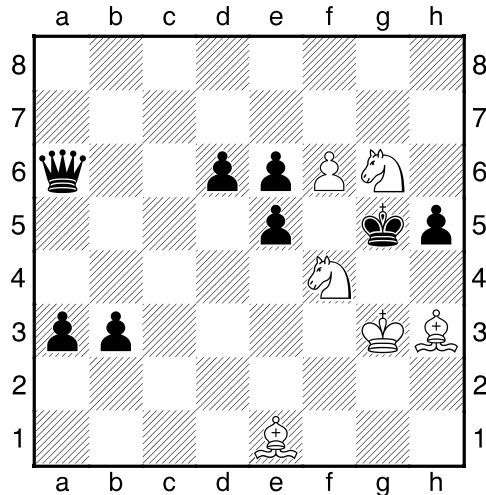


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1. Alexey SOCHNEV (Russia)
7th FIDE World Cup, 2019
1st Honourable Mention



Win

6+8

FEN: 8/8/q2ppPN1/4p1kp/5N2/pp4KB/8/4B3 w

1.f7 Qa8(c8) [1...exf4+ 2.Nxf4 Qc8 3.Nxe6+! Kf6 4.f8Q+ Qxf8 5.Bc3+! Ke7 6.Nxf8+-; 1...h4+ 2.Kh2! exf4 3.Nxf4! Qa8 4.Nxe6+ Kf6 5.f8Q+ Qxf8 6.Bc3+-] 2.f8Q Qxf8

[2...h4+ 3.Kh2! ... (Try: 3.Kf2? Qxf8 4.Nxf8 b2 5.N8xe6+ Kf6 king blocked the diagonal Be1-h4) 3...Qxf8 4.Nxf8! ... (4.Nxe6+? Kf6!)= 4...b2 5.N8xe6+! ... (Try: 5.N4xe6+? Kf6 6.Bxh4+ Kf7 7.Bf5 a2 8.Bg6+ Kg8 9.Bh7+ Kf7 10.Bg6+ Kg8= perpetual check) 5...Kf6 6.Bxh4+! Kf7 7.Bf5 a2 8.Bg6+ Kg8 9.Nd5! b1Q 10.Ne7+! Kh8 11.Bf6#]

3.Nxf8 exf4+ 4.Kh2!! ...

Thematic try 1: 4.Kf2? b2 5.Nxe6+ Kg6! 6.Nxf4+ Kh6!! (6...Kg5? 7.Ne6+ Kg6 8.Nf8+ Kg5 9.Bd2+ Kf6 10.Bc3+ Kg5 11.Ne6+- etc. as in the main solution) 7.Bf5 a2 8.Ne6 b1N!+- king blocked the diagonal Be1-h4;

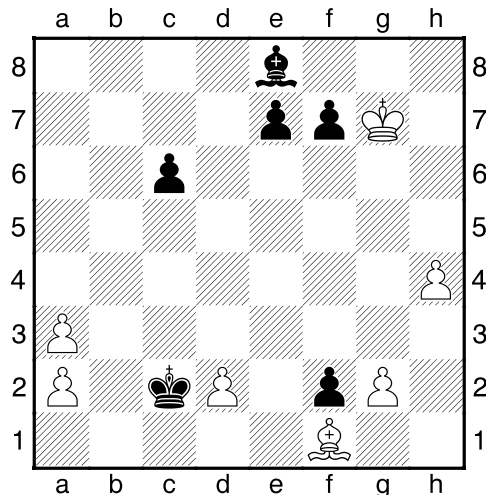
Thematic try 2: 4.Kg2? b2! (4...f3+? 5.Kf2! b2 6.Nxe6+ Kg6 7.Nf8+ Kg5 8.Bd2+ Kf6 9.Bc3+ Kg5 10.Ne6+ Kg6 11.Bf1!+- etc. as in the main solution) 5.Nxe6+ Kf6 6.Bc3+ Kg6 7.Nxf4+ Kg5 8.Ne6+ Kg6 9.Nf8+ Kg5 10.Bd2+ Kf6 11.Bc3+ Kg5 12.Ne6+ Kg6= king blocked the diagonal Bf1-h3.;

Thematic try 3: 4.Kf3? b2 5.Nxe6+ Kf6 6.Bc3+ Kg6 7.Nxf4+ Kg5 8.Ne6+ Kg6 9.Bf1?? b1Q 10.Bd3+ Qxd3+-+ check!]

