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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.

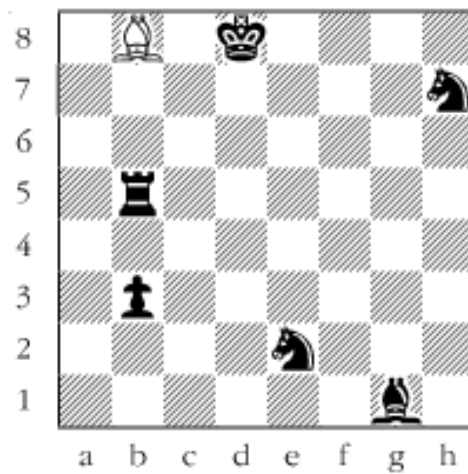
For those who may be interested in a more detailed introduction and overview to these puzzles, we invite you to take a look at the introduction from Bruce's book. Click [here](#) to read more, otherwise, we hope you enjoy this week's *Chess Maze* puzzle...

A Bishop Maze

The only moving piece is the *Maze Bishop* whose task is to place the black king in check. Try to do it in the fastest way, without putting the bishop in capture.



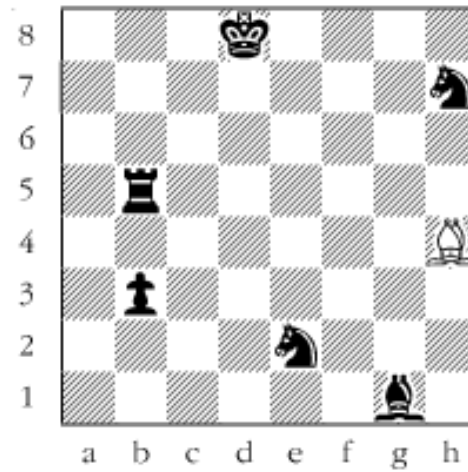
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Just keep moving to a safe square and the check falls out. 1. Bd6 2. Ba3 3. Bb2 4. Bg7 5. Bh6 6. Bd2 7. Be1 8. Bh4+

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