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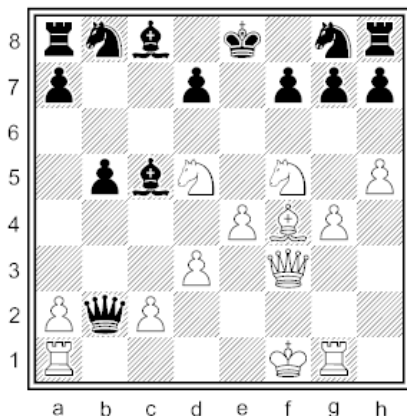
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1.7 Master Chess Games

"The Immortal Game"

A. Anderssen v. L. Kieseritzky

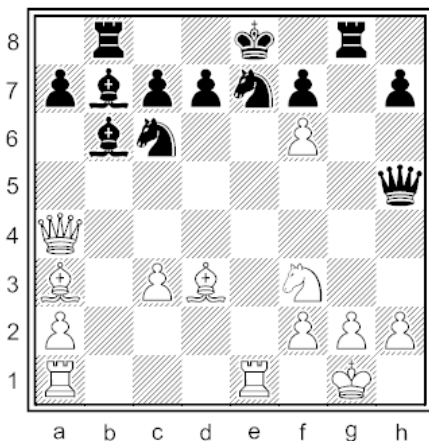
White is about to lose both rooks and, seemingly, the game. What followed, in London 1851, made Anderssen eternally famous.



"The Evergreen"

A. Anderssen v. J. Dufresne

Anderssen, Berlin 1863, exhibits the great value of open files for rooks.

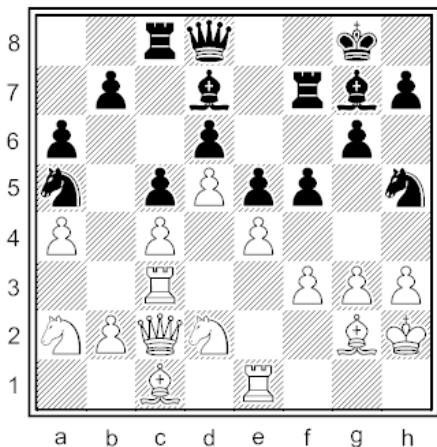


- 1.R(a)d1 QxN (threatening mate on the move!)
- 2.RxN+ NxR (if 2..Kd8 3.Rxd7+ Kc8 4.Rd8+!
NxR [4..RxR 5.g2xQ] 5.Qd7+ KxQ?? 6.Bf5++)
- 3.Qxd7+ KxQ 4.Bf5 double check Ke8 5.Bd7+
King moves 6.BxN checkmate.

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**Li Yang Hsu v. John Nunn
Manila 1992**

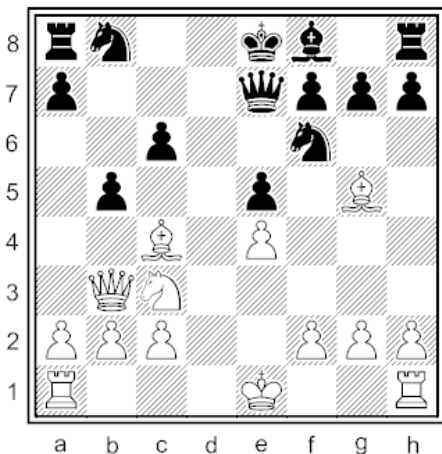
A King's Indian Defence disaster for White, showing how masters are so inventive and dangerous in these sorts of position. Black's next move effectively ends the contest.



**1..Nxb3! 2.KxN Qh4+ 3.Kh2 (not 3.KxQ f4!
and 5..Bf6 mate) QxR! with a winning advantage.**

P. Morphy v. Duke of Brunswick & Count Isouard. Paris 1858.

Paul Morphy, a true chess genius, taught the world the value of open files and excellent tactical vision. Find his next move?



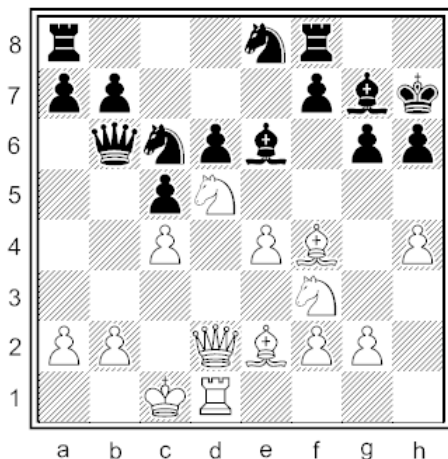
Answer: 1.Nxb5 c6xN 2.Bxb5+ N(b)d7 3.O-O-O Rd8 4.RxN RxR 5.Rd1 Qe6 6.BxR+ NxB 7.Qb8+ NxQ 8.Rd8 1-0.

