

Discovered Attacks

Chess

Moving one piece to unleash another, and why it is so strong.

Two pieces on a line, with one of yours between them.

1

Find the battery

Your long-range piece, your own piece in front, an enemy target behind.

2

Move the front piece

It unveils the attack from behind.

3

Make it a threat too

The strongest discoveries create a second threat with the moving piece.

4

Discovered check

Even stronger — they must answer the check and cannot address the other threat.

5

Double check

The strongest of all: only a king move is legal.

STRENGTH ORDER

Discovered attack

Discovered check

Double check — the king must move

Against a double check, capturing the checking piece and blocking are both impossible. Only the king can move.