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ROYAL MOROCCAN CHESS FEDERATION

7th Composing Thematic Tourney FRME, 2025

Section - Endgame Studies

Final award

Organizers: The Royal Moroccan Chess Federation (FRME)

Tournament director: Vidadi Zamanov (Azerbaijan)

Judge: Oleg Pervakov (Russia)

Award publication: <http://frme.fr.nf>

18 study from 10 authors 7 countries: **Belarus**- Ivan Bondar, **France**- Alain Pallier, **Germany** -Rainer Staudte, Michael J.Schlosser, Jan Sprenger, **Israel**- Michael Pasman, **Russia** -Pavel Arestov, **Spain**- Luis Miguel González, **USA**-Daniil Yakimovich, Aayush Wadhwa

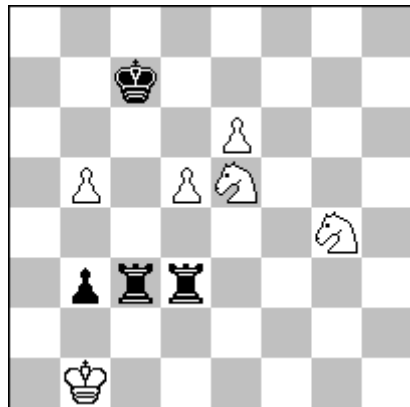
Endgame studies proposed theme: The win study. Need: Underpromotion for second color bishop or third knight, bishop, rook. The play after underpromotion must continue at least 3rd moves.

Example:

№1. Mikhail Gromov & Oleg Pervakov(Russia)

Moscow tourney 2023

1st Prize



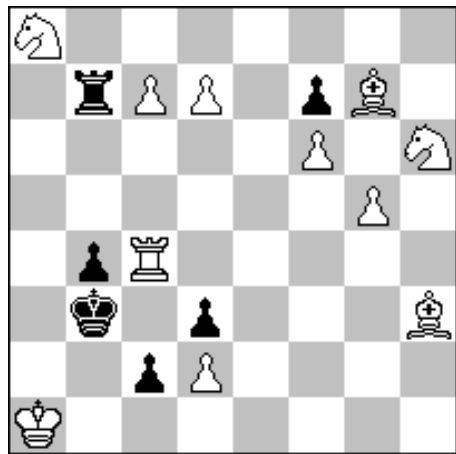
Win (6+4)

№1. Mikhail Gromov & Oleg Pervakov (Russia) 1st Prize

1.e7 Rd1+ 2.Kb2 Rg3! 3.d6+ Rxd6! 4.e8N+! Kb6 5.Nxd6 Rg2+! 6.Kxb3 Kc5 7.Ne3. The theme completed. 7...Rg1!
8.N3c4! Rb1+ 9.Kc3! Rxb5 10.Kc2! Kb4 11.Nd3+ Ka4 12.Ne4! Rb8 13.Nc3#.

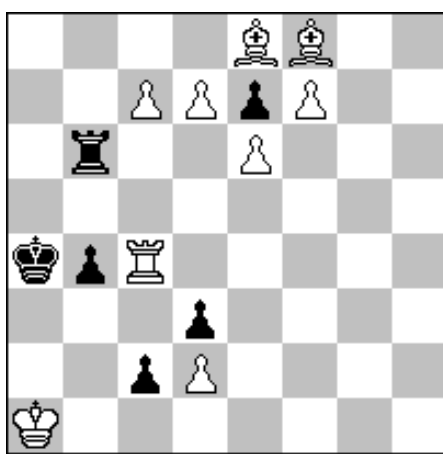
I received 18 anonymous studies from director Vidadi Zamanov and decided to mark 9 of them.

7. Ivan Bondar (Belarus)
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1st- 2nd Prize



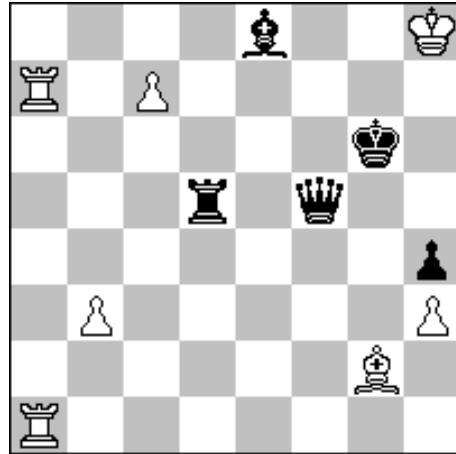
Win **11+6**

15. Ivan Bondar (Belarus)
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Win, BTM **9+6**

17. Jan Sprenger (Germany)
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3rd Prize



Win **7+5**

№7. Ivan Bondar (Belarus) 1st- 2nd Prize.

