

A collection of chess pieces is arranged on a wooden surface against a dark background. The pieces include a white king, a white pawn, a white knight, a white bishop, a white rook, a dark pawn, and a dark rook. One white piece is lying on its side on the left. The word "TACTICS" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

TACTICS

“I missed a tactic”



- Know the basic sorts of tactic
- Look and find tactics
 - Clues: I smell a tactic!
 - Checks and captures
- EXERCISES
 - Discoveries
 - Hit Miss or Trap?

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"A knowledge of **tactics** is the foundation of positional play. This is a rule that has stood its test in chess history and one which we cannot impress forcibly enough upon the young chess player.

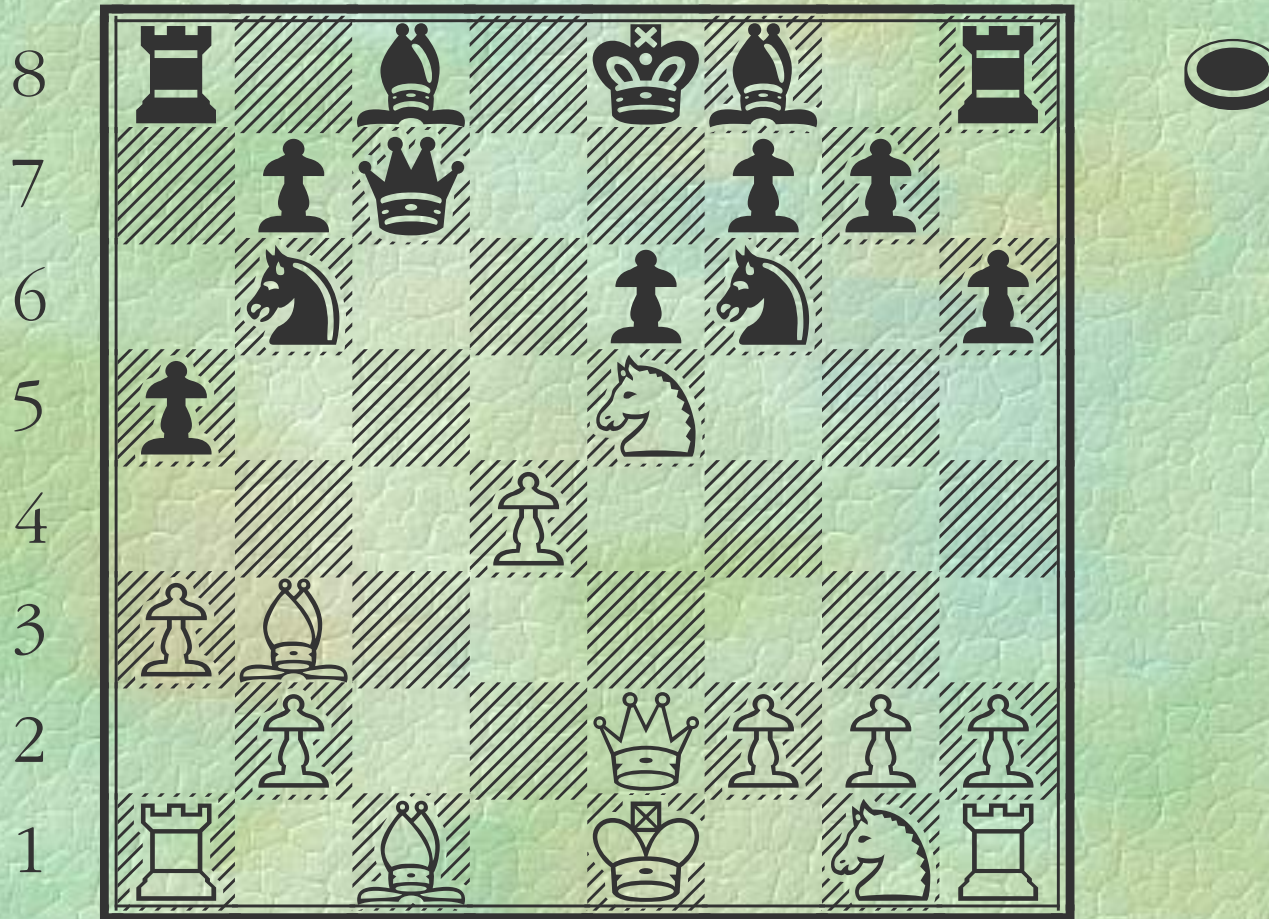


6 basic sorts of tactic

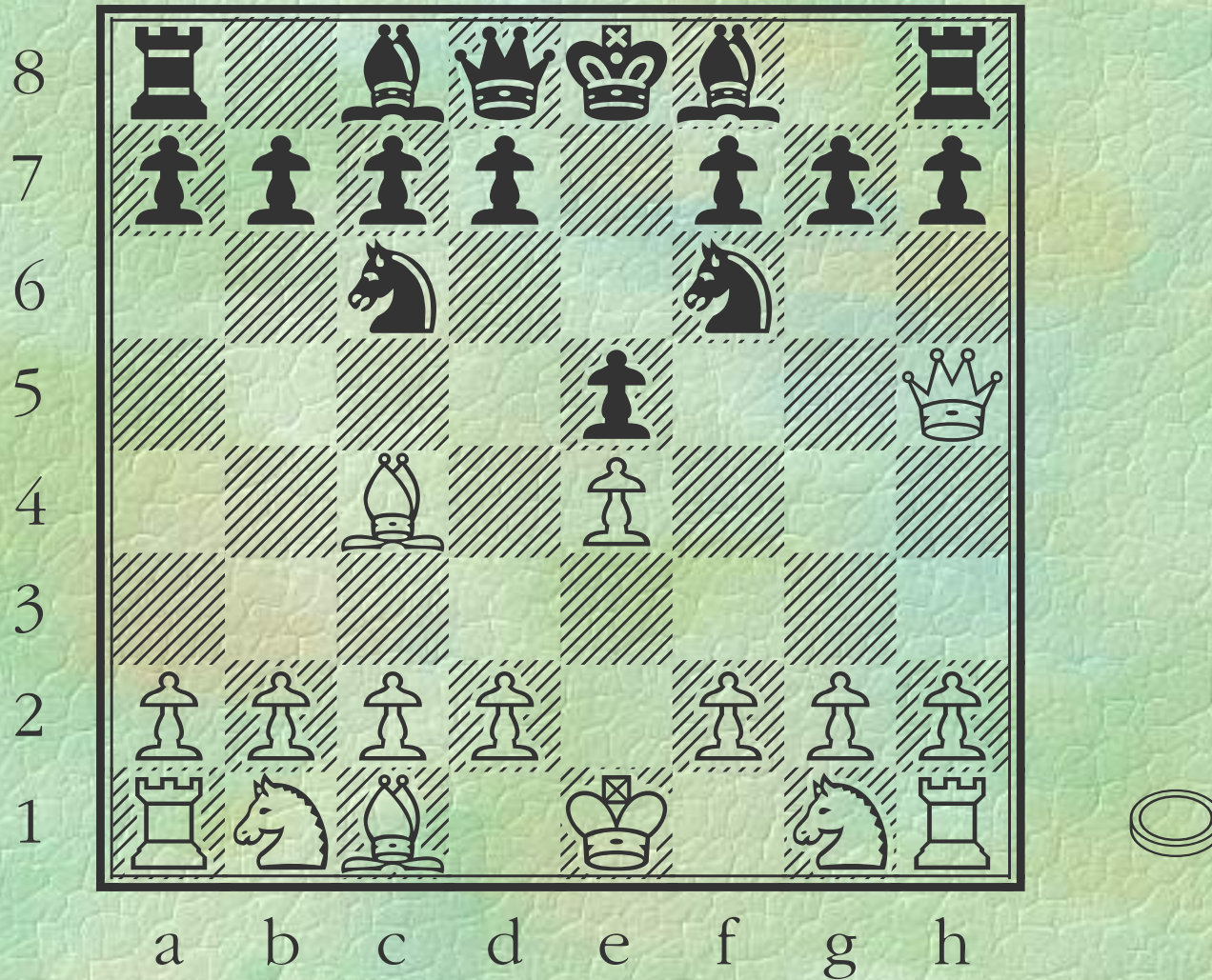
- Mates
- Forks
- Pins
- Nets
- Jumps
- Ties (undermining/overloading)



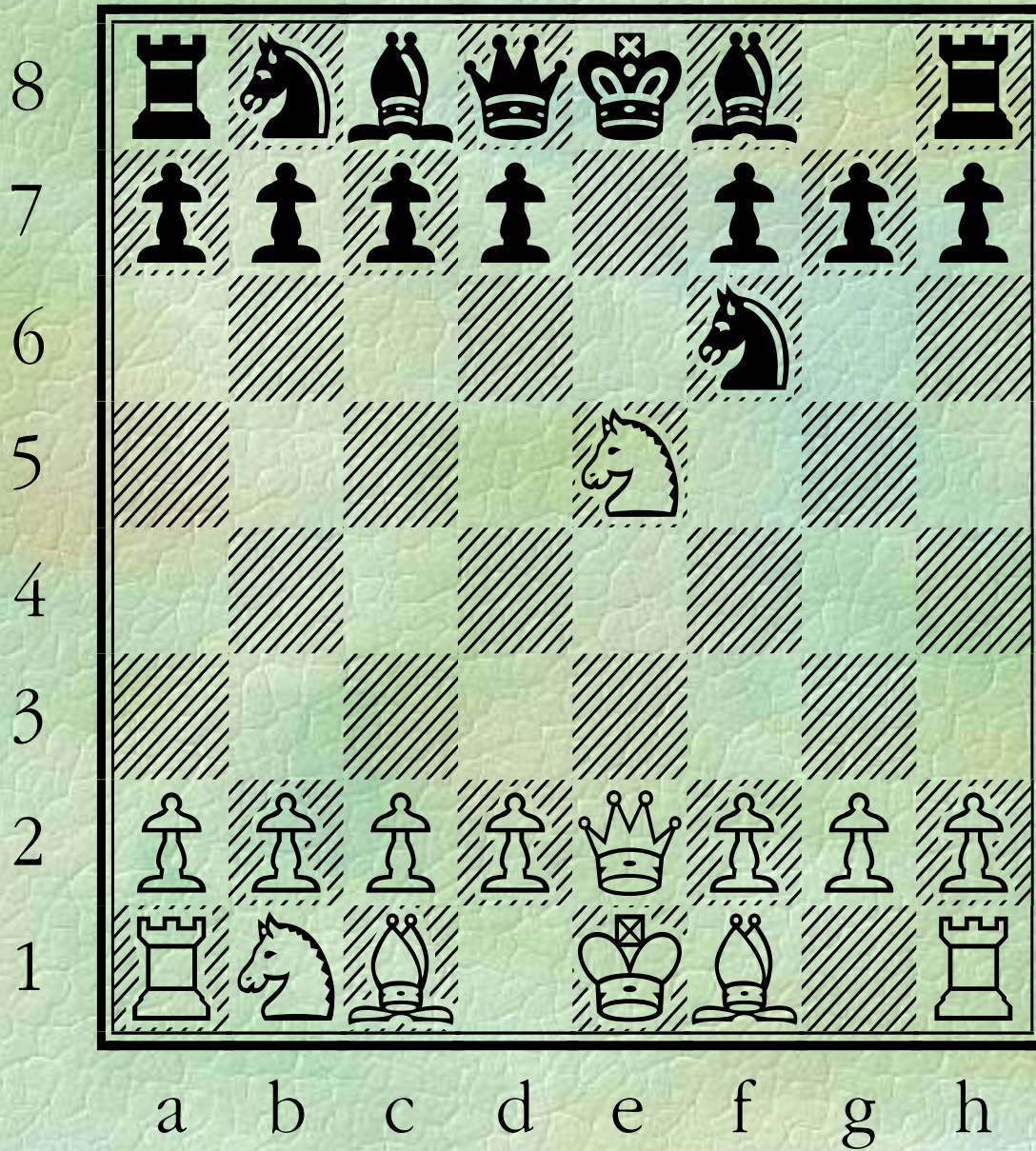
An introduction to combinations...



