



A SPARK & ANVIL STRATEGY BOOK

Droptale – Find the Winning Move

A *Story Time-style strategy puzzle workbook – every position is drawn from the app's shipped, engine-verified tactics bank. No position is made up.*

About this book

Part of the **Droptale** Companion Book Program. Free to download and print under **CC BY-NC-SA 4.0**. Every puzzle is a real, engine-verified tactic – solve it, then turn the page to check your move and the reason it works.

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How to use this book

1. Look at the board. The side to move is written above it.
2. Find the strongest move – the winning tactic.
3. Say your move out loud, then **turn the page** to check it and read *why* it wins.
4. Puzzles get harder as you go. Take your time.

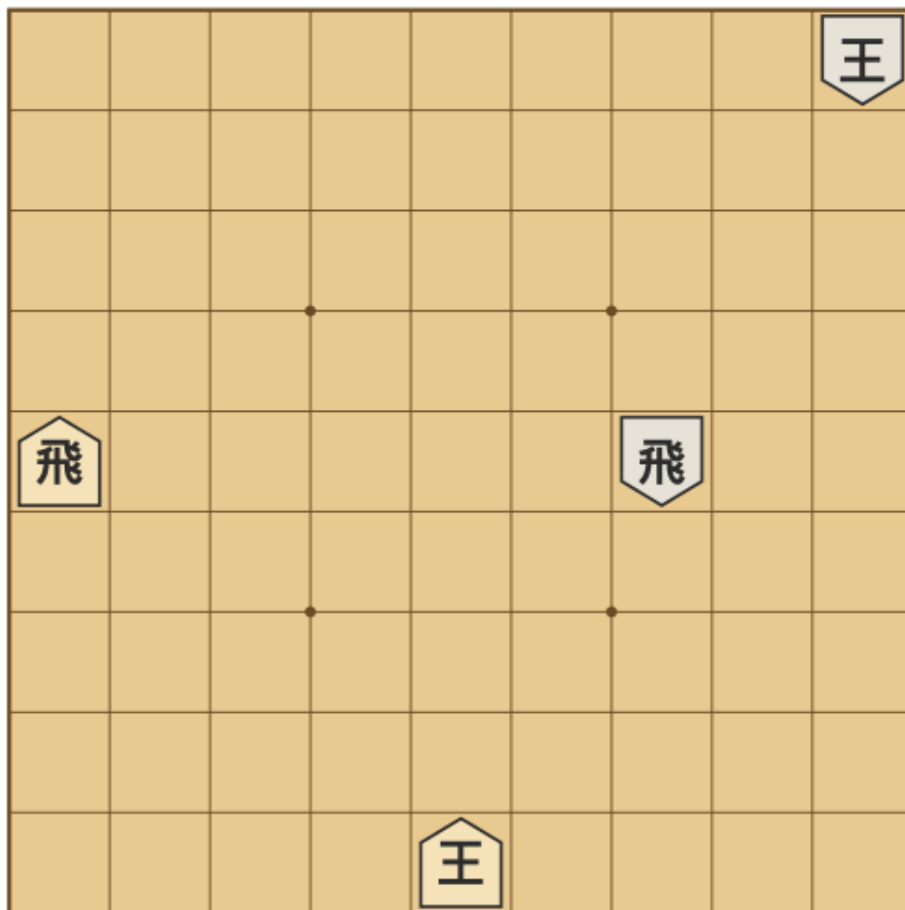
Piece Powers – Capture & Promote

Puzzle 1

Sente (Black) to move – find the winning move.

