

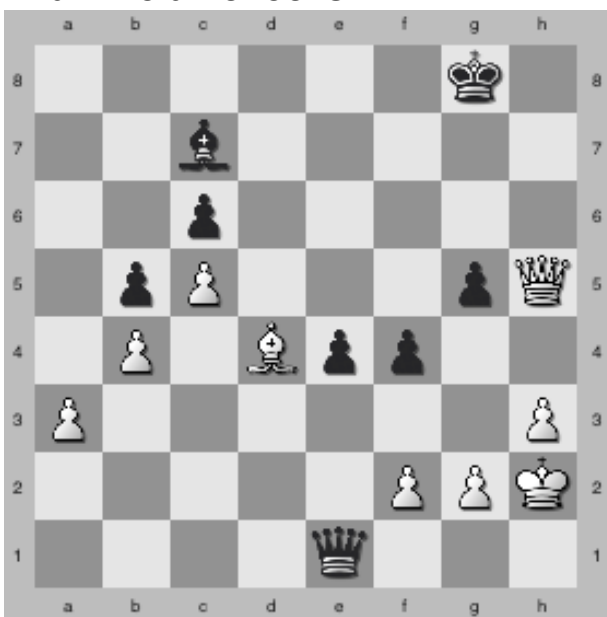


**Chess Interschool**  
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**Beginners Lecture**  
**Tips on Tactics**

Today I want to give you some ideas on how to spot tactics.

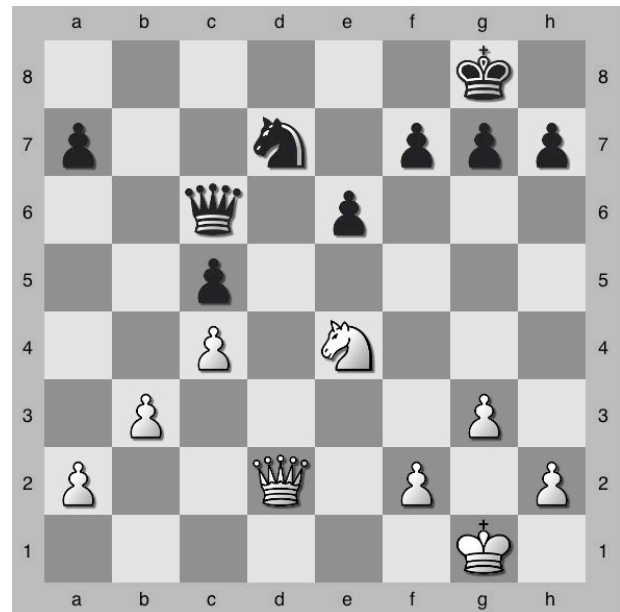
**Examine all checks**



**Black to Play**

1...f3+ 2.g3 Bxg3+!! Kxg3 3.Qg1#  
If 2...fxg3 3.Qe2 mates.

**Examine all captures**



**White to Play**

1.Nxc5! If 1...Qxc5 2.Qxd7 or if 1...Nxc5?? 2.Qd8+ mates.

**Look for Ideas**

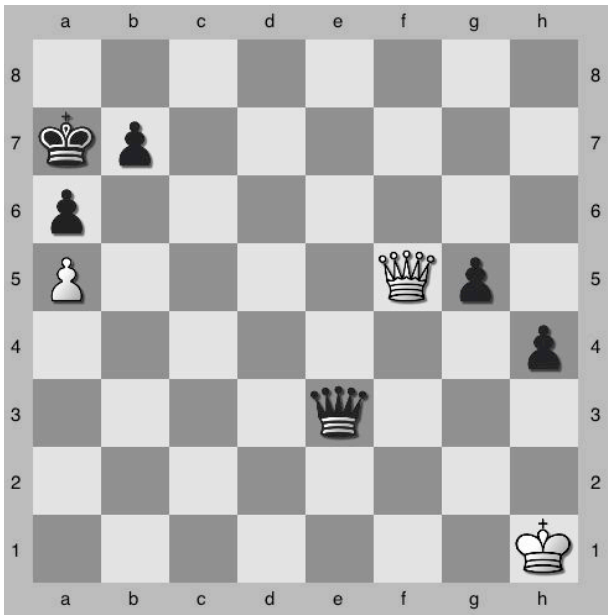
If checks and captures don't work then we can look for an idea. In the position below White has nothing to attack and is going to lose on material. His only possible salvation would be stalemate. Does this give you an idea?



