



GambitTales

Find the Winning Move

A Spark & Anvil Strategy Book

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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 **Gambittales** 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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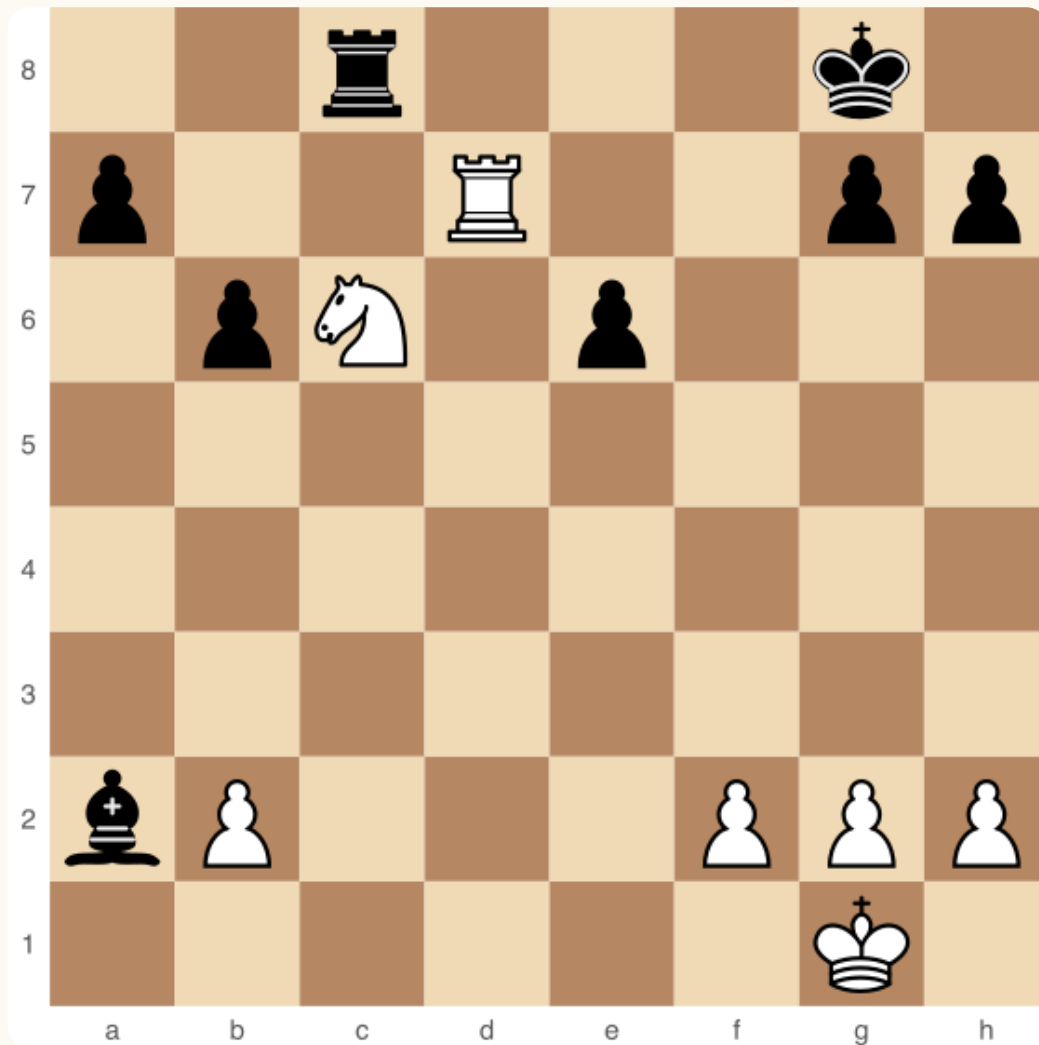
How to use this book

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.

Two Threats at Once – the Fork

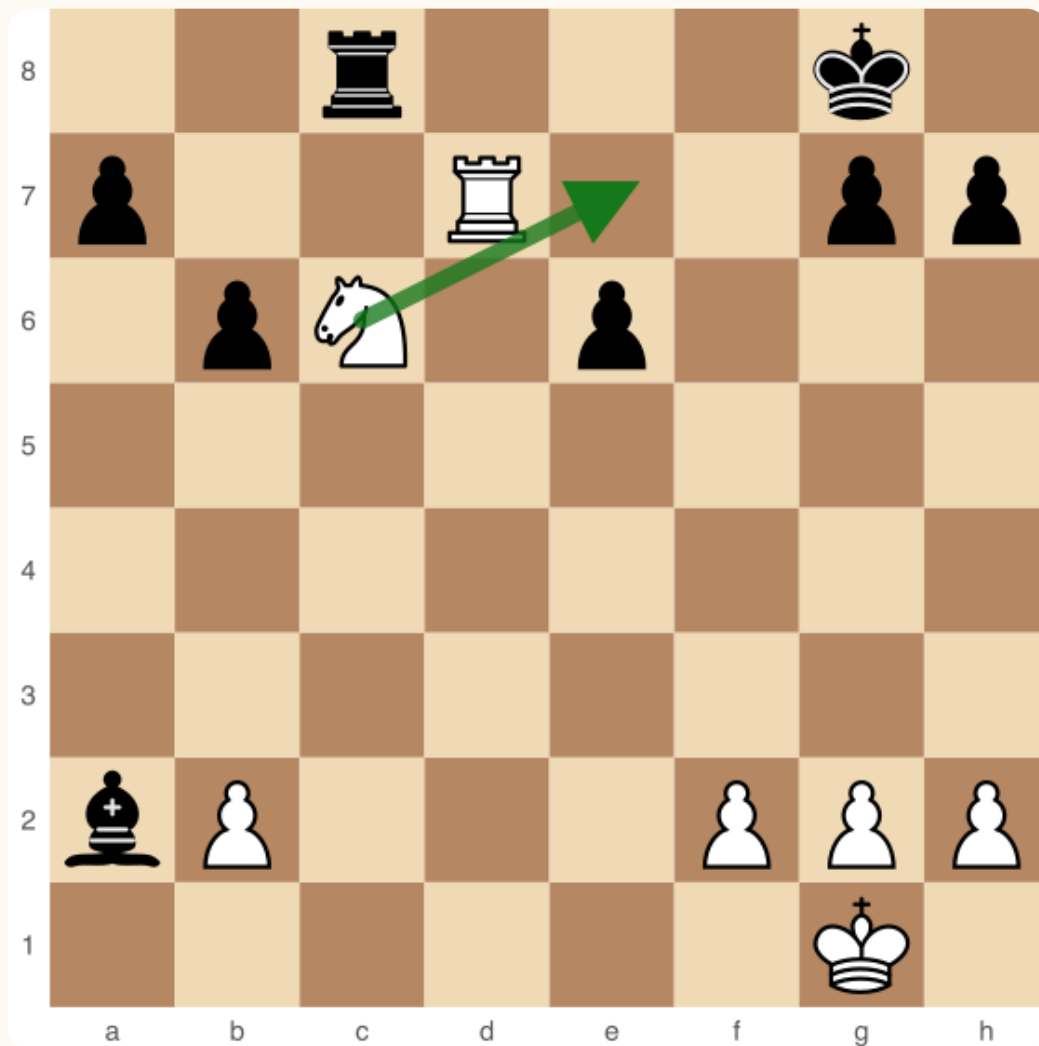
Puzzle 1

White to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Land one piece where it attacks two of theirs at the same time – they can only save one.

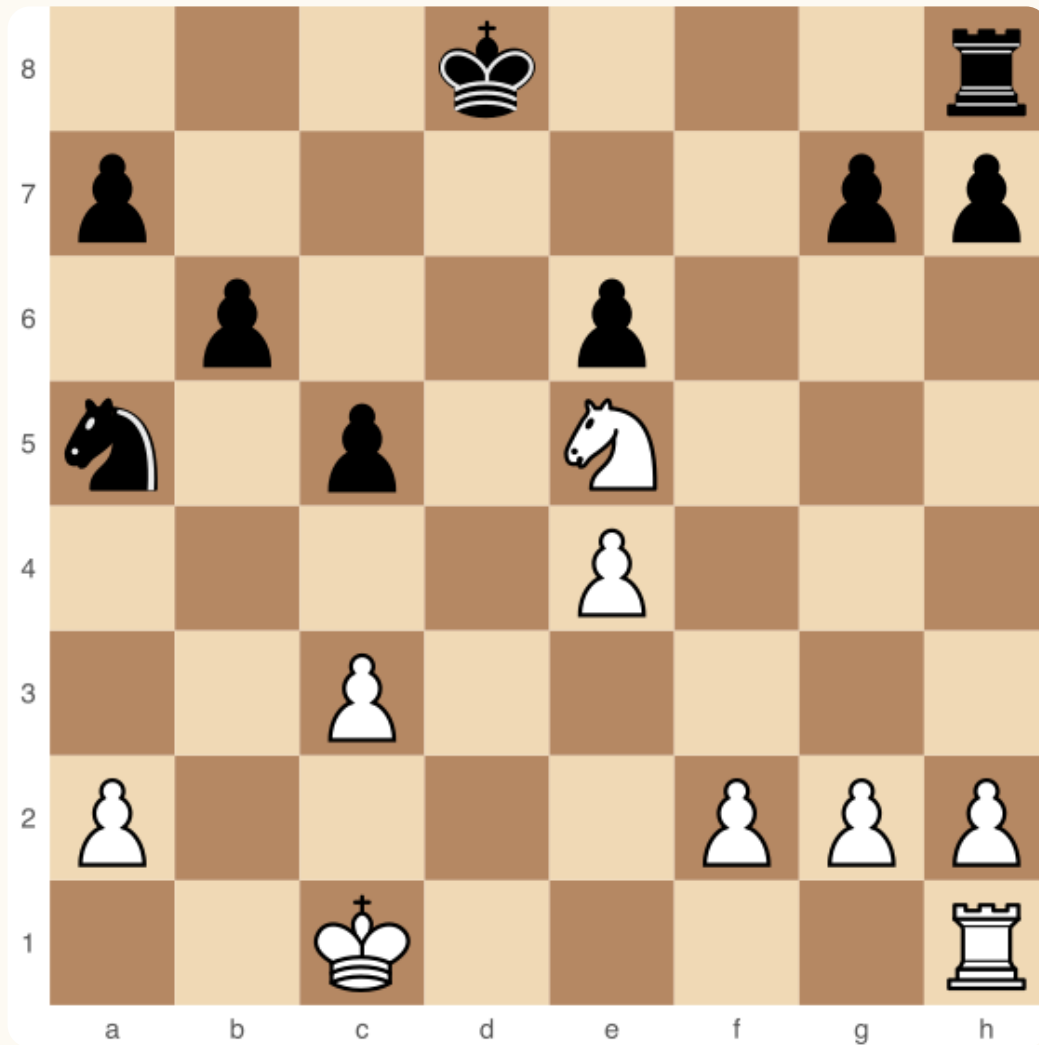
Puzzle 1 – Answer



Best move: c6→e7 – the fork.

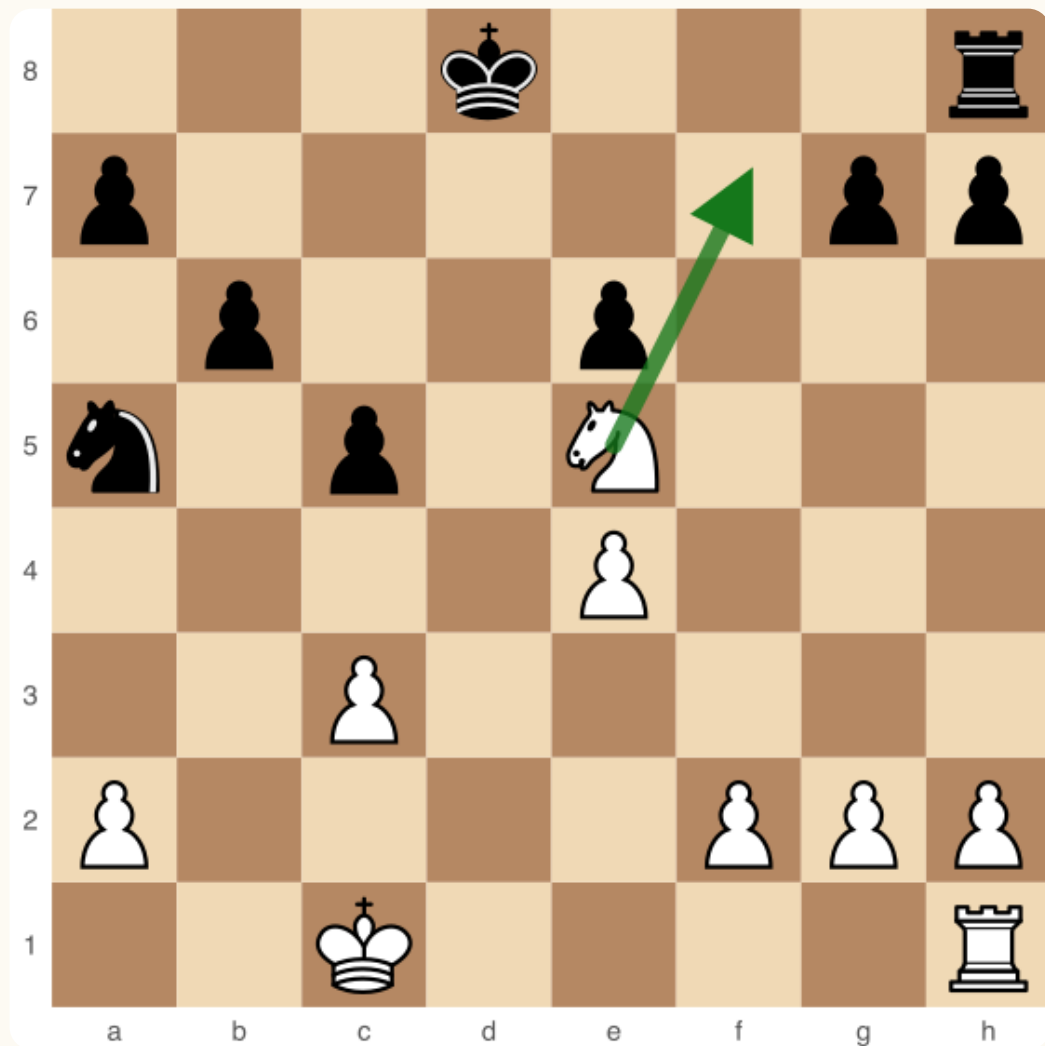
Puzzle 2

White to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Look for a single move that threatens two targets at once. They can't rescue both.

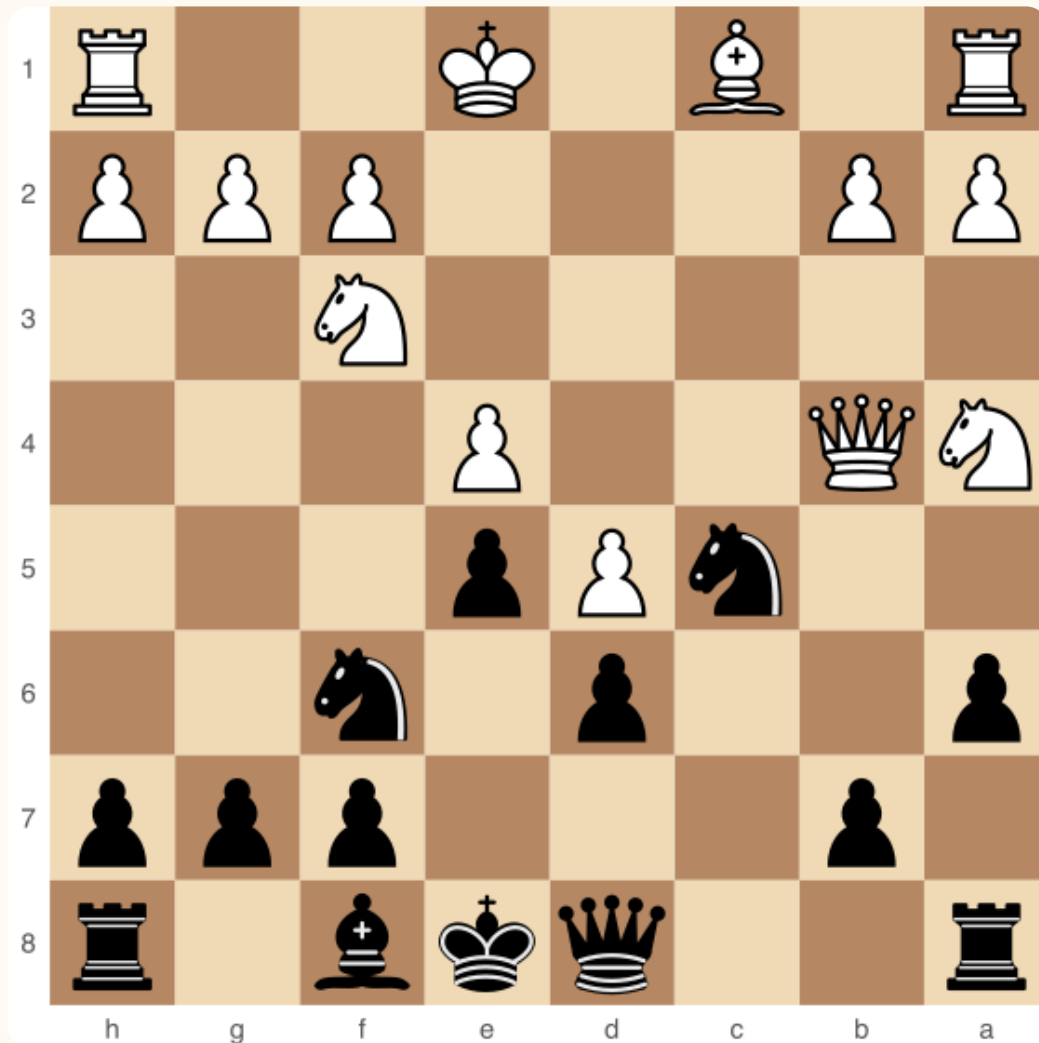
Puzzle 2 – Answer



Best move: e5→f7 – the fork.

Puzzle 3

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Jump in so your piece hits two enemies together – one of them is coming home with you.

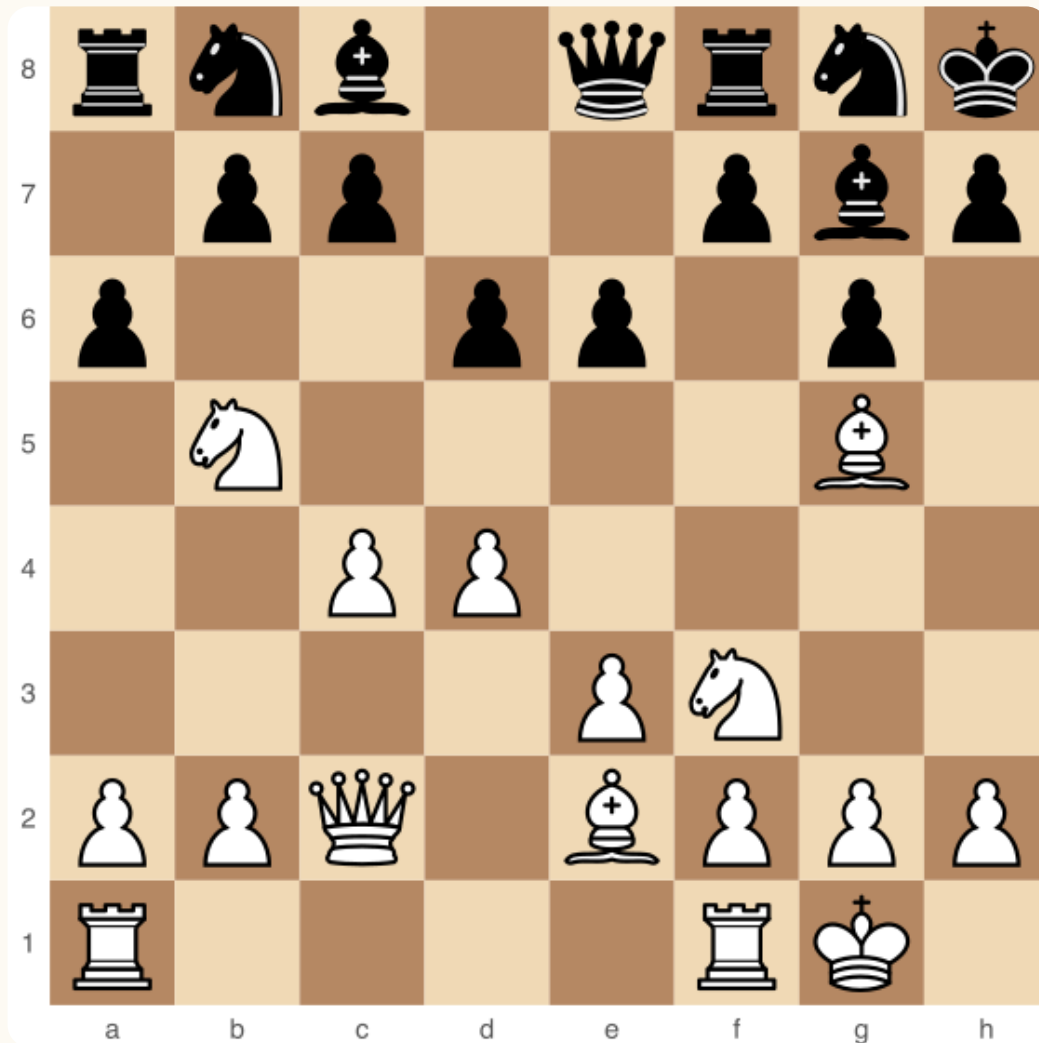
Puzzle 3 – Answer



Best move: c5→d3 – the fork.

Puzzle 4

White to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Land one piece where it attacks two of theirs at the same time – they can only save one.

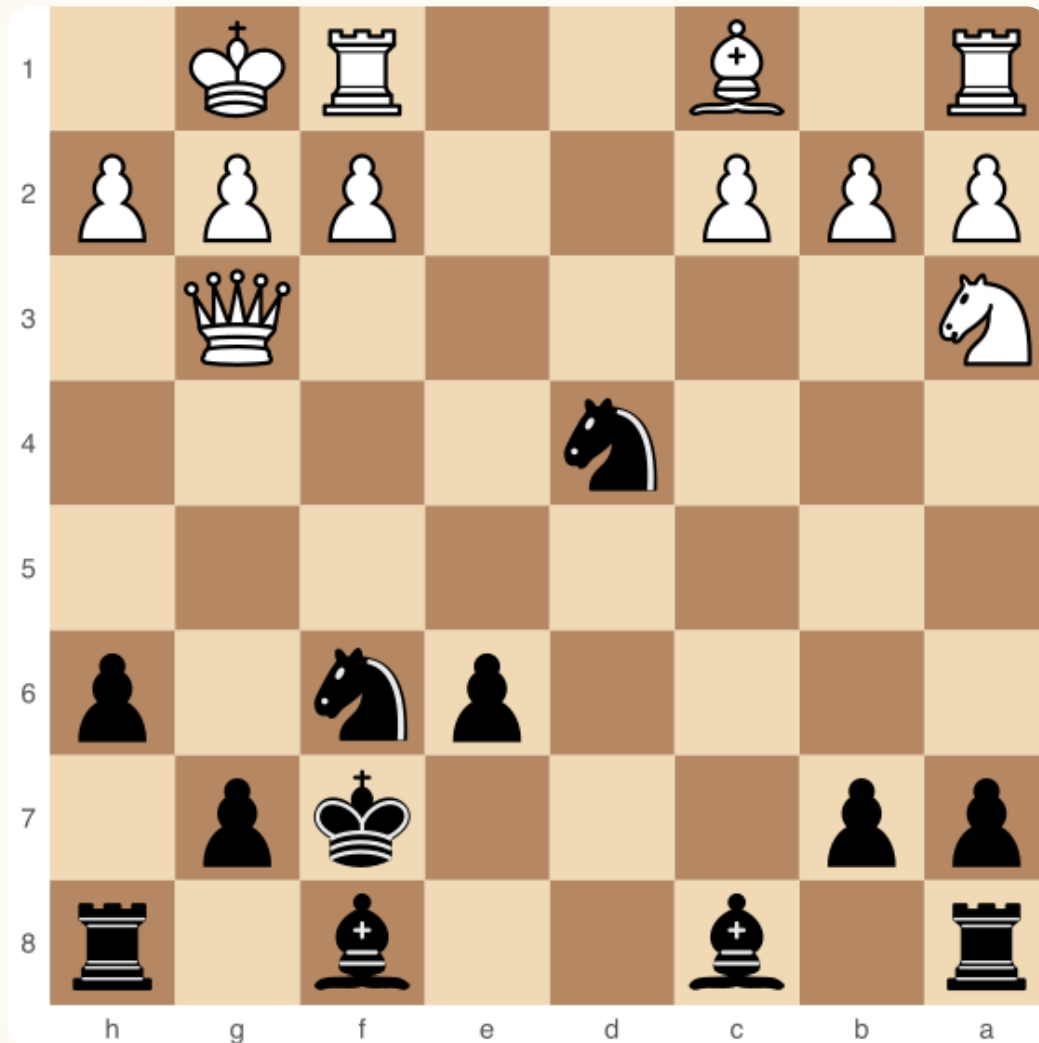
Puzzle 4 – Answer



Best move: b5→c7 – the fork.

