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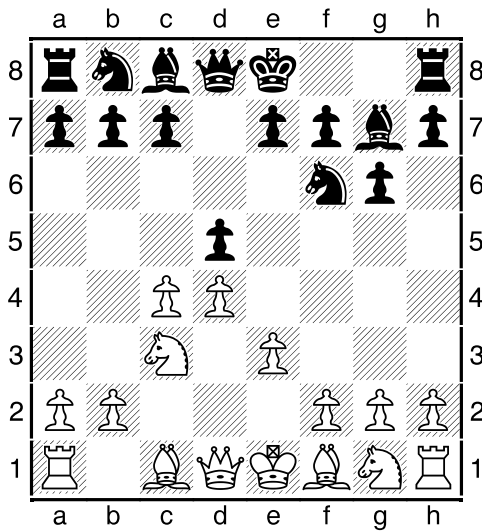
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Imaginative Queen Moves

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1. Ivanchuk-Svidler Tal Memorial 2012

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Bg7

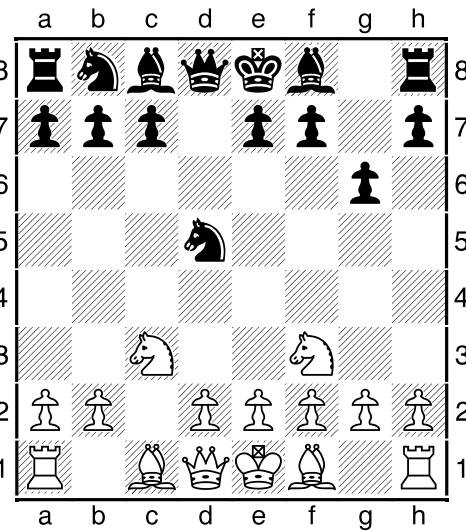


5.Qb3 puts pressure on the queen side and centre. **5..e6 6.Qa3** to prevent black castling. This is annoying for black rather than good for white. **6..a5 7.Nf3 Nc6** So as to play Nb4 and 0-0 **8.Bd2 Nb4 9.Qa4+Bd7 10.Qb3** attacking d5 **10..dxc4 11.Bxc4** and white has quite a good game. He eventually went on to win this game.

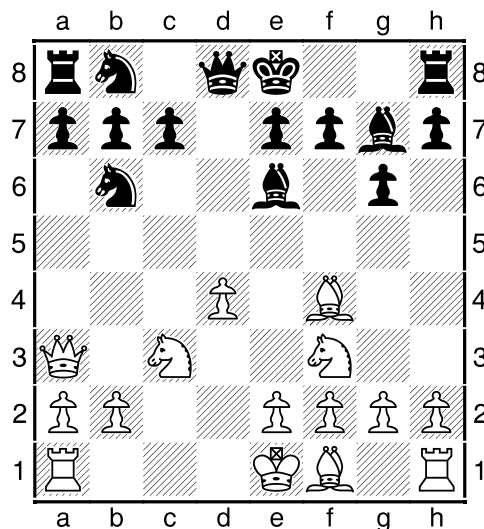
White puts his queen out of the way where it is safe but exerts pressure towards e7. Black managed to draw this, but only with some help from white. →

2. Kramnik-Nakamura Tal Memorial 2012

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5



Here comes a similar plan to the last game, but this time it doesn't stop castling, but does add pressure to black's centre. **5.Qb3 Nb6 6.d4 Bg7 7.Bf4 Be6 8.Qa3**



