

Meng Ru Shen Ji (Dreams of Exquisite Moves)

Meng Ru Sheng Ji was a very popular book during the Ming Dynasty. According to the legend, there were ten chapters, however only three remain to date. The author of the book is not known. The book was probably written in the 4th year of Hong Wu or during the years of Yong Le. Meng is a great contribution to the world of Xang Qi. What's presented here are the remaining game records that have been edited and rearranged by professional players. (© Yutopian 1999)

Problem 3- No Problem in Surviving

Red to play and wins

78r hK\ 889
4555, 5556
4h5[5] 5%6
\$5%5%5%5 ^
4H2222226
488888886
c5%5%5%5R
4%5; 5' 5%6
45C5P5556
12C. 2k223

Hint: Sacrifice the rook and checkmate
with cannon.

Solution: N6-7; RC-8
C9+6; RC+1
N8+7; Red wins.

Problem 2- Not A Direct Shot

Red to play and wins

788AKAE89
r C5pH5556
4%5[5] 5c6
\$5%5%5Ph^
4R2222226
488888886
\$5%5%5%5^
4%5; 5' 5%6
45Pc, 5556
122k2/ e2R

Hint: Move the right cannon to the center and wins

Solution: C2=5; N5+7
N2+3; C2=7
P6=5; Checkmate

Problem 1- Inside Out

Red to play and wins

7r h = K \ 889
455p, 55Rc
4%5[5] H%6
\$5%5%5%5 ^
422222226
488888886
\$5%5%5%5 ^
4%5; P' 5%6
455P, 5556
C2Rak / 223

Hint: Sacrifice a Pawn; Generals can't face each other.

Solution: P6=5; K5=6
P5+1; K6=5
N7-6; Checkmate

