

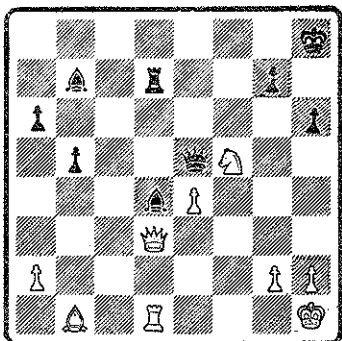
## RESIGNED WITH A WIN IN HAND!

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While playing in local tournaments, many may have come across positions in which they missed a win or a draw and had to settle for something less. They may be glad to know that there have been occasions in international level chess, when a player resigned the game and afterwards found that he had a forced win. Here are some positions. Would you have done better?

### (I) Popiel-Marco

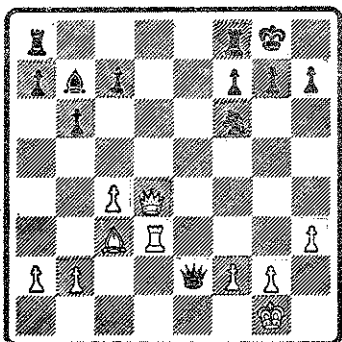
Monte Carlo, 1902



Black to move resigned, since he cannot avoid the loss of his bishop at d4. But how could he have won?

### (II) Ahues +N.N.

Berlin 1920

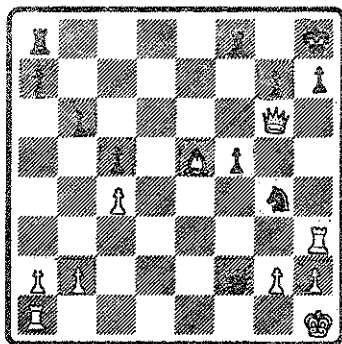


After (1) Q:f6! Black resigned. So where is the forced win?

In the above cases black resigned prematurely. In the next one, Black's position looks hopeless. But learning a lesson from the previous games, he, in fact won the exchange and the game. How?

### (III) Veizaj—Hoxha

Albanian Chp, 1954



Black resigned in this position thinking that a mate at g7/h7 was unavoidable. But it was a waste.

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So in conclusion, just before resigning, think of the above ideas and **USE THEM!!!**

## SOLUTIONS

(I) Black could win by the double attack Bg1! there by attacking the Queen and threatening mate at h2.

(II) 1... Qg4! and if now 1.h:g4 g:f6.

(III) 1.... Qe1 2. R:e1 N:f2 3. Kg1 N:h3 4. g:h3 h:g6.