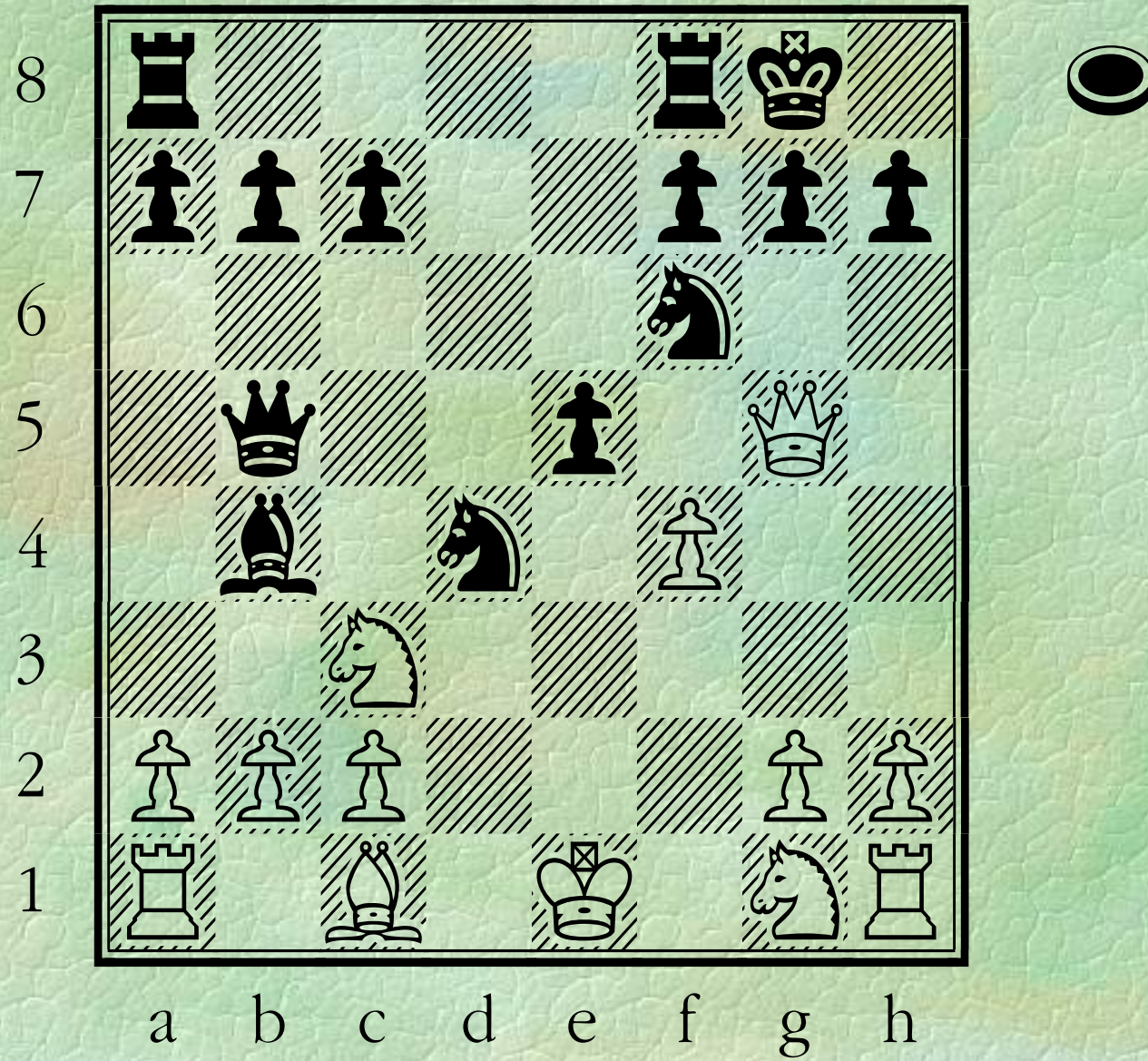
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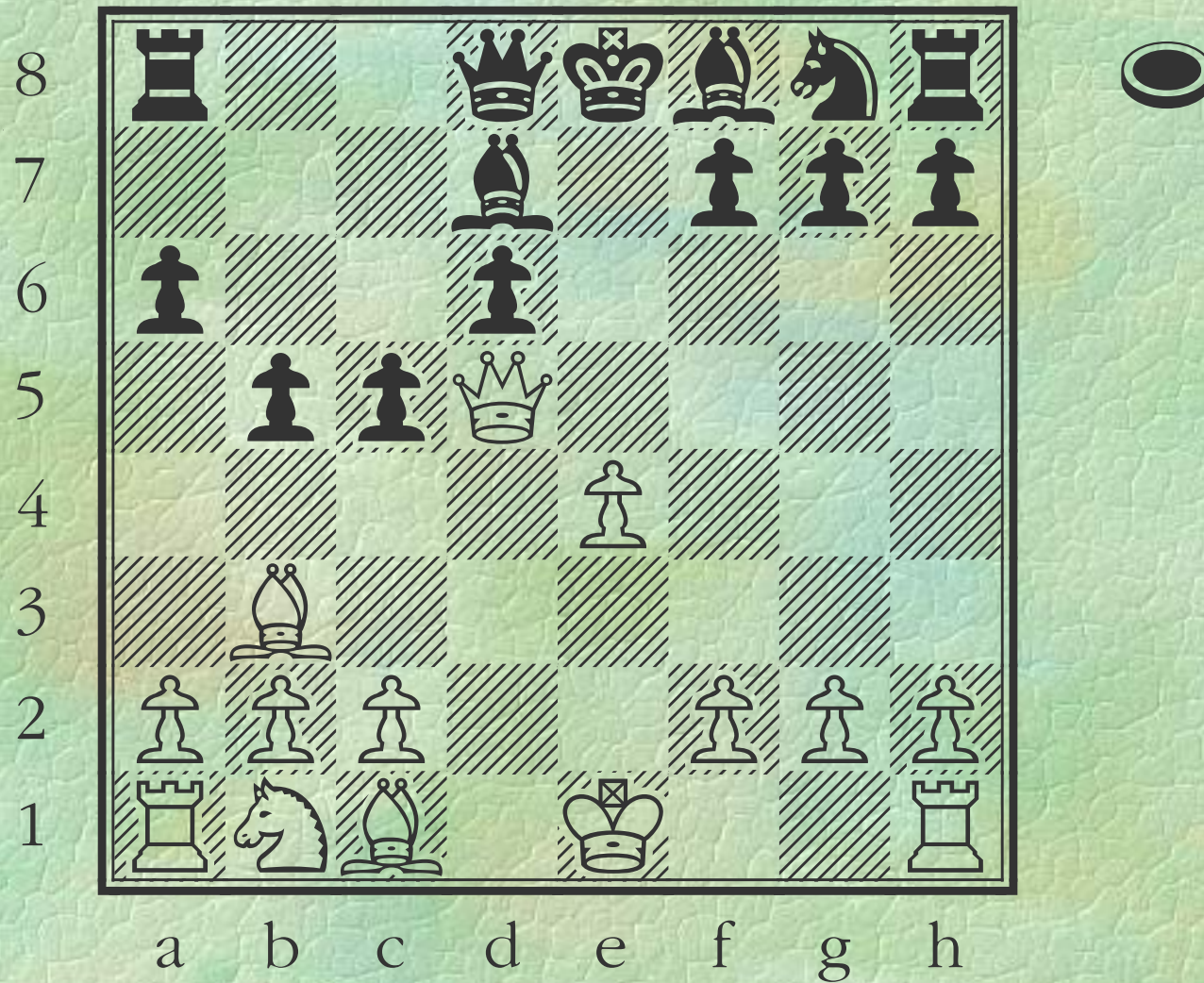
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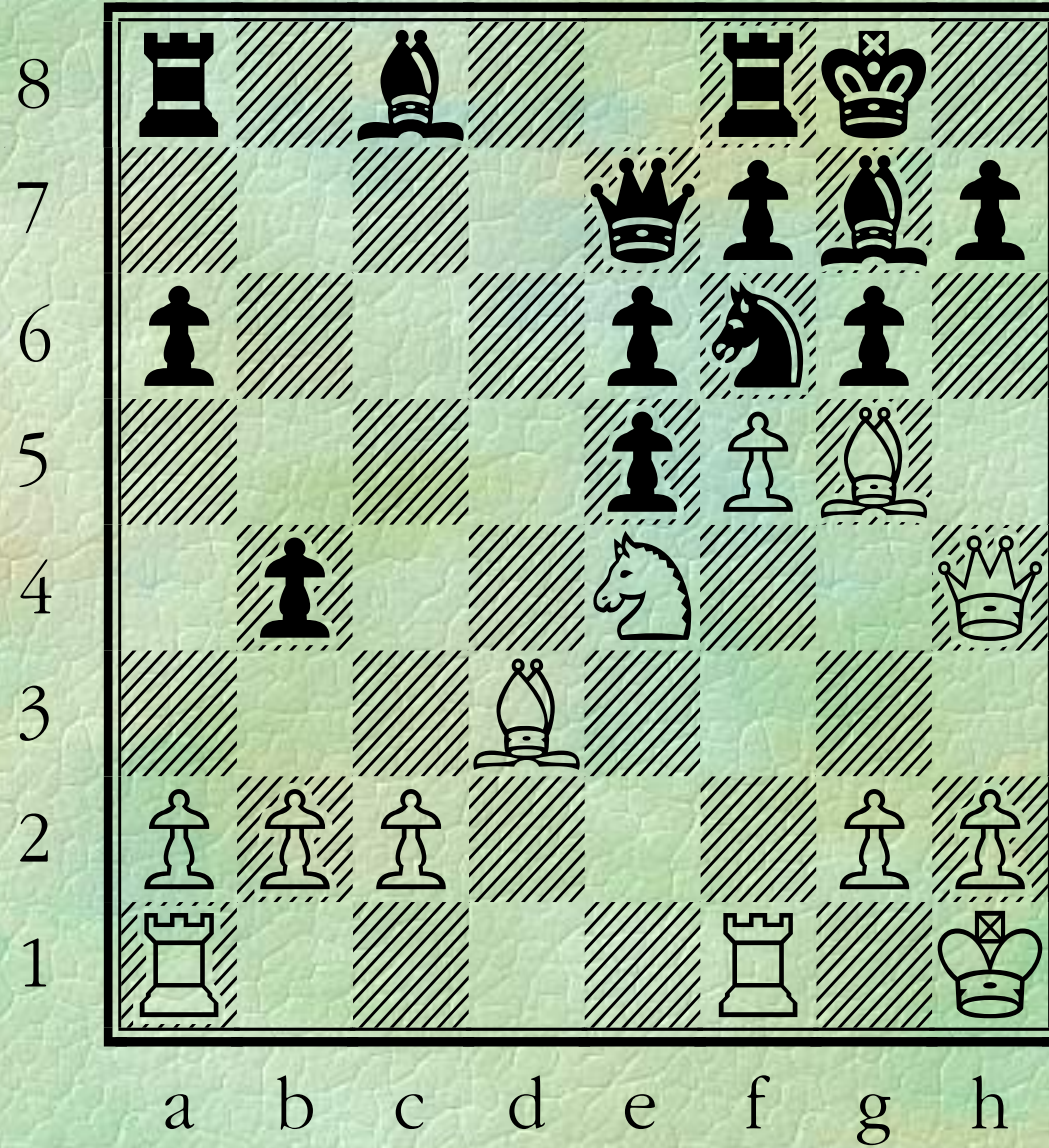
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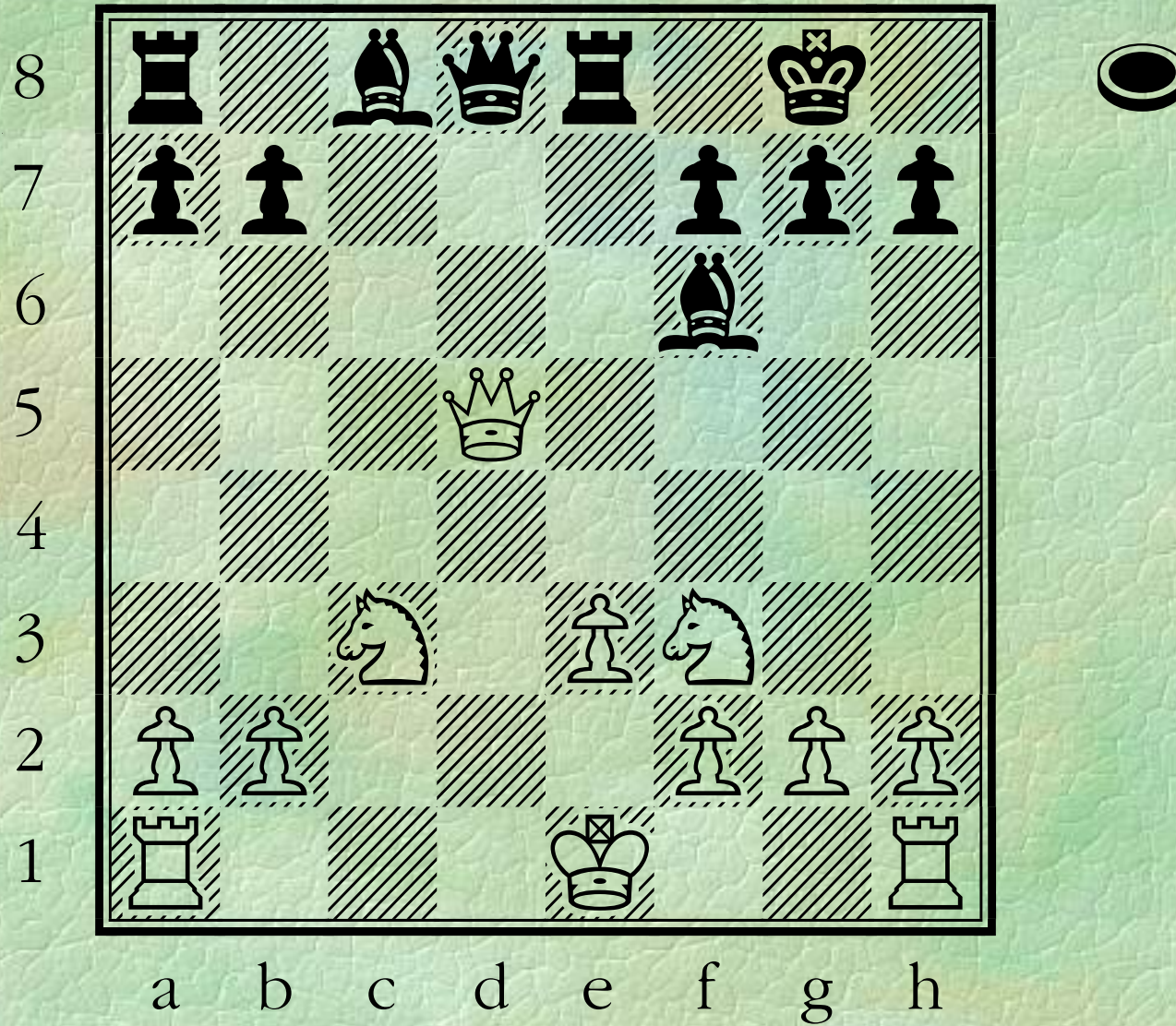
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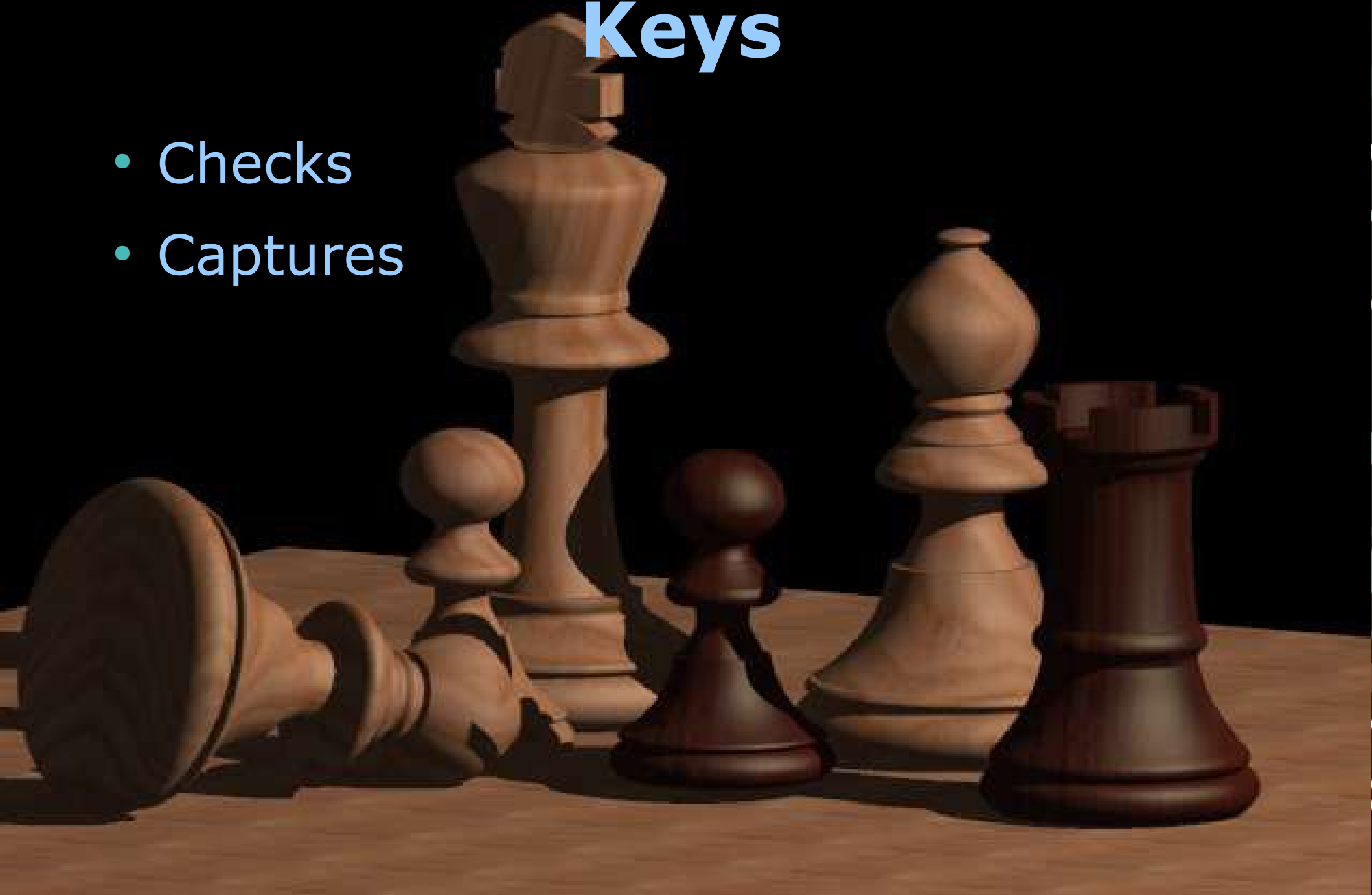


