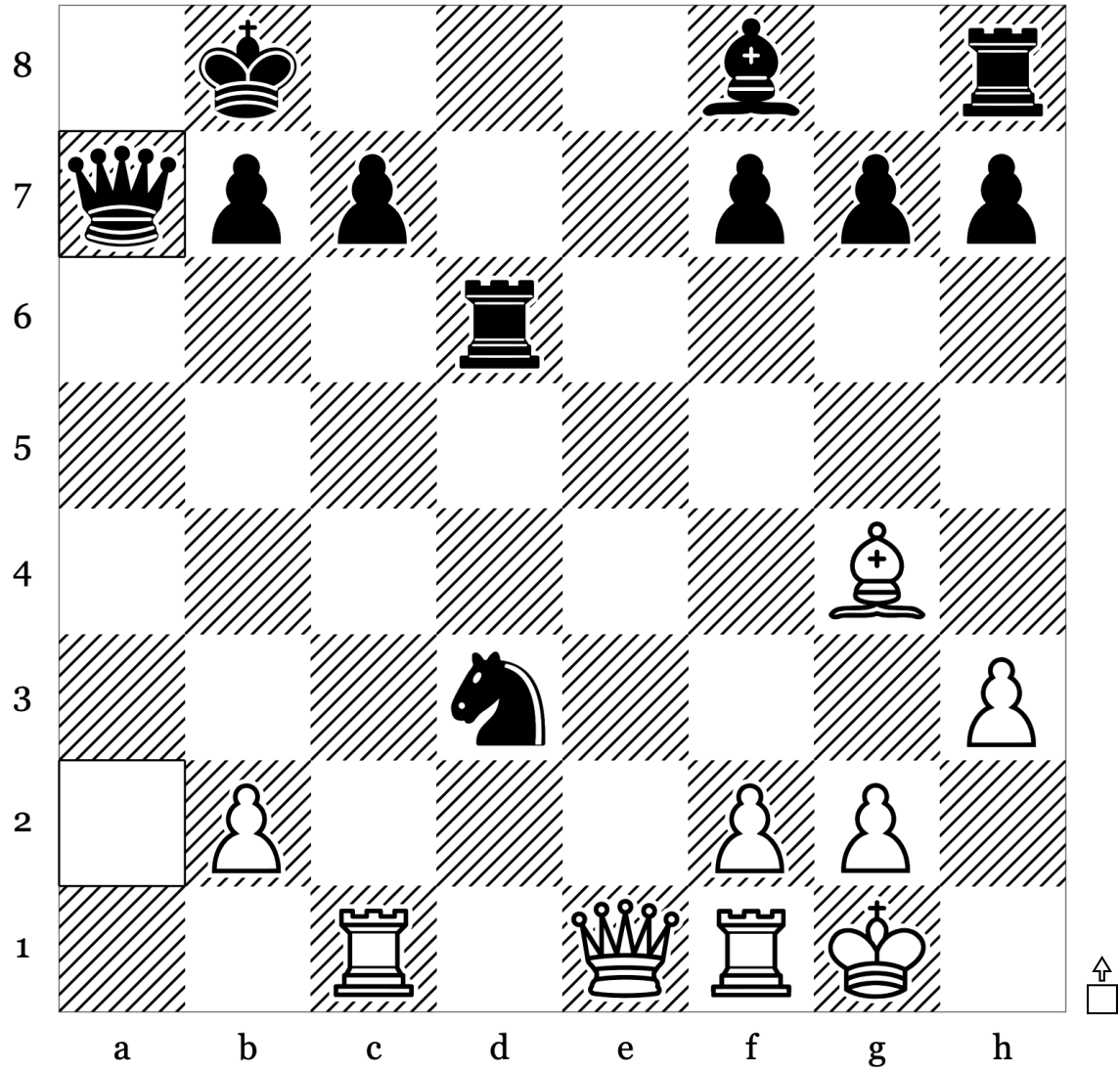
33	gxf4	
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Puzzle 10 of 100: Fork · Mate (Rating: 681)



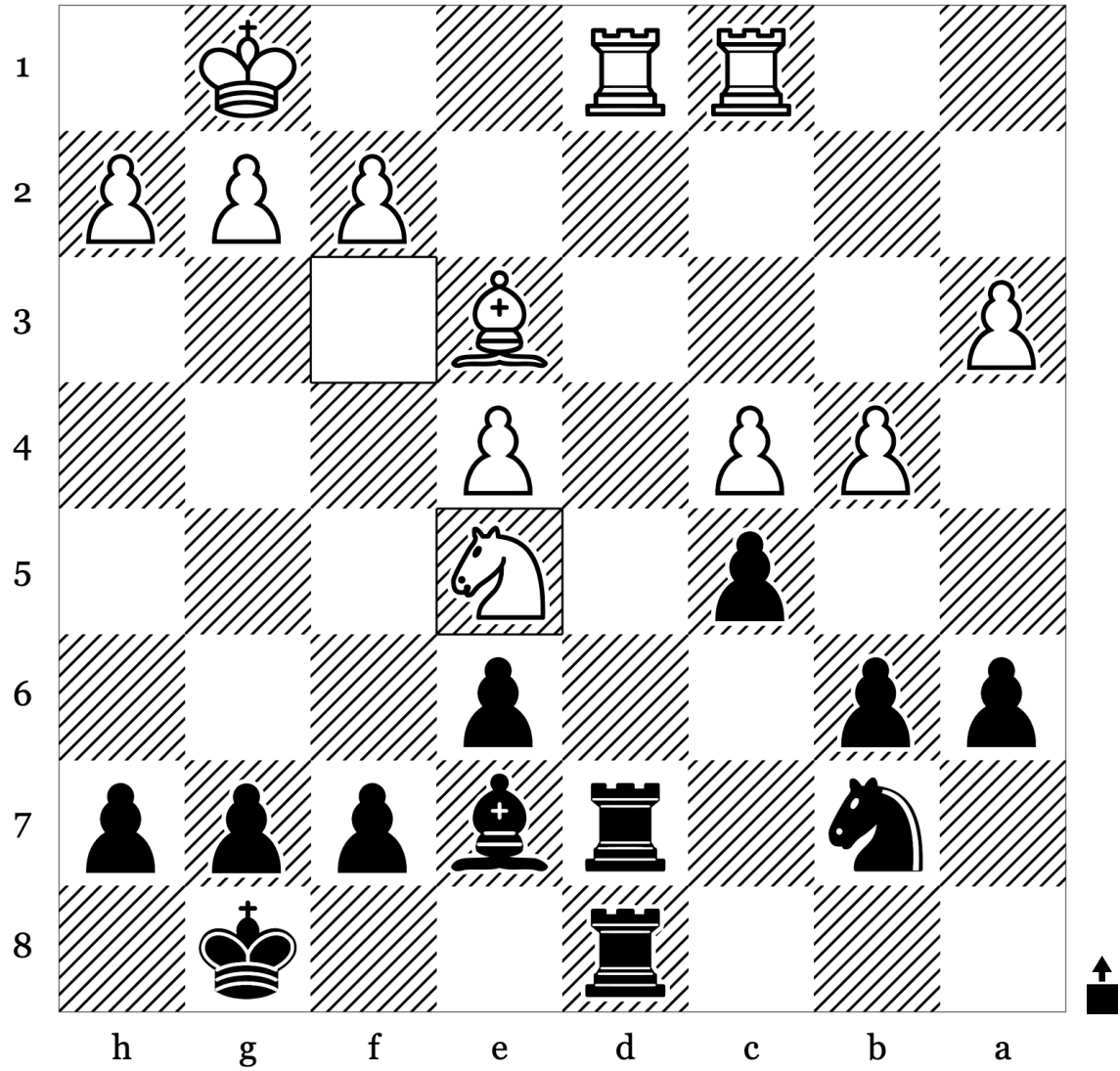
16	Rxe2	
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Puzzle 11 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 566)



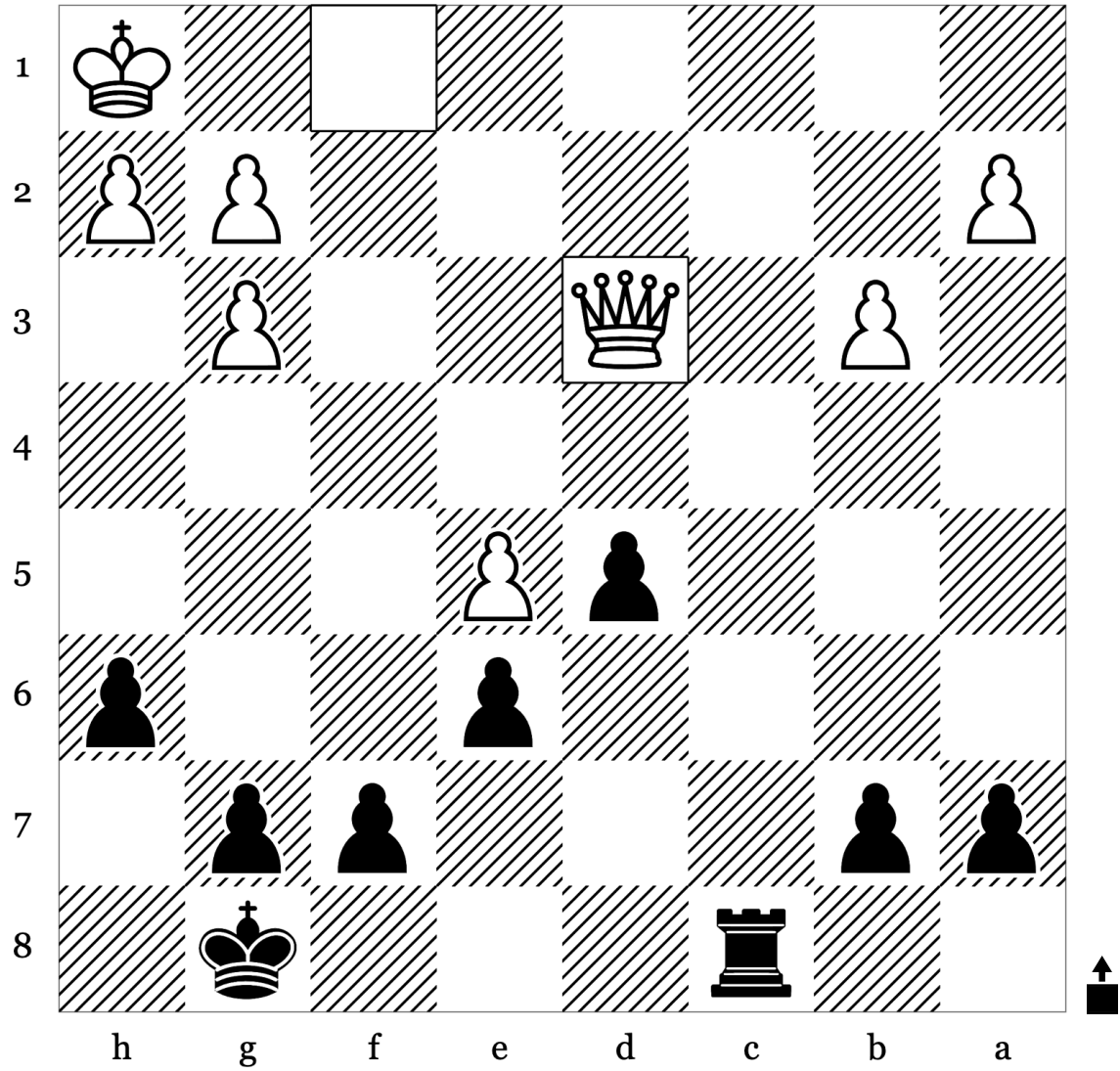
19	...	Qxa7
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Puzzle 12 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 617)



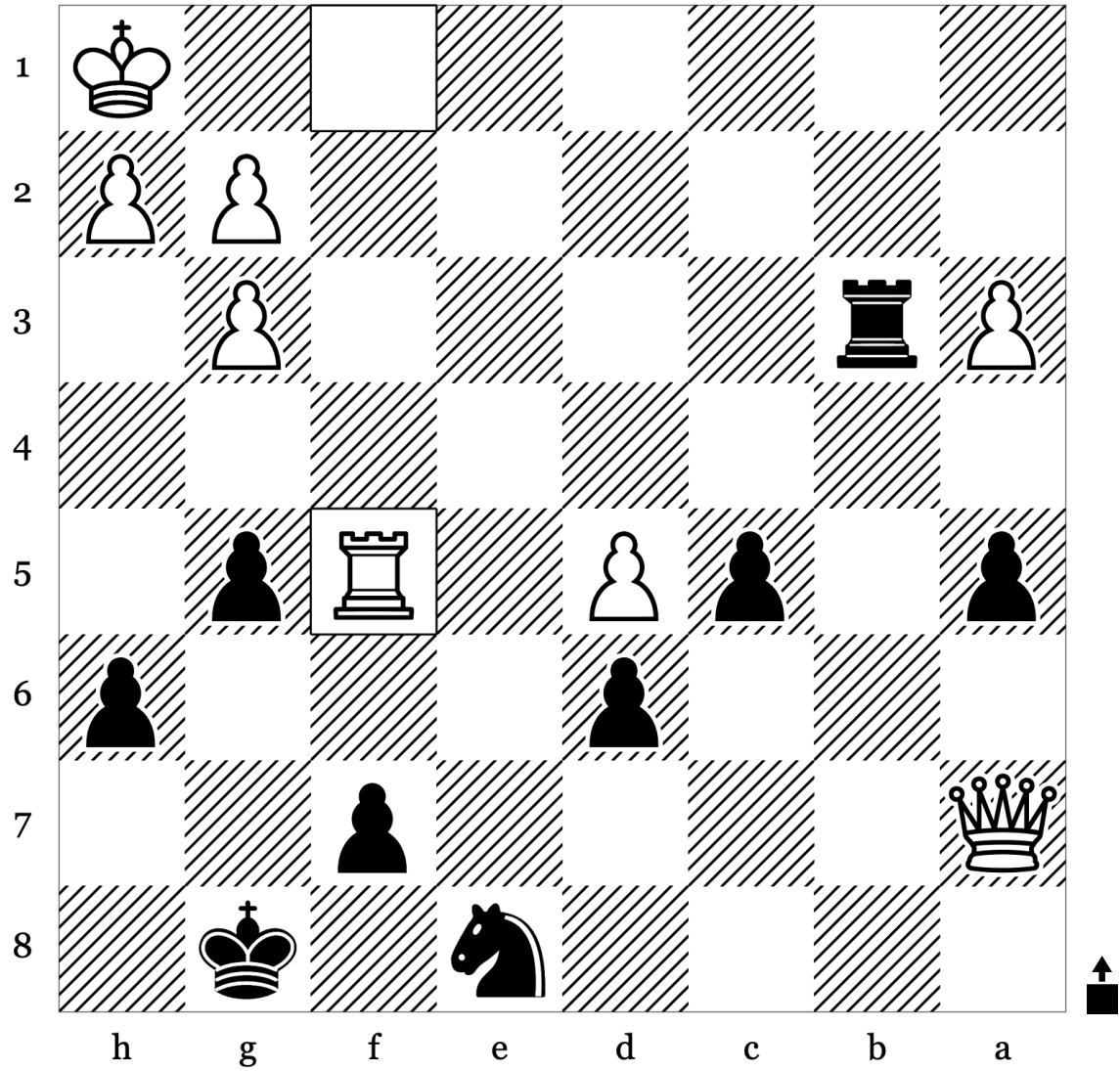
19	Ne5	
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Puzzle 13 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 586)



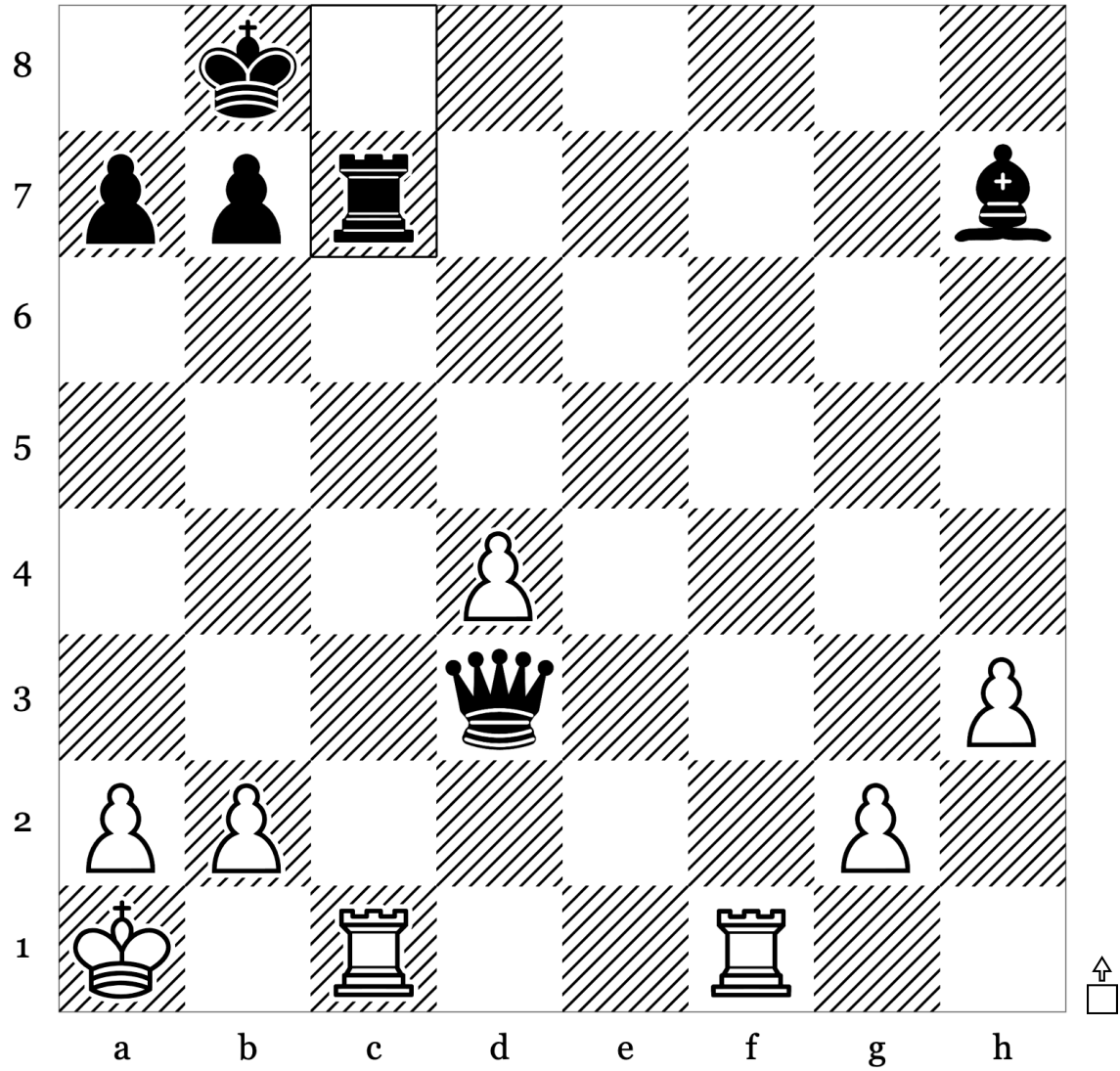
26	Qxd3	
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Puzzle 14 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 684)



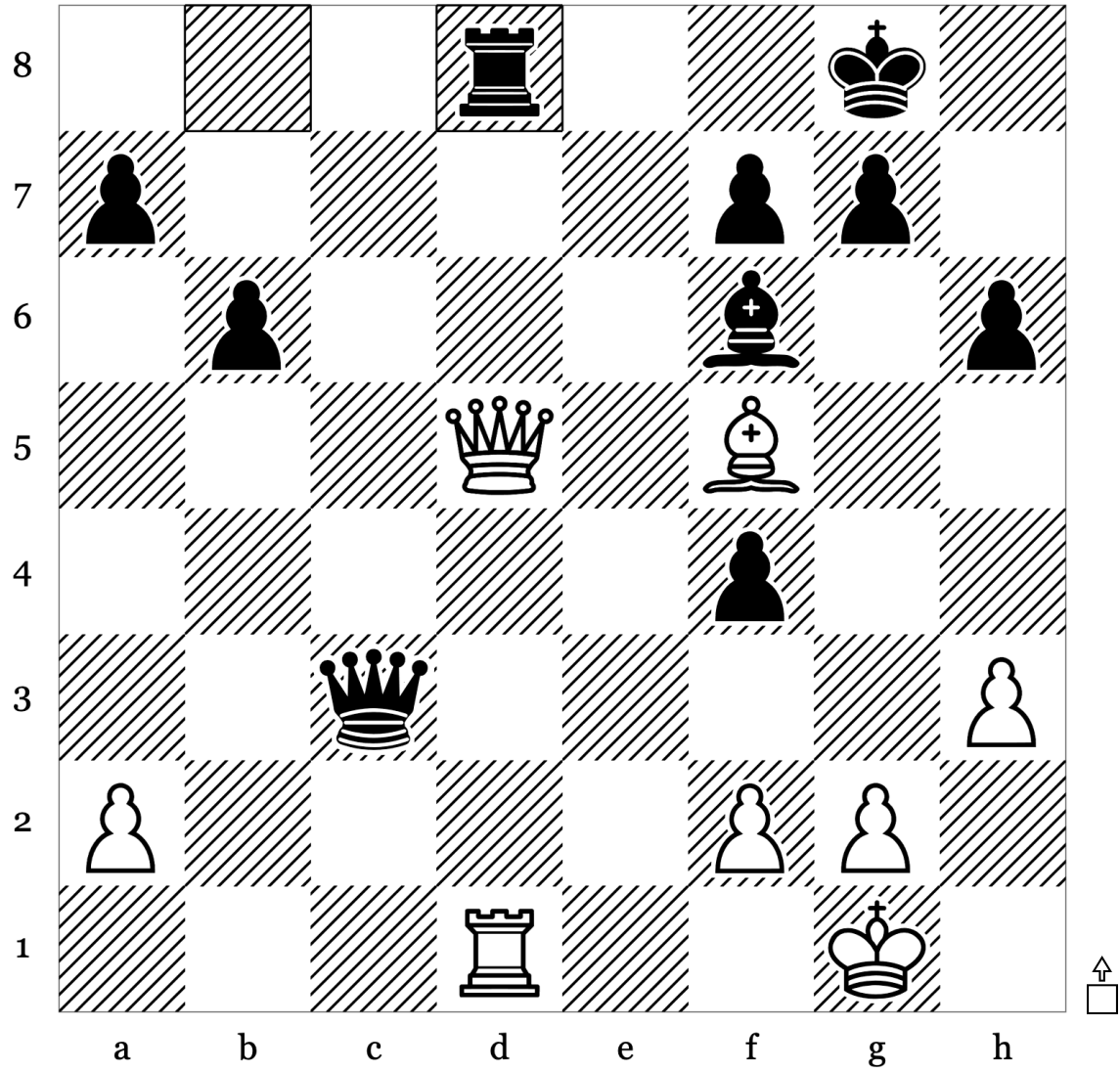
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Puzzle 15 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 637)



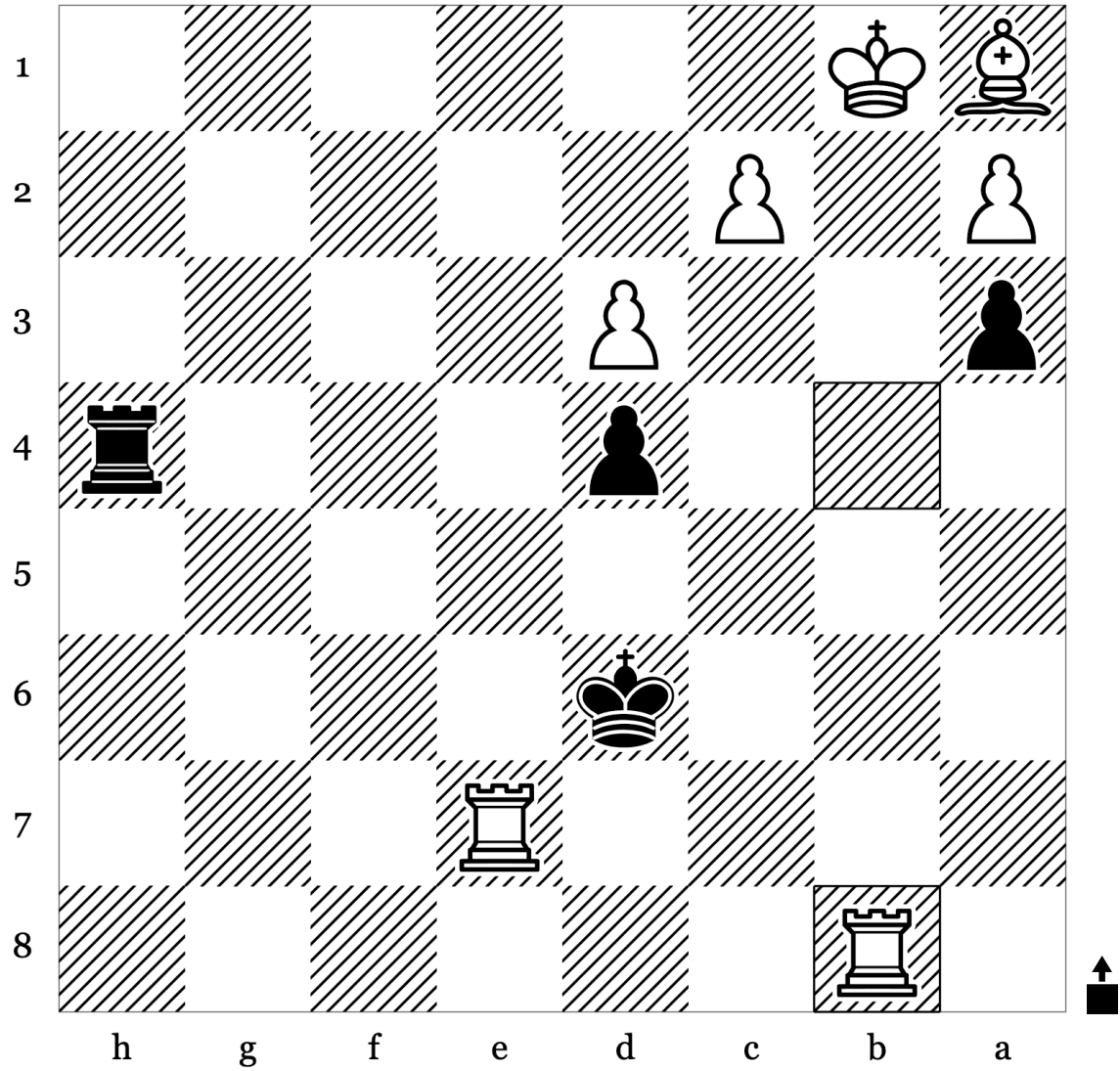
28	...	Rxc7
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Puzzle 16 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 718)



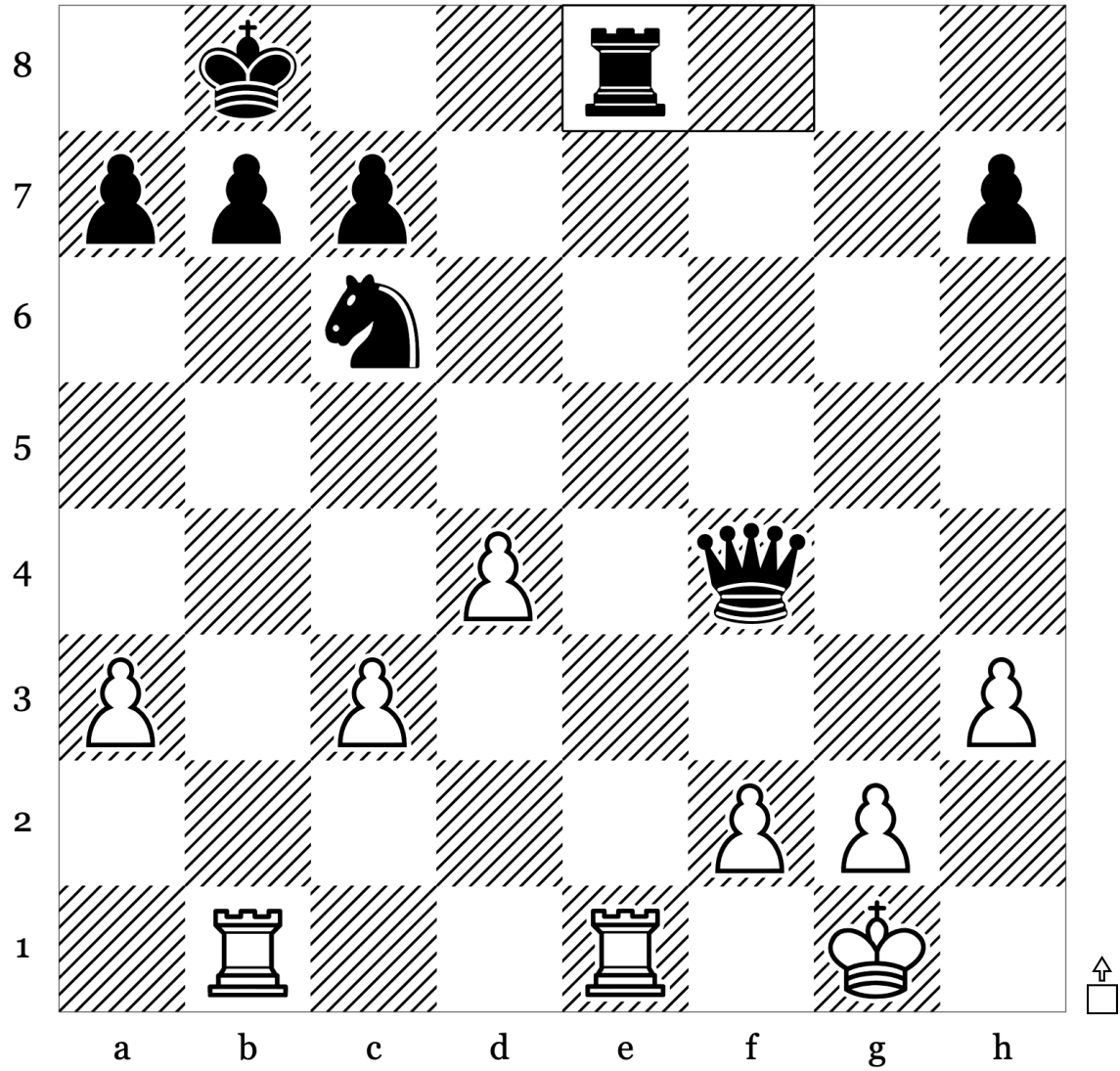
31	...	Rd8
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Puzzle 17 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 776)



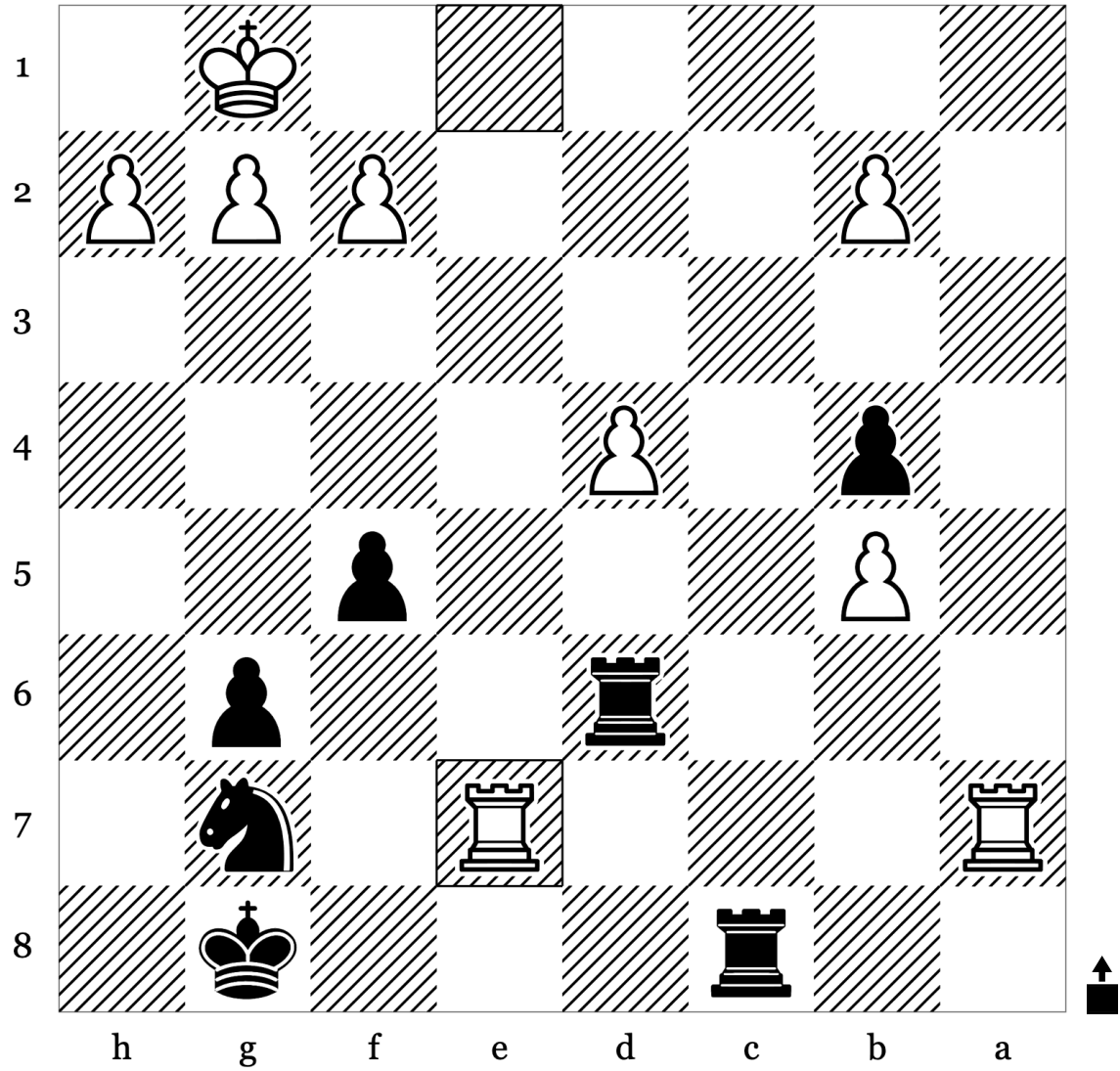
41	Rxb8	
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Puzzle 18 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 445)



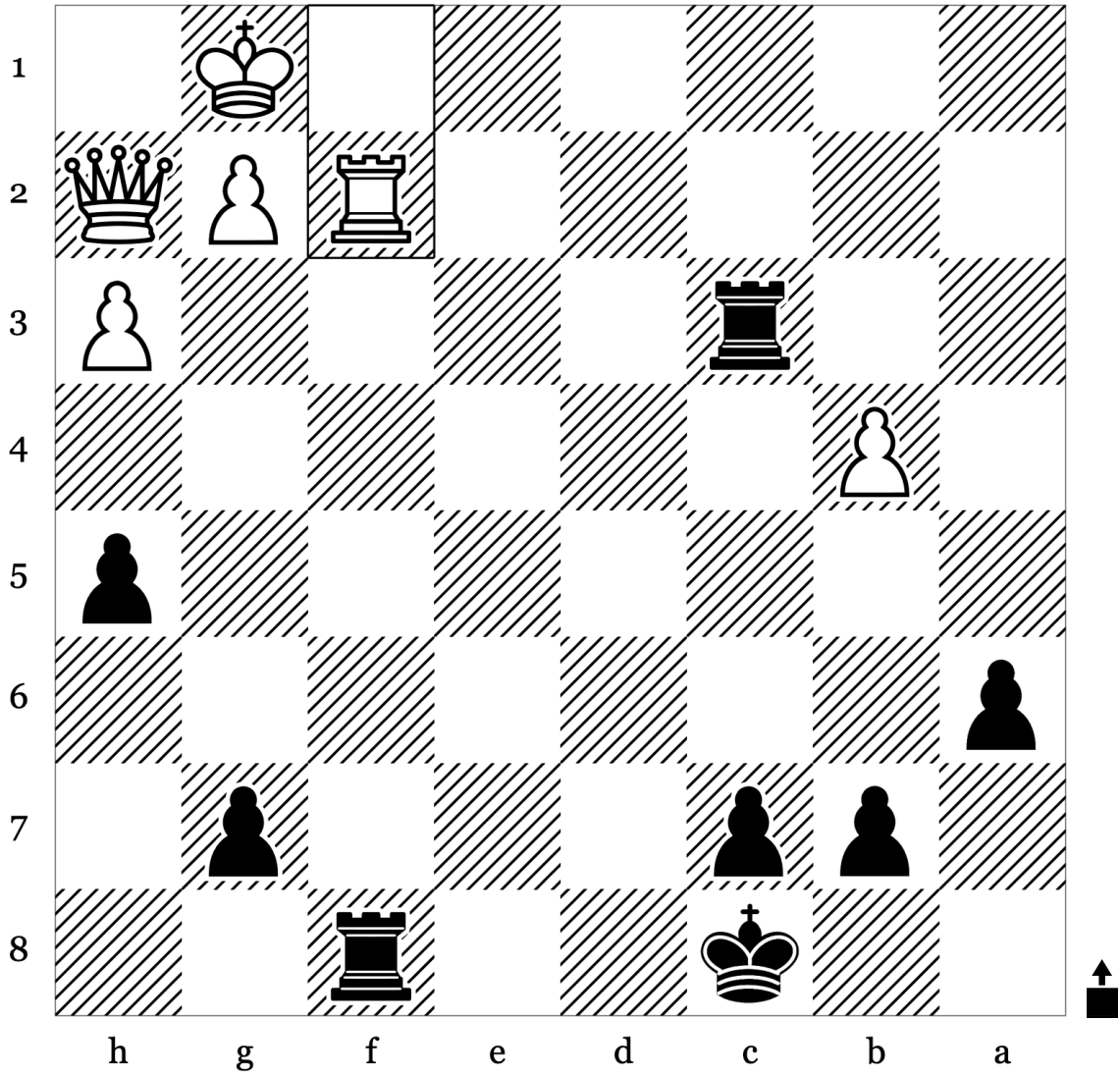
24	...	Rxe8
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Puzzle 19 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 711)



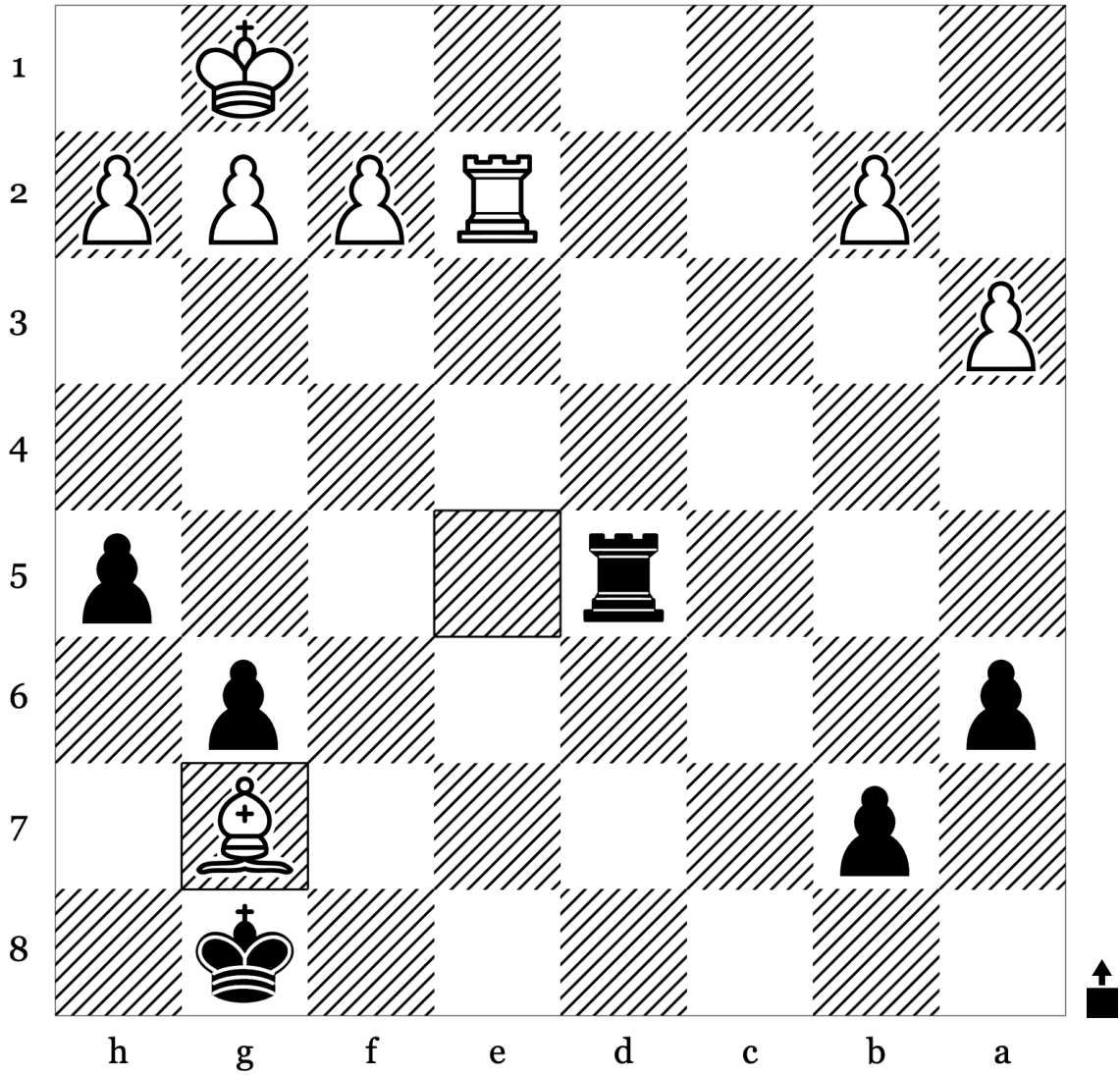
31	Ree7	
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Puzzle 20 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 690)