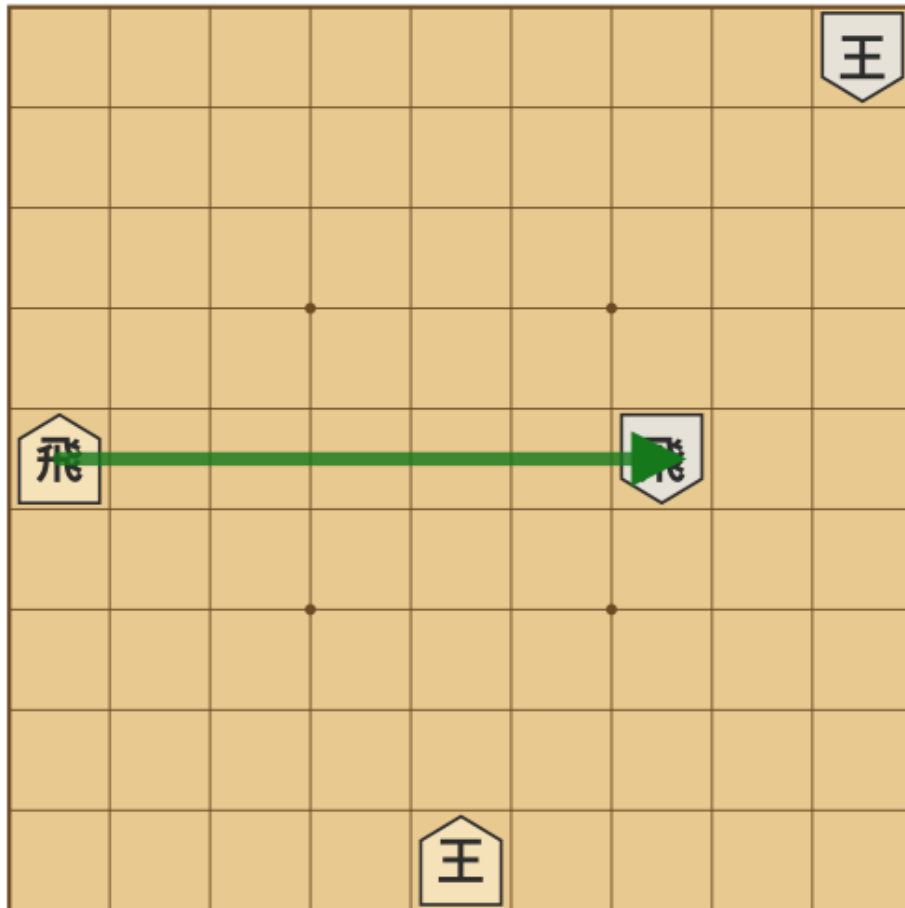
The Rook rules open lines. A big enemy piece sits undefended on your rank – take it.

Sente (Black) to move — find the winning move



Puzzle 1 – Answer

Sente (Black) to move — find the winning move



Play the move shown by the green arrow – the winning capture.

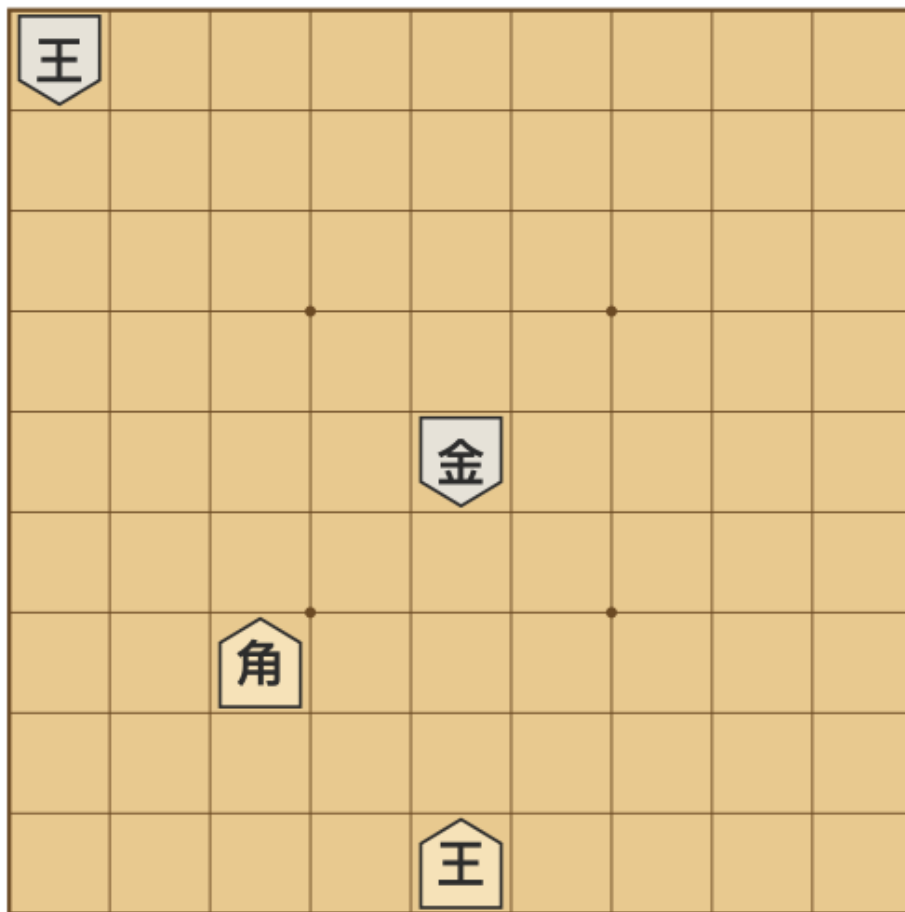
The Rook slides any distance in a straight line, so a loose piece anywhere on its file or rank is free. Winning a whole Rook is decisive.

