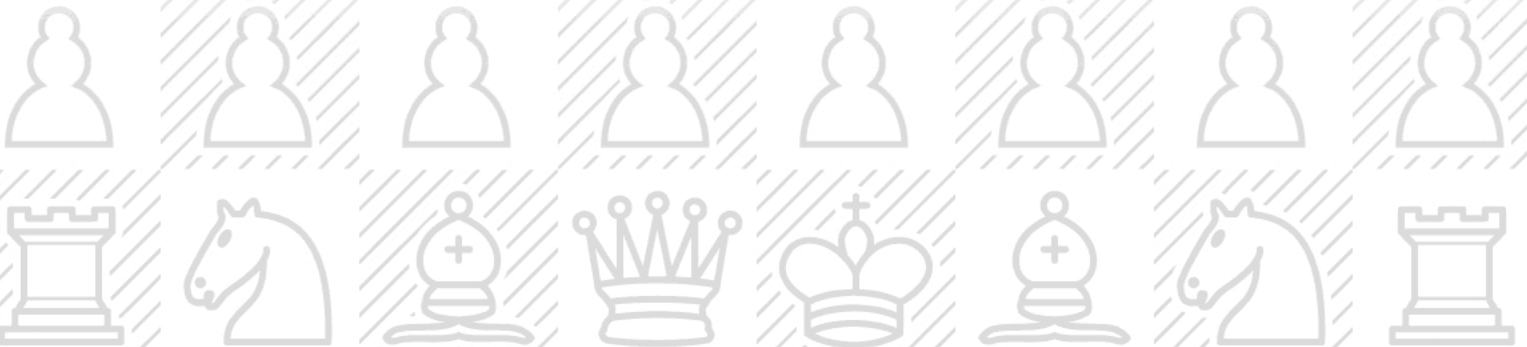


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Chess

Mate in 2 — Novice

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)

h g f e d c b a

13 Nxe6

14

15

16

17

page 1

◀ Solution: Puzzle 1 13 ... Qxd7

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

a b c d e f g h

28 ... Kxg8

29

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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

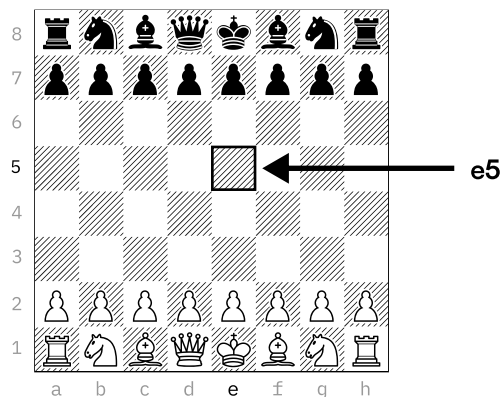


no letter — Pawn

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:

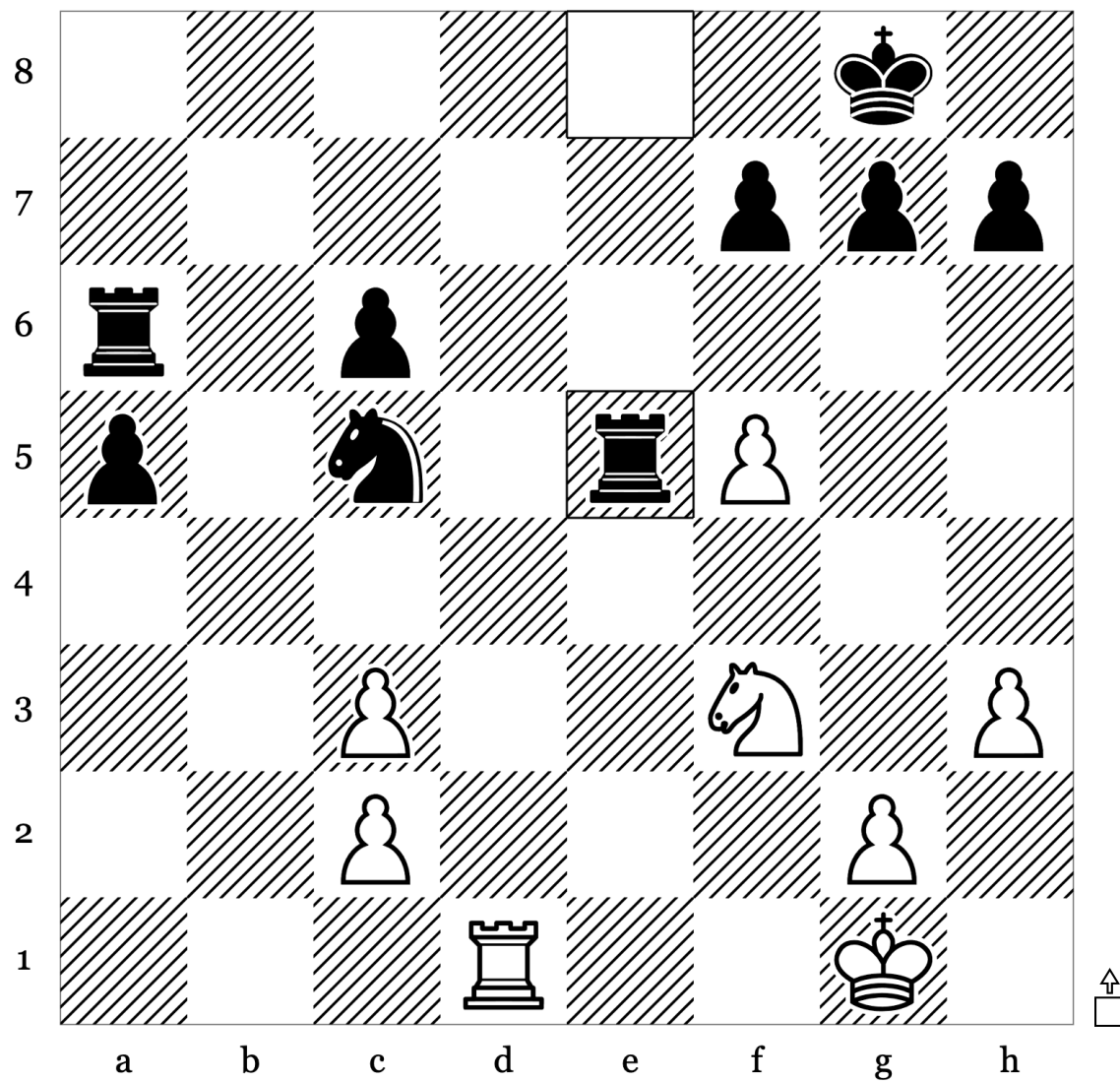
If a puzzle has you for five minutes, look at the solution, understand the pattern, and move on.

That's the training too.

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

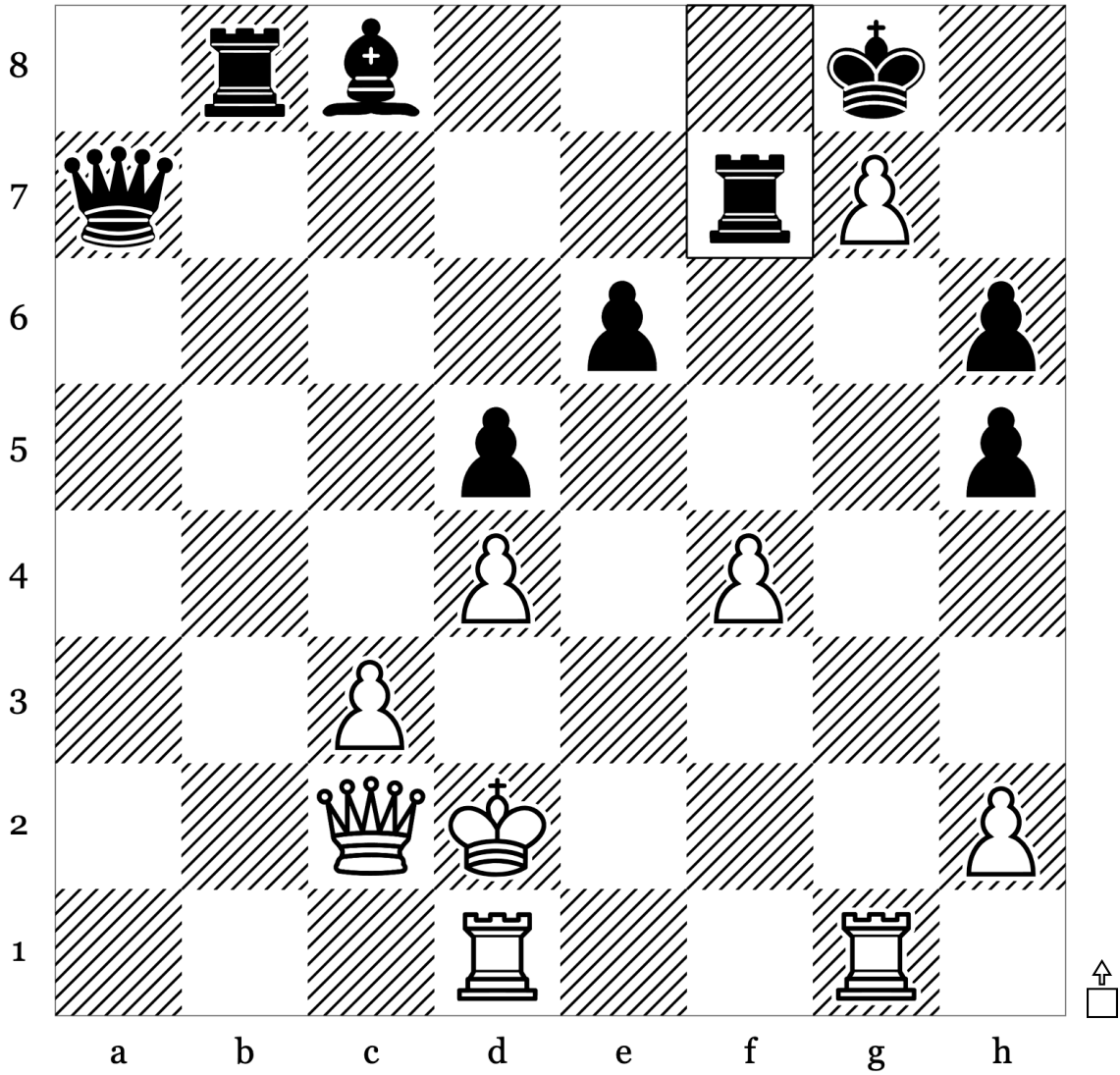
Good luck!

Puzzle 1 of 100: Back Rank Mate - Endgame (Rating: 1118)



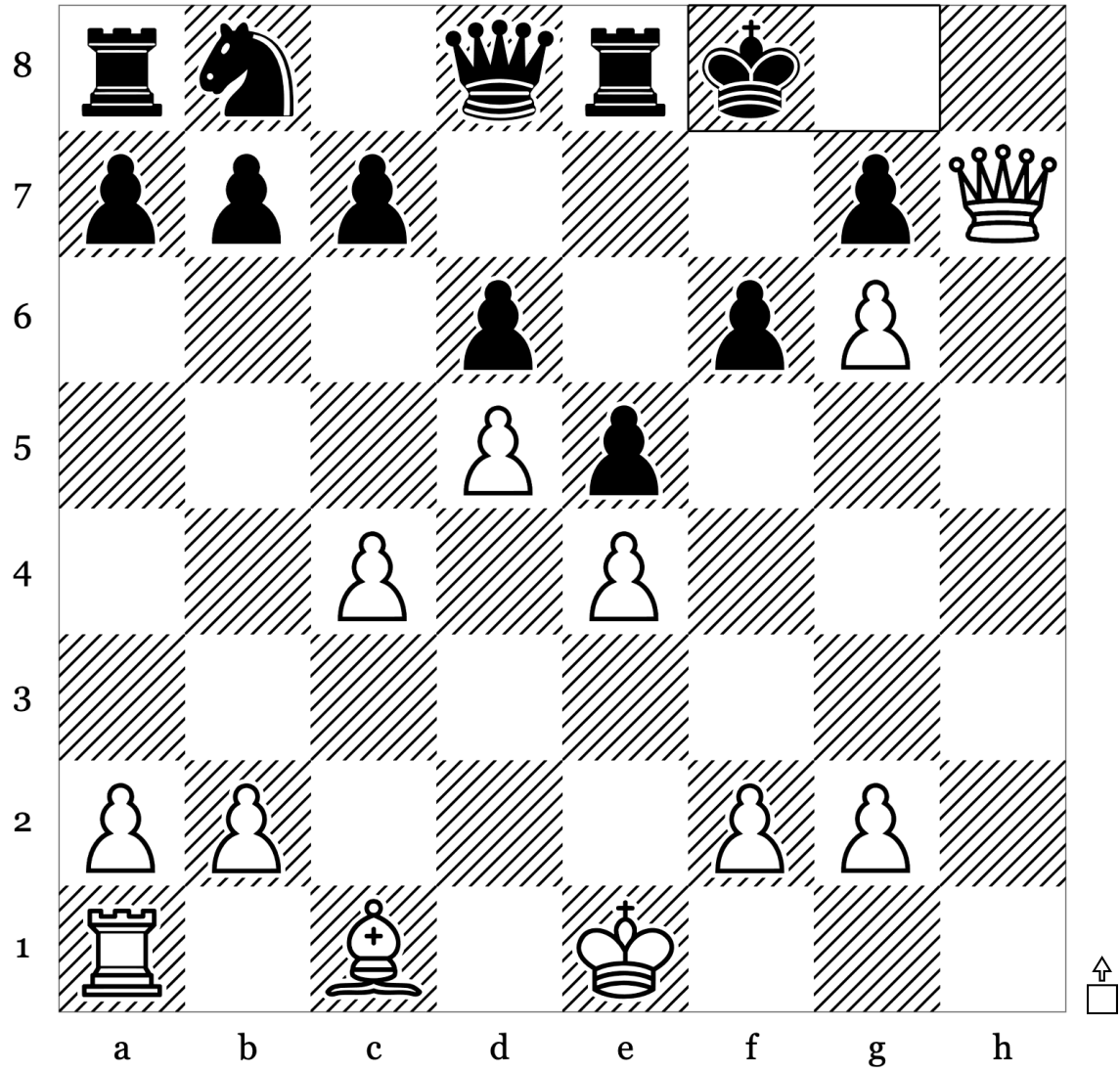
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Puzzle 3 of 100: Advanced Pawn · Attraction (Rating: 1039)



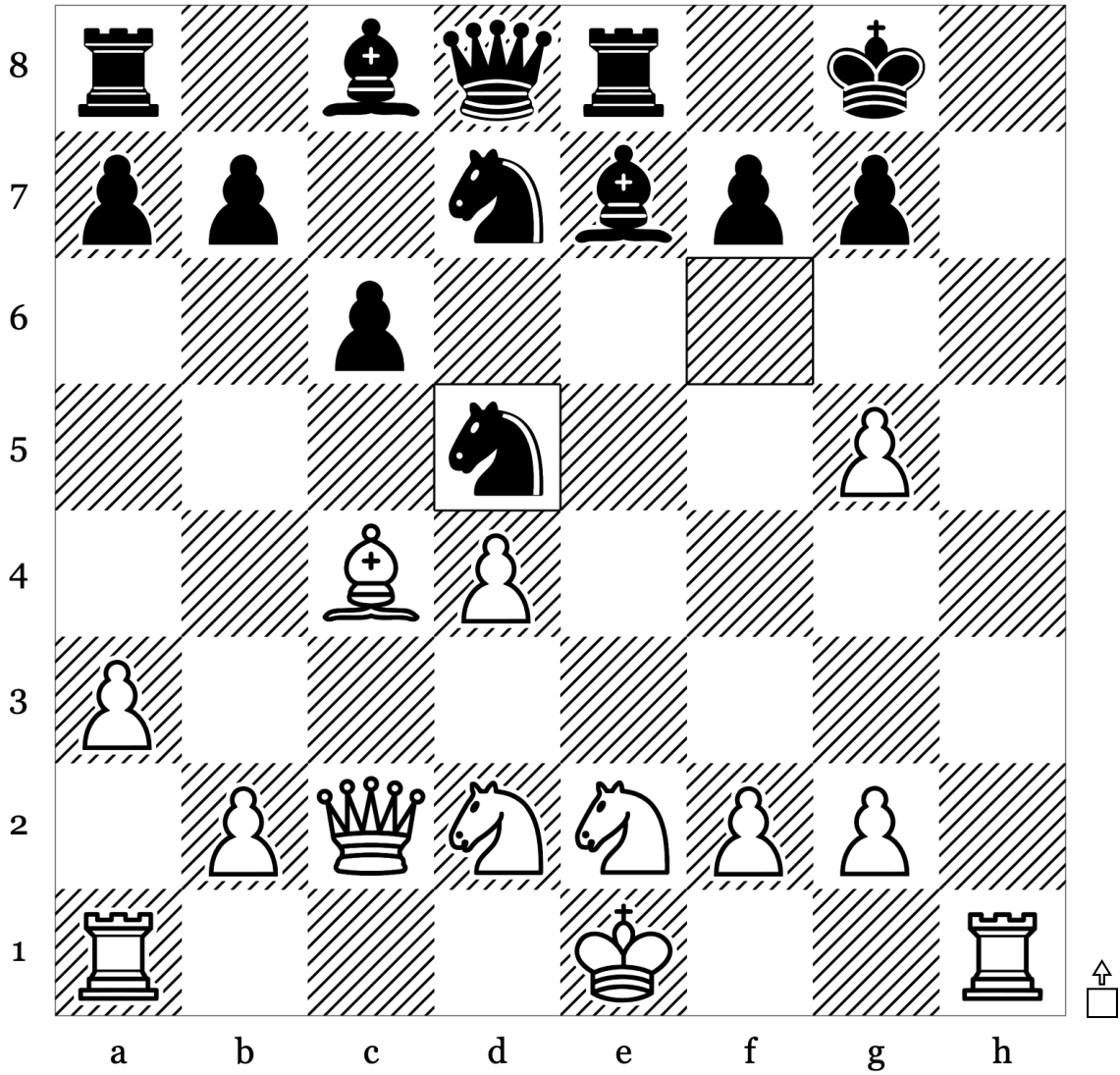
29	...	Rf7
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Puzzle 4 of 100: Deflection · Mate (Rating: 908)



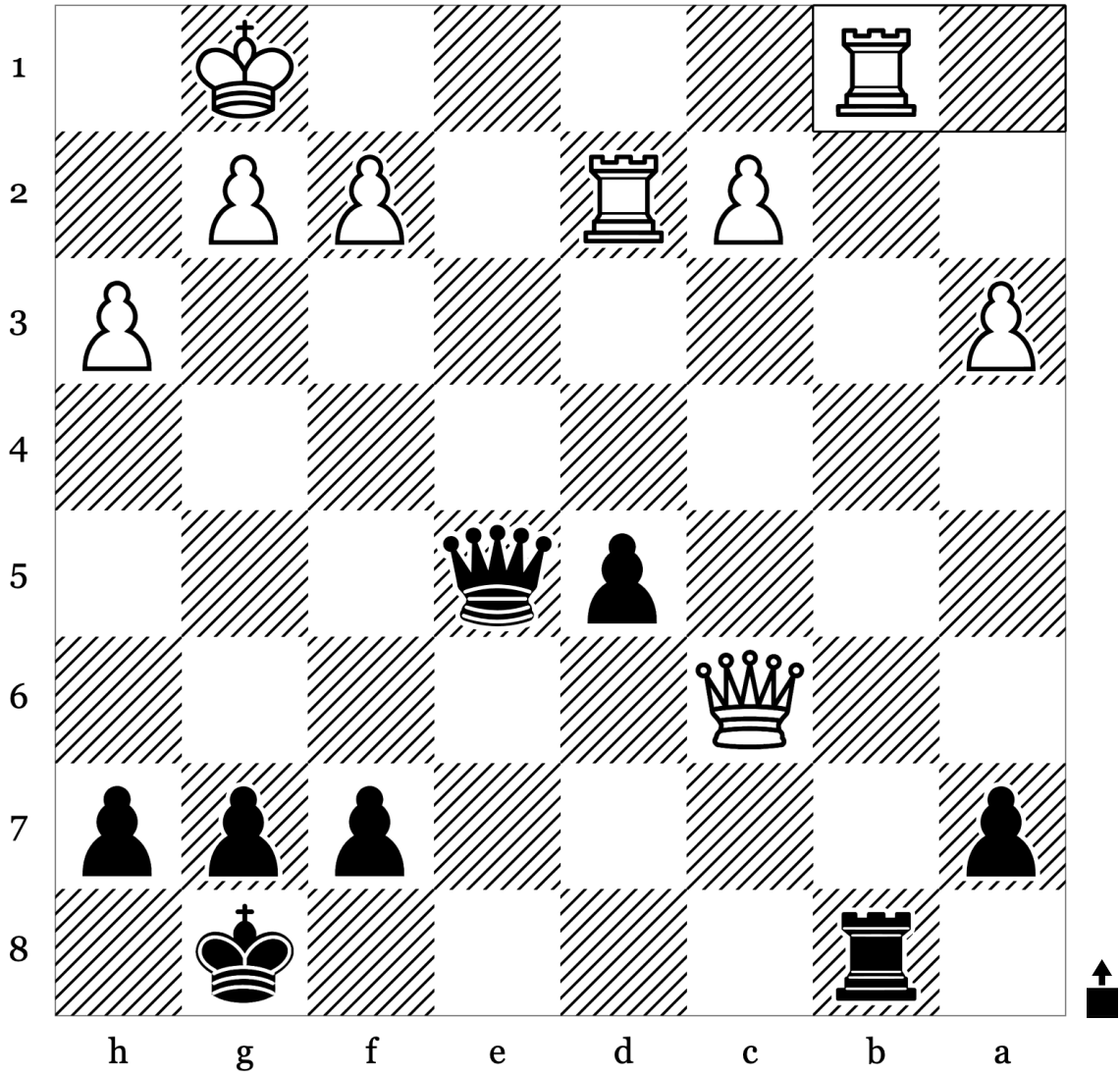
16	...	Kf8
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Puzzle 5 of 100: Kingside Attack · Mate (Rating: 908)



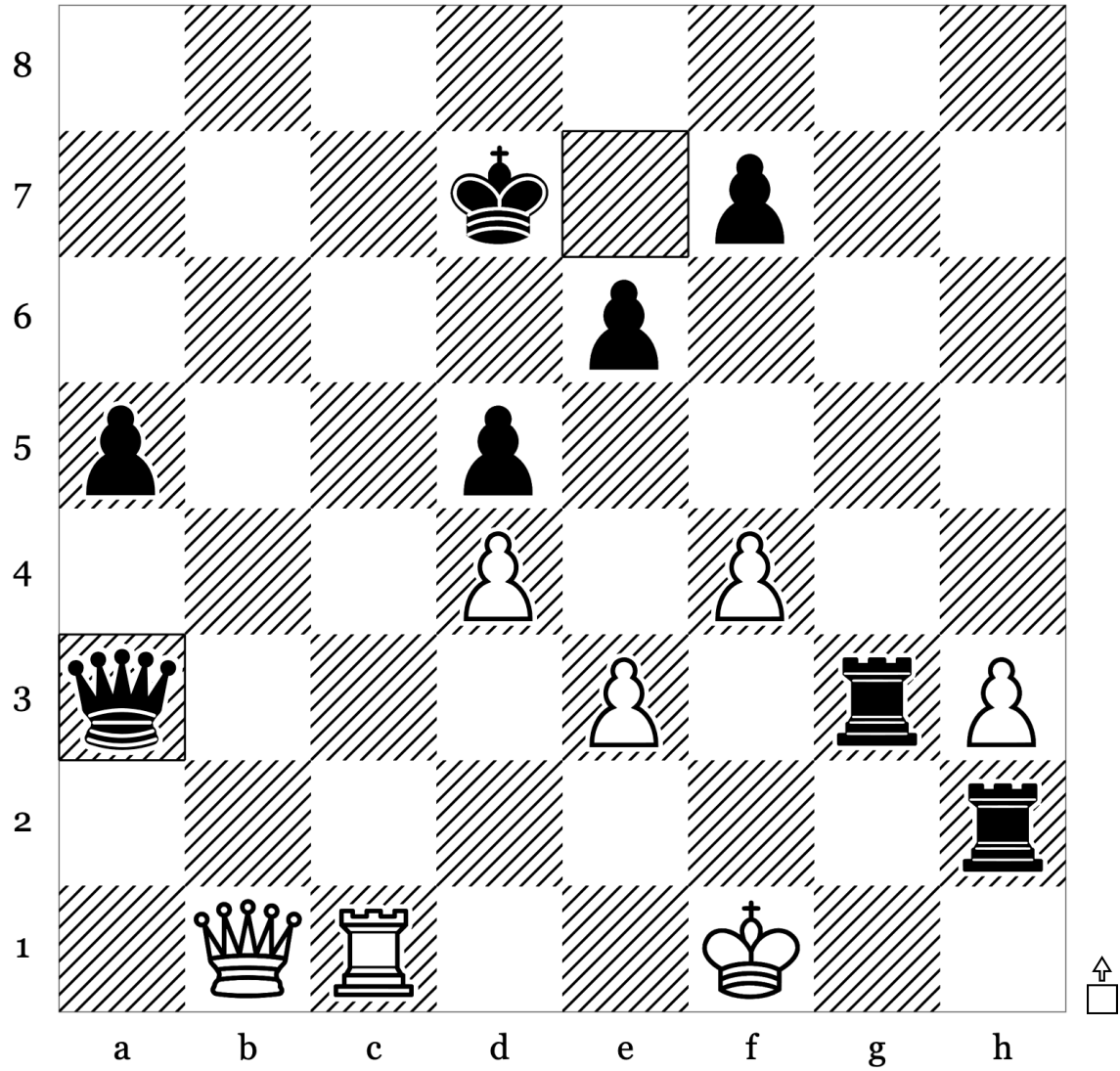
13	...	Nd5
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Puzzle 6 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1152)



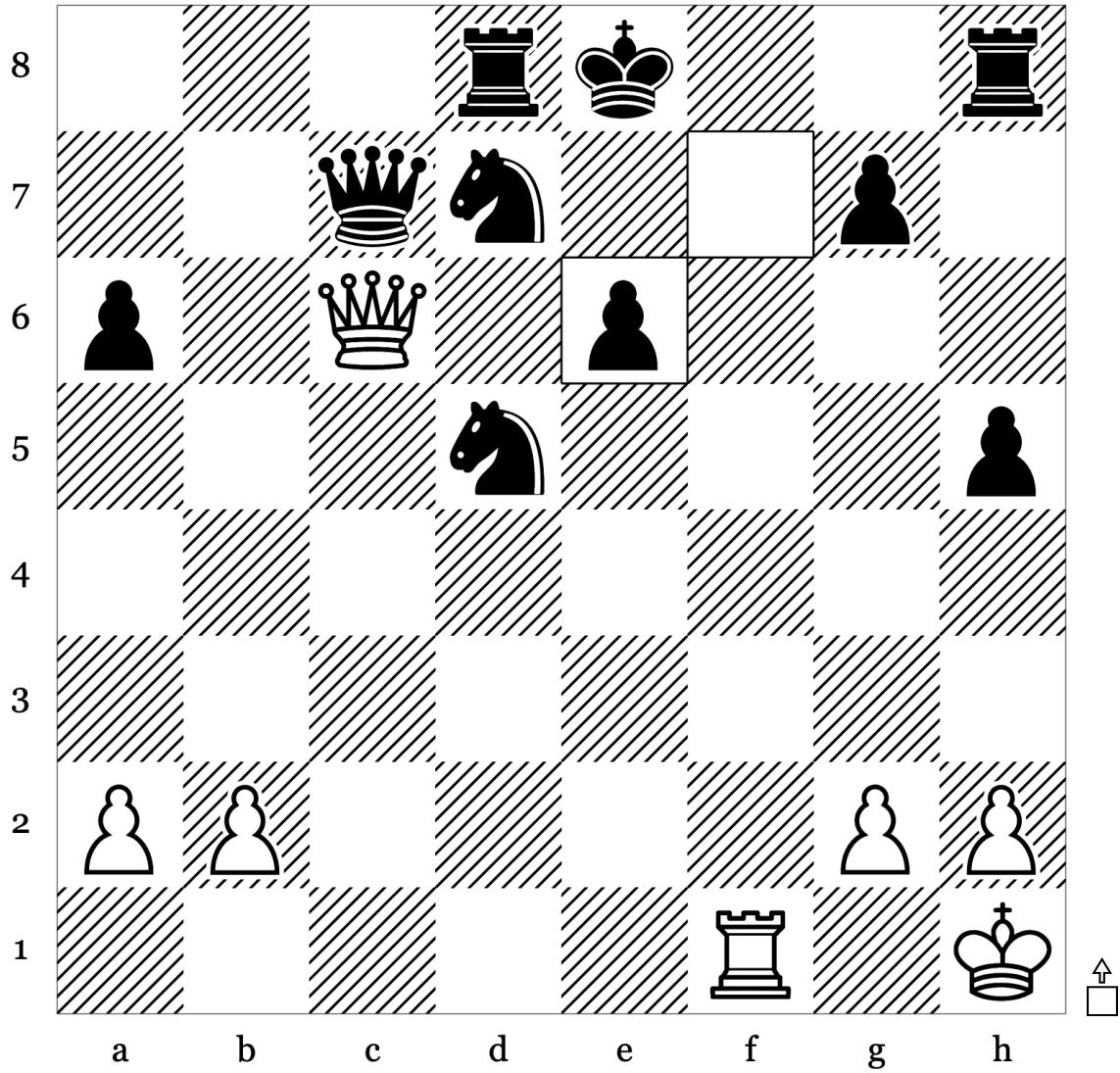
26	Rxb1	
27		
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Puzzle 7 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 982)



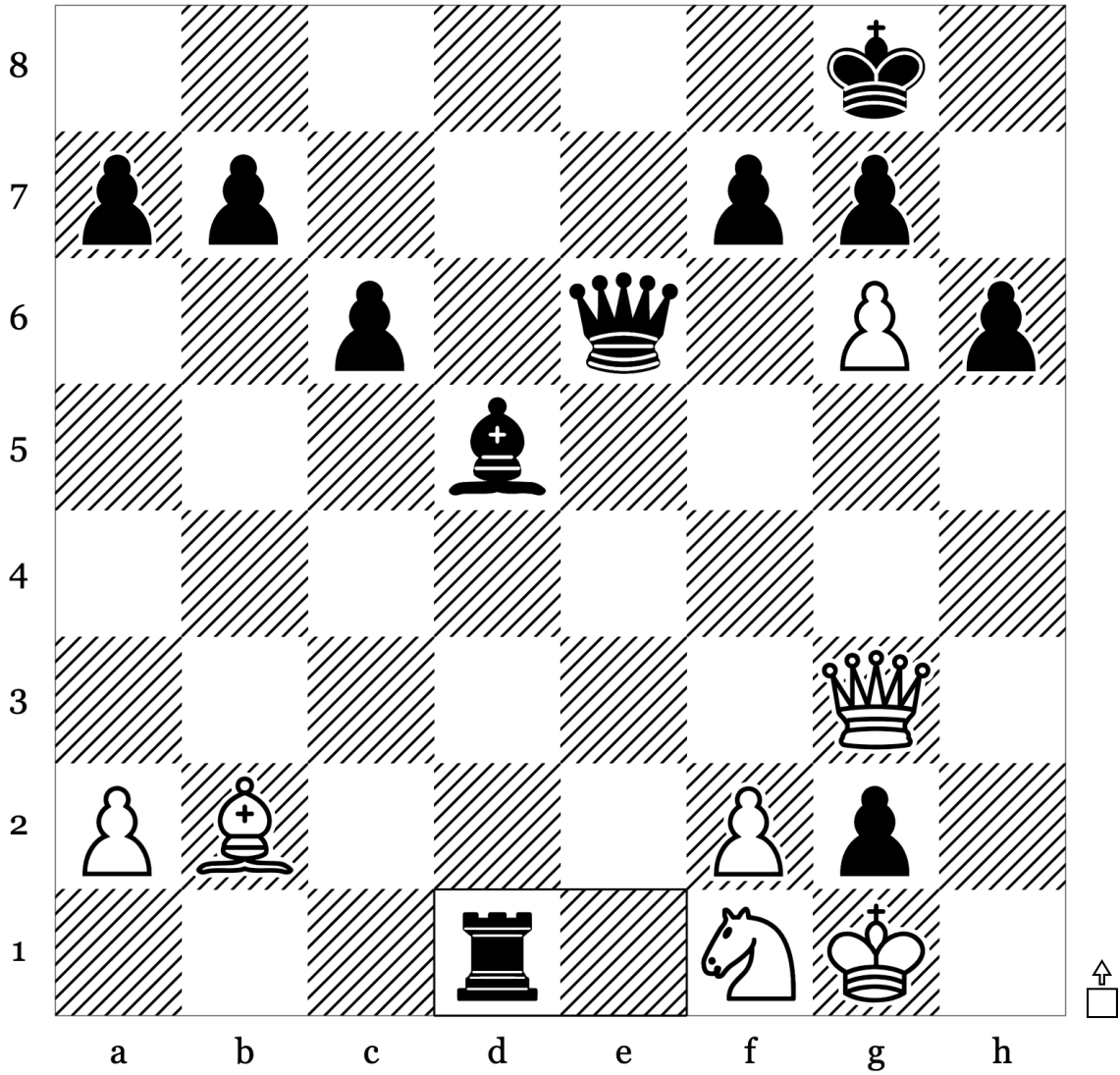
34	...	Qa3
35		
36		
37		
38		

Puzzle 8 of 100: Fork · Mate (Rating: 1091)



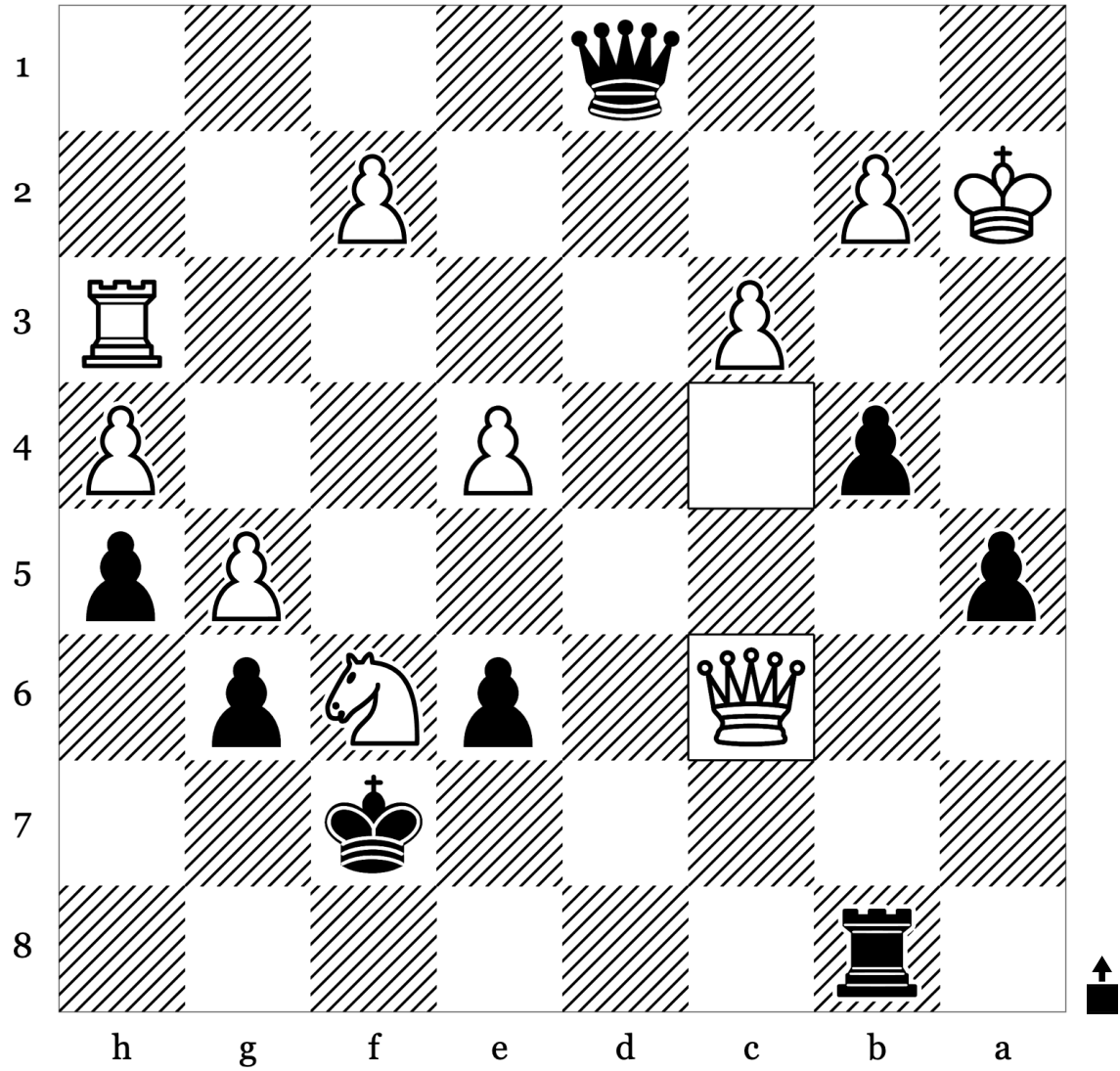
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Puzzle 9 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 801)



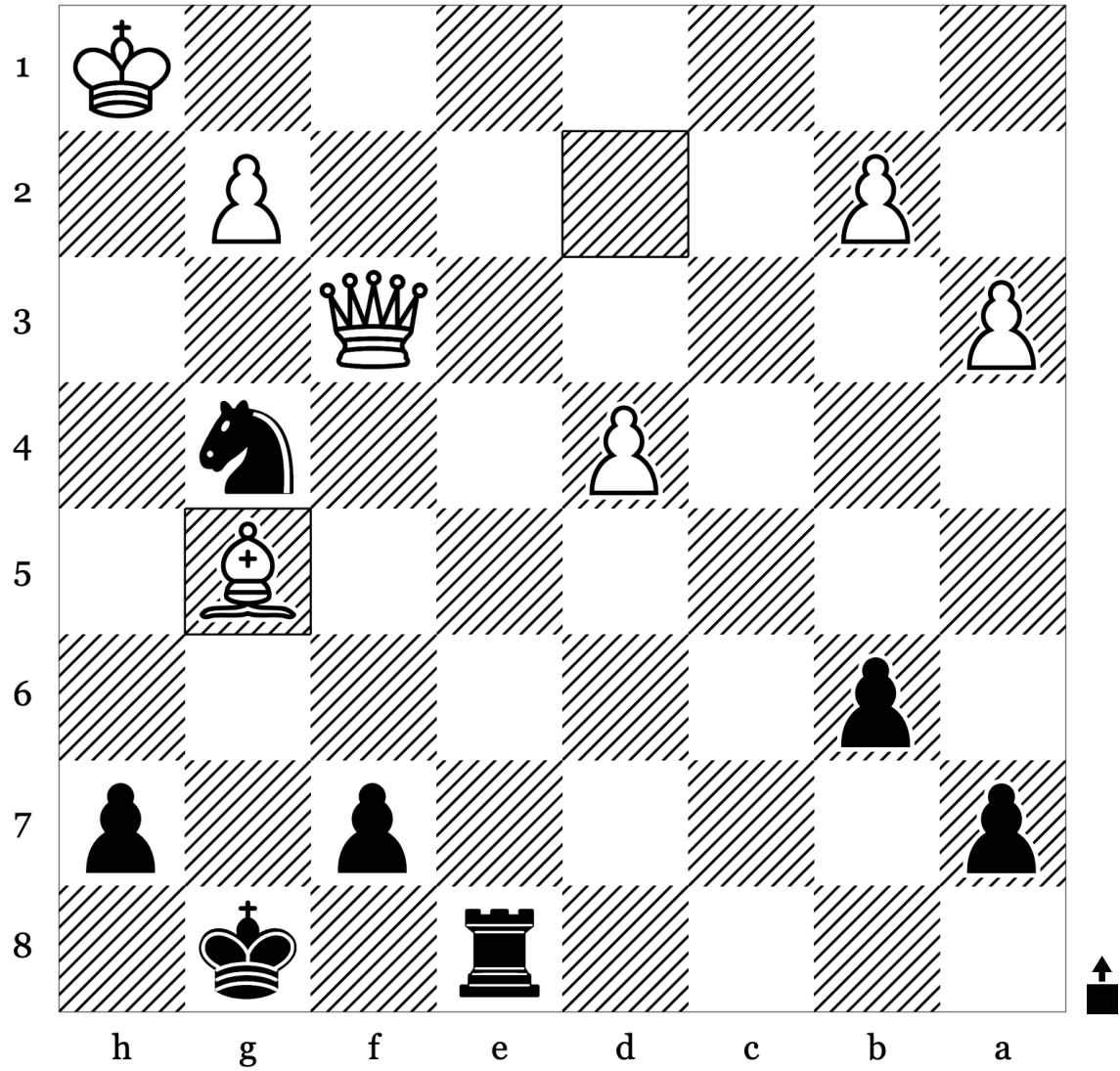
27	...	Rxd1
28		
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Puzzle 10 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1163)



