

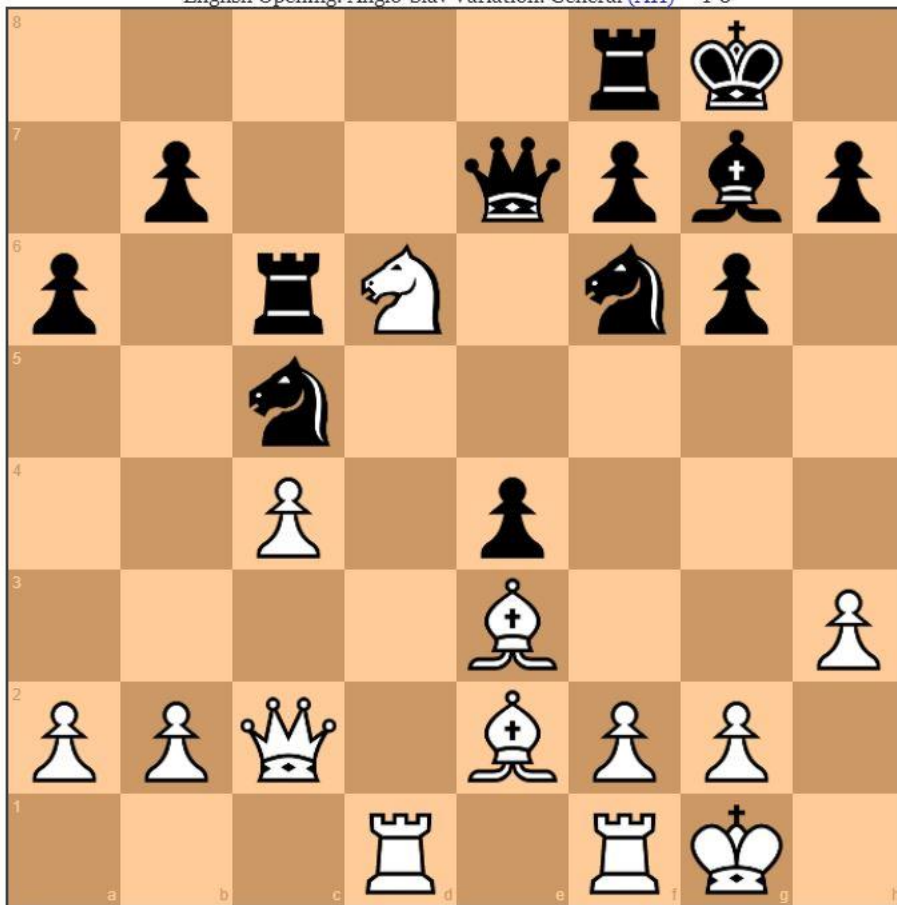
Magnus Carlsen Opera Euro Rapid Puzzle Sheet (February 2021)

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. White to play. Hint: Cement your knight on d6...