4...b2 [4...e5 5.Be6 b2 6.Ba2+-] 5.Nxe6+ Kg6 6.Nxf4+ Kg5 [6...Kh6 7.Bf5! a2 8.Ne6! b1N 9.Bh4 a1Q 10.Bg5#; 6...Kf6 7.Bc3+ Kg5 8.Ne6+ Kg6 9.Bf1+- shortens solution] 7.Ne6+ Kg6 8.Nf8+! Kg5 9.Bd2+ Kf6 10.Bc3+ Kg5 11.Ne6+ Kg6 12.Bf1! b1Q 13.Bd3+! Qxd3 14.Nf4+ Kf5 15.Nxd3+-.

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2. Alexey SOCHNEV (Russia)
MT Viktor Razumenko, 2020
1st Prize



Win

7+6

FEN: 4b3/4ppK1/2p5/8/7P/P7/P1kP1pP1/5B2 w

1.h5! Bd7 [1...Kxd2 2.h6 Ke1 3.Ba6! Bd7 4.h7 Bc8 5.Bxc8! ... (Otherwise 5.Bc4 Be6 positional draw) 5. ... f1Q 6.h8Q Qxg2+ 7.Kf8!+-]

2.g4!! ...

Logical try: 2.h6? Bf5 3.h7 ... (3.g4 Bd3! 4.Bh3 Kxd2 5.a4 c5 6.a5 c4 7.a6 c3 8.a7 c2 9.a8Q c1Q=; 3.a4 Bd3 4.Bxd3+ Kxd3=) **3...Bxh7 4.Kxh7 Kxd2 5.a4 e5 6.a5 e4 7.a6 e3 8.a7 e2 9.Bxe2 Kxe2 10.a8Q f1Q 11.Qa6+ ...** (11.Qxc6 Qb1+ 12.Kg7 Qxa2 13.Qf3+ Ke1=) **11...Kf2 12.Qxf1+ Kxf1 13.a4 c5 14.a5 c4 15.a6 c3 16.a7 c2 17.a8Q c1Q=** the diagonal a8-h1 is blocked by the pawn g2;

2.a4? Kxd2 3.h6 Ke1 4.h7 Kxf1 5.h8Q Kg1 6.Qd8 f1Q=;

2.d4? Kd2 3.h6 Ke1 4.Ba6 Bc8 5.Bc4 Be6=

2...Bxg4 [2...Kxd2 3.h6 Ke1 4.Bg2! Bxg4 5.h7 Bf3! 6.Bh3! Bg4 7.Bxg4! ... (Otherwise 7.Bg2 Bf3 positional draw) 7. ... f1Q 8.h8Q Qf6+ 9.Kg8! Qg5+ 10.Qg7+-]

3.h6 Bf5 4.h7 ...

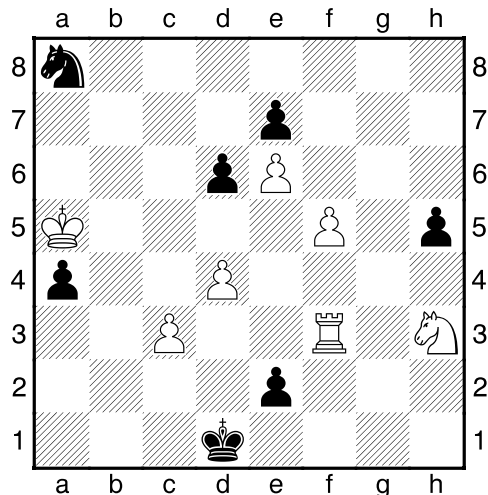
[4.a4? Bd3! 5.Bg2 Kxd2 6.a5 ... (6.h7 Bxh7 7.Kxh7 e5 8.a5 e4 9.a6 e3 10.a7 e2=) 6...Be4! 7.Bh3 Bf5=;

