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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.com** was delighted when Bruce agreed to offer a new *Chess Maze* puzzle each week.

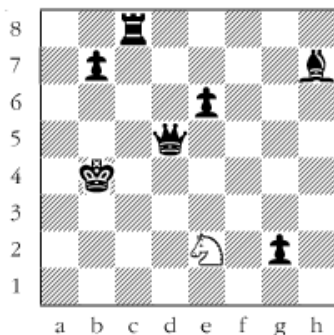
The concept is simple enough: the object is to place the black king in check in the shortest number of moves. The one restriction is that the white piece may not put itself *en prise*, i.e., on a square where it can be captured.

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 Knight Maze

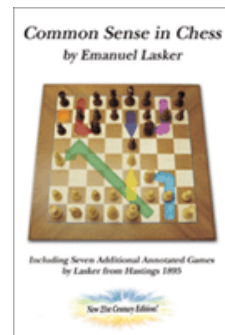
The maze is solved when the knight checks the king. The knight may not play to squares under enemy control and the shortest path is the best.

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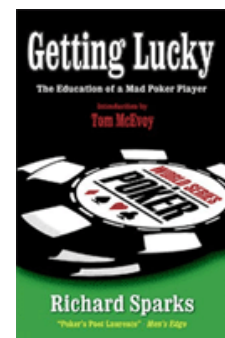
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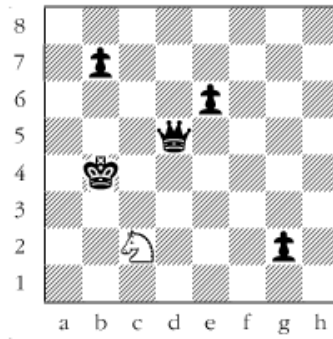
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1 Nf4 2 Nh3 3 Nf2 4 Ng4 5 Nf6 6 Nxh7 7 Nf6 8 Ng4 9 Nf2 10 Nh3 11
Nf4 12 Ng6 13 Ne7 14 Nxc8 15 Ne7 16 Ng8 17 Nf6 [Nh6] 18 Ng4 19
Ne3 20 Nc2+

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