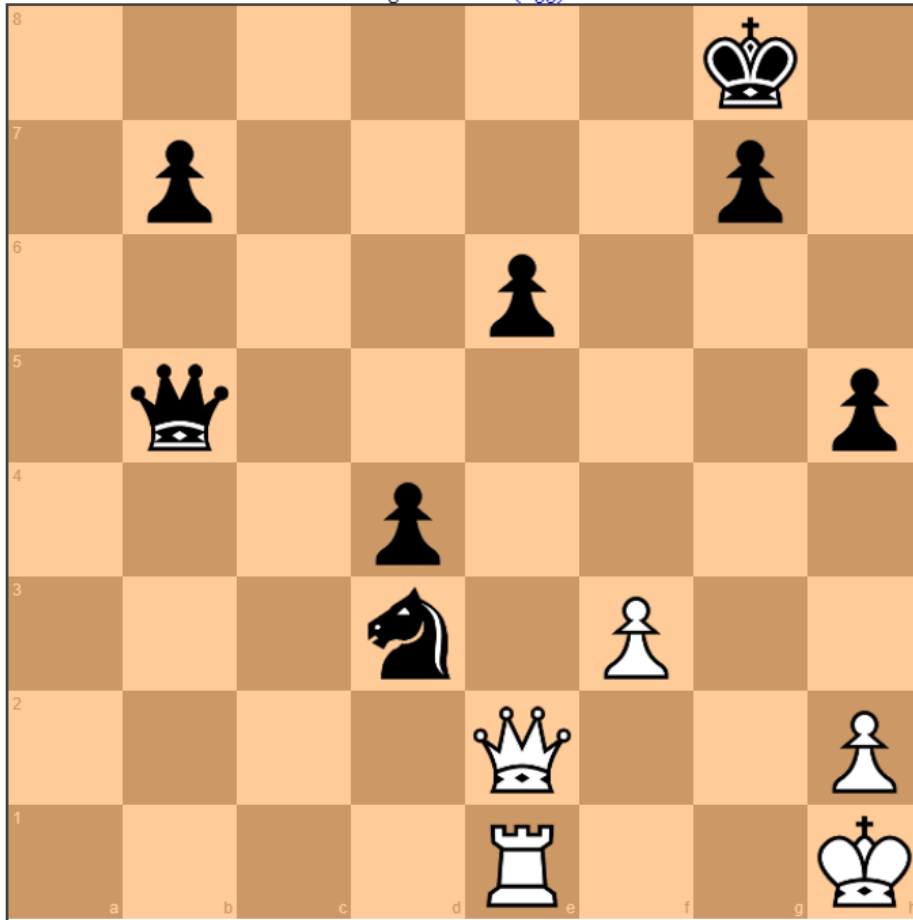
Magnus Carlsen vs Samuel Shankland

Opera Euro Rapid (2021) (rapid), chess24.com INT, rd 4, Feb-06
English Opening: Anglo-Slav Variation. General (A11) · 1-0



2. White to play. Hint: Pin and win.

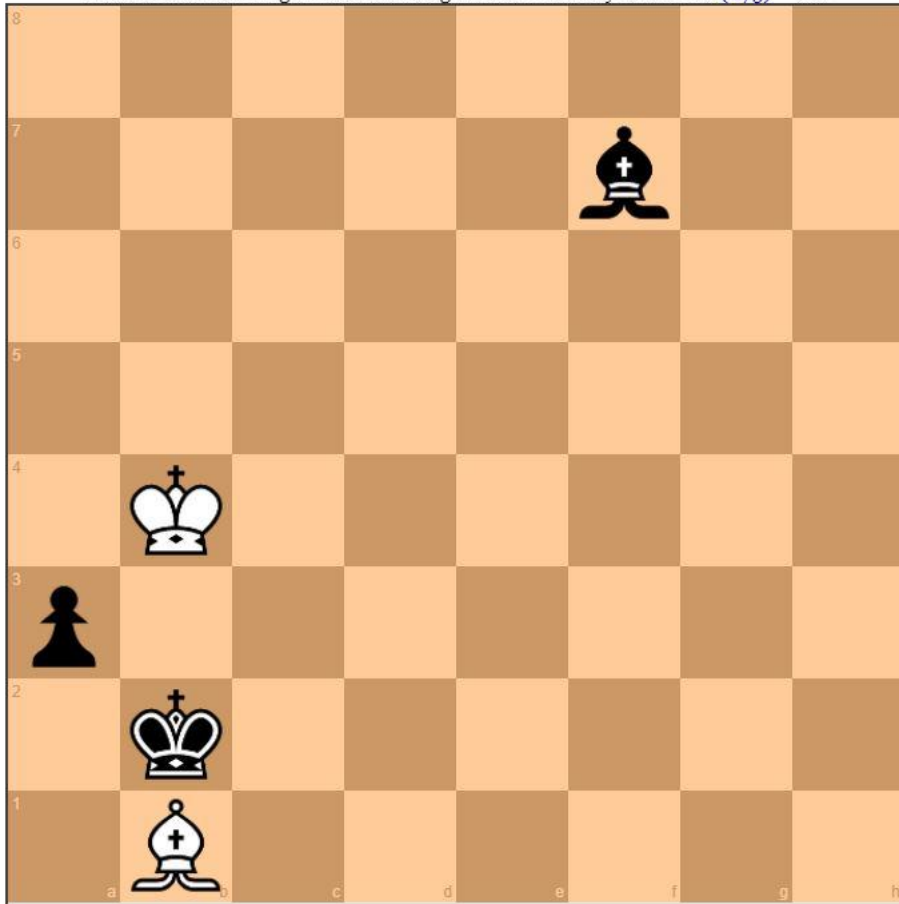
Magnus Carlsen vs **Daniil Dubov**
Opera Euro Rapid (2021) (rapid), chess24.com INT, rd 1, Feb-09
Two Knights Defense (C55) · 1-0



