Shi Qing Ya Qu (Enjoyable Game Records)

Shi Qing Ya Qu was compiled by Xu Zhi of Ming Dynasty, and edited by Chen Xue Li. It was published in the 4th year of Long Qing (1570 A.D.) The entire book is comprised of 10 chapters. The first six chapters are on endgames, with 550 problems. Chapters 7 and 8 contain 550 games on technique. Chapters 9 and 10 contain complete game records. (© Yutopian 1999)

Problem 3- Goat Horns Attack Red to play and wins

7RECKAp89 455pAp5R6 4p5[E]5%6 \$r%5%5%5^ hH2222226 creP8H886 \$5%5c5%5^ 4%5;5'5%6 4555P5P56 1C2. 2k223

Hint- Sacrifice a rook and a pawn, checkmate with knight and cannon.

Solution: **P3=4**; C4=6

P6=5; K5=4 P5+1; K4+1 FR=6; N2-4 N9+7; K4+1 P8=7; K4-1 R8+4; R2+1 P7=8; K4+1 C9+3; Red wins

Problem 2- Knight Attacks

Red to Play and Wins

C88=KAE89 4555A5556 H%5[C]H%6 P5%hP5P5^ 4r 2222p26 4r 8888886 p5%5p5%5^ 4%5; e' 5%6 45cP, P556 C2Rak/h23

Hint: Sacrifice Rook and Knight.

Solution: R8+4; G5-4

FR-1; G4+5 C7+8; N1-2 C7-8; G5-4 R8=5; G6+5 N6+7; K5=6 R8=4; C5=6 R4+3; G5+6 C7=4; G6-5 N3+4; G5+6 N4+2; G6-5 N2+4; G5+6 N4+5; G6-5 N5+3; K6+1 N3-5; K6-1 N5-4; G5+6 N4+3; G6-5 N3+2; K6+1 N2-4; K6+1

P3=4; Checkmate

Problem 1- Swallowing the Right Side

Red to Play and Wins

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78EAKA889
455p, 55h6
Eh5[5]5%6
$5%5%5%HC
422222226
4888C8p86
p5%5%5H5p
e%5; r'5%e
4555aPR56
12rak/22C
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Hint: Sacrifice rook and pawn and checkmates with knight.

Solution: **C5=9**; N7+5

P6+1; K5=4 R7+9; B1-3 C9+5; B3+5 N8+7; K4+1 N2+4; Checkmate