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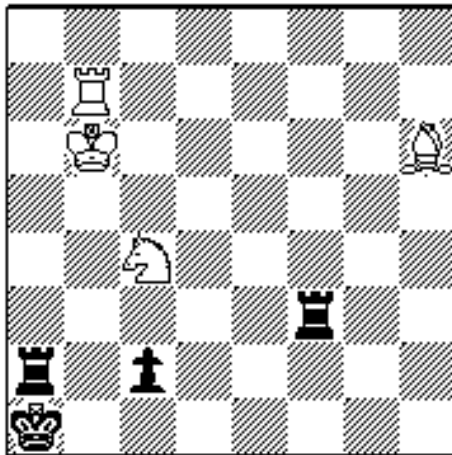
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### Solution to This Week's Endgame Study

**1.Bg7+ Rb2+/i 2.Bxb2+ Kb1 3.Ka7/ii c1Q 4.Na3+ Ka2 5.Bxc1 Rc3 6.Bb2, with: 6...Rc5 7.Nb1 Ra5+ 8.Kb8 (8.Kb6? Rh5) 8...Kxb1 9.Bc3+ and 10.Bxa5, or 6...Rc6 7.Nb5 Kxb2 8.Nd4+ and 9.Nxc6, with a similar line on 6...Rc8.**

**i)** 1...Kb1 2.Nd2+ Kc1 3.Nxf3 gives White a win, on the following lines: 3...Ra3/iii 4.Nd4 Kd1 5.Rf7 Rc3/iv 6.Bh6 Ke1 7.Re7+ Kd1 8.Rg7 Ke1 9.Be3 Rxe3 10.Nxc2+ and 11.Nxe3, sweeping the last black pieces from the board.

**ii)** "Now the white king has to make a sensible move to some square on the a-file, so as (after 3...b1Q) to set up a 'draughts' tactic with 4.Na3+ Rxa3+ 5.Bxa3+ and 6.Bxc1. We can try approaching the black king, with: 3.Ka5? c1Q 4.Na3+, but 4...Ka2 5.Bxc1 Rc3 6.Bb2 Rc5+ 7.Kb4 Rc3 - a counterpunch of deep cunning overlooked by most of the solvers in the Russian solving championship: the rook is not for taking because of stalemate, and Rb3+; must be parried. There remains only 8.Ka5 Rc5+ 9.Ka4 Rc6/v 10.Kb5 Rc5+ 11.Ka6 Rc6+ 12.Ka7 Ra6+ 13.Kb8 Ra8+ 14.Kc7 Rc8+ 15.Kxc8 stalemate, the alternative being 15.Kd6 Rb8. A really great try with deeply buried point 7...Rc3!!"

**iii)** 3...Rb2+ 4.Bxb2+ Kxb2 5.Nd1.

**iv)** 5...c1Q 6.Rf1+ Kd2 7.Bh6+ Kd3 8.Bxc1. Or 5...Rg3 6.Rf1+ Kd2 7.Bh6+ Kd3 8.Rf3+ Rxf3 9.Nxf3.

**v)** 9...Rc8? 10.Nb5 Ra8+ 11.Na7 wins.

"The loose-limbed starting-point, imaginative play by both sides, the embellishment with sharp collisions of batteries, and above all the convoluted conspiratorial try everything here gladdens the eye."



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