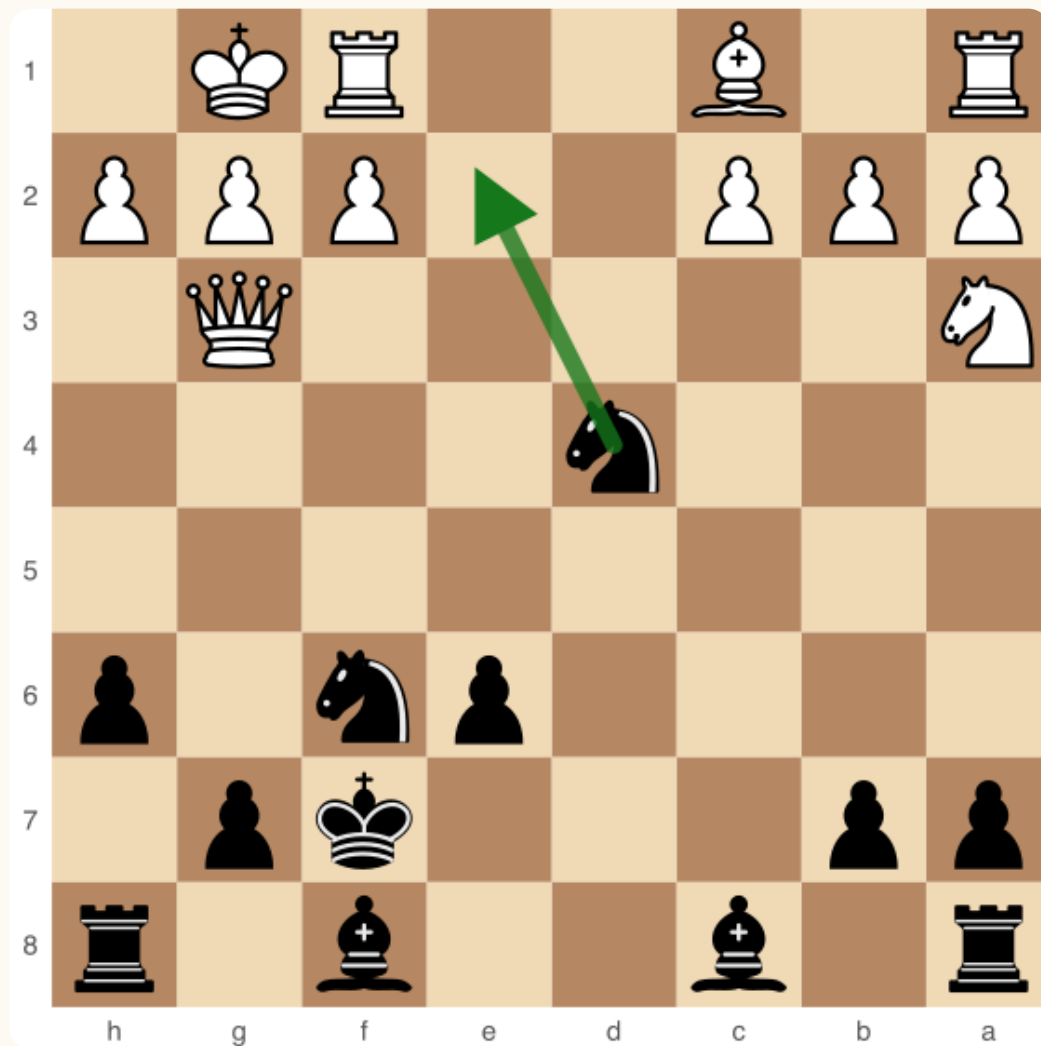
Puzzle 5

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Look for a single move that threatens two targets at once. They can't rescue both.

Puzzle 5 – Answer

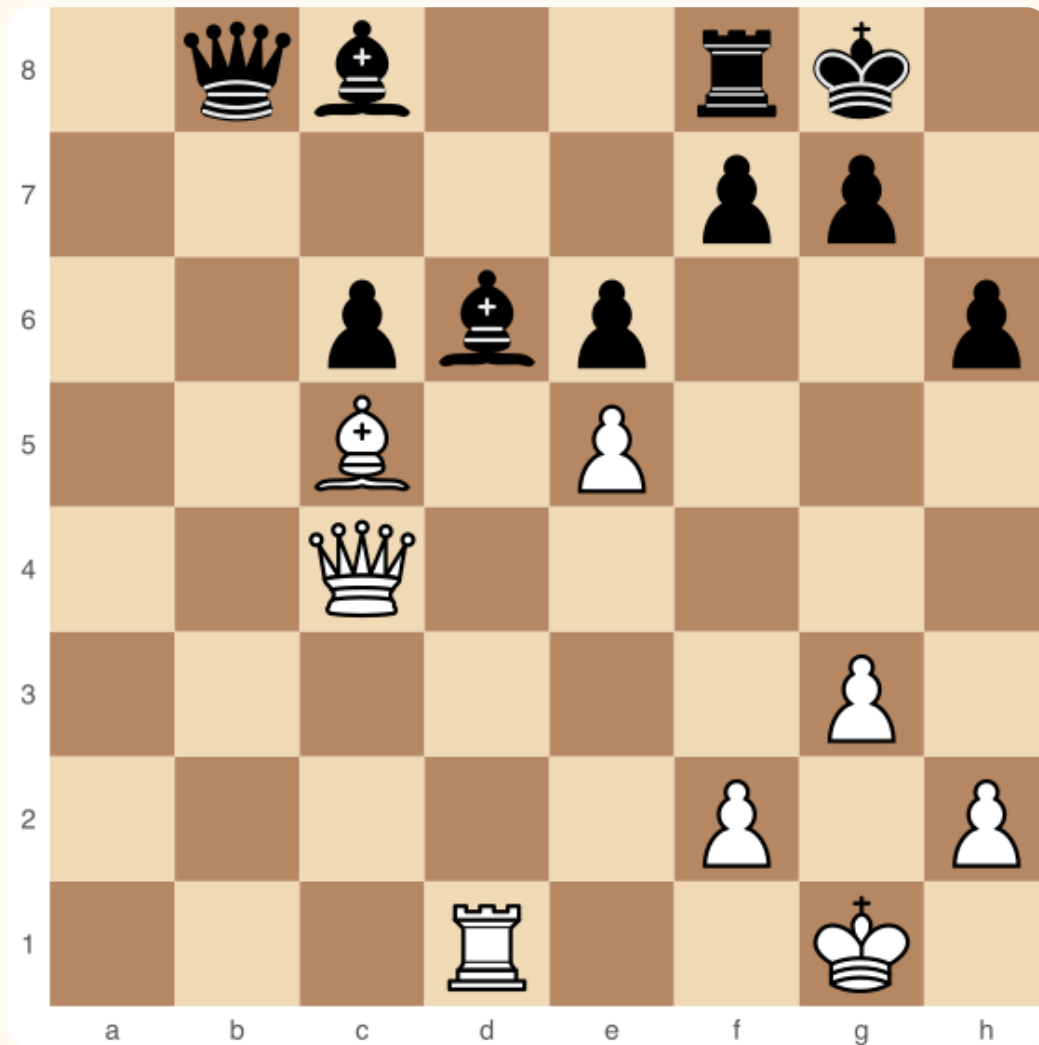


Best move: d4→e2 – the fork.

Double Attack

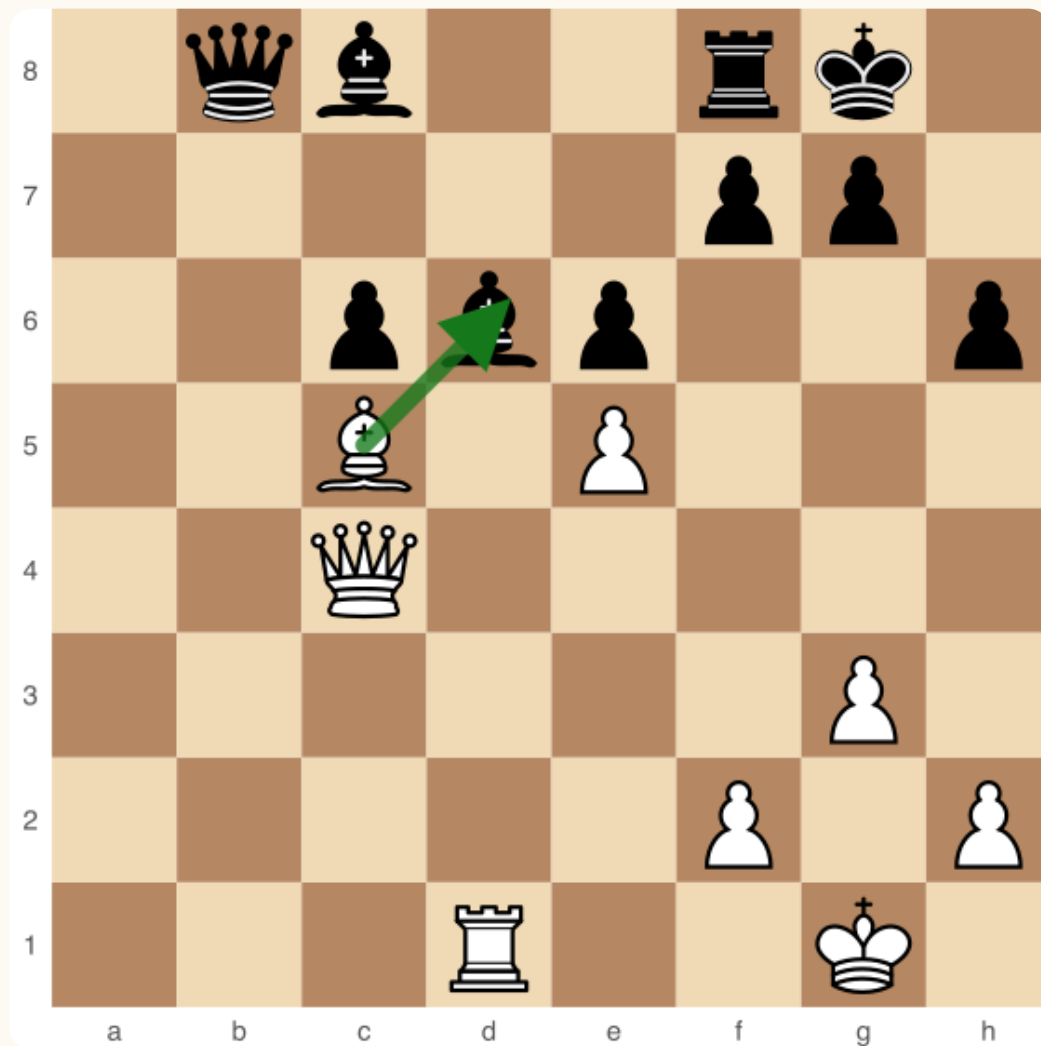
Puzzle 6

White to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Find the move that points at two of their pieces at the same time.

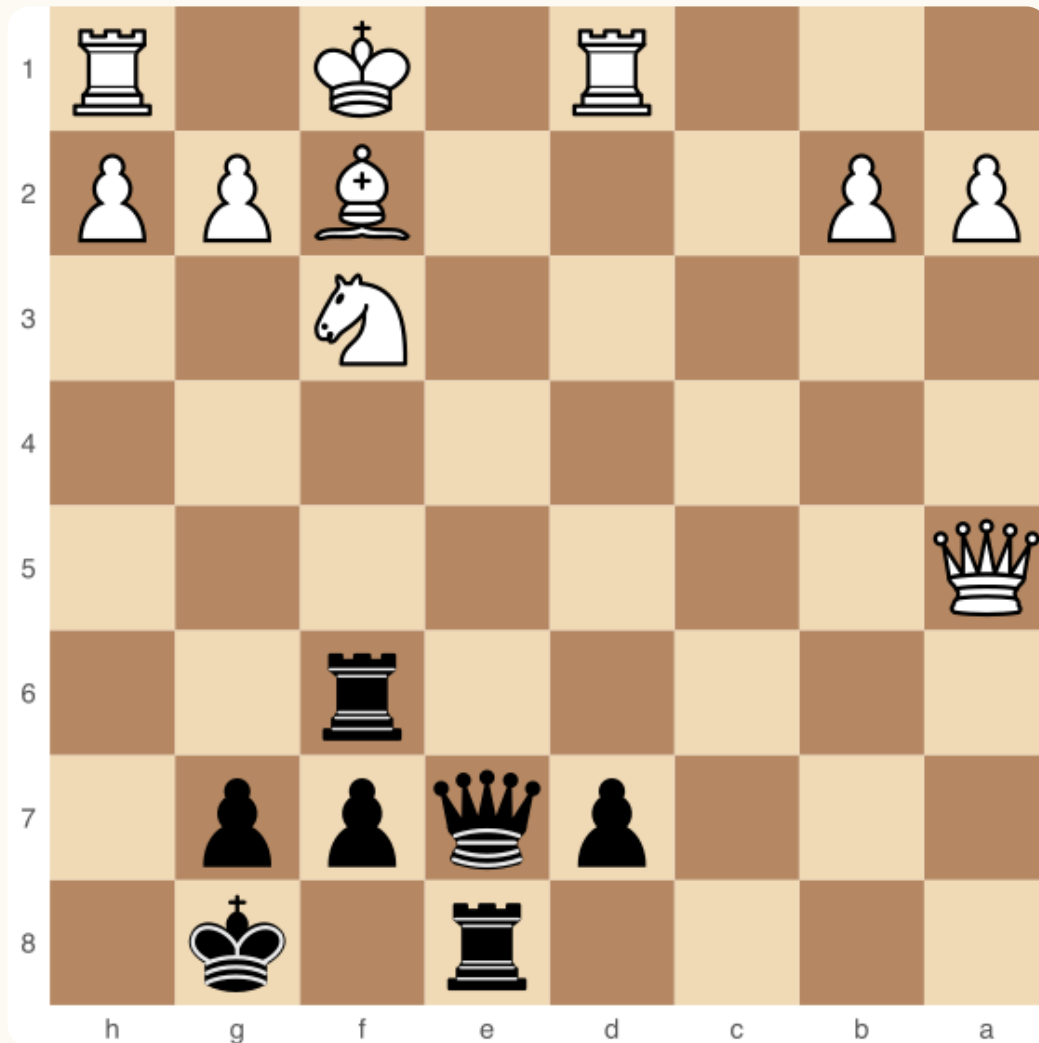
Puzzle 6 – Answer



Best move: c5→d6 – the double attack.

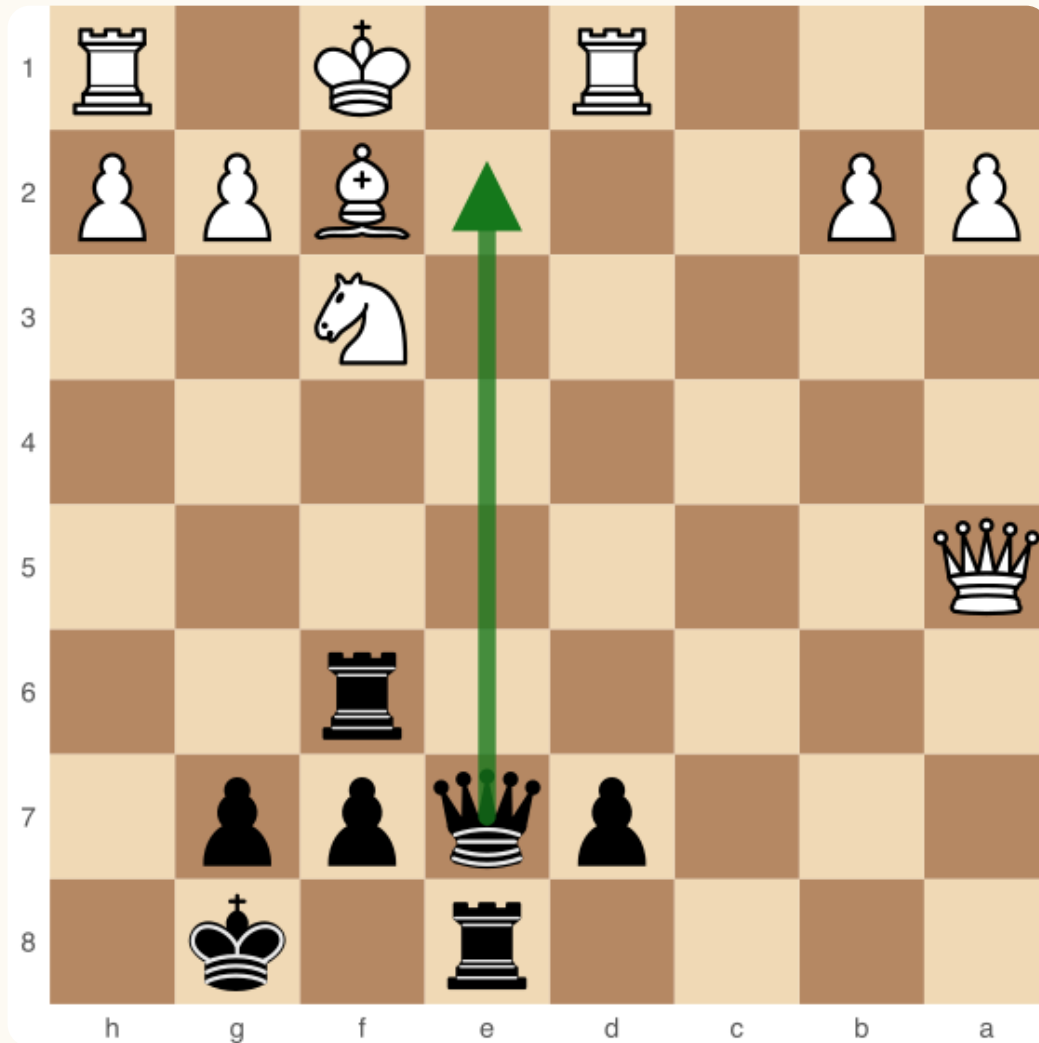
Puzzle 7

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Make one threat that hits two targets – they can only answer one.

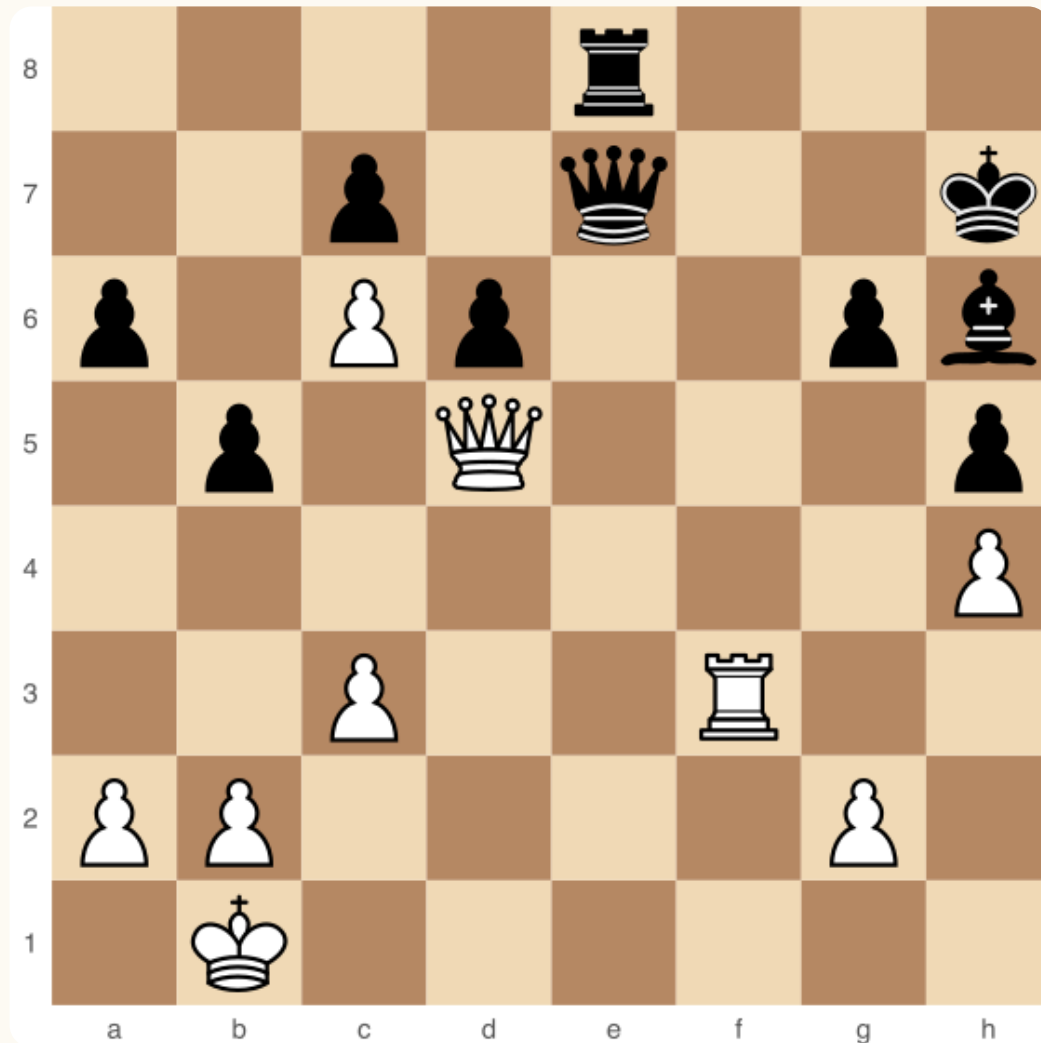
Puzzle 7 – Answer



Best move: e7→e2 – the double attack.

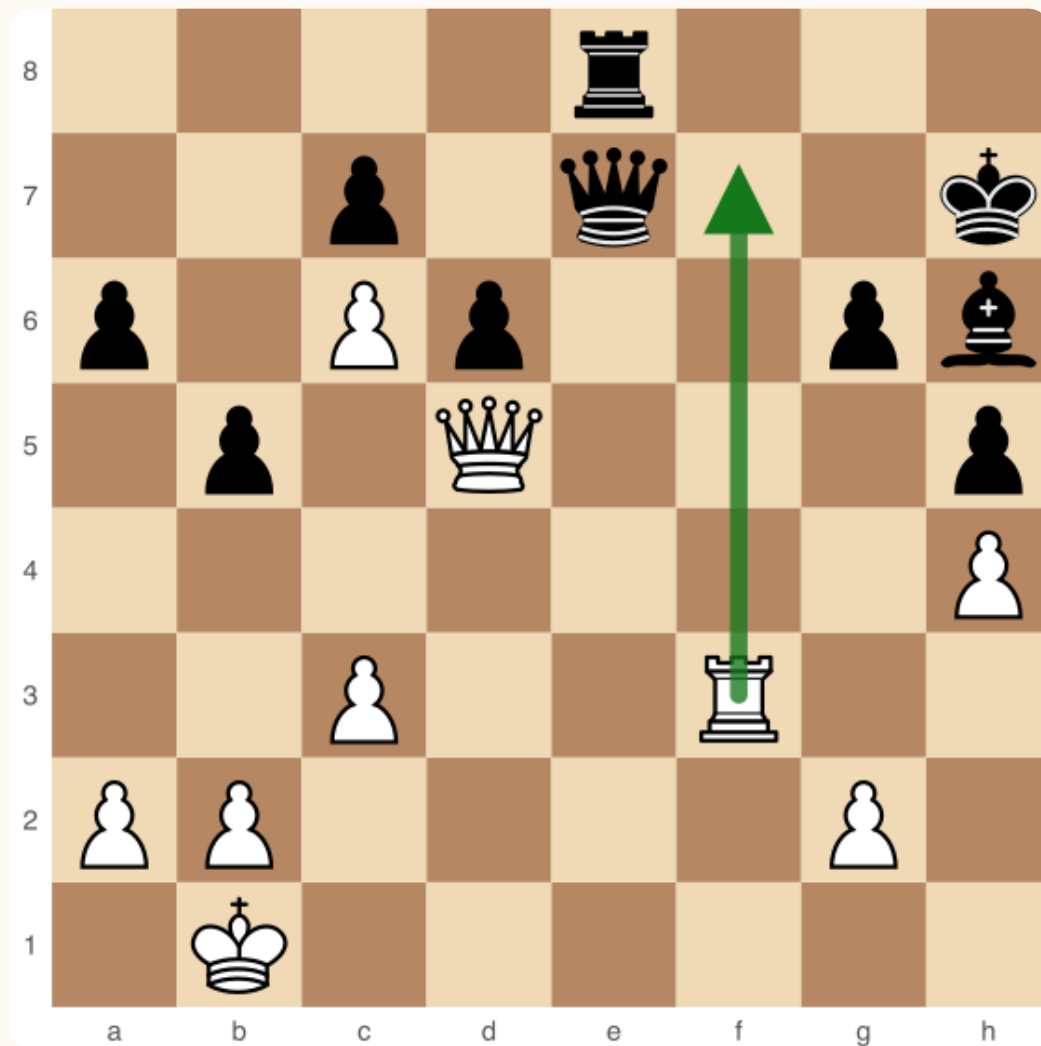
Puzzle 8

White to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Aim a single move at two weak spots at once and win one of them.