1.c8N Rb5 2.d8B! (2.d8Q? Ra5+ 3.Qxa5 c1R+ 4.Rxc1, stalemate) **2...Re5.** Black rook boldly fights against two supersets of minor pieces and a rook! **3.Rxb4+ Kxb4 4.Ka2!!** (4.Kb2!? Rc5! 5.Kc1 Re5 6.Kb2 Rc5 — positional draw; 4.Bf8+?? Kb3-+) **4...c1Q 5.Bf8+ Kb5** (5...Rc5 6.Bxc5+ Kxc5 7.Be7+ Kb5 8.Nd6+! Ka5 9.Sb7+ +-) **6.Nc7+!** But not 6.Nd6+? Kc6 7.Bg2+ Kc5 8.Ndx7+ Kb5! 9.Nd6+ Kc5=; 6.Bd7+? Ka6 7.Nc7+ Kb7 8.Nd6+ Kb8! =; 6.Na7+? Ka6-+) **6...Kc6** (6...Ka5 7.Nd5+! Ka6 8.Nb4+! +-) **7.Bg2+!** (7.Ne7+? Kb6=; 7.Na7+? Kb7=) **7...Kd7 8.Sb6+ Kxd8 9.Ncd5!** Nice silent move. **9...Rxc5** (9...Ke8 10.g6!+-; 9...Rxd5 10.Nxf7+! Ke8 11.Bxd5 Qxd2+ 12.Kb3+-) **10.Nxf7+ Ke8 11.Nd6+!** (11.Nxc5? Qxd2+ =) **11...Kxf8 12.Nd7+ Kg8 13.f7+ 1-0.**

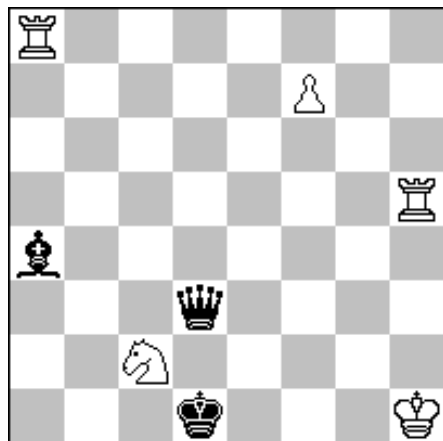
№15. Ivan Bondar (Belarus) 1st- 2nd Prize.

1...Kb3 2.c8B! (2.c8Q? Ra6+! 3.Qxa6 c1Q+ 4.Rxc1, stalemate) **2...Rb8!** 2...Rb5 3.d8B Re5 4.Rxb4+ +- , and battle row of four bishops leads to victory. **3.Ba6! Rb6 4.Bb5! Rxb5 5.d8B!!** (5.d8Q? Ra5+ 6.Qxa5 c1Q+ 7.Rxc1, stalemate) **5...Re5 6.Rxb4+! Kxb4 7.Bdxe7+ Kb3 8.Ba4+! Kxa4 9.Ba3 Kb3! 10.Bc1! Ra5+ 11.Bfa3 Rxa3+ 12.Bxa3 Kxa3 13.f8Q+.** 1-0. 4 bishops die in battle with a rook, opening victorious way to newborn queen.

№17. Jan Sprenger (Germany) 3rd Prize.