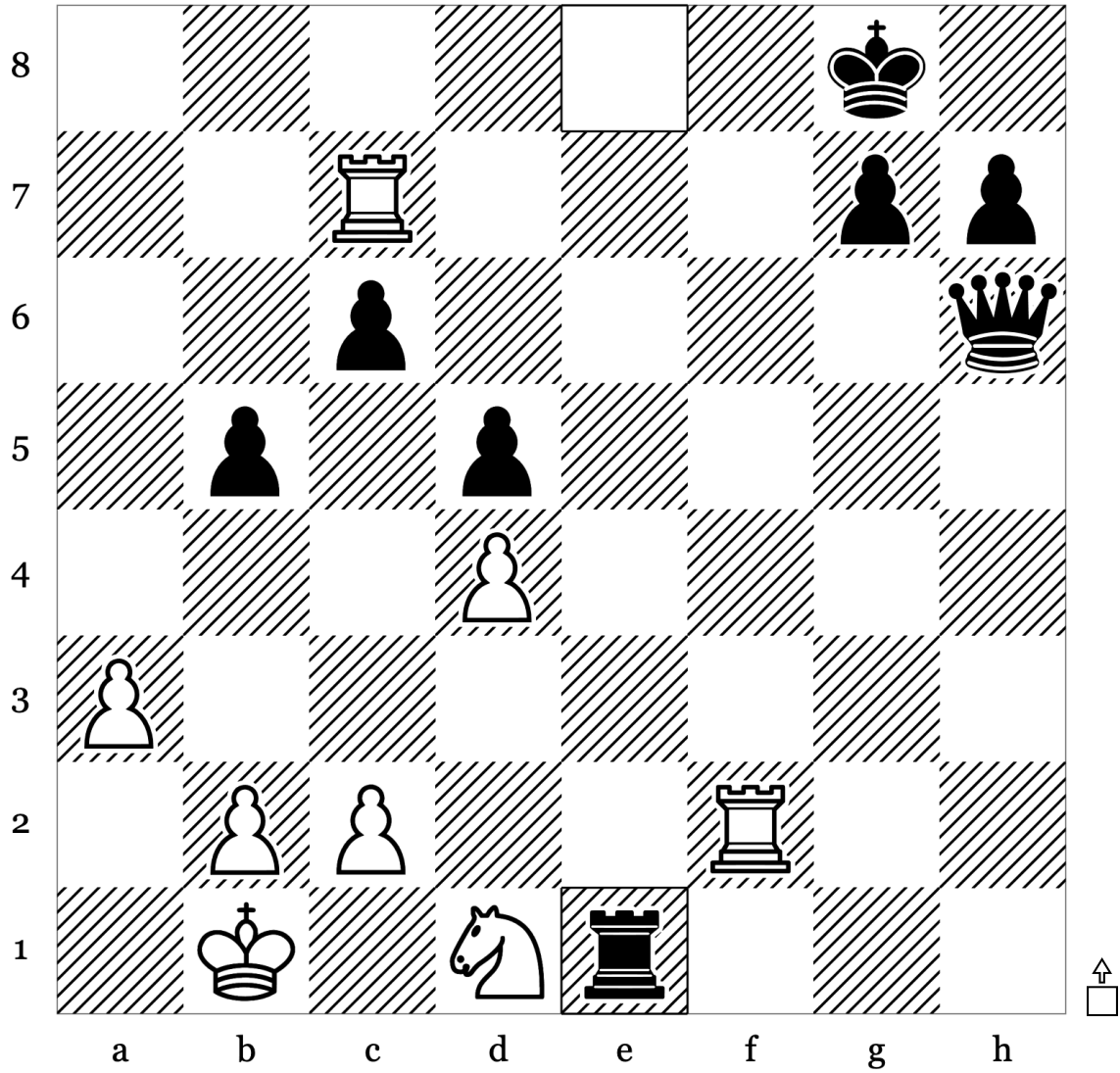
31	Qxc6	
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Puzzle 11 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 992)



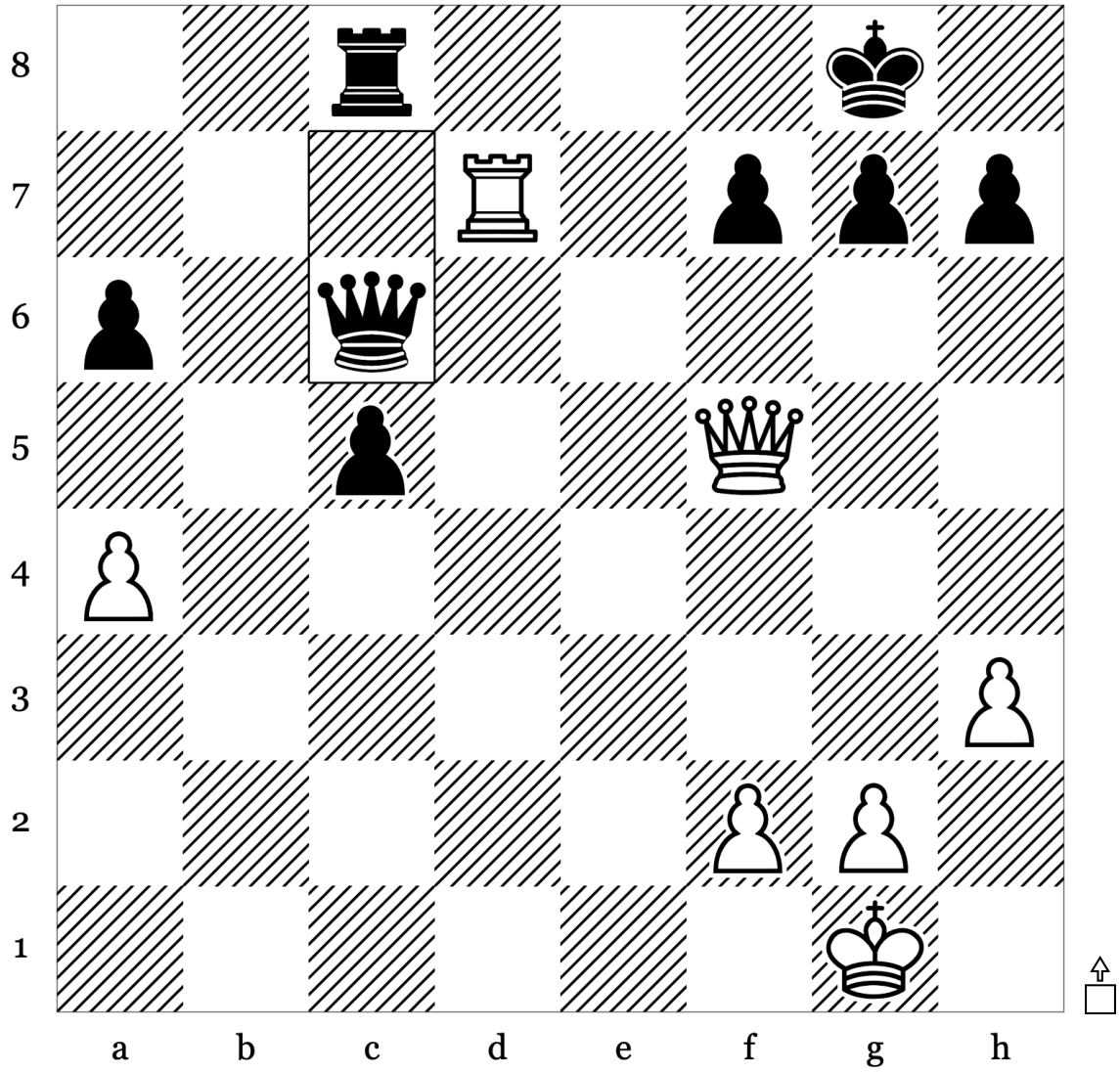
34	Bxg5	
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Puzzle 12 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 976)



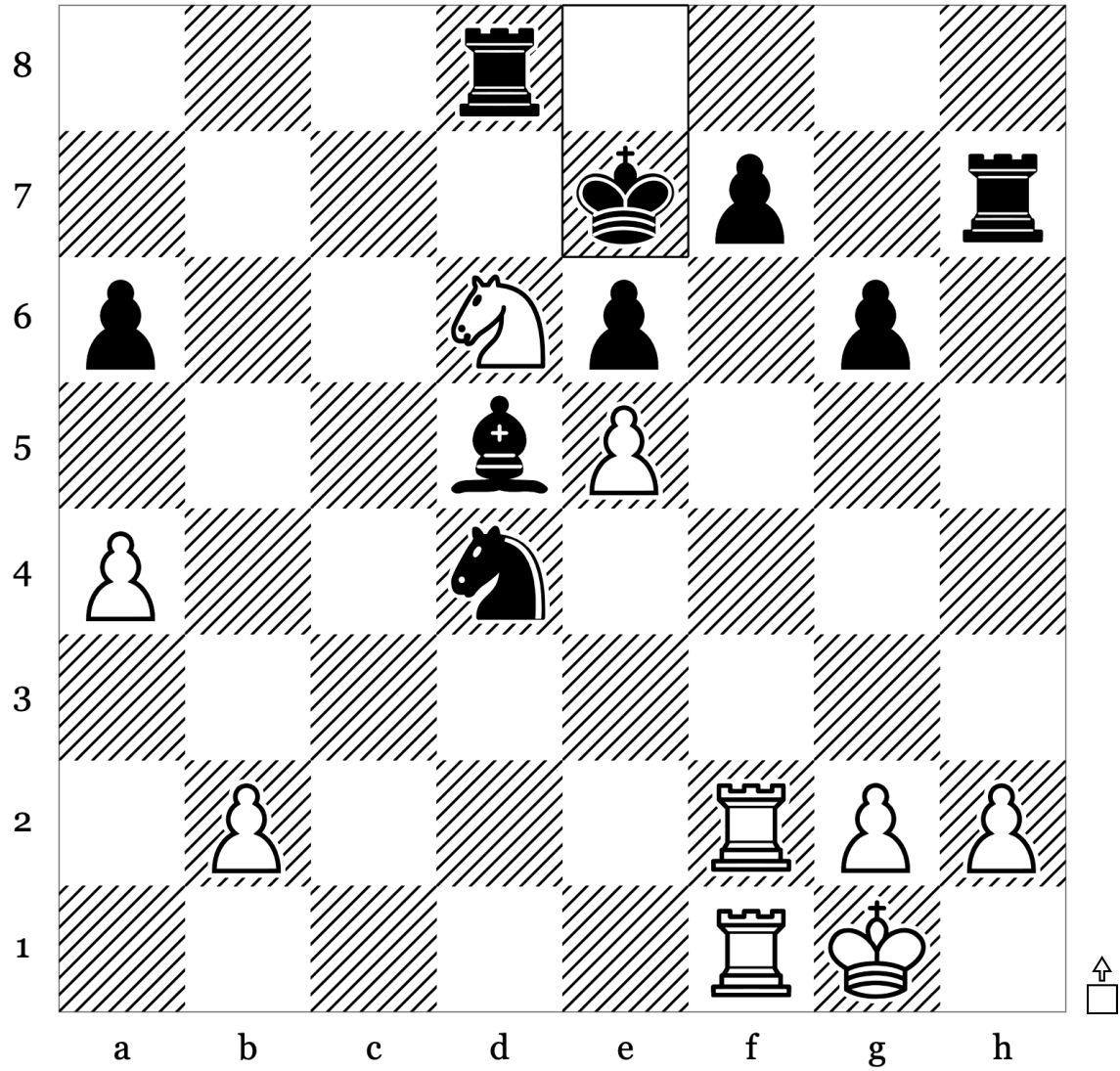
32	...	Re1
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Puzzle 13 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 991)



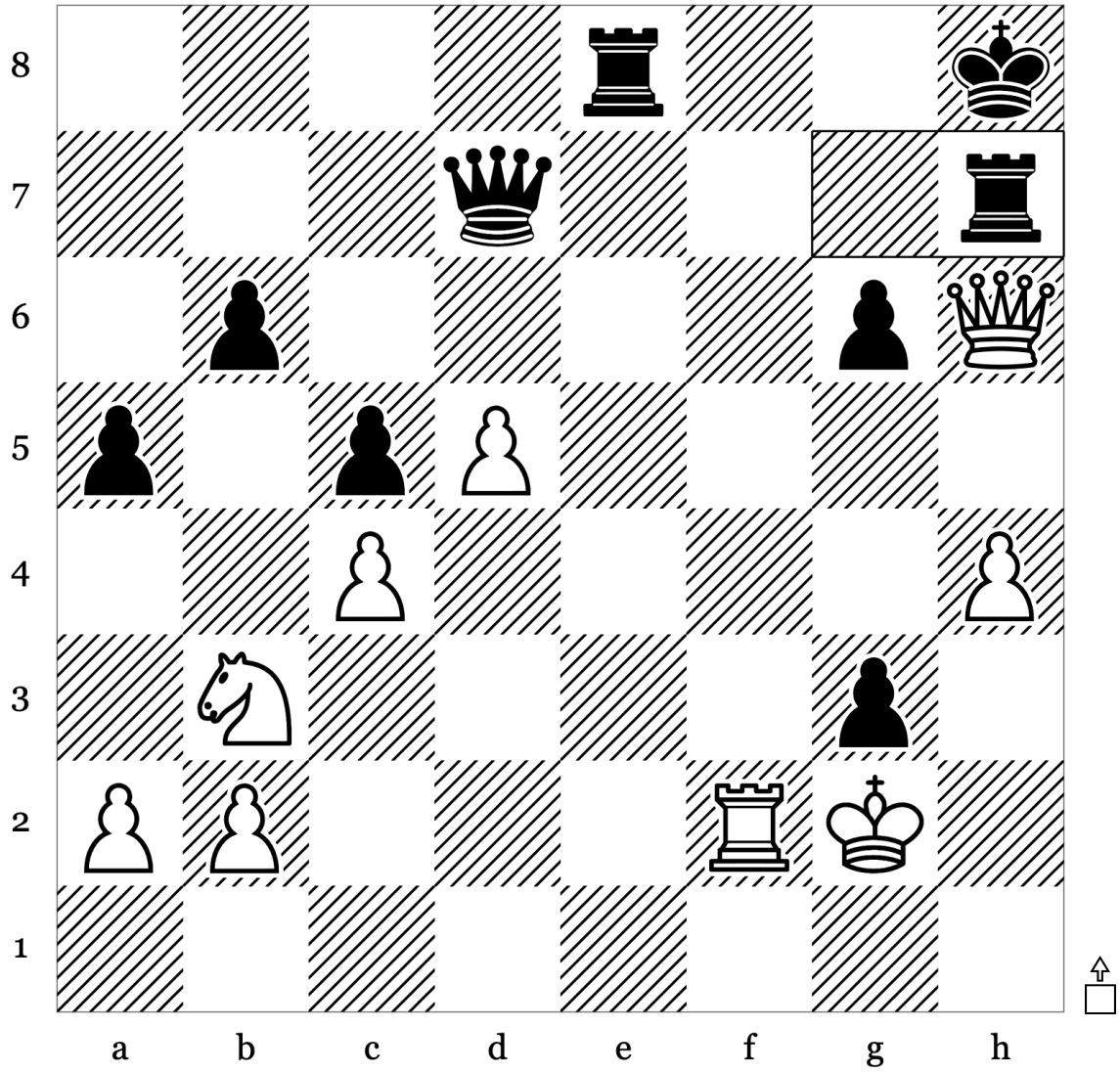
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Puzzle 14 of 100: Hook Mate · Mate (Rating: 1163)



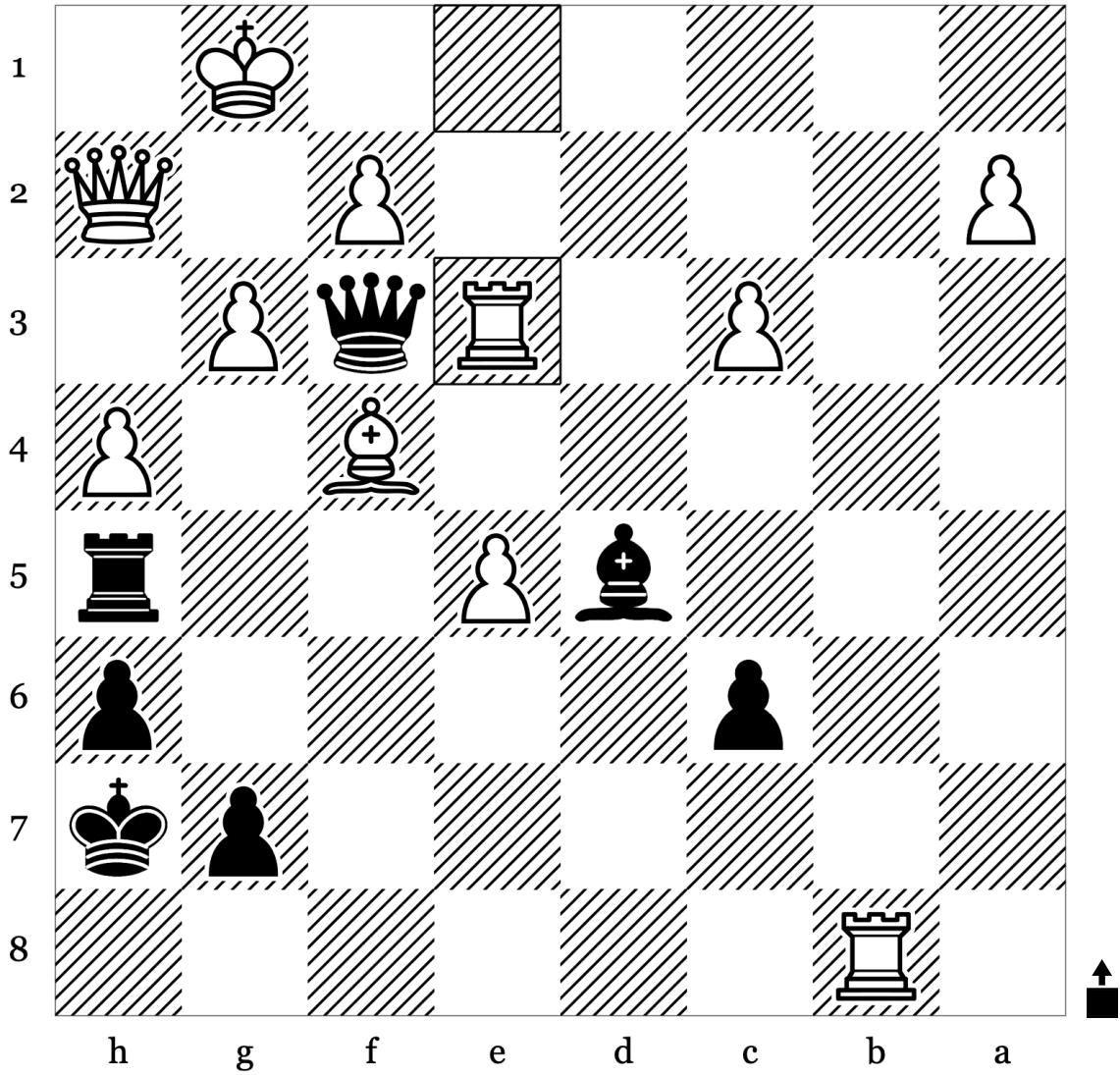
25	...	Ke7
26		
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Puzzle 15 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1024)



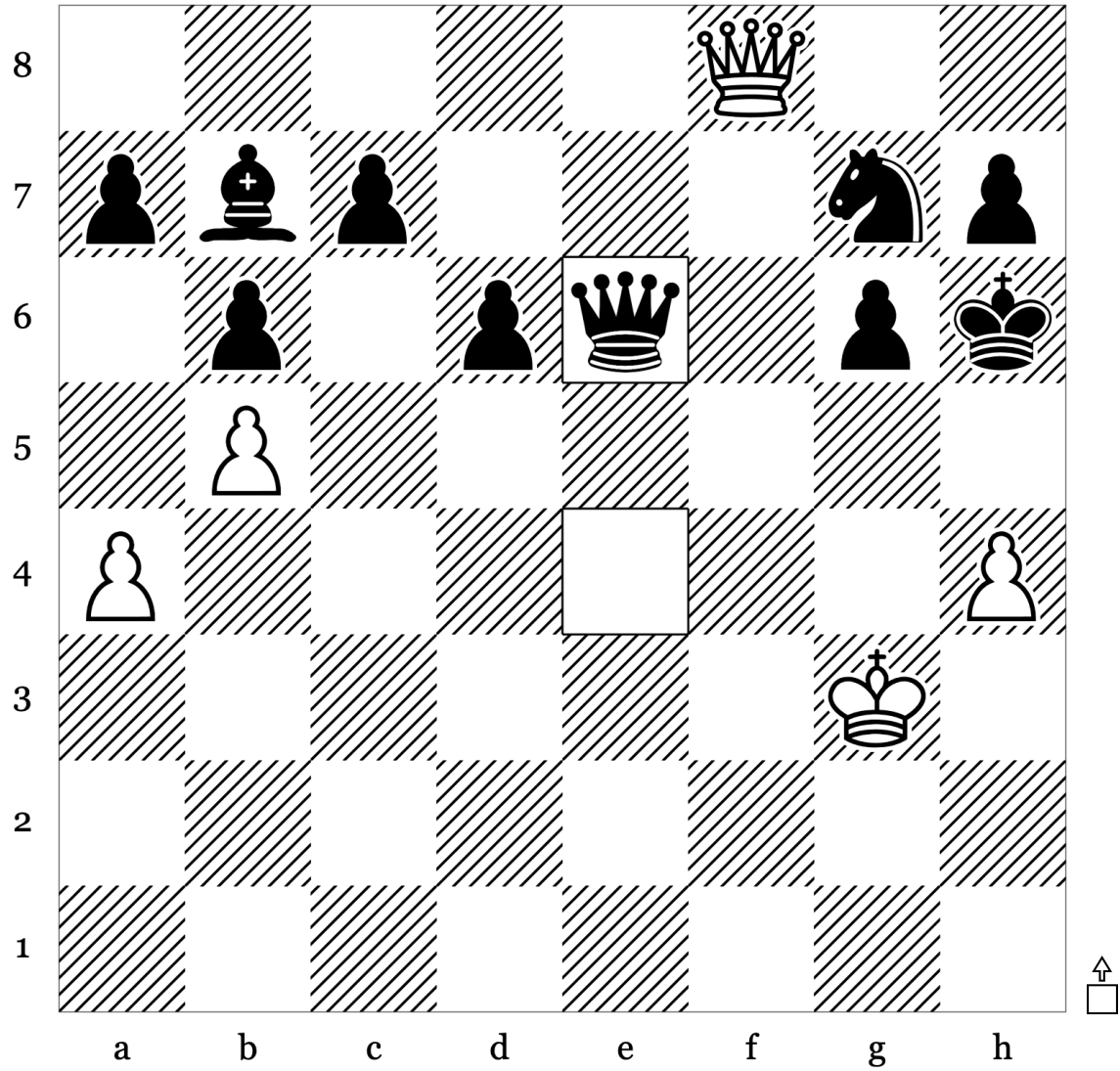
37	...	Rh7
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39		
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Puzzle 17 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 917)



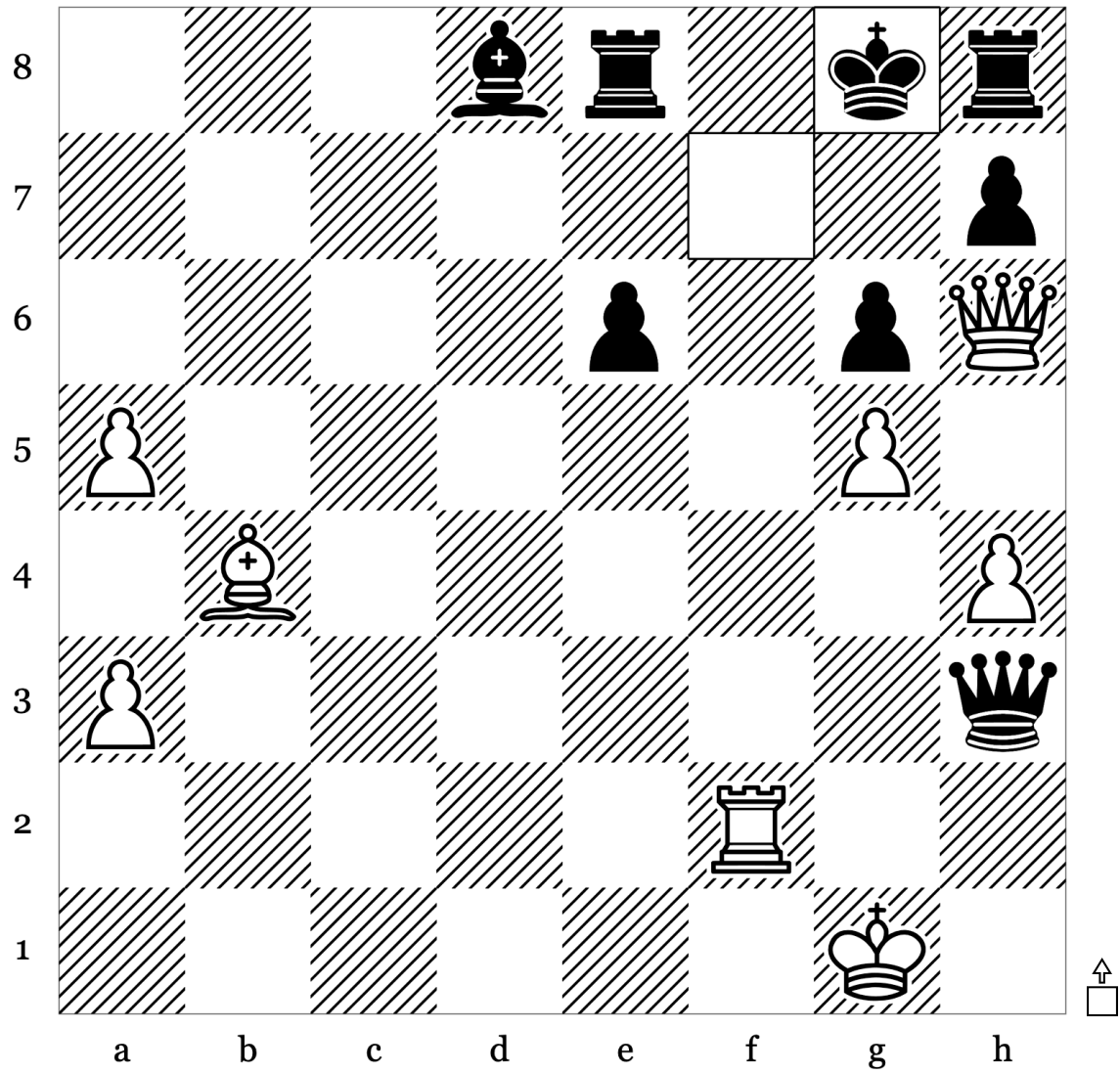
40	Re3	
41		
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Puzzle 18 of 100: Endgame - Mate (Rating: 1144)



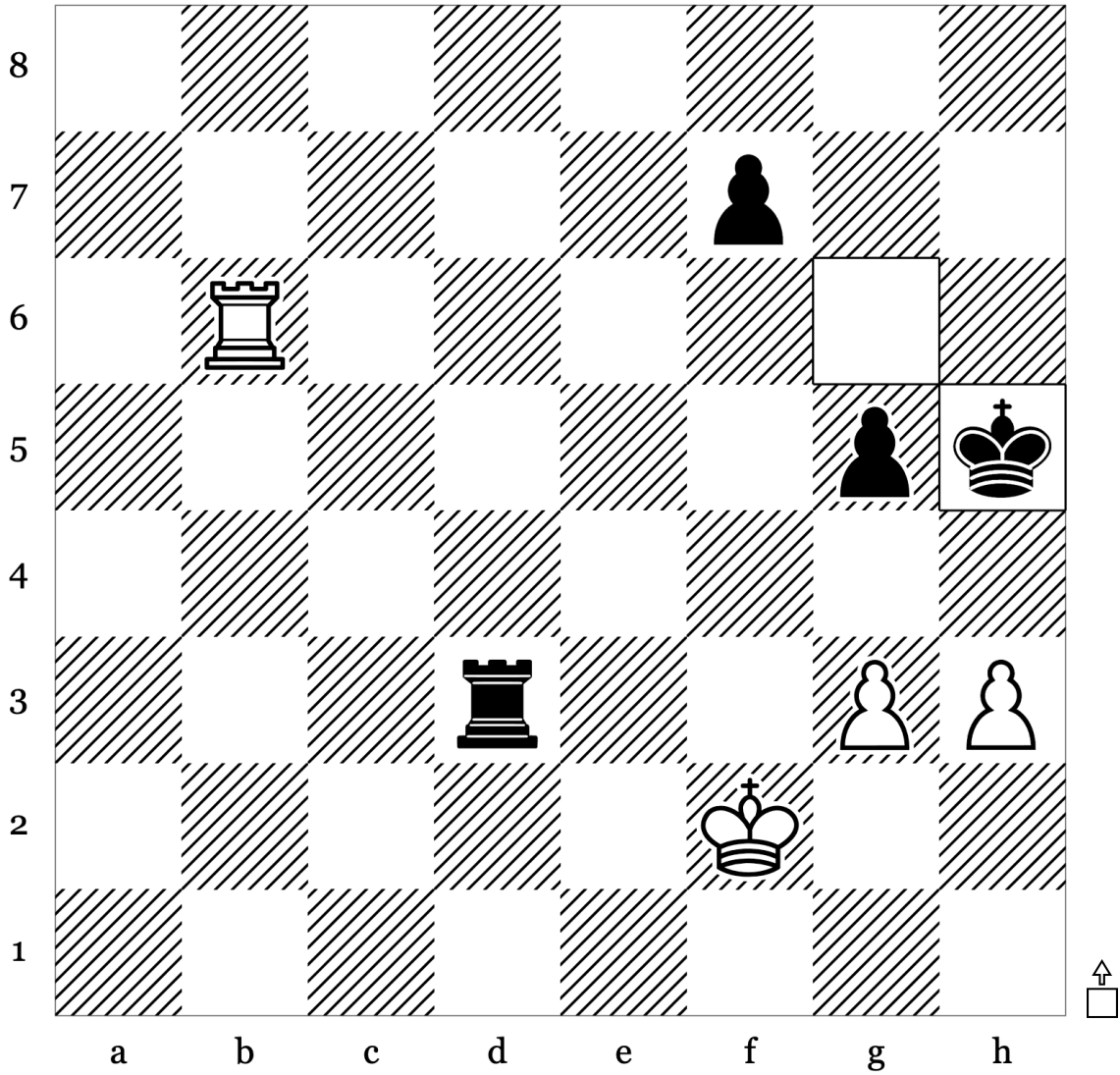
32	...	Qxe6
33		
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Puzzle 19 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1074)



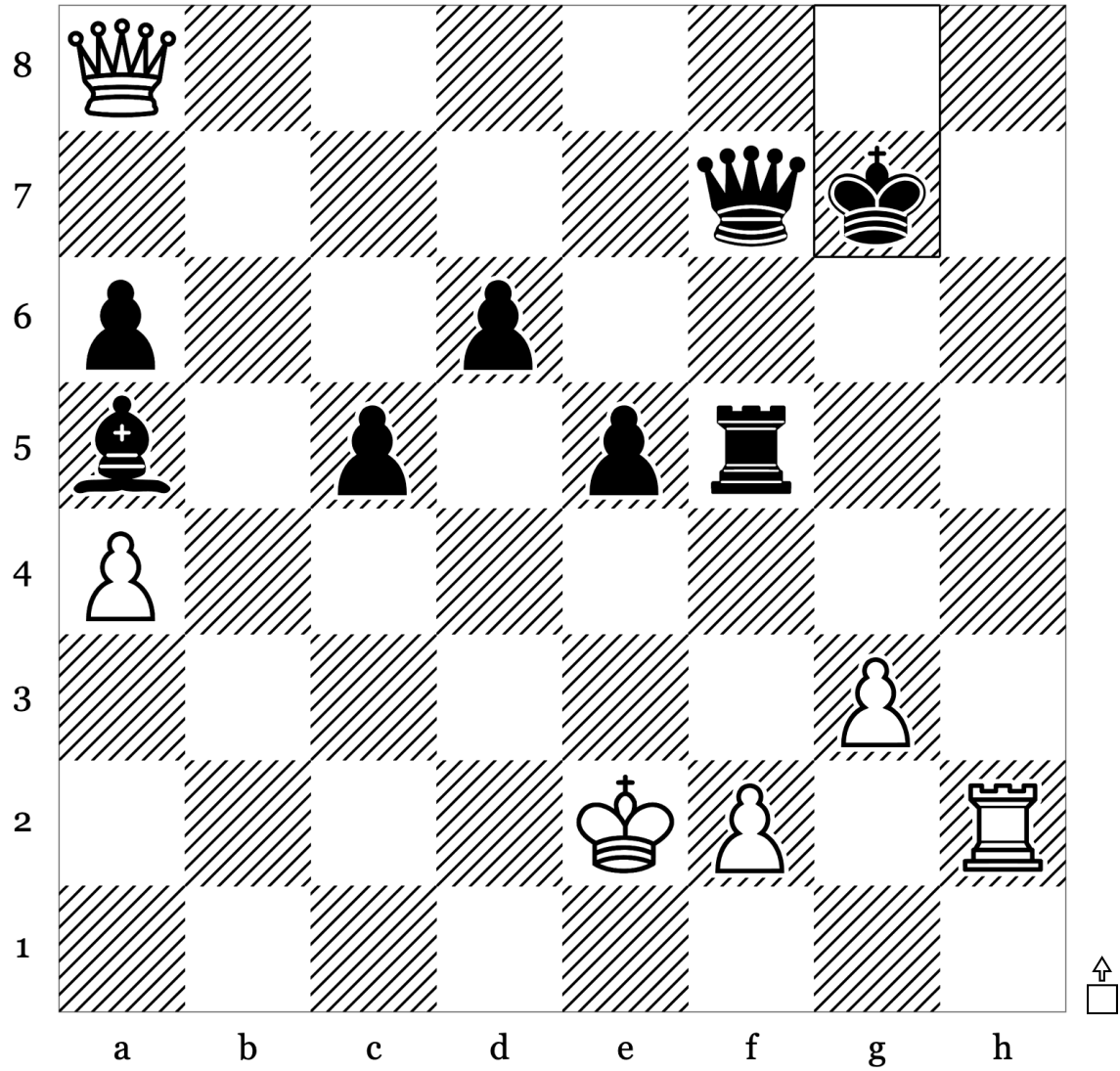
35	...	Kg8
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Puzzle 20 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 831)



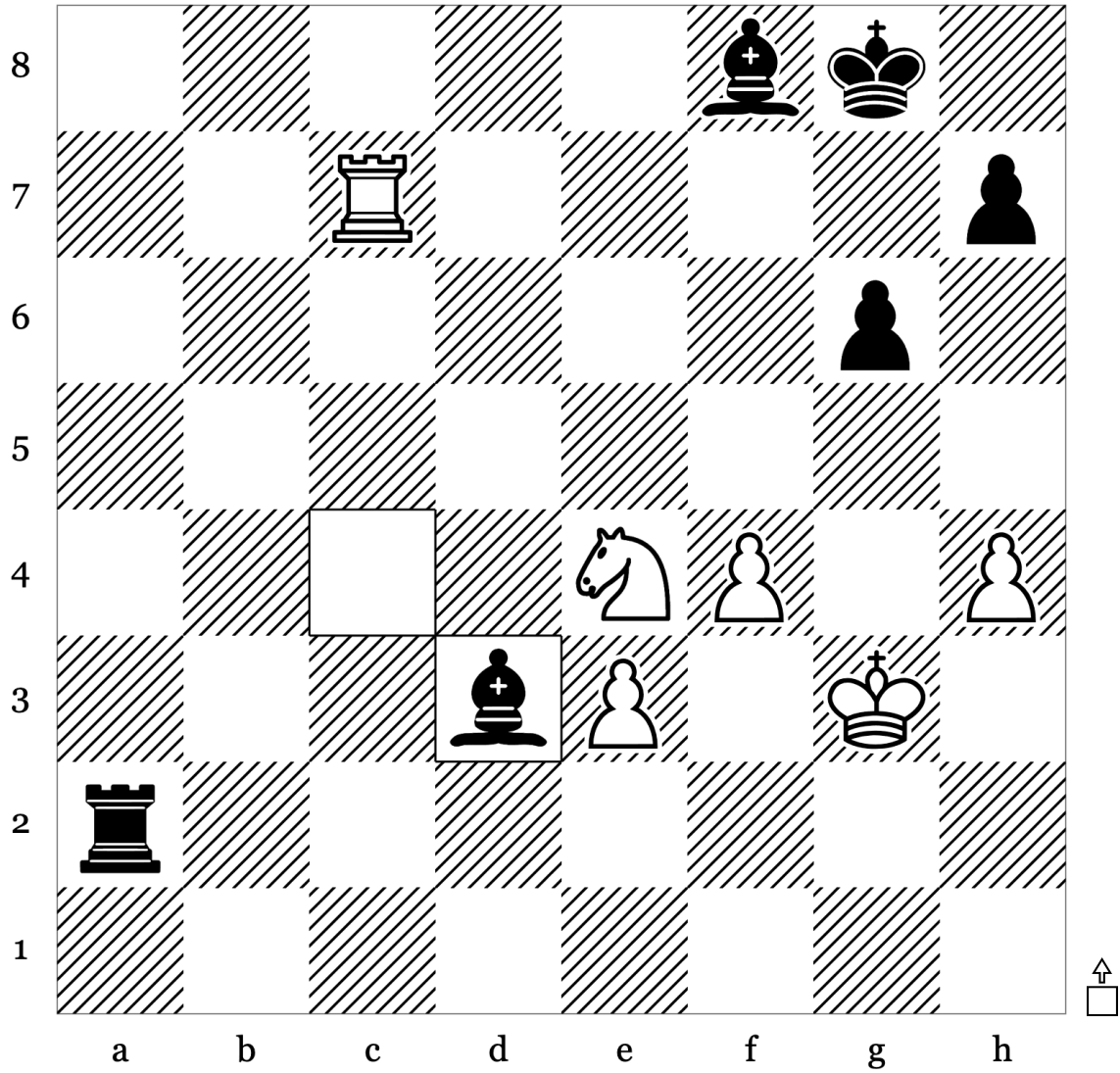
40	...	Kh5
41		
42		
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Puzzle 21 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1010)



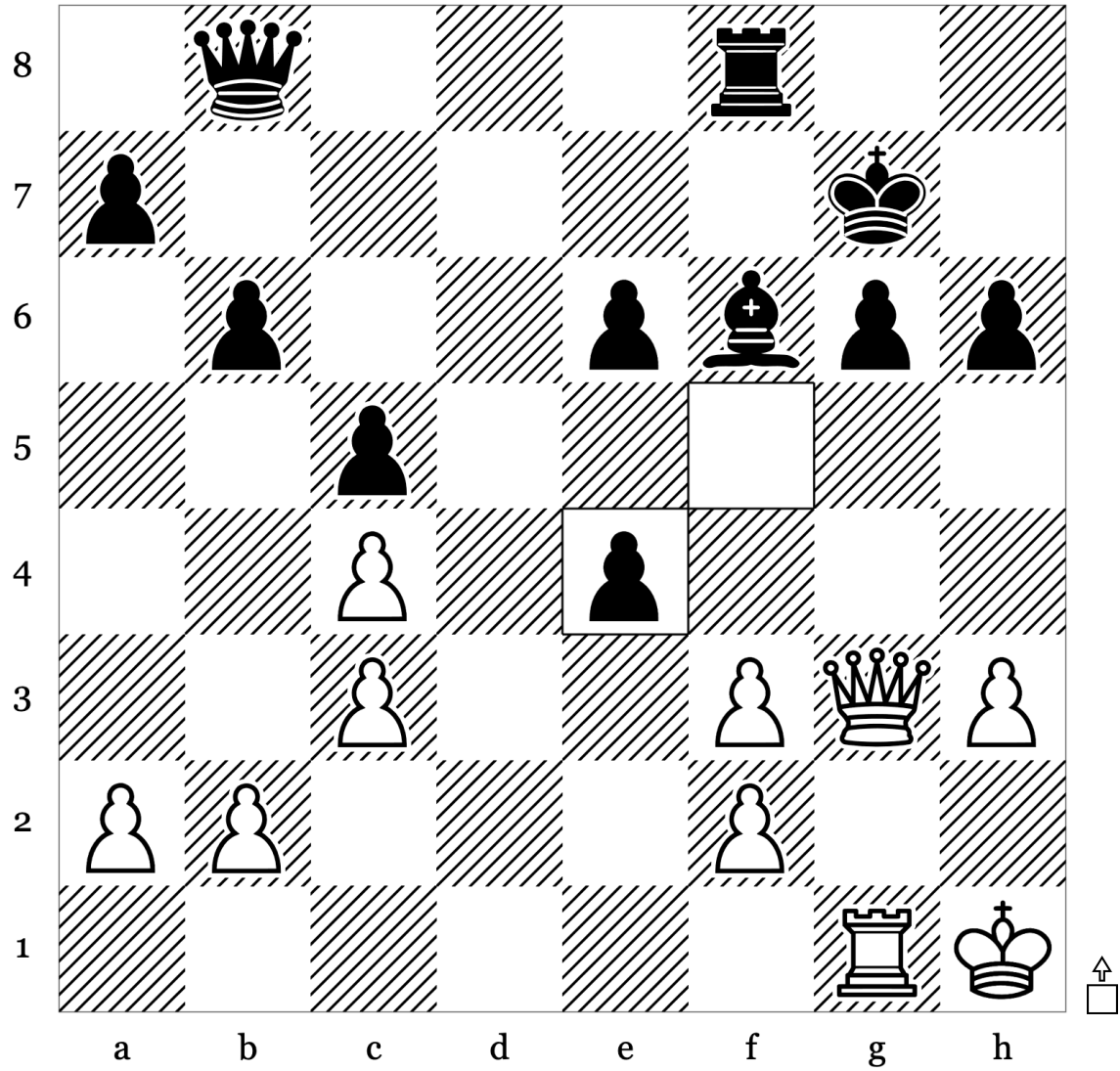
38	...	Kg7
39		
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42		