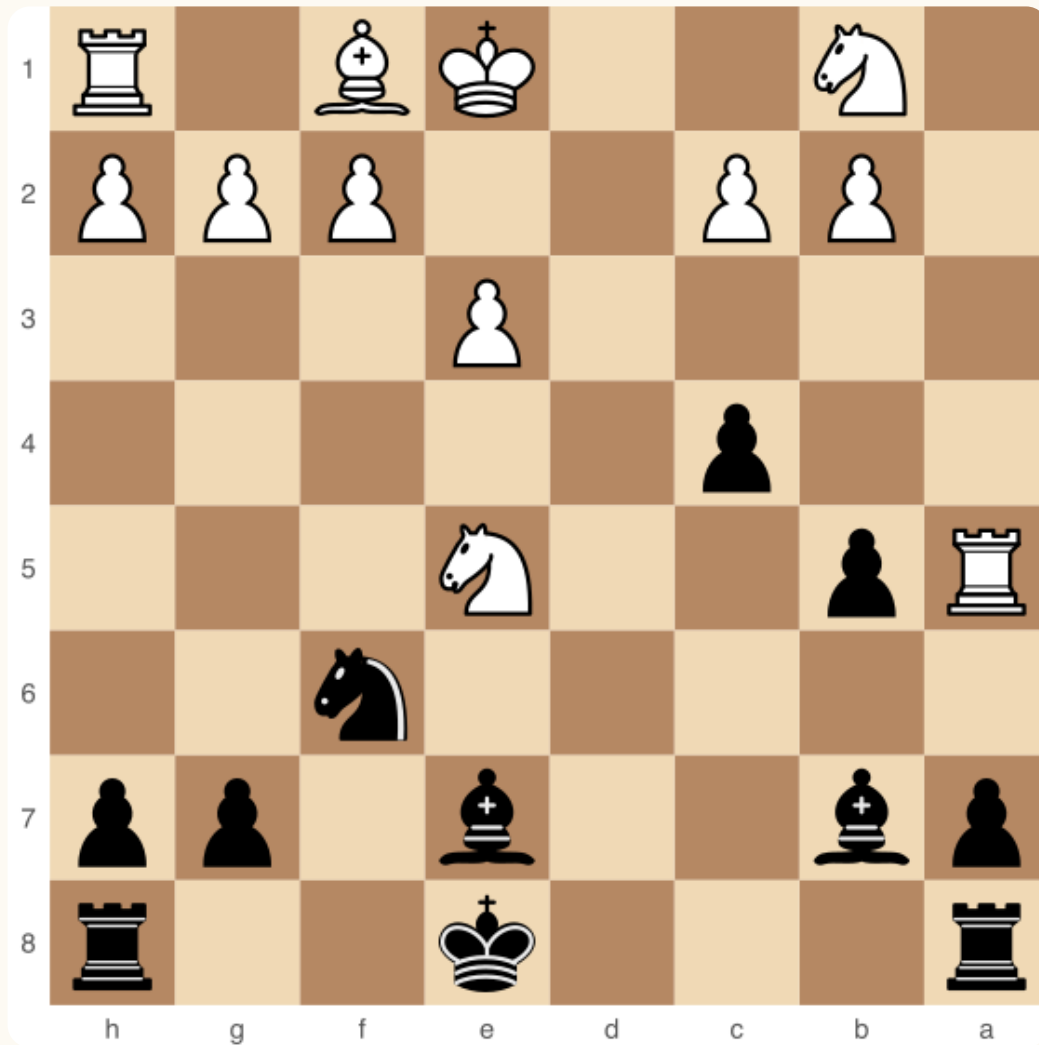
Puzzle 8 – Answer



Best move: f3→f7 – the double attack.

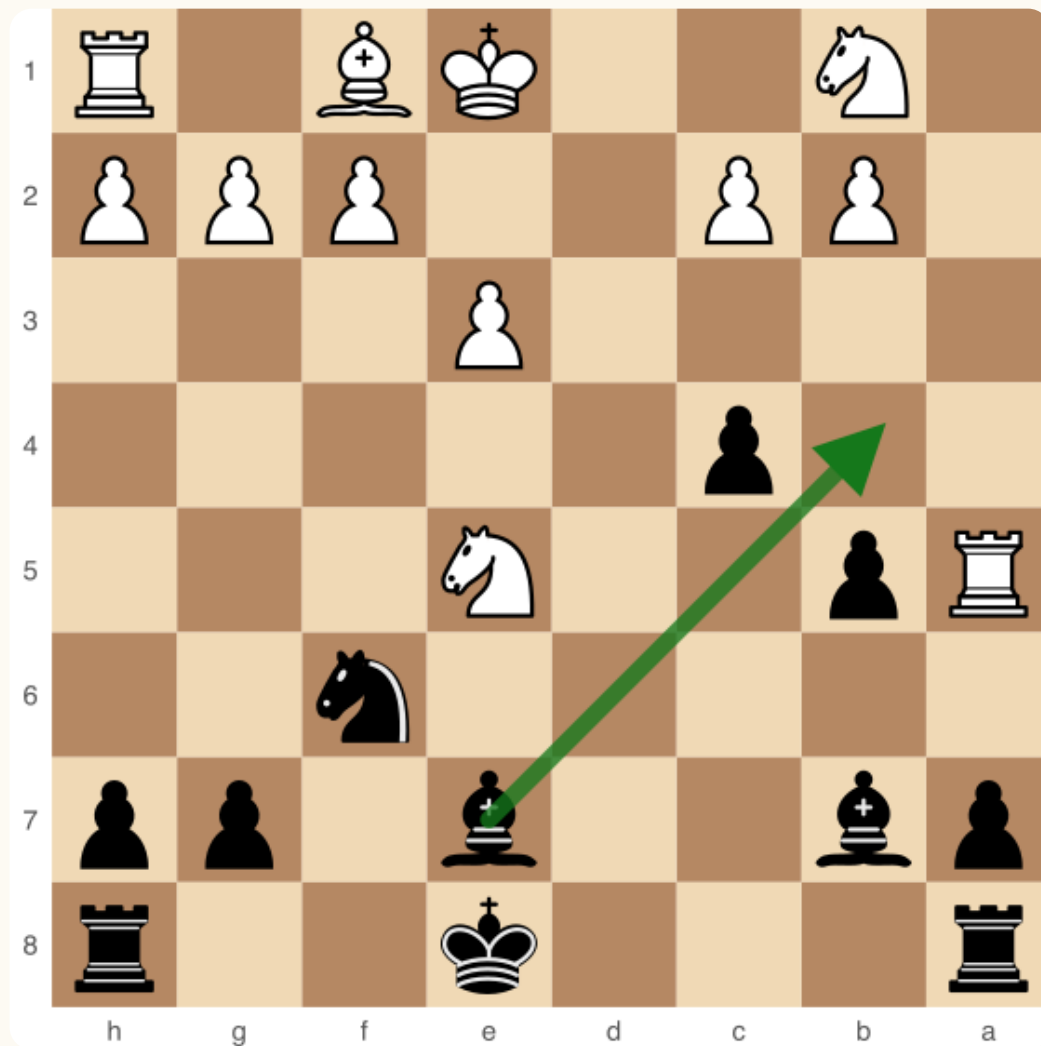
Puzzle 9

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Find the move that points at two of their pieces at the same time.

Puzzle 9 – Answer



Best move: e7→b4 – the double attack.

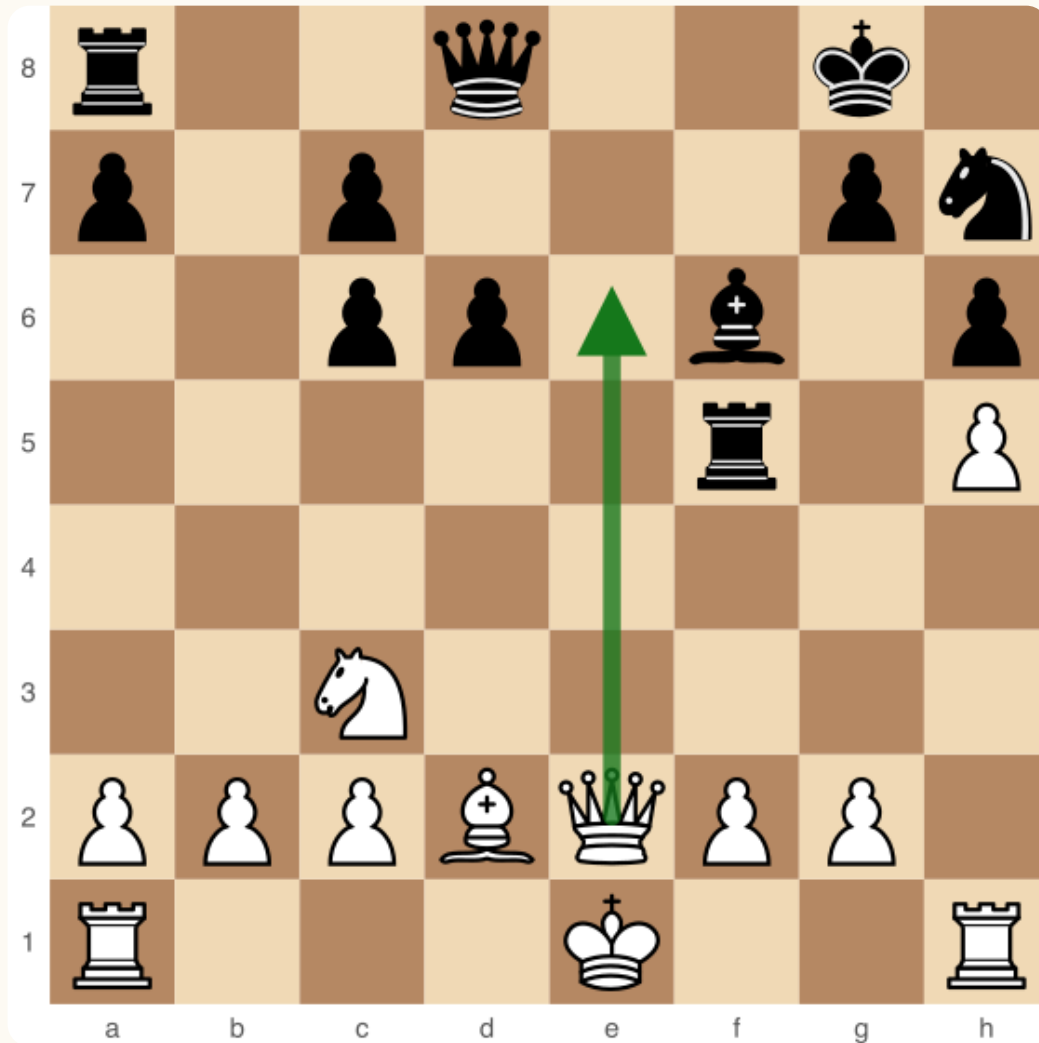
Puzzle 10

White to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Make one threat that hits two targets – they can only answer one.

Puzzle 10 – Answer

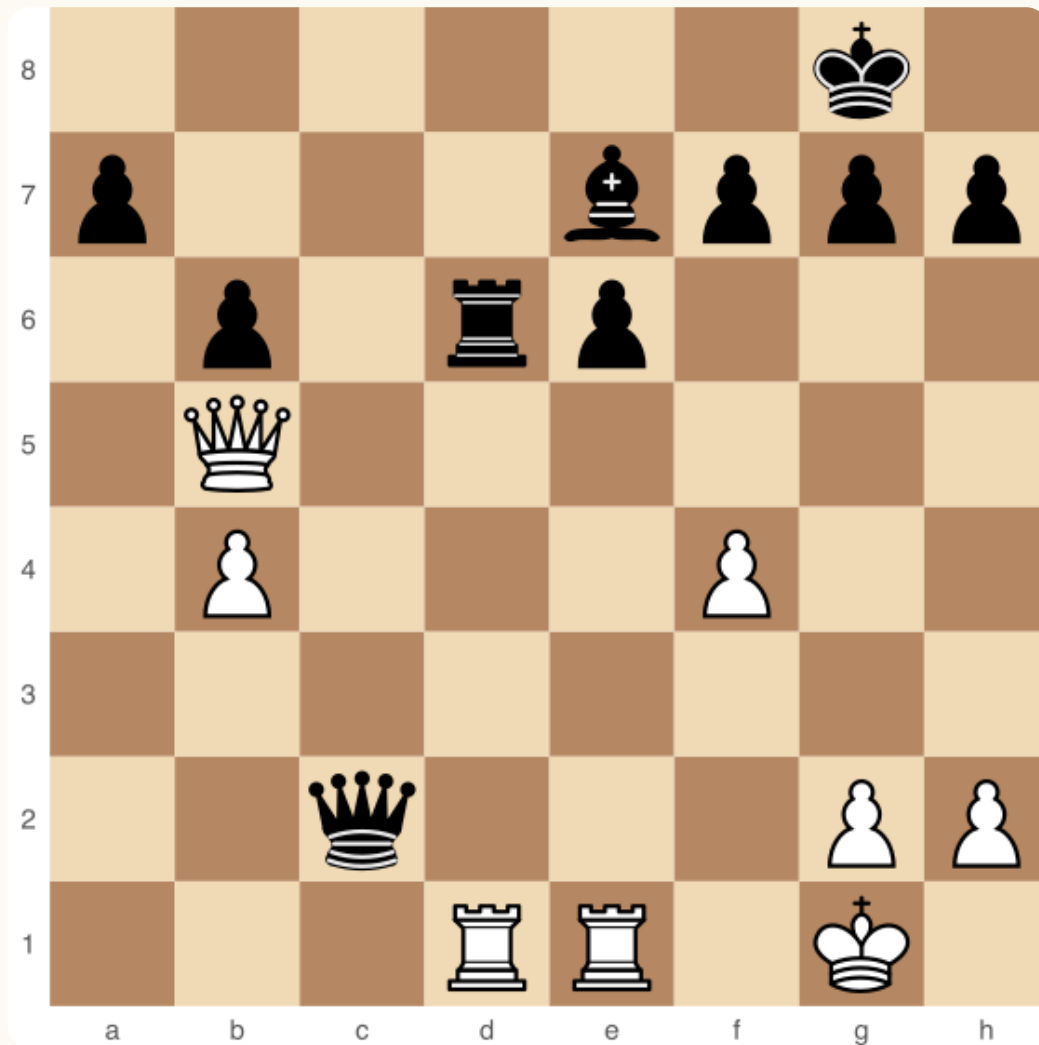


Best move: e2→e6 – the double attack.

On a Line – the Pin

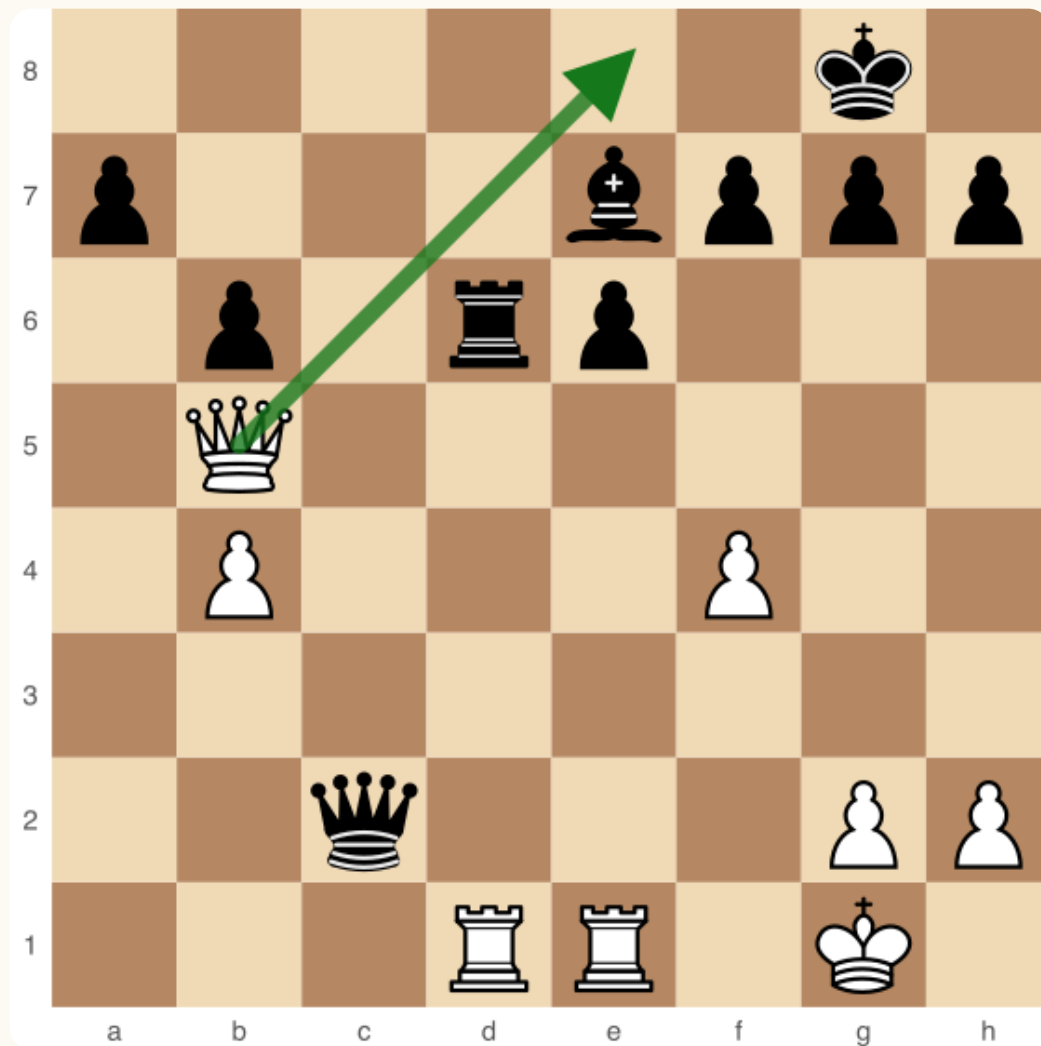
Puzzle 11

White to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Find the piece you can freeze in place – it can't move without giving up something bigger behind it.

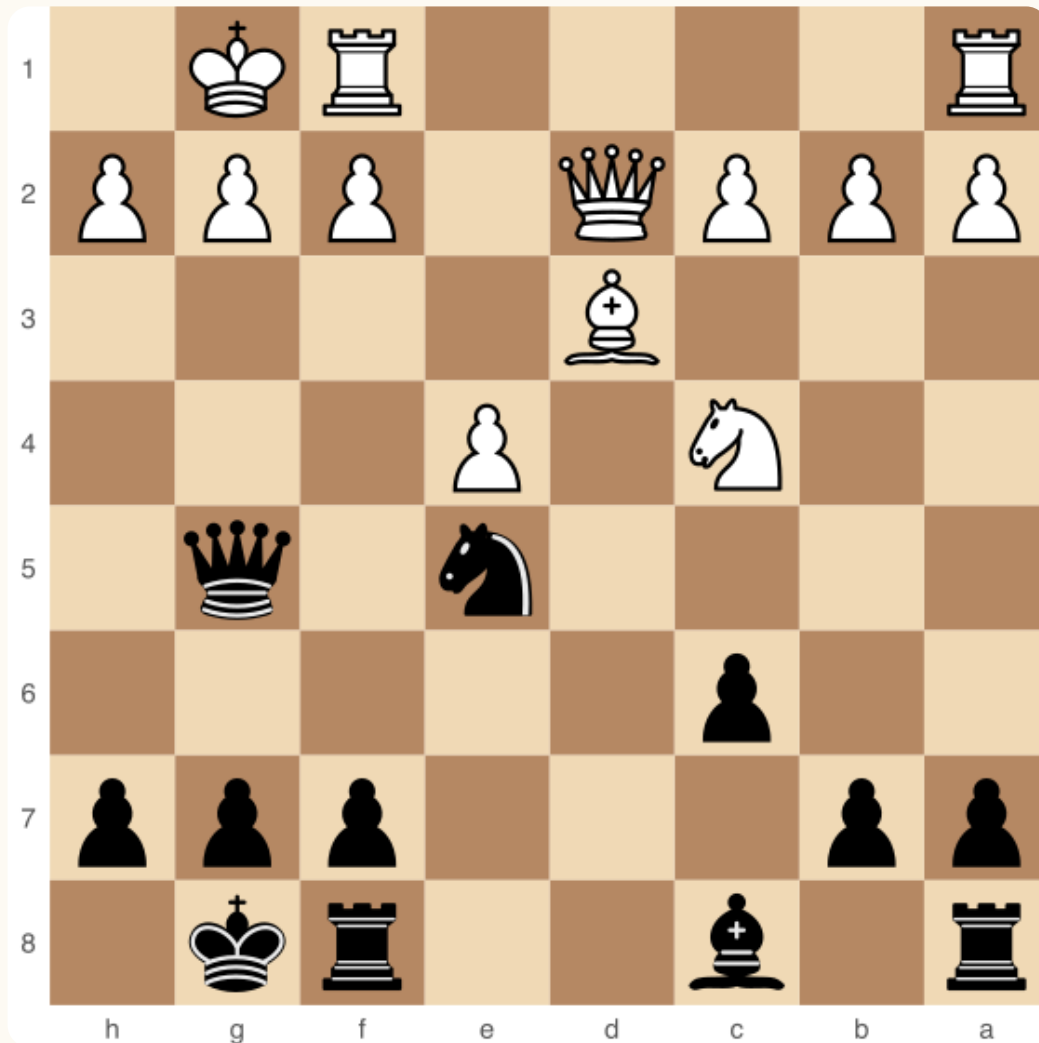
Puzzle 11 – Answer



Best move: b5→e8 – the pin.

Puzzle 12

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Line your piece up so theirs is stuck guarding a more valuable piece. Then it can't run.

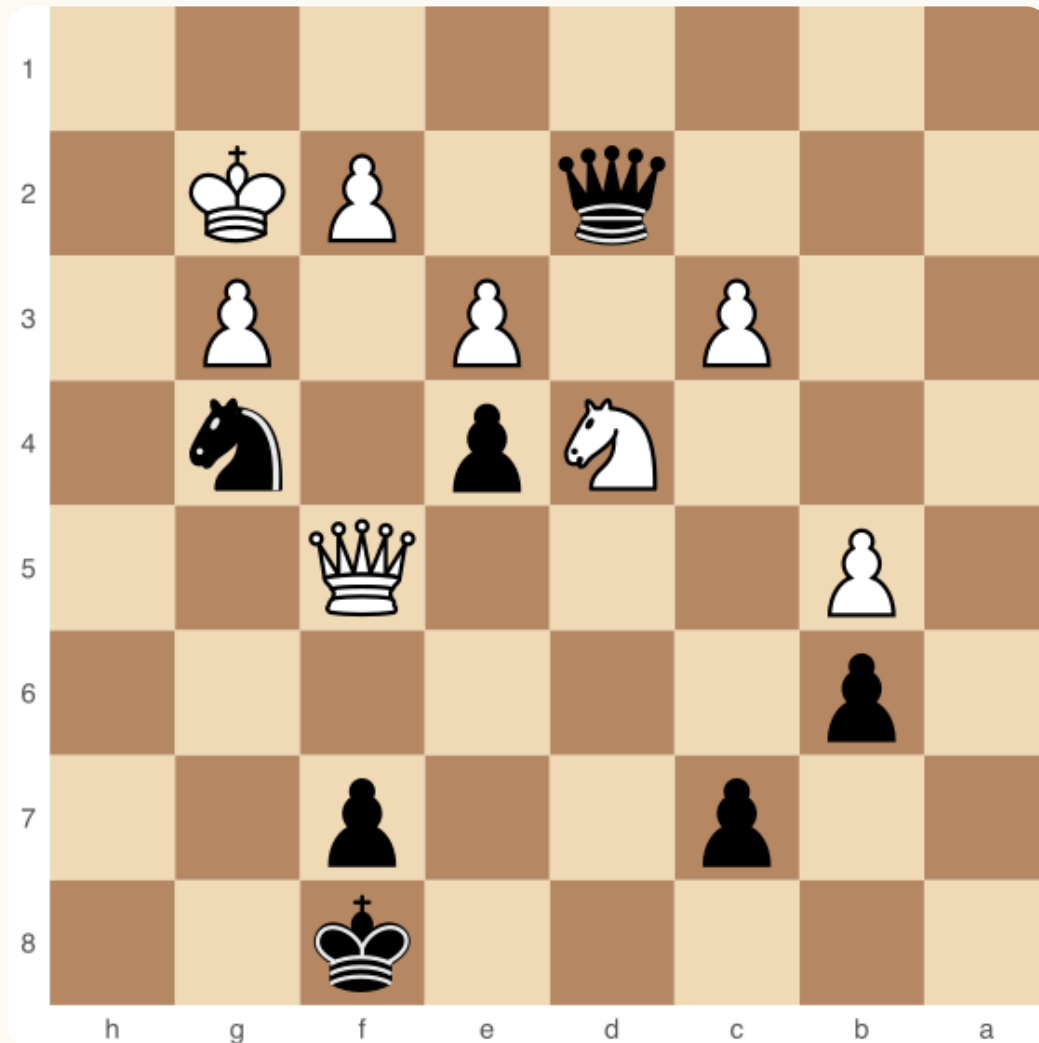
Puzzle 12 – Answer



Best move: e5→f3 – the pin.

