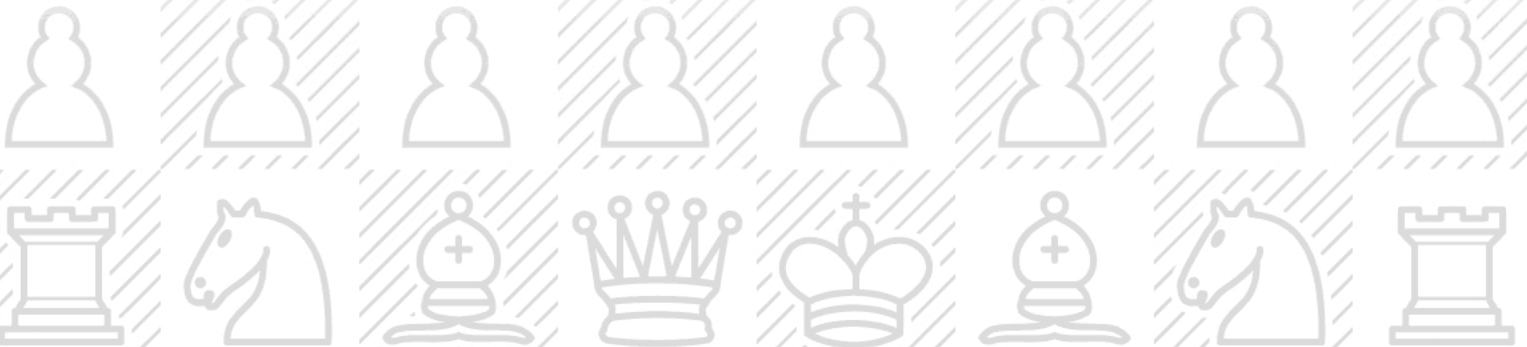


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# What are chess puzzles?

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.



# 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

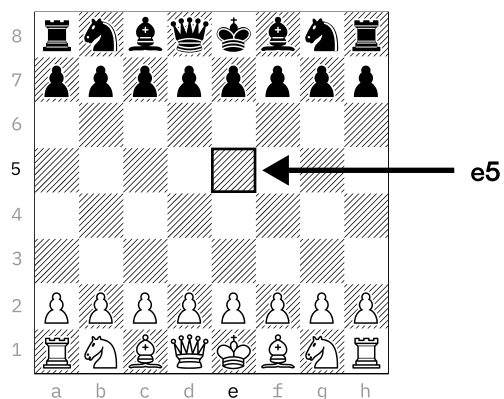


**no letter** — Pawn

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:

<b>Beginners</b>	400 — 800	Clear patterns, single-idea puzzles
<b>Novice</b>	800 — 1200	Light calculation, common motifs
<b>Club</b>	1200 — 1600	Multi-move combinations, sharper geometry
<b>Advanced</b>	1600 — 2000	Quiet moves, less-obvious motifs
<b>Expert</b>	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:

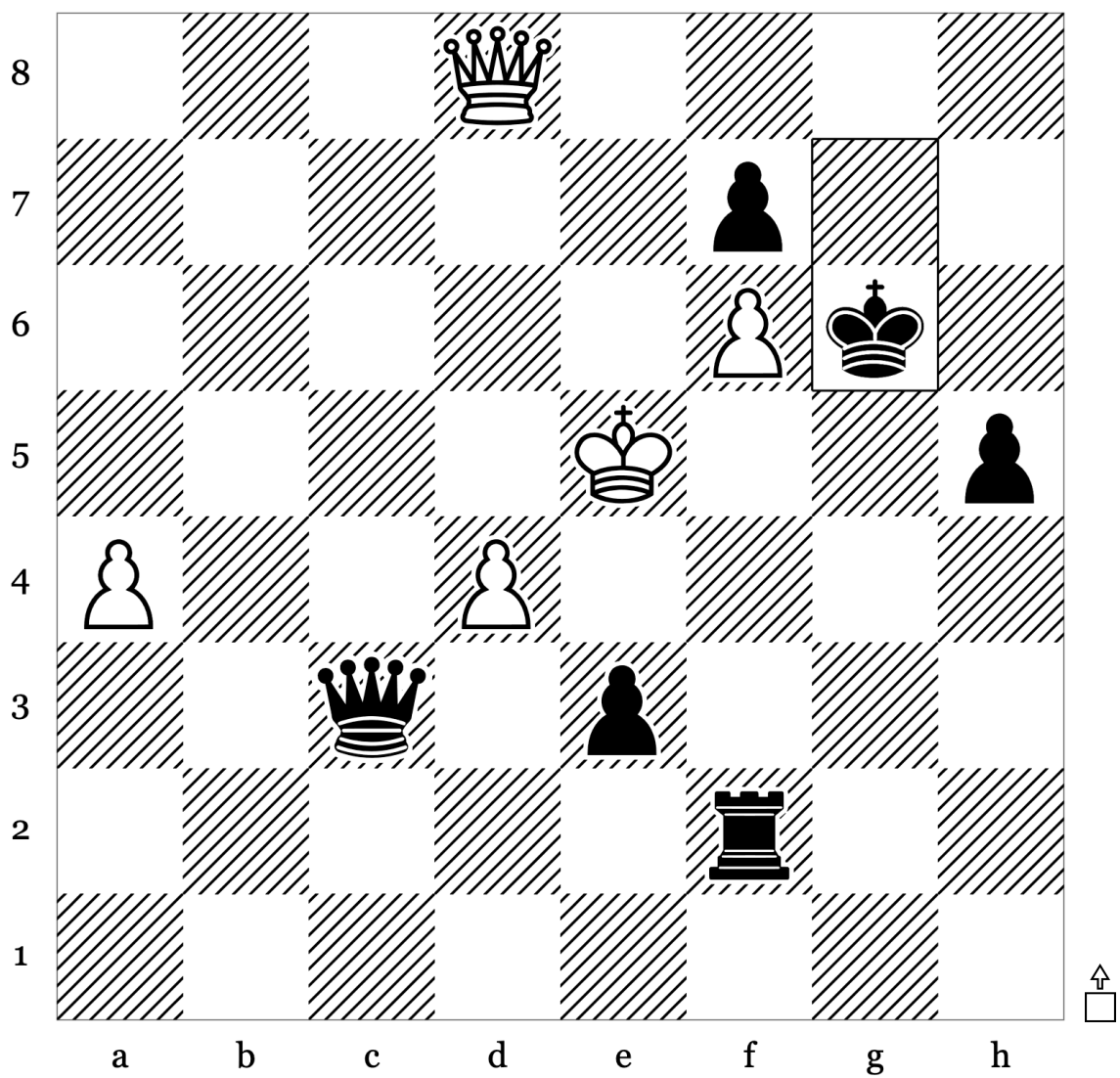
If a puzzle has you for five minutes, look at the solution, understand the pattern, and move on.

That's the training too.

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

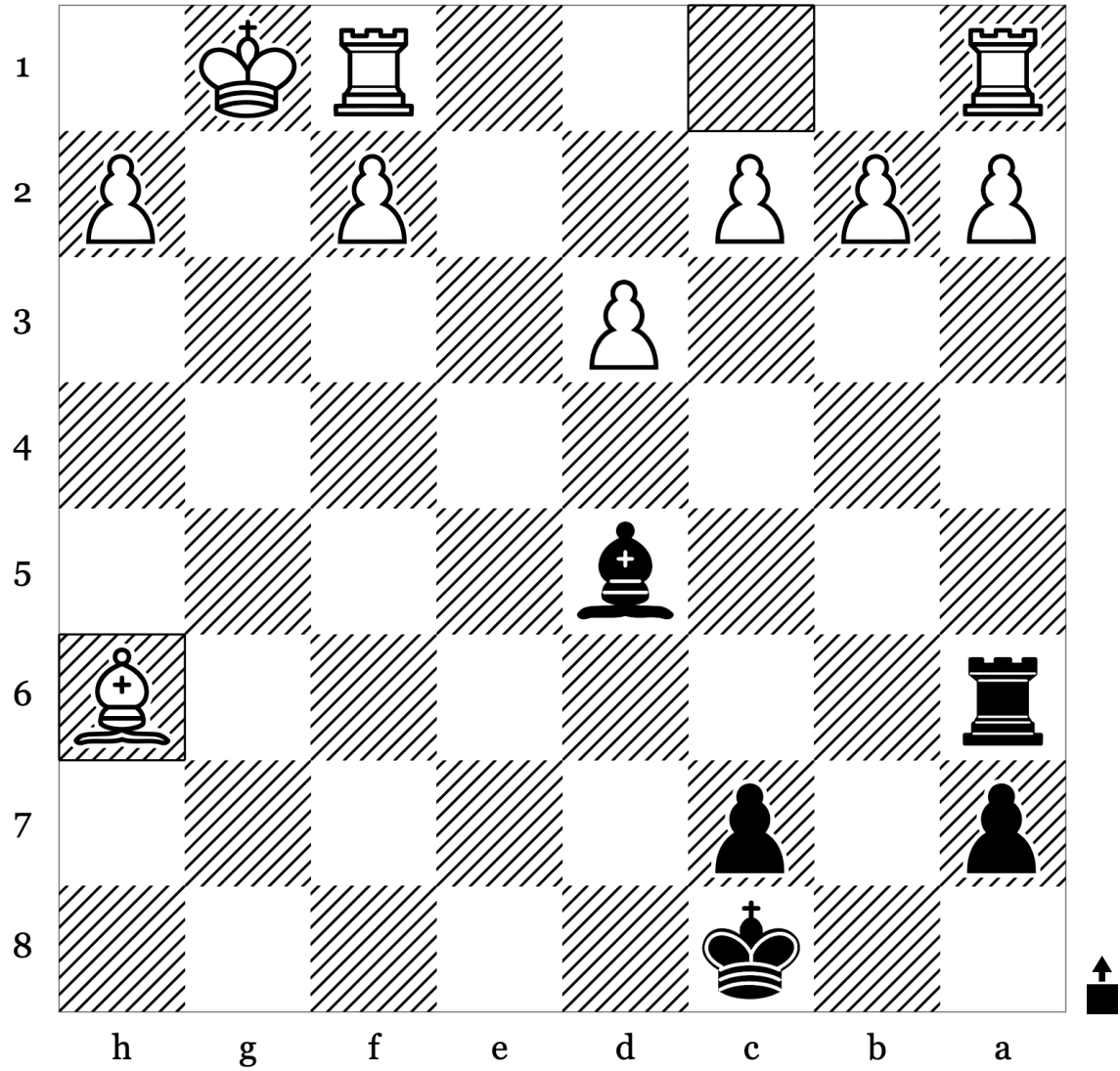
Good luck!

Puzzle 1 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1008)



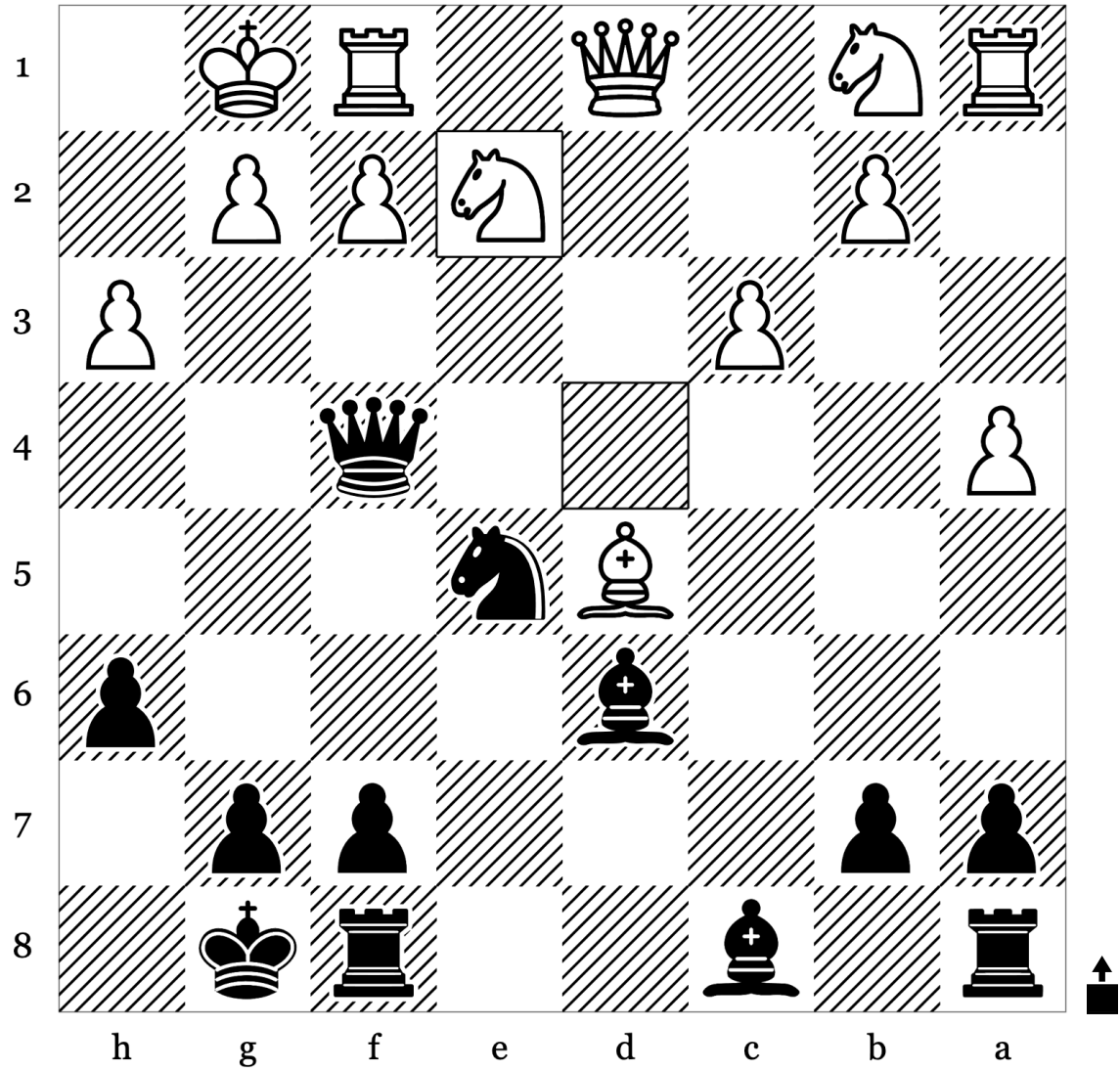
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Puzzle 2 of 100: Endgame · Fork (Rating: 1027)



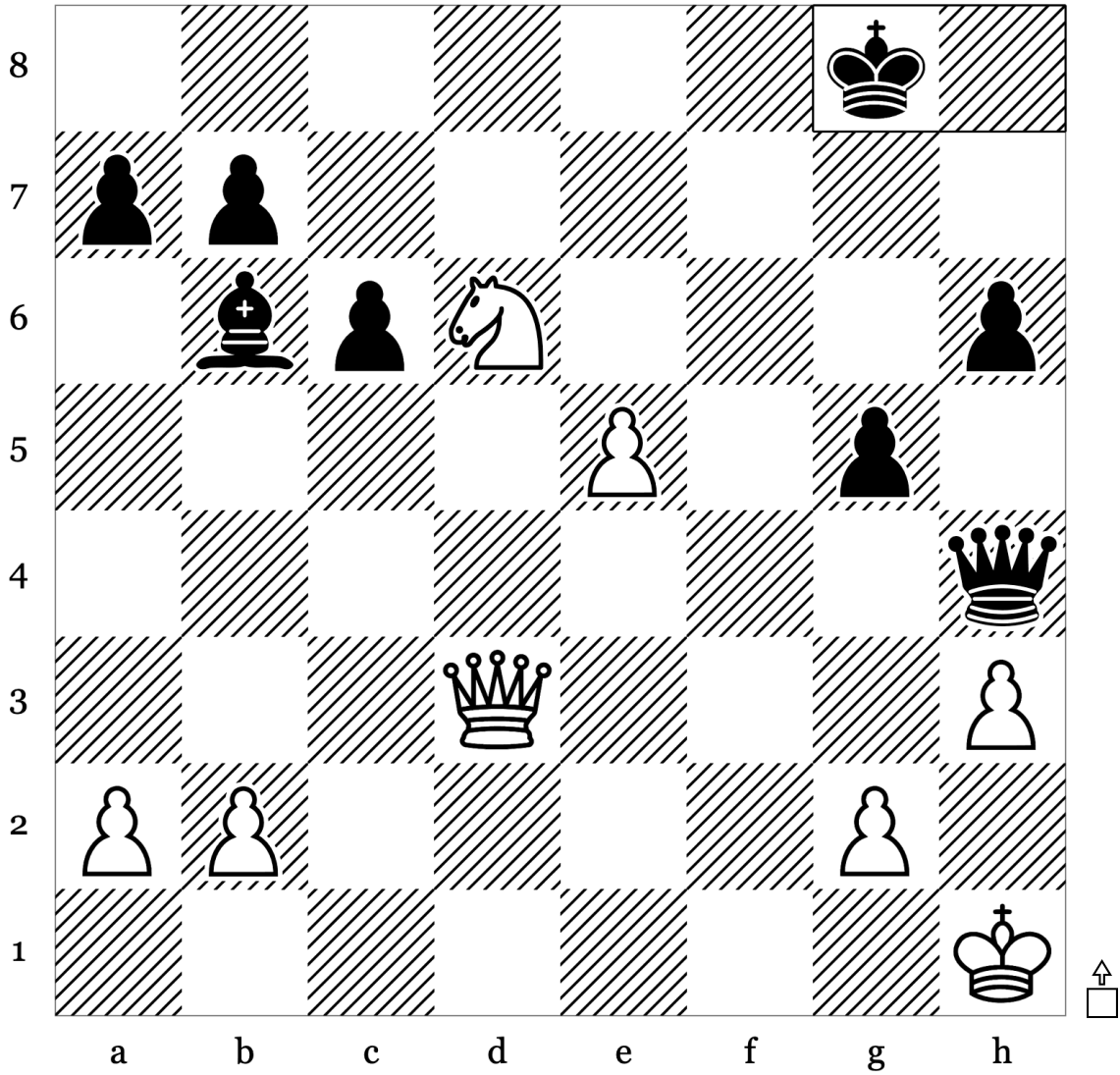
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Puzzle 3 of 100: Kingside Attack · Mate (Rating: 974)



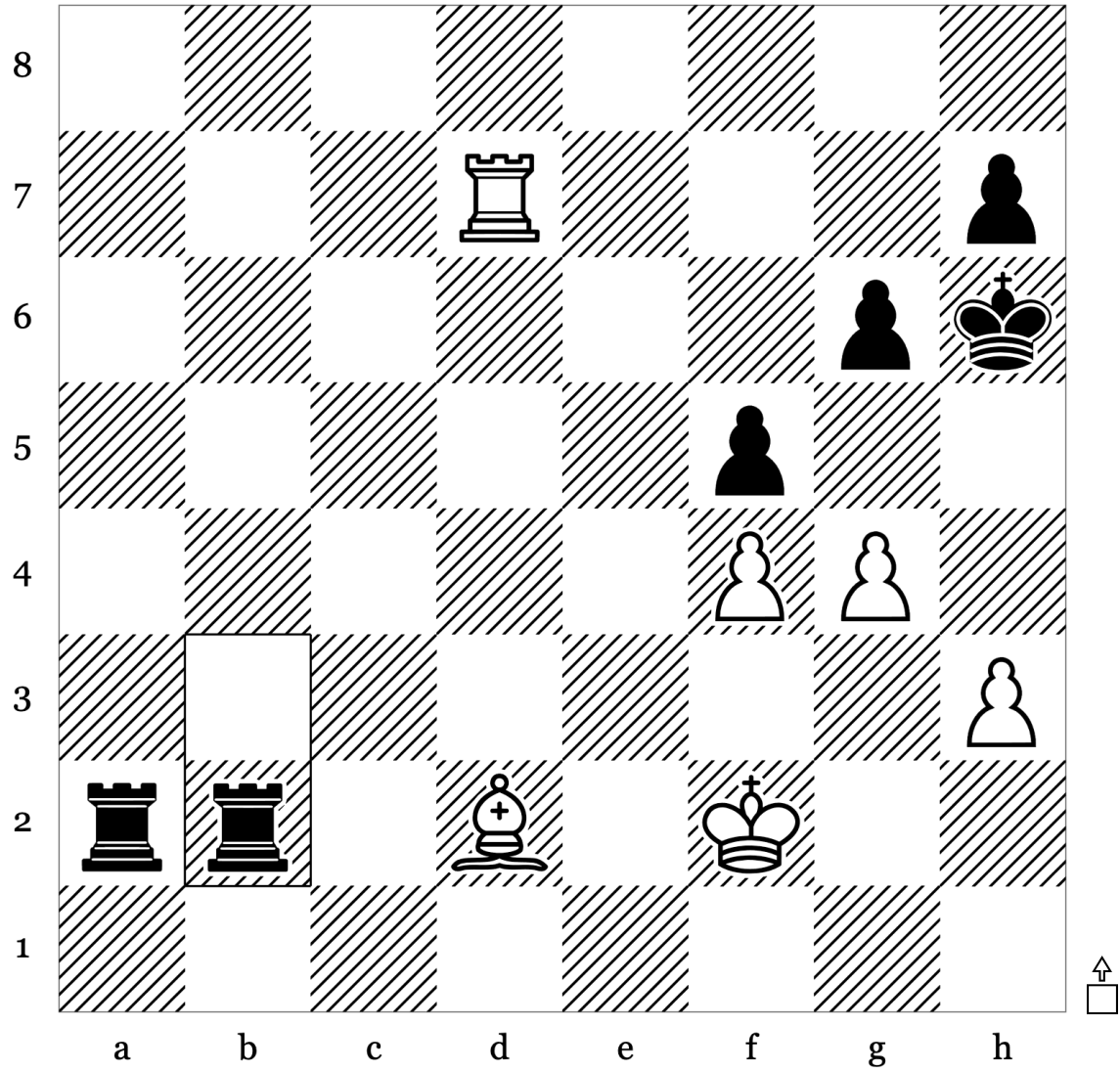
17	<b>Ne2</b>	
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Puzzle 4 of 100: Corner Mate · Endgame (Rating: 981)



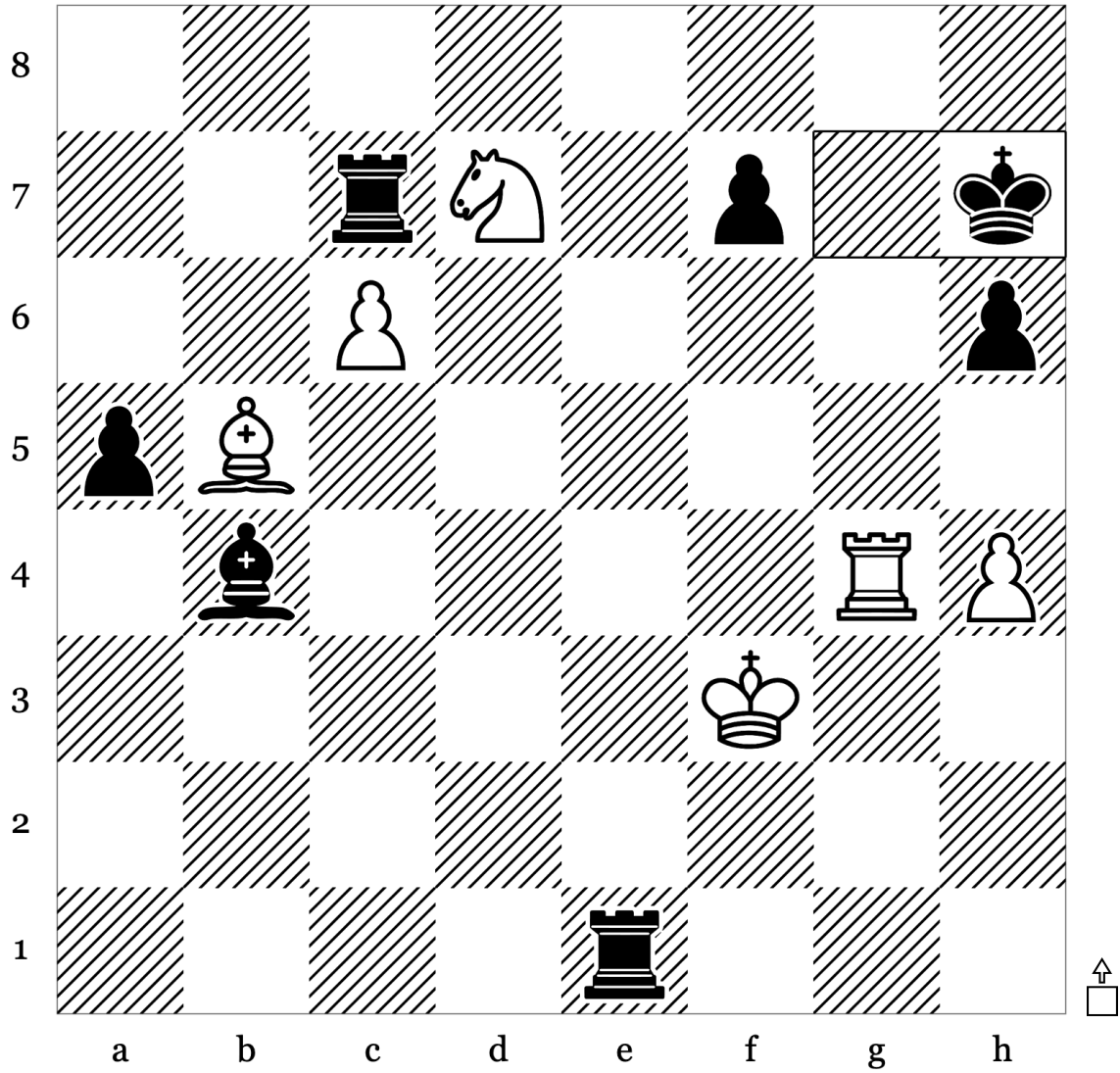
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Puzzle 5 of 100: Deflection · Endgame (Rating: 889)



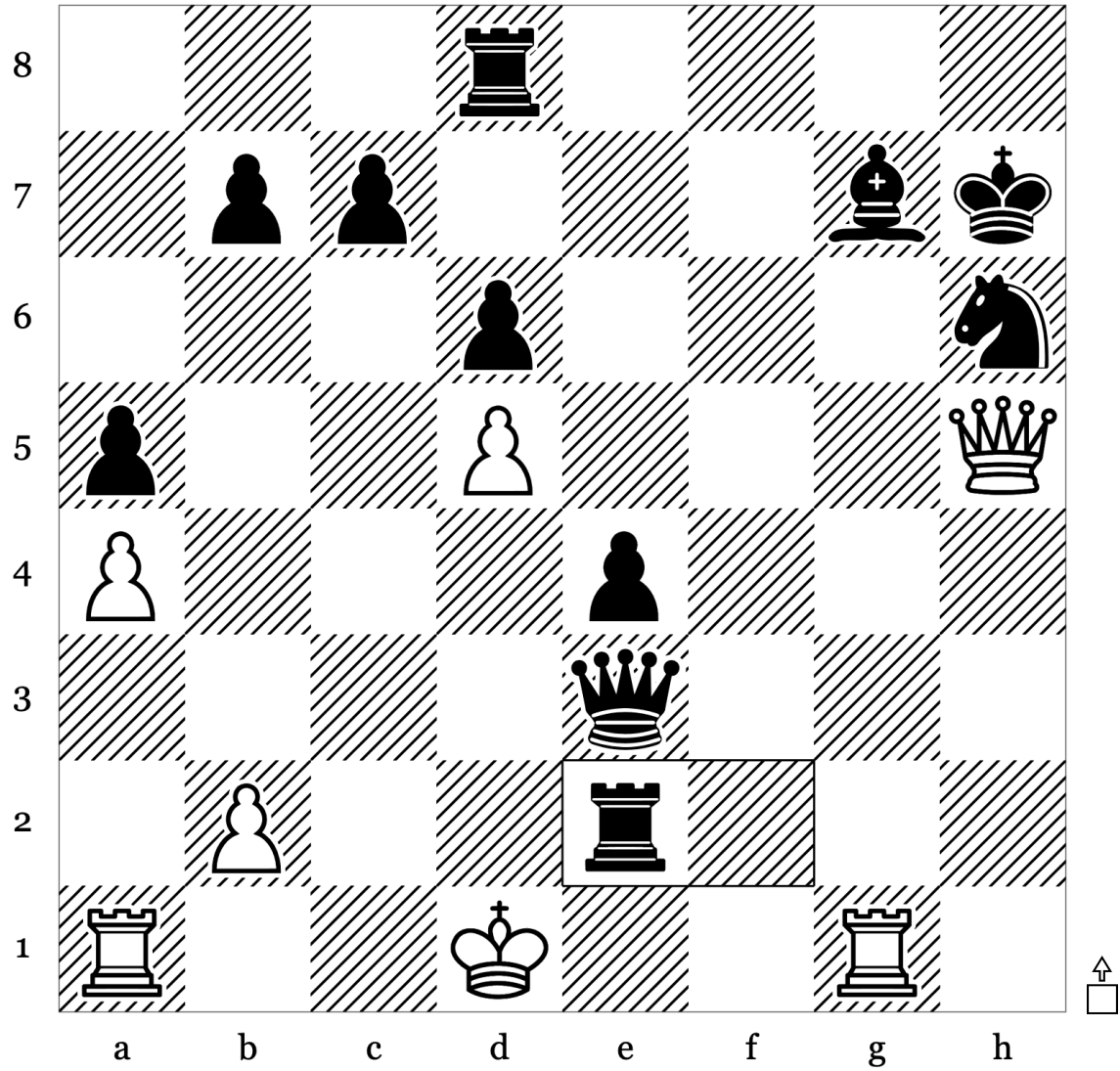
46	...	<b>Rbb2</b>
47		
48		
49		
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Puzzle 6 of 100: Arabian Mate · Endgame (Rating: 1170)



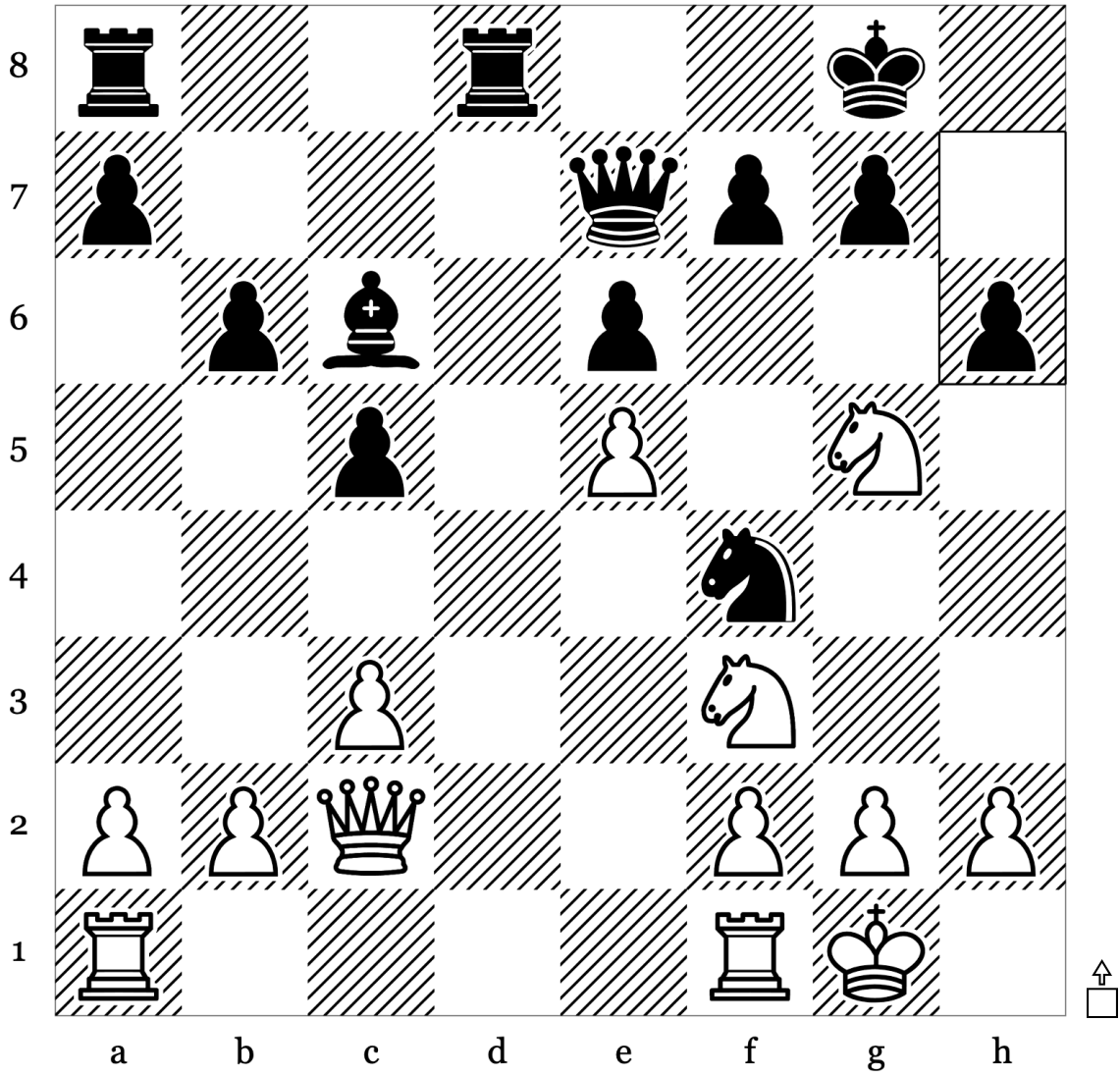
44	...	<b>Kh7</b>
45		
46		
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48		

Puzzle 7 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1009)



39	...	<b>Rxe2</b>
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41		
42		
43		

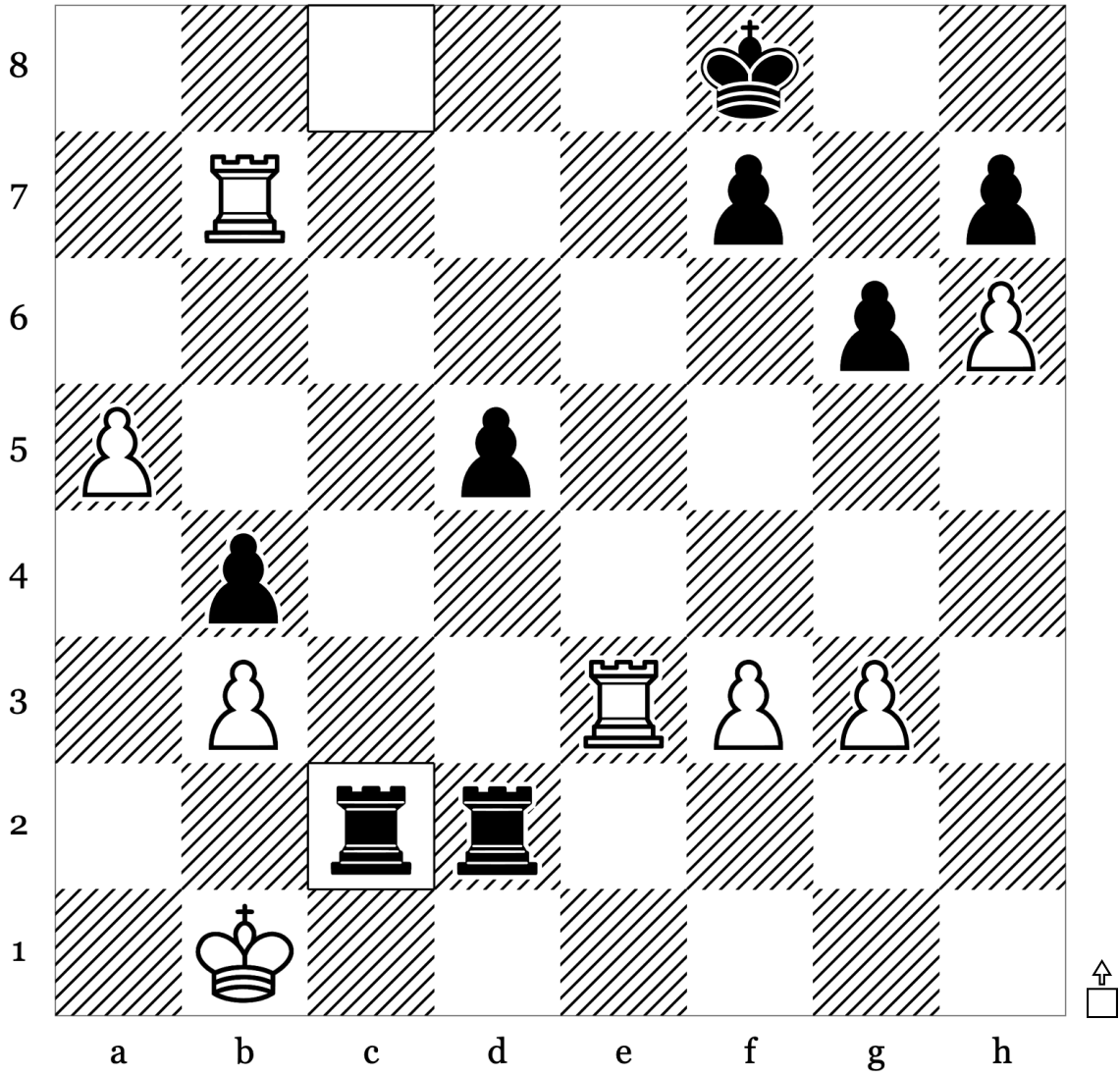
Puzzle 8 of 100: Kingside Attack · Mate (Rating: 828)



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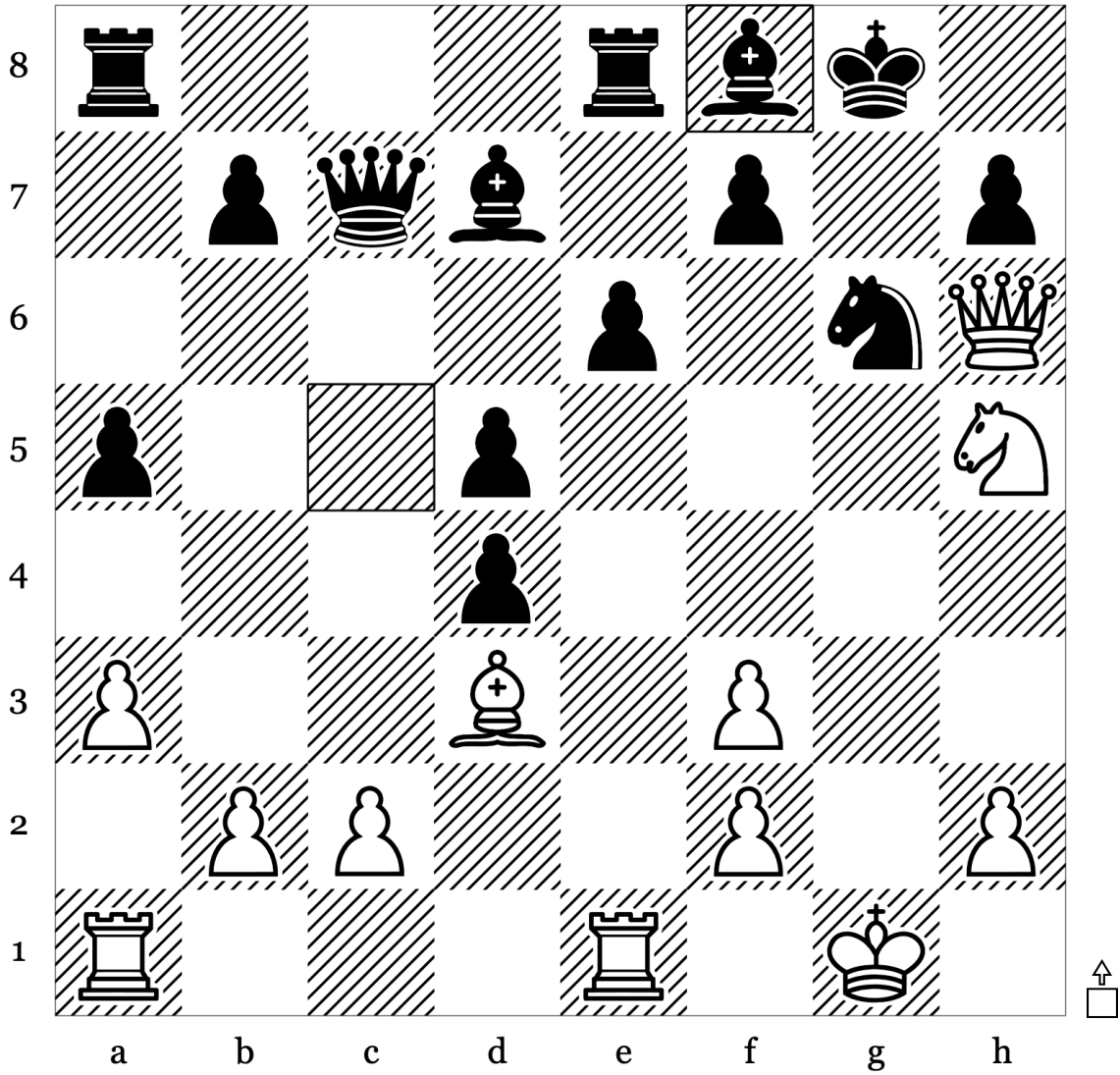


Puzzle 10 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 819)



