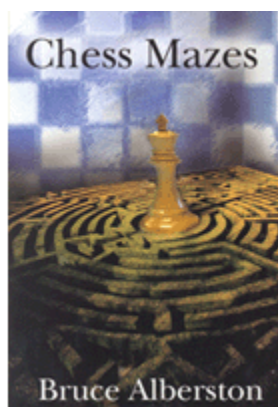




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In the fall of 2004, popular chess author Bruce Alberston released a book called [Chess Mazes](#), designed to help students to develop their visualization and planning skills. *Chess Mazes* was an instant success and [ChessCafe.com](#) was delighted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

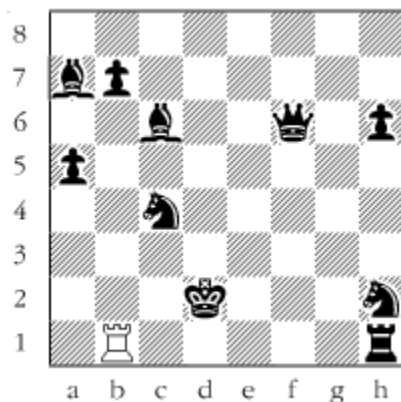
The concept is simple enough: the object is to place the black king in check in the shortest number of moves. The one restriction is that the white piece may not put itself *en prise*, i.e., on a square where it can be captured.

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 Rook Maze

The object is to check the black king without placing the rook *en prise*. There's supposed to be a shortest path.

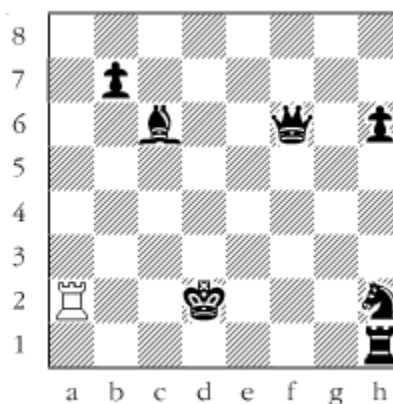
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1 Rb3 2 Rg3 3 Rg8 4 Ra8 5 Rxa7 6 Ra8 7 Rg8 8 Rg3 9 Rh3 10 Rh5 11 Rc5 12 Rxc4 13 Rc5 14 Rxa5 15 Ra2+.

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