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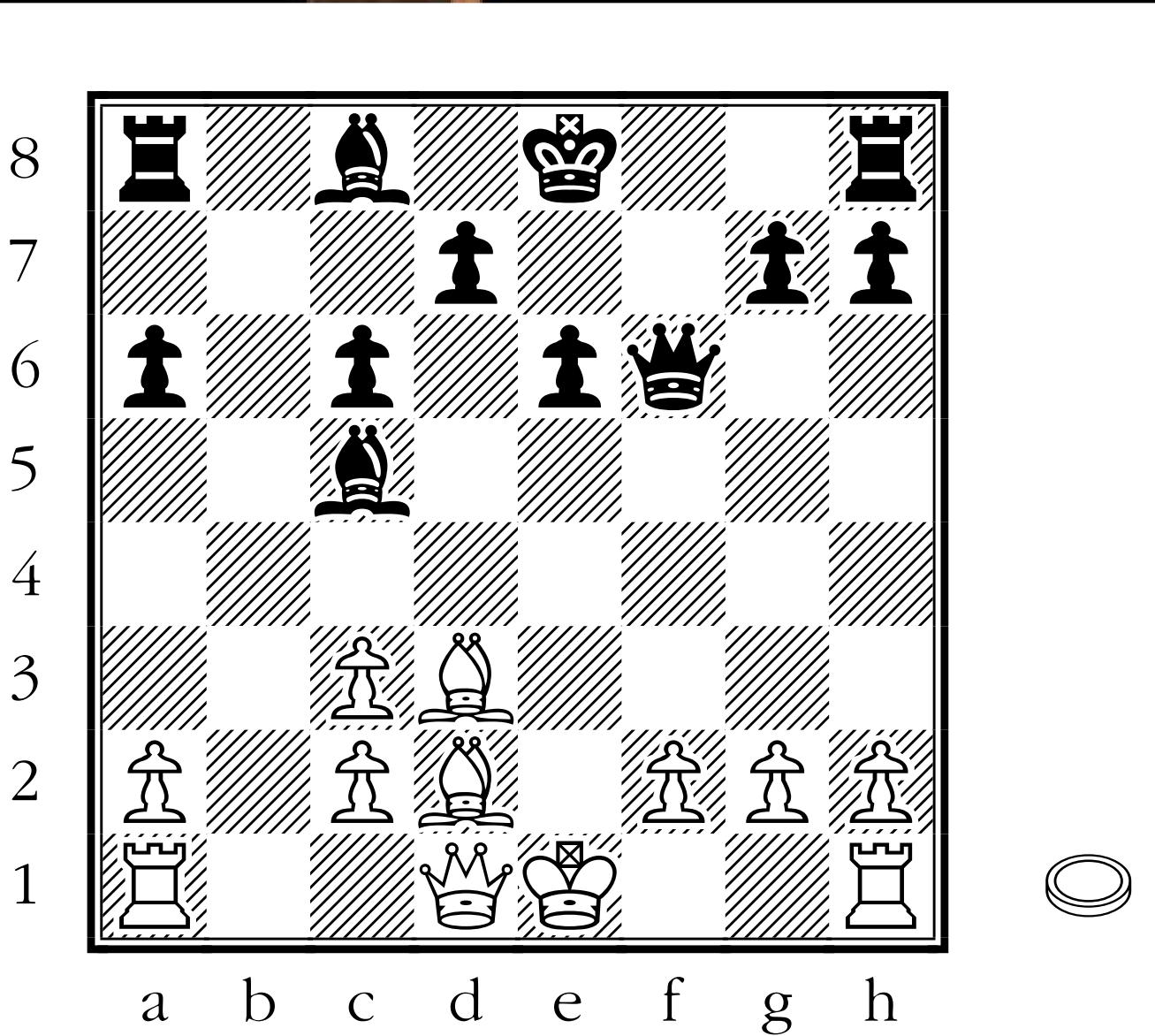