Puzzle 23 of 100: Arabian Mate · Endgame (Rating: 804)



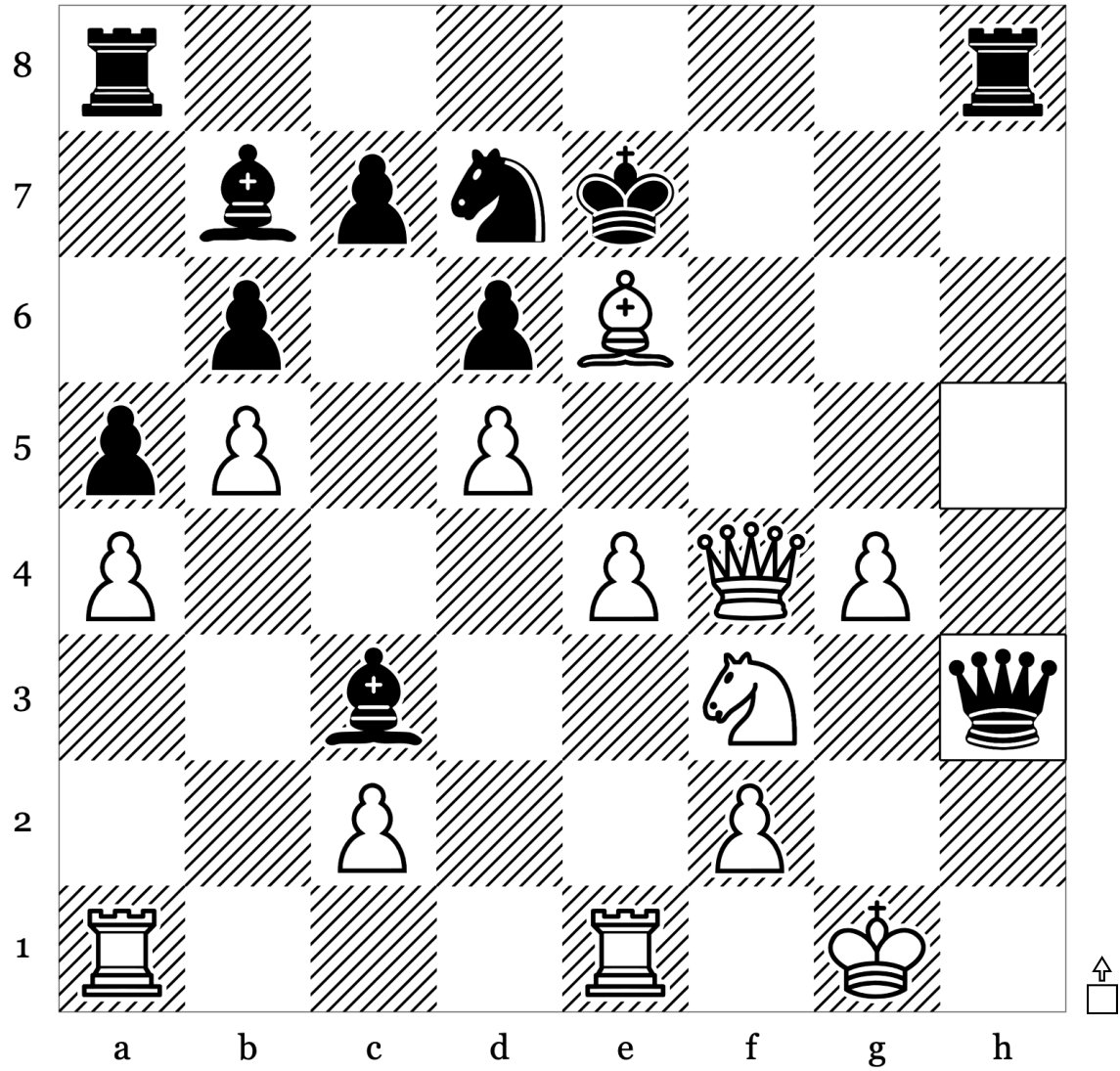
45	...	Bd3
46		
47		
48		
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Puzzle 25 of 100: Deflection · Endgame (Rating: 1161)



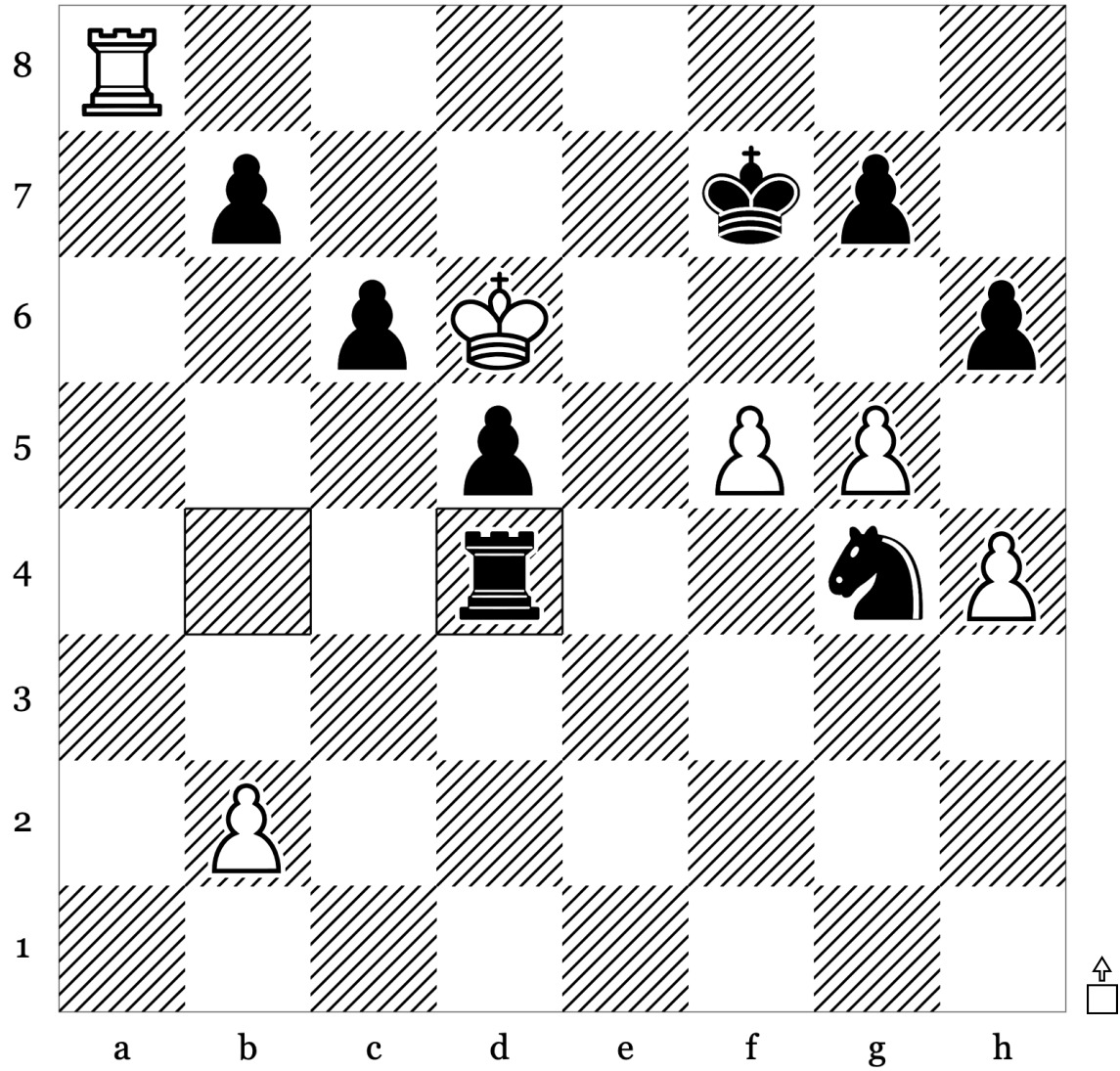
29	...	fxe4
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Puzzle 26 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 971)



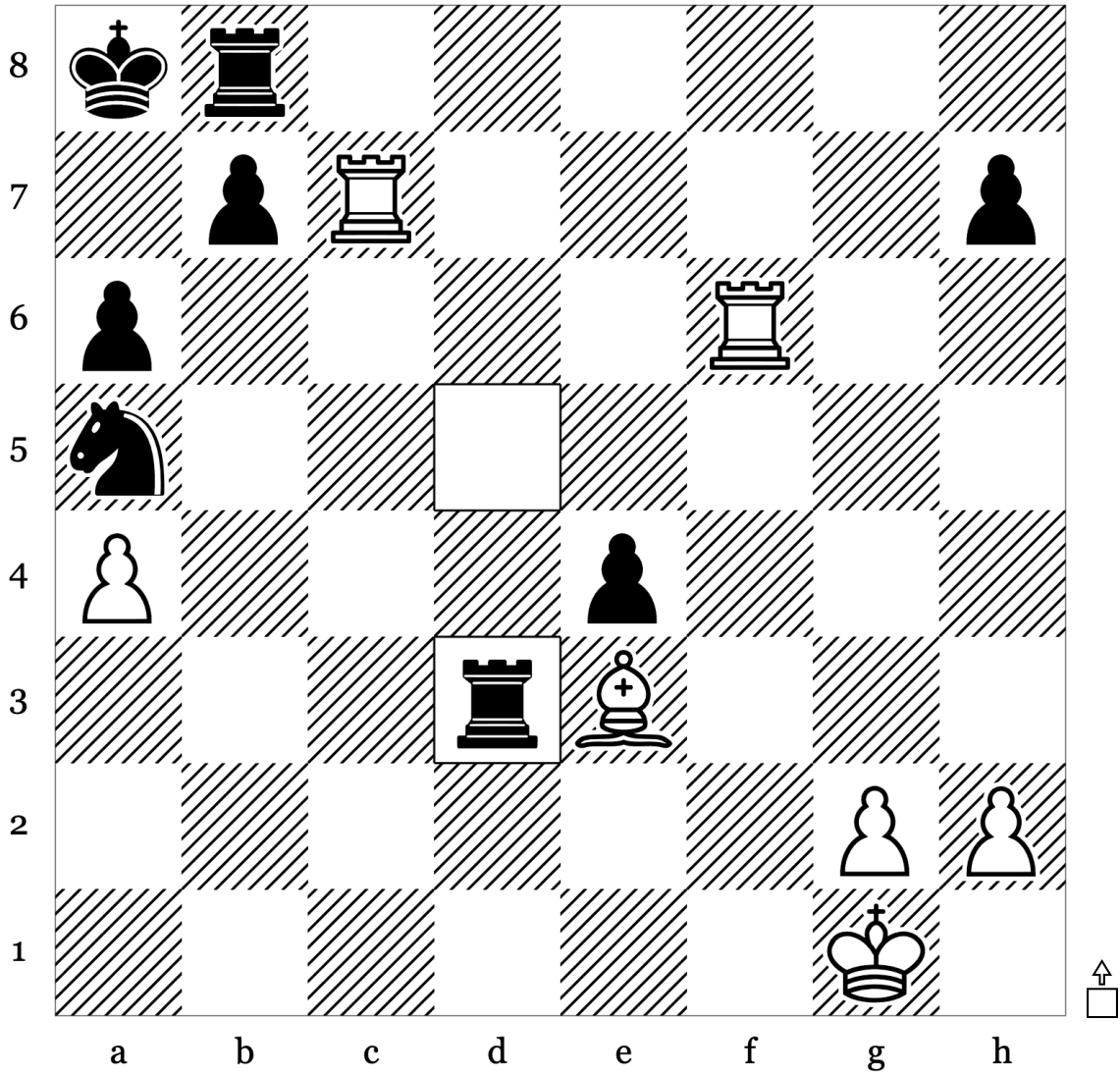
24	...	Qxh3
25		
26		
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Puzzle 27 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 880)



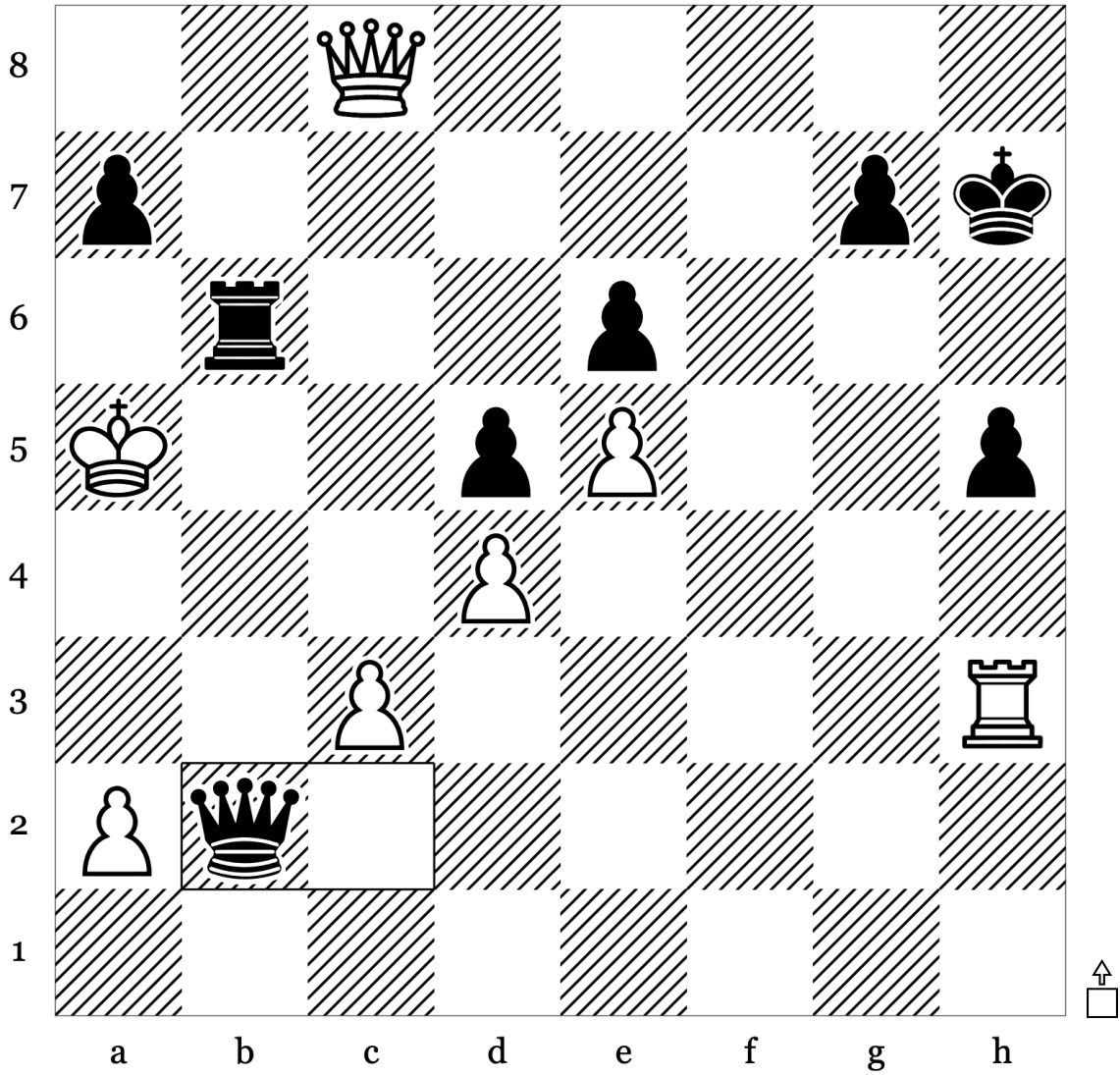
39	...	Rxd4
40		
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Puzzle 28 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1118)



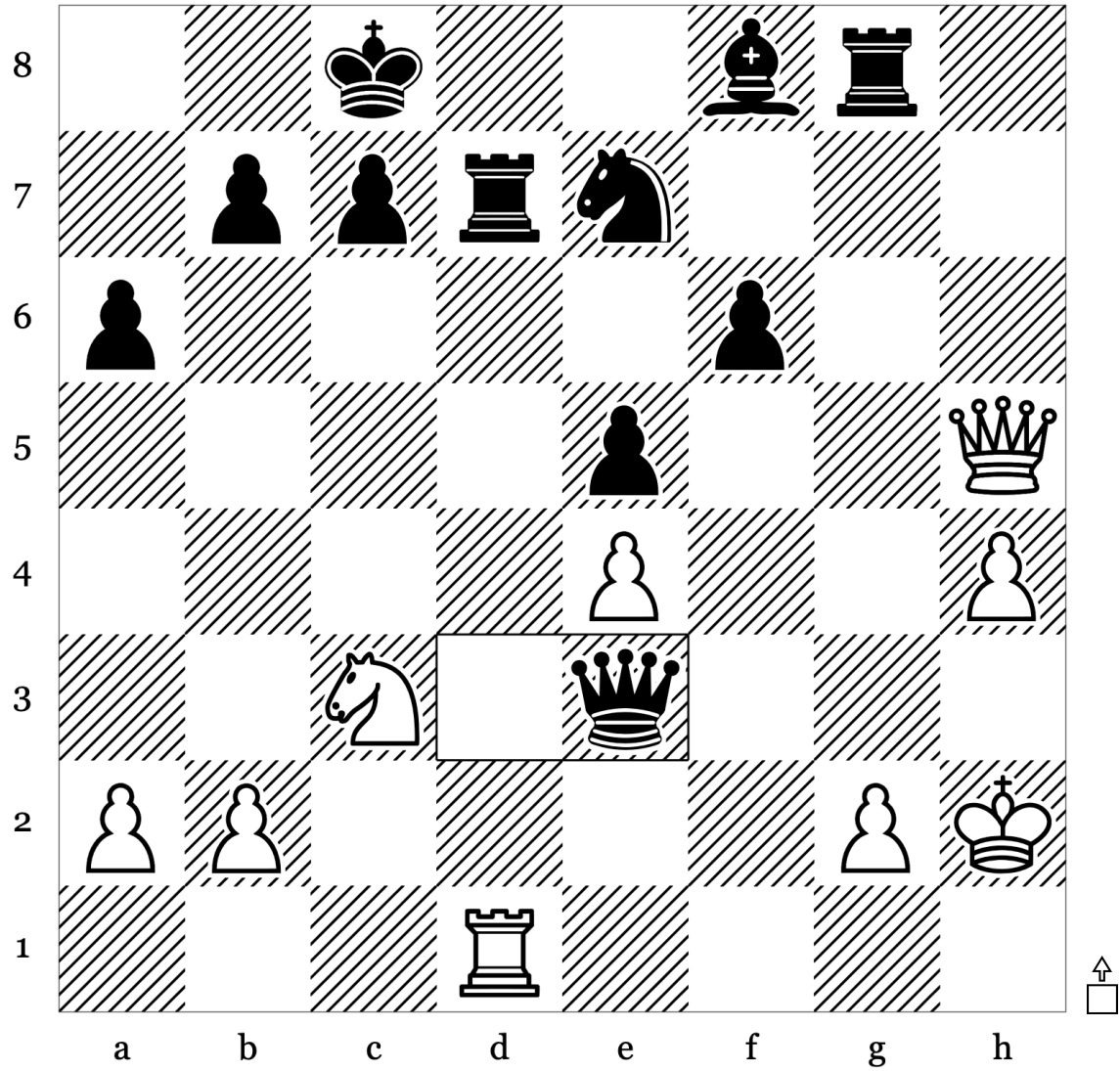
38	...	Rd3
39		
40		
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42		

Puzzle 29 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1175)



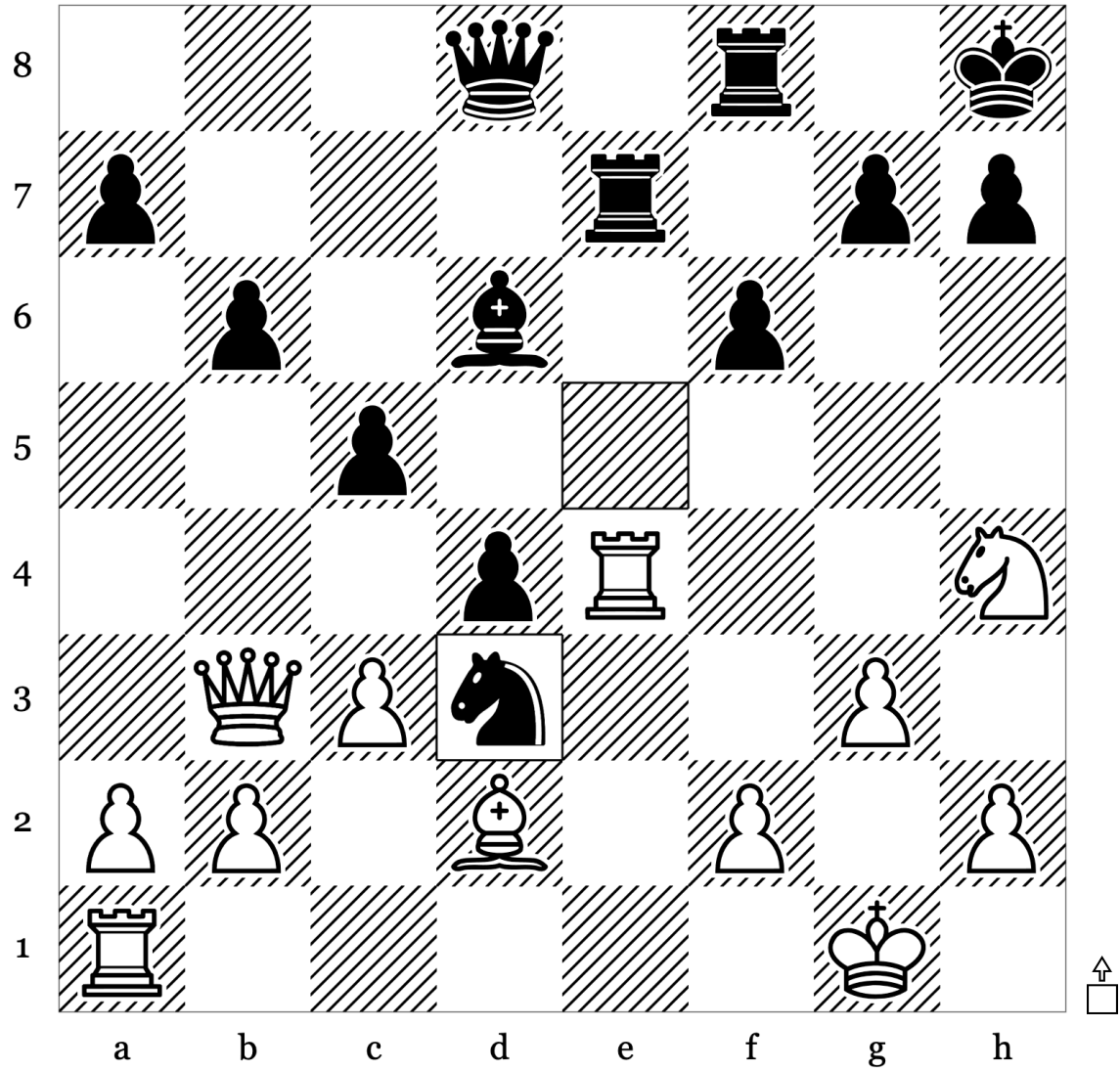
41	...	Qxb2
42		
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Puzzle 30 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1127)



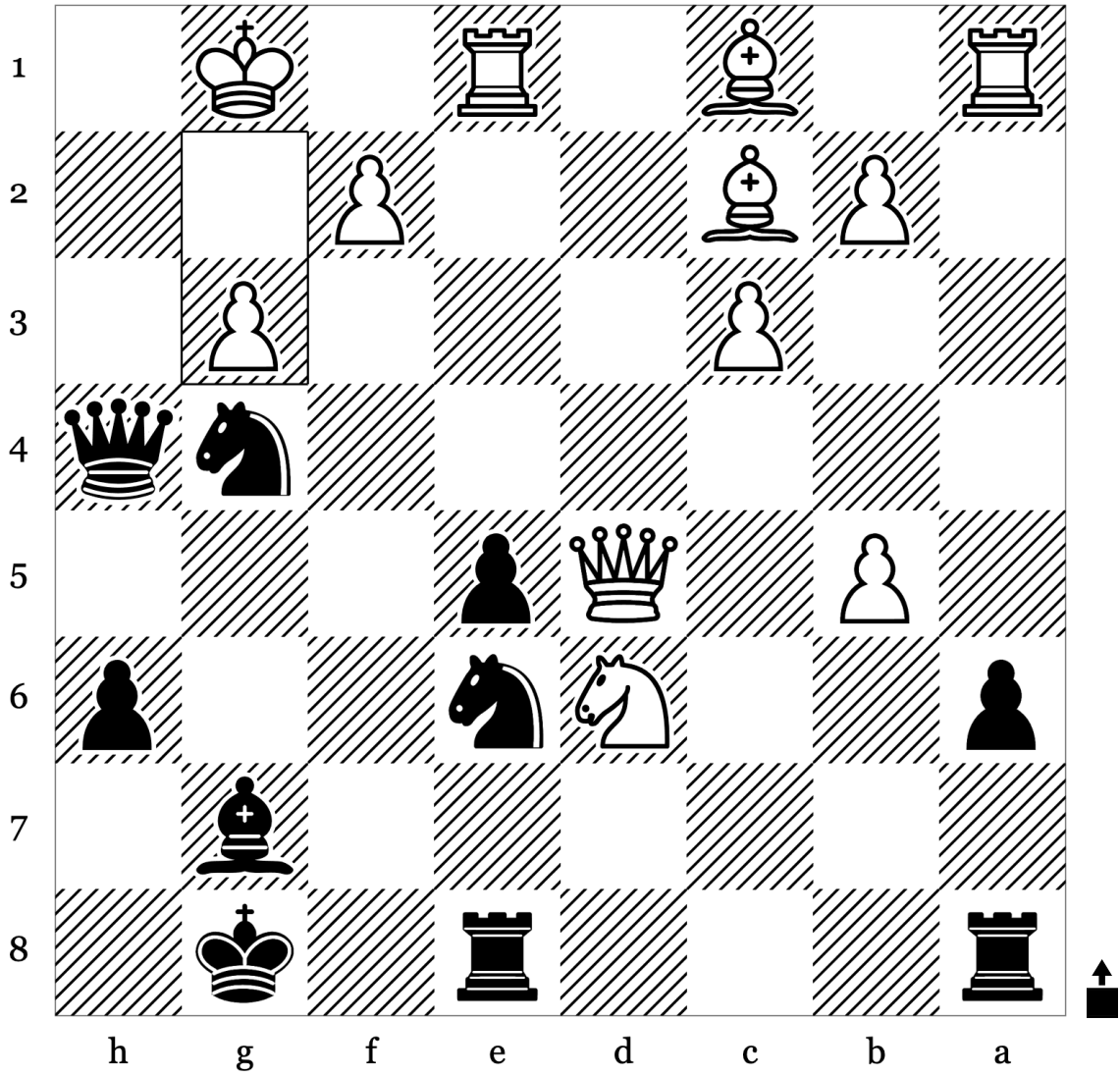
22	...	Qxe3
23		
24		
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Puzzle 31 of 100: Clearance · Kingside Attack (Rating: 1000)



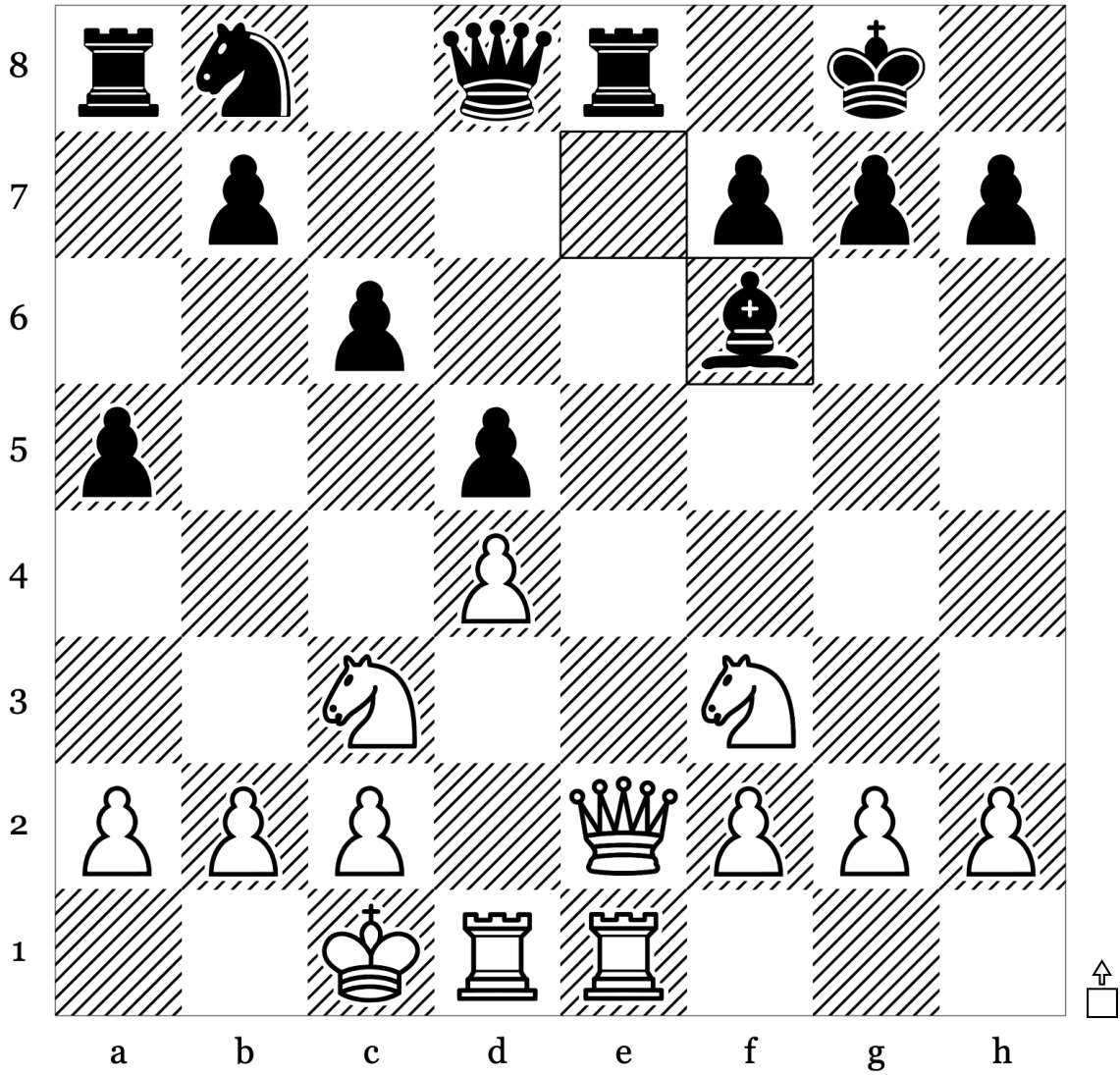
21	...	Nxd3
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Puzzle 32 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 919)



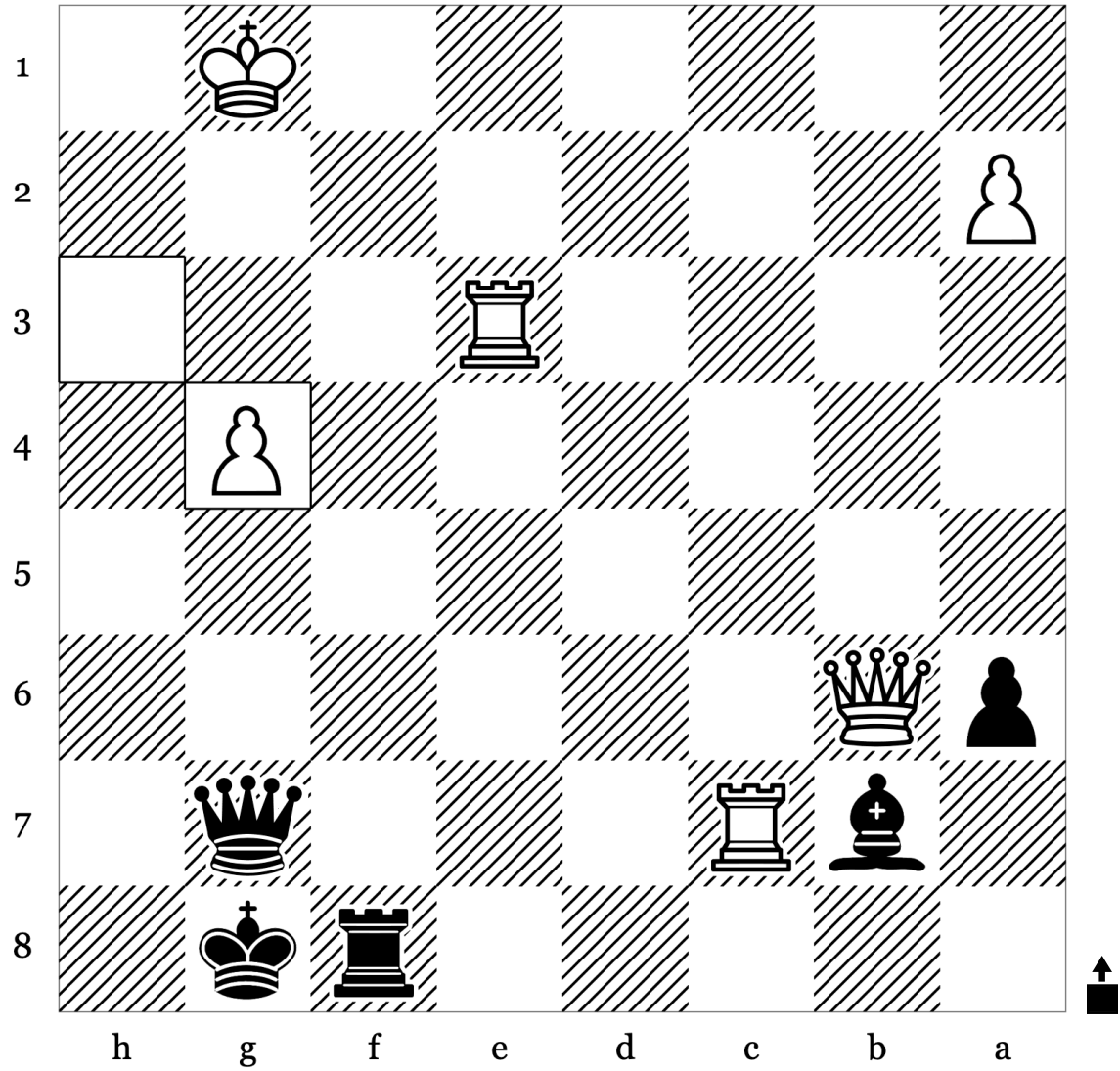
30	g3	
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Puzzle 33 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 809)



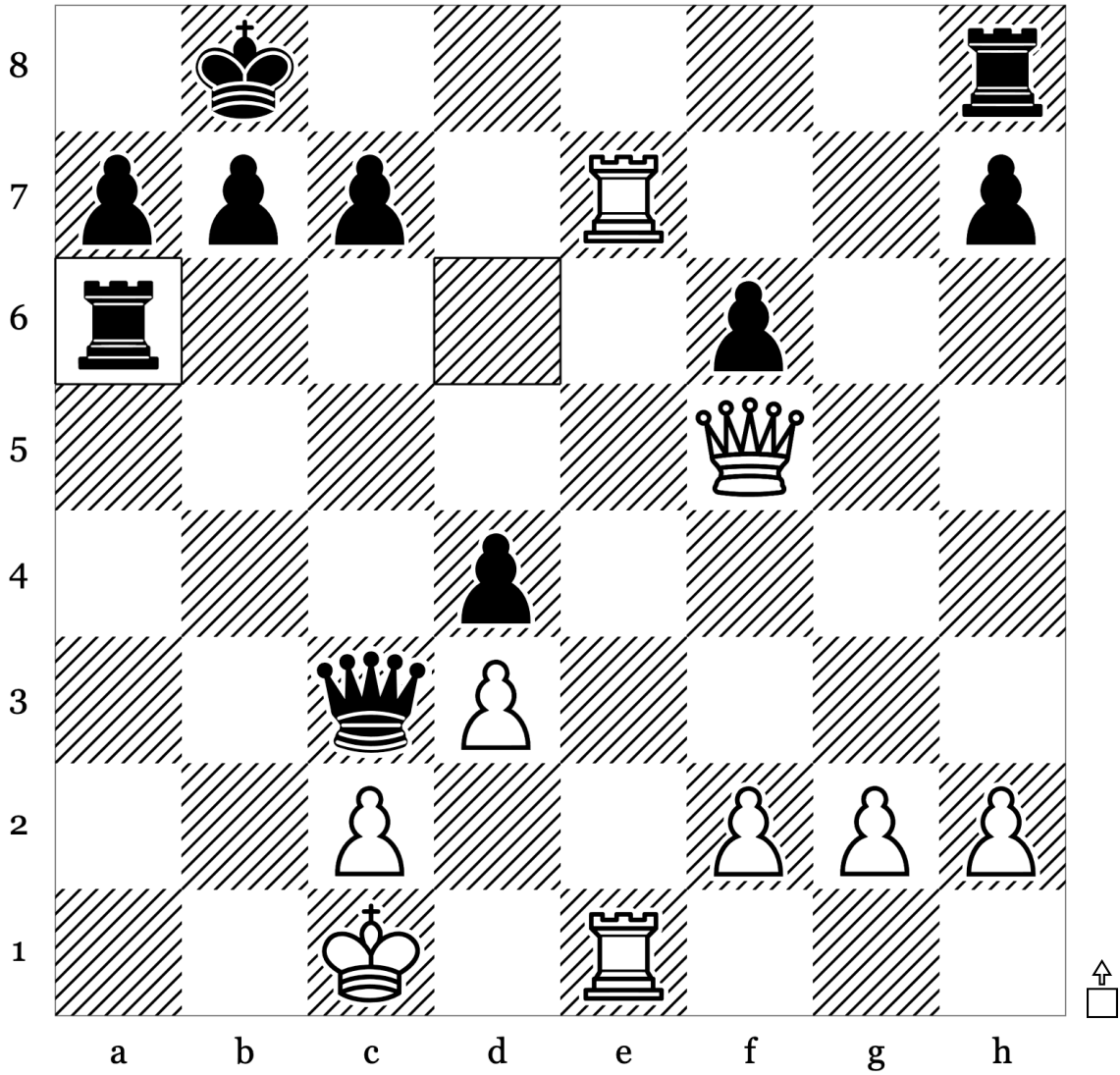
12	...	Bxf6
13		
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Puzzle 38 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1053)



