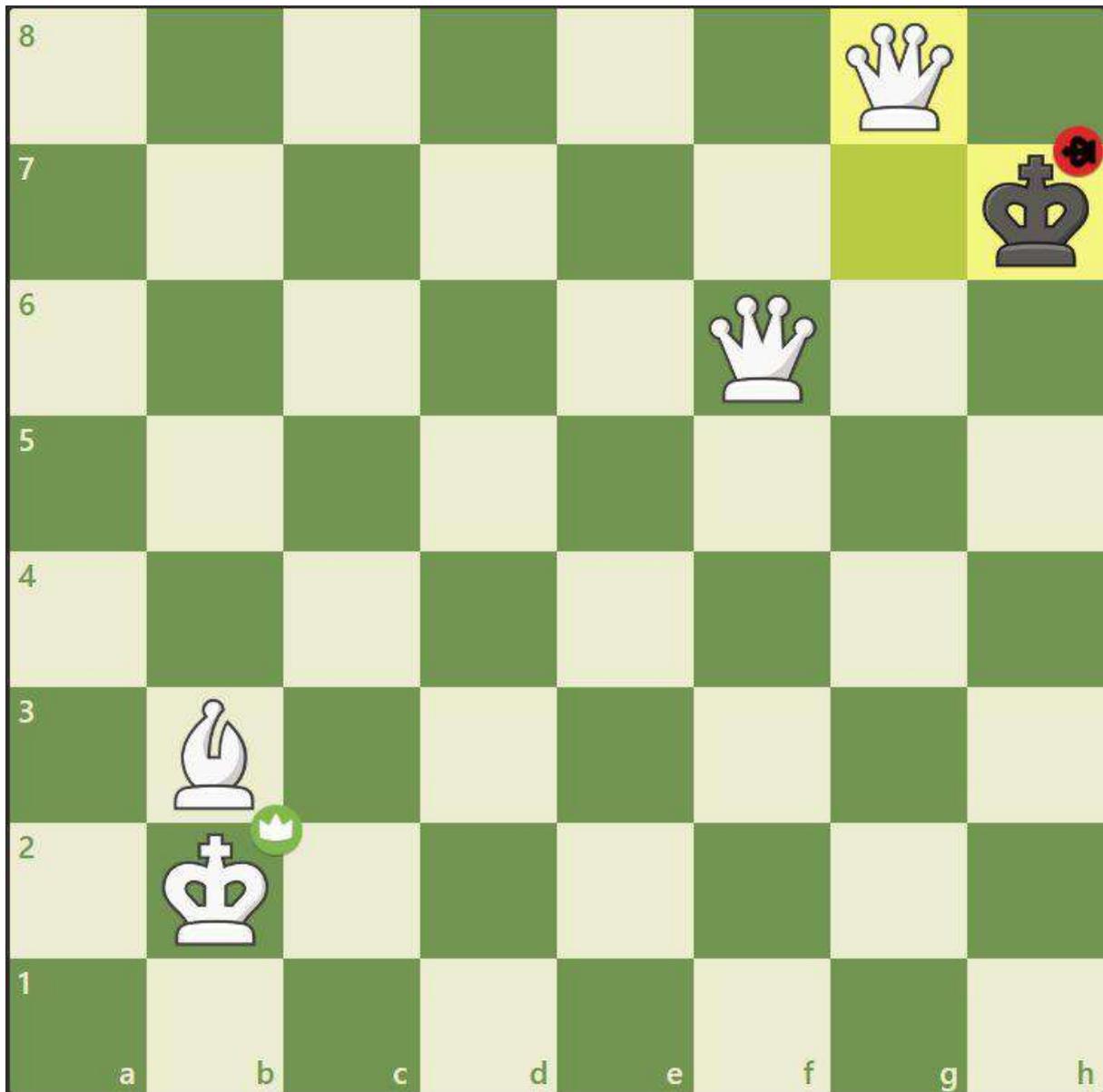


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**Final position**

**I missed a stalemate tactic and had to endure 17 checks in a row,  
16 with his rook!**

<b>1. P-Q4</b>	<b>P-QB4</b>
<b>2. P-K4</b>	<b>P-Q4</b>
<b>3. PxBP</b>	<b>P-K3</b>
<b>4. PxP</b>	<b>PxP</b>
<b>5. N-KB3</b>	<b>BxP</b>
<b>6. B-N5ch</b>	<b>N-B3</b>
<b>7. O-O</b>	<b>N-K2</b>
<b>8. B-N5</b>	<b>O-O</b>
<b>9. N-B3</b>	<b>P-B3</b>
<b>10. B-KB4</b>	<b>P-QR3</b>
<b>11. B-R4</b>	<b>P-QN4</b>
<b>12. B-QN3</b>	<b>B-K3</b>
<b>13. R-K1</b>	<b>B-B2</b>
<b>14. P-QR4</b>	<b>P-N5</b>
<b>15. N-K2</b>	<b>P-QR4</b>
<b>16. QN-Q4</b>	<b>Q-N3</b>
<b>17. B-K3</b>	<b>B-R4</b>
<b>18. NxN</b>	<b>NxN</b>
<b>19. BxB</b>	<b>QxB</b>
<b>20. QxPch</b>	<b>QxQ</b>
<b>21. BxQch</b>	<b>K-R1</b>
<b>22. BxN</b>	<b>QR-B1</b>

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| <b>23. B-K4</b>  | <b>BxN</b>    |
| <b>24. PxB</b>   | <b>P-B4</b>   |
| <b>25. B-Q3</b>  | <b>P-B5</b>   |
| <b>26. R-K5</b>  | <b>P-N4</b>   |
| <b>27. RxRP</b>  | <b>P-R3</b>   |
| <b>28. R-K1</b>  | <b>R-QN1</b>  |
| <b>29. R-K7</b>  | <b>KR-K1</b>  |
| <b>30. QR-R7</b> | <b>RxR</b>    |
| <b>31. RxR</b>   | <b>P-N6</b>   |
| <b>32. P-B3</b>  | <b>R-Q1</b>   |
| <b>33. B-B4</b>  | <b>R-Q7</b>   |
| <b>34. BxP</b>   | <b>RxNP</b>   |
| <b>35. R-QN7</b> | <b>P-R4</b>   |
| <b>36. K-N2</b>  | <b>P-R5</b>   |
| <b>37. P-R3</b>  | <b>P-N5</b>   |
| <b>38. BPxP</b>  | <b>P-B6ch</b> |
| <b>39. KxP</b>   | <b>RxPch!</b> |