Keys

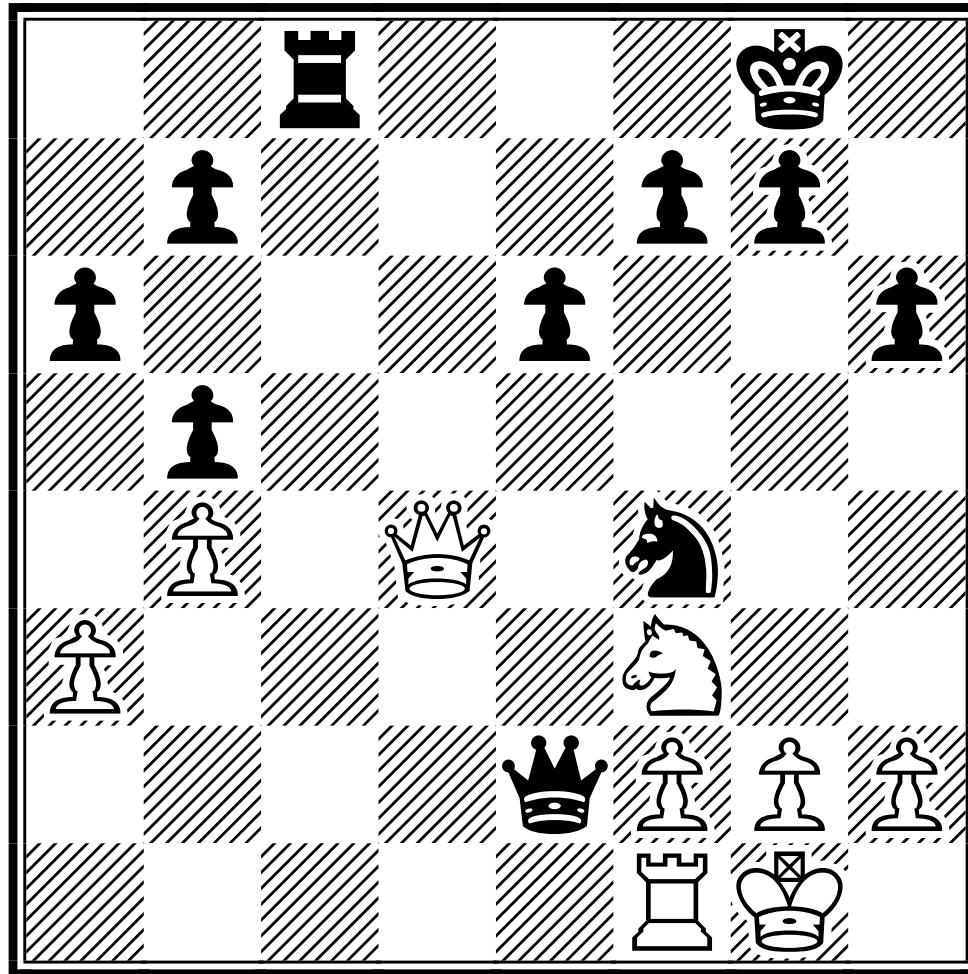
- Checks
- Captures



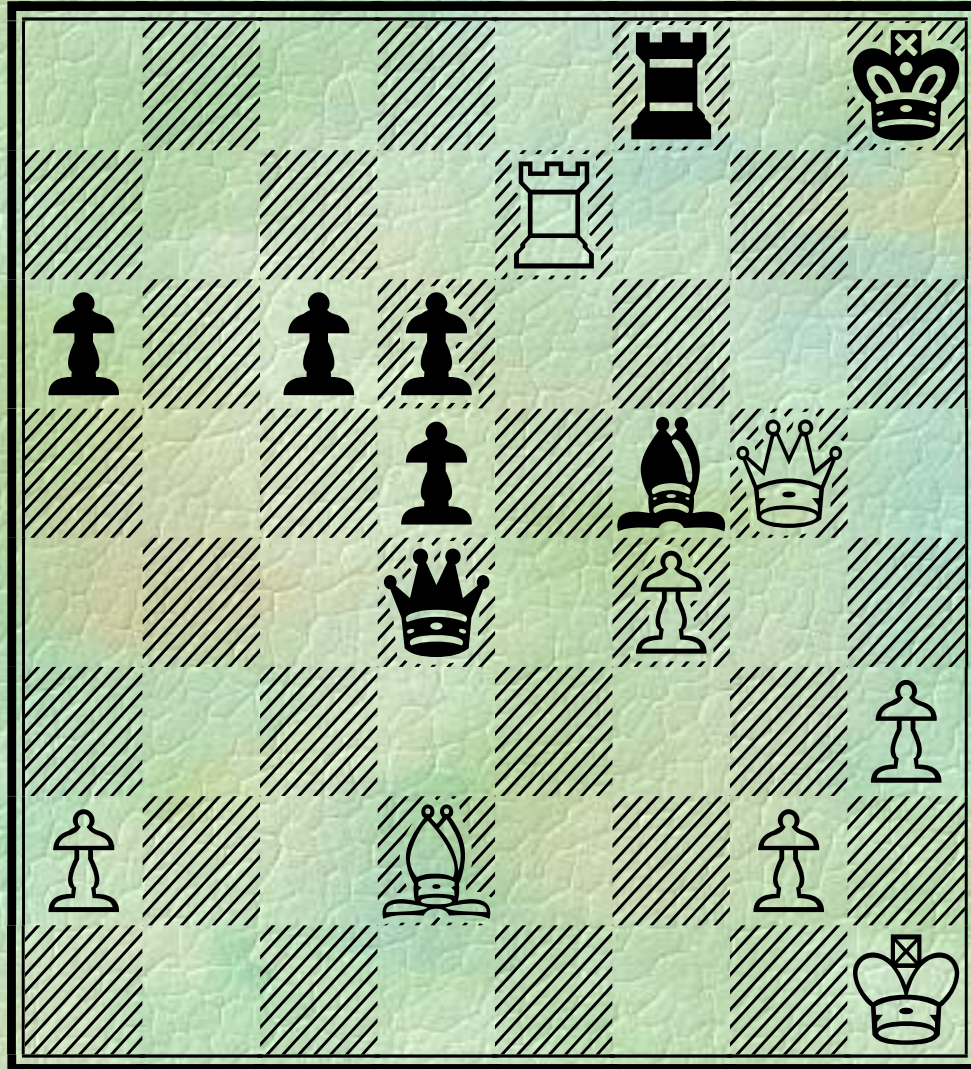
Key: check



Key: captures

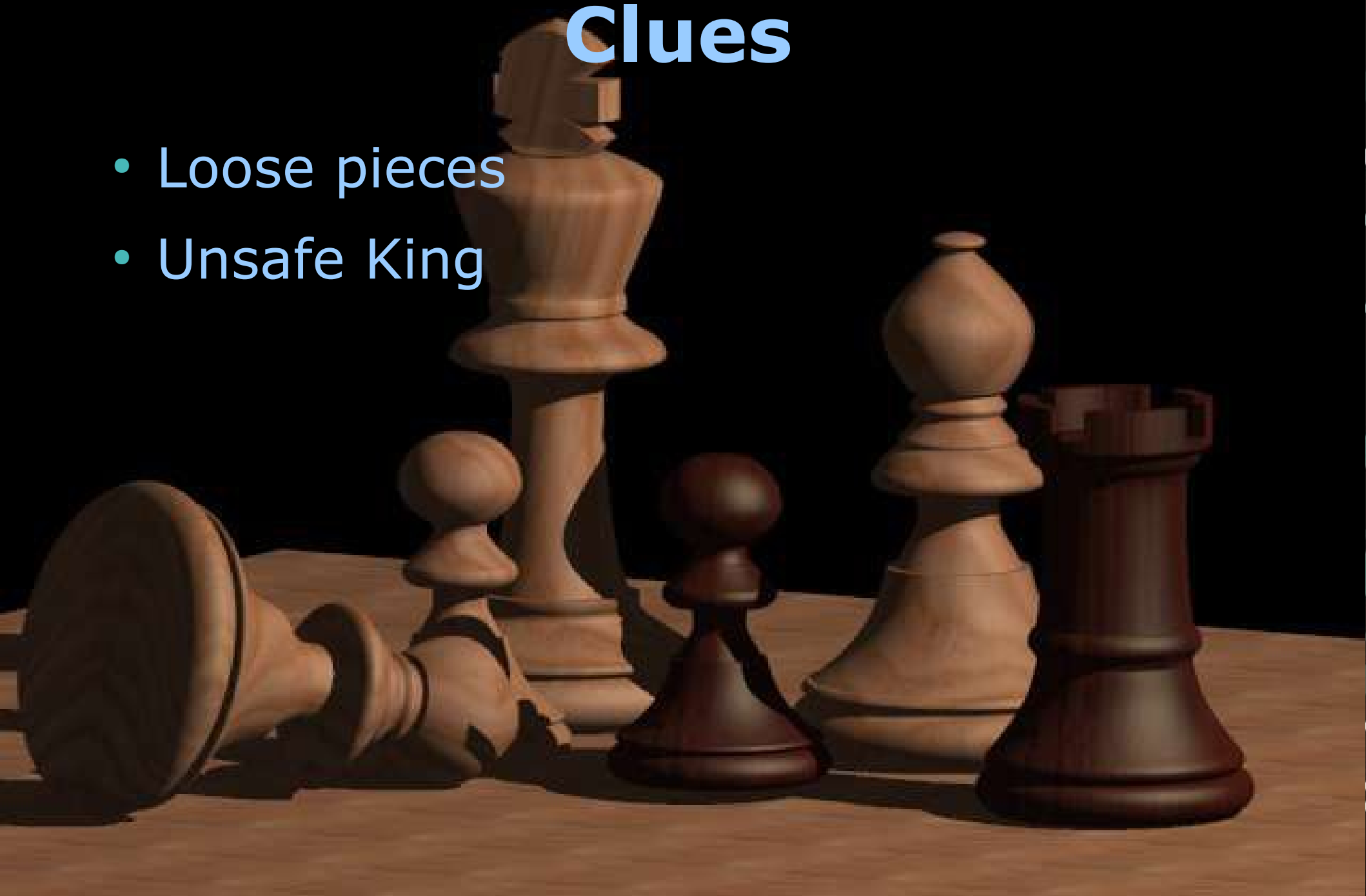


Making combinations work: checks

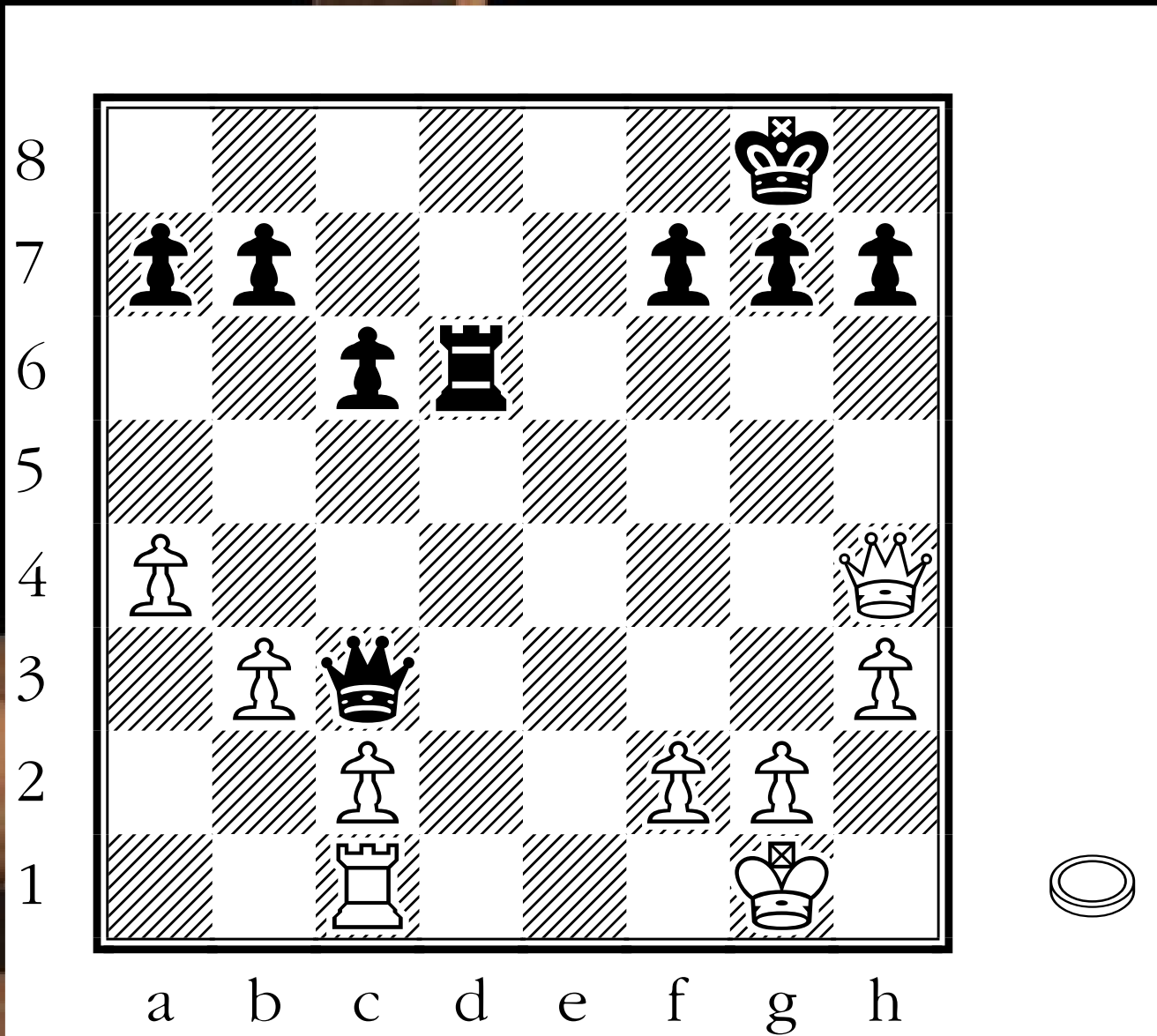


Clues

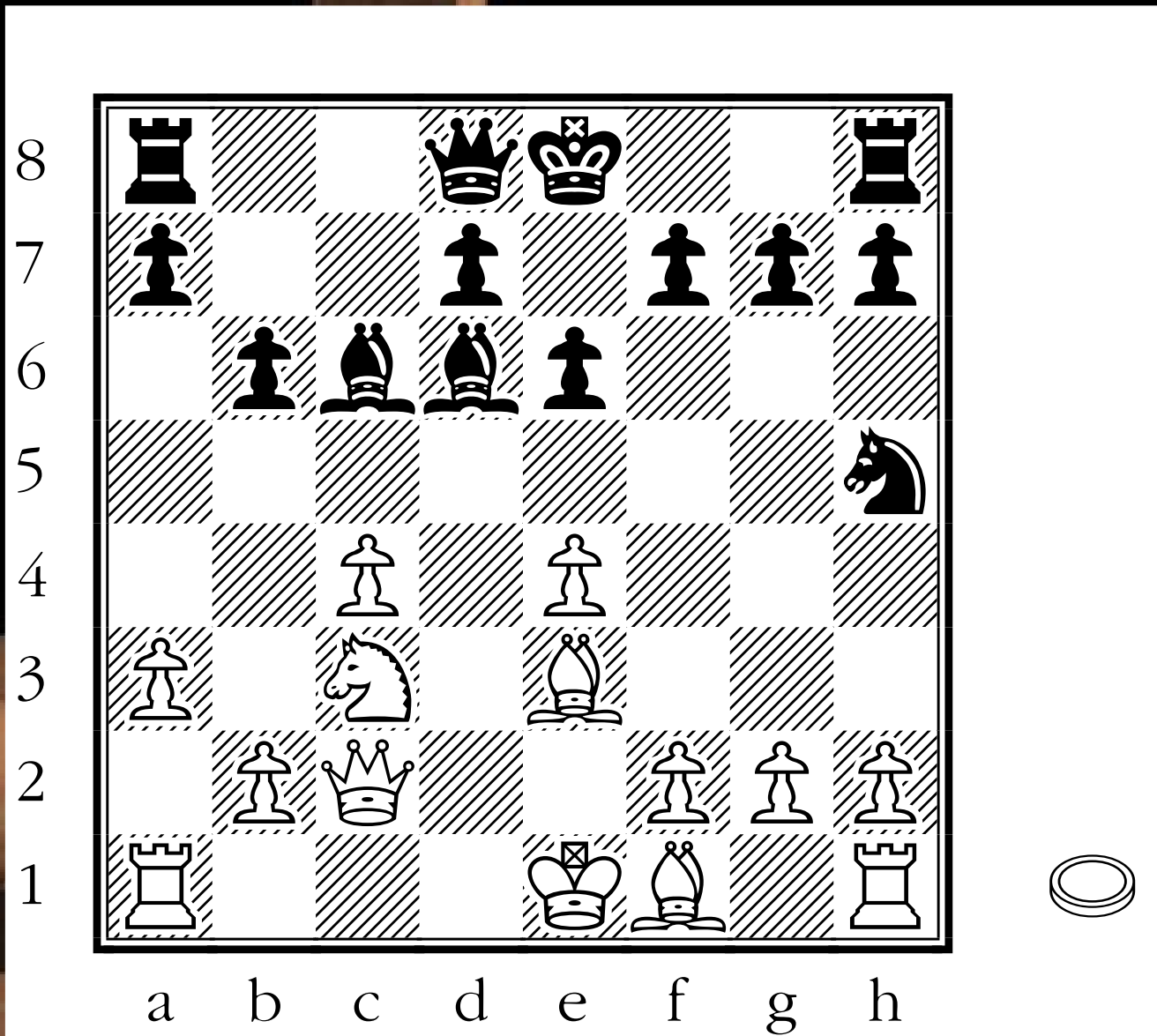
- Loose pieces
- Unsafe King



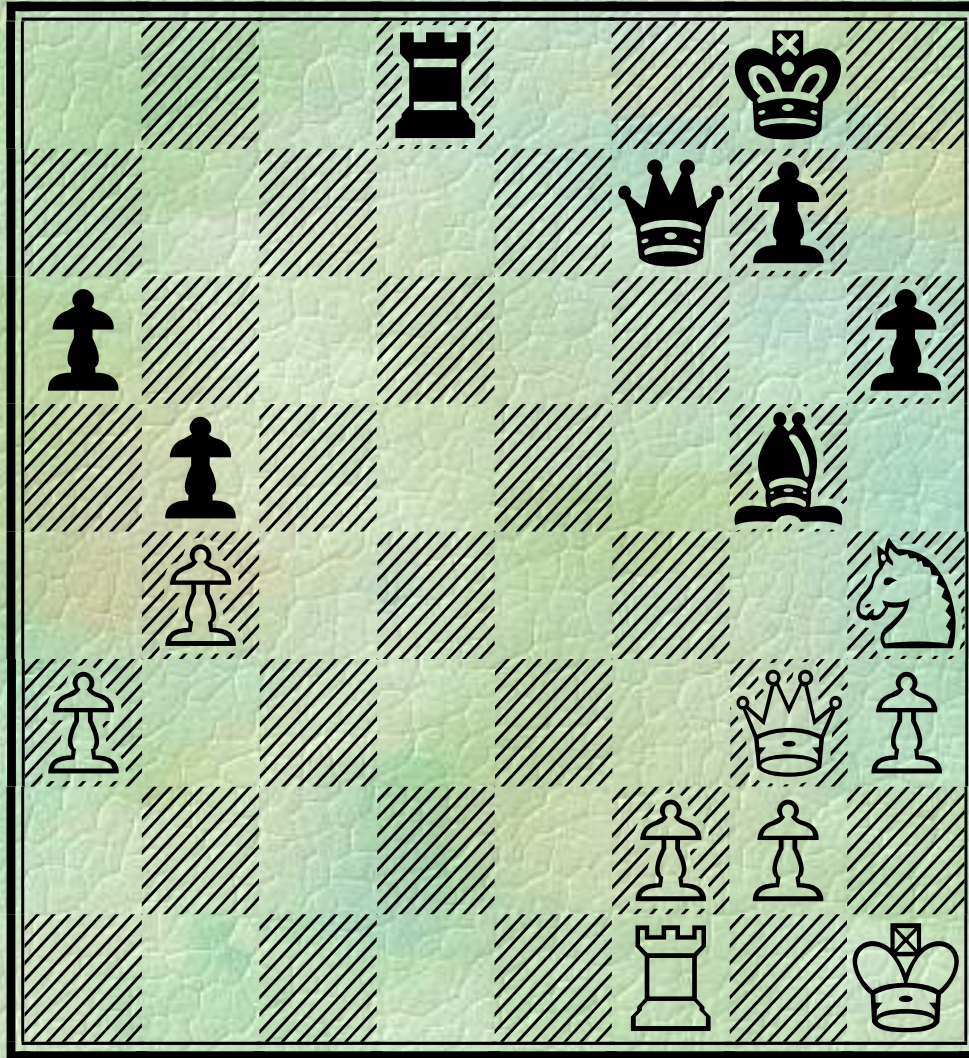
