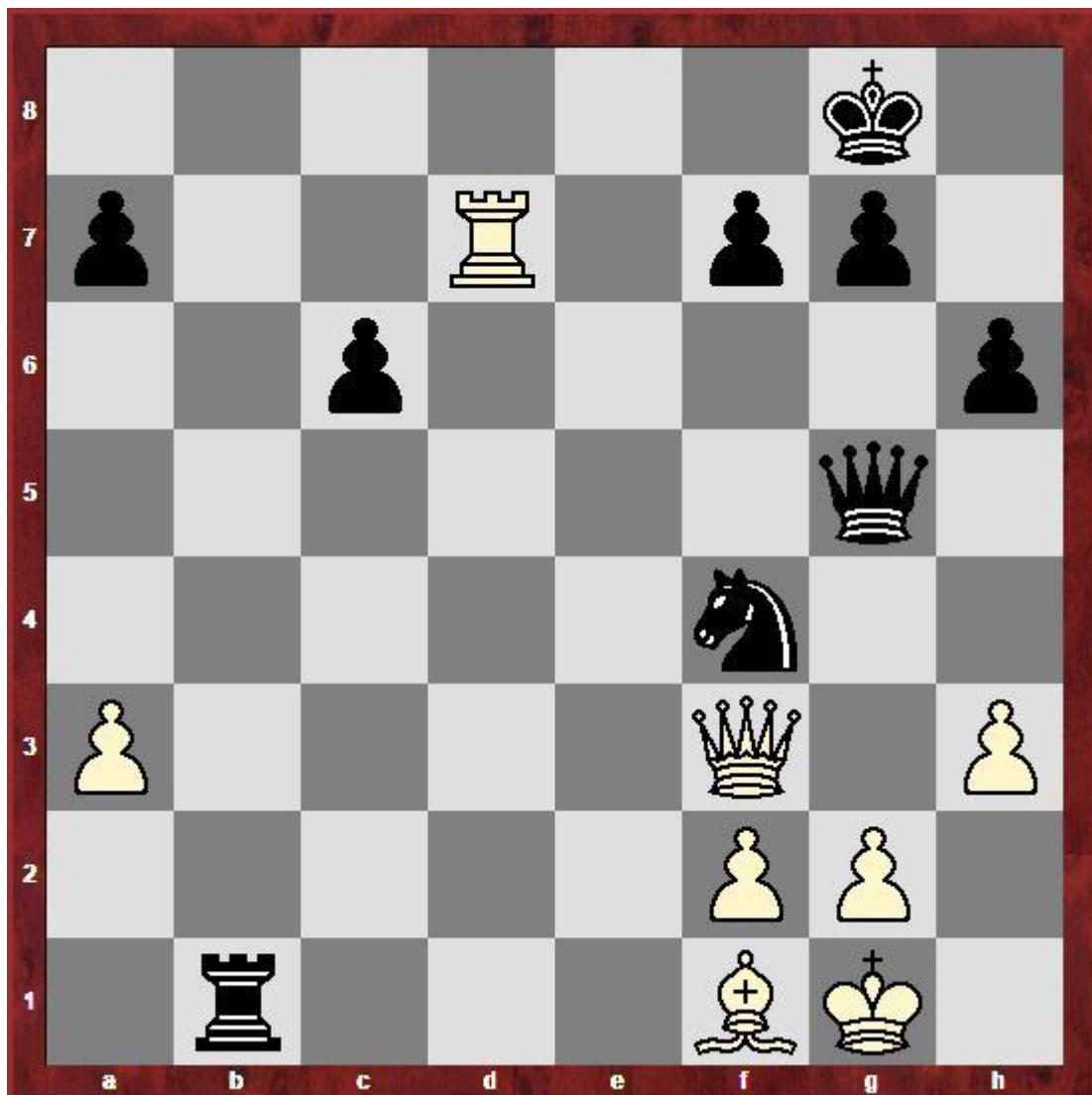**Tactics from Bunratty**
The following positions occurred in recent games at the Bunratty Chess Event.

In the position below, I captured the black pawn on a7 with my rook and I thought I was in a strong position to win the game. However, after spending a considerable amount of time (15 minutes) thinking about his next move my opponent came up with a forcing sequence of moves that resulted in us agreeing a draw in the game.

1. Can you find the moves that were played?

2. After the game, I analysed the position with the aid of a chess engine and discovered that black could play a different move that enables him to obtain a winning material advantage. Can you find this move as well?

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White to play

The following positions arose in games between David Fitzsimons IM and Stephen Brady FM. In both cases, it was David's turn to move and the next move he played from each position forced his opponent's immediate resignation!

Can you find the correct moves and the forcing sequences this started?

Stephen Brady v David Fitzsimons Bunratty Masters 2020 Black to move and win

David Fitzsimons v Stephen Brady Irish Championships 2015 White to move and win