Puzzle 2

Sente (Black) to move – find the winning move.

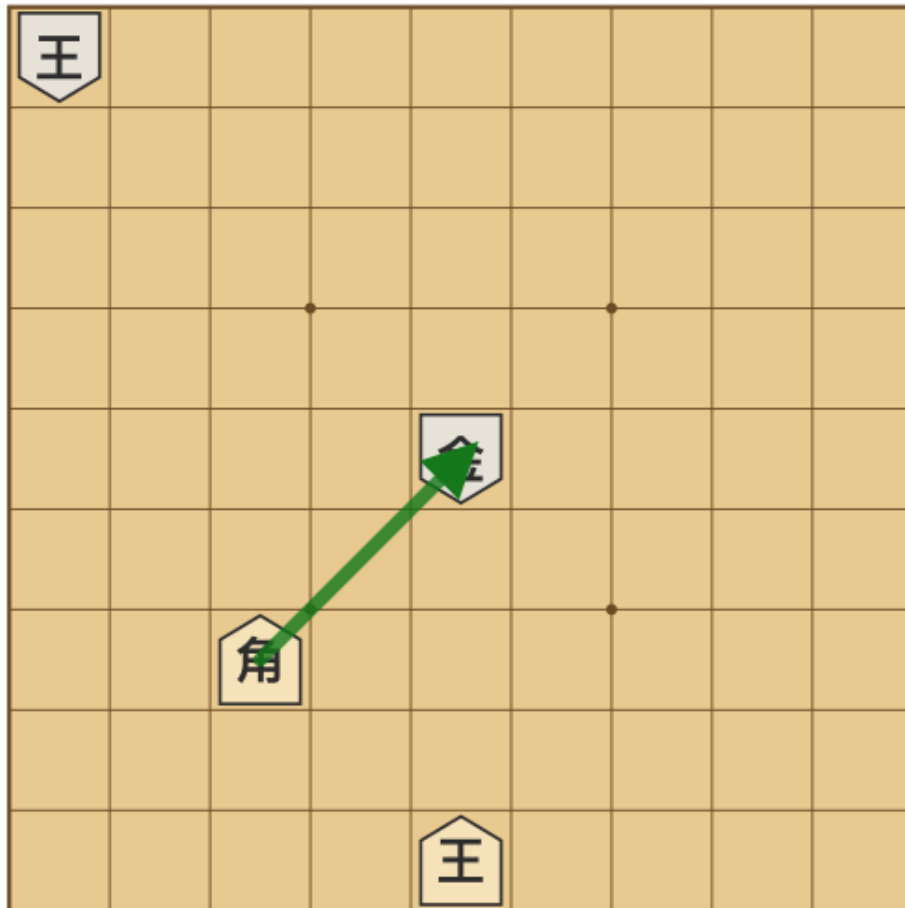
The Bishop travels the diagonals. An undefended Gold sits on its diagonal – capture it.

Sente (Black) to move – find the winning move



Puzzle 2 – Answer

Sente (Black) to move — find the winning move



Play the move shown by the green arrow – the winning capture.