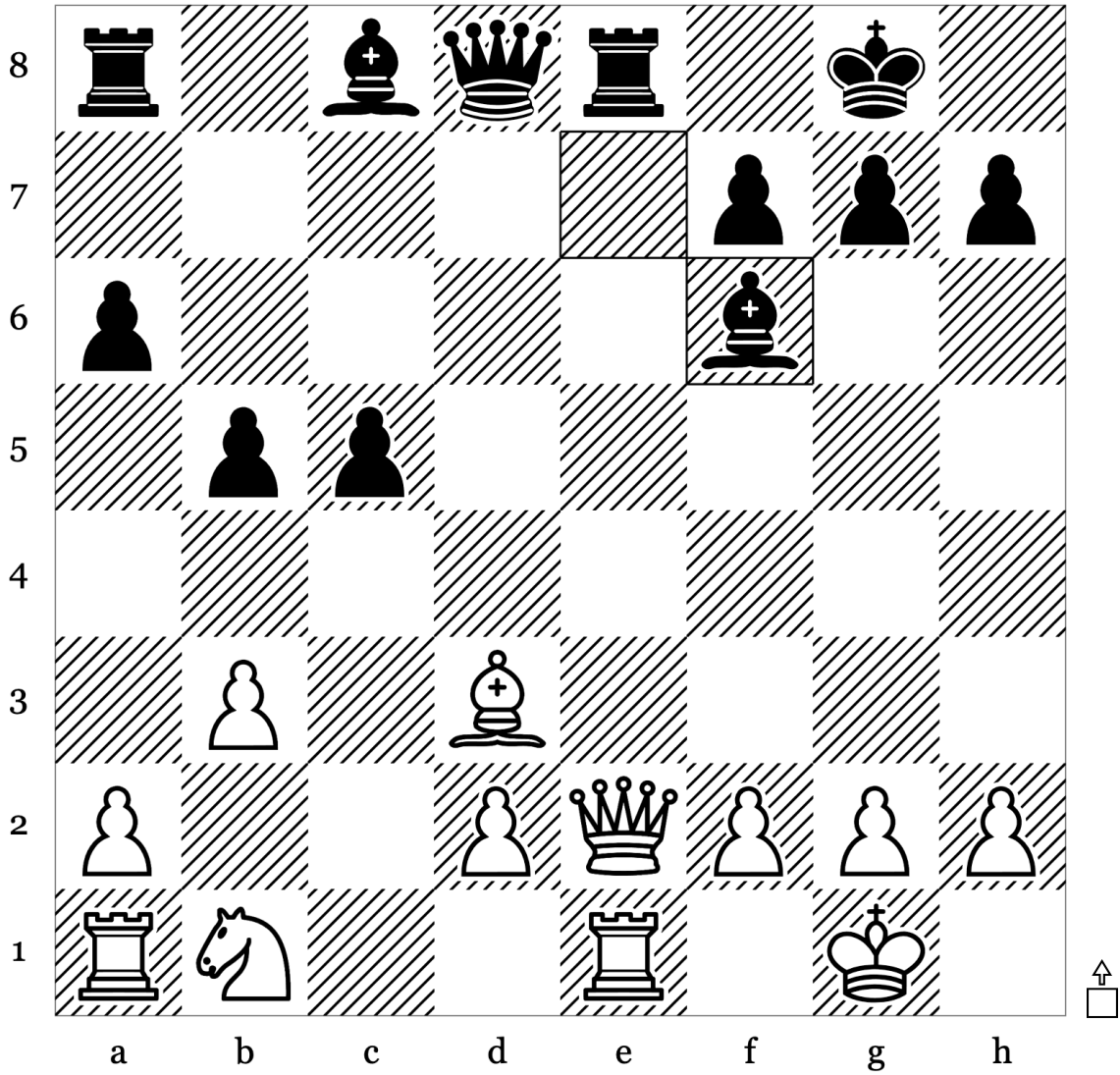
32	Rxf2	
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Puzzle 21 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 400)



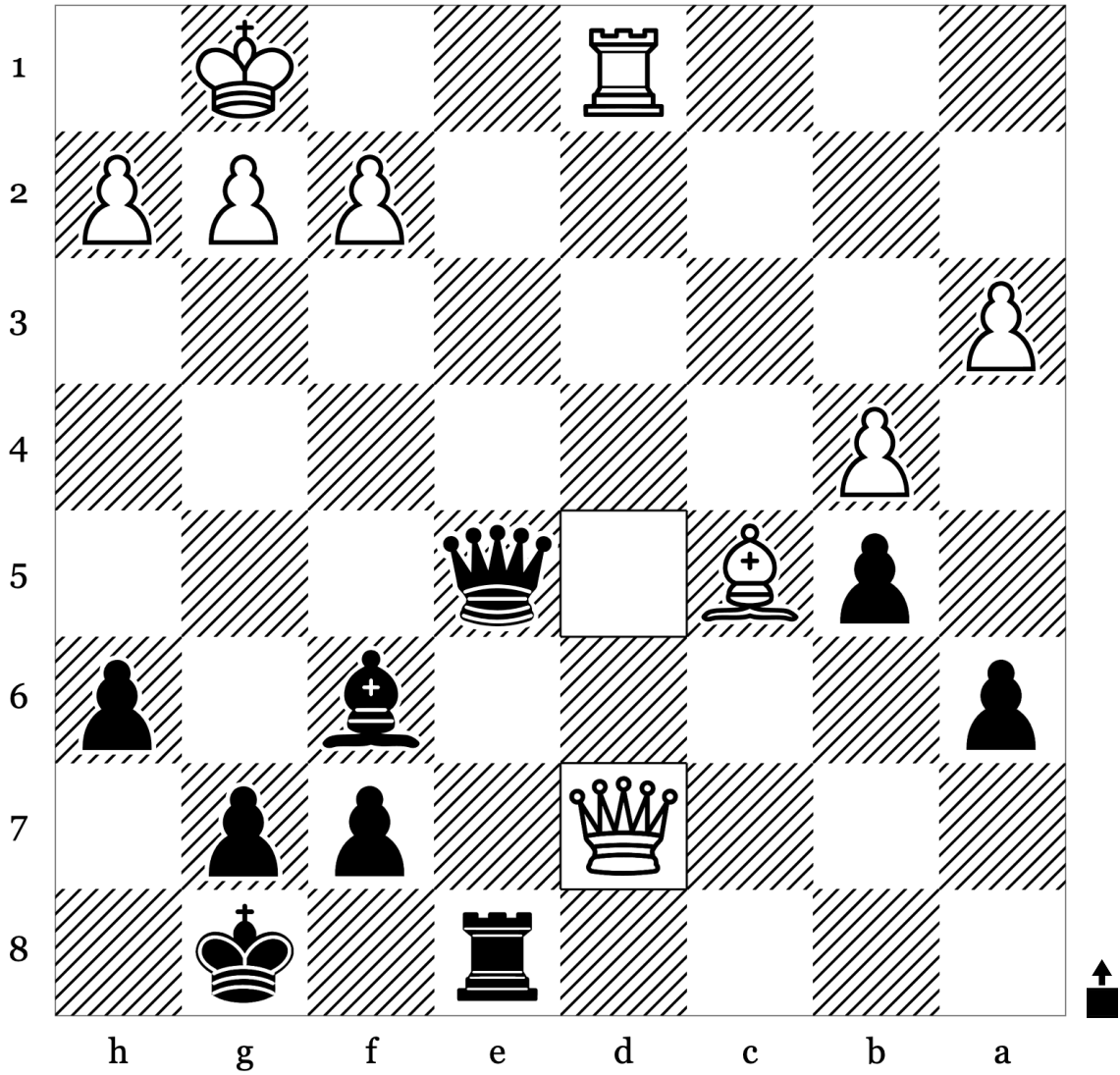
30	Bxg7	
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Puzzle 22 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 449)



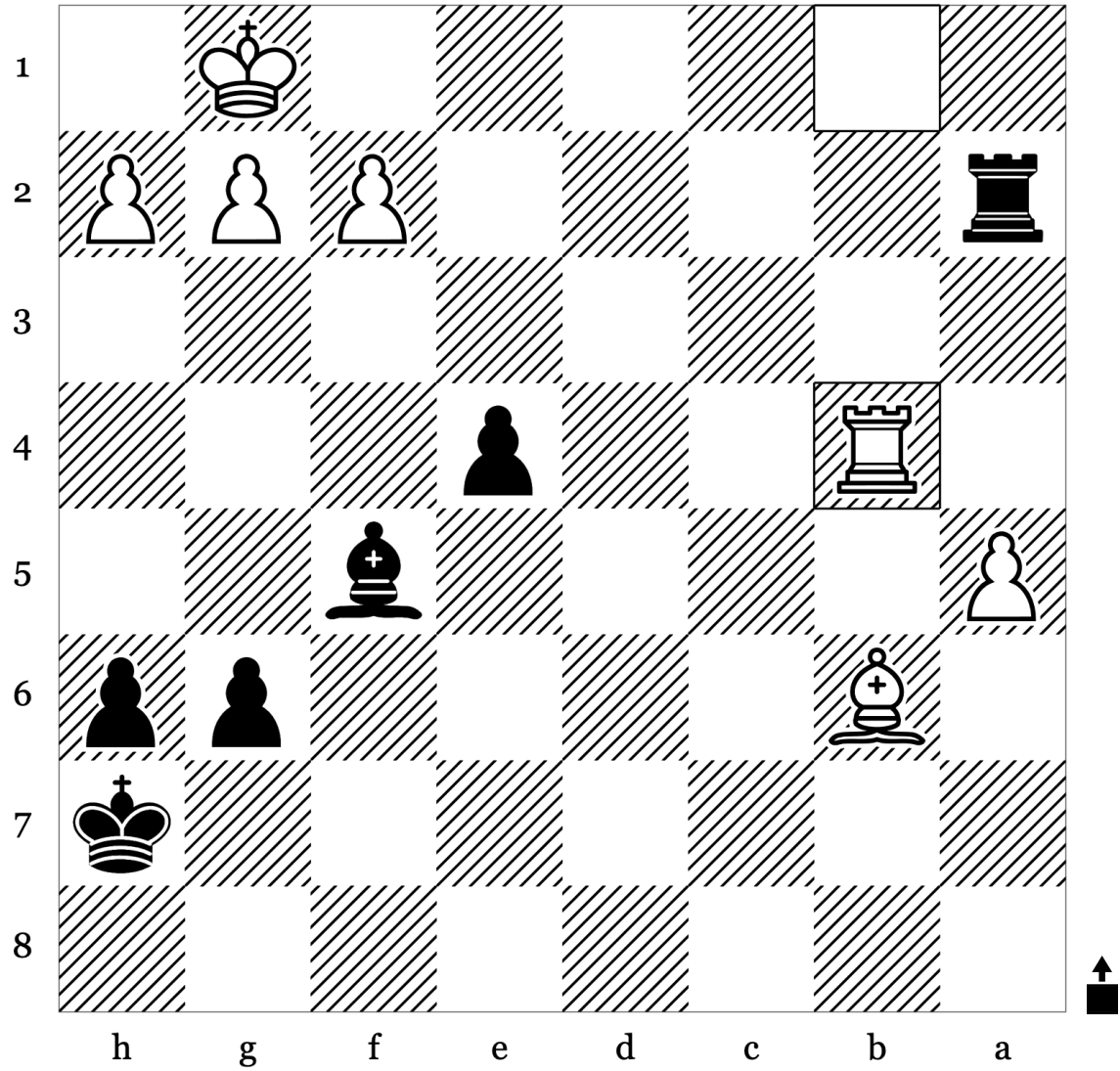
15	...	Bxf6
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Puzzle 23 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 676)



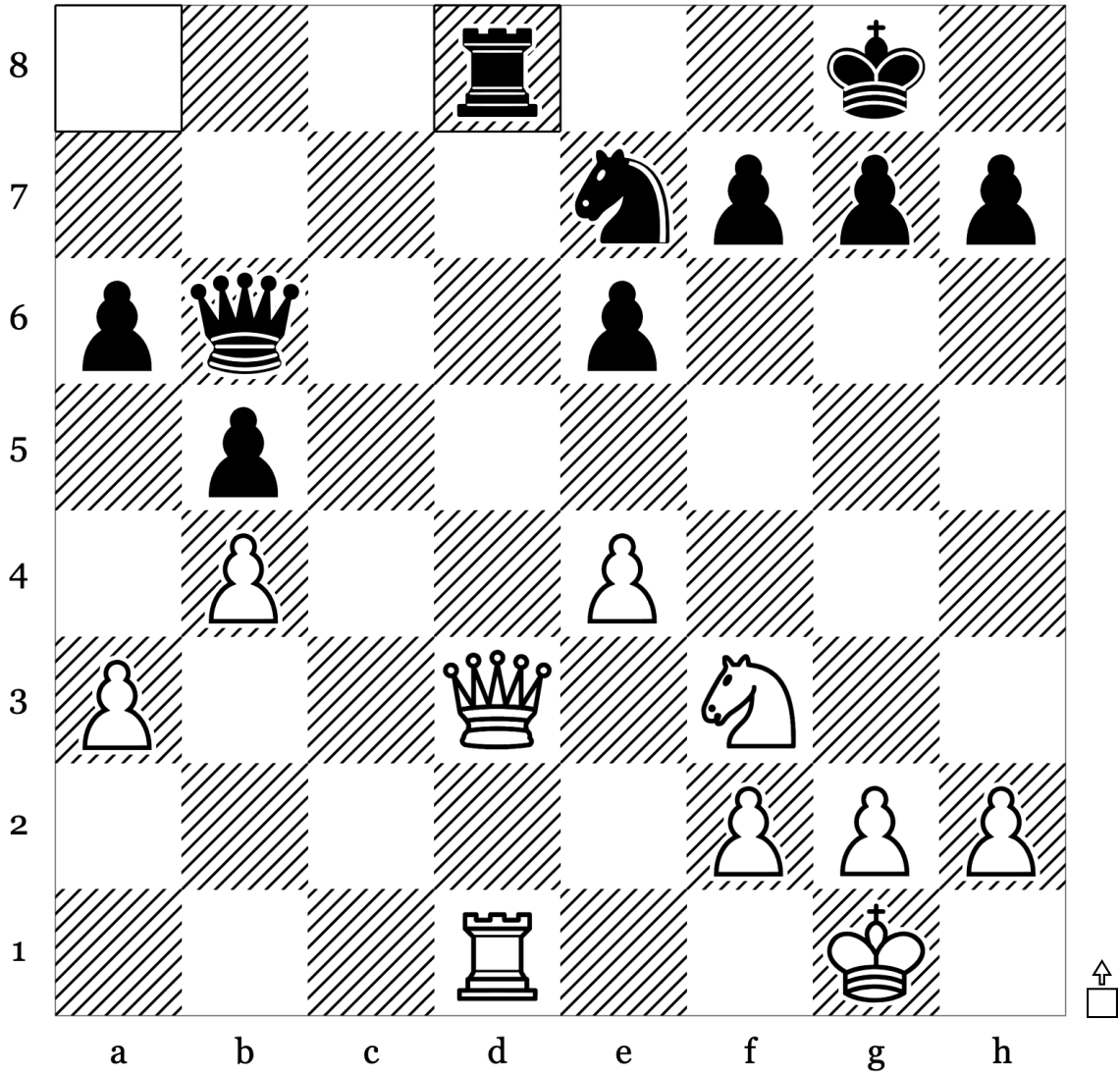
24	Qd7	
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Puzzle 24 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 550)



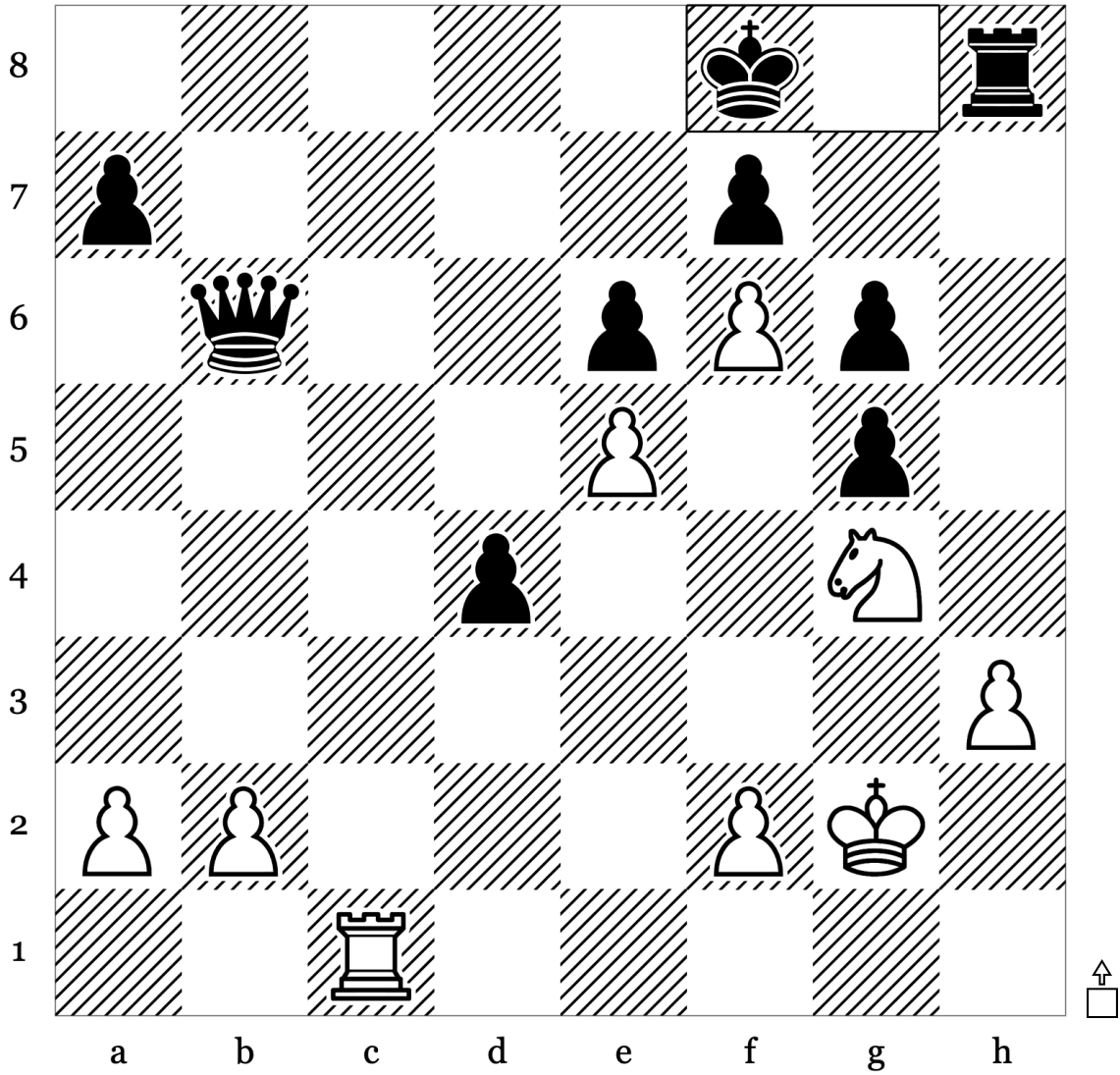
32	Rxb4	
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Puzzle 25 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 556)



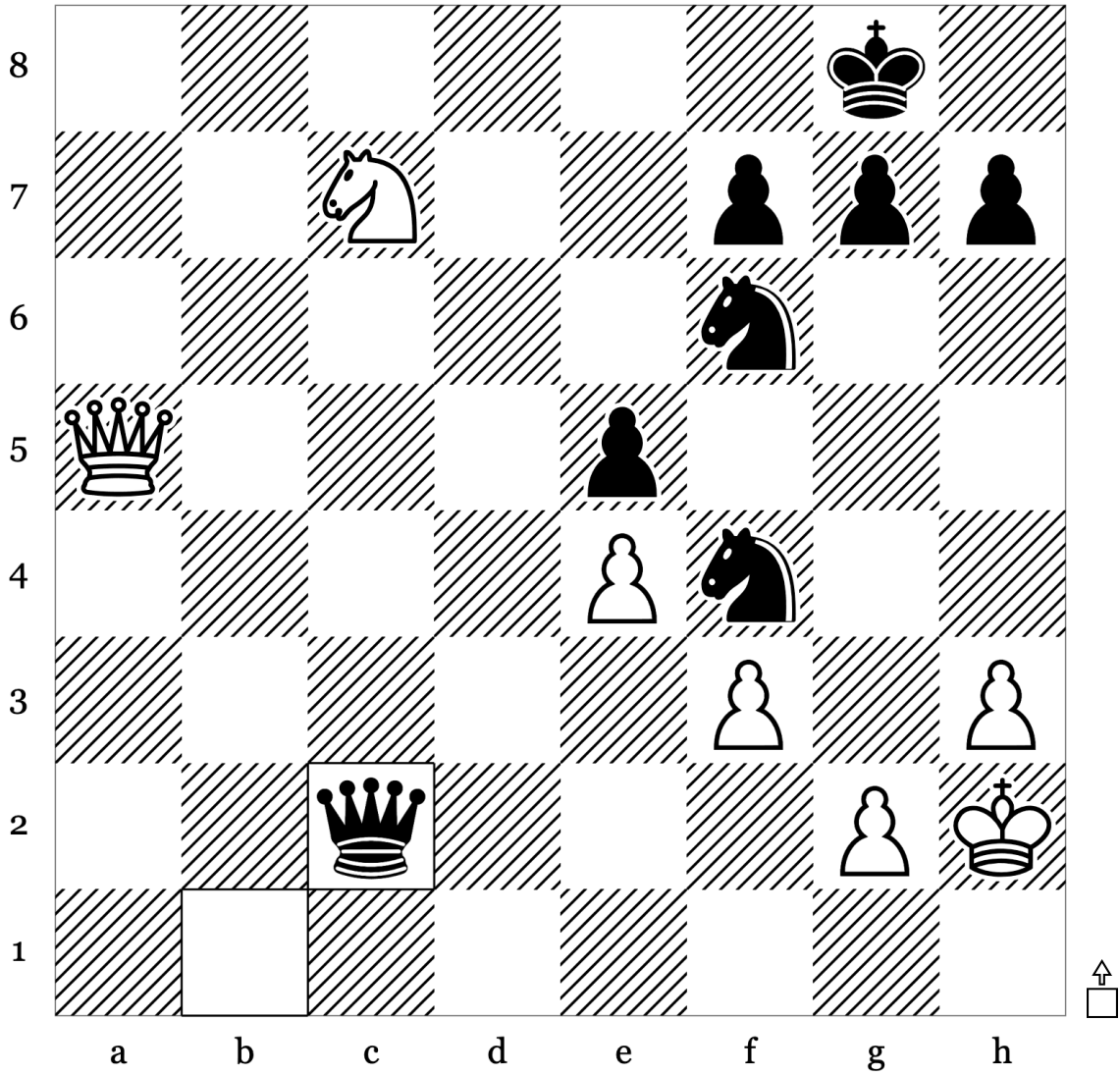
20	...	Rd8
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Puzzle 27 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 585)



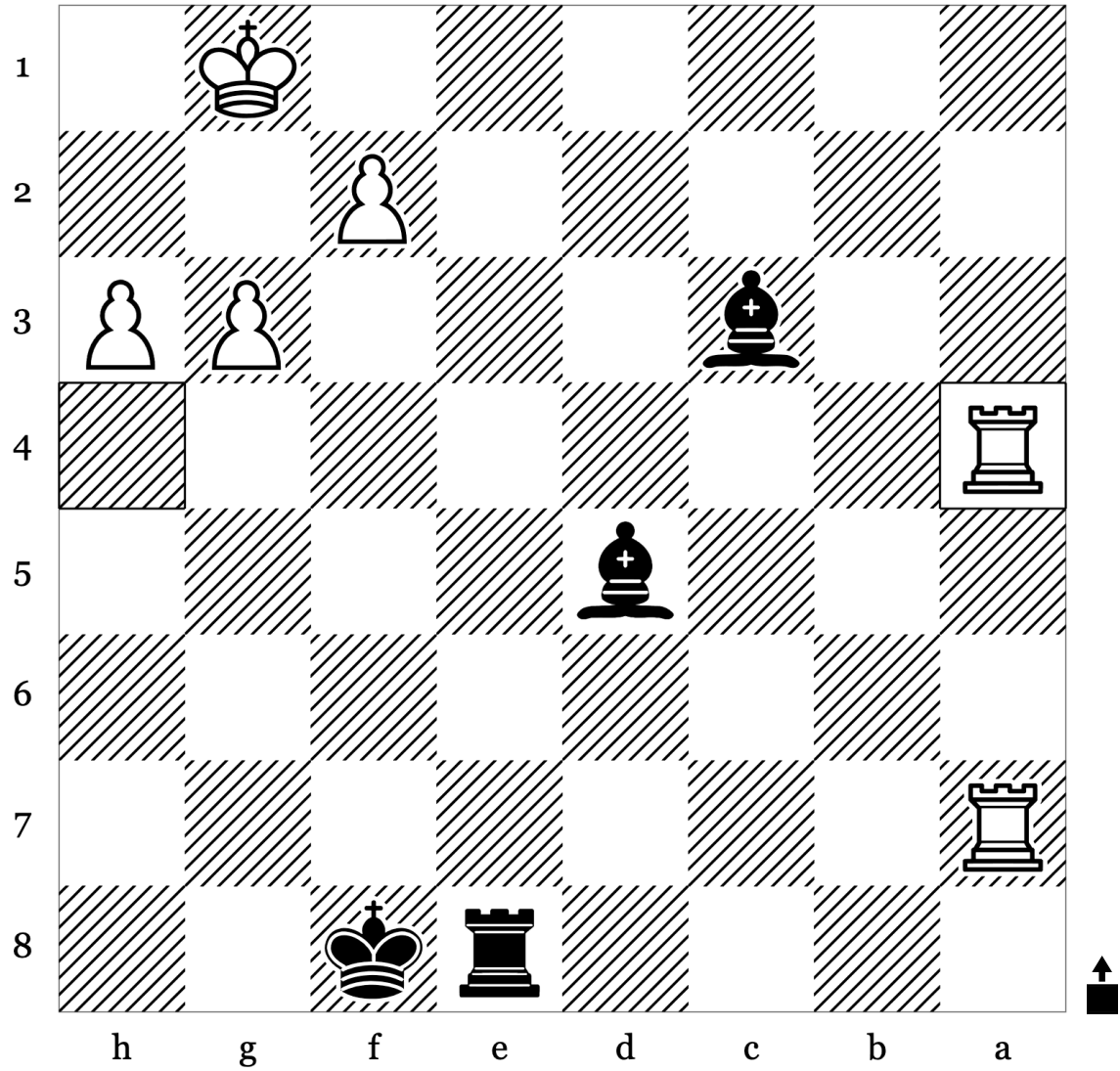
28	...	Kxf8
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Puzzle 28 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 639)



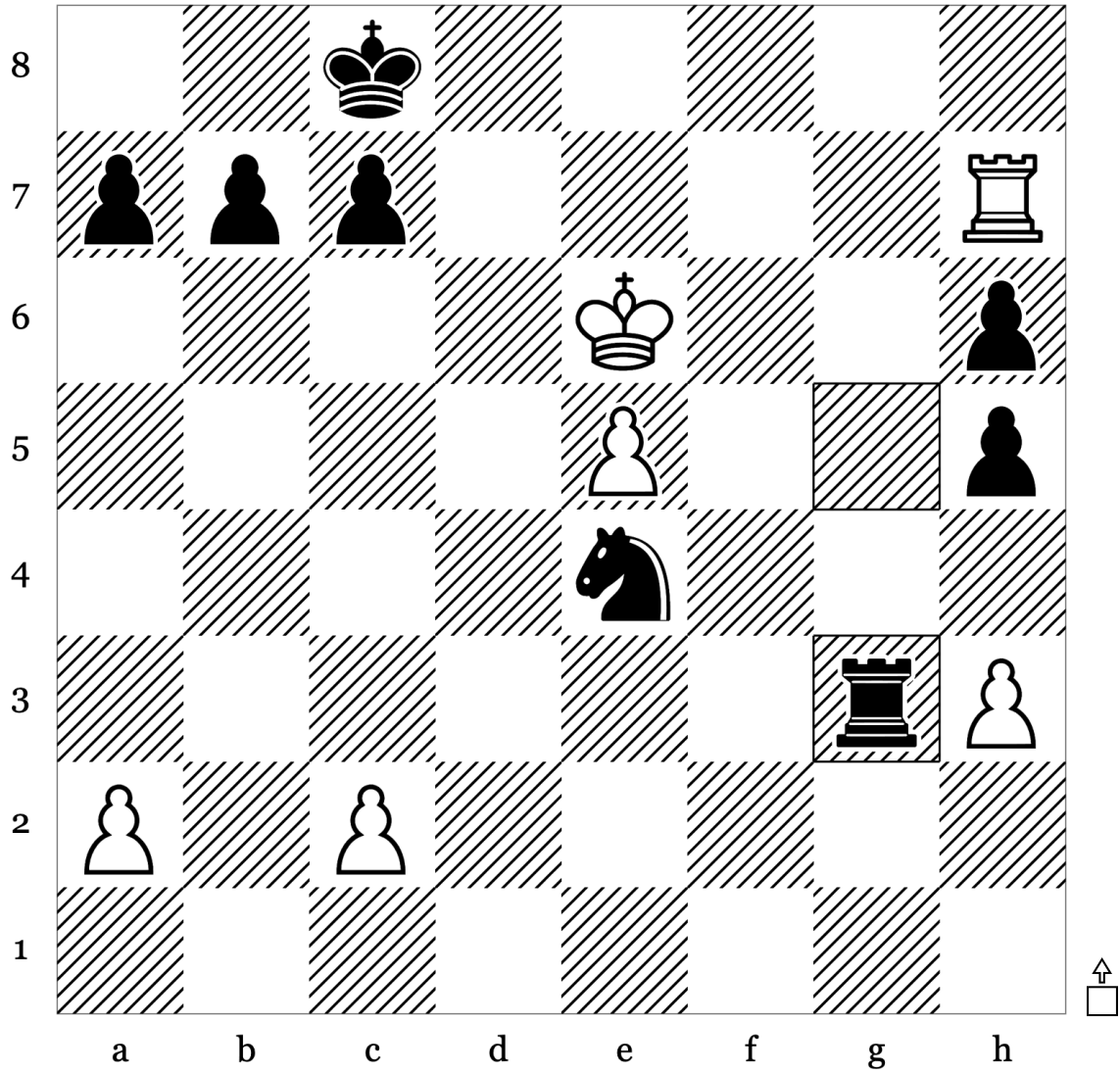
36	...	Qxc2
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Puzzle 29 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 699)



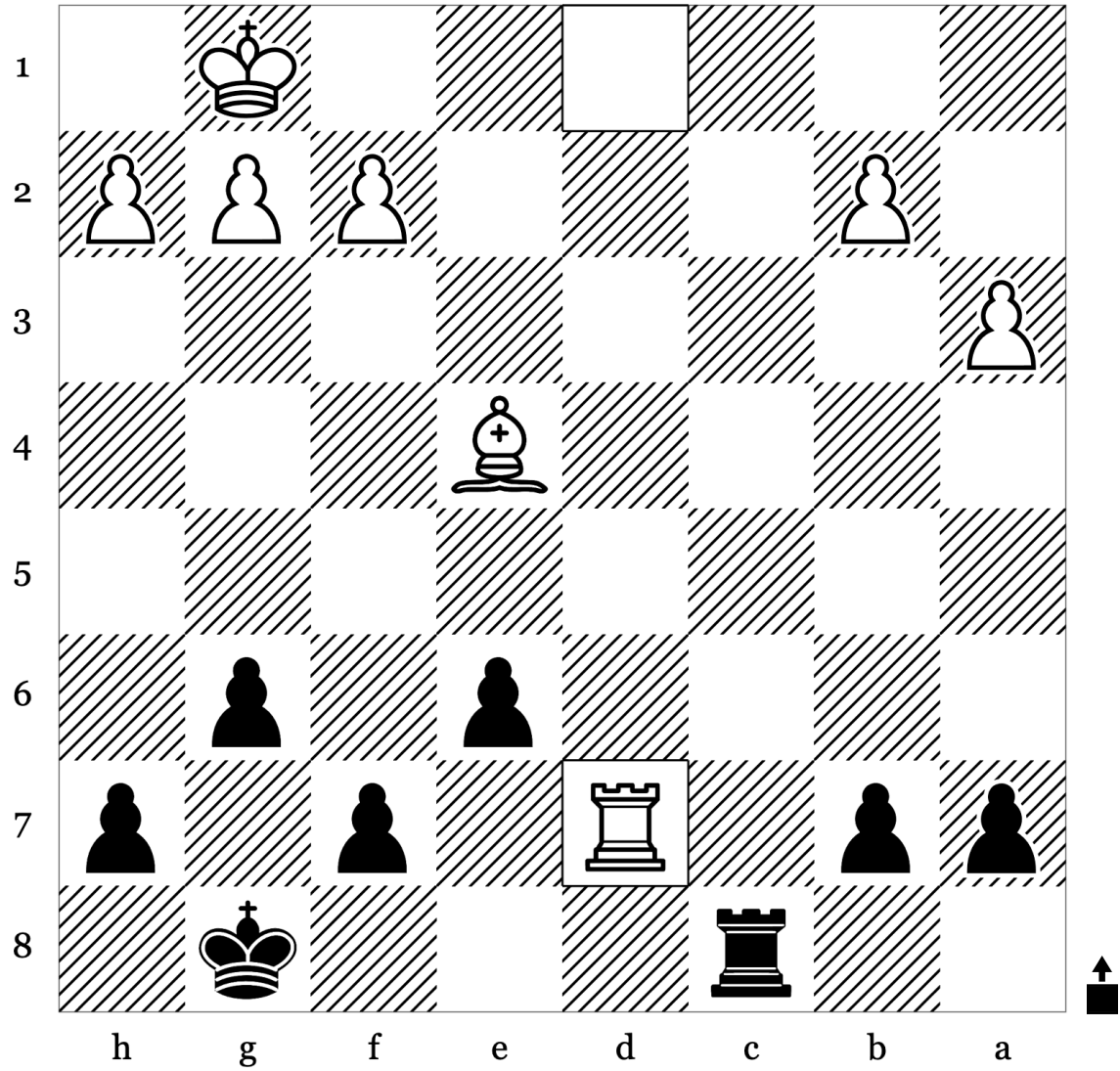
38	Rhx4	
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Puzzle 30 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 536)



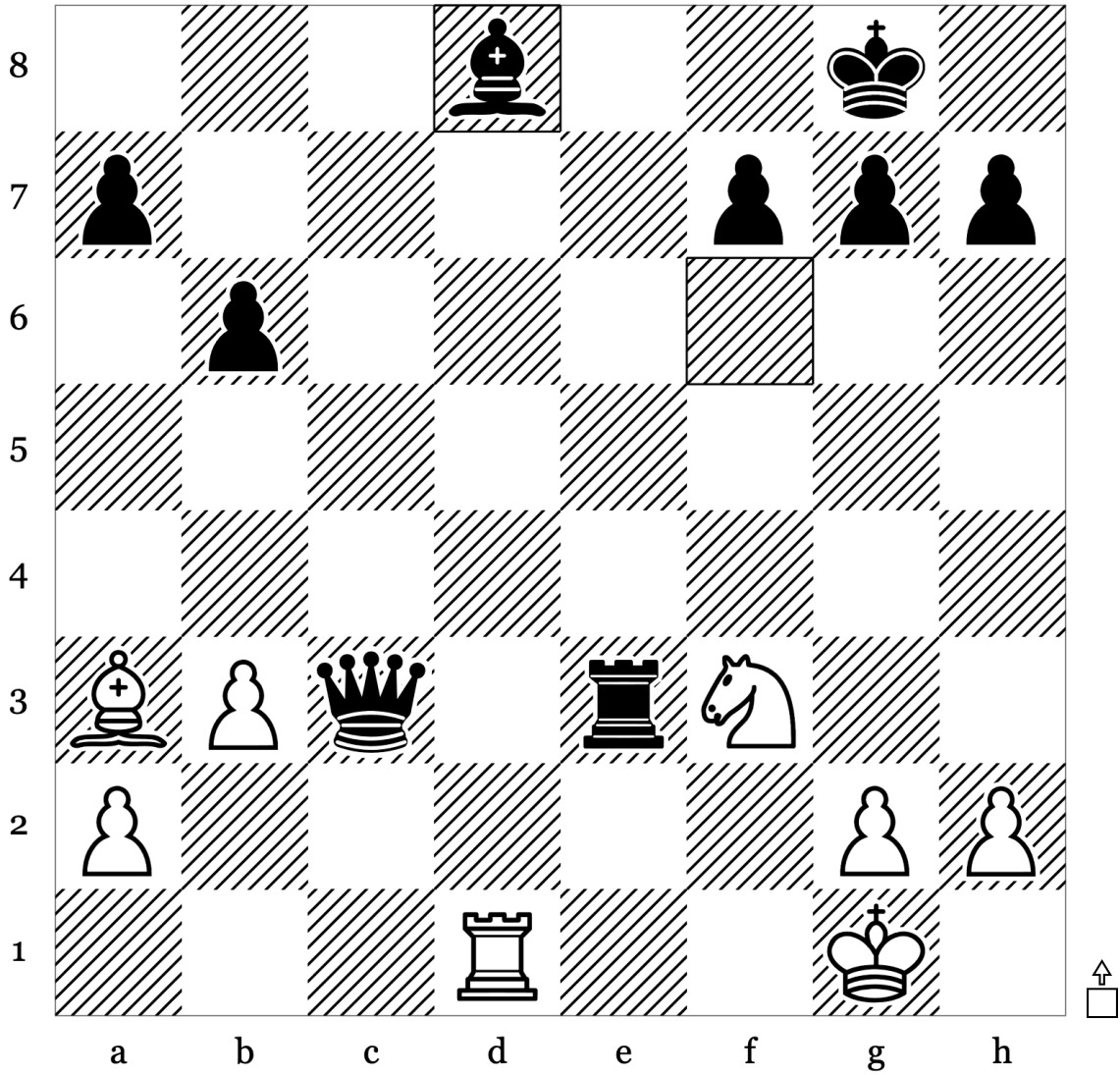
38	...	Rg3
39		
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Puzzle 31 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 736)



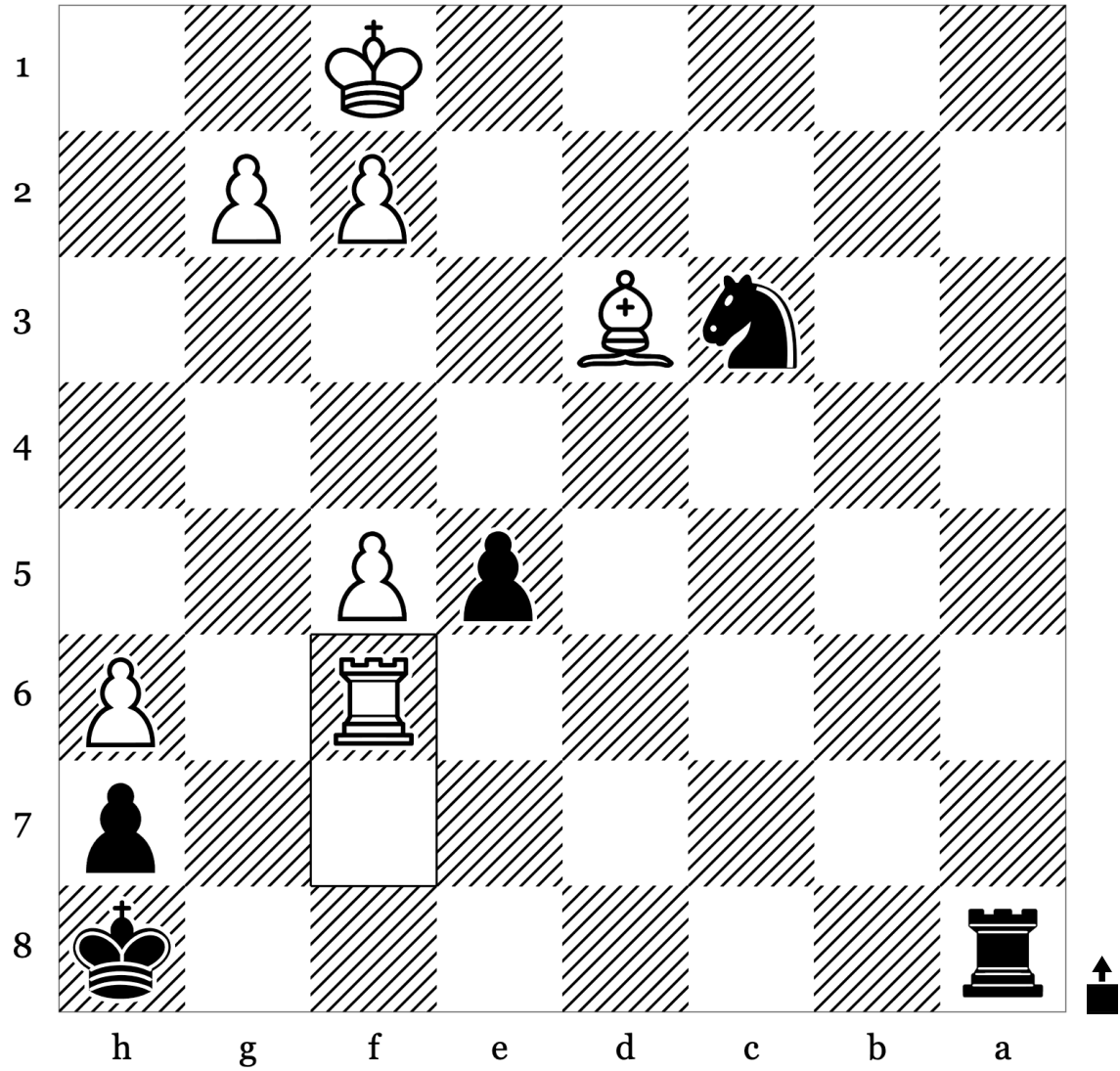
24	Rxd7	
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Puzzle 32 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 788)