4.d4? Bd3! 5.Bg2 Kc3 6.h7 Bxh7 7.Kxh7 Kxd4 8.a4 Kc5=]

4...Bxh7 5.Kxh7 Kxd2 [5...e5 6.a4 e4 7.a5 Kxd2 etc.] **6.a4 e5 7.a5 e4 8.a6 e3 9.a7 e2 10.Bxe2 Kxe2 11.a8Q f1Q 12.Qa6+ Kf2 13.Qxf1+ Kxf1 14.a4 c5 15.a5 c4 16.a6 c3 17.a7 c2 18.a8Q c1Q** diagonal a8-h1 is open and **19.Qh1+-**

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3. Alexey SOCHNEV (Russia)
8th FIDE World Cup, 2020
5th Prize



Win

7+7

FEN: n7/4p3/3pP3/K4P1p/p2P4/2P2R1N/4p3/3k4 w

1.Nf2+! [1.Rd3+? Kc2 2.Re3 Kd2 3.Re4!? Kd3! (3...e1Q? 4.Rxe1 Kxe1 5.Kxa4+—)
4.Nf2+ Kd2 5.Nh3!? Kd3 6.Nf2+ Kd2= positional draw]

1...Kc2! 2.Nd3 [2.Re3? Kd2 3.Rd3+ Kc2 4.Re3 Kd2= positional draw]

2...a3 3.Ne1+ Kc1! [3...Kd2 4.c4!+—]

4.c4 a2 5.Ra3 [5.Rc3+? Kb2 6.Rc2+ Kb1! 7.Rxa2 Kxa2 etc see thematic try 1]

5...Kb2 6.Ra4!! ...

Thematic try 1: 6.Rxa2+? Kxa2 7.f6 exf6 8.e7 Nc7 9.Kb6 Ne8 10.c5 dxc5 11.Kxc5 h4
12.d5 h3 13.d6 Nxd6 14.Kxd6 h2 15.e8Q h1Q 16.Qxe2+ Ka3! 17.Qd3+ Ka4 18.Qc4+
Ka5=;

Thematic try 2: 6.Ka4? a1Q 7.Nd3+ Kb1 8.Rxa1+ Kxa1 9.f6 exf6 10.e7 Nc7 11.d5 h4
12.c5 Ne8 13.cxd6 Nxd6 14.Kb4 h3 15.Kc5 Ne4+!! (15...Ne8? 16.d6 Nxd6 17.Kxd6 e1Q
18.Nxe1 h2 19.e8Q h1Q 20.Qa4+ Kb2 21.Qc2+ Ka3 22.Nd3 Qa1 23.Qc4 Qb1 24.Kc7!
ZZ etc. as in the main solution) 16.Kb4 Nd6! 17.Kc5 Ne4+ 18.Kd4 Nd6 positional draw;

6.Kb4? a1Q 7.Nd3+ Kb1 8.Rxa1+ Kxa1 9.f6 exf6 10.e7 Nc7 11.c5 Nd5+! =

6...h4 [6...Nc7 7.f6 exf6 8.e7 h4 etc. as in the main solution]

7.f6! exf6 8.e7 Nc7 9.Kb6 ...

Thematic try 3: 9.c5? dxc5 10.d5 Ne8 11.Kb5 h3 12.Nd3+ Kb1! 13.Rxa2 Kxa2 14.Nc1+ Ka3!! 15.Nxe2 c4! (15...Nd6+? 16.Kc6!+-) 16.Kxc4 Nd6+ 17.Kc5 Ne4+! 18.Kd4 Nd6 19.Kc5 Ne4+=

9...Ne8 10.c5 dxc5 11.Kxc5!! ...