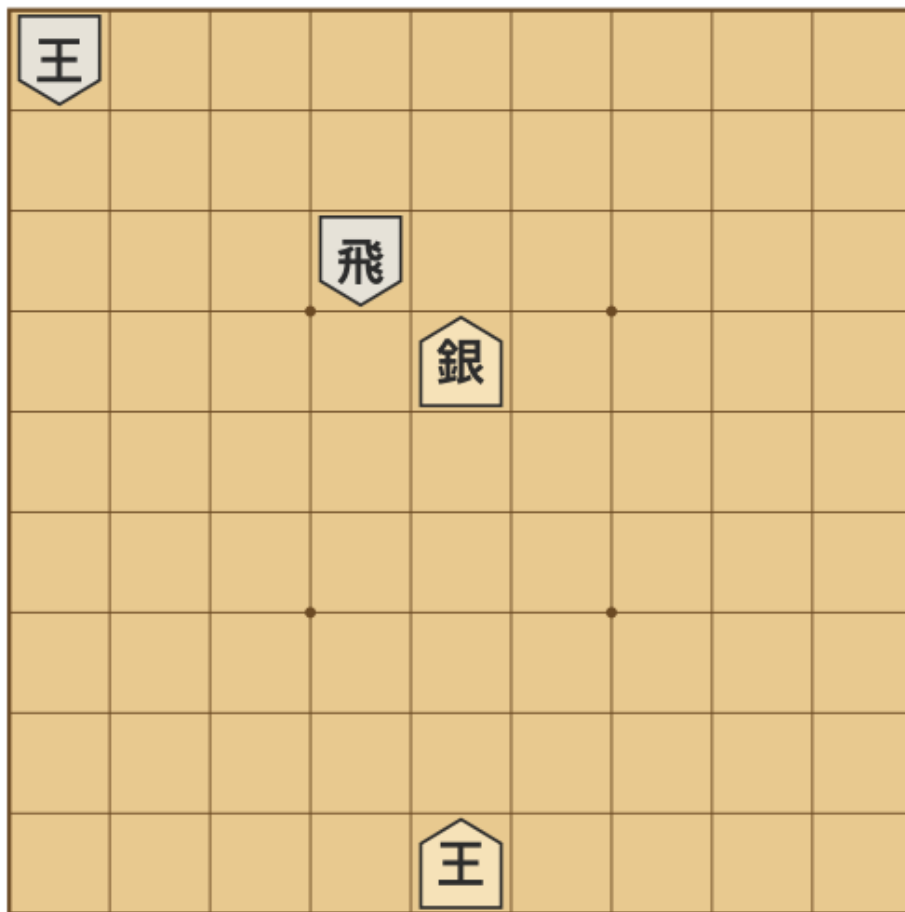
The Bishop slides along diagonals only, so its color never changes. Spot the loose piece two steps down the diagonal and take it.

Puzzle 3

Sente (Black) to move – find the winning move.

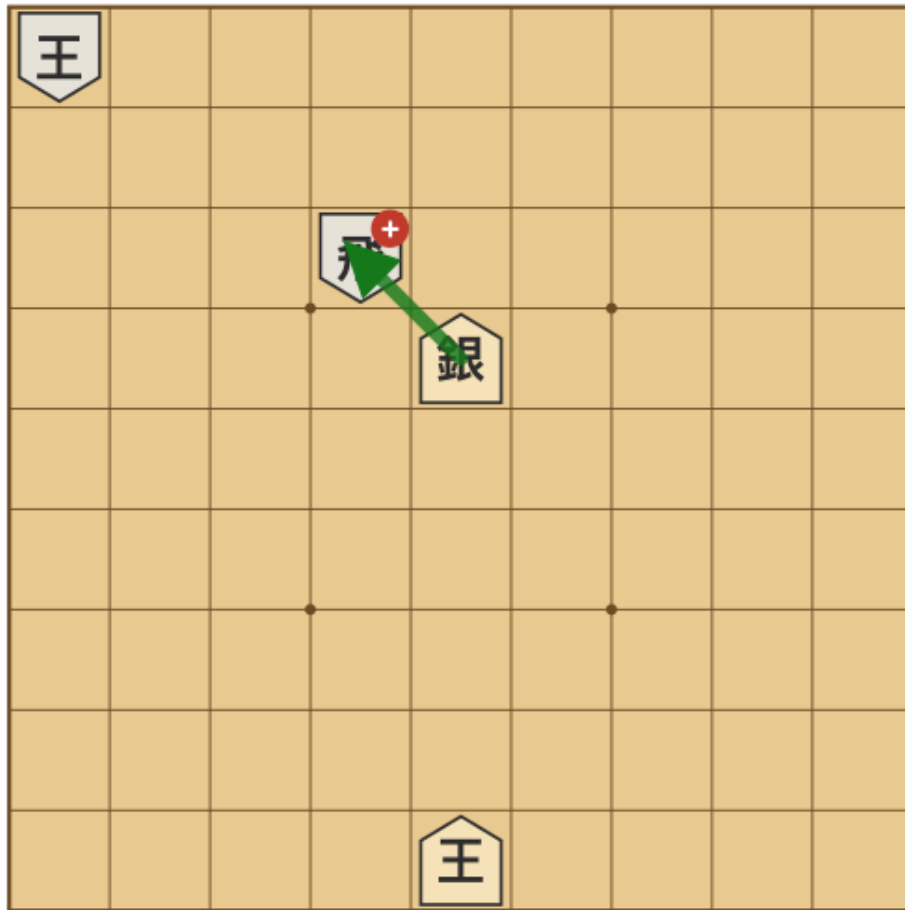
Your Silver can capture into the promotion zone. Take the Rook AND promote.