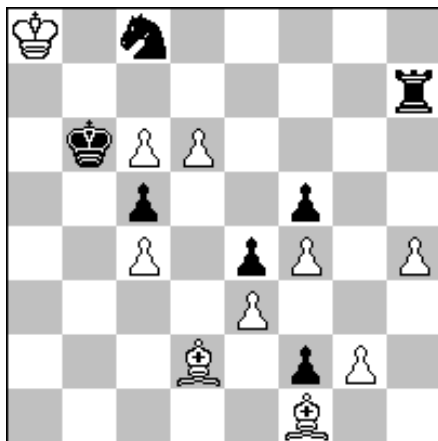
1.Be4! Qxe4 2. Rg1+. Thematic try: 2.R1a6+? Bc6! 3.Rxc6+ Kh5, and with wRa7 instead of wRf1 neither rook nor queen promotion works: 4.c8Q Rd8+ 5.Qxd8 Qe5+ 6.Qf6 Qe8+ followed by stalemate; 4.c8R!? Qd4+ 5.Rg7 Rd8+ 6.Rxd8 Qxd8+ 7.Kh7 Qh8+ 8.Kxh8, stalemate. **2...Kf6!** (2...Kh5 3.c8Q Bg6 4.Kg8 Re5 5.Qf8 Re8 6.Ra5+) **3.Rf1+ Kg6 4.Ra6+** (4.c8Q?? Rh5+ 5.Kg8 Qd5+ 6.Kf8 Rh8+) **4...Bc6!** — stalemate counterplay (4...Kh5 5.c8Q). **5.Rxc6+ Kh5 6.c8R!** (6.c8Q? Rd8+! 7.Qxd8 Qh7+ 8.Kxh7, stalemate) **6...Qd3.** Threatening Rd8+ and capture the white pawns. (6...Rg5 7.Rff6 Rg6!? 8.Rc5+! Kh6 9.Rcf8+-). **7.Rcf8! Qxh3** (7...Rd8 8.Rc5+ Kg6 9.Rf6#!; 7...Qxb3 8.R1f5+ Rxf5 9.Rxf5#, model mate) **8.Rc7.** Threatening an avalanche of checks starting with Rh7+. **8...Qxb3!?** (8...Qe6 9.Rh7+ Kg4 10.Rg8+ Rg5 11.Rg1+) **9.Rh7+ Kg4 10.R8f4+!** (10.Rg7+?! Kh5 11.Rh7+ Kg4 is just loss of time; 10.Rg1+? Qg3! 11.Rxc3+ hxc3=; 10.R1f4+? Kg5! 11.Rg7+ Kh5 12.R8f5+ Rxf5 13.Rxf5+ Kh6 14.Rgf7 Qxf7 15.Rxf7 Kg5=) **10...Kg5** (10...Kg3 11.Rg7+) **11.Rg7+ Kh5 12.Rxh4+!** The promoted rook delivers the final blow. **12...Kxh4 13.Rh1+ Qh3 14.Rh7+.** 1-0.

2. Pavel Arestov (Russia)
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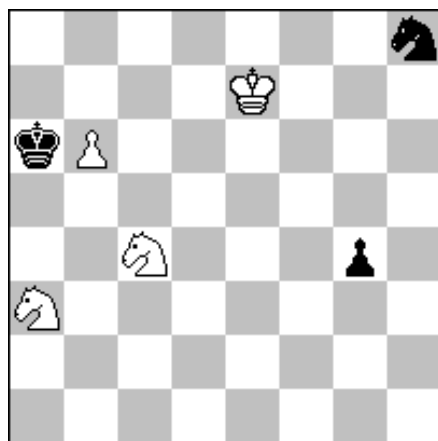
Win 5+3

9. Luis Miguel González (Spain)
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2nd Honorable Mention



Win 10+7

1. Pavel Arestov (Russia)
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3rd Honorable Mention



Win 4+3

№2. Pavel Arestov (Russia) 1st Honorable Mention.

1.Ne3+! (1.f8Q? Bc6+ 2.Kh2 Qxc2+ 3.Kh3 Qg2(d3)+ =) **1...Qxe3 2.Rd8+!** (2.f8Q? Bc6+ =; 2.Rxa4? Qf3+ =) **2...Bd7!** Play for stalemate. **2...Ke1 3.f8Q Bc6+ 4.Kh2 Qe2+ 5.Kg3 Qe3+ 6.Kh4 Qe4+ 7.Kg5+-.** **3.Rxd7+** (3.f8Q? Qe2(Qc2)+ 4.Kg3 Qg4(g6)+ =) **3...Ke1 4.f8R!!** Try: 4.f8Q? Qf3+! 5.Qxf3 – stalemate. **4...Qe4+** (4...Qf3+? 5.Rxf3 +-, not stalemate) **5.Kh2!** (5.Kg1?? Qg4(g6)+ -+) **5...Qe2+ 6.Kg3 Qf2+!** (6...Qxh5 7.Re7+ — main line) **7.Kg4!** (7.Rxf2? – stalemate) **7...Qe2+** (7...Qxf8 8.Re5+! Kf2 9.Rf5+ +-) **8.Kh4!** (8.Kg3 Qf2+ – loss of time; 8.Kg5? Qb5+! 9.Kf6 Qxd7=) **8...Qe4+ 9.Kg5 Qg2+ 10.Kf6 Qc6+** (10...Qf3+ 11.Rf5!+-) **11.Ke7 Qe4+ 12.Kf7!** (12.Kd8(f6) Qa8(c6)+ 13.Ke7 – loss of time) **12...Qf3+ 13.Kg8!** (13.Kg7? Qg4+! 14.Kf6 Qxd7! =) **13...Qg4+ 14.Rg7! Qxh5 15.Re7+ Kd2 16.Rd8+ Kc3 17.Rc7+ Kb4 18.Rb8+ Ka5 19.Ra7#** – model mate. Unfortunately, the final is already clear after option 6...Qxh5.

