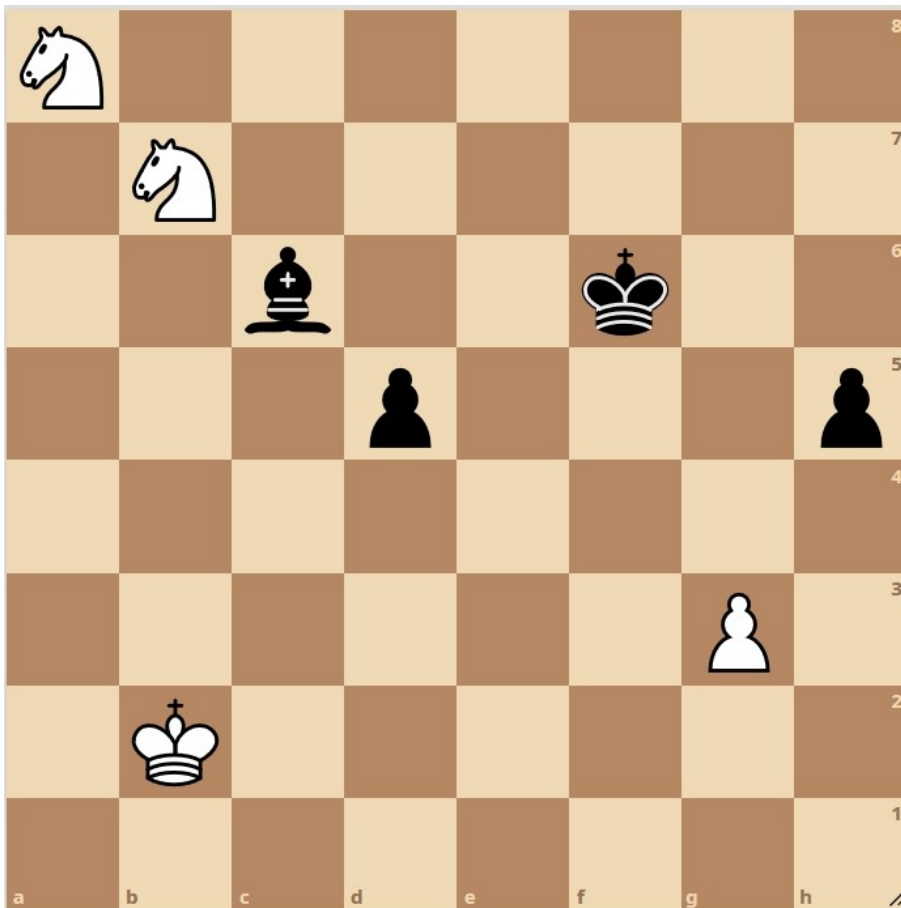


Marek Halski (No. 1)
 Polish Chess Federation composing tourney, 2020; 3-rd Prize
 DRAW



DRAW

(4+4)

FEN "N7/1N6/2b2k2/3p3p/8/6P1/1K6/8 w - - 0 1"

{White have to lose one of their knights, but which one?}

1. Nc5!

({**Try_1:**} 1. Nd6 ? Bxa8 2. Ne8+ ! Kg6 ! 3. Nc7 Kf5 4. Ne8 d4 ! 5. Ng7+ Kg5 !
 ({**but not:**} 5... Kg4 ? 6. Kc2 Be4+ 7. Kd2 Bg6 8. Ke2 ! Kxg3 9. Nxh5+ ! Bxh5+ 10. Kd3 =)
 6. Kc2
 ({**or**} 6. Ne6+ Kg4 7. Nxd4 Kxg3 {**Black win**})
 6... Be4+ 7. Kd2 Bf5 ! 8. Ke2 Kg6 !
 ({**but not:**} 8... Kg4 9. Kf2 Bd7 10. Ke2 =)
 9. Ne8 Kf7 ! 10. Nd6+
 ({**if**} 10. Nc7 {**then**} 10... Kf6 ! 11. Kf3 Ke5 -+)
 10... Ke6 11. Nc4 Kd5 12. Nd2
 (12. Nb2 Ke4 13. Nd3 Bg4+ ! 14. Kd2 Kf3 {**Black win**})
 12... Kc5 13. Nf1 Kc4 14. Kd2 Bd3 15. Nh2 Be4 ! 16. g4 h4 17. g5 h3 18. Ng4 d3 19. Nh2
 (19. Nf2 h2 -+)
 19... Kd4 20. Nf1 Bg6 21. Nh2 Ke4 22. Nf1 Kf3 23. Nh2+ Kg2 {**Black win**})

({**Try_2:**} 1. Nc7 ? Bxb7 2. Ne8+ Kg6 ! 3. Nc7

{or} 3. Kc3 Bc6 4. Nc7 Kf5 5. Kd4 Kg4 6. Kc5 Kxg3 7. Kxc6 h4 8. Nxd5 Kf3 9. Nc3 h3 -+)
3... Kf5 4. Ne8 d4 ! 5. Ng7+ Kg5 ! 6. Kc2 Be4+ ! 7. Kd2 Bf5 ! 8. Ke2 Kg6 ! {etc as in Try_1 - Black win})