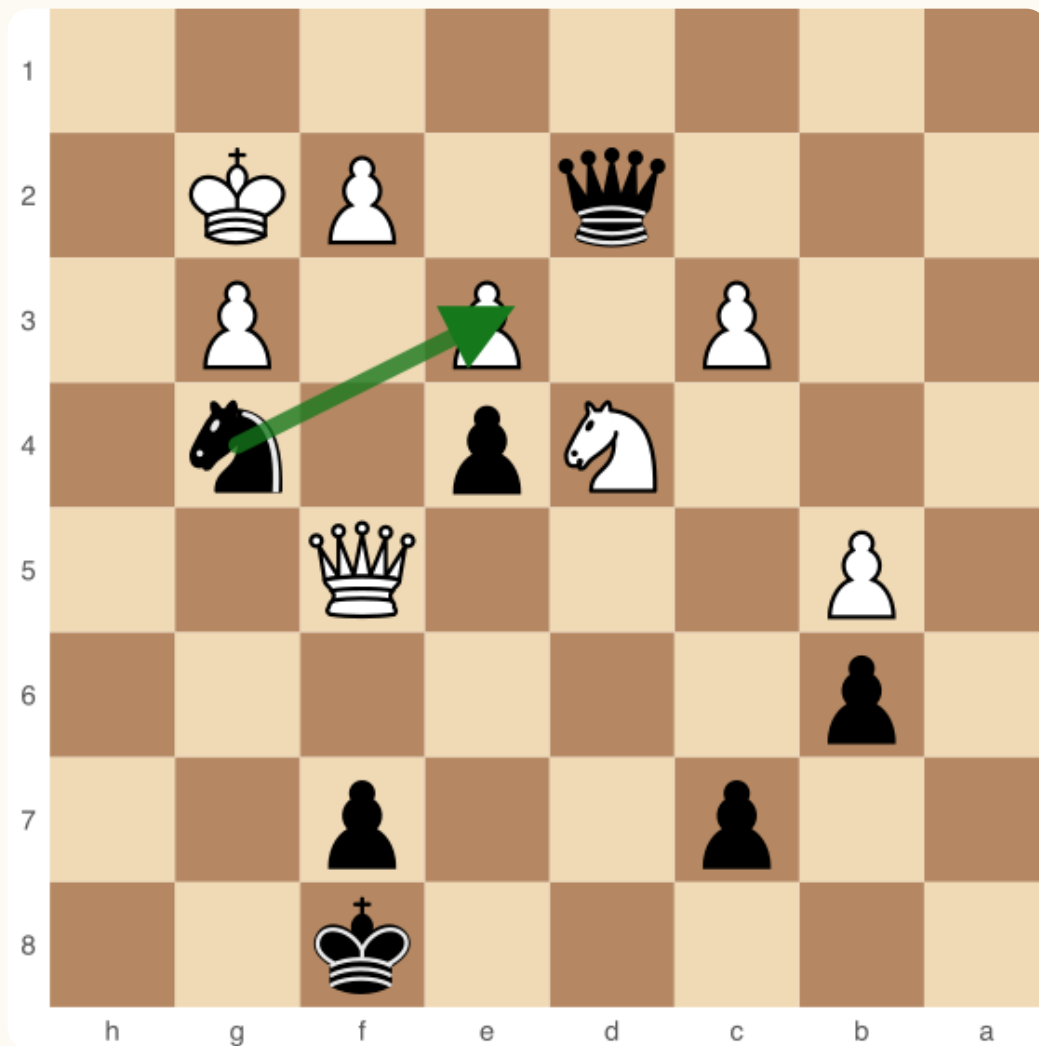
Puzzle 13

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Pin a defender to something it must protect, and the attack is yours.

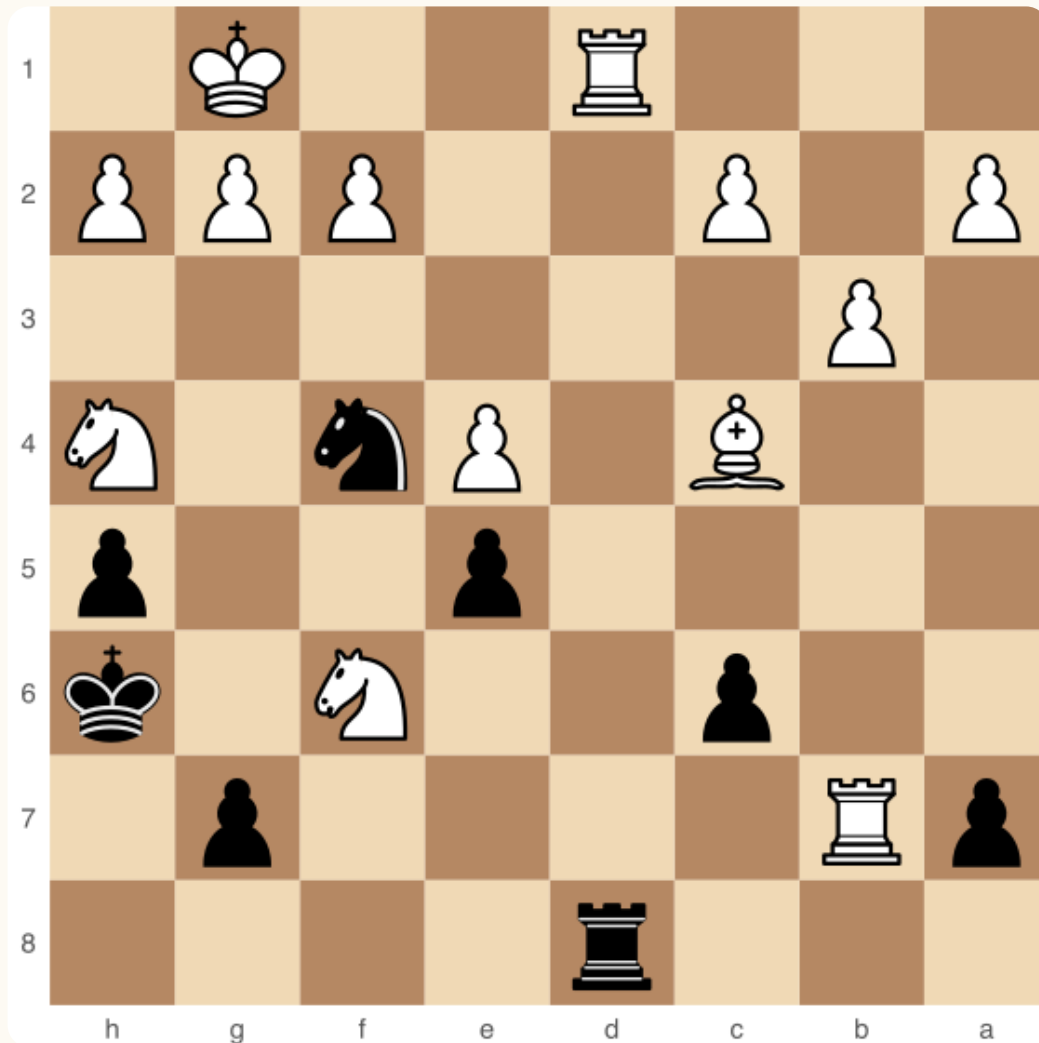
Puzzle 13 – Answer



Best move: g4→e3 – the pin.

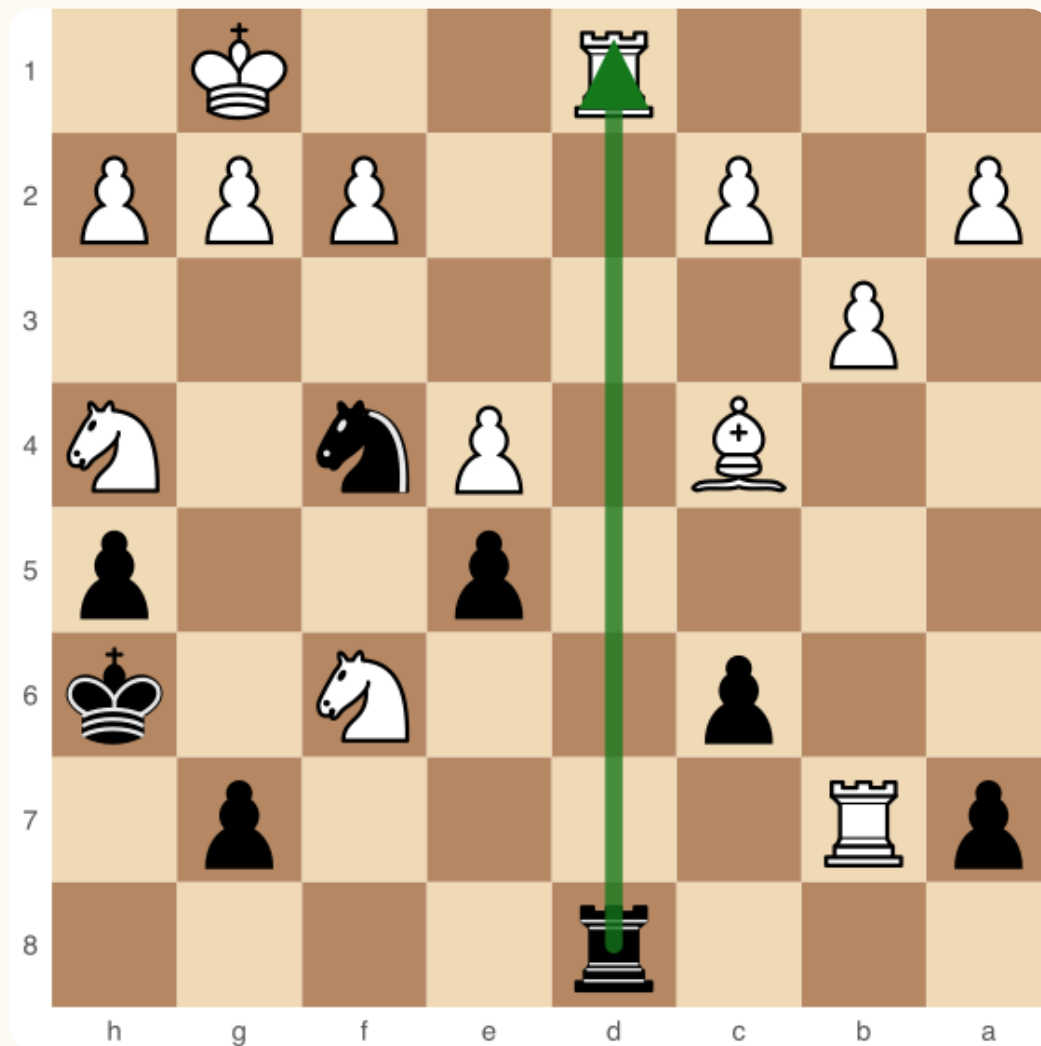
Puzzle 14

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Find the piece you can freeze in place – it can't move without giving up something bigger behind it.

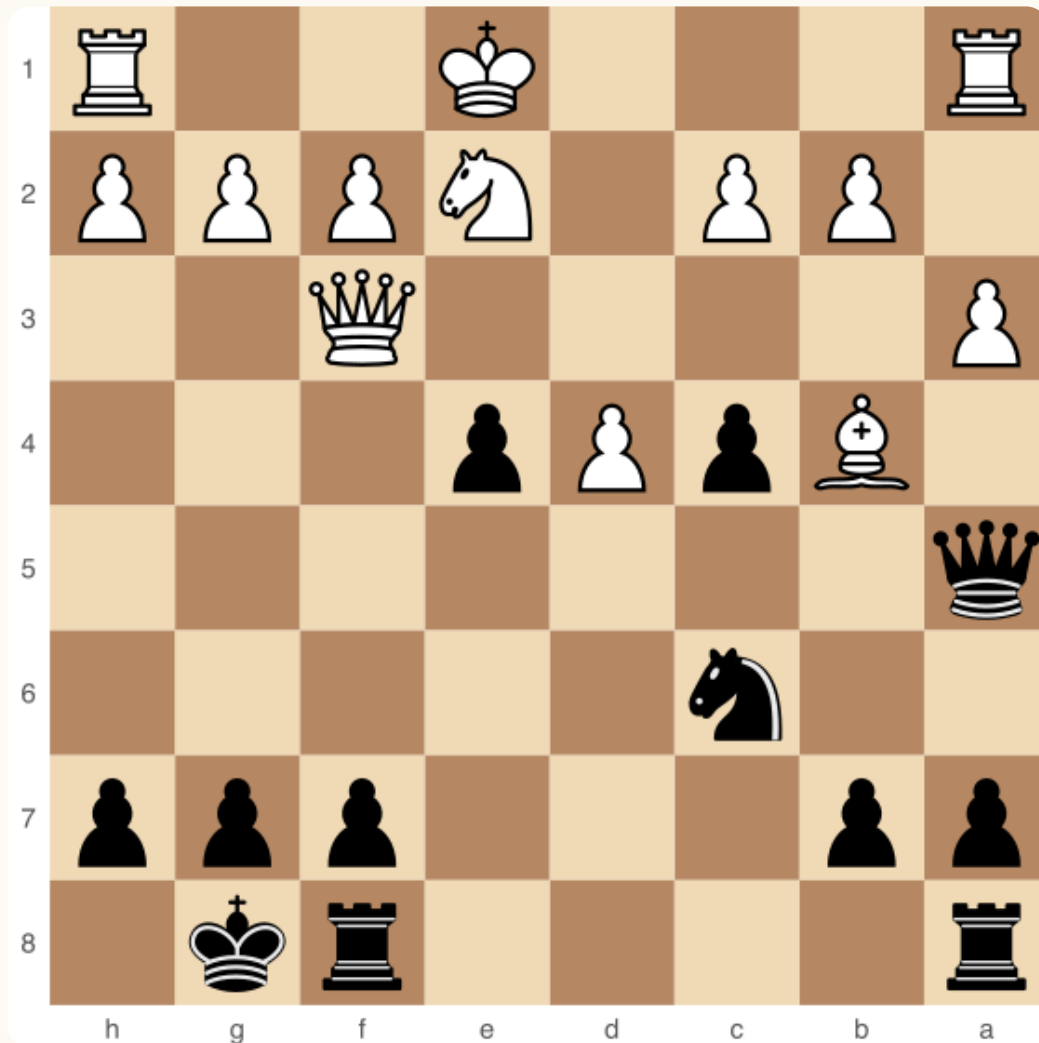
Puzzle 14 – Answer



Best move: d8→d1 – the pin.

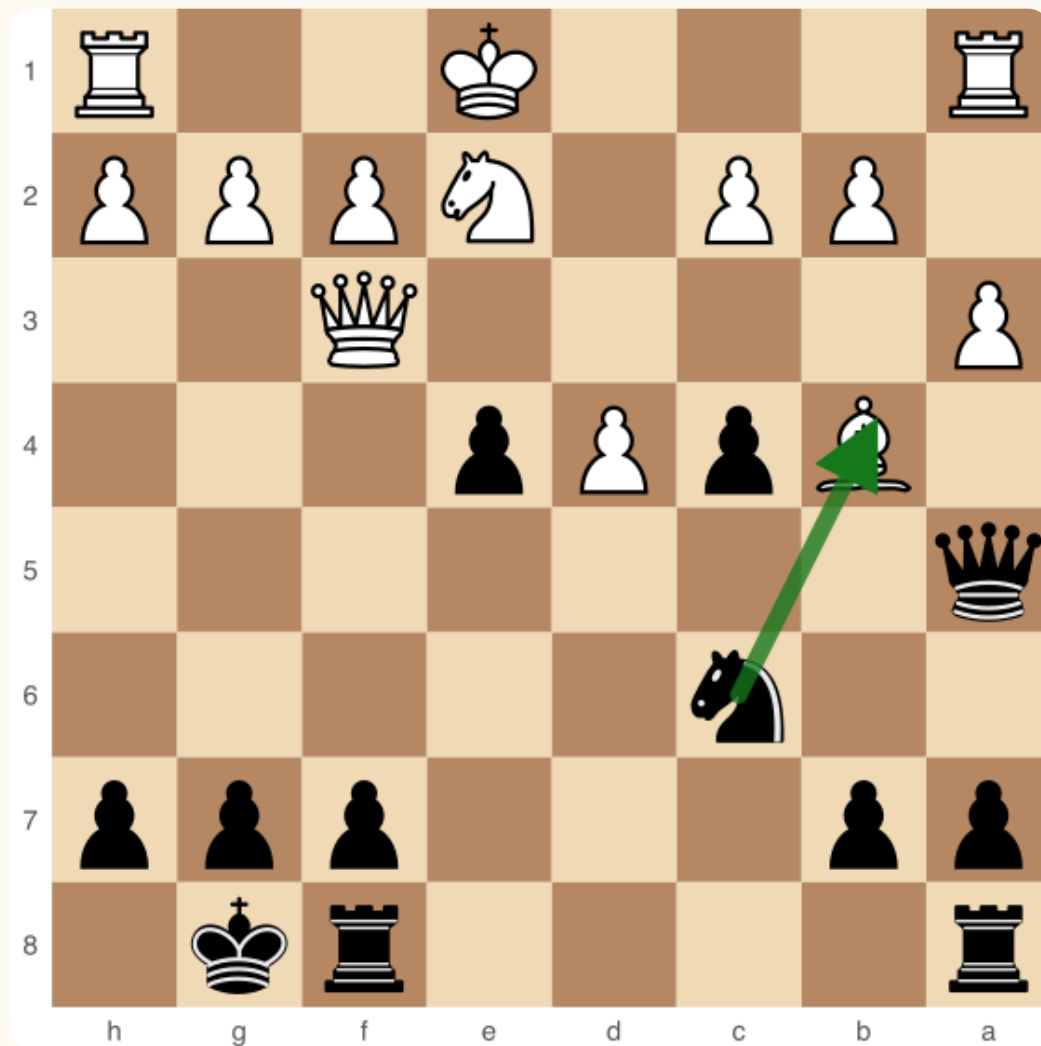
Puzzle 15

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Line your piece up so theirs is stuck guarding a more valuable piece. Then it can't run.

Puzzle 15 – Answer

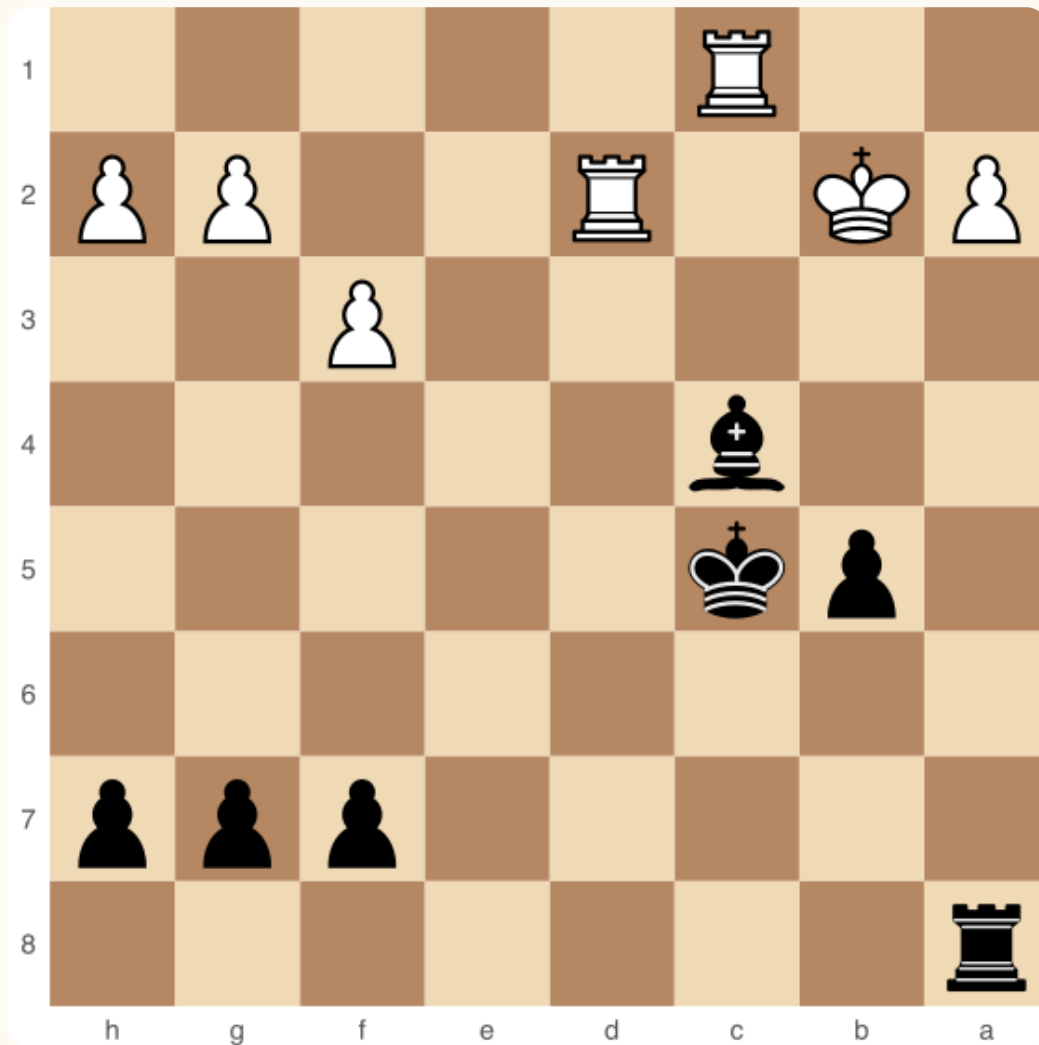


Best move: c6→b4 – the pin.

