

World Championship Bouts Puzzle Sheet

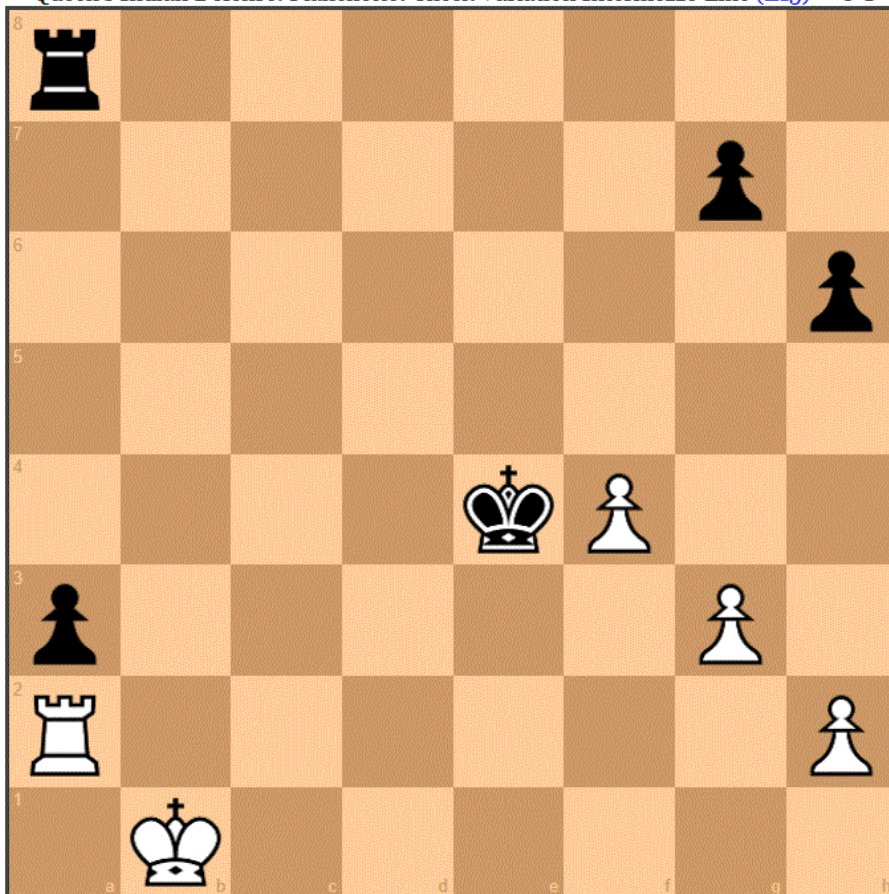
Coach M's Tip: If a puzzle position is proving too difficult, then set this position up on a physical chess board. After you've formulated your solutions for each position, you can check your work by setting up the game position in an analysis board in chess.com and then switching on the chess engine.

1. Black to play. Hint: White's king is miles away...

Garry Kasparov vs Anatoly Karpov

"Take the a-Train" (game of the day Mar-22-2013)

Karpov - Kasparov World Championship Match (1984/85), Moscow URS, rd 6, Sep-26
Queen's Indian Defense: Fianchetto. Check Variation Intermezzo Line (E15) · 0-1