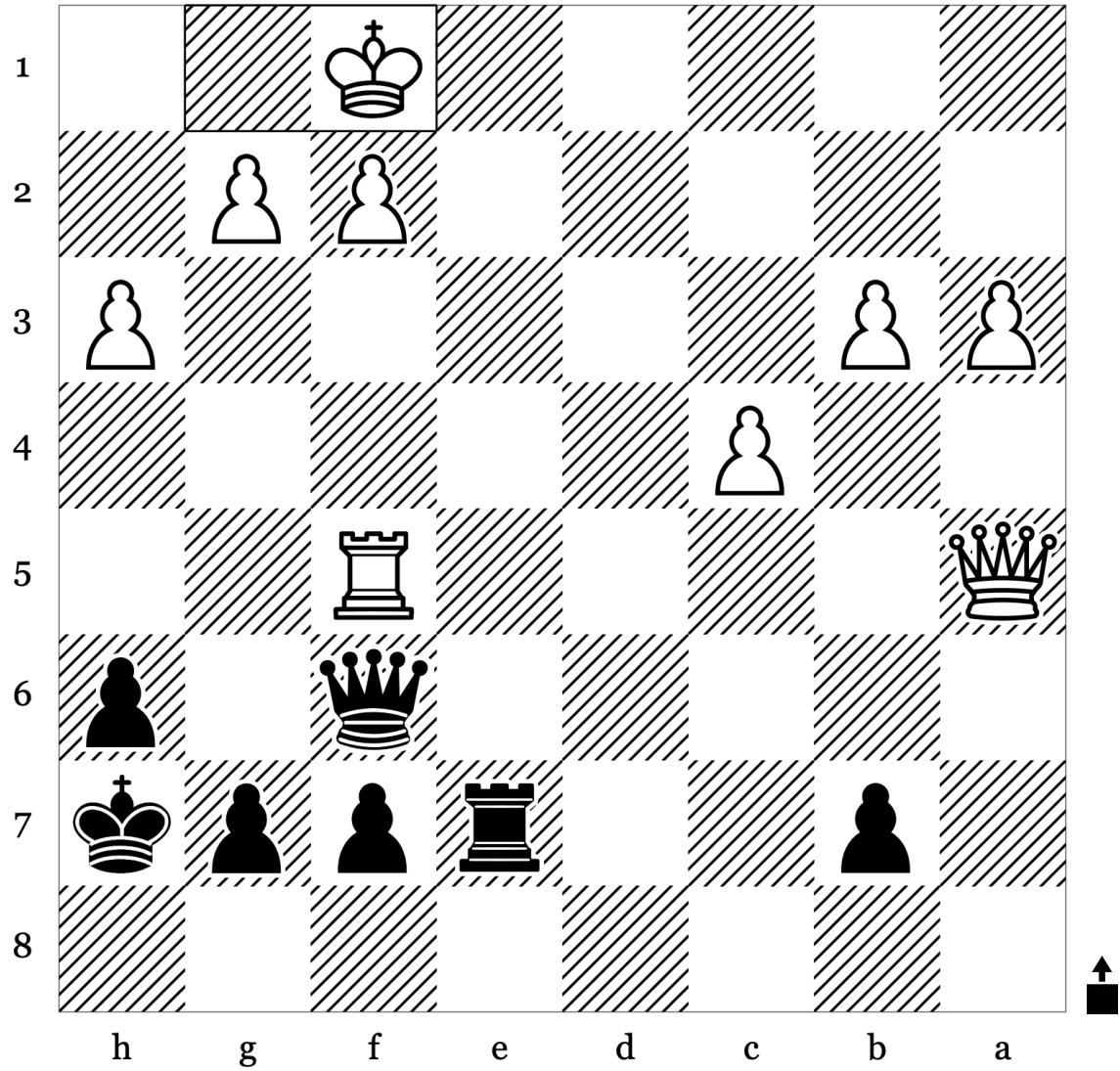
28	hxg4	
29		
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Puzzle 39 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 1029)



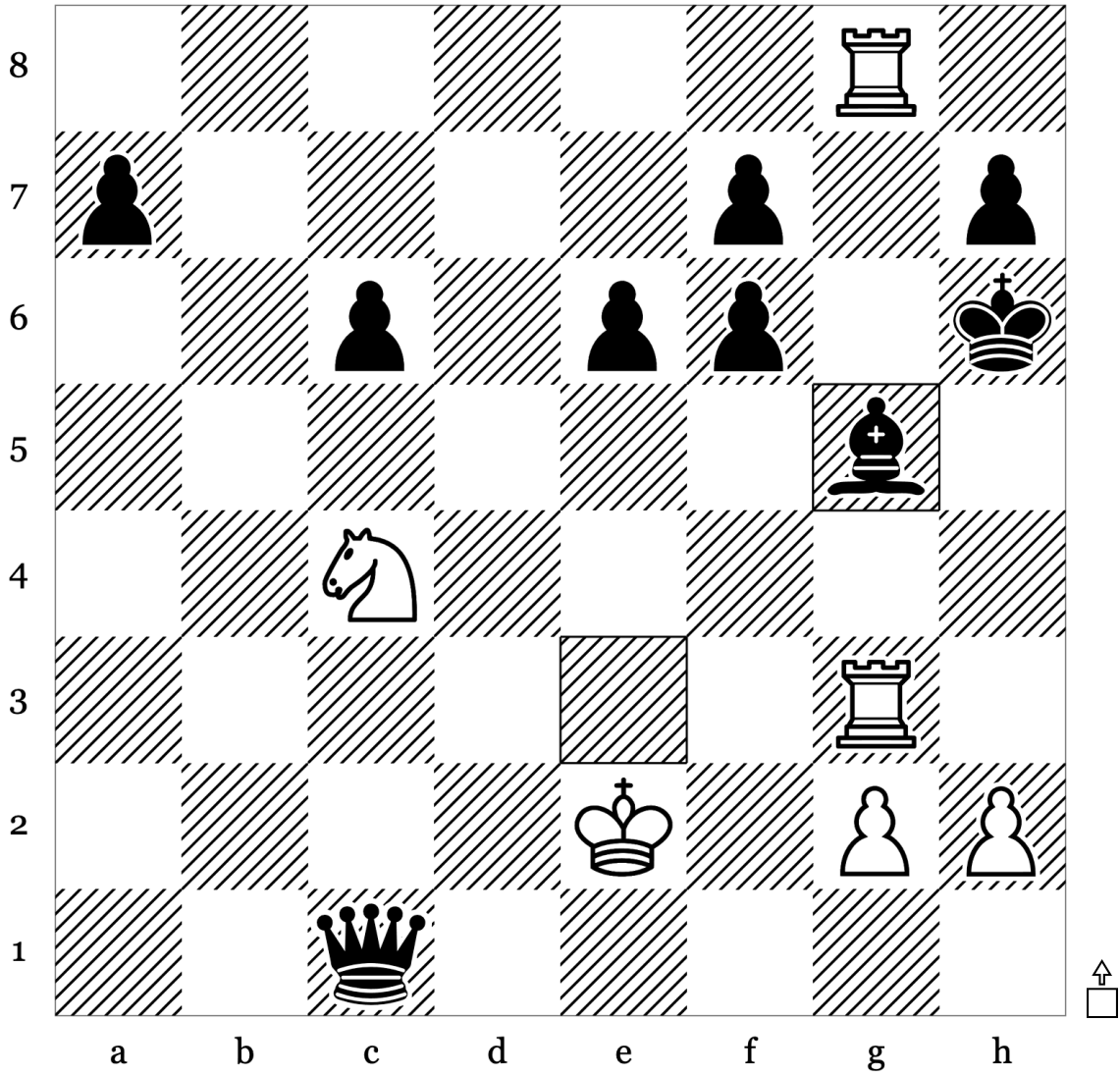
26	...	Ra6
27		
28		
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Puzzle 40 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 805)



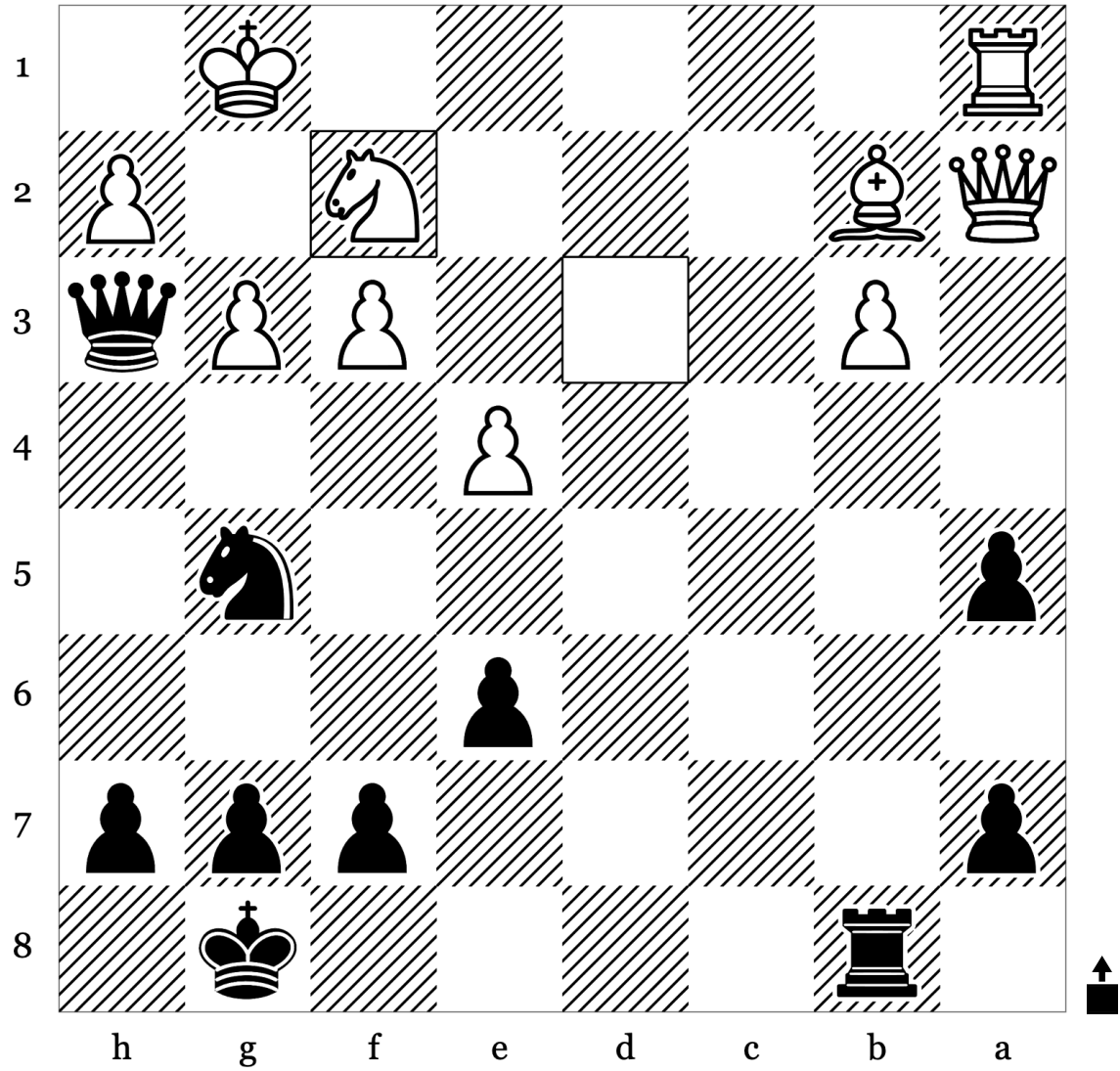
32	Kxf1	
33		
34		
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Puzzle 42 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1153)



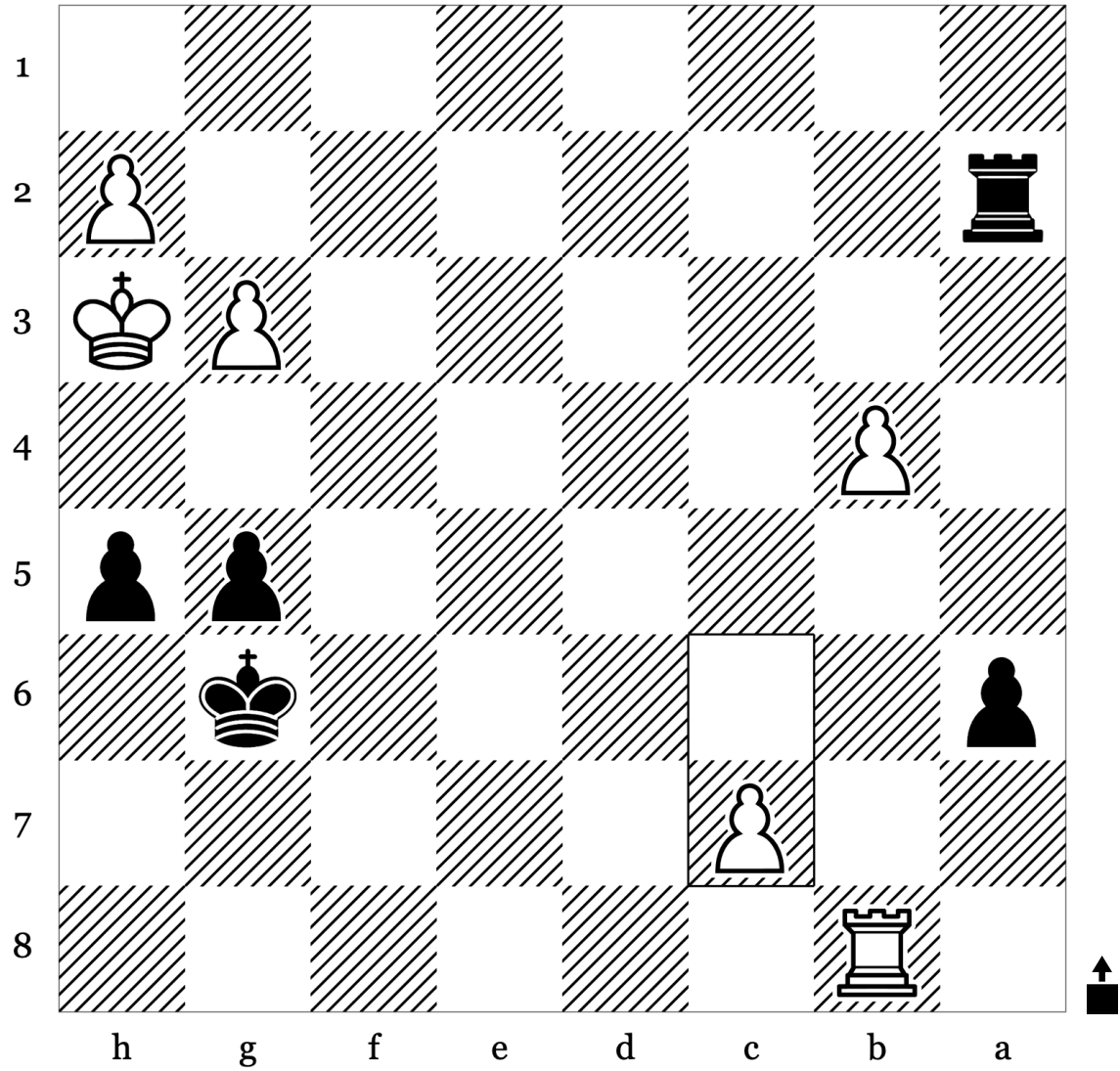
29	...	Bg5
30		
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Puzzle 43 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 1011)



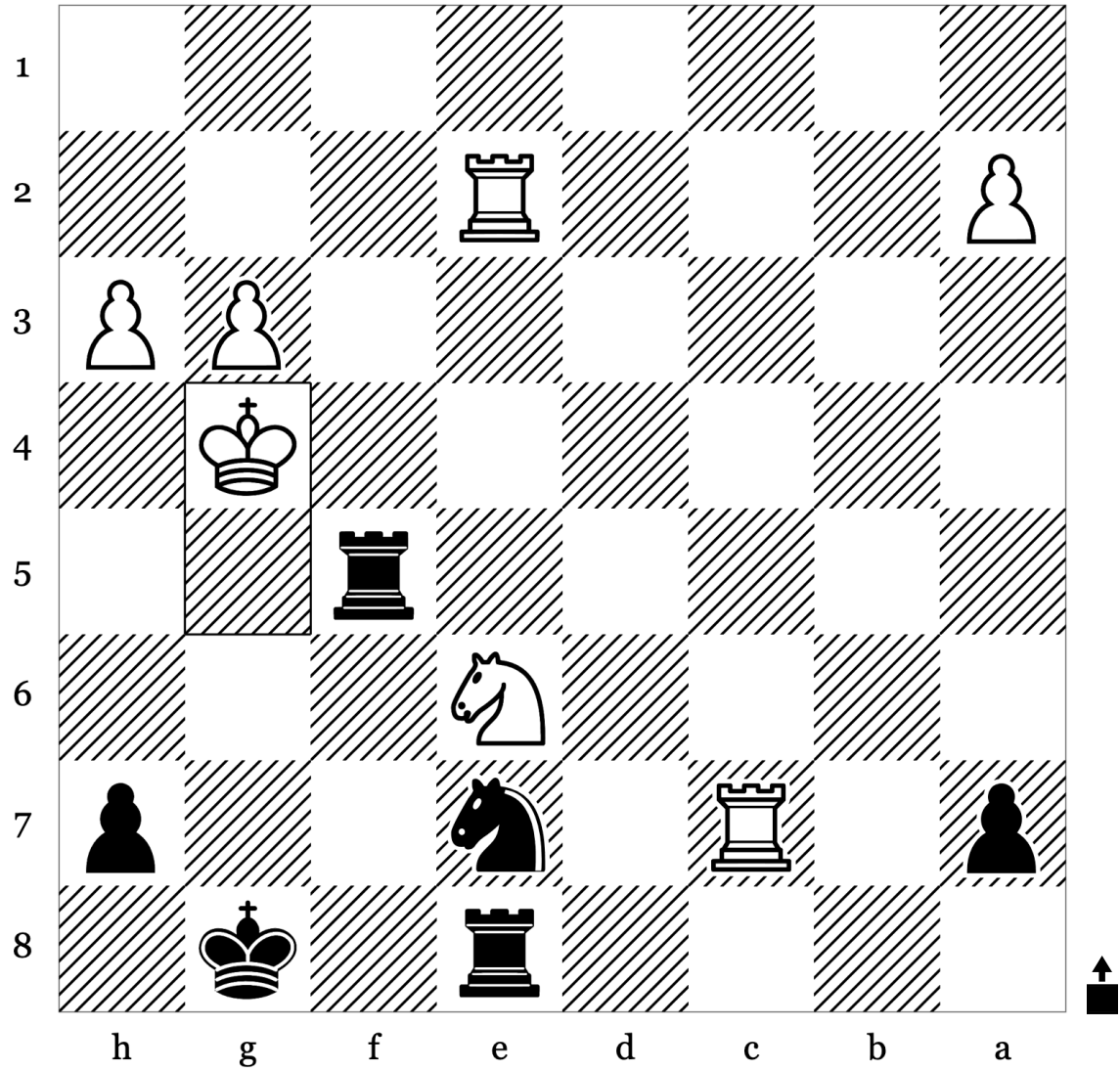
30	Nxf2	
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Puzzle 44 of 100: Deflection · Endgame (Rating: 1047)



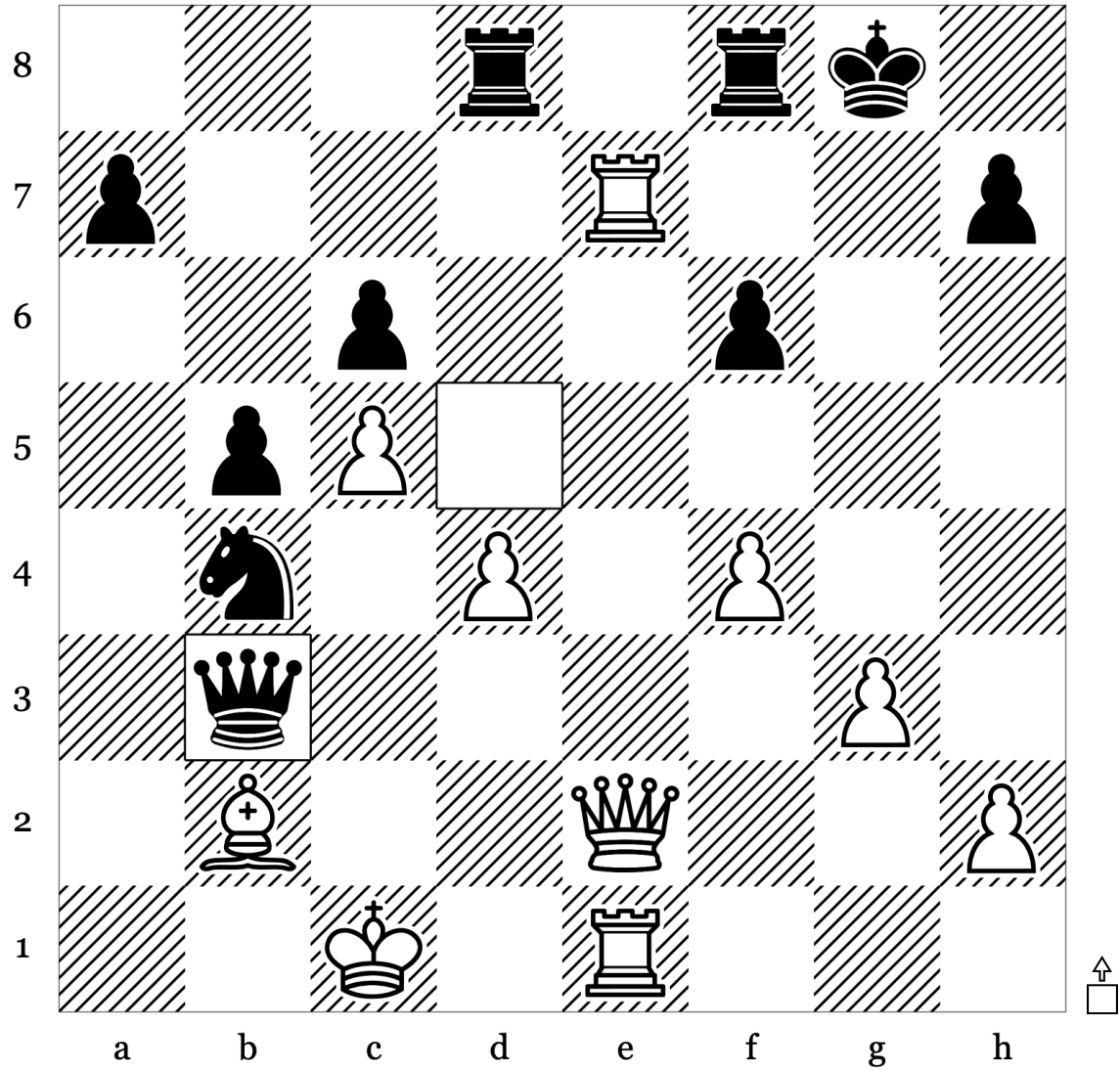
40	c7	
41		
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Puzzle 45 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1184)



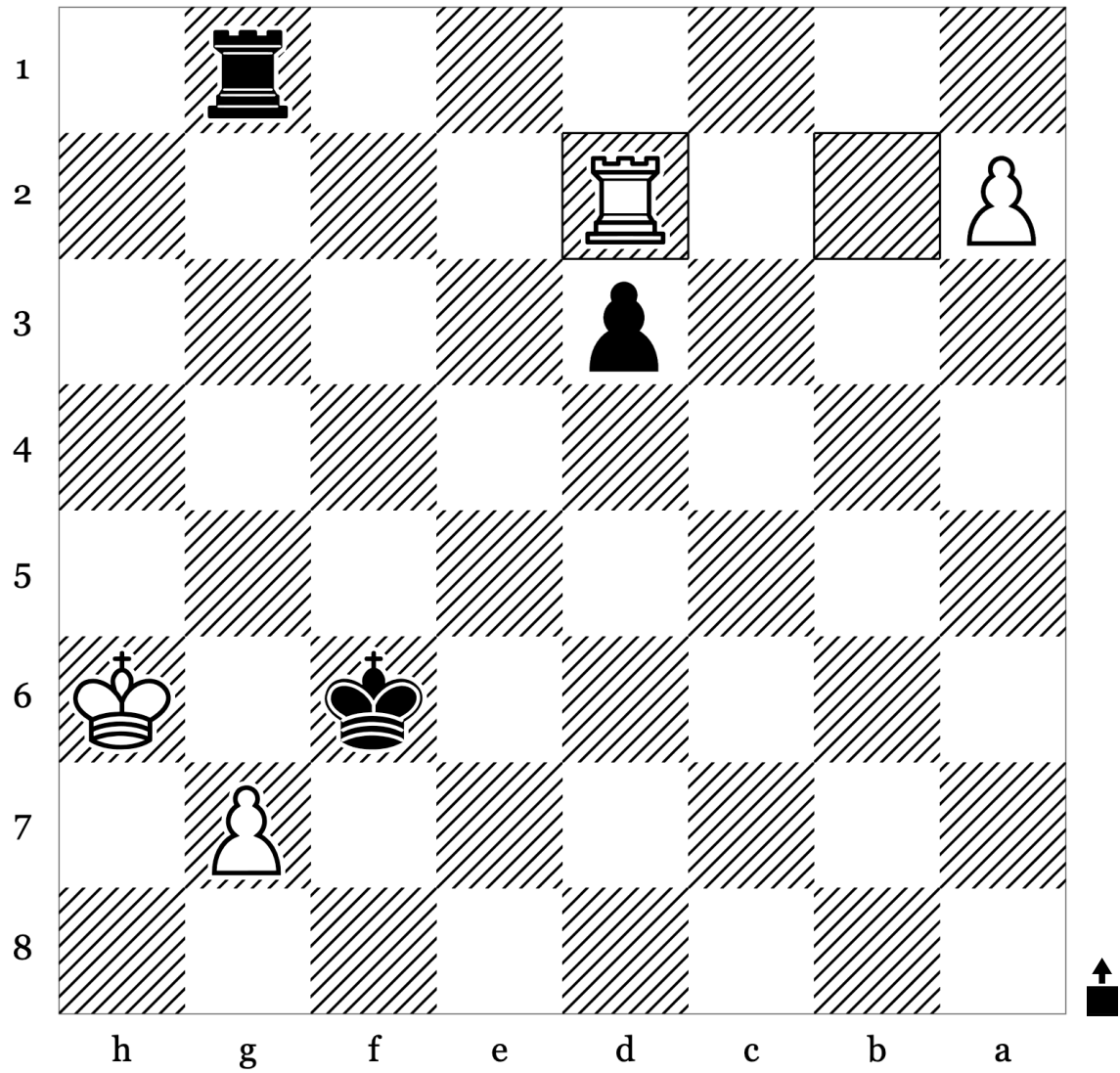
46	Kg4	
47		
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Puzzle 46 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 1192)



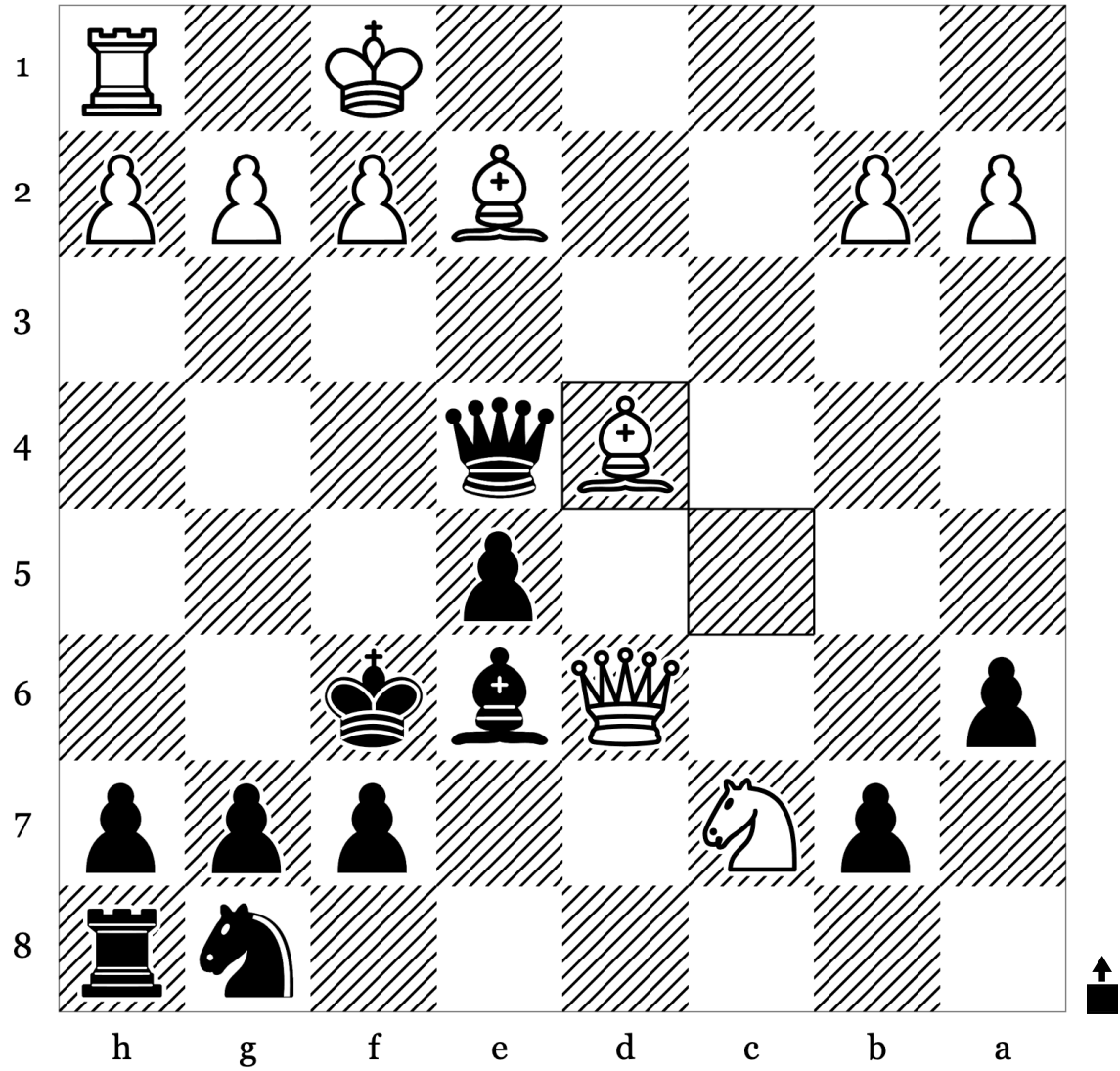
32	...	Qb3
33		
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Puzzle 47 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1122)



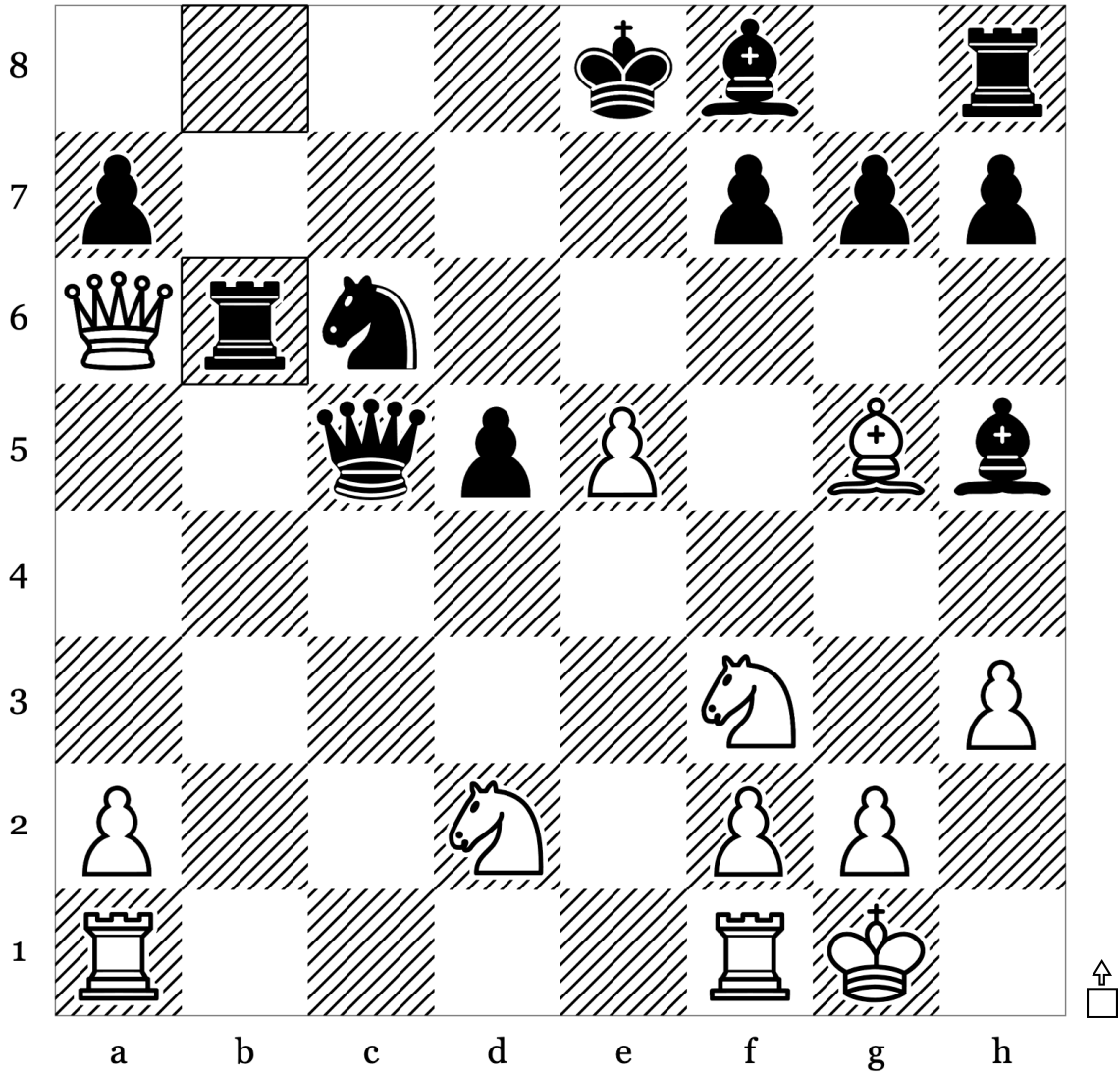
49	Rd2	
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Puzzle 48 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1021)



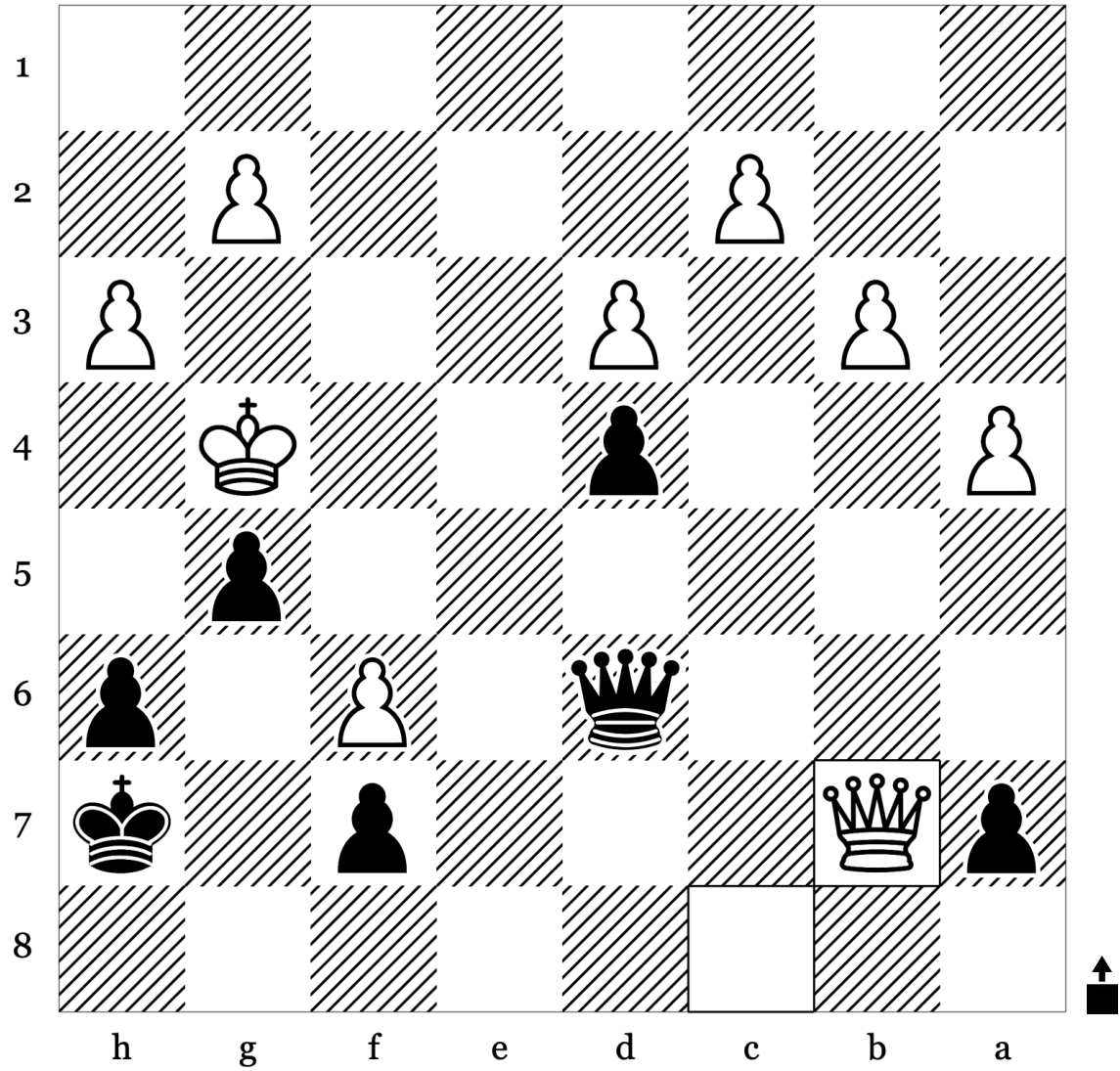
19	Bxd4	
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Puzzle 49 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1162)



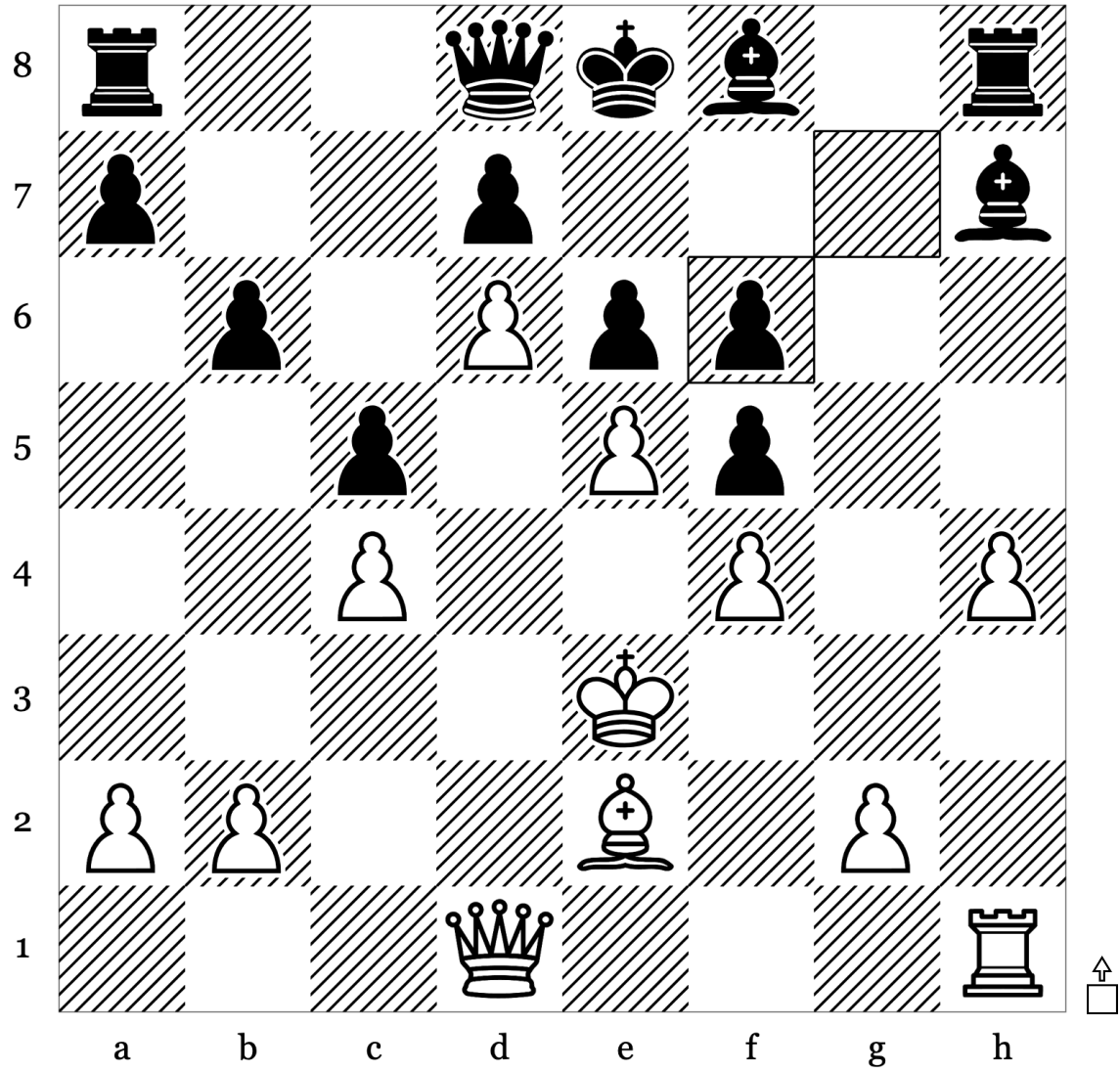
16	...	Rb6
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Puzzle 50 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1009)