{After:} 1. Na5 ? Bxa8 2. Nb3 Kg5 3. Nd4 Kg4 ! 4. Ne2 Kf3 {Black win}

{After:} 1. Nd8 ? Bxa8 2. Kc3 Ke7 {Black win}

{After:} 1. Nb6 ? Bxb7 2. Nd7+ Kf5 3. Nc5 Kg4 4. Nxb7 Kxg3 5. Nc5 h4 {Black win}

1... Bxa8

{Accepting one of White knights is necessary if Black want to win:} 1... Kf5 2. Nc7 Kg4 3. N7e6 Kxg3 4. Nd4 =)

2. Nd3 Kf5 3. Nf2

{denying Black king access to e4 & g4}

3... Ke5 4. Kc3 !

{but not} 4. Kc2? Kd4! 5. Kd2 Bb7 6. g4 h4! 7. g5 Ke5! 8. Ng4+ Kf5 {Black win})

4... Bc6 5. Kd3 Bd7 !

{If} 5... Bb5+ {then} 6. Ke3 ! Bf1 ! 7. Kd2 {etc as in the main solution}

6. Ke3 !

{But not} 6. Kc3 ? Bf5 7. Kd2 Kd4 ! 8. Nd1 Bd7 9. Nc3 Bc6 10. Nd1 Ke4 {thr. 11... Kf3} 11. Ke2 Bb5+ 12. Kf2 d4 -+)

6... Bf5 !

{or} 6... Bb5 7. Nh3 ! d4+ 8. Kd2 ! Ke4 9. Ng5+ ! Kf5 10. Nf3 ! Ke4 11. Ng5+ {pos. draw}

7. Nh1 !!

{But not} 7. Nd1 ? d4+ ! {here this move is effective because White king cannot go to e2/f3 squares due to Bg4+} 8. Kf2 Ke4 9. Nb2 Bg4 10. Nc4 Kd3 {and Black win})

{Bad is also:} 7. Kd2 ? {due to} 7... Kd4 ! 8. Nd1 Bd7 9. Nc3 Bc6 10. Ne2+ Ke4 11. Ng1 Bb5 -+)

7... Bh3

{or} 7... d4+ 8. Ke2 ! Bg4+ 9. Kd3 Bf5+ (9... Bf3 10. Nf2 ! =) 10. Ke2 d3+ 11. Ke3 Kd5 12. Nf2 Kc4 13. Kf4 Bg4 14. Ke3 {and Black cannot improve their position - draw}

{if} 7... Be4 {then} 8. Nf2 Bf5 9. Nh1 {with repetition}

8. Nf2 !

{But not:} 8. Kd3 ? Bf1+ ! 9. Ke3 d4+ ! 10. Kf3 Bc4 11. Nf2 Bb5 12. Nd1 Bd7 13. Nb2 Bg4+ 14. Kf2 Ke4 -+)

8... Bf1

{or} 8... Bf5 9. Nh1 {with repetition} (8... Bd7/Bg2 9. Nd3+ =)

9. Kd2 !

{other moves lose due to 9...d4, for example:} 9. Kf3 ? d4 ! 10. g4 h4 ! 11. g5 Kf5 12. g6 Kxg6 13. Ke4 d3 14. Kf4 h3 15. Ke3 h2 16. Kd2 Kg5 17. Ke3 Kh4 18. Kd2 Kg3 19. Ke3 Kg2 -+)

9... Bc4 10. Ke3 ! Bf1

{after} 10... Ba6 {White have to be careful and play} 11. Nh3 ! (11. Kd2 ? Kd4 ! -+)

11... d4+ 12. Kd2 Ke4 13. Ng5+ (13. Nf2 ? Kf3 -+) 12... Kf5 14. Nf3 ! Kg4 15. Nxd4 Kxg3 16. Ke3 ! Bc8 17. Ne2+ {draw}

11. Kd2 Kd4 !

{as other measures did not bring success Black try the last option!}

12. g4 !

{White have to be on the watch; this is the only moment they can defend actively with this move; disastrous would be passive:} 12. Ke1? {as after} 12... Ba6 13. Kd2 Bc4 {Black passes the duty of move on White, and now, with their bishop placed better, they win:} 14. g4 (14. Ke1 Ke3 15. Nd1+ Kf3 -+) 14... h4 ! 15. g5 Ke5 16. Ng4+ Kf5 17. Ne3+ Kxg5 -+)

12... h4 13. g5 Ke5 14. Ng4+ Kf4 15. Ne3 !

{Now White exploit bad placement of Black bishop on f1; other moves are losing, e.g:} 14. g6 ? d4 ! 15. g7 Bc4 16. Nf2 Kf5/Kg5 17. Nh3 Kf6/Kg6 18. Ng1 Kxg7 19. Ne2 h3 -+)

15... Bh3 ! 16. Nxd5+

(16. g6? d4 ({or} 16...Be6 17.Ke2 h3! -+) 17. Nd5+ Kg5 18. Ne7 Kh6 19. Kd3 Bg4 {Black win})

16... Kf3 !