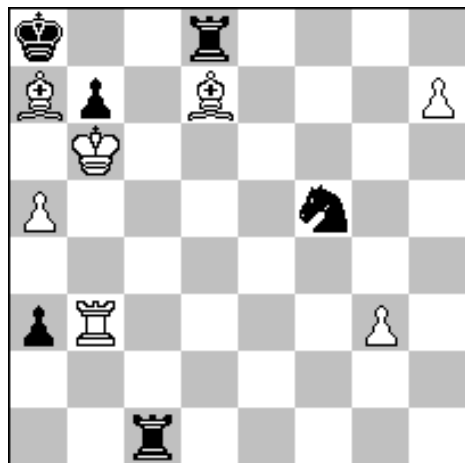
№9. Luis Miguel González (Spain) 2nd Honorable Mention.

1.d7 Kc7! (1...Rh8 2.Ba5+! Kxa5 3.dxc8Q Rxc8+ 4.Kb7 Rd8 5.c7+-) **2.Ba5+ Nb6+ 3.Bxb6+ Kxc6! 4.d8B!** 4.d8Q? Ra7+! 5.Kb8 (5.Bxa7, stalemate) 5...Ra8+! 6.Kxa8, stalemate; 4.d8R? Kxb6 5.Rd6+ Kc7 6.Rf6 Rd7! 7.Rxf5 Rd1 8.Rxc5+ Kb6 9.Rb5+ Kc7=; **4...Rd7 5.h5! Rd1 6.Be2 Re1!** (6...f1Q 7.Bxf1 Rxf1 8.g3! Rh1 9.Bh4 Kxb6 10.Kb8 Kc6 11.h6 Ra1 12.Bf6! Rh1 13.Bg7+-) **7.h6! Rh1** (7...Rxe2 8.h7 f1Q 9.h8Q+-) **8.Bxc5!!** 8.Kb8? Rxh6 9.Kc8 Rh1! 10.Bbc7 f1Q 11.Bxf1 Rxf1 12.Be5 Rg1! 13.Bdf6 Rxc2 14.Kd8 Re2 15.Ke7 Rxe3=; **8...Kxc5** (8...Rxh6 9.Bd4! Rh1 10.c5! Re1 11.Ba6! f1Q 12.Bxf1 Rxf1 13.Kb8+-) **9.Kb7!** Threatening 10.Be7#. **9...Kd6!** (9...Kb4 10.Bg5 Kc3 11.c5! Rb1+ 12.Kc6! Kd2 13.Bc4 Rc1 14.Bh4 Rxc4 15.Bxf2+-) **10.Bg5!** But not 10.Bc7+? Ke6! 11.c5 Kd5 12.Bb6 Rxh6 13.Bb5 Rh7+ 14.Ka6 Rh6! =; **10...Re1!** (10...Rb1+ 11.Kc8 Re1 12.Bf6! Rxe2 13.h7 Ra2 14.Be5+! Kc5 15.h8Q Ra8+ 16.Bb8 f1Q 17.Qd4+ Kb4 18.c5+ +-) **11.Bf6!** Only perpetual check after 11.Bd8? Rxe2 12.h7 Rb2+! 13.Bb6 Rxb6+! 14.Kxb6 f1Q 15.c5+ Kd7! 16.h8Q Qb1+ 17.Ka5 Qa2+ 18.Kb4 Qb1+ 19.Kc4 Qd3+ =; **11...Rxe2 12.h7 f1Q 13.h8Q Qb1+ 14.Kc8 Kc5! 15.Qd8!** (15.Qg8? Kb4! 16.c5 Qd3! 17.Bd4 Rc2! 18.Qf8 Qc4 19.Qxf5 Ra2! =) **15...Qd3!** (15...Qc2 16.Qd5+ Kb4 17.Qb5+ Ka3 18.c5 Rxe3 19.c6+-) **16.Qa5+ Kxc4 17.Qa4+ Kd5 18.Kd7!** Threatening 19.Qc6#; **18...Qc4!** (18...Kc5+ 19.Bd4+!+-; 18...Rc2 19.Bd4! Qc4 20.Qa5+ +-) **19.Qa5+ Qc5 20.Qa6! Rc2 21.Qe6#.**

№1. Pavel Arestov (Russia) 3rd Honorable Mention.