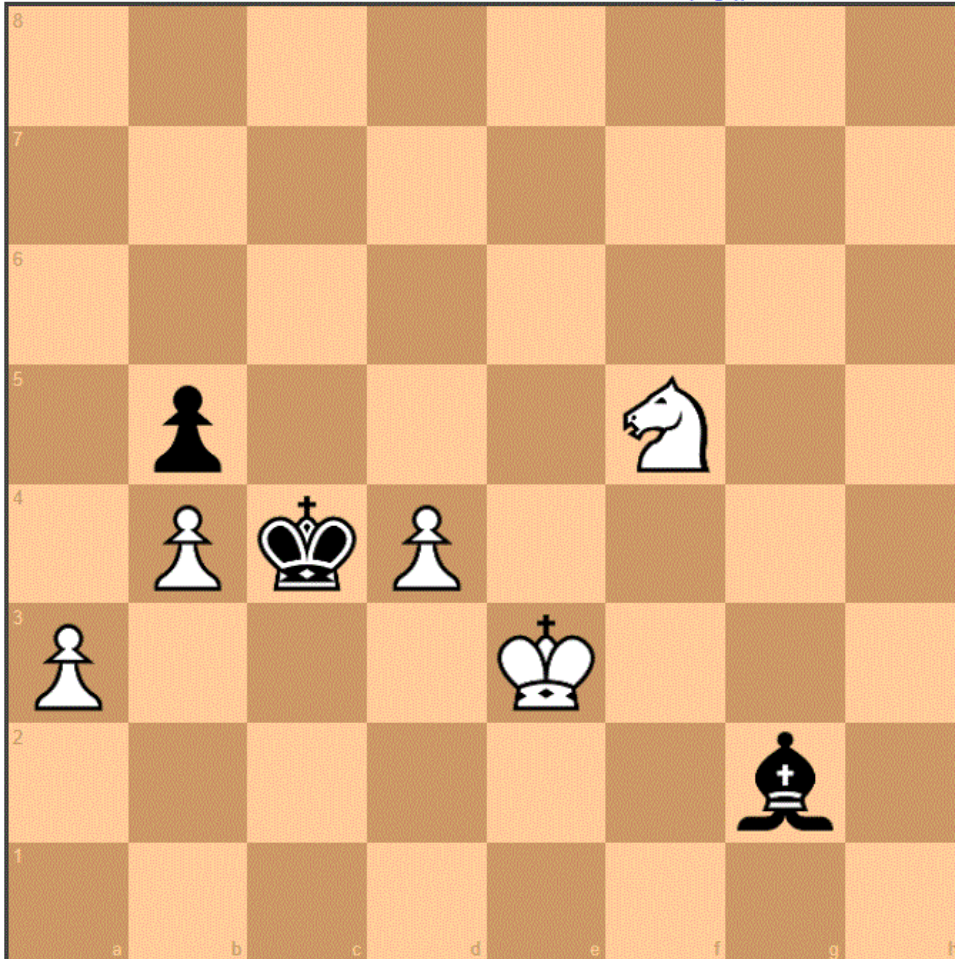


2. White to play. Hint: give up your a-pawn for a b-pawn runner.

Anatoly Karpov vs Garry Kasparov

"Karpov Diem" (game of the day May-23-2013)