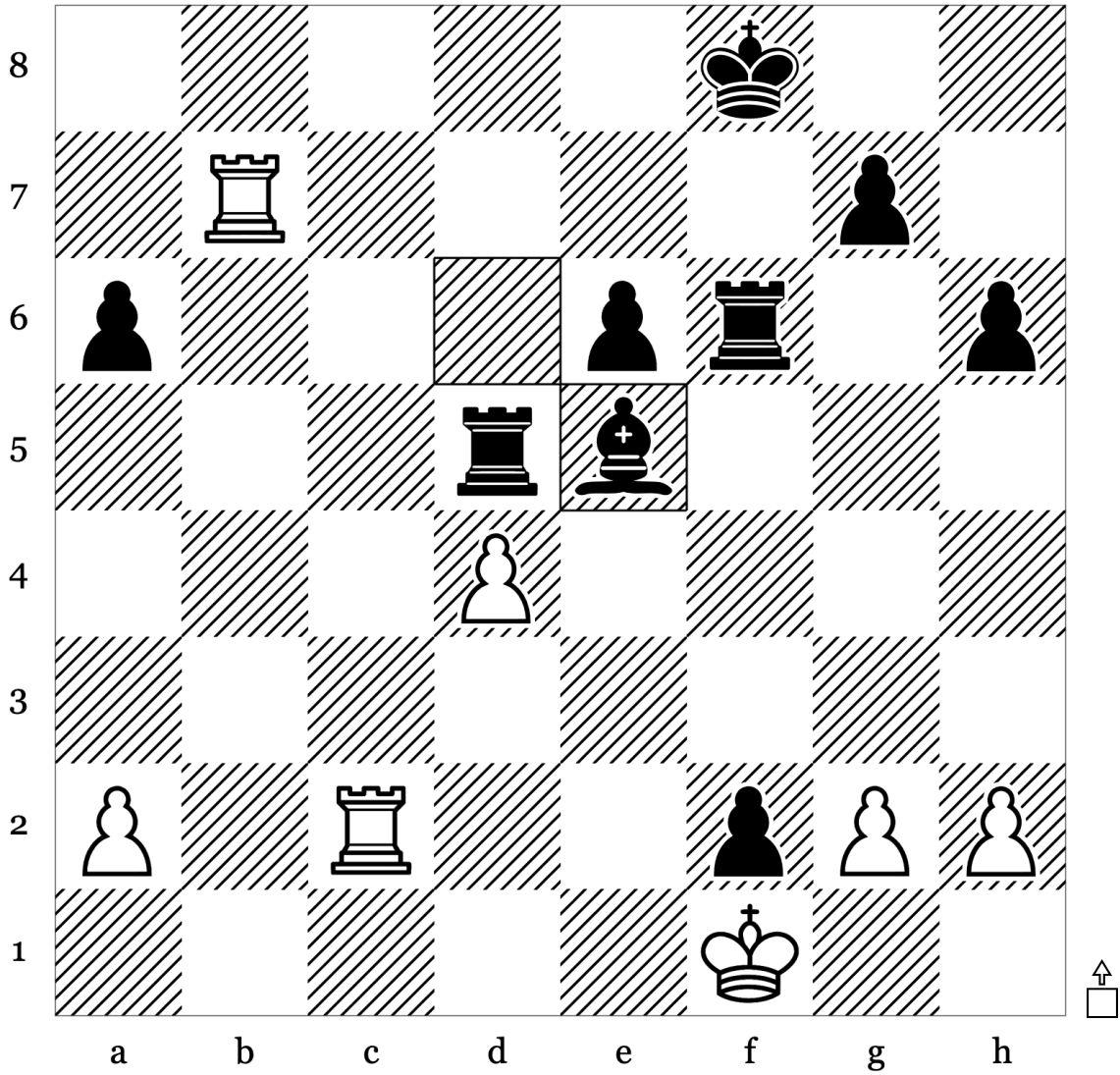
37	Qxb7	
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Puzzle 52 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1075)



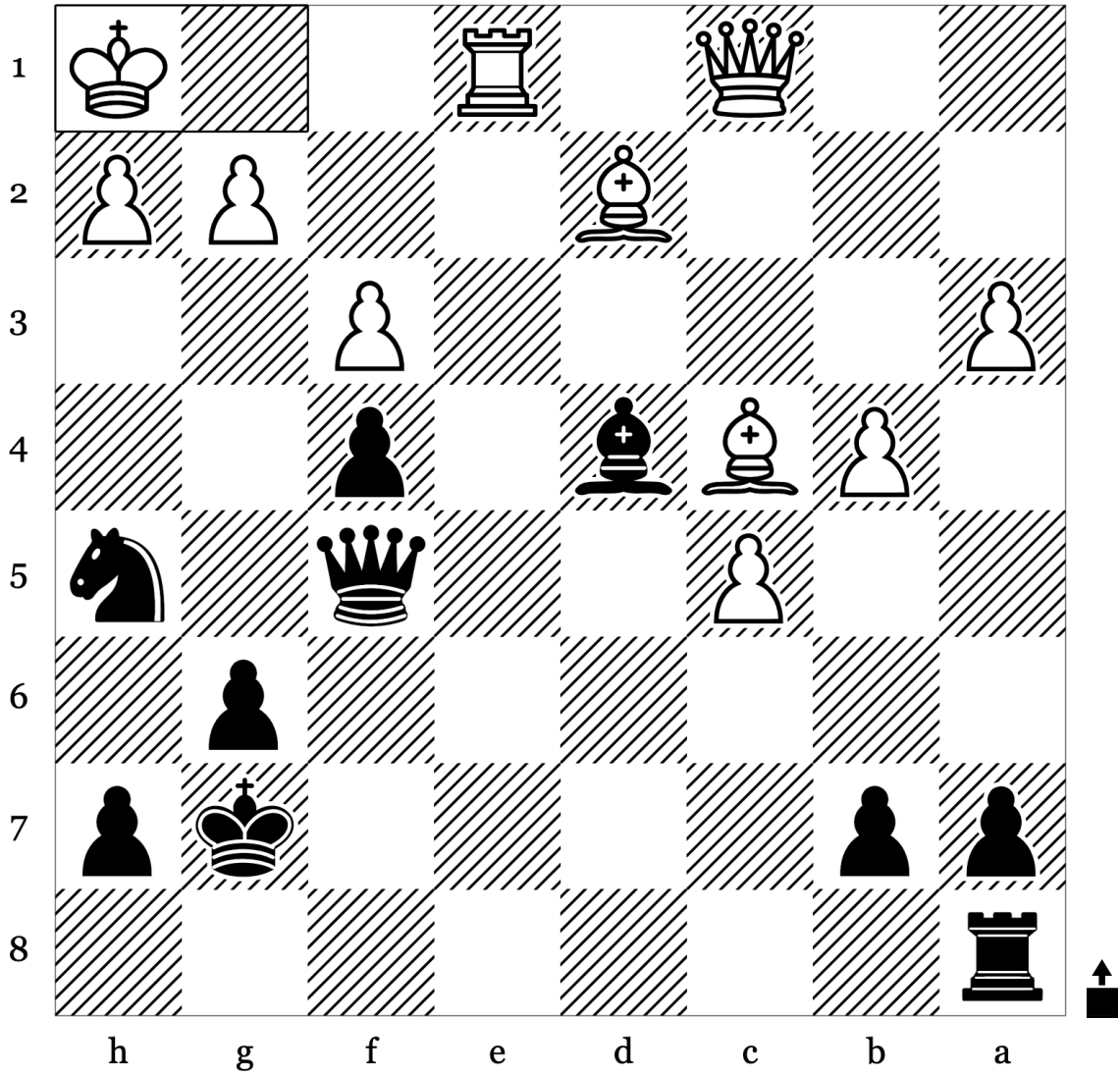
21	...	gxf6
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Puzzle 53 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1088)



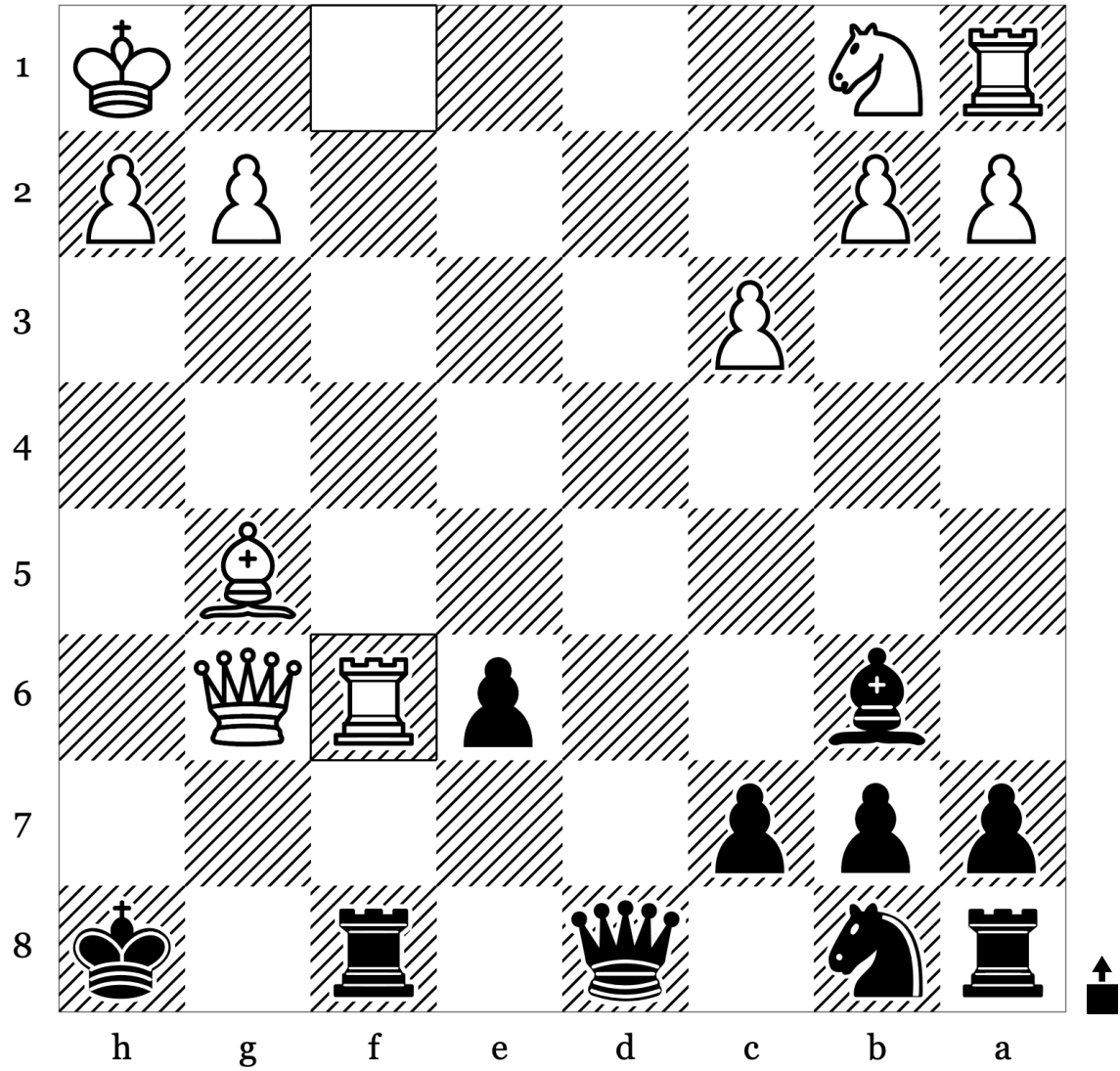
34	...	Bxe5
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Puzzle 54 of 100: Clearance · Kingside Attack (Rating: 1025)



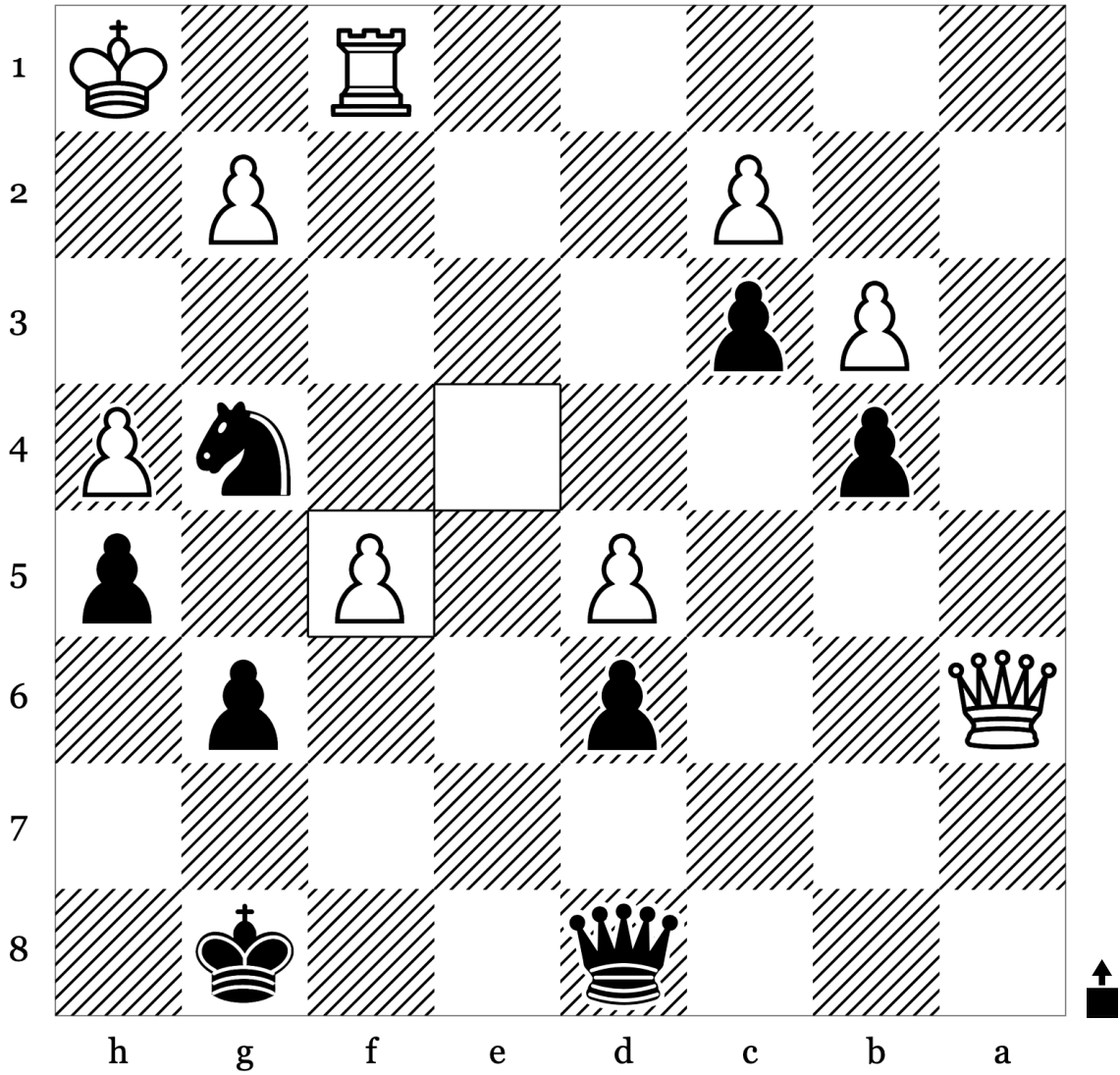
28	Kh1	
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Puzzle 55 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 979)



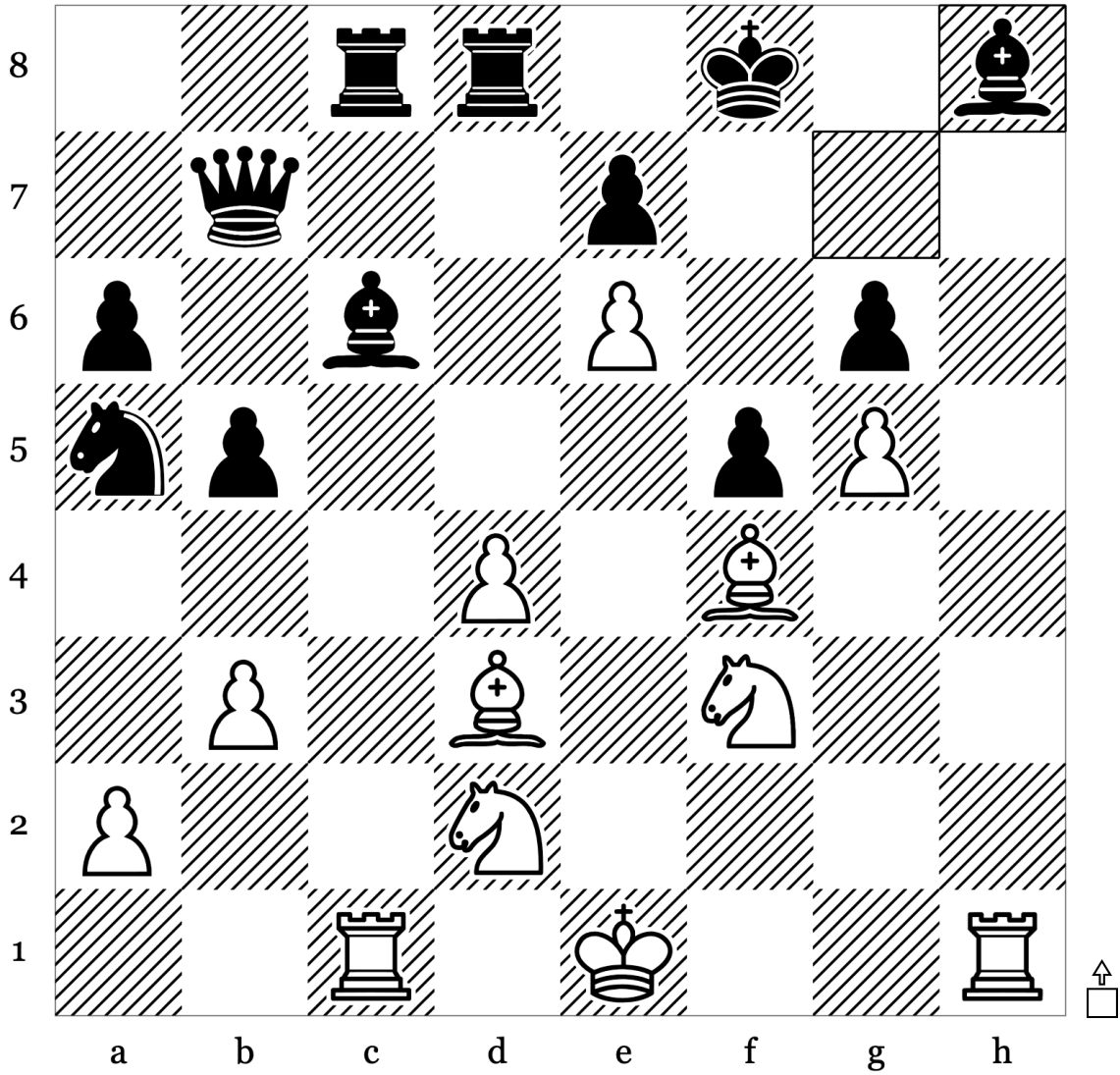
18	Rxf6	
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Puzzle 56 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 884)



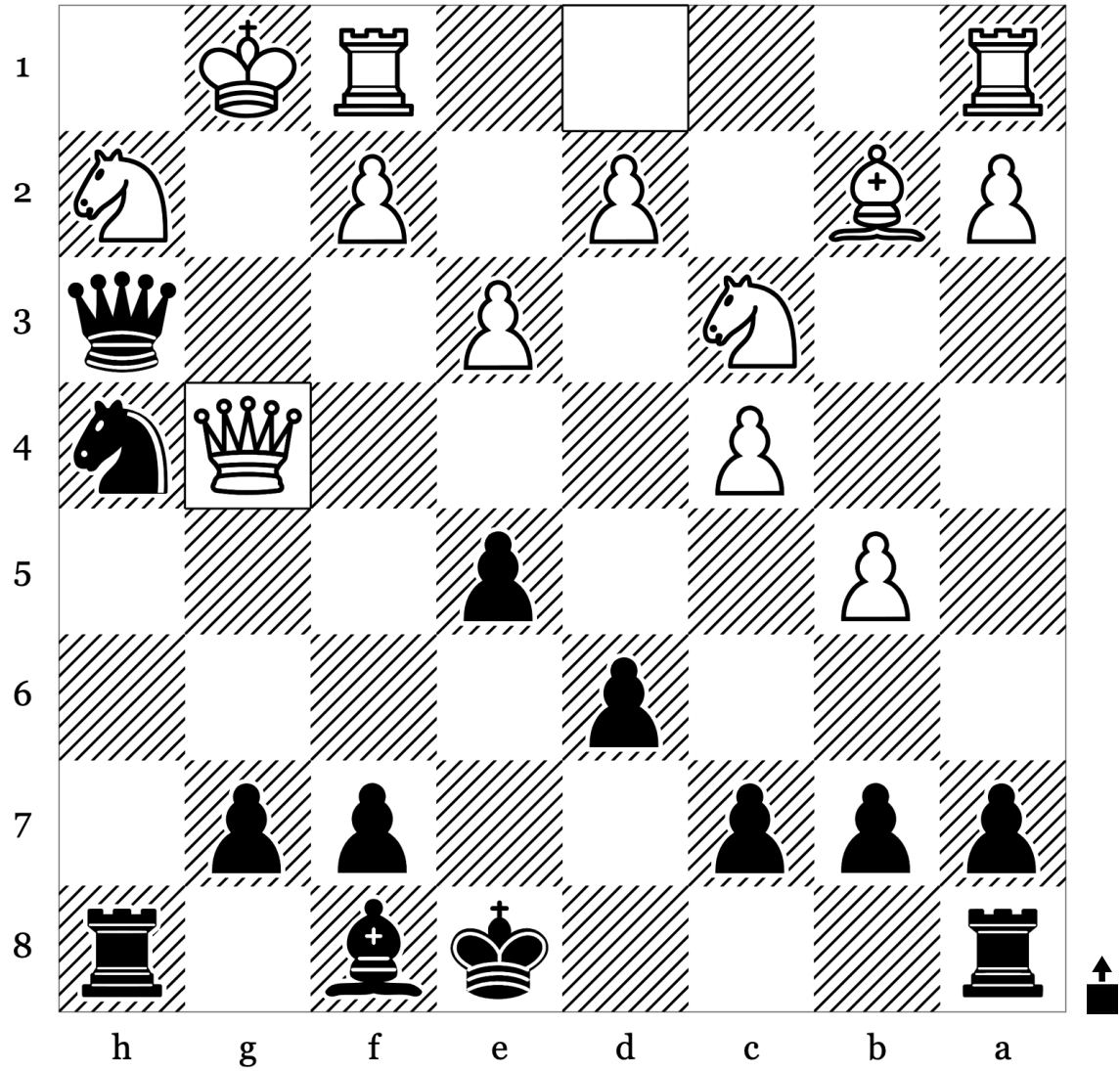
36	exf5	
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Puzzle 57 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1198)



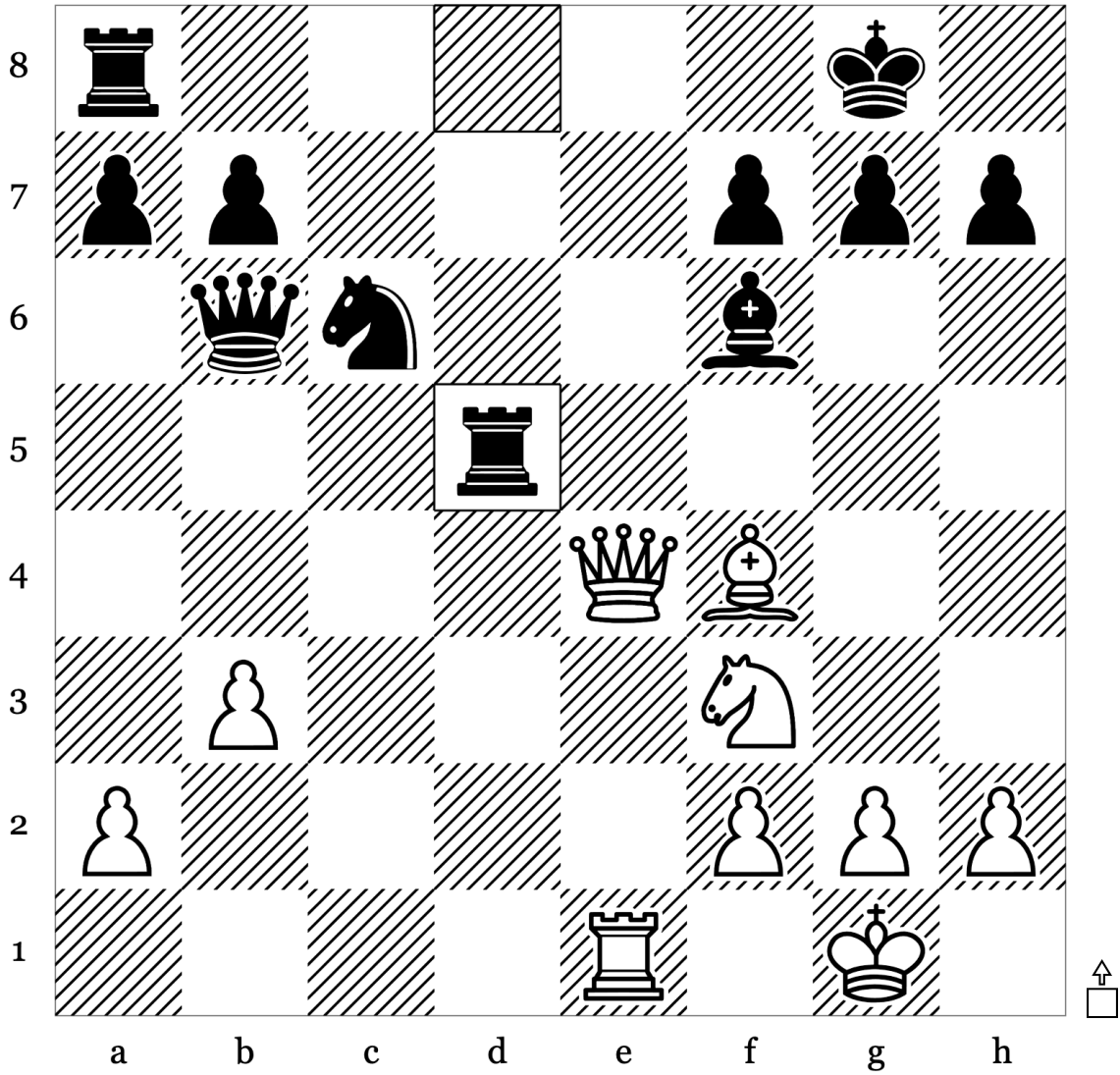
27	...	Bxh8
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Puzzle 58 of 100: Deflection · Kingside Attack (Rating: 1170)



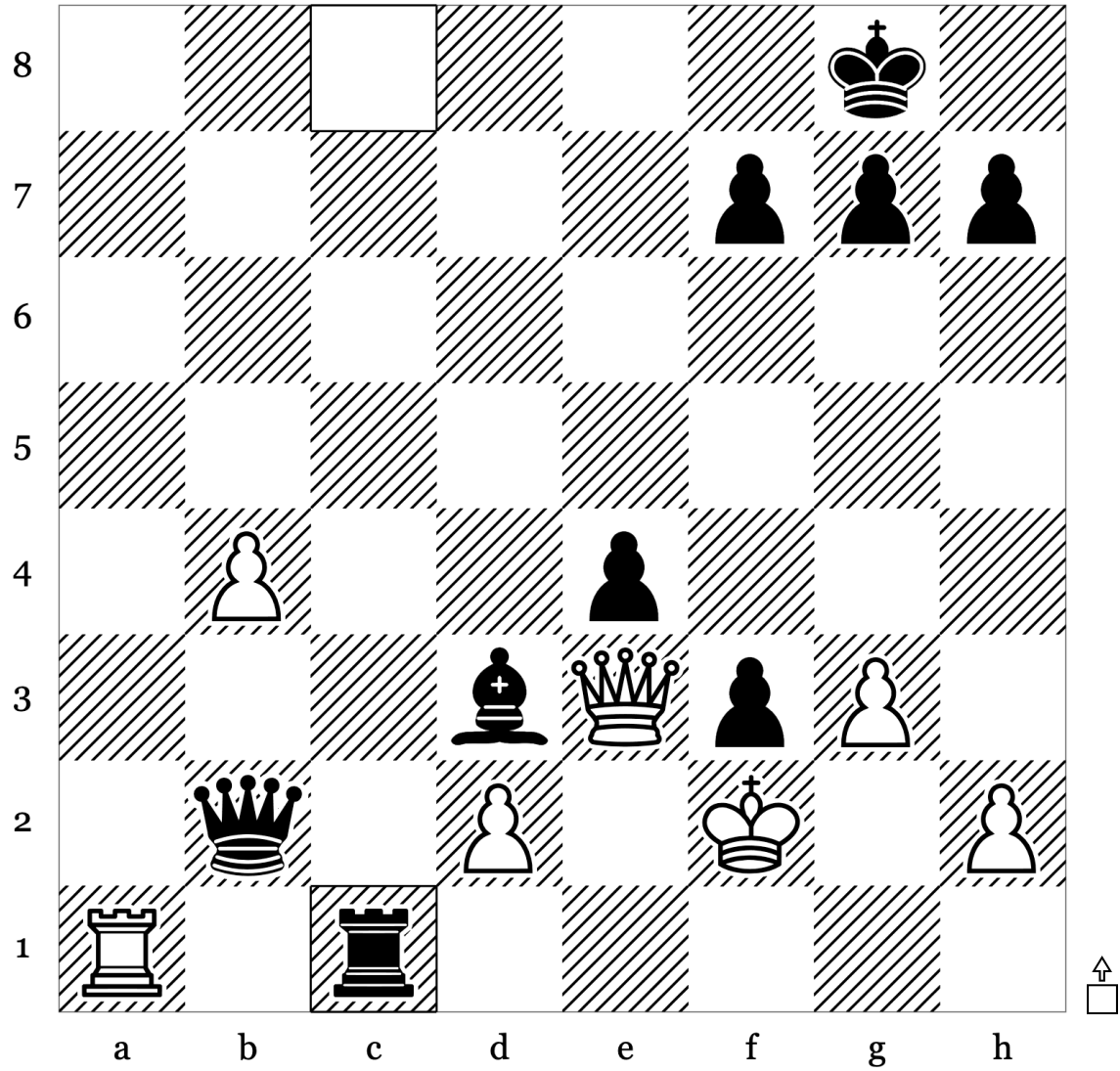
15	Qxg4	
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Puzzle 59 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 896)



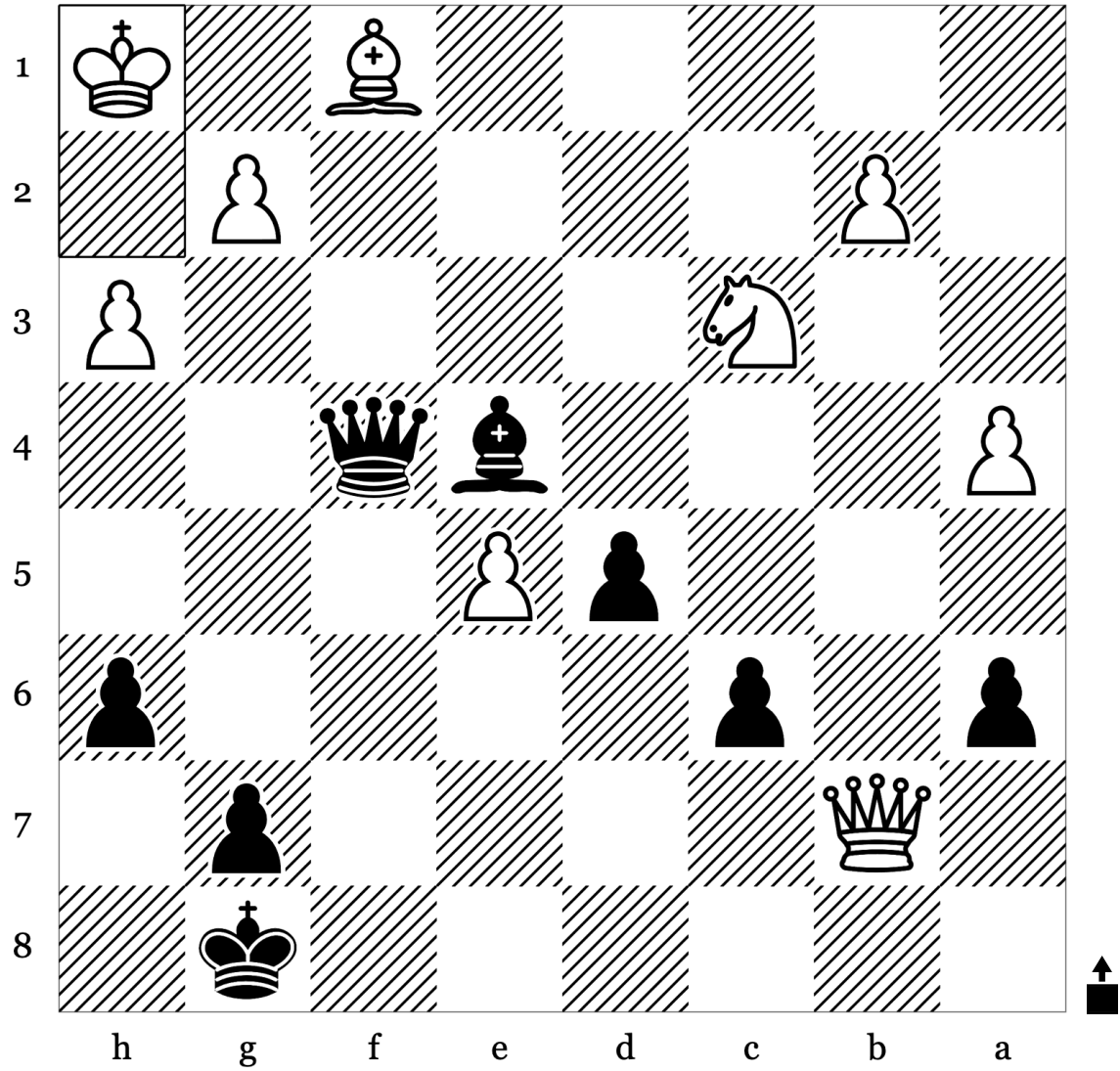
18	...	Rxd5
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Puzzle 60 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 963)



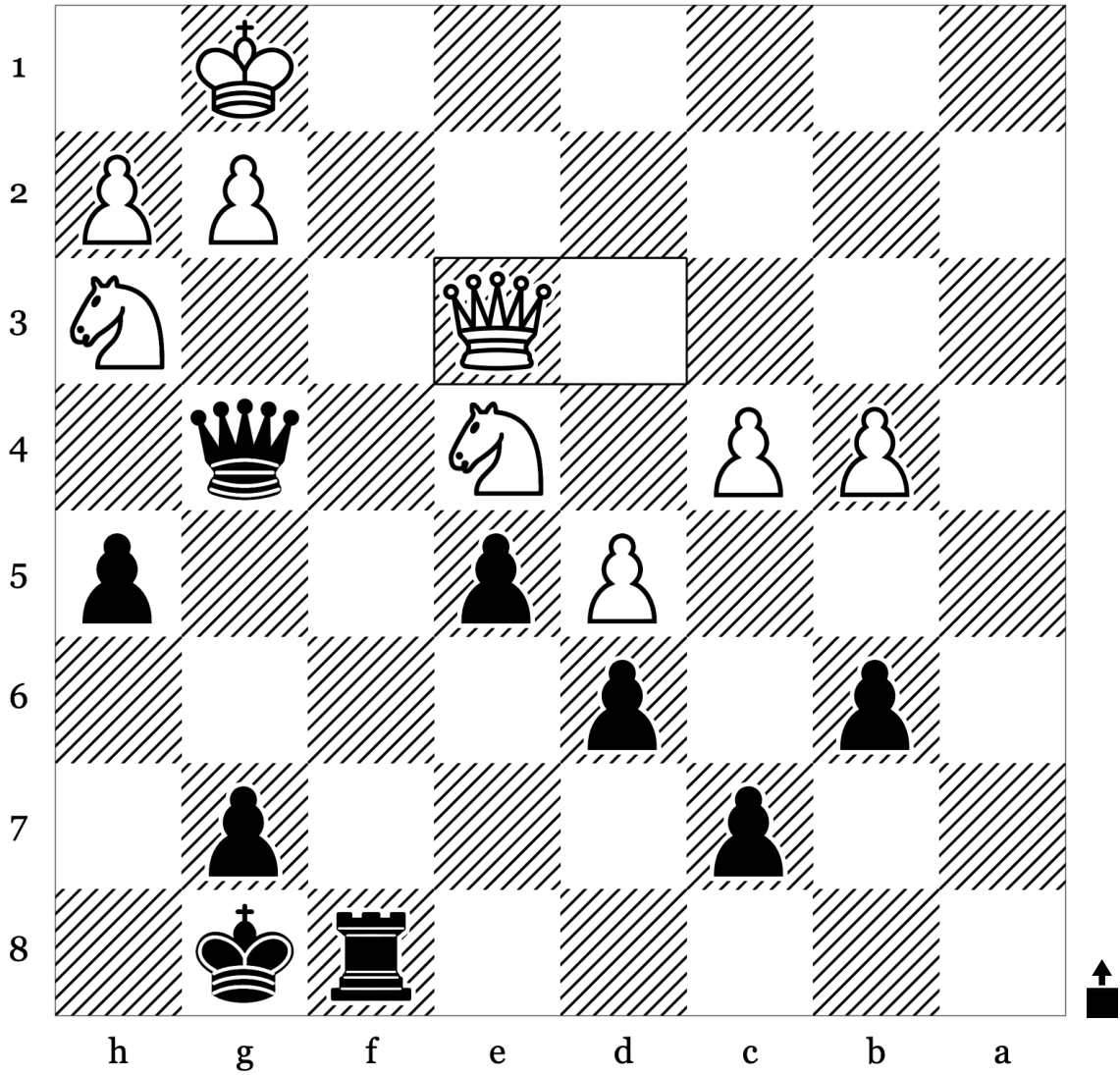
30	...	Rxc1
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Puzzle 61 of 100: Endgame · Hanging Piece (Rating: 976)



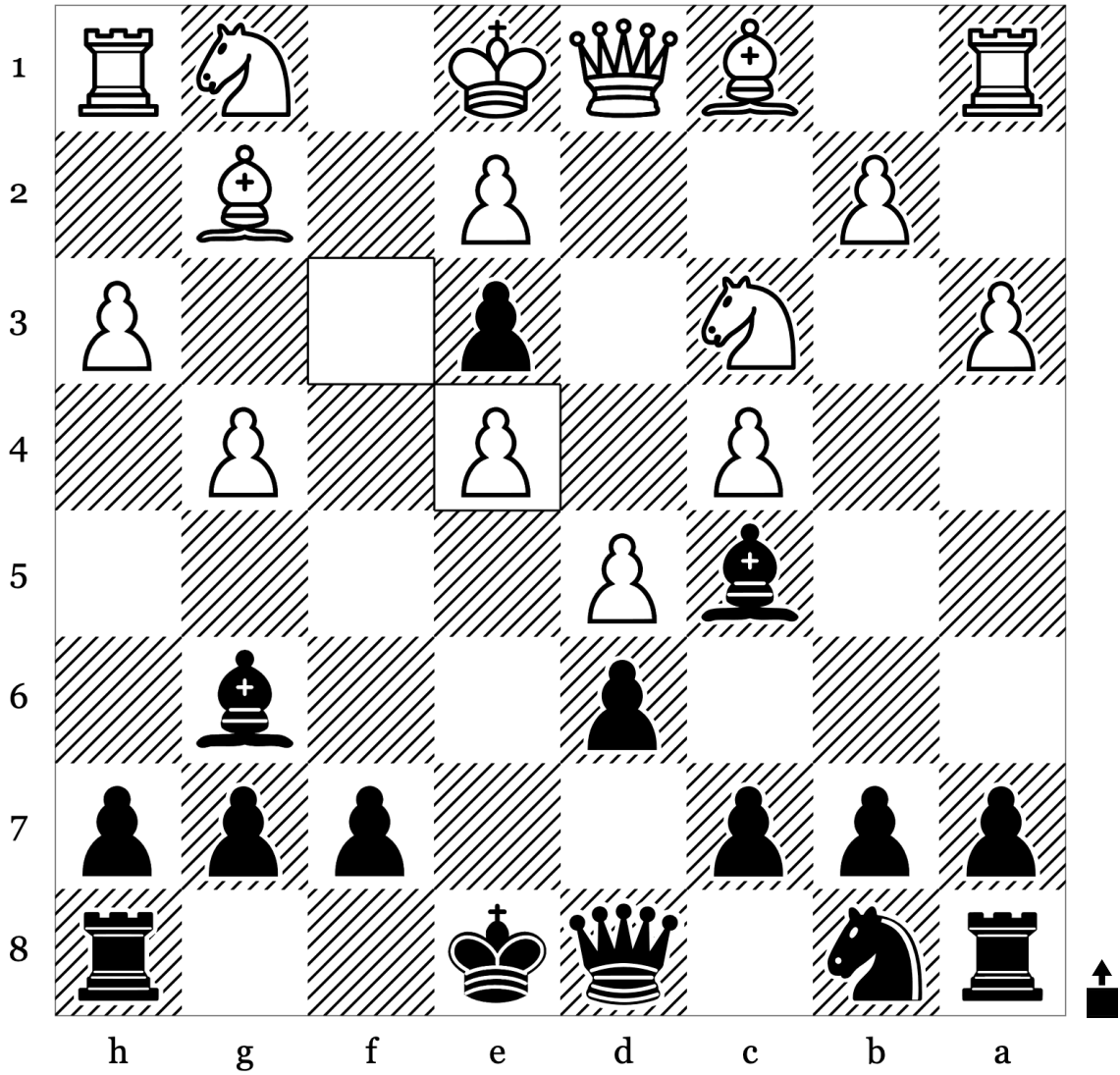
26	Kh1	
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Puzzle 63 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 859)



