

## **The Vulnerable Back Rank** **“Intermediate-Advanced”** **Help Guide**

**Diagram 1:** White to move. In this problem you are trying to Check Black in two moves. Start off with a Queen Check. Black will be forced to take you and from here you will be able to win the game with another Check. Use your only remaining major piece to do this.

**Diagram 2:** White to move. In this diagram you can Checkmate Black in one move. You will notice that the Black Queen is Pinned to the King. So all you need to do is put the King into Check with one of your major pieces. The King will be stuck behind its army and you will win the game.

**Diagram 3:** White to move. Just like in the previous diagram you can see that the Black Queen is pinned to the King. With that in mind all you need to do is take advantage of your two Rooks on the same file. Put the King into Check with one of your Rooks. Black will be forced to take you with his Rook and just do the same thing with your other Rook.

**Diagram 4:** White to move. You are going to start this problem off with a Queen sacrifice. Your goal will be to get the Pawn on e6 to move off of that file. From here you can move your Rook down to Checkmate the Black King.

**Diagram 5:** White to move. You will notice in this diagram you have two Rooks and a Queen on the same file. This is an incredible position for you to take advantage of. Start off with a Rook Check. The Black Queen will be forced to take your Rook and you can use your Queen to perform the Checkmate because the remaining Rook on the same file will protect her.

**Diagram 6:** White to move. In this diagram you want to start off by putting the Black King into Check with your Bishop. The King will be forced to move to g8. Now just put him into Check again with your Knight. The King will have no place to go and won't be able to capture your Bishop because the Rook on g1 is protecting it.