



## Hard Chess Puzzle # 0044

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## Hard Chess puzzle # 0044 - Mate in 4 moves

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Puzzle No : 0044

Difficulty level : hard

Description : Mate in 4 moves

Next Move : White

Player level : Advanced

Short URL for puzzle : <https://gbud.in/g0qnq63>

### Hard chess puzzle 0044

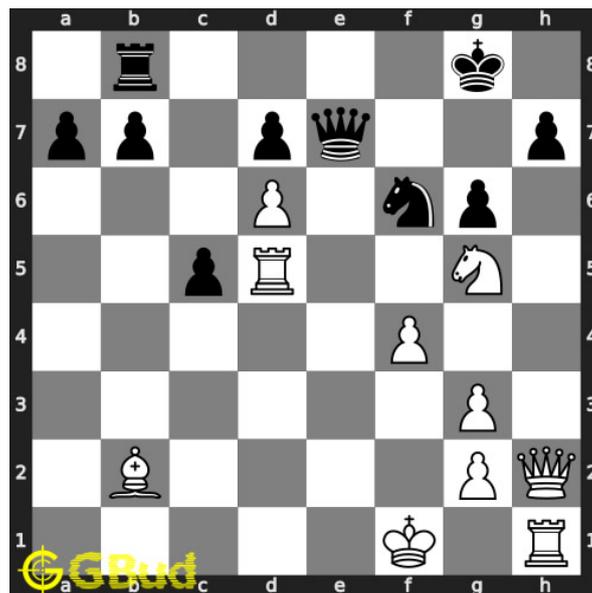


Figure 1: Solve this hard chess puzzle 0044. Mate in 4 moves @ <https://gbud.in/g0qnq63>



Figure 2: Solve this hard chess puzzle online with solution @ <https://gbud.in/g0qnq63>

## Solution to hard chess puzzle 0044

At this puzzle, next **move** is by **White**. The objective of the puzzle is to mate in 4 moves.

See the interactive solution at the [puzzle page](#)

### Solution 1

**Initial board position** This is the initial board position of hard chess puzzle 0044.

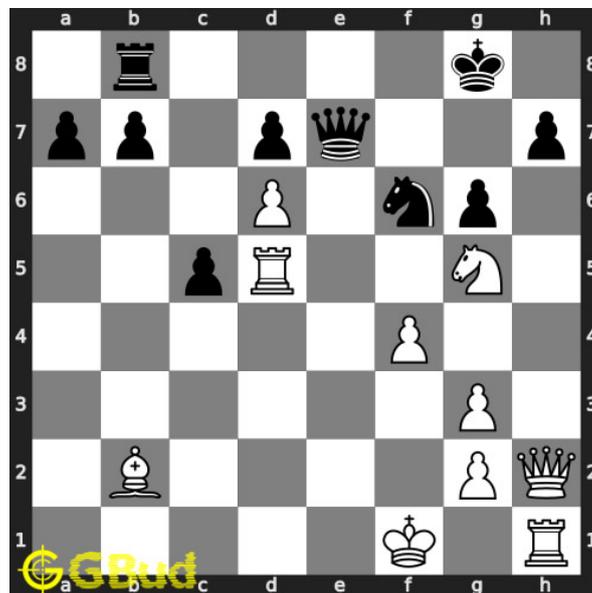


Figure 3: Initial board position of hard chess puzzle 0044

**Move 1** Move by black

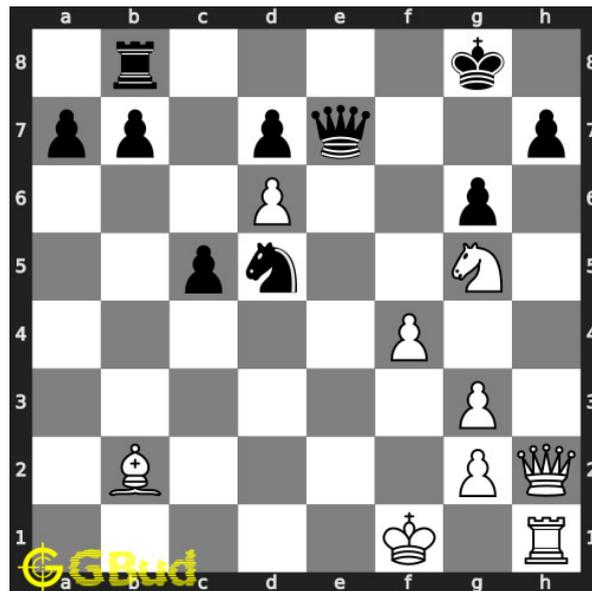


Figure 4: Nxd5 - Opponent thought that this is a best move since they captured a hanging rook and at the same time opened the diagonal for the queen to attack the knight. They have not realised that the protection to h7 is reduced and the diagonal to h8 is open