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43		

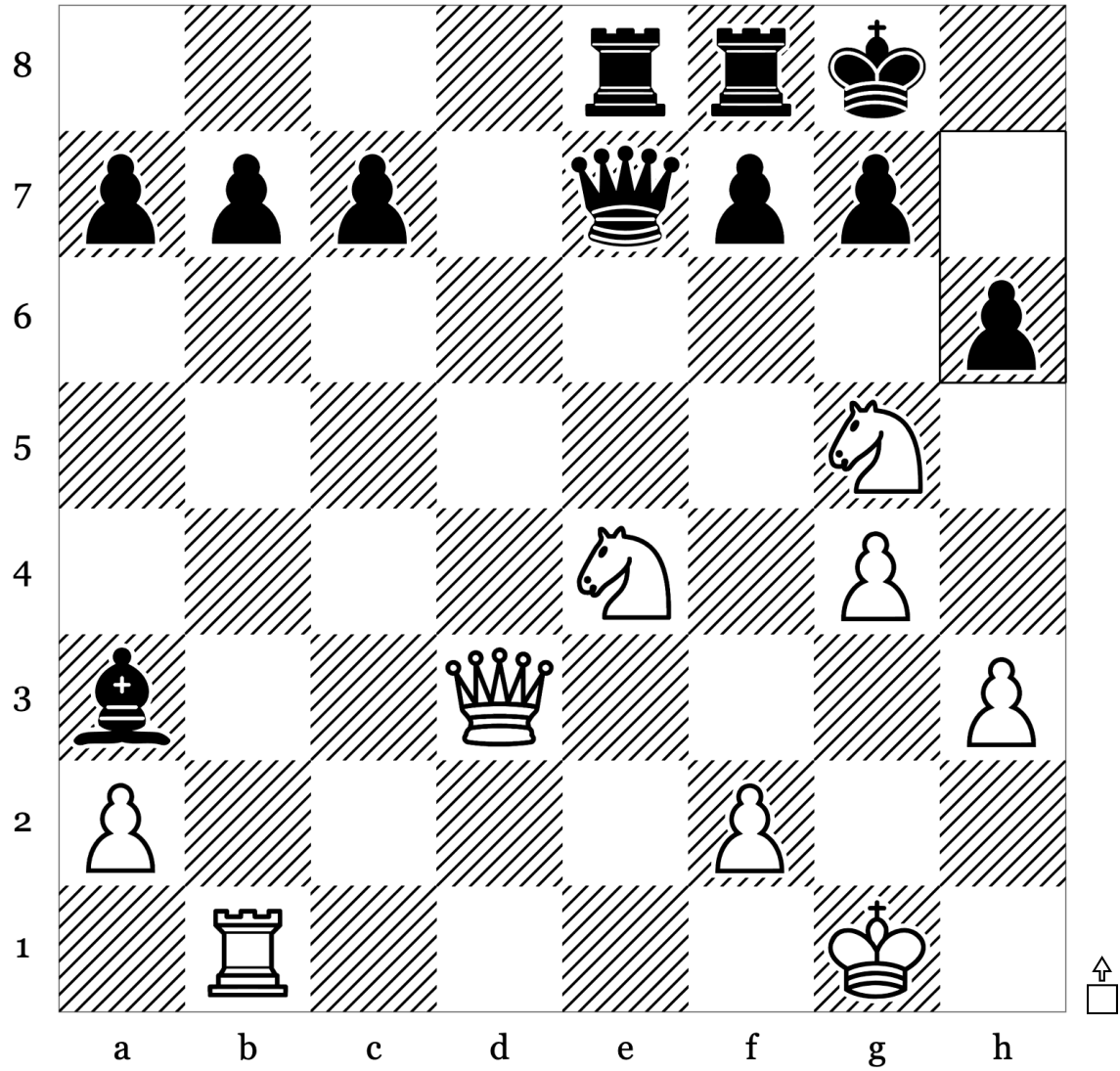
Puzzle 11 of 100: Fork · Mate (Rating: 1148)



17	...	<b>Bf8</b>
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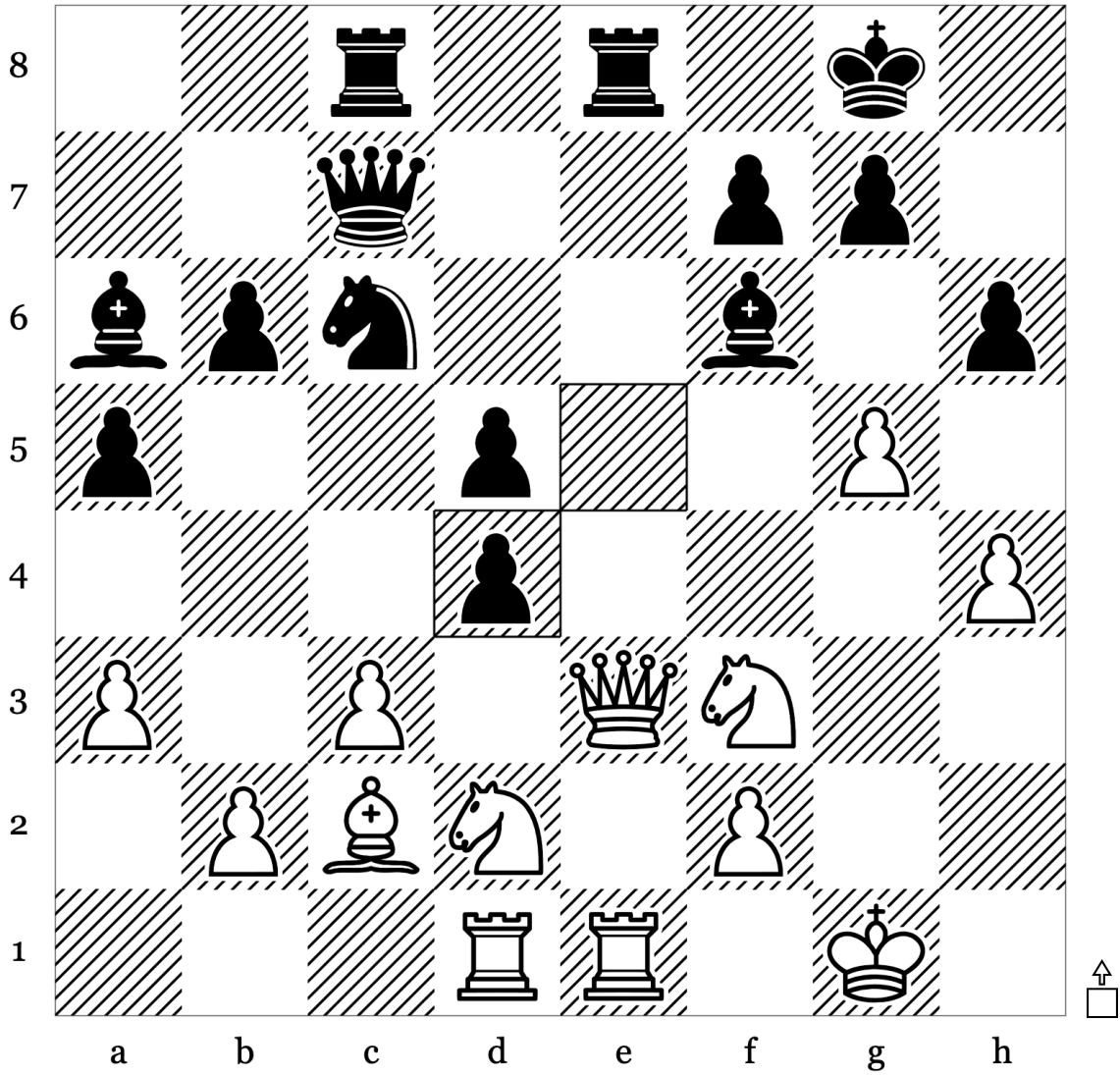


Puzzle 13 of 100: Clearance · Kingside Attack (Rating: 876)



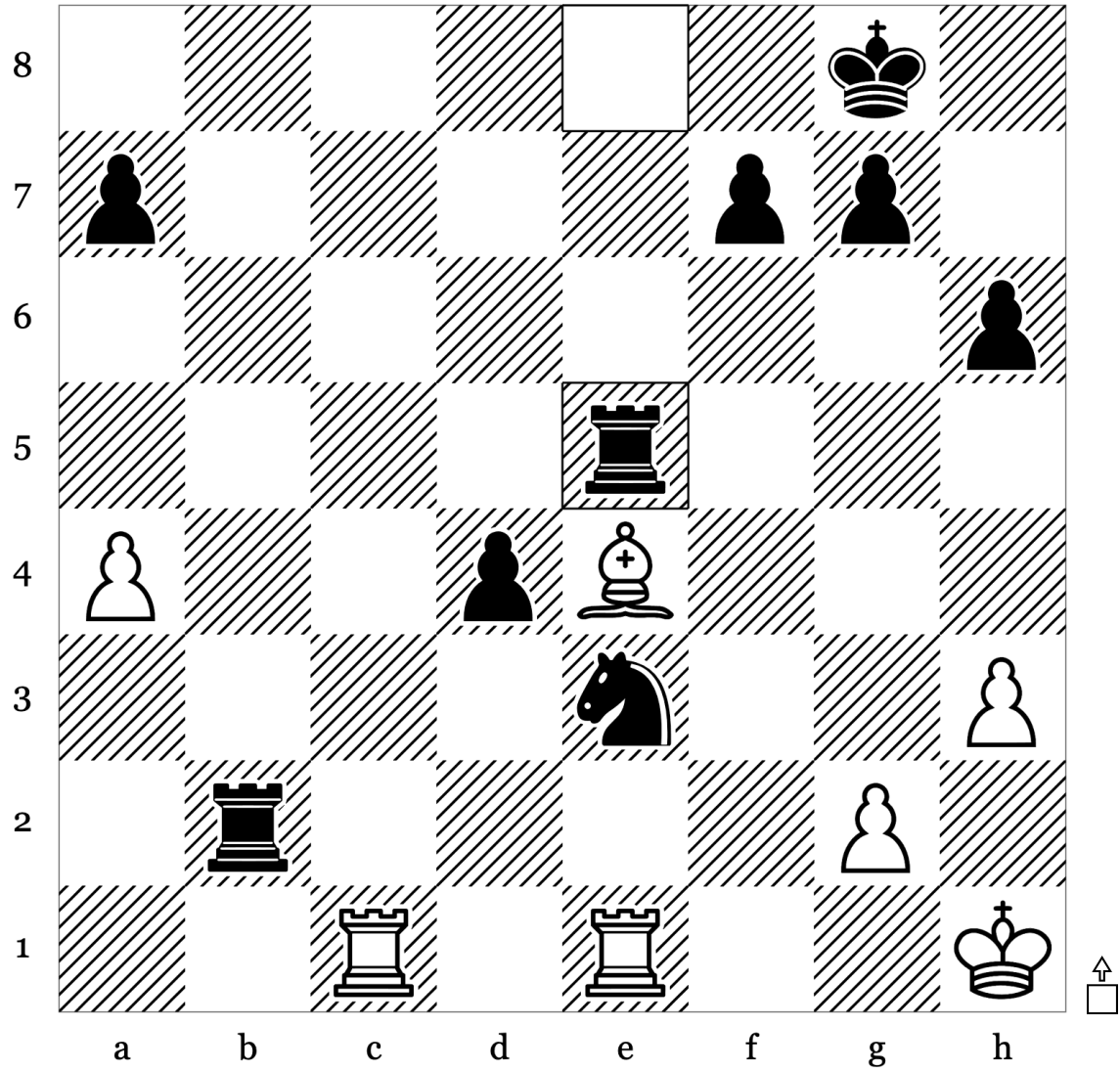
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Puzzle 14 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 953)



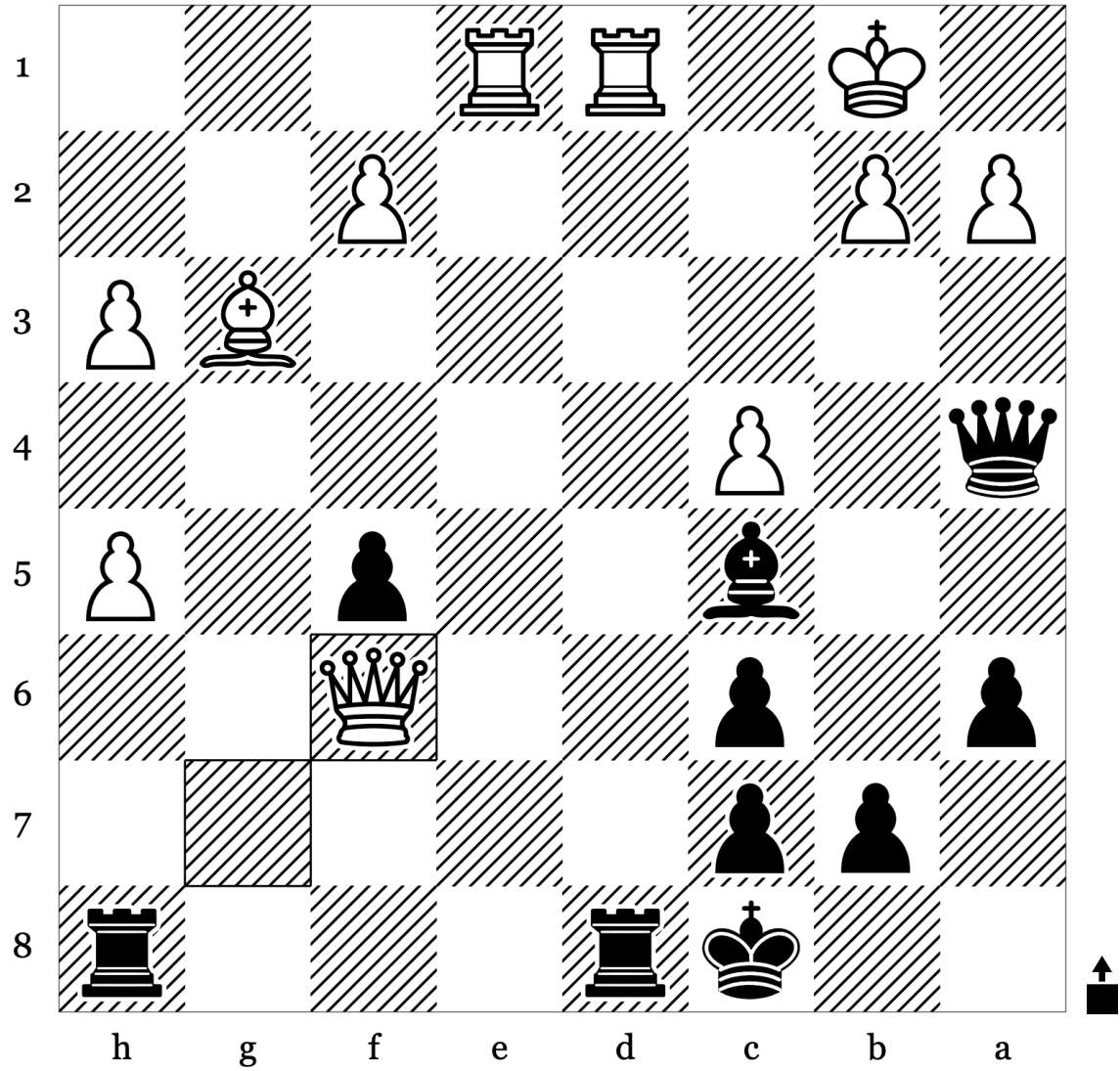
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Puzzle 15 of 100: Endgame - Master (Rating: 936)



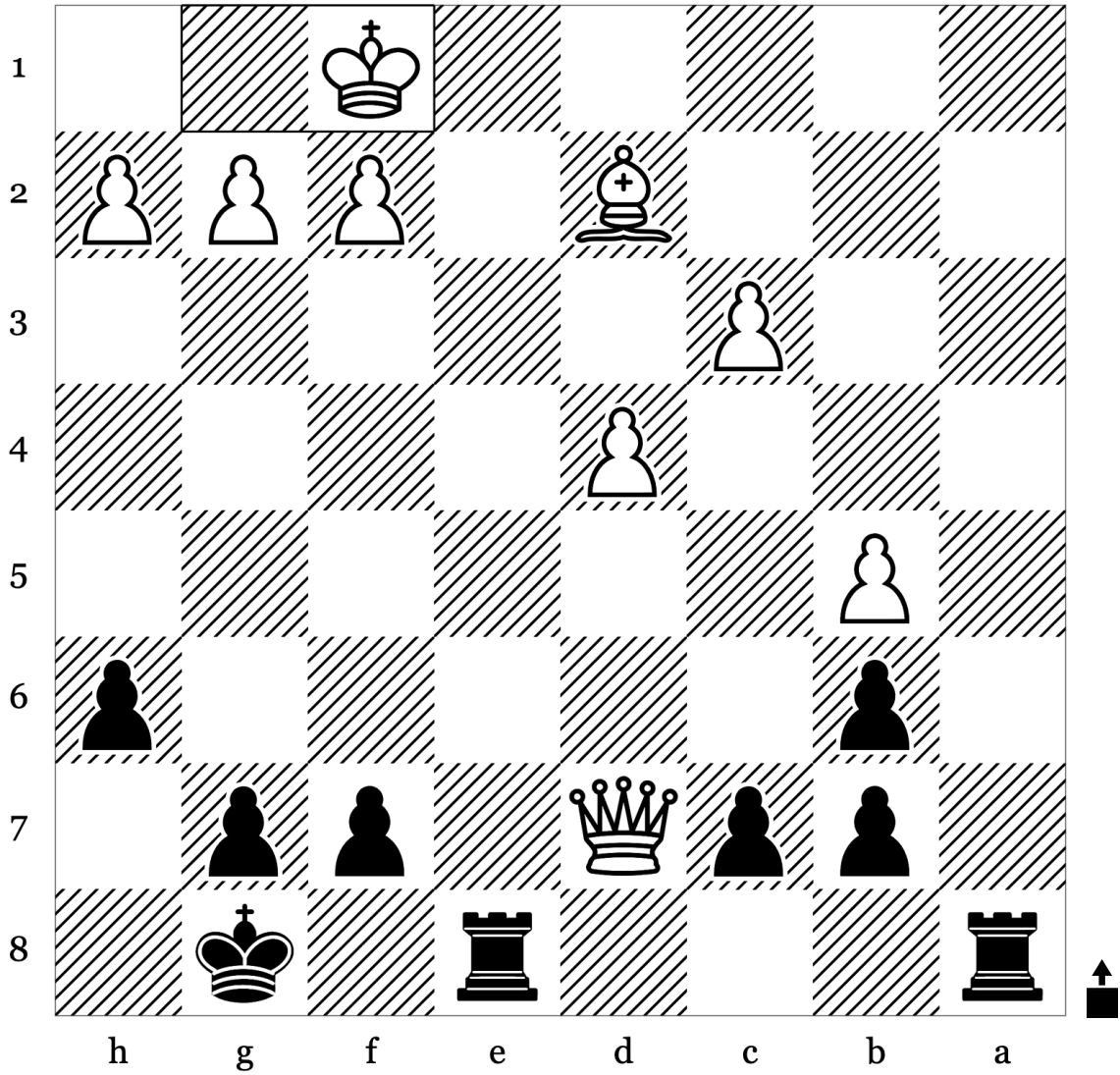
29	...	Rxe5
30		
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Puzzle 16 of 100: Master · Mate (Rating: 1053)



26	<b>Qf6</b>	
27		
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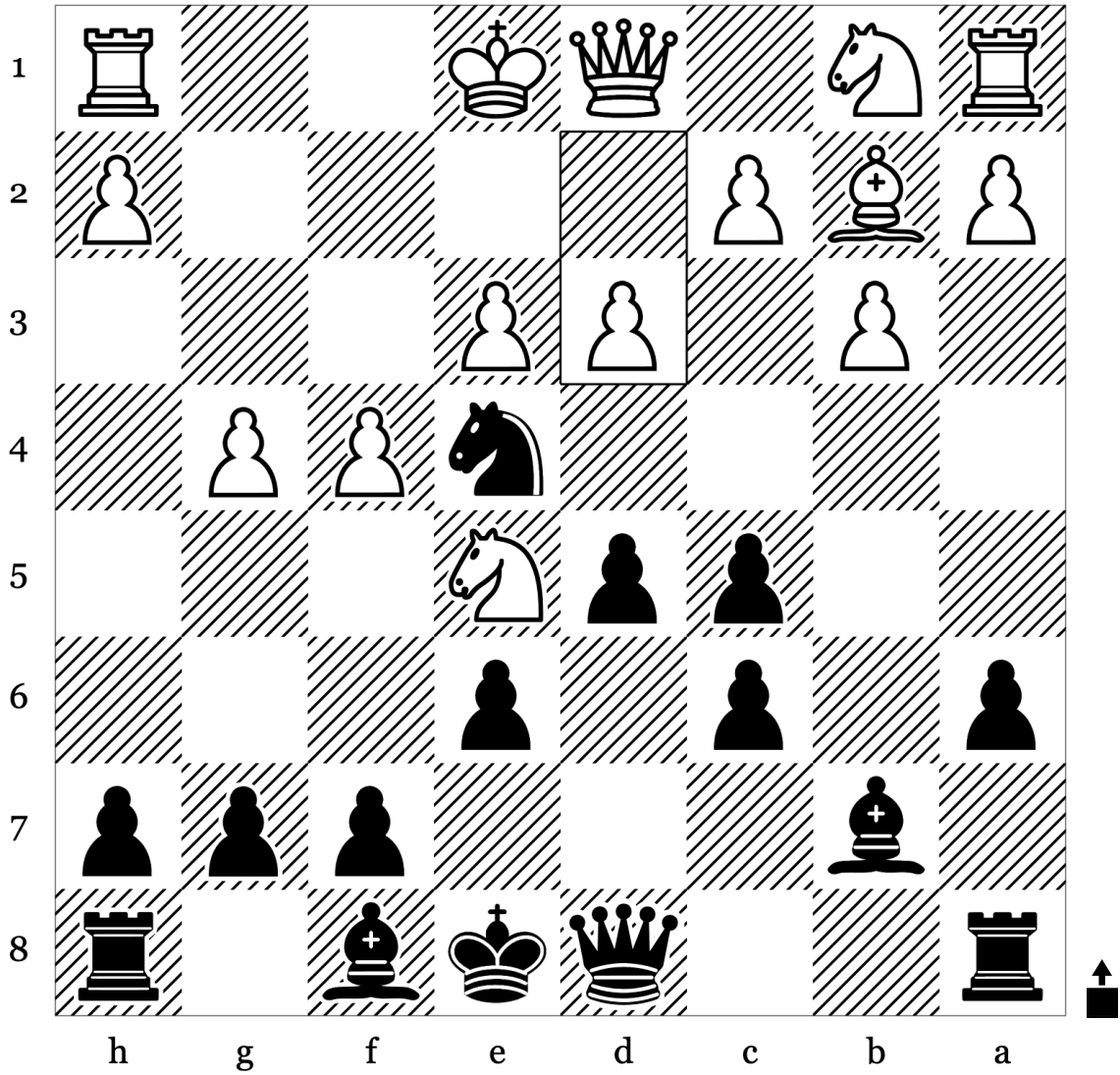
Puzzle 17 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 875)



22	<b>Kxf1</b>	
23		
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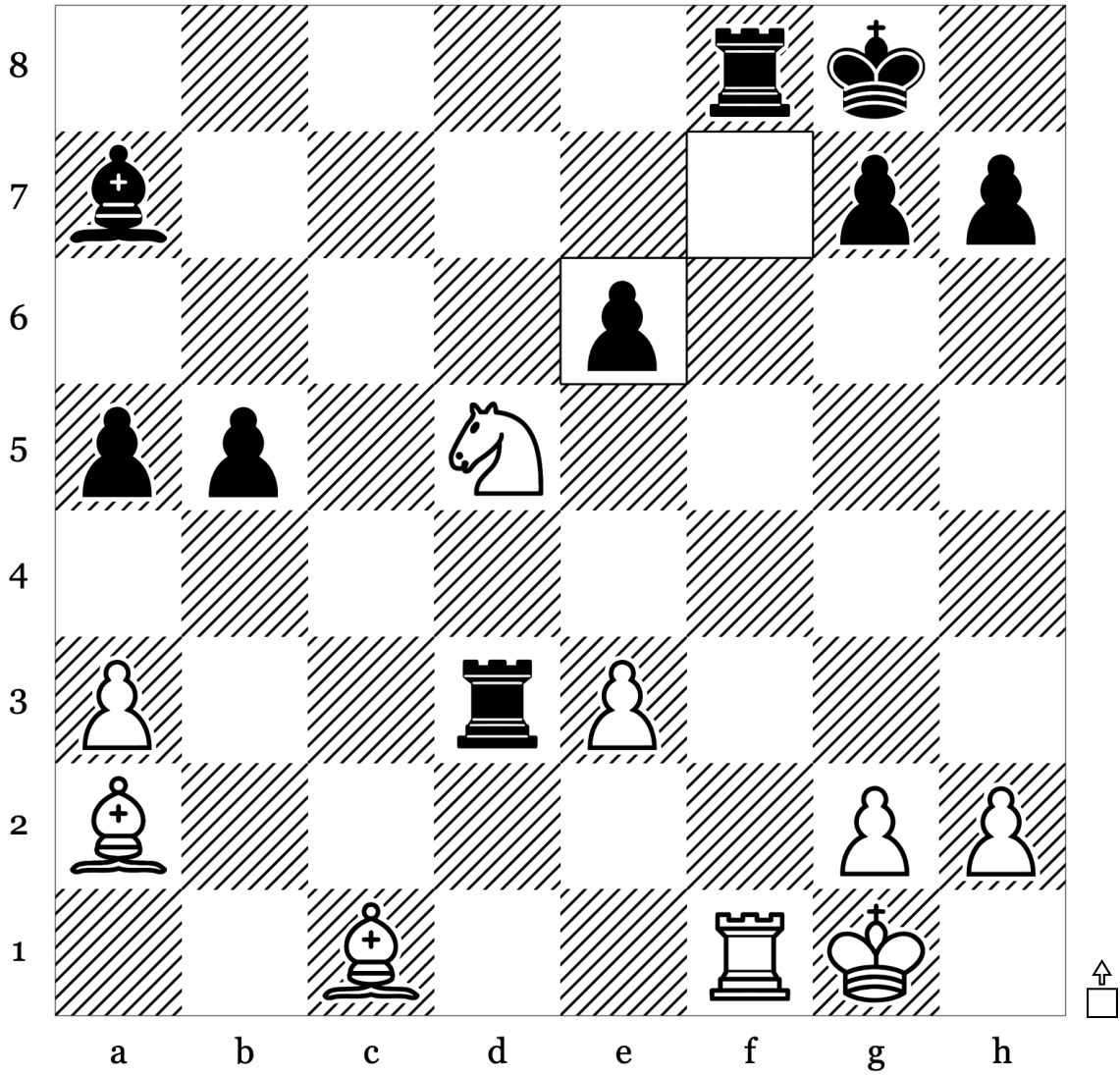


Puzzle 19 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1191)



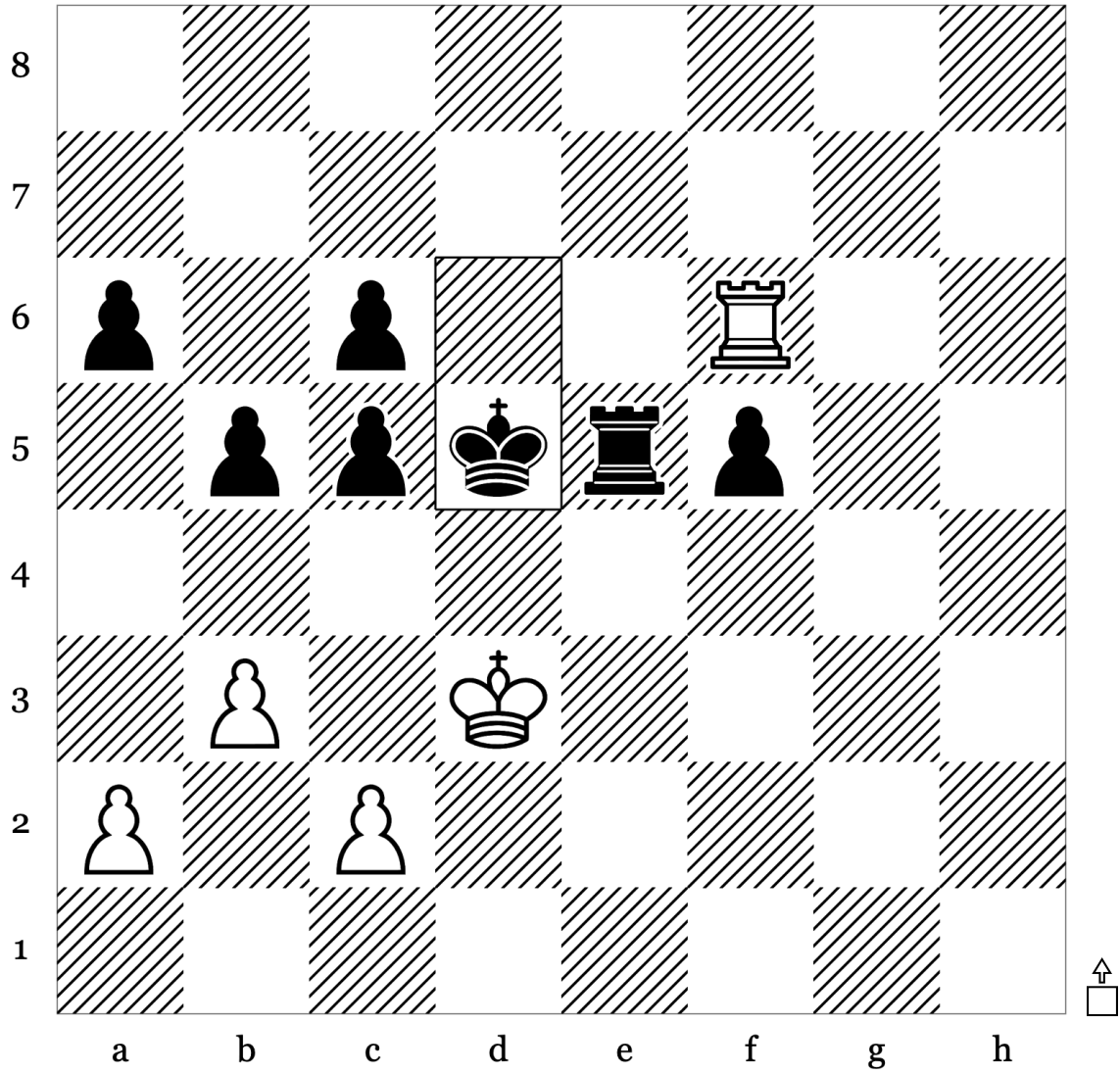
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Puzzle 20 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Deflection (Rating: 1196)



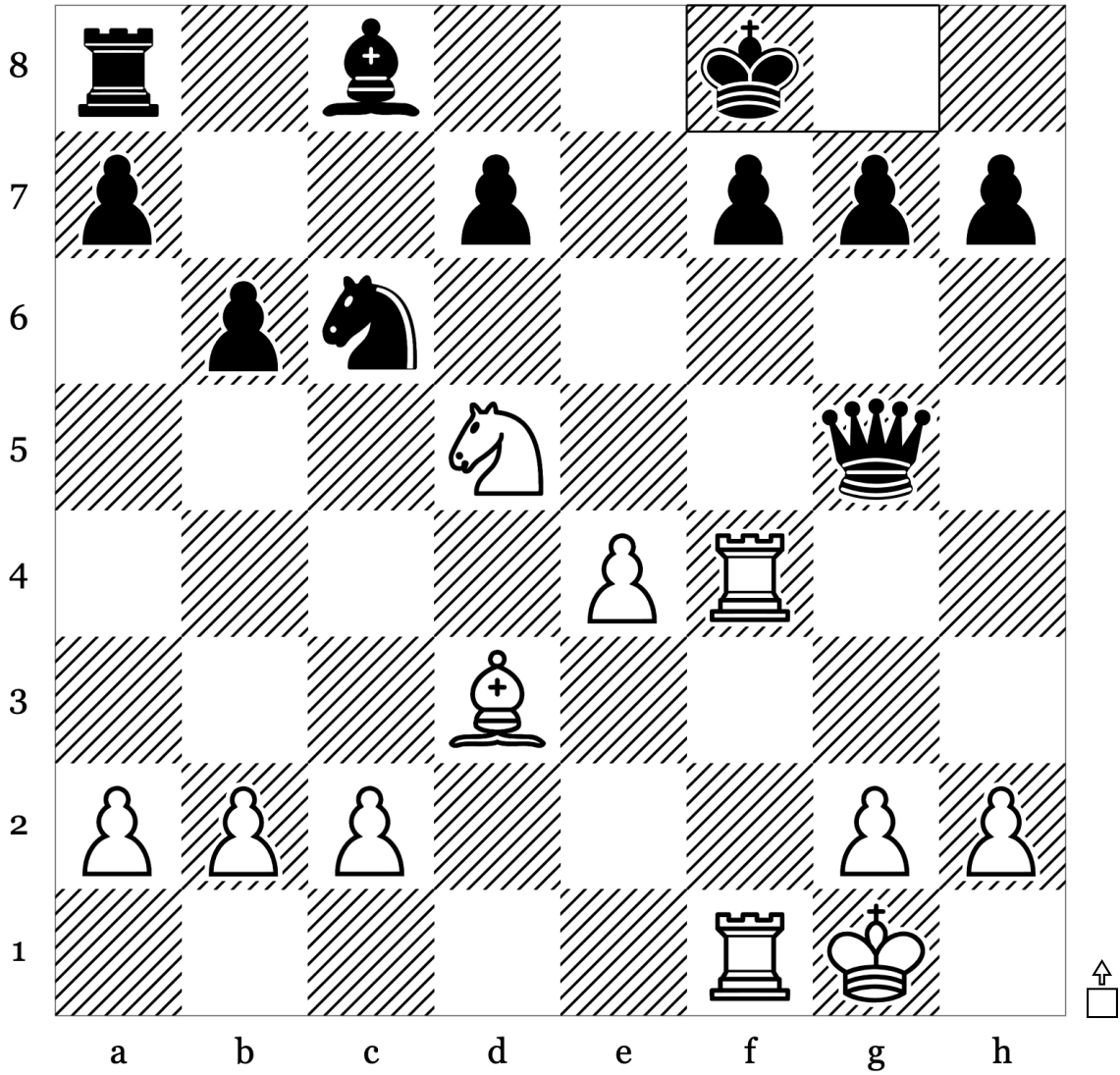
26	...	<b>fxe6</b>
27		
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Puzzle 21 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 942)



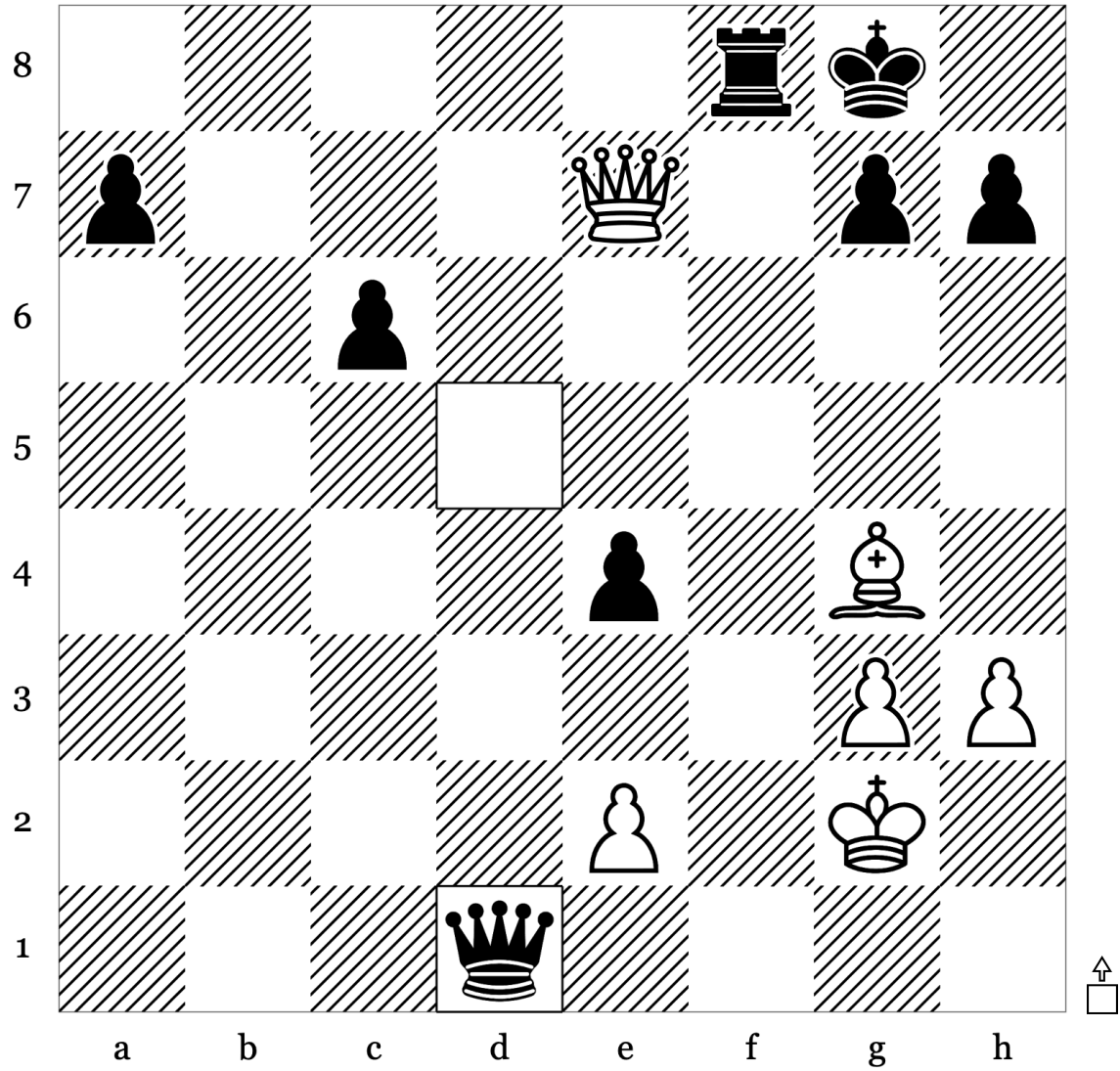
36	...	Kd5
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Puzzle 22 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1082)



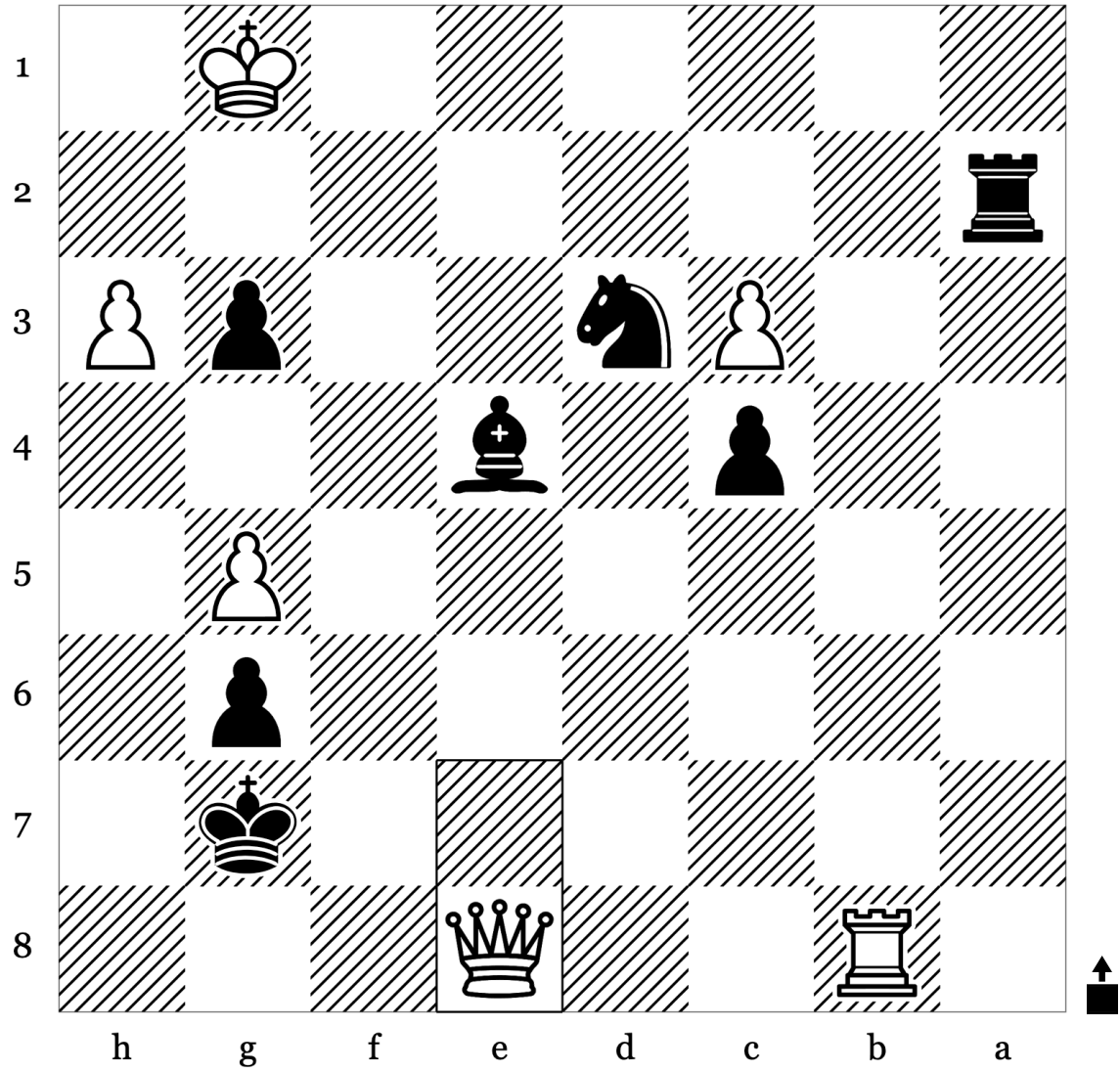
17	...	Kxf8
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Puzzle 23 of 100: Deflection · Endgame (Rating: 990)



