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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.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ng3 Bc5 5.c3 d4 6.Nb3 Bb6 7.cxd4 Nxd4 8.Nbxd4**, why did Black resign?



[FEN "r1bqk1nr/ppp2ppp/1b2p3/8/3NP3/3P1N2/PP3PPP/R1BQKB1R b KQkq - 0 8"]

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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      |

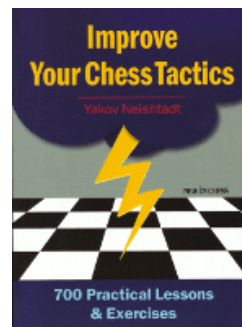
**Source Game: Ubiennykh,E (2244) - Kulakova,V (2006)**  
6th Leg Russian Cup Tomsk RUS (7), 06.07.2001

**Answer:** Because 8...Bxd4 loses to 9.Qa4+.

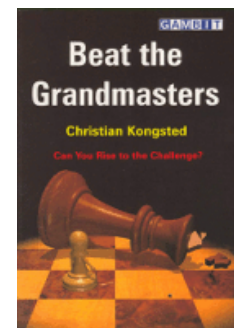
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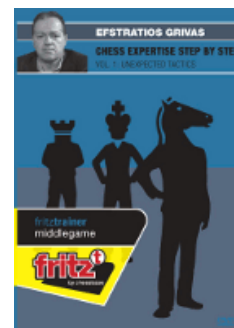
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