(Played during an interval at the opera!)

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Magerramov v. Kasparov USSR 1982

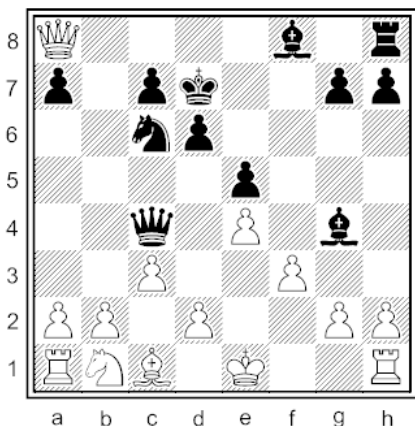
**The King's Indian Defence is deadly if you know
its nuances. Kasparov's next move wins!**



1..Bxd5 2.exd5 Nxb4 3.Kb1 (If 3.a3 Na2+ 4.Kb1 Nc3+ or 3.b3 Bc3) 3..Nf6 and it's all over.
(The threat is: 4..Ne4! e.g. 4.Be3 Ne4! 5.Qc1 Nc3+ or 4.Ng5+ Kg8 and 5.hxg5). Pure genius!

Rodzynski v. Alekhine Paris 1913

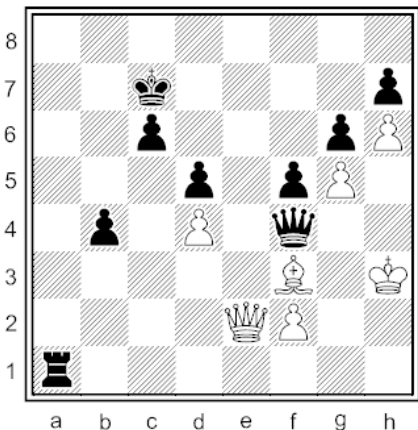
White has just played f3 to prevent mate.
The ever dangerous Alekhine now played?



1..Bxf3! Either mates or regains lost material with a won game. 2.g2xB Nd4 3.d3 (c3xN will lose everything) 3..Qxd3 4.c3xN Be7! 5.QxR Bh4 checkmate.

Horowitz v. Pavey
U.S.Championship 1951

White is being massacred. Black now goes in for the quick kill and plays 1..QxB+ expecting (after 2.QxQ) to next play 2..Ra3 and soon promoting the pawn on b4. Correct?

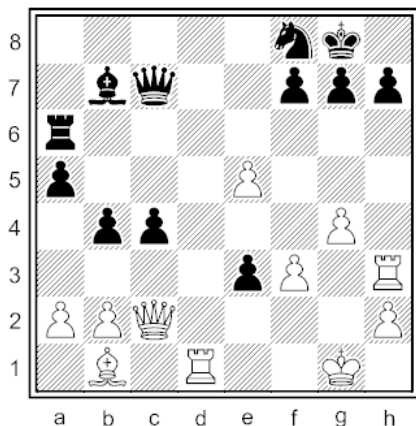


No. After 2.QxQ Ra3, 3.Kh4! Black must now play 3..RxQ forcing stalemate! Sometimes it is hard to win a "won" game!

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Vidmar v. Teichmann Carlsbad 1907

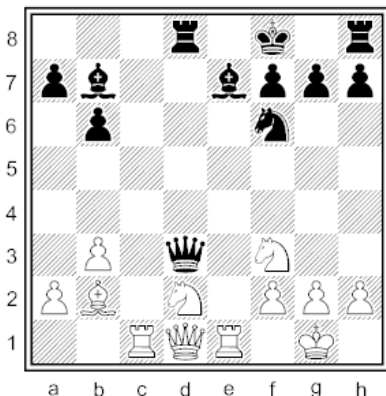
Tarrasch scorned Teichmann's chosen move, 1.Rg6, instead he recommended 1..Qxe5. Had Teichmann, who was blind in one eye, made a serious error of judgement?



**No! Teichmann had avoided checkmate in five.
1..Qxe5 2.Qxh7+ NxQ 3.Rd8+ Qe8 4.RxQ+ Nf8
5.Rh8+ KxR 6.RxN checkmate.**

M. Euwe v. A. Speyer Dutch Championship 1924

**Max Euwe analysed the possibilities
and played 1.RxB. Was this correct?
(Brief analysis below).**

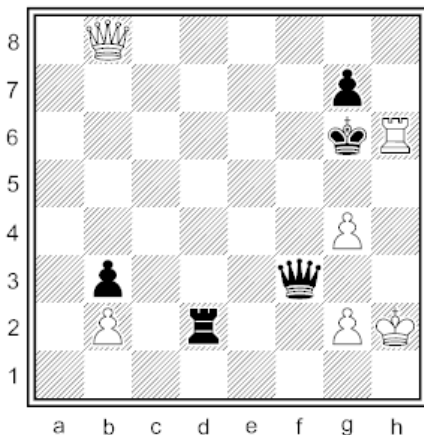


Yes, e.g. 1..BxN (If 1..KxR 2.Ba3+ Ke8 3.Qe1+ Ne4 4.Rc7 Rd7 5.RxB RxR 6.NxN winning) **2.Ba3 Qa6** (if 2..BxQ 3.Re3 dis.ch. leaves White a piece ahead). **3.R(c1)c7 QxB 4.Rxf7+ Ke8 5.Qe1+ Resigns.**