3. Black to play. Hint: Put white in “zugzwang”...

Leinier Dominguez Perez vs **Magnus Carlsen**

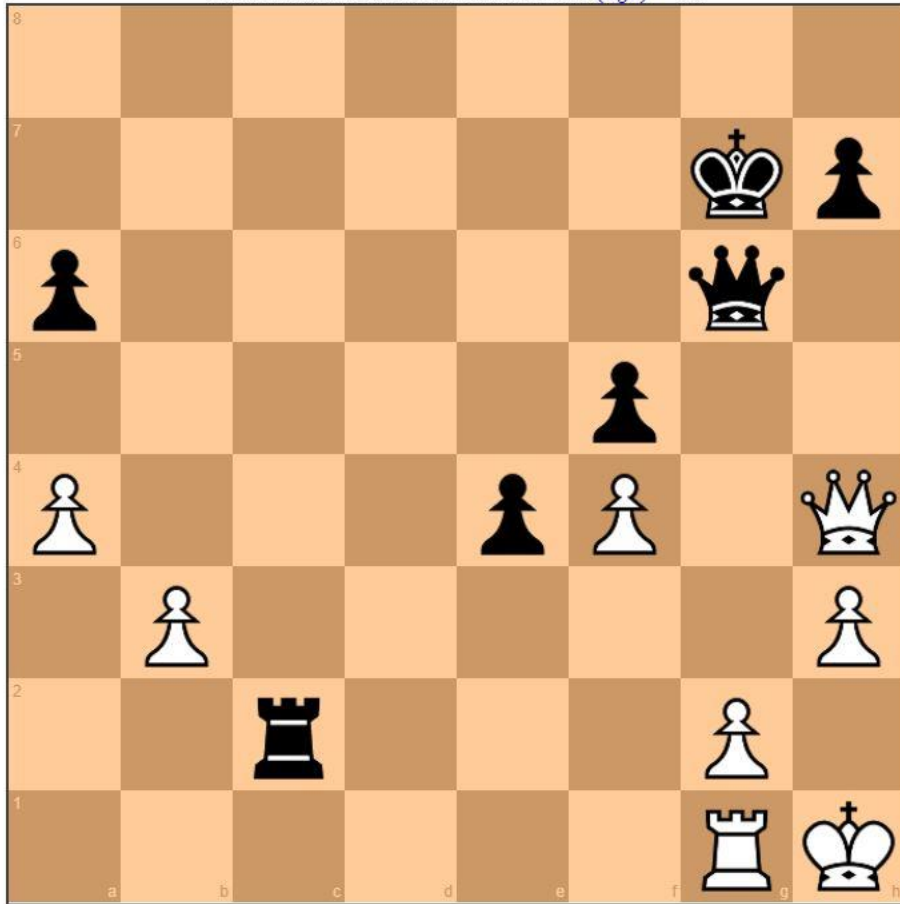
Opera Euro Rapid (2021) (rapid), chess24.com INT, rd 5, Feb-06
Sicilian Defense: Dragon Variation. Yugoslav Attack Early deviations (B75) - 0-1



