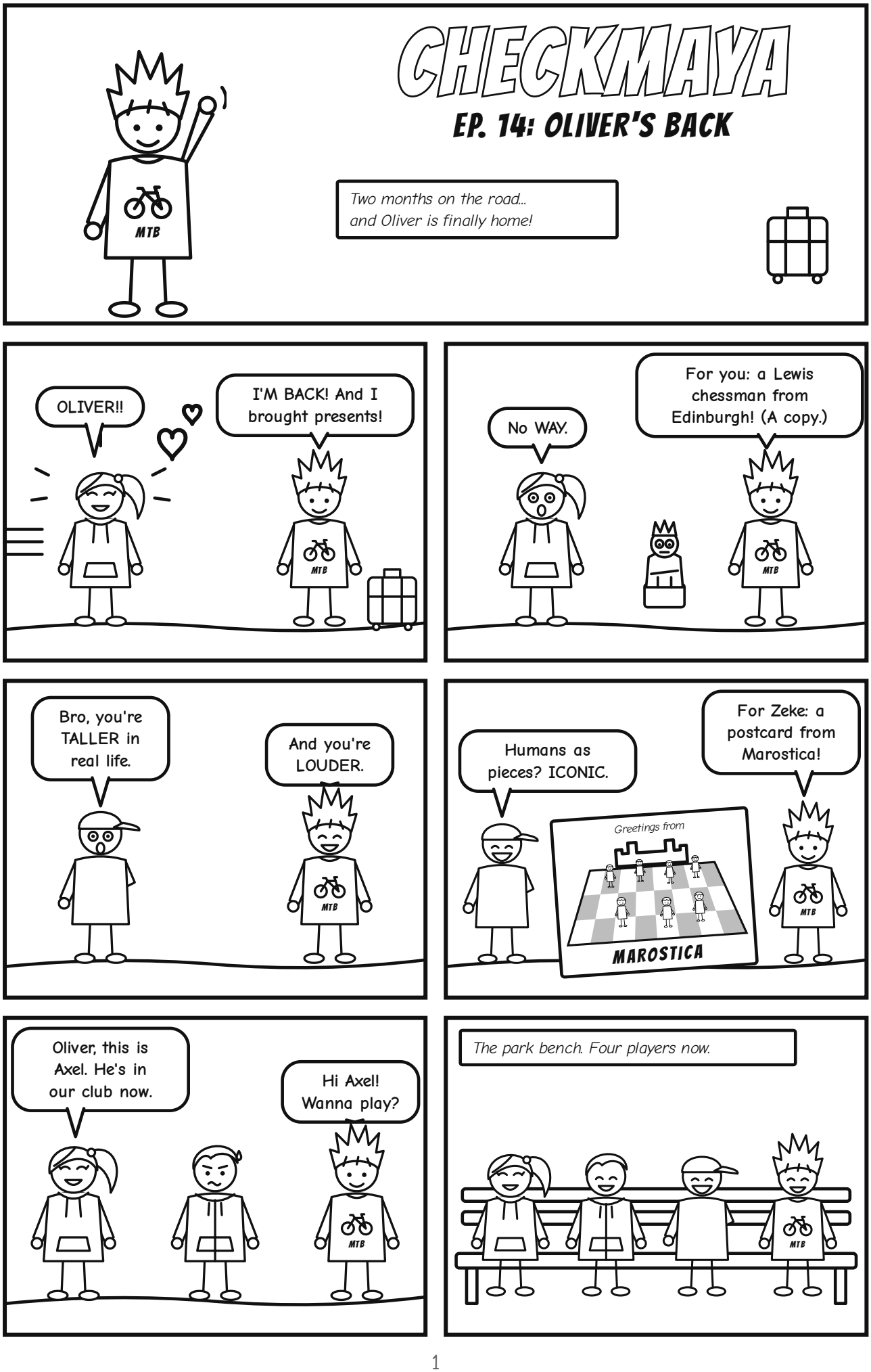
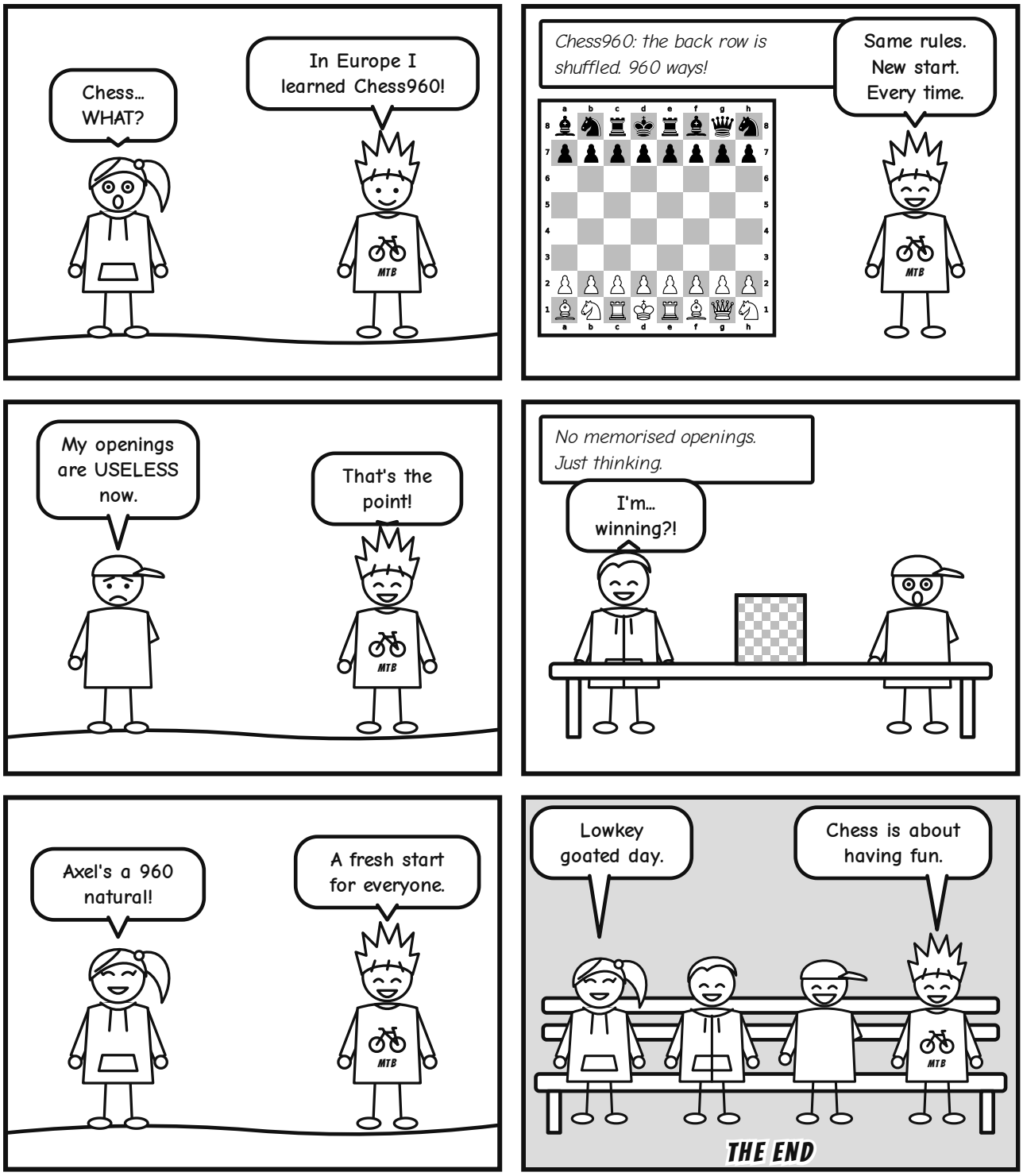

CHECKMAYA
EP. 14: OLIVER'S BACK
Two months on the road...
and Oliver is finally home!
OLIVER!!
I'M BACK! And I brought presents!
No WAY.
For you: a Lewis chessman from Edinburgh! (A copy.)
Bro, you're TALLER in real life.
And you're LOUDER.
Humans as pieces? ICONIC.
For Zeke: a postcard from Marostica!
Greetings from
MAROSTICA
Oliver, this is Axel. He's in our club now.
Hi Axel! Wanna play?
The park bench. Four players now.



REAL CHESS CORNER

Chess960 (Fischer Random): Created by former World Champion Bobby Fischer in 1996. The pawns start as normal, but the back-row pieces are shuffled, with two rules: the bishops go on opposite colours, and the king starts between the rooks. That gives 960 possible starting positions - and nobody can just memorise the opening.

Fun fact: Normal chess is one of the 960 - it's start position number 518. The one on page 2 is number 354.

Oliver's gift: It's a replica! The real Lewis chessmen are about 850 years old and live in museums in London and Edinburgh.

A fresh start is good for openings - and for people.