Bronstein v. Korchnoi

Bronstein described 1.Rh6+ as "one of the best combinations in my life, if not the best."

Why did Korchnoi now resign?



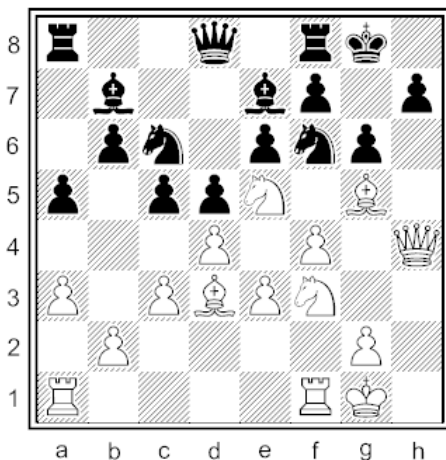
Moscow v. Leningrad 1962.

Answer. Variation A) 1..Kf7 2.Qc7+ Kg8 3.Qc8+ Kf7 4.Qe6+ Kf8 5.Rh8 is checkmate. Variation B) 1..Kg5 2.Qe5+ Kxg4 3.Rg6+ Kh4 4.Qg5 checkmate. Variation C) 1..gxR 2.Qg8+ Kf6 3.Qf8+! Variation D) 1..KxR 2.Qh8+ Kg6 3.Qh5+ Kf6 4.g5+!

The Pillsbury System

Harry Nelson Pillsbury died aged only 34 in 1906 but left us with a potent attacking system.

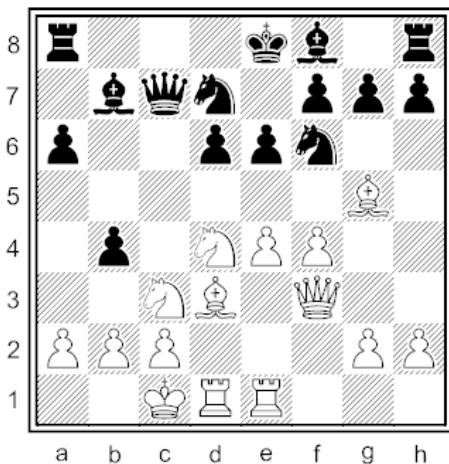
Below, all White roads are leading to Rome!



1..Ra7? 2.Bh6! Nh5 3.Ng5 NxN 4.f4xN Bc8 5.g4 Ng7 6.Rf6 Ne8 (or 6..BxR 7.e5xB Qxf6 8.Rf1) 7.BxR BxR 8.e5xB Qxf6 9.Rf1 Qh8 10.Nxf7 Resigns. This sort of demolition is still met nowadays, even in club games.

Kavalek v. Gheorghiu Skopje 1972

A Velimirovic type sacrifice, against Black's uncastled king in this Sicilian, does terminal damage to Gheorghiu.

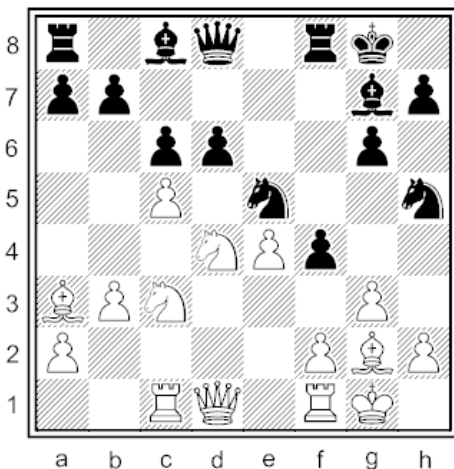


**1.Nd5 e6xN 2.exd5 disc.check Kd8 3.Bf5 Be7
4.Be6! Rf8 (if 4..f7xB 5.Nxe6+ wins the queen)
5.Bxf7 RxB 6.Ne6+ Kc8 7.NxQ wins.**

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Schulz v. Weigelt East Germany 1978

King's Indian Defence aficionados hope to play an early f file pawn push as in this successful example.



1..f3 2.Bh1 Nf4! 3.Bxf3 NxB+ 4.NxN Nh3+ (If 5.Kg2 or Kh1 then 5..Bg4). 0-1.

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