

Trapping Pieces

Advanced · Rating 2203-2404 · 12 positions

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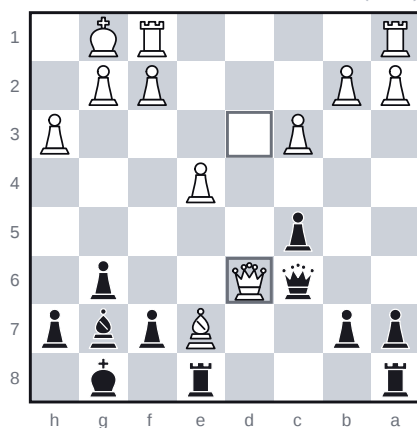
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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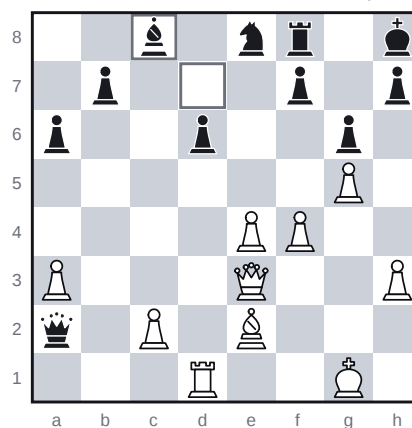
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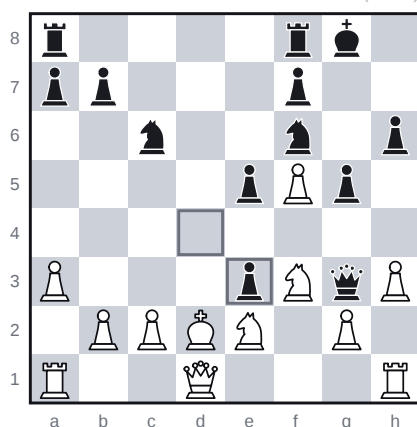
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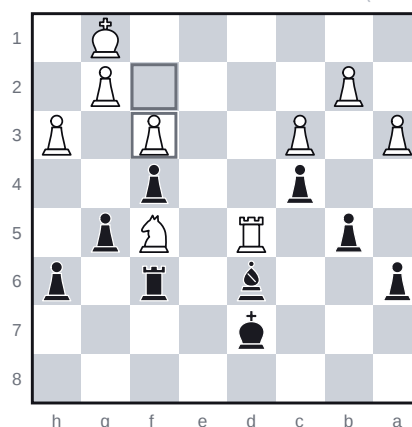
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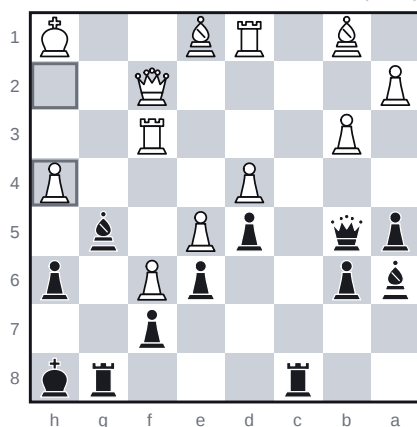
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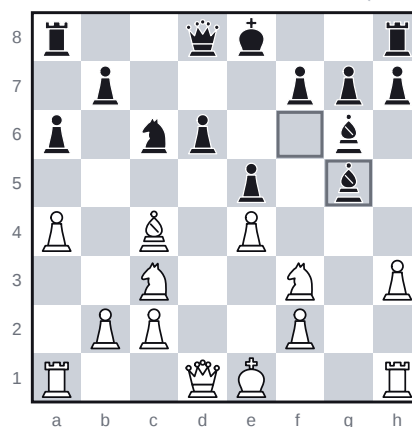
4 Black to move (2227)