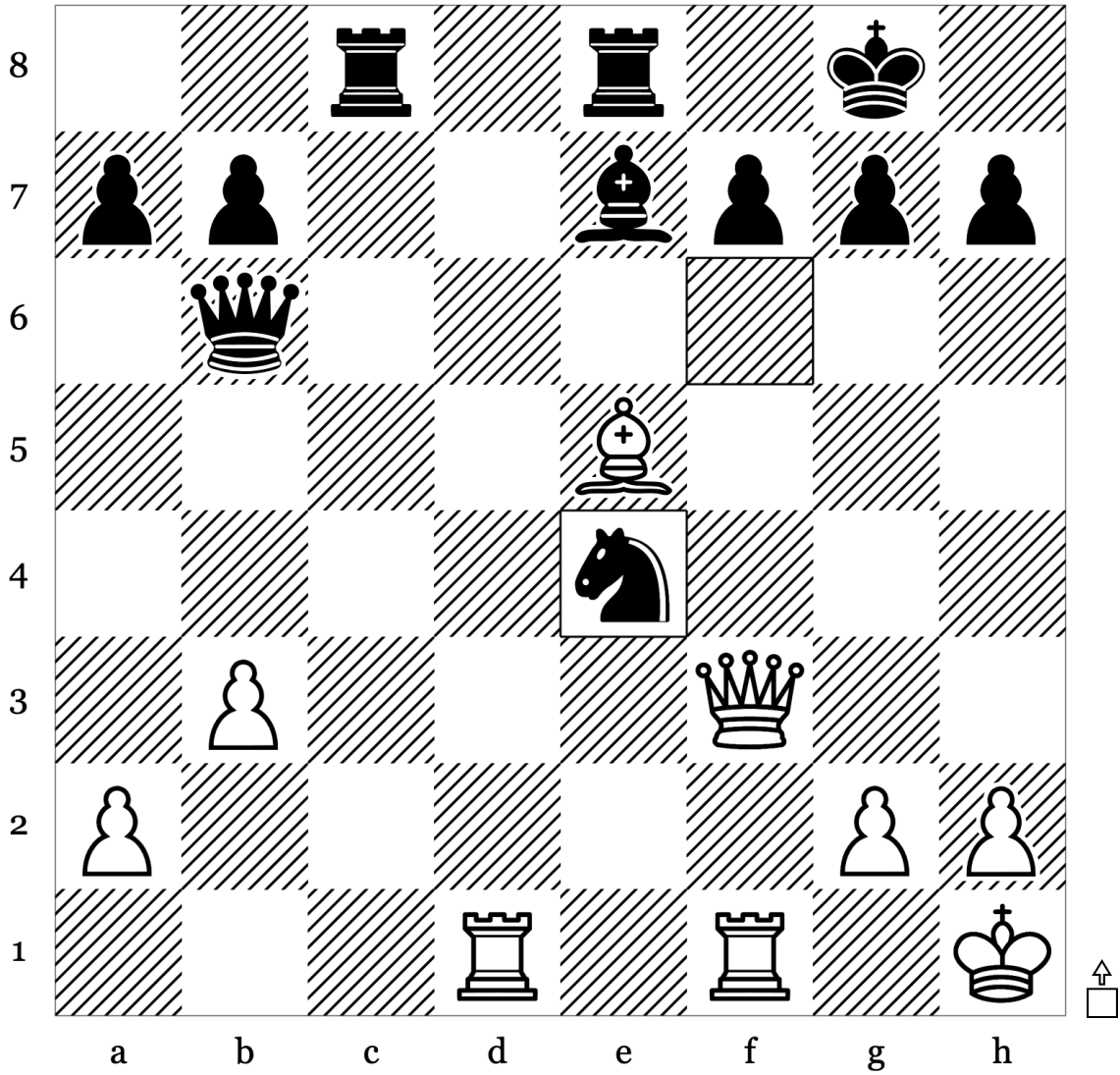
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32		
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Puzzle 24 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1073)



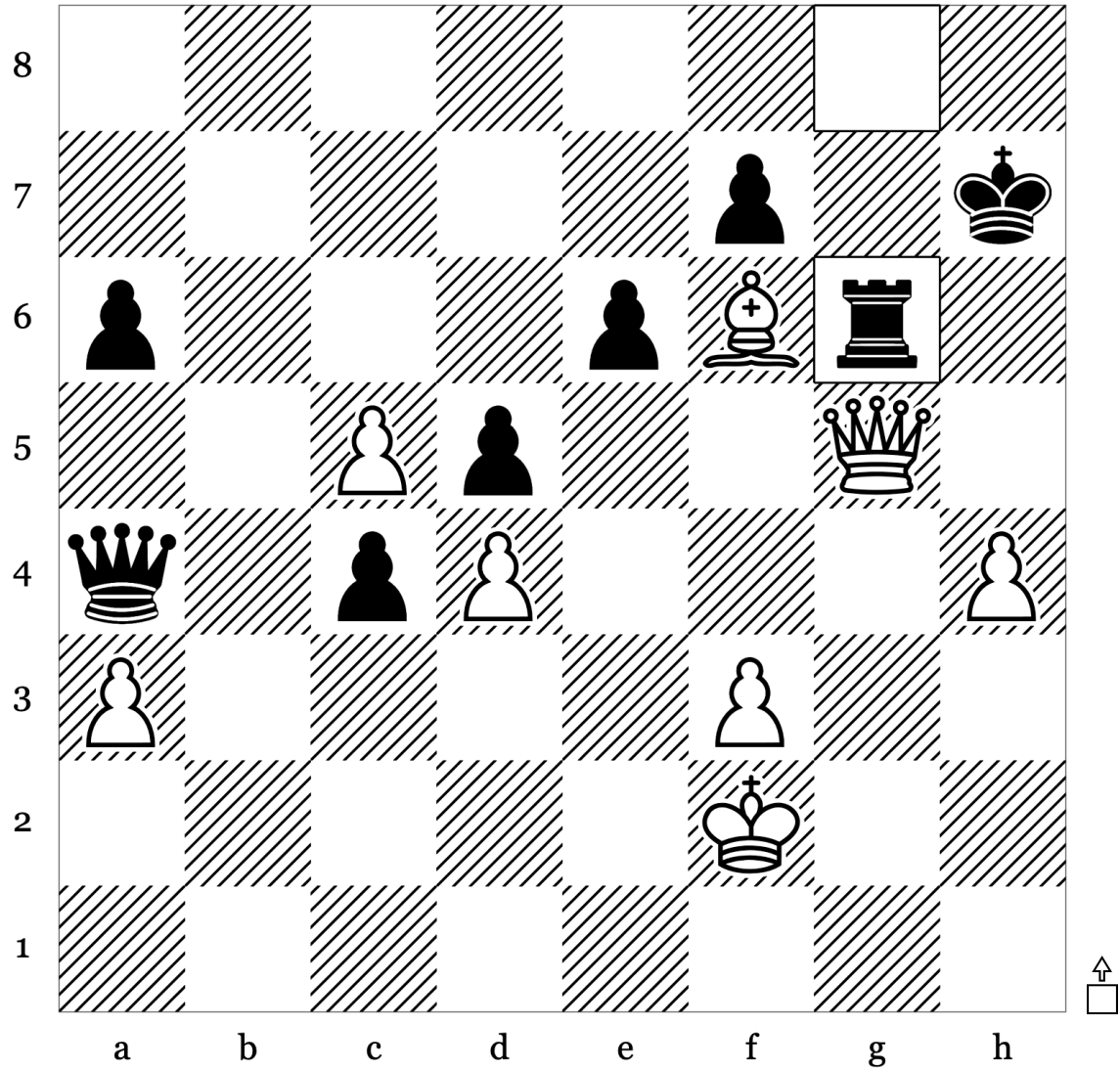
38	<b>e8=Q</b>	
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Puzzle 25 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 1193)



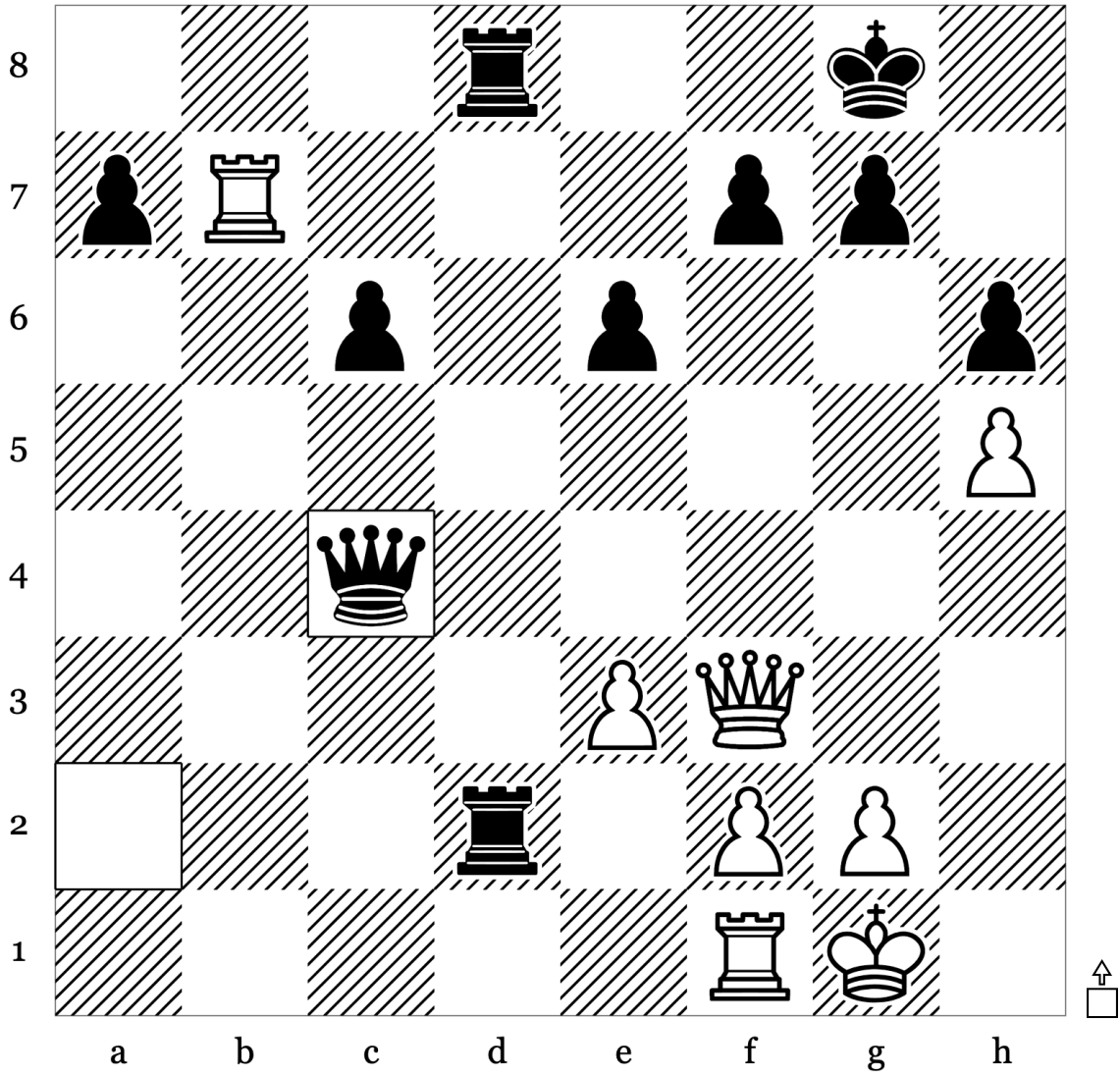
18	...	Nxe4
19		
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Puzzle 26 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1042)



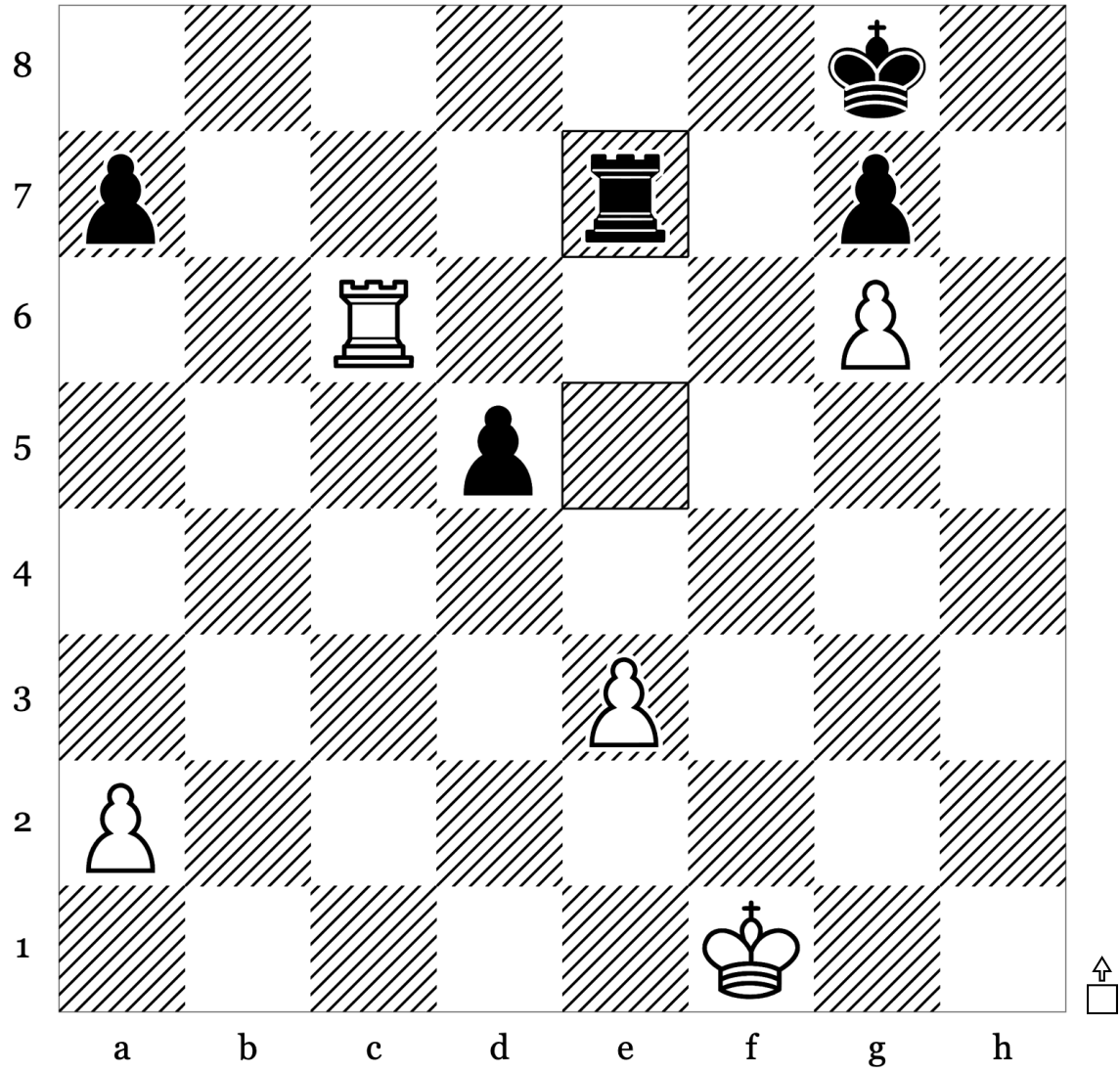
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Puzzle 27 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 811)



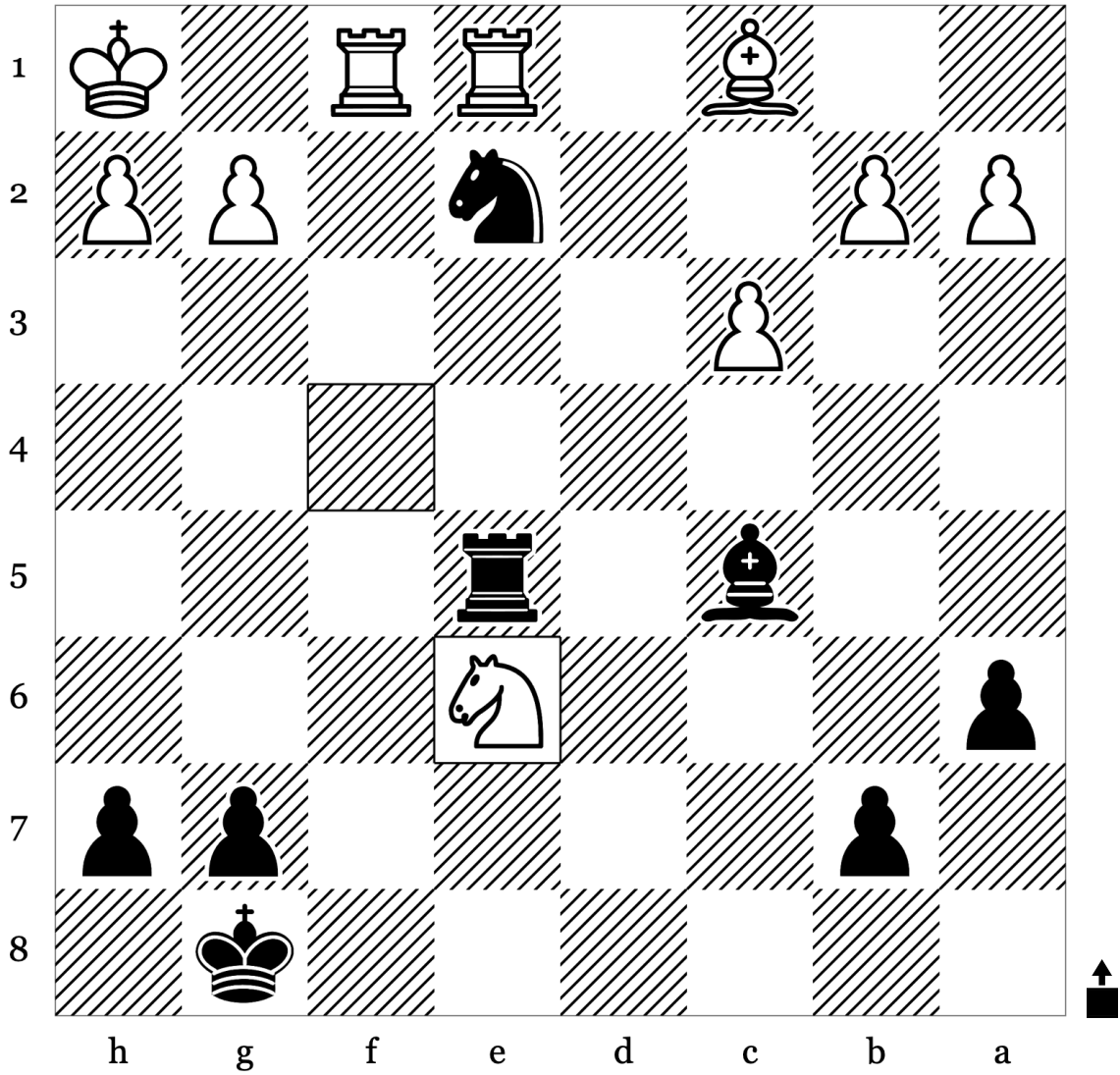
26	...	<b>Qxc4</b>
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Puzzle 28 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 877)



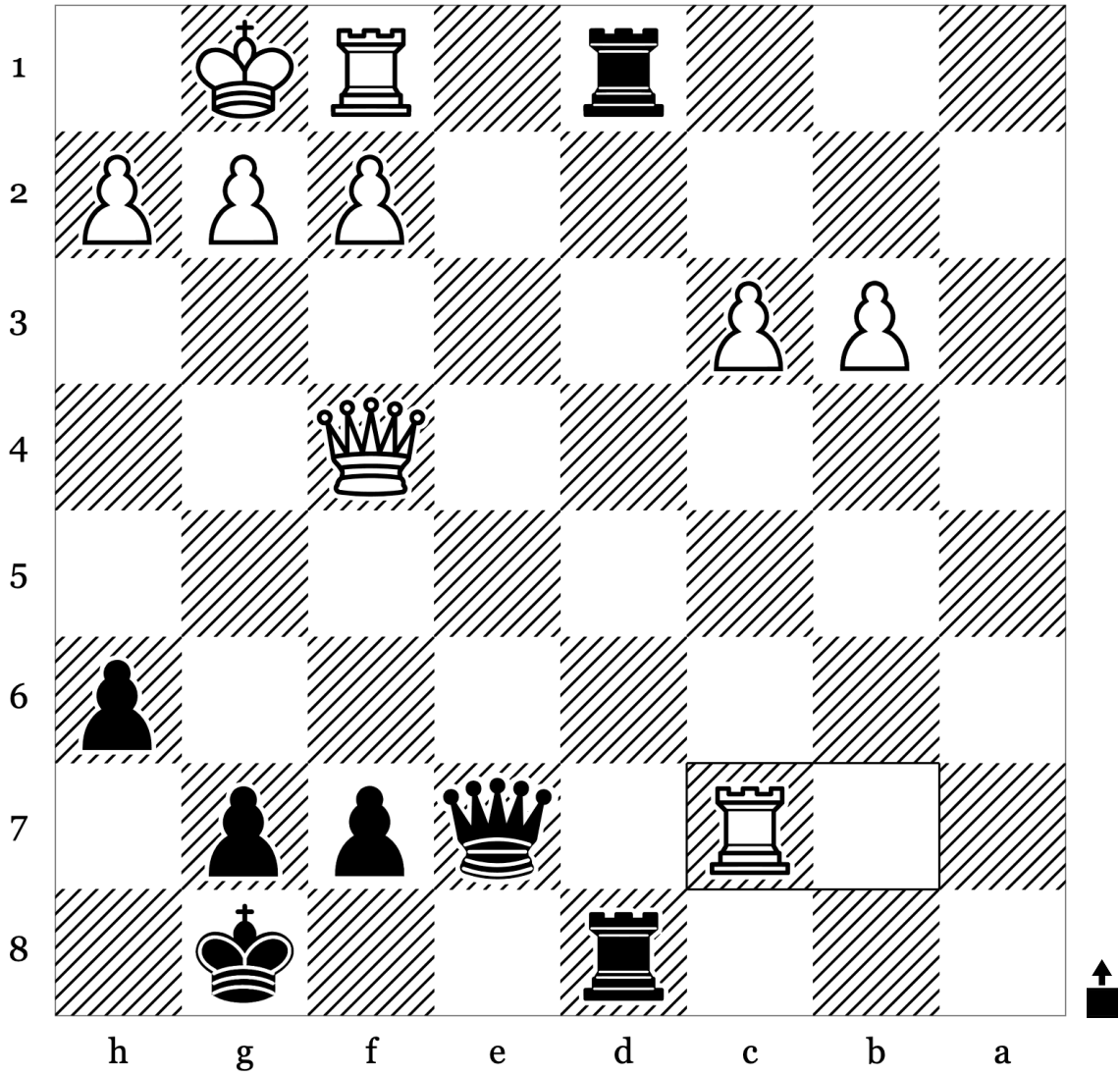
32	...	Re7
33		
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Puzzle 29 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1131)



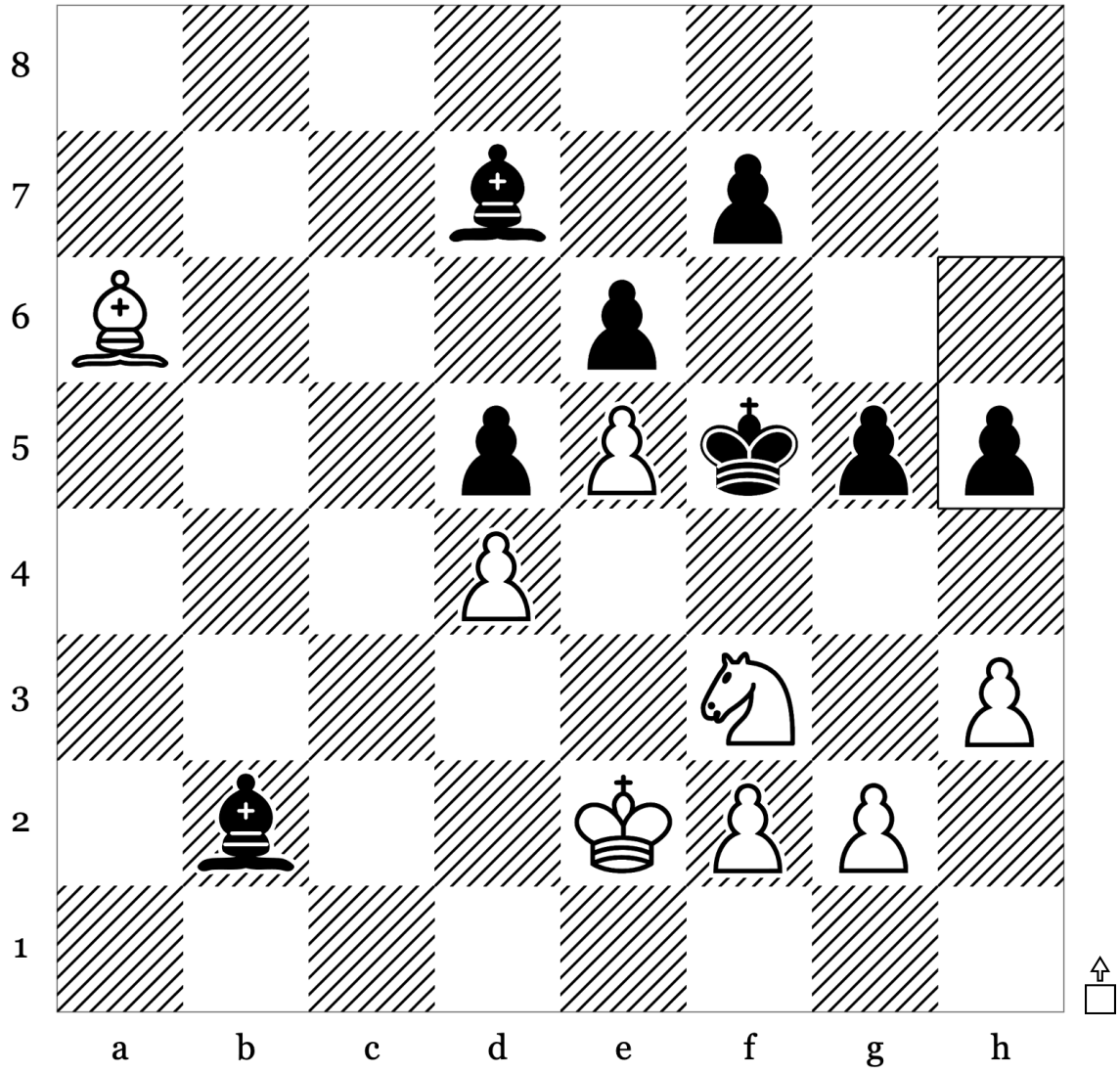
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Puzzle 30 of 100: Attraction · Endgame (Rating: 1194)



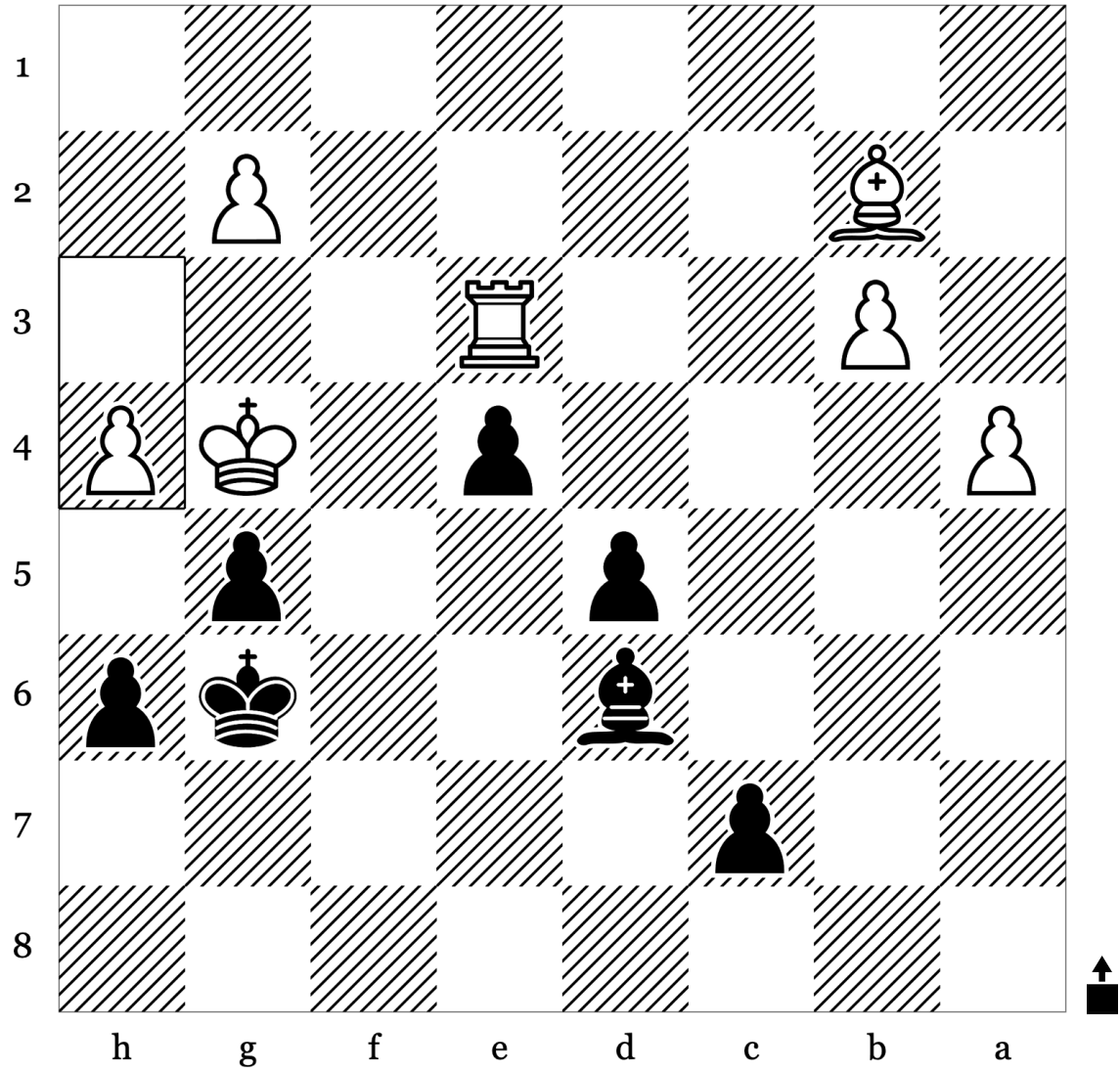
26	<b>Rxc7</b>	
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Puzzle 31 of 100: Endgame - Mate (Rating: 1140)



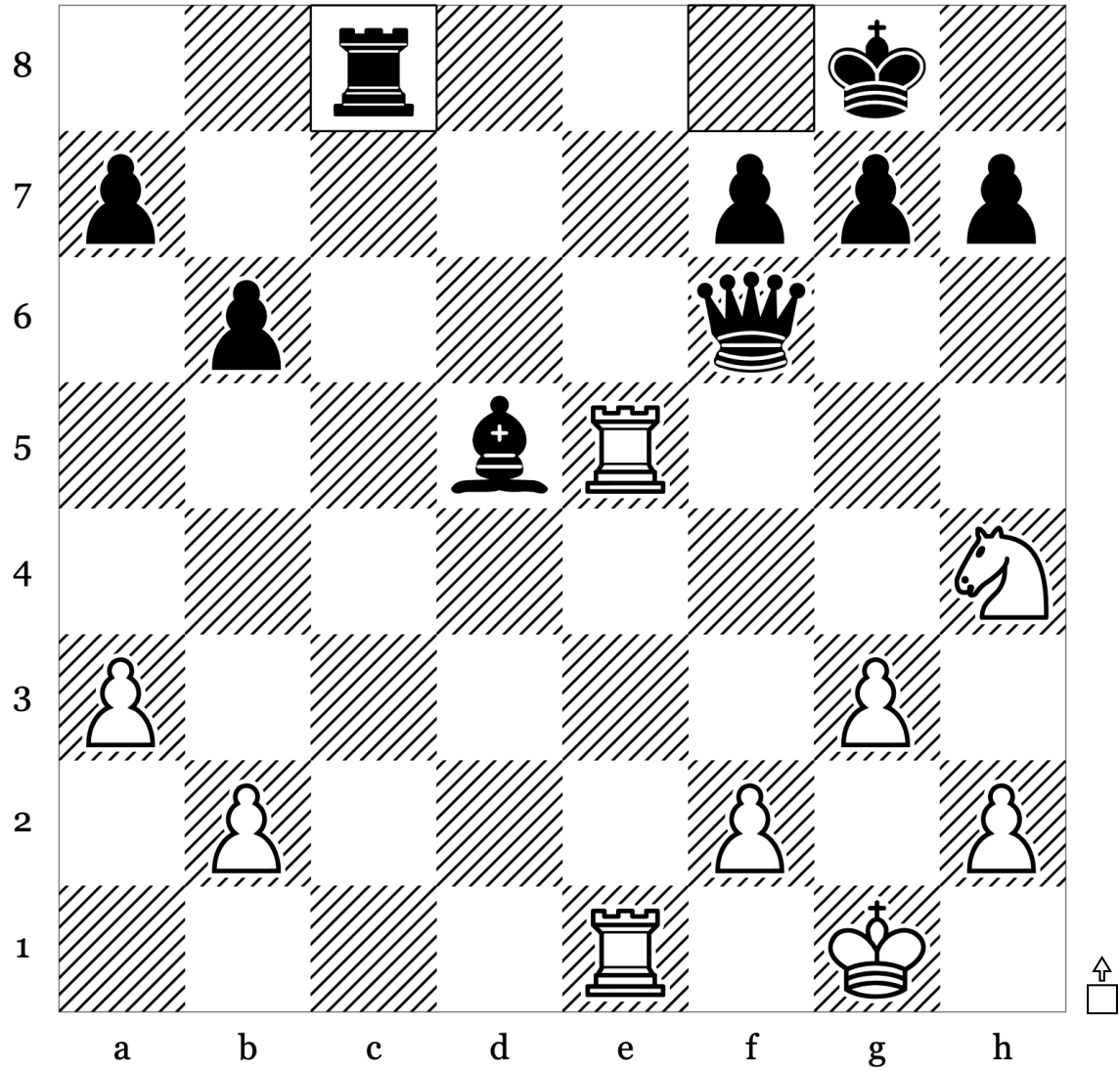
43	...	<b>h5</b>
44		
45		
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47		

Puzzle 32 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1170)



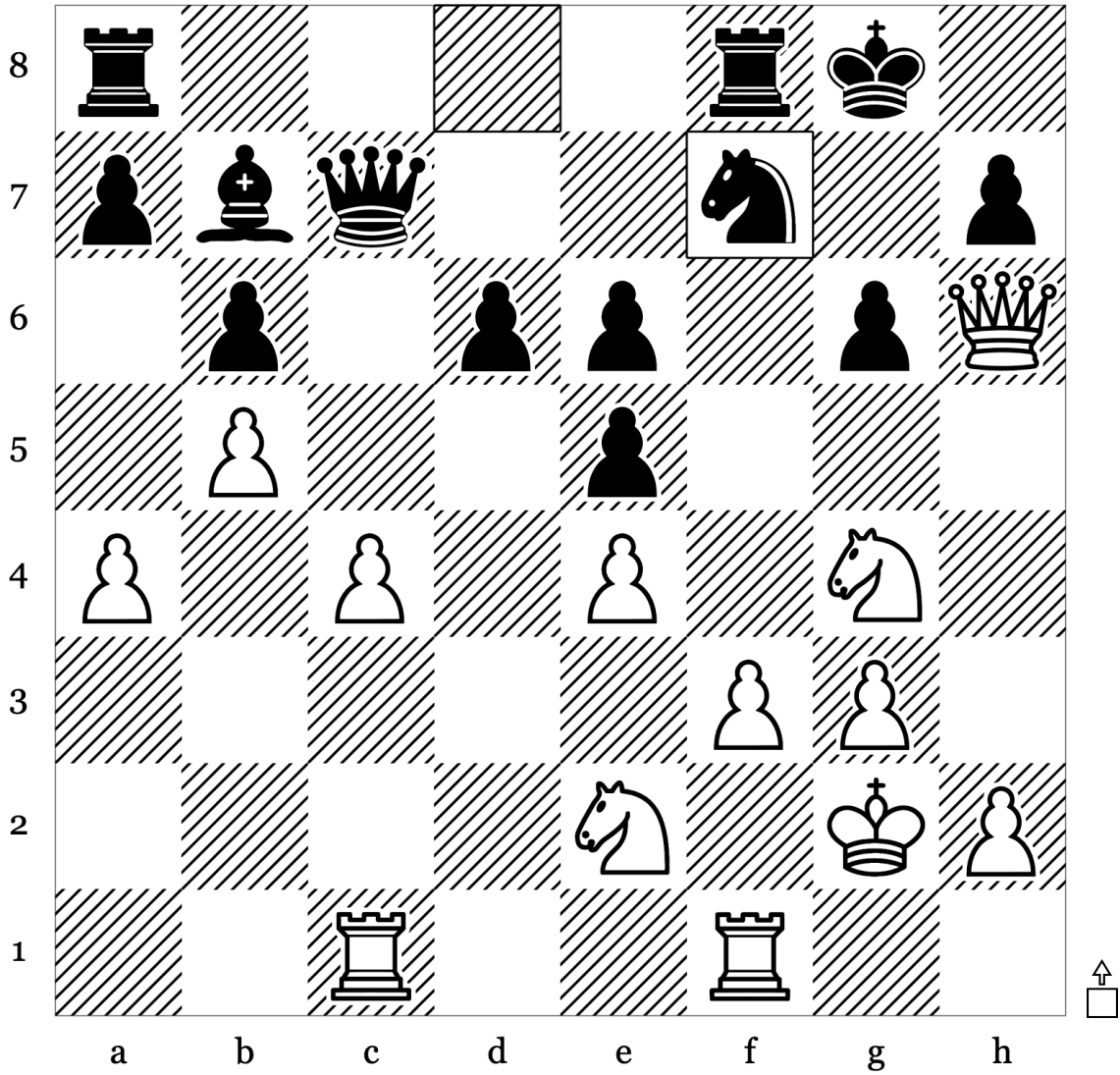
36	<b>h4</b>	
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Puzzle 33 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 814)



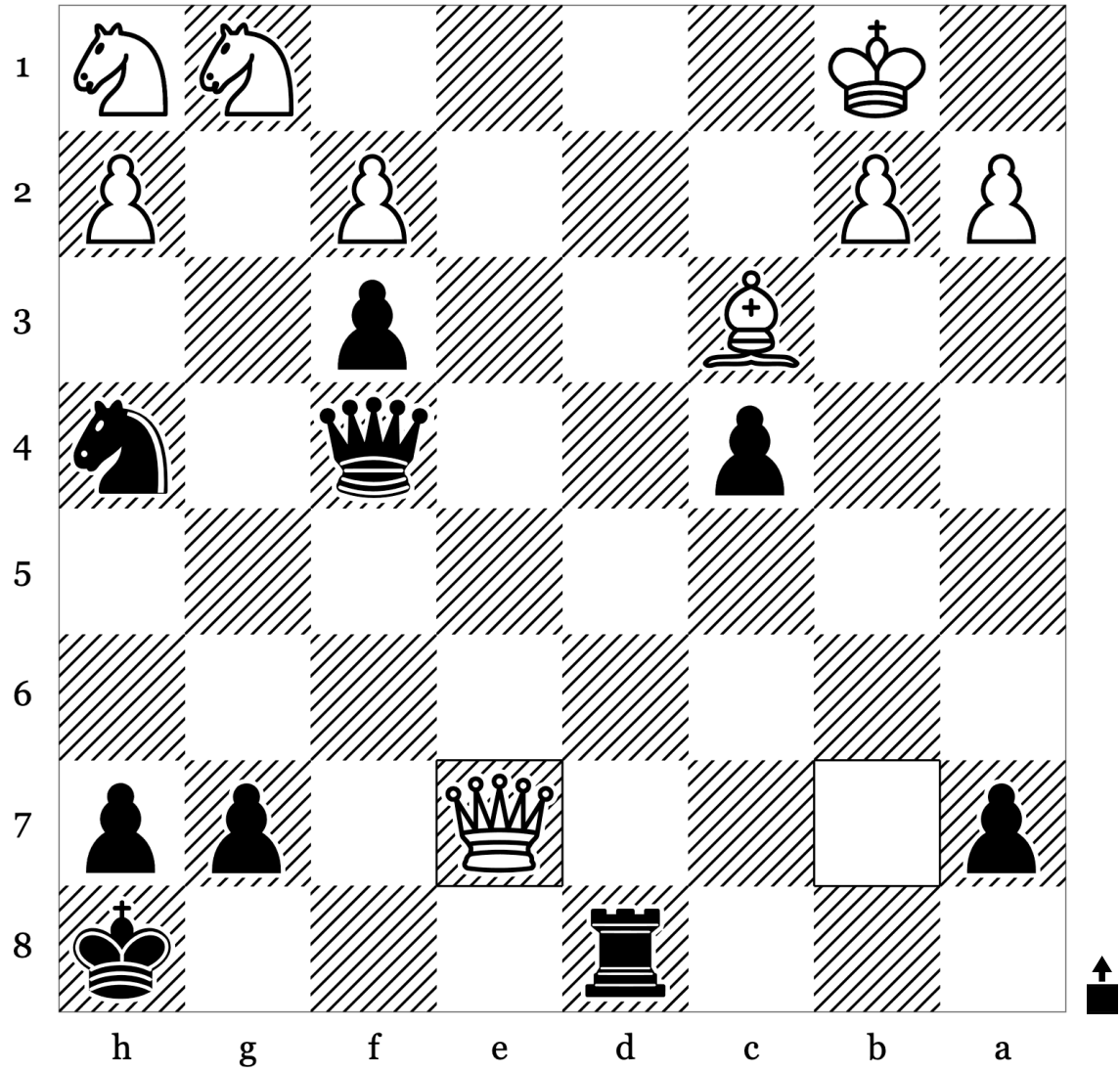
23	...	<b>Rxc8</b>
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Puzzle 34 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 1070)



