Next let's examine the position in Dia. 4: White to play. Who is leading in the balance of territory this time? What should White do? Consider White A and B.



Dia. 4

Dia. 5

White has nothing to compare with Black's large territory in the upper left, so Black leads in territory at the moment. Can White even the balance by cutting at A, i.e. at 1 in Dia. 5? Black will force him through 11, then defend the lower side at 12. How do Black's and White's territories compare now? The large one White has just made on the right side is about equal to Black's large one in the upper left (count and verify if you wish), but Black's upper right corner is bigger than White's small upper-side territory, Black's left-side territory is bigger than White's left-side territory, and Black's lower side is, after 12 in Dia. 5, bigger than White's lower side. Black has a considerable lead. It seems that if White lets Black defend the lower side at 12, he cannot win.

If Black has any vulnerability in this game, it is his group in the