({after} 16... Kxg5 17. Ke2 Be6 18. Ne3 h3 19. Kf2 {the draw is obvious})

17. Nc3 Bf1

({to counteract White move 18.Ne2; if} 17... Bf5 {then} 18. Ne2 =)

18. g6 h3

({If} 18... Bc4 {then} 19. Ne2 ! 19... Bxe2 (19... h3 20. Ng1+ =) 20. Kc3 ! =)

19. Ne2 !!

{The heroic fight of White knight against Black bishop ends up in self-sacrifice with the aim of emptying c3 square for the king}

({Wrong would be:} 19. Nd5 ? Bc4 ! 20. Ne3 h2 {etc Black win})

({Wrong would be:} 19. g7 ? Bc4 ! {etc Black win})

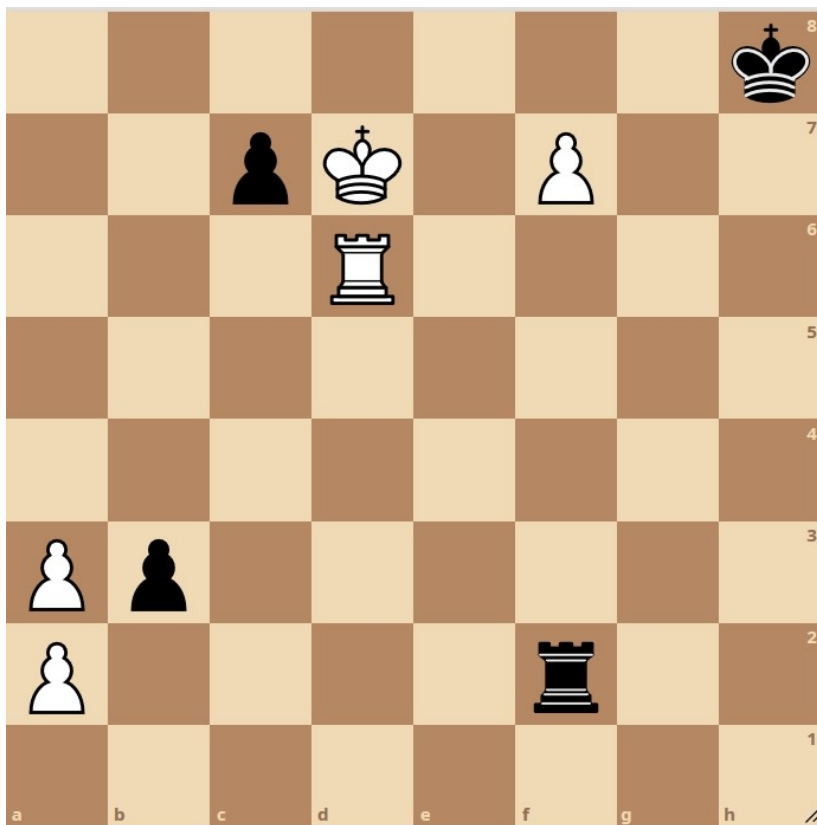
19... Bxe2 20. Kc3 ! h2 21. g7 h1=Q 22. g8=Q

{draw}

1/2-1/2

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WIN

(5+4)

FEN "7k/2pK1P2/3R4/8/8/Pp6/P4r2/8 w - - 0 1"

1. f8=Q+!

(**Thematic try:**) 1. Rd1? Rxf7+ 2. Ke6! (2. Kc6 bxa2/b2 =) 2... Rf3! (2... Kg7? 3. axb3 +-) 3. axb3 Re3+!! {A subtle move, forcing White to choose where to go: d5 or d7?}

{It would be wrong:} 3... Rxb3? {because} 4. Ra1! (4. a4? Ra3 =) {and now} 4... Kg7

{or} 4... c5 5. a4 c4 6. a5 c3 7. a6 c2 8. a7 Rb1 {position A1 (wK on e6) - there is no Rb7+} 9. a8=Q+ +-)

{or} 4... Rb5 5. a4 Ra5 6. Kd7 c5 7. Kc6 c4 8. Kb6 Ra8 9. a5 Rb8+ 10. Kc7 Ra8 11. a6 c3 12. a7 c2 13. Kb7 {White win})

{or} 4... Rb6+ 5. Kf7 Rh6 6. a4 c5 7. a5 c4 8. a6 Rh7+ 9. Kf8 Ra7 10. Rh1+ {White win})

5. a4! Rb6+ {position B1 (wK on e6) - White king can move on d7!} 6. Kd7!! c5 (6... Ra6 7. Kxc7 +-) 7. a5 Ra6 8. Kc7 c4 9. Kb7! {White win})

4. Kd7!

{or} 4. Kd5 Rxb3 5. Ra1 Kg7 6. Kc6 (6. a4 Rb6! {position B2 (wK already on d5) - no choice!} 7. a5 Ra6! =) 6... Rc3+ 7. Kb5 Rb3+ 8. Kc6 Rc3+ =)

{If} 4. Kf7 Rf3+! 5. Ke6 Re3+ {and draw by repetition or White have to make decision!})

4... Rxb3 5. Ra1!