On a Line – the Skewer

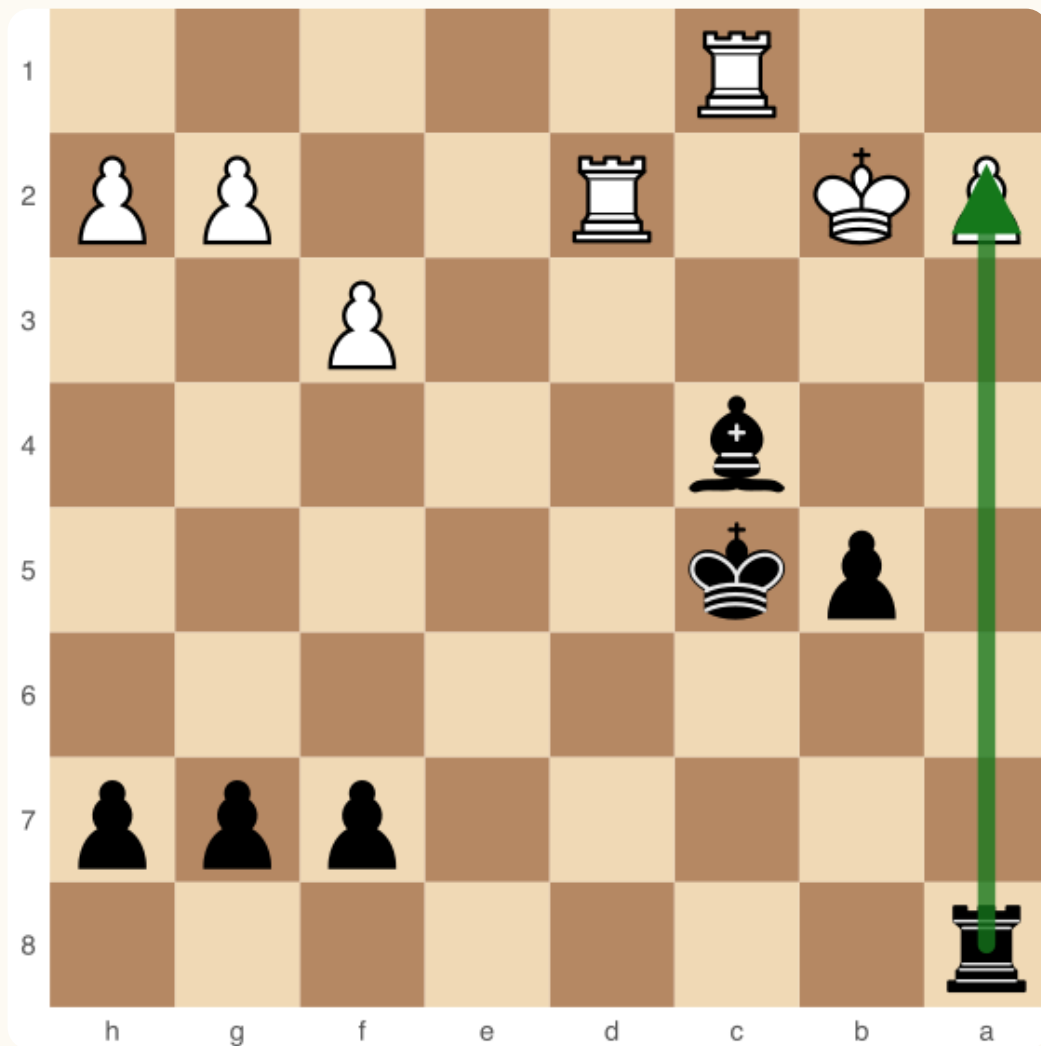
Puzzle 16

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Attack the valuable piece in front. When it steps aside, grab the one hiding behind it.

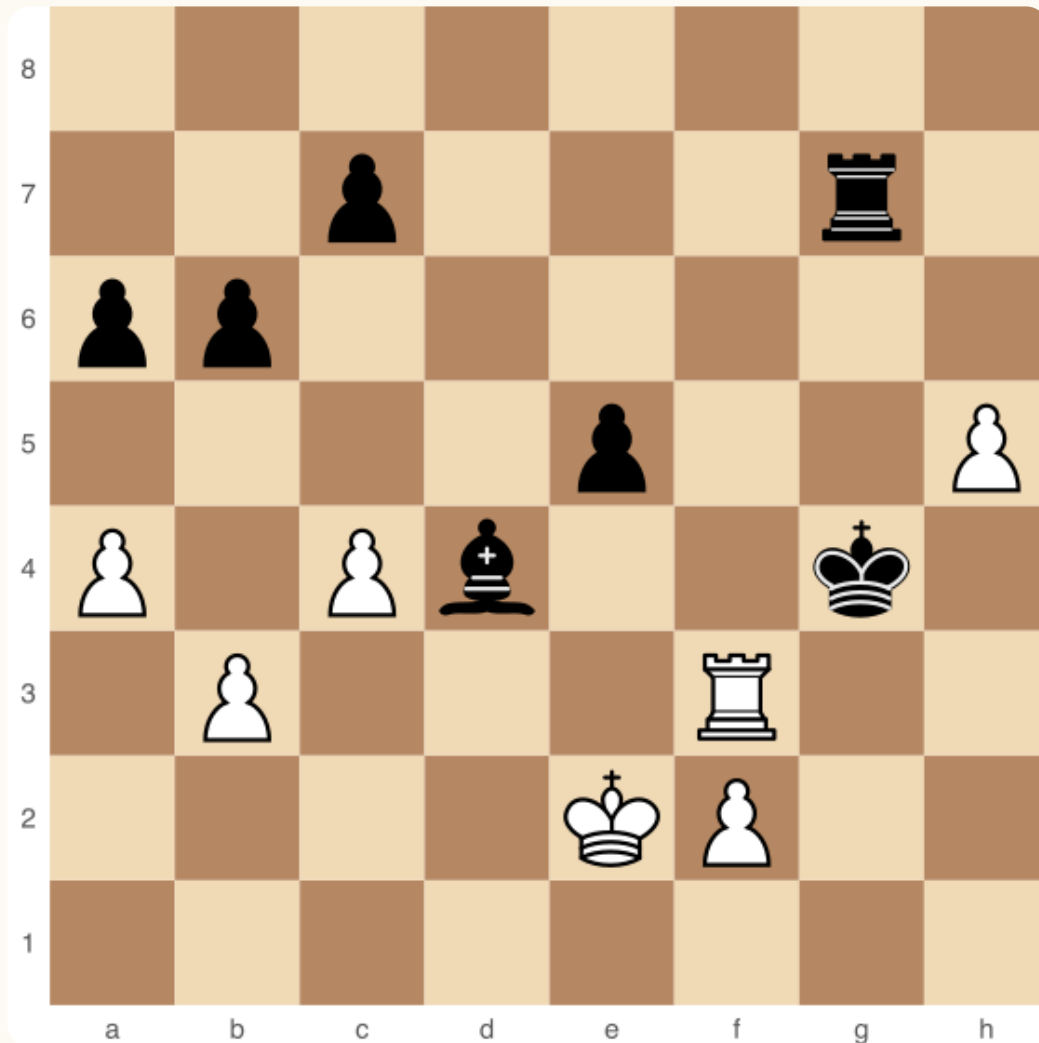
Puzzle 16 – Answer



Best move: a8→a2 – the skewer.

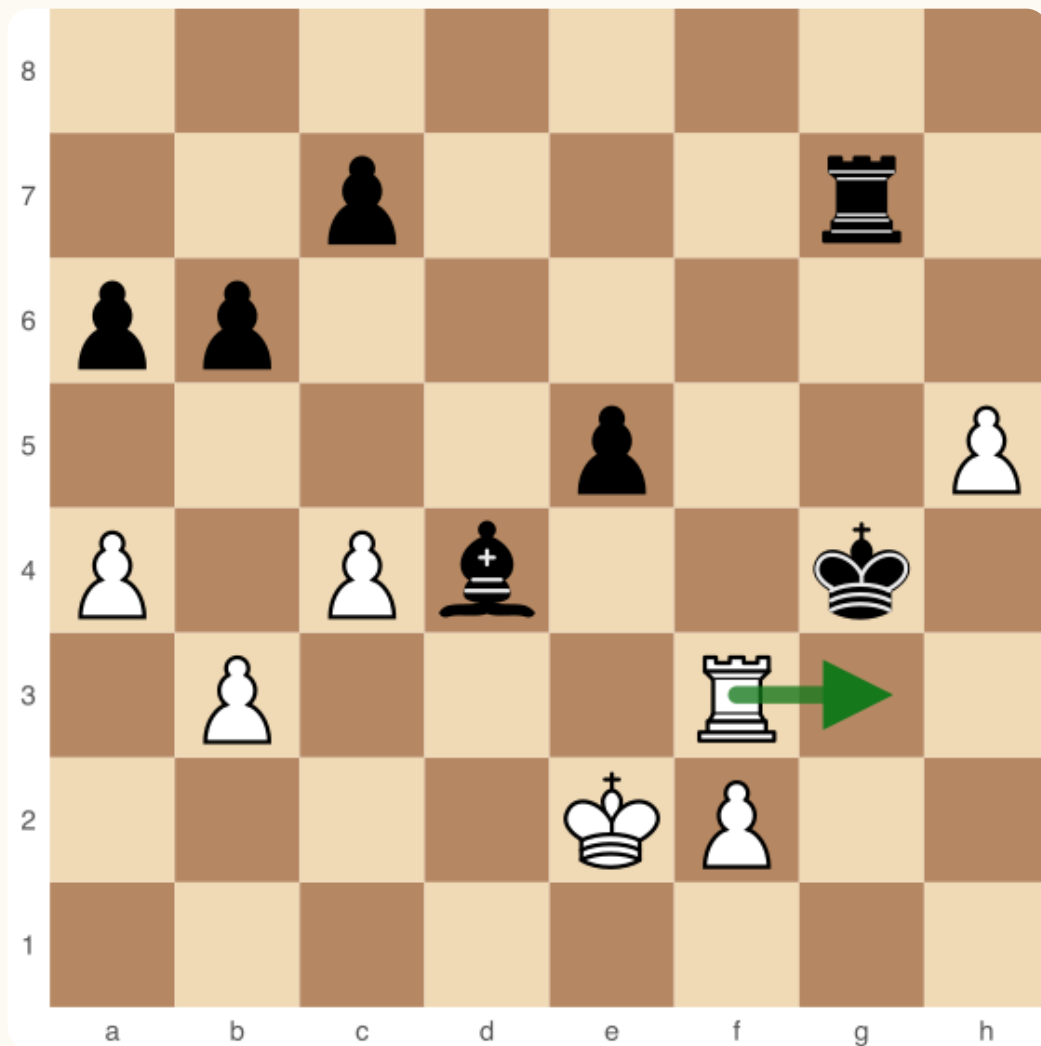
Puzzle 17

White to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Line up their two pieces, big one in front. Force it to move and win what's behind.

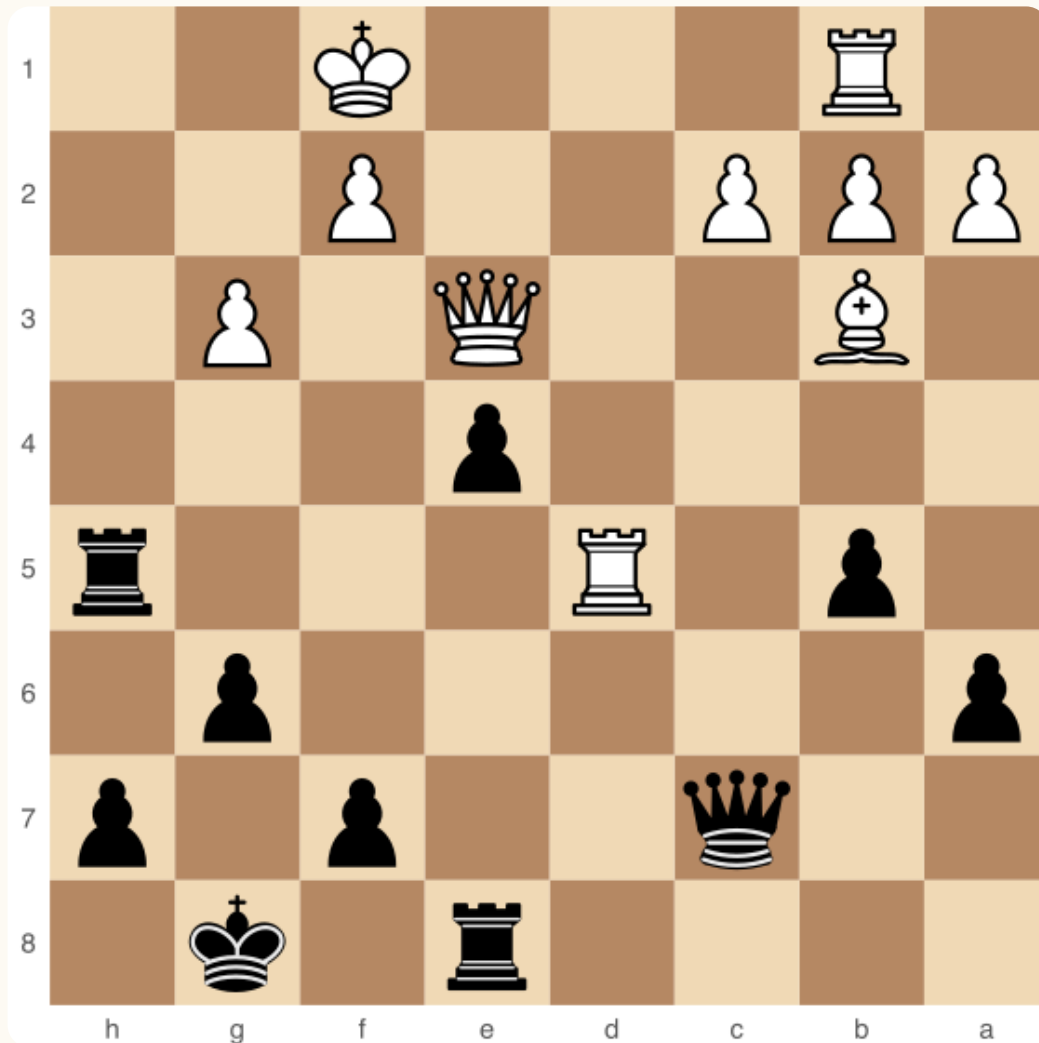
Puzzle 17 – Answer



Best move: f3→g3 – the skewer.

Puzzle 18

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Shoo the front piece off the line and collect the piece it was shielding.

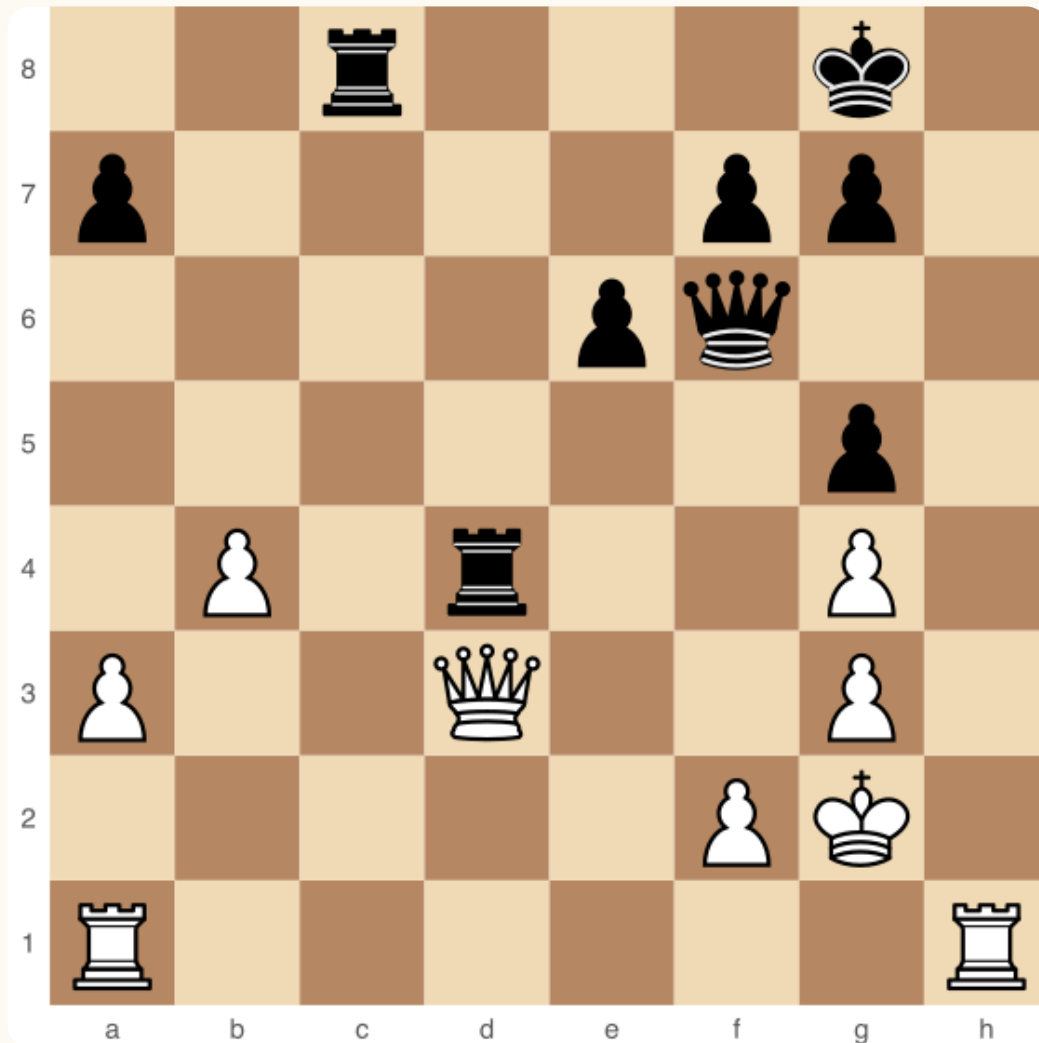
Puzzle 18 – Answer



Best move: h5→h1 – the skewer.

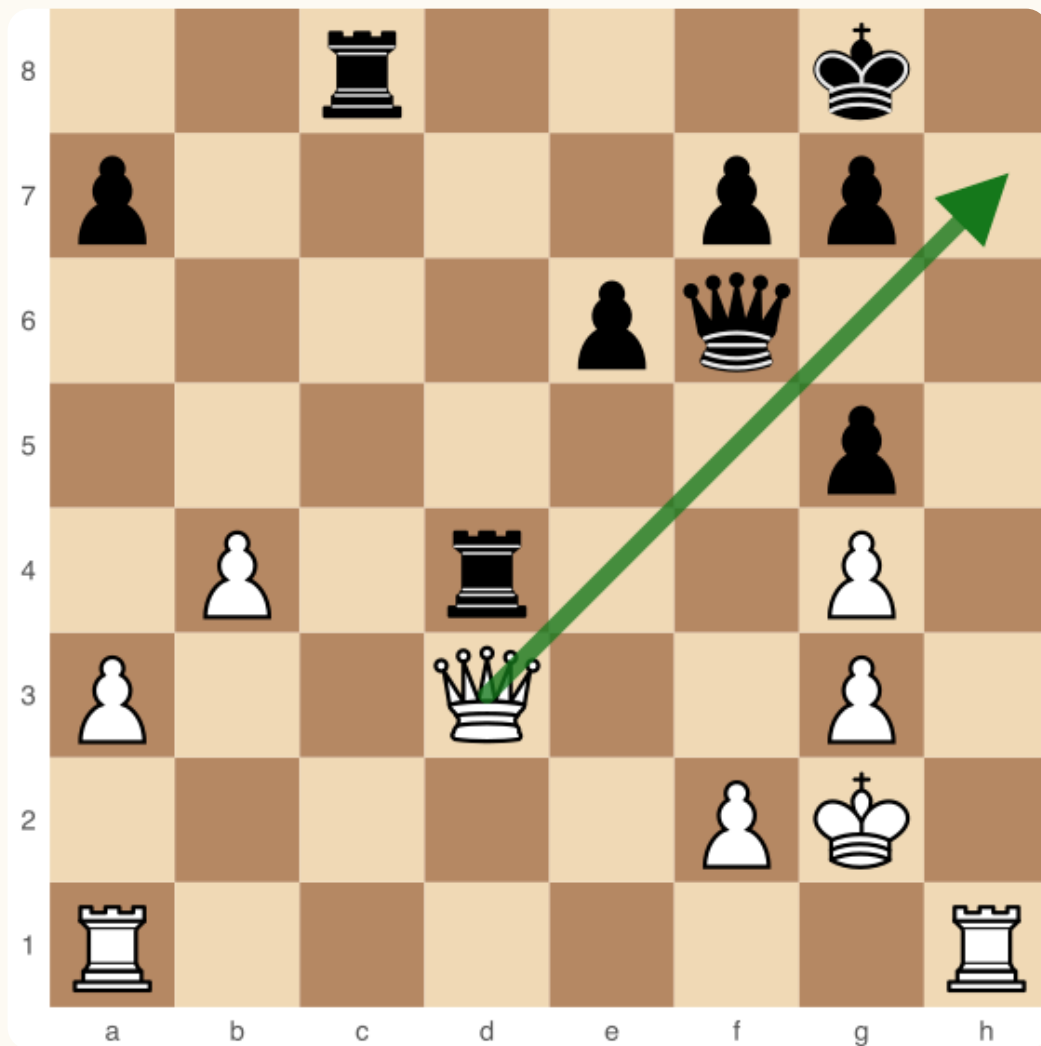
Puzzle 19

White to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Attack the valuable piece in front. When it steps aside, grab the one hiding behind it.

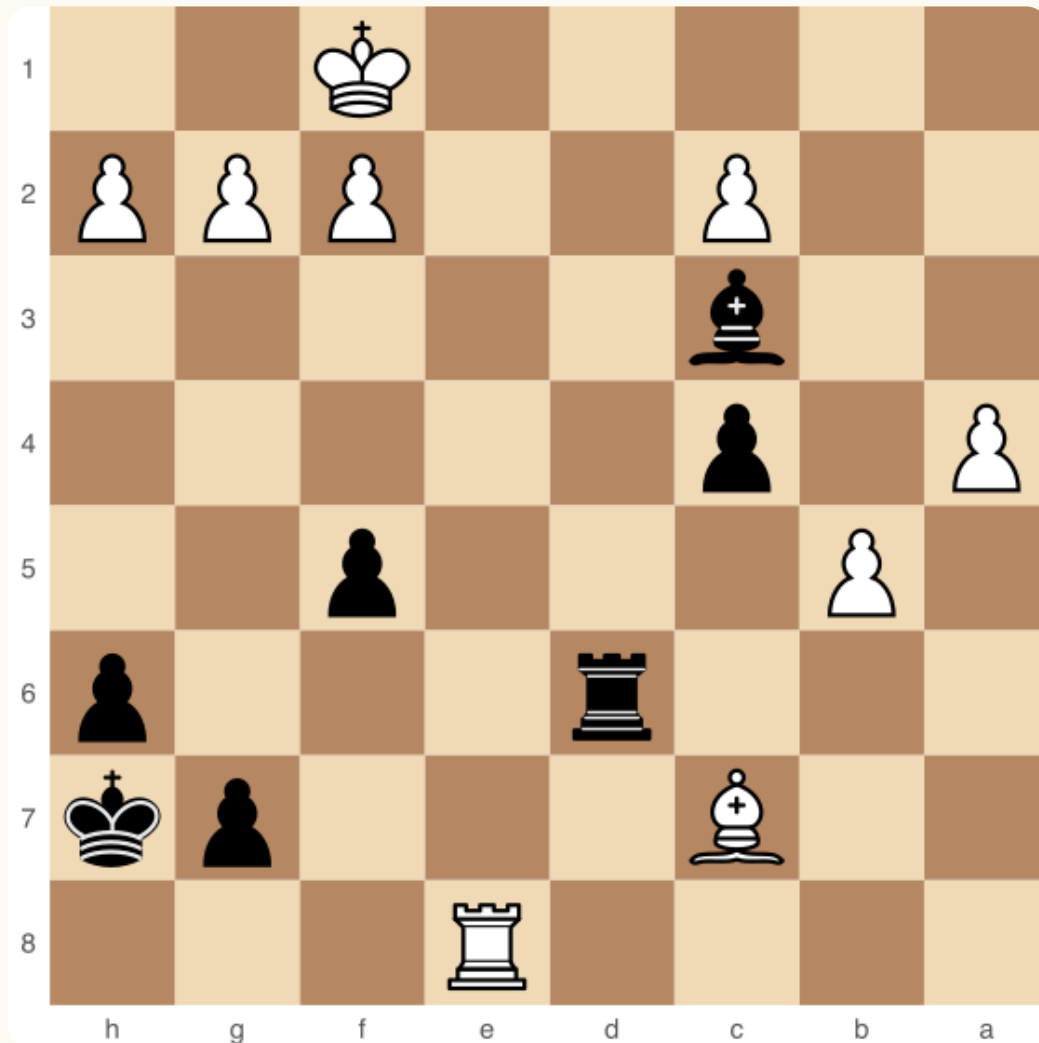
Puzzle 19 – Answer



Best move: d3→h7 – the skewer.

