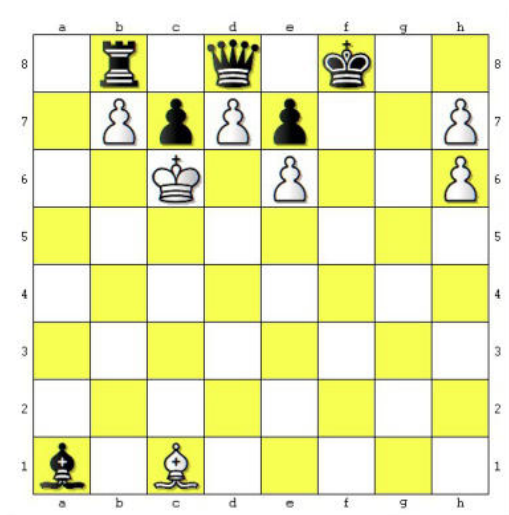




Jose A. Garzón

White to move and draw

2nd Special Honorable Mention

I always appreciate those paradoxical and apparently non-sensed moves in position that are a mix between an open landscape and a closed barrel. Curiously, I did not even know José A. Garzón also composes studies, which made this entry an especially pleasant surprise.

The correct move order here is mandatory and the try play is rich, besides of the attractive solution.

A well deserved special recognition.

The solution can be prolonged a little, so I propose to add some final moves.

Solution:

1.B~? Ra8! -+

1.Be3! Bc3!

2.B~ Ra8! -+

2.Bd2! Bh8!

3.B~? Ra8! -+

3.Be3! Ba1! 4.Bf2!!

(4. B~? Ra8! -+; 4.Bg1? Bc3 5.Be3 Ra8 6.bxa8=Q Qxa8+ 7.Kc5 Qa5+ 8.Rc4 c5!-+ [8...c6 9.Bb6=]; 5.Bf2 Ra8 6.bxa8=Q Qxa8+ 7.Kc5 Bb2 [7...Qa5+ 8.Kc4 c5 9.Be1!=] 8. Kc4 Qa4+ 9.Kd3 [9.Kd5 c6+ y 10...Qb5#; 9. Kc5 Ba3+ 10.Kd5 c6+ 11.Ke5 Bd6+ 12. Kf5 Qf4+ 13.Kg6 Qg4#] 9...Qd1+ win).

4...Ra8

(4...Rxb7? 5.Kxb7 c5 6.Bg3 Qa5 7.Bc7 Qb5+ 8.Bb6+-)

5.bxa8=Q Qxa8+ 6.Kxc7 Be5+ 7.Kb6 Qd5 8.Ka7! =

Judge Comment: As said above, this is the Author's solution, but it can continue a little more with 8 Qa5+ 9. Kb7 Qc7+ 10. Ka6! Avoids mate in b8 and draws.