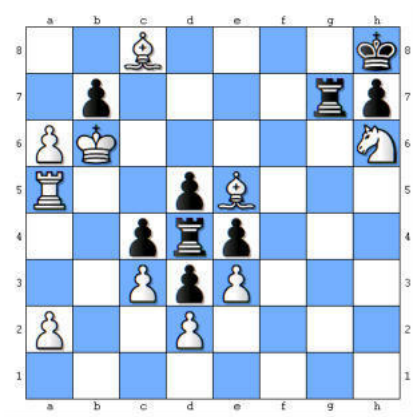




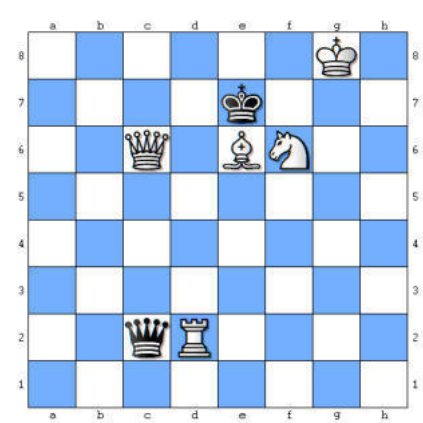
Jose A. Garzon

S#10 (C+ - Brute Force tested)

Special Commendation

A nice humoristic problem with some known themes. I let the Author speak: "*The solution has 4 steps: 1. Move the white King through the seventh rank 2. Open "the sarcophagus" to free the black Rook and move it to the eighth rank 3. Occupy "the empty tomb" with the white Bishop 4. Rooks duel with several Pelle moves.*"

Solution: 1. **Rc5!** Bxa6 2. Bb7 a5 3. Ka7 a4 4. Ka8 a3 5. Bxd5! Rxd5 6. Rc8+ Rd8 7. Bd4! Re8 8. Rd8 Rf8 9. Rd8 Rg8 10. Rf8 **Rxf8#**



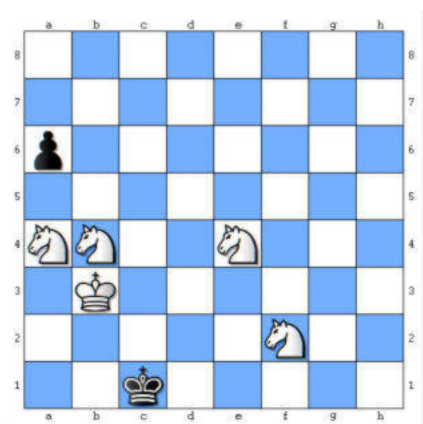
Jozef Holubec

S#22 (C+ - Brute Force tested)

Special Commendation

An energetic and highly demanding miniature. Just only having found this position, with a black Queen alone on the board and no cooks or duals, deserves a special reward. And it also represents a challenge even for the better solver on this strange and colourful planet.

Solution: 1. **Nd5+!** Kd8 2. Qd6+ Ke8 3. Bd7+ Kd8 4. Bf5+ Ke8 5. Qg6+ Kd8 6. Qg5+ Ke8 7. Nf6+ Ke7 8. Nh5+ Ke8 9. Qe3+ Qe4 10. Bg6+ Ke7 11. Qc5+ Ke6 12. Rd6+ Ke7 13. Rd5+ Ke6 14. Ng7+ Kf6 15. Qf8+ Kxg6 16. Qf7+ Kh6 17. Qf6+ Qg6 18. Qh4+ Qh5 19. Nf5+ Kg6 20. Ne7+ Kh6 21. Qf6+ Qg6+ 22. Qg7+ **Qxg7#**



Mirko Degenkolbe

S#10 (C+ - Brute Force tested)

Special Commendation

What is this? A miniature with four white Knights and a lone black pawn? **Marvellous!** An entire cavalry army that must bend the knee to a simple reserve soldier. The Knights leap up and forward, making switchbacks, and when the danger is imminent, they constrict the reluctant black King to checkmate.

Solution: 1. **Ka2!** a5 2. Nbd3+ Kc2 3. Nab2 a4 4. Nb4+ [*Switchback!*] Kc1 5. Ka1! a3 6. Na2+ Kc2 7. Ng4! Kb3 8. Nd2+ Kc2 9. Nb1 Kb3 10. Ne3 **axb2#**