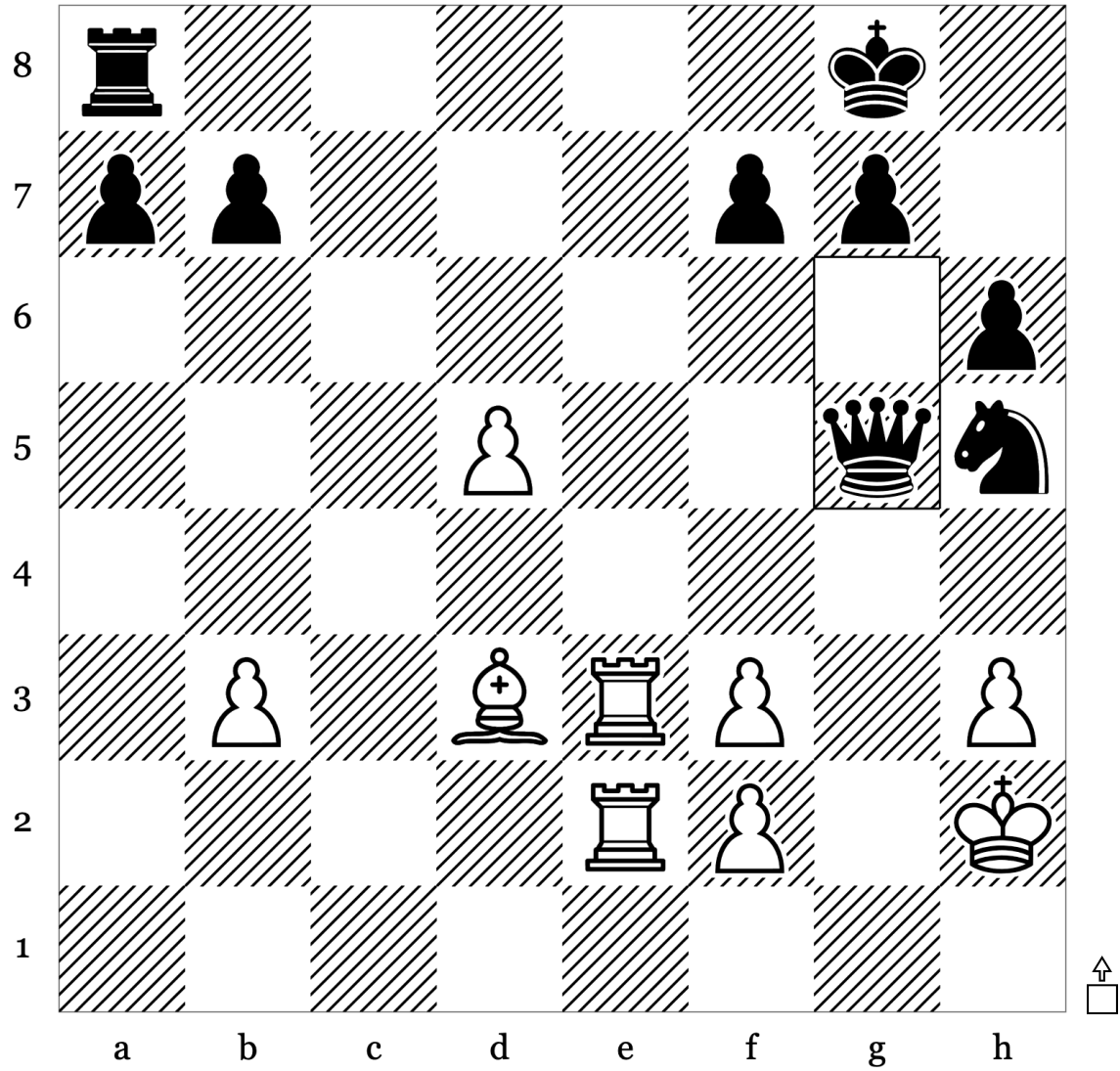
24	...	Bxd8
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Puzzle 33 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 628)



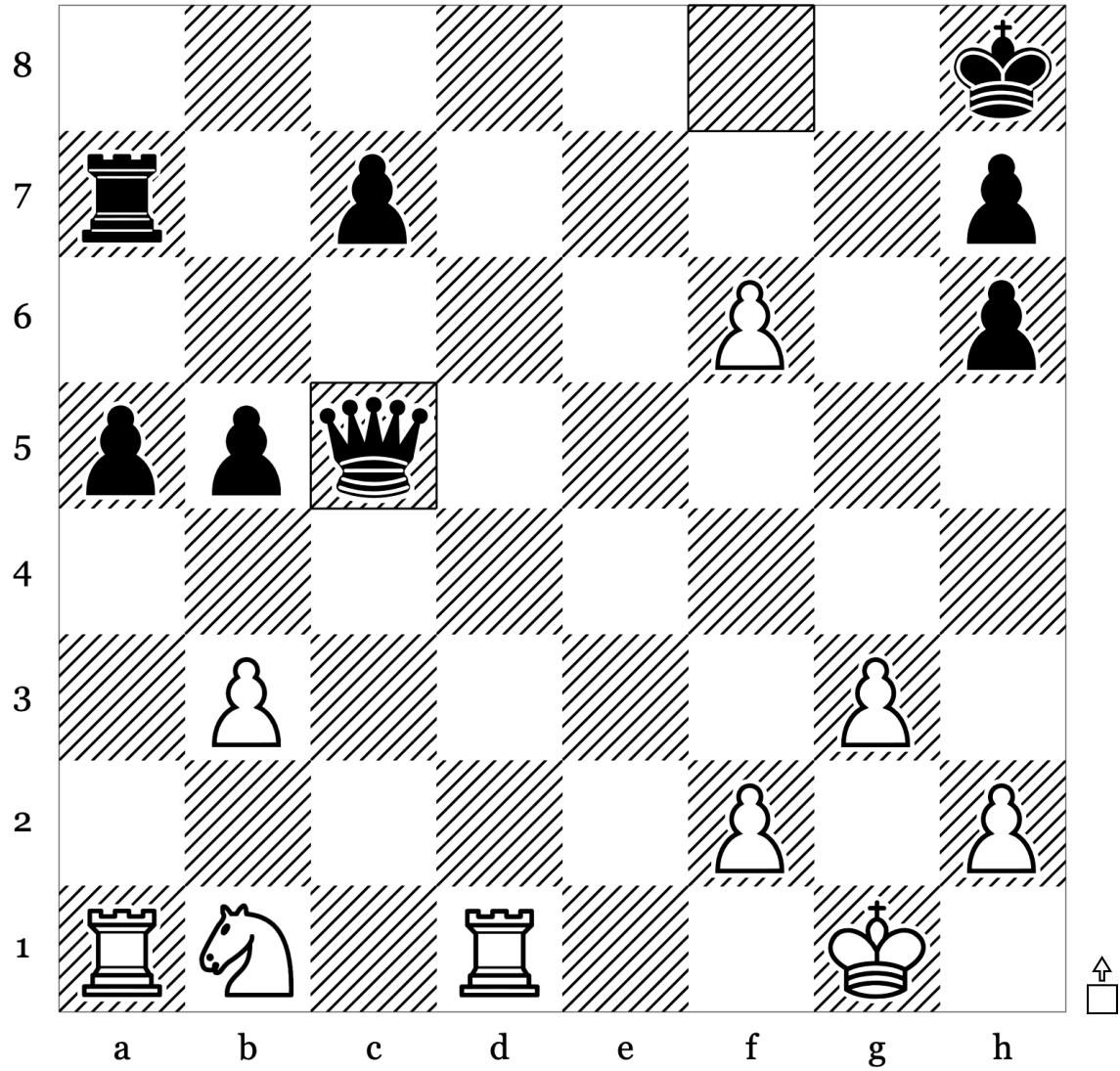
31	Rxf6	
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Puzzle 34 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 600)



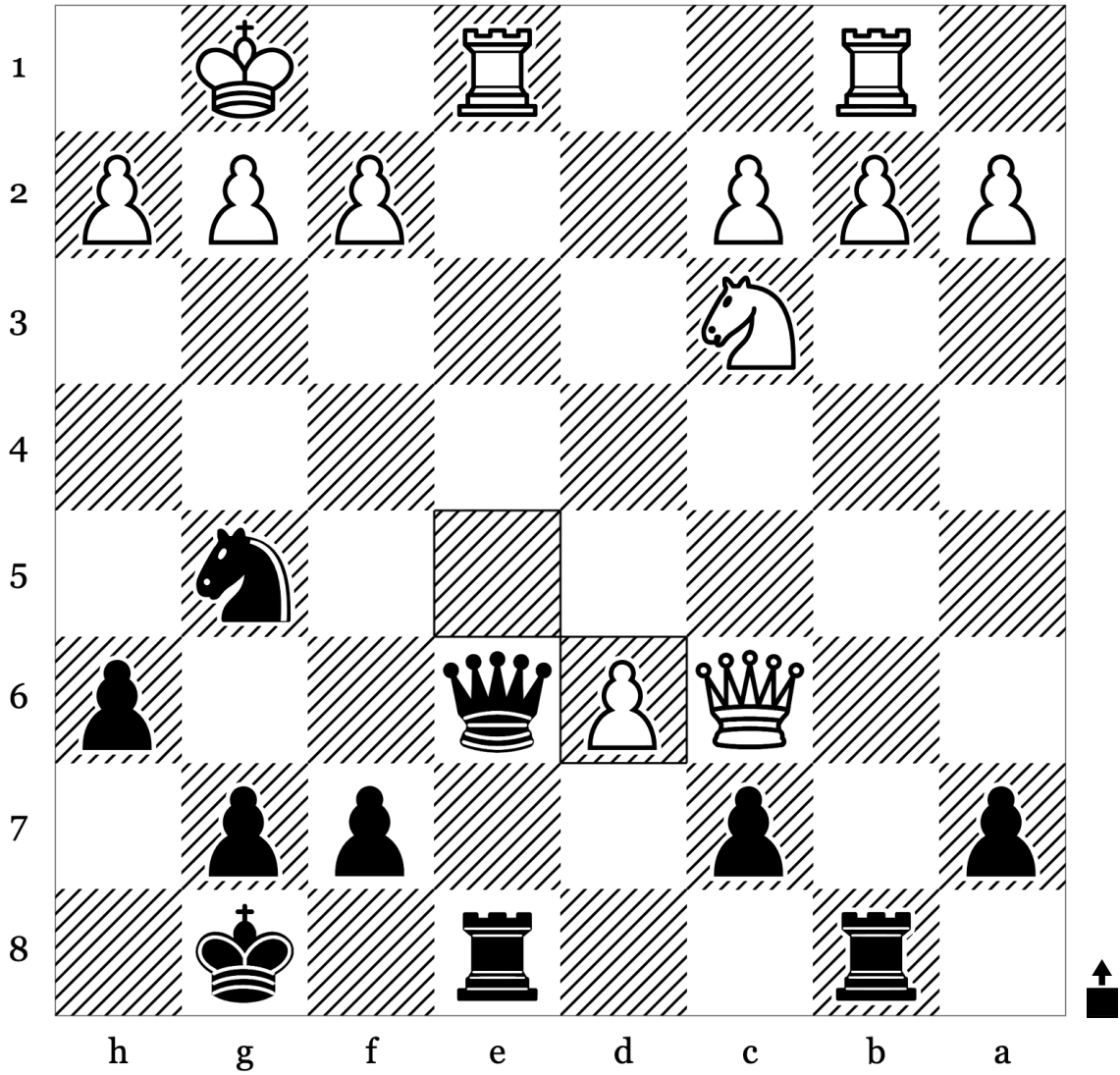
26	...	Qg5
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Puzzle 35 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 497)



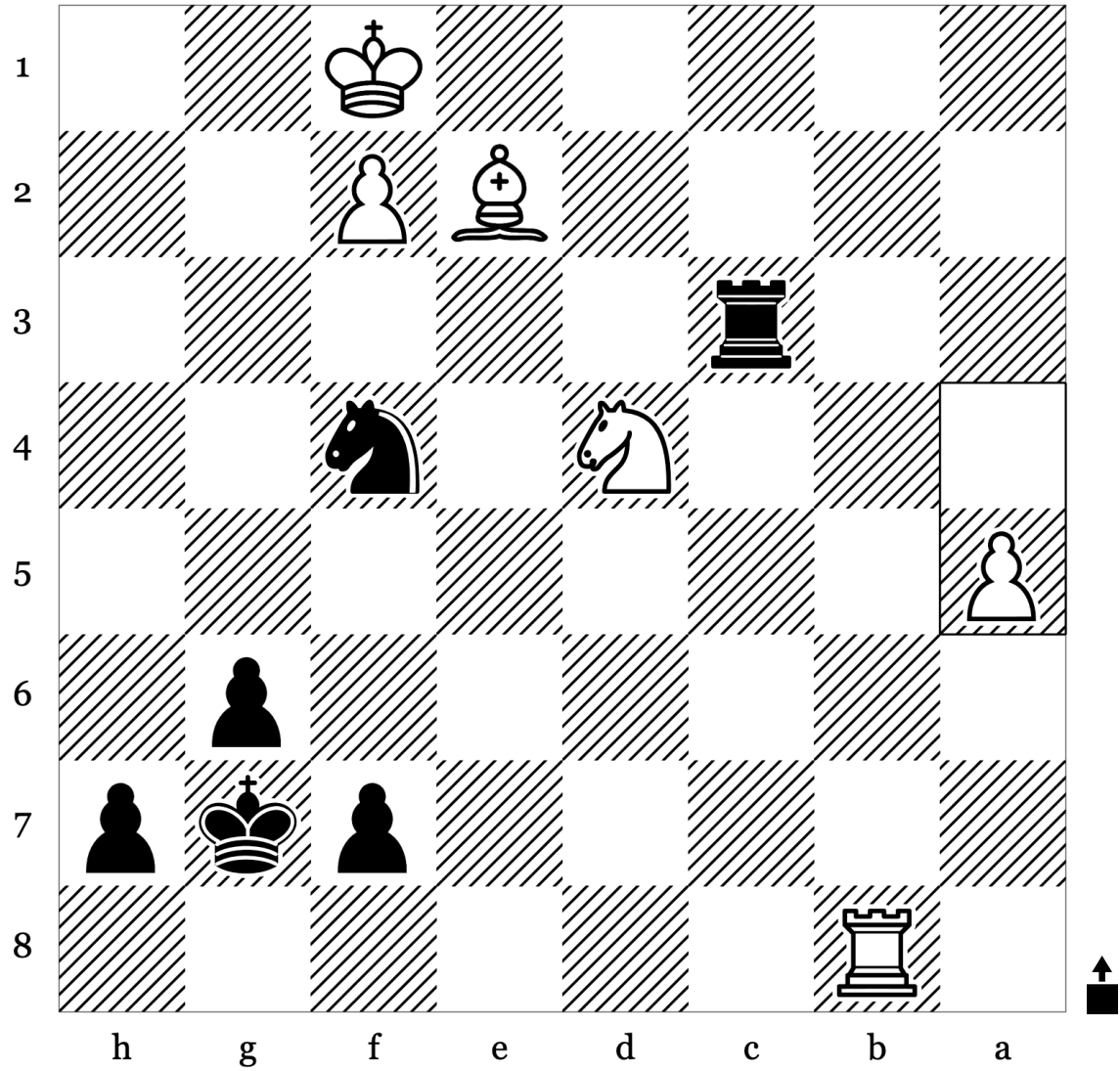
25	...	Qxc5
26		
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Puzzle 36 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 591)



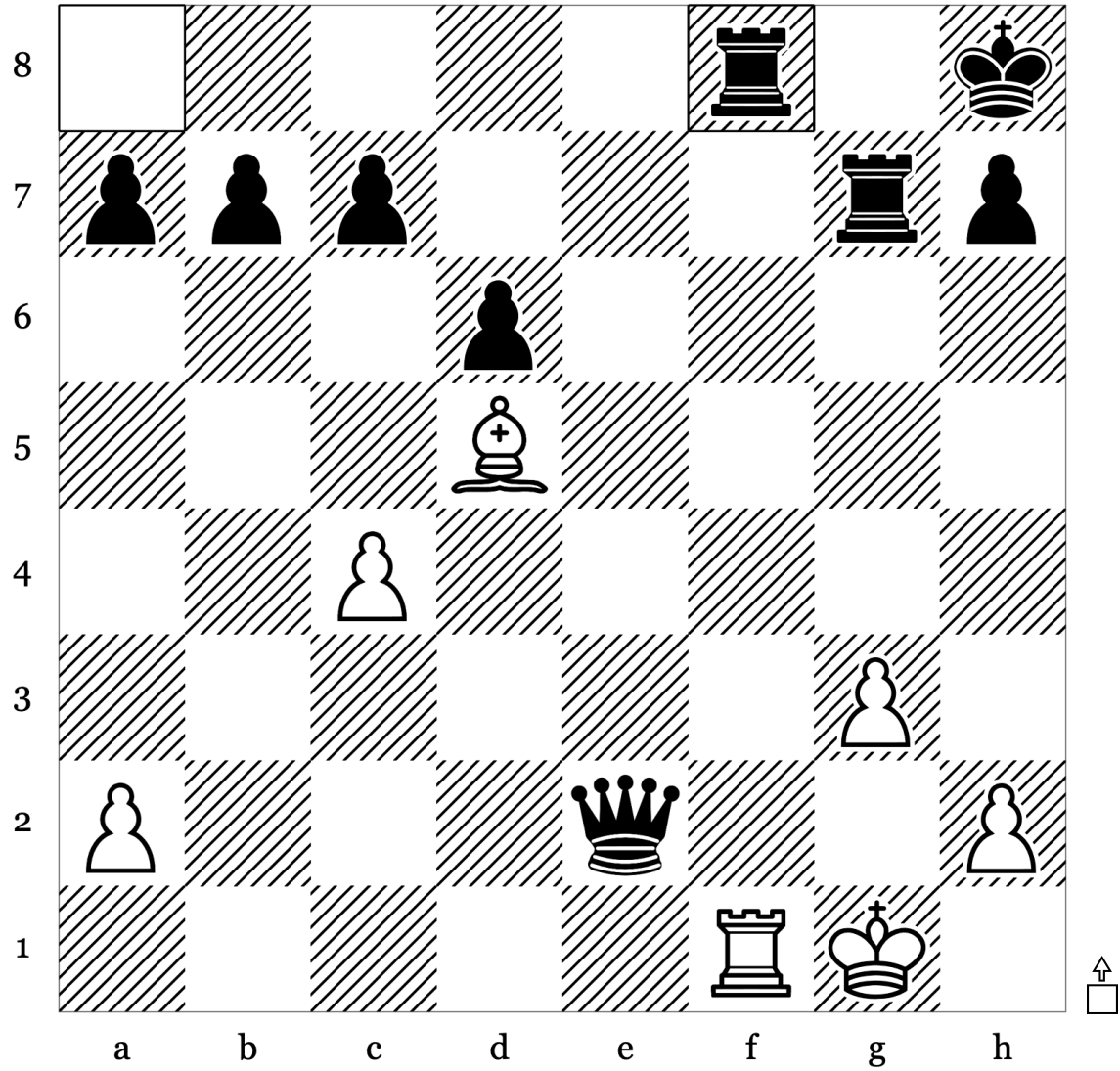
18	exd6	
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Puzzle 37 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 535)



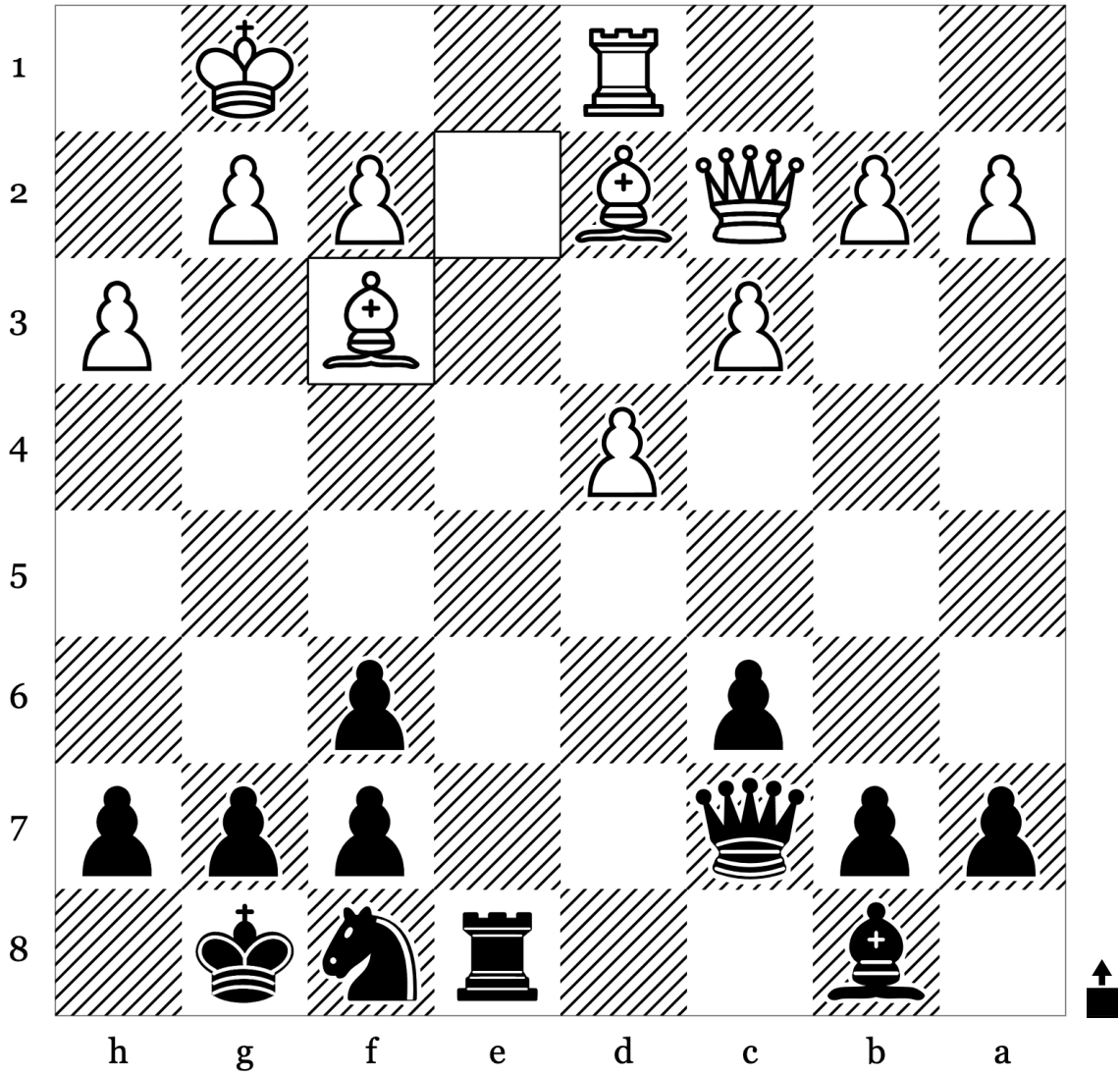
36	a5	
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Puzzle 38 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 601)



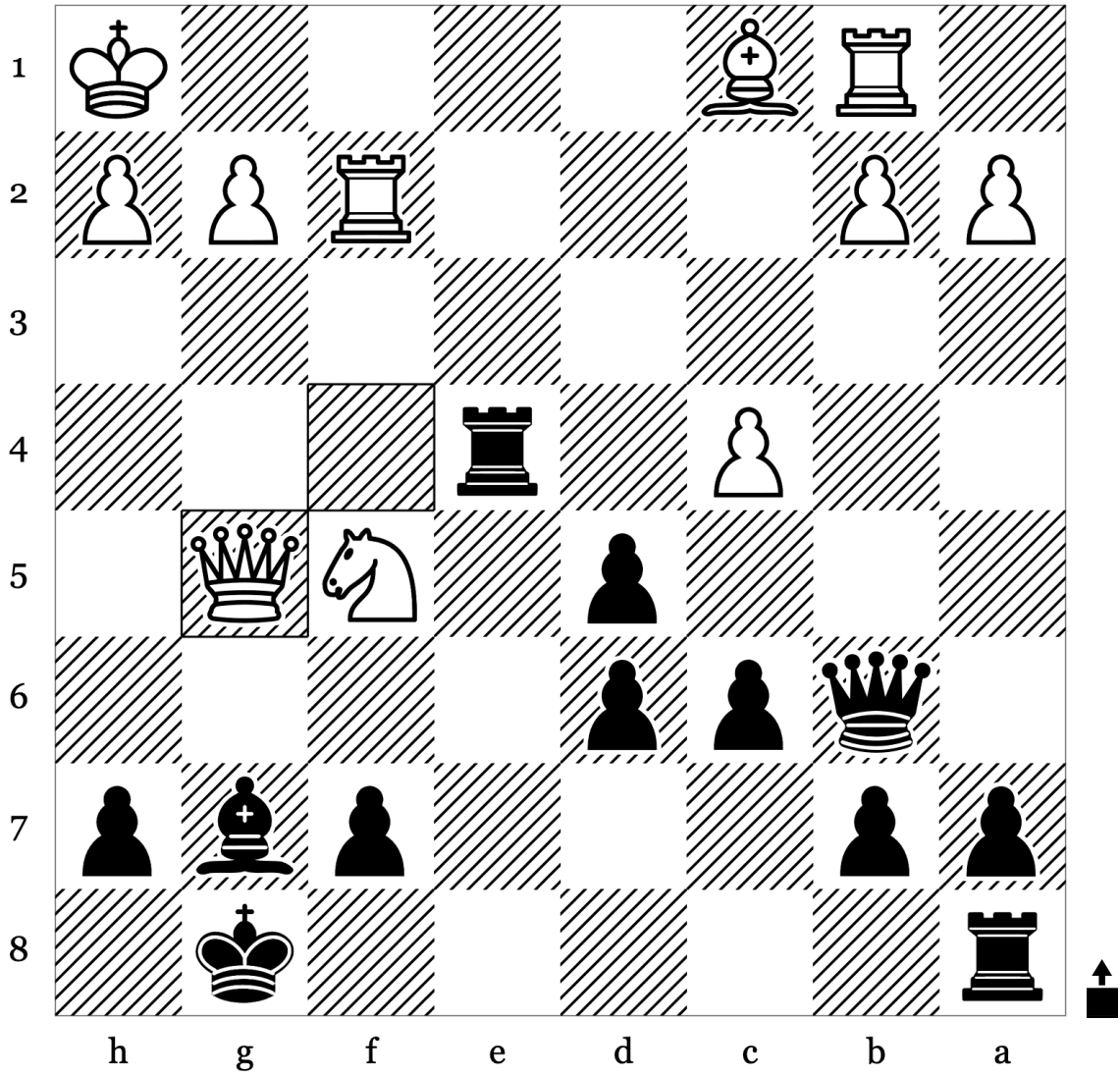
29	...	Rxf8
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Puzzle 40 of 100: Kingside Attack · Mate (Rating: 778)



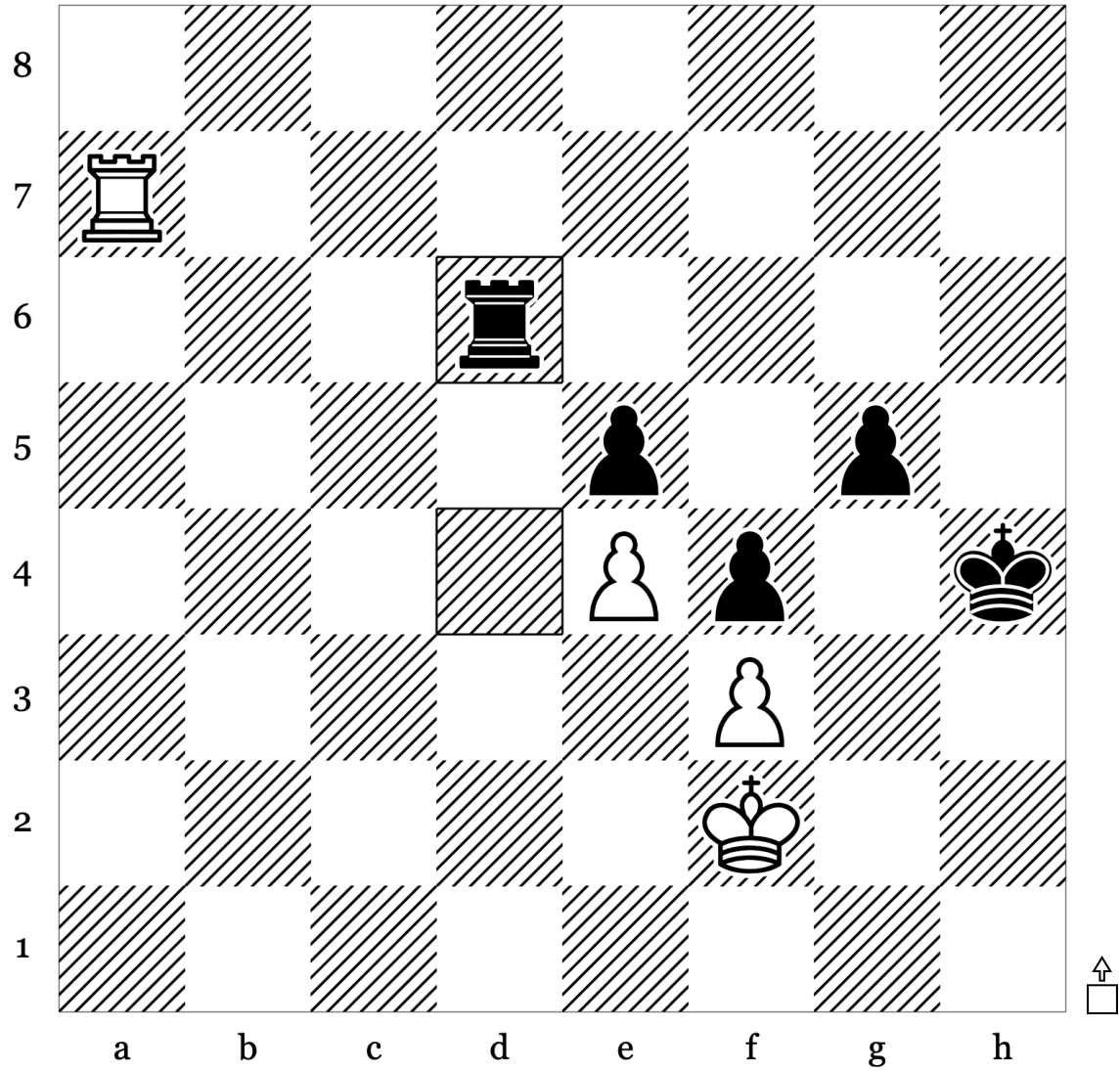
18	Bxf3	
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Puzzle 41 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 657)



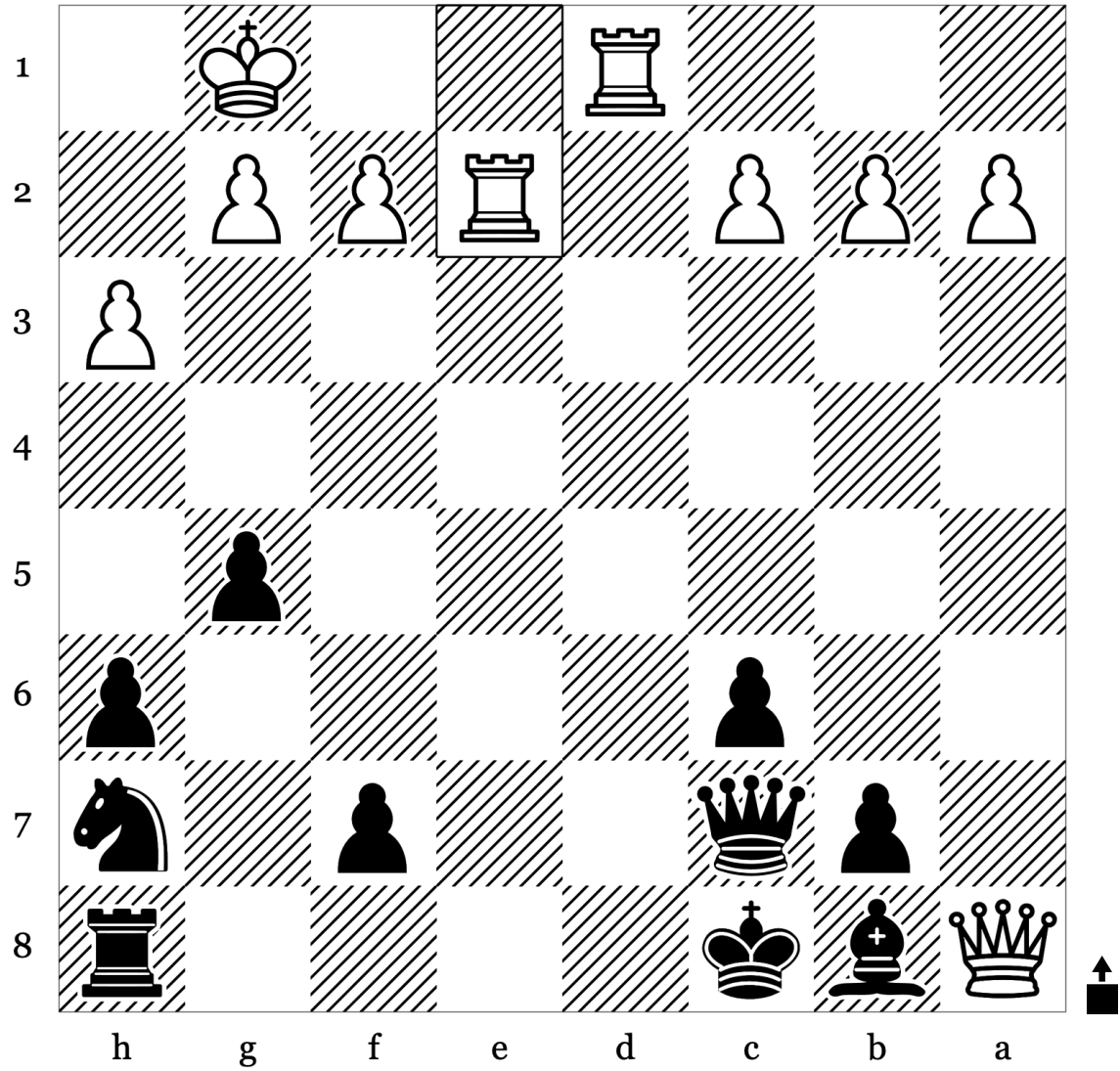
21	Qg5	
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Puzzle 43 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 400)



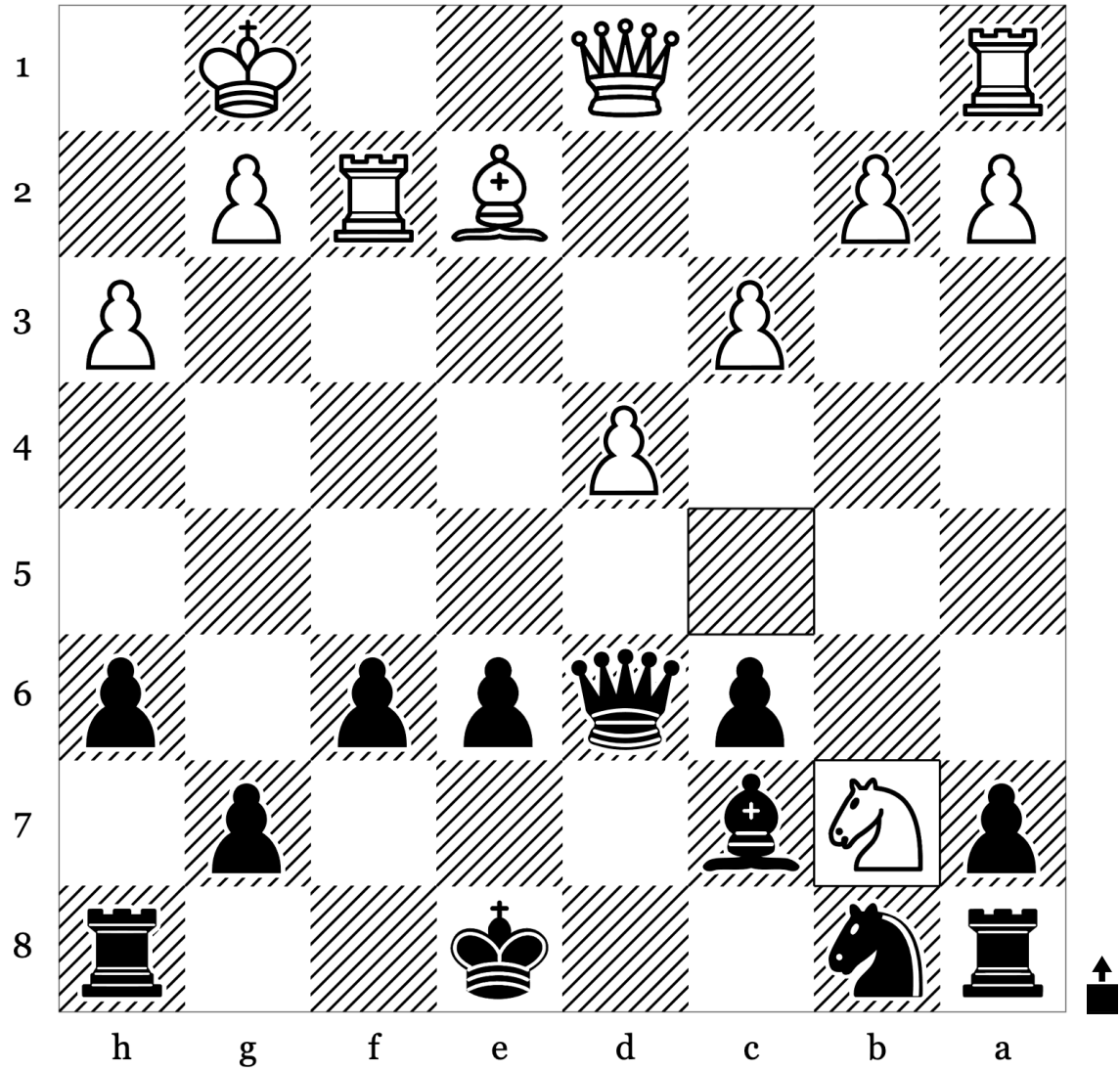
46	...	Rxd6
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Puzzle 44 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 603)



