

## 1951 USSR Championship Puzzle Sheet

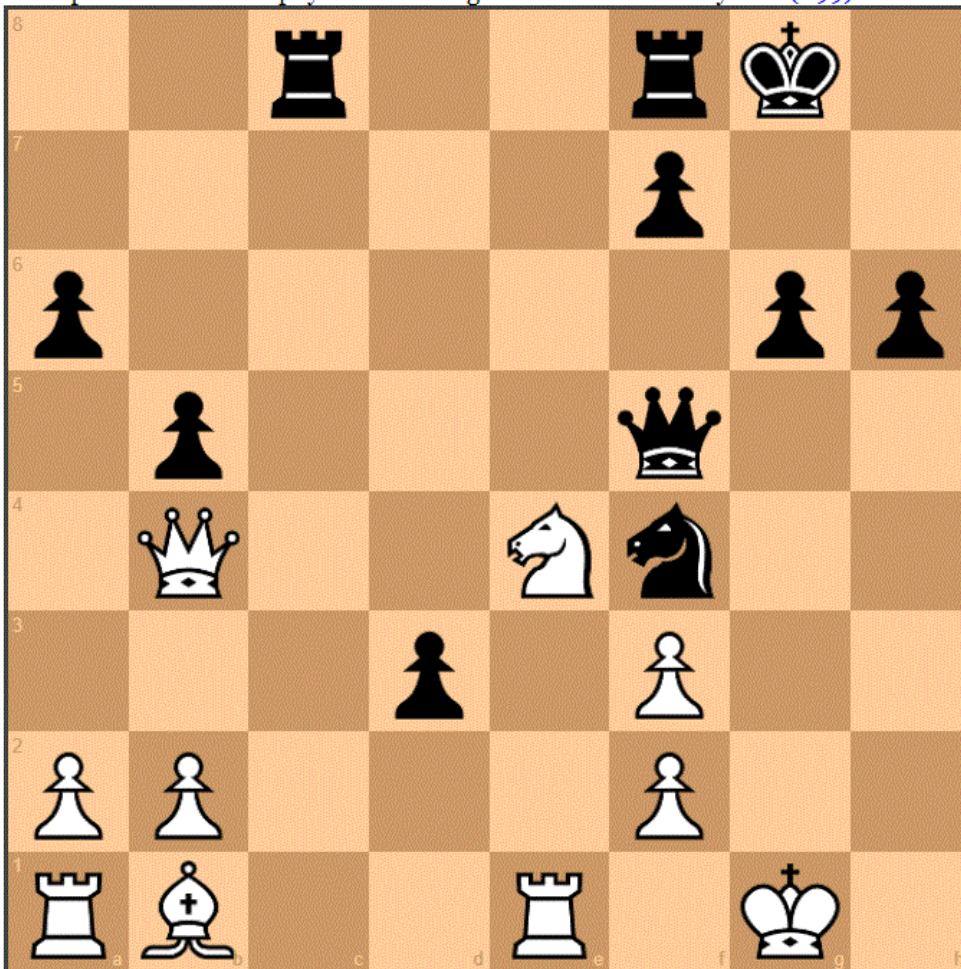
Coach M's Tip: If a puzzle position is proving too difficult, then set this position up on a physical chess board. After you've formulated your solutions for each position, you can check your work by setting up the game position in an analysis board in chess.com and then switching on the chess engine.

