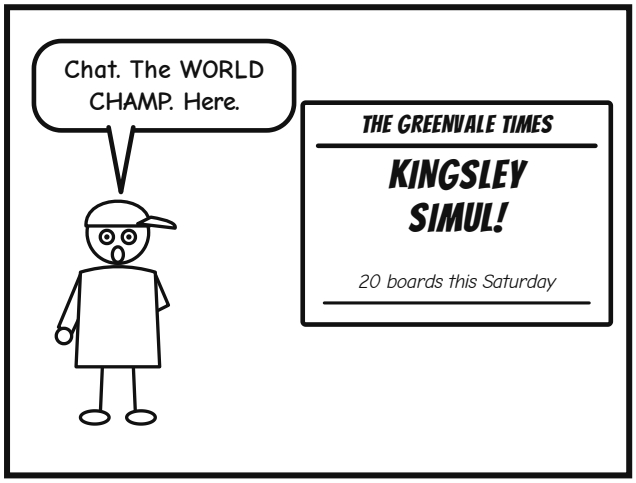
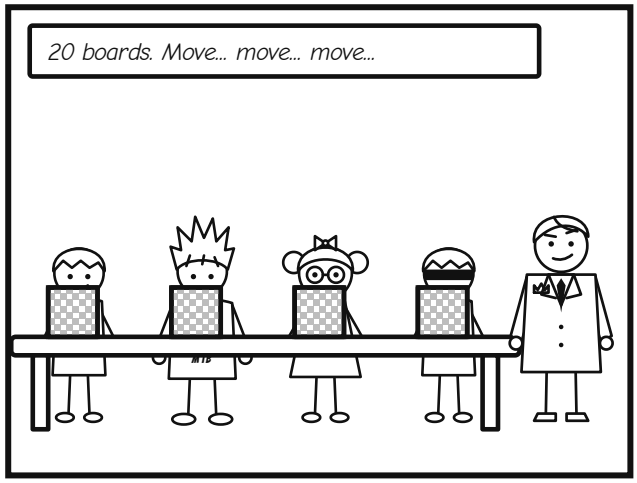
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