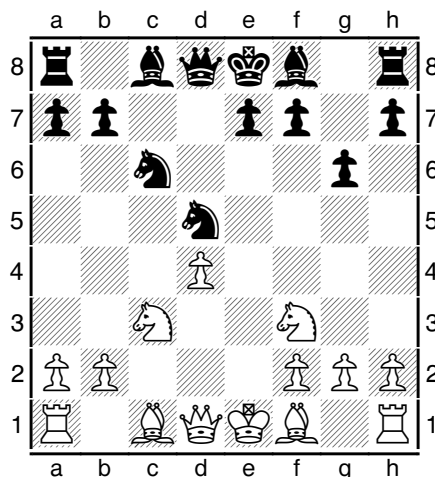


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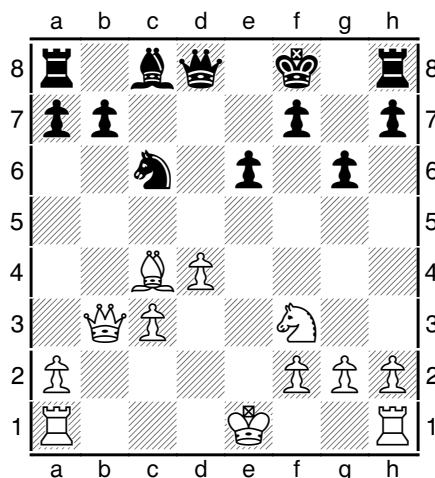
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3.Aronian-Stevic Euro Teams Champs 2011

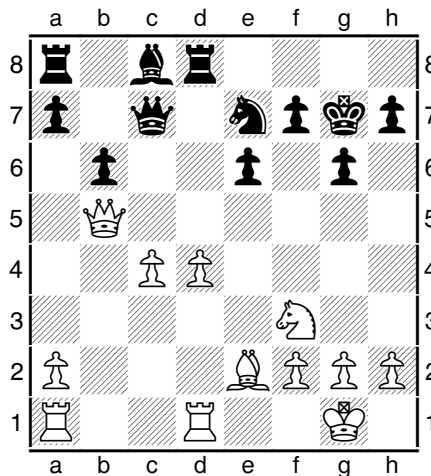
1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e3 Nf6 5.d4 cxd4
6.exd4 d5 7.cxd5



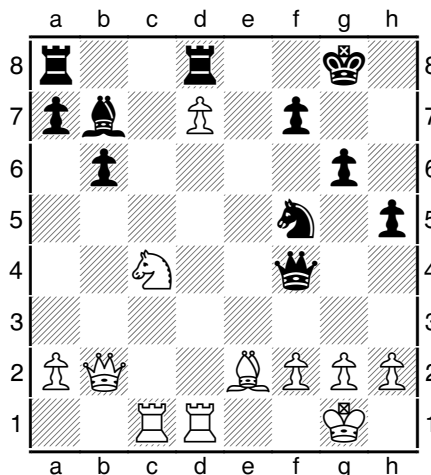
Here the world's number 3 played **8.Qb3** and after **8..Nxc3** played **9.Bc4 e6 10.bxc3 Bg7 11.Ba3** preventing castling **11..Bf8 12.Bxf8 Kxf8** Black has had to take out some time to get his king safe.



Watch now how Aronian uses his queen to hold up black's development even more. **13.0-0 Kg7 14.Qb5** Aronian prevents black from playing b6 which would develop his bishop. **14..Qc7 15.Be2 Rd8 16.Rfd1 b6 17.c4 Ne7**



18.Qb2 again, a regrouping of the queen to where she exerts influence. **18..Kg8 19.Ne5** and now this knight intends to jump back to g4 and then into the dark square holes on f6 or h6 **19..h5 20.Rac1 Bb7 21.d5 exd5 22.cxd5 Qd4 23.Nc4 Qf4 24.d6 Nf5 25.d7**



Aronian's imaginative play, especially with his queen, has brought him a great position with a far advanced passed pawn, and pressure against black's king from afar. Black's pieces are tied down, and the rook on a8 is an especially poor piece. The game finished:

25..Qg5 26.g3 h4 27.g4 Ng7 28.Qe5 Ne6 29.Qxg5 Nxe5 30.Ne5 Kg7 31.Rc3 Ne6 32.Re3 Nc5 33.g5 f6 34.gxf6+ Kxf6 35.Rd6+ 1-0

