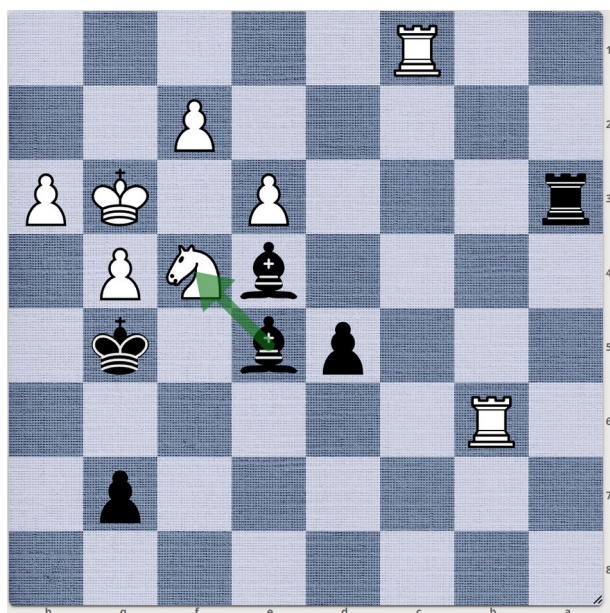


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Week 4: Checkmates Involving Pins



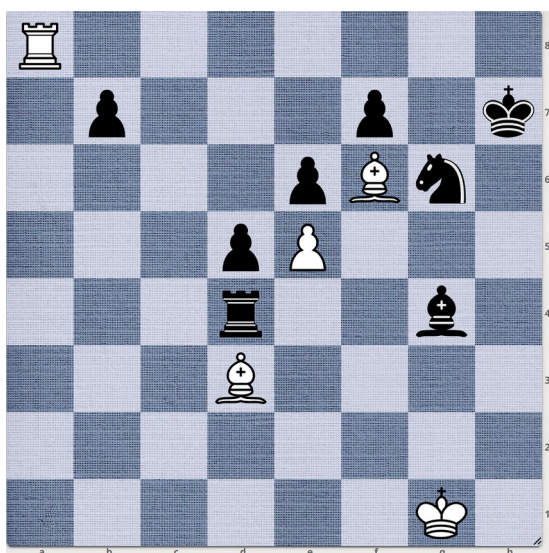
When pieces are pinned, especially when the king is involved, their ability to defend against checkmate is diminished

In this puzzle, the Black rook on a3 is pinning the White pawn on e3, due to the White king being on the same rank, b3.

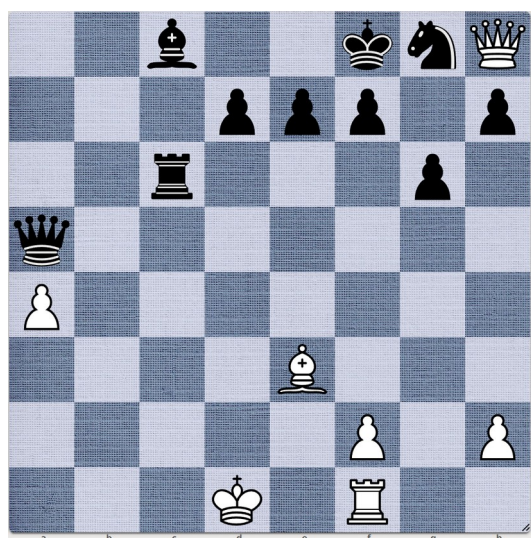
Black has, therefore, checkmate in one: **1...Bxf3#** is a spectacular move, and the pawn cannot capture the bishop.