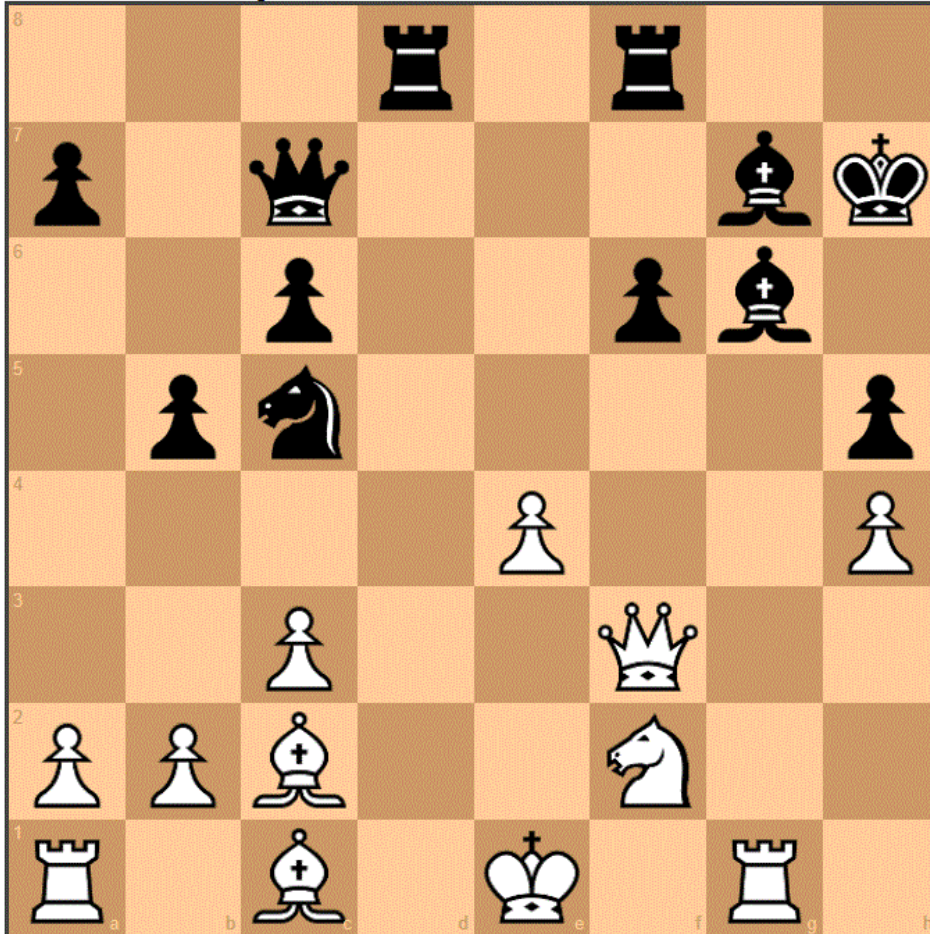
Karpov - Kasparov World Championship Match (1984/85), Moscow URS, rd 9, Oct-05
Tarrasch Defense: Classical. Carlsbad Variation (D34) · 1-0



3. White to play. Hint: Two plus 1 for one...

Wilhelm Steinitz vs Emanuel Lasker

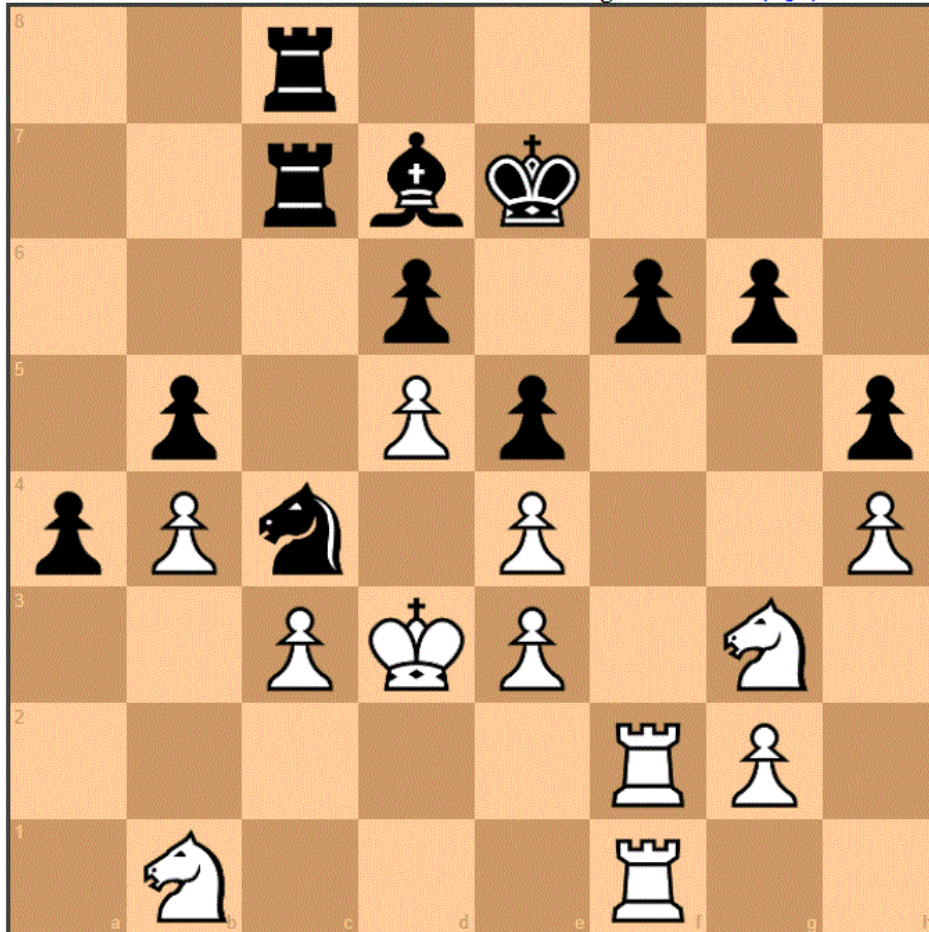
Steinitz - Lasker World Championship Match (1894), Montreal CAN, rd 2, Mar-19
Spanish Game: Berlin Defense (C65) · 1-0