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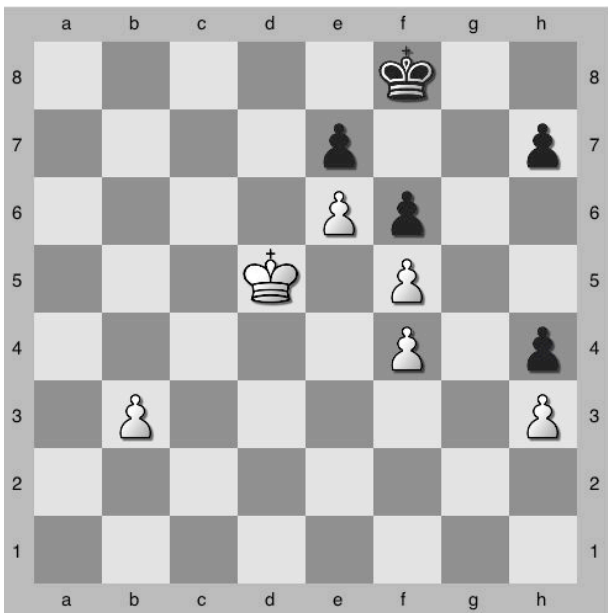
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**White to Play**

1.Qf2!! Qxf2 stalemate.

Black needs an idea again in the following position. Can you help him?

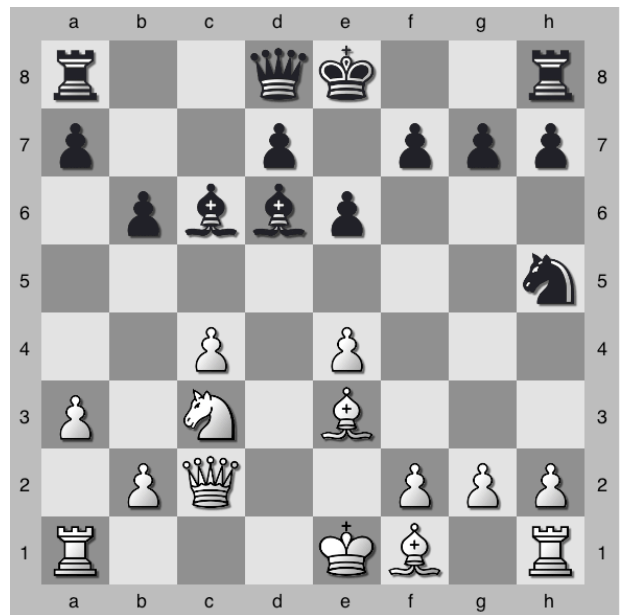


**Black to Play**

1...Kg7 2.Kc6 Kh6 3.Kd7 Kh5  
4.Kxe7 h6 5. any move - stalemate!

**Look for things to attack.**

Can you see a good move for White here?

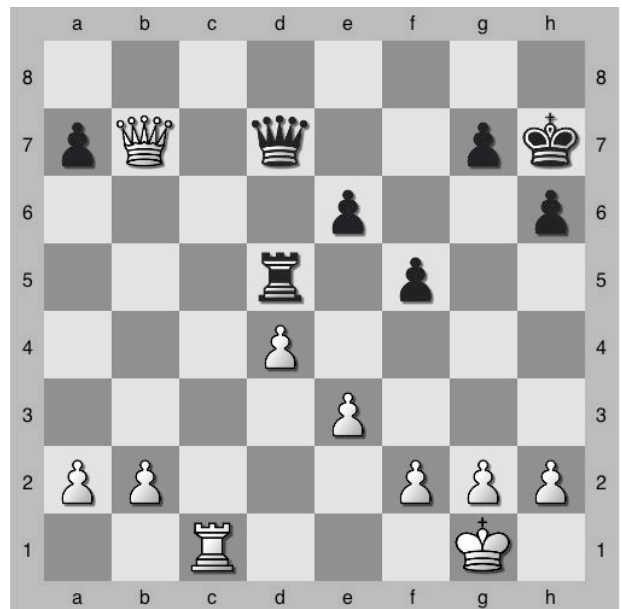


**White to Play**

1.Qd1! threatening both the N and B so winning a piece.

**Look for things to attack (2)**

Can you find a move for White that forces immediate resignation?



**White to Play**

Did you check the move you found? You probably played 1...Rc7 as that looks really good, but did you pause to ask what will Black reply? If you did, you may have seen 1...Rc5!! and it's White who is forced to resign!