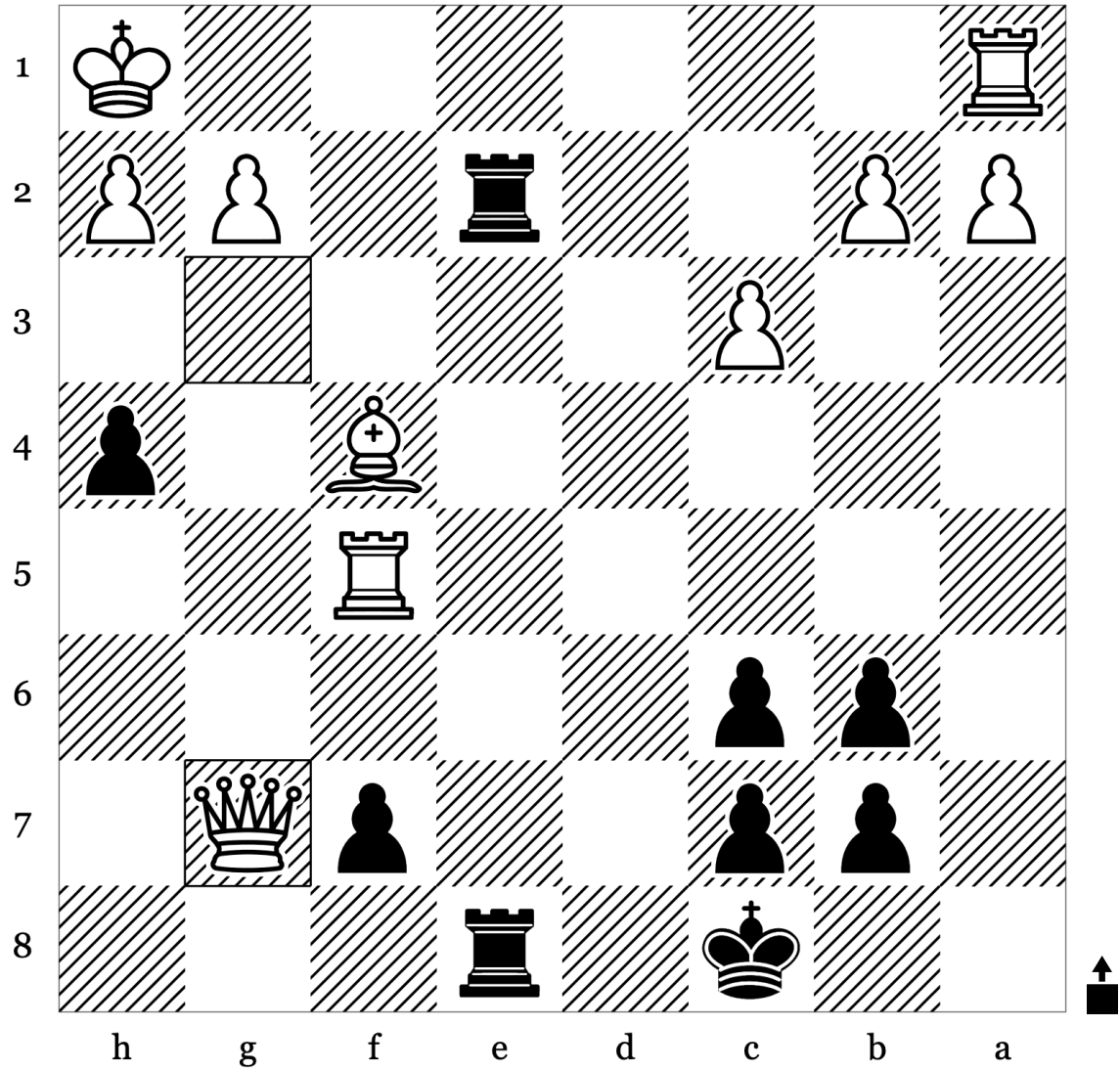
25	Re2	
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Puzzle 45 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 617)



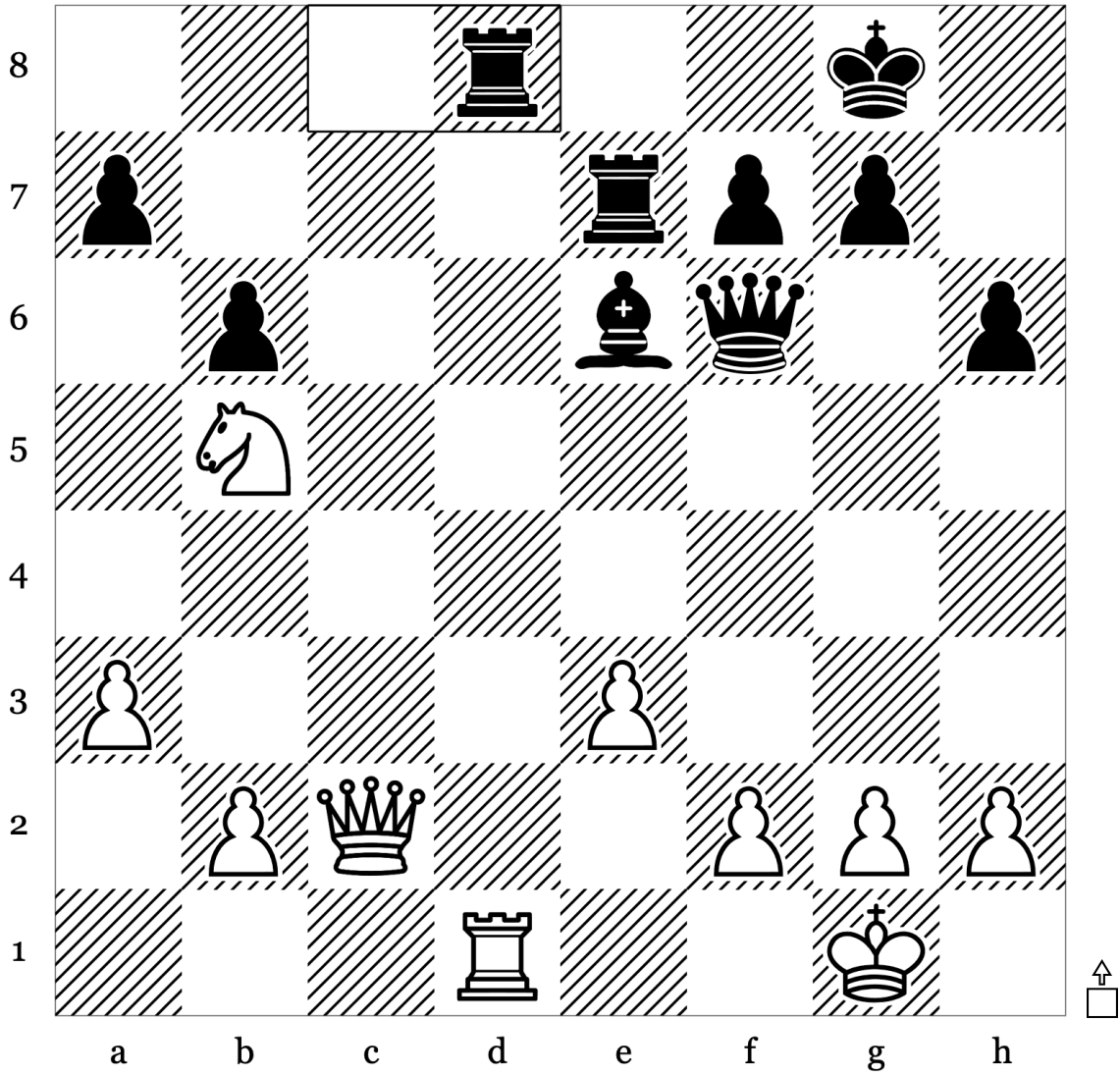
17	Nxb7	
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Puzzle 46 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 580)



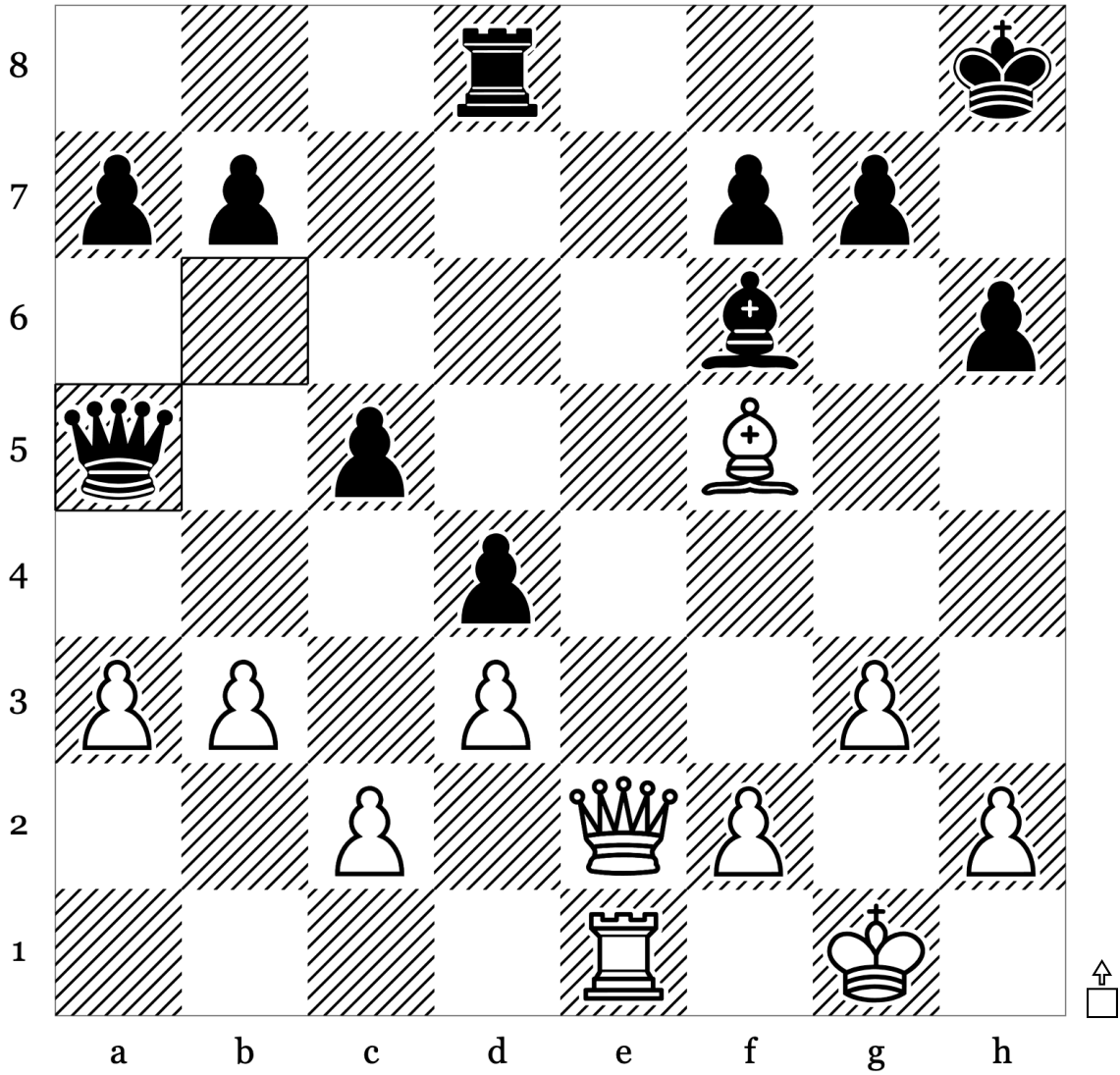
23	Qxg7	
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Puzzle 47 of 100: Kingside Attack - Master (Rating: 609)



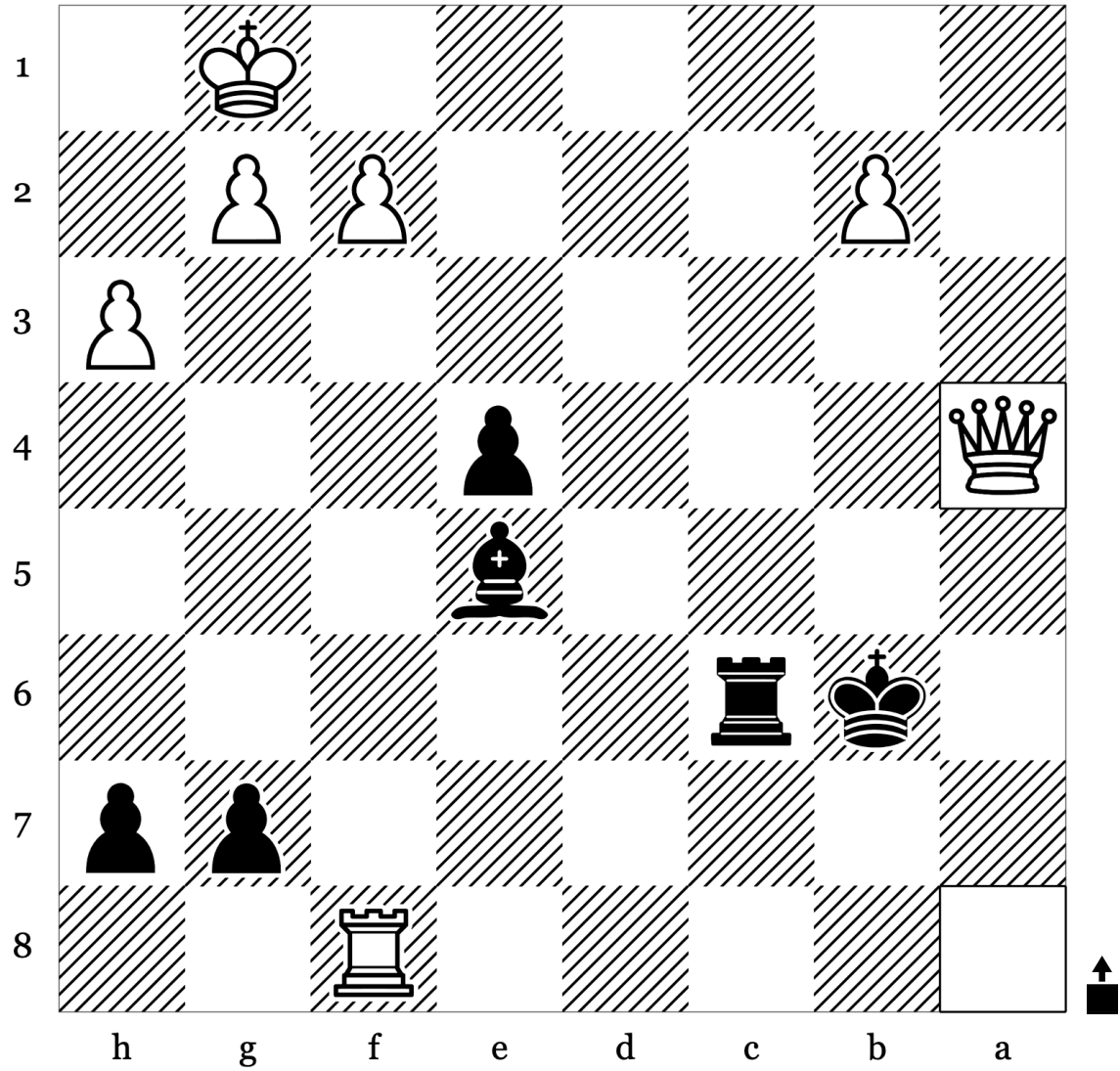
26	...	Rxd8
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Puzzle 48 of 100: Endgame - Kingside Attack (Rating: 570)



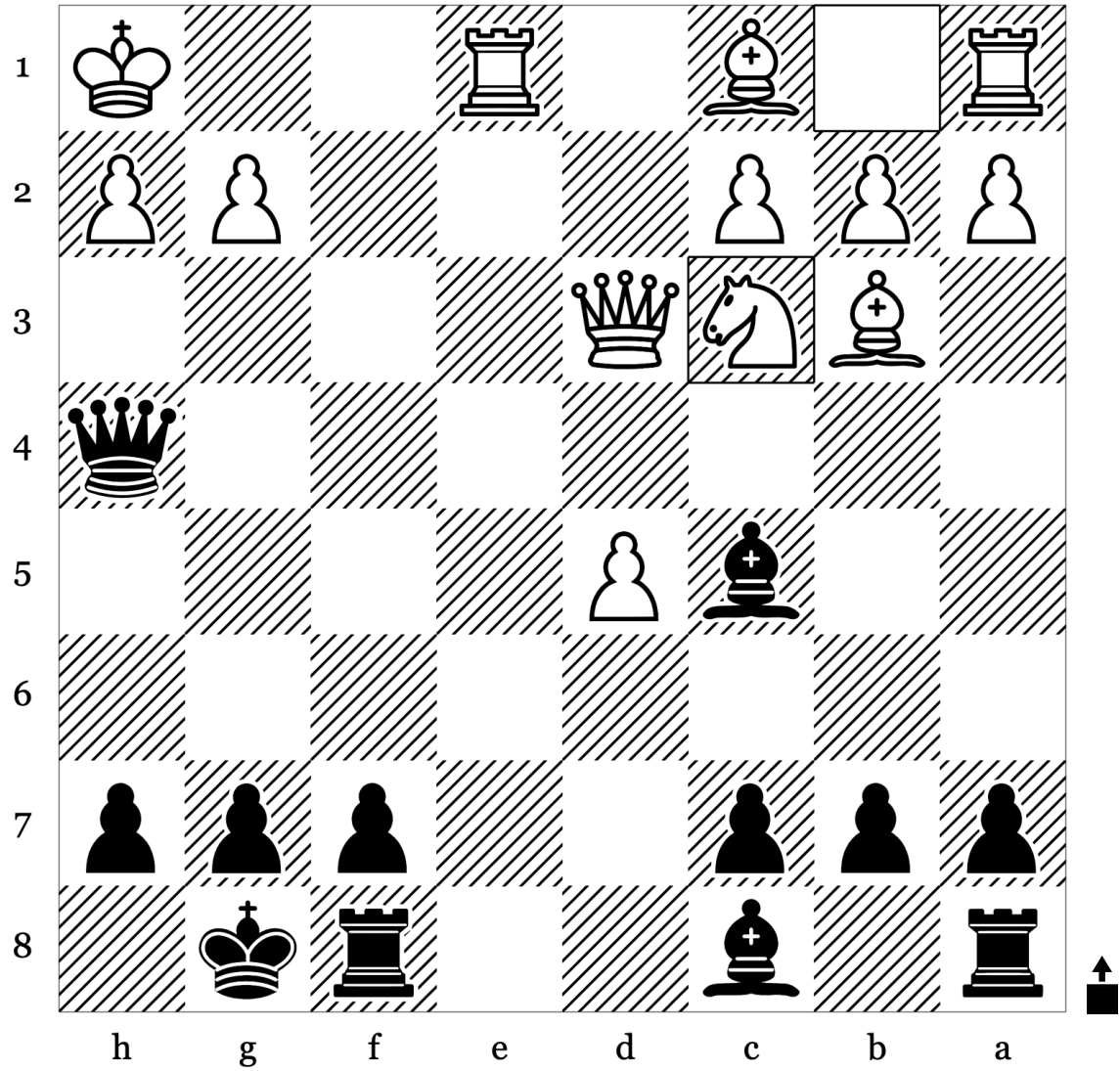
26	...	Qa5
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Puzzle 49 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 511)



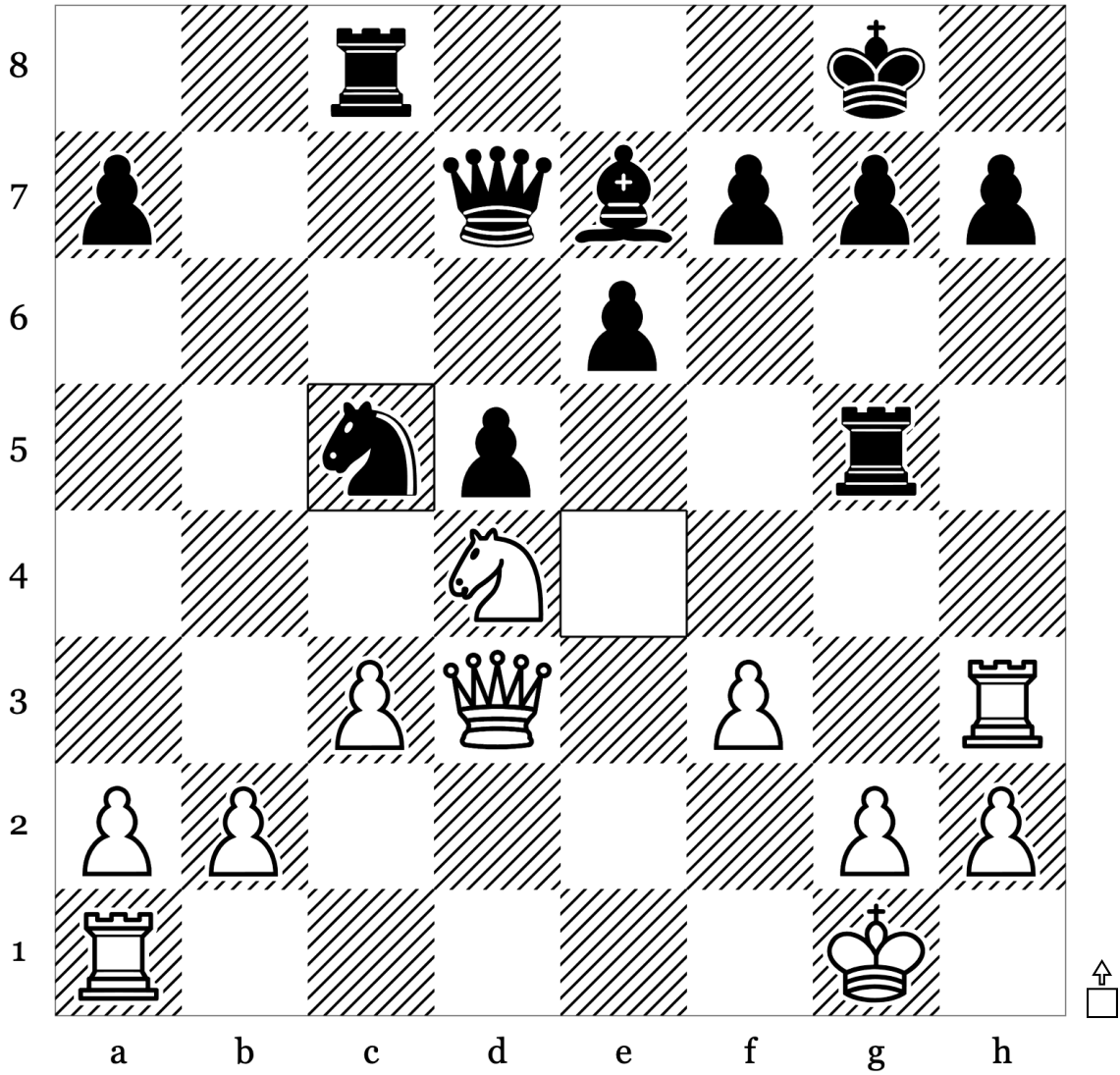
45	Qa4	
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Puzzle 50 of 100: Hanging Piece · Kingside Attack (Rating: 687)



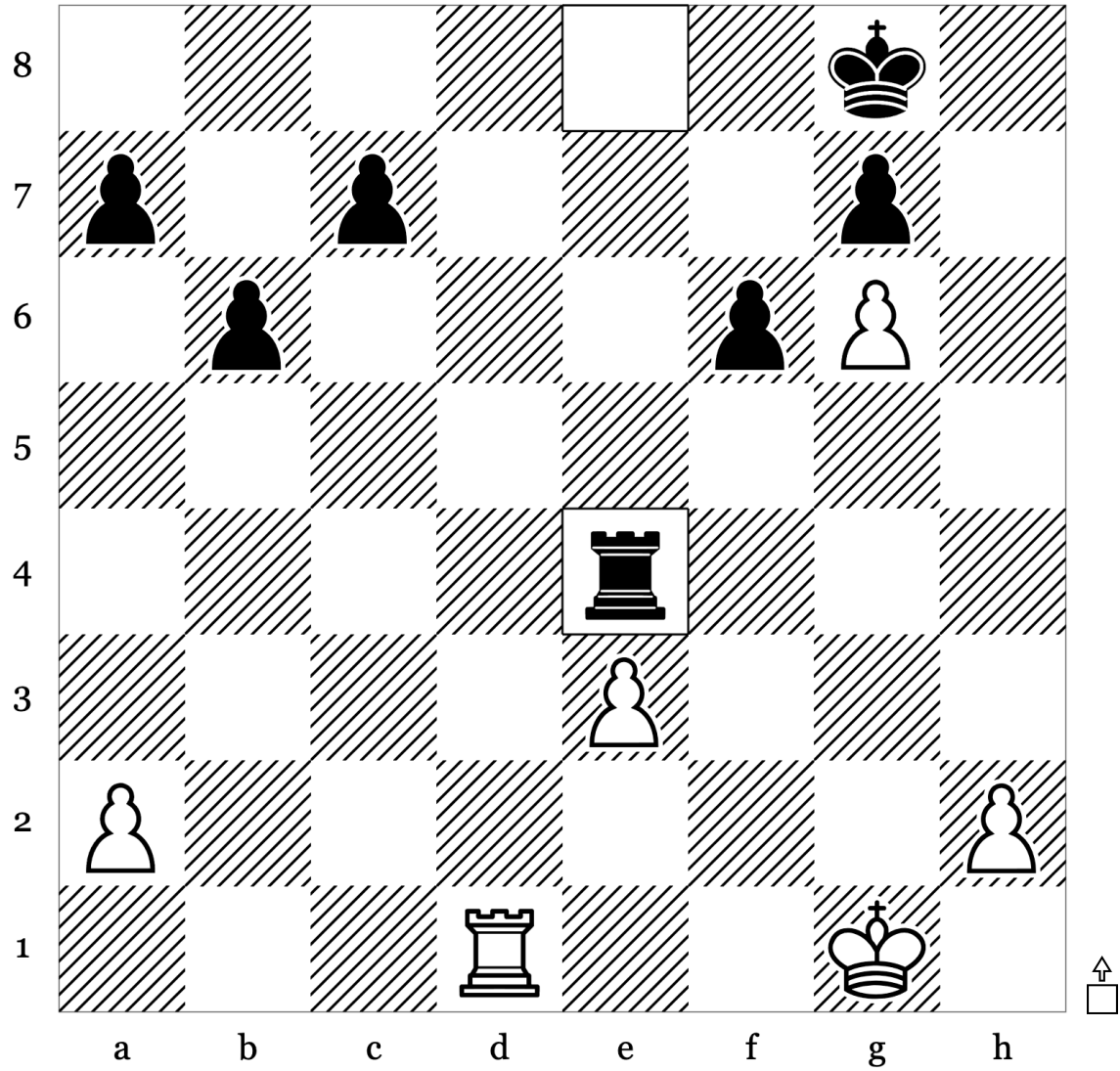
15	Nc3	
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Puzzle 51 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 765)



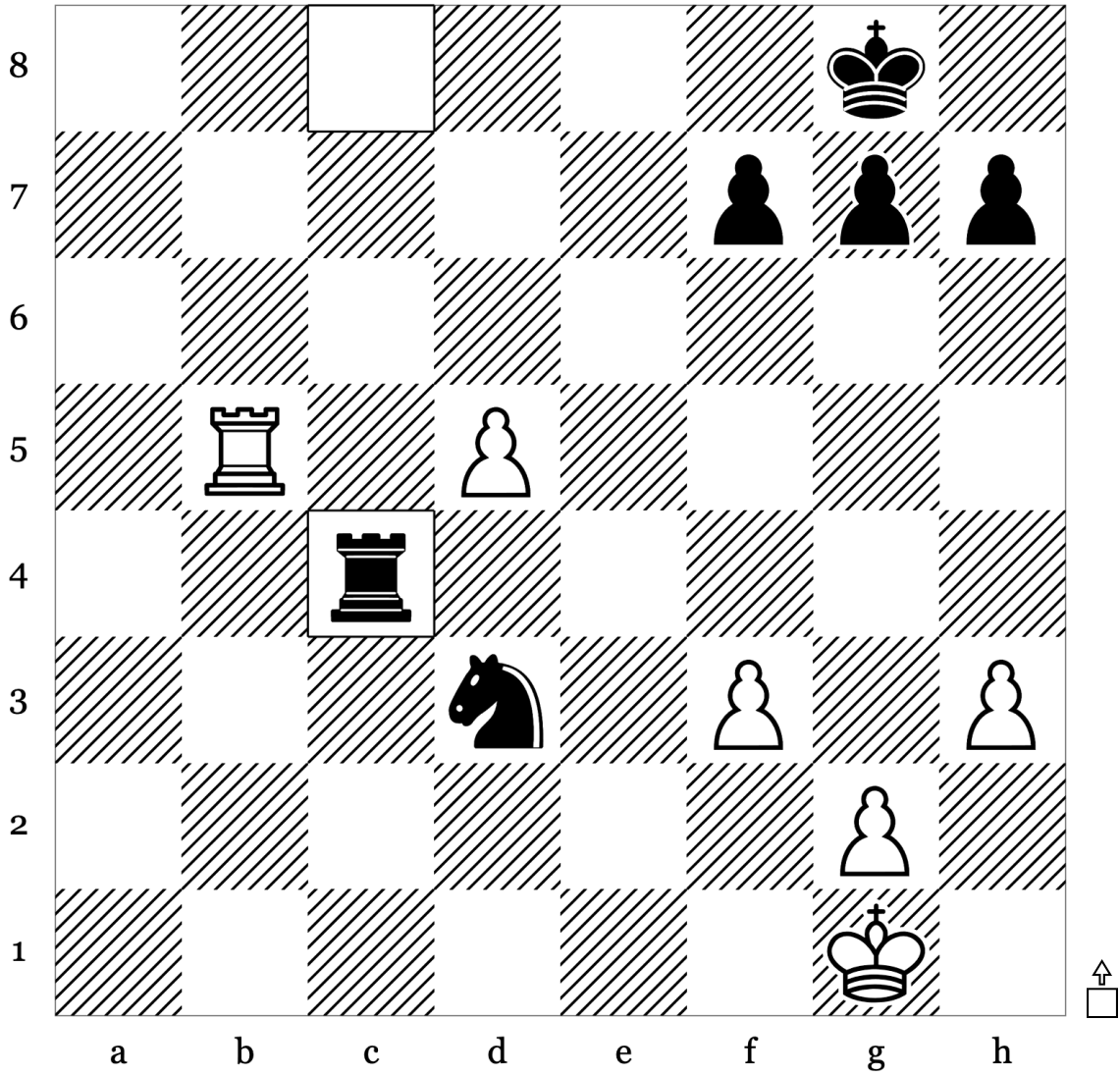
21	...	Nc5
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Puzzle 52 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 429)



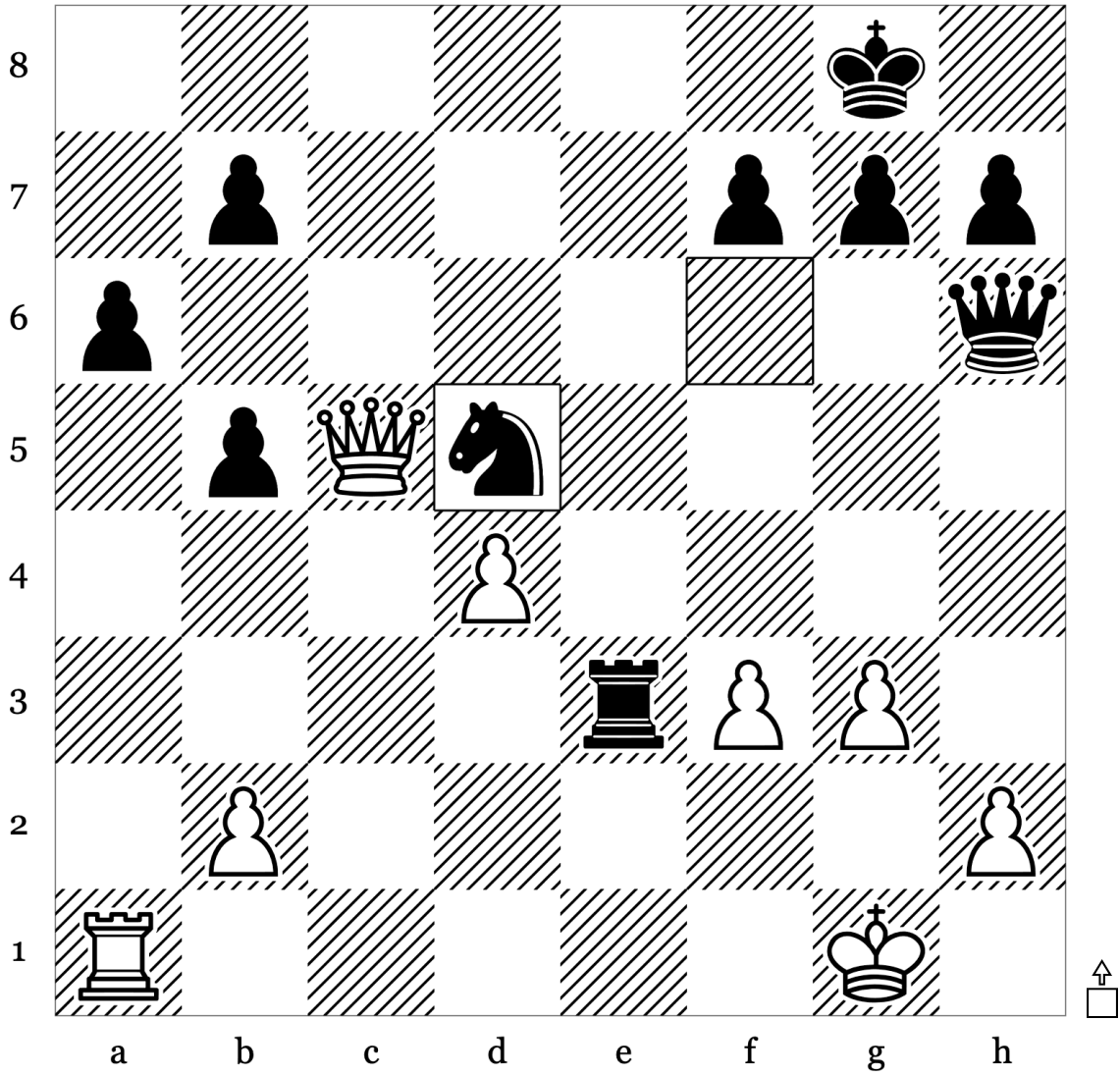
38	...	Rxe4
39		
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Puzzle 53 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 665)



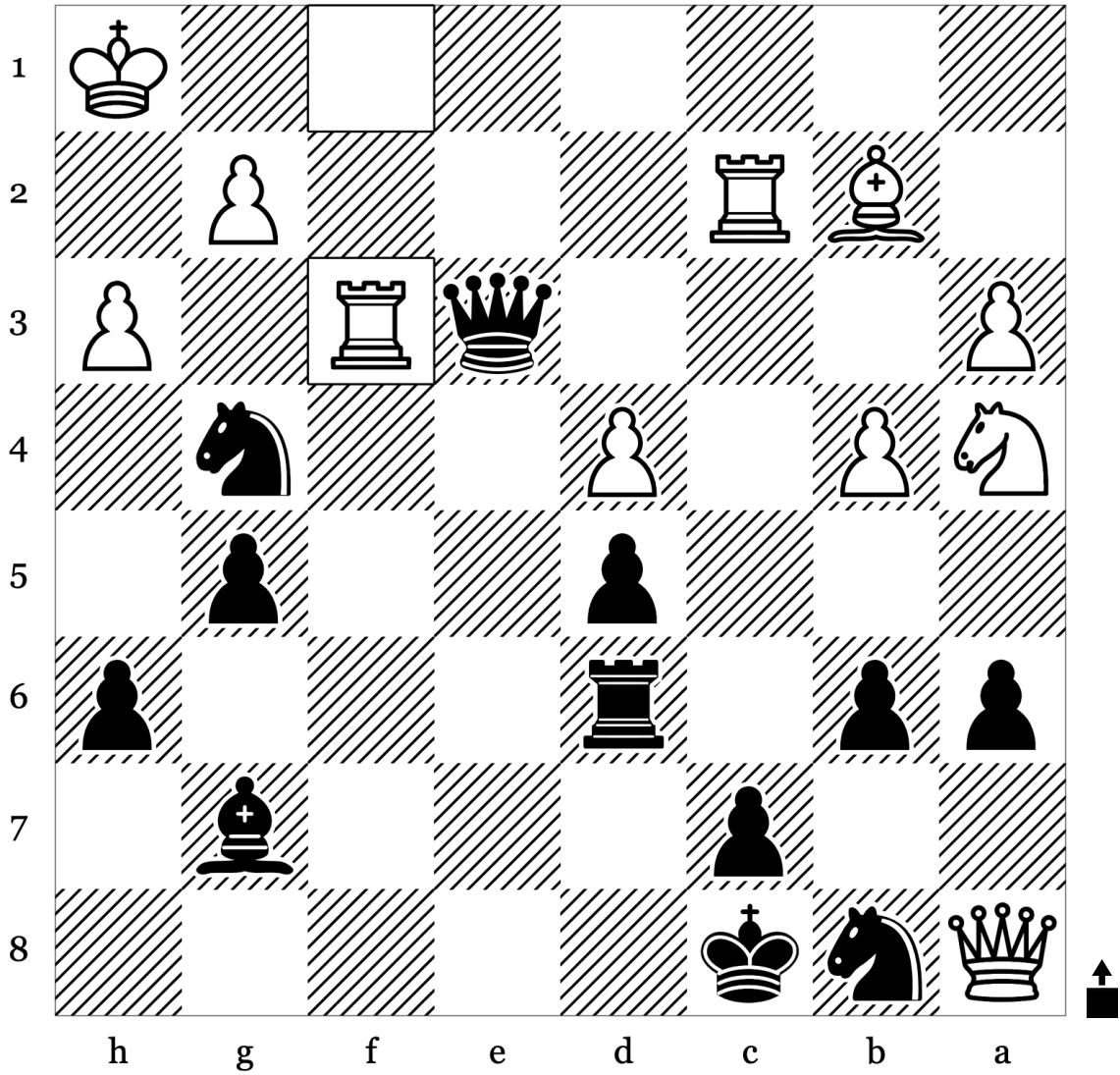
40	...	Rxc4
41		
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Puzzle 54 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 800)



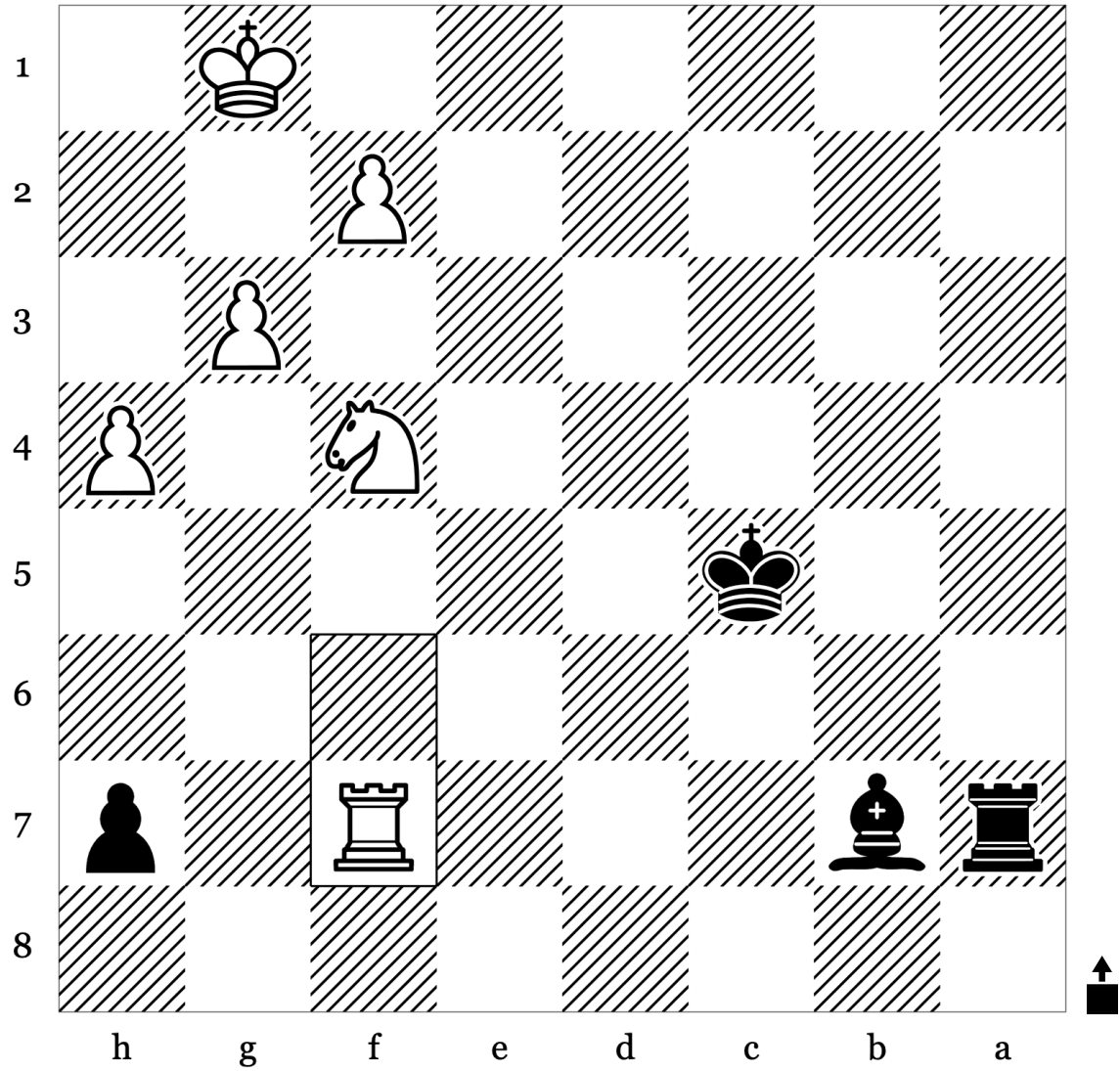
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Puzzle 55 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 775)