{If} 5. a4 {then} 5... Ra3! 6. Rd4 c5! 7. Rc4 Kg7!! 8. Kc6 Kf6 =)

5... c5!! {taking advantage that White king is on d7!} 6. a4 c4 7. a5 c3 8. a6 c2 9. a7 {position A2 (wK on d7)}

9... Rb7+! (9... Rb1? 10. a8=Q+ {win}) 10. Kd6 Rxa7! =)

1... Rxf8 2. Rd2 b2!

(**{White have no problems after:}** 2... Rf7+ 3. Ke6 (**{or}** 3. Kc6 Rf3 4. Kxc7 +-) b2 (**{or}** 3... Rf3 4. Rb2 bxa2 5. Rxa2 Kg7 6. a4 **{White win}**)
4. Kxf7 b1=Q 5. Rh2+ Qh7+ 6. Rxh7+ Kxh7 7. a4 (7. Ke6) c5 8. a5 c4 9. a6 c3 10. a7 c2 11. a8=Q c1=Q 12. Qg8+ Kh6 13. Qg6#)

3. Rxb2 Ra8

(**{If}** 3... c5 **{then}** 4. a4! Rf4!
(**{or}** 2... Ra8 3. Rh2+! Kg7 4. Rh4! Kf6 5. Kc7!! Ke5 6. Kb7! Rd8! 7. a5!)
5. Kc6 Rxa4 6. Kb5 Ra8 7. Rg2!! Kh7! 8. a4!
(**{Thematic try:}** 8. Kxc5? Kh6!! 9. Kb4 Rb8+! 10. Kc3 Rc8+ 11. Kb2 Rb8+ 12. Ka1 Ra8! 13. Rg1 **{Position C1 - Black have move}** 13... Kh5!! 14. Kb2 Rb8+! 15. Kc3 Rc8+ 16. Kb4 Rb8+! 17. Kc5 Rc8+ 18. Kd6 Rd8+! (18... Rc3? 19. Ra1 **{win}**) 19. Kc6! Rc8+ 20. Kb7! Rc3! 21. Kb6 Ra3! 22. Rg2! Ra8! 23. Kb5 Rb8+ 24. Kc6 Ra8! 25. Kb5 Rb8+ = **{positional draw}**)
8... c4 (8... Rb8+ 9. Kc5 +-) 9. a5 **{win}**)

4. Rg2!

(**{Thematic try:}** 4. Kxc7? Kg7!! (**{but not}** 4... Rxa3? 5. Rg2! **{White win}**) 5. Rf2! (5. Rb3 Kf6 6. Kb7 Ra4 =)
5... Rxa3! 6. Kb6 Ra8!! 7. Kb5 Rb8+! 8. Kc6 Ra8! 9. Kb7 Ra3 10. Kb6 Ra8! **{positional draw}**)
(**{After:}** 4. Rb3? Kg7 5. Kxc7 (5. Rf3 c5 =) 5... Kf6 6. Kb7 Ra4 7. Kb6 Ra8 =)

4... c5!

(4... Rxa3 5. Kxc7 Kh7 6. Kb6 Ra8 7. Kb5! Rb8+ 8. Kc4 Rc8+ 9. Kb3 Rb8+ 10. Kc2 Ra8! 11. Kb2!
(**{but not}** 11. Kb1? Kh6!! 12. Rg1 Kh5! 13. Kb2 Rb8+ 14. Kc3 Rc8+ 15. Kb4 Rb8+ 16. Kc5 Rc8+ 17. Kb6 Rb8+ 18. Kc6! (18. Kc7 Ra8 19. Ra1 Ra3! 20. Kb6 Kg5 =) 18... Rc8+! 19. Kb7 Rc3!! 20. Ra1 (20. a4 Ra3 =) 20... Ra3! 21. Kb6 Kg5 22. Kb5 Kf5 23. Kb4 Ra8 24. a4 Ke6 **{Black draw}**)
11... Rb8+ 12. Ka1! Ra8! 13. Rg1! **{etc as in the main solution}**)

5. Kc7!!

(**{But not}** 5. Kc6? c4! 6. Kb5 c3 7. Kb4 Rg8!! 8. Rc2 (8. Rxg8+ Kxg8 9. Kxc3 Kf7 =) Rb8+ 9. Kxc3 Kg7! 10. Rf2! Rf8! **{again opening way for the king}** 11. Rxf8 Kxf8 12. Kc4 Ke7 13. Kc5 Kd7 14. Kb6 Kc8! 15. Ka7 **{otherwise 15...Kb8}** 15... Kc7 **{draw}**)

{>>>and now VAR-1:}

5... Rxa3

(**{>>>or VAR-2:}** 5... c4! 6. Rg3!