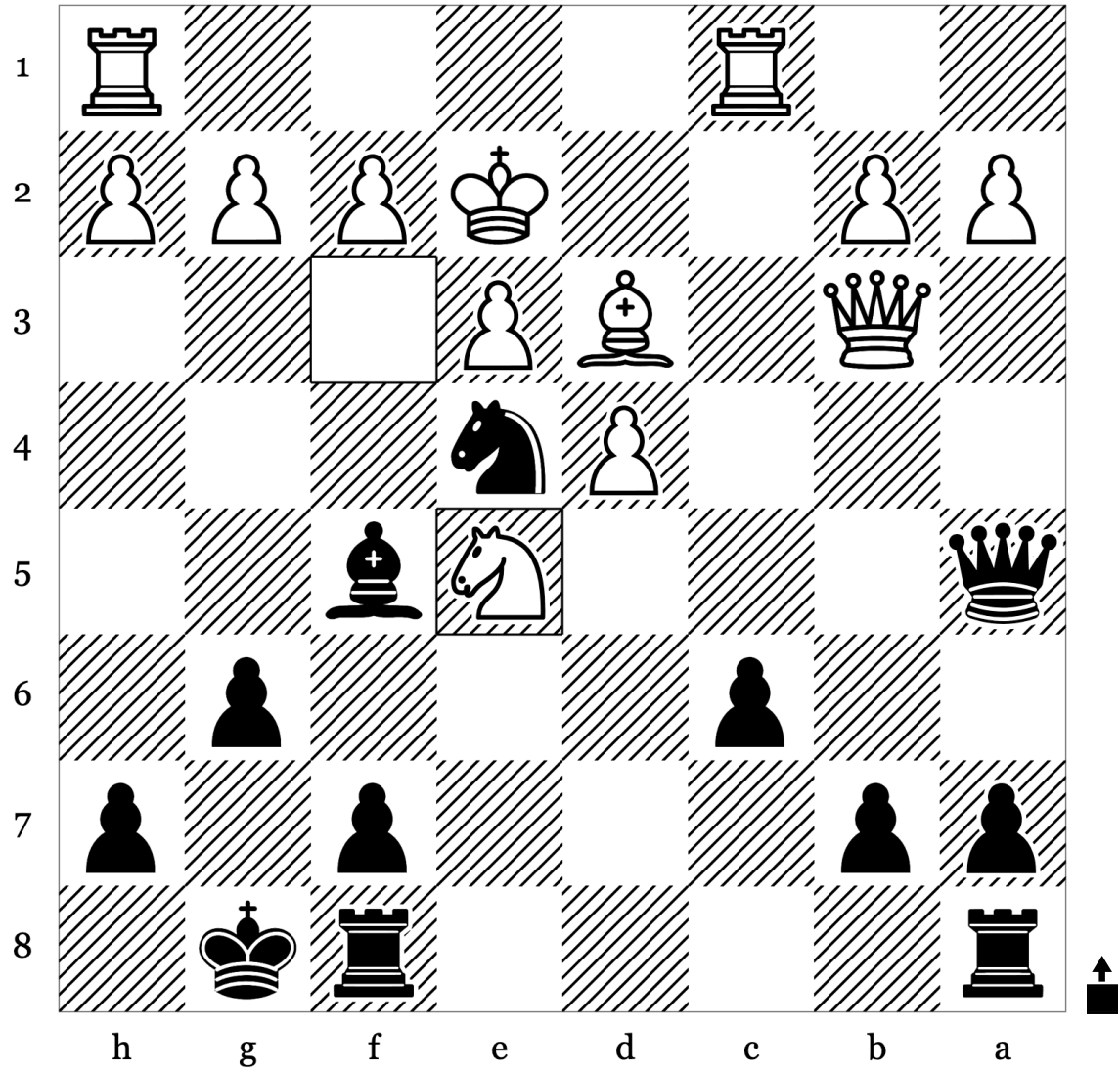
29	Qxe3	
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Puzzle 64 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 896)



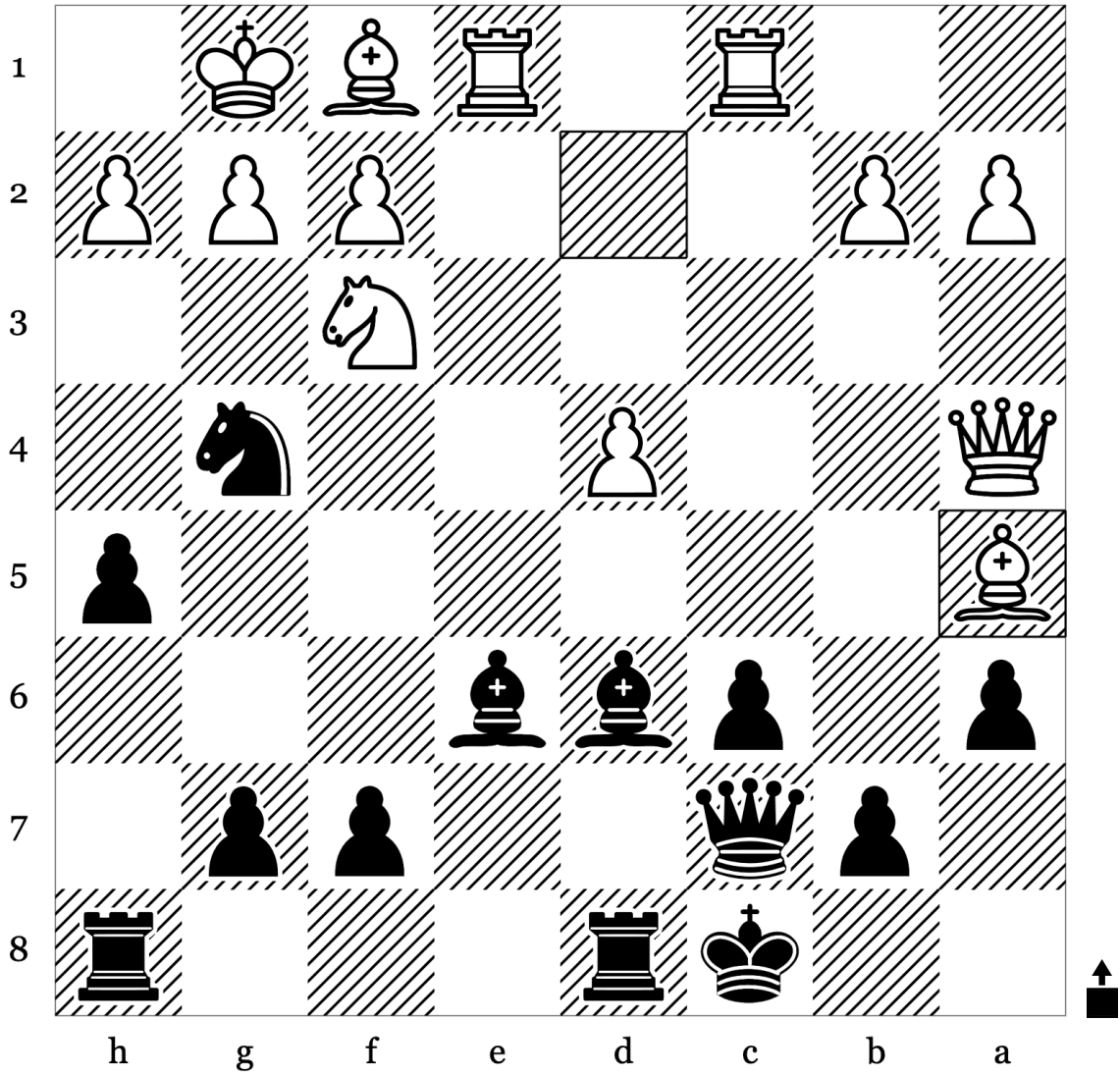
10	fxe4	
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Puzzle 65 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1160)



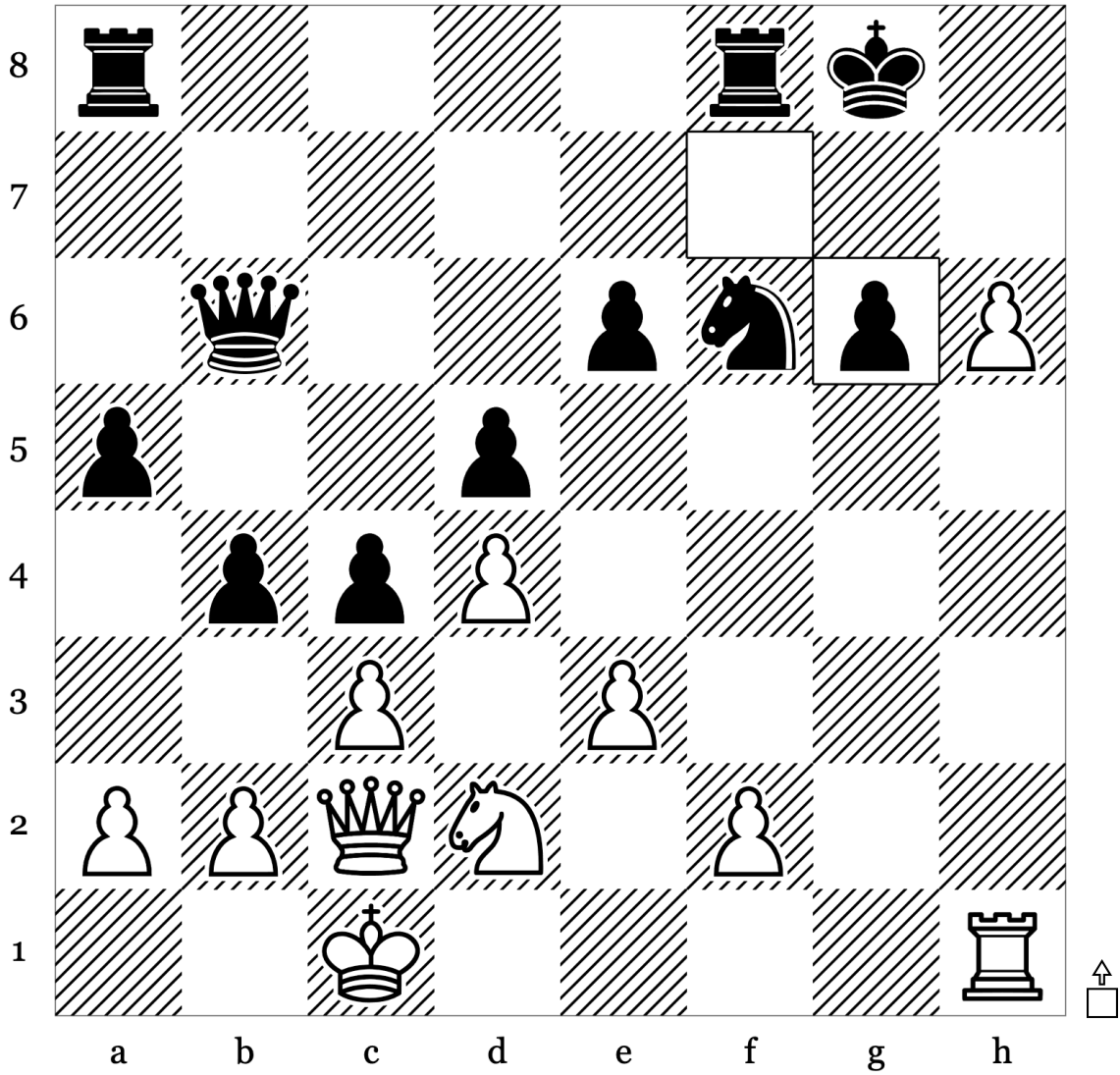
18	Nxe5	
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Puzzle 66 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 1148)



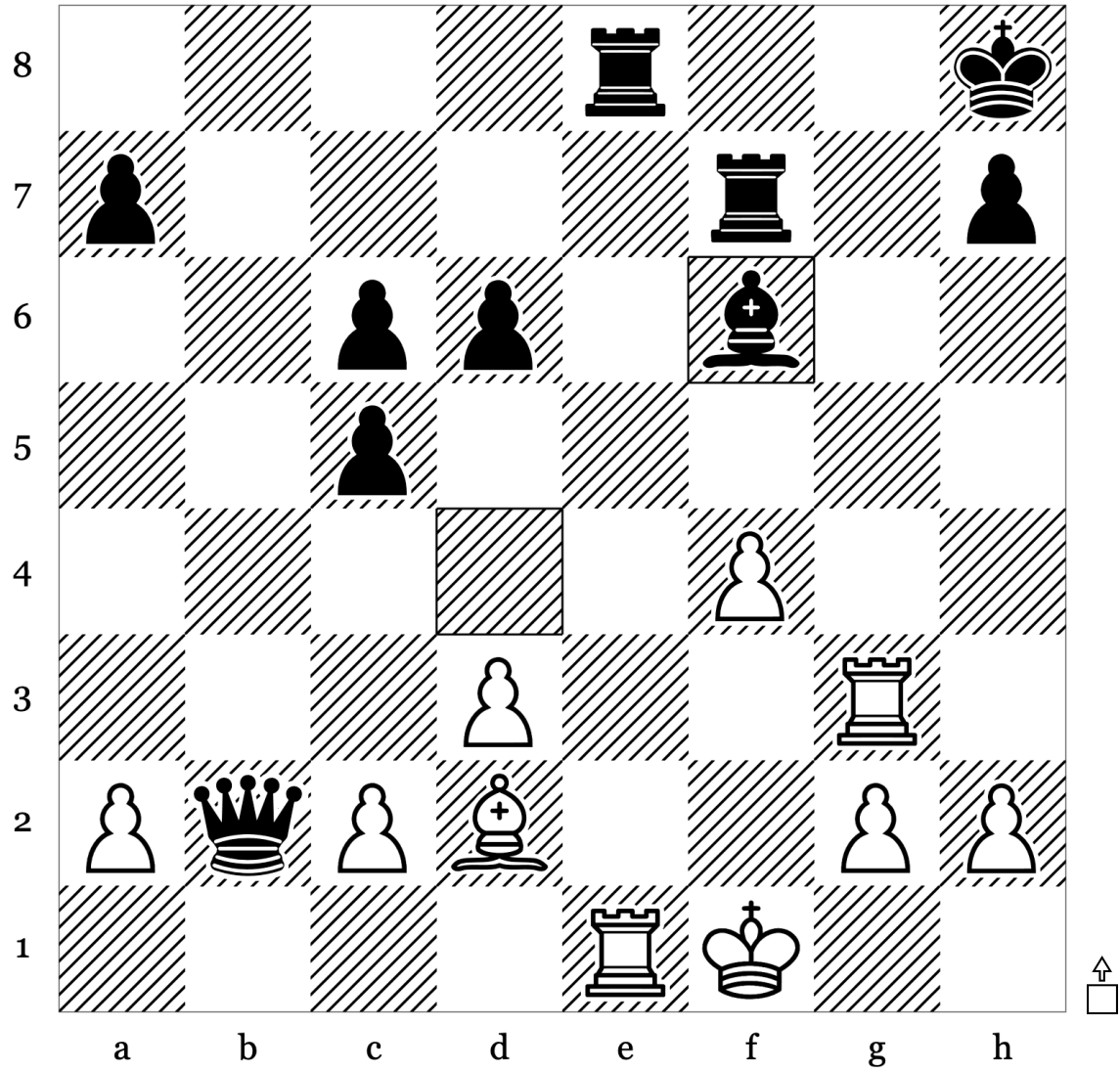
20	Ba5	
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22		
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Puzzle 67 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 1121)



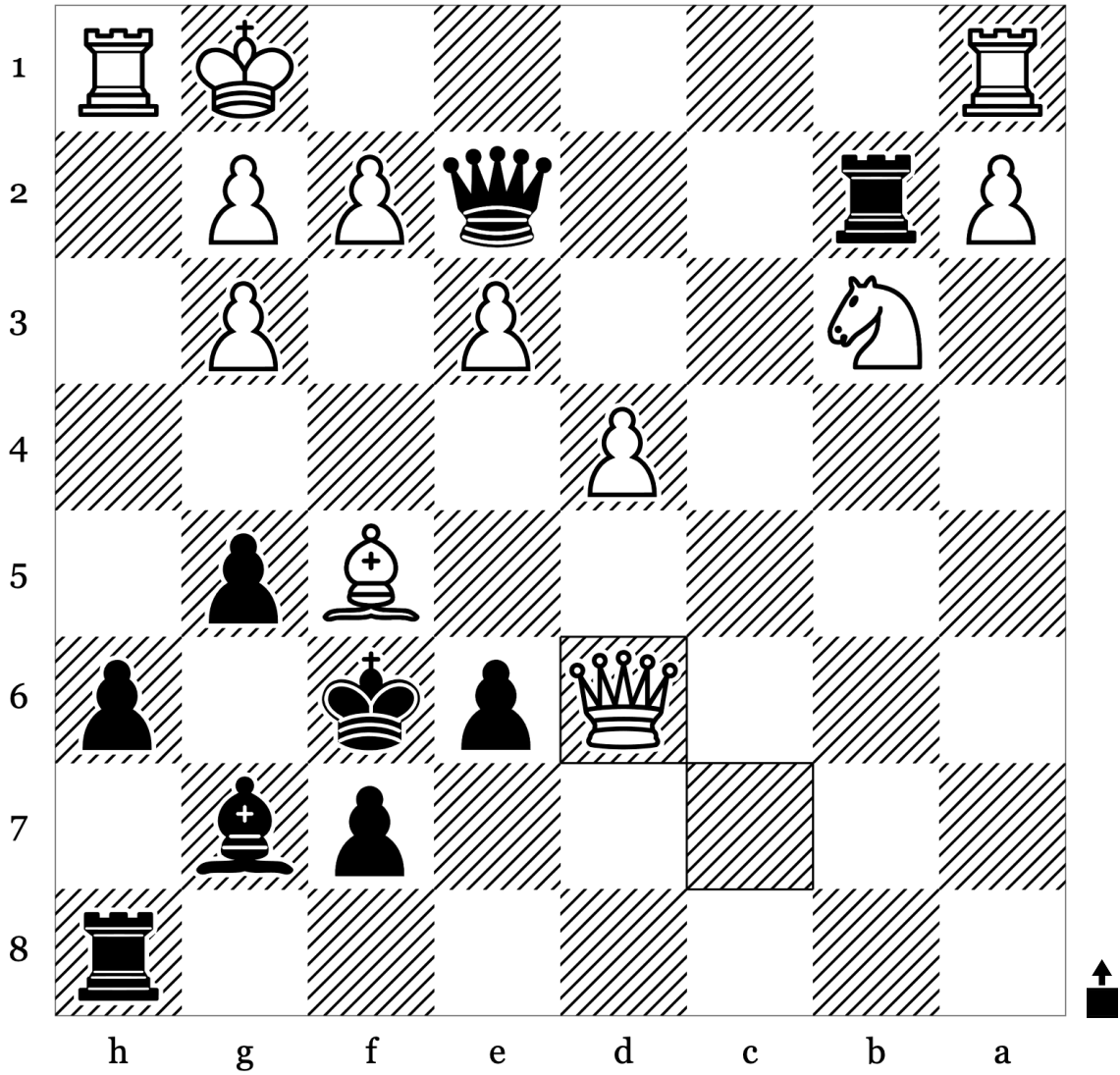
21	...	fxg6
22		
23		
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Puzzle 68 of 100: Hanging Piece · Kingside Attack (Rating: 927)



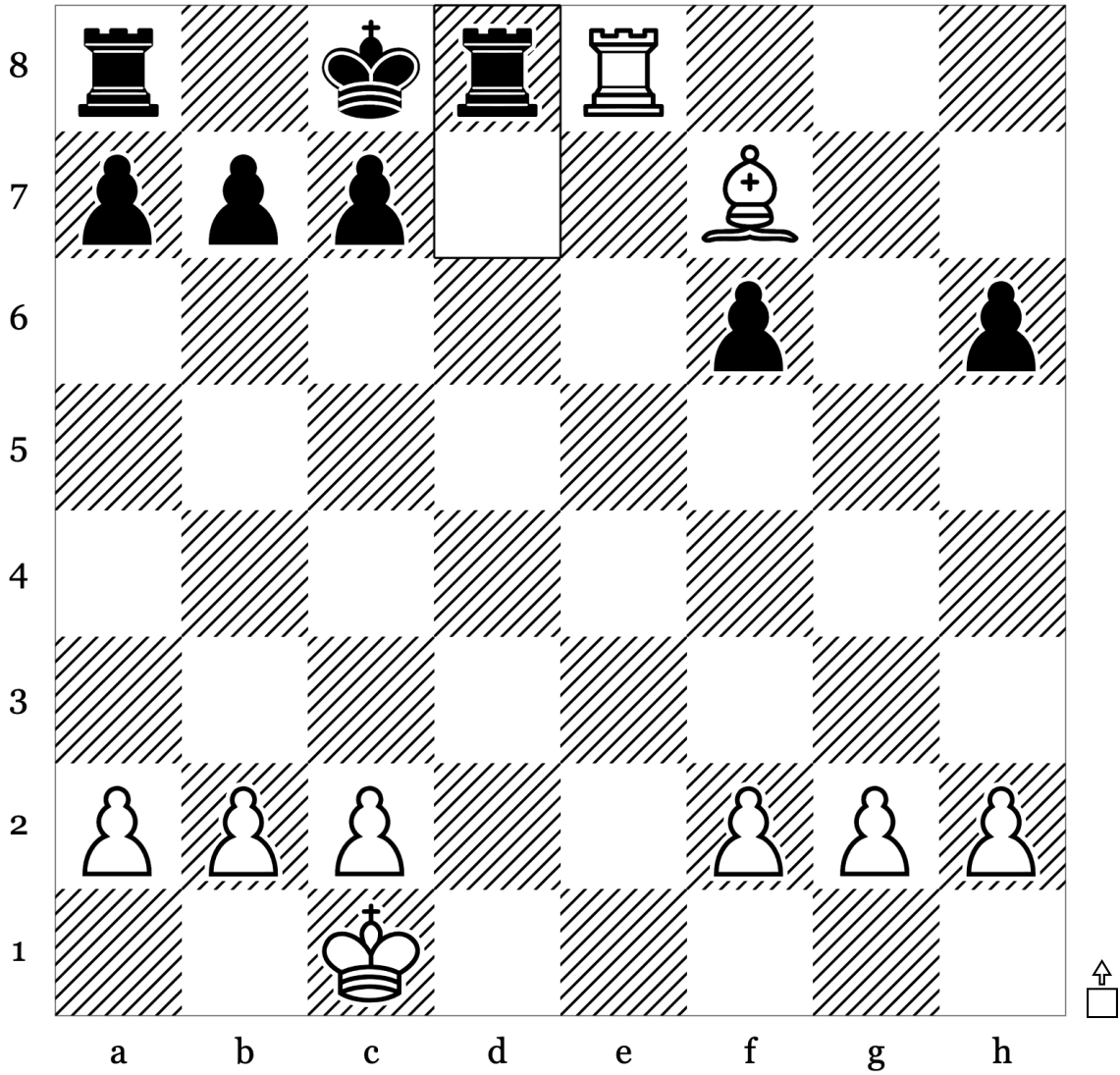
21	...	Bxf6
22		
23		
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Puzzle 69 of 100: Fork · Mate (Rating: 1063)



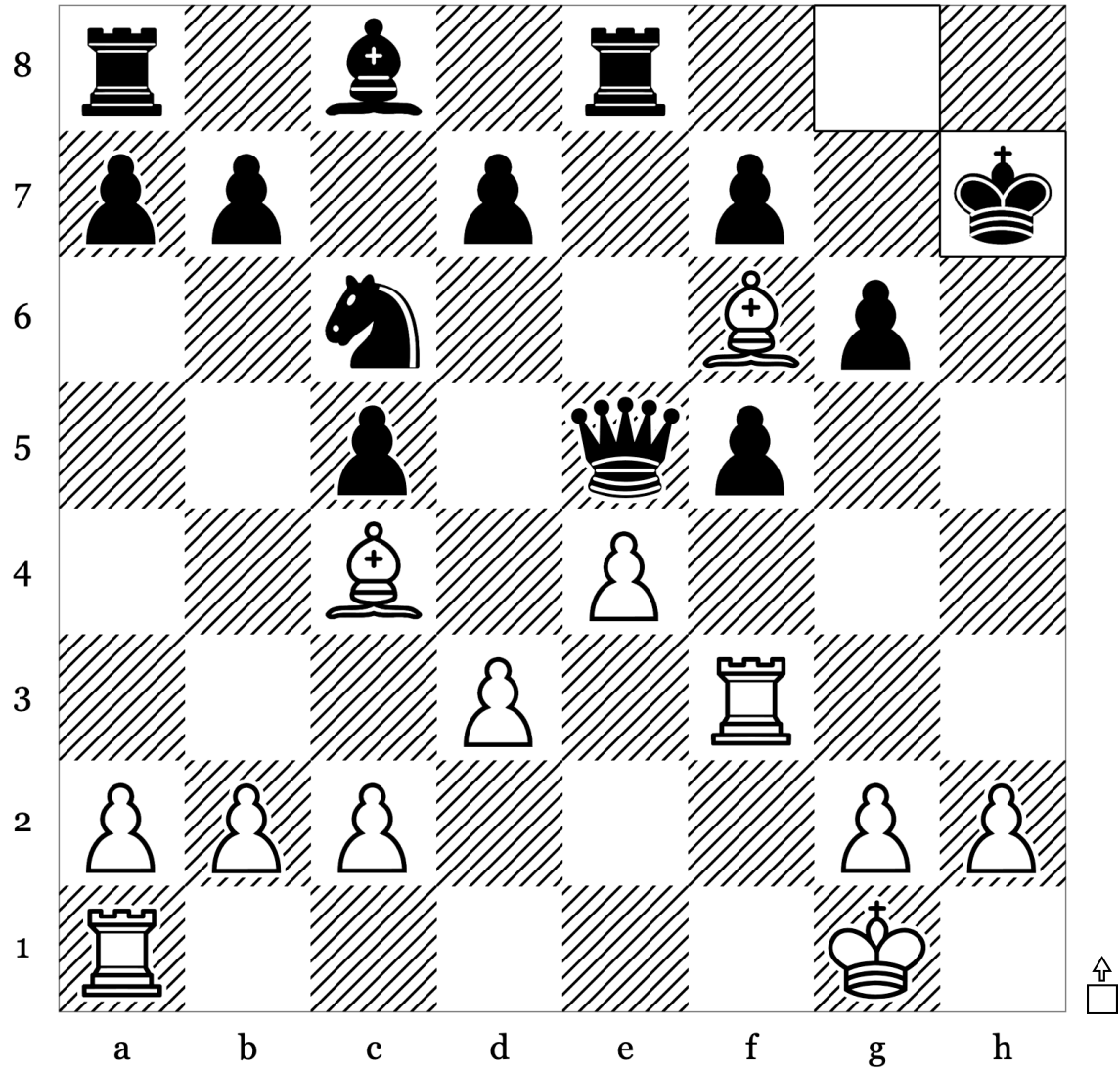
29	Qxd6	
30		
31		
32		
33		

Puzzle 70 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Deflection (Rating: 1046)



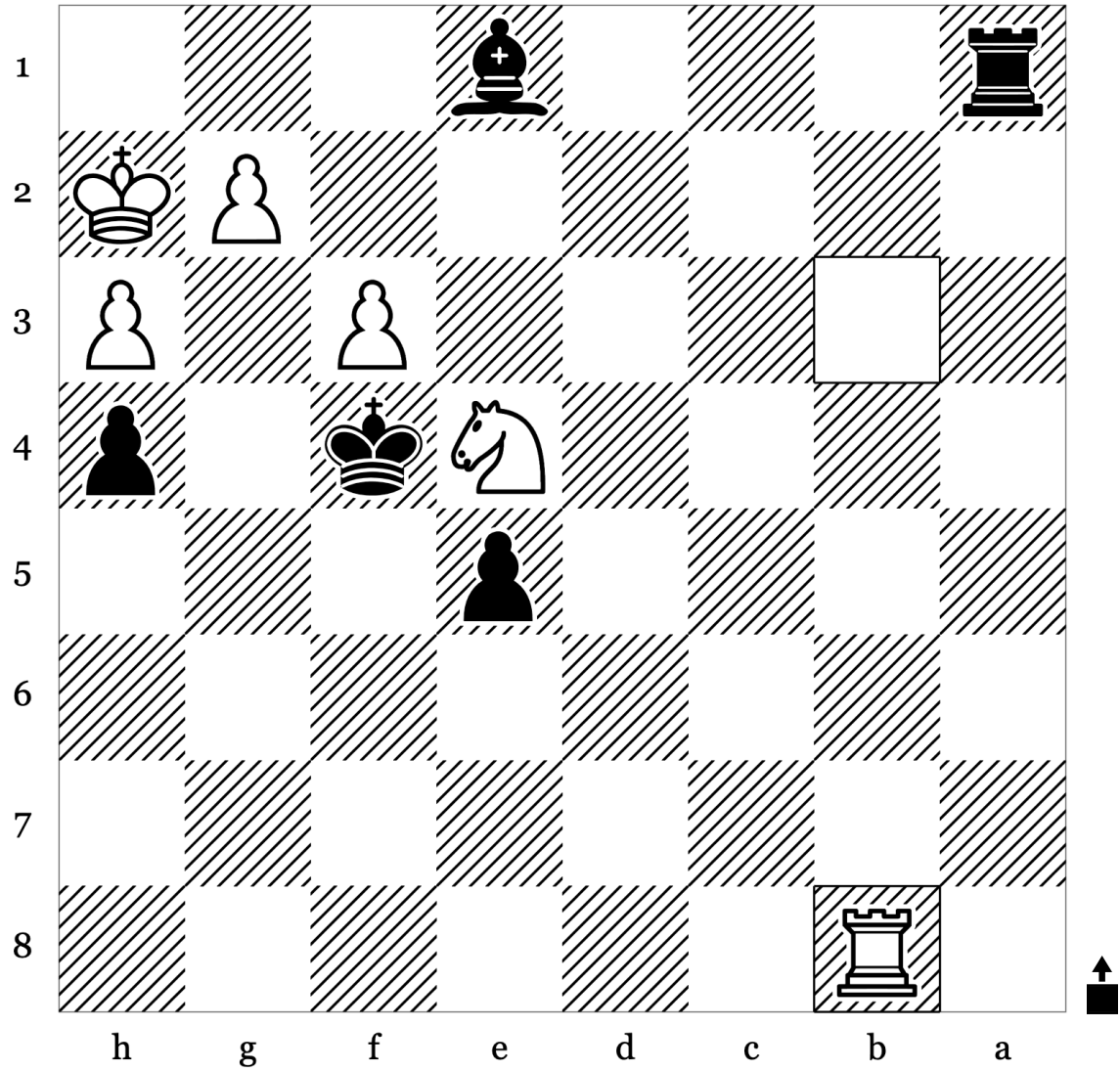
20	...	Rd8
21		
22		
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Puzzle 71 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1006)



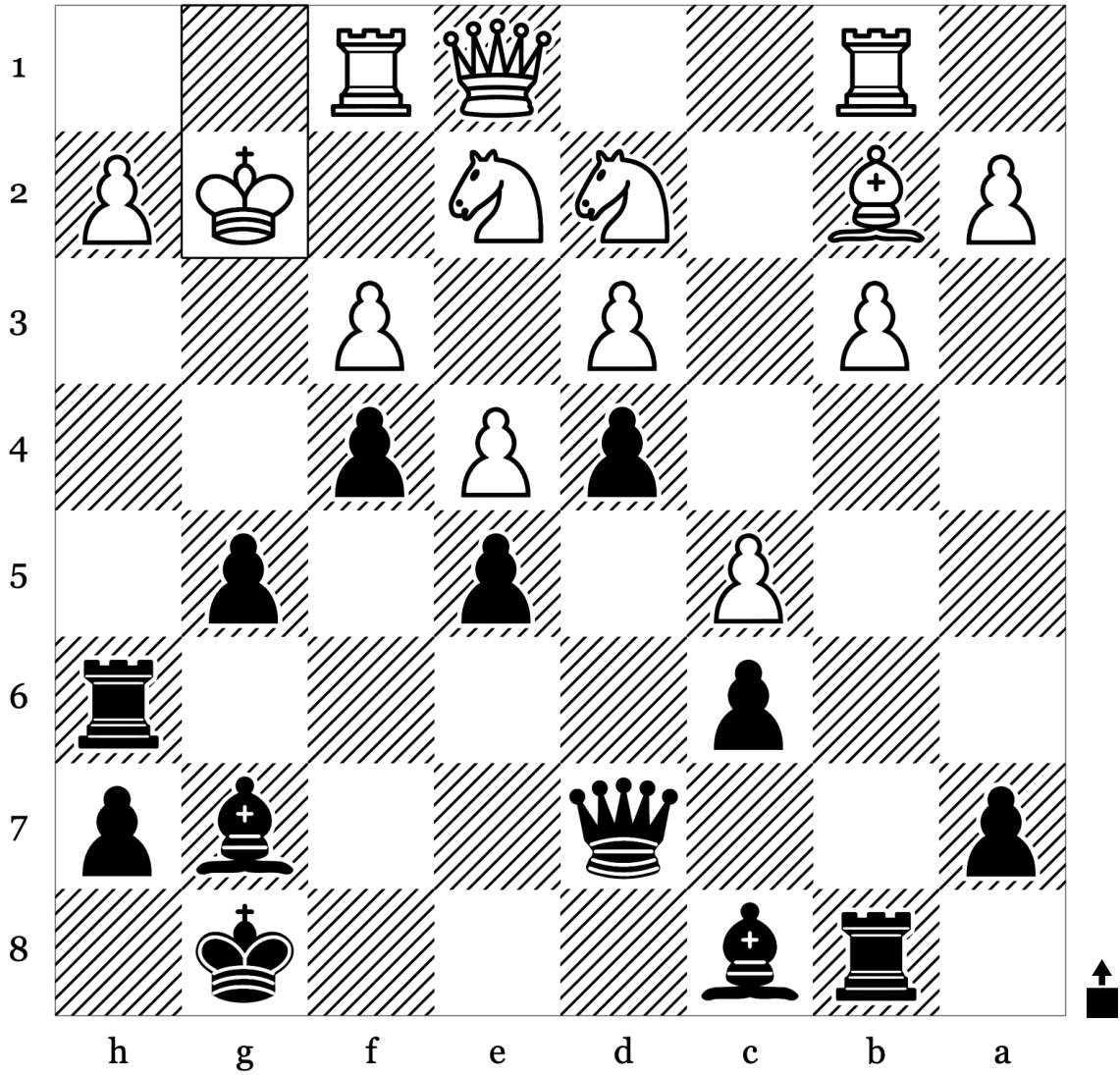
16	...	Kxh7
17		
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Puzzle 72 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 962)



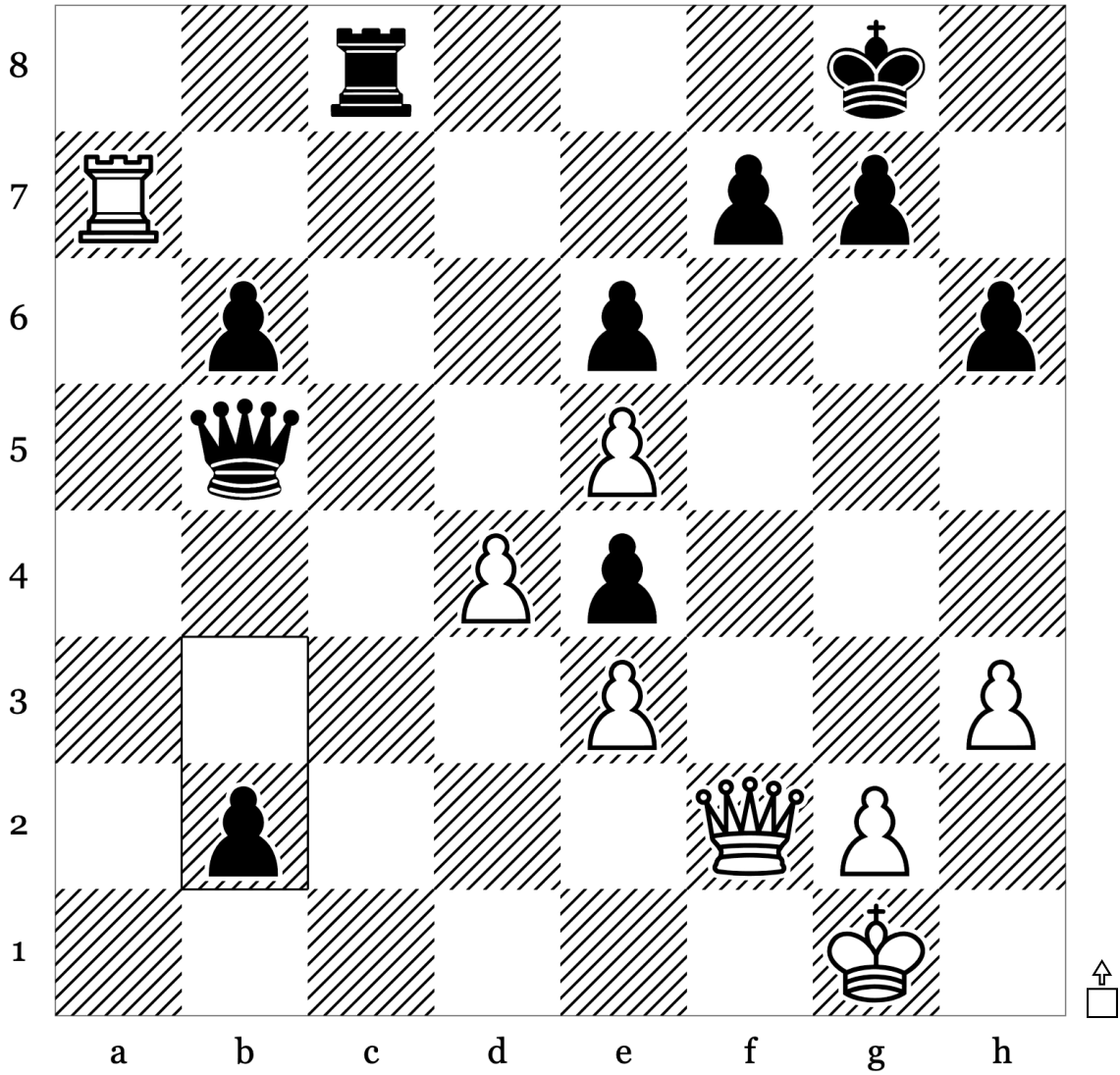
48	Rb8	
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Puzzle 73 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 830)



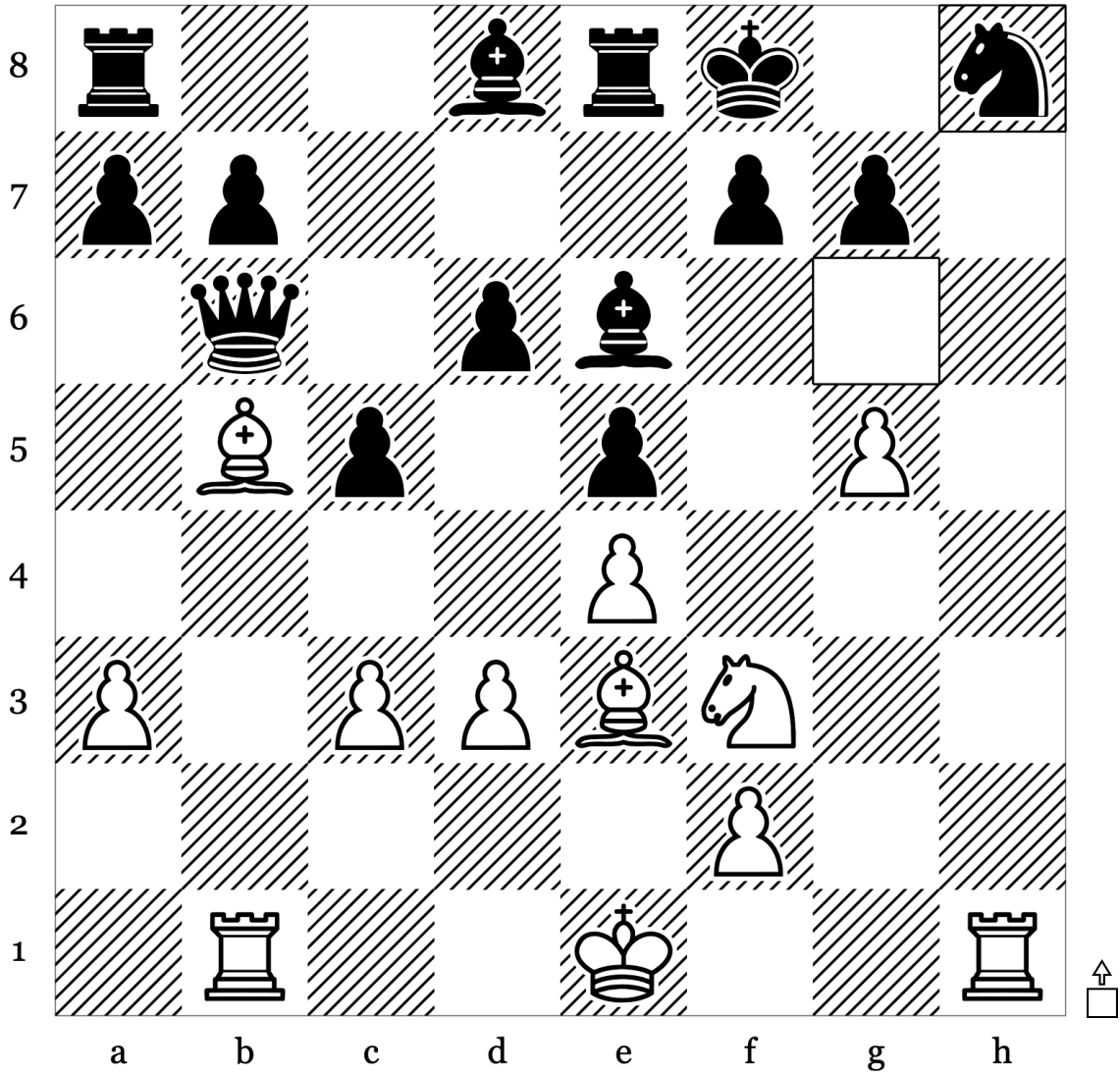
22	Kxg2	
23		
24		
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26		