Logical try: 11.dxc5? a1Q 12.Nd3+ Kb1 13.Rxa1+ Kxa1 14.c6 h3 15.c7 Nxc7 16.Kxc7 e1Q 17.Nxe1 h2 18.e8Q h1Q 19.Qa4+ Kb2 20.Qc2+ Ka3 21.Nd3 Qa1 22.Qc4 Qb1!! ZZ 23.Nc1 Kb2! (23...Qh7+? 24.Kb6 Qb1+ 25.Kc6 Kb2 26.Nd3+ Ka3 27.Qc3+-) 24.Nd3+ Ka3 25.Nc5 (25.Qc3+ Qb3 26.Qa5+ Qa4 27.Qc3+ Qb3=) 25...Qh7+! (25...Kb2? 26.Qb3+! Ka1 27.Qa3+ Qa2 28.Nb3+ Kb1 29.Qc1#) 26.Kb6 Qb1+! 27.Kc7 Qh7+= positional draw

11...a1Q [11...h3 12.Nd3+ Kc2 13.Rxa2+ Kxd3 14.Ra1 Kd2 15.d5 e1Q 16.Rxe1 Kxe1 17.d6 h2 18.d7 h1Q 19.dxe8Q Qg1+ 20.Kb5! Qf1+ 21.Ka5! Qd3 22.Qd8!+- and white wins easily;
11...Kb3 12.Rb4+! Kc3 13.Rc4+ Kd2 14.Rc2+ Kxe1 15.Rxa2 Kf1 16.Ra1+ e1Q 17.Rxe1+ Kxe1 18.d5 h3 19.d6+- etc.]

12.Nd3+ Kb1 13.Rxa1+ Kxa1 14.d5 h3 15.d6 Nxd6 16.Kxd6 e1Q! [16...h2 17.e8Q h1Q 18.Qa4+-]

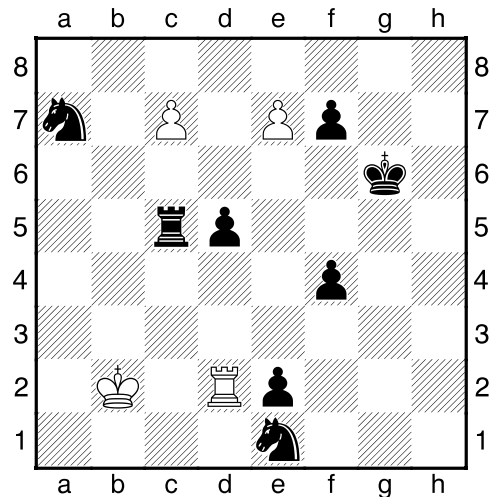
17.Nxe1 h2 18.e8Q h1Q 19.Qa4+ Kb2 20.Qc2+ Ka3 21.Nd3! Qa1 [21...Qb7 22.Qc1+ Ka2 23.Qd2+ Kb1 24.Qe1+ Kc2 25.Nb4+ Kb3 26.Qd1+ Ka3 27.Qa1+ Kb3 28.Qa2+ Kc3 29.Qc2+ Kxb4 30.Qb2+-]

22.Qc4! Qb1 23.Kc7!! [ZZ]

23...Qb3 24.Qa6+ Qa4 25.Qd6+ Ka2 26.Qh2+ Ka3 27.Qb2#

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4. Alexey SOCHNEV (Russia) Victory-75 AT, 2020 Special Prize



Win

4+8

FEN: 8/n1P1Pp2/6k1/2rp4/5p2/8/1K1Rp3/4n3 w

1.e8Q [1.Rxe2? The easiest way 1...Nd3+! 2.Kb1 f3 3.e8Q fxe2 4.Qxe2 Rb5+]=]

1...Rc2+! [1...f3 2.Qg8+ Kf6 3.Qg3 Rc2+ 4.Rxc2 Nd3+ 5.Kb3 e1Q 6.Qxf3+--]

2.Rxc2 Nd3+ 3.Ka1!! ...

[The key point of the study: what move will the white king make? The most obvious: 3.Kc3? e1Q+ 4.Qxe1 Nxe1 5.Ra2 Nc8 (5...f3 6.Kd2) 6.Ra8 Ne7 7.Re8 and white wins, but 5. ... Nb5+! and a draw. It is immediately clear that the king cannot occupy vertical "a" (fields a2 and a3). Only three options remain;

Logical try N 1: 3.Kb3? e1Q 4.Qxe1 Nxe1 5.Ra2 f3 6.Rxa7 f2 7.Ra6+ f6! 8.Rxf6+! Kxf6 9.c8Q Ke5! 10.Qf8 Nd3 11.Qf3 Kd4! ZZ 12.Ka4 Kc3 13.Qe2 Nc5+! 14.Kb5 Ne4 15.Kc6 Kd4!!=;

