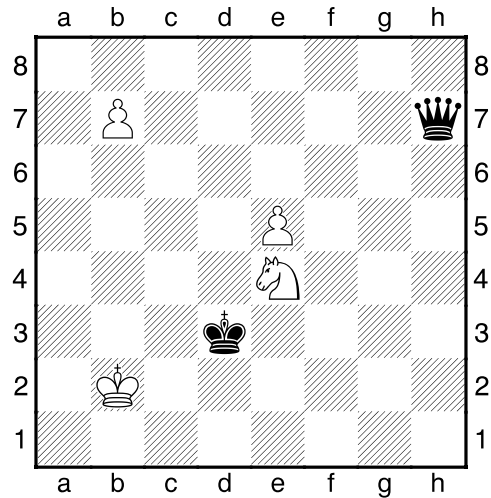


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**Win (4+2)**

**Mate in the solution, two ideal stalemates in the tries**

**Try:**

1.Nc5+? Kc4 2.b8Q Kxc5=

**Solution:**

**1.Nf2+! Kd2 (1)**  
**2.b8Q Qc2+**  
**3.Ka3! (2) Qc3+ (3)**  
**4.Qb3! (4) Qa5+**  
**5.Qa4 (5)**

**A: 5...Qxe5**  
**6.Qd1+ Kc3 (6)**  
**7.Qd3# (7)**

**B: 5...Qc3+**  
**6.Ka2 (8) Qxe5**  
**7.Qd1+ Kc3 (9)**  
**8.Qa1+ followed by Qxe5**  
 (Change of motif from mate to skewer)

**(1) 1...Ke2 2.b8Q Kxf2 e. g. 3.e6 Qg7+ 4.Ka2+—**

**(2) 3.Ka1? Qa4+ 4.Kb1 Qc2+! 5.Ka1 Qa4+ 6.Kb2 position A**  
**6...Qd4+! 7.Kb1 (2a,b,c) Qxe5! 8.Qxe5 ideal stalemate 1**  
**8.Qb4+ Ke2!=**  
**4.Kb2 see position A**

**(2a) 7.Kb3 Qc3+! 8.Ka2 Qa5+! 9.Kb1 Qxe5 10.Qxe5 ideal stalemate 1**  
**8.Ka4? Qa1+! 9.Kb3 position B 9...Qb1+—**

**(2b)** 7.Ka2 Qa4+! 8.Kb2 see position A

**(2c)** 7.Ka3 Qa1+ 8.Kb3 see position B

**(3)** 3...Qc1+? 4.Qb2+ cross check;  
3...Qc5+? 4.Qb4+ cross check

**(4)** 4.Ka2? Qa5+ 5.Kb3 Qc3+ 6.Ka2 Qa5+ 7.Kb1 Qxe5 8.Qxe5 **ideal stalemate 1**  
6.Ka4? Qa1+ 7.Kb3 Qb1+ 8.Kc4 Qxb8--+  
4.Ka4? Qa1+ 5.Kb3 Qb1+--+

**(5)** 5.Kb2? Qxe5+=

**(6)** 6...Ke3 7.Ng4++--

**(7)** 7.Qa1+? Kc4! 8.Qxe5 **ideal stalemate 2**

**(8)** 6.Qb3 wastes time Qa5+ 7.Qa4 Qc3+

**(9)** 7...Ke3 Qxe5 8.Ng4++--