1. Black to play. Hint: Force the removal of the key defender...

### Efim Geller vs Paul Keres

USSR Championship (1951), Moscow URS, rd 4, Nov-18

Spanish Game: Morphy Defense. Chigorin Defense Panov System (C99) · 0-1

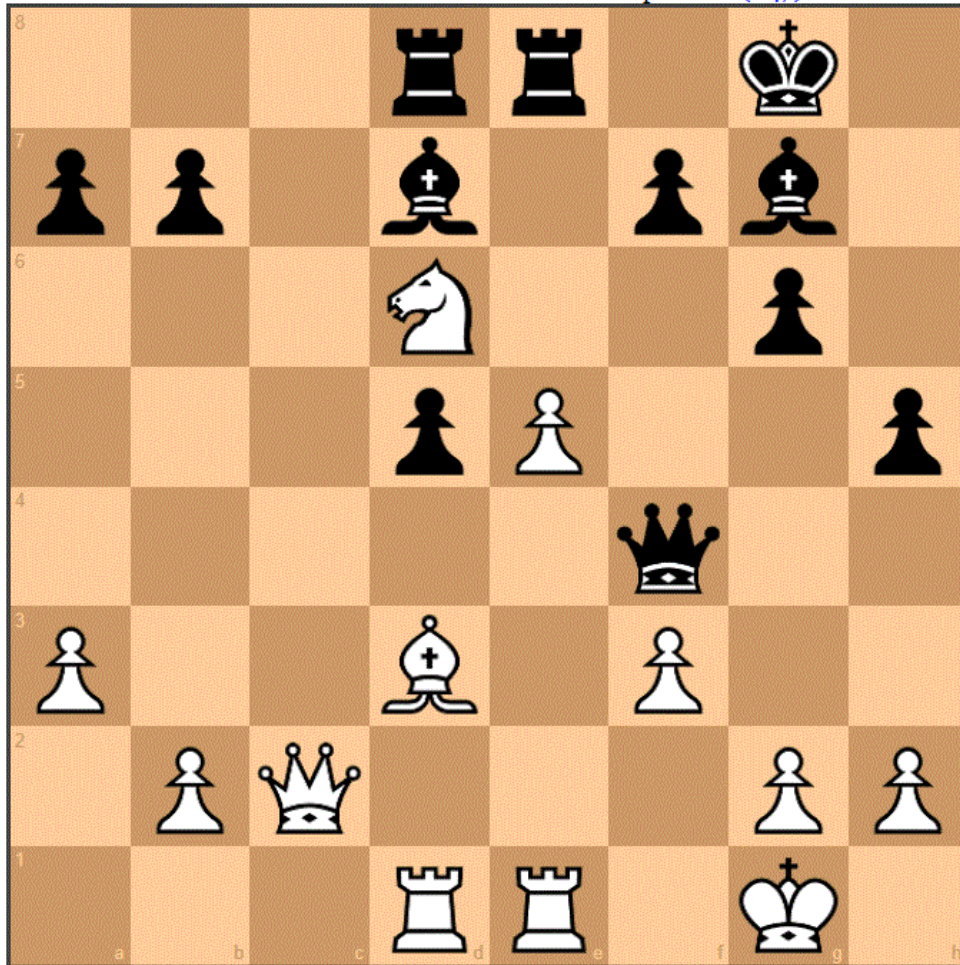


2. Black to play. Hint: Go for mate.

**Oleg Leonidovich Moiseev vs Paul Keres**

USSR Championship (1951), Moscow URS, rd 8, Nov-26