(**{Thematic try:}** 6. Kb7? Rxa3! 7. Kb6 c3 8. Kb5 Kh7 9. Kb4 Ra8! 10. Kxc3 Kh6!! 11. Kb2 Rb8+! 12. Ka1 Ra8! 13. Rg1 **{Position C1 - Black have move}** 13... Kh5! 14. Kb2 Rb8+ 15. Kc3 Rc8+ 16. Kb4 Rb8+ 17. Kc5 Rc8+ 18. Kd6 Rd8+ 19. Kc6! Rc8+! 20. Kb7 Rc3! 21. Rg2
(**{or}** 21. Rg8 Rc4 22. Kb6 (22. Ra8 Kg6 23. a4 Rf4 24. a5 Rf7+ =) 22... Ra4! 23. Rg2 Ra8! 24. Kb5 Rb8+ **{etc with the same positional draw}**)
21... Ra3! 22. Kb6 Ra8!! 23. Kb5 Rb8+! 24. Kc6 Ra8! 25. Kb5 (25. Kb6 Kh4! =)(25. Kb7 Ra3 26. Kb6 Ra8 =) 25... Rb8+ = **{pos. draw}**)

6... Rg8!

{forcing White rook to release Black king from h-file!}

(**{or}** 6... Kh7 7. Kb7 Ra4 8. Kb6 Ra8 9. Kb5 Rc8 10. Kb4 Kh6 11. a4 **{etc with easy win}**)

7. Rc3!

(**{extra check would be fatal:}** 7. Rh3+ Kg7! 8. Rc3 Ra8 9. Kb7 Ra4 10. Rf3 c3 11. Rxc3 Kf6 =)

7... Ra8! 8. Kb7!

(8. Rg3 Rg8 **{leads to repetition}**) (8. Kb6? Kg7! 9. Kb5 Kf6 =)

8... Ra5! 9. Kb6 Ra8 10. Kb5!

(**{but not}** 10. Kc5? Kg7! 11. Kxc4 Rc8+ 12. Kb4 Rxc3 =)

10... Kg7

(10... Rb8+ 11. Kxc4 Kg7 (11... Rc8+ 12. Kb4 +-) 12. Rf3! Rc8+ 13. Kb5 {etc White win})

11. a4! Rb8+! 12. Kc6 Kf6 13. a5!

(13. Rxc4? Rc8+ =)

13... Ke5 14. a6!

(14. Kc7? Rb4 15. a6 Kd4 =)

14... Kd4 15. Rc1!

({but not:} 15. a7? Ra8! 16. Ra3 c3! 17. Ra4+ Kd3! =)

15... c3 16. a7 Rf8 17. Kb7! Rf7+ 18. Ka6! Rf8!

(18... Rf6+ 19. Kb5! Rf8 20. a4! {White win})

19. Rf1!!

({Try:} 19. Rd1+? Ke3! 20. Rd7 c2 21. Rc7 Kd2 22. Kb7 Rf7!! 23. Rxf7 c1=Q 24. Rd7+ (24. a8=Q Qh1+! =) 24... Ke1! 25. Re7+ (25. a8=Q Qb2+! =) 25...Kd2! {positional draw})

19... c2 20. Rxf8 c1=Q 21. Rd8+ Ke5 22. a8=Q {and White win / end of VAR-2})

6. Kb6 c4 7. Kb5 c3 8. Kb4 Ra8 9. Kxc3

({It would be wrong:} 9. a4? Rc8! 10. Rc2 (10. a5 c2 =) 10... Kg7! 11. Rxc3 (11. a5 Kf6 {etc - draw}) 11... Rb8+! 12. Ka3 Kf7! 13. Re3 Ra8 14. Kb4 Re8! =)

9... Kh7! {causing White more troubles than Rc8+}

10. Kb2!

(10. Kb3 Rb8+ 11. Kc2 Rc8+ {etc, unnecessarily delay})

10... Rb8+ 11. Ka1! Ra8 12. Rg1!

({waste of time is:} 12. Rg3 Rd8! 13. Rg2 Ra8 {etc})

12... Kh6 {Position C2 - White have move}

({easier win is after:} 12... Rd8 13. Kb2 {etc win})

13. Kb2!

{Now, White king begins his return trip!}

13... Rb8+

({If} 13... Kh5 {then} 14. a3! Kh4 15. Kb3 Rb8+ 16. Kc4 {etc - win})

14. Kc3 Rc8+

({If} 14... Ra8 {then} 15. Kb3! ({but not} 15. Ra1? Kg6 {draw}) 15... Rb8+ 16. Kc4 Rc8+ (16. Ra8 Ra1! +-) 17. Kb5 Rb8+ 18. Kc6 {etc as in the main solution})

15. Kb4 Rb8+ 16. Kc5 Rc8+ 17. Kb6 Rb8+

({If} 17... Kh5 {then} 18. a4 {etc, White win.})

18. Kc6!

({Thematic try:} 18. Ka7? Rb4!! 19. Rg2 (19. Ra1 Kg6 =) 19... Ra4+! 20. Kb6 Ra8!! 21. Kb5!

(19. Kb7 Ra3 =) 19... Rb8+! 20. Kc6 Ra8! 21. Kb6 (21. Kb5 Rb8+ =) 21... Kh5!! ({but not} 21... Ra3 22. Kb5! {White win}) 22. Kb5 Rb8+ 23. Ka5 Ra8+ 24. Kb5 (24. Kb6 Kh4 =) 24... Rb8+ 25. Kc6 Ra8 {positional draw})

({after:} 18. Kc7? Ra8! 19. Ra1 Ra3! 20. Kb6 Kg6 =)

18... Ra8

({or} 18... Rc8+ 19. Kb7!