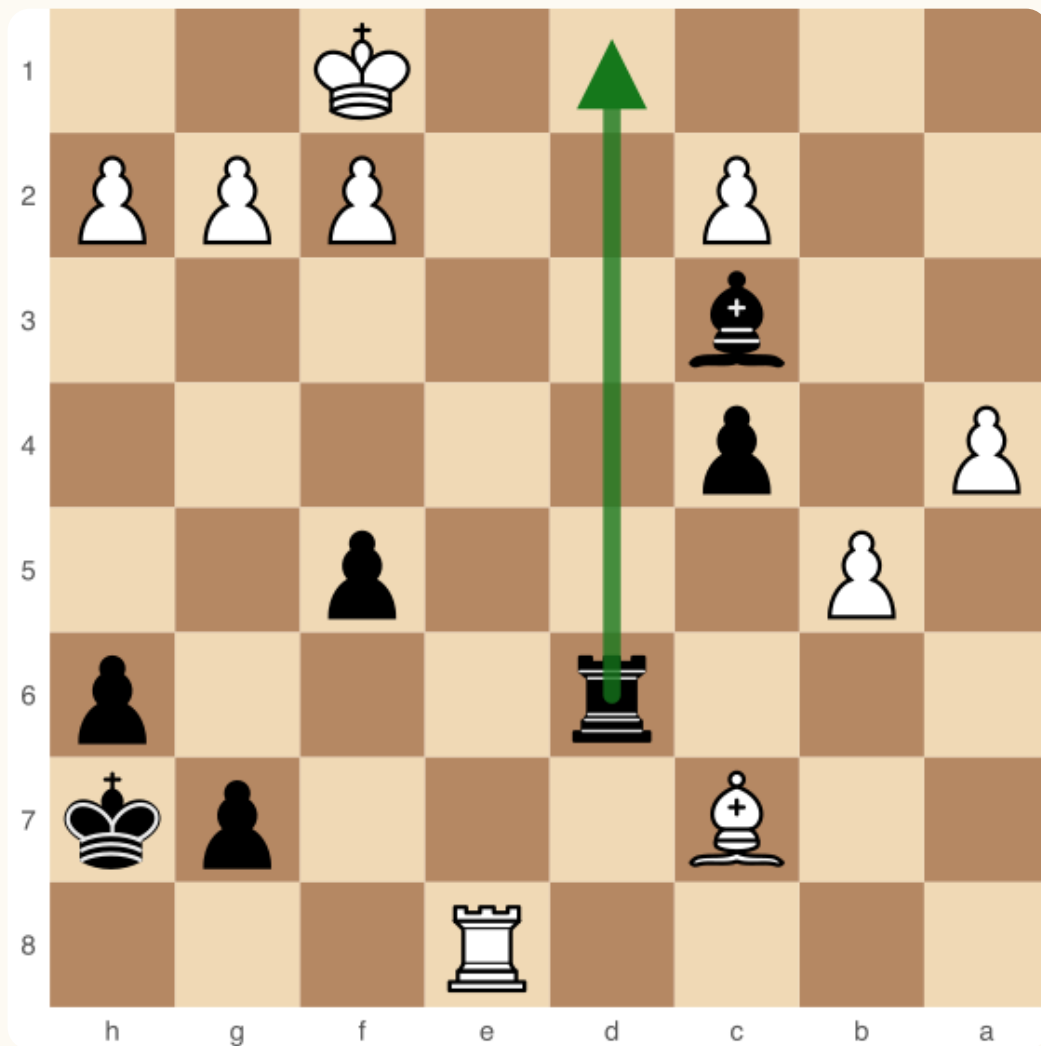
Puzzle 20

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Line up their two pieces, big one in front. Force it to move and win what's behind.

Puzzle 20 – Answer

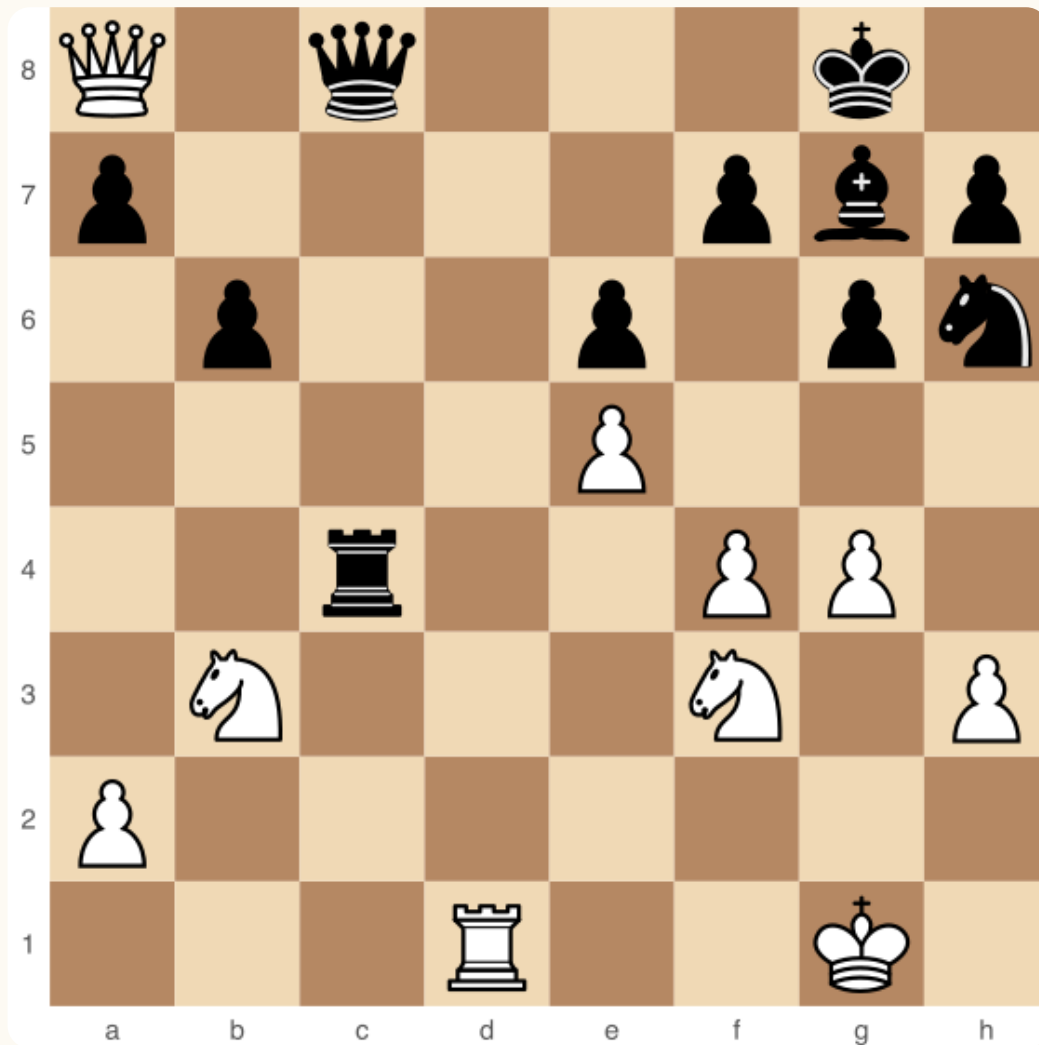


Best move: d6→d1 – the skewer.

Seeing Through – the X-Ray

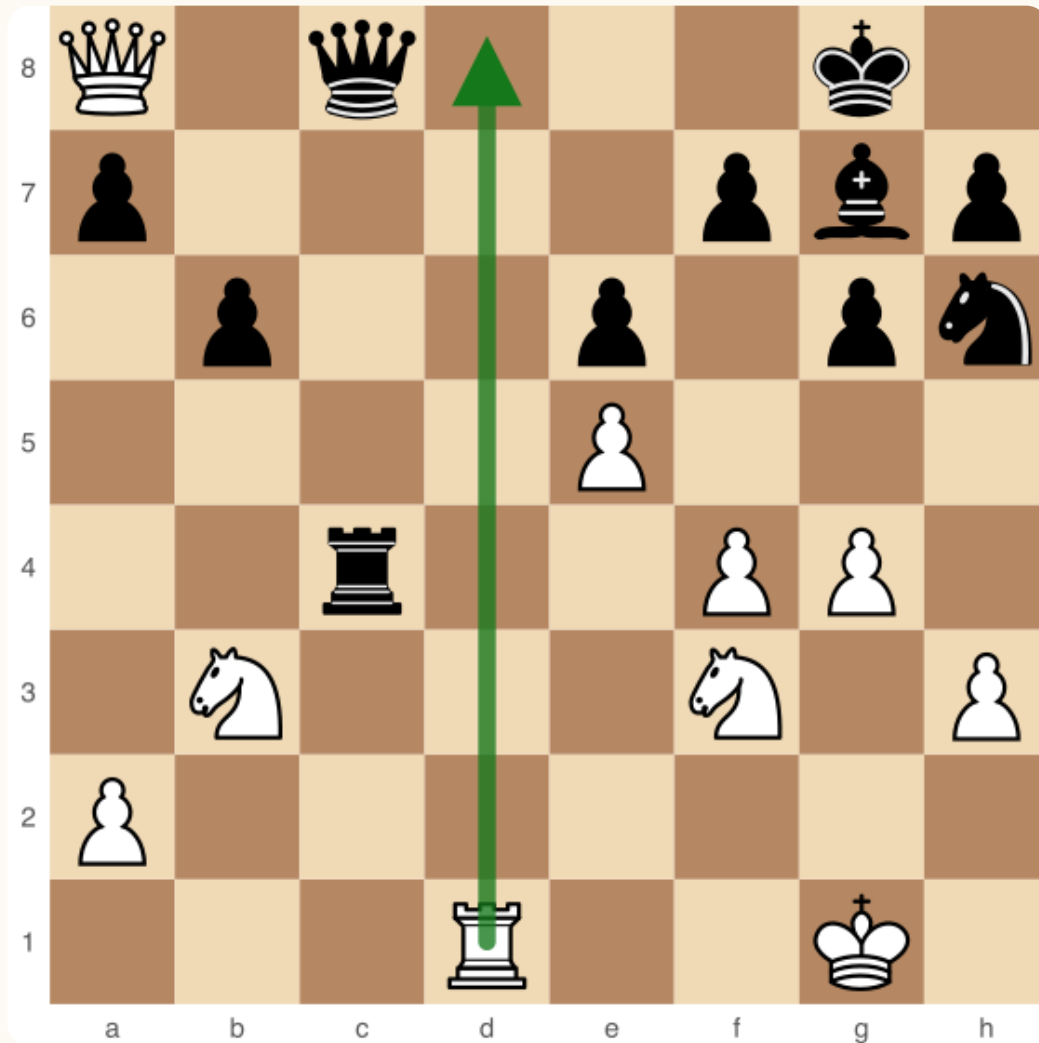
Puzzle 21

White to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Your piece sees straight through theirs to the target behind. Line it up and strike.

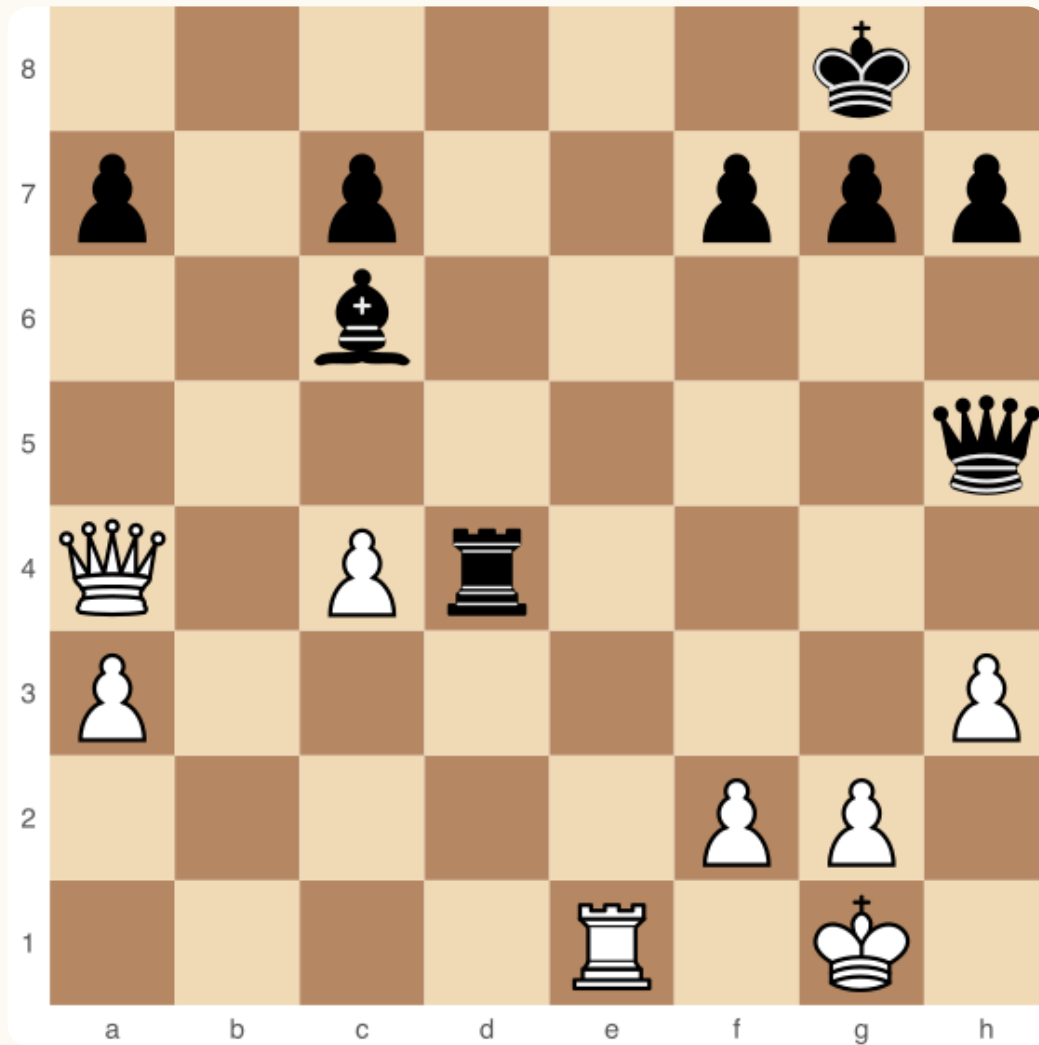
Puzzle 21 – Answer



Best move: d1 → d8 – the x-ray.

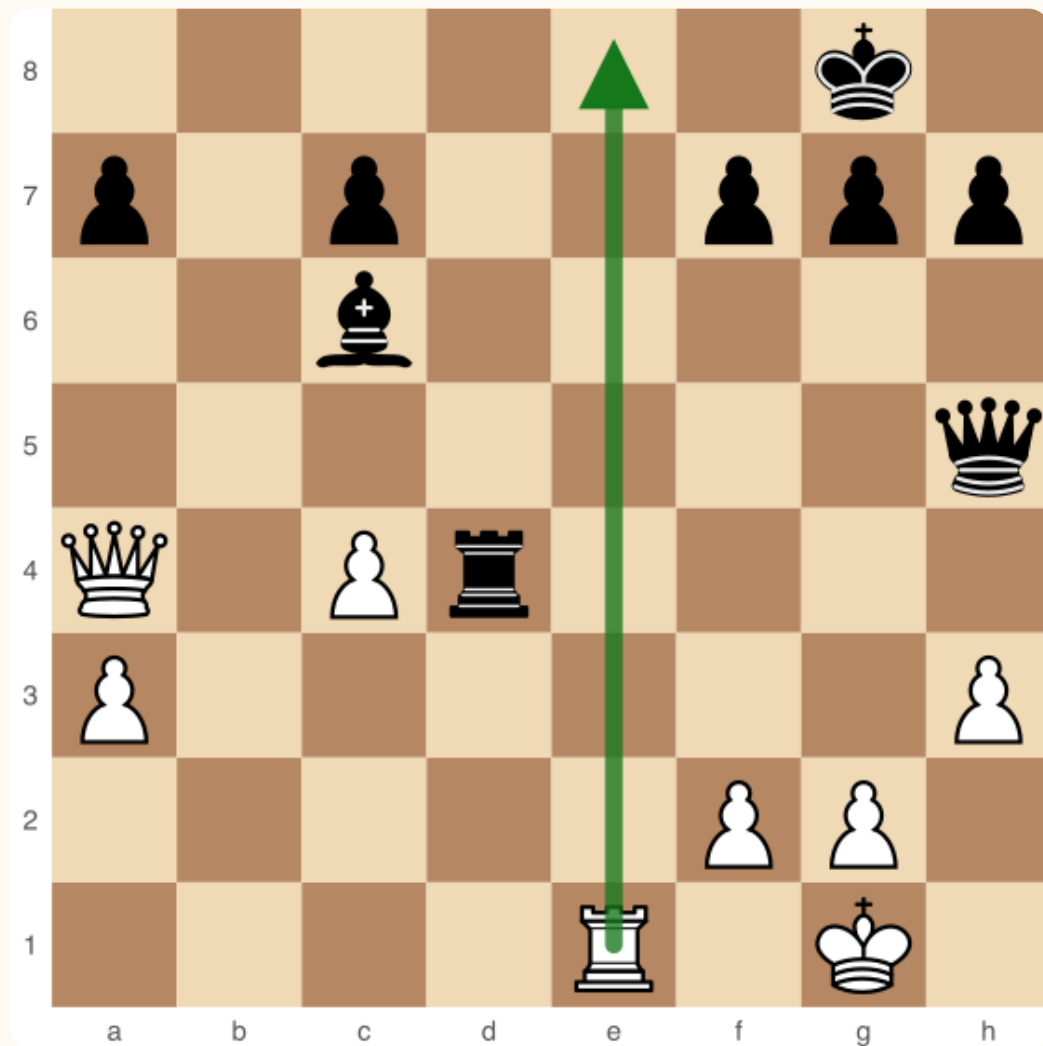
Puzzle 22

White to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Look right down the line – attack past the front piece to the one behind it.

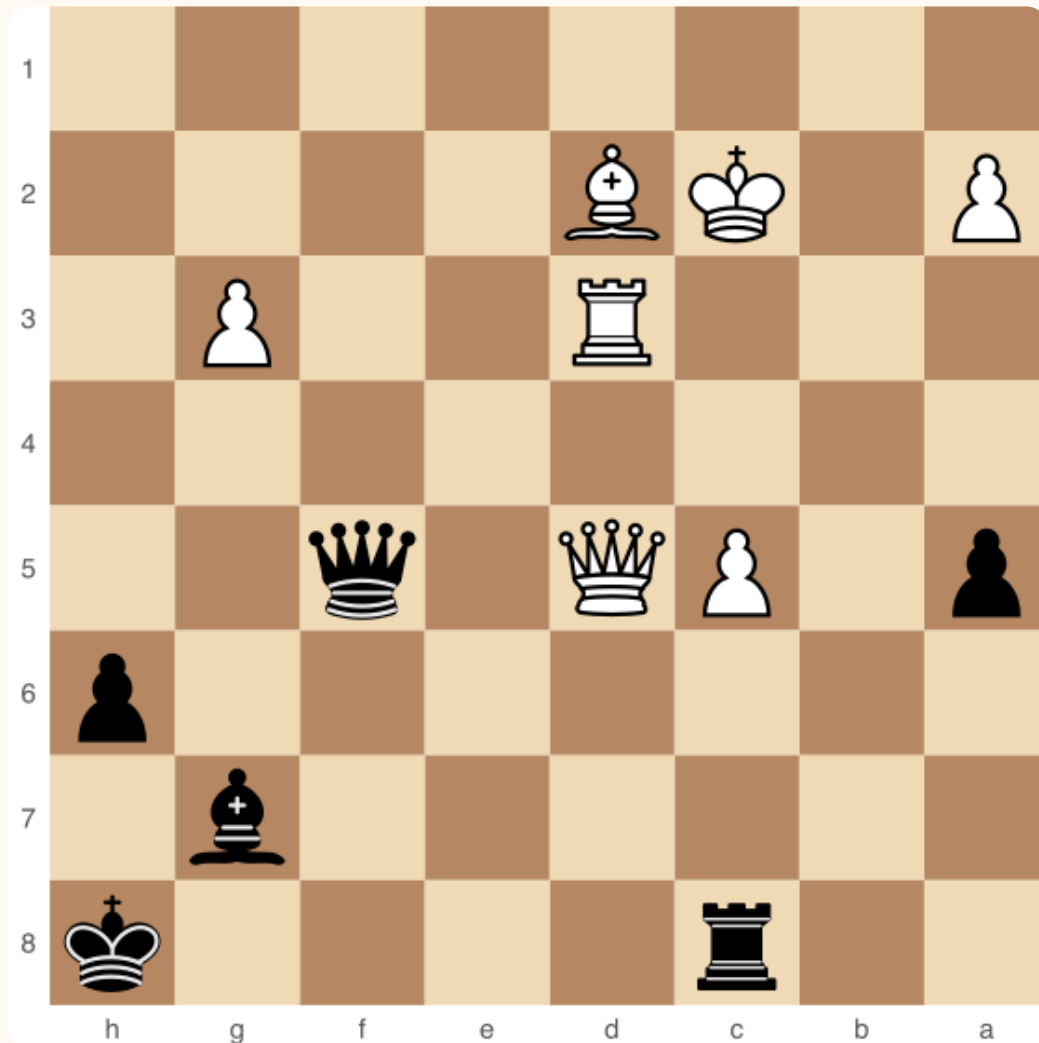
Puzzle 22 – Answer



Best move: e1 → e8 – the x-ray.

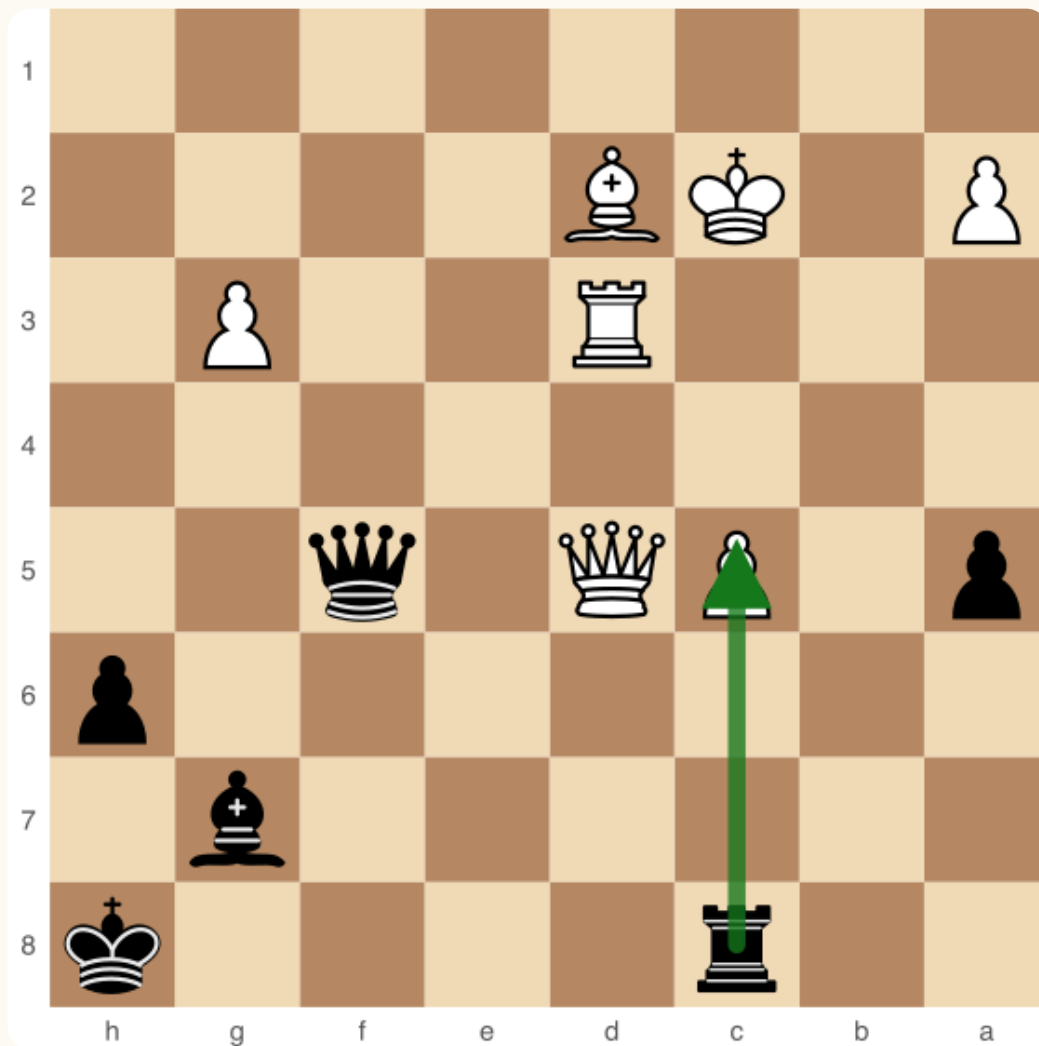
Puzzle 23

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Use your long-range piece to reach through and threaten what's hiding behind.

