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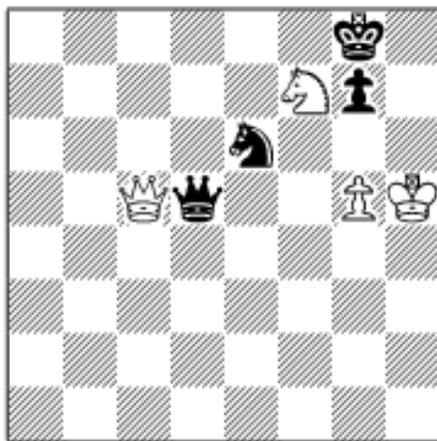
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Solution to This Week's Endgame Study

The black queen is 'protected' by a knight fork (on f4) - but only as long as the forking knight is not pinned, for instance if White's knight were not on the board.

1.Nh6+! Kh7! 2.Qc2+ Kh8 3.Qc8+ Nf8. Or 3...Nd8 4.Qxd8+ Qxd8 5.Nf7+. By interposing the knight on f8 Black covers g8 with his queen. Now both players have offered knights that were obstructing their own side. **4.Qxf8+ Kh7 5.Qg8+!!** The white pawn is pinned, and it's worth a queen to get it moving! **5...Qxg8 6.g6+ Kh8 7.Nf7+ Qxf7 8.gxf7 g6+ 9.Kh6!** wins, avoiding 9.Kxg6 stalemate?



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