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# 4 Intermediate and Complex Puzzles

This is the longest chapter, with 200 puzzles, with hints or other instructions for the first 90. For the remaining 110 you are just given the position and told who is to move, presenting you with the 'real-game' situation of simply deciding what you should play next. Choose carefully, as the result of the game may well be hanging in the balance.
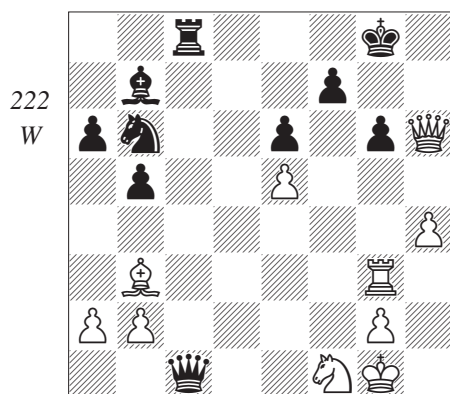
From 221 to 310 the puzzles increase in difficulty from level 1 to level 4. In puzzle 311 (the first without a hint) the level goes back down to level 1 and then begins to rise again, up to puzzle 420.
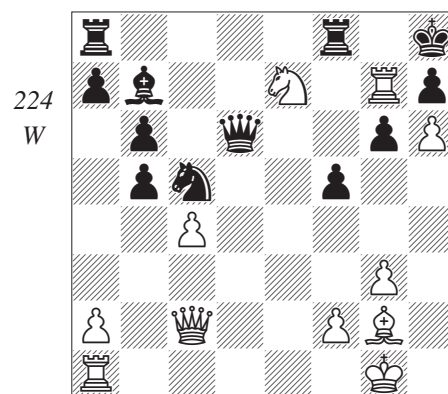
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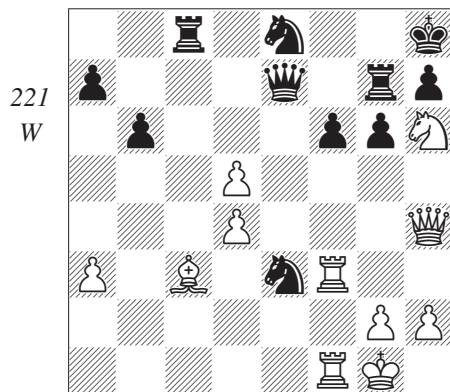
The e3-knight is lodged in White's camp, but what is protecting it?
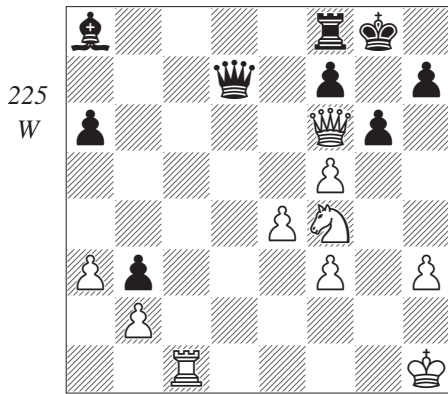
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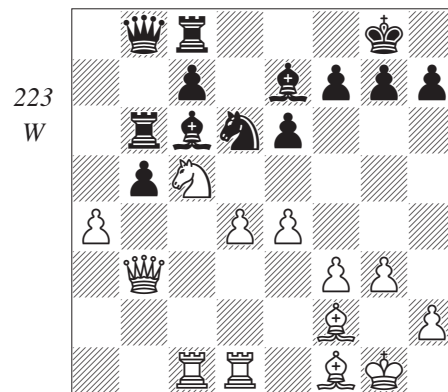
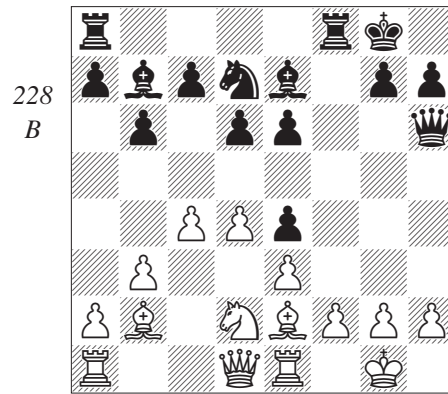Black is short of space, and this can be exploited immediately.

*222*
*W*

What is the quickest way to finish off the black king?

*224*
*W*

The black king is boxed in. How can this be used to force checkmate?

**225**
**W**

How can White take advantage of the dominant position of his queen?

**228**
**B**

There is one particularly weak square in the white king's position... namely?

**226**
**W**
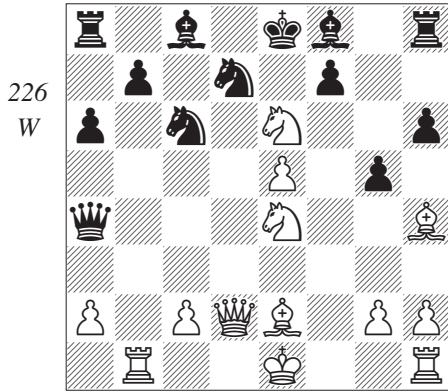
The black king is vulnerable to many different mating patterns. How can this best be demonstrated?