Sente (Black) to move – find the winning move



Puzzle 3 – Answer

Sente (Black) to move — find the winning move



Play the move shown by the green arrow – capture and promote (the + badge).

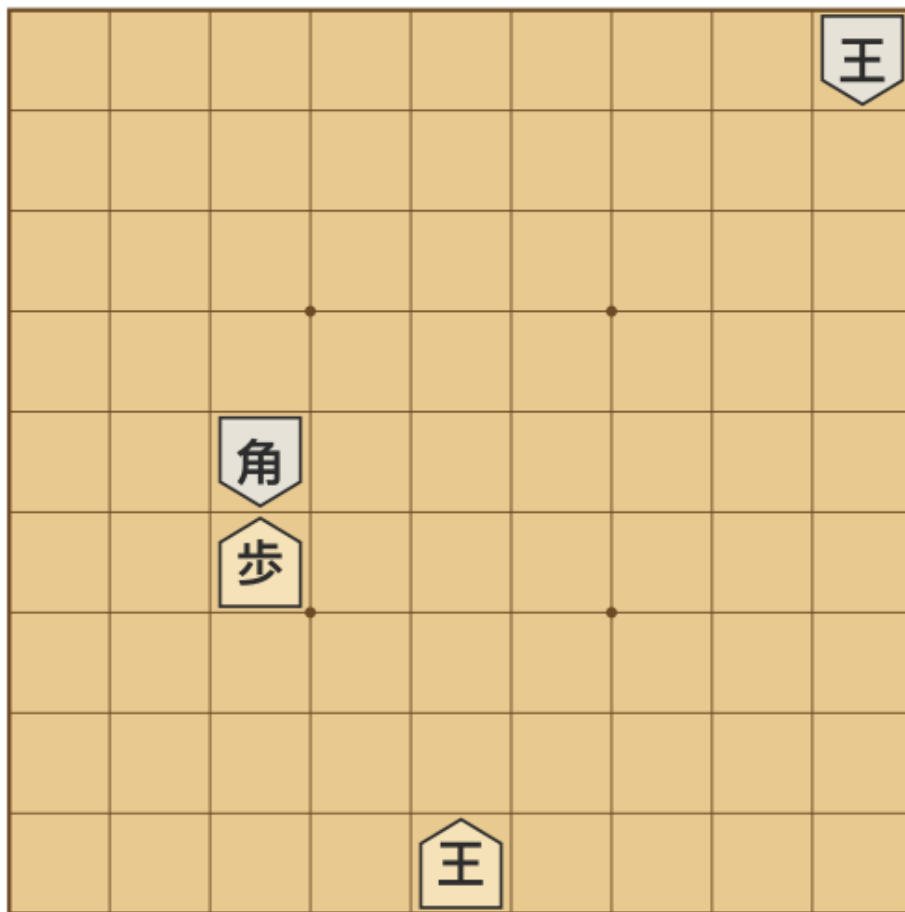
A Silver that reaches the far three ranks may promote – a promoted Silver moves like Gold. Capturing the Rook and promoting is best: you win the Rook and strengthen your piece.

Puzzle 4

Sente (Black) to move – find the winning move.

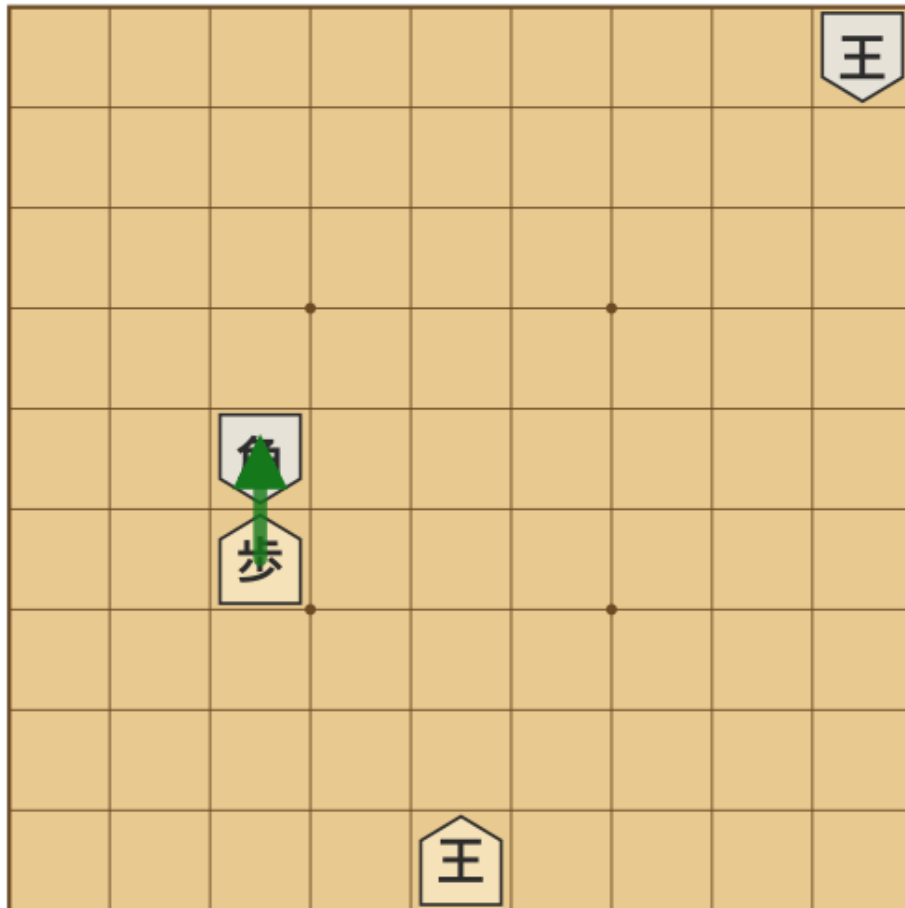
Even a Pawn wins material. An enemy Bishop stands right in front of it – take it.