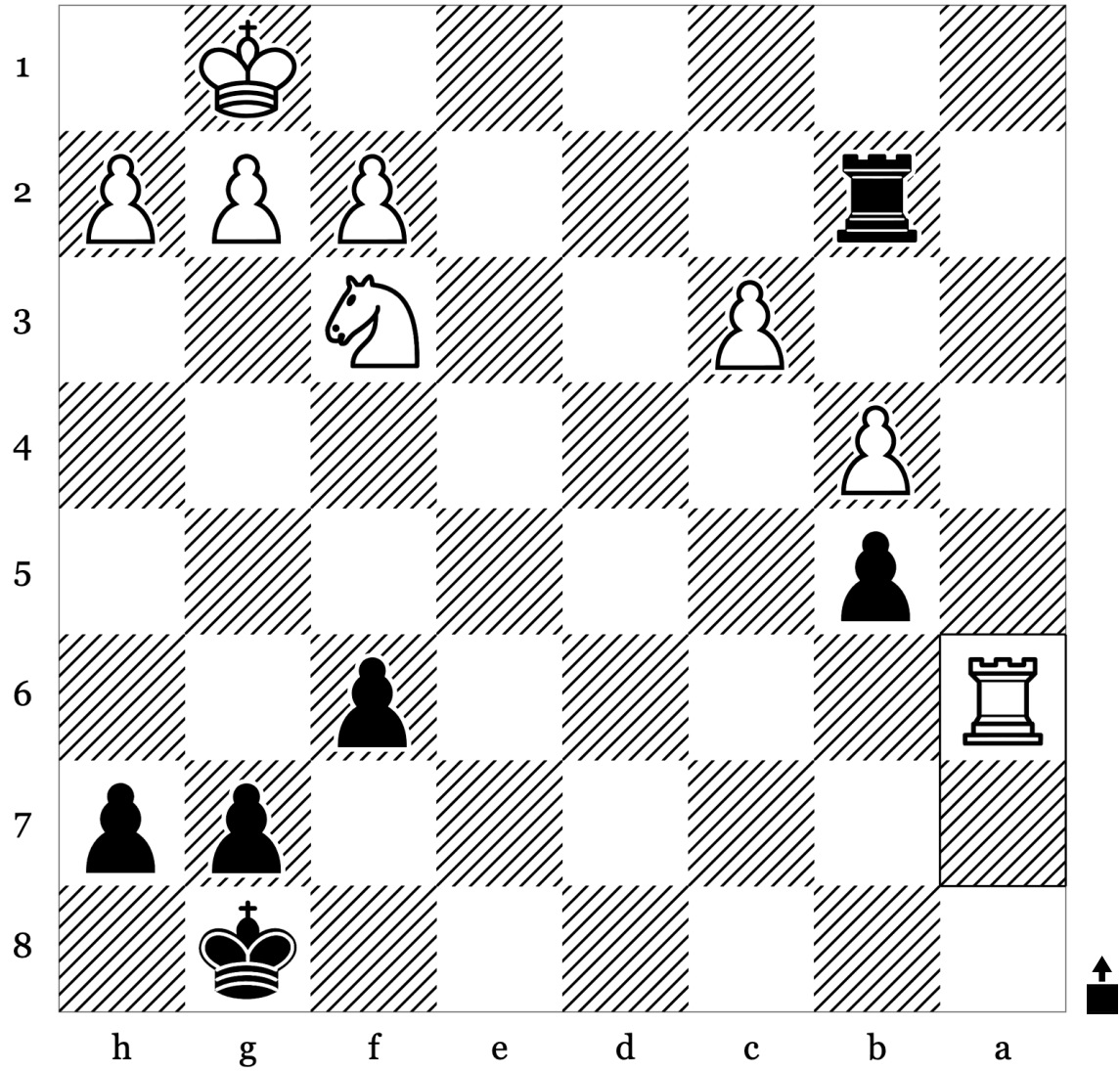
25	Rxf3	
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Puzzle 56 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 597)



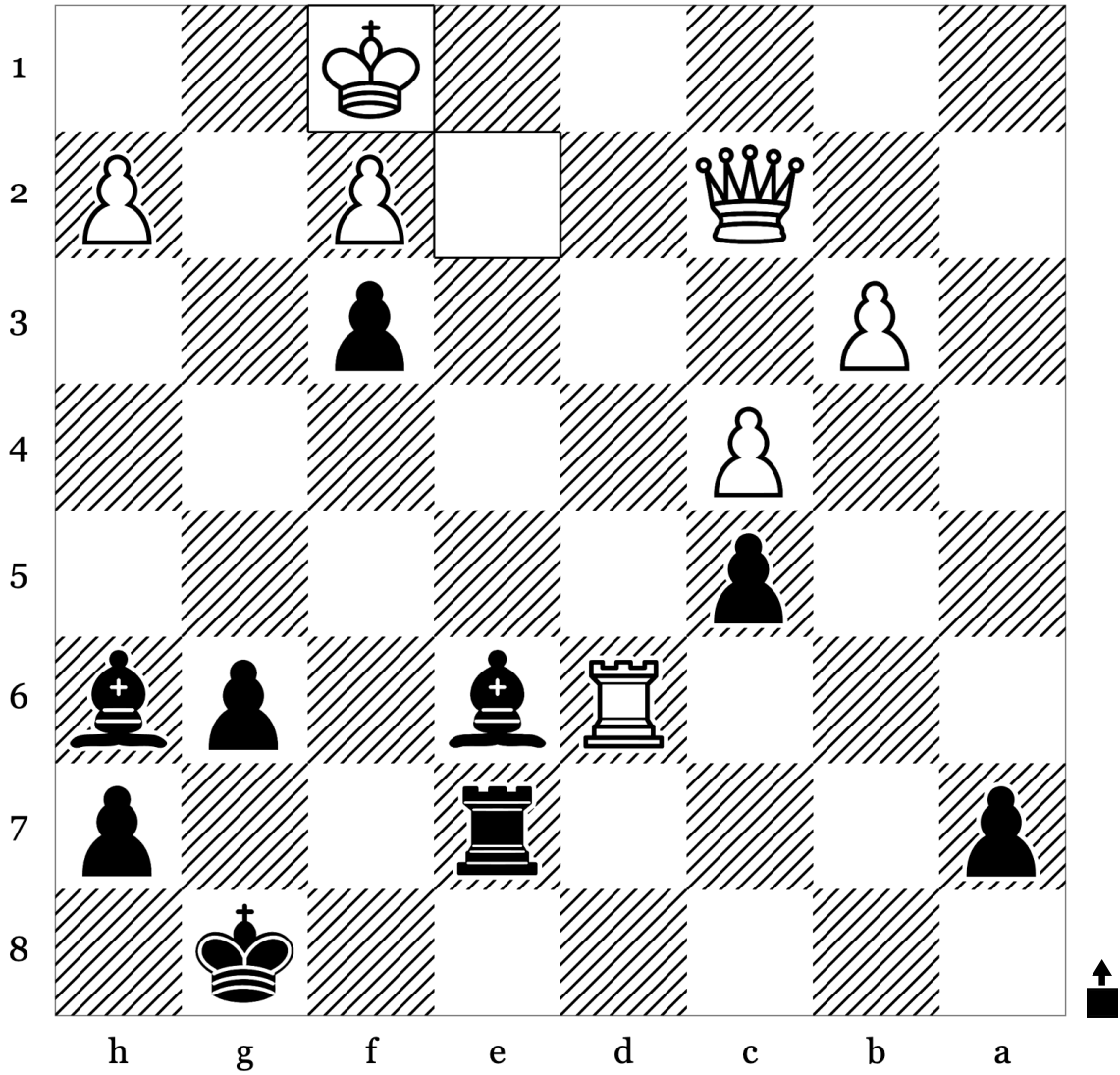
49	Rf7	
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Puzzle 57 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 574)



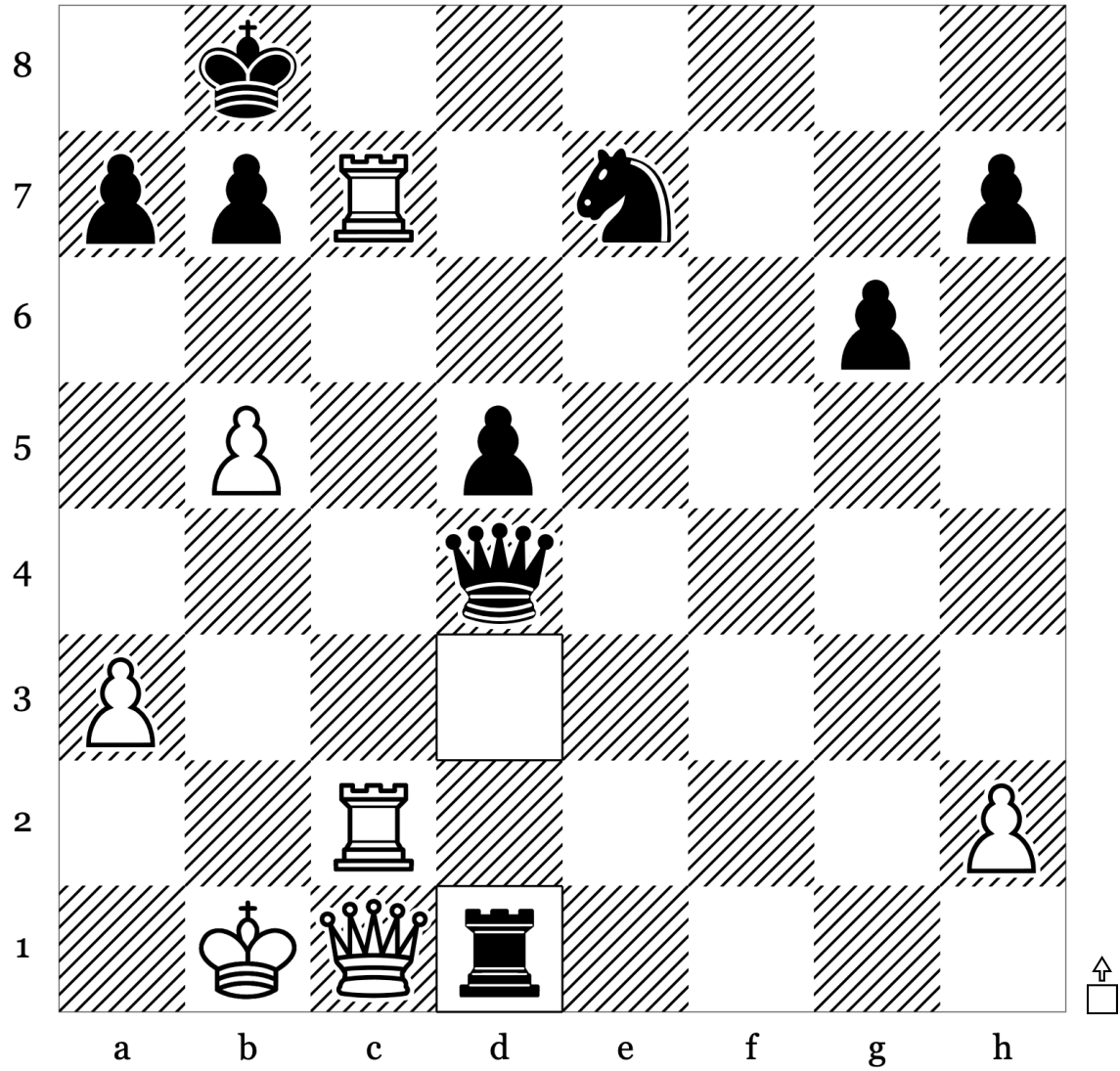
30	Rxa6	
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34		

Puzzle 58 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 752)



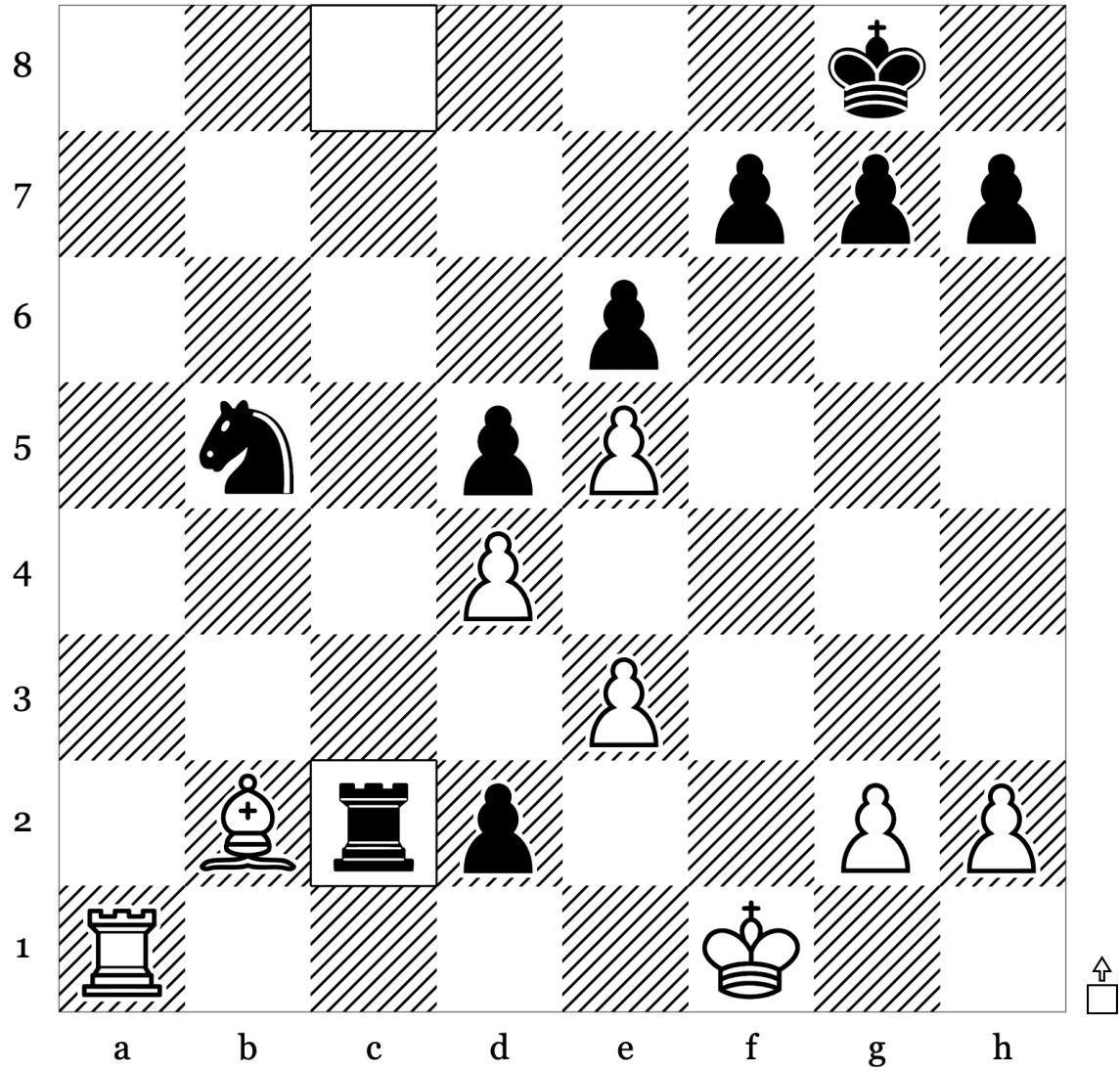
31	Kf1	
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Puzzle 59 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 792)



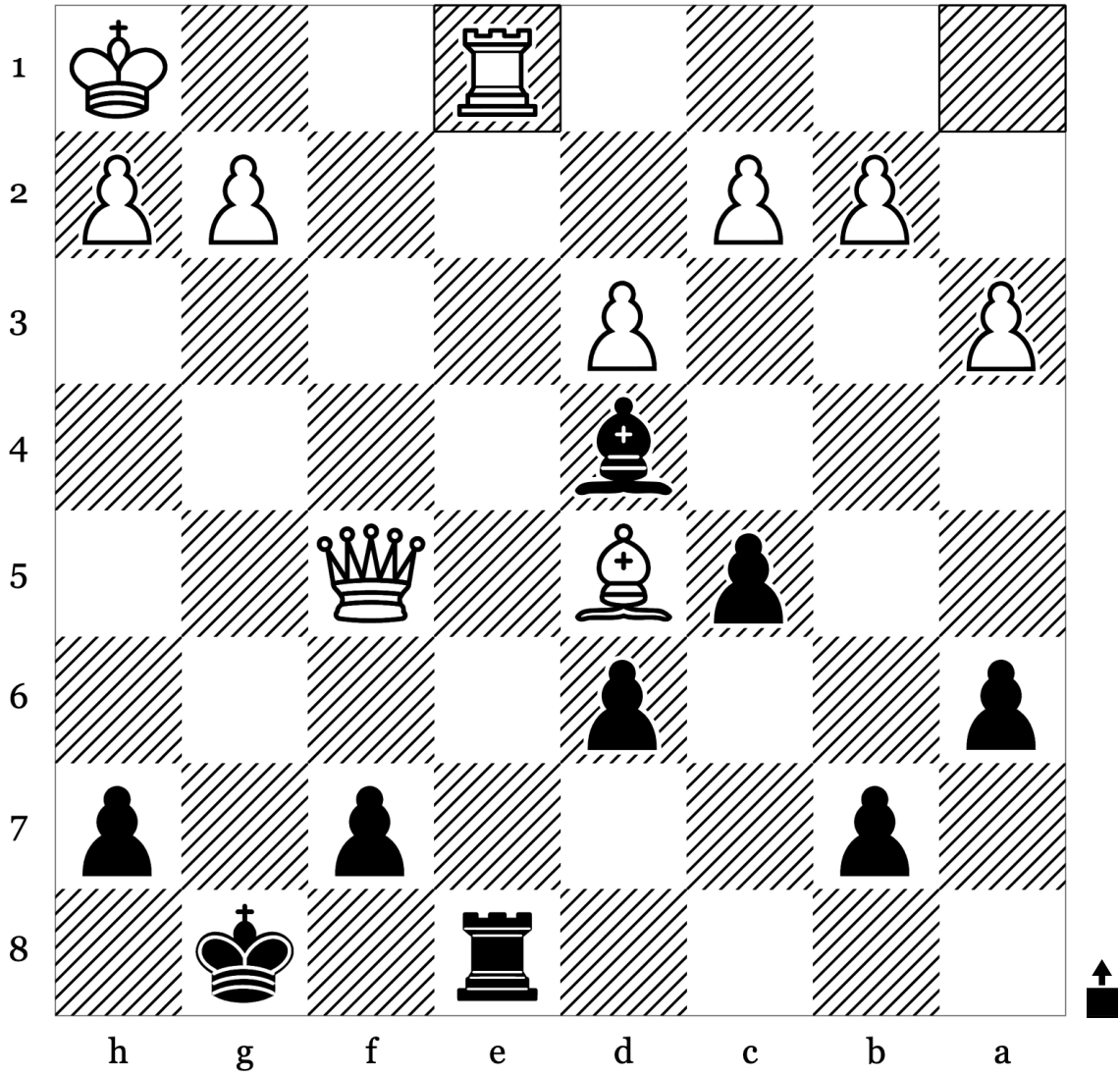
35	...	Rd1
36		
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Puzzle 60 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 539)



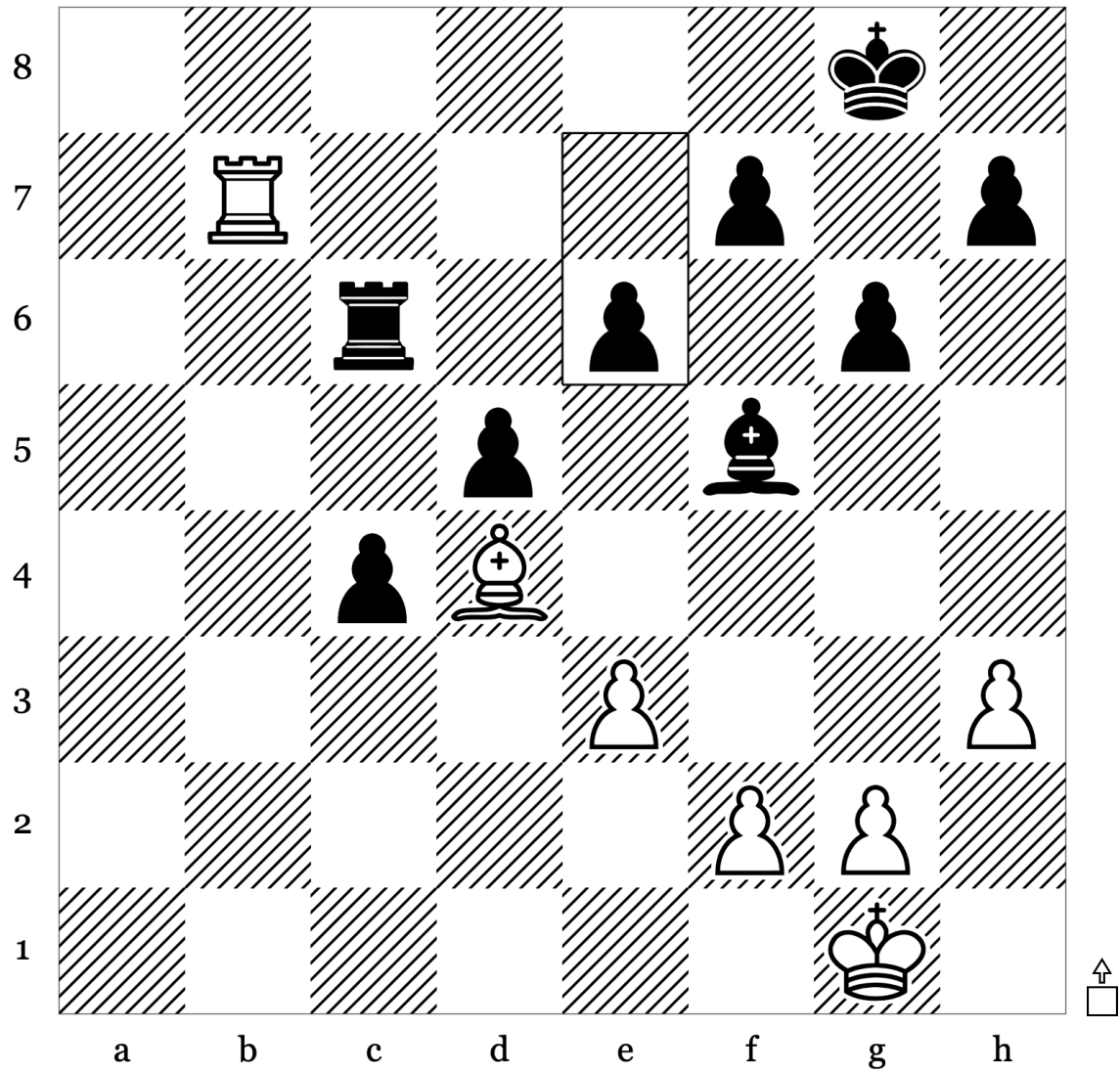
26	...	Rc2
27		
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Puzzle 61 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 699)



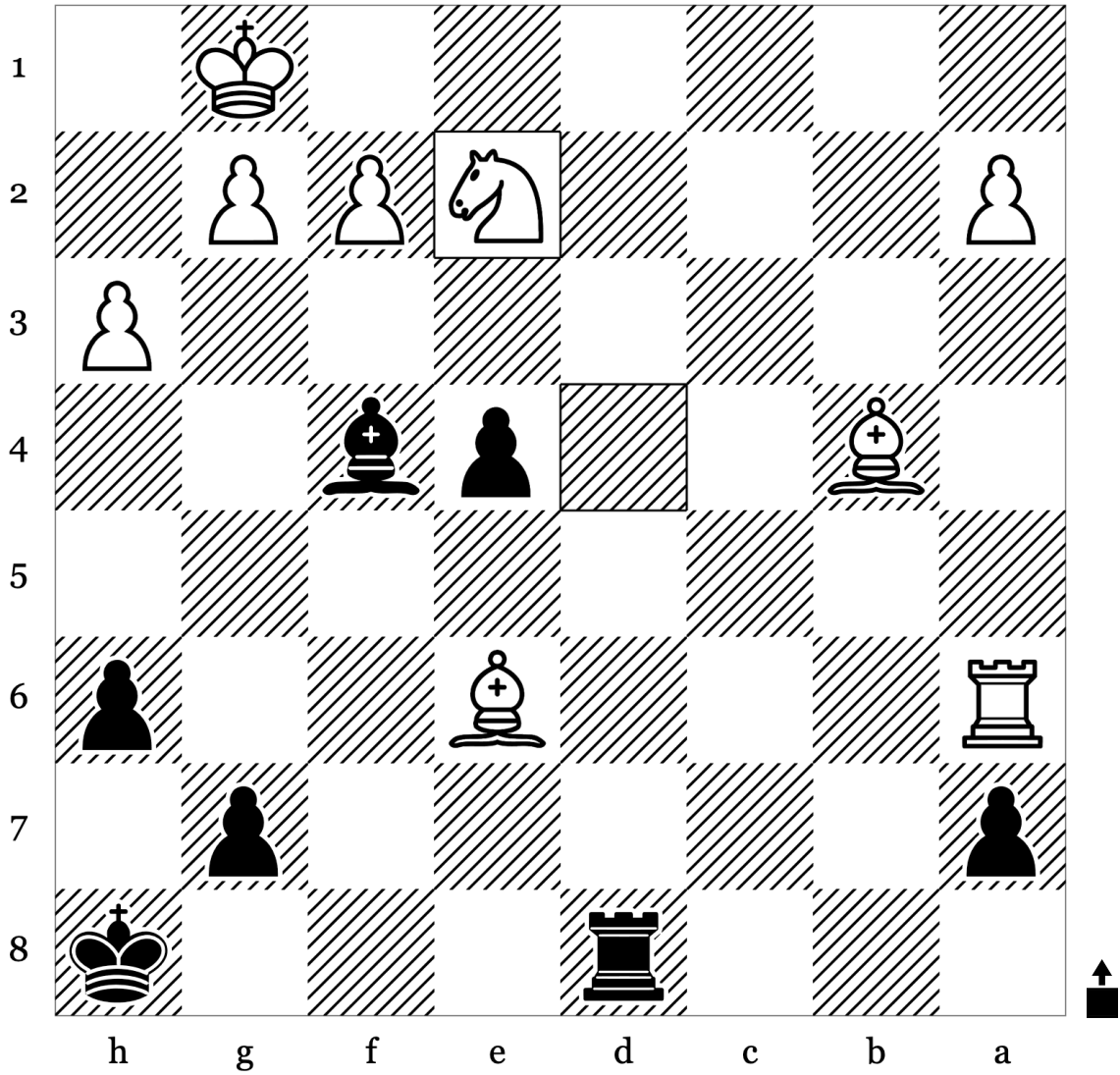
22	Rxe1	
23		
24		
25		
26		

Puzzle 62 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 561)



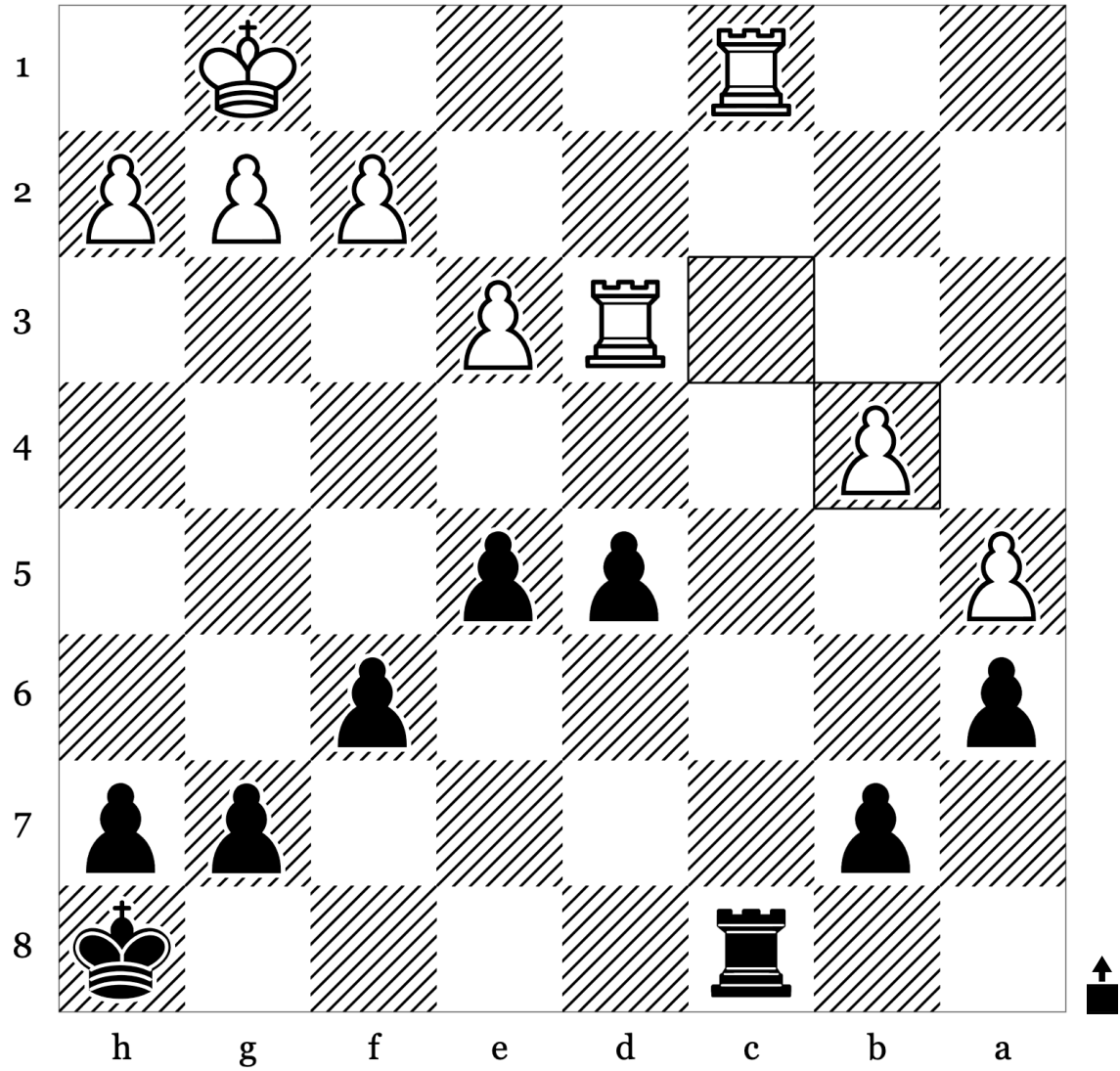
34	...	e6
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Puzzle 63 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 630)



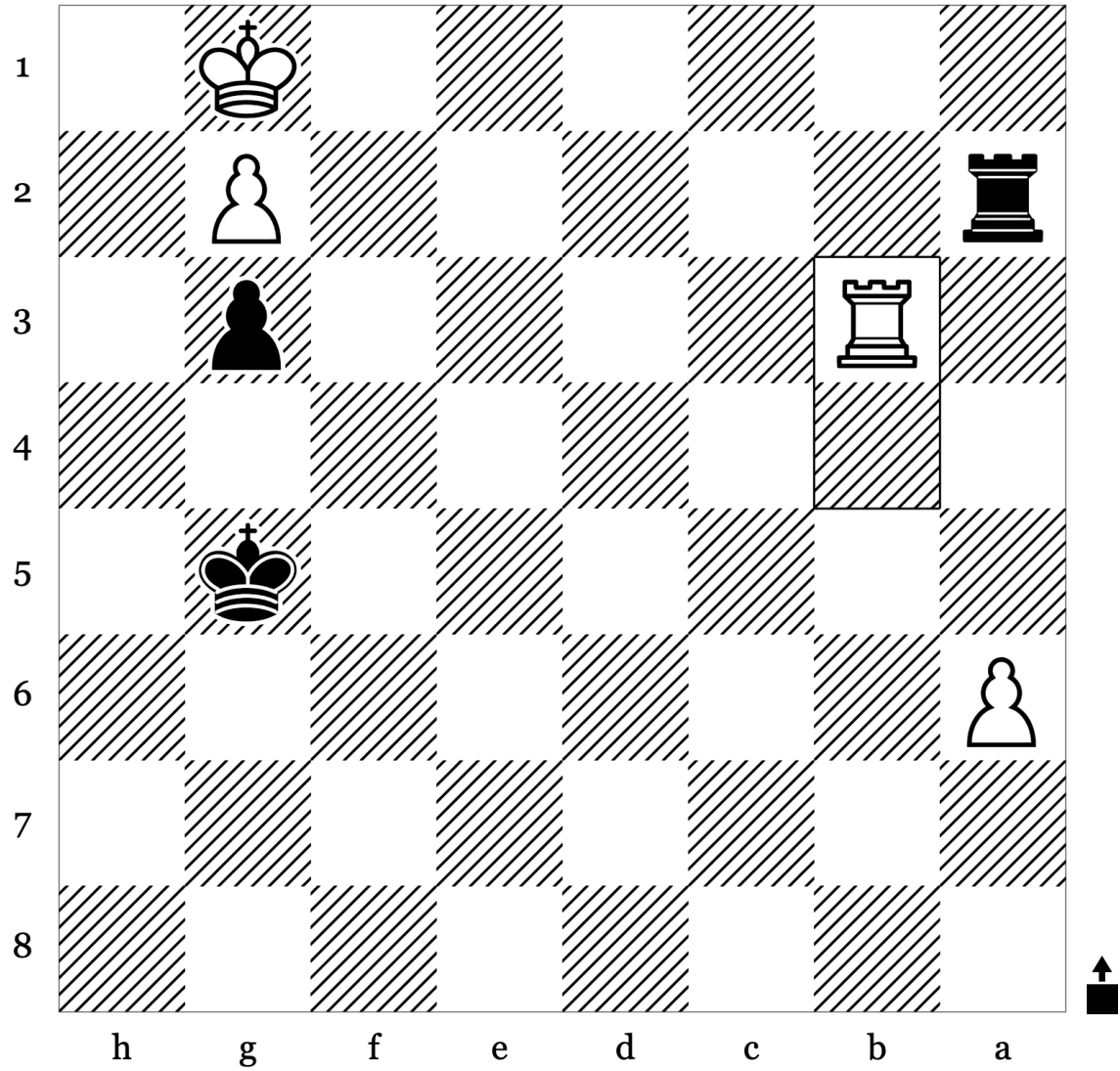
33	Ne2	
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Puzzle 64 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 736)



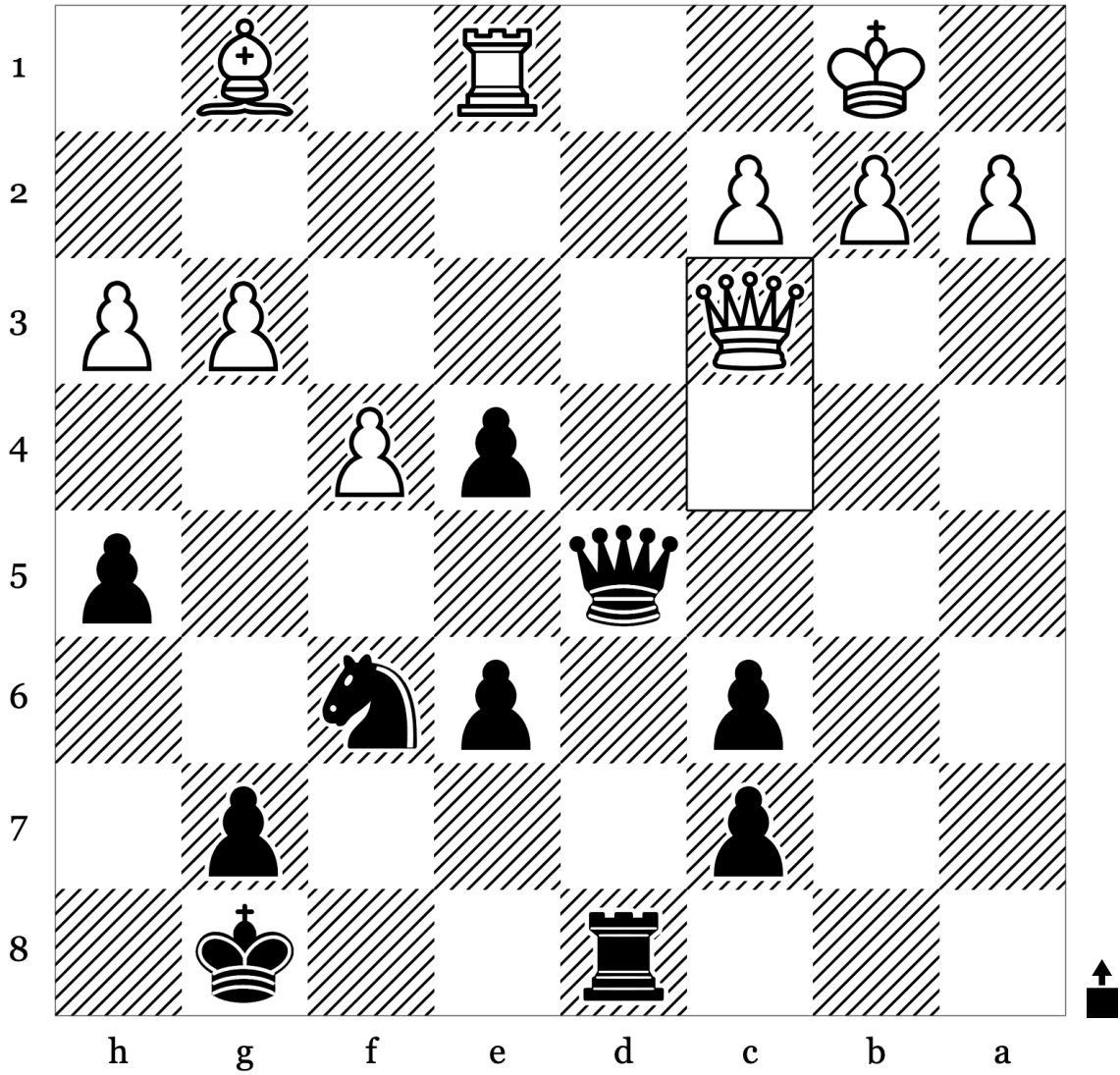
32	cxb4	
33		
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Puzzle 65 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 661)



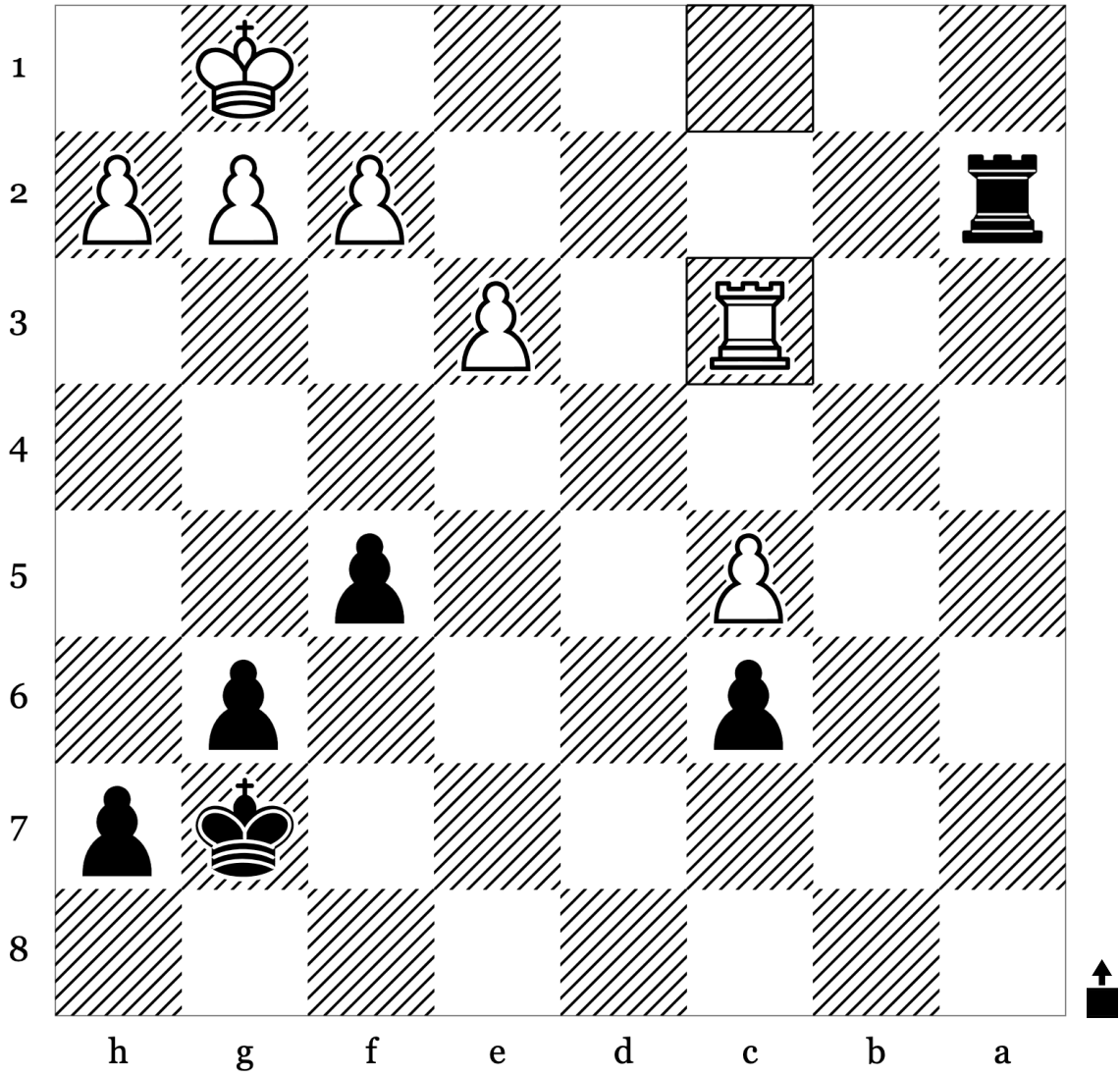
60	Rb3	
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Puzzle 66 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 745)