**(This was something I had completely overlooked but I was determined not to concede the draw).**

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| <b>40. K-K4</b> | <b>R-B4ch</b> |
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**(Here we go!)**

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| <b>41. K-Q5</b> | <b>R-B5ch</b> |
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| <b>42. K-B6</b>   | <b>R-B4ch</b>   |
| <b>43. K-N6</b>   | <b>R-N4ch</b>   |
| <b>44. K-R7</b>   | <b>R-R5ch</b>   |
| <b>45. K-N8</b>   | <b>R-R1ch</b>   |
| <b>46. K-B7</b>   | <b>R-B1ch</b>   |
| <b>47. K-Q6</b>   | <b>R-B3ch</b>   |
| <b>48. K-Q5</b>   | <b>R-B4ch</b>   |
| <b>49. K-K4</b>   | <b>R-B5ch</b>   |
| <b>50. K-Q3</b>   | <b>RxPch</b>    |
| <b>51. K-K4</b>   | <b>R-K6ch</b>   |
| <b>52. K-Q5</b>   | <b>R-K4ch</b>   |
| <b>53. K-Q4</b>   | <b>R-K5ch</b>   |
| <b>54. K-B3</b>   | <b>R-K6ch</b>   |
| <b>55. K-N2</b>   | <b>R-K2ch</b>   |
| <b>56. B-B2</b>   | <b>at last!</b> |
| <b>56.</b>        | <b>R-K6</b>     |
| <b>57. P-R5</b>   | <b>RxP</b>      |
| <b>58. P-R6</b>   | <b>R-K6</b>     |
| <b>59. P-R7</b>   | <b>R-K1</b>     |
| <b>60. R-N8</b>   | <b>P-R6</b>     |
| <b>61. RXRch</b>  | <b>K-N2</b>     |
| <b>62. P-R8=Q</b> | <b>P-R7</b>     |

63. R-K7ch      K-B3
64. Q-K4        P-R8=Q
65. QxQ          KxR
66. Q-Q5        K-B3
67. P-N5ch      K-N2
68. Q-K6        K-B1
69. Q-B6ch      K-N1
70. B-N3ch      K-R2fed
71. Q-B7ch      K-R1fed
72. Q-B6ch      K-R2fed
73. P-N6ch      K-R3fed
74. P-N7dis ch  K-R2
75. P-N8=Q     mate