5. White to play. Hint: Exploit the black K & Q placement...

Wesley So vs Magnus Carlsen

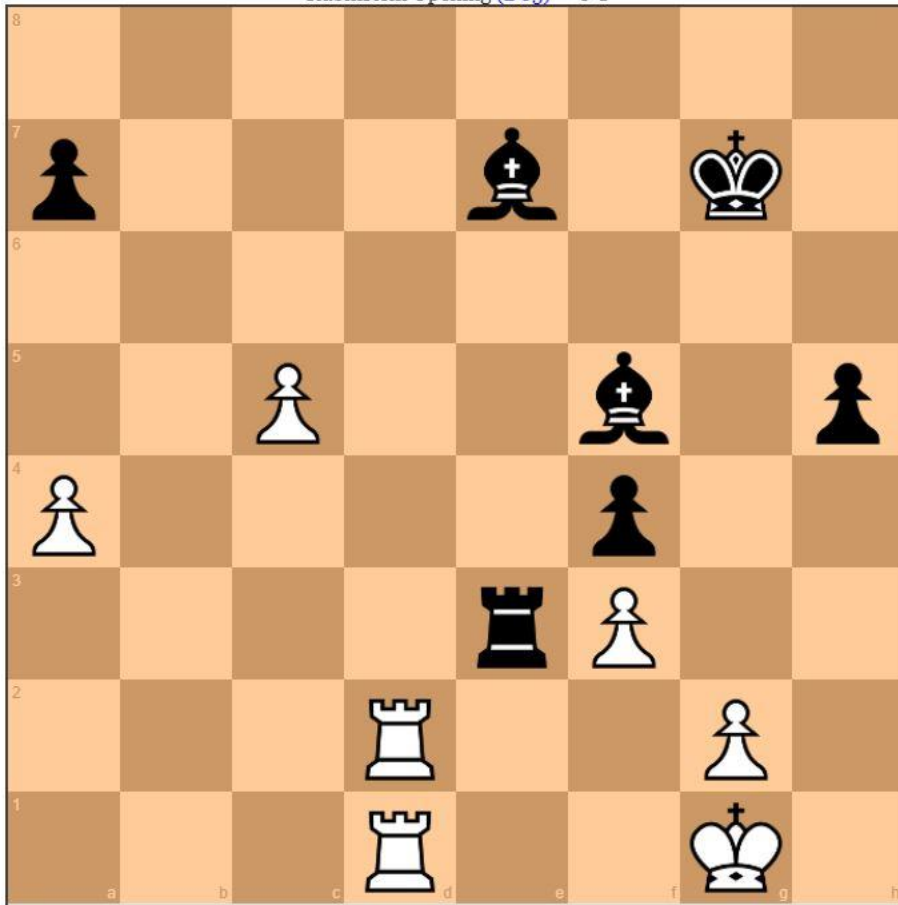
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Sicilian Defense: Canal Attack. Main Line (B52) · 1-0



6. Black to play. After Bxc5 Rd5, is this fork of the bishops an issue for black?

Matthias Bluebaum vs Magnus Carlsen

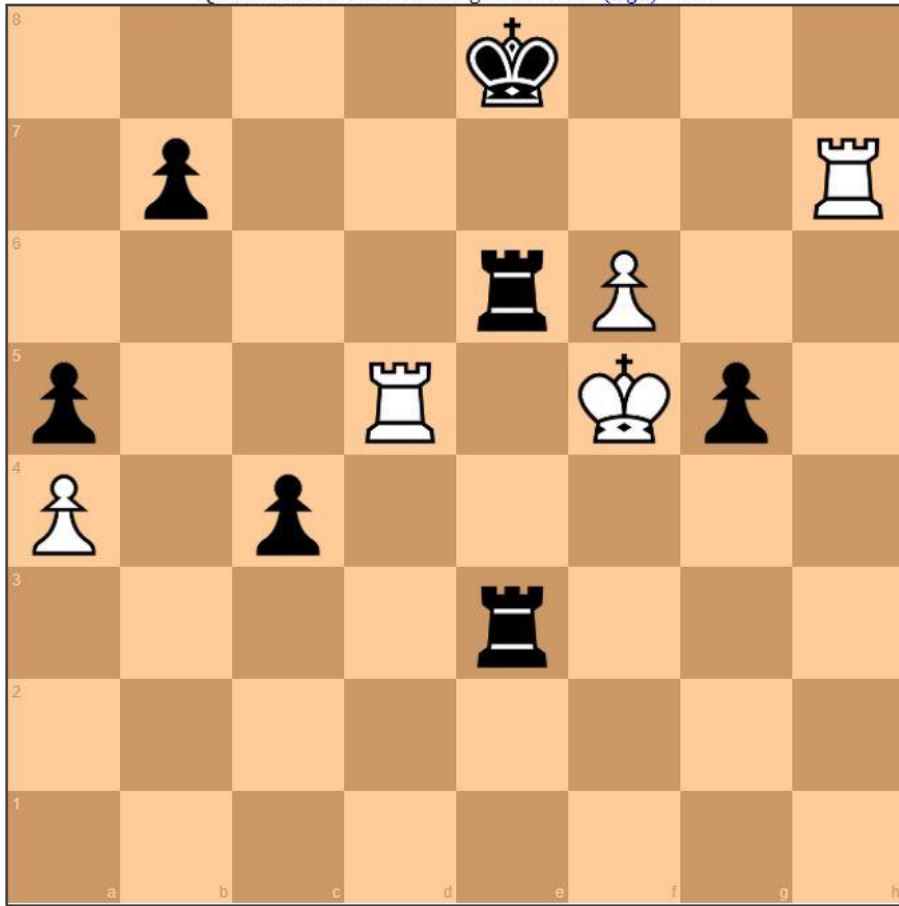
Opera Euro Rapid (2021) (rapid), chess24.com INT, rd 3, Feb-06
Rubinstein Opening (D05) · 0-1



