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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.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 Re8 8.0-0 a5 9.Ne5 Nf8 10.h4 N6d7 11.cxd5 b5, why did Black resign?



[FEN "r1bqmrk1/2pnbppp/4p3/pp1PN1B1/3P3P/2N1P3/PPQ2PP1/2KR1B1R w - b6 0 12"]

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

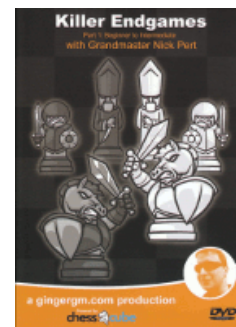
Source Game: Kelecevic, N (2430) – Nusch, P (2038) 12th Open Lenk SUI (1), 20.04.2000

Answer: 12...Nc6 traps the black queen.

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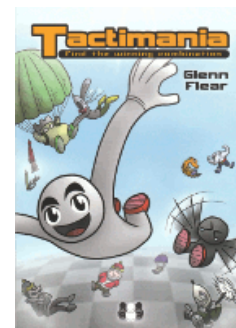
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