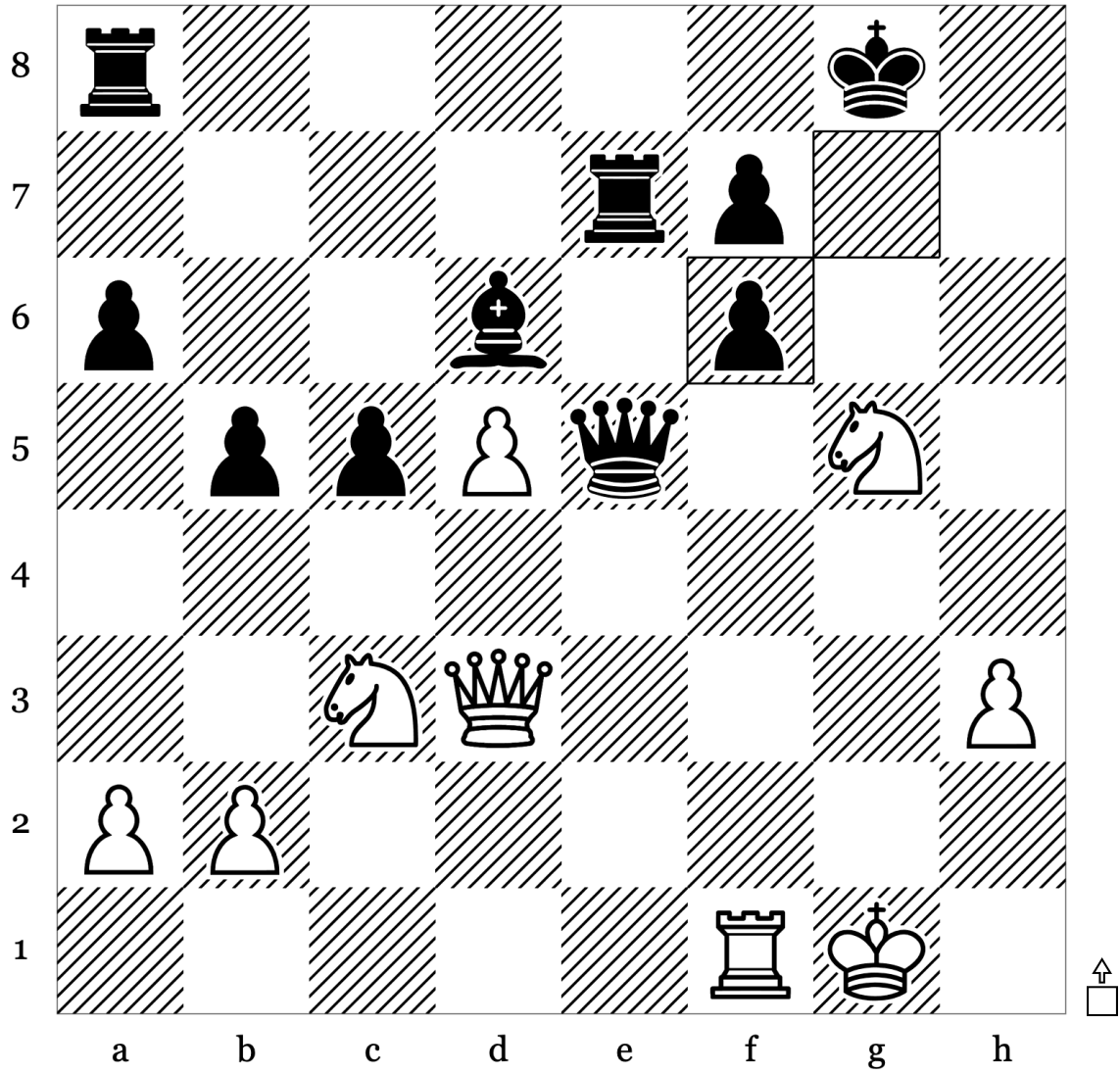
35	...	Nf7
36		
37		
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39		

Puzzle 35 of 100: Fork · Mate (Rating: 1168)



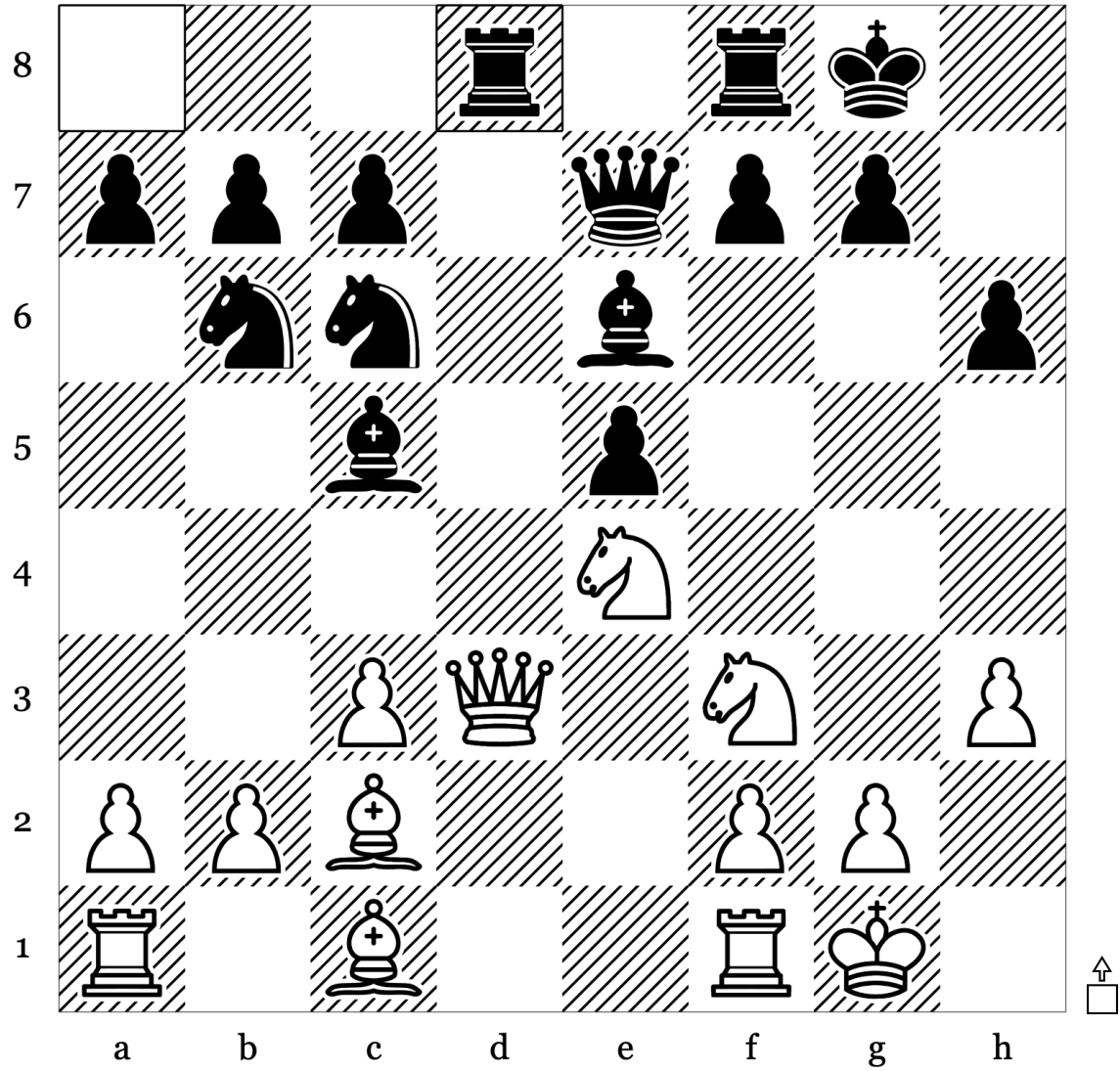
27	<b>Qxe7</b>	
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Puzzle 36 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1019)



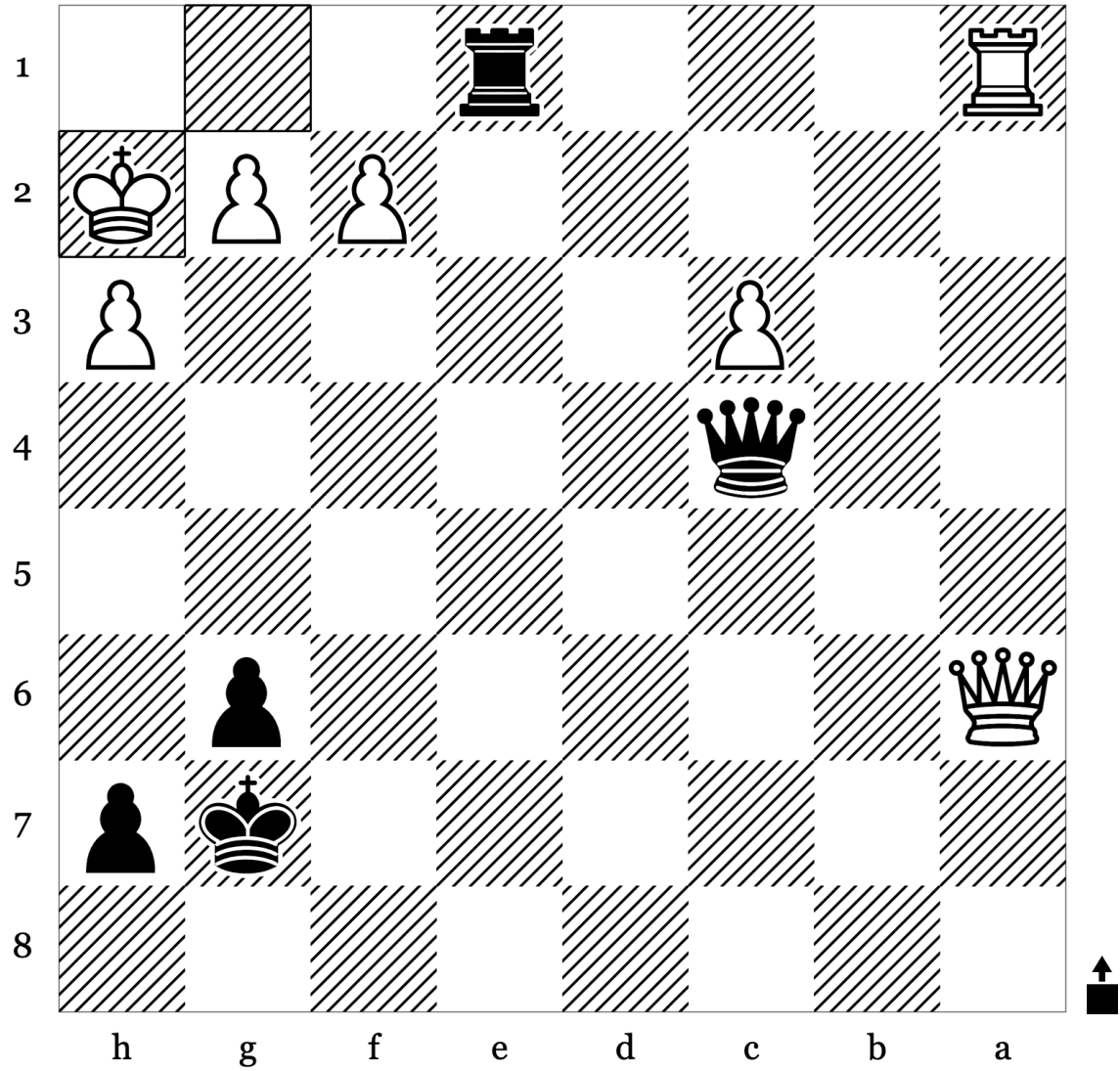
24	...	<b>gxf6</b>
25		
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Puzzle 37 of 100: Clearance · Kingside Attack (Rating: 1120)



14	...	<b>Rad8</b>
15		
16		
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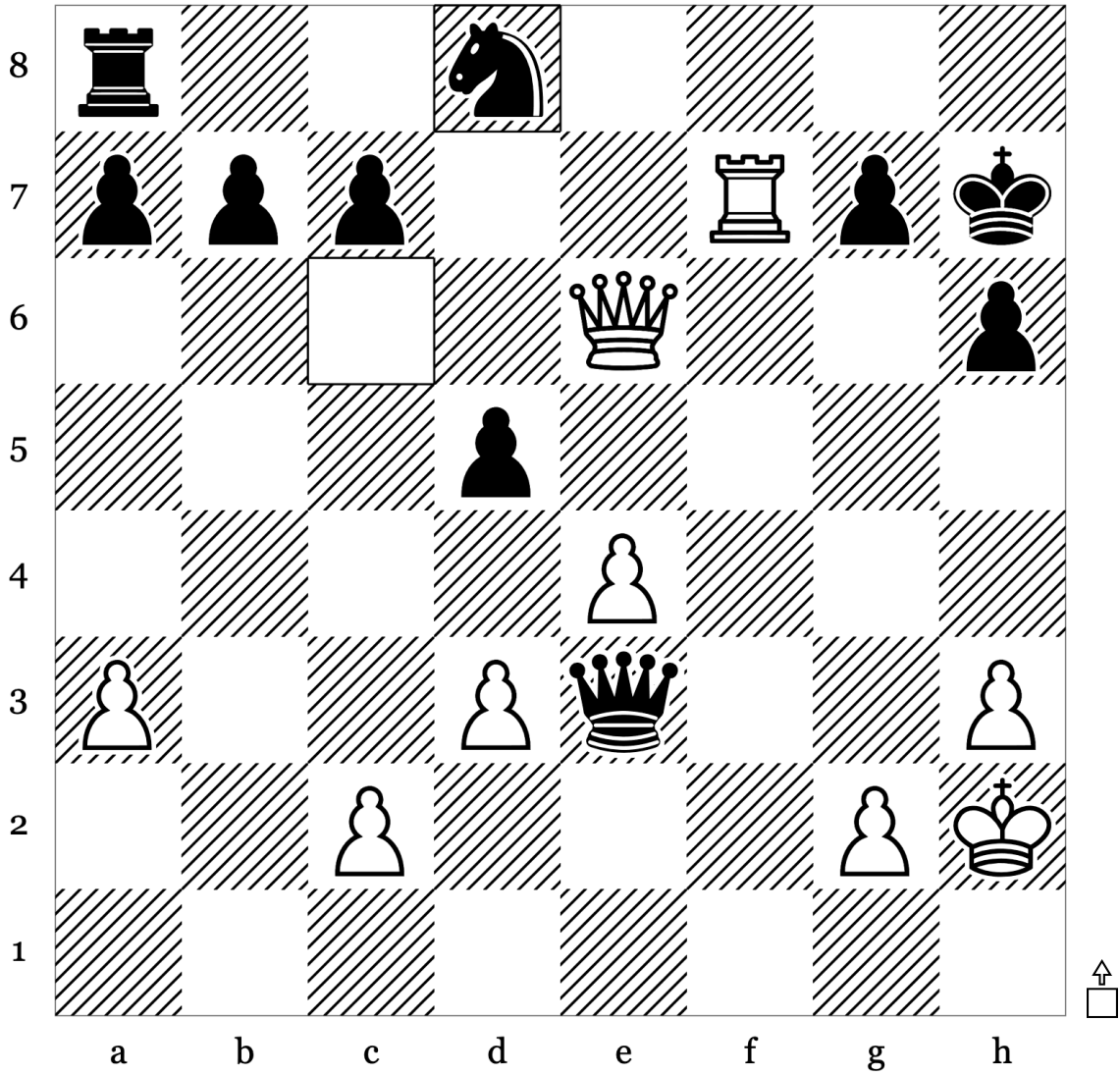
Puzzle 38 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1170)



33	<b>Kh2</b>	
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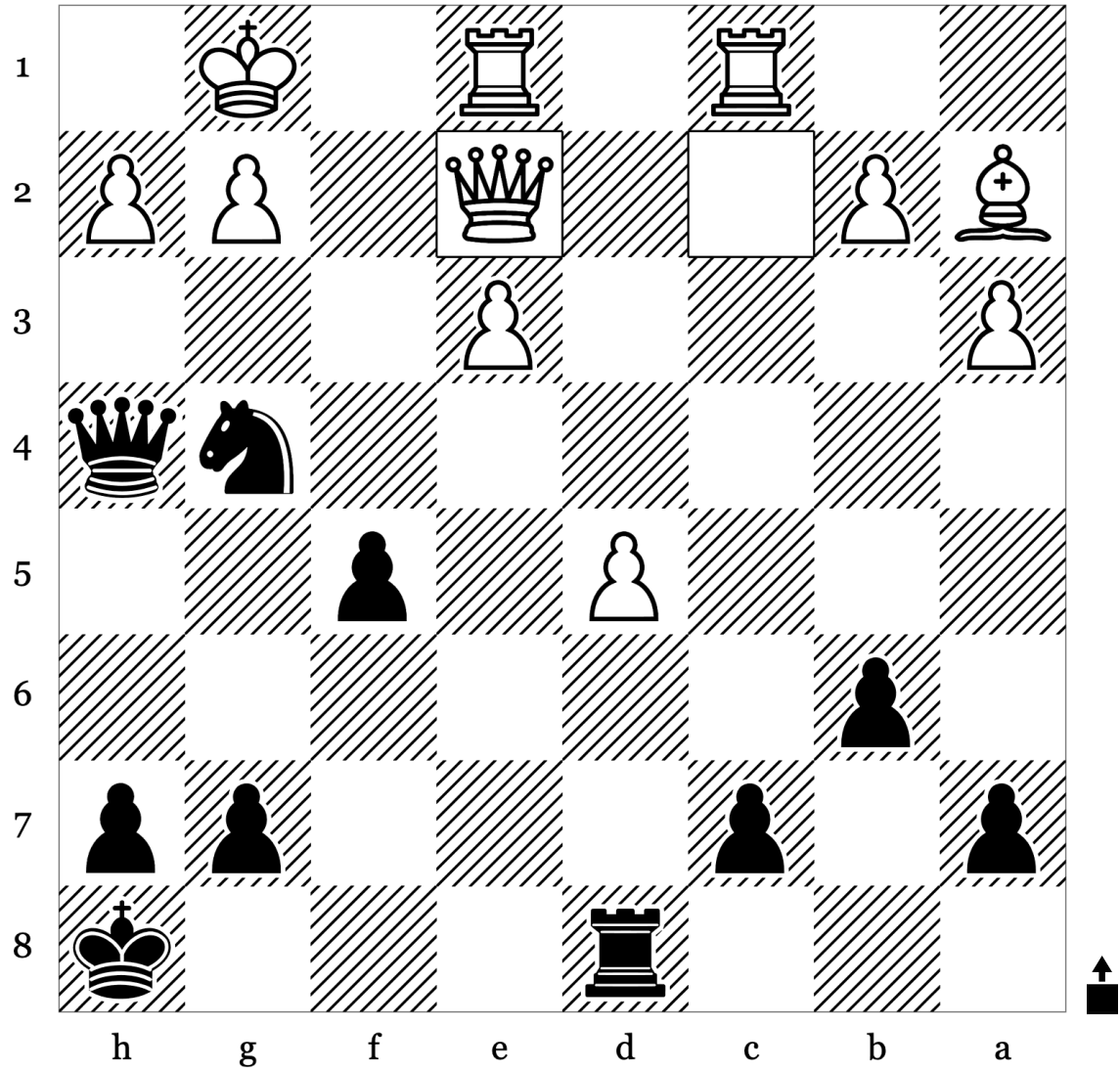


Puzzle 40 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1001)



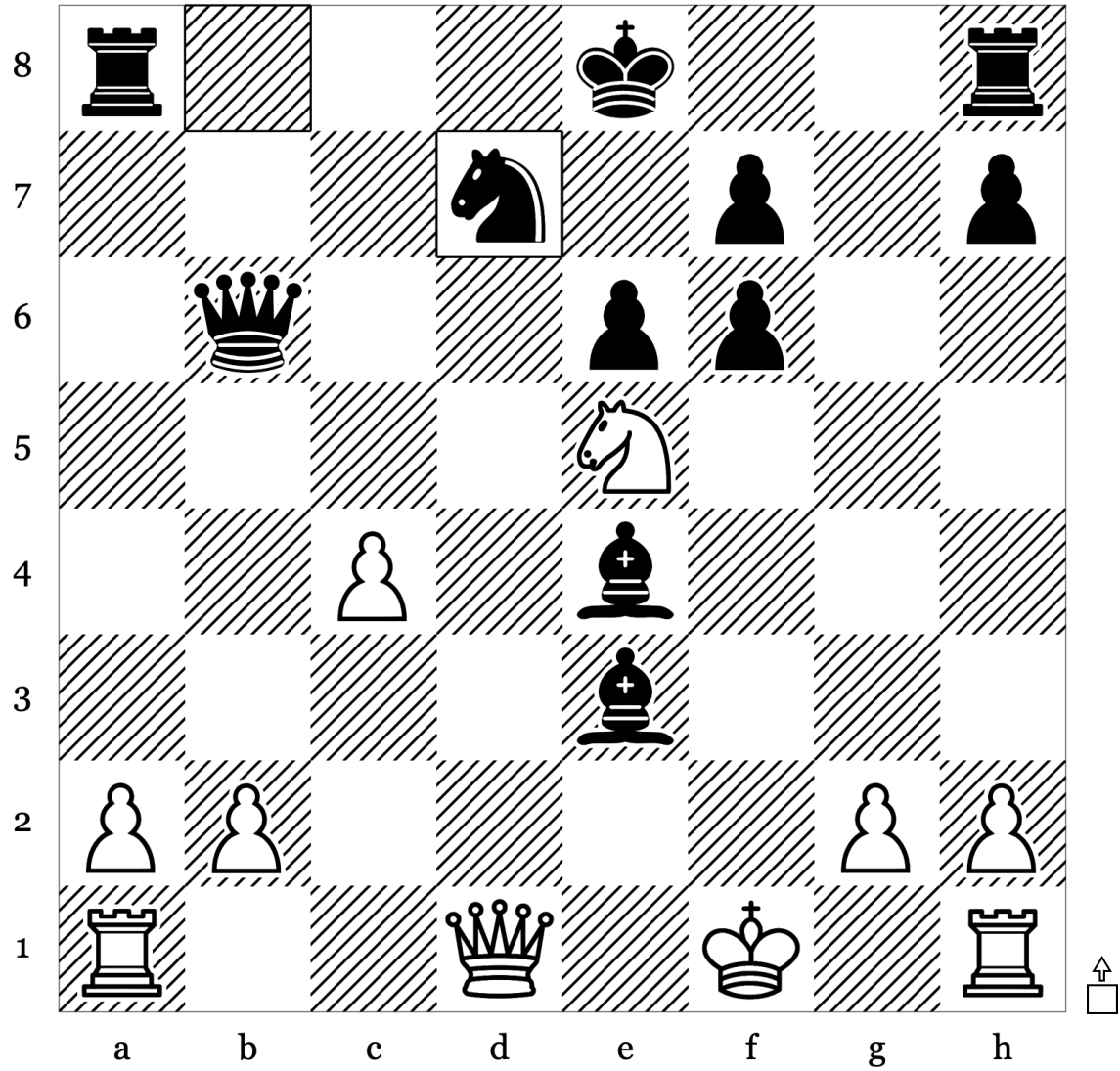
21	...	<b>Nd8</b>
22		
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Puzzle 41 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 1078)



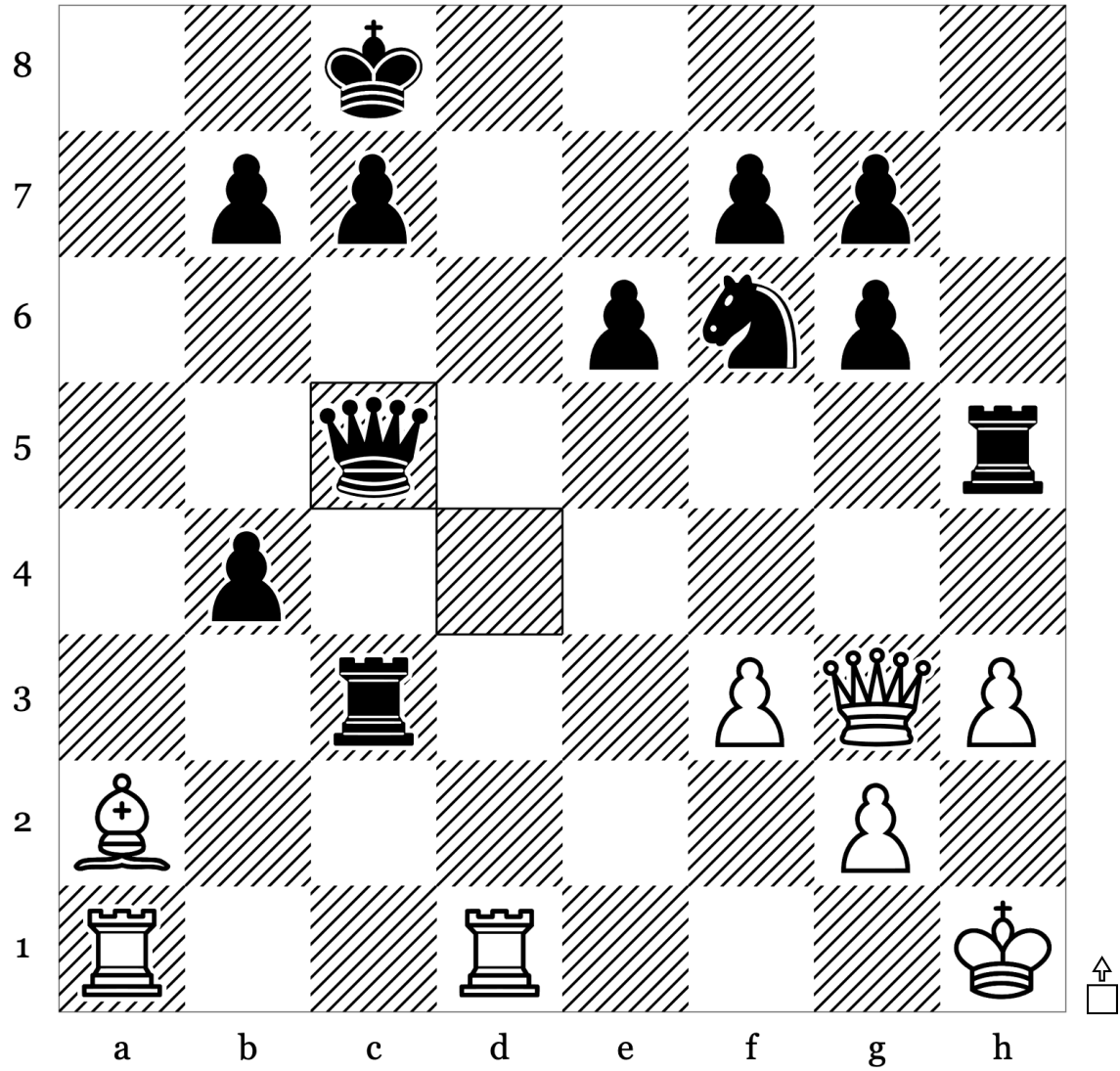
33	<b>Qxe2</b>	
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Puzzle 42 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1022)



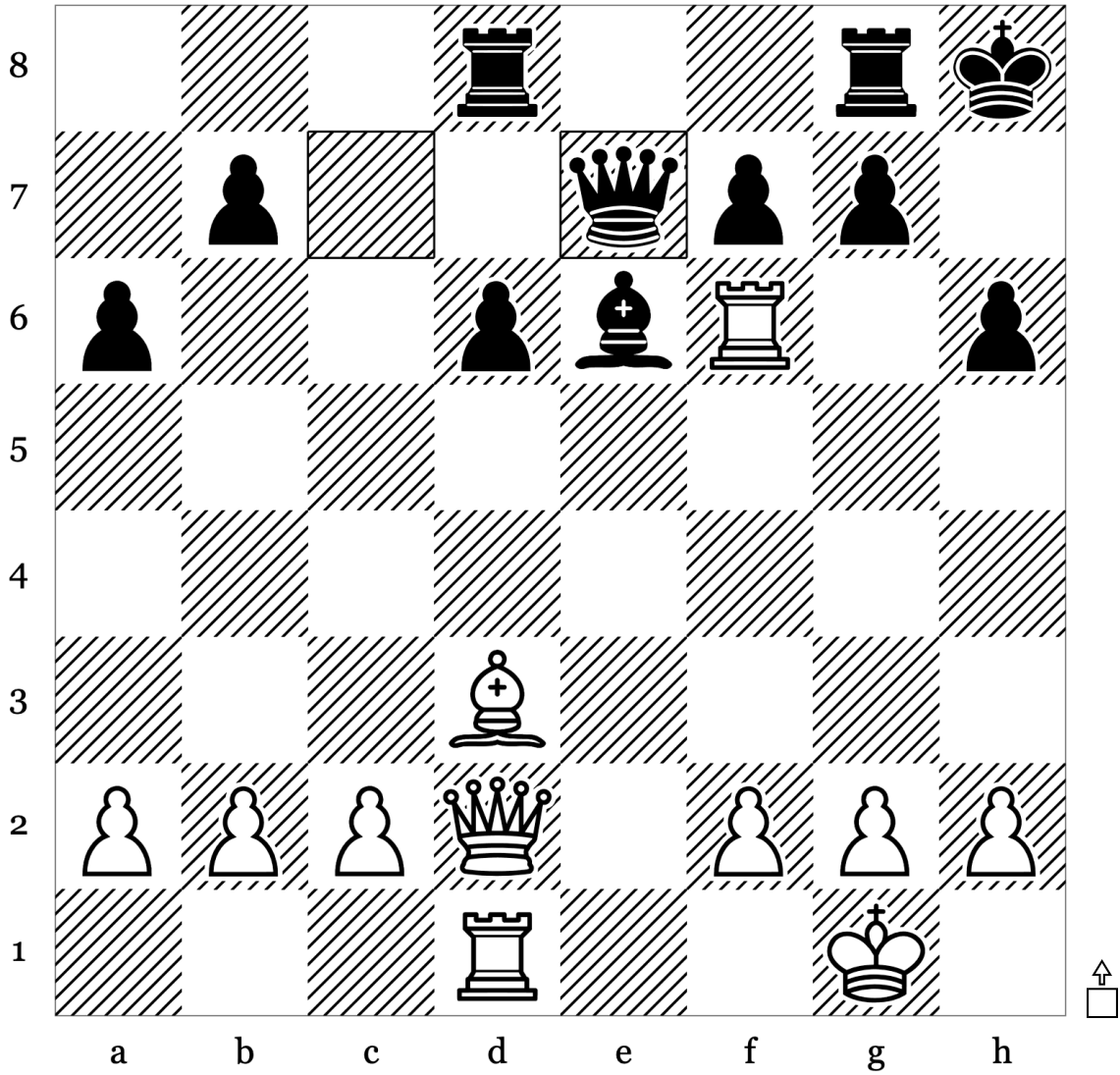
14	...	Nxd7
15		
16		
17		
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Puzzle 43 of 100: Clearance · Mate (Rating: 1028)



28	...	Qc5
29		
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Puzzle 44 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 957)

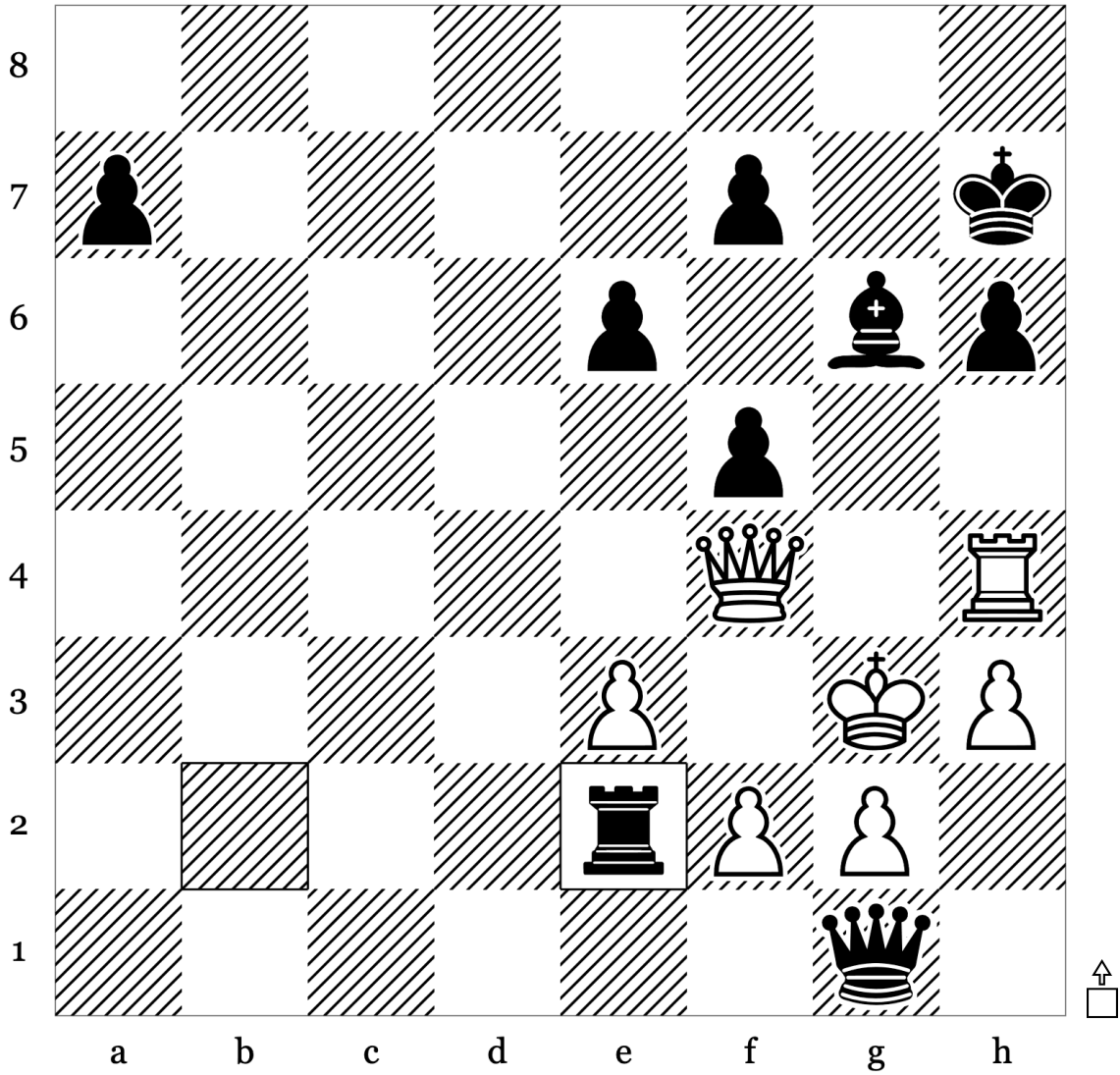


24	...	Qe7
25		
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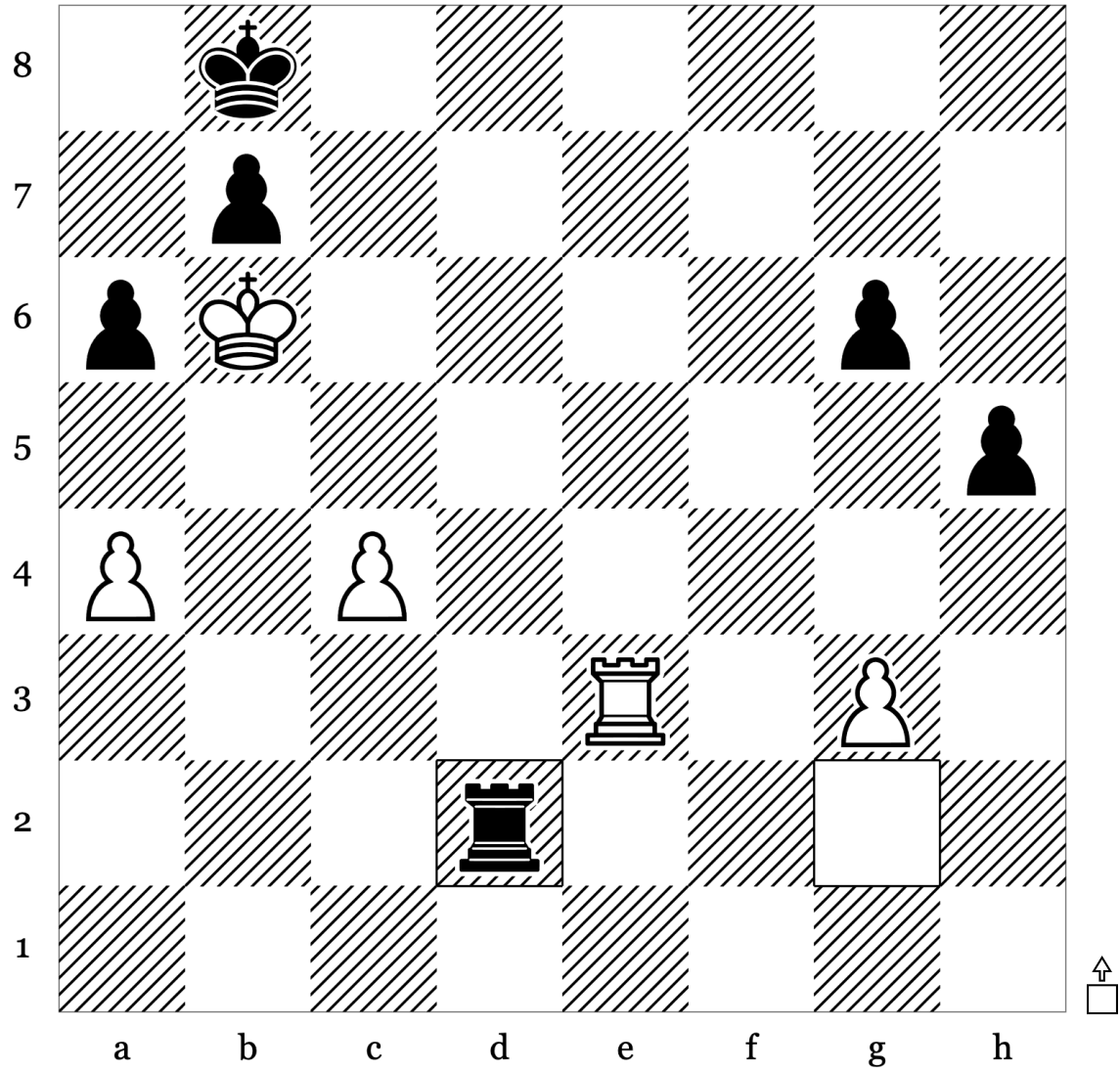


Puzzle 47 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 998)