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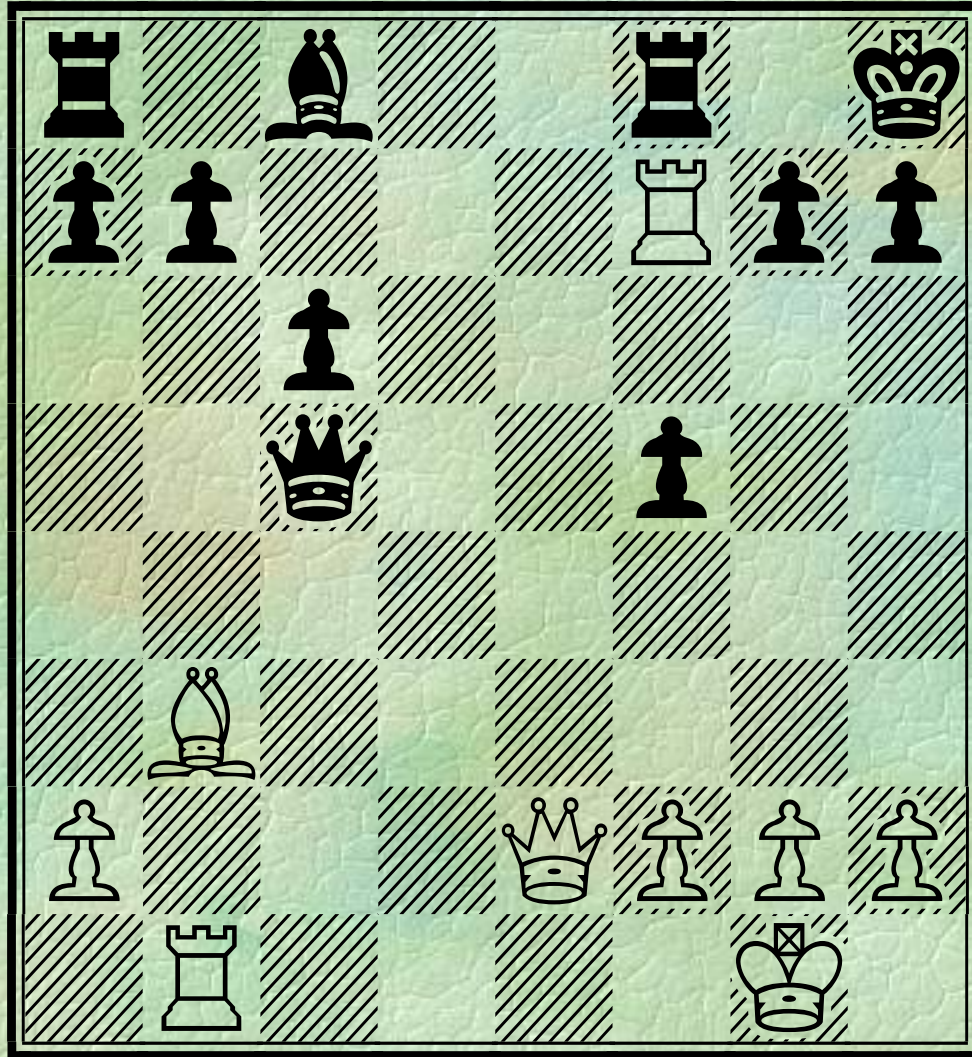
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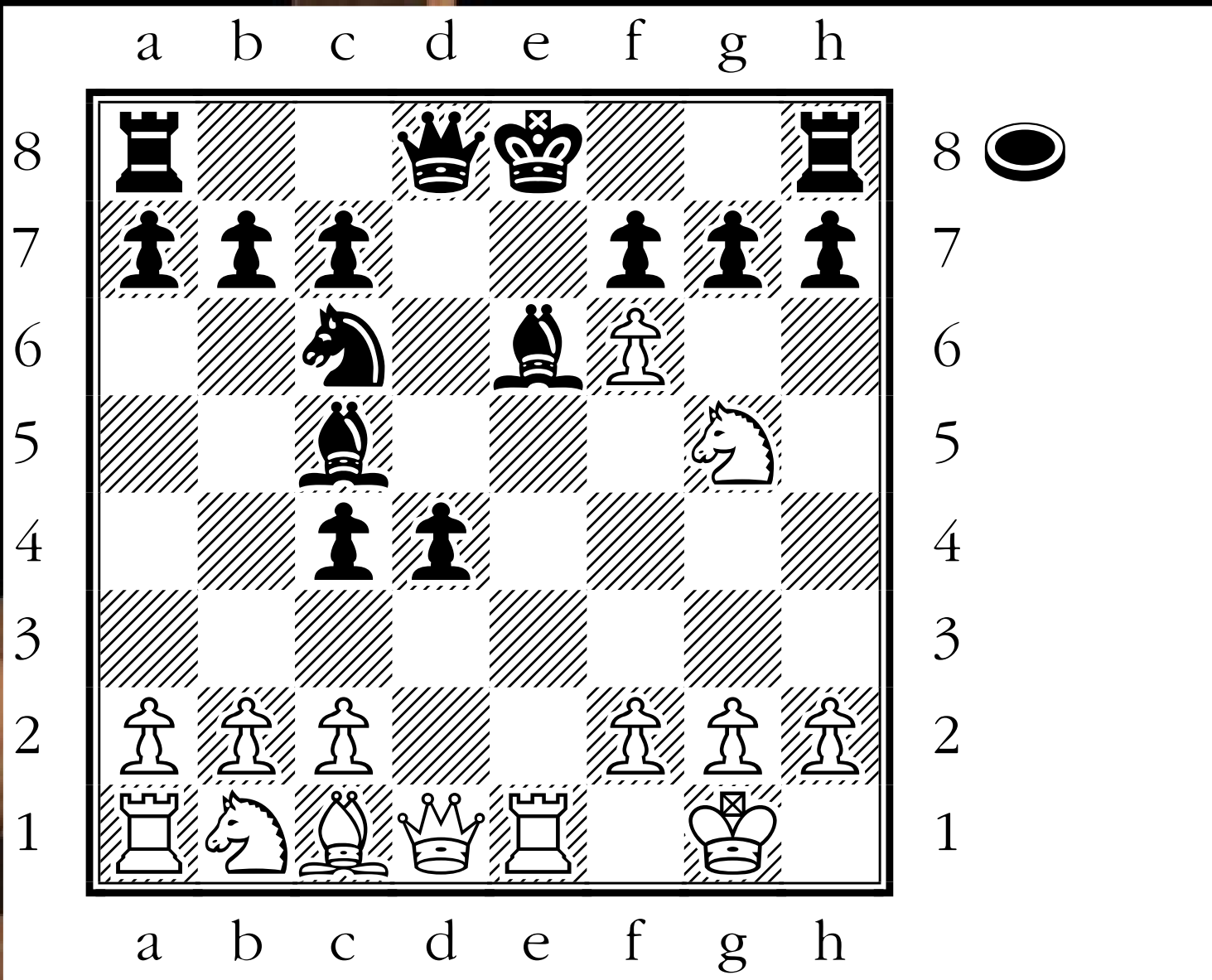
Combination clues: loose pieces



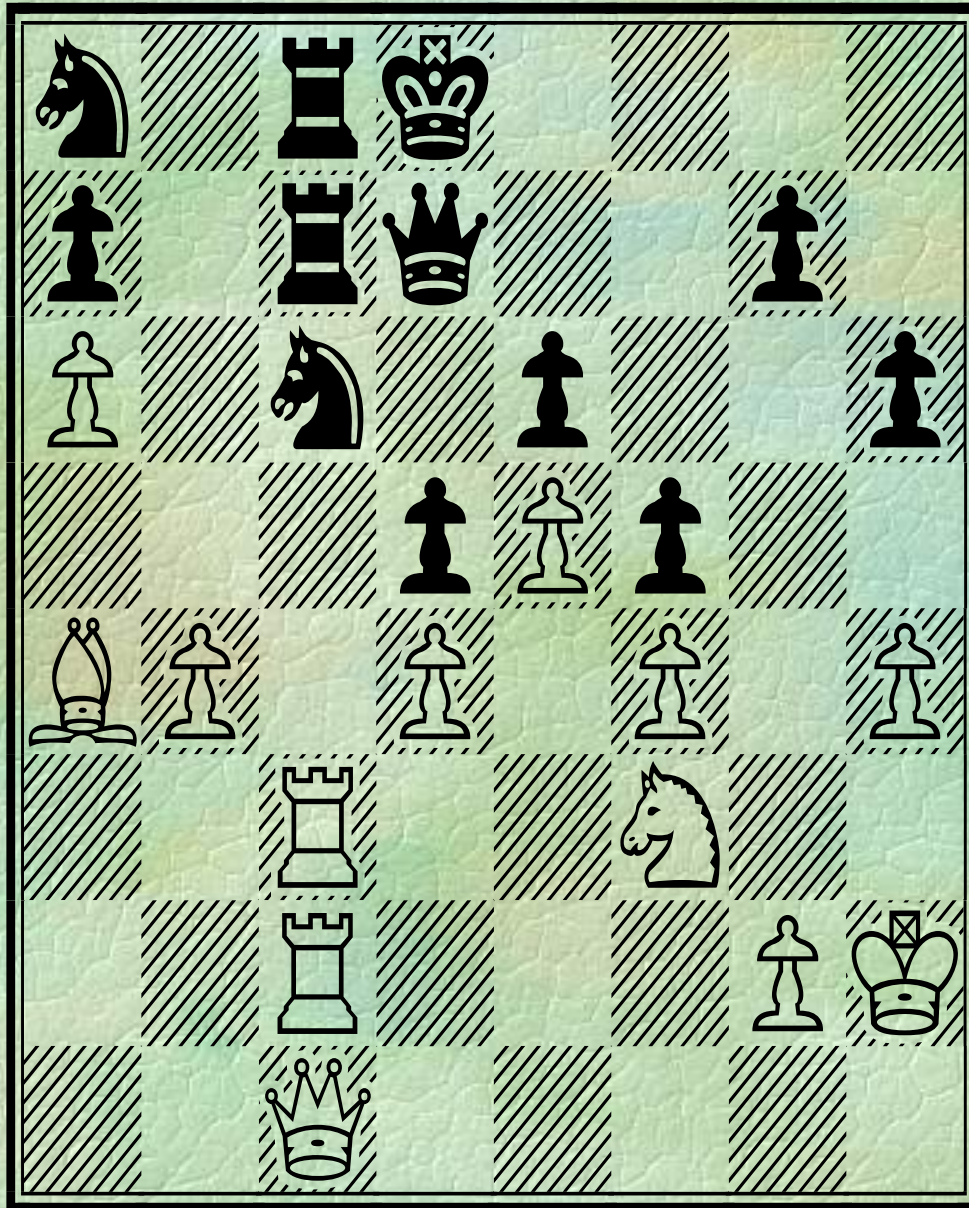
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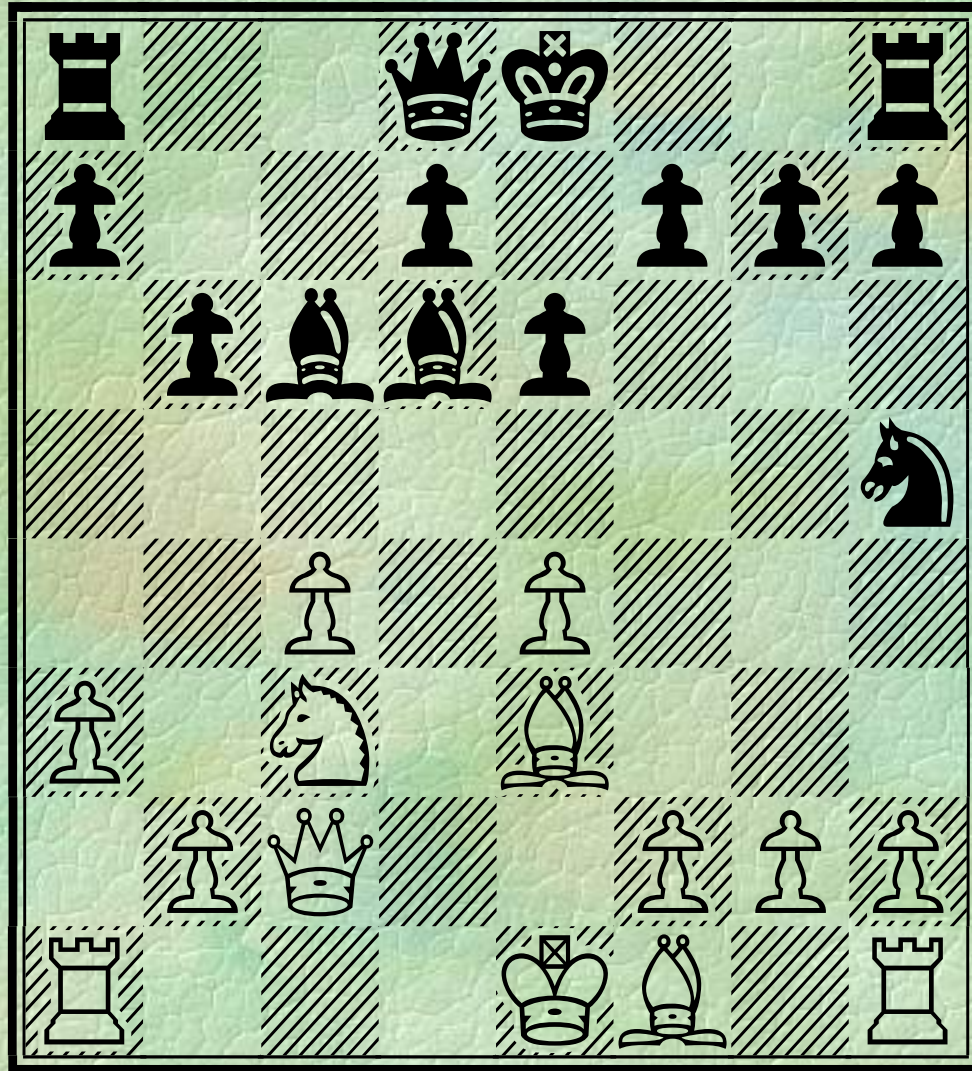
Tactics summary