5 Black to move (2244)



6 White to move (2255)



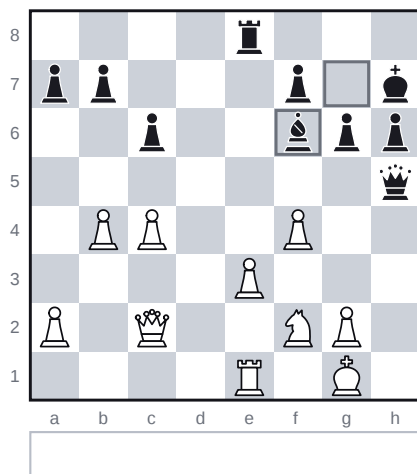
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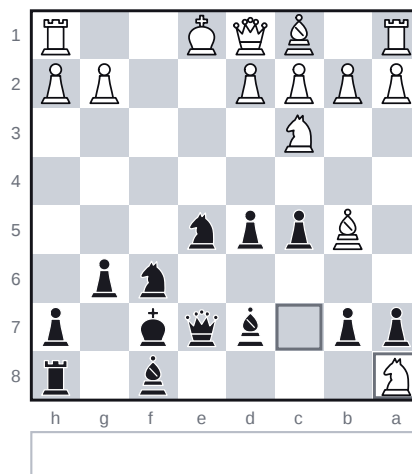
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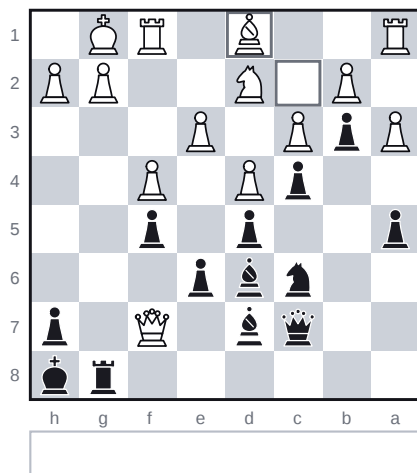
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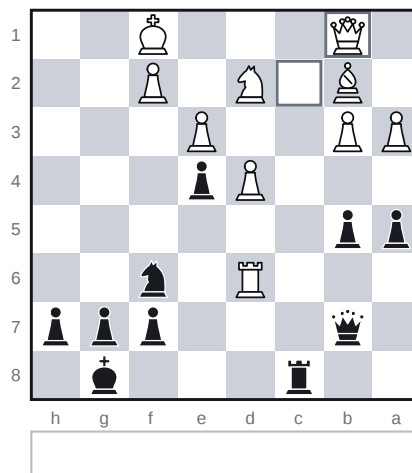
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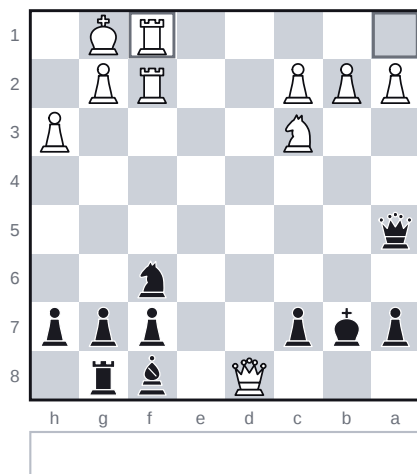
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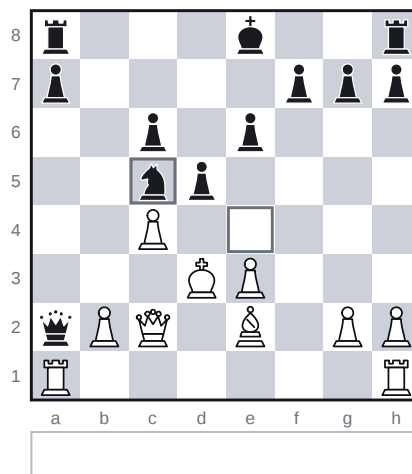
10 Black to move (2346)



11 Black to move (2374)



12 White to move (2404)



Answer key

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What to look for

A piece with no safe square. Attack it once more, or take away the squares it would run to.

1. **17...Rxe7 18.Qxe7 Bf6 19.Qxf6 Qxf6** #yCeMq
Wins a piece.
2. **24.Qc3+ Kg8 25.Bc4 Qxc4 26.Qxc4** #bJqTw
The queen on c3 attacks the king on h8 and the bishop on c8. Wins a rook.
3. **18.Kxe3 Qxg2 19.Rh2 Qg4 20.hxg4** #TBPkQ
Wins a queen.
4. **37...Rxf5 38.Rxf5 Ke6 39.Rxg5 hxg5** #ki3PF
Comes out 2 pawns ahead.
5. **32...Qe2 33.hxg5 Qxd1** #jPkNE
The queen on e2 attacks the queen on f2 and the rook on f3. Comes out 2 pawns ahead.
6. **14.h4 Be7 15.h5 Bxe4 16.Nxe4** #yHELw
Comes out 2 pawns ahead.
7. **26.g4 Qh4 27.Kg2 Bg7 28.g5** #yvG6l
Comes out level on material and ahead on position.
8. **13...Nd3+ 14.Kf1 Bg4 15.Bxd3 Bxd1** #hv8dq
The knight on d3 attacks the king on e1 and the bishop on c1. Wins a rook.
9. **20...Rg6 21.Nf3 Nd8 22.Qxg6 hxg6** #hiYZb
Wins a piece.
10. **36...Ne8 37.Rh6 gxh6** #pt9Dw
Wins a rook.
11. **16...Bd6 17.Qxg8 Nxg8** #UAXWN
Wins a piece.
12. **18.Kc3 Ne4+ 19.Kd4 Qxa1 20.Rxa1** #zdwKV
Wins a piece.

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