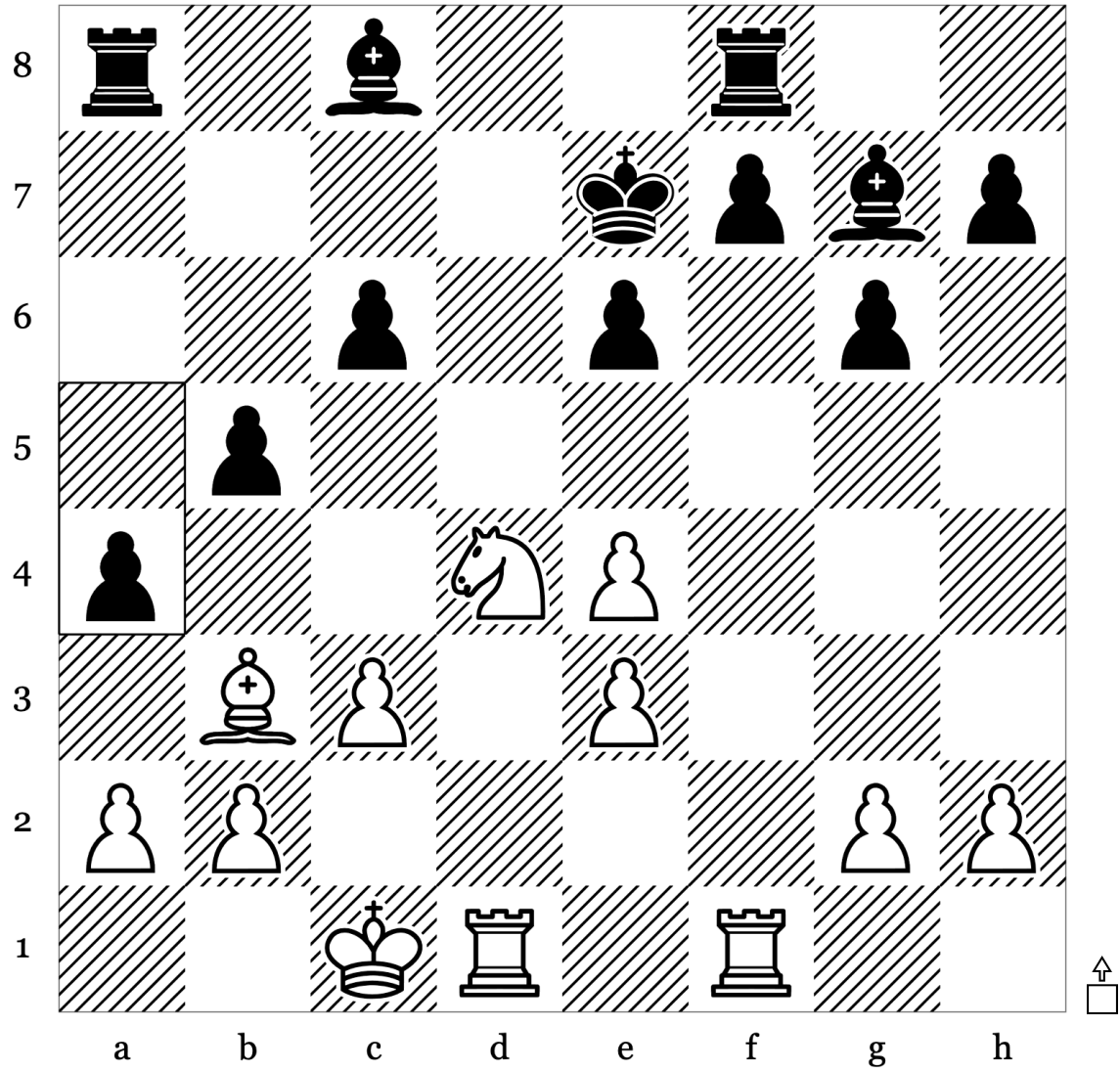
43	...	Re2
44		
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Puzzle 48 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1013)



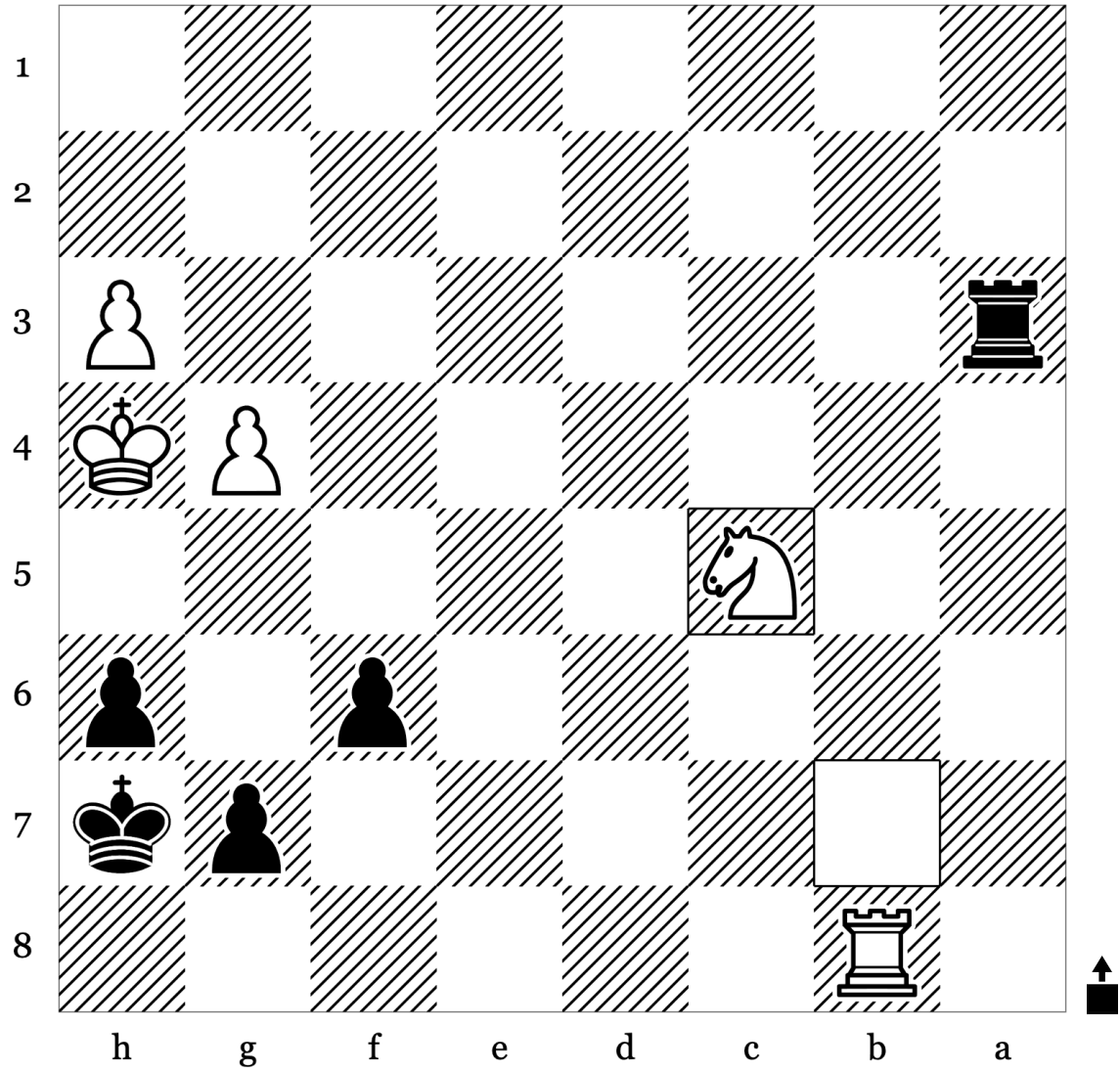
35	...	<b>Rd2</b>
36		
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Puzzle 49 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 925)



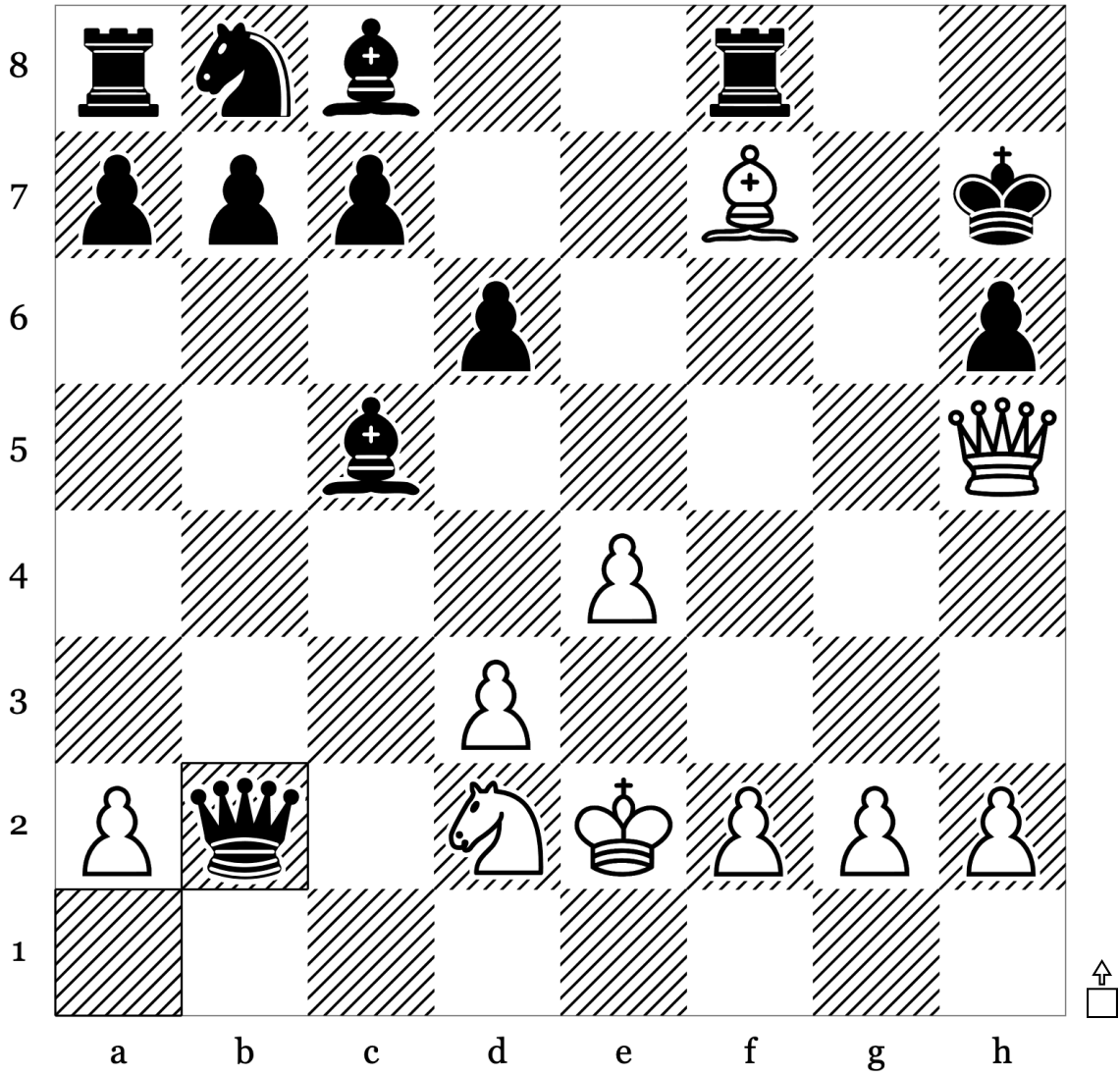
17	...	a4
18		
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Puzzle 50 of 100: Deflection · Endgame (Rating: 823)



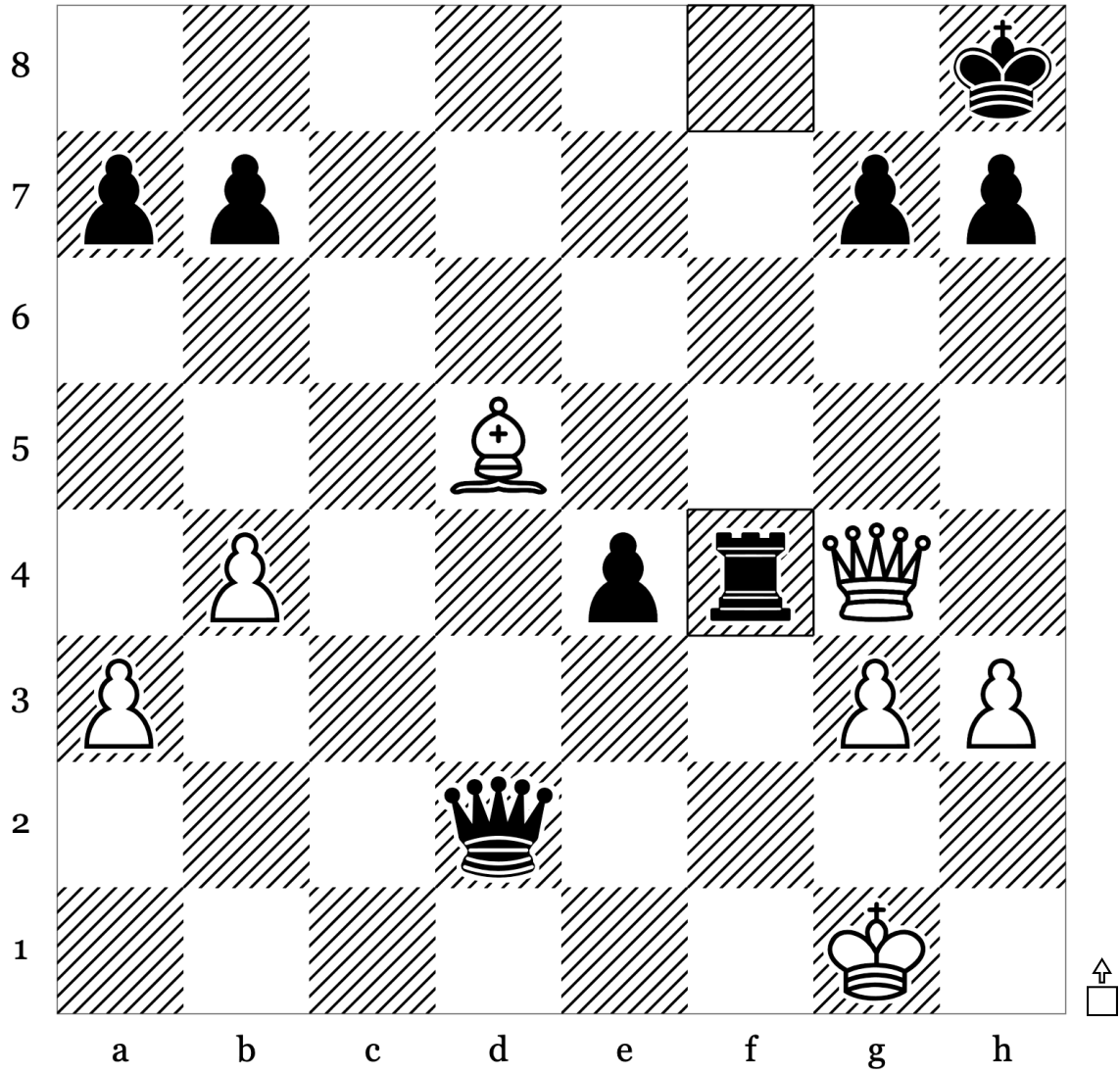
40	<b>Nc5</b>	
41		
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Puzzle 51 of 100: Deflection · Mate (Rating: 1159)



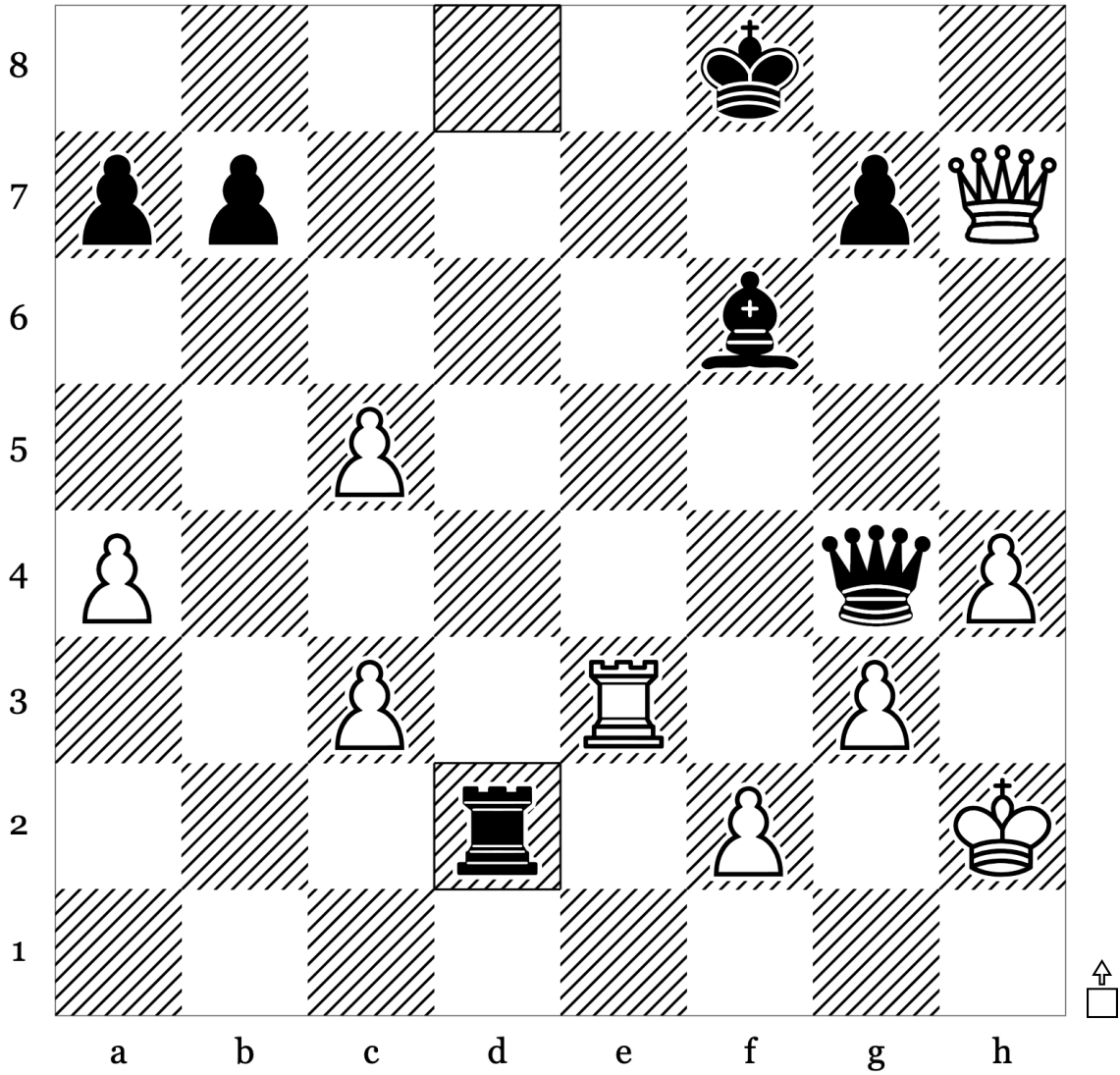
14	...	<b>Qxb2</b>
15		
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Puzzle 52 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 905)



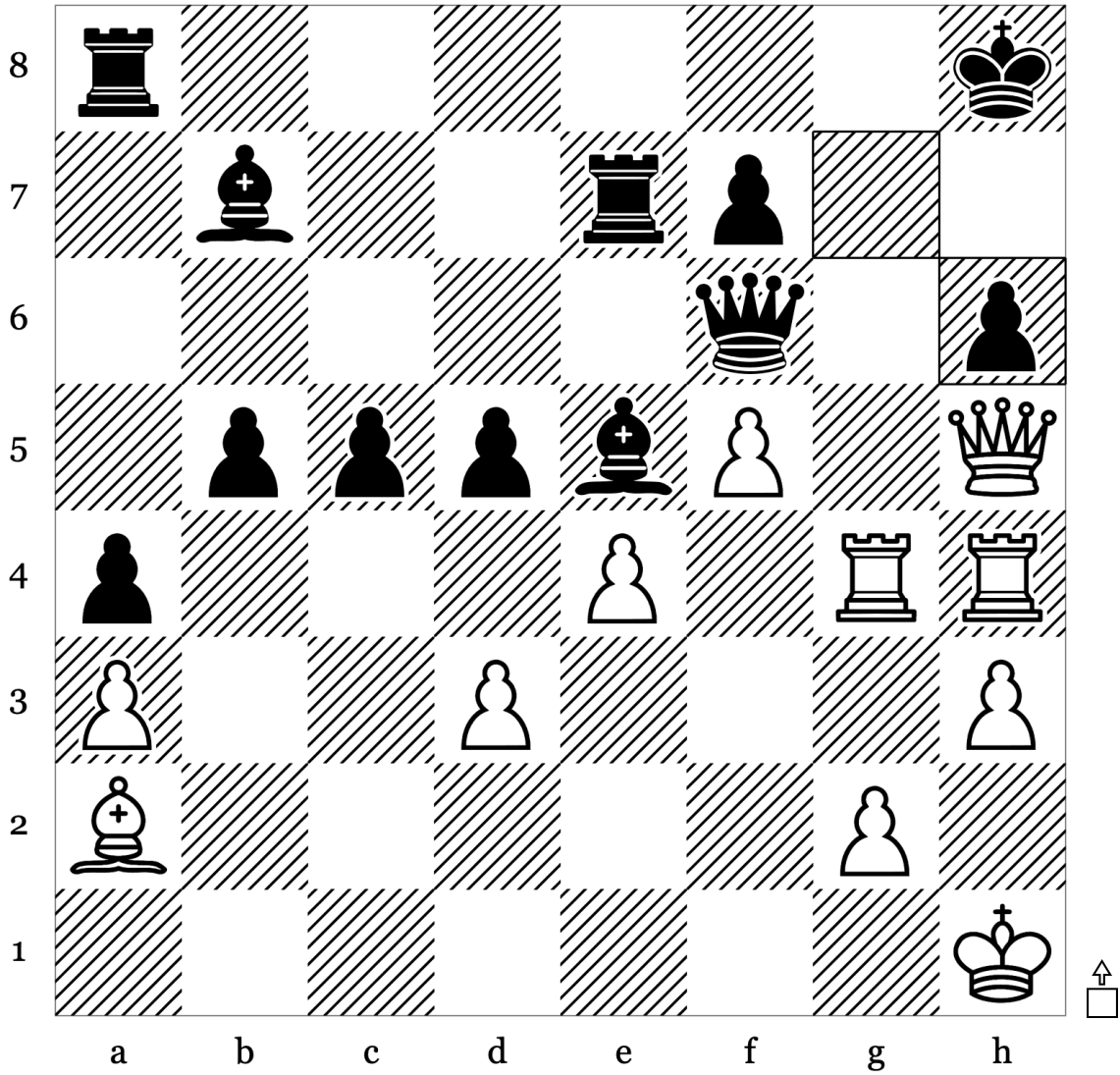
33	...	<b>Rxf4</b>
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Puzzle 53 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 995)



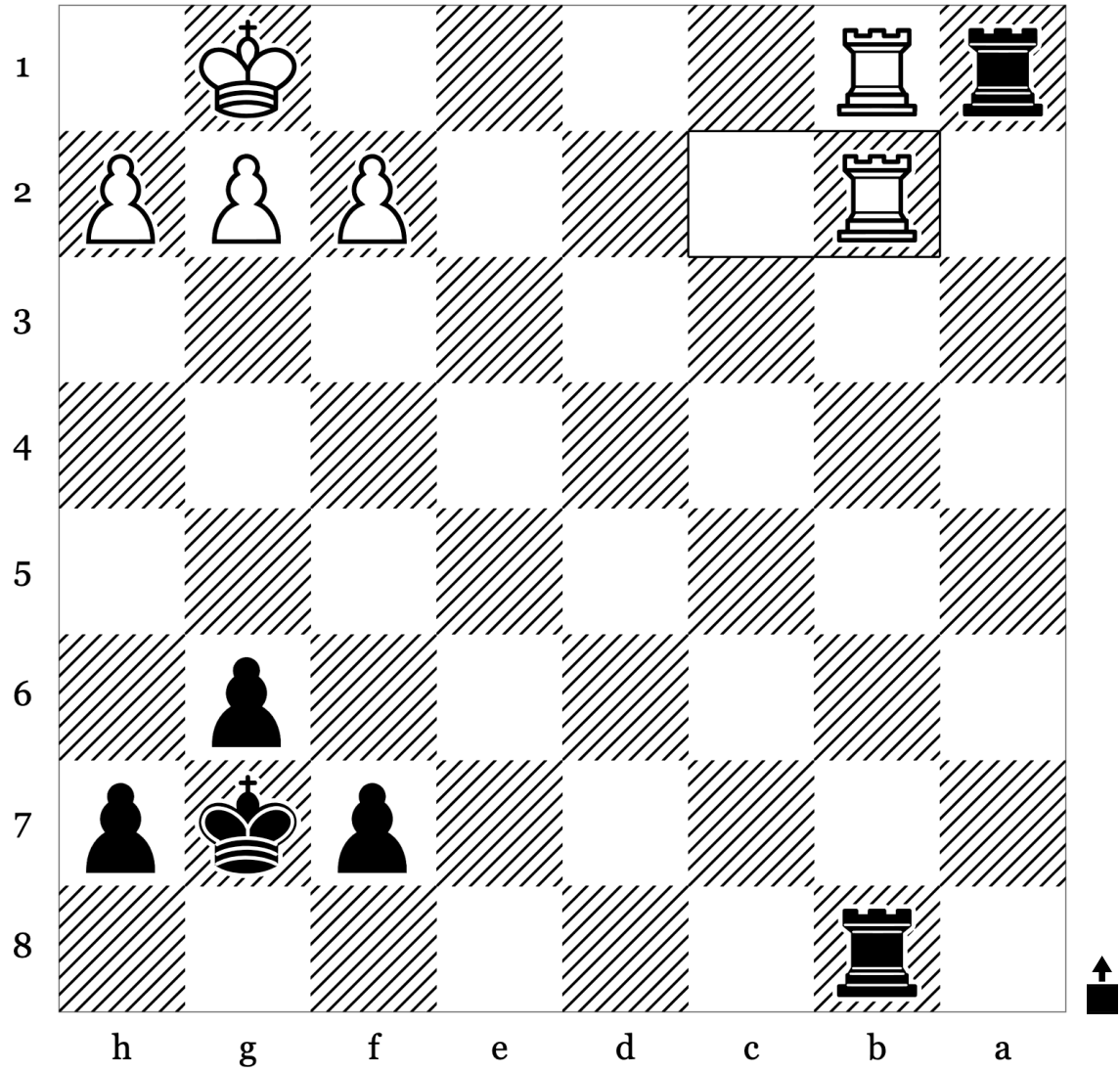
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Puzzle 54 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 922)



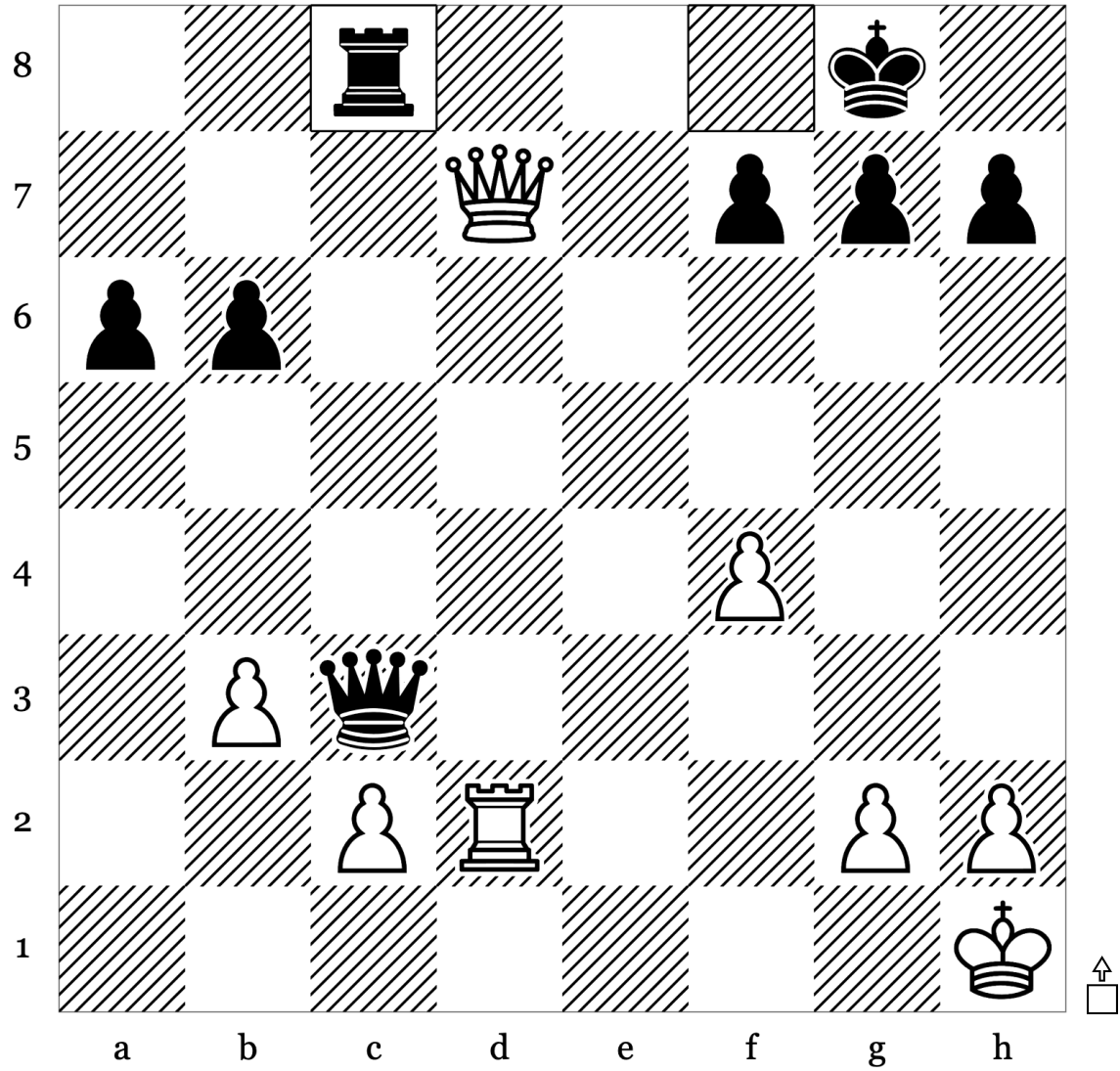
29	...	<b>gxh6</b>
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Puzzle 55 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 861)



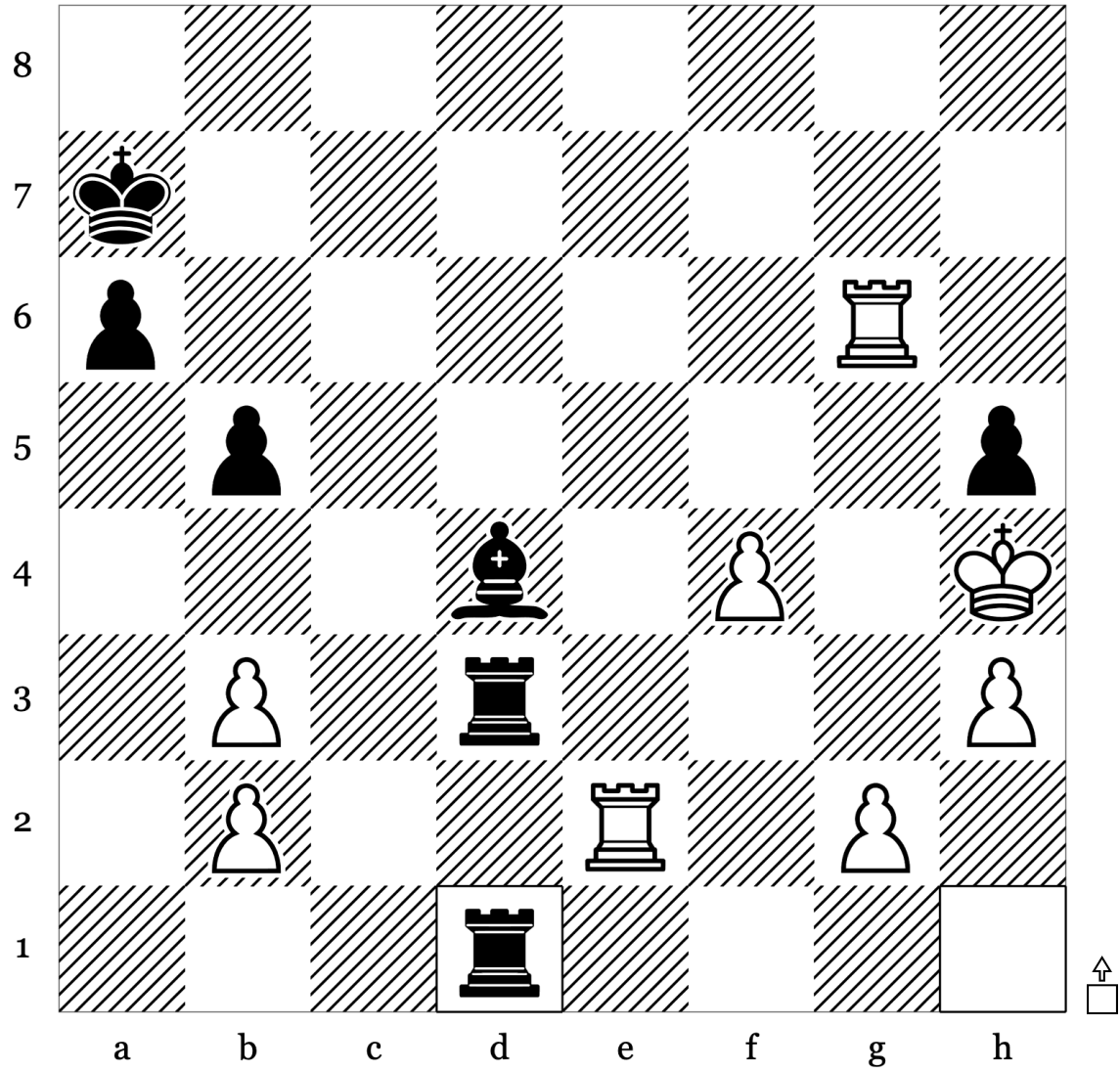
39	<b>Rxb2</b>	
40		
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Puzzle 56 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 959)



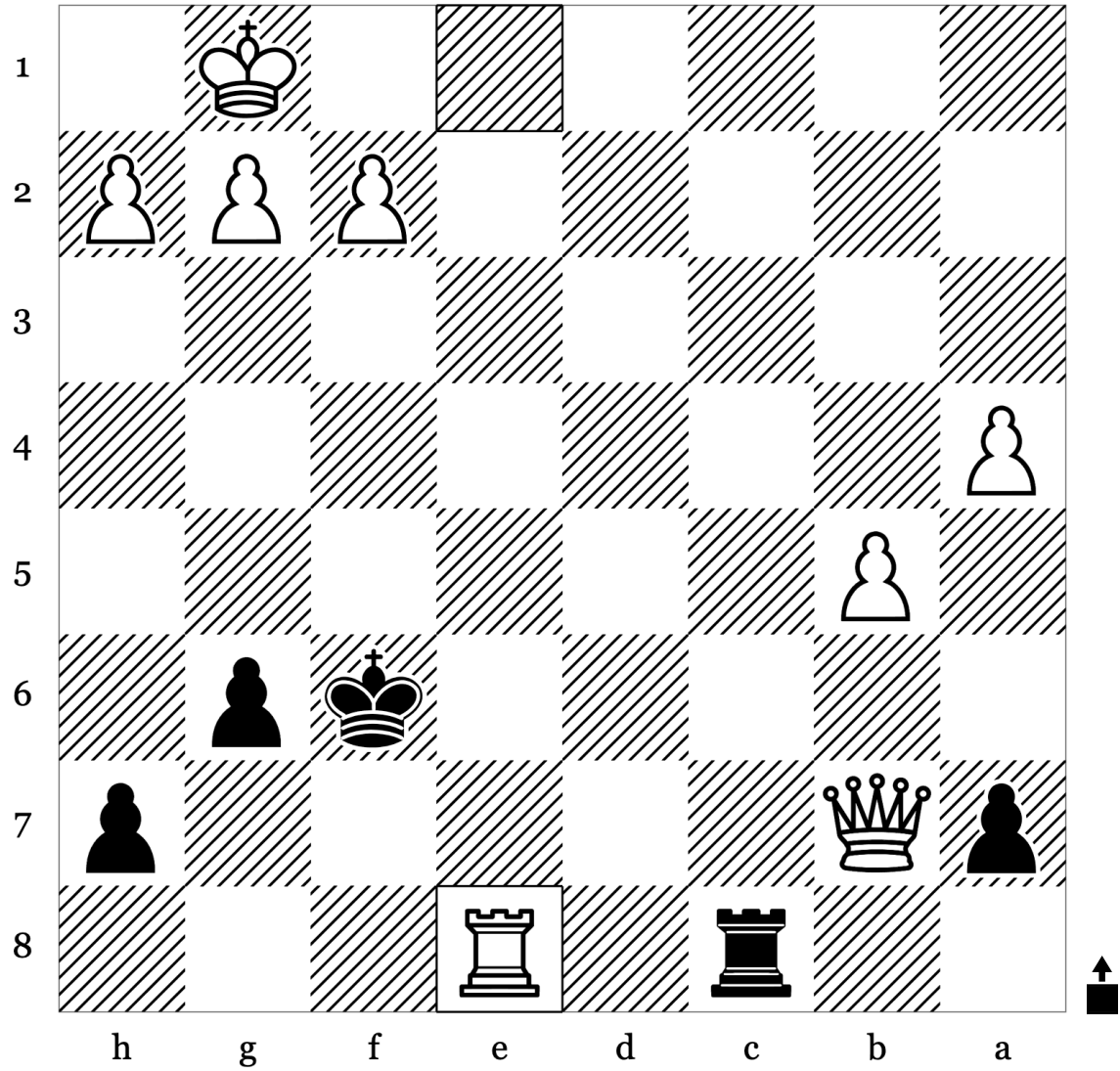
24	...	<b>Rc8</b>
25		
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Puzzle 57 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 889)



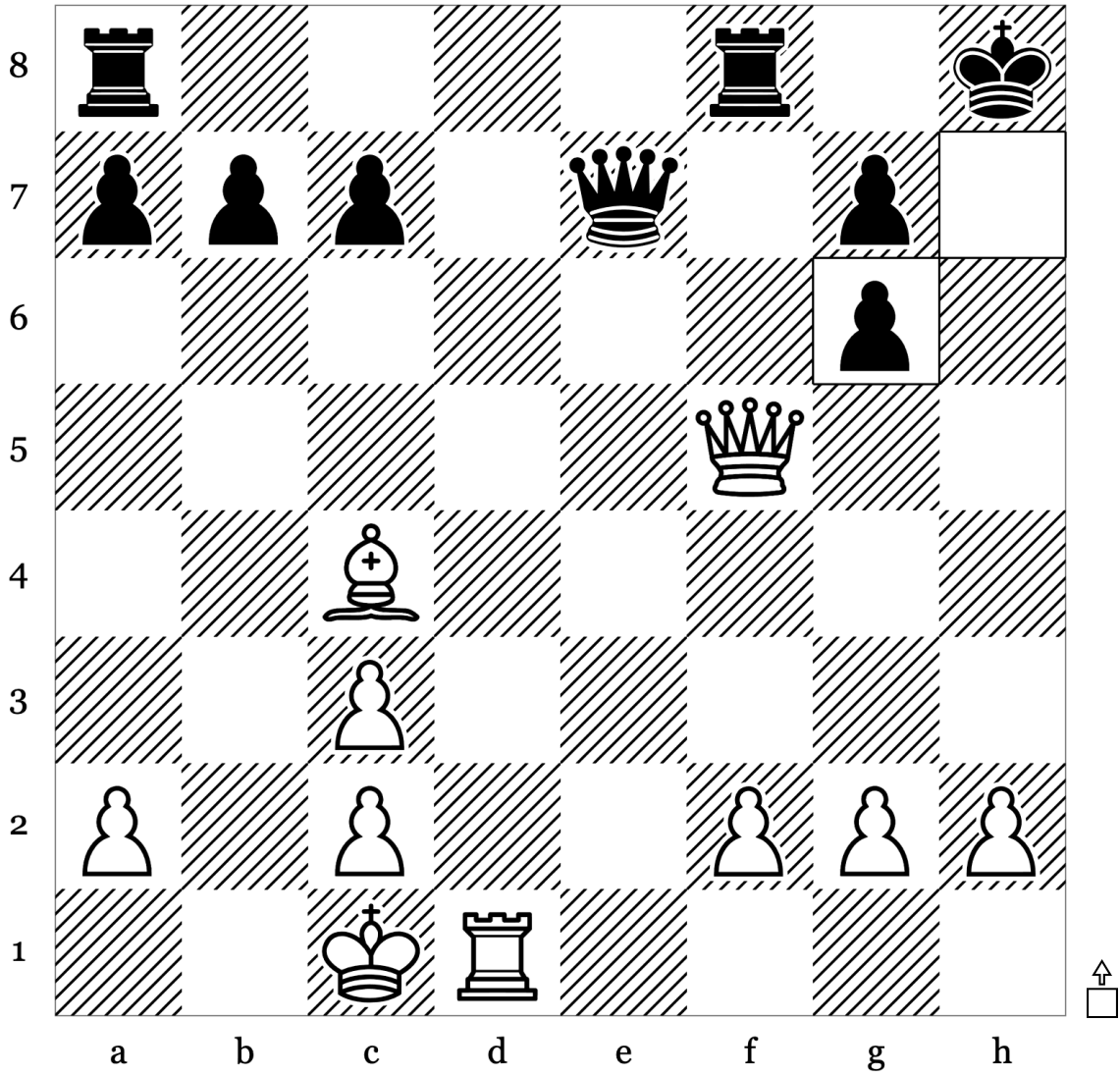
48	...	<b>Rhd1</b>
49		
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Puzzle 58 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 842)