Keys: force against a fixed point

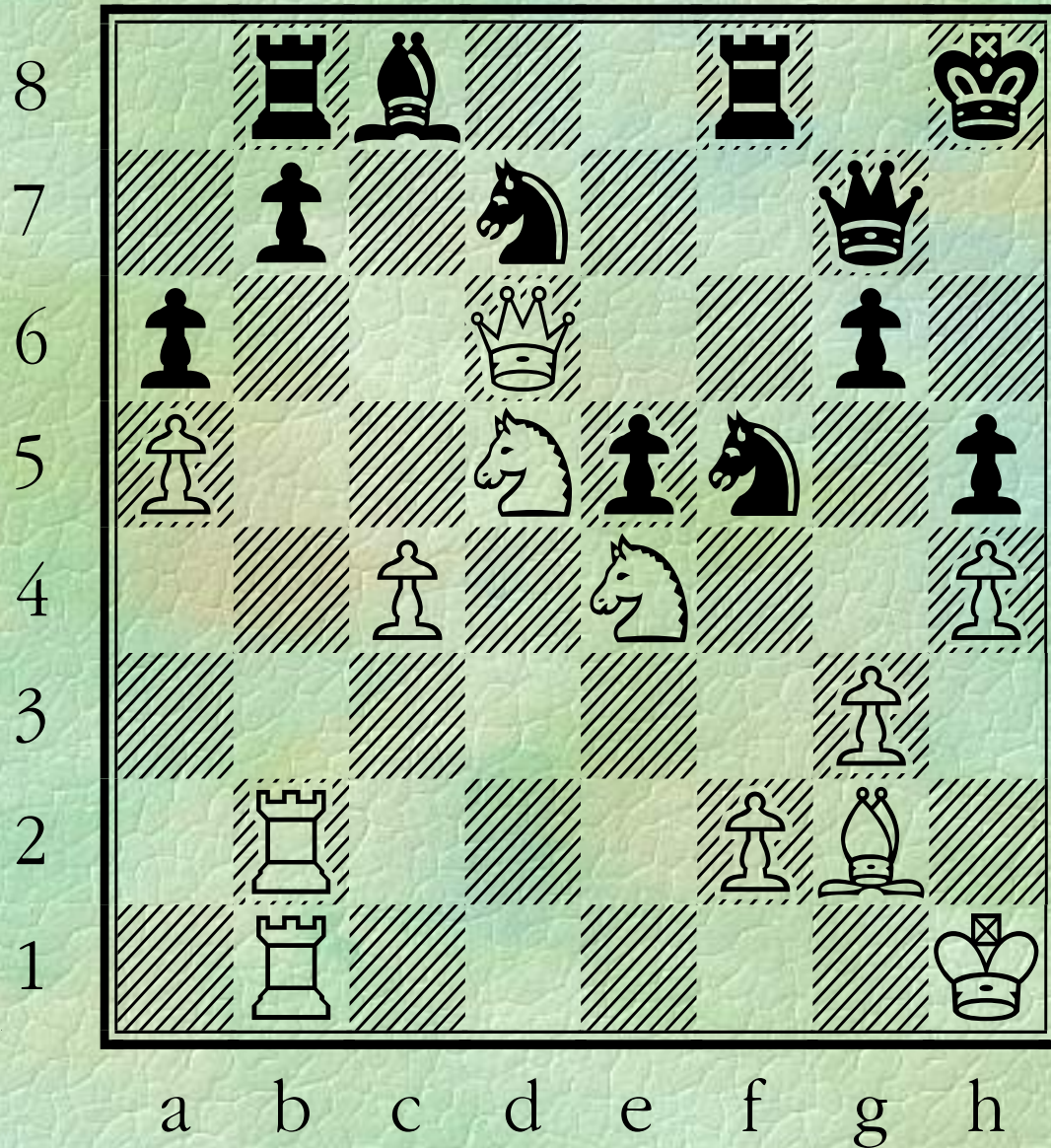


Keys: double attack



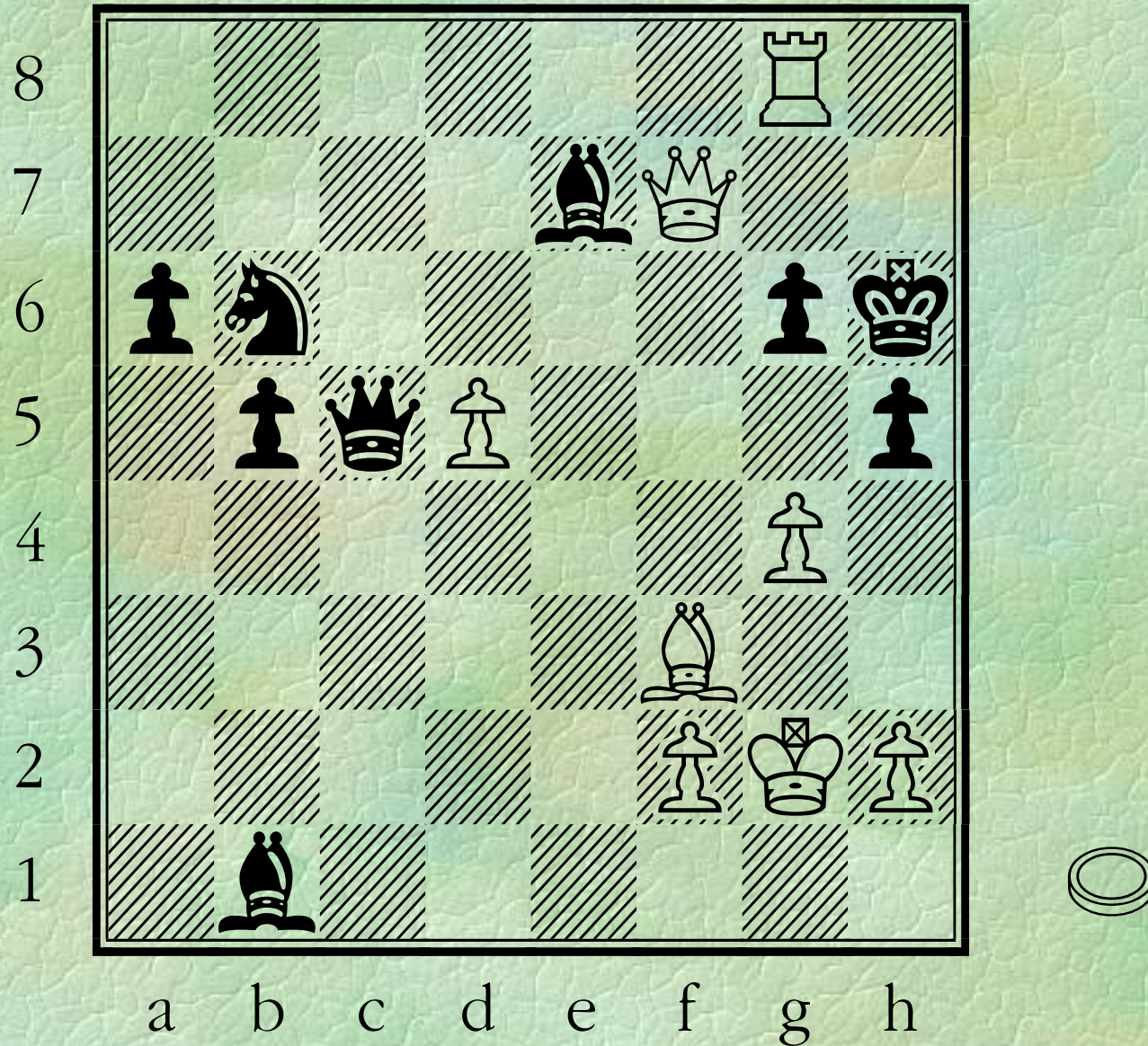
Hard moves to spot:

Backward



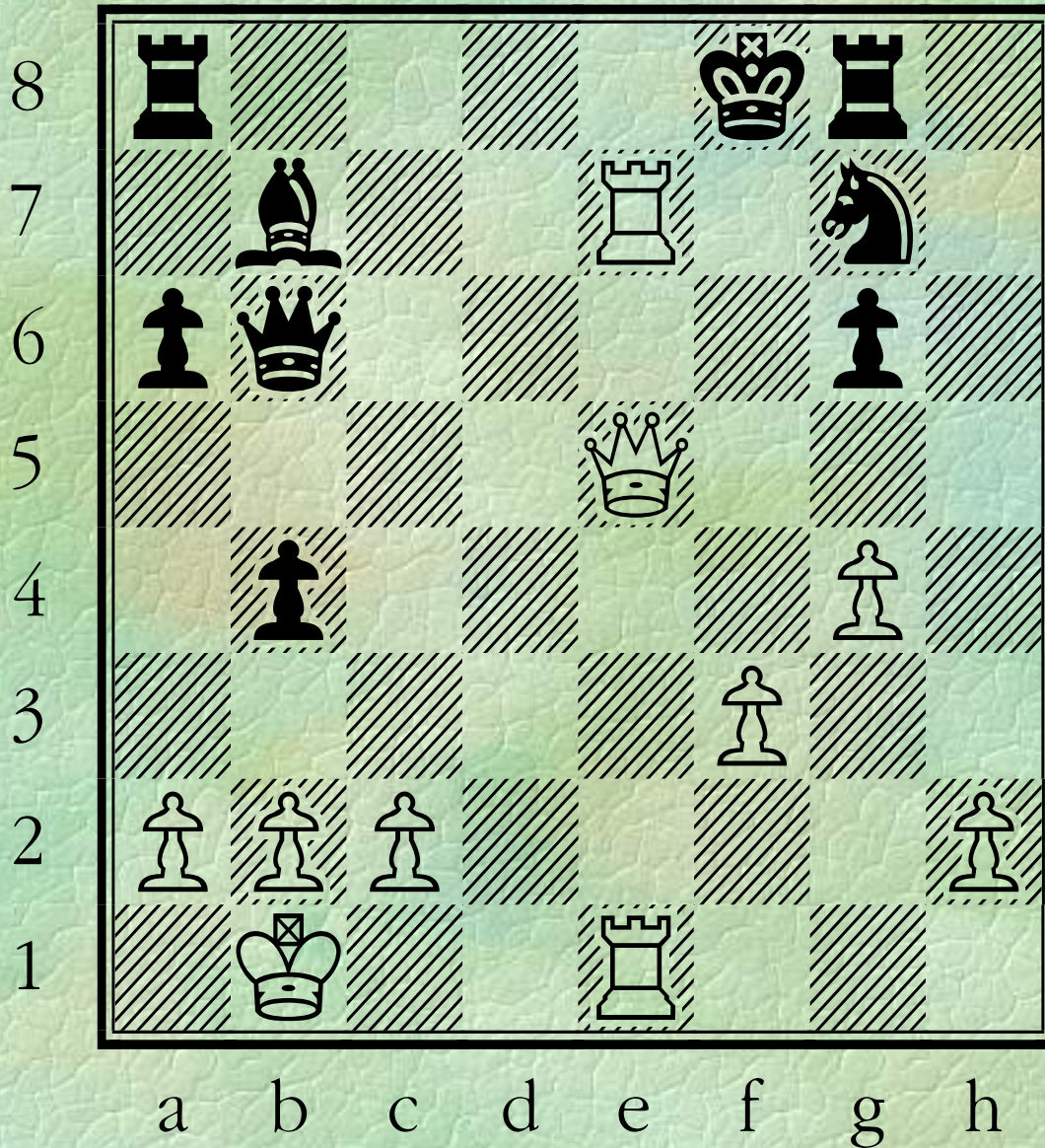
Hard moves to spot

Long



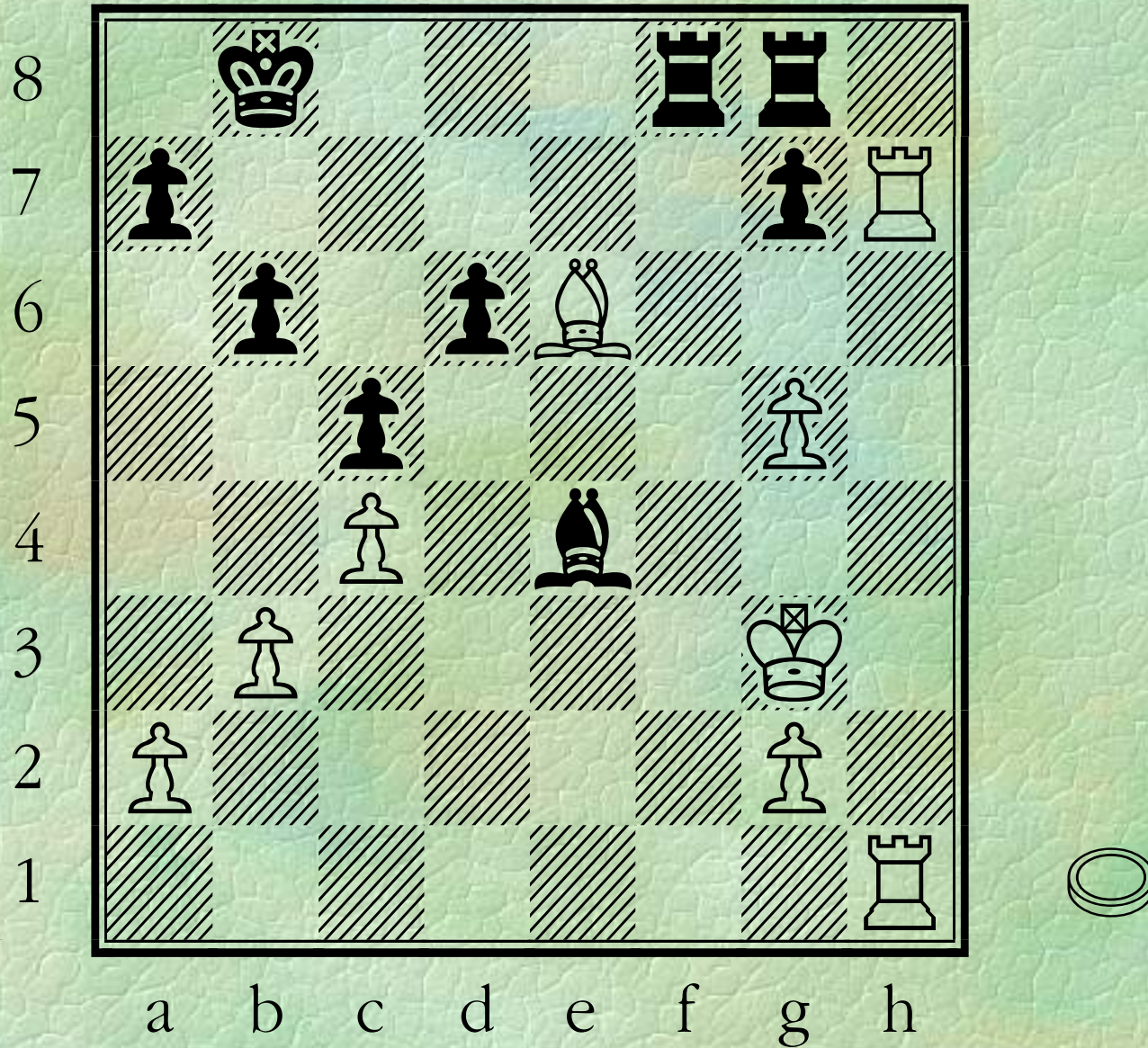
Hard moves to spot

Short



Hard moves to spot

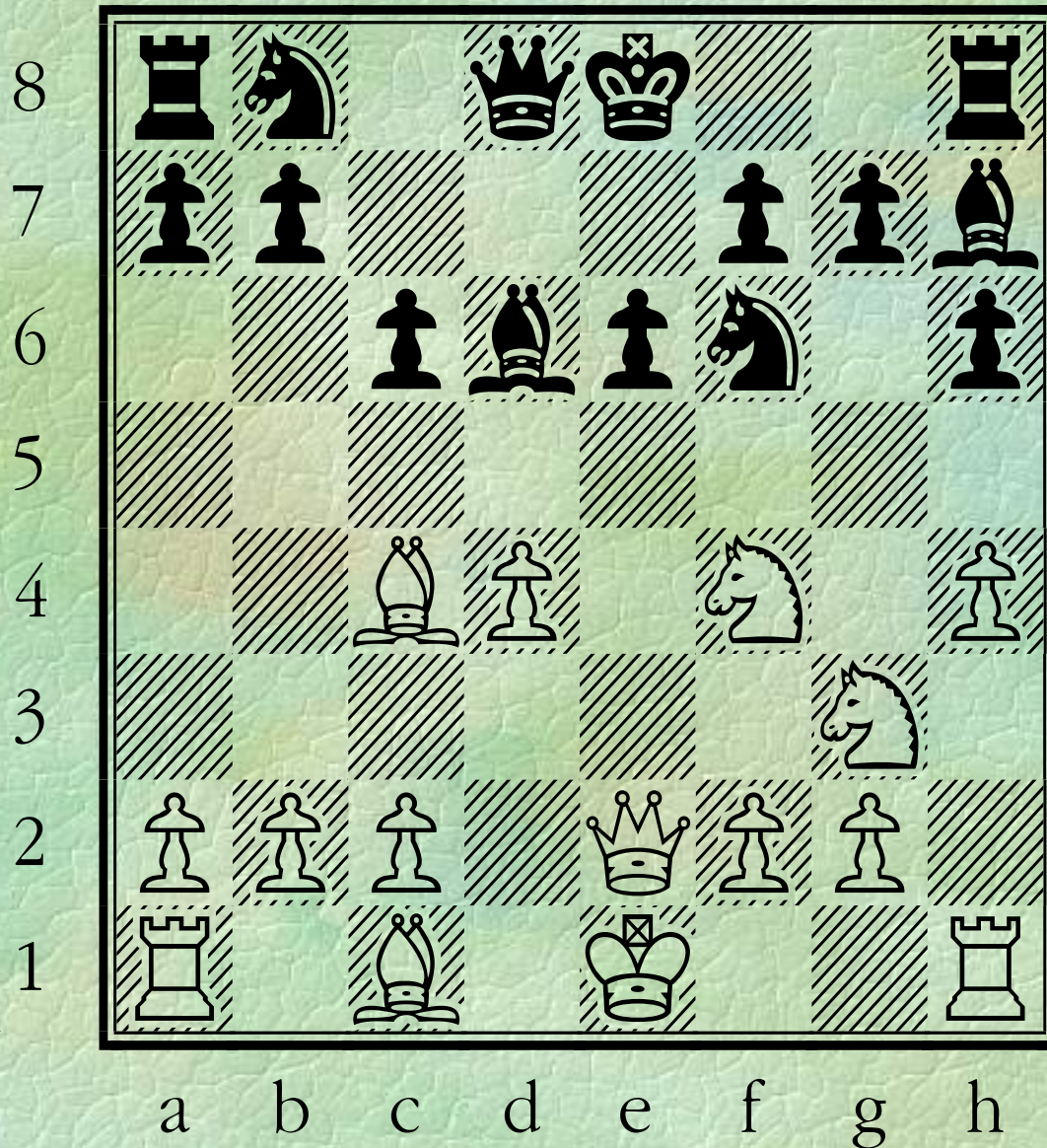
New



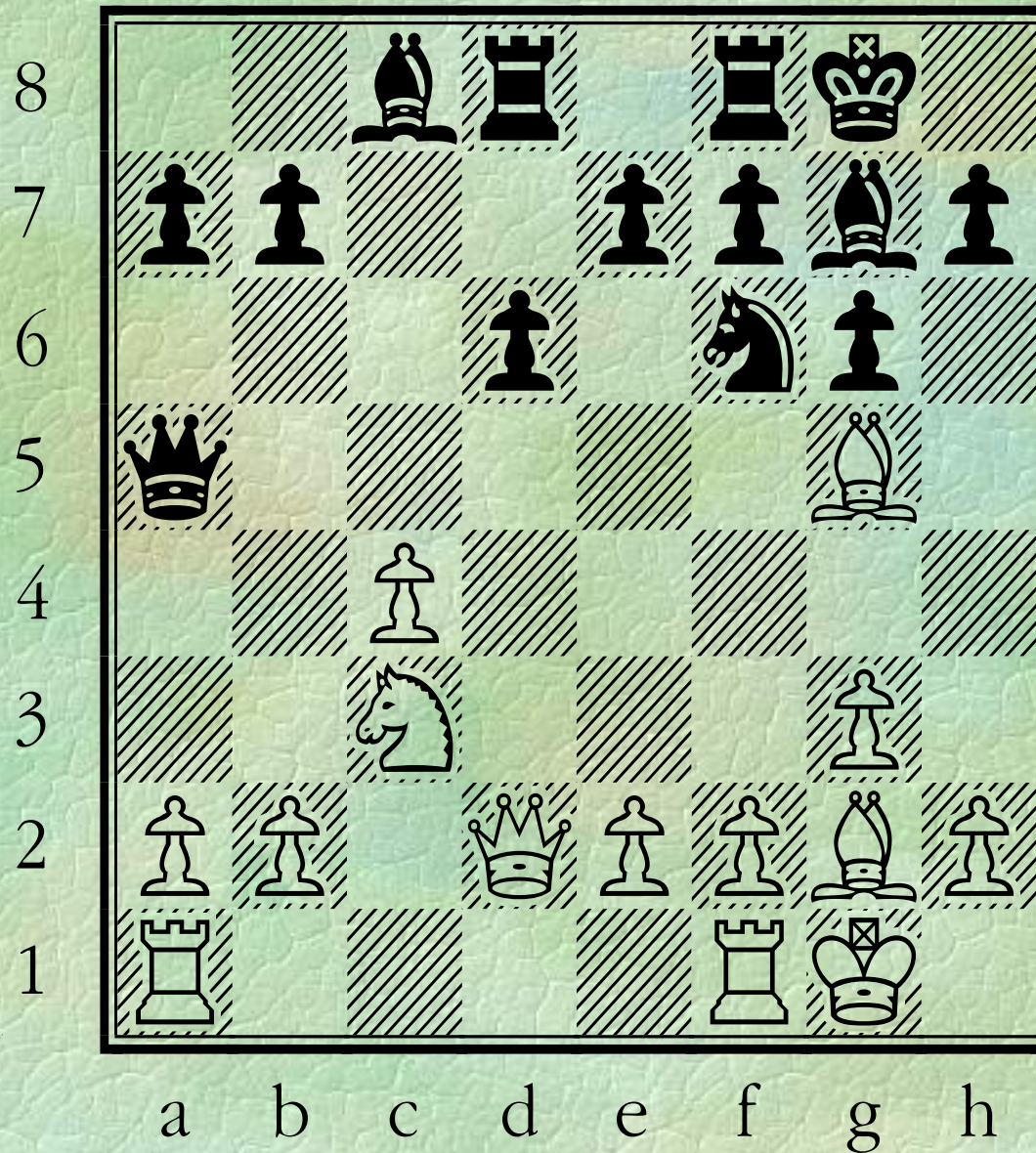
Hard moves to spot

12. Bxe6!?

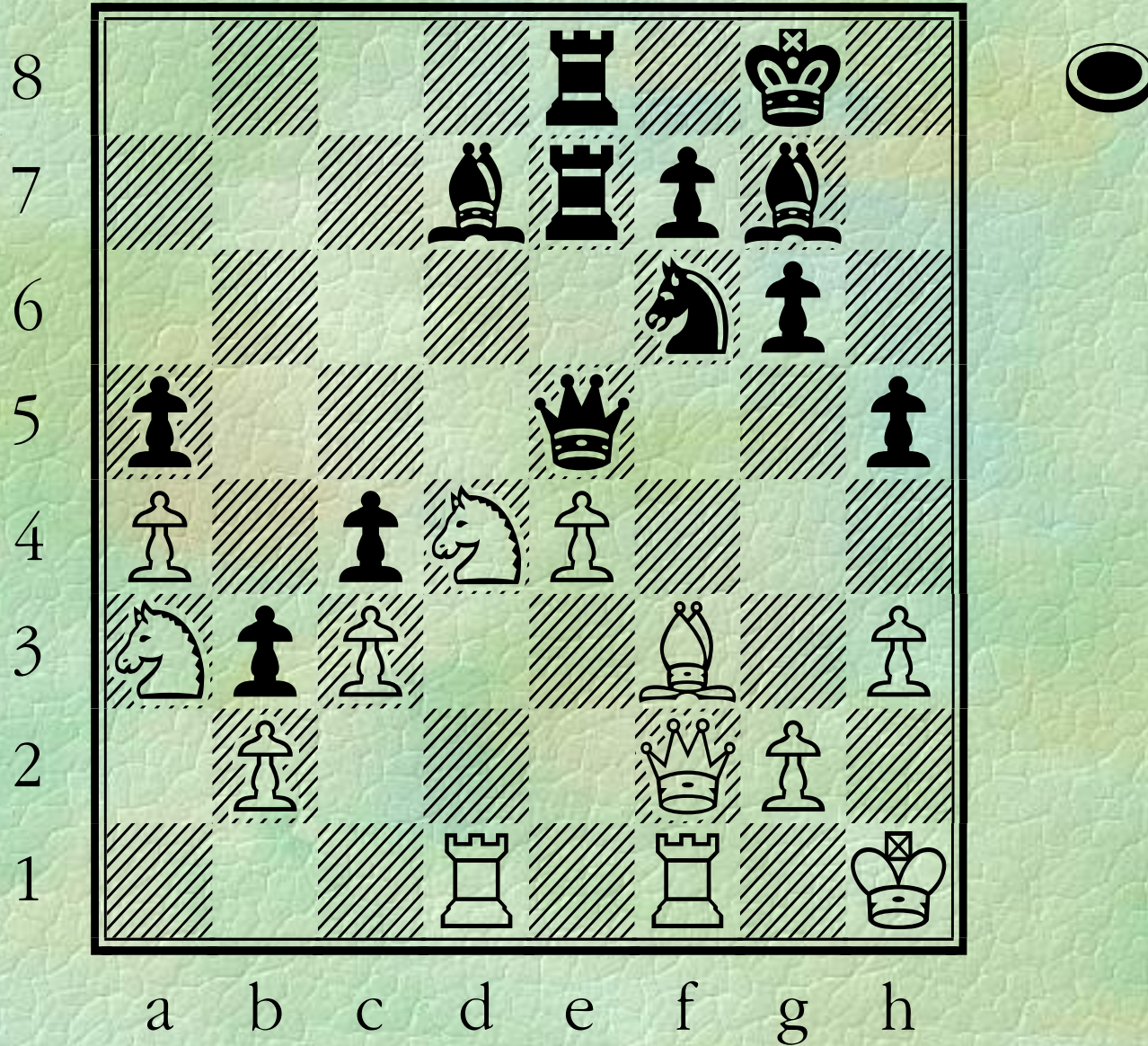
12. Bxe6?
O-O!