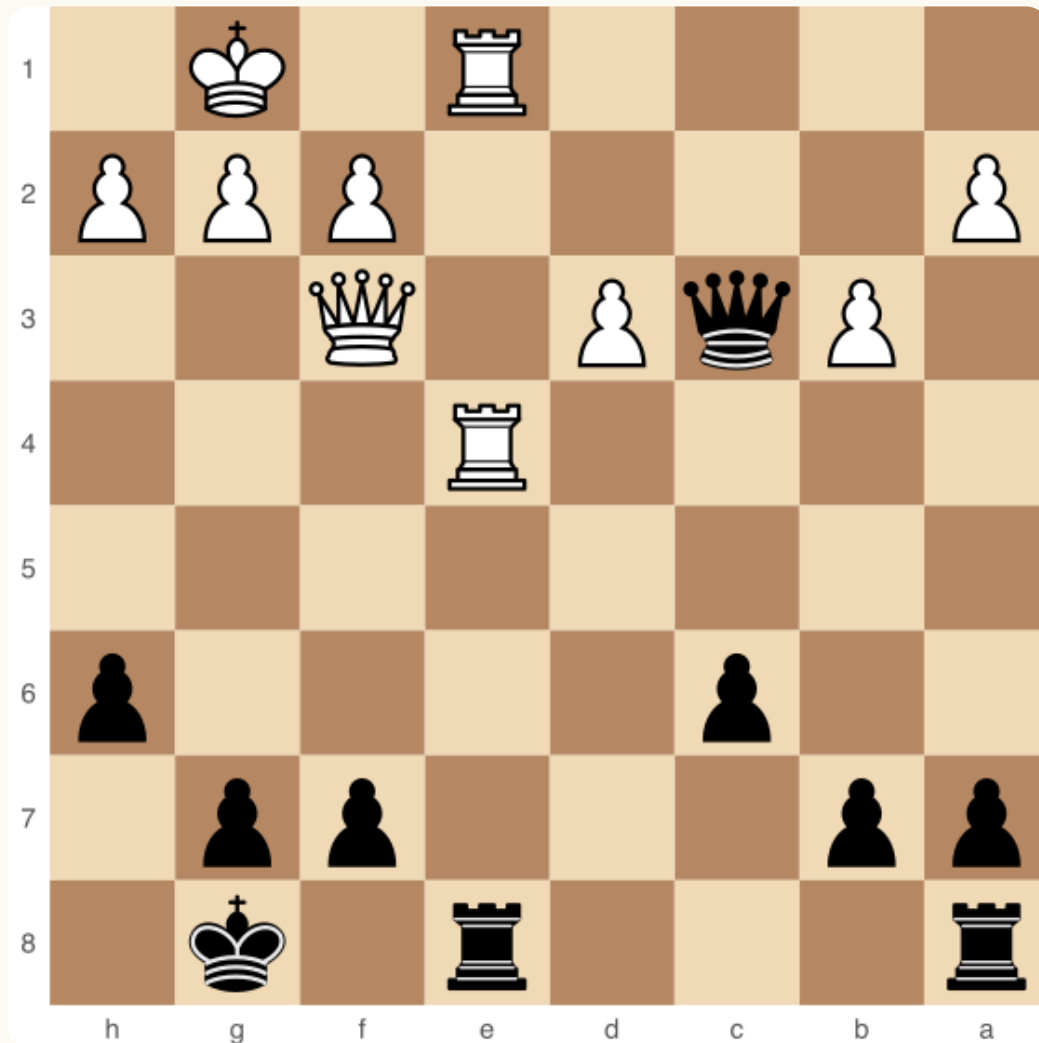
Puzzle 23 – Answer



Best move: c8→c5 – the x-ray.

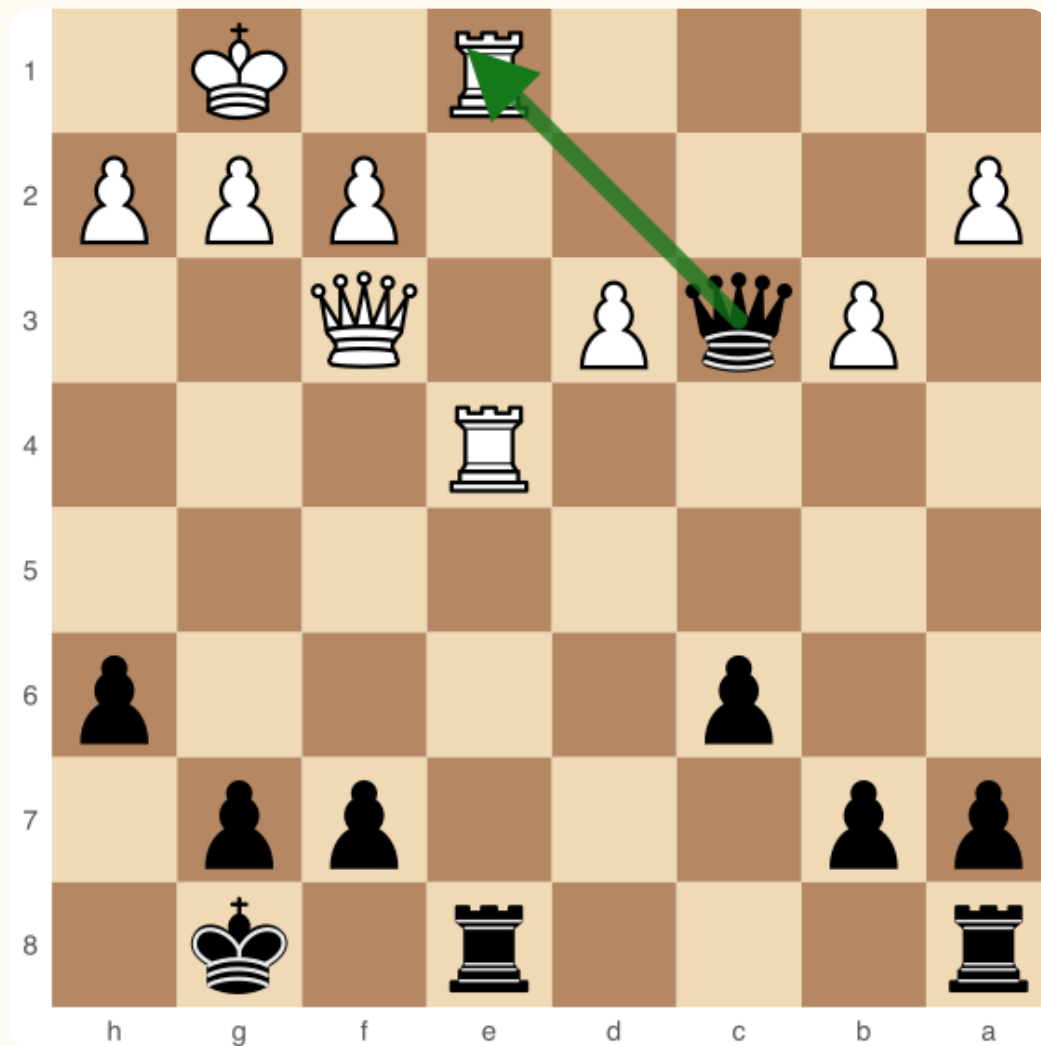
Puzzle 24

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Your piece sees straight through theirs to the target behind. Line it up and strike.

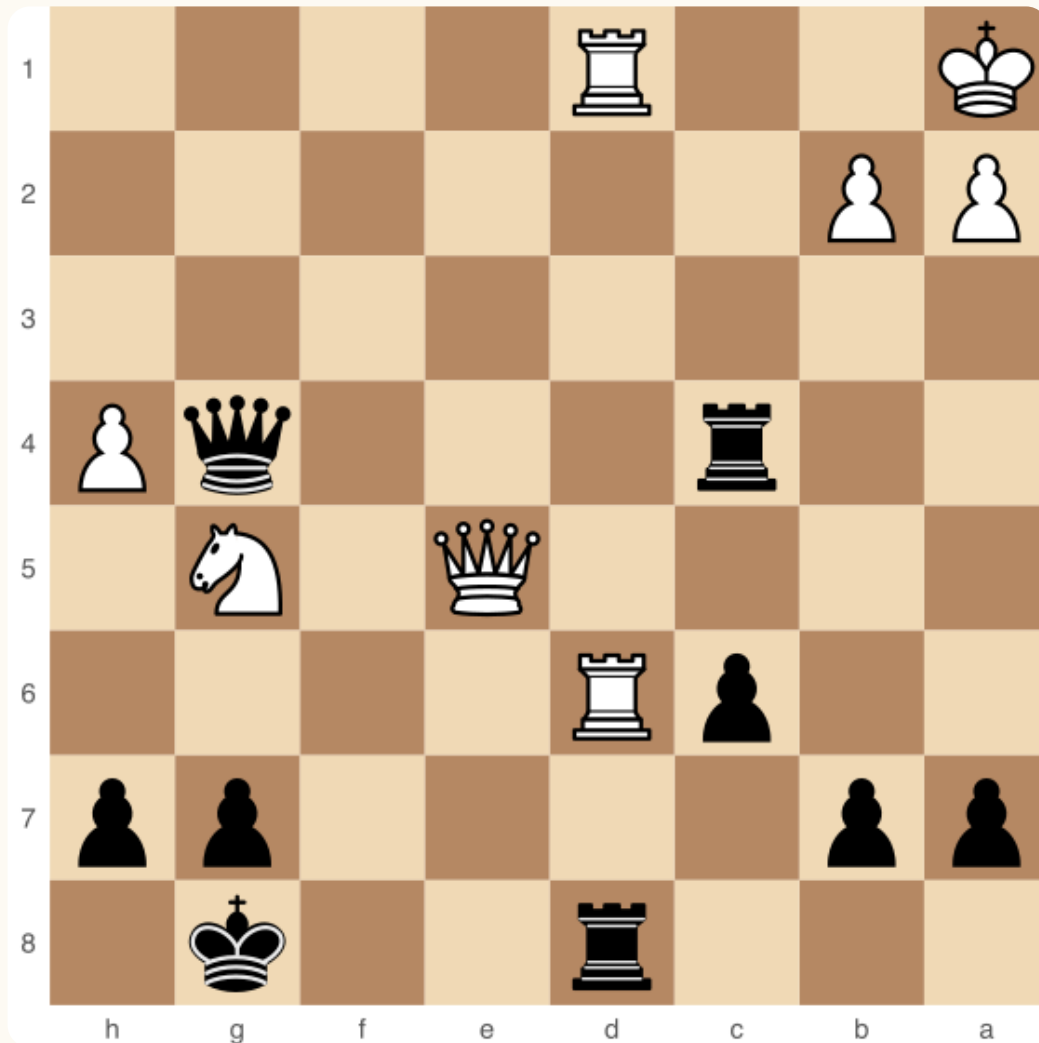
Puzzle 24 – Answer



Best move: c3→e1 – the x-ray.

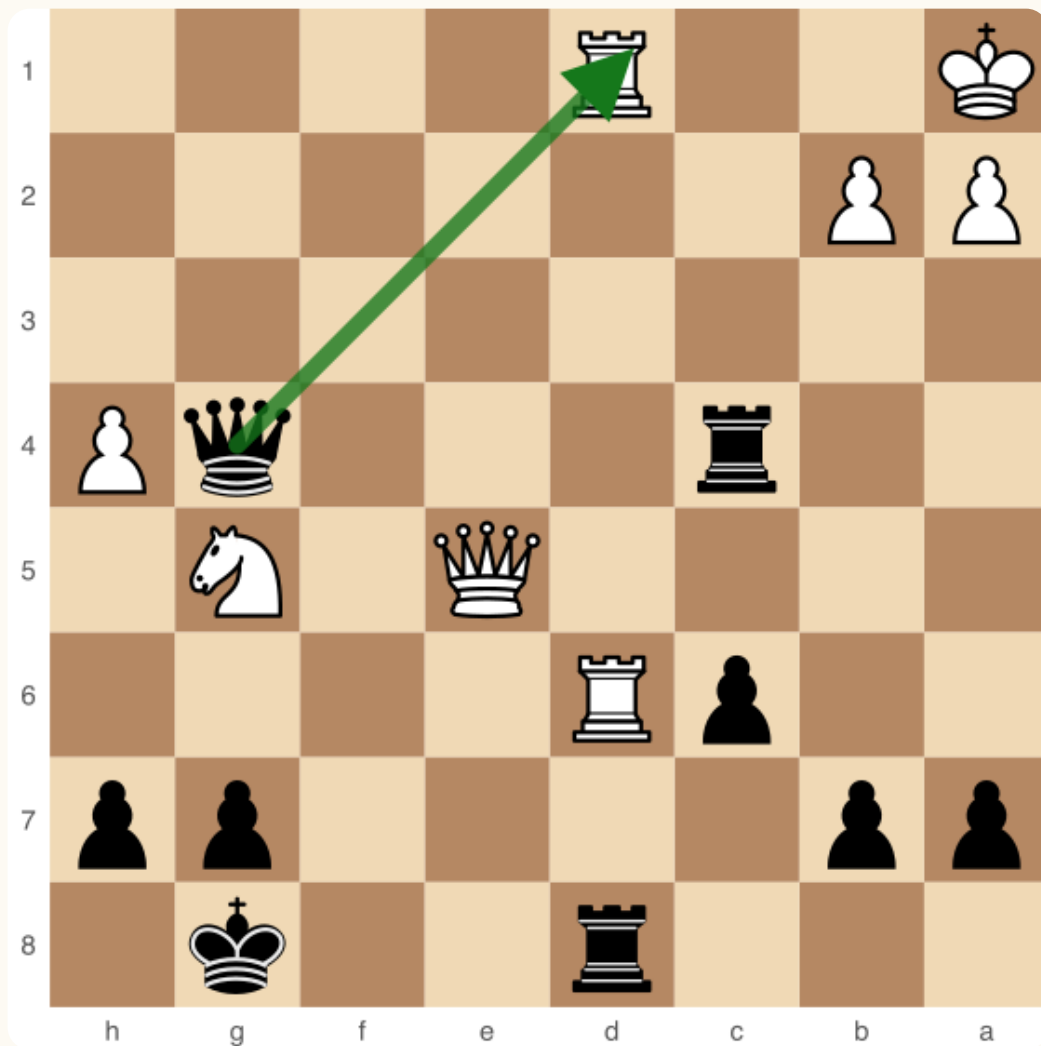
Puzzle 25

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Look right down the line – attack past the front piece to the one behind it.

Puzzle 25 – Answer

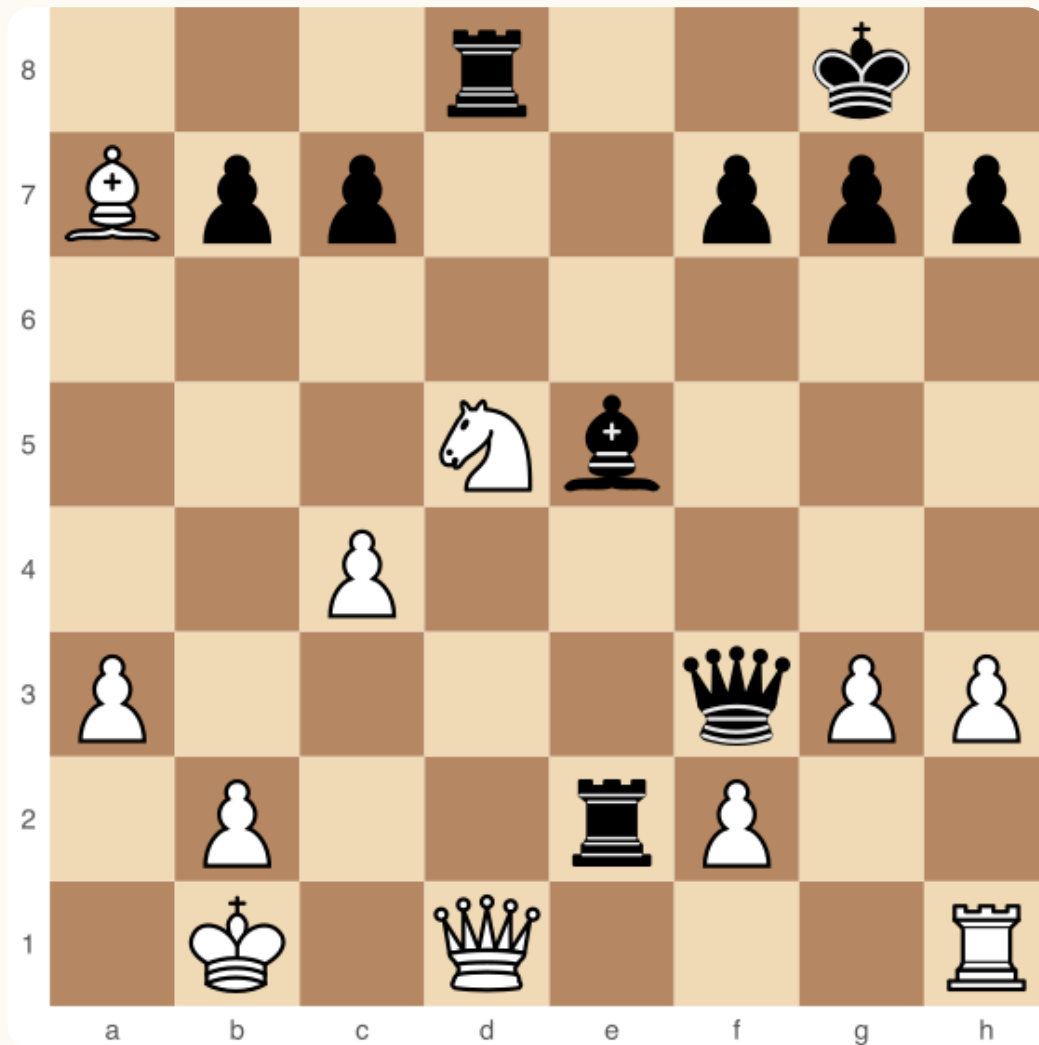


Best move: g4→d1 – the x-ray.

Move to Reveal – the Discovered Attack

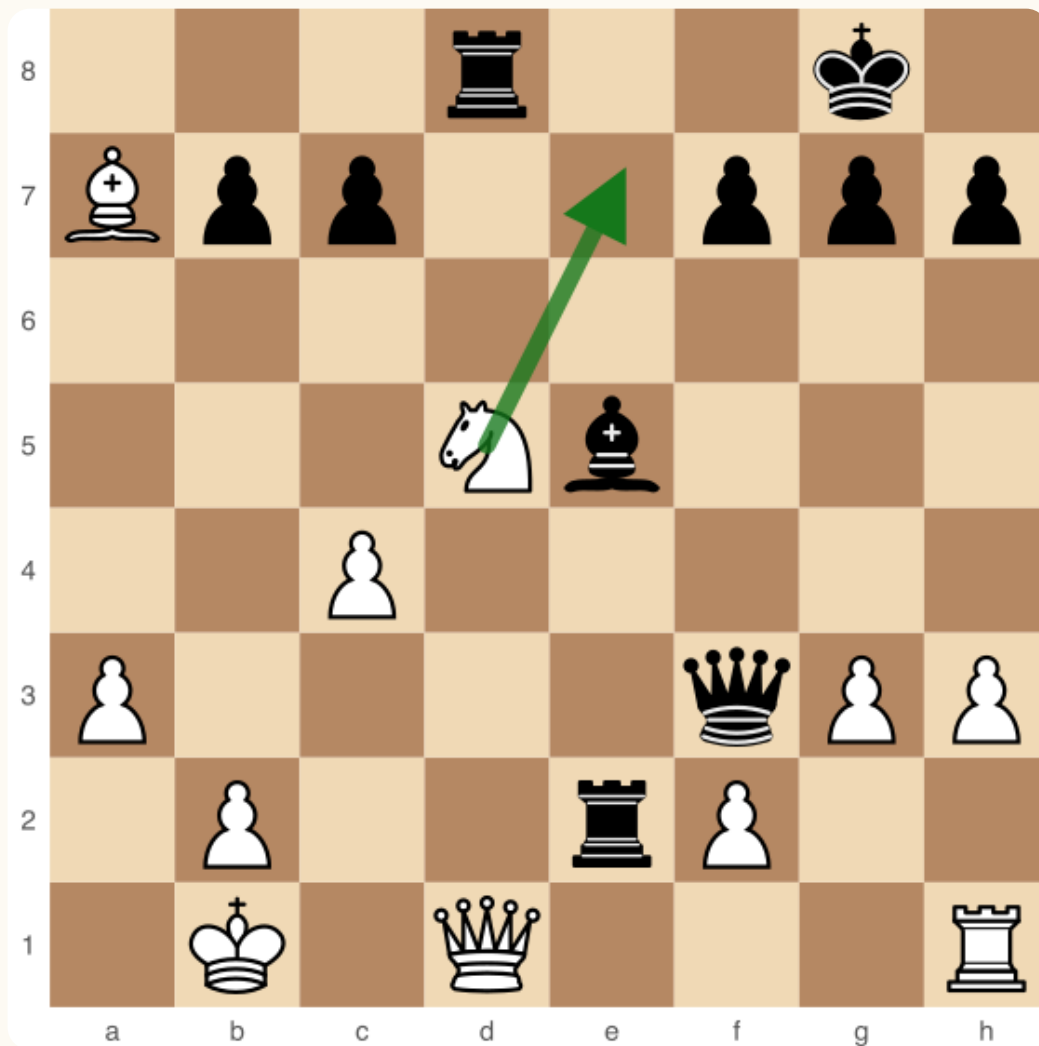
Puzzle 26

White to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Move one piece out of the way so the piece behind it does the attacking.

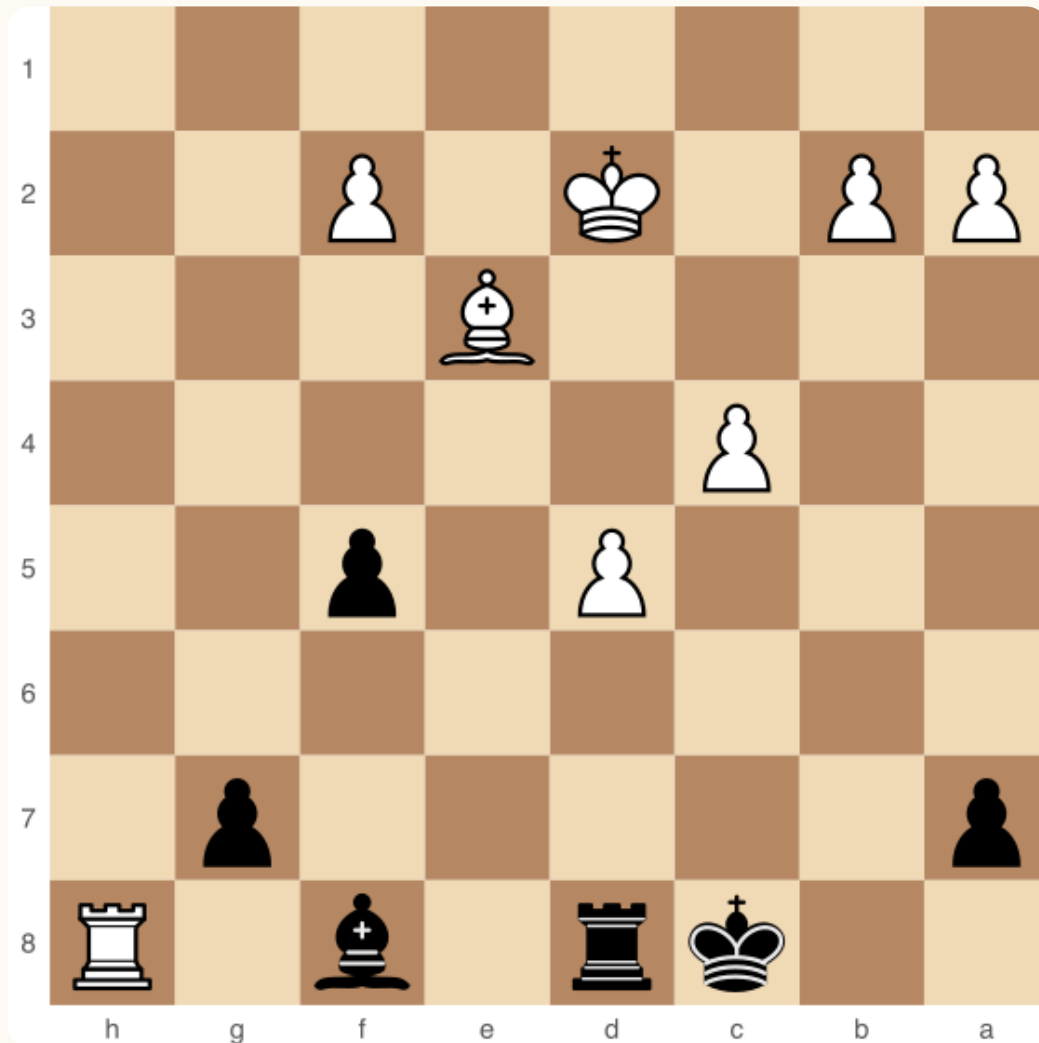
Puzzle 26 – Answer



Best move: d5→e7 – the discovered attack.

