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Preface

Most chess players prefer attack to defense. That's why this important topic is of interest to everyone and is of course often discussed accordingly. In this book, I've attempted to demonstrate the basics of attacking play using a few rules of thumb and motives. It's of the utmost importance to train your intuition, with the aim of being able to decide with certainty in which cases the rules of thumb apply and the motives can be used – and in which cases you are dealing with an exception. Because it's precisely in this interplay of rule and exception that one of the charms of chess lies.

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Chapter 1

All pieces should participate in the attack

This is how the main motto for the attacker is usually formulated. Instead, however, there are also casual versions such as 'don't start the meal until everyone is seated' or even 'invite all friends to the party'. But let's get back to a more serious level. One could also choose the approach of getting a more precise picture of the relationship between the number of attackers and the number of defenders. It goes without saying that it should of course be as positive as possible for the attacker. And when looking for the 'best move', among the main candidates (checks and captures) are also those that lead more troops into the attack.