**Move 2** Move by white

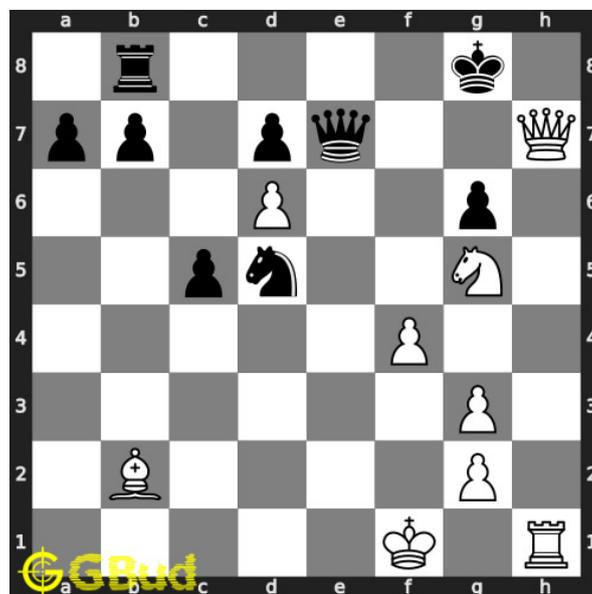


Figure 5: Qxh7+ - This sacrifice is required to open the h file since queen and rook are in battery formation

**Move 3** Move by black

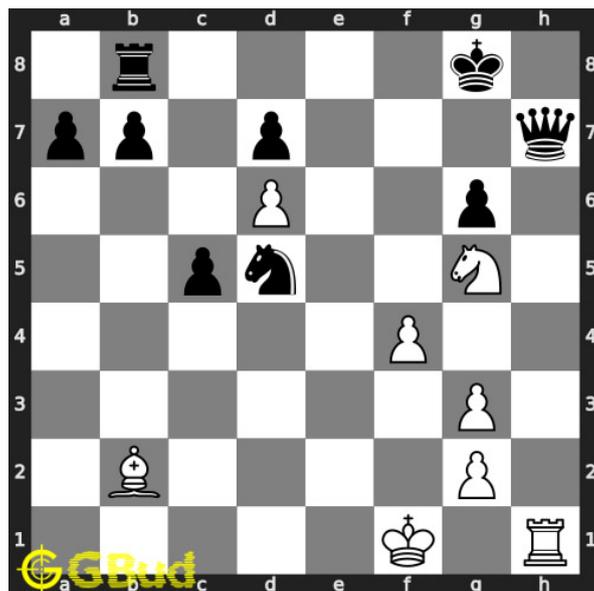


Figure 6: Qxh7 - Opponent's queen is forced to capture your queen. This is a zugzwang move

**Move 4** Move by white

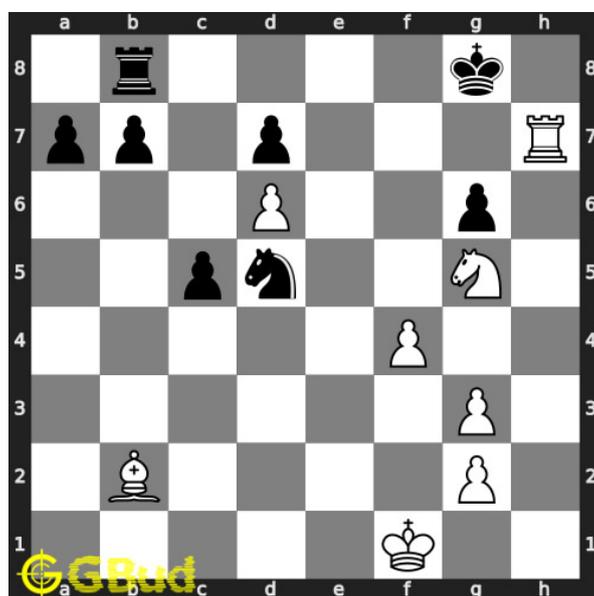


Figure 7: Rxh7 - Rook captures the queen. This rook can not be captured since it is supported by the knight.