7. White to play. How to force mate?

Magnus Carlsen vs **Levon Aronian**

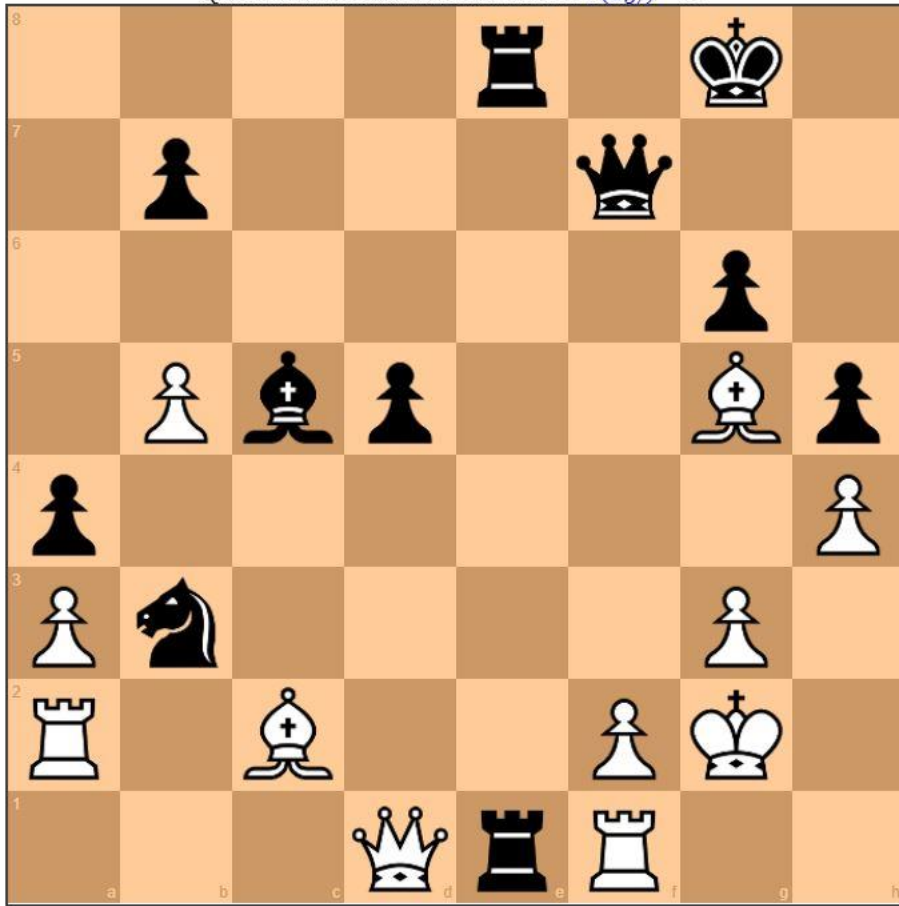
Opera Euro Rapid (2021) (*rapid*), chess24.com INT, rd 2, Feb-06
Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defense (D38) · 1-0



8. White to play. Black just played Re8? What did black miss?

Magnus Carlsen vs **Hikaru Nakamura**

Opera Euro Rapid (2021) (rapid), chess24.com INT, rd 10, Feb-07
Queen's Gambit Declined: Harrwitz Attack (D37) · 1-0



9. White to play. Hint: GM Gujrathi played Nxp here and went on to lose. What was the knockout (instead of Nxp) that he missed?

Vidit Santosh Gujrathi vs Magnus Carlsen

Opera Euro Rapid (2021) (rapid), chess24.com INT, rd 11, Feb-08

Queen's Gambit Declined: General (D30) - 0-1



10. White to play. Hint: Use the pin...

Magnus Carlsen vs **Daniil Dubov**
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Two Knights Defense (C55) · 1-0

