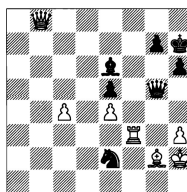


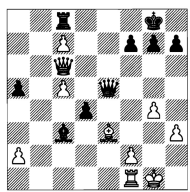
1 White to play
So – Laznicka
New Delhi 2011

White's queen and knight are both attacked by the black rook, and it seems he must lose one of them. But after White's next move, Black resigned! What was this devastating blow?



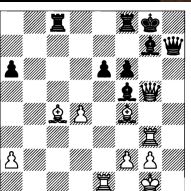
103 Black to play
Miezis – Bischoff
Bundesliga 2010/11

Black is an exchange down, and achieved a draw after 41...Qd4 42 ♖f8 Qe2 43 ♜f3 Qd4 44 ♜f8 1/2-1/2. This seems a success, but could he have done any better?



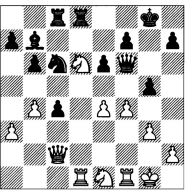
244 White to play
Poliakov – Khadz Khamed
Ukrainian Ch, Alushta 2010

A few moves ago, White was comfortably winning, but a few careless decisions have jeopardized the victory. Can you find White's final chance to win the game?



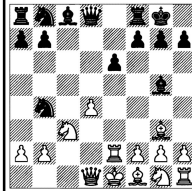
38 White to play
Akobian – Robson
USA Ch, Saint Louis 2011

White is a pawn up but his queen and bishop are both attacked. Presumably in time-trouble, the grandmaster playing White chose a way to liquidate to an ending where he could only draw. Show how he could have simplified to a won endgame.



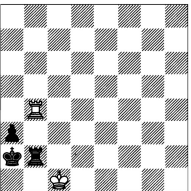
158 Black to play
Krasenkow – Macieja
Polish League, Wroclaw 2011

White has just sunk a knight into d6, and it seems that Black can look forward to nothing better than a grim defence. But can you find an idea that gives Black at least his fair share of the play?



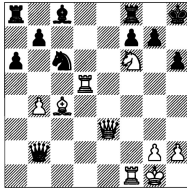
267 Black to play
D. Fridman – Stern
German Ch, Bonn 2011

Black has played the opening aggressively, forcing White's rook into a very odd position. He now played a few ordinary developing moves (starting with 11...b6), allowing White to organize his game. How should Black have maintained his initiative?



65 White to play
Salgado Lopez – Berkes
Paks 2011

White must choose a square on the fourth rank for his rook. Of the seven possibilities, only one loses. Which one, and why? Be warned – based on the practical evidence, the wrong choice is very natural!



195 White to play
Ter-Sahakian – Kotanjian
Armenian Ch, Erevan 2011

How should White pursue his attack? Think about what is preventing him from crashing through immediately, and how this problem can be remedied.