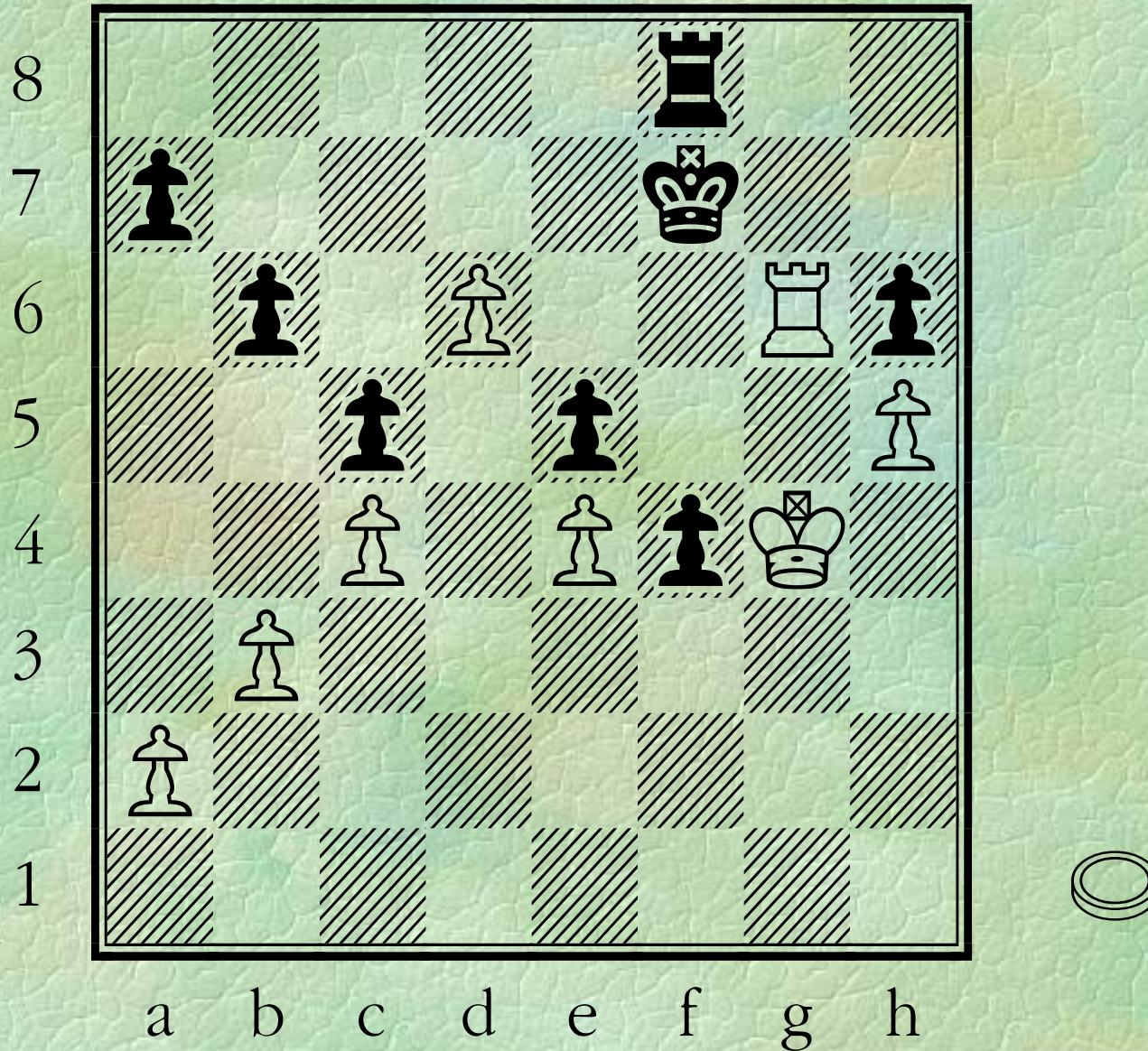
Hard moves to spot: zwischenzug



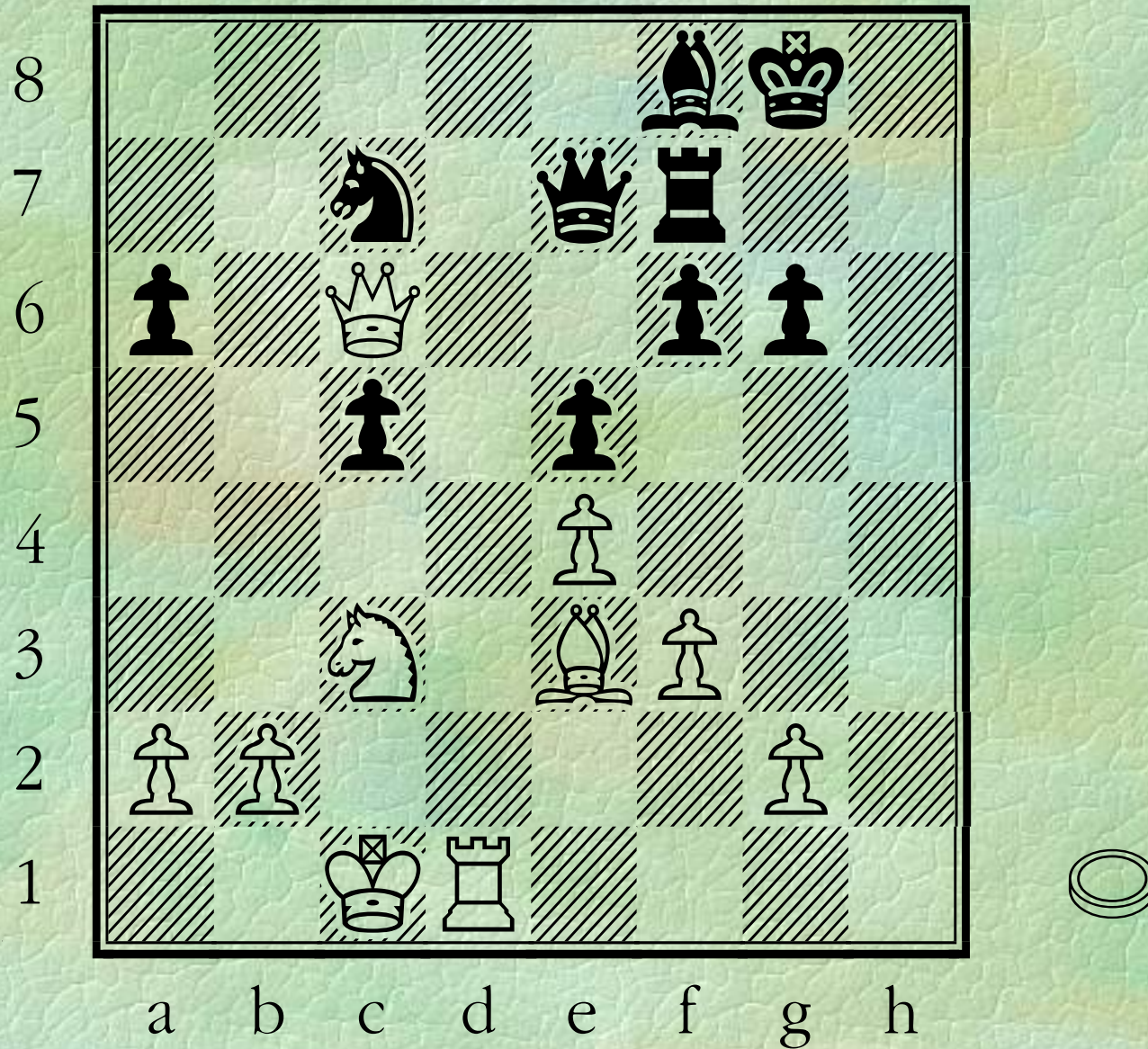
Hard moves to spot: false ending



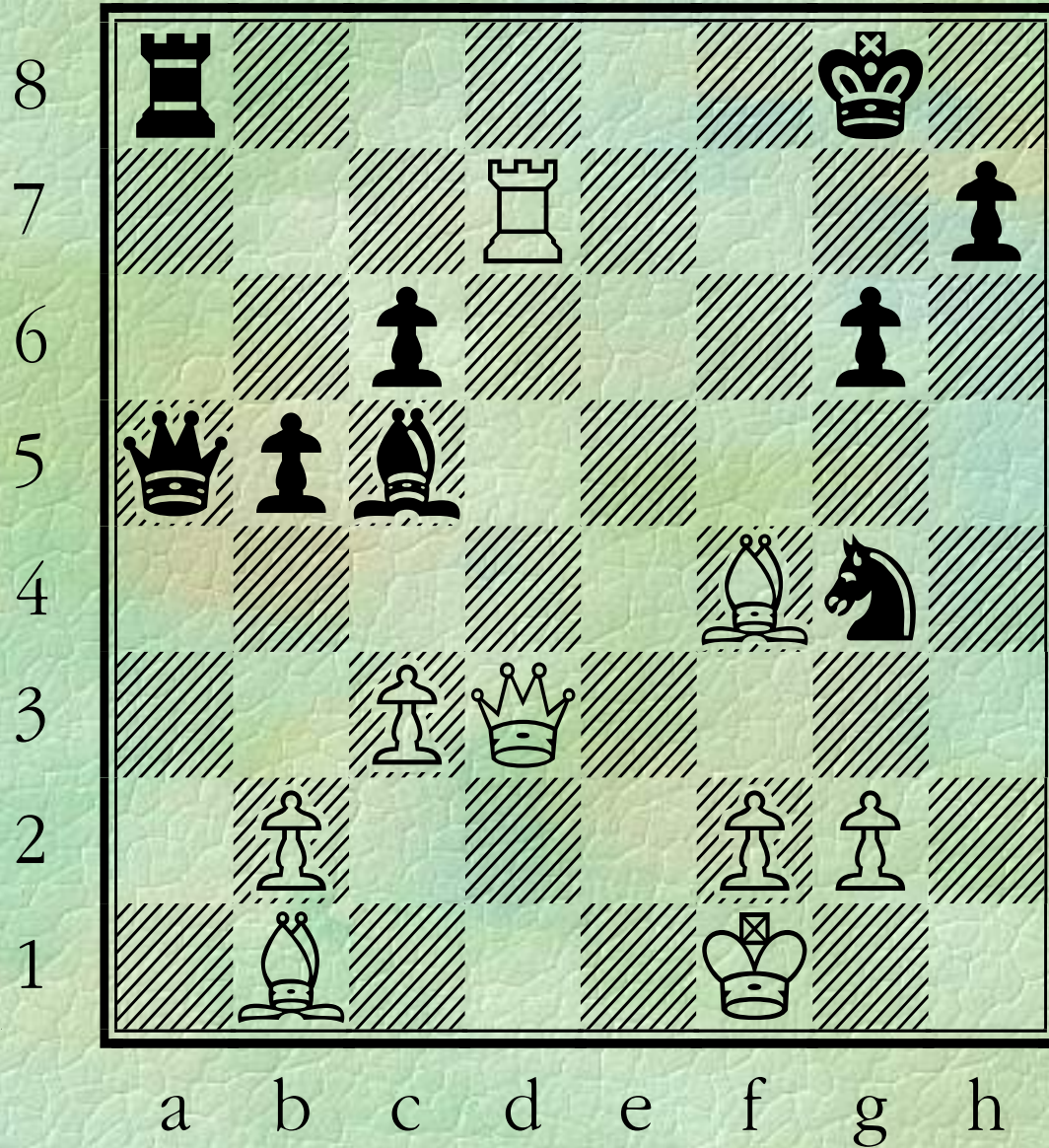
Hard moves to spot: back from the dead



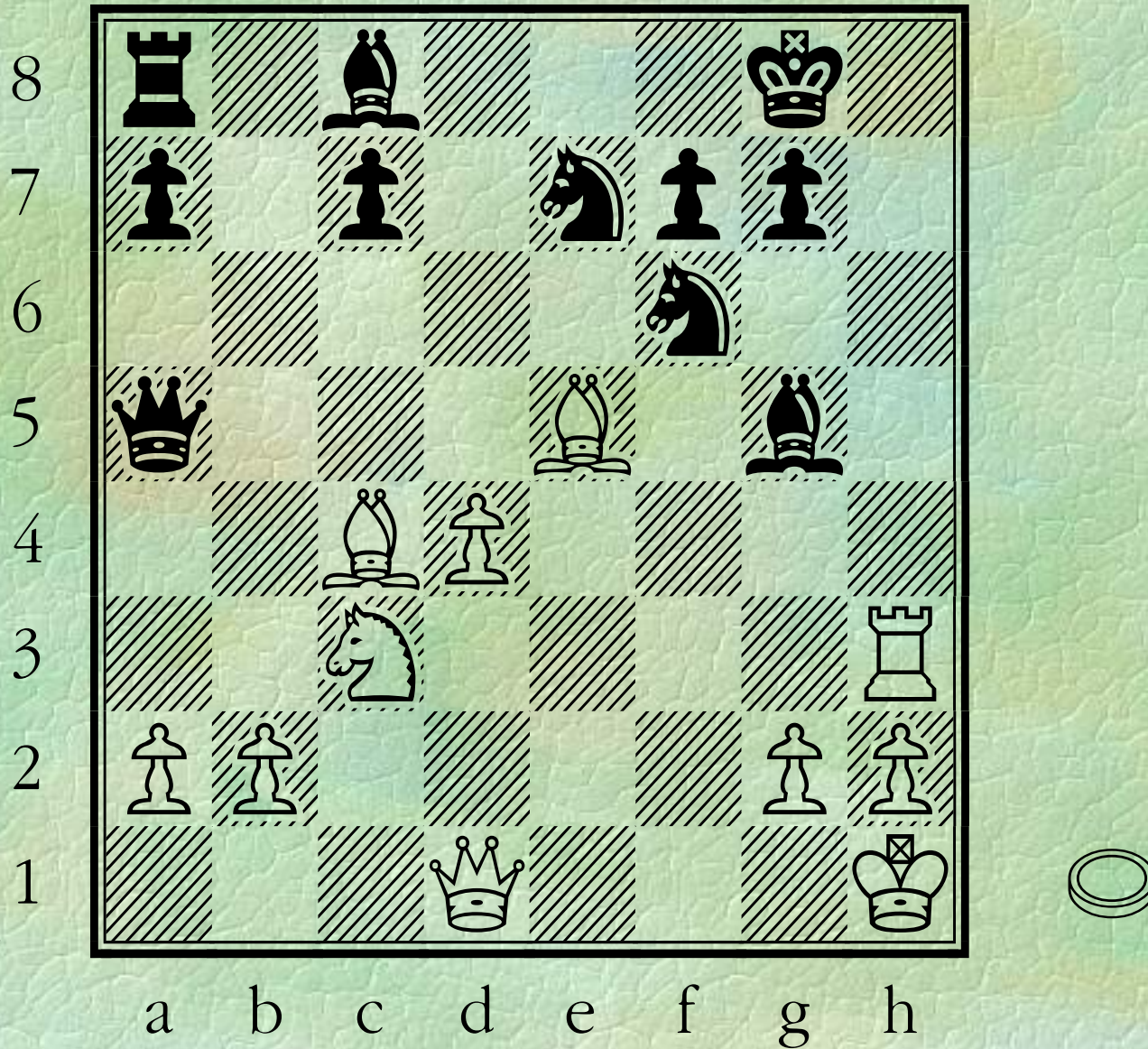
Hard moves to spot: creeping move



Hard moves to spot: switchback



Hard moves to spot: hesitation



Hard moves to spot: collinear move