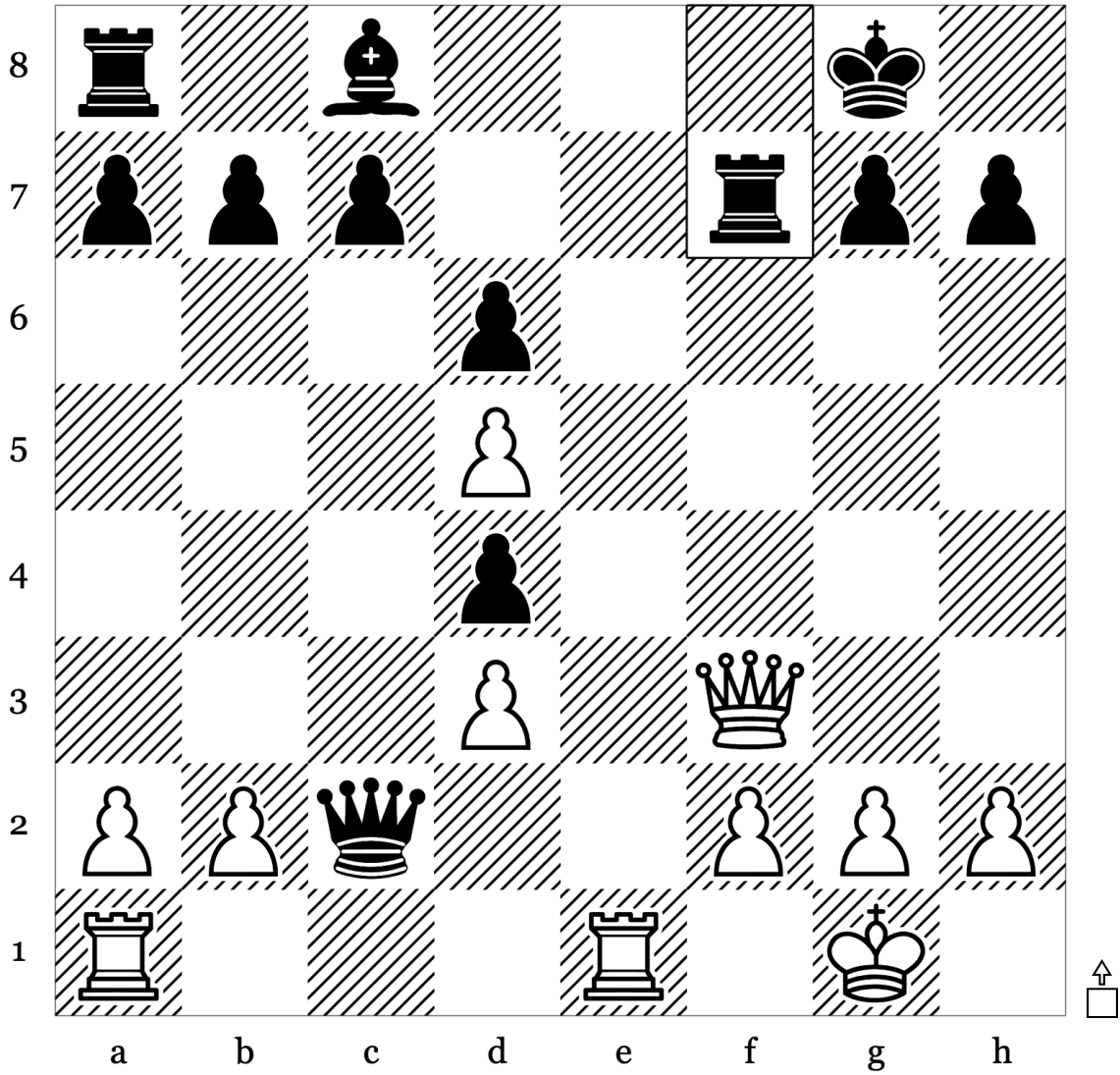
34	<b>Rxe8</b>	
35		
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37		
38		

Puzzle 59 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1088)



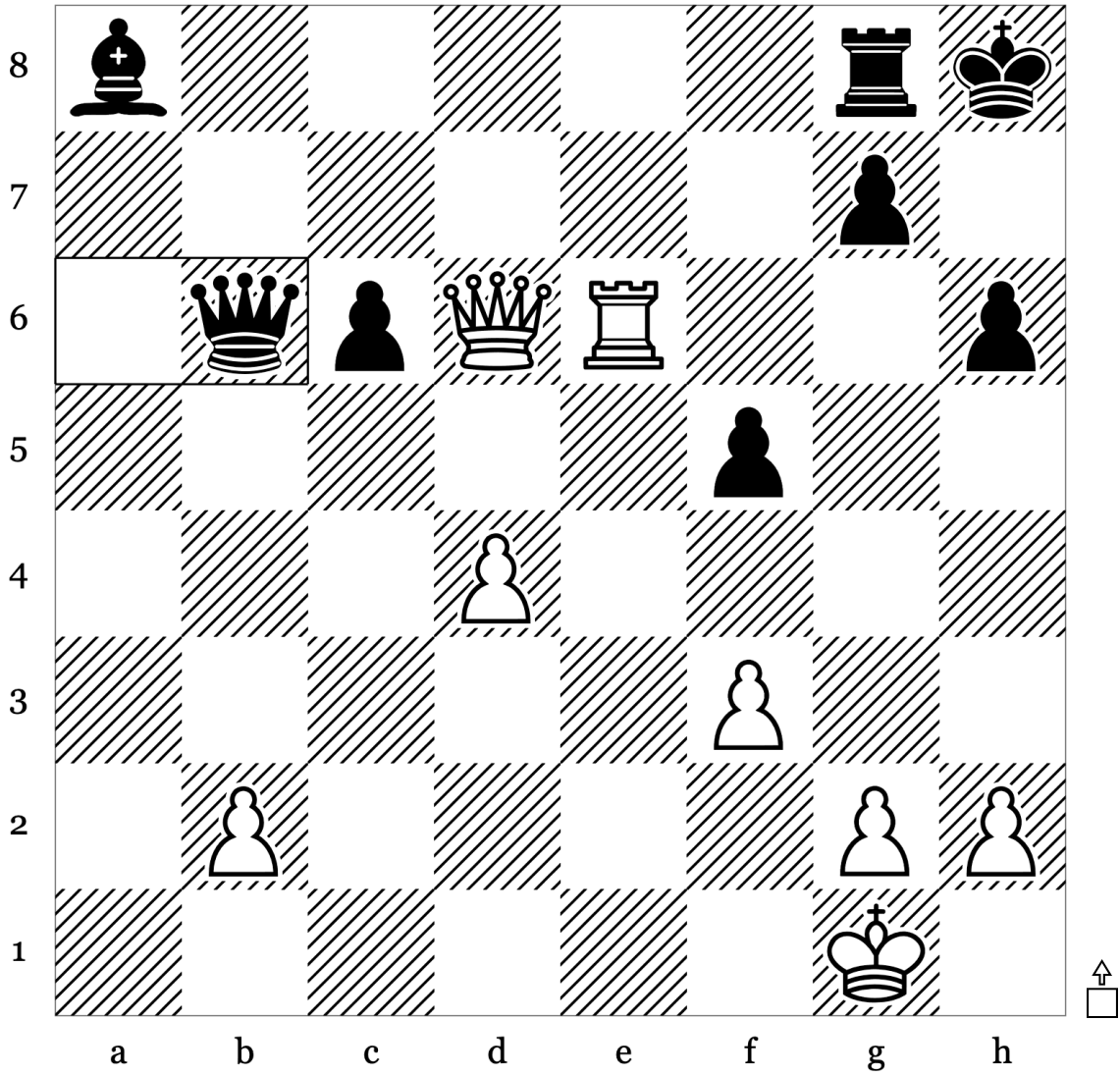
21	...	<b>hxg6</b>
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Puzzle 60 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 1088)



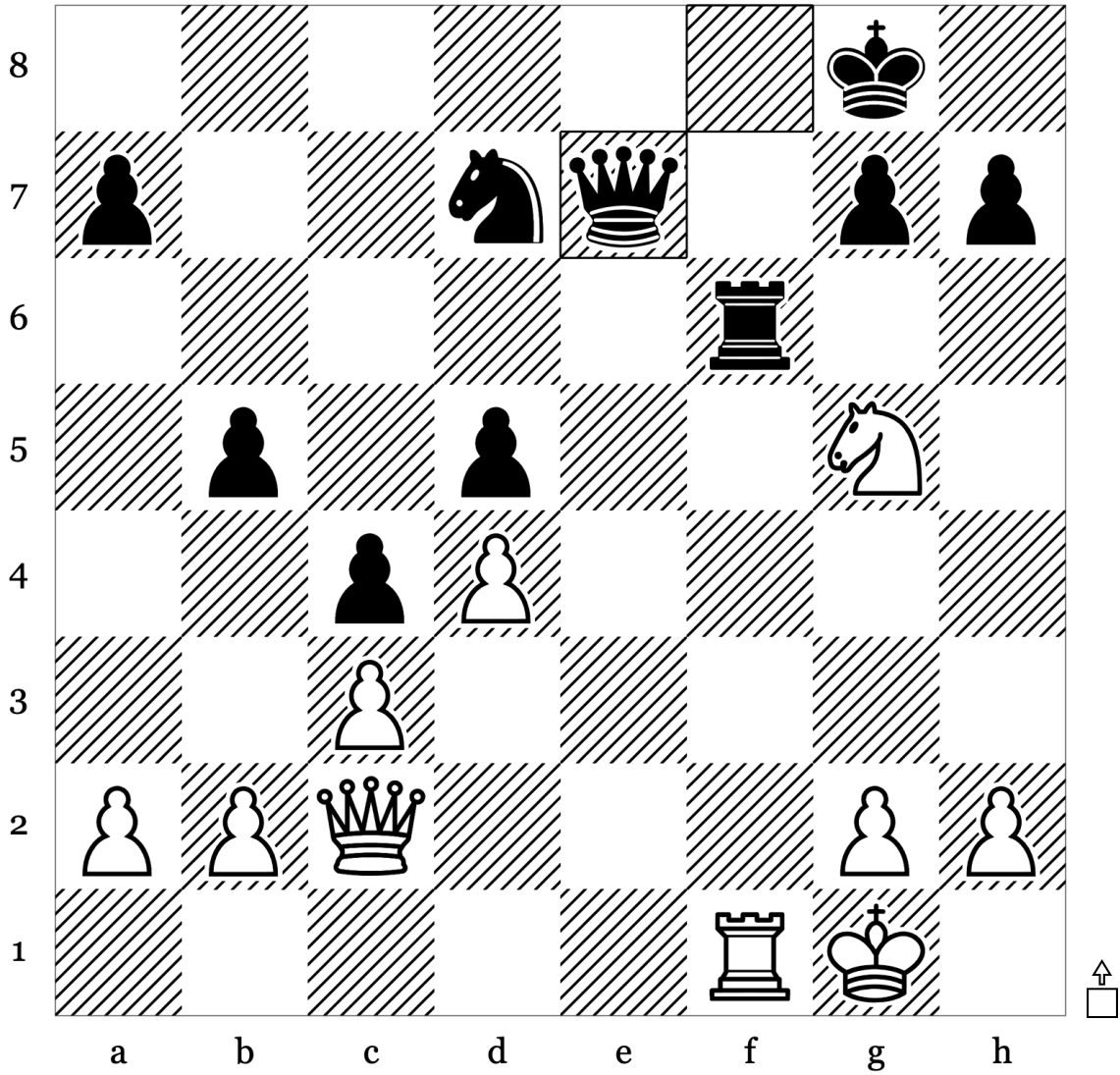
14	...	Rxf7
15		
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Puzzle 61 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 808)



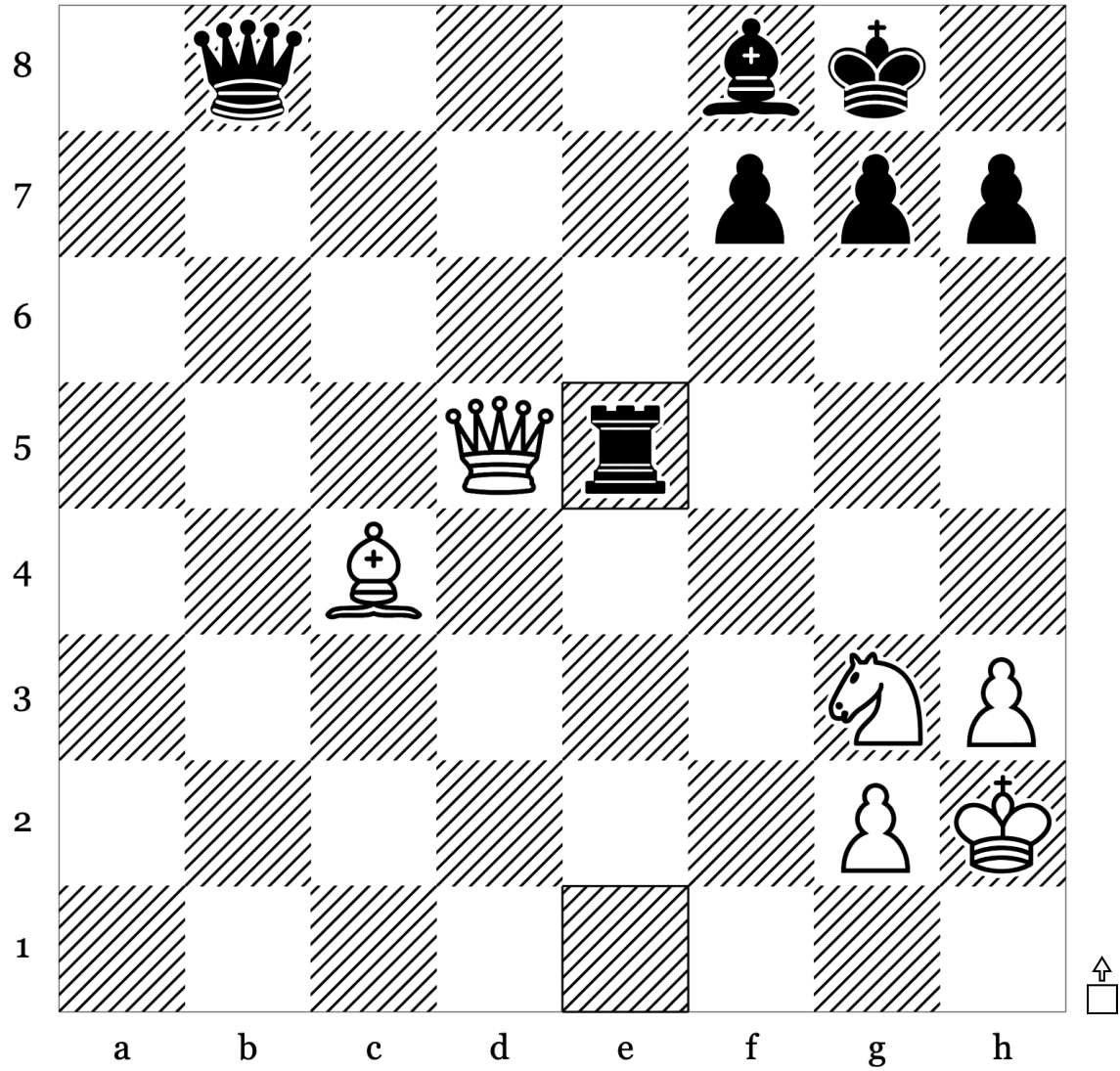
32	...	<b>Qxb6</b>
33		
34		
35		
36		

Puzzle 62 of 100: Endgame · Kingside Attack (Rating: 859)



24	...	<b>Qxe7</b>
25		
26		
27		
28		

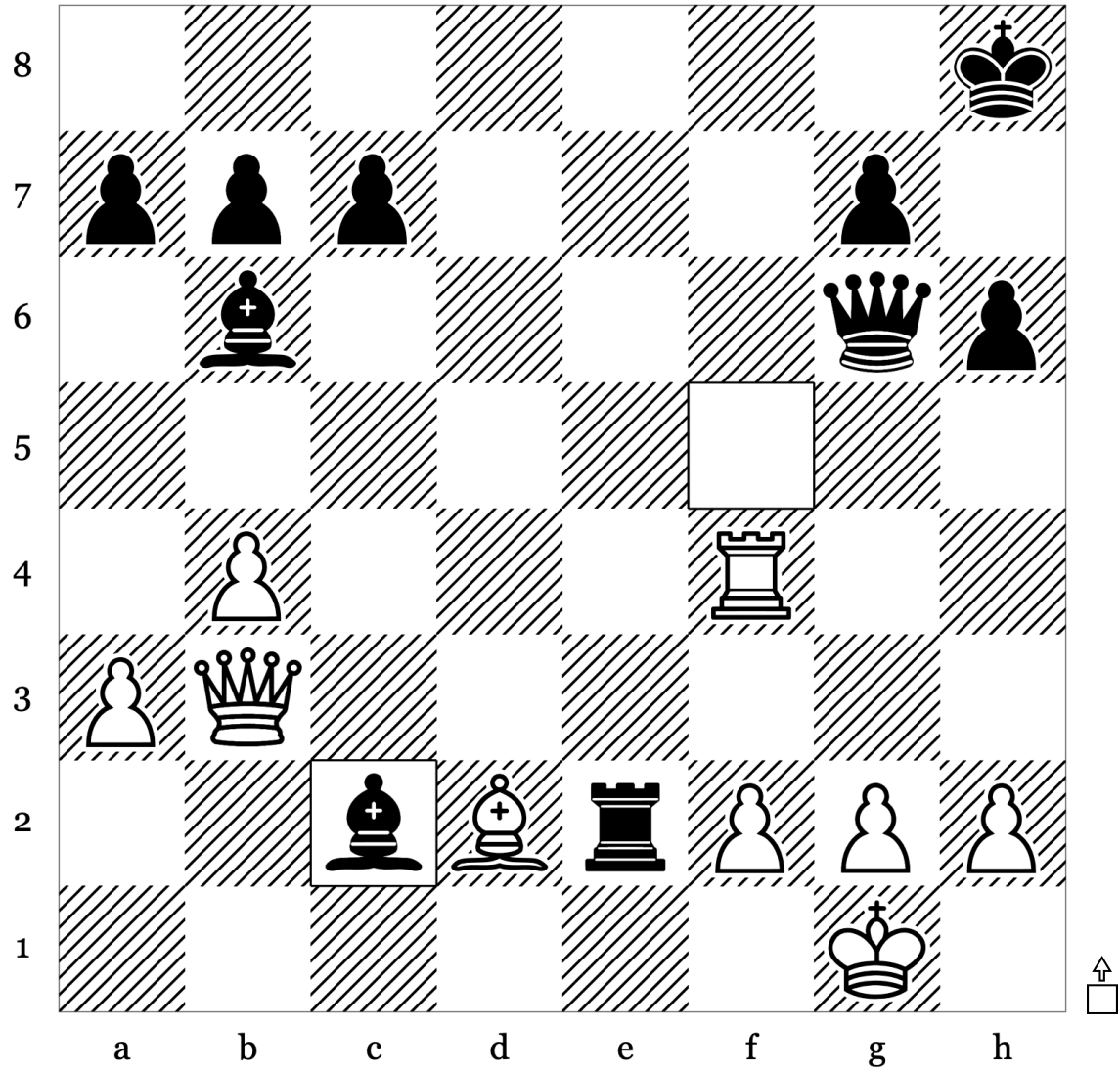
Puzzle 63 of 100: Endgame - Master (Rating: 949)



38	...	Rxe5
39		
40		
41		
42		

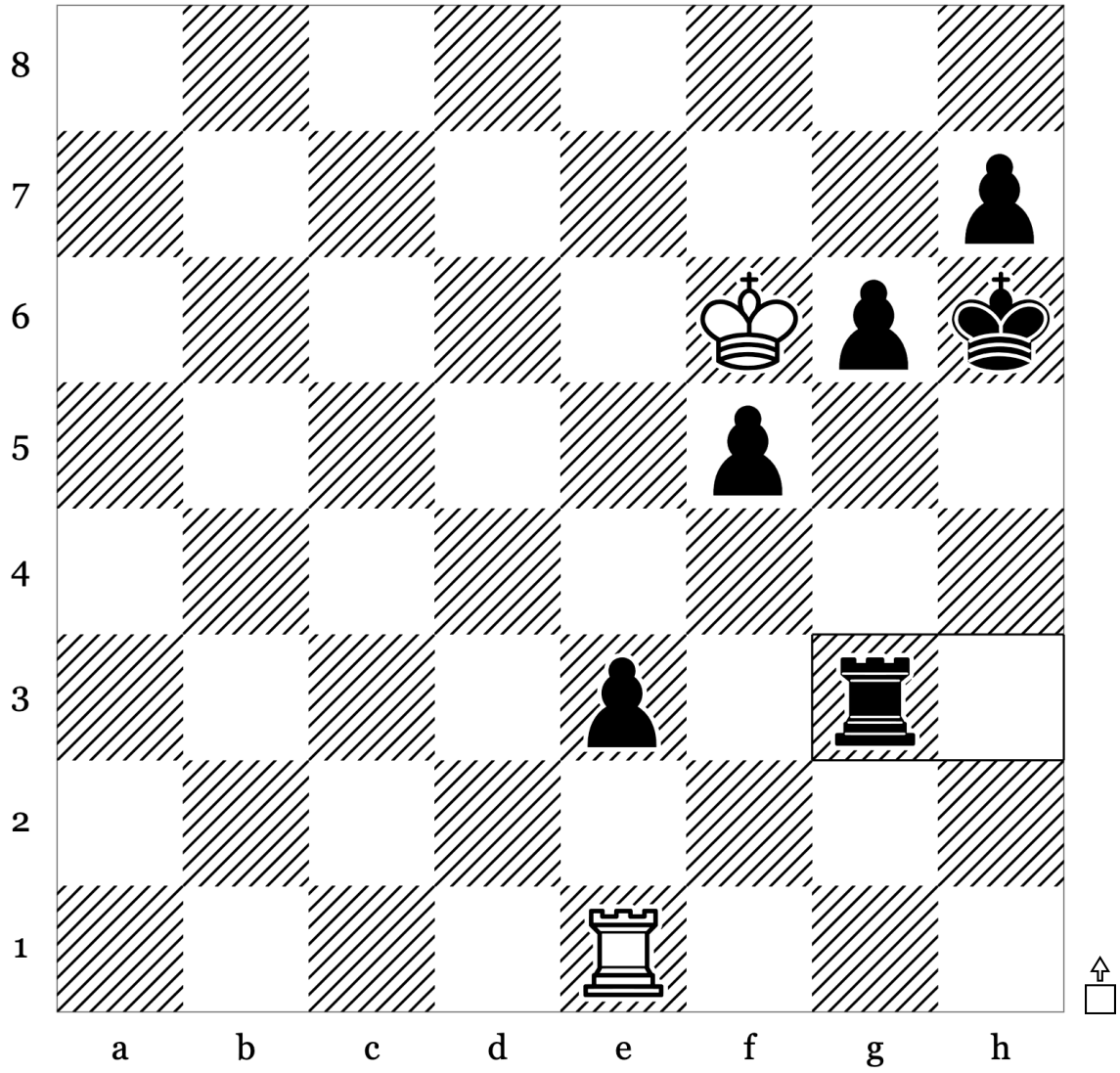


Puzzle 65 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 991)



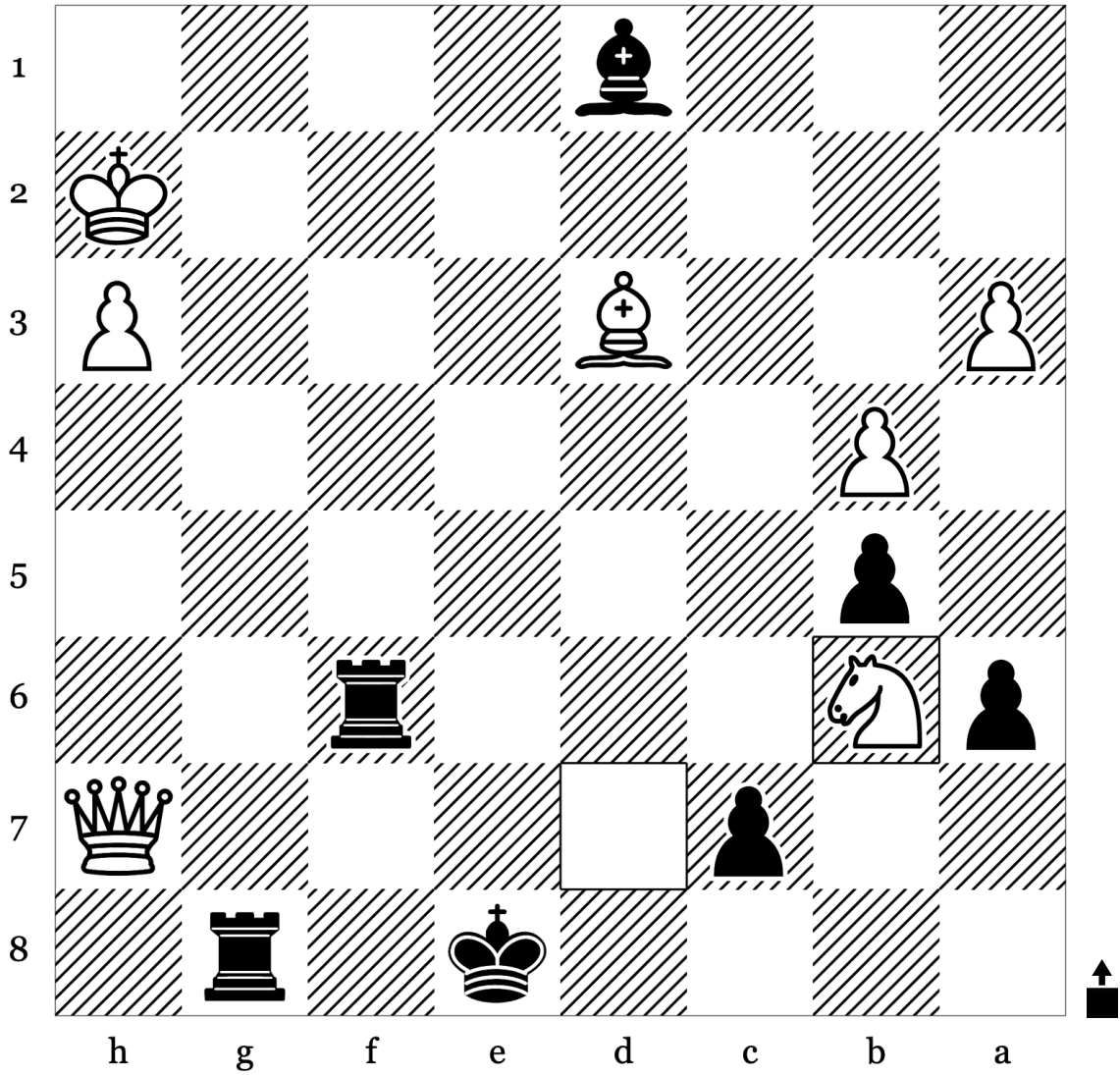
25	...	<b>Bxc2</b>
26		
27		
28		
29		

Puzzle 66 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 806)



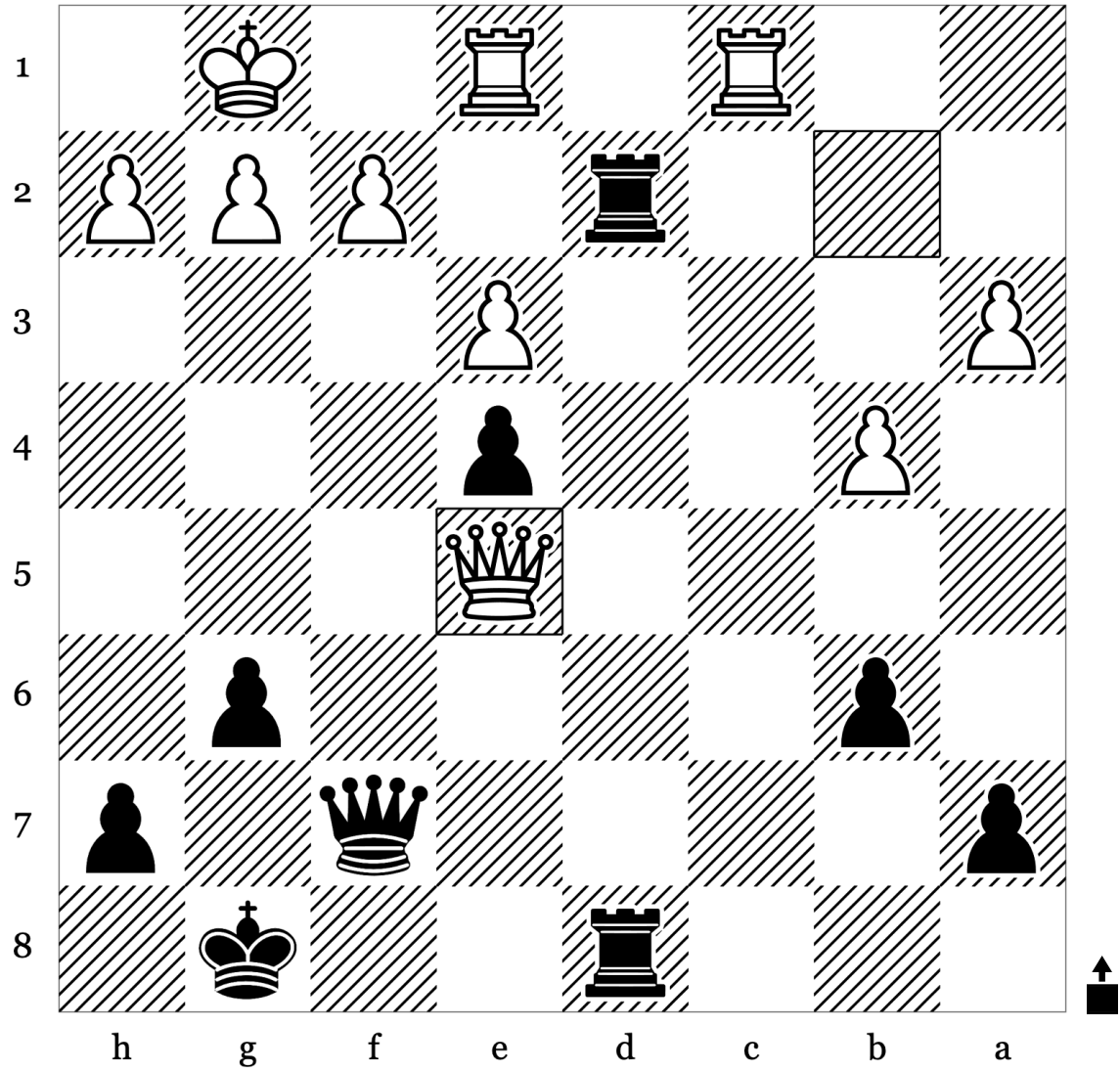
43	...	<b>Rxg3</b>
44		
45		
46		
47		

Puzzle 67 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 989)



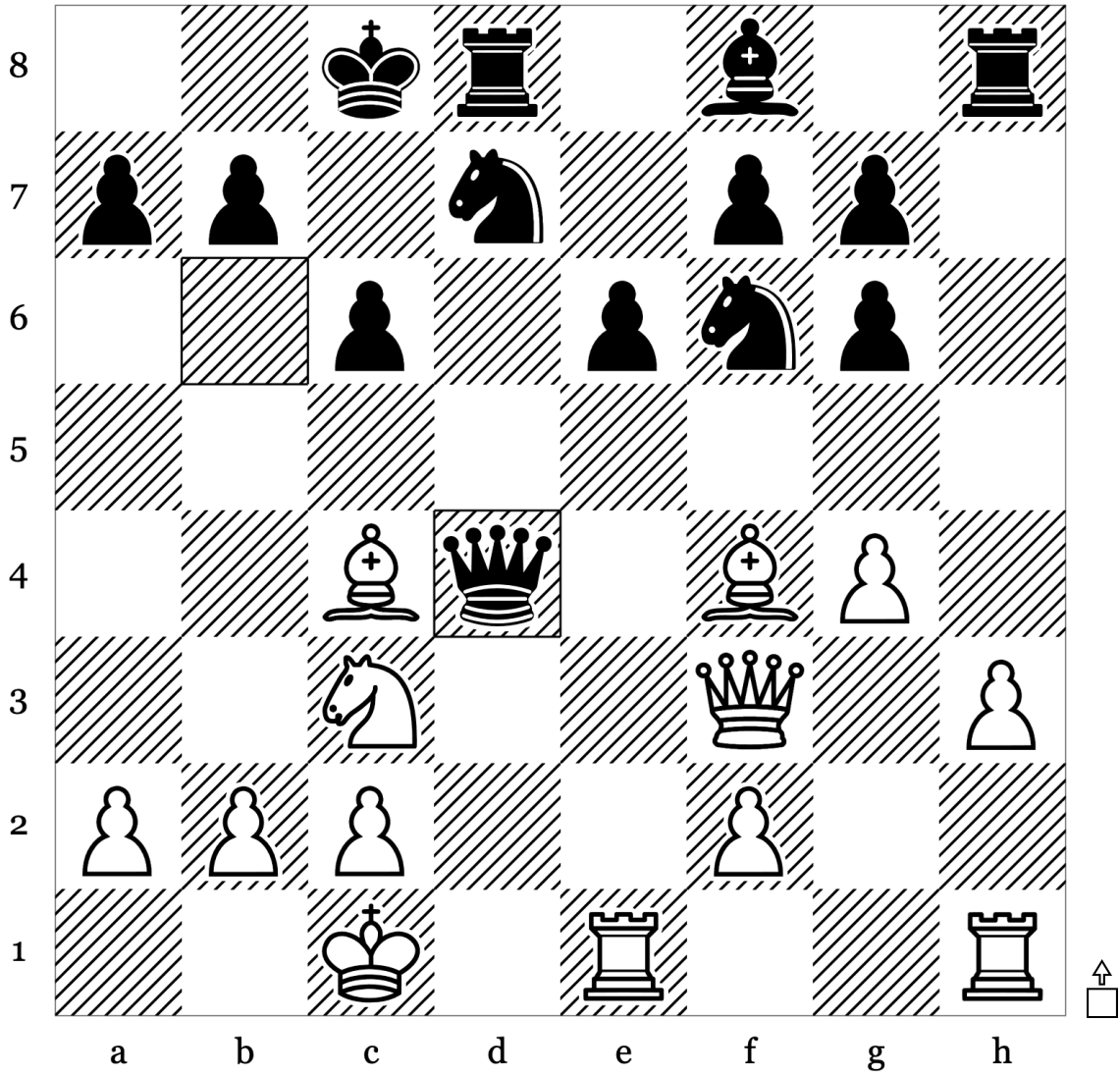
44	<b>Nxb6</b>	
45		
46		
47		
48		

Puzzle 68 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 941)



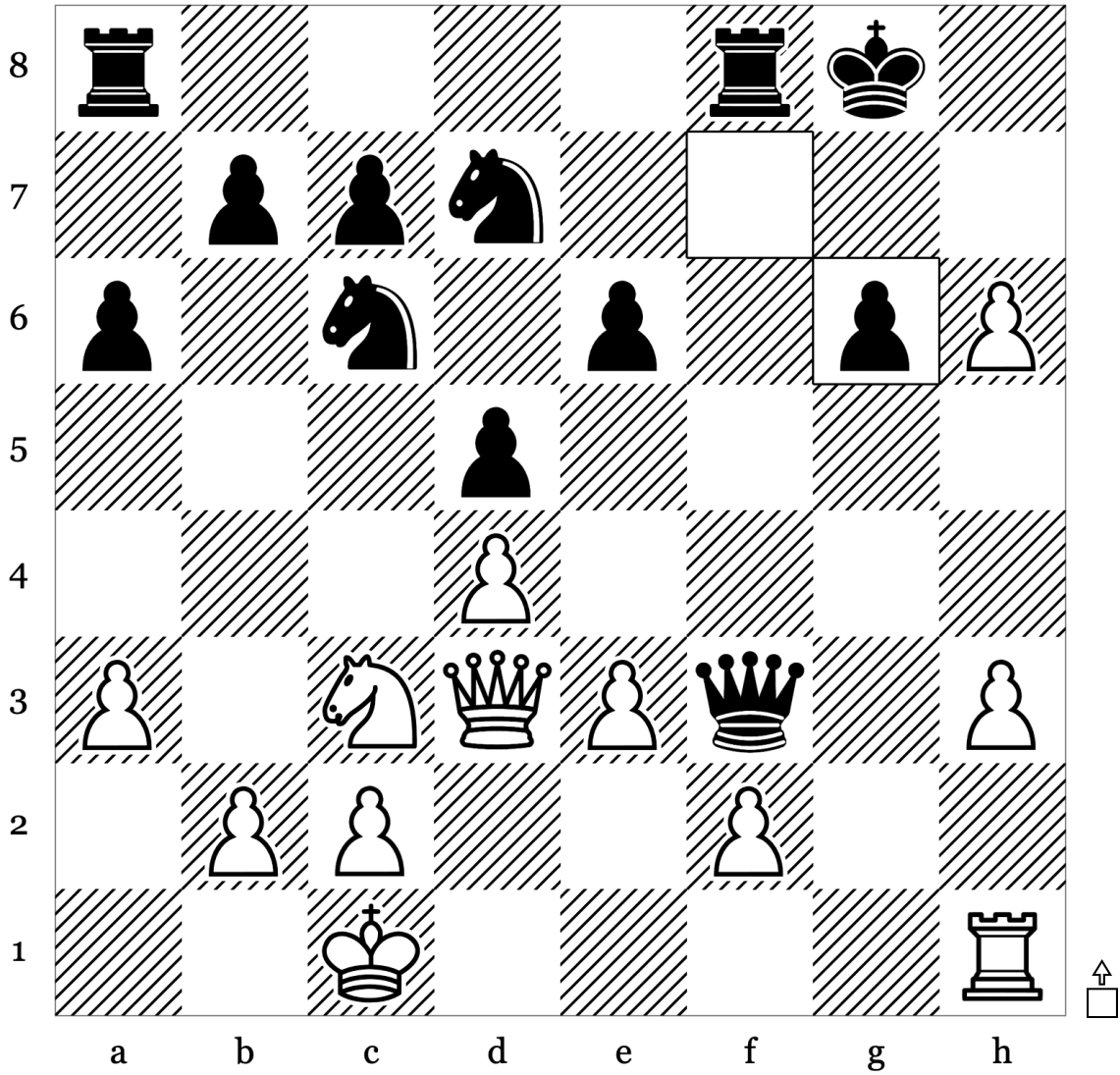
27	<b>Qe5</b>	
28		
29		
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31		

Puzzle 69 of 100: Boden Mate · Mate (Rating: 1050)



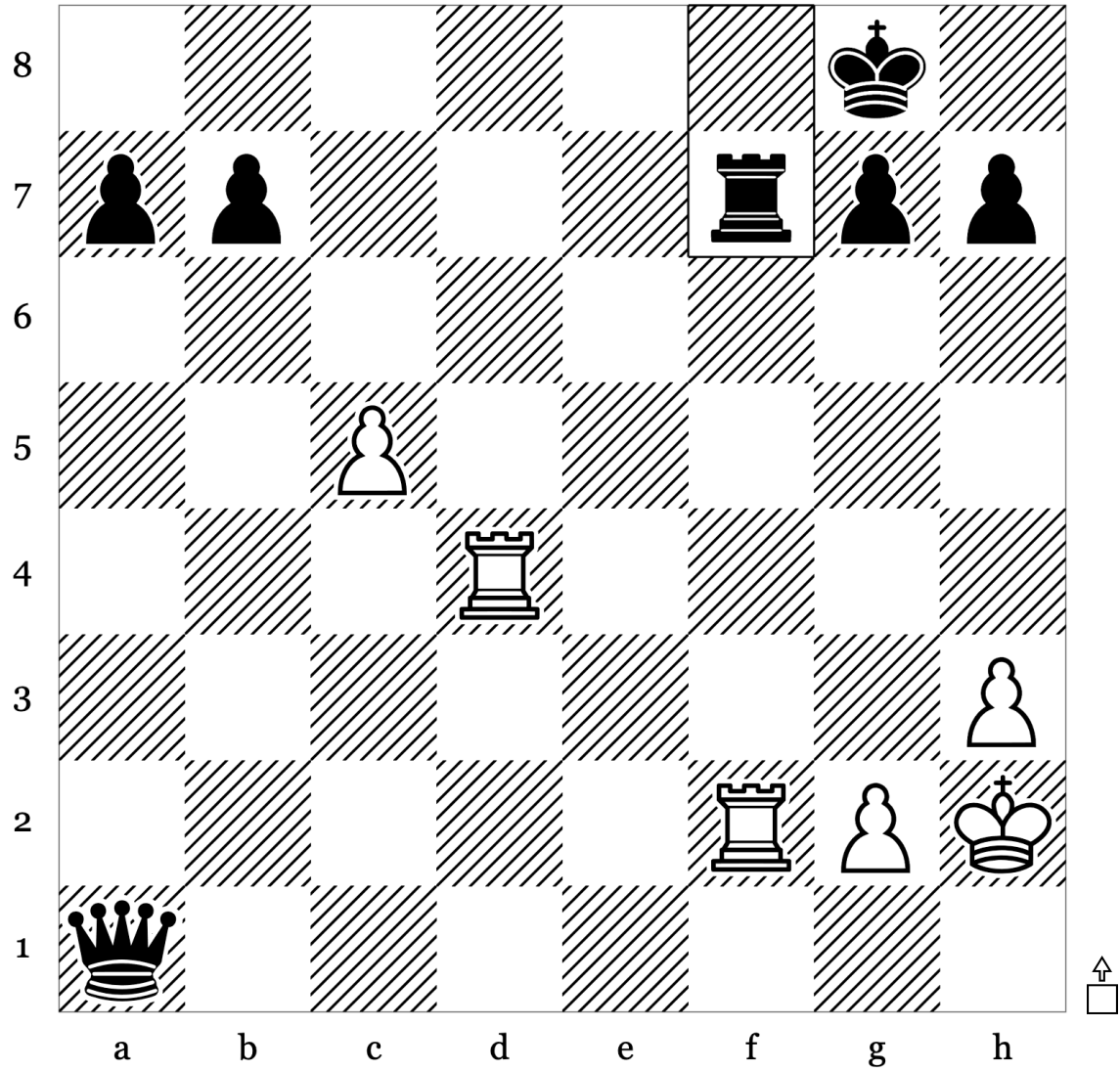
15	...	<b>Qxd4</b>
16		
17		
18		
19		

Puzzle 70 of 100: Kingside Attack - Mate (Rating: 890)



