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Step by Step: Tactics

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Step by Step: Tactics is designed to improve your basic tactical skills. For best results, play the position out over-the-board and think for as long as you need without moving the pieces. You can also print out this page and use it as a workbook exercise in a classroom setting.

After the moves **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Bf4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 dxc4 7.e3 Be6**, White thought he could win a pawn with **8.Bxc4 Bxc4 9.Qa4** + (intending 10.Qxc4), but what did he miss?



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Hint: Black must get out of check

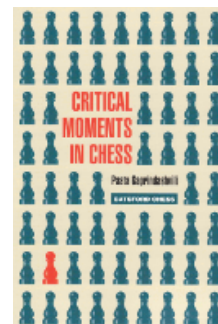
Circle the type of tactics that were involved in this puzzle:

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| Checkmate | Fork |
| Deflection | Pin |
| Discovered Attack | Removing the Guard |
| Double Attack | Skewer |
| En Prise | Trapped Piece |

Source Game: Pechisker (2035) - Haukenfrers, Vancouver 2000

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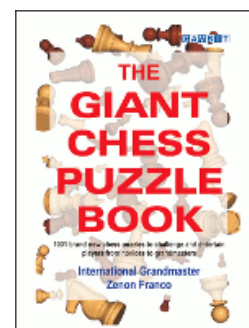
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