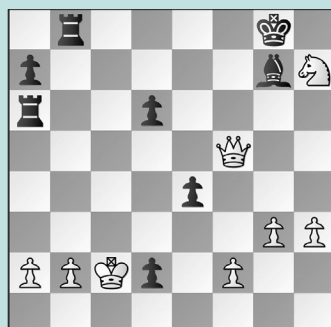


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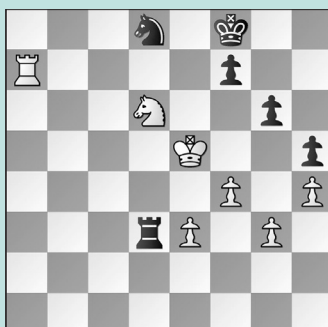
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PUZZLE 1.



BLACK TO MOVE

PUZZLE 2.



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PUZZLE 3.



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PUZZLE 4.



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PUZZLE 5.



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PUZZLE 6.



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SOLUTIONS

PUZZLE 1. 39. ... Rxb2+ 40. Kd1 Rb1+ and White resigned, as the queen is lost after 41. Kxd2 Rxa2+ 42. Ke3 Re1+ 43. Kf4 Rxf2+. (Radjabov – Ding, Wijk aan Zee, 2015) **PUZZLE 2.** 55. Rd7 Rxe3+ Or 55. ... Nc6+ 56. Kf6! Rxe3 57. Rxf7+ Kg8 58. Rc7 winning. 56. Kf6 Re6+ 57. Kg5 Kg7. Now White must find the precise 58. f5!! Re3 59. f6+ Kh7 60. Rxd8 Re4 61. Rh8+!! White avoids Black's stalemate trick, and Black resigned. (Ding – Adams, Wijk aan Zee, 2016) **PUZZLE 3.** 36. Nxe7! An excellent positional decision. The knight was strong, but now the a5-pawn is much

weaker. 36. ... Kxe7 37. Rc7+ Kf8 38. Rc5 Ke7 39. Rxd5 exd5 40. Bb6 and the Minister of Defense resigned on move 55. (Ding – Karjakin, Wijk aan Zee, 2016) **PUZZLE 4.** 29. Nd6+! Necessary. The passed h-pawn will compensate for the absence of the piece. 29. ... cxd6 30. Rxh7 This is equal, but so hard to navigate that Black resigned on move 39. (Ding – Wei (4.1), Baku, 2015) **PUZZLE 5.** 32. Nd5! Nxf1 33. Nb6 Qa7 34. Rxf1 The point: Black's d7-rook is frozen, and White will get a nice return on his investment. 34. ... Nf6 35. Be5 Less precise is 35. Bg5 because of 35. ... Rxd6! 36. cxd6 Qxb6 37. Bxf6 gxf6 38. Re1 Kf8 39. Qxf6

Rxd6 40. Re4 Qd8, and Black holds on. 35. ... Nd5 36. Nxd5 exd5 37. Bxg7! A final winning blow. 37. ... Kxg7 38. Qg5+ Now, with Rf1-e1-e3 to follow, Black resigned on move 46. (Ding – Aronian, Paris/St. Petersburg, 2013) **PUZZLE 6.** 31. Re7!! White could anticipate Black's idea this way. 31. Rd3? Ding played this move and went on to resign on move 40. Instead, 31. ... c5 32. Bxb7 Qxb7 33. Rg4 cxb4 34. Bxh6 kept White alive. This is just one of many incredibly rich games the two have played against each other over the past ten years. (Ding – Rapport, Sharjah, 2017, analysis)