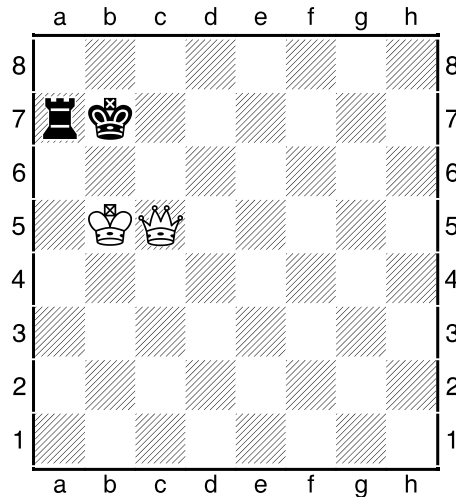
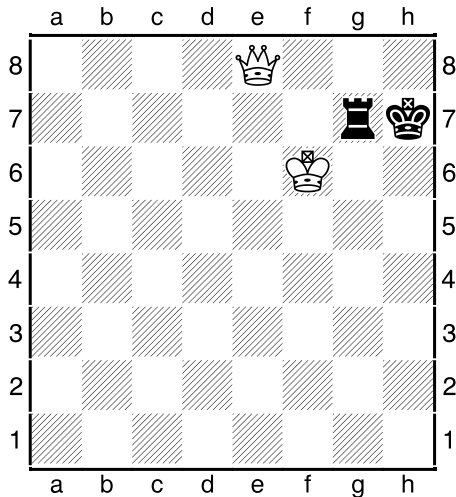




Advanced Lecture - Q v R Endgames

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This is the position that the stronger side should be aiming for in this endgame. Whatever Black moves, White will either be able to checkmate or win the rook.

1...Rg1 [1...Rg6+ 2.Qxg6+; 1...Rg5 2.Kxg5; 1...Rg4 2.Qh5+ Kg8 3.Qxg4+; 1...Rg3 2.Qe4+ Kg8 (2...Kh8 3.Qh4+ Kg8 4.Qxg3+; 2...Kh6 3.Qh4#) 3.Qc4+ Kh7 (3...Kh8 4.Qh4+; 3...Kf8 4.Qc8#) 4.Qh4+ Kg8 5.Qxg3+; 1...Rg2 2.Qe4+ Kh8 3.Qxg2; 1...Rg8 2.Qh5#; 1...Rf7+ 2.Qxf7+; 1...Re7 2.Qxe7+; 1...Rd7 2.Qxd7+; 1...Rc7 2.Qh5+ Kg8 3.Qd5+ Kh7 4.Qd3+ Kg8 5.Qd8+ Kh7 6.Qxc7+; 1...Rb7 2.Qe4+ Kg8 3.Qxb7; 1...Ra7 2.Qh5+ Kg8 3.Qd5+ Kh7 (3...Kf8 4.Qd8#; 3...Kh8 4.Qh1+ Rh7 5.Qa8#) 4.Qh1+ Kg8 5.Qg1+ Kh7 6.Qxa7+; 1...Kh6 2.Qh8+ Rh7 3.Qg8] **2.Qd7+ Kg8** [2...Kh6 3.Qh3#; 2...Kh8 3.Qc8+ Kh7 4.Qc7+ Kg8 (4...Kh8 5.Qh2+) 5.Qb8+ Kh7 6.Qa7+] **3.Qc8+ Kh7 4.Qc7+ Kg8** [4...Kh8 5.Qh2+ Kg8 6.Qxg1+] **5.Qb8+ Kh7 6.Qh2+**

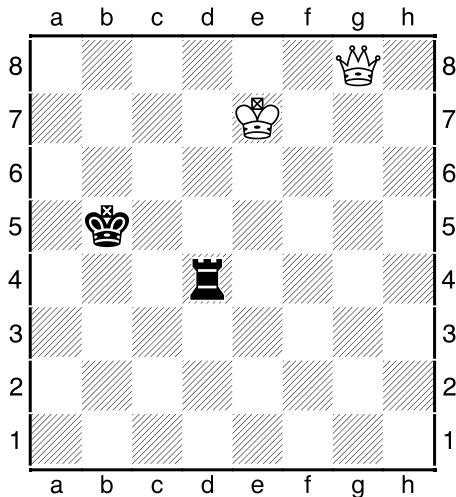
1.Qe5 Now white uses a method where king and queen prevent the rook from checking in front of its king, but white's queen is far enough away to not cause stalemate. [Not as good is 1.Qc6+ Kb8 2.Kb6? allowing the stalemate possibility 2...Ra6+=] **1...Ra8** [1...Kc8 2.Kb6 Rb7+ 3.Kc6 threatening mate on e8; 1...Ka8 2.Qd5+ Kb8 3.Kb6] **2.Qe7+ Kc8 3.Kb6 Rb8+ 4.Kc6** winning





