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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 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Qb3 b6 7.Bf4 g6 8.Nb5 Na6**, how did White cause Black's immediate resignation?



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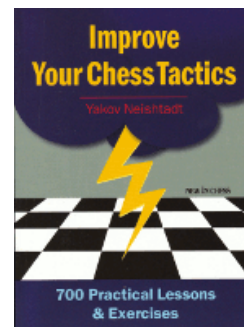
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Answer: After **9.Qa4**, Black must give up the knight on a6.

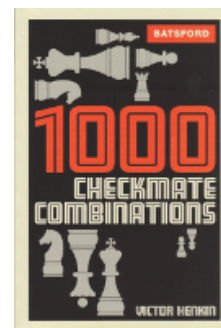
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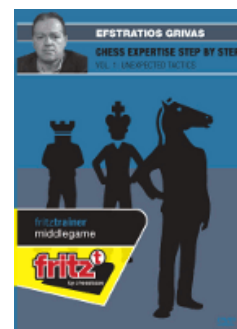
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