Sente (Black) to move – find the winning move



Puzzle 4 – Answer

Sente (Black) to move — find the winning move



Play the move shown by the green arrow – the winning capture.

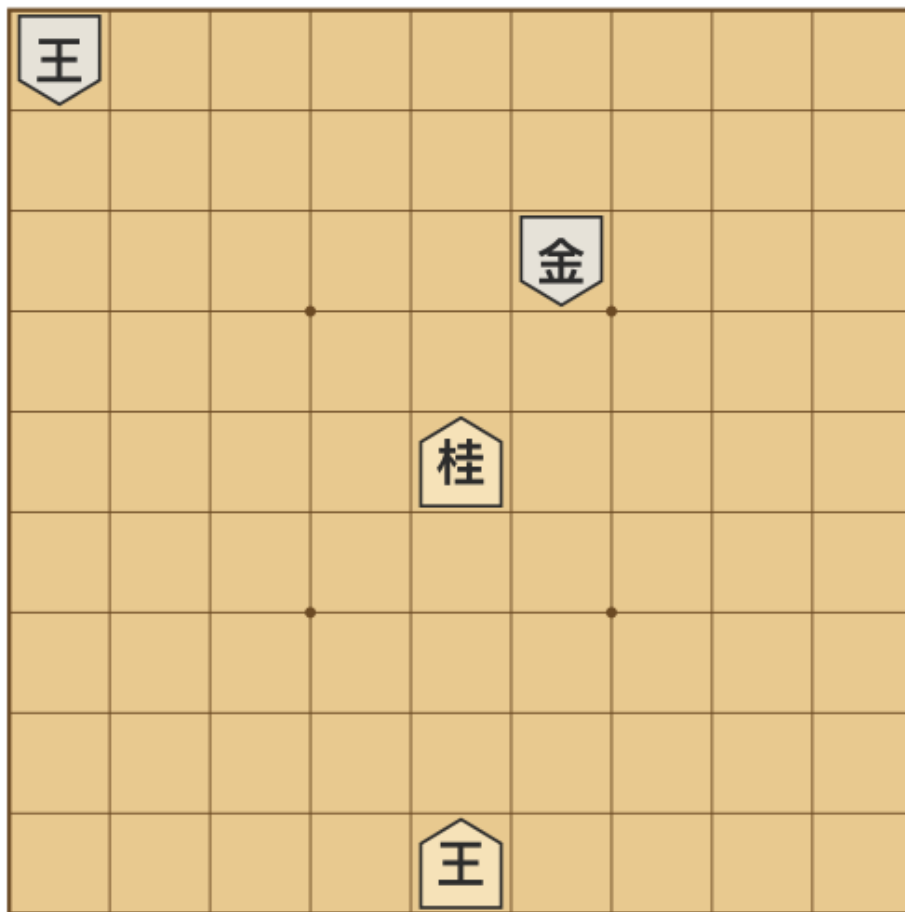
A Pawn captures straight ahead, exactly the way it moves. Trading a Pawn for a Bishop is a huge gain – captured pieces go into YOUR hand to drop later.

Puzzle 5

Sente (Black) to move – find the winning move.

