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Here is an old-school **Magic** puzzle that is quite significant. No, not because it features **Clone** which was just rereleased in *Onslaught*, but because it is the first puzzle Mark Rosewater ever had published, leading him down the long path that ended up at WotC R&D.

This puzzle appeared in *The Duelist Supplement* in May of 1994, before *Legends* was released, and features only original base set cards.

The text at the top says it all: "Your opponent is Sarah. The duel has gone back and forth with each of you taking bites out of each other's hide. You finally had the edge when Sarah took the initiative, paralyzed your **Hill Giant**, weakened your **Black Knight Clone**, and squeezed you with a **Black Vise**. Realizing that you cannot survive another attack of Sarah's creatures, you have decided to make your move. It's the beginning of your [first] main phase; defeat Sarah this turn without dying yourself."

You can click on the cards in the puzzle to see larger versions of them. The answer still works under current rules, and we'll publish that answer tomorrow!

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Sarah (Black/Green) 6 Life points remaining

You (Blue/Red) 3 Life points remaining

After losing 1 point to the Black Vise

Clone (of Black Knight)

Your Hand

Answer appears next issue.

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