Logical try N 2: 3.Kb1? e1Q+ 4.Qxe1 Nxe1 5.Ra2 f3 6.Rxa7 f2 7.Ra6+ f6! 8.Rxf6+! Kxf6 9.c8Q Ke5! 10.Qf8 (10.Qh3 Ke4! 11.Kc1 d4! 12.Kd1! d3! 13.Qg4+ Ke3 14.Qg3+ Nf3! 15.Qh3 Ke4 16.Qf1 Ke3= positional draw) 10...Nd3 11.Qf3 Kd4! ZZ 12.Qe2 Kc3! ZZ 13.Qc2+ Kd4 14.Qe2 Kc3! ZZ 15.Qd1 Ne1! 16.Qe2 Nd3! = ZZ positional draw]

3...e1Q+ 4.Qxe1 Nxe1 5.Ra2 f3! [5...Nc8 6.Ra8 Ne7 7.Re8 f3 8.Rxe7 f2 9.c8Q f1Q 10.Qg4+ Kh6 11.Qh4+ Kg6 12.Rxe1+--]

6.Rxa7 f2 7.Ra6+ f6! [7...Kg7 8.c8Q f1Q 9.Qg4+ Kf8 10.Ra8+ Ke7 11.Qb4+! Kf6 12.Qd6+ Kf5 13.Qxd5+ Kg6 14.Qe4+ f5 15.Qc6+ Kg5 16.Rg8+ Kf4 17.Qd6+ Ke4 18.Re8+ Kf3 19.Qd1+ Kf2 20.Qd2+--]

8.Rxf6+! [8.c8Q? f1Q 9.Qg4+ Kh6! 10.Qh4+ Kg6=]

8...Kxf6 9.c8Q Ke5! [9...f1Q? 10.Qf8+--]

10.Qf8! Nd3 11.Qf3!

[Try: 11.Qe8+? Kd4 12.Qe2 Kc4!! (12...Kc3? 13.Kb1-- ZZ) 13.Ka2 Kd4! 14.Ka1 (14.Ka3 Kc3 15.Ka4 Nc5+! 16.Kb5 Ne4 17.Kc6 Kd4!= leads to the end on a logical try N 1.)

14...Kc4 15.Kb1 Kc3! ZZ 16.Qc2+ Kd4 17.Qe2 Kc3! ZZ 18.Qd1 Ne1! 19.Qe2 Nd3!= ZZ. Leads to a positional draw on a logical try N 2.]

11...Kd4 12.Kb1! [ZZ]

12...Kc4! 13.Qd1!

[13.Qe2? Kc3! ZZ;

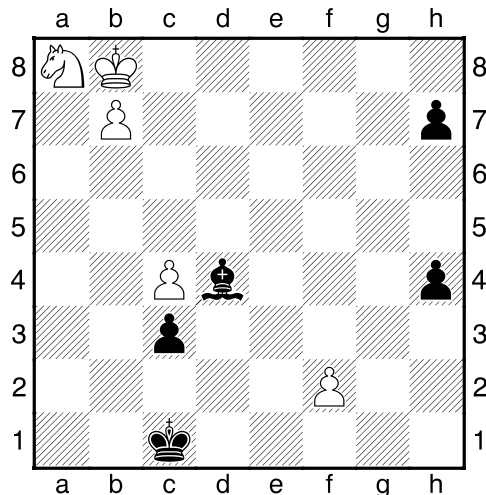
Extends the solution: 13.Qg4+ Kb3 14.Qd1+ Kc4 15.Qf1 Kc3 16.Qe2 ZZ]

13...Kc3 14.Qe2! [ZZ]

14...Kd4 15.Kc2+--

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5. Alexey SOCHNEV (Russia)
JT 60 O.Pervakov, 2020
4th Honourable Mention