**229**
**W**
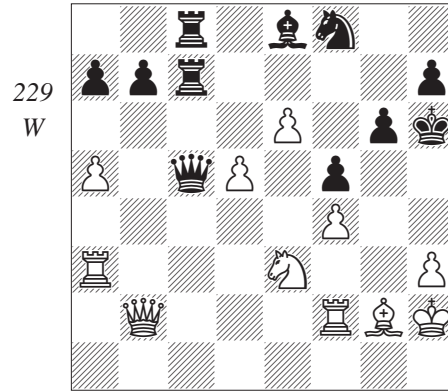
What is the quickest way to convert White's great advantage?

**227**
**B**
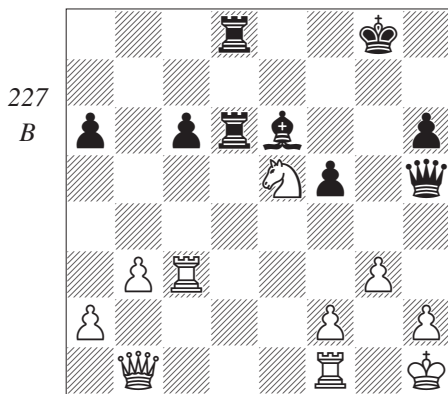
Here it is the white king whose position is fatally weak on the light squares. How can Black exploit this?

**230**
**W**
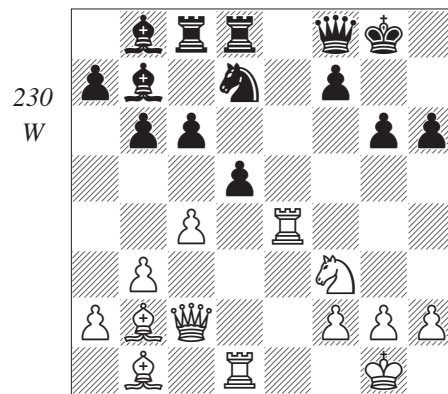
Black's kingside is weakened and White has two tremendous bishops aimed in that direction. How can White exploit this?

# Answers for Chapter 4

**221)       Maderna – Dodero**
*Argentine Ch, Buenos Aires 1954*
**29 ♗b4! 1-0**
The queen can't defend the knight.

**222)       Vera – Lesiège**
*Montreal 2003*
**28 ♖xg6+! 1-0**
28...fxg6 29 ♗xe6#.

**223)   Ju. Bolbochán – Shocron**
*Mar del Plata 1953*
**32 a5 1-0**
After 32...♖b7 33 ♘a6! Black loses not the exchange but a piece.

**224)    Ju. Bolbochán – Rocha**
*Rio Hondo Zonal 1966*
**29 ♖g8+! 1-0**
White mates after 29...♖xg8 30 ♕c3+. 29 ♕c3 is also very strong, based on the same ideas, but 29...♖f6 prevents a checkmate any time soon.

**225)       Vera – Becerra**
*Capablanca Memorial,*
*Cienfuegos 1996*
**37 ♘h5! 1-0**
37...gxh5 allows 38 ♖g1#.

**226)      Radjabov – Anand**
*Blitz World Ch, Rishon Le Zion 2006*
**16 ♘f6+! 1-0**
It is mate in two: 16...♘xf6 17 ♘c7+ ♔e7 18 ♕d6#.

**227)     Wiese – H.J. Schulz**
*Hamburg 2007*
**23...♖d1! 24 ♖c1 ♗d5+! 25 f3** (if 25 ♔g1 then 25...♕h3 wins) **25...♗xf3+ 26 ♔g1 ♖8d2 27 ♘xf3 ♕xf3 0-1**.

**228)     Deshmukh – B. Thipsay**
*Mumbai 2008*
**15...♖xf2! 16 ♔xf2**
It is better to accept the loss of the pawn with 16 ♖f1, but White's position is difficult after 16...♖f5 17 ♖xf5 exf5 18 ♘f1 ♗g5.
**16...♕xh2**

Black's position is already winning, with the threat of 17...♖f8+.
**17 ♖h1? ♗h4+ 0-1**

**229)    Ju. Bolbochán – Dantas**
*Mar del Plata Zonal 1951*
**32 ♕f6! 1-0**
There is no defence against the threat of 33 ♘xf5+ ♔h5 34 ♕g5#.

**230)      Franco – Alawieh**
*Seville 1992*
**21 ♖e6!** (there is no satisfactory defence against 22 ♖xg6+) **21...d4 22 ♗xd4 ♘e5 23 ♘xe5 ♖xd4 24 ♖xd4 1-0**.

**231)    Vallejo – Gómez Esteban**
*Elgóibar 1997*
**37 ♕c5!**
Threatening 38 ♕f8+ and mate. 37 e5 is also strong.
**37...c3?**
Also losing is 37...♗a6 38 e5 ♔b7 39 exf6.
**38 ♕f8+ 1-0**

**232)       Milos – Kudrin**
*Buenos Aires 2003*
**39 ♖xe7+!** (preparing the discovered attack) **39...♔xe7 40 ♗c5+ ♖cxc5 41 ♕xf3 e4 42 ♖g7+ ♔e6 43 ♕h3+ ♖f5 44 ♖xa7** and White won.

**233)   Vallejo – Van der Stricht**
*French Team Ch, Mulhouse 2005*
**26 ♘f6+! gxf6 27 ♕xf6 1-0**

**234)     Arencibia – Bruzón**
*Cuban Ch, Santa Clara 2005*
**19 ♗xc6+! 1-0**
With this move White makes two enemy pieces loose and wins the game on the spot: 19...♖xc6 20 ♕e5, with a double attack.

**235)      Sammalvuo – Maki**
*Finnish Team Ch 2006/7*
**22 ♘f6! 1-0**
White threatens 23 ♖g8# and if 22...♗xf6 then 23 ♕xf6+! ♖xf6 24 ♖d8+ mating.

**236)   Franco – Guerra Bastida**
*Galician League 2007*
**26 ♗xf7+!**
26 ♖g1 is another way.