Puzzle 74 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1039)



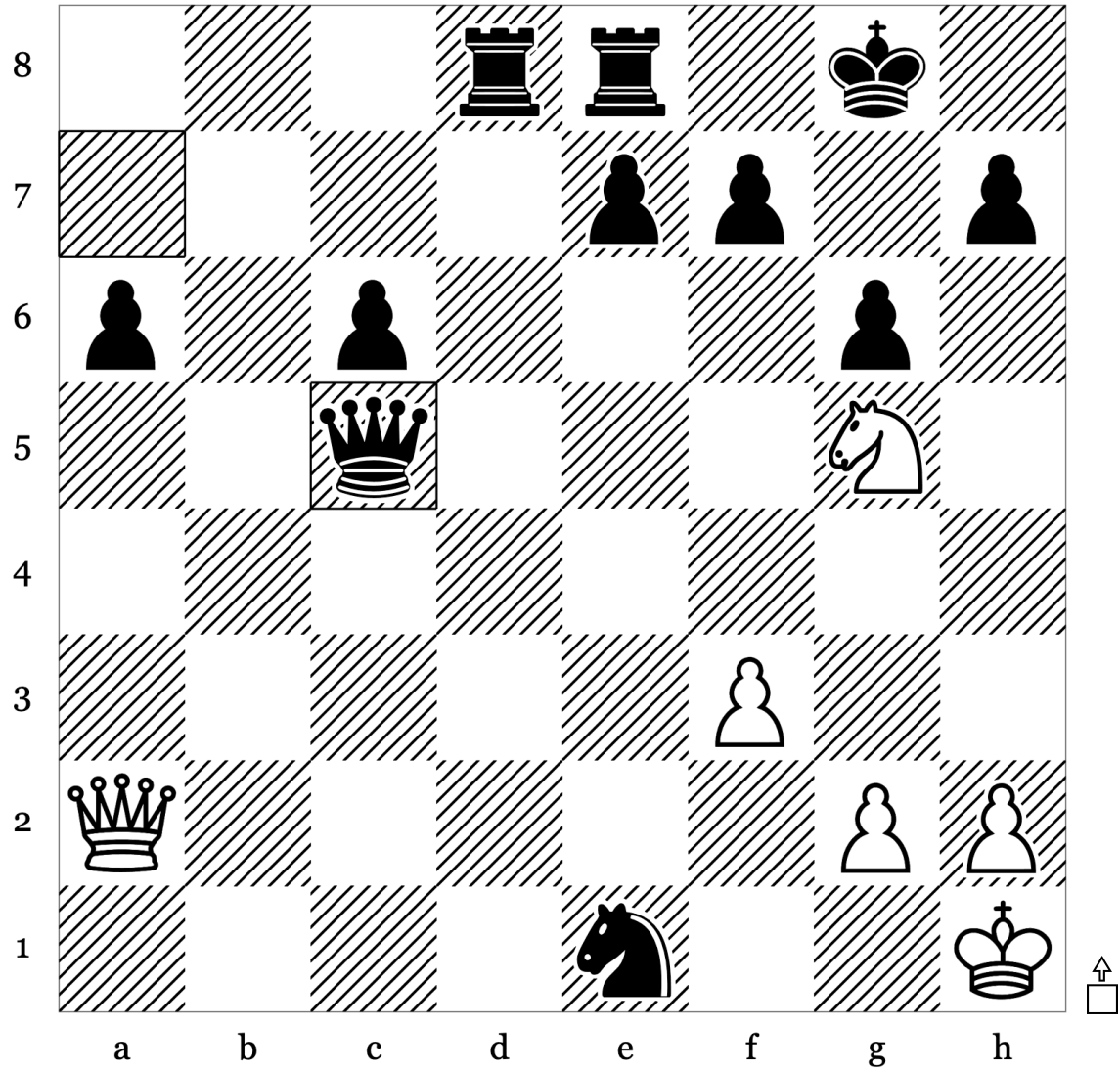
34	...	b2
35		
36		
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Puzzle 75 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1101)



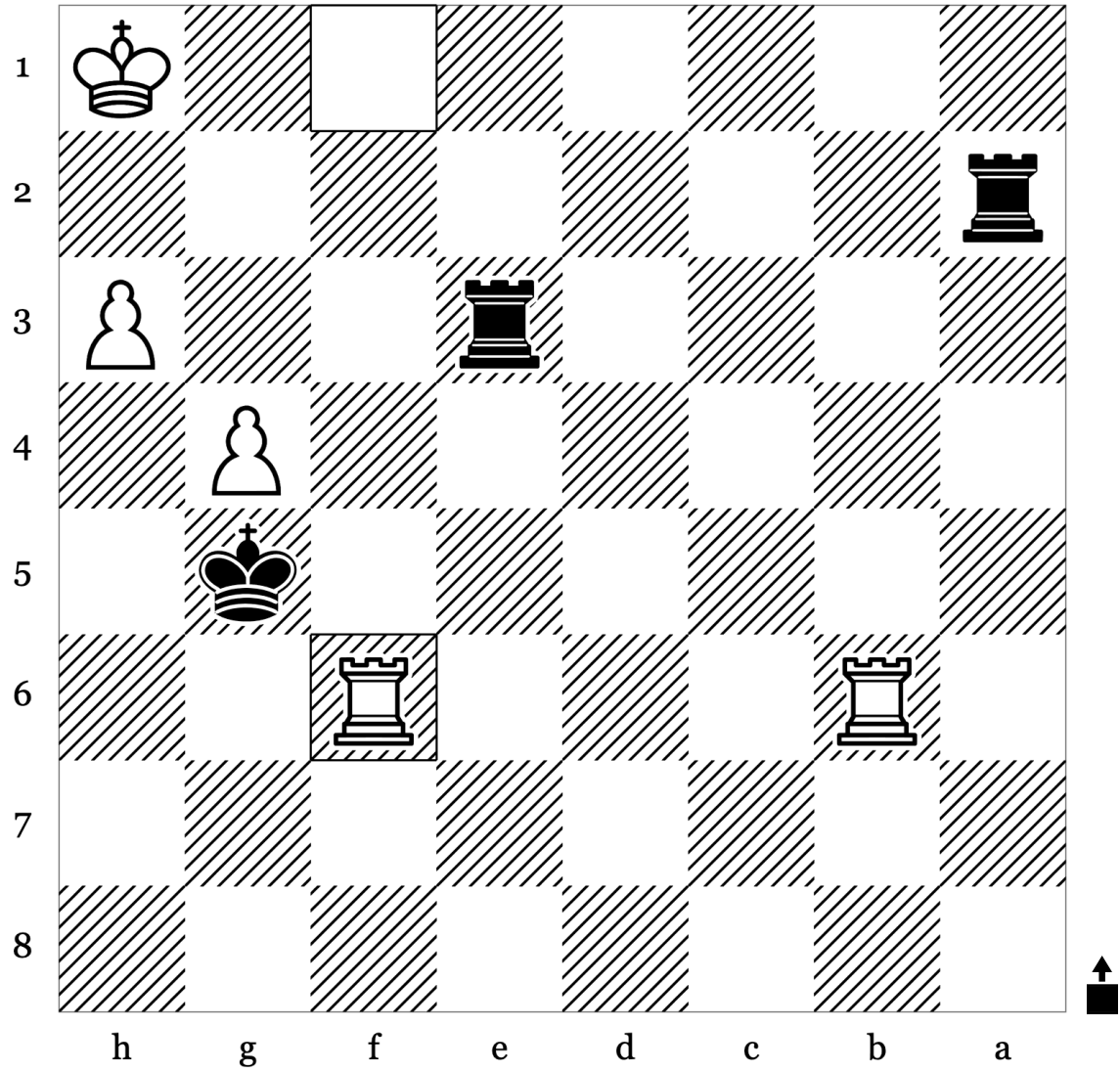
26	...	Nxh8
27		
28		
29		
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Puzzle 77 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1035)



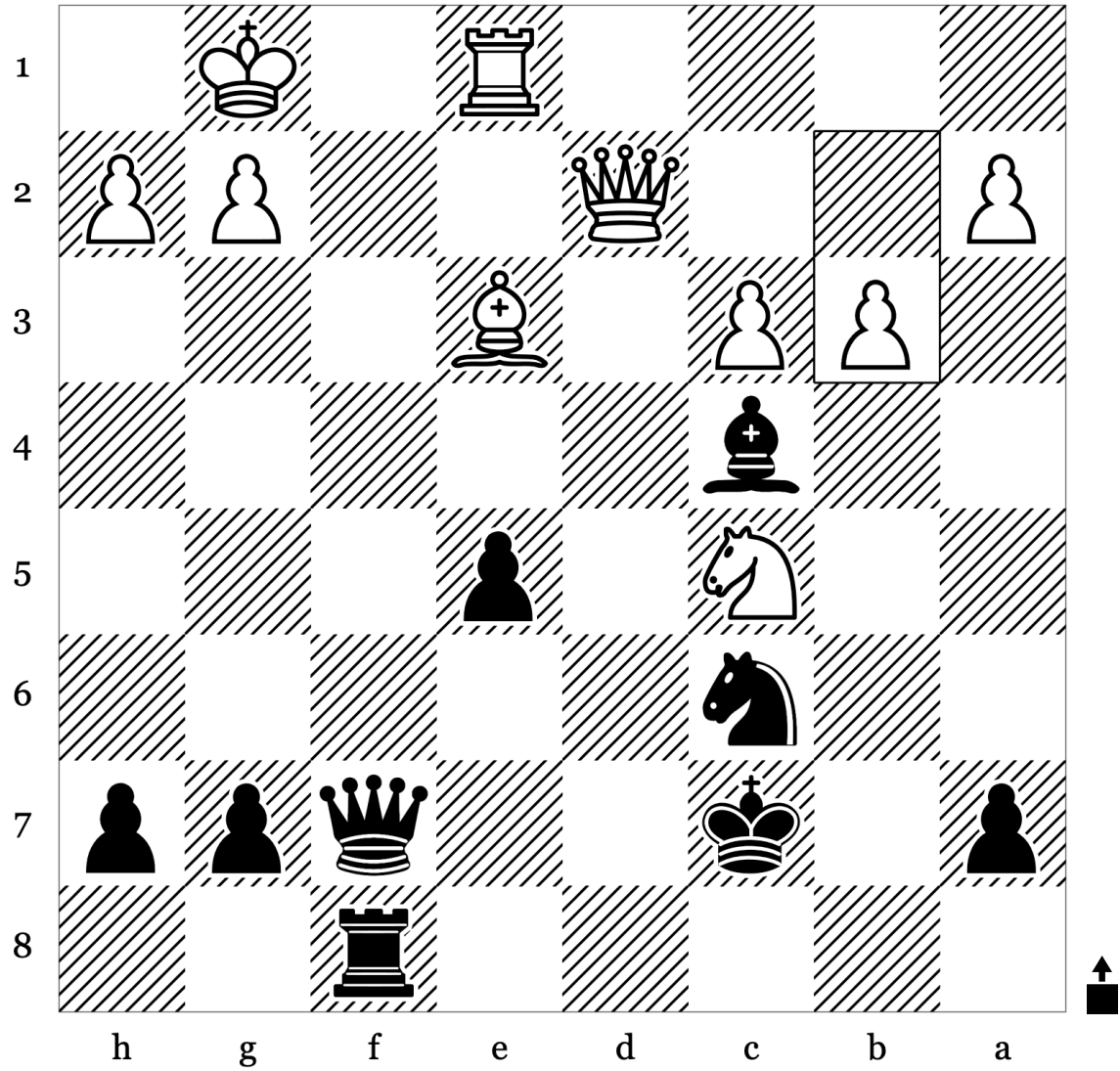
37	...	Qxc5
38		
39		
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41		

Puzzle 78 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1130)



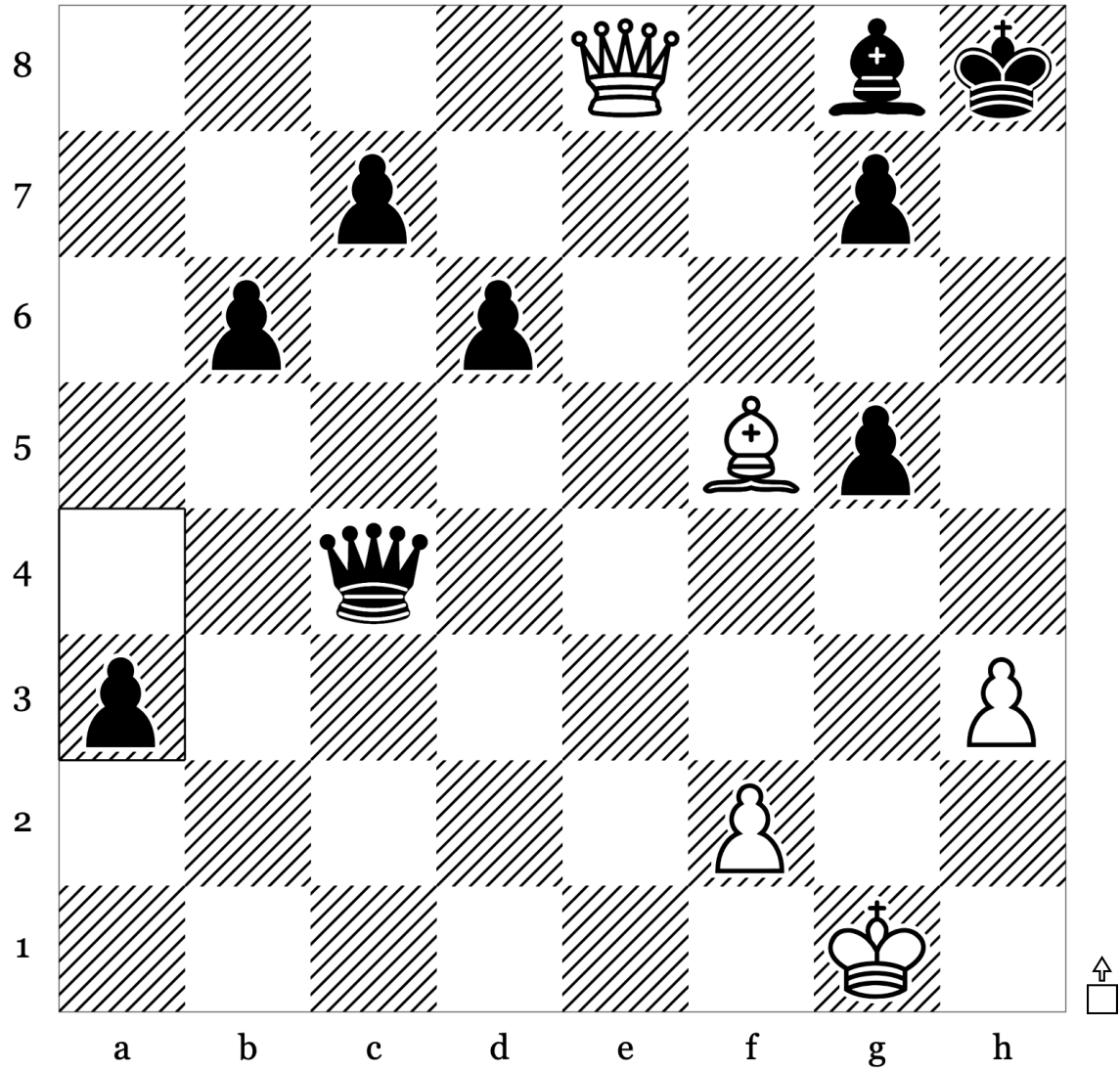
40	Rff6	
41		
42		
43		
44		

Puzzle 79 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1066)



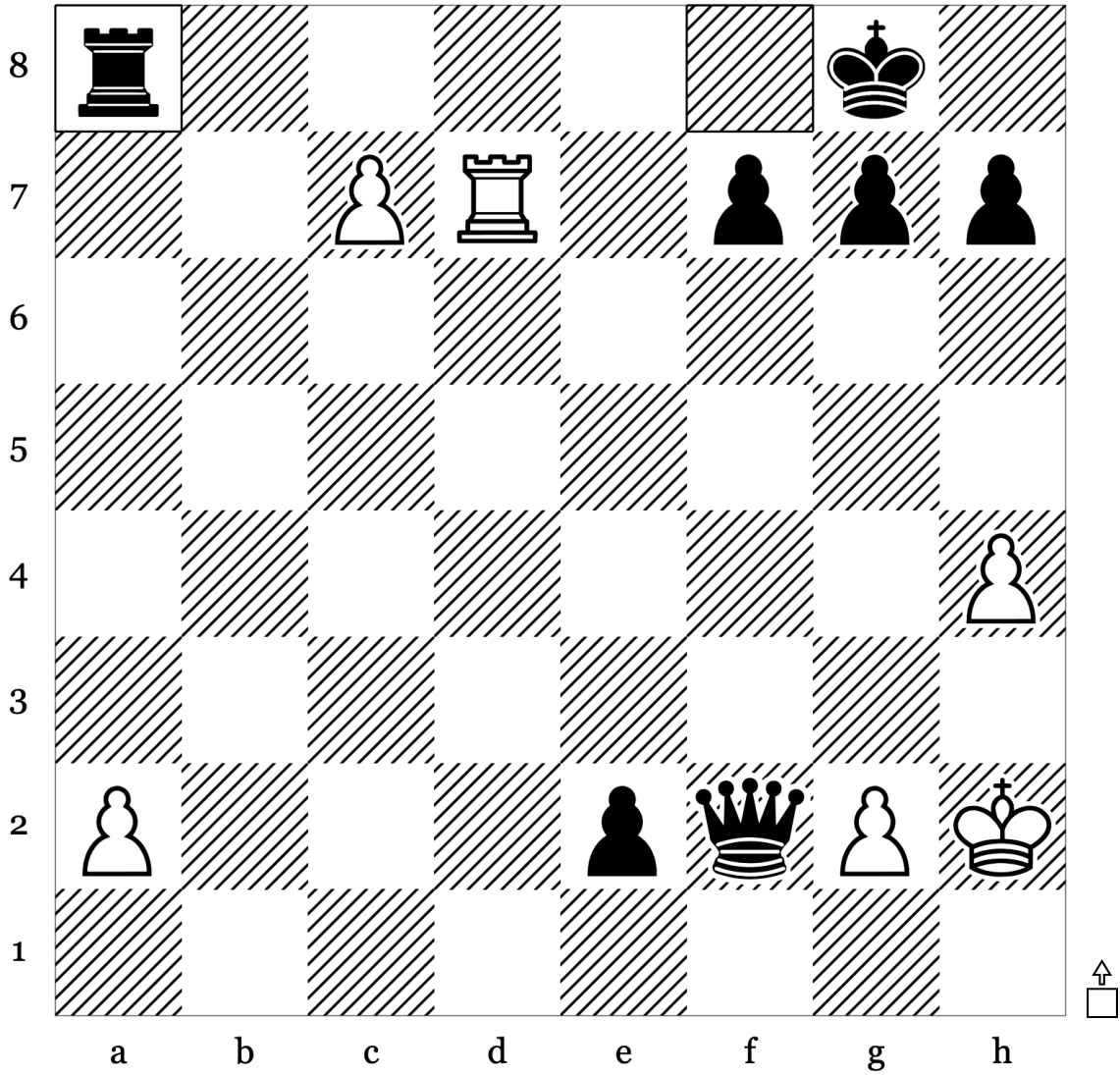
24	b3	
25		
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Puzzle 80 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1180)



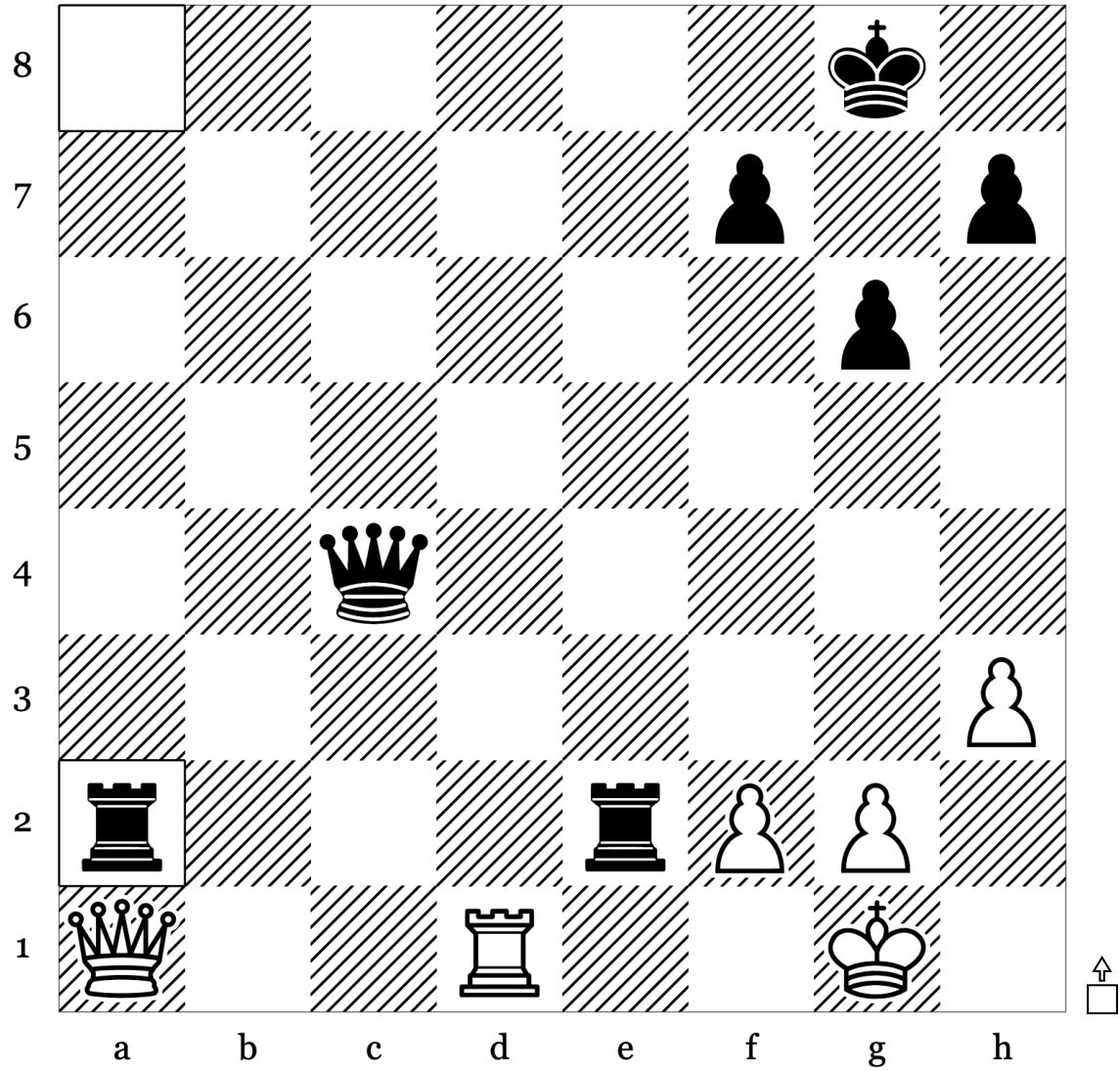
34	...	a3
35		
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Puzzle 81 of 100: Advanced Pawn · Back Rank Mate (Rating: 861)



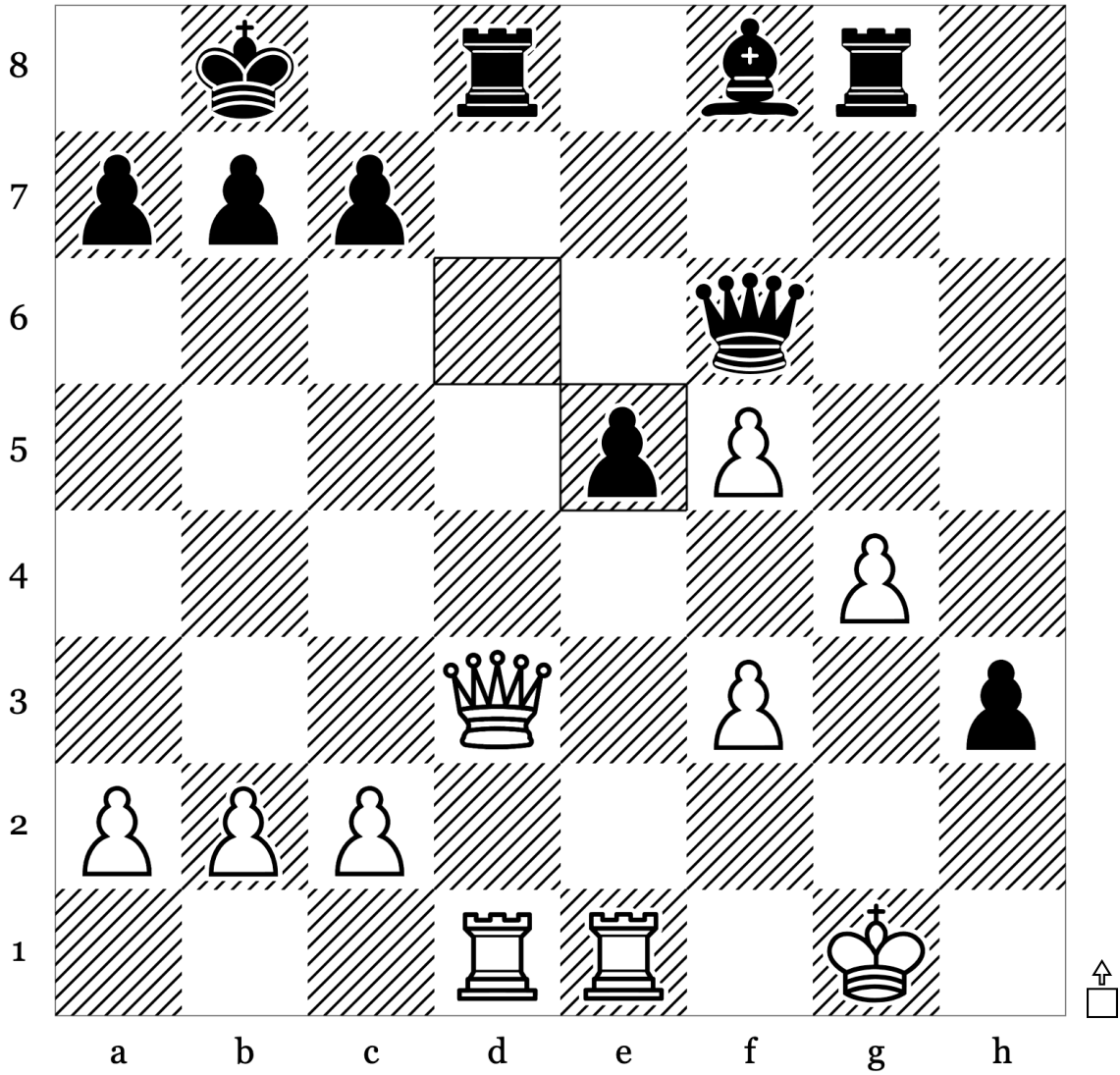
33	...	Rxa8
34		
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36		
37		

Puzzle 82 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 816)



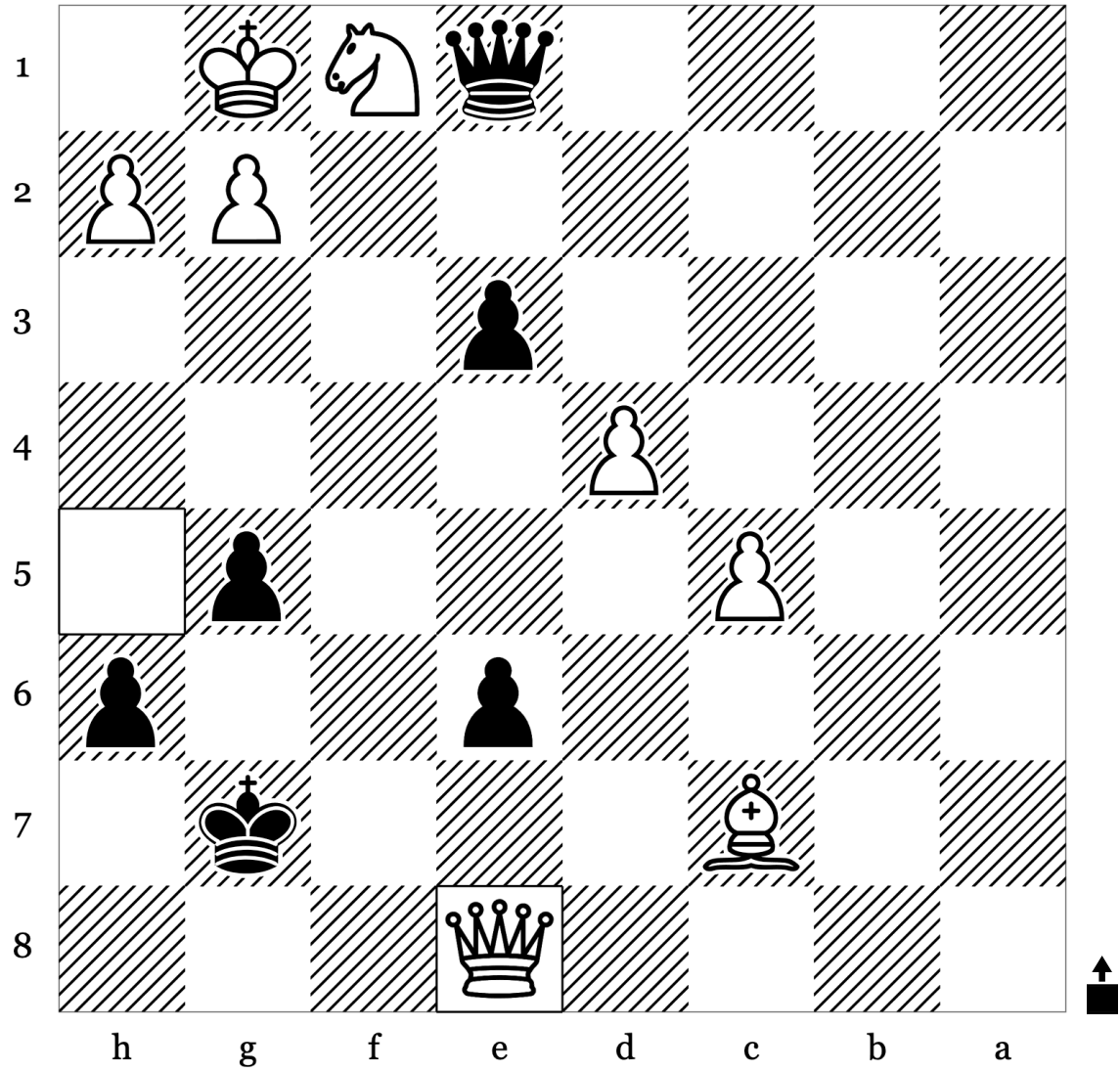
30	...	Raxa2
31		
32		
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34		

Puzzle 83 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 800)



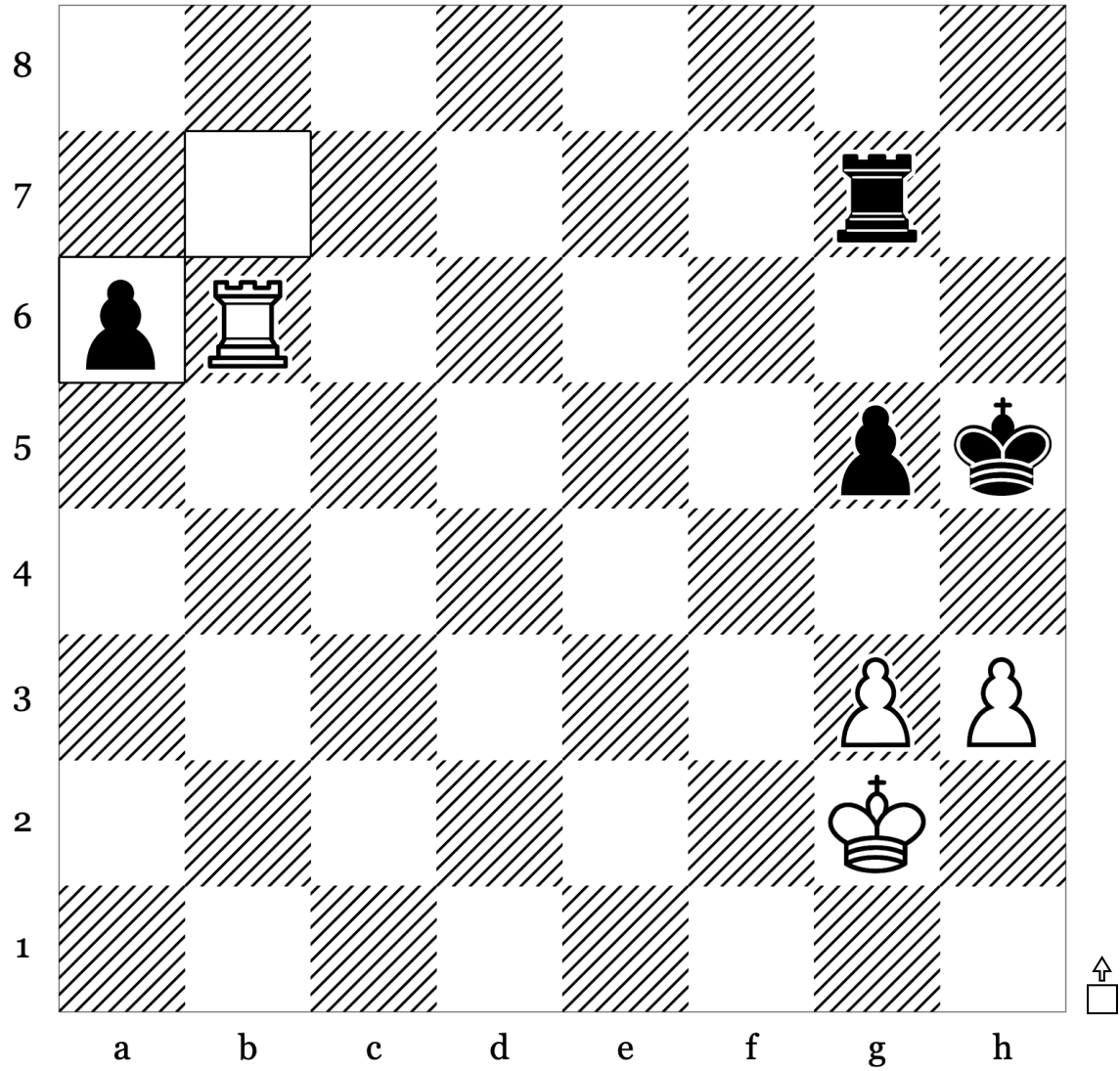
26	...	dxe5
27		
28		
29		
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Puzzle 84 of 100: Deflection · Endgame (Rating: 1124)



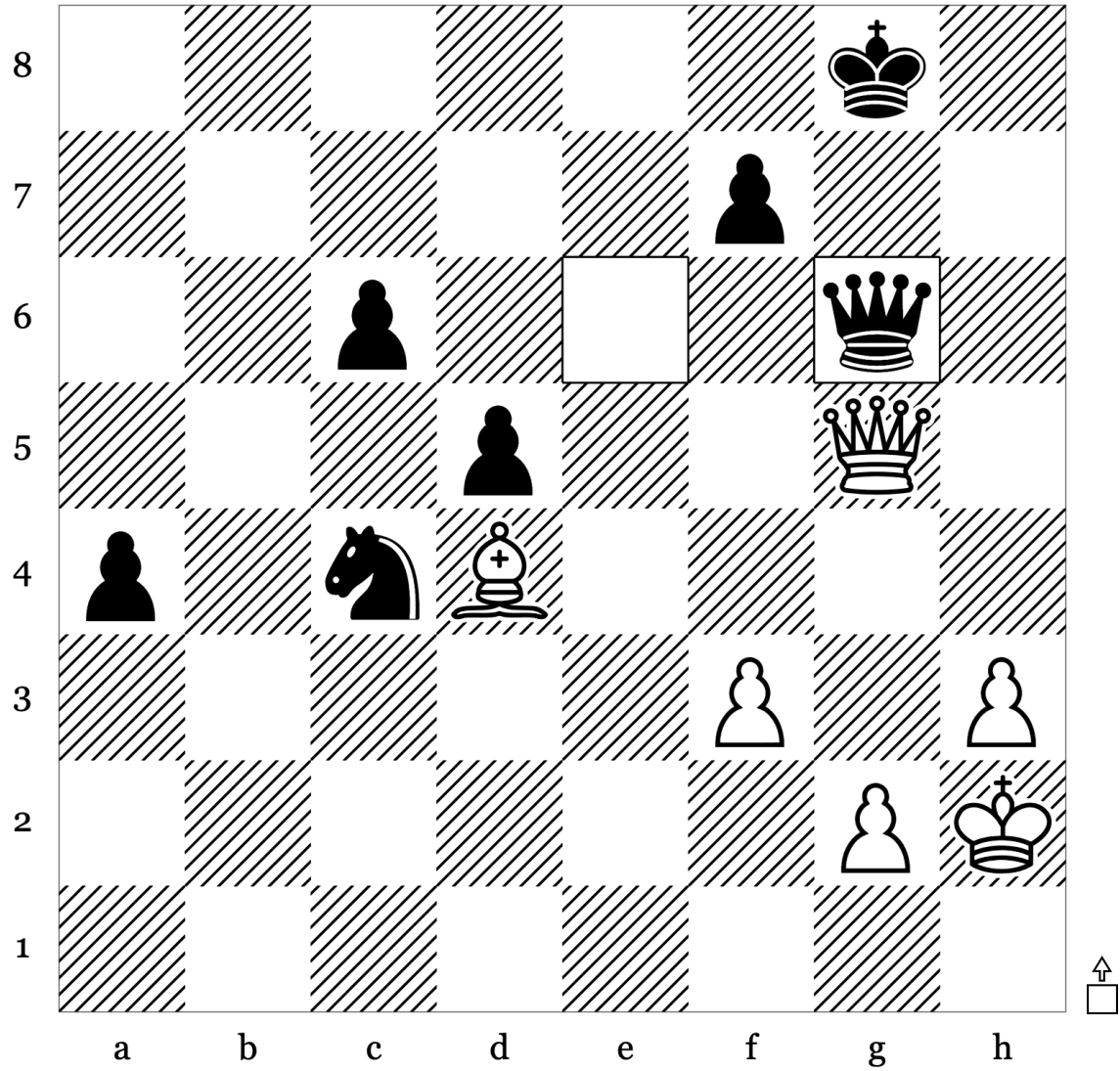
34	Qe8	
35		
36		
37		
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Puzzle 85 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1087)