All of these eight positions contain a similar theme, where pins prevent the opponent from being able to help defend against checkmates

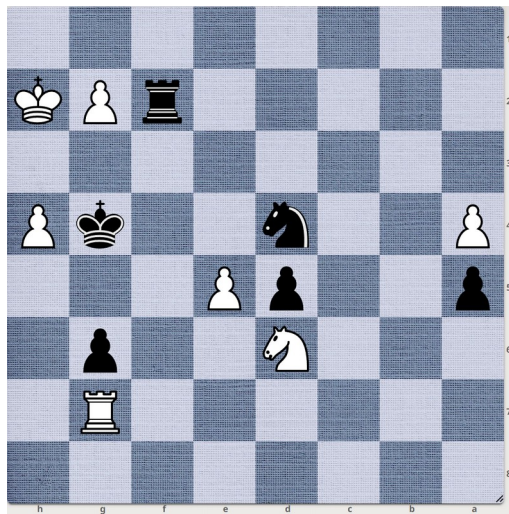
1 – White to move and mate in 1



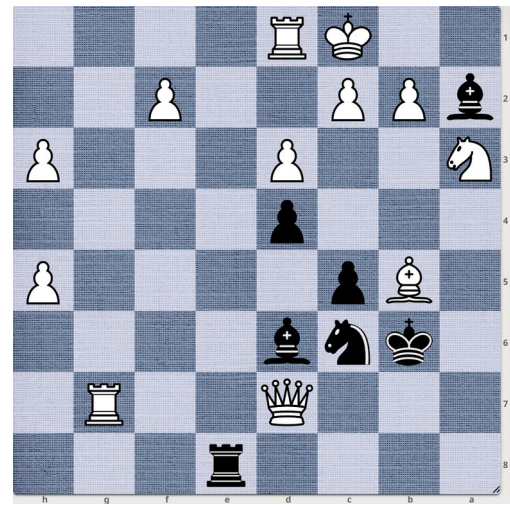
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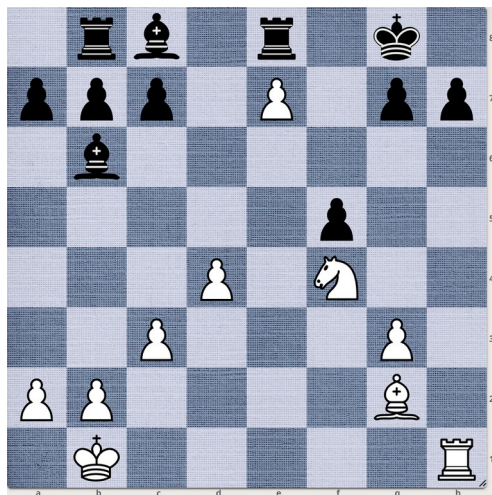
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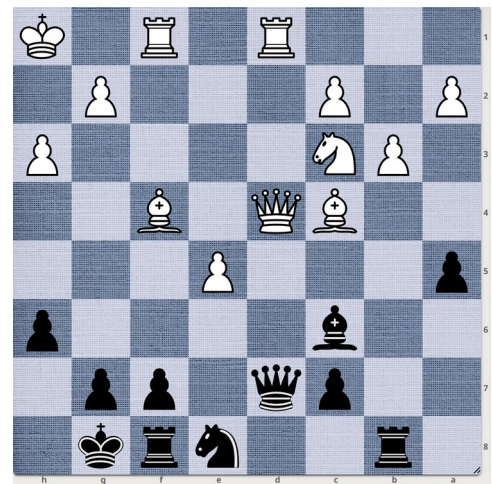
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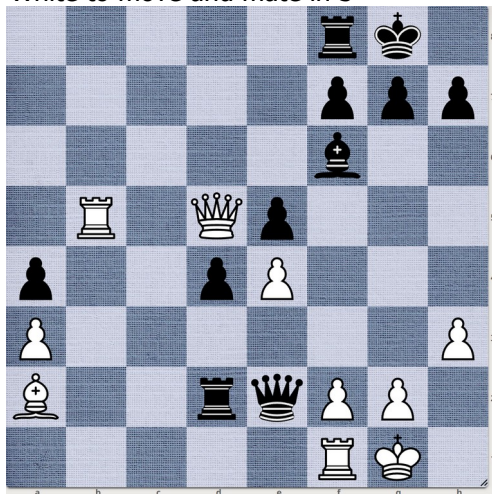
5 – White to move and mate in 3



6 – Black to move and mate in 2



7 – White to move and mate in 3



8 – Black to move and mate in 3

