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Highest weight crystals describe, combinatorially, a basis for highest weight representations. The crystal $B(\infty)$ corresponds to the lower half of the quantum group. We give a model for highest weight crystals and $B(\infty)$ using rigged configurations. Moreover, we describe the *-involution on rigged configurations and the *-crystal operators. (Received February 16, 2016)