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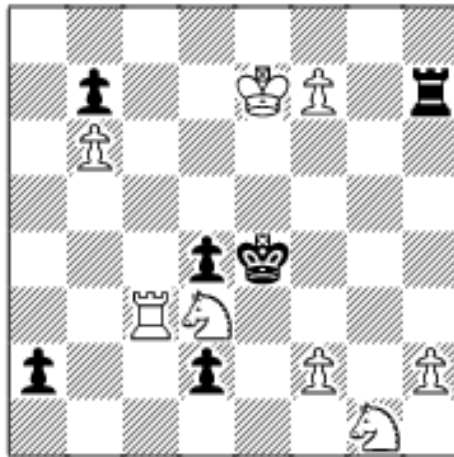
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Unless specifically designated otherwise, it is always White to move. Unlike problems, studies usually do not require a solution in a pre-determined number of moves. Simply look for the best moves and replies to work out the win or draw. And don't be discouraged if at first you don't succeed - working out the solution will be satisfying - even instructive!

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Solution to This Week's Endgame Study

1.f3+ Ke3/i 2.Ra3 Rxf7+/ii 3.Ke6/iii Re7+ 4.Kf6 Rf7+ 5.Kg6 Rg7+ 6.Kxg7/iv a1Q (6...d1Q 7.Nb2+) 7.Rxa1 d1Q 8.Nb4 Qd2/v 9.Rel+ Qxe1/vi 10.Nc2+ Kd2 11.Nxe1 wins.

- i)** 1...Kd5 2.Rc5 mate. Or 1...Kf5 2.Rc5+ Kg6 3.Nf4+ Kh6 4.Rh5+ Kg7 5.f8Q mate.
- ii)** "Stalemate counterplay. At some point the black Rook will have to be taken, but on which square exactly?"
- iii)** 3.Kd6(Kd8)? a1Q 4.Rxa1 Kxd3 5.Nh3 Ke2 draw.
- iv)** "The white King forges the last link in the mating net."
- v)** 8...Qxa1 9.Nc2+. Or 8...Qb3 9.Ra3 Qxa3 10.Nc2+.
- vi)** 9...Kf4 10.Nd5+, and 10...Kg5 11.Re5+ Kh4 - note the white King on g7! - 12.Nf6 Qg2+ 13.Kh6, or 10...Kf5 11.Ne7+ Kg5 12.Re5+ Kf4(Kh4) 13.Ng6 mate.

"The broad spectrum of study ideas here - mate, stalemate, domination, forks - unfortunately do not benefit from the over-accentuated finale."

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