Nimzo-Indian Defense: Normal Variation. Bishop Attack (E47) · 0-1

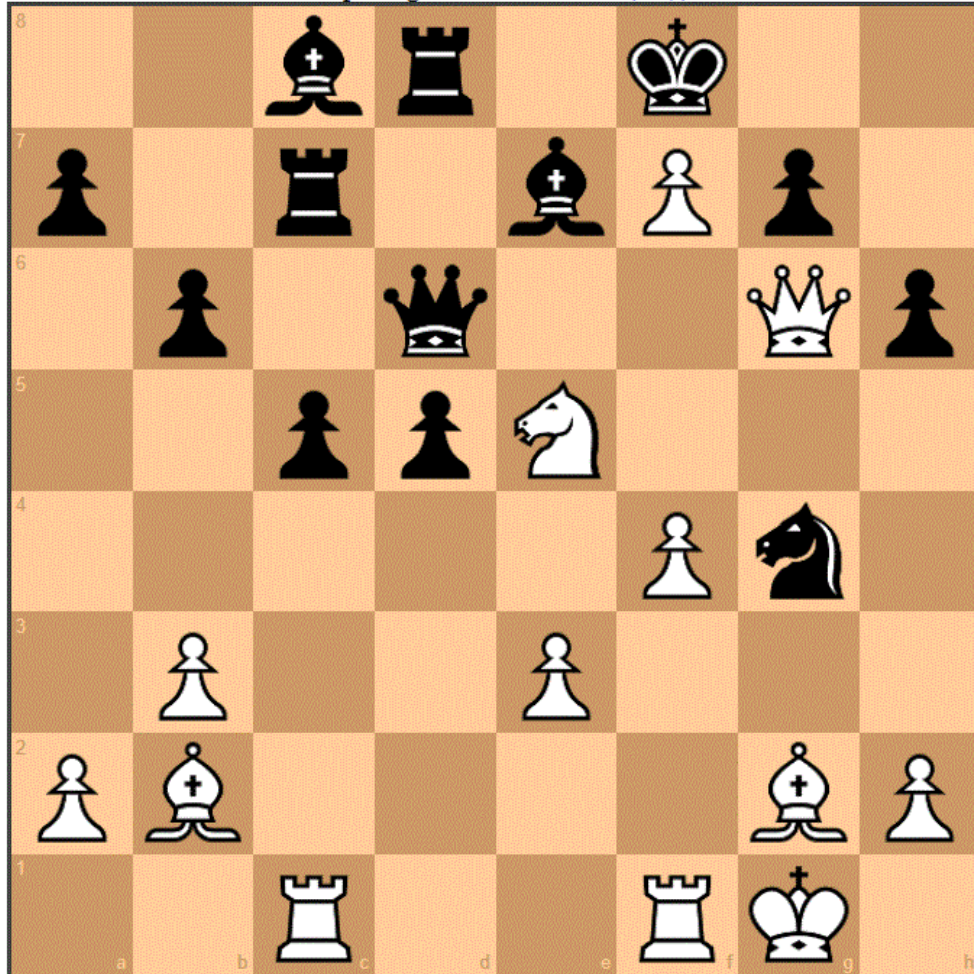


3. White to play. Hint: Mate in two...

**Paul Keres vs Nikolay Novotelnov**

USSR Championship (1951), Moscow URS, rd 13, Dec-06

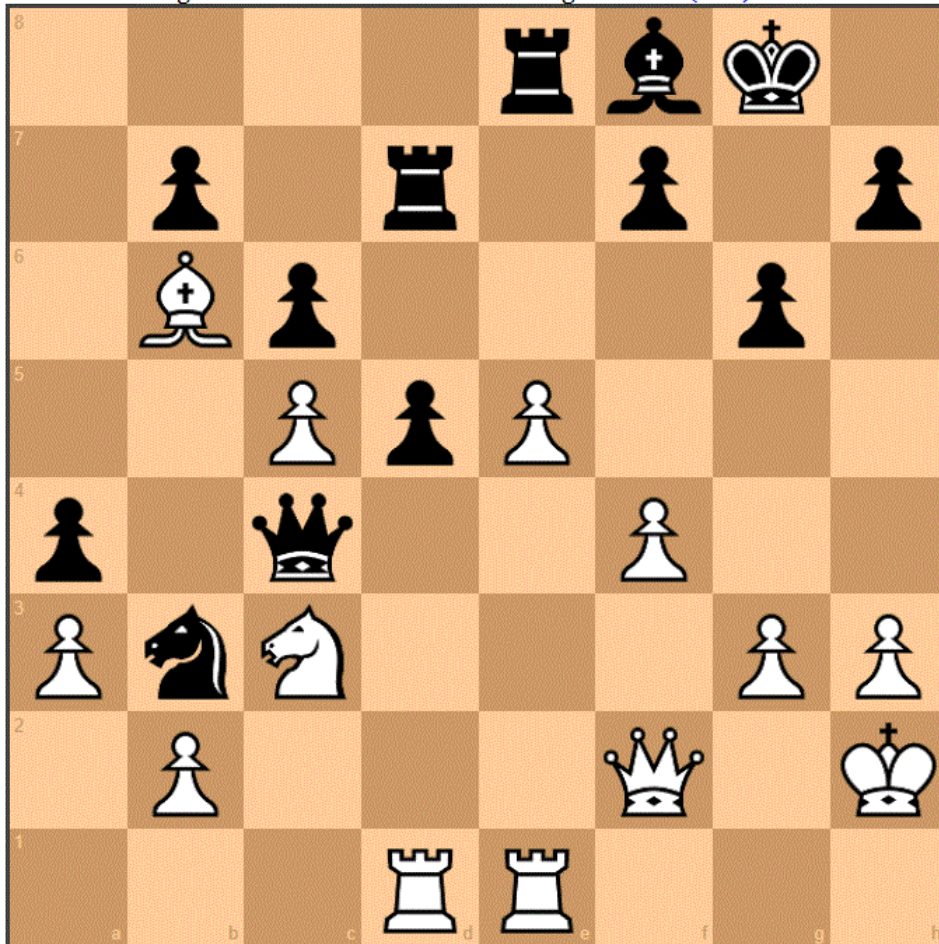
Catalan Opening: Closed Variation (E07) · 1-0