**Move 5** Move by black

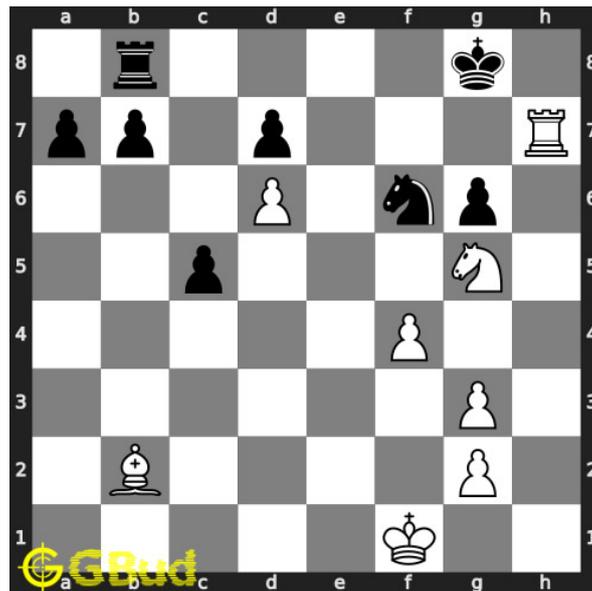


Figure 8: Nf6 - Opponent's knight comes back to f6 after realising the mistake. This will also block the bishop's access to h8 and g7