4. Black to play. Hint: Forced entry...

Emanuel Lasker vs Wilhelm Steinitz

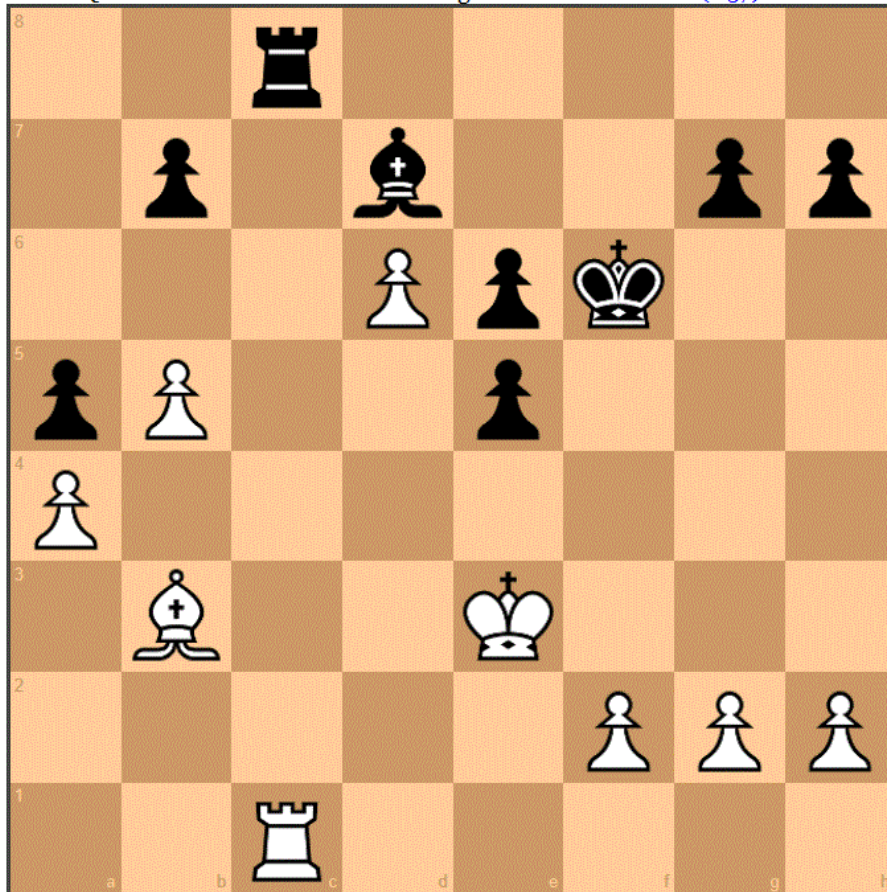
Steinitz - Lasker World Championship Match (1894), Montreal CAN, rd 17, May-19
Italian Game: Giuoco Pianissimo. Italian Four Knights Variation (C50) · 0-1



5. White to play. Decide amongst RxR and Rc7. Are they both winning for white?

Emanuel Lasker vs Wilhelm Steinitz

Steinitz - Lasker World Championship Match (1894), Montreal CAN, rd 11, Apr-21
Queen's Gambit Declined: Three Knights Variation. General (D37) · 1-0