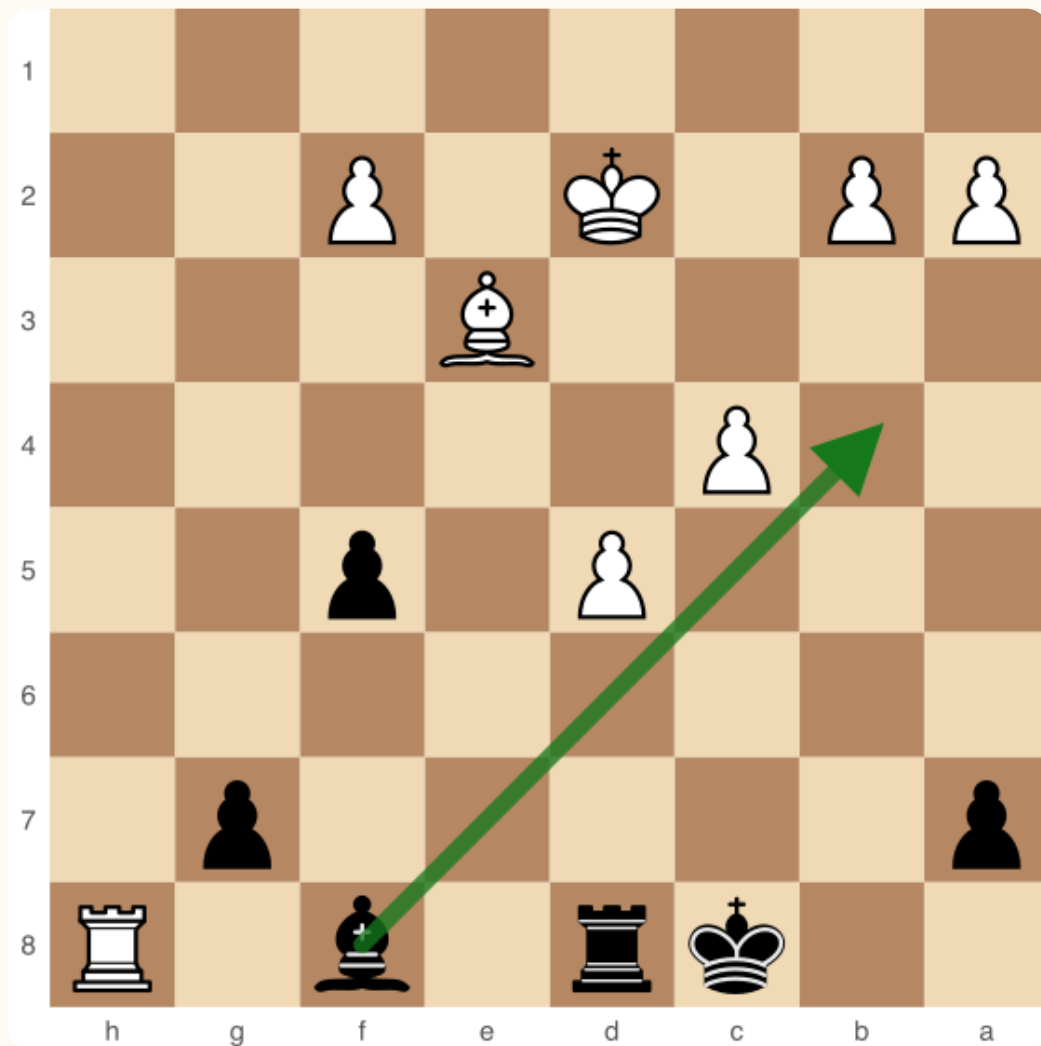
Puzzle 27

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Slide the front piece aside – and give check as you go if you can – to unleash the piece behind.

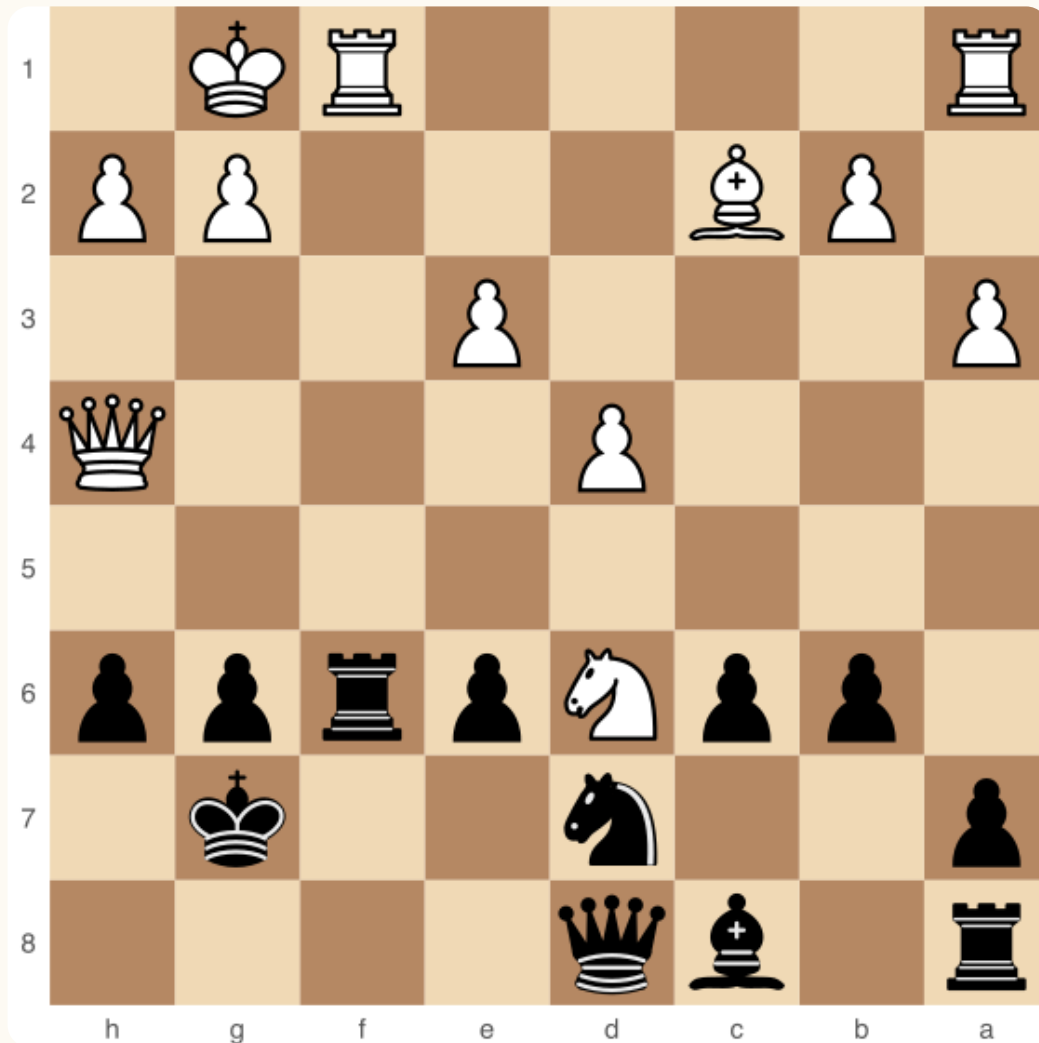
Puzzle 27 – Answer



Best move: f8→b4 – the discovered attack.

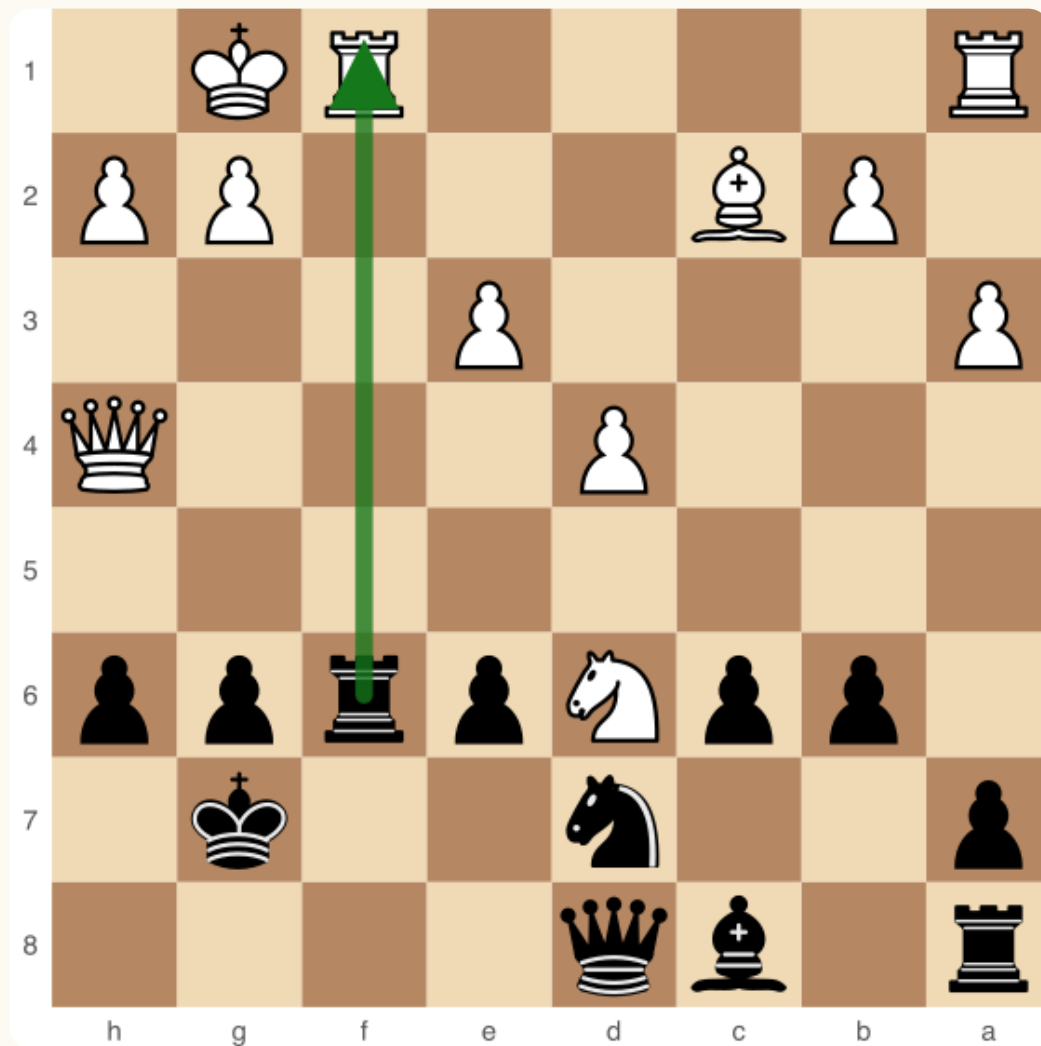
Puzzle 28

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Step your piece off the line to reveal a hidden attacker aimed right at their piece.

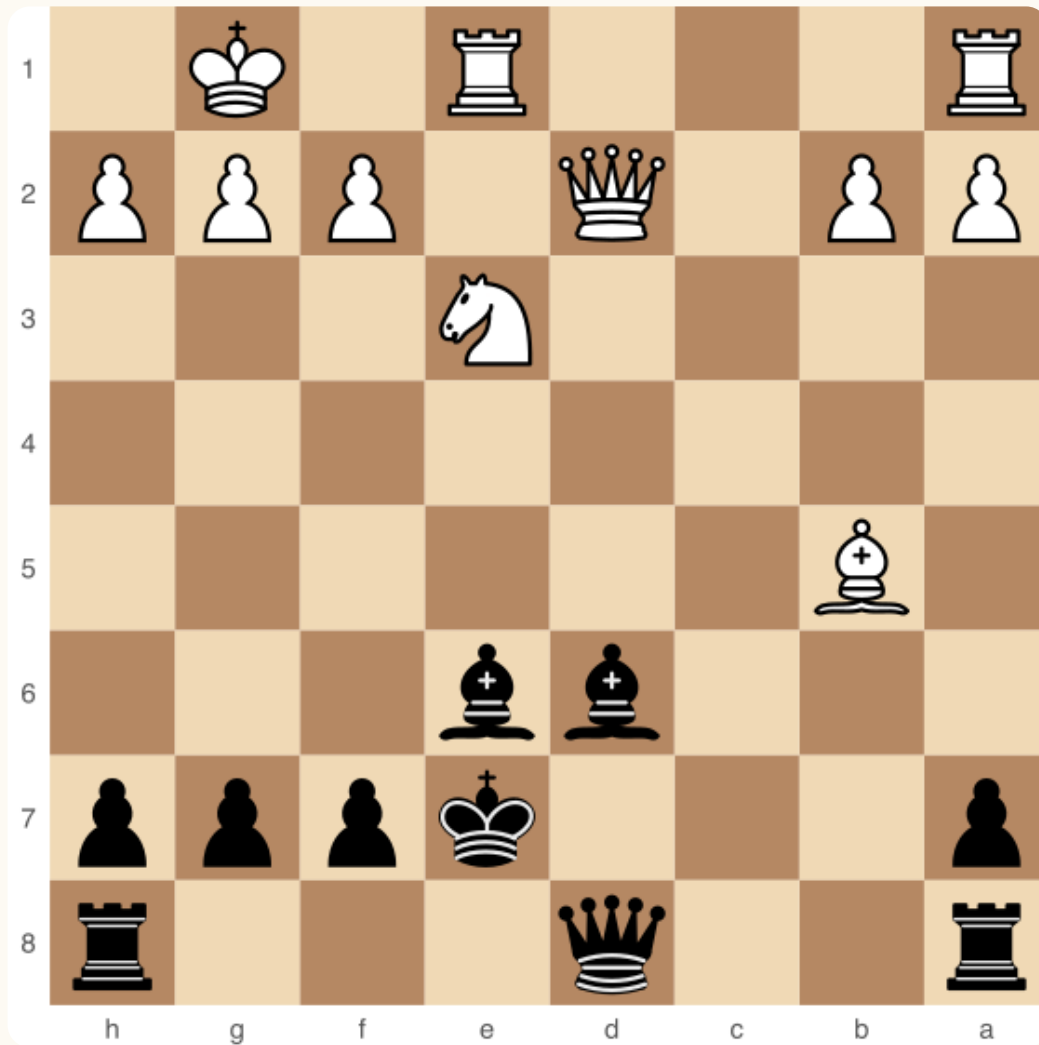
Puzzle 28 – Answer



Best move: f6→f1 – the discovered attack.

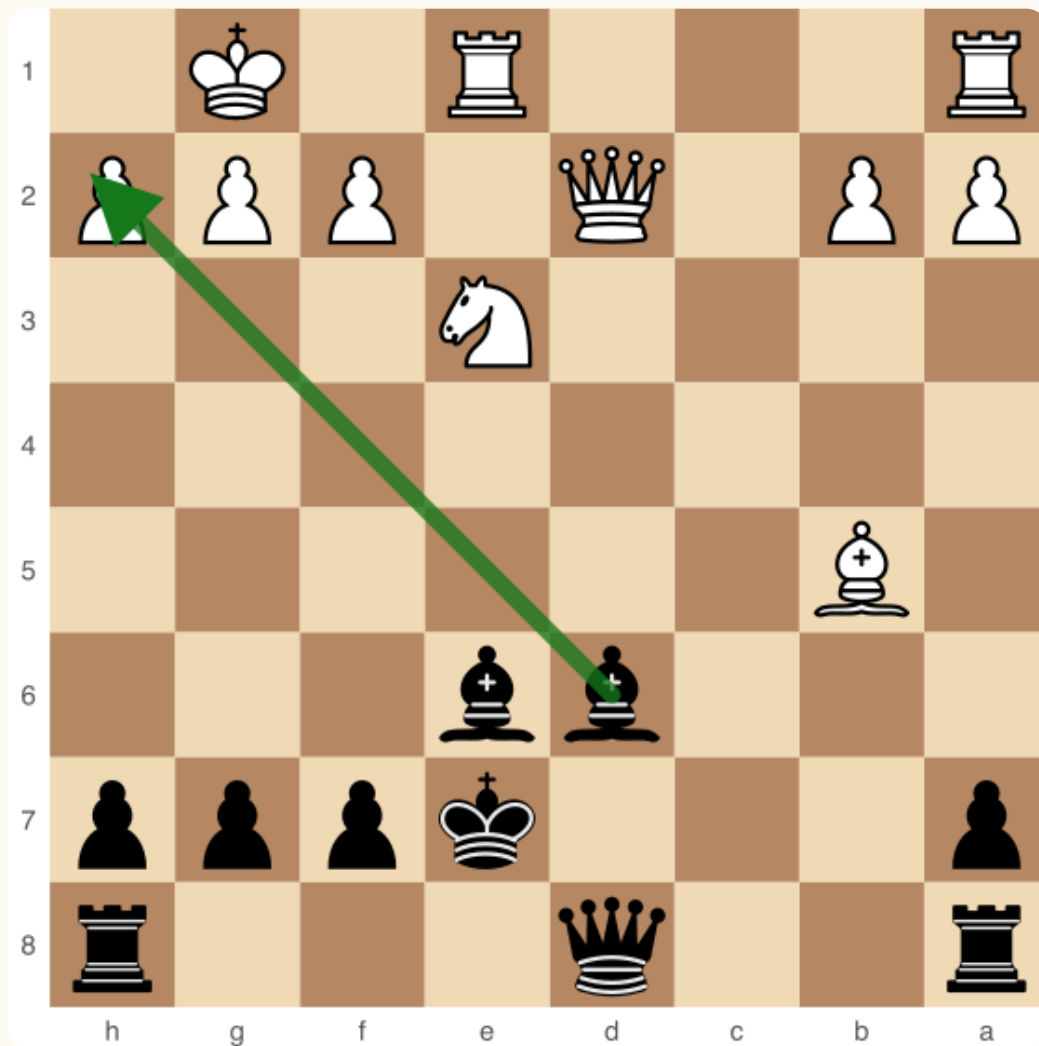
Puzzle 29

Black to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Move one piece out of the way so the piece behind it does the attacking.

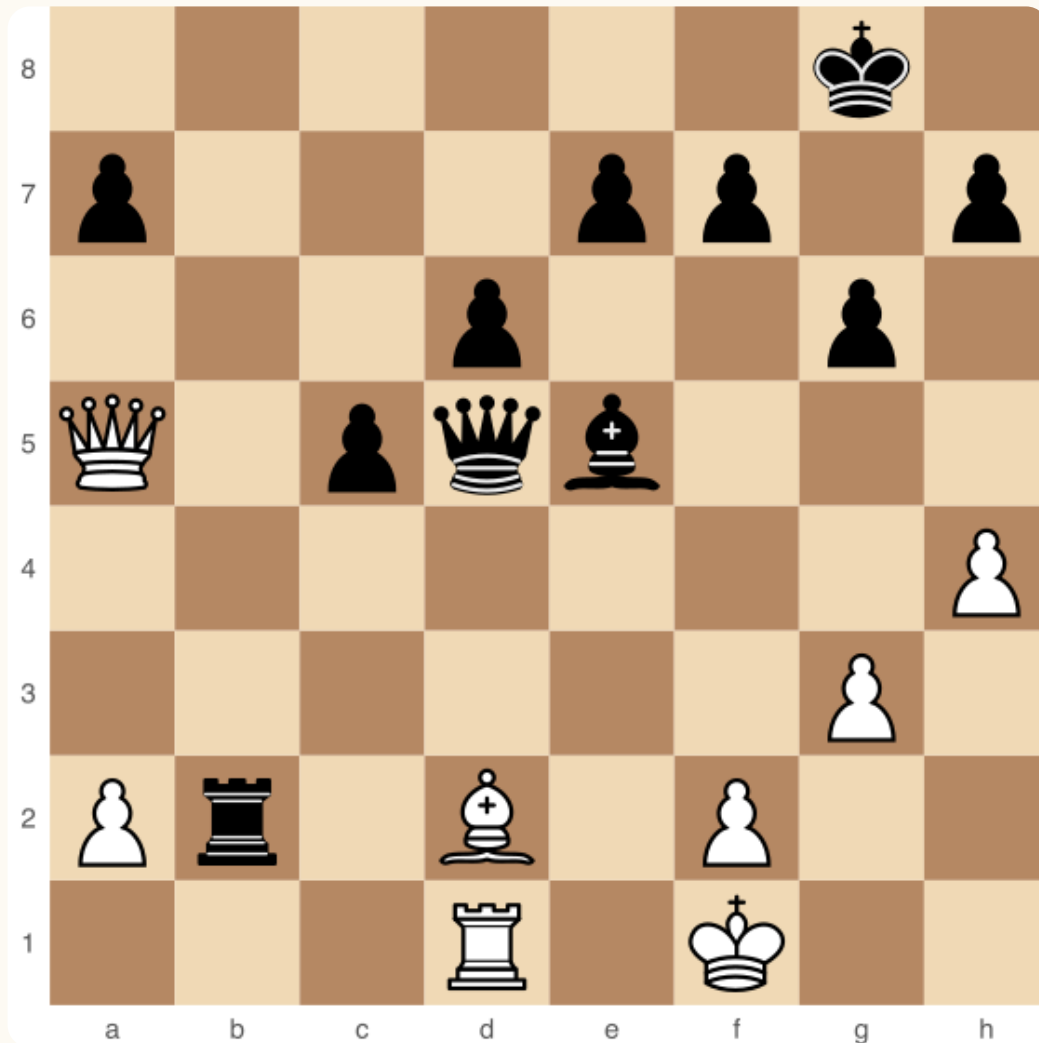
Puzzle 29 – Answer



Best move: d6→h2 – the discovered attack.

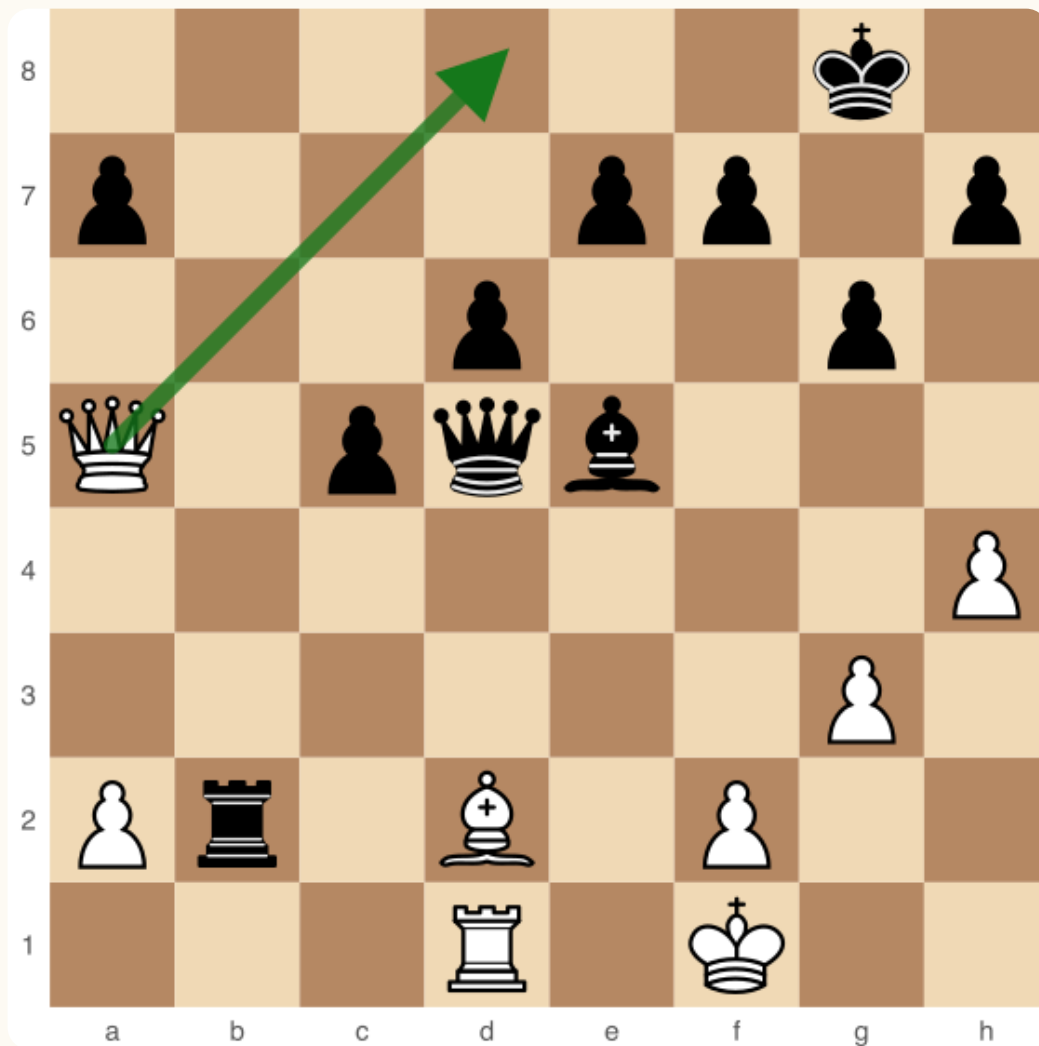
Puzzle 30

White to move – find the winning move.



Hint: Slide the front piece aside – and give check as you go if you can – to unleash the piece behind.

Puzzle 30 – Answer



Best move: a5→d8 – the discovered attack.

Keep playing

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