

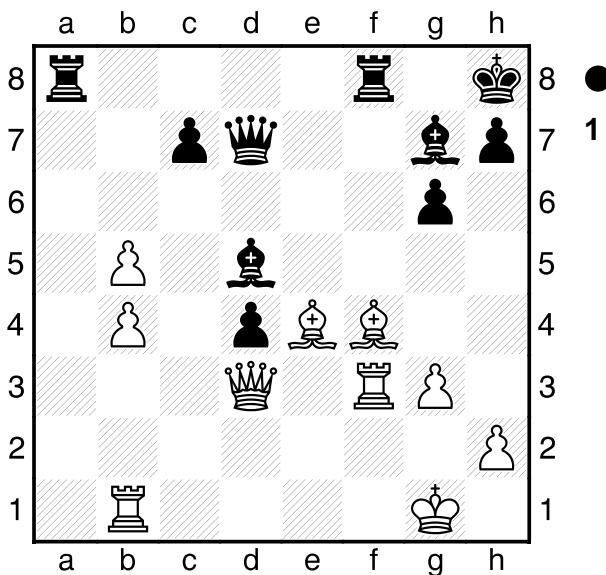
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1.d4 f5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 b6
 5.Bd3 Bb7 6.f3 g6 7.Nge2 Bg7
 8.Qc2 Nc6 9.a3 e5 10.d5 Ne7
 11.b4 a5 12.Rb1 axb4 13.axb4 0-0
 14.0-0 d6 15.Bd2 Nd7 16.g3 Kh8
 17.e4 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Nf6 19.f4 Nxe4
 20.Bxe4 Qd7 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.Bg5
 Nf5 23.Rf3 b5 24.cxb5 Bxd5
 25.Qd3 Nd4 26.Nxd4 exd4=

27.Bf4?? Diagram



Ra3 Fairly obvious: in practice, I would play it, seeing as far as the next diagram (after 29 Rbf1) which looks like white's best continuation: and at move 27, all I would be able to say is that black's position had improved by the exchanges: I wouldn't be able to assess that black had a winning advantage [but he has, as it turns out].

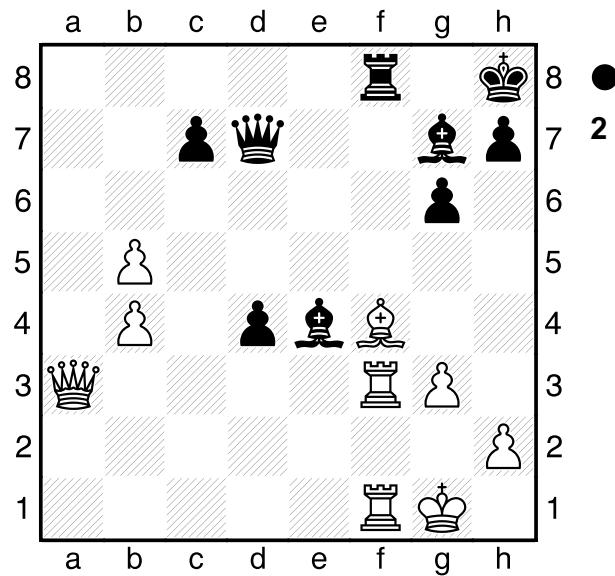
28.Qxa3

[28.Qd1 Bxe4 29.Rxa3 Rxf4
 30.Qd2 (30.gxf4 d3=+) 30...Rf8
 31.Rd1 Qxb5 and black should win fairly easily (Houdini gives it as -6):

black should win one way or another on the white squares.]

28...Bxe4 29.Rbf1 Diagram

[29.Rff1 Bxb1 30.Rxb1 d3 31.Rd1 is a natural move, but Houdini immediately flashes #9. (□31.Be3 Qd5 white Houdini says is -4 if white plays Qc1; and at least -13 otherwise: it is one of those positions where I can see black is better, but where I wouldn't assess it as totally winning (but having seen Houdini's analysis, can appreciate that it is).) 31...Bd4+ 32.Kg2 Qd5+ 33.Kh3 Rxf4 34.gxf4 (34.Rxd3 Qh5+ 35.Kg2 Rf2+ 36.Kg1 Qxh2#) 34...Qf3+ 35.Kh4 Bf6#]



This is a 'stepping stone': a safe position reached in my head after 27...Ra3, which I would then evaluate at the board. **29...Bxf3?±** I suspect I too would also have played this move, chickening out of the complexity. I would easily have seen that 29..Rf4? loses- black doesn't have enough to prosecute the attack; Houdini tells me that only d3 wins, the others are =+. [□29...d3!+--

A) 30.h4 Bxf3 31.Rxf3 d2-+ ;
B) 30.R3f2 Rxf4! (30...Bd4??
31.Be5+-) 31.Rxf4 Bd4+
32.R1f2 (32.R4f2 Qh3)
32...d2-+ ;
C) 30.Kg2 Rxf4! (30...g5
Cordingley, also wins 31.Bxg5
Rxf3 32.Rxf3 Qg4-+) 31.gxf4
Qg4+ 32.Kh1 Bxf3+ 33.Rxf3
Qxf3+ 34.Kg1 Bd4#]
30.Rxf3# h6 31.Qd3 g5 32.Bd2
Rxf3 33.Qxf3 Qxb5 34.Qa8+ Kh7
35.Qe4+ Kg8 36.h4 Kf7 37.hxg5
hxg5 38.Kg2 Bf6 39.Kf2 c6 40.Kg2
Kg7 41.Kf2 Qc4 42.g4 Qb5 43.Kg2
Kh6?= 44.Qe6 Kg7 45.Qe4 Kf7
46.Kf2 Qc4 47.Qh7+ Ke8 48.Qg6+
Qf7 49.Qxf7+ Kxf7 50.Kf3 Ke6
51.Ke4 Kd6 52.Kf5 Bd8 53.Ke4 Bf6
54.Kf5 Ke7 55.Bc1 Kf7 56.Bd2 Kg7
57.Bc1 Kf7
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