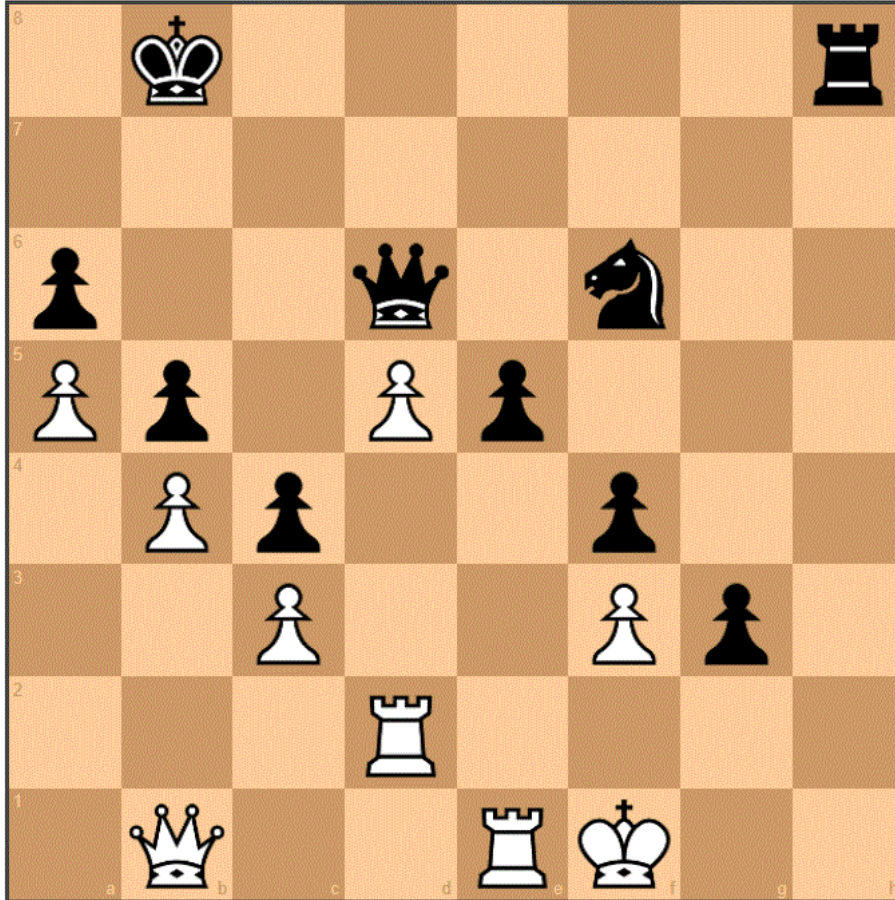
6. Black to play. Hint: Pawn avalanche...

Boris Spassky vs Tigran Vartanovich Petrosian

"We Are the Champions" (game of the day May-03-2007)