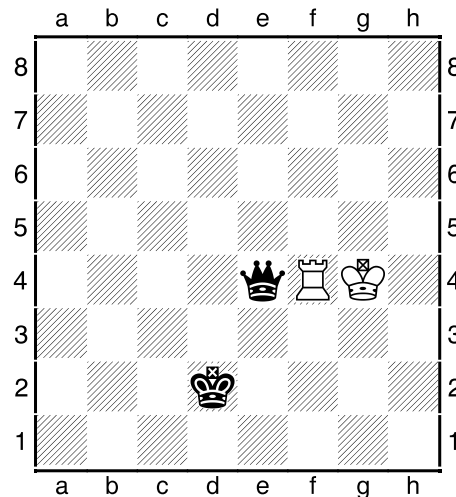
And finally 2 endgames where top players couldn't win their games

Morozevich, Alexander (2747)
Jakovenko, Dmitrij (2671)
Pamplona-A 16th Pamplona (5), 27.12.2006



72.Qc8 Rd5 73.Ke6 Rd4 74.Ke5 Rd3
75.Qc2 Rd8 76.Qb3+ Kc5 77.Qc3+ Kb5
78.Ke6 Kb6 79.Qc4 Rg8 80.Qd4+ Kc6
81.Qc3+ Kb5 82.Kd6 Rg6+ 83.Kc7 Rg4
84.Qc6+ Kb4 85.Qd6+ Kc3 86.Kc6 Rd4
87.Qa3+ Kd2 88.Kc5 Re4 89.Kd5 Rg4
90.Qf3 Rb4 91.Kc5 Ra4 92.Qf6 Kd3
93.Qd6+ Ke3 94.Qg3+ Ke2 95.Qc3 Rf4
96.Kd5 Rg4 97.Ke5 Rh4 98.Kf5 Kf2 99.Qd3
Rh7 100.Qd4+ Kf3 101.Kg5 Rh2 102.Qf4+
Kg2 103.Kg4 Kg1 104.Qd4+ Kg2 105.Qd3
Kg1 106.Qe3+ Kf1 107.Qc1+ Kf2
108.Qd2+ Kg1 109.Qe1+ Kg2 110.Qg3+
Kh1 111.Kf3 Rf2+ 112.Ke3 Re2+ 113.Kd3
Rd2+ 114.Kxd2 1/2-1/2

Gelfand, Boris (2701)
Svidler, Peter (2686)
FIDE-Wch k.o. Moscow (5.3), 07.12.2001



78...Qg6+ 79.Kf3 Kd3 80.Kf2 Qg5 81.Kf3
Qg1 82.Rf5 Qe3+ 83.Kg4 Ke4 84.Rf8 Qg1+
85.Kh5 Qg7 86.Rf1 Qe5+ 87.Kg4 Qe6+
88.Kg5 Qg8+ 89.Kh4 Qg6 90.Kh3 Ke3
91.Kh4 Qh7+ 92.Kg3 Qg8+ 93.Kh3 Qg5
94.Kh2 Ke2 95.Rg1 Qf4+ 96.Kh3 Qh6+
97.Kg3 Qe3+ 98.Kh2 Kf2 99.Rg2+ Kf1
100.Rg4 Qe5+ 101.Kh3 Kf2 102.Kh4 Kf3
103.Rg6 Qe7+ 104.Kh5 Kf4 105.Kh6 Qh4+
106.Kg7 Kf5 107.Rh6 Qe7+ 108.Kg8 Kg5
109.Rh7 Qe8+ 110.Kg7 Qe5+ 111.Kf7
Qd5+ 112.Kg7 Qd6 113.Kg8 Kg6 114.Rg7+
Kf6 115.Rf7+ Ke6 116.Kg7 Qg3+ 117.Kf8
Qh4 118.Kg8 Qg5+ 119.Rg7 Qd8+
120.Kh7 Qh4+ 121.Kg8 Qh5 122.Ra7 Qg6+
123.Kh8 Qf6+ 124.Rg7 Qh6+ 125.Kg8 Qh2
126.Rg6+ Ke7 127.Rg7+ Ke8 128.Rg6 Qh5
129.Kg7 Ke7 1/2-1/2