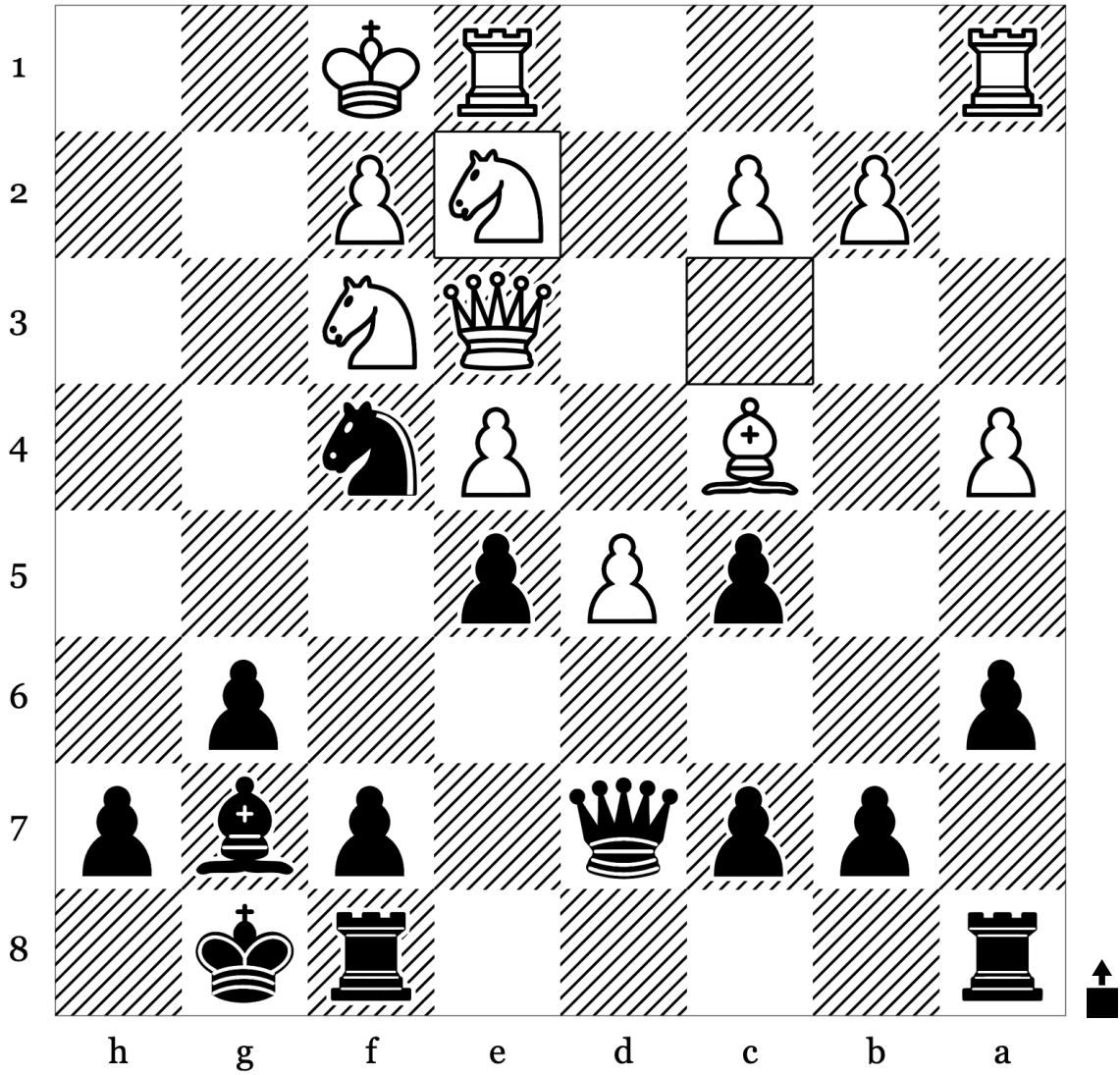
40	...	bxa6
41		
42		
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Puzzle 86 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 894)



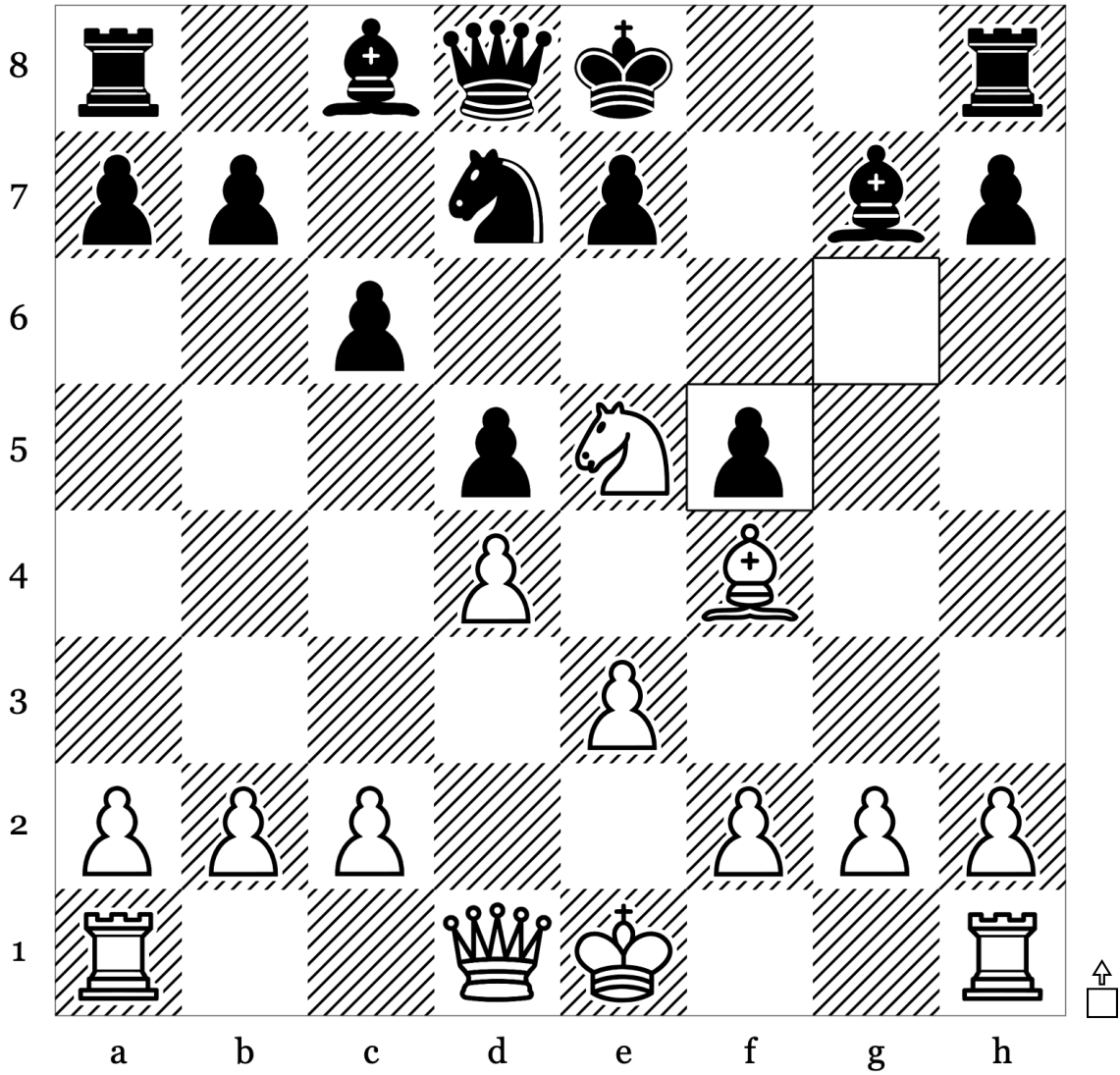
50	...	Qg6
51		
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Puzzle 87 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1005)



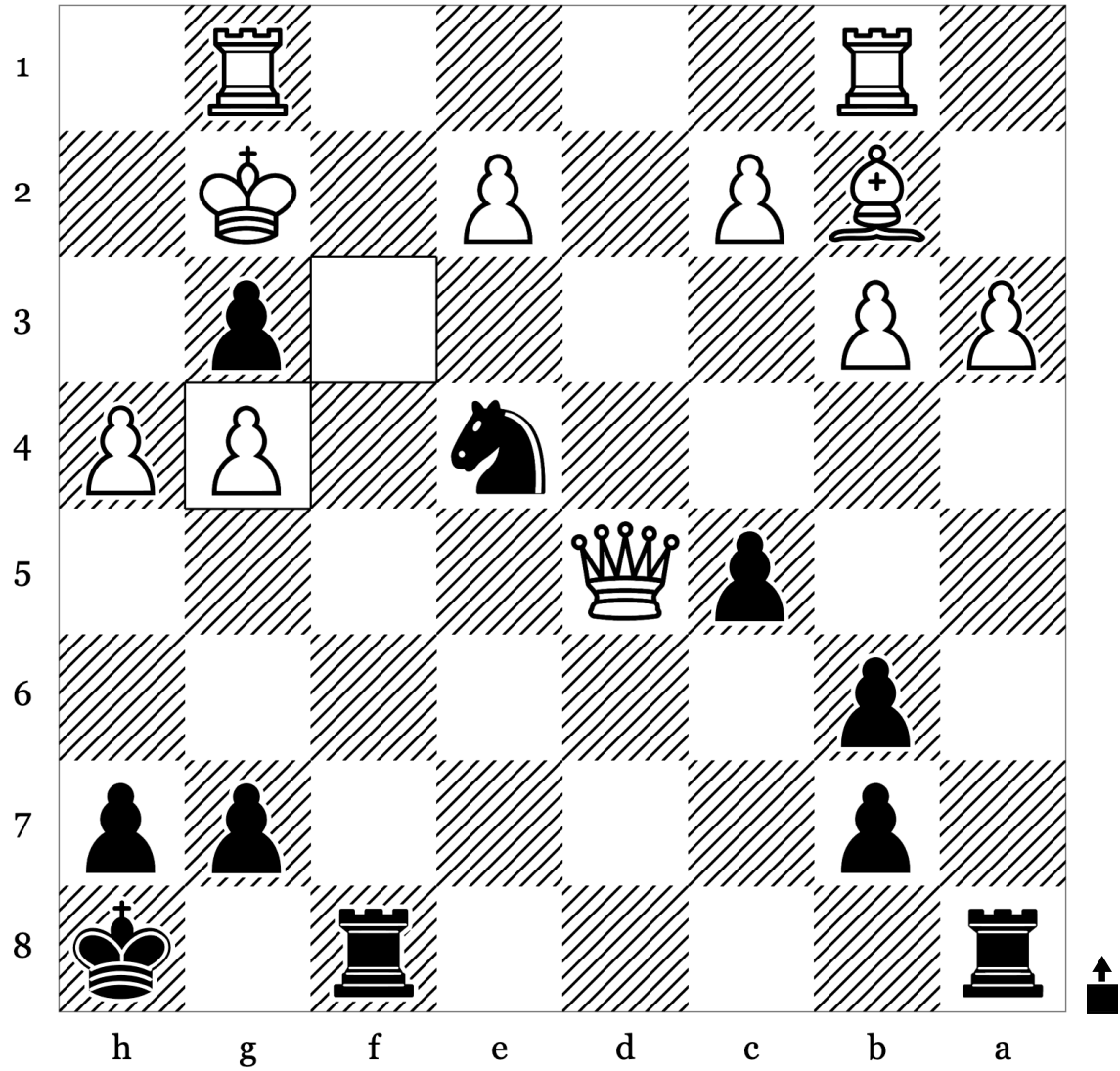
18	Ne2	
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Puzzle 88 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1121)



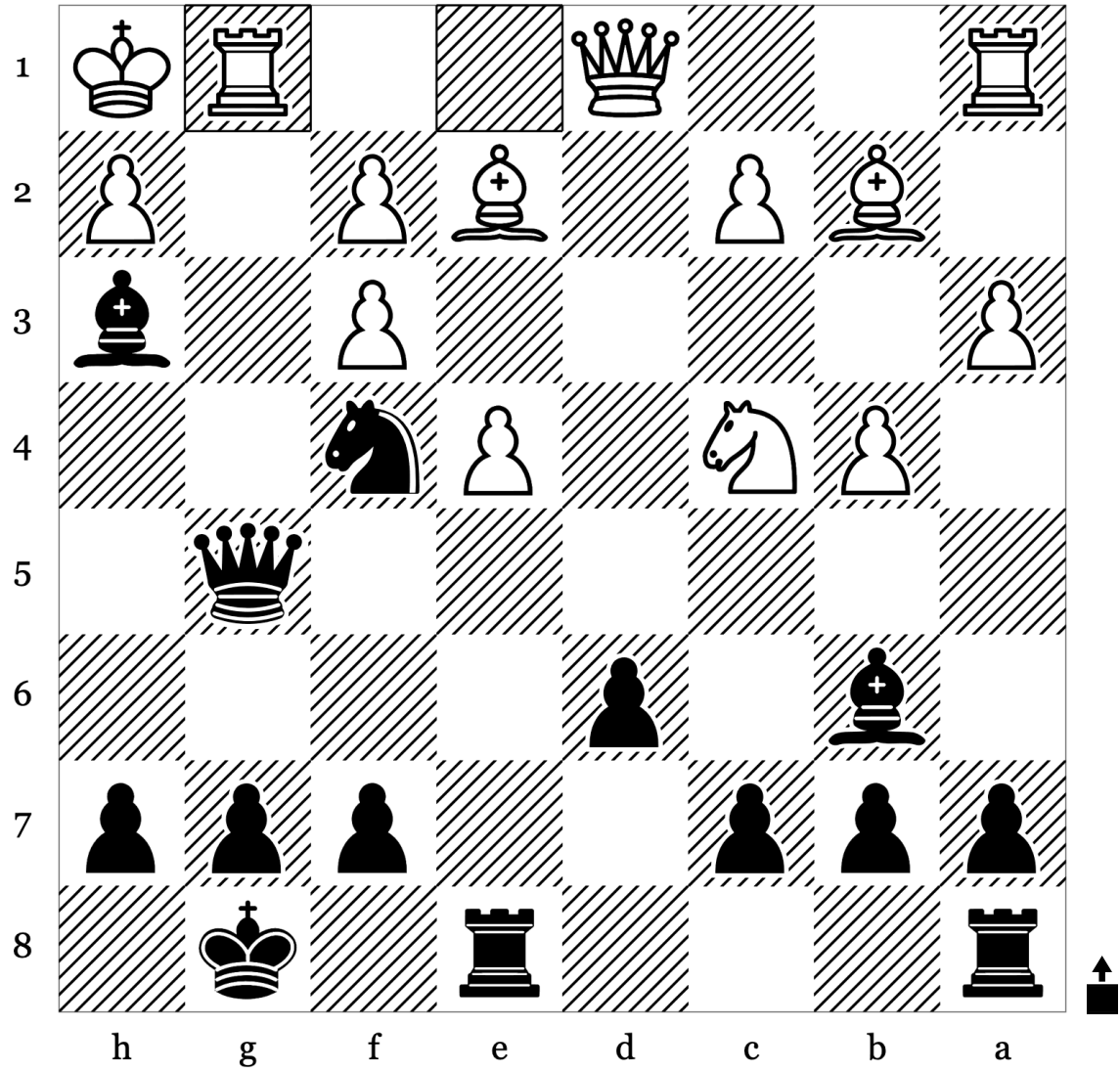
10	...	gxf5
11		
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Puzzle 90 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 960)



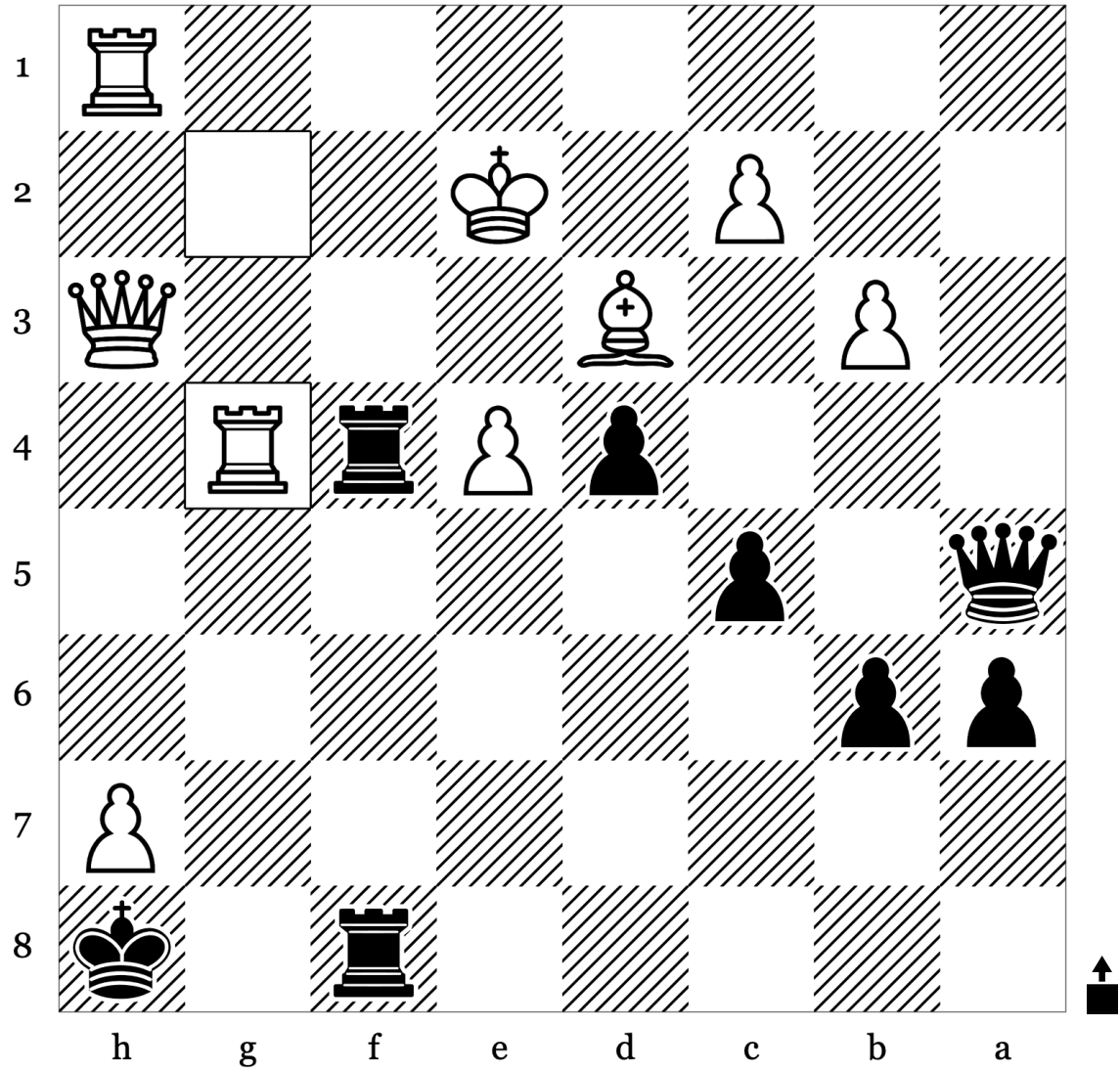
23	f xg4	
24		
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Puzzle 91 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 1079)



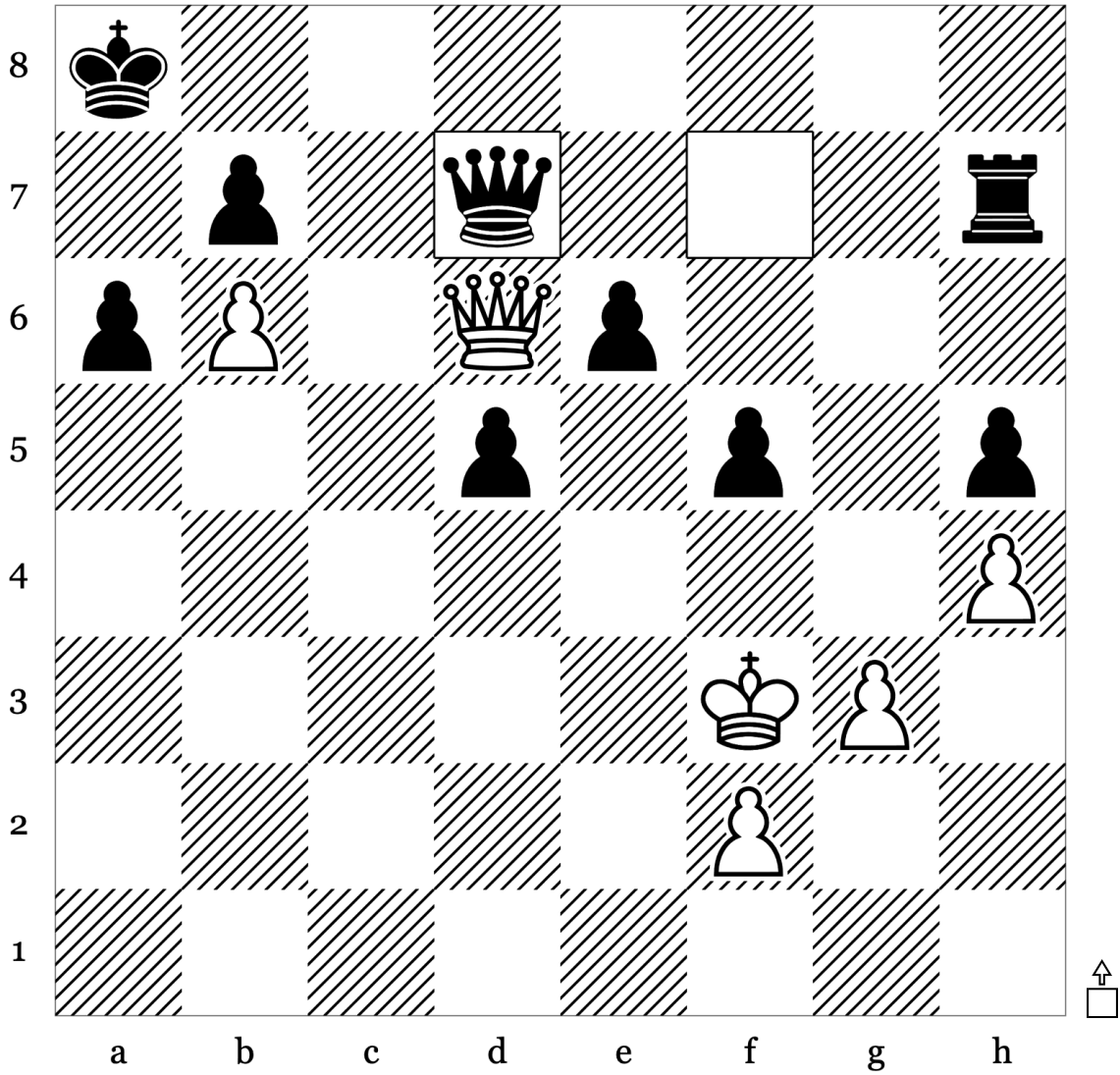
17	Rg1	
18		
19		
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Puzzle 93 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 936)



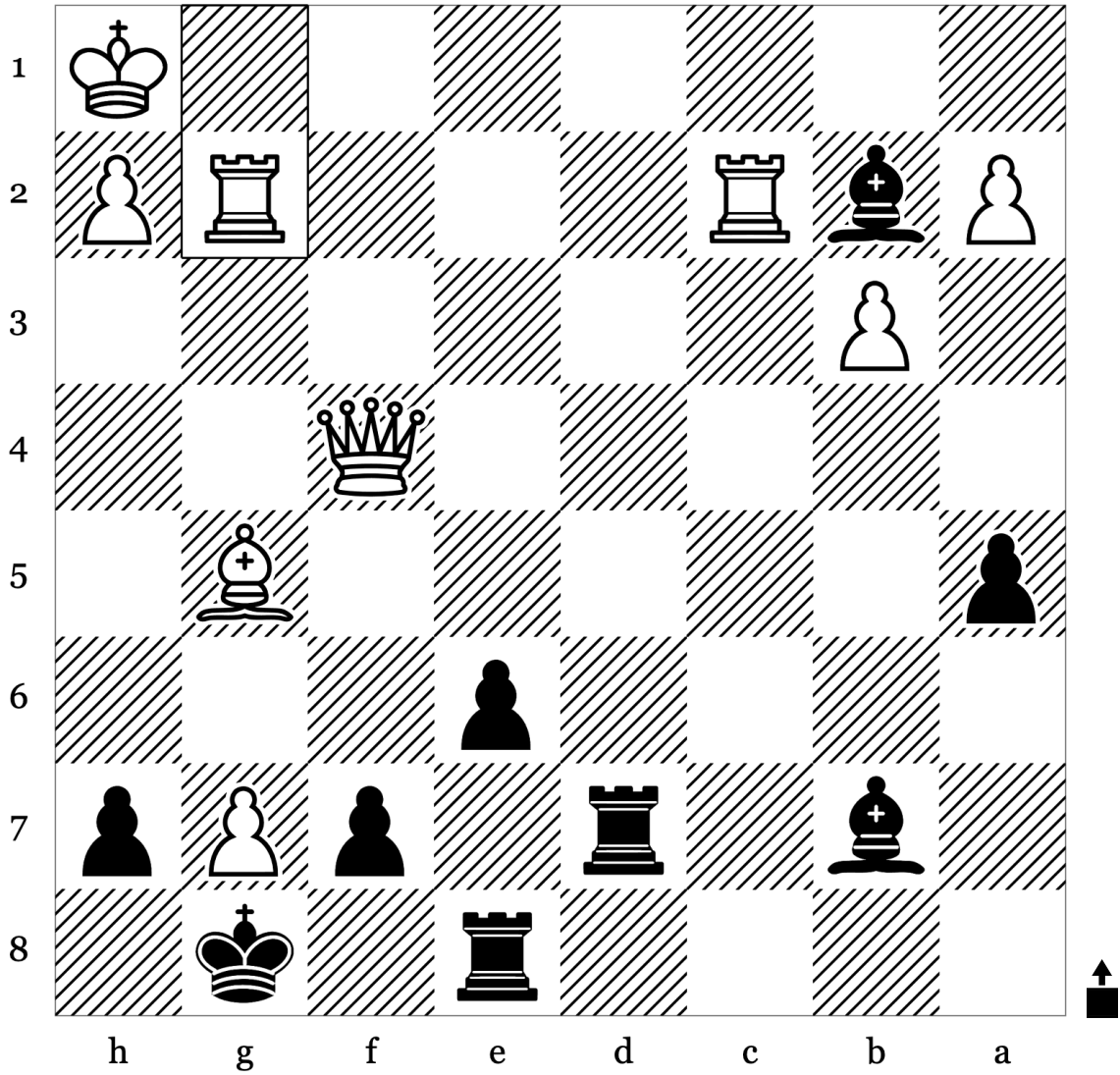
46	Rxg4	
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Puzzle 94 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1051)



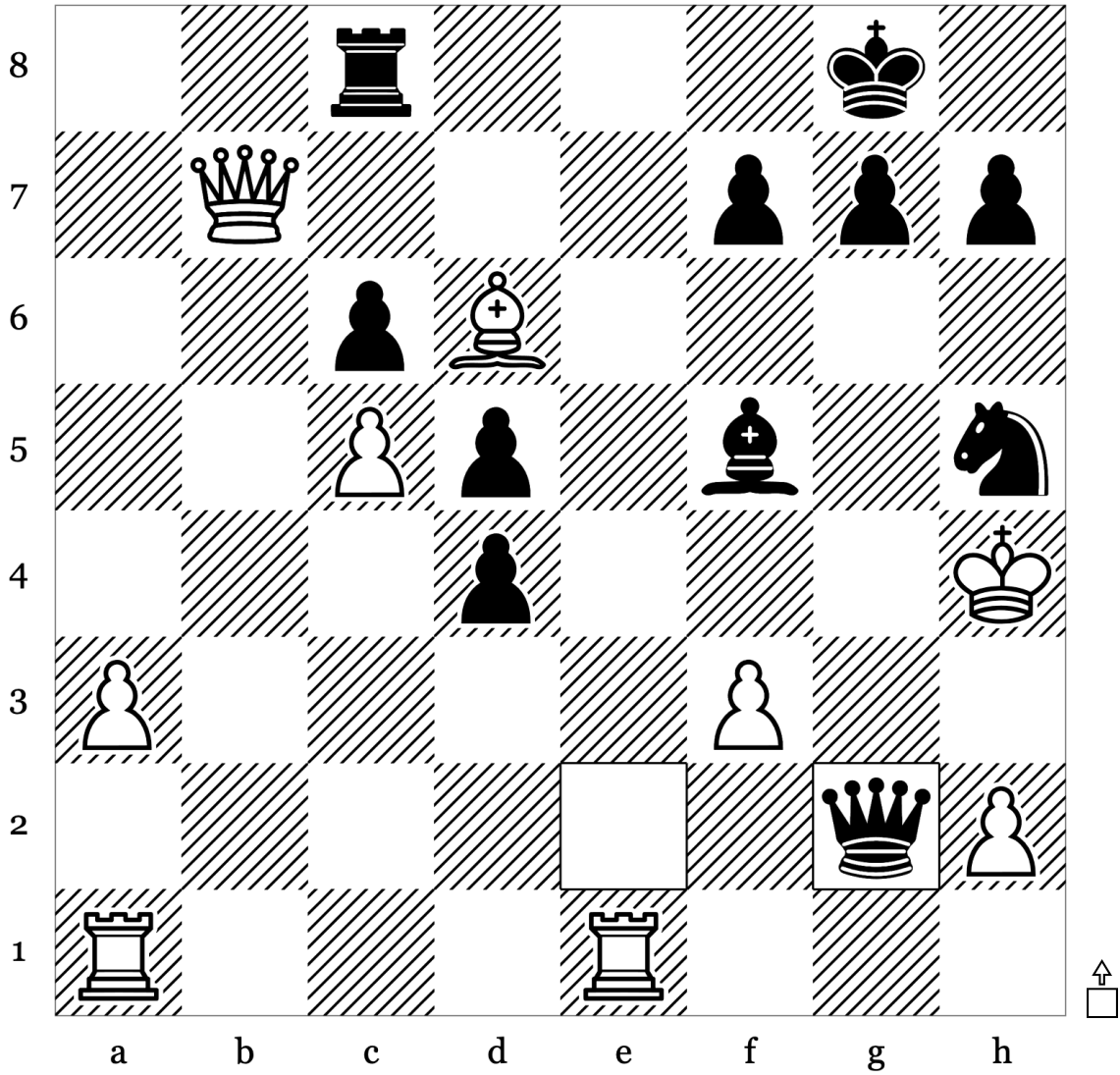
46	...	Qd7
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Puzzle 95 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1165)



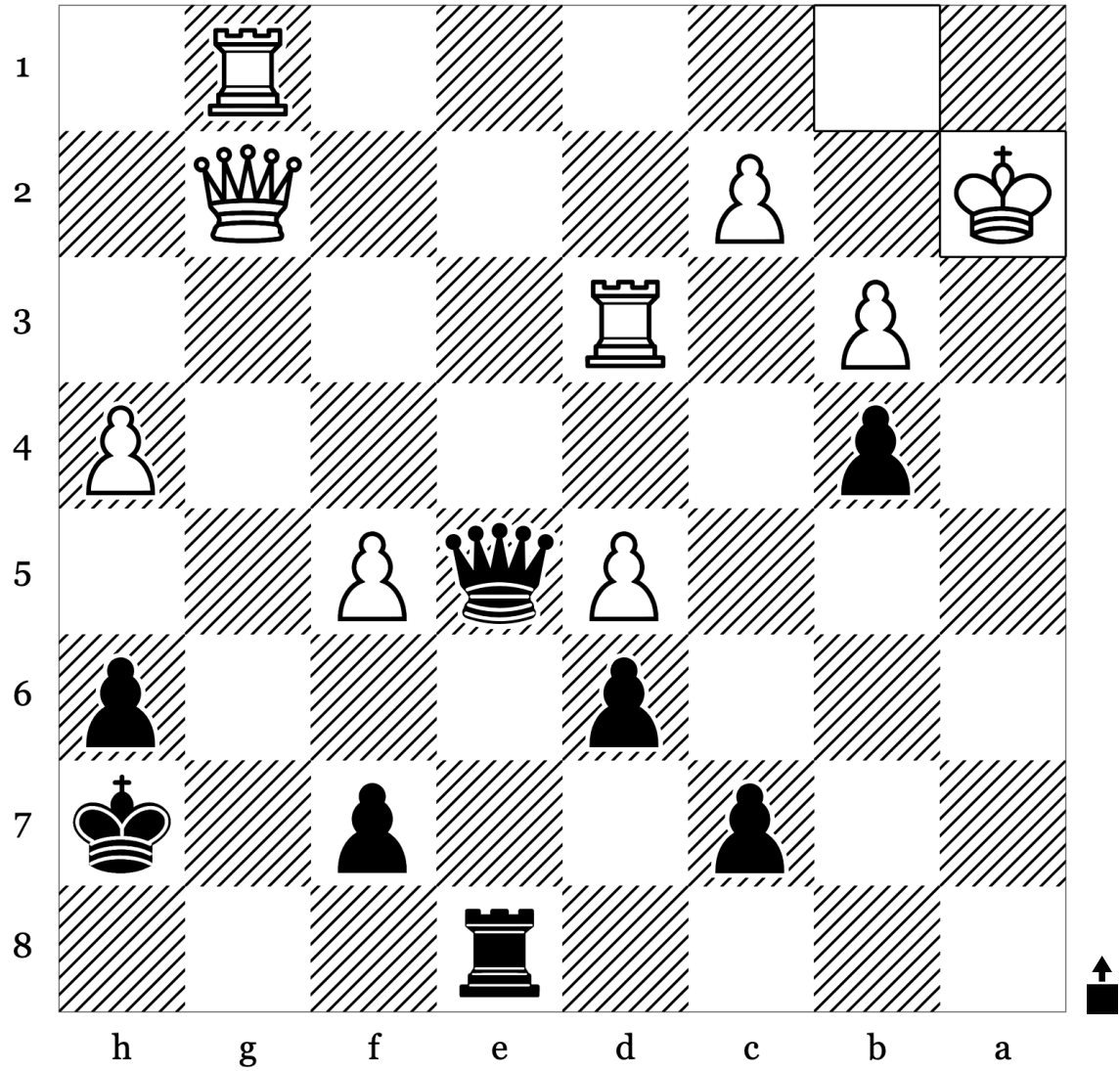
36	Rgxg2	
37		
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Puzzle 96 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Mate (Rating: 981)



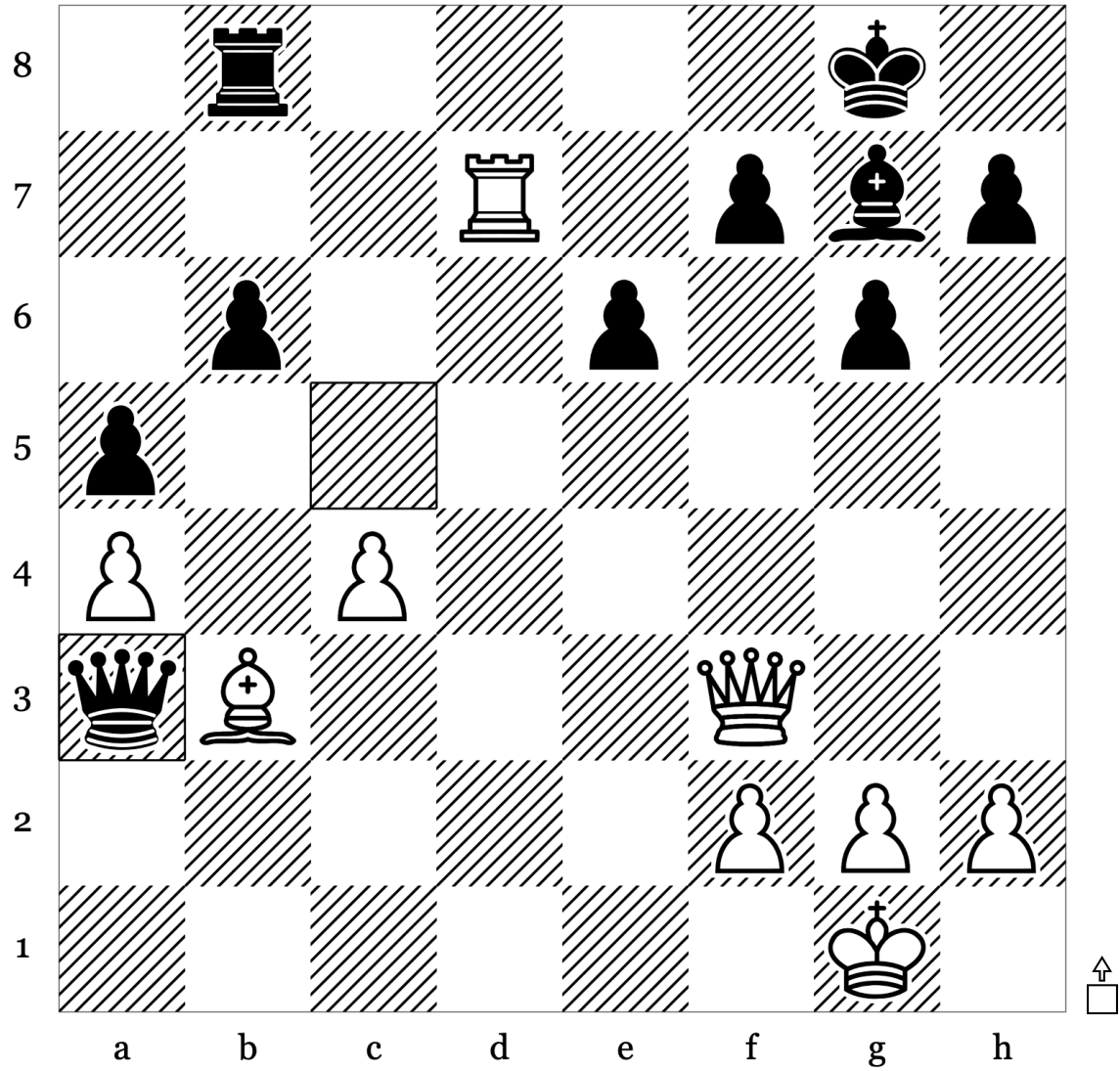
24	...	Qxg2
25		
26		
27		
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Puzzle 98 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 979)



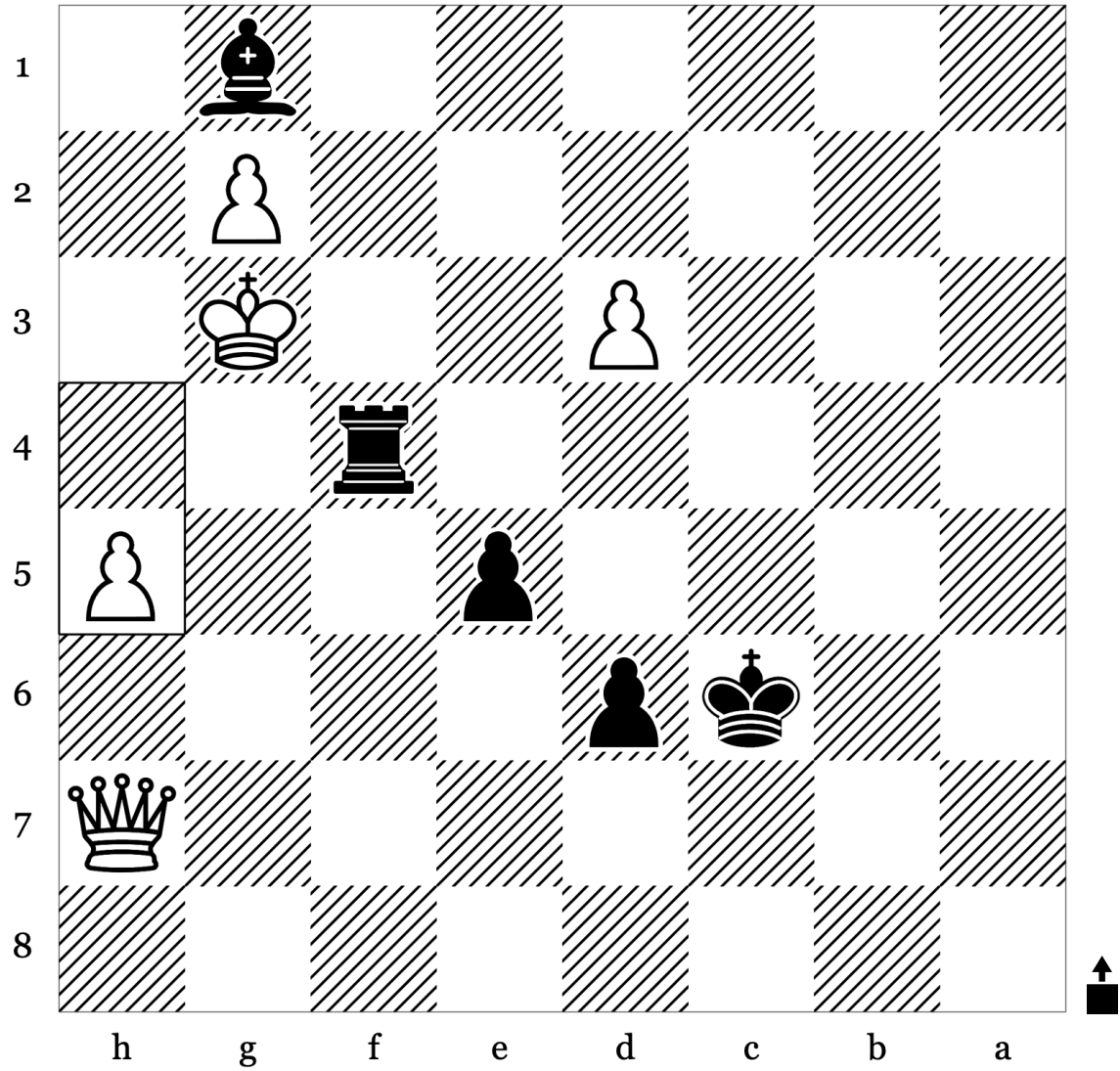
29	Kxa2	
30		
31		
32		
33		

Puzzle 99 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 955)



24	...	Qa3
25		
26		
27		
28		

Puzzle 100 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1035)



46	h5	
47		
48		
49		
50		

◀ Solution: Puzzle 100

46. ... Bf2+
47. Kh3 Rh4#

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