

# GRENKE OPEN TRICKS AND TRAPS

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### PUZZLE 1.



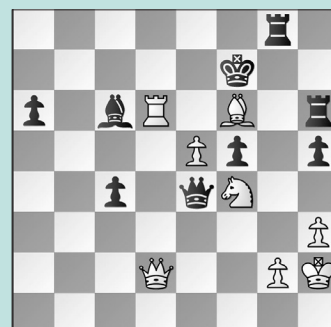
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### PUZZLE 2.



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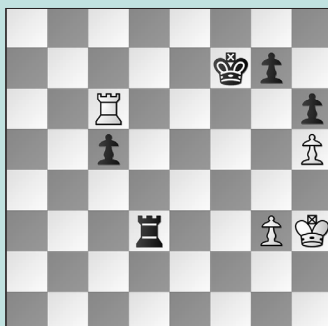
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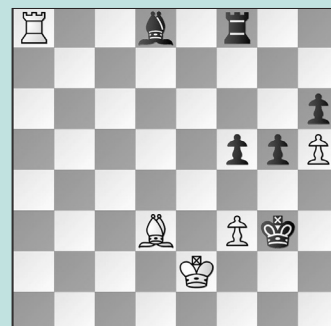
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### PUZZLE 6.



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## SOLUTIONS

**PUZZLE 1.** Black untangles from a pin to reach a winning queen-and-pawn endgame with **35. ... Be7!** **36. Qxe7 Rxd8 37. Qxd8 Qxe5+** The point: Black wins back the piece. **38. Kh1 Qxe3 39. Qc8+ Kb6** and Black went on to win. (Schmidt – Tiglon, Karlsruhe, 2024) **PUZZLE 2.** **16. ... Qe7!** Astute, necessary defense! Not **16. ... bxa6??** **17. Qc7** with mate coming. **17. Nxh7** Retreating was too slow: **17. Be2 Qxg5** is game over. **17. ... Kxh7 18. Be2 b6 19. f4 Bb7** and Black has stopped White's last threat of **Rf1-f3** and went on to win with his material advantage. (Geltz – Yoo, Karlsruhe, 2024) **PUZZLE 3.** If White had gone for the most threatening line, Black would have

to find a forcing sequence with **39. ... Qxf4+ 40. Qxf4 Rxc6+ 41. Kh1 Rf2+ 42. Rxc6 Rxf4 43. Rc7+! Ke8** Not **43. ... Kg6??** **44. Rg7** mate. **44. Bg5 Rf1+ 45. Kg2 Rg6 46. Kxf1 Rxc5 47. Rxc4** with a roughly equal position. (Hong – Kollars, Karlsruhe, 2024, analysis) **PUZZLE 4.** Black is down three pawns, but uses his active pieces to force a draw. **114. ... Rh2! 115. Kd1 Kd3 116. Ke1 Ke3 117. Kf1 Kf3 118. Ke1** If **118. Kg1 Rg2+** **119. Kh1**, then Black could uncork the crafty **119. ... Rg4!** **120. c6 Kf2!**, using the mating net to force **121. Rh5 Rg1+** **122. Kh2 Rg2+** with a draw. **118. ... Ke3 119. Kd1 Kd3** with a draw. (Kraštev – Kamsky, Karlsruhe, 2024) **PUZZLE 5.** **39. ... Rd5!** Not **39. ... Rc3?** **40. Kg4 Ke8 41. Kf4 Kd7** (or **41. ... c4 42. g4**

**Kd7 43. Rg6** holds) **42. Rg6** with counterplay. **40. g4 Ke8 41. Kg3 Kd7 42. Rg6 Rg5** defending and holding the g-pawn. (Yoo – Fedoseev, Karlsruhe, 2024, analysis) **PUZZLE 6.** **74. Bb5!** The only move. Instead, after **74. Ra6? Re8+ 75. Kd1 f4 76. Be4**, Black was happy to sac. **76. ... Rxe4! 77. fxe4 f3 78. Ke1 Kg2 79. Ra2+ Kg1**, and White resigned shortly. But after **74. Bb5**, Black's rook cannot activate. For instance: **74. ... Kh4** Note that Black's h-pawn is the wrong color, allowing White opportunities to sac her bishop after **74. ... g4 75. fxg4 fxg4 76. Bd7 Kh4 77. Ra4 Rg8 78. Rxc4+! Rxc4 79. Bxc4** with a draw. **75. Ra6 Kxh5 76. Bd7 Bc7 77. Rc6 Bb8 78. Rc8** with equality. (Tokhirjonova – Muradli, Karlsruhe, 2024, analysis)