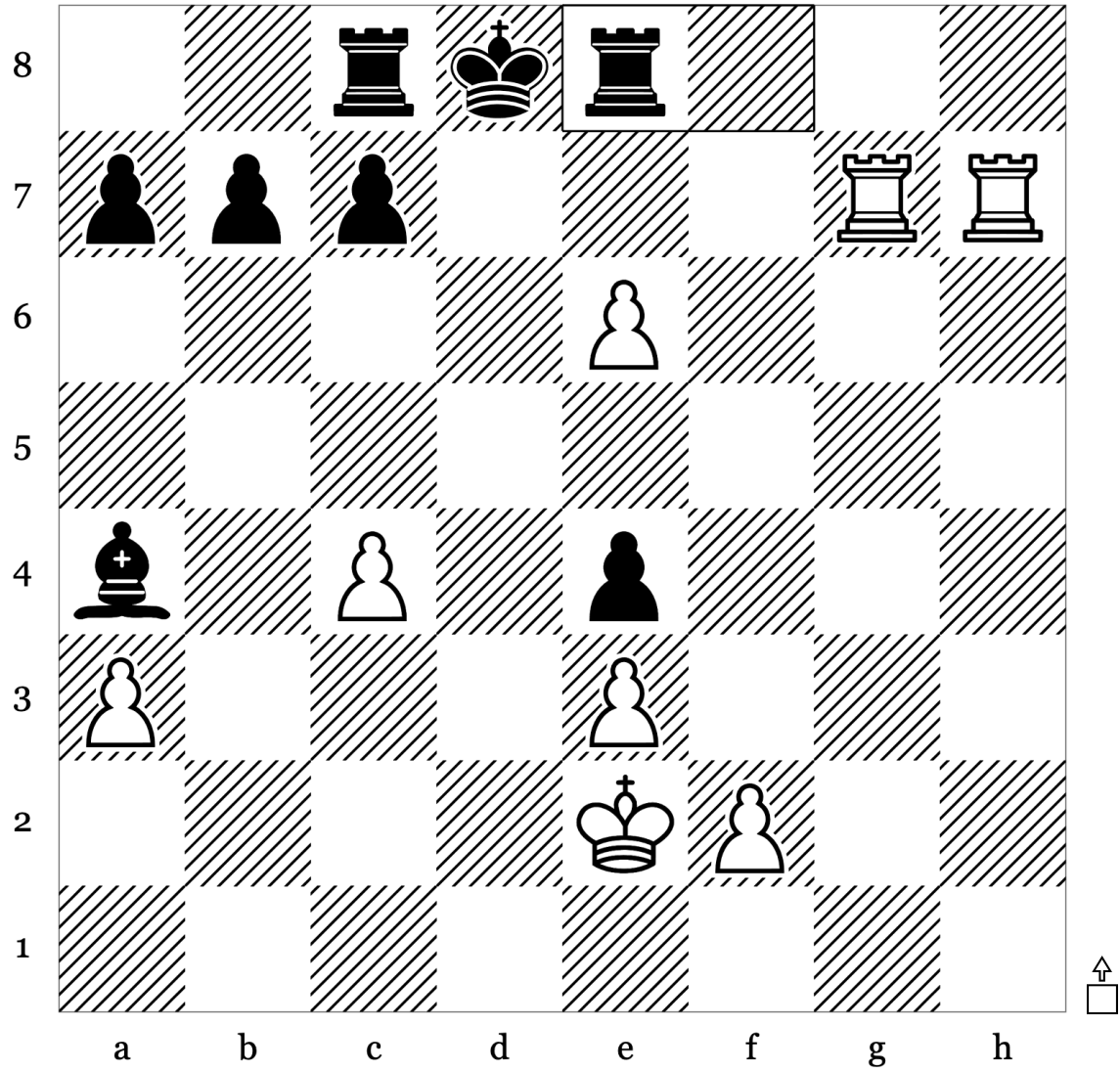
20	...	<b>fxg6</b>
21		
22		
23		
24		

Puzzle 71 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 843)



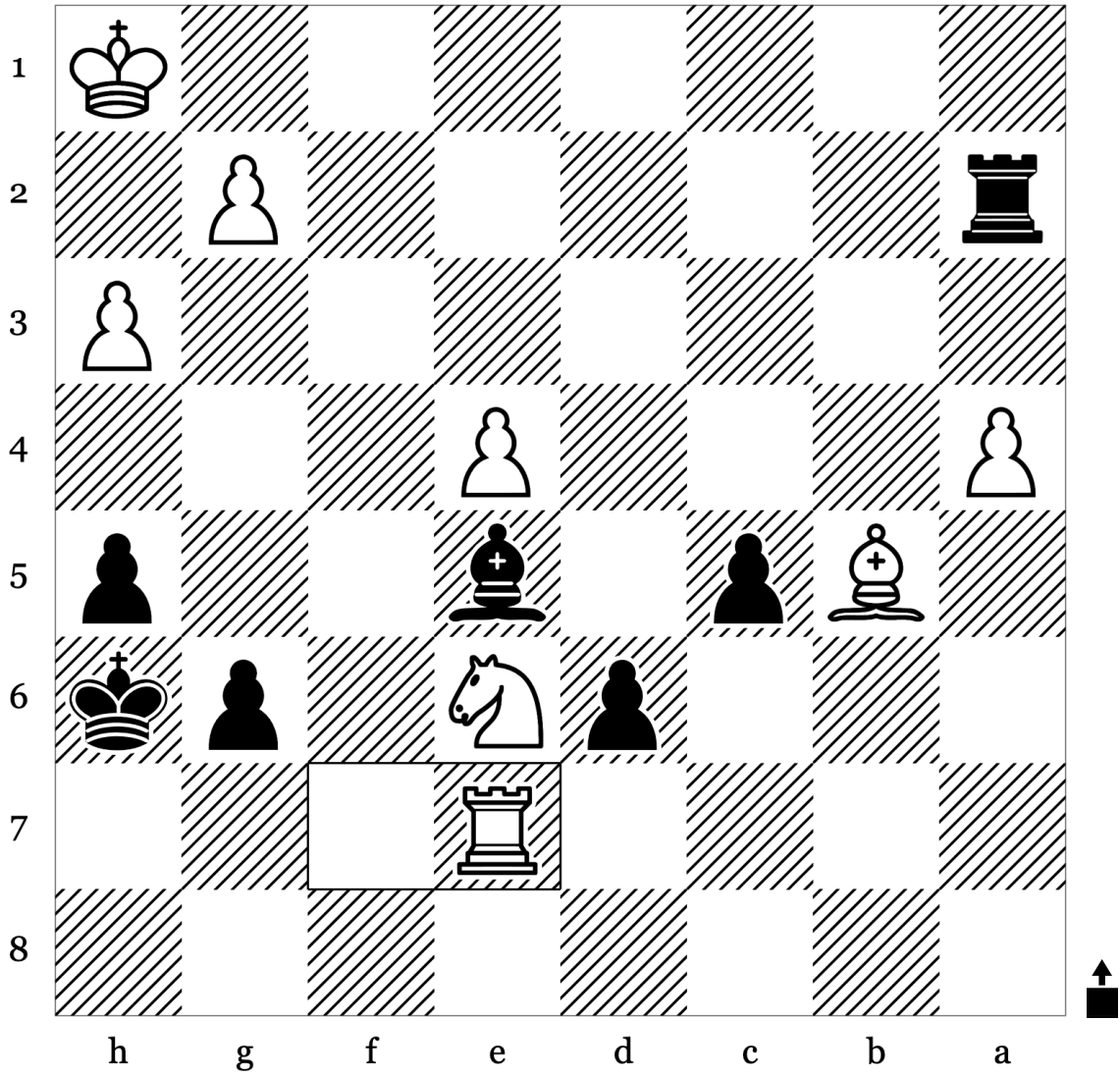
30	...	Rxf7
31		
32		
33		
34		

Puzzle 72 of 100: Endgame · Epaulette Mate (Rating: 1037)



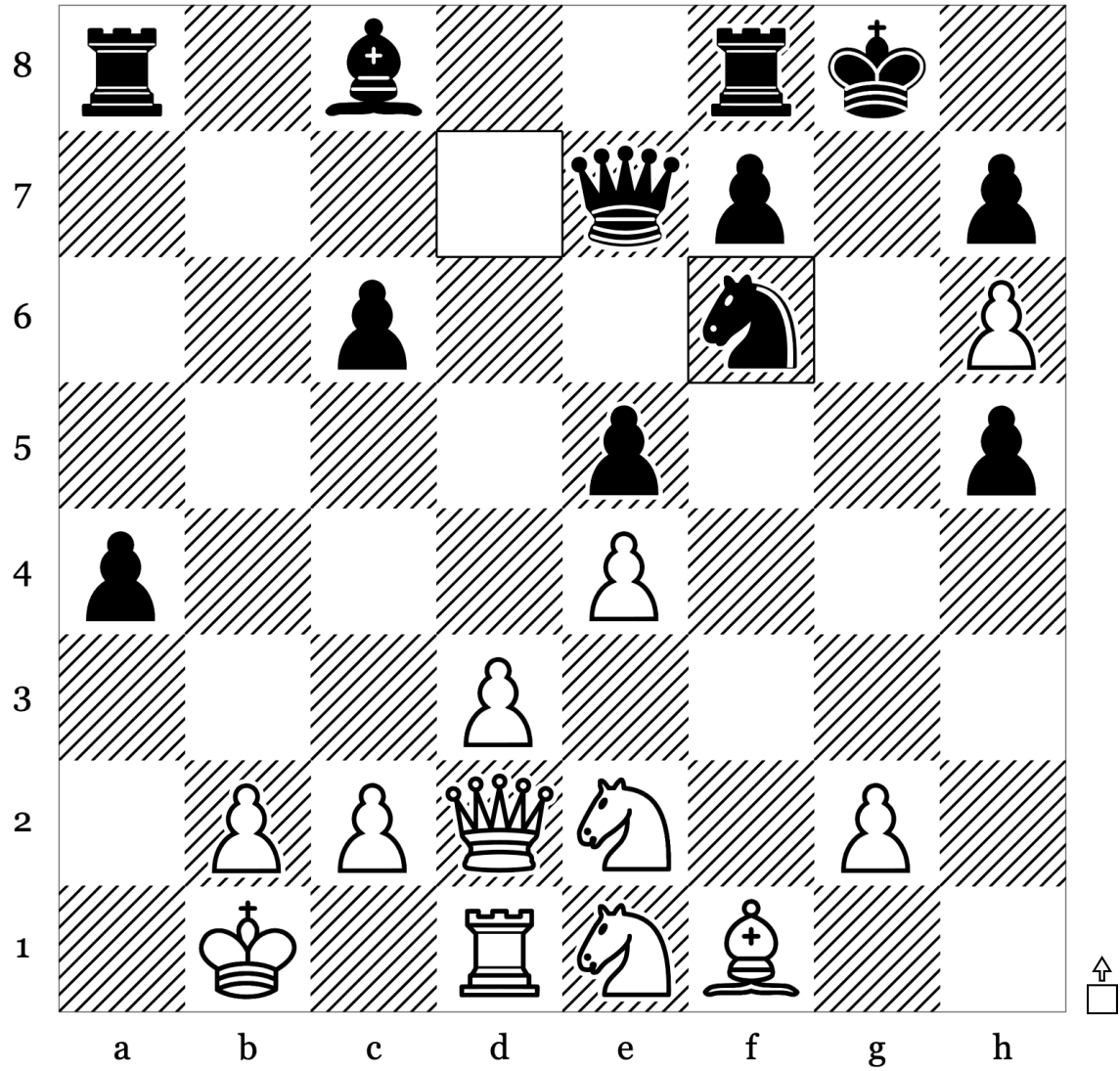
36	...	<b>Re8</b>
37		
38		
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40		

Puzzle 73 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 999)



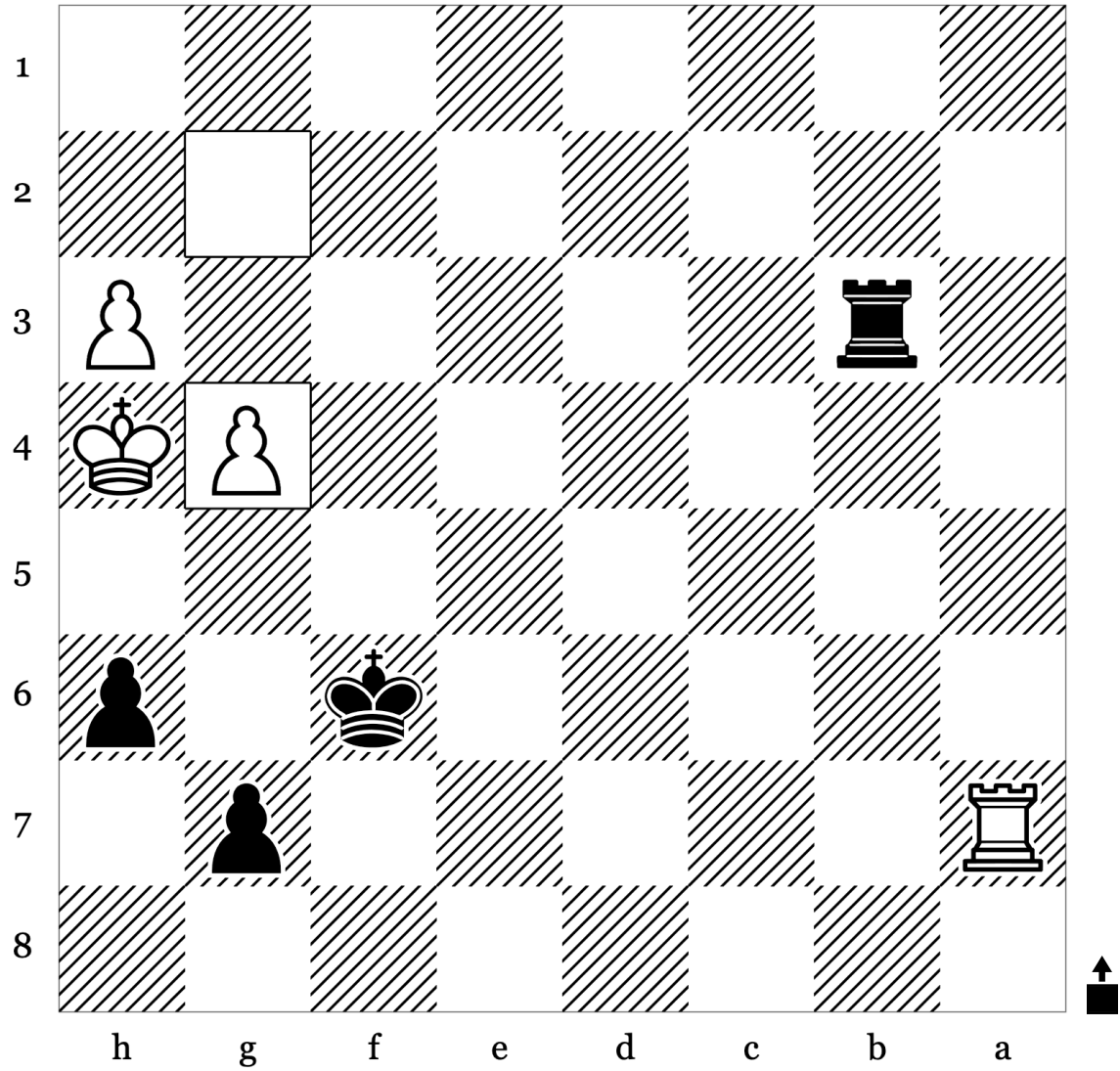
39	<b>Re7</b>	
40		
41		
42		
43		

Puzzle 74 of 100: Kingside Attack · Mate (Rating: 811)



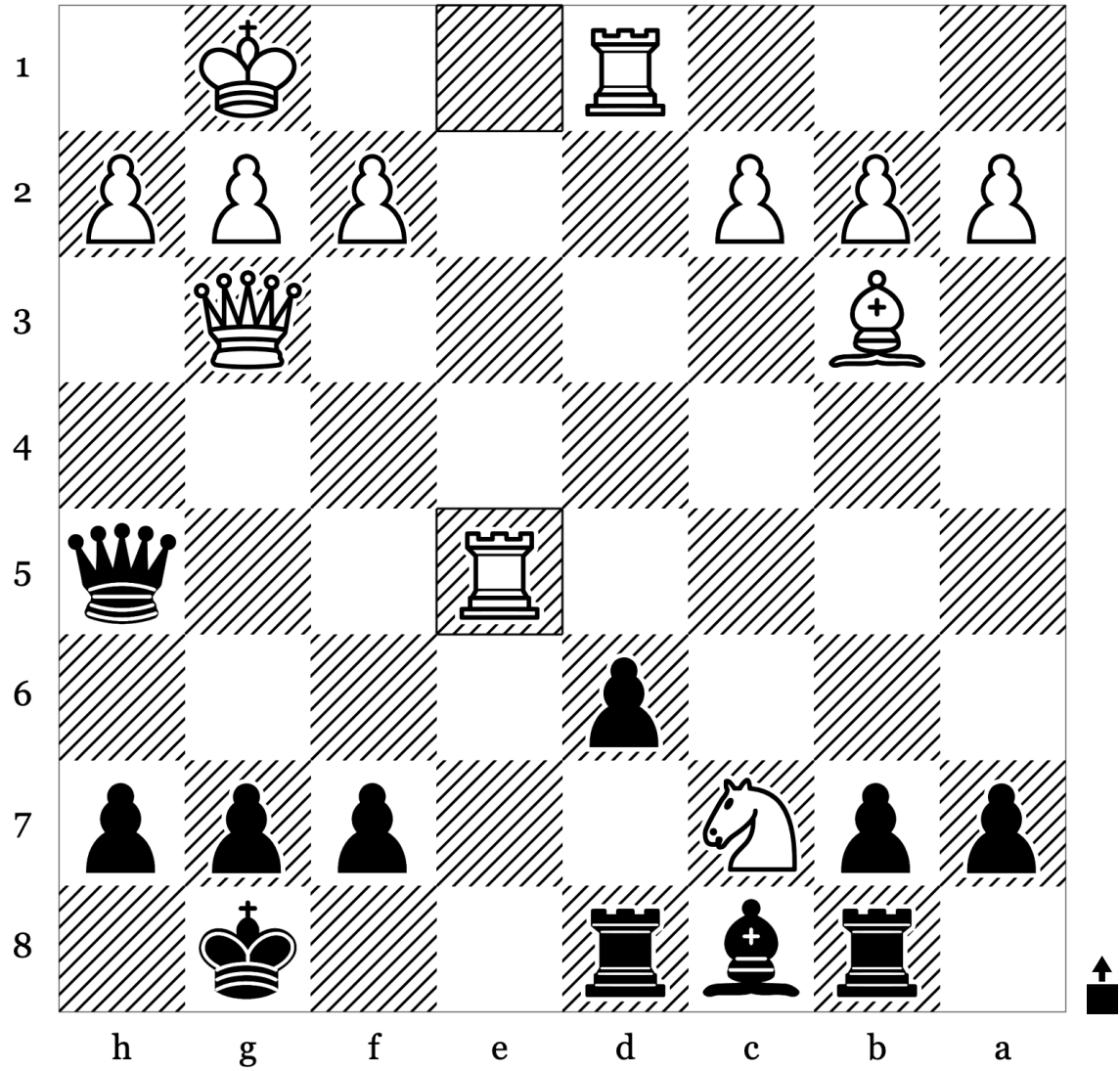
19	...	Nf6
20		
21		
22		
23		

Puzzle 75 of 100: Deflection · Endgame (Rating: 1170)



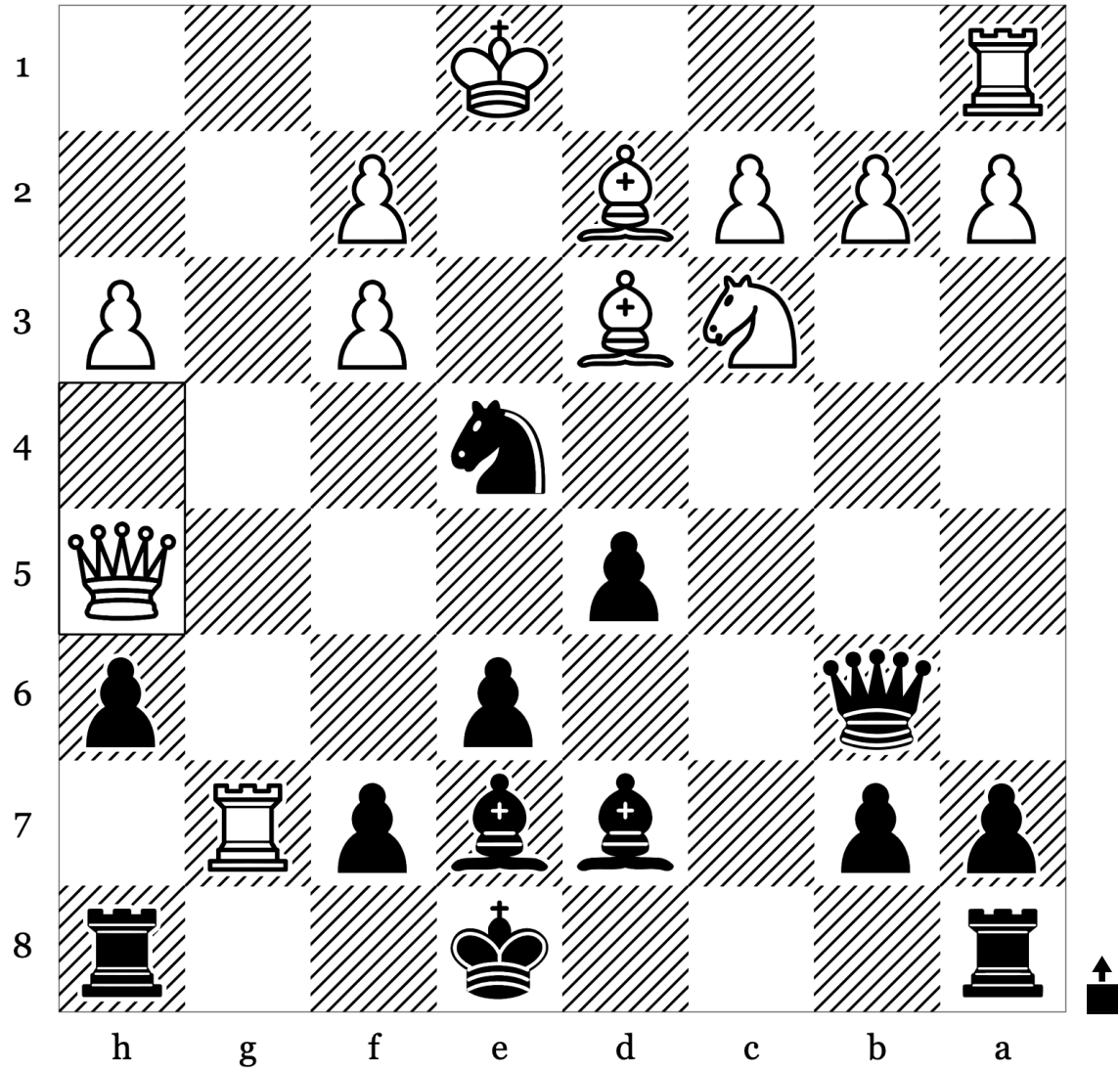
38	<b>g4</b>	
39		
40		
41		
42		

Puzzle 76 of 100: Hanging Piece · Kingside Attack (Rating: 821)



19	<b>Rxe5</b>	
20		
21		
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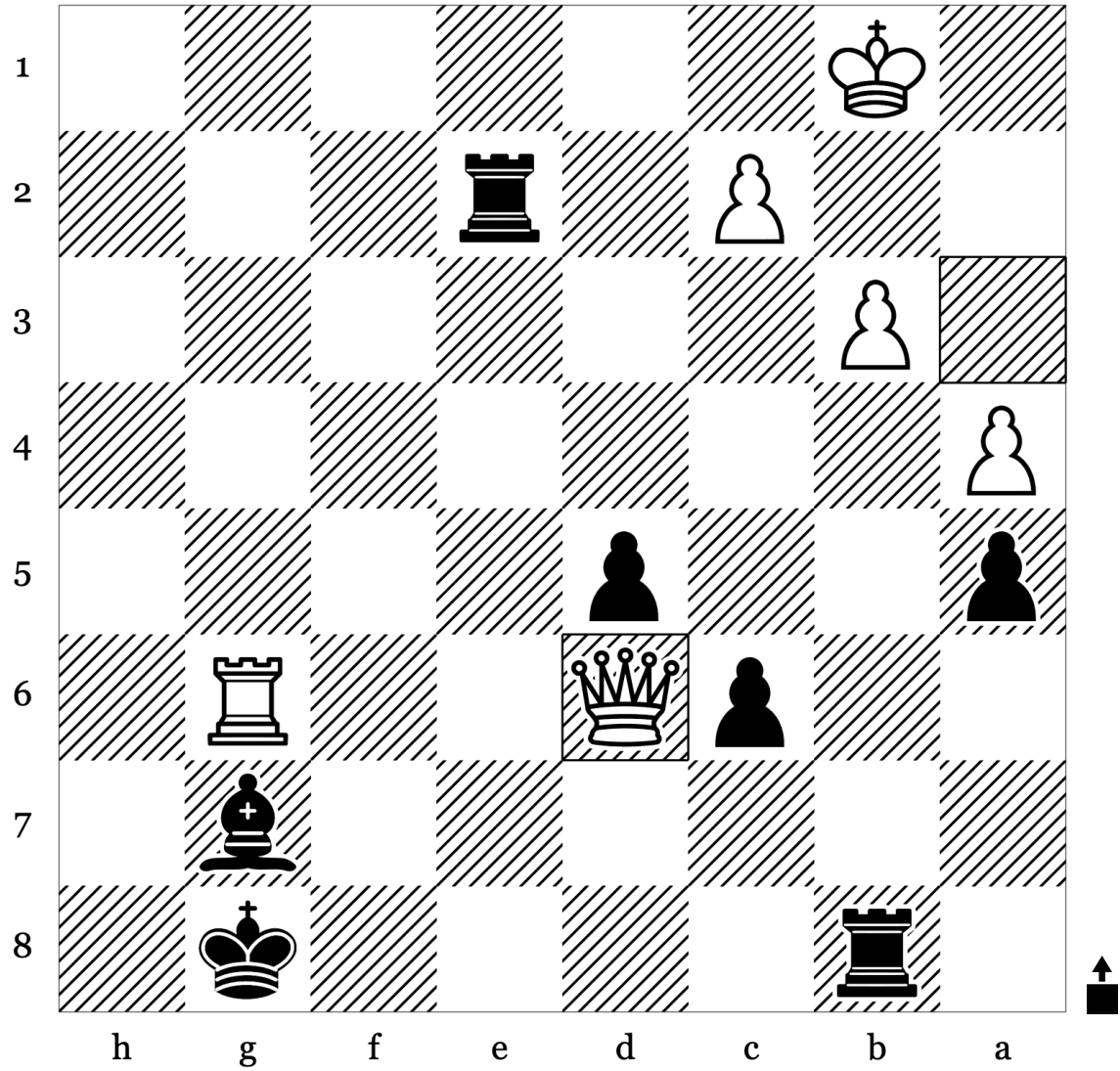
Puzzle 77 of 100: Attacking F2 F7 · Master (Rating: 1189)



17	<b>Qh5</b>	
18		
19		
20		
21		

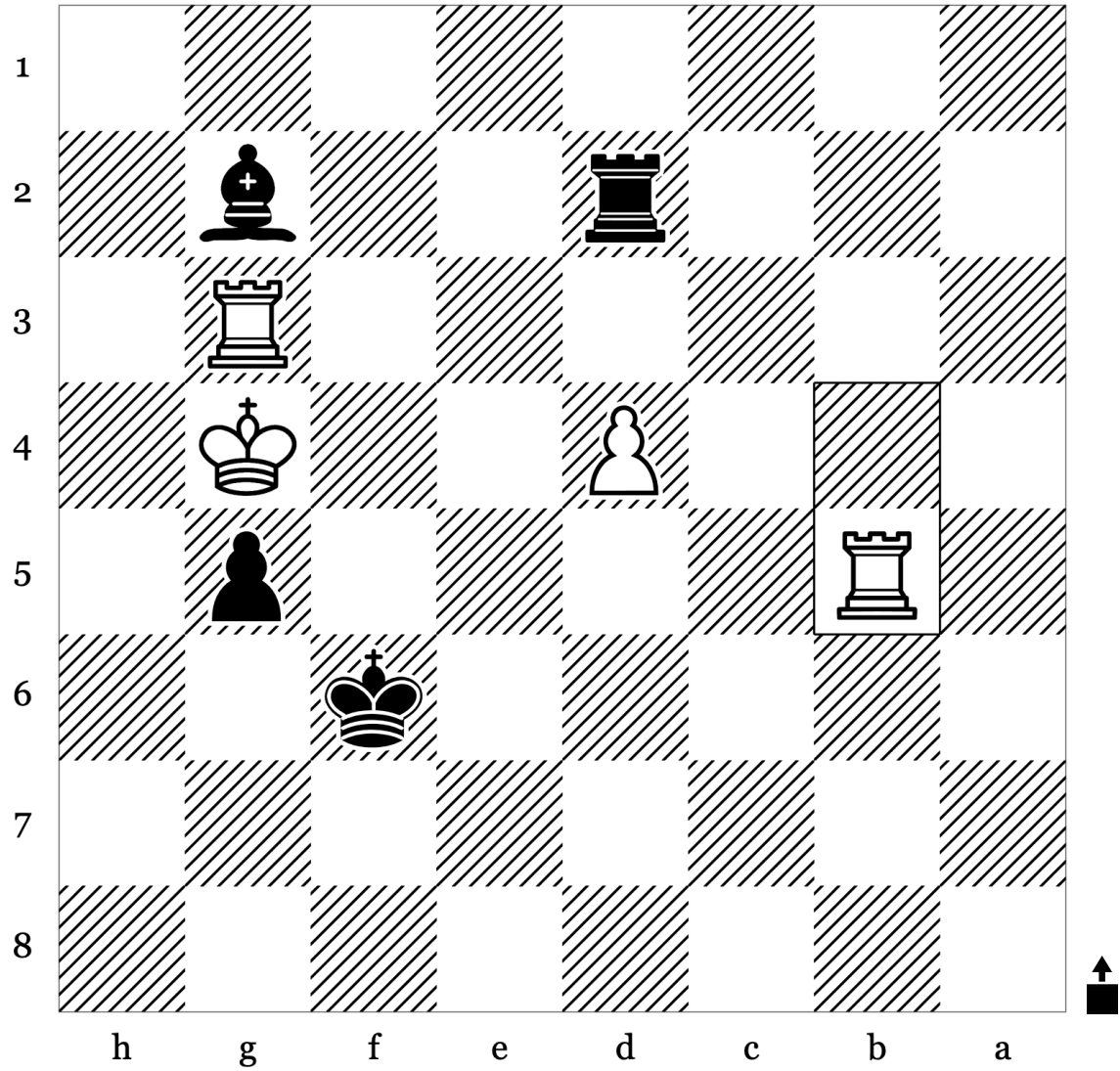


Puzzle 79 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1080)



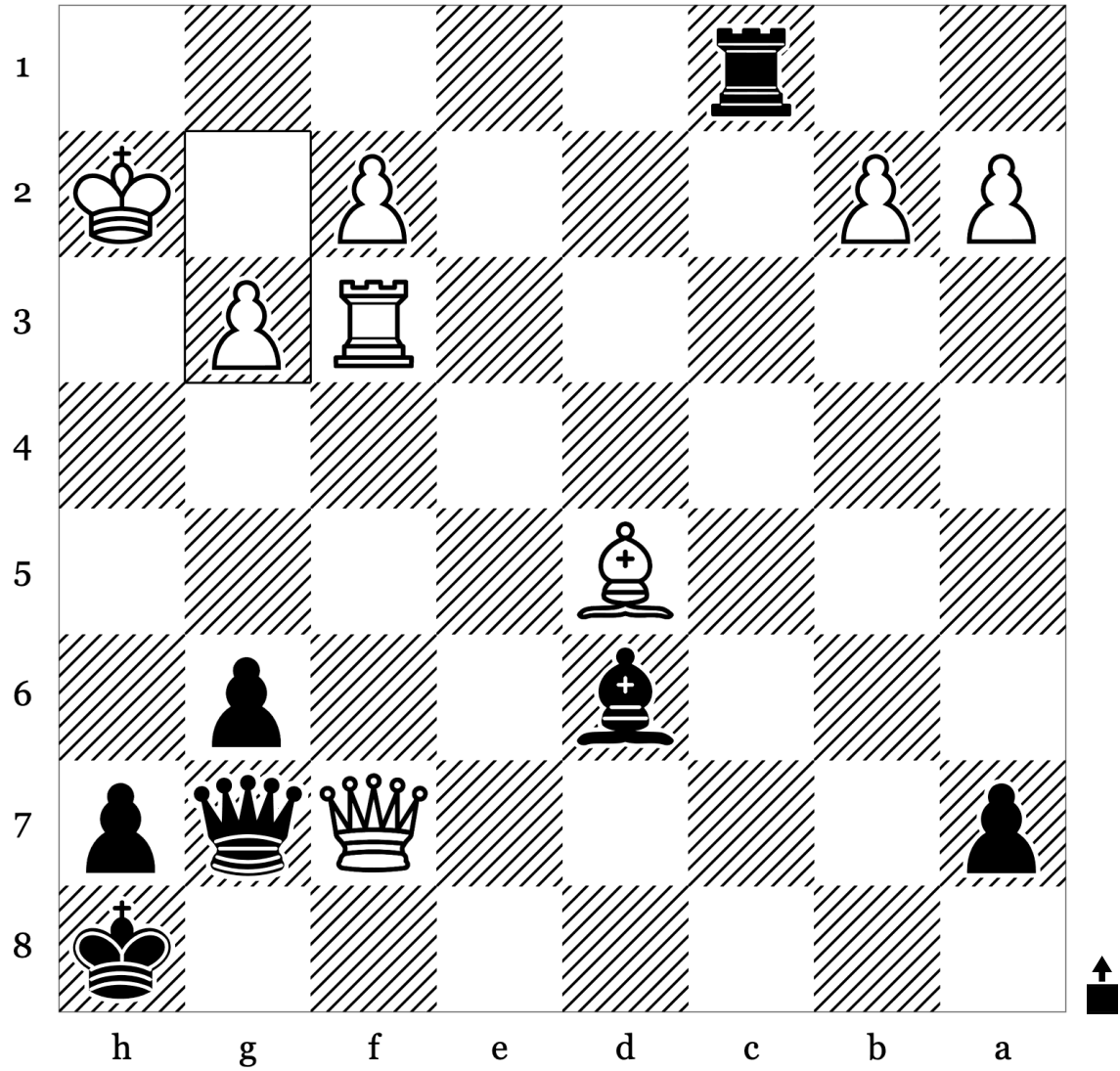
35	<b>Qd6</b>	
36		
37		
38		
39		

Puzzle 80 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 989)



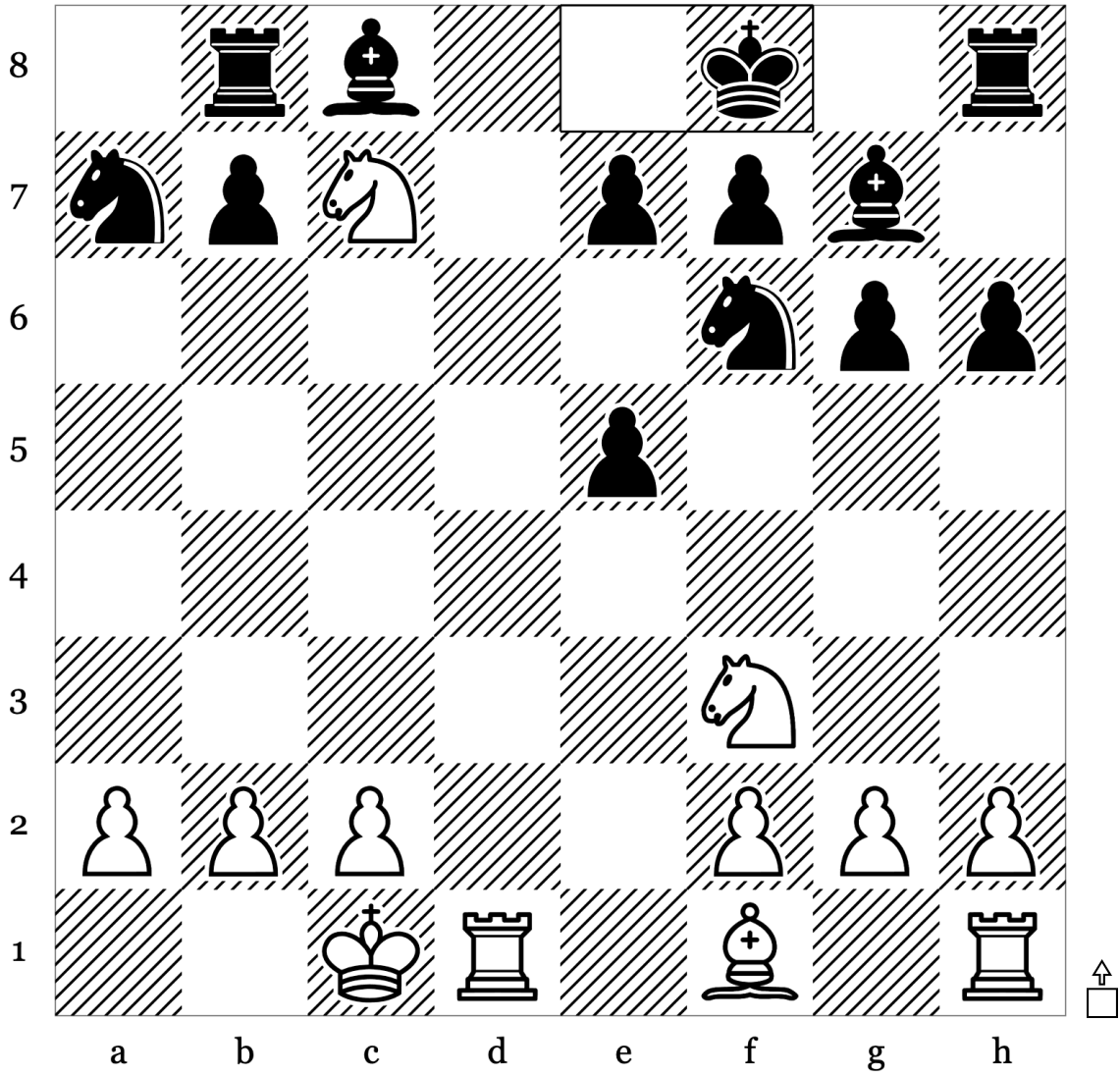
37	<b>Rxb5</b>	
38		
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40		
41		

Puzzle 81 of 100: Endgame - Master (Rating: 1081)