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

**Tigran Vartanovich Petrosian** vs **Alexander Kotov**

USSR Championship (1951), Moscow URS, rd 5, Nov-19  
King's Indian Defense: Fianchetto. Long Variation (E68) · 1-0

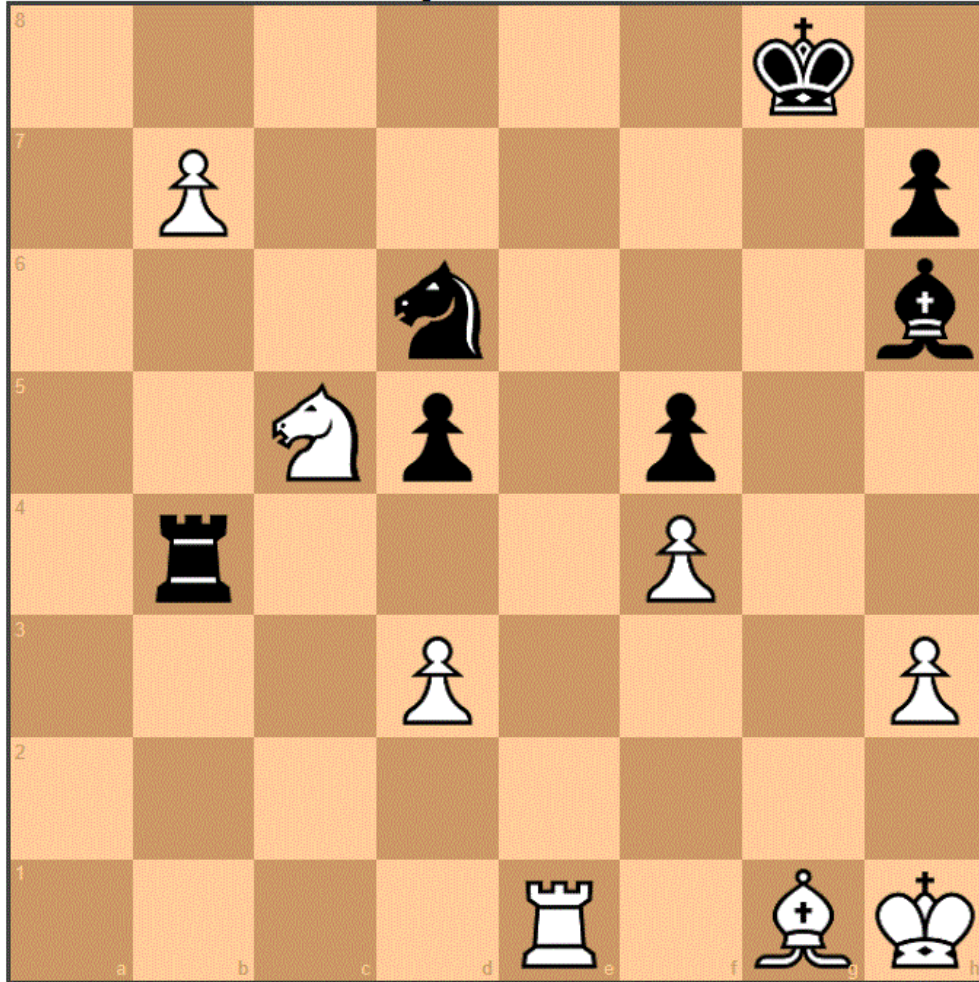


5. White to play. What to do about the dropping b-pawn?

**Vasily Smyslov vs Nikolai Georgiyevich Kopilov**

USSR Championship (1951), Moscow URS, rd 16, Dec-10

Formation: King's Indian Attack (A07) · 1-0

