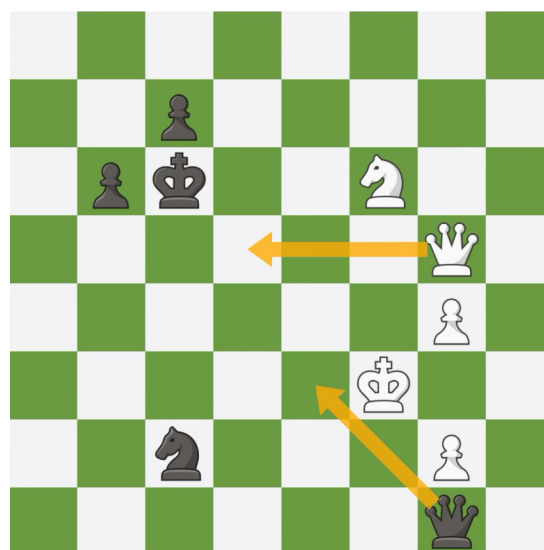


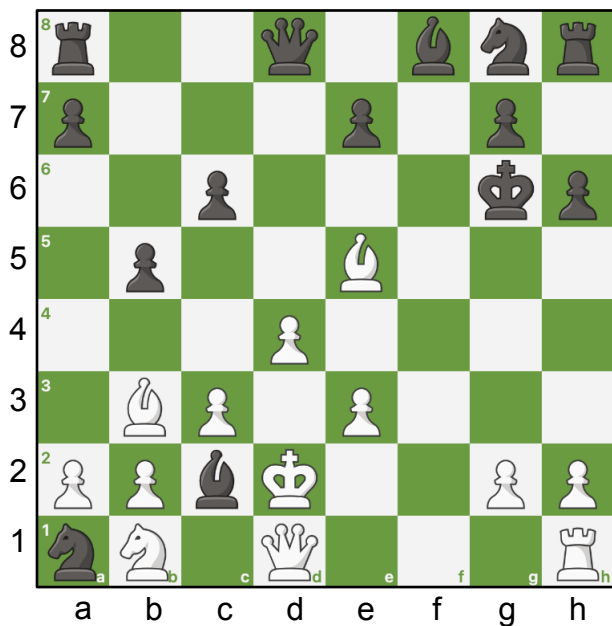
120. Dovetails and Swallow tails

The swallow's tail mate and dovetail mate are checkmate patterns featuring a queen checking the king on an adjacent square with the king's escape squares blocked by its own pieces.

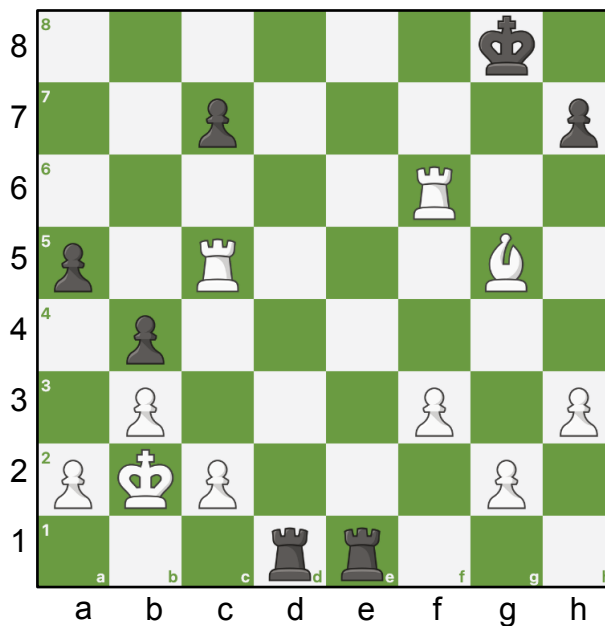


Challenge Puzzles

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Hints.

- ① Start with the queen.
- ② Start with the bishop.

Answers.

① 1. ♔g4+ ♚h7 2. ♗xc2+ ♞xc2 3. ♔f5+ ♚g6 4. ♔f7+ ♚g7 5. ♔xg7#

② 1. ♗c1 ♟h6 2. ♖g6+ ♚f8 3. ♖a6 and white is threatening a staircase mate. If the black rook takes the bishop, then trades will be forced with white ending up material.