Petrosian - Spassky World Championship Match (1966), Moscow URS, rd 7, Apr-25

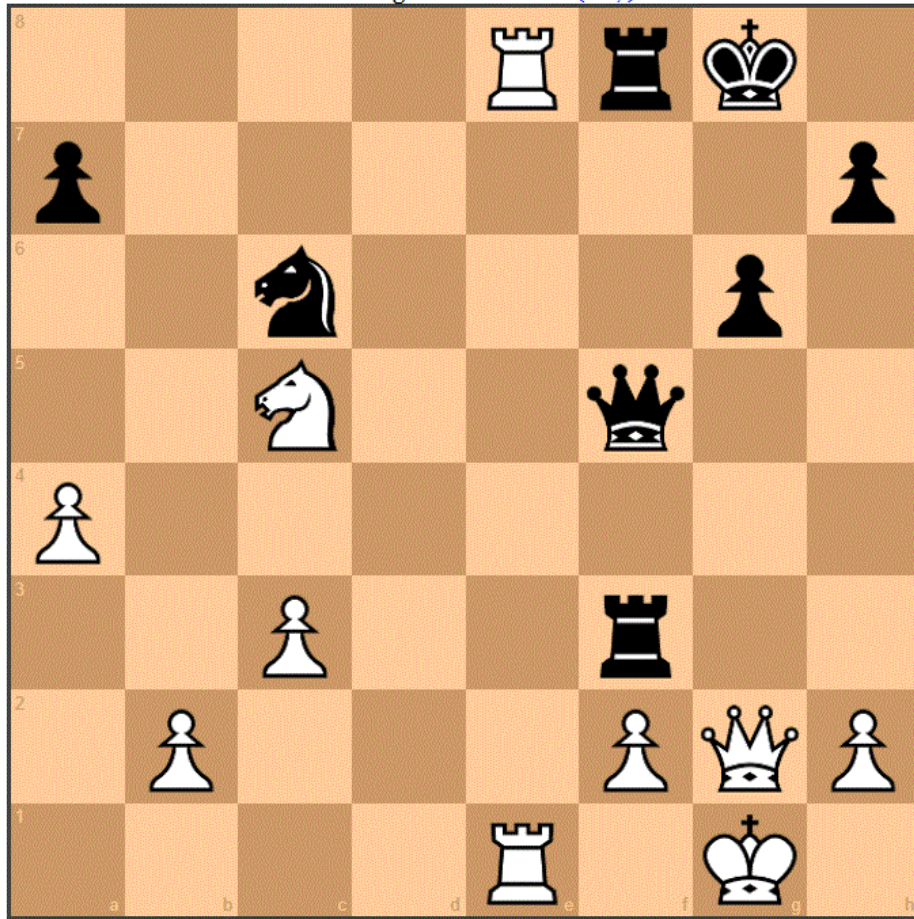
Torre Attack: Classical Defense (A46) · 0-1



7. White to play. Black resigned here before white could make his next move.
What forcing (& winning) continuation did black see?

Vasily Smyslov vs Mikhail Botvinnik

Botvinnik - Smyslov World Championship Match (1954), Moscow URS, rd 23, May-11
Formation: King's Indian Attack (A07) · 1-0



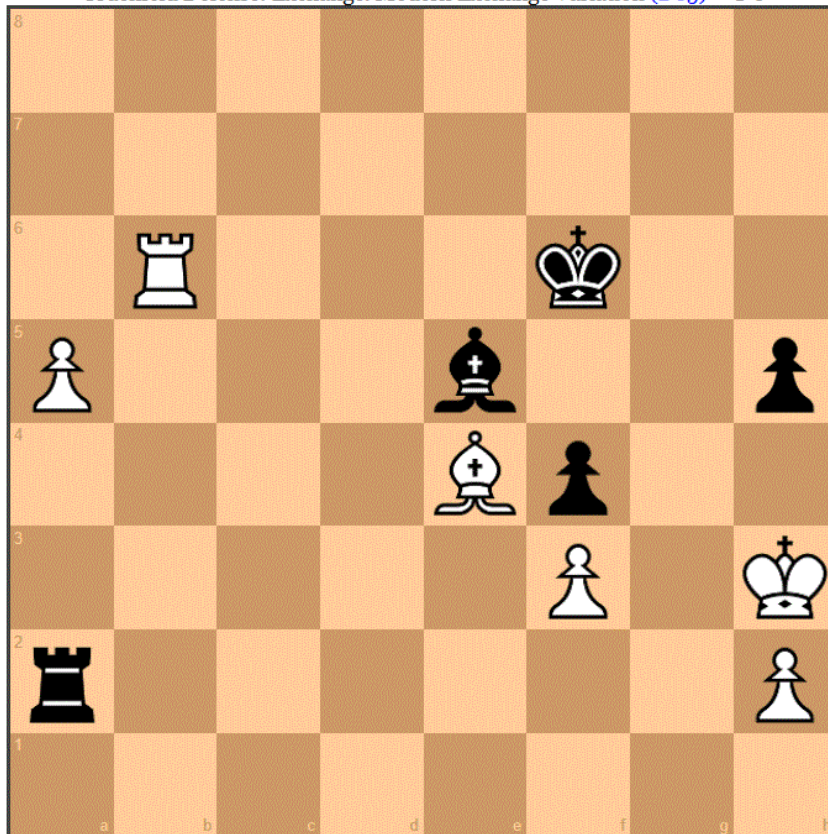
8. In the difficult position below, black stepped out of check with Ke7 but had to resign before playing his next move. What was so bad about the move Ke7?

