

Overloaded Pieces

Chess

A piece defending two things cannot defend both.

The precondition for a large share of tactics.

1

List their defended pieces

And note what is defending each.

2

Find any piece defending two things

That piece is overloaded.

3

Attack one of its duties

Capture, or threaten, one of the two.

4

Take the other

The defender cannot be in both places.

ALSO CHECK YOUR OWN

Which of my pieces defends two things?

That is where their tactic will come from

The commonest overload is a king or a queen defending both a back rank and a loose piece.