Draw

5+5

FEN: NK6/1P5p/8/8/2Pb3p/2p5/5P2/2k5 w

1.Kc8! Ba7 2.Nc7 h3 3.Nb5 h2 4.Nxa7 h1Q 5.b8Q Qh3+! [5...c2 6.Qb6! Qe4 7.Nc6! Kd1 8.Qd8+ Ke1 9.Qa5+ Kf1 (9...Ke2 10.Qh5+) 10.Qa1+ Kg2 11.Nd4=]

6.Kc7! [6.Kd8? Qd3+! 7.Kc7 (7.Ke7 c2 8.Nc6 Kd1-+) 7...Qxc4+! (7...c2? 8.Nc6 Kd1 9.Qg8 c1Q 10.Qg1+ Kd2 11.Qg5+ Kd1 12.Qg1+=) 8.Nc6 Qf4+! 9.Kb7 Qxb8+ 10.Kxb8 h5! 11.f4 h4 12.f5 h3 13.f6 h2 14.f7 h1Q 15.f8Q Qxc6!-+]

6...Qh2+ 7.f4!! ...

Logical try: 7.Kb7? Qxb8+ 8.Kxb8 c2 9.c5 Kd1! 10.c6 c1Q 11.c7 h5 12.c8Q Qxc8+ 13.Kxc8 h4 14.Nc6 h3 15.Ne5 h2 16.Ng4 h1Q!-+

7...Qxf4+ 8.Kb7! Qxb8+ 9.Kxb8 c2 10.c5 ...

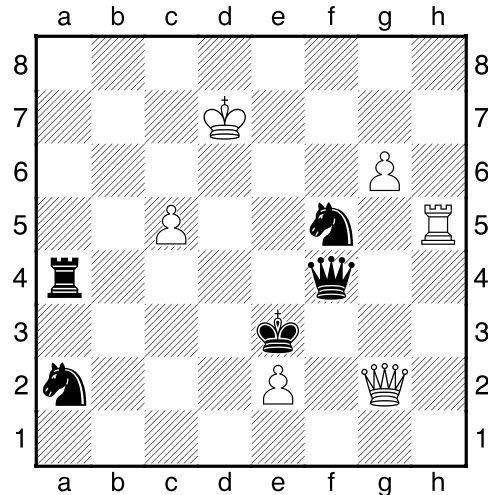
A. 10...Kd1 11.c6 c1Q 12.c7 h5 13.c8Q Qxc8+ 14.Kxc8! h4 15.Nc6 h3 16.Ne5 h2 17.Ng4 h1Q 18.Nf2+!=

B. 10...Kd2 11.c6 c1Q 12.c7 h5 13.c8Q Qxc8+ 14.Kxc8! h4 15.Nc6 h3 16.Ne5 h2 17.Nf3+! =;

C. 10...Kb1 (Kb2) 11.c6 c1Q 12.c7 h5 13.c8Q Qxc8+ 14.Nxc8! h4 15.Ne7(Nd6) 15...h3 16.Nf5 h2 17.Ng3 Kc2 18.Kc7 Kd1 19.Kd6 Ke1 20.Ke5 Kf2 21.Kf4 Kg2 22.Kg4=.

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6. Alexey SOCHNEV (Russia)
9th FIDE World Cup, 2021
Special Honourable Mention



Draw

6+5

FEN: 8/3K4/6P1/2P2n1R/r4q2/4k3/n3P1Q1/8 w

1.Rh3+ [1.Qg1+? Kd2! 2.Qg5 Rd4+! 3.Kc8 Ne7+ 4.Qxe7 Qg4+ 5.Kc7 Qxh5--+]

1...Kd4 2.e3+! [2.Rd3+? Ke5 3.g7 Ra7+ 4.Kc8 Rxc7 5.Qd5+ Kf6 6.Qc6+ Kg5 7.Qg2+ Qg4 8.Qxg4+ Kxg4--+]

2...Nxe3 3.Qd2+ Kc4 4.Qe2+! [4.Qxe3? Ra7+ 5.Ke6 Qg4+ 6.Kf6 Nb4! 7.Qc3+ Kb5 8.Qe5! Ra6+! 9.c6+! Kxc6! 10.Rh7 Nd5+--+; 4.Rxe3? Qf5+--+]

4...Kd4 [4...Kb4 5.Qxe3 the easiest way 5...Ra7+ (5...Qf5+ 6.Kc7! Qxg6 7.Qb3+ Ka5 8.Qb6+--; 5...Qg4+ 6.Kc7 Qc4 7.Qd2+ Kb5 8.Qd3=) 6.Ke6! Ra6+ 7.Kd7! Ra7+ 8.Ke6 Qg4+ 9.Kf6! Ra6+ 10.Ke7! Ra7+ 11.Kf6=]

5.Qd2+! ...