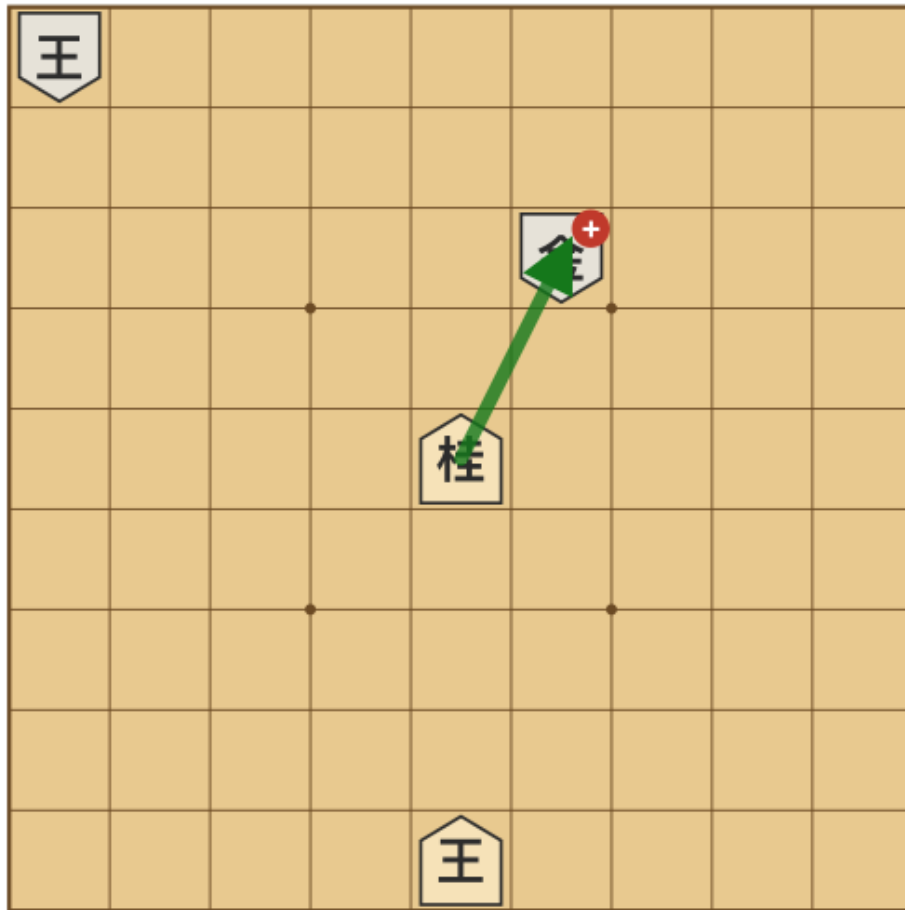
The Knight leaps forward in an L, over any piece. It can reach an undefended Gold – take it and promote.

Sente (Black) to move – find the winning move



Puzzle 5 – Answer

Sente (Black) to move — find the winning move



Play the move shown by the green arrow – capture and promote (the + badge).

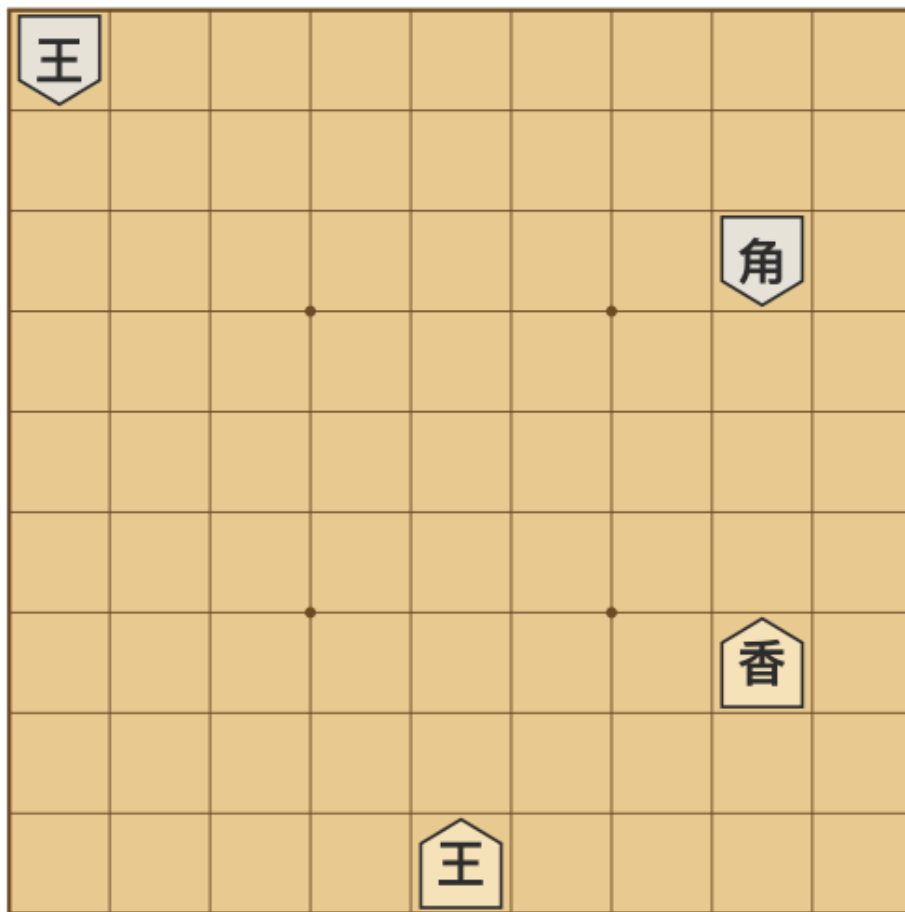
The Knight is the only piece that jumps, and it moves **ONLY** forward. Landing in the zone, it promotes to a Gold – capturing the Gold and promoting wins material twice over.