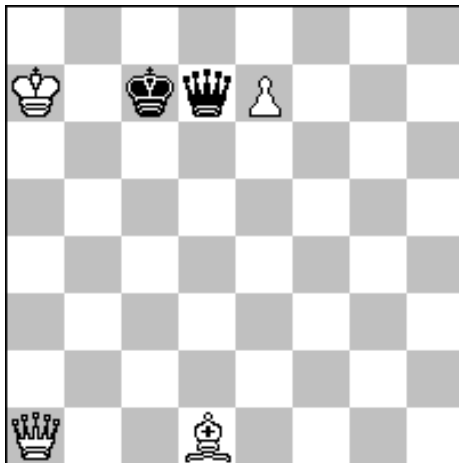
1.Kd6! with 2 lines: **A) 1...Nf7+!** (1...Kb7 2.Kc5! g3 3.Ne3 Nf7 4.Nac4 Nd8 5.Kb5+-) **2.Kc7!** Not 2.Kc6? g3(Nd8)=. **2...Nd8! 3.Kxd8 g3 4.Kc8!** Try: 4.Kc7? g2 5.b7 g1Q 6.b8N+! Ka7 7.Nb5+ Ka8 8.Nb6+ (no move 8.Nc7+??) 8...Qxb6+ 9.Kxb6 Kxb8=; **4...g2 5.b7 g1Q 6.b8N+! Ka7 7.Nb5+ Ka8 8.Nc7+ Ka7 9.Nc6#.** **B) 1...g3 2.Kc7!** (2.Kc6? Nf7 3.b7 Nd8+ =) **2...g2 3.b7 g1Q 4.b8N+! Ka6 5.Nc6+! Ka8.** Or 5...Ka6 6.Nb4+ Ka7 7.Nb5+ Ka8 8.Nb6+ Qxb6+ 9.Kxb6 Kb8 10.Na7(d6) Nf7 11.Na6(Nbc6)+ +-; **6.Nb6+! Qxb6+ 7.Kxb6 Nf7 8.Nb5 Nd6! 9.Nc7#** (9.Nxd6? – stalemate).

8. Daniil Yakimovich(USA)
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1st Commendation



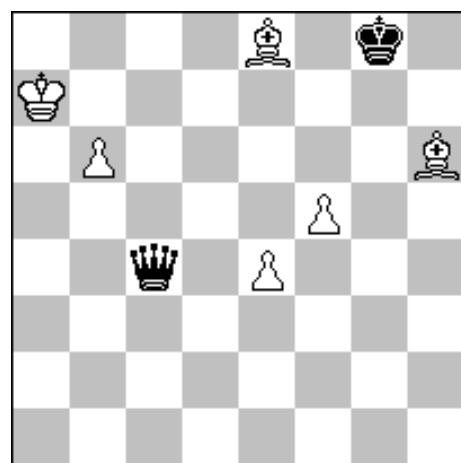
Win 7+6

10. R. Staudte & M.Schlosser
7thThematicTourney FRME,2025
2nd Commendation



Win 4+2

14. Luis Miguel González(Spain)
7thThematicTourney FRME,2025
3rd Commendation



Win 6+2

№8. Daniil Yakimovich (USA) 1st Commendation

1.a6. 1.Bxf5? a2 2.Ra3 Rf8! 3.Be4 Rb1+ 4.Kc7 Kxa7=. The main plan would fail, so White performs a foreplan.

