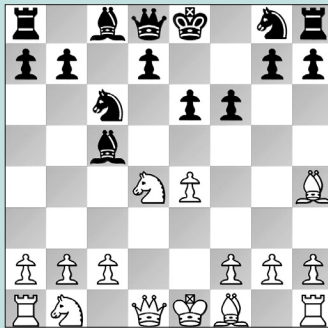


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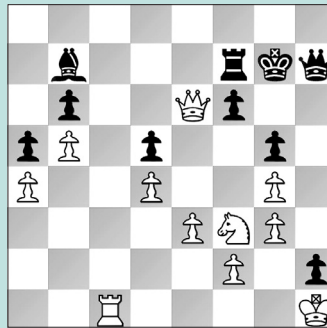
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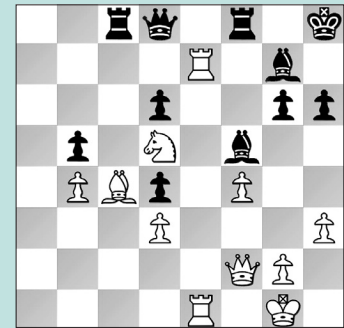
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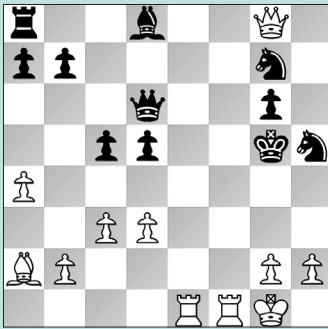
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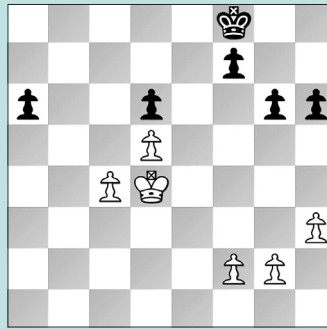
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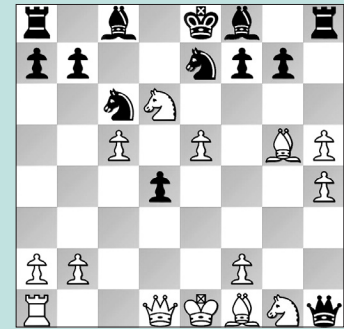
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PUZZLE 5.



WHITE TO MOVE

PUZZLE 6.



BLACK TO MOVE

## SOLUTIONS

**PUZZLE 1:** White played 7. Nb3?? here. Perhaps Sevian forgot he was 'only' playing Peter Svidler. 7. Qh5+! Never match. (Mamedov – Dubov, MrDodgy Invitational 2022). Sevian – Svidler, MrDodgy Invitational 2022. **PUZZLE 2:** White has a lovely simplification tactic. 40. Qxf7+!! Kxf7 Kf8 (already on the board) White found 44. Kc3! An easy you find why? After Black played 42. ... Bxd4+? 43. Kxd4 Ne2 Rxc8 18. Bg2! White regains the knight on e5; 15. ... Qd5 16. Ndel! 16. Nf3 Black's queen is shut-out, thanks to the placement of White's queen on g4. After 14. Nxf7+ Kc7! 15. Nxf8 Qxg1± Black's king is safer than White's, and the extra piece matters far more than the three extra scattered pawns.

**33. Kg1 Rg8** Black went on to win the game and the you find what White missed? 31. ... Qxh2+ 32. Kxh2 Bc7+ with check, setting up a devilish queen trap in a key line 13. ... Kd7? This allows White to get to the g4-square walking into the fork on f7. In the game Black played get out of check? 13. ... Kd8! Shockingly, he is better off MrDodgy Invitational 2022). **PUZZLE 6:** How should Black 47. Kxa6 Kd4 48. Kb5, Black resigned. (Grischuk – Tang, move to overlook! 44. ... Ke7 45. Kb4 Kf6 46. Kas Ke5 Kf8 (already on the board) White found 44. Kc3! An easy **PUZZLE 5:** The pawn endgame is losing for black. Can 2022) 15. ... Nxc8 (alternatives: 15. ... Nxe5 16. Bf4 Qe4+ 17. Ne2 Rxc8 18. Bg2! White regains the knight on e5; 15. ... Qd5 16. Ndel! 16. Nf3 Black's queen is shut-out, thanks to the placement of White's queen on g4. After 14. Nxf7+ Kc7! 15. Nxf8 Qxg1± Black's king is safer than White's, and the extra piece matters far more than the three extra scattered pawns.

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