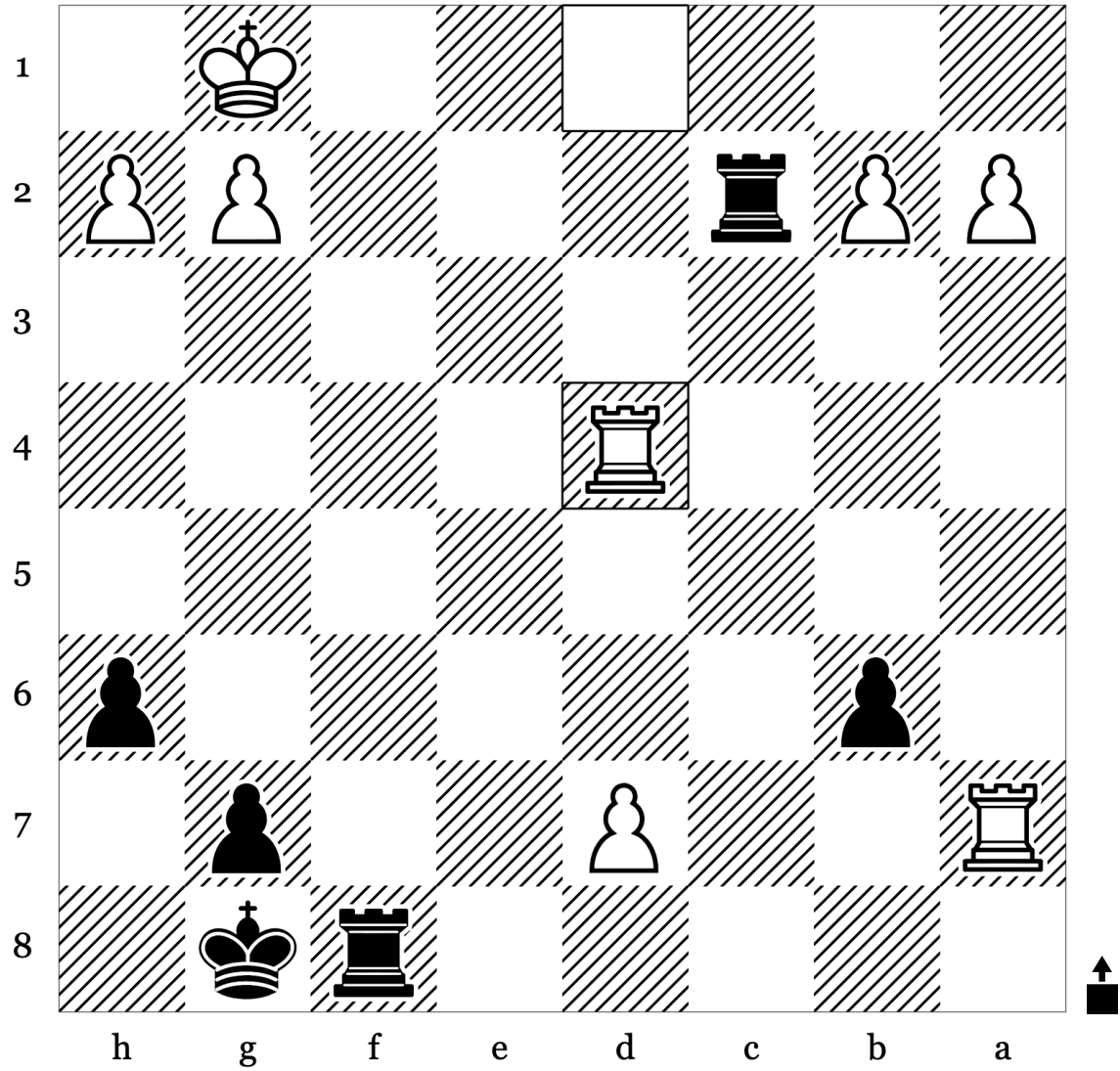
28	Qc3	
29		
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32		

Puzzle 67 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 580)



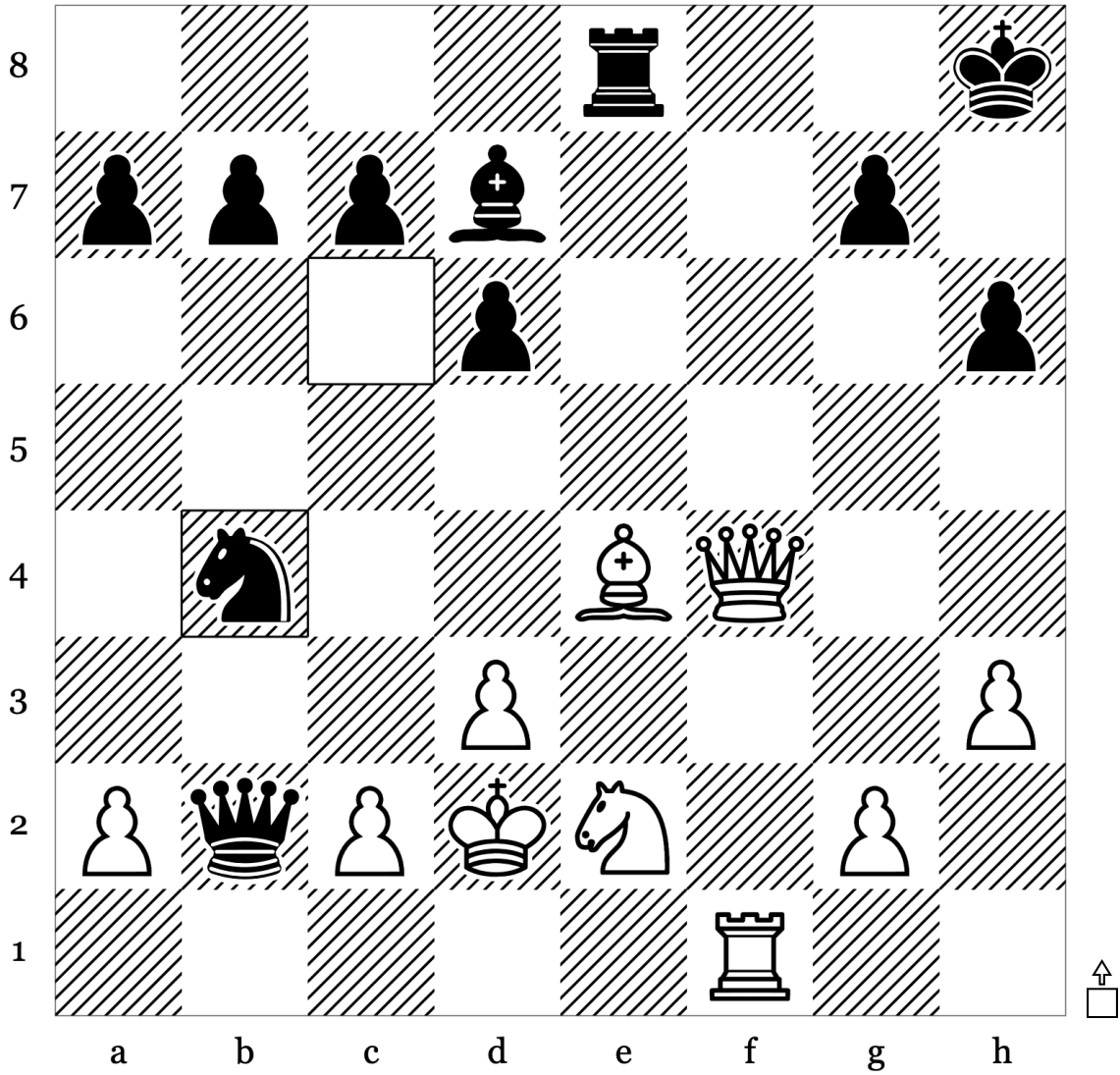
33	Rxc3	
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Puzzle 68 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 778)



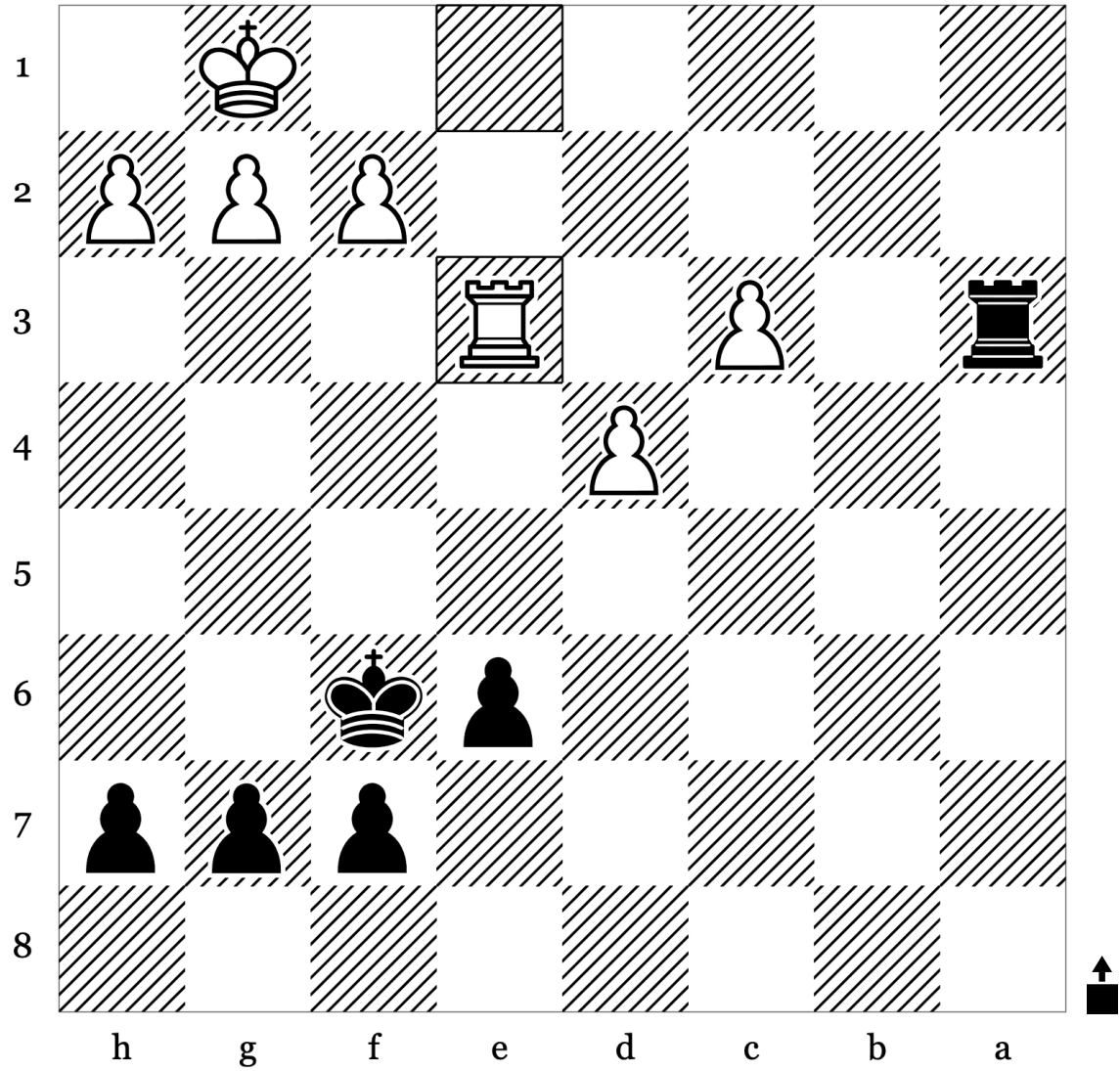
25	Rxd4	
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Puzzle 69 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 684)



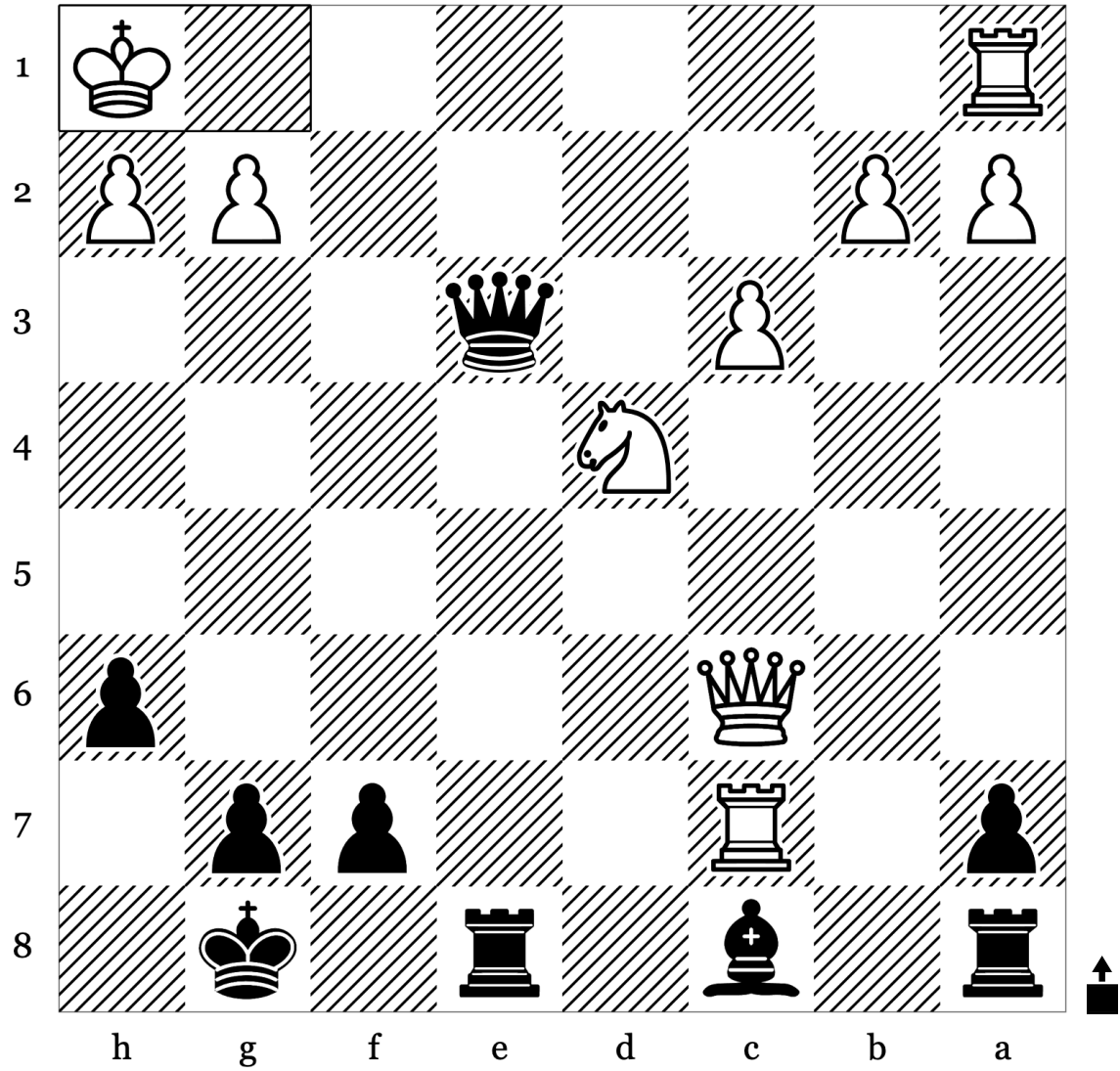
20	...	Nb4
21		
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23		
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Puzzle 71 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 413)



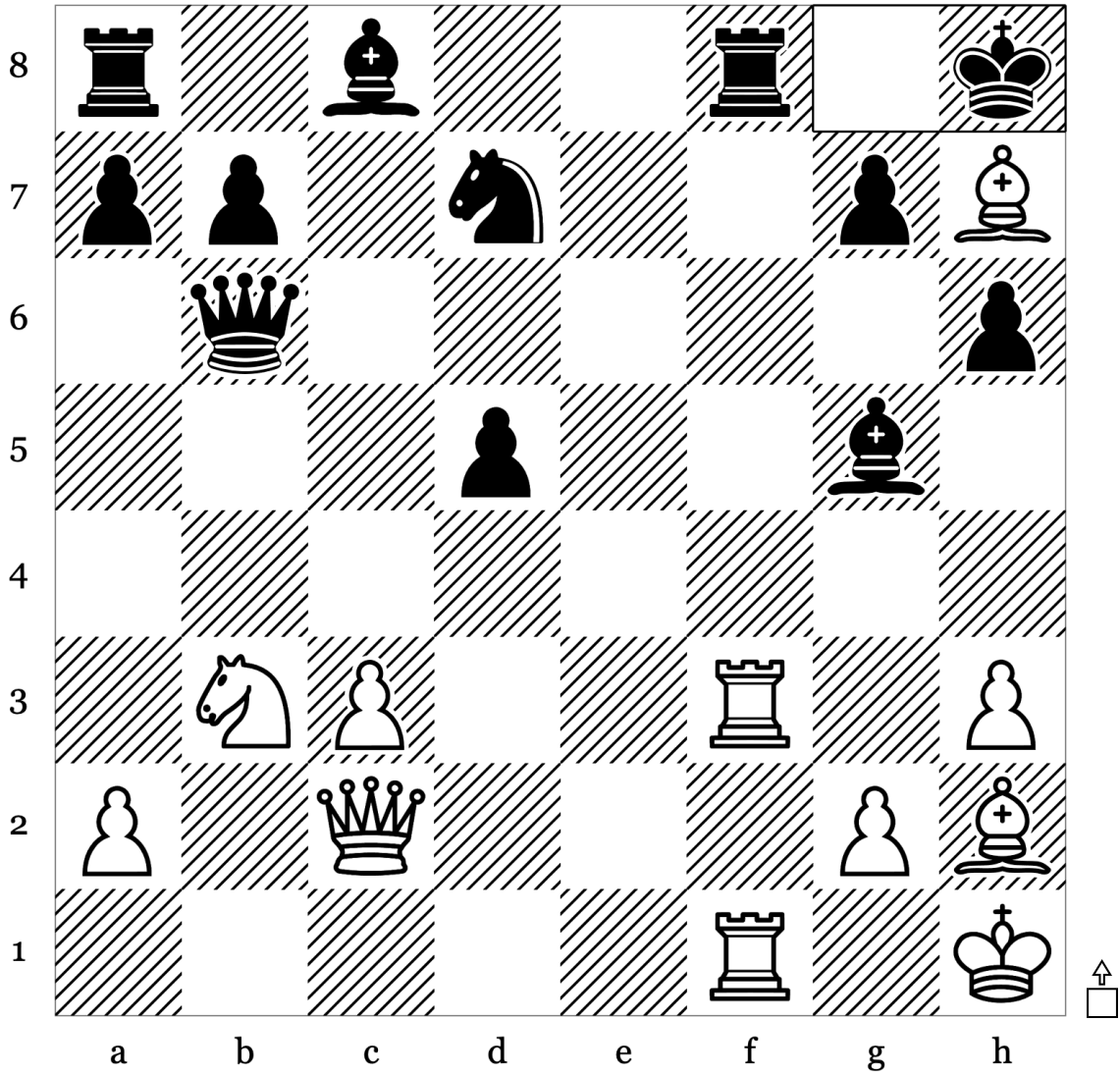
32	Re3	
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Puzzle 72 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 710)



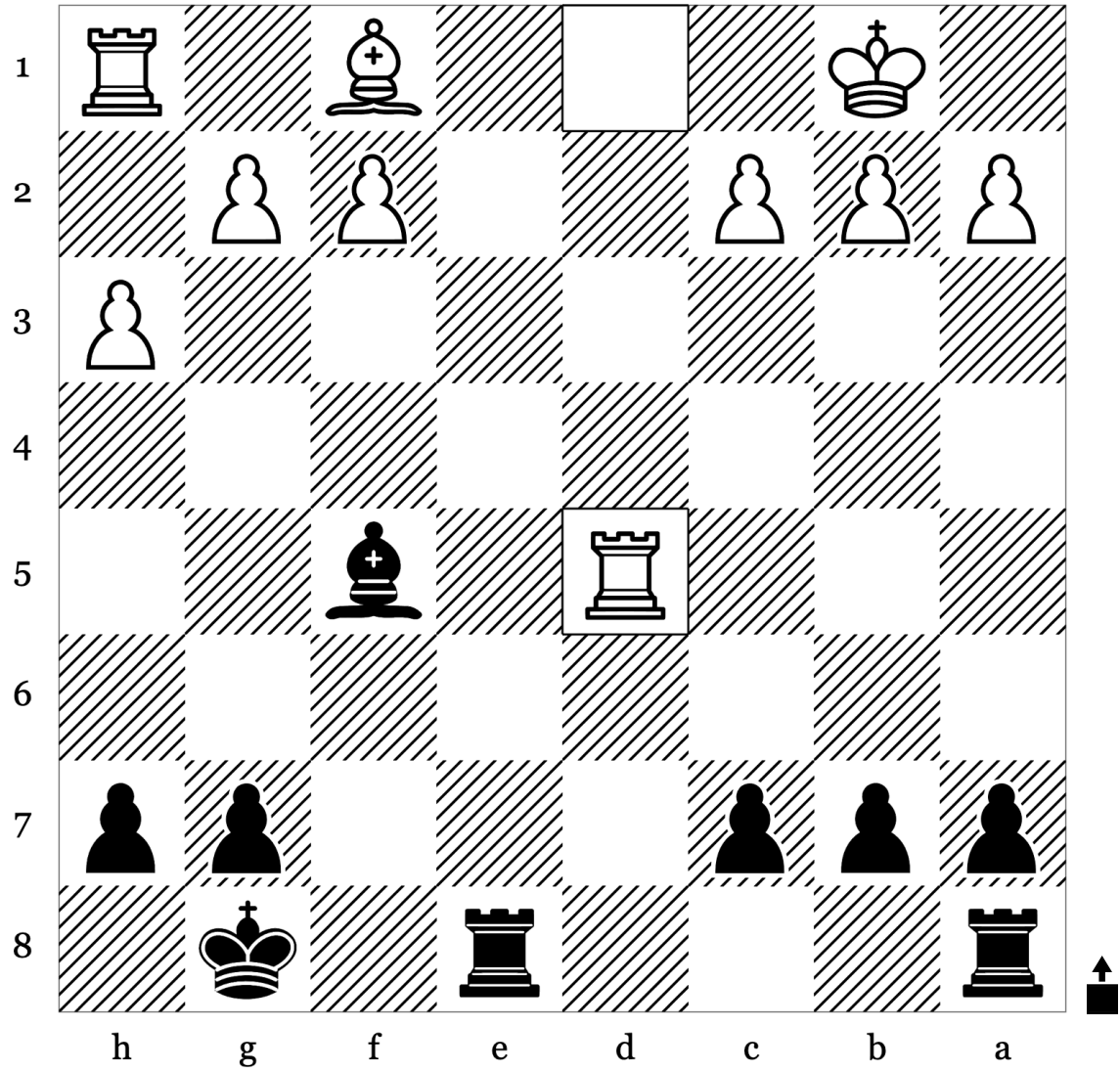
24	Kh1	
25		
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Puzzle 73 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 571)



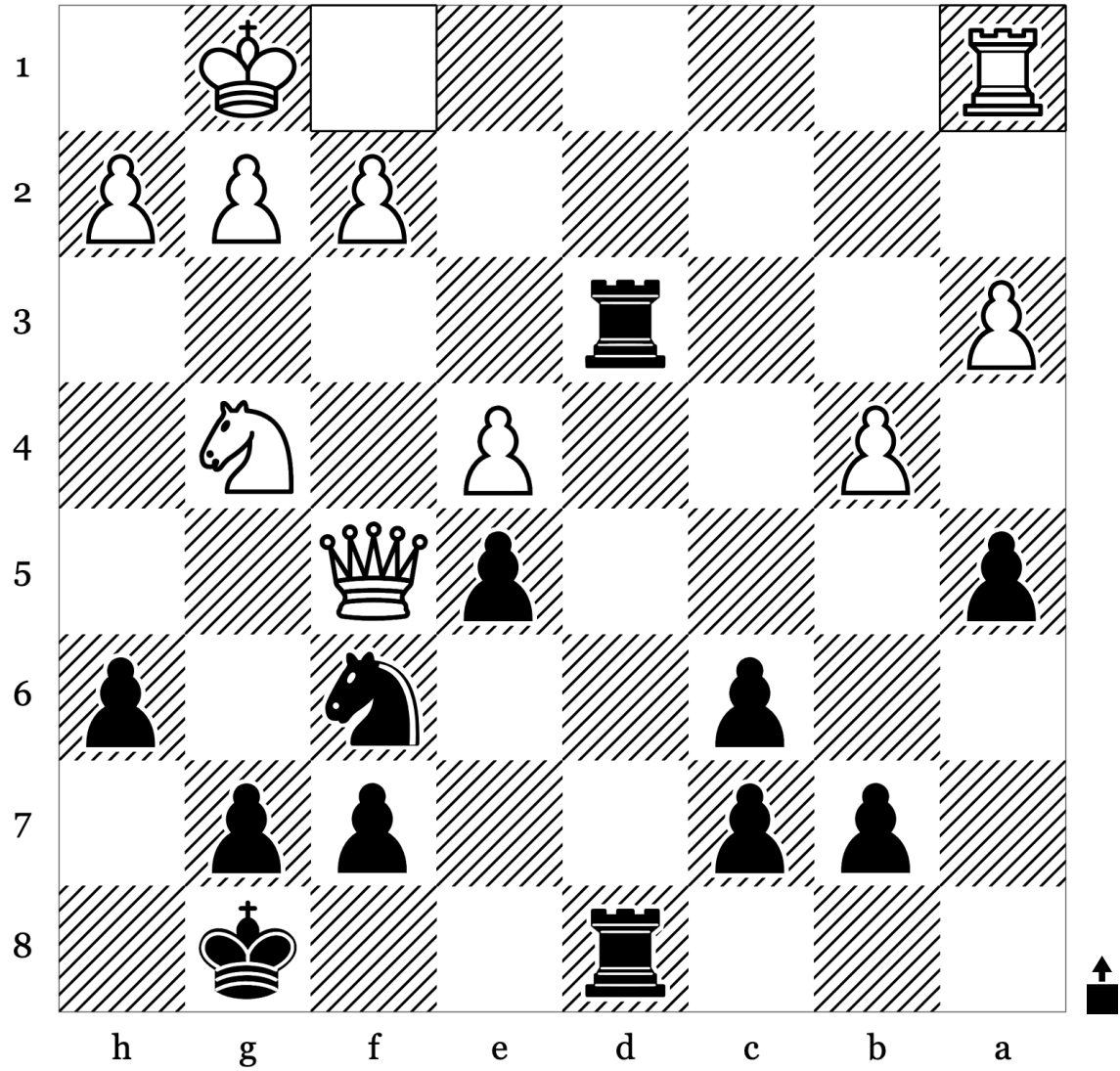
25	...	Kh8
26		
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Puzzle 74 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 579)



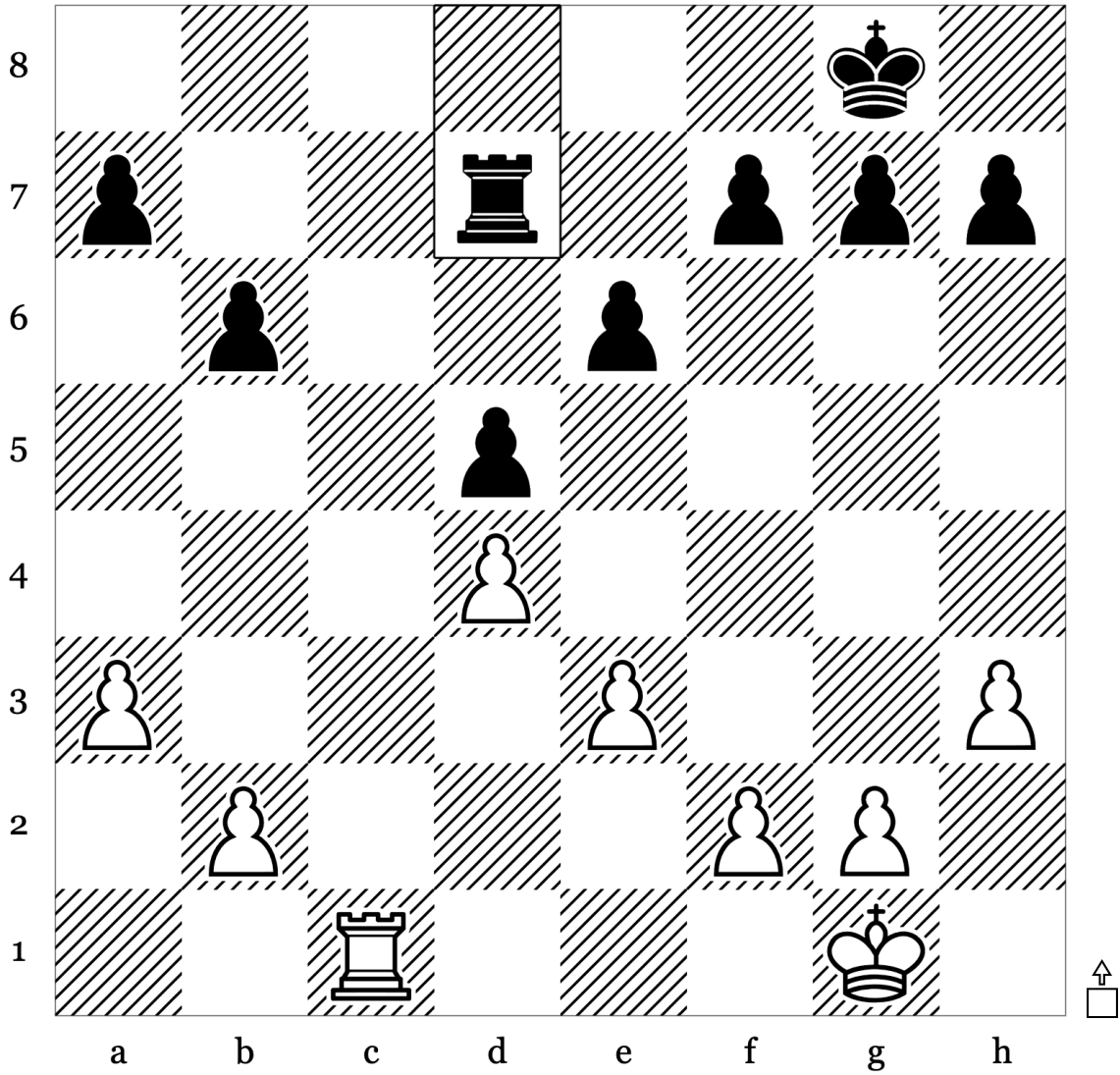
19	Rxd5	
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Puzzle 75 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 569)



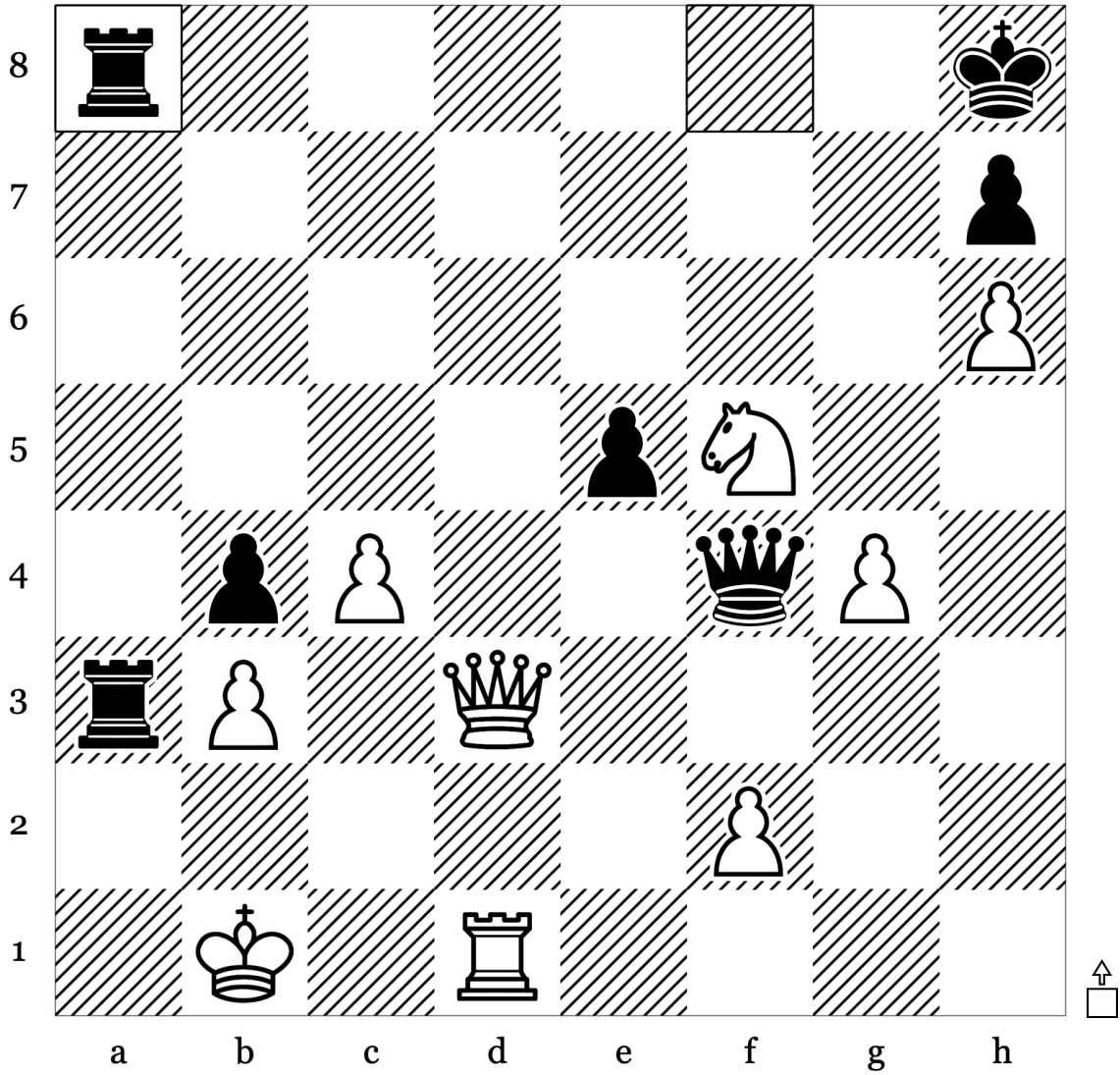
21	Rxa1	
22		
23		
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25		

Puzzle 76 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 462)



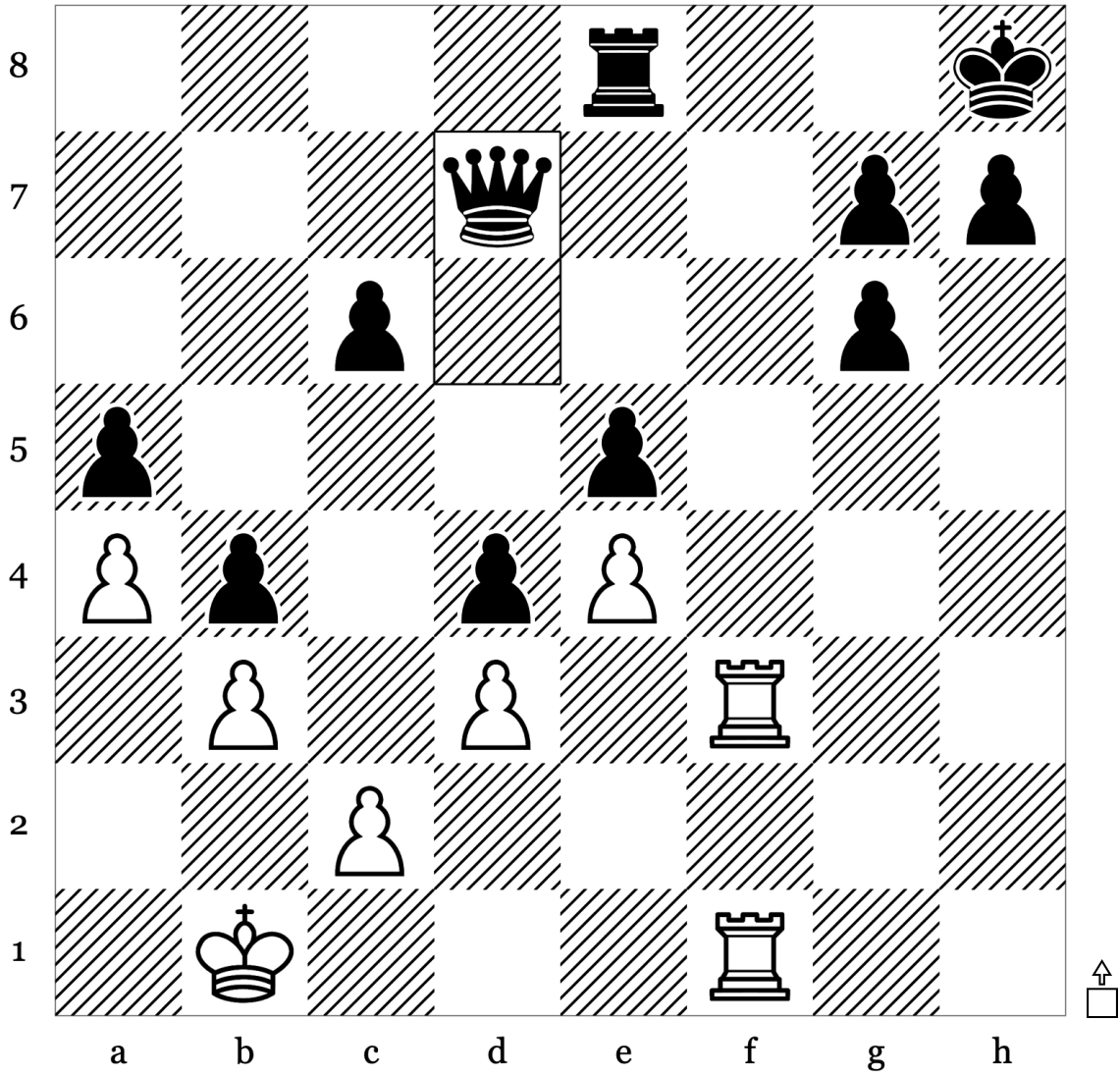
22	...	Rxd7
23		
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Puzzle 77 of 100: Endgame - Master (Rating: 576)



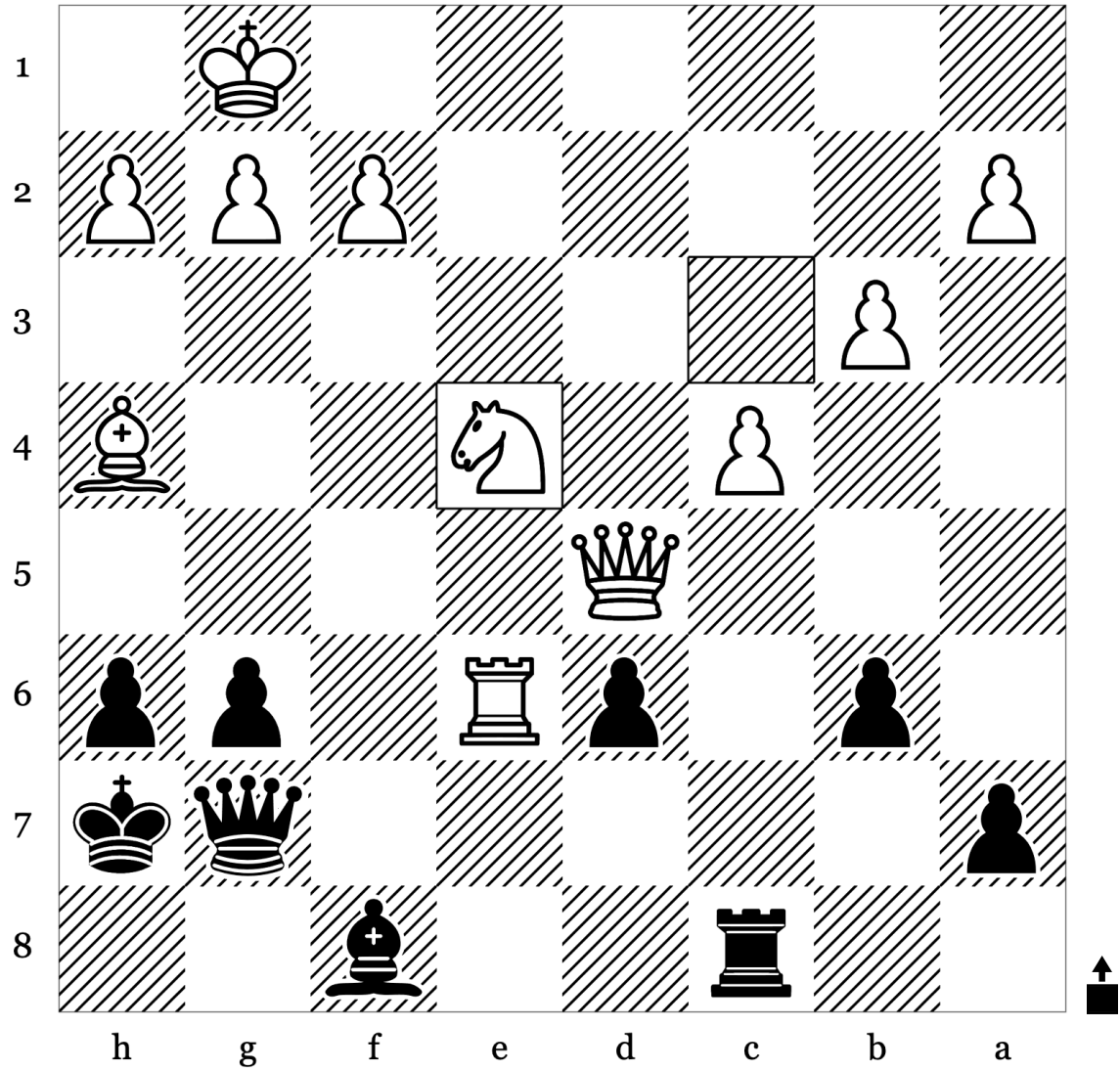
36	...	Rfa8
37		
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Puzzle 78 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 421)



