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Chess Mazes

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In the fall of 2004, popular chess author Bruce Alberston released a book called *Chess Mazes*, designed to help students to develop their visualization and planning skills. *Chess Mazes* was an instant success and **ChessCafe** was delighted when Bruce agreed to offer a new *Chess Maze* puzzle each week.

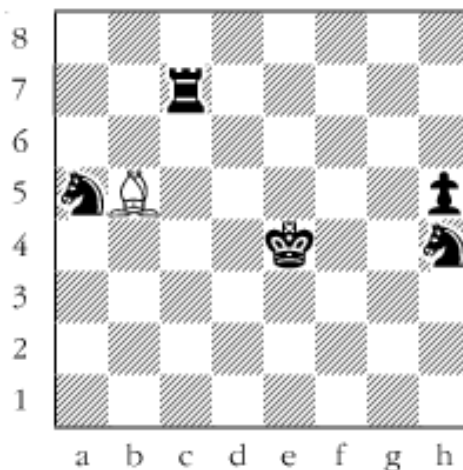
The concept is simple enough: The object is to place the black King in check in the shortest number of moves. The one restriction is that the white piece may not put itself *en prise*, i.e., on a square where it can be captured.

For those who may be interested in a more detailed introduction and overview to these puzzles, we invite you to take a look at the introduction from Bruce's book. Click [here](#) to read more, otherwise, we hope you enjoy this week's *Chess Maze* puzzle...

A Bishop Maze

Check the king with your bishop using the shortest route. Black may not move but he can capture your bishop if you get careless.

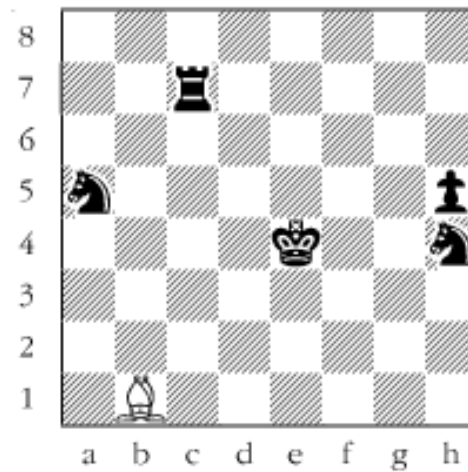
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1. Bf1 2. Bh3 3. Be6 4. Ba2 5. Bb1† This is one move faster than 1. Be8 2. Bxh5 etc. and two moves faster than 1. Ba4 2. Bd1 3. Bxh5 etc.

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