

Chess Skewers

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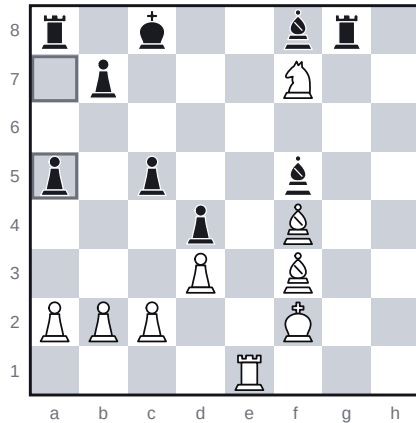
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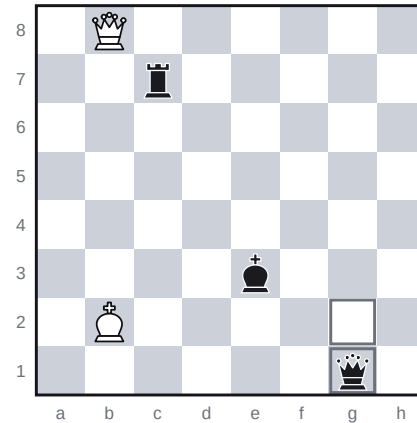
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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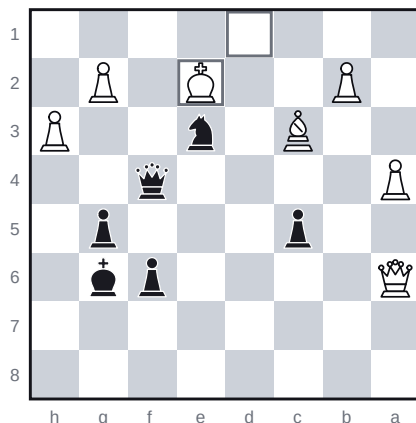
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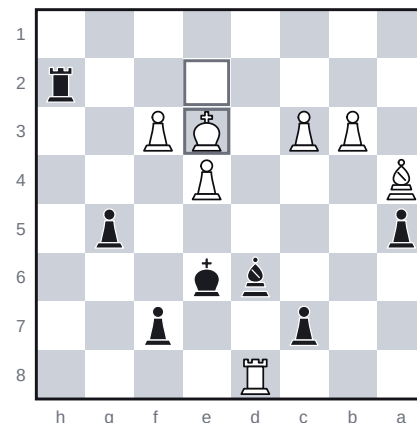
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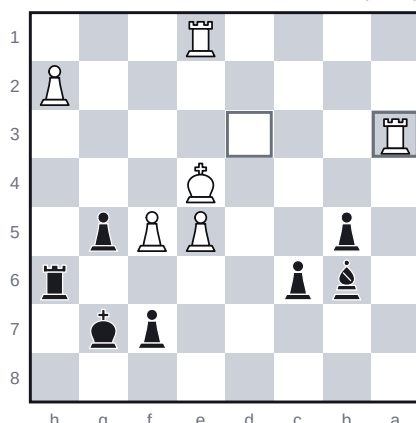
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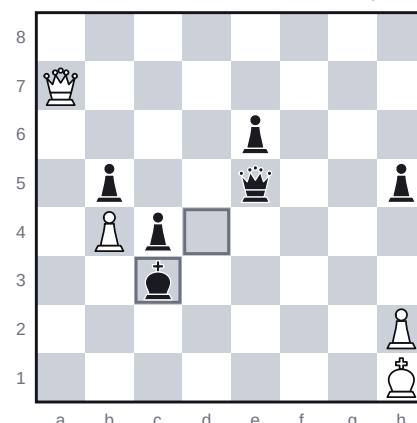
4 Black to move (1435)



5 Black to move (1464)



6 White to move (1508)



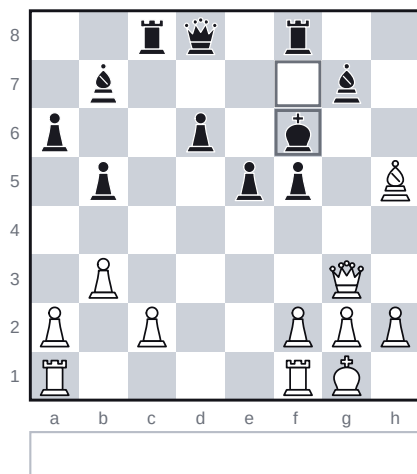
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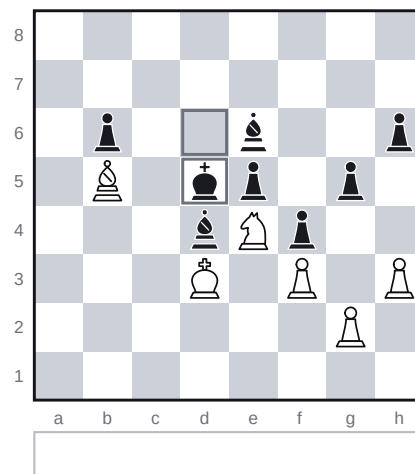
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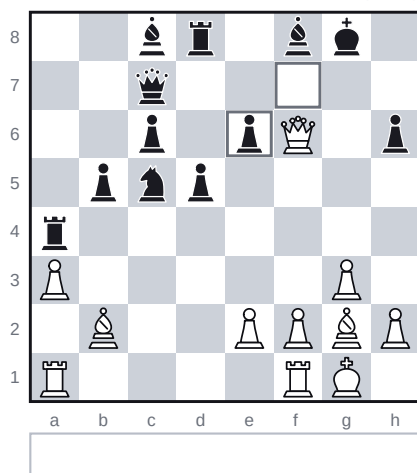
7 White to move (1555)



8 White to move (1593)



9 White to move (1636)



Answer key

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What to look for

A pin backwards: the valuable piece is in front and has to move, and what was hiding behind it falls.

1. **24.Re8+ Kd7 25.Rxa8** #5m3Kg
The rook on e8 attacks the king on c8 and the bishop on f8. Wins a rook.
2. **65.Qb6+ Kf4 66.Qxg1** #9CM6t
The queen on b6 attacks the king on e3 and the rook on c7. Wins a queen.
3. **43...Qf1+ 44.Kxe3 Qxa6** #8Ysbd
Wins a rook.
4. **43...Bf4+ 44.Kd4 Rd2+ 45.Kc4 Rxd8** #8Ua26
Wins a rook.
5. **37...Rh4+ 38.Kf3 Rh3+ 39.Kg4 Rxa3** #3ynVK
Wins a rook.
6. **58.Qa1+ Kxb4 59.Qxe5** #5rWVp
Wins a rook.
7. **22.Qg6+ Ke7 23.Qxg7+ Ke6 24.Qxb7** #9p2jc
The queen on g6 attacks the king on f6 and the bishop on g7. Wins a rook.
8. **38.Bc4+ Kc6 39.Bxe6** #63sPf
Wins a piece.
9. **31.Qh8+ Kf7 32.Qh7+ Ke8 33.Qxc7** #4PX10
Wins a queen.
10. **27.Qh3 f5 28.Qh8+ Kf7 29.Qxc8** #43XJU
Wins a rook.
11. **25...Qg4+ 26.f3 Rh2+ 27.Kd1 Rxd2+** #GgNRN
Wins a queen.
12. **24.Qa8+ Ke7 25.Qxh8** #A5SAp
Wins a rook.

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