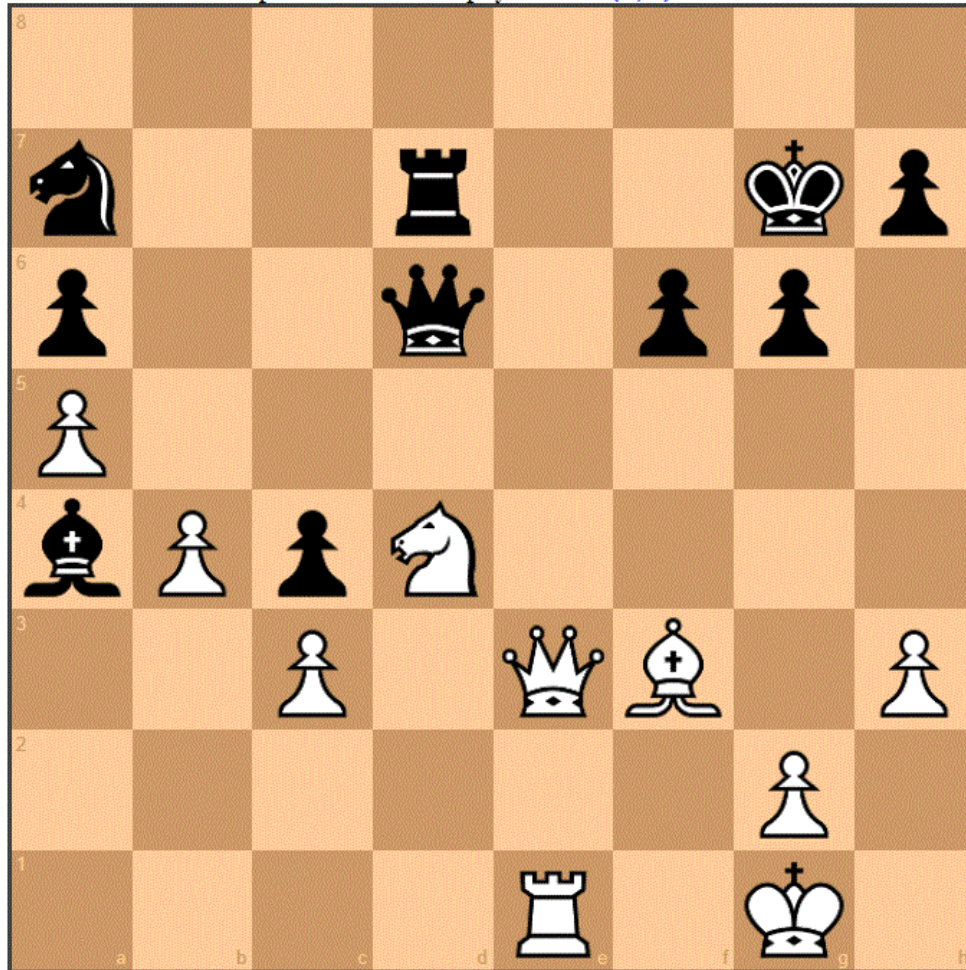


6. White to play. Hint: Fork...

**Yuri Averbakh vs Evgeny Terpugov**

USSR Championship (1951), Moscow URS, rd 8, Nov-26

Spanish Game: Morphy Defense (C70) · 1-0

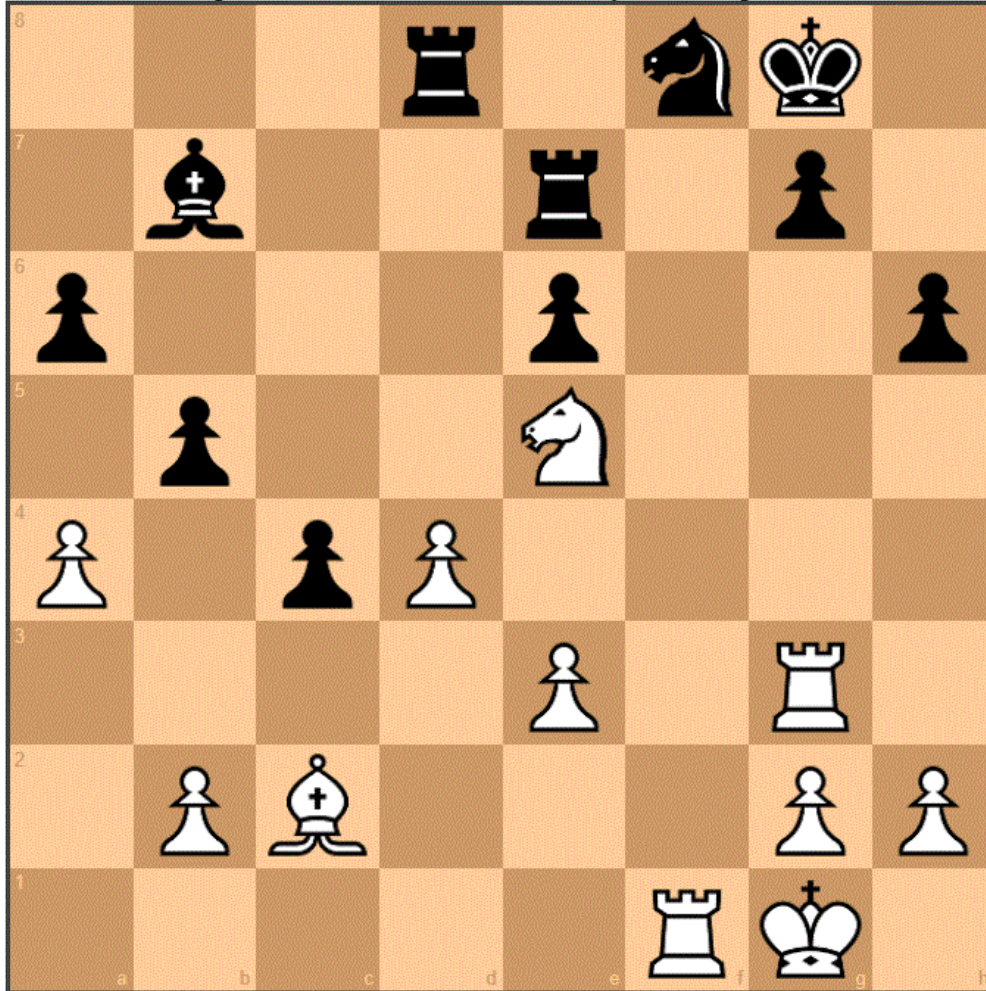


7. White to play. Hint: Uninvited guest...

### Yuri Averbakh vs Lev Aronin

USSR Championship (1951), Moscow URS, rd 10, Nov-29

Queen's Gambit Accepted: Classical Defense. Alekhine System Except Main Line (D28) · 1-0