Logical try: 5.Qxe3+? Qxe3 6.Rxe3 Kxe3 7.c6 Nc3 8.c7 Nd5! 9.g7 Rg4! 10.Ke6 Nxc7+ 11.Kf7 Rf4+ 12.Kg6 Nd5! 13.g8Q Ne7+ 14.Kg5 Nxc8!--+ Black wins, because a rook is defended.

5...Ke4 6.Rxe3+! [6.Qxe3+? Qxe3 7.Rxe3+ Kxe3--+]

6...Qxe3 7.Qc2+! [7.Qxe3+? Kxe3--+]

7...Qd3+ 8.Qxd3+ Kxd3 9.c6 Nc3 10.c7 Rd4+! [As compared with logical try, a black king is on d3, so: 10...Nd5 11.g7 Rg4 (11...Ra8 12.Ke6! Ne3! 13.Kd7! Nd5 14.Ke6 Ne3 15.Kd7 positional draw, or 15...Nc4 16.c8N!= 1 promotion into the knight!) 12.Ke6 Nxc7+

13.Kf7 Rf4+ 14.Kg6 Nd5 15.g8Q Ne7+ 16.Kg5! That's the point!. The rook is not defended. 16...Rf5+ 17.Kg4=]

11.Ke6! Re4+ 12.Kf7 Nb5 13.c8N! [2 promotion into the knight!]

13...Rf4+ 14.Ke8 Nc7+ [14...Ke4 15.Ke7! (15.g7? Nc7+! 16.Ke7 Nd5+! 17.Ke8 Nf6+ 18.Kf7 Nh5+! 19.Kg6 Rg4+! 20.Kxh5 Rxc7 21.Kh6 Rd7! 22.Kg6 Ke5--+) 15...Nc7 16.Nd6+ Ke5 17.Nf7+ Kd4 (d5) 18.g7 Re4+ (18...Rg4 19.Ng5!! Rxc7 20.Kf7=) 19.Ne5!! Rxe5+ 20.Kf7= **echo-sacrifices of knight!**]

15.Kd7 Nd5 [15...Nb5 16.Ke8 Nd4 17.g7 Rg4 18.Kf7 Nf5 19.g8N! 3 promotion into the knight! 19...Rg7+ 20.Kf8!]=]

16.Ne7 Nf6+ 17.Ke6 Nh5 [17...Ne8 18.Nf5! Nc7+ 19.Ke5 Rg4 20.Kf6 Nd5+ 21.Kf7 Rf4 22.Ke6! Nc7+ 23.Ke5 Re4+ 24.Kf6 Nd5+ 25.Kf7 Rf4 26.Ke6= positional draw]

18.Nf5 Rg4 19.Kf7 Rg5 20.Nd6 Ra5! 21.Ne8 Ra7+ 22.Kg8! ...

Thematic try: 22.Kf8? Nf4! 23.g7 Ne6+ 24.Kg8 Ke4! (24...Kd4? 25.Kh7! Re7 26.Kh8! Nxc7 27.Nxc7 Ke5 28.Kg8 Kf6 29.Nh5+ Kg6 30.Nf4+ Kf5 31.Nh5 Kg5 32.Kf8! Ra7 33.Ng7=) 25.Kh7 (25.Kh8 Nxc7 26.Nxc7 Ke5 27.Kg8 Kf6--+) 25...Kf5 26.Kh6 Ra1 (a2, a4) 27.Nd6+ Kf6 28.g8N+ 4 promotion into the knight! 28...Ke5-- win in 64.

22...Ke4 23.g7 Kf5 24.Kf8 Nf6 25.Nxf6 Kxf6 26.g8N+!= [5 promotion into the knight!]

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