Vladimir Kramnik vs Garry Kasparov

"I'm So Vlad" (game of the day Sep-06-2008)

Kasparov - Kramnik Classical World Championship Match (2000), London ENG, rd 2, Oct-10

Gruenfeld Defense: Exchange. Modern Exchange Variation (D85) · 1-0



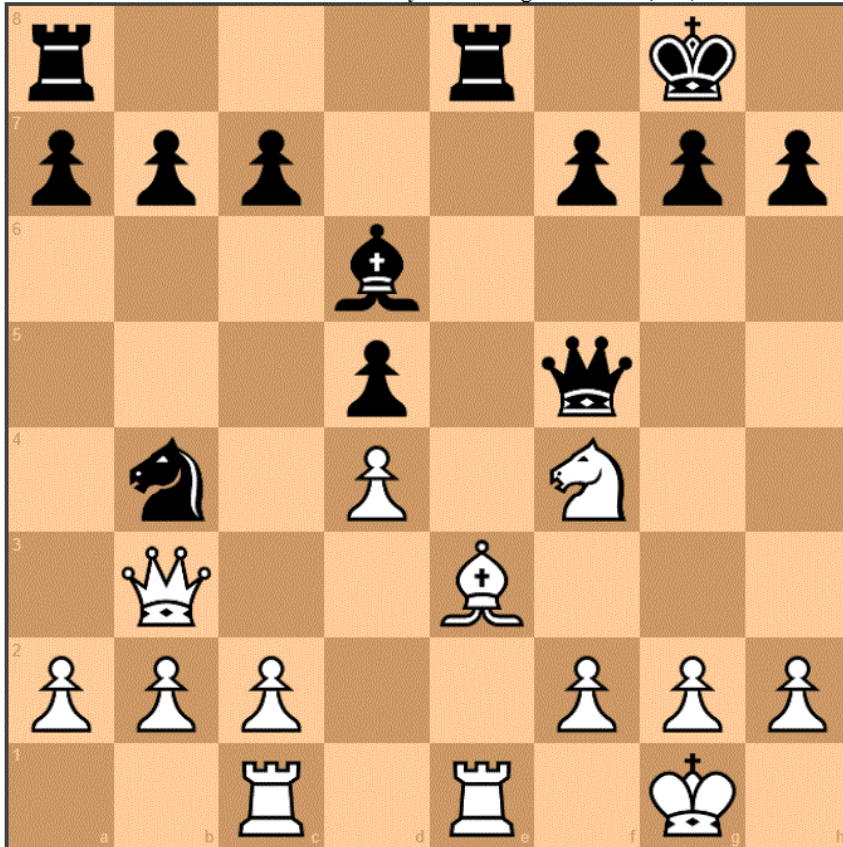
9. Black to play. Hint: The iron is hot.

Jose Raul Capablanca vs Alexander Alekhine

"First Blood" (game of the day Feb-21-2017)

Capablanca - Alekhine World Championship Match (1927), Buenos Aires ARG, rd 1, Sep-16

French Defense: Winawer. Delayed Exchange Variation (C01) · 0-1



10. White to play. How best to keep the queens on and continue the assault?

Viswanathan Anand vs Veselin Topalov

"Catalan Nine Tails" (game of the day Nov-08-2010)

Anand - Topalov World Championship Match (2010), Sofia BUL, rd 4, Apr-28

Catalan Opening: Open Defense (E04) · 1-0