1...Nd6. 1...bxa6 2.Bxf5+-. When diagonal a8-h1 is cleared, the main plan works due to mate threat, so Black goes for stalemate counterplay. **2.axb7+ Nxb7 3.Bc6 Rxc6+ 4.Kxc6 Na5+ 5.Kc7 Rh8 6.Rb8+ Rxb8 7.Bxb8 a2 8.h8B!** White avoids stalemate by doing bishop Phoenix, but the promoted bishop has a wrong color, so White has to preserve his last pawn at all costs. 8.h8Q? a1Q 9.Qxa1, stalemate. **8...Nb3** (8...Nc4 9.Ba1 Ne3 10.Kc8 Nf5 11.g4+-) **9.Bb2!** (9.Bc3? Nd2 10.g4 Ne4 11.Bb2 Nf6 12.g5 Nh7 13.g6 Nf8 14.g7 Ne6+ =; 9.g4? Nd4 10.Bxd4 a1Q 11.Bxa1, stalemate) **9...Nc5 10.Kc8** (10.g4? Nd3 11.Ba1 Nf2 12.g5 Nh3 13.g6 Nf4 14.g7 Ne6+ =) **10...Na4** (10...Ne4 11.g4 Nf6 12.g5+-) **11.B8e5.** 1-0. White wins by guarding his bishop by another one. 11.B2e5? Nb2 12.Bxb2 a1Q 13.Bxa1, stalemate; 11.Ba1? Nb6+ 12.Kc7 Nd5+ 13.Kd6 Ne3! 14.Kc7 (14.Bc7 Nf5+ =) 14...Nd5+, positional draw.

№15. Rainer Staudte & Michael Schlosser (Germany) 2nd Commendation.

The black attacking position forces to take unusual measures. 1.e8Q? does not work: 1...Qd4+! 2.Qxd4, stalemate. 1.e8R? — now black mates: 1...Kc6+ 2.Ka6 Qb7+ 3.Ka5 Qb5#. 1.e8N+? — again black mates: 1...Kc6+ 2.Nc7 Qxc7+ 3.Ka8 Qb7#. 1.Bg4? Qxe7! — theoretical draw. 1.Qe5+? draws, e.g. 1...Kc8+ 2.Ka6(b6) Qd6+ 3.Qxd6, stalemate. 1.Qa5+? is a blunder: 1...Kc6+! 2.Ka8 Qb7#. 1.Qc1+? loses the pawn after 1...Kd6+. **1.e8B! Qe7.** Intends to capture the bishop later. **2.Qc3+ Kd8+.** Hunting the new bishop ends with a nasty surprise. **3.Kb6! Kxe8 4.Bh5+! Kd8 5.Qh8+ Kd7 6.Bg4+ Kd6 7.Qd4#.**

№14. Luis Miguel González (Spain) 3rd Commendation.

1.f6 Qb4! 2.f7+! 2.Bf4? Kh7! 3.f7 Qa5+ 4.Kb7 Qb4 5.Kc8 Qxb6 6.f8Q Qc7+ 7.Bxc7, stalemate. **2...Kh7 3.f8B! 3.f8Q?** Qxb6+! 4.Kxb6, stalemate; 3.f8R? Qa3+ 4.Kb7 Qe7+ =; 3.f8N+? Kxh6=. **3...Qxe4 4.Bb5! Qd4! 5.Bfg7!!** Thematic tries: 5.Bc1? Qd5! 6.Ba6 Qd7+ 7.b7 Qd4+ 8.Ka8 Qa4 9.b8N Qe4+ 10.Bb7 Qa4+ 11.Na6 Qe8+ 12.Ka7 Qxf8=; 5.Bhg7? Qf2! 6.Bh6 Kg6! 7.Bd3+ Kf7! 8.Ba3 Qd4 9.Ba6 Qd7+ 10.b7 Qd4+ 11.Ka8 Qa4 12.b8Q Qxa6+ =. **5...Qd5! 6.Ba6 Kg6!** (6...Qc5 7.Bd3+! Kg8 8.Bf6+-) **7.b7! 7.Bf8? Qd4! 8.Bc1** (8.Bhg7 Qf2! =) 8...Qd7+ 9.b7 Qd4+ 10.Ka8 Qa4= — similar to thematic tries. **7...Qc5+ 8.Ka8 Qd5! 9.Bf8! Qa2! 10.b8N! 10.Ka7? Qf2+ 11.Kb8 Qf6! 12.Kc7** (12.Ka7 Qf2+ 13.Ka8 Qa2 loss of time) 12...Qxa6 13.b8Q Qc4+ =. **10...Qg2+ 11.Bb7! 11.Ka7? Qf2+ 12.Kb7 Qb2+ 13.Kc7 Qe5+ 14.Kc8 Qc3+ 15.Kd8 Qf6+ 16.Kd7 Qd4+ 17.Kc6 Qc3+ 18.Kb6 Qb2+ 19.Ka7 Qf2+ 20.Ka8 Qg2+ 21.Bb7** — loss of time. **11...Qa2+ 12.Na6.** 1-0. Unfortunately, the study is not for human understanding.

I thank all the authors for participating in the competition and I wish you new creative success!

Judge: Oleg Pervakov(Russia), 18 October, 2025.