({But not:} 19. Kd7? Ra8! 20. Ra1 Ra3!! 21. Kc6 Kg6 22. Kb5 Kf6 23. Kb4 Ra8 24. a4 Ke6 =)

19... Rc3! 20. a4!! Ra3 21. Rg4! Kh5 22. Rb4 {White win})

19. Ra1!

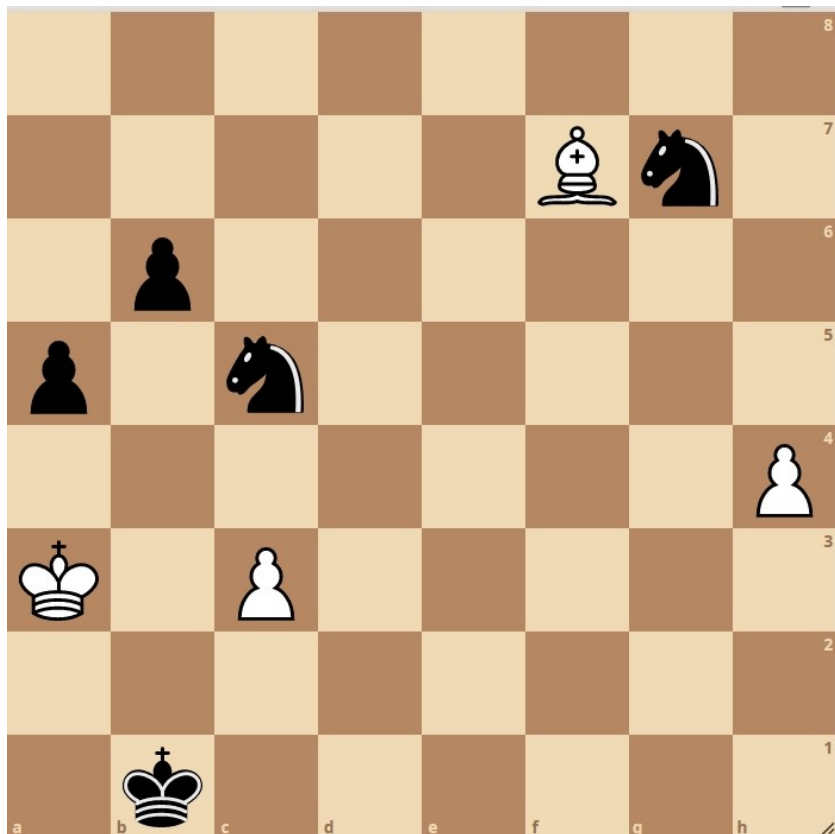
({Try:} 19. Rg2? Ra5! 20. Kb6 Ra8!! 21. Kb5 Rb8+ {again with positional draw})

19... Ra3! 20. Kb5 Kg5 21. Kb4 Rf3 22. a4! Rf4+ 23. Kb5 Rf5+ 24. Kc6 Rf6+ 25. Kd7 Rf7+ 26. Kd8!! {Last subtlety and White win}

({but not} 26. Ke8? Rh7! 27. a5 Kf5 28. a6 Ke6! =)

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 POLASEK and VLASAK 64 JT, 2021; 7-th Hon.Mention
 DRAW



DRAW

(4+5)

FEN "8/5Bn1/1p6/p1n5/7P/K1P5/8/1k6 w - - 0 1"

1. h5

({It would be wrong:} 1. Bg6+ Kc1 2. h5 Nge6 3. h6 Nf8 4. Bf7
 ({or} 4. Bf5 b5 5. Ka2 Kd2 6. Kb2 Nd3+ 7. Kb3 a4+ 8. Ka2 Kxc3 9. Bd7 b4 10. Bxa4 Ne5! 11.
 Bd1 Nf7 {Black win}) 4... Kd2 5. c4 Kc3 6. Bg8 Nd3 7. Ka4 Nb2+ 8. Kb5 a4 9. Kxb6 Nxc4+ 10.
 Kb5 Nb2! 11. h7 Ng6! 12. Bf7 Nh8 13. Ba2 a3! 14. Kc5 Nd3+! 15. Kd6 Kb2 16. Bd5 Nc1 17. Ke7
 Nb3 18. Kf6 a2 {Black win})

1... Nge6!

