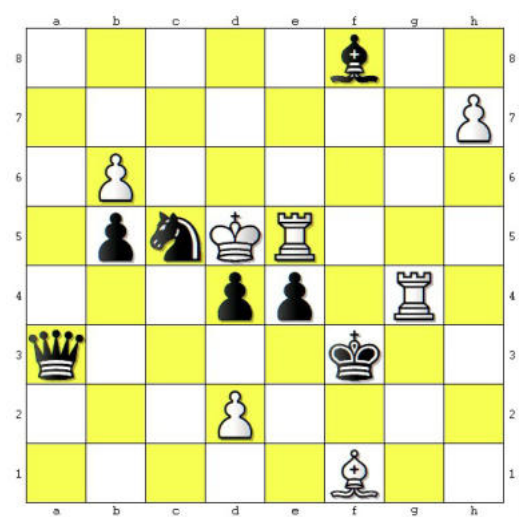




Michal Hlinka & Lubos Kekely

White to move and draw

2nd Commendation

Of the two studies sent by the highly prolific couple of Authors, this stands out, due to a rich and skillful play, with many surprising moves and well-mixed ideas. Solid and convincing study.

Solution: 1. Be2+!

(Try 1. Re8 ? Qa2+ {/b3+} 2. Kc6 Qf7 ! 3. Rxf8 Qxf8 4. Rg8 Qh6+ 5. Kxc5 Qxh7 6. Rd8 Qe7+ 7. Rd6 b4 8. Bc4 e3 9. dxe3 dxe3 !-+)

1. .. Kxe2 2. Rgxe4+! (2. h8=Q ? Qa2+ 3. Kc6 Qa8+ 4. Kc7 Qb7+ 5. Kd8 Qb8#)

2. .. Nxe4 (2. .. Kd1 3. Re1+ Kc2 4. h8=Q Qf3+ 5. R1e4 {!})

3. h8=Q {! refutation to capture} (3. Rxe4+ ? Kf3 4. h8=Q Qd6#)

3. .. Qa8+ 4. b7 {! forecasting}
(4. Ke6 ? Kxd2 5. b7 Qe8+ 6. Kf5 Nd6+ 7. Kg4 Qg6+ 8. Kf3 Qf7+ !-+)

4. .. Qxb7+ 5. Kxd4 Bg7 {pin} **6. Qh5+ !**
(Try 6. Qh2+ ? Kd1 7. Ke3 (7. Kd3 Nc5+ ! 8. Rxc5 Qf3#) 7. .. Bxe5 8. Qxe5 Kc2 ! 9. Qxe4+ Qxe4+ 10. Kxe4 b4 !-+)

6. .. Kxd2 7. Qe2+ !!
(Try 7. Qh2+ ? Kc1 8. Kd3 (8. Ke3 Bxe5 9. Qxe5 Kc2 !-+) 8. .. Qd7+ ! 9. Kxe4 Qc6+ {!-+ now after 10.Kf4 black wins: 10...Sxe5+ 11.Kxe5 Dc7+ skewer - compare with main, or...} 10. Kd4 (10. Ke3 Qc3+ !-+) 10. .. Qd6+ !-+)

7. .. Kc1 ! (7. .. Kxe2 {stalemate }) **8. Kd3** {! unpin and mate threat} **Qd7+ ! 9. Kxe4 Qc6+** (9. .. Bxe5 10. Qf1+ Kb2 11. Kxe5 !)

10. Kf4 ! (10. Kf5 ? Qf6+ 11. Kg4 Qxe5 !-+)

10. .. Qf6+ (10. .. Bxe5+ 11. Qxe5 Qc4+ 12. Kf5 !)

11. Rf5 Bh6+ 12. Ke4 (12. Kg4 ? Qg6+ !-+) **12. .. Qe6+** (12. .. Qh4+ 13. Kd5 Draw) **13. Re5** 1/2-1/2. {AC: Tries, mates, forecasting, ideal pin stalemate.}