

CHECKMAYA

A LETTER FROM MAYA

The Opening is complete.
Maya has something to say...

Greenvale, Sunday 15 November

Dear fans,

Okay, so... that's it. That was **THE OPENING** – the first part of my story.

Think about how far we've come. I beat the World Champion. Then I fell for Légal's Mate like a total NPC. I stalemated a 7-year-old (sorry again, Lily). I lost seven games in a row and the newspaper said I was "in crisis". Lowkey, I was.

But I came back. I won the Greenvale Championship, started a Chess Club, built an app with Oliver, and turned 15 with the most goated party in history. Fireworks shaped like chess pieces. I'm still not over it.

The biggest thing I learned? Losing isn't the end – it's how you get better. And chess is way more fun with friends.

Thank you for reading every episode, solving the puzzles and sending your amazing fan art. You're the real main characters. No cap.

Next up: **THE MIDDLEGAME**. That's where the plans get bigger, the fights get harder... and the World Championship is waiting. Kingsley, I hope you're practising.

See you soon. Lock in.

Love,

MAYA

P.S. Zeke wants me to say "like and subscribe". We don't even have a channel, Zeke.