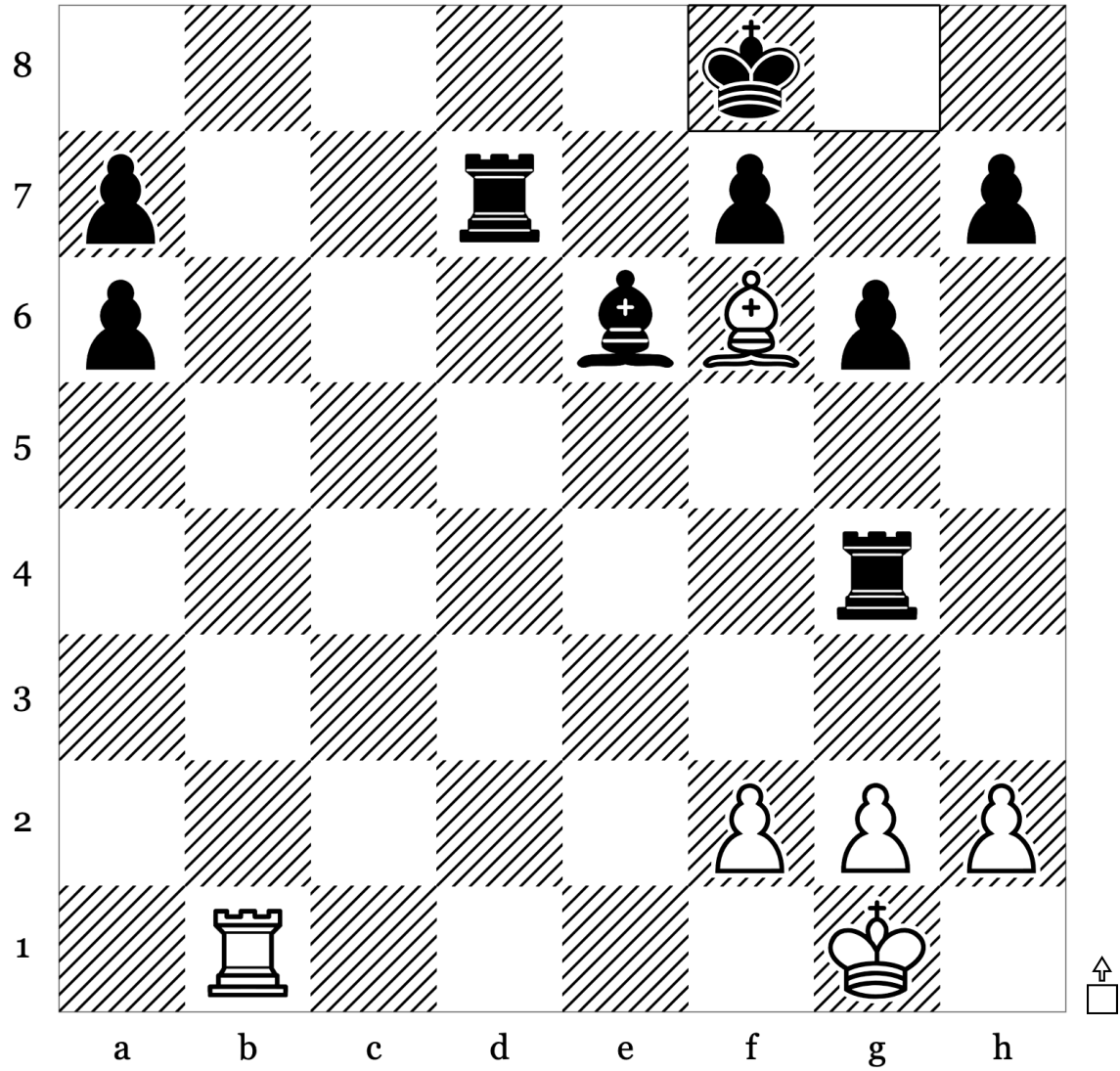
34	...	Qxd7
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Puzzle 79 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 615)



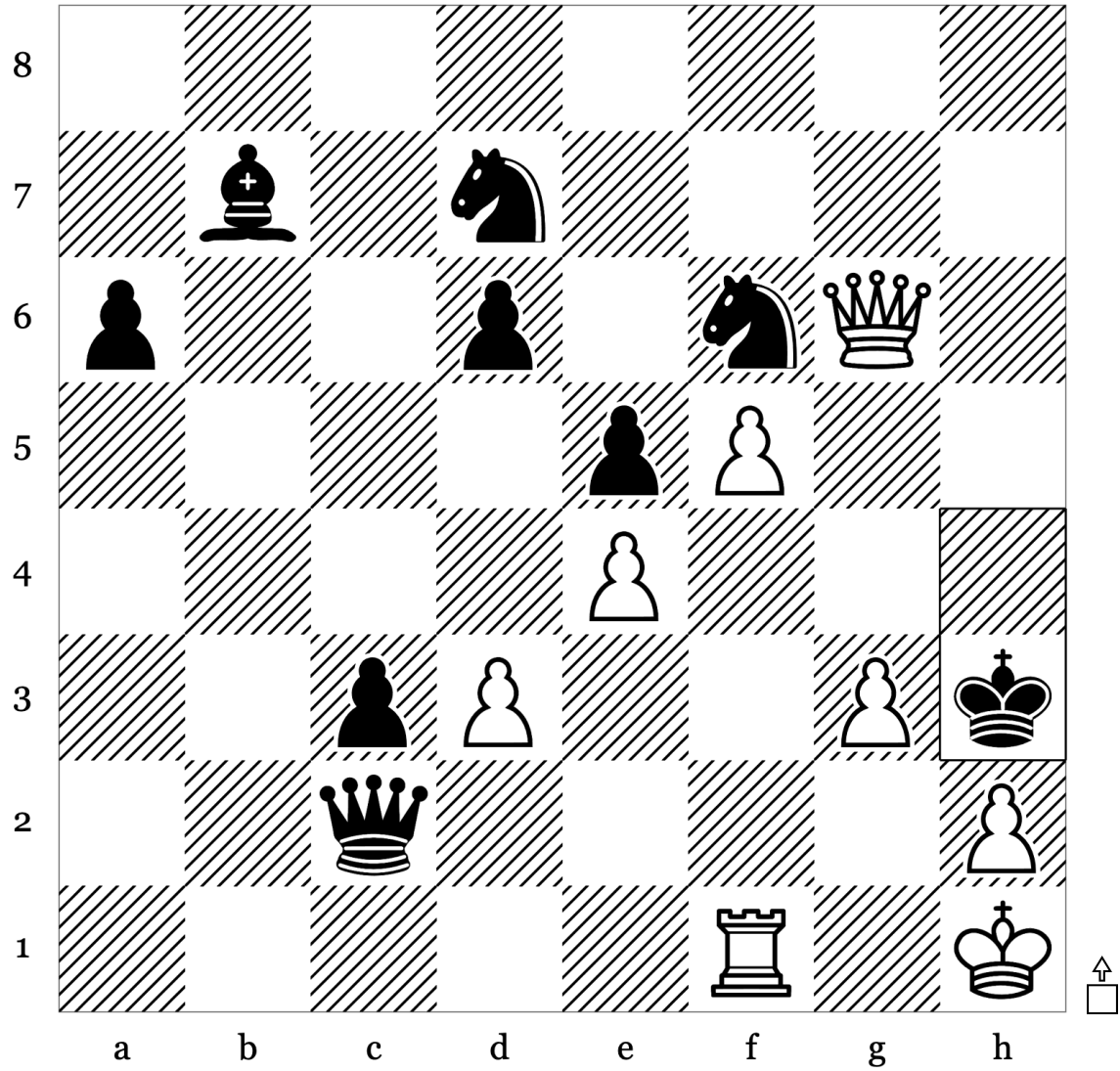
26	Ne4	
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Puzzle 80 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 748)



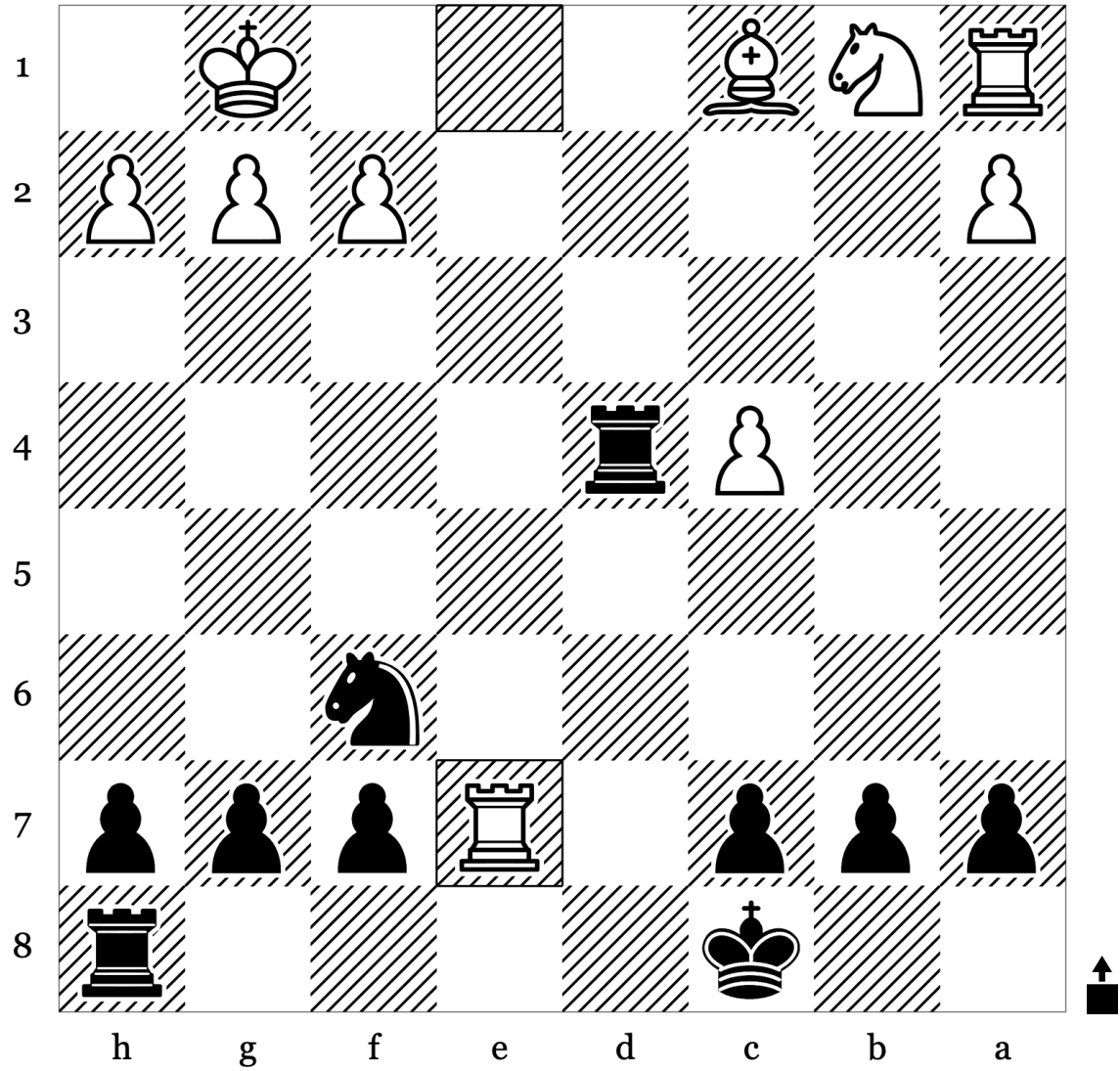
28	...	Kxf8
29		
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Puzzle 81 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 791)



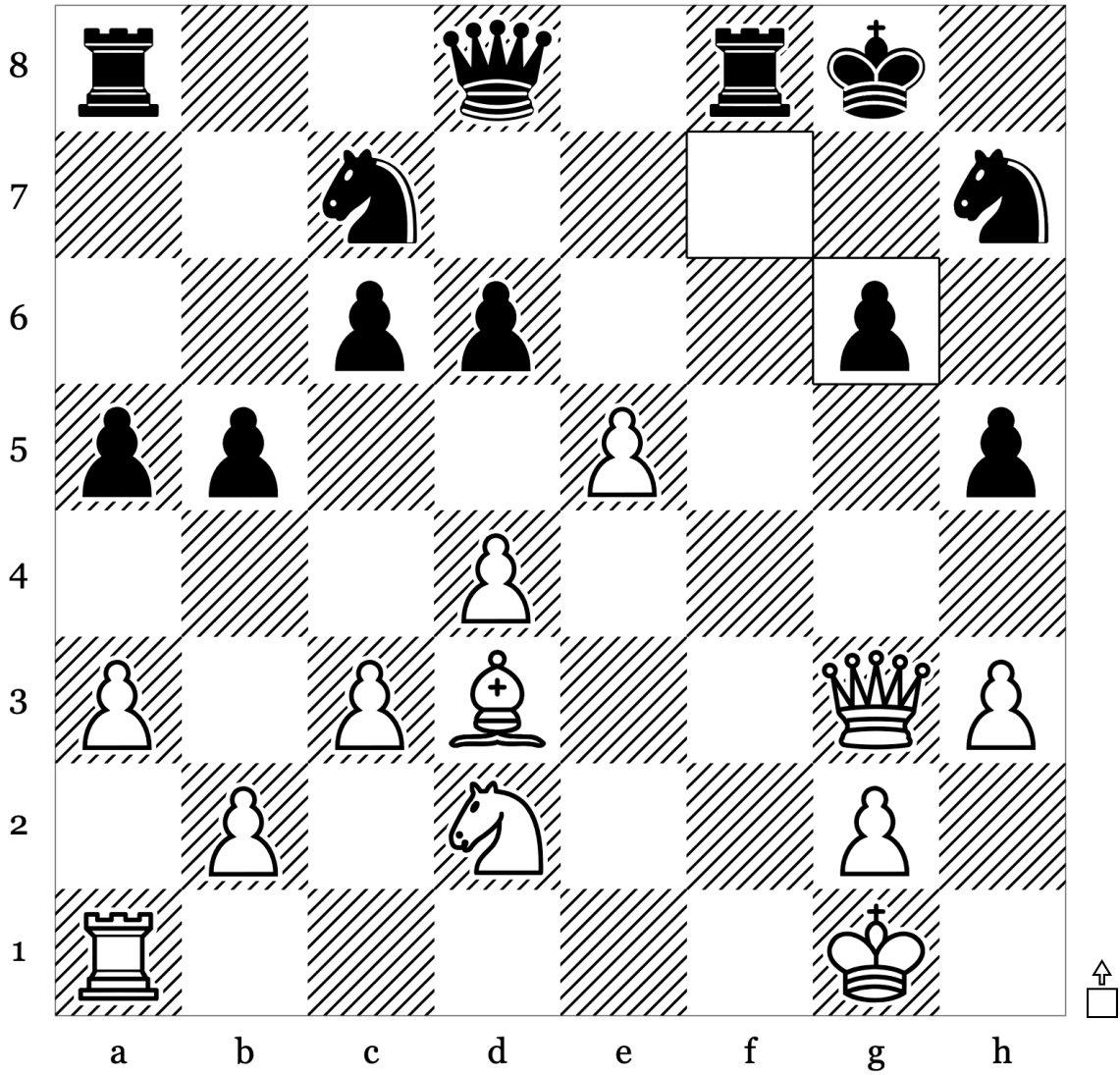
33	...	Kh3
34		
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Puzzle 82 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Fork (Rating: 682)



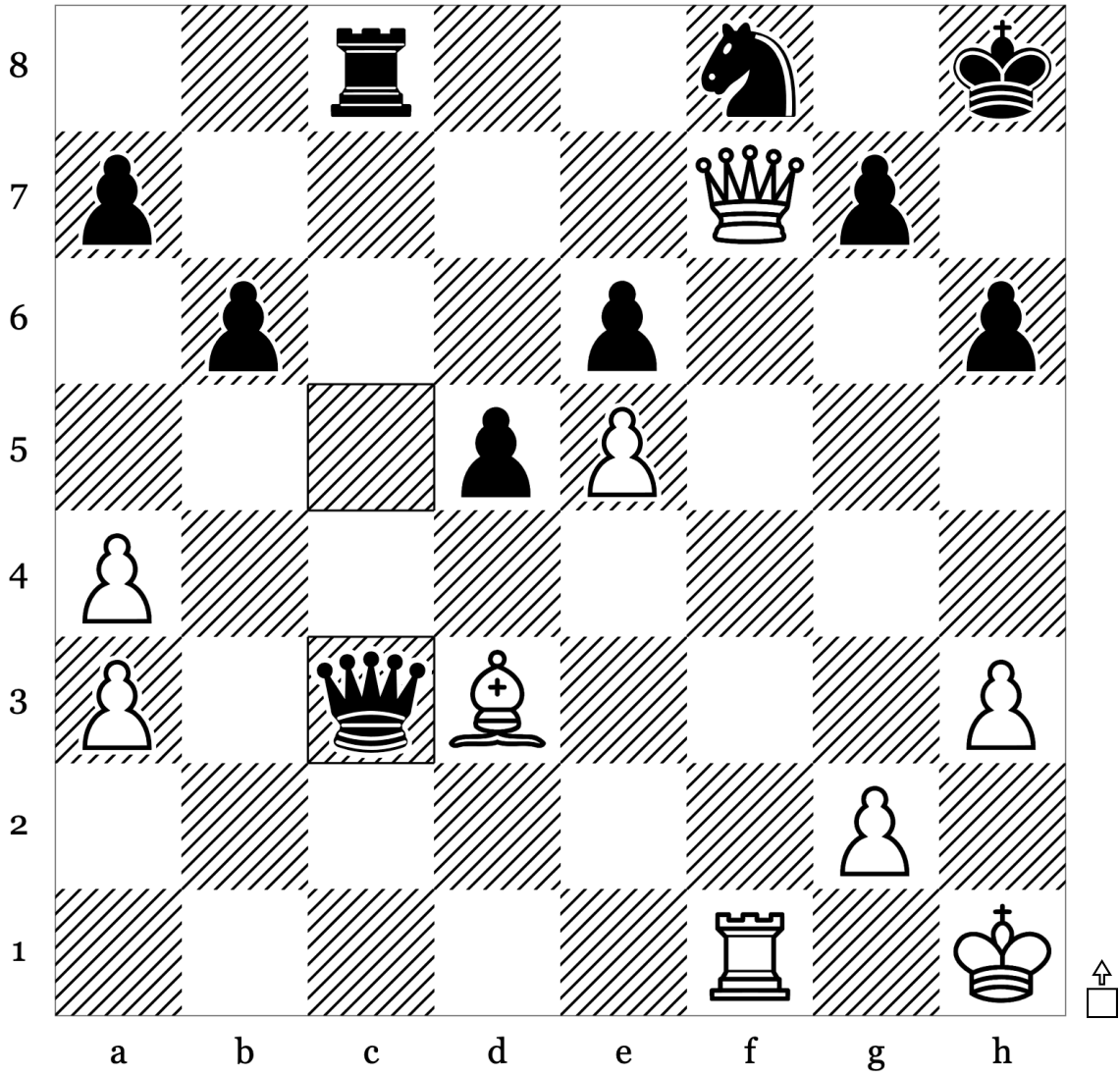
15	Rxe7	
16		
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Puzzle 83 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 718)



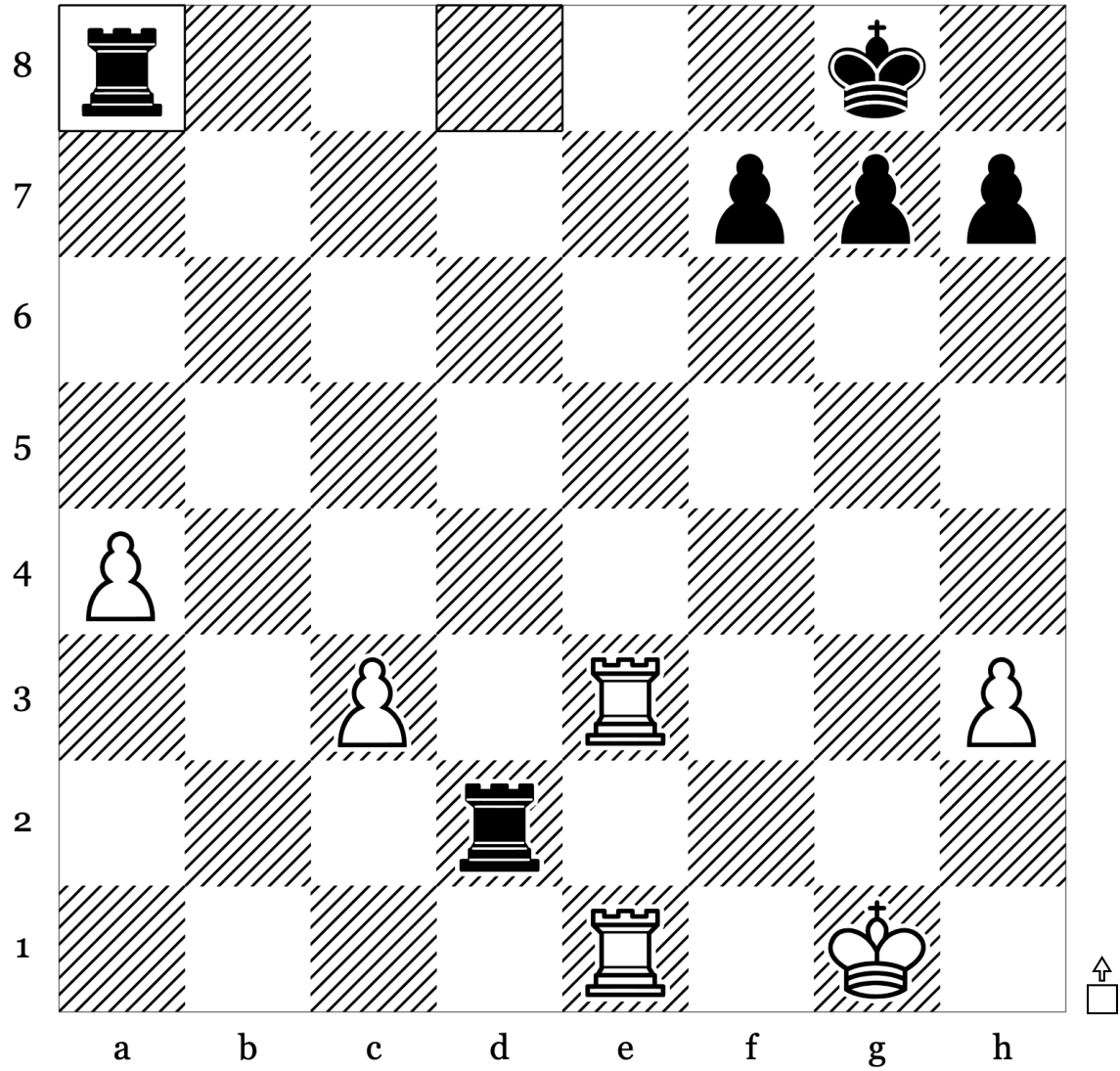
20	...	fxg6
21		
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Puzzle 84 of 100: Endgame · Master (Rating: 701)



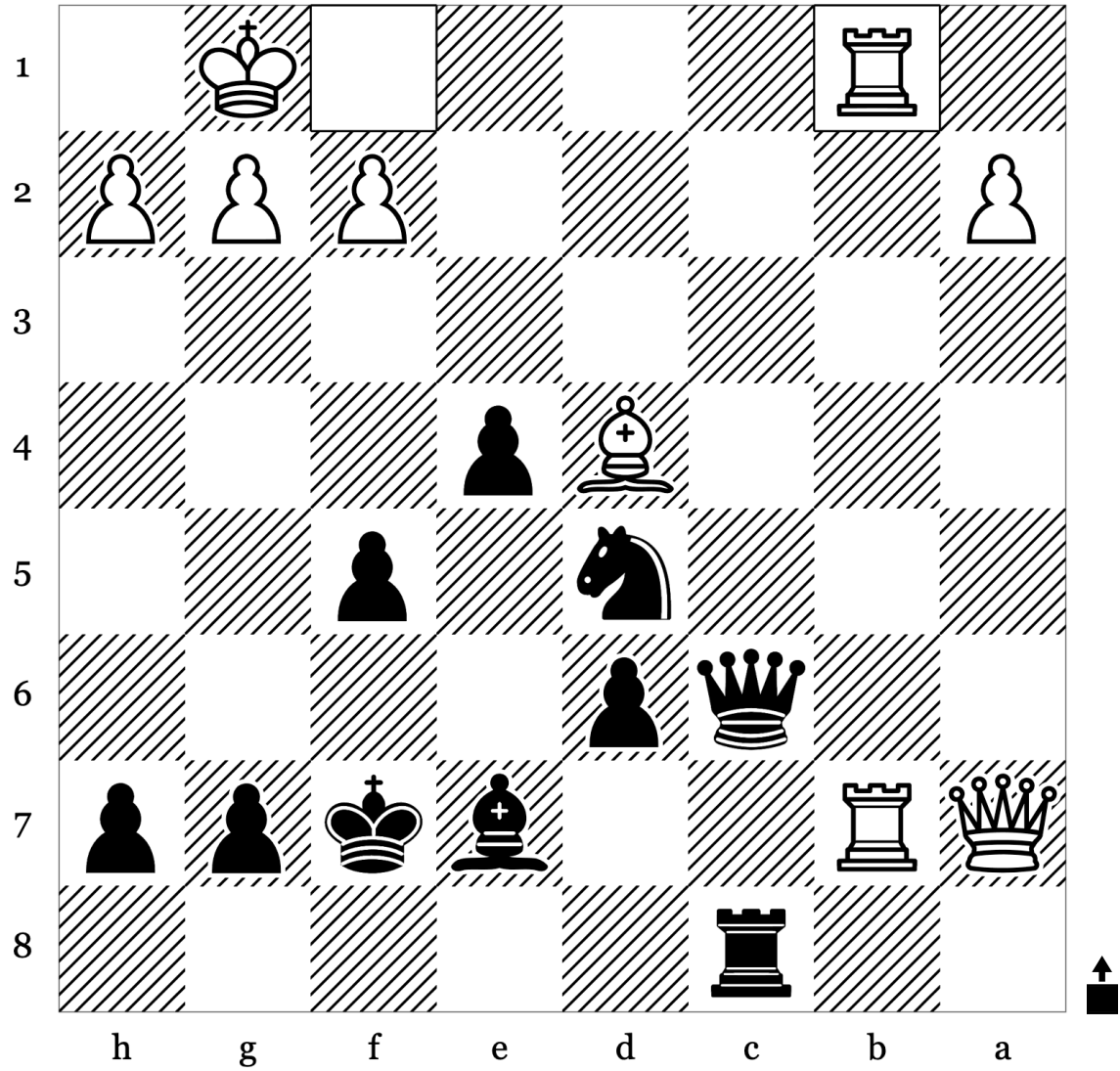
26	...	Qxc3
27		
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Puzzle 85 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 468)



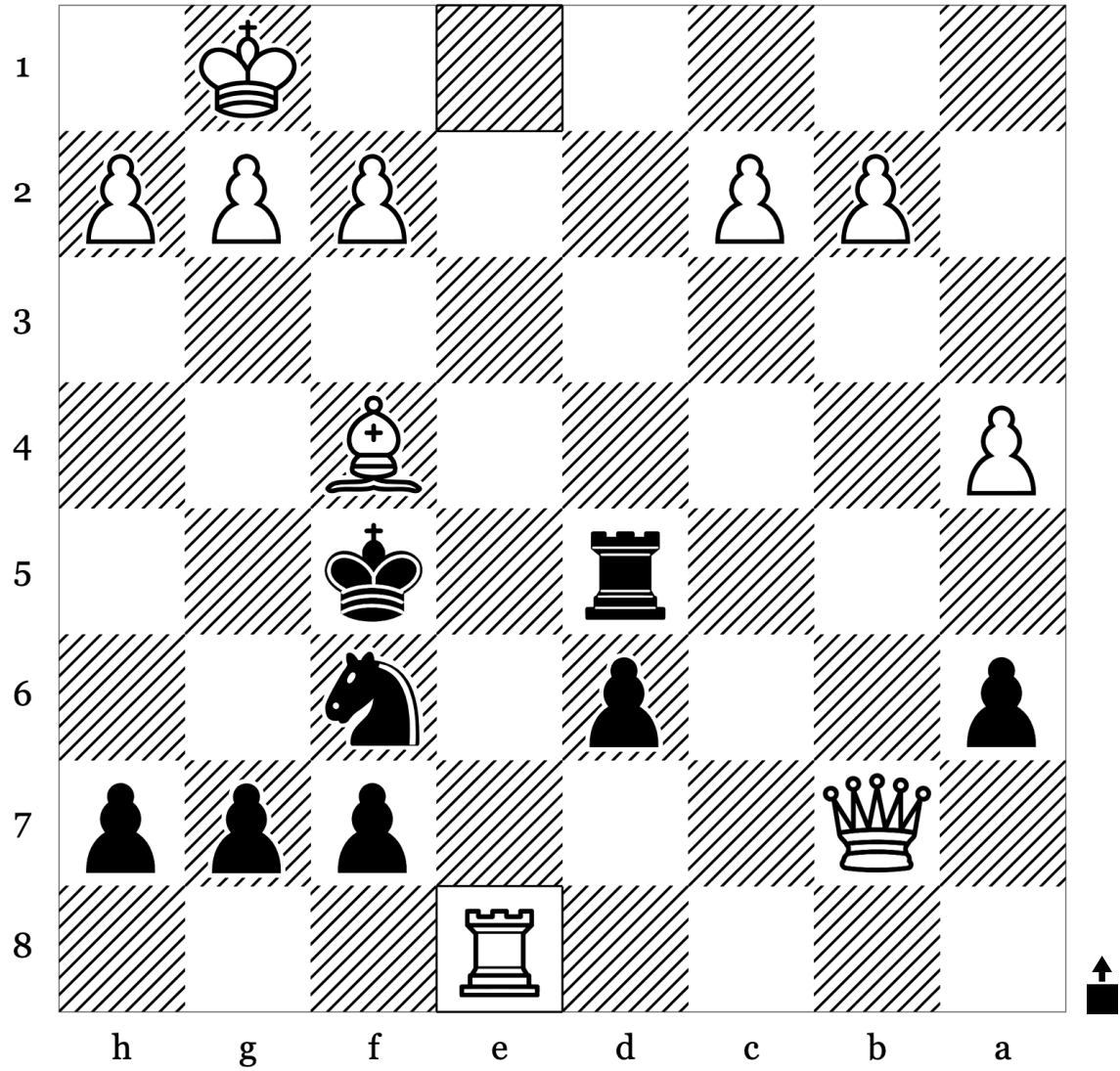
32	...	Ra8
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Puzzle 86 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 723)



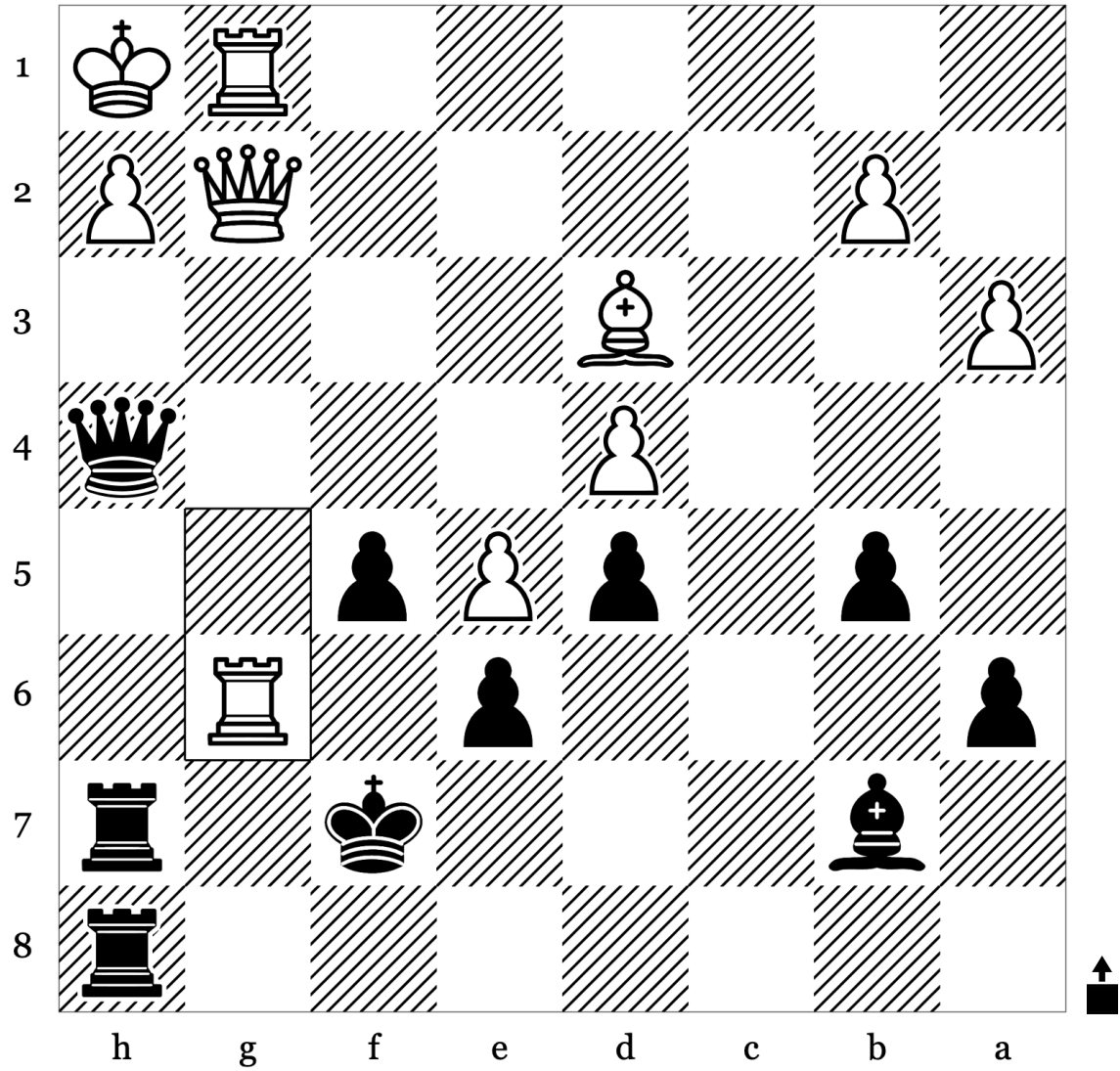
32	Rfb1	
33		
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Puzzle 87 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 650)



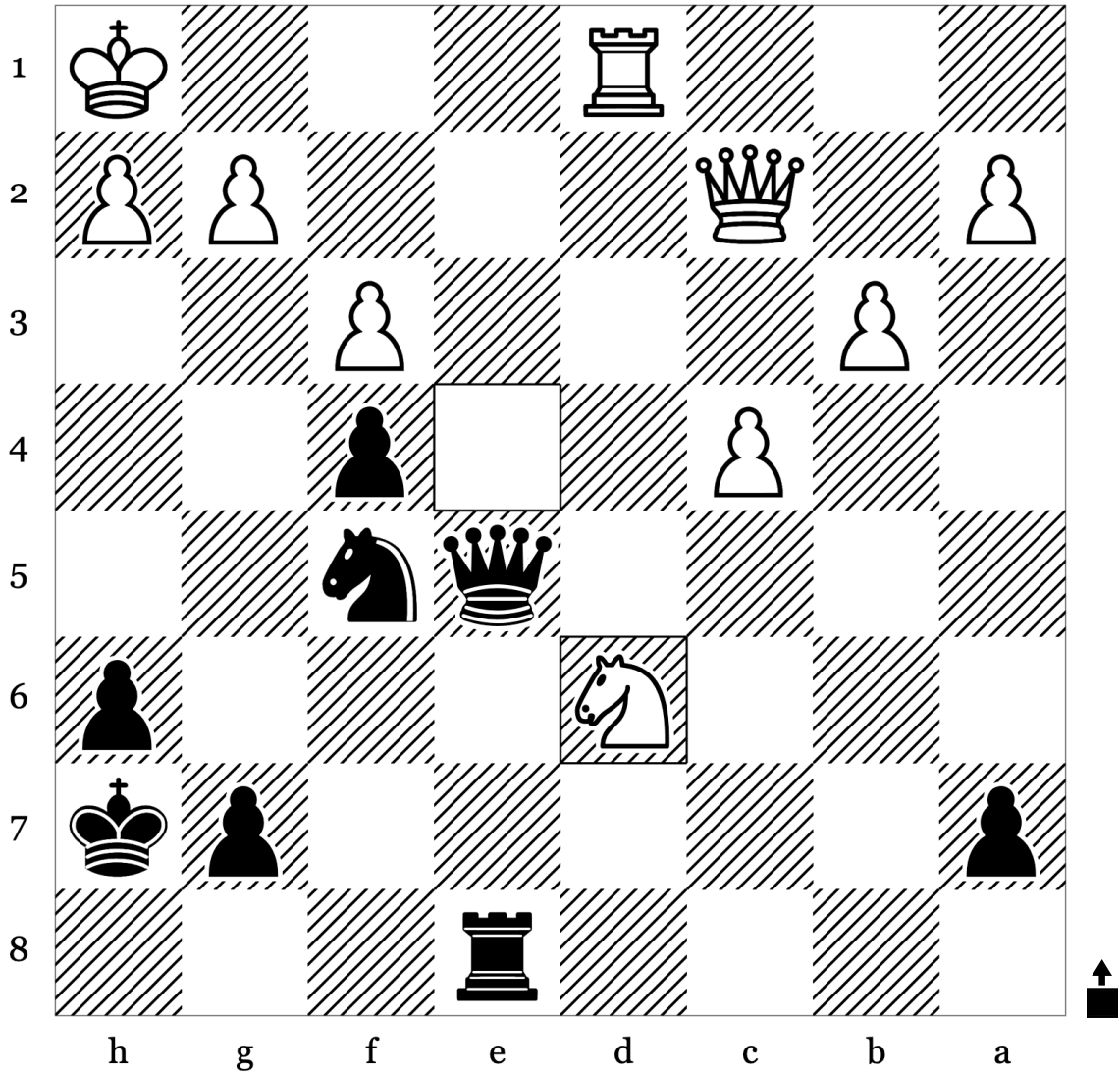
23	Rxe8	
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Puzzle 88 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 664)