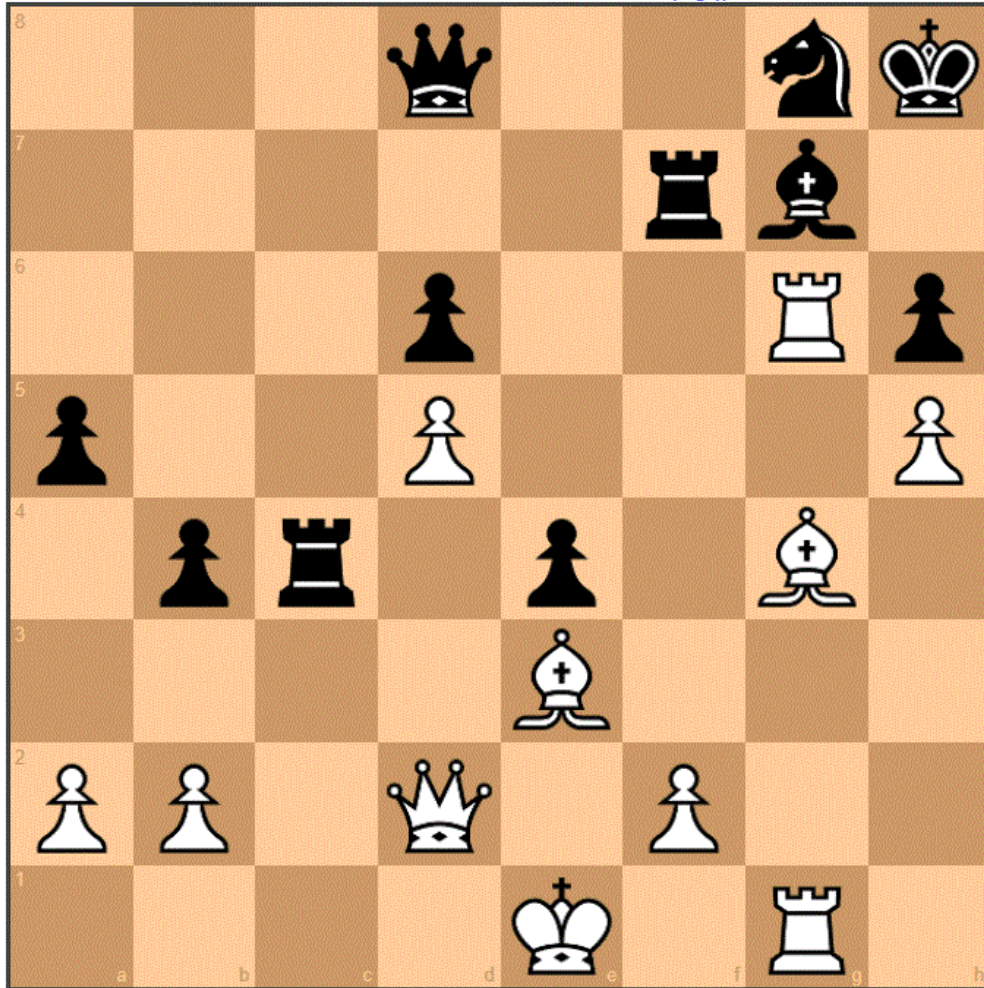


8. White to play. Calculate the forced win.

**Yuri Averbakh vs Igor Bondarevsky**

USSR Championship (1951), Moscow URS, rd 12, Dec-05

Old Indian Defense: Ukrainian Variation (A54) • 1-0



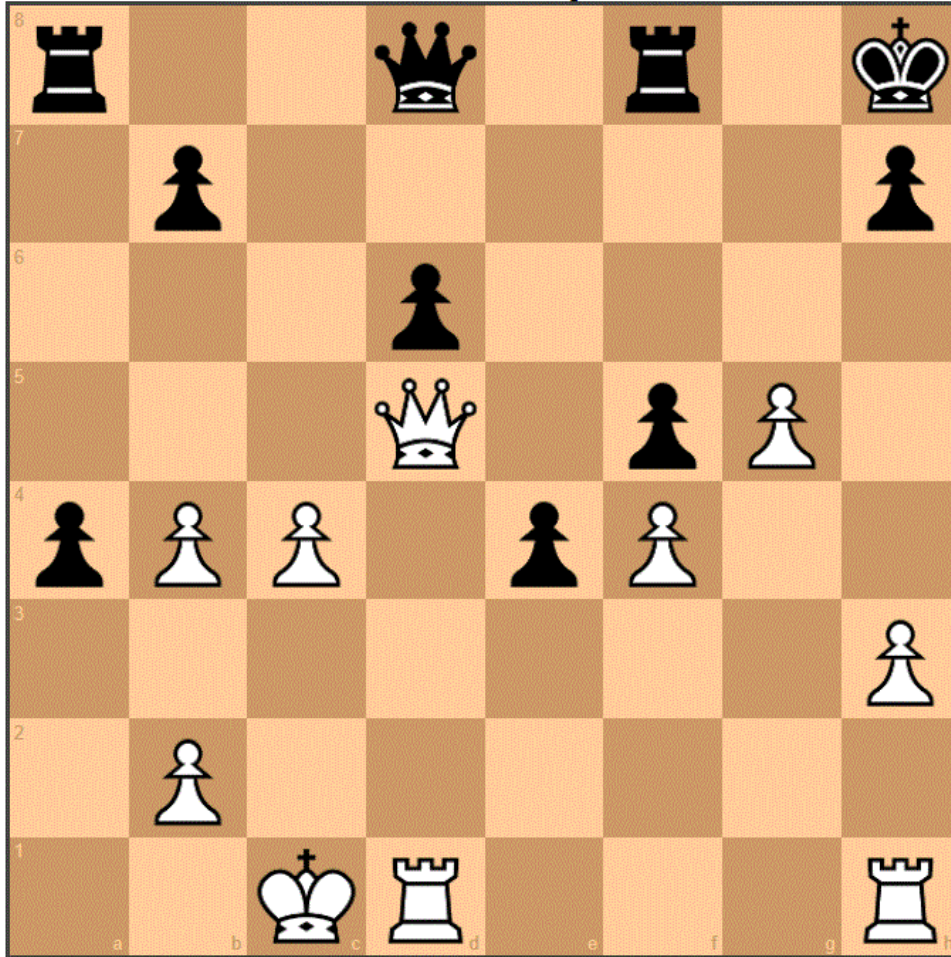


9. White to play. Hint: Exploit the pin...

**Lev Aronin vs David Bronstein**

USSR Championship (1951), Moscow URS, rd 15, Dec-09

Sicilian Defense: Old Sicilian. Open (B32) · 1-0



10. White to play. Hint: Intermezzo...

**Mark Taimanov vs Evgeny Terpugov**

USSR Championship (1951), Moscow URS, rd 2, Nov-14

Slav Defense: Three Knights Variation (D15) · 1-0