Puzzle 6

Sente (Black) to move – find the winning move.

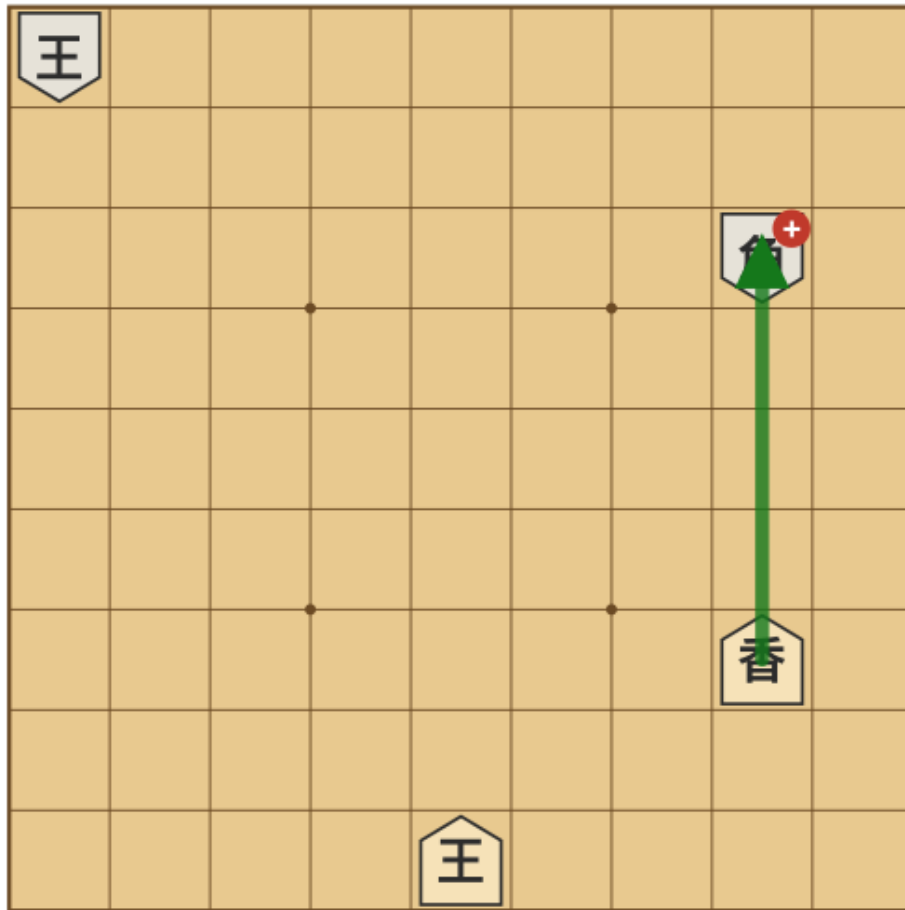
The Lance charges straight down its file. An enemy Bishop blocks it – capture and promote.

Sente (Black) to move – find the winning move



Puzzle 6 – Answer

Sente (Black) to move — find the winning move



Play the move shown by the green arrow – capture and promote (the + badge).

The Lance slides forward only, never back. It sweeps the whole file ahead of it, so a loose piece on that file is free – and reaching the zone it promotes to Gold.

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