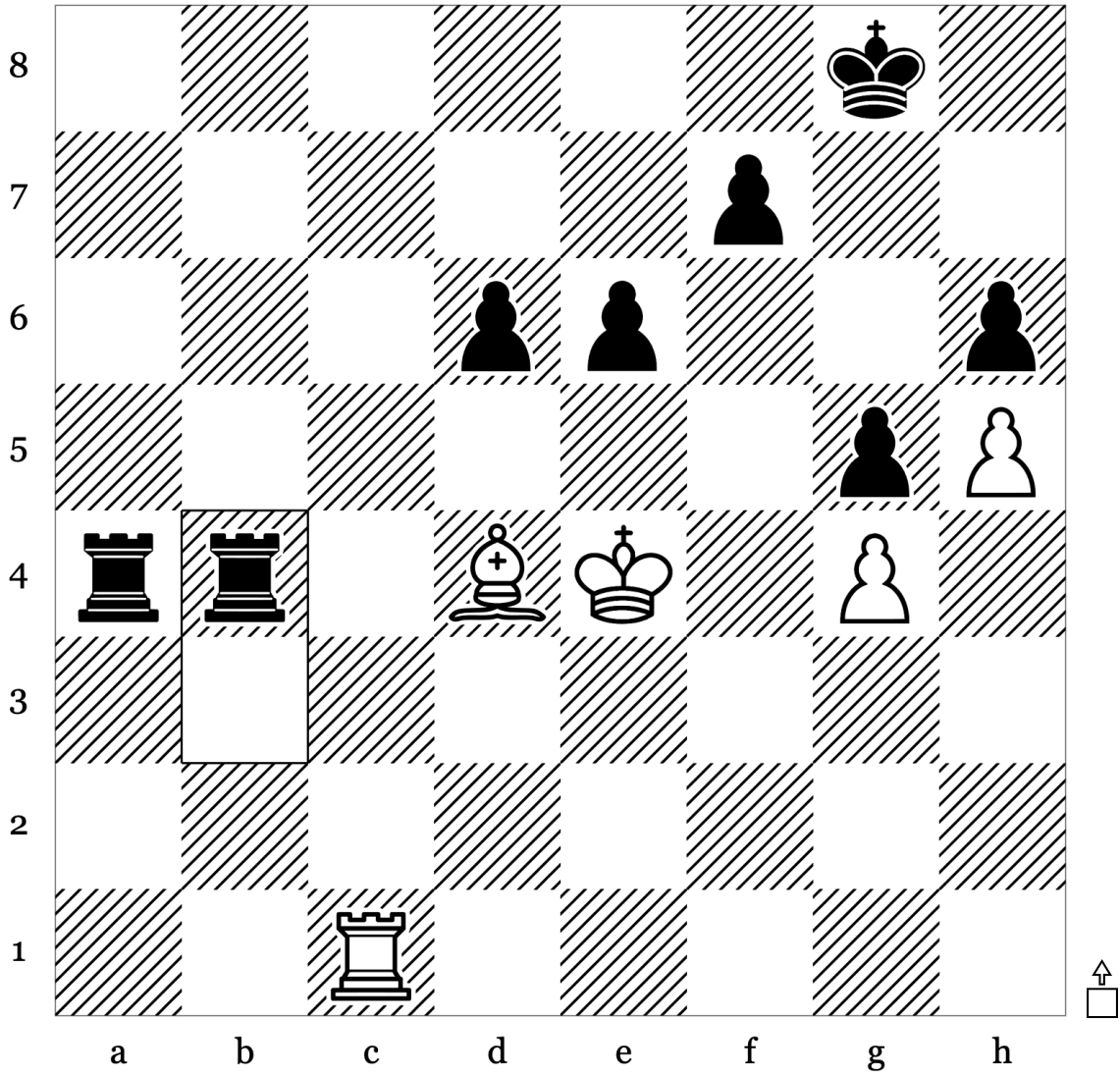
50	Rxg6	
51		
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54		

Puzzle 89 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 700)



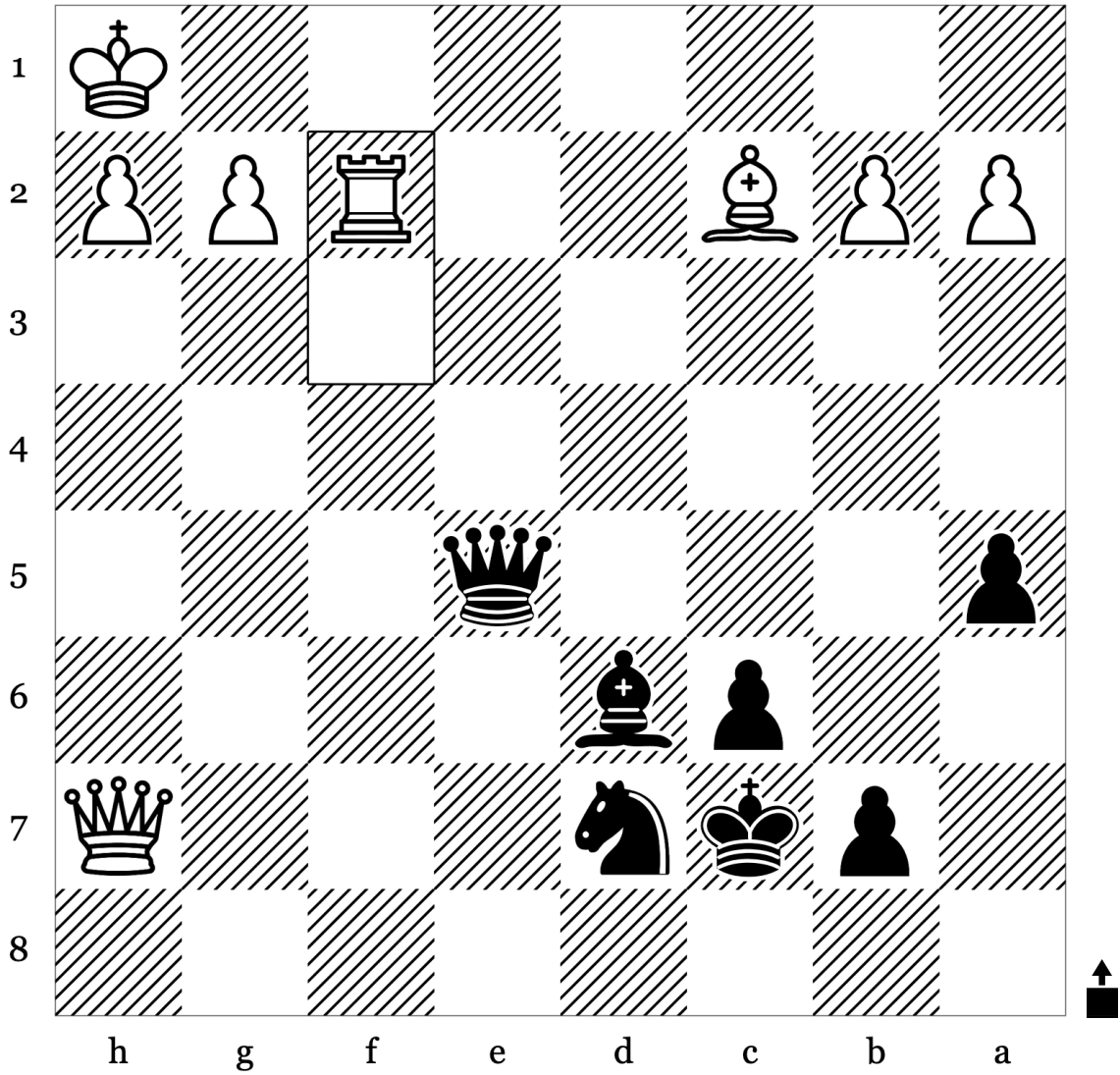
42	Nd6	
43		
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Puzzle 90 of 100: Endgame - Mate (Rating: 754)



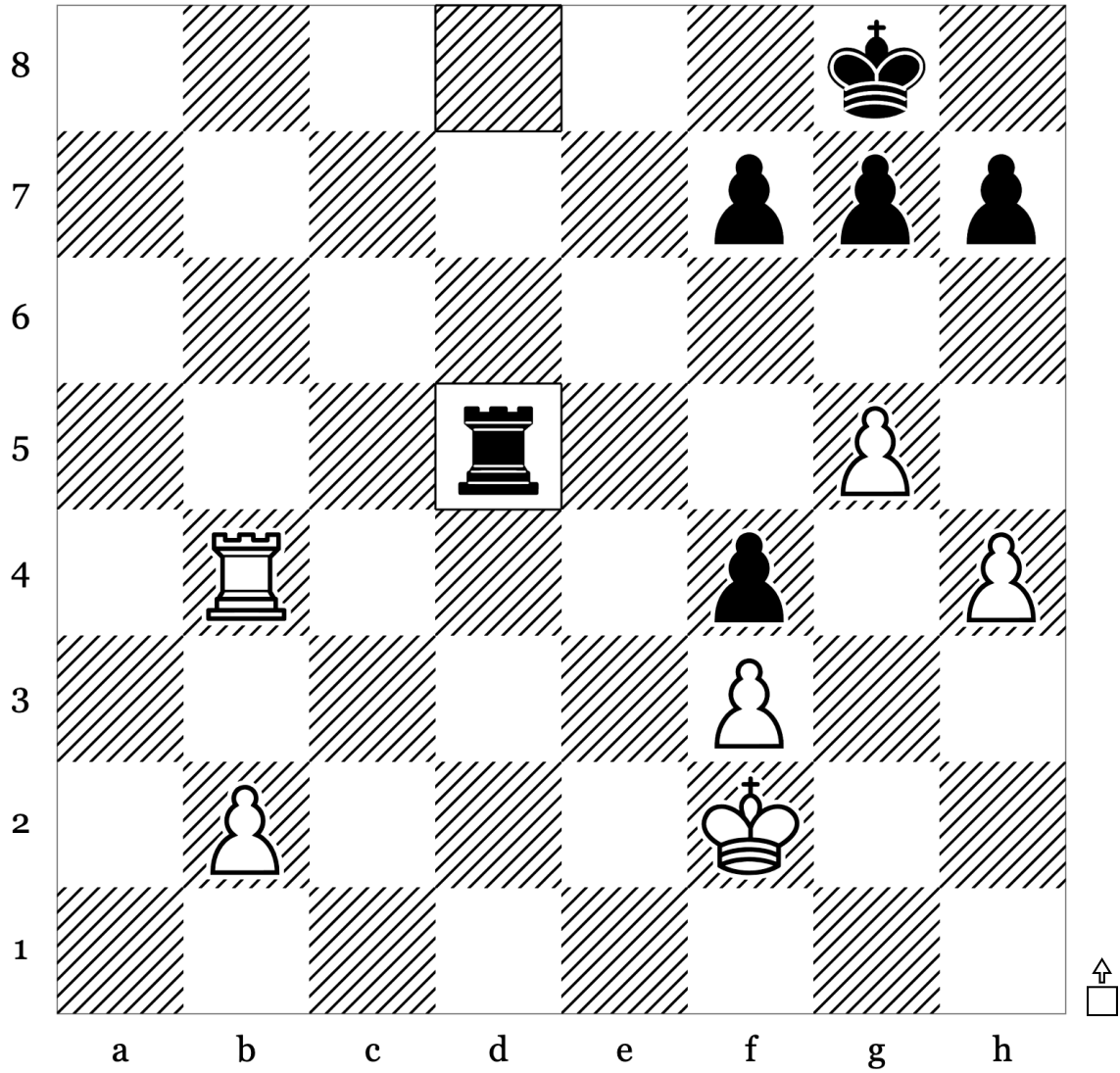
35	...	Rbb4
36		
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Puzzle 91 of 100: Endgame · Fork (Rating: 725)



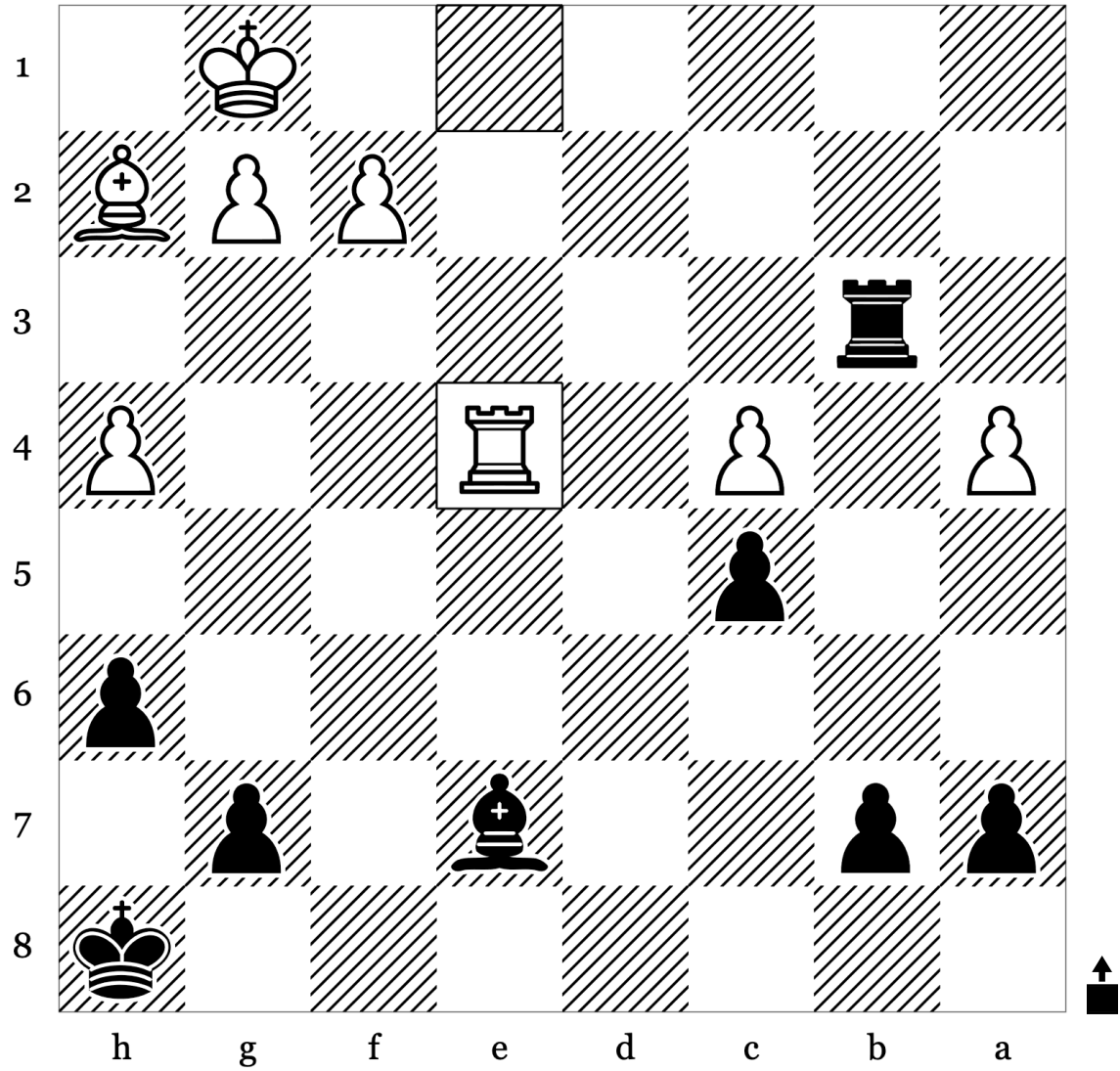
30	Rxf2	
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Puzzle 92 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 464)



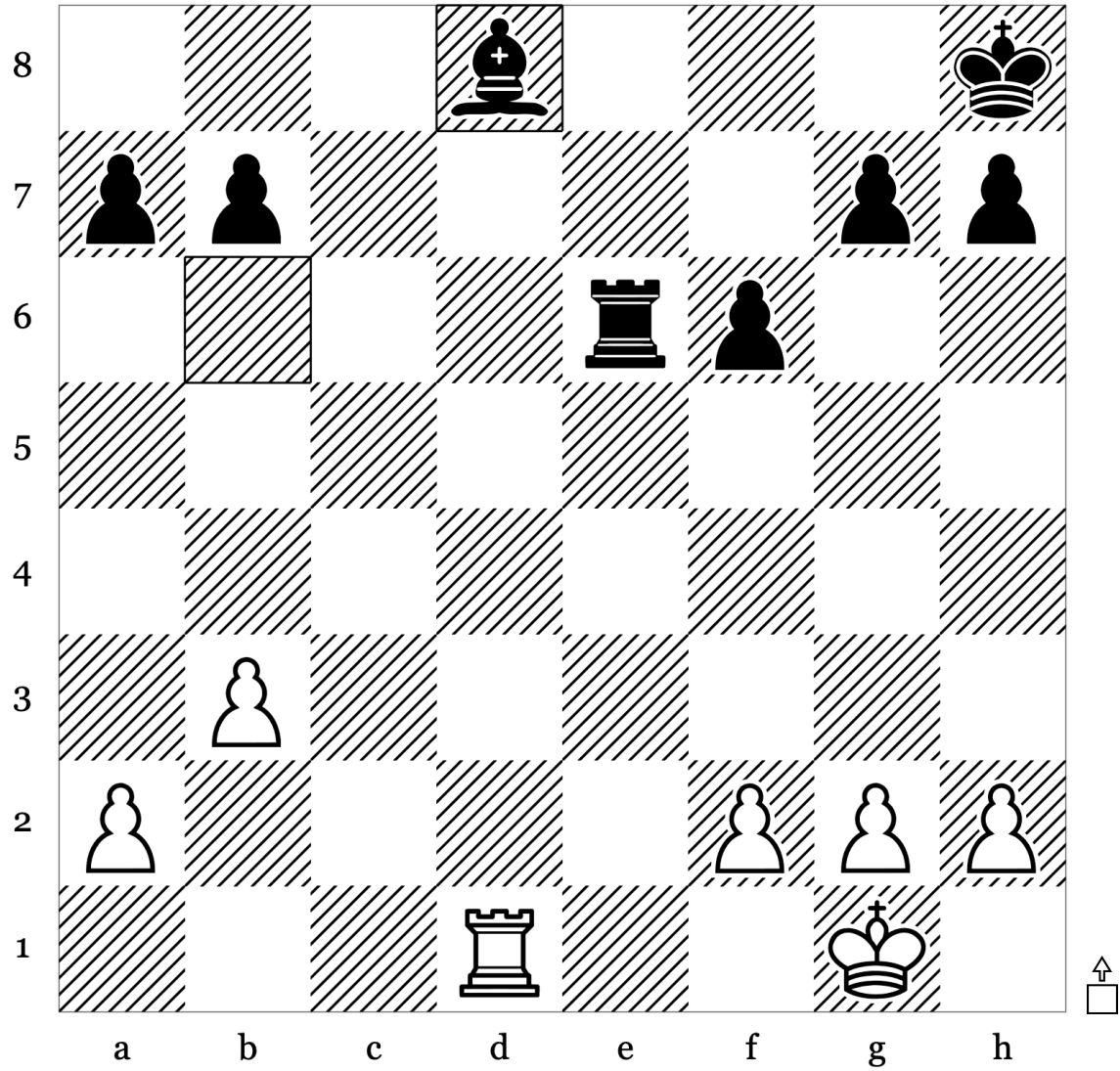
33	...	Rxd5
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Puzzle 93 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 688)



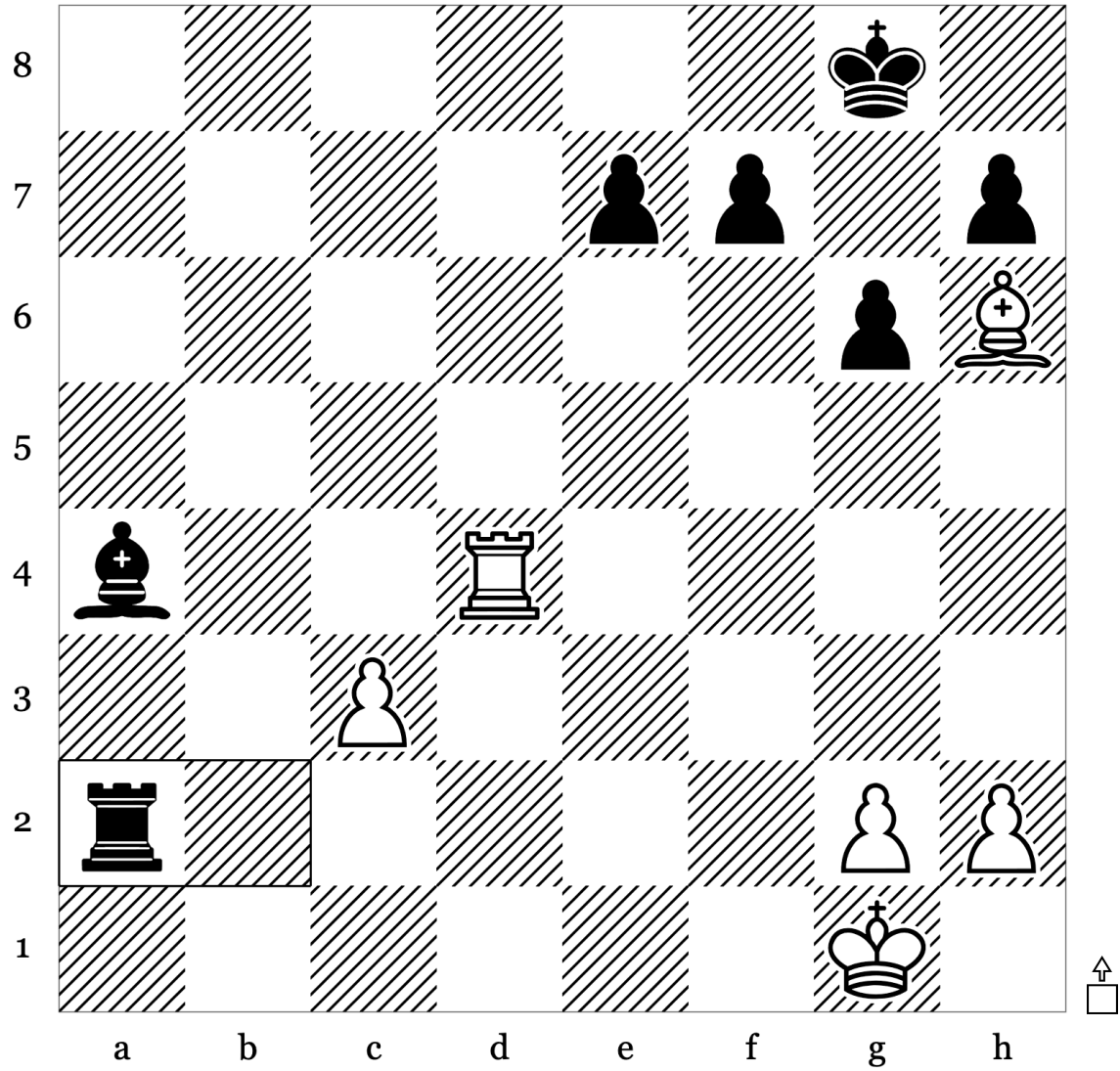
35	Rxe4	
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Puzzle 94 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 400)



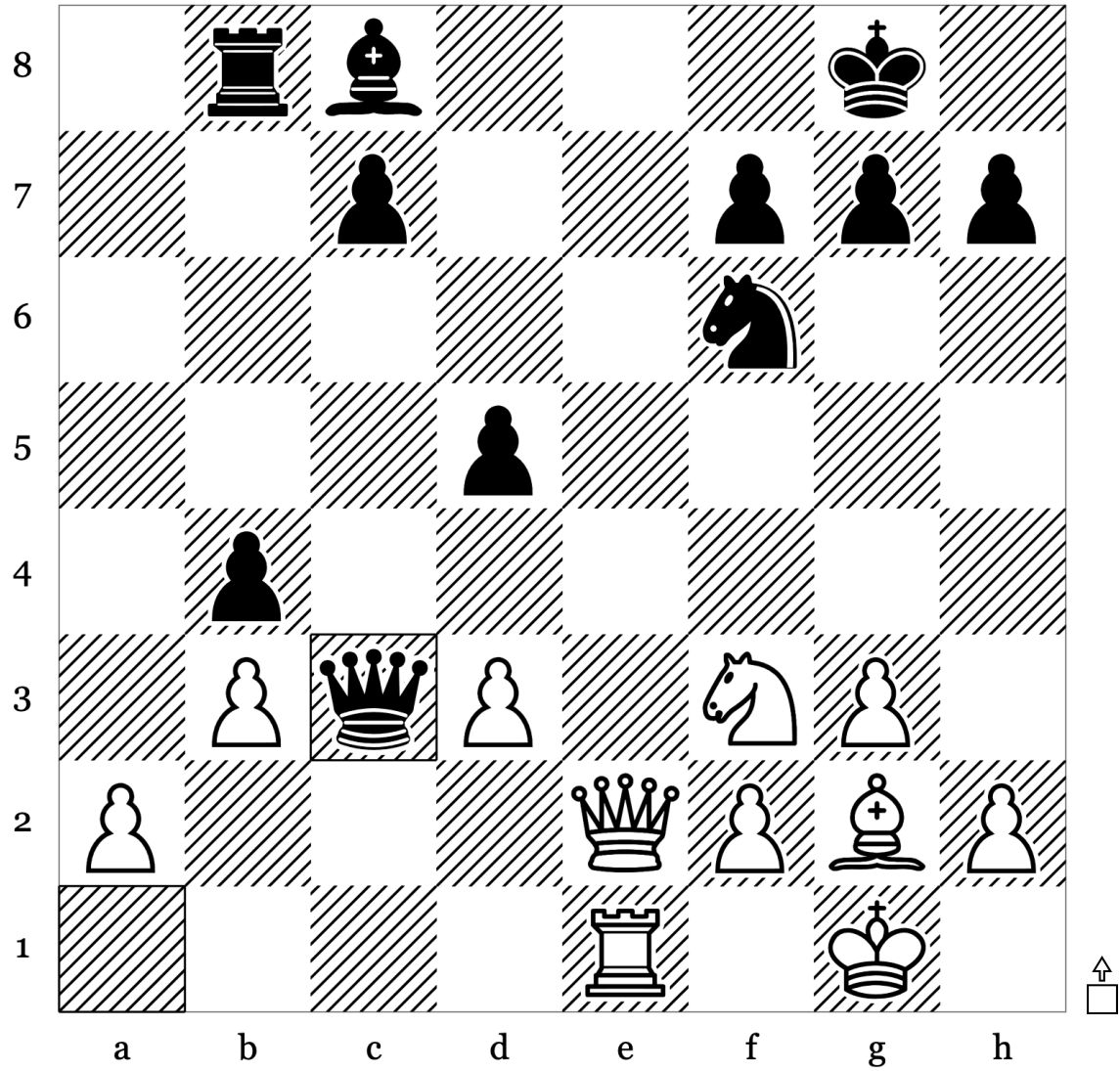
27	...	Bxd8
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Puzzle 95 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 400)



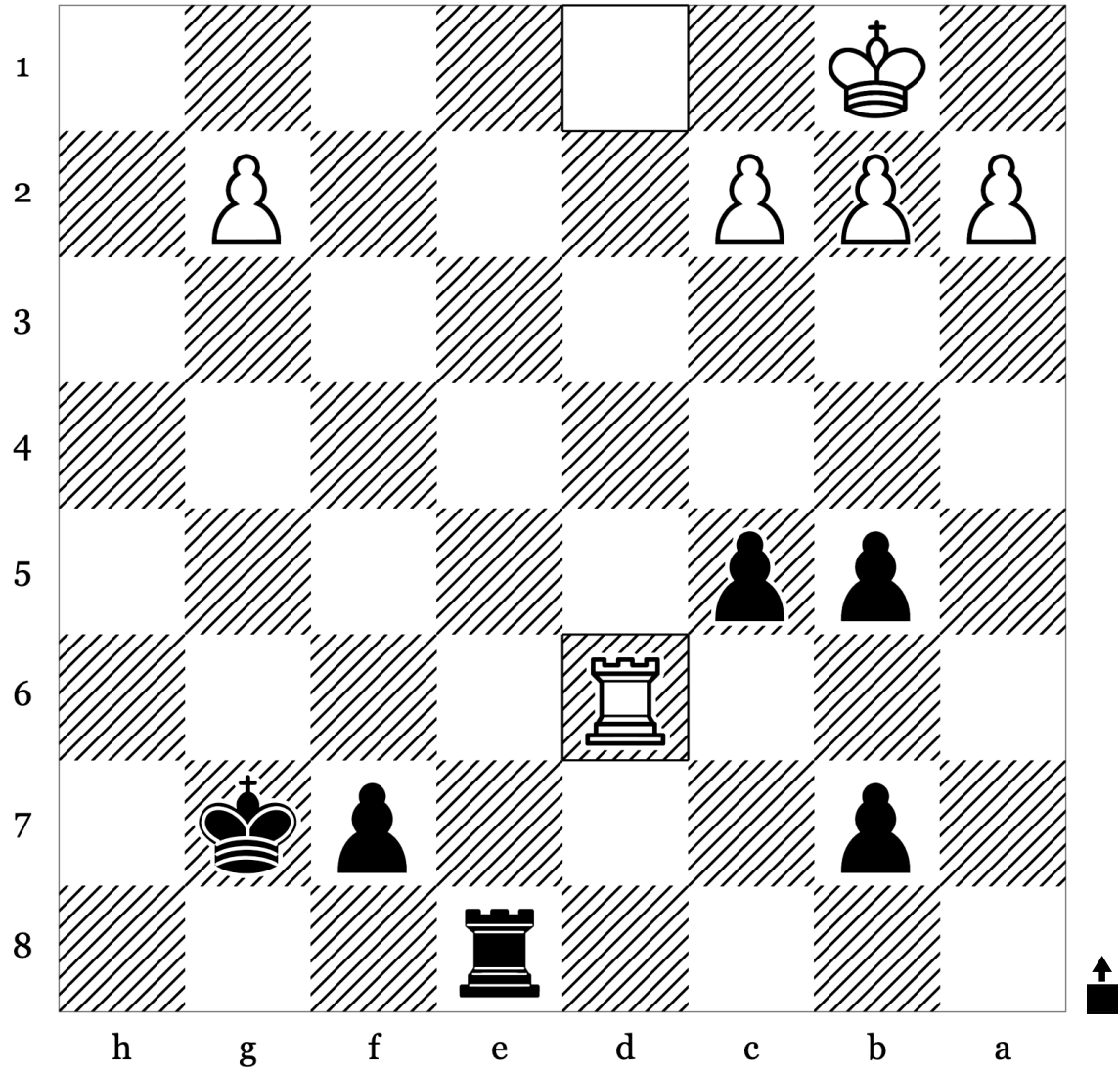
24	...	Rxa2
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Puzzle 96 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 561)



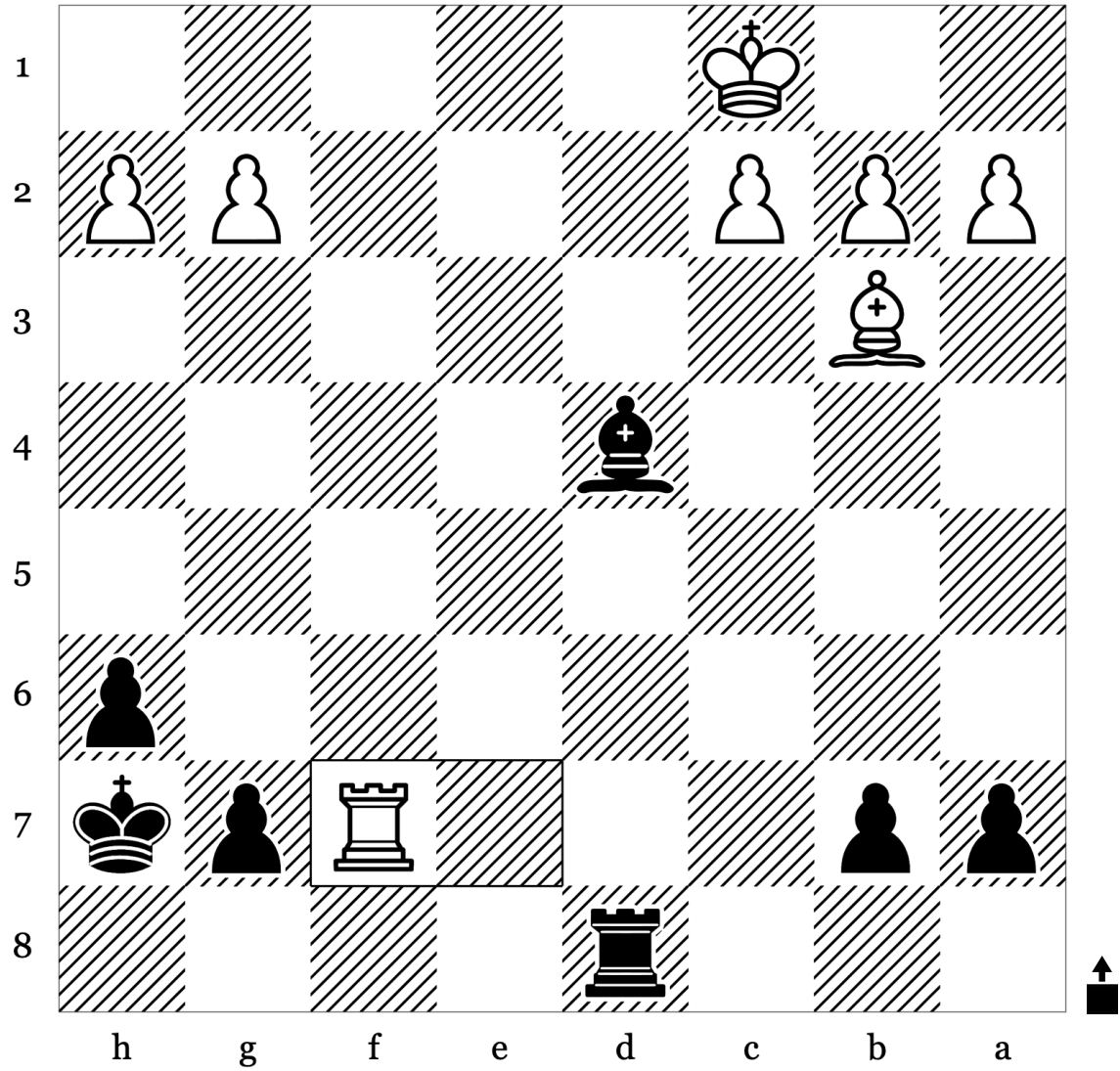
18	...	Qc3
19		
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Puzzle 97 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 401)



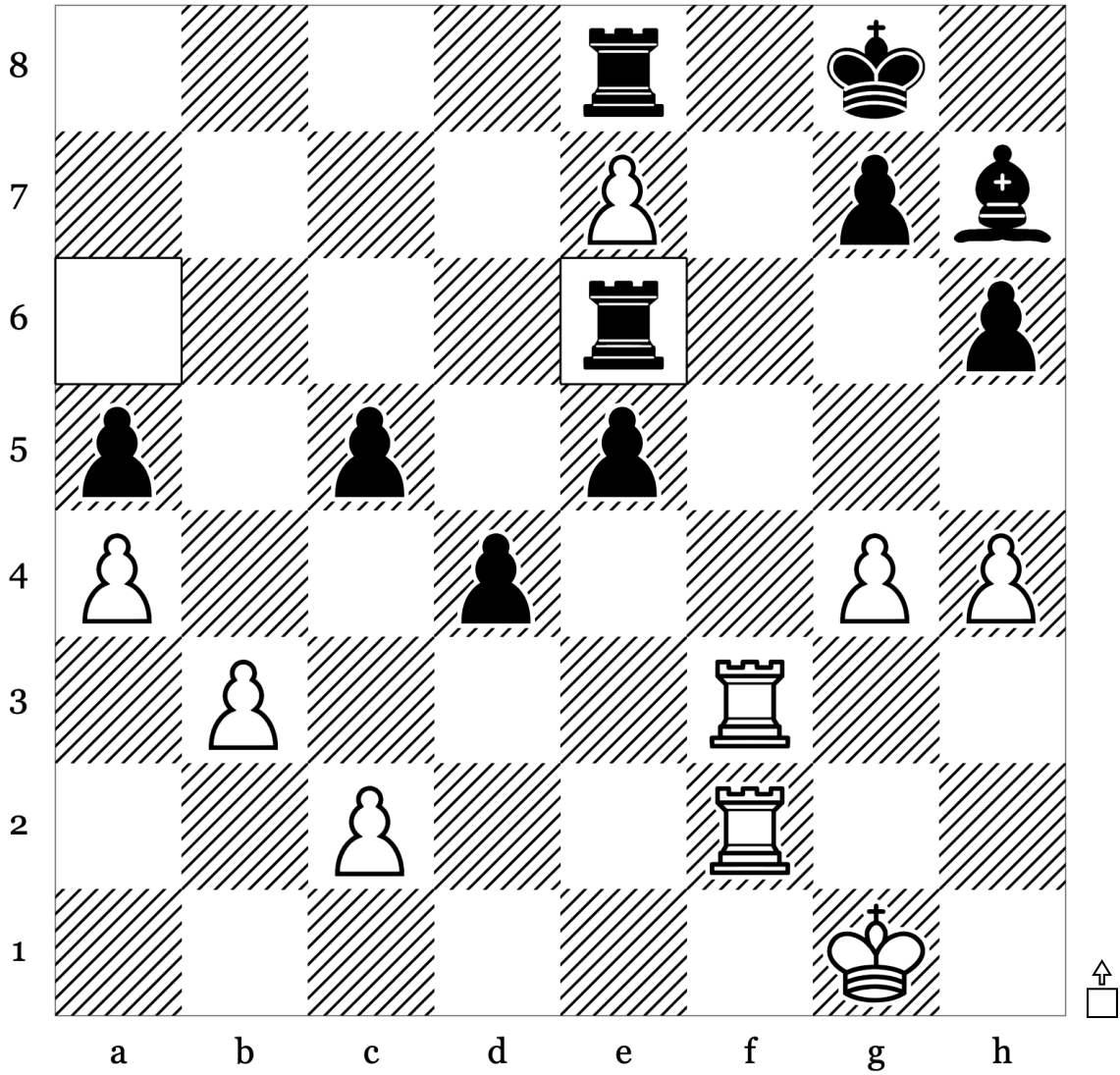
25	Rxd6	
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Puzzle 98 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 765)



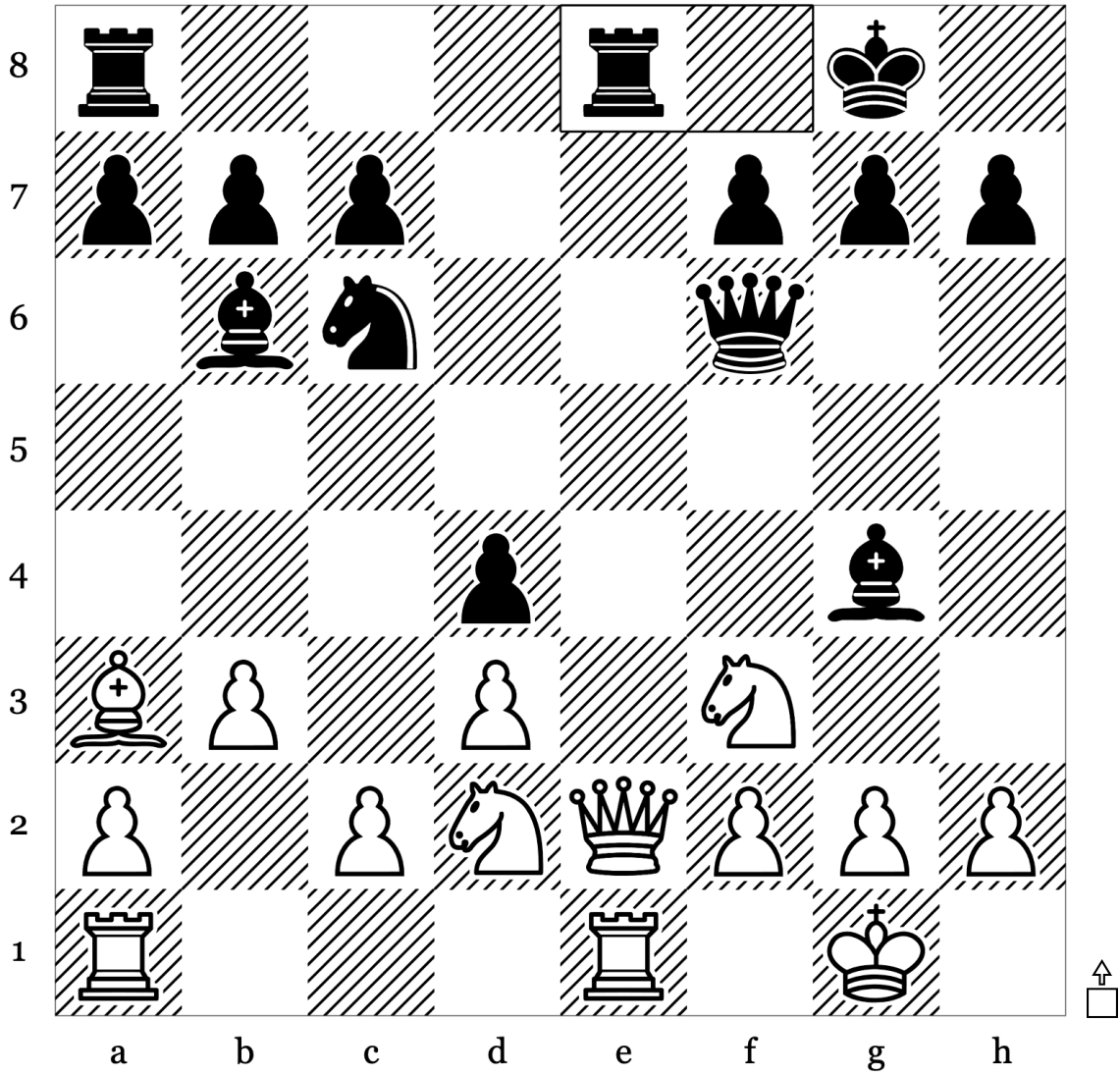
23	Rxf7	
24		
25		
26		
27		

Puzzle 99 of 100: Advanced Pawn · Endgame (Rating: 409)



40	...	Re6
41		
42		
43		
44		

Puzzle 100 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 558)



13	...	Rfe8
14		
15		
16		
17		

◀ Solution: Puzzle 100

- 14. Qxe8+ Rxe8
- 15. Rxe8#

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