**Move 6** Move by white

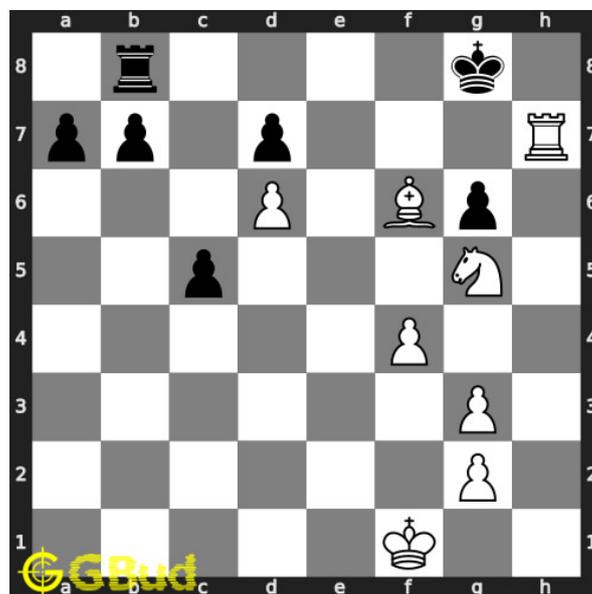


Figure 9: Bxf6 - Bishop captures the hanging knight

**Move 7** Move by black

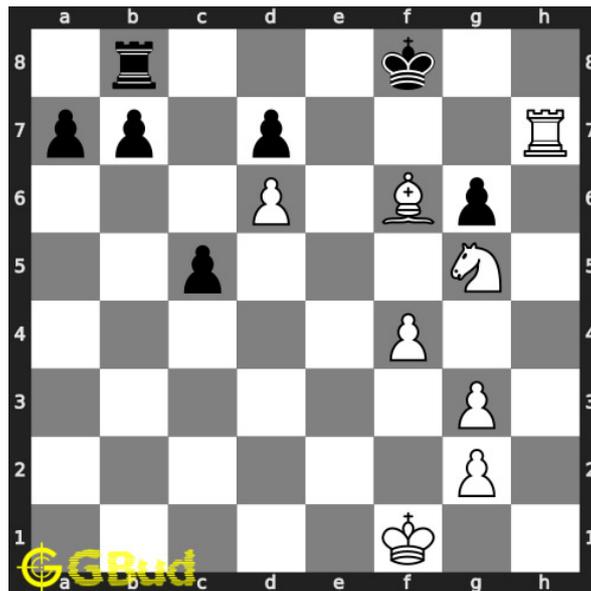


Figure 10: Kf8 - King is trying to escape from the threat

**Move 8** Move by white

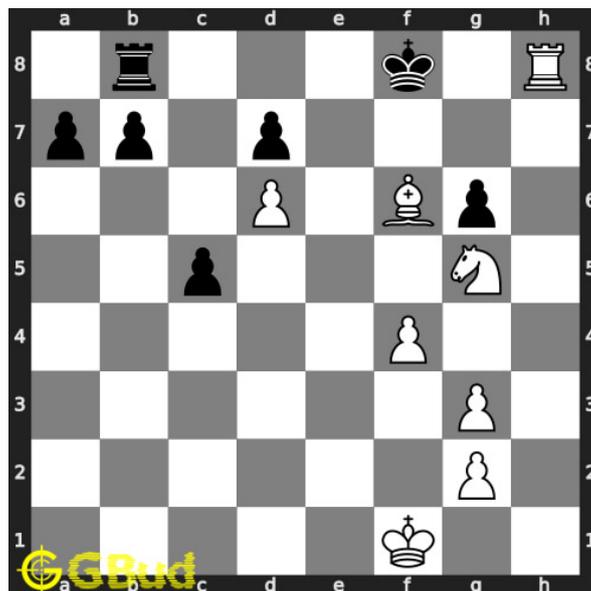


Figure 11: Rh8# - King has no free squares to move and ends in a check-mate

### Right moves for the solution to the hard chess puzzle 0044

Based on the objective of the puzzle, you have to make the right moves. Following are the right moves

1. Qxh7+, Rxh7, Bxf6, Rh8#

## Explanation for the moves

1. Nxd5 - Opponent thought that this is a best move since they captured a hanging rook and at the same time opened the diagonal for the queen to attack the knight. They have not realised that the protection to h7 is reduced and the diagonal to h8 is open
2. Qxh7+ - This sacrifice is required to open the h file since queen and rook are in battery formation
3. Qxh7 - Opponent's queen is forced to capture your queen. This is a zugzwang move
4. Rxh7 - Rook captures the queen. This rook can not be captured since it is supported by the knight.
5. Nf6 - Opponent's knight comes back to f6 after realising the mistake. This will also block the bishop's access to h8 and g7
6. Bxf6 - Bishop captures the hanging knight
7. Kf8 - King is trying to escape from the threat
8. Rh8# - King has no free squares to move and ends in a checkmate
9. For right move - You utilised the opponent's mistake effectively and won the game. Good observation of the board
10. For wrong move - You should have won after the mistake made by the opponent. The protection to h7 is reduced. Try again

## Categories of hard chess puzzle 0044

This hard chess puzzle falls in these categories.

1. [Hard chess puzzles](#)
2. [Sacrifice puzzles in chess](#)
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4. [Battery puzzles in chess](#)
5. [Strategy puzzles in chess](#)
6. [Zugzwang puzzles in chess](#)
7. [Mate in 4 puzzles in chess](#)

## How to view the solution to hard chess puzzle 0044

To view the [solution to this puzzle](#), follow the steps given below

1. Go to the [puzzle page](#)
2. Click the solution button (Key as shown [below](#)) to view the solution



Figure 12: Click the solution button to view solutions @ <https://gbud.in/g0qnq63>

## How to get help for moves in the hard chess puzzle 0044

To get help or the possible next moves in the puzzle, , follow the steps given below

1. Go to the [puzzle page](#)
2. Click the help button (exclamation mark as shown [below](#)) to get help or suggestion on next possible [move](#)



Figure 13: Click the help button to get help on next move @ <https://gbud.in/g0qnq63>



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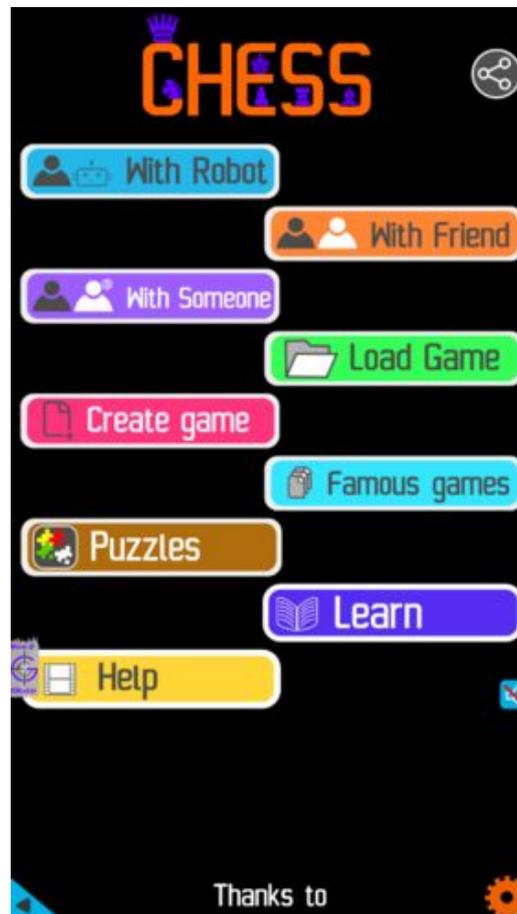


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