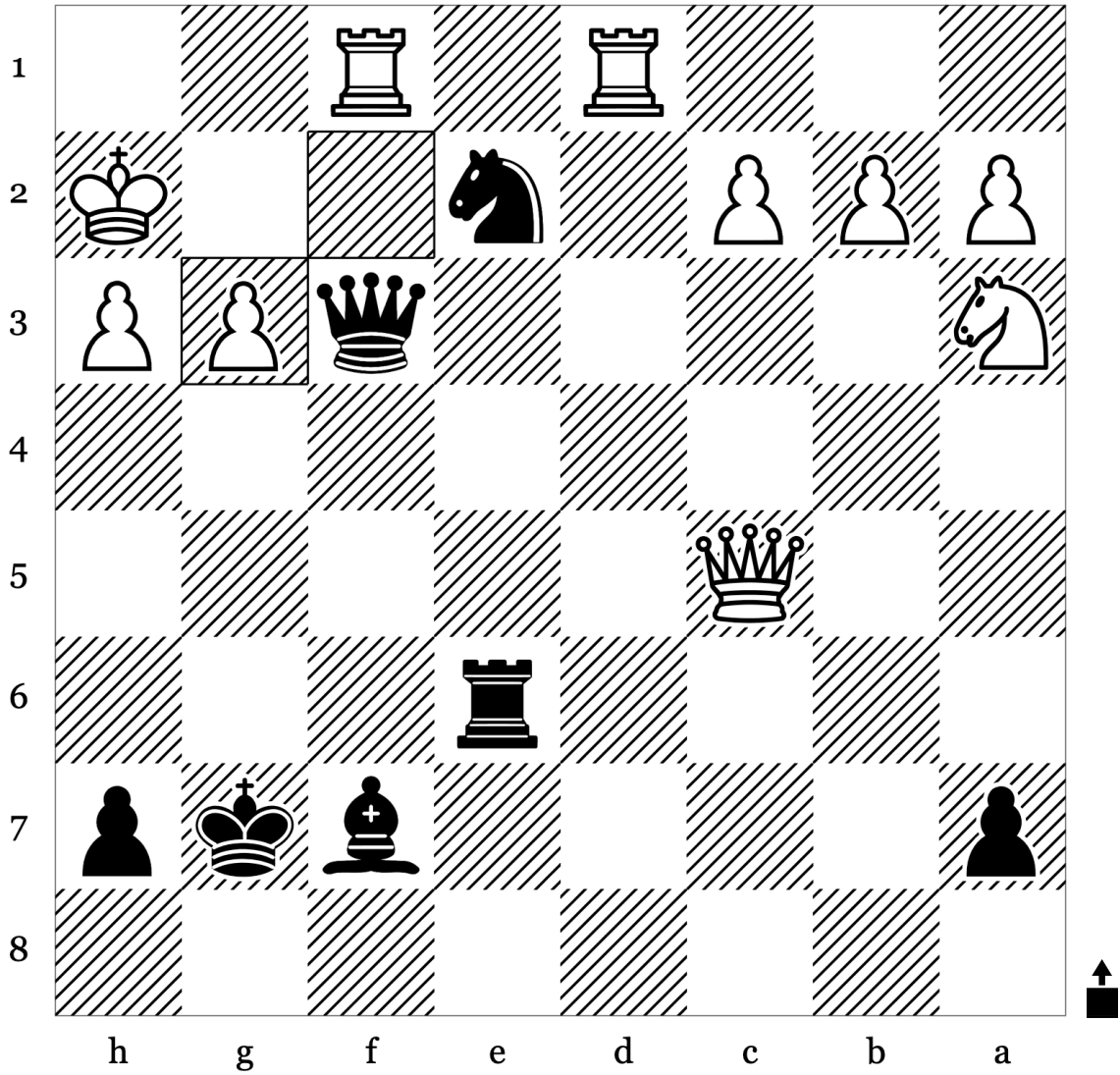
42	<b>g3</b>	
43		
44		
45		
46		

Puzzle 82 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 1034)



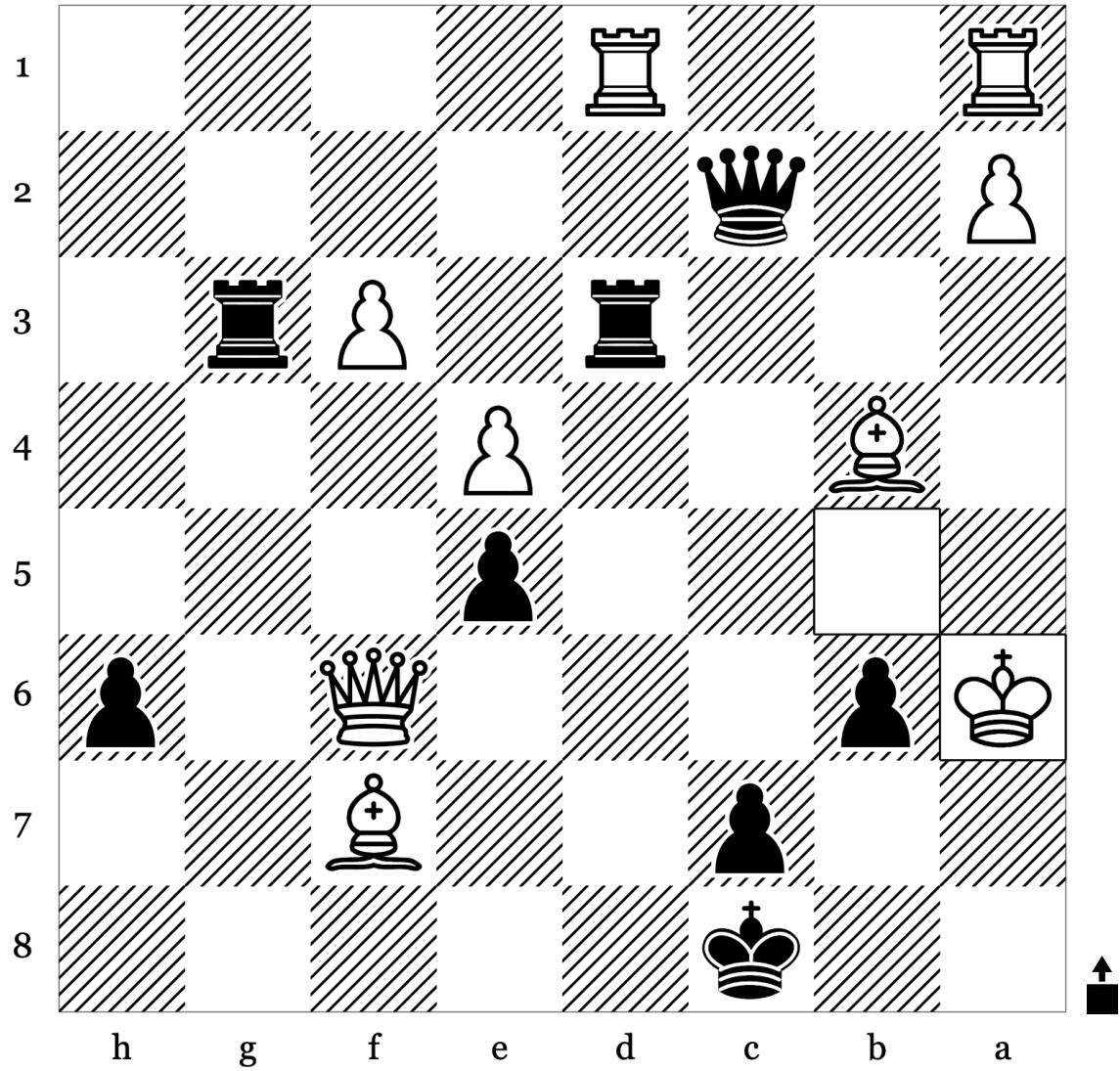
14	...	Kf8
15		
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Puzzle 83 of 100: Deflection · Mate (Rating: 1006)



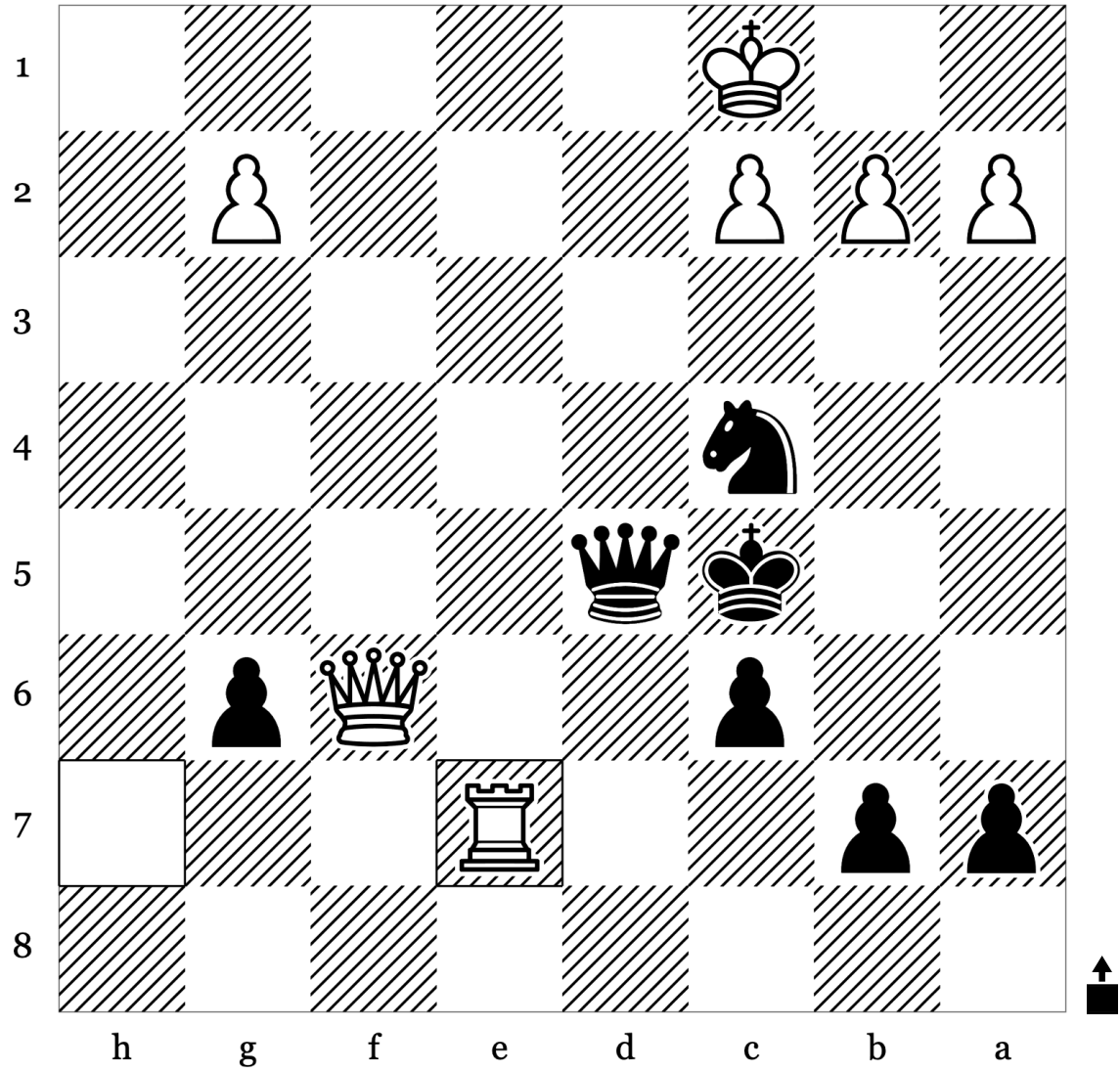
27	<b>fxg3</b>	
28		
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Puzzle 84 of 100: Fork · Mate (Rating: 1165)



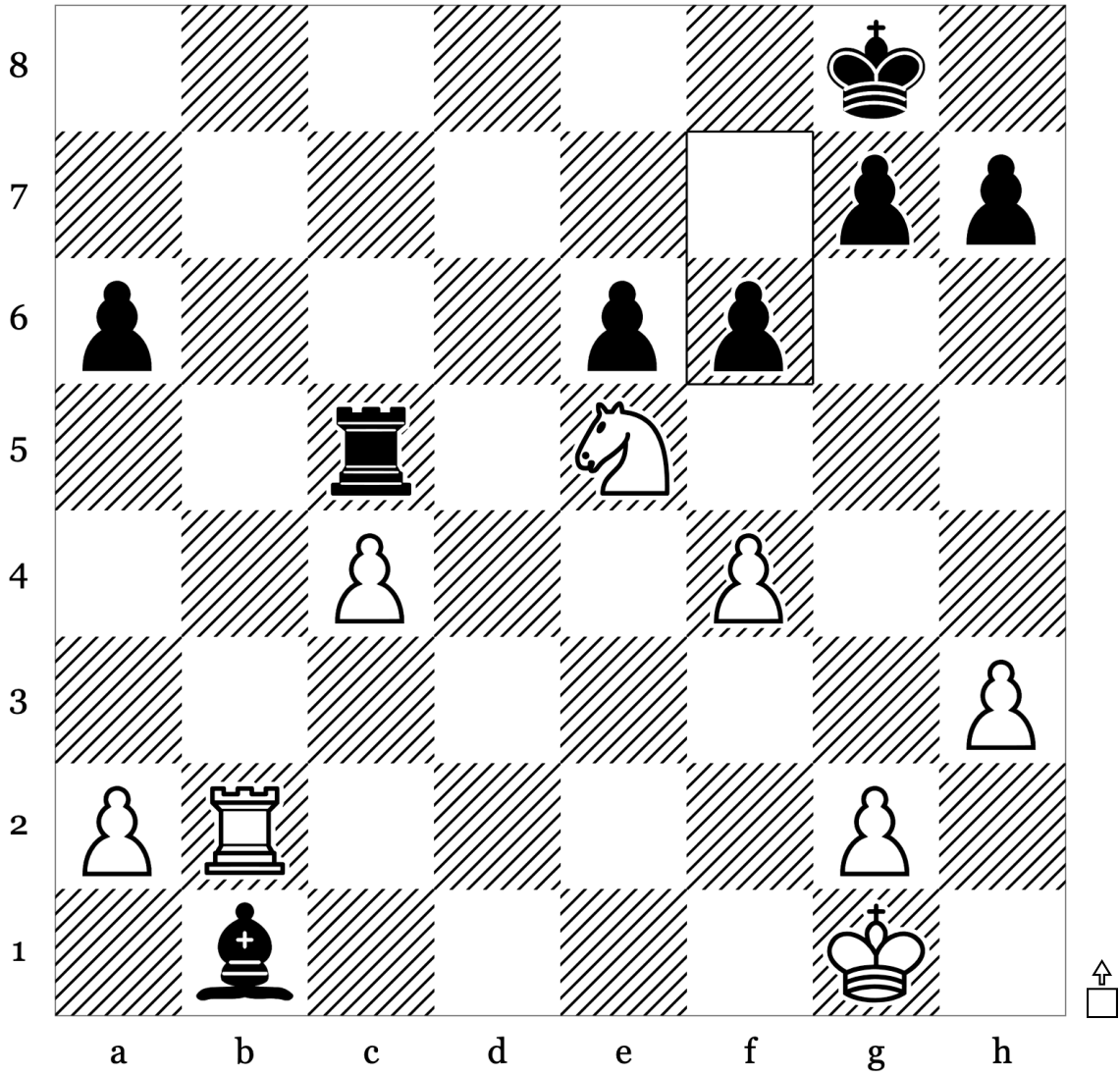
30	<b>Kxa6</b>	
31		
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Puzzle 85 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 832)



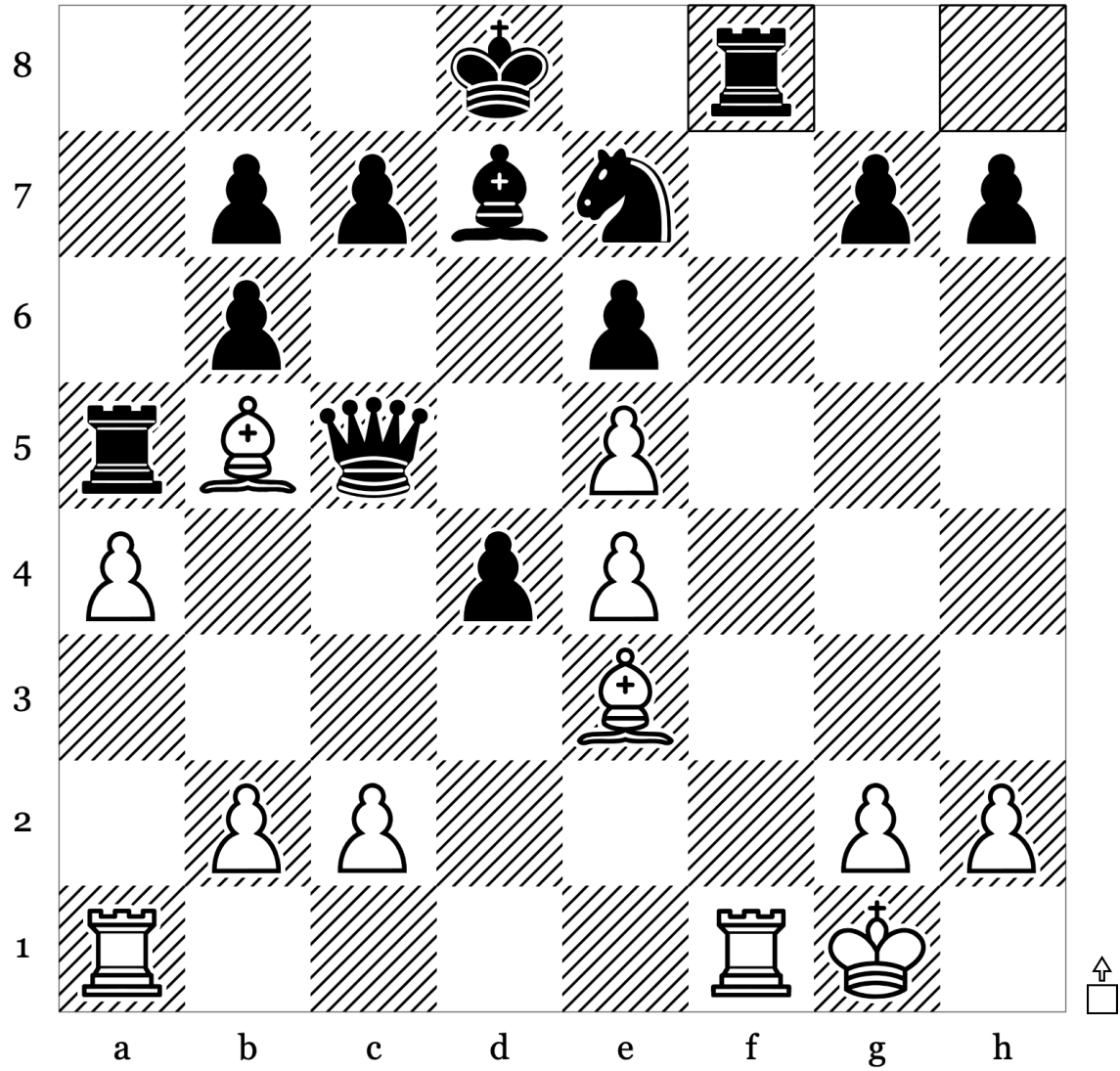
35	<b>Re7</b>	
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Puzzle 86 of 100: Endgame · Fork (Rating: 900)



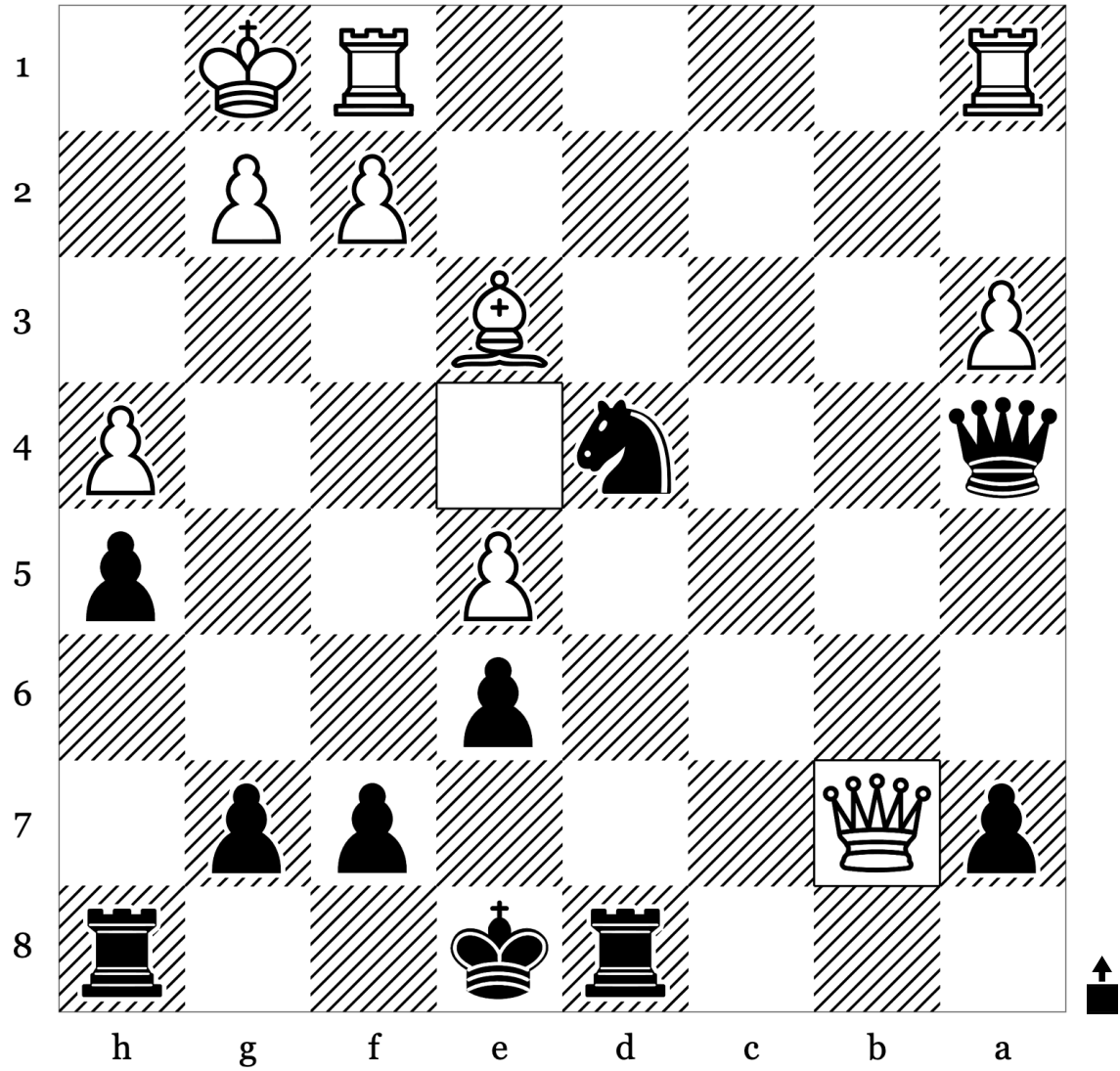
26	...	<b>f6</b>
27		
28		
29		
30		

Puzzle 87 of 100: Mate · Mate In2 (Rating: 986)



19	...	<b>Rxf8</b>
20		
21		
22		
23		

Puzzle 88 of 100: Discovered Attack · Kingside Attack (Rating: 1024)

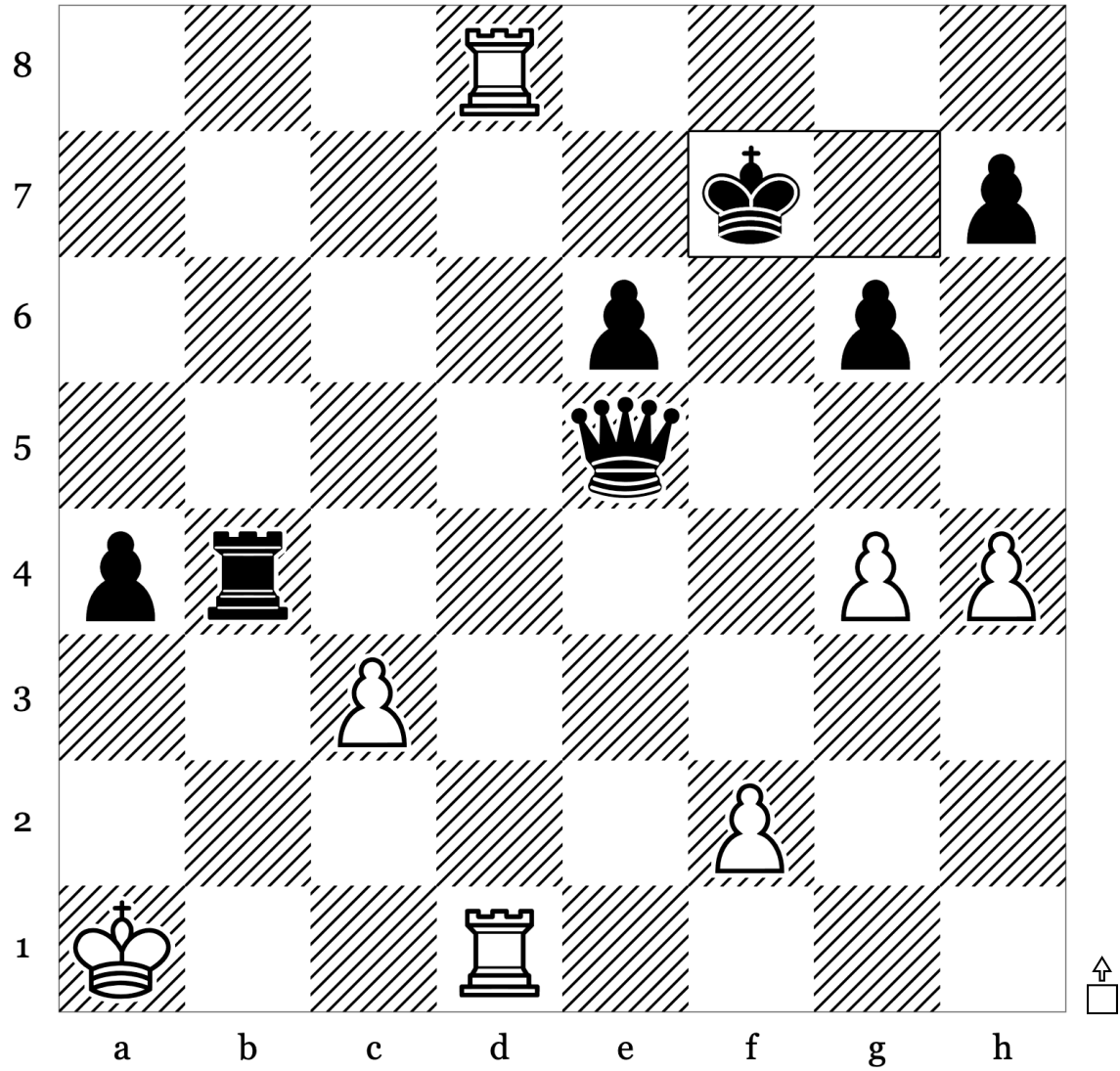


20	<b>Qxb7</b>	
21		
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24		





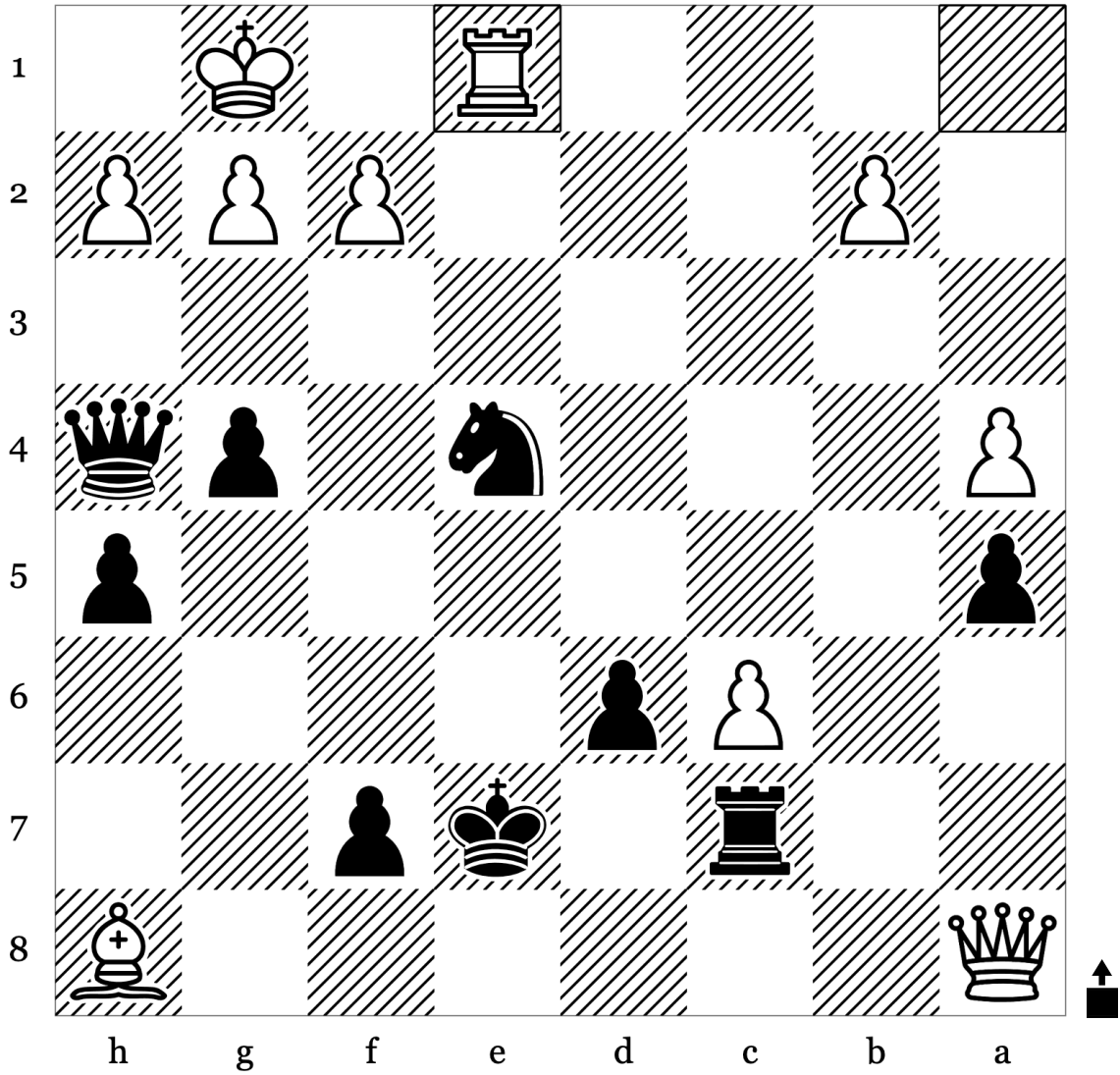
Puzzle 91 of 100: Endgame · Epaulette Mate (Rating: 1180)



31	...	Kxf7
32		
33		
34		
35		

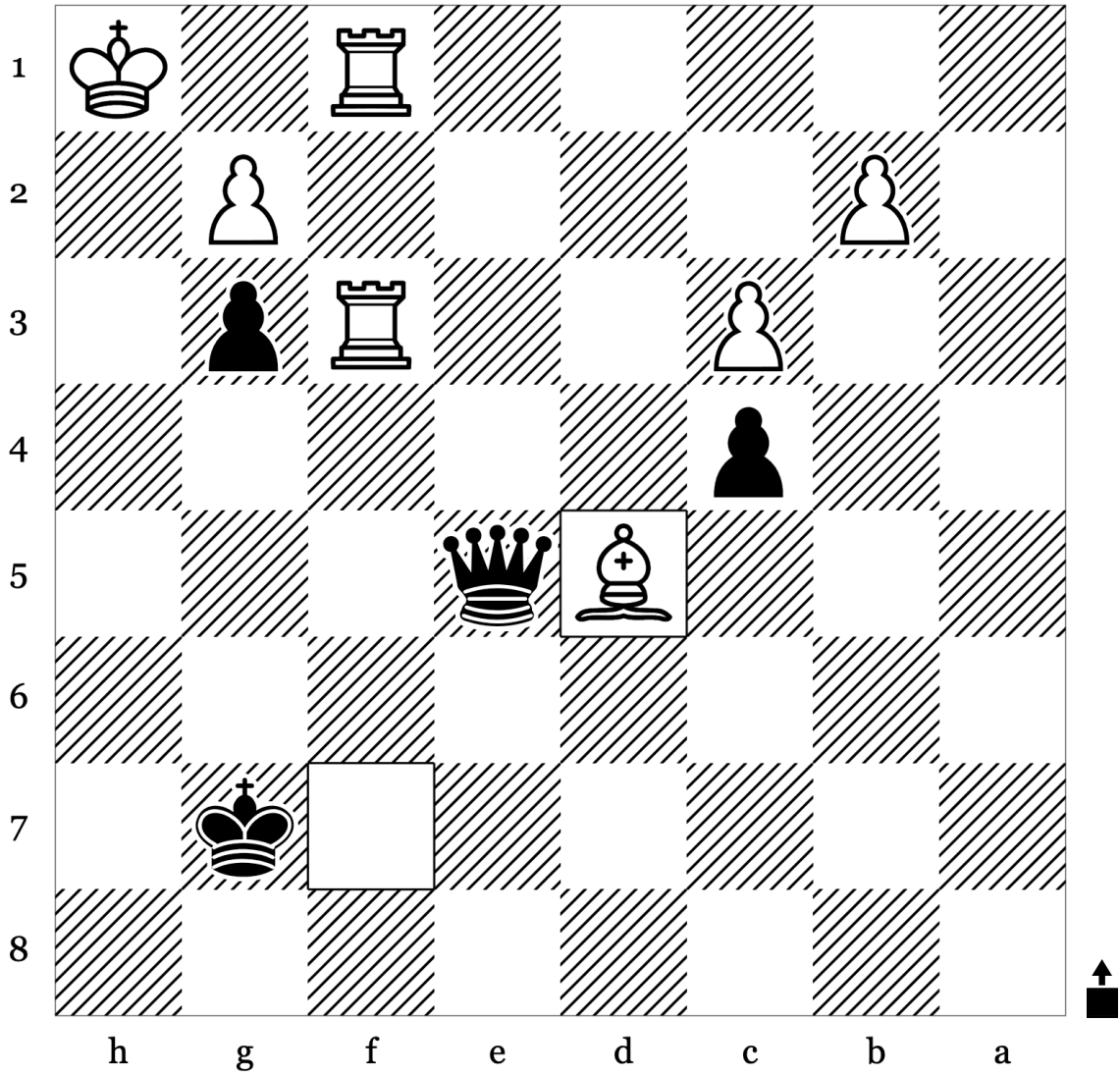


Puzzle 93 of 100: Back Rank Mate · Endgame (Rating: 828)



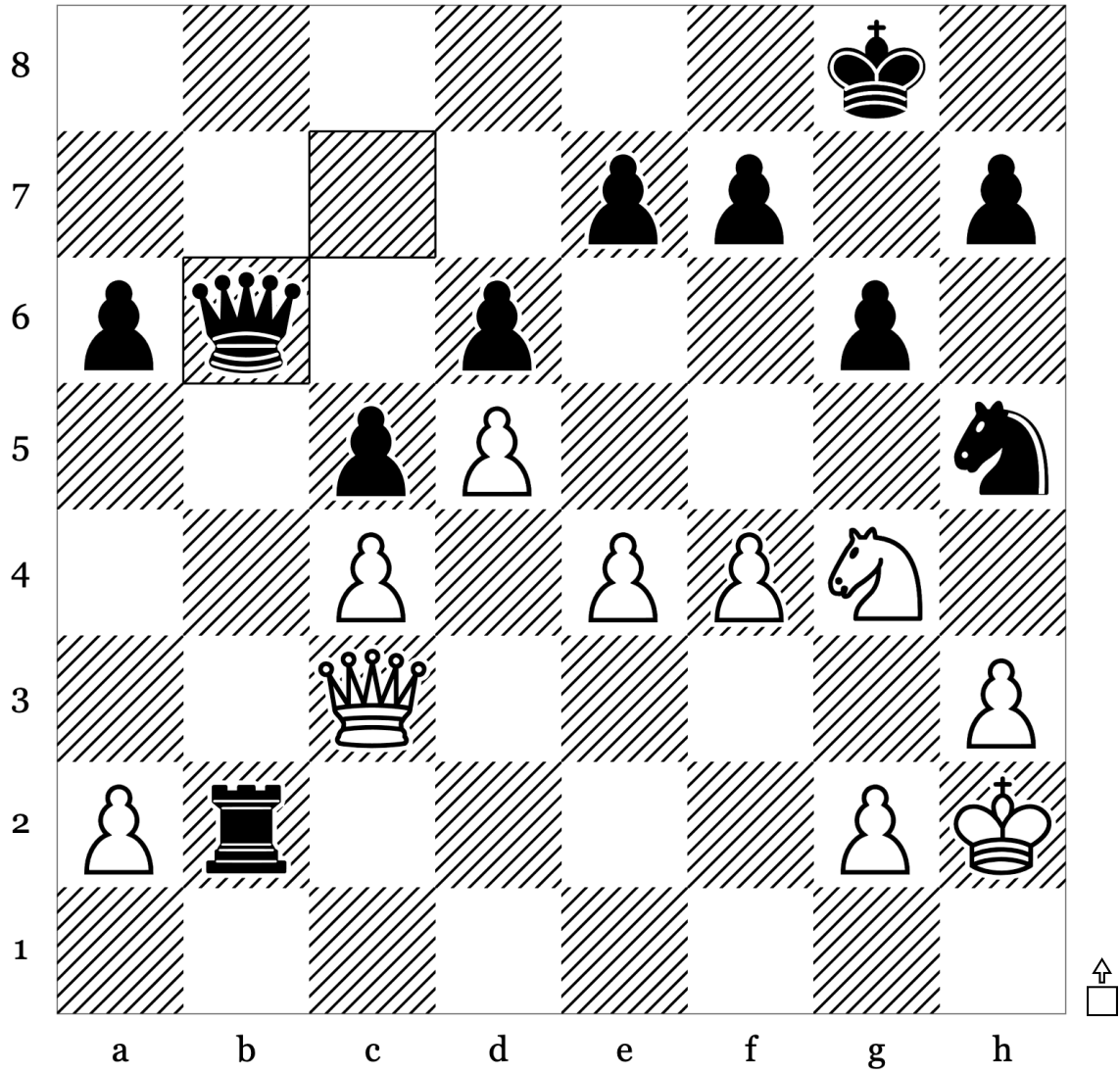
28	<b>Re1</b>	
29		
30		
31		
32		

Puzzle 94 of 100: Endgame · Fork (Rating: 1171)



43	<b>Bxd5</b>	
44		
45		
46		
47		

Puzzle 95 of 100: Endgame - Kingside Attack (Rating: 996)



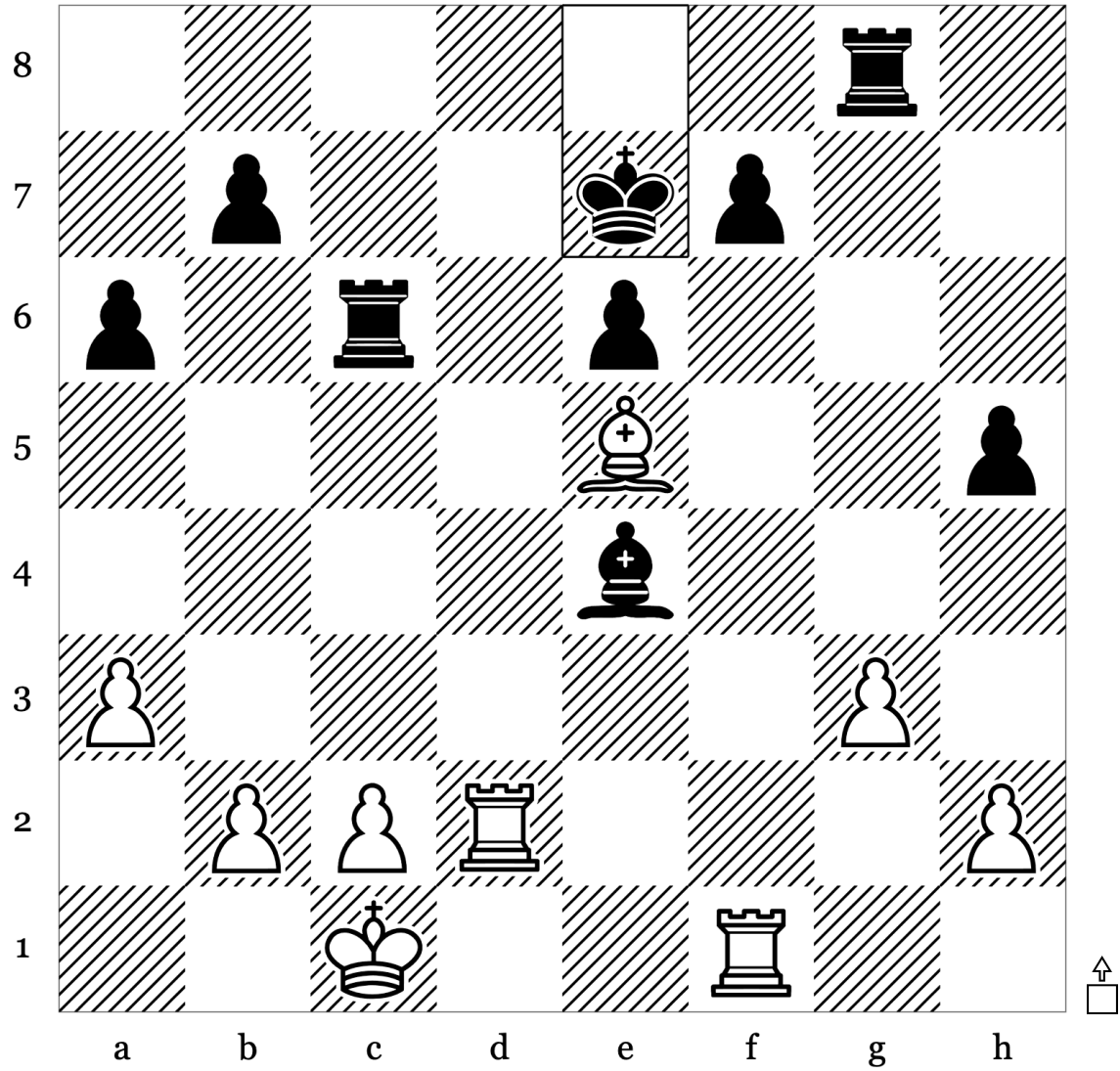
30	...	<b>Qb6</b>
31		
32		
33		
34		







Puzzle 99 of 100: Endgame · Mate (Rating: 1145)



25	...	<b>Ke7</b>
26		
27		
28		
29		



◀ Solution: Puzzle 100

36. ... Qf2+  
37. Kh3 Qxh2#

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