({White have slightly easier task after immediate:} 1... Nxh5 2. Bxh5 Kc2 3. c4 Kc3 4. Bf7 Nd3 5.
 Ka4 Kb2 6. Kb5 Nc5 7. Kxb6 a4 8. Kxc5 a3 9. Kb6 a2 10. c5 a1=Q 11. c6 Qg1+ 12. Kb7 Qg2 13.
 Kb6 {see comment to 16-th move in main solution} 13... Qf2+ 14. Kb7 Qf3! (14... Qxf7+ 15. c7 =)
 15. Bc4 ({or} 15. Bh5 Qe4 16. Be2! =) 15... Kc3 16. Be2! Qe4 17. Kb6 Qe6 18. Kb7 Qd5 19. Kb6
 Qd6 20. Kb7 Qb4+ 21. Ka7 Qa5+ 22. Kb7 Qd5 23. Kb6 {with positional draw})

2. h6

({It would be wrong:} 2. Bg6+? Kc1 3. h6
 ({or} 3. c4 Kd2 4. h6 Nf8 5. Bf7 Kd3 6. Bd5 Kd4 {etc as below - Black win})
 3... Nf8! 4. Bf7 Kc2 5. c4 Kc3 6. Bd5 Kd4 7. Bg8 Ncd7! 8. Be6
 ({or} 8. Ka4 Nf6 9. Bf7 (9. h7 N8xh7) 9... Kc5 10. Kb3 Ng4 11. Kc3 Nxh6 {then Black knights
 capture c4 pawn and win})
 8... Ne5 9. Bg8 Nxc4+ 10. Ka4 Kc5 11. h7 Nxh7 12. Bxh7 b5+ {Black win})

2... Nf8!

({If} 2... Nc7 3. Bg6+ Ka1 4. Bd3 Nxd3 5. h7 Nc5! 6. c4 \$1 (6. h8=Q \$2 Nb5#) {draw})
 ({If} 3... Ng5 3. Bg6+ Kc1 4. h7 Nxh7 5. Bxh7 {etc as in main solution})

3. h7

(3. c4? Kc2 4. h7 ({or} 4. Bg8 Kc3 5. Bf7 Nd3 6. Ka4 Nb2+ 7. Kb5 a4 8. Kxb6 Nxc4+ -+) 4... Nxb7 5. Bg6+ Kc3 6. Bxb7 Kxc4 {Black win})

3... Nxb7 4. Bg6+ Kc3 5. Bxb7 Kd2 6. c4!

({but not;} 6. Kb2? Nd3+ 7. Kb3 b5 8. Bf5 a4+ 9. Ka3 Kxc3 {Black win})

6... Kc3 7. Bg8 Nd3 8. Ka4

(8. Bf7? Nb2! 9. Be6 Nxc4 10. Ka4 Nb2+! 11. Kb5 a4 12. Ba2 a3! 13. Bf7 (13. Kxb6 Kb4! -+) 13... Nd3! 14. Bc4 Nc1 15. Bf7 Nb3 16. Ka4 a2 {Black win})

8... Kb2

{Black try sly manoeuvre with the sacrifice of a knight!}

({If} 8... Nc5+ {then} 9. Ka3! Nd3 10. Ka4! {positional draw})

9. Kb5 Nc5 10. Kxb6 a4 11. Kxc5 a3

{and Black promotes because White king blocks its pawn which closes bishop a2-g8 diagonal}

12. Kb6!

({But not} 12. Kd6? a2 13. c5 a1Q 14. c6 Qa3+! 15. Kd7 Qd3+! 16. Kc8 Qf5+ 17. Kb7 Qb5+ 18. Kc7 Kc3! {Black win})

12... a2 13. c5 a1=Q 14. c6 Qg1+

({If} 14... Qa8 {then} 15. c7 Qxg8 16. Kb7 {theoretical draw})

15. Kb7 Qg2!

({If} 15... Qxg8 16. c7 {theoretical draw})

16. Bc4!

({Now, due to Black's 1-st move, White bishop is on g8 instead of f7 square, and simple 16.Kb6 defense is not possible;} 16. Kb6? Qxg8 {Black win})

({Bad is also;} 16. Be6? Kc3 17. Kb6 Qb2+ 18. Ka7 Qa3+ 19. Kb6 Qb4+ 20. Ka7 Qc5+ 21. Kb7 Qb5+ 22. Kc7 Kd4 -+)

16... Kc3!

{It seems that Black's plan worked!?, but ...}

17. Bf1!!

({... White also have a trick up from their sleeve - unexpected bishop sacrifice; all other moves lose, for example;} 17. Ba6 Kb4! {Black win})

17... Qb2+

({after;} 17... Qe4 18. Kb6! Qb4+ 19. Bb5 =)

18. Ka7!

(18. Kc8? Kd4 -+)(18. Ka8? Qb6 -+)

18... Qf2+ 19. Kb7 Qb2+ 20. Ka7 Qh2 21. Kb7 Qh1 22. Kb6!

(22. Ba6? Kb4 -+) (22. Bb5? Kb4 -+)

22... Qh6 23. Kb7!

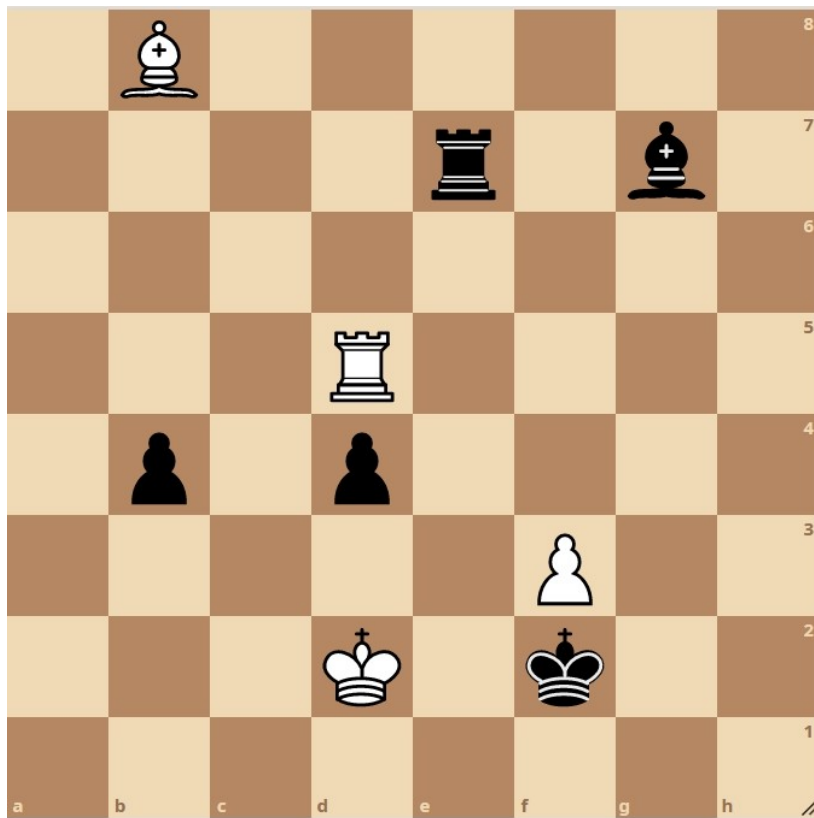
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23... Qh1 24. Kb6 Qg1+ 25. Kb7

{positional draw}

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DRAW (4+5)

FEN "1B6/4r1b1/8/3R4/1p1p4/5P2/3K1k2/8 w - - 0 1"

{Despite only 1 pawn deficit, White's situation is difficult because Black b-pawn is dangerous.}

1. f4 !

{This move not only closes c1-h6 diagonal for Black bishop, but also prepares next move!}

(1. Rb5? Re2+! 2. Kd3 (2. Kd1 d3! -+) 2... Re3+ 3. Kc4 (3. Kd2 Rxf3 4. Rxb4 Bh6+! 5. Kc2 Rc3+ 6. Kb2 Bc1+! 7. Kb1 d3 -+) 3... Ke2 4. Rg5 Rc3+ 5. Kxb4 Bf8+ 6. Kb5 (6. Ka4 Ra3+ {etc}) 6... Rb3+ 7. Kc4 (7. Kc6 Rxb8 -+) 7... Rb4+ 8. Kd5 Rb5+ 9. Kxd4 Rxd5 -+)

1... b3

(1... Re2+ 2. Kd3 Re3+ 3. Kd2! b3 4. Be5 Bxe5 5. fxe5 Re1 6. Rb5 =)

2. Be5!

{White have to immediately close e-vertical!}

2... Bxe5

(2... b2 3. Kc2 Rb7 4. Kb1 Ke3 (4... Bxe5 5. fxe5 Ke3 6. e6 d3 7. Rd7 =) 5. Bxg7 Rxd7 6. Kxb2 d3 7. f5 Rg2+ 8. Kb3 Rg1 9. f6 Rf1 10. Kc3 Rc1+ 11. Kb2 d2 12. f7! =)

3. fxe5

(3. Rxe5? Rxe5 4. fxe5 b2! 5. Kc2 d3+! 6. Kxb2 d2! -+)

3... Rb7

{But now Black rook takes control of b-vertical.}

({Interesting is also:} 3... b2 4. Kc2 Ke3 (4... Rb7 5. Kb1 Ke3 6. e6 d3 7. Rd7 =) 5. Kxb2 d3 6. Kc3 Rc7+ 7. Kb4! d2 8. e6 Re7 9. Kc3 Rc7+ 10. Kb4 Ke2 11. Re5+ Kf3 12. Rd5 Ke2 13. Re5+ Kf3 (13... Kd3 14. e7 =) 14. Rd5 Ke3 15. Kb5! Re7 16. Rd6 Ke2 17. Kc6! Ke1 18. Rxd2! =)

4. Kc1 Ke3 5. e6 d3 6. Re5+ Kd4 7. e7

{White threaten with promotion ...}

7... b2+ 8. Kb1 d2

{... but Black counteract with the threat of checkmate!}

9. Re4+ Kd5 10. Re5+ Kd6 11. Re6+ Kc7 12. e8=N+!

{White rook checks came to an end, but White rescue themselves with underpromotion!}

({It would be wrong:} 12. Rc6+? Kd7 13. e8=Q+ Kxe8 14. Rd6 Rd7 {etc Black win})

12... Kd8 13. Rd6+ Rd7! 14. Rxd2! Rxd2 15. Nf6

({the other knight move leads to defeat:} 15. Ng7? Kd7 16. Nf5 Kc6 17. Ne3 Kc5 18. Nc2 Kc4! -+)

15... Kc7

(15... Re2 16. Nd5 =)

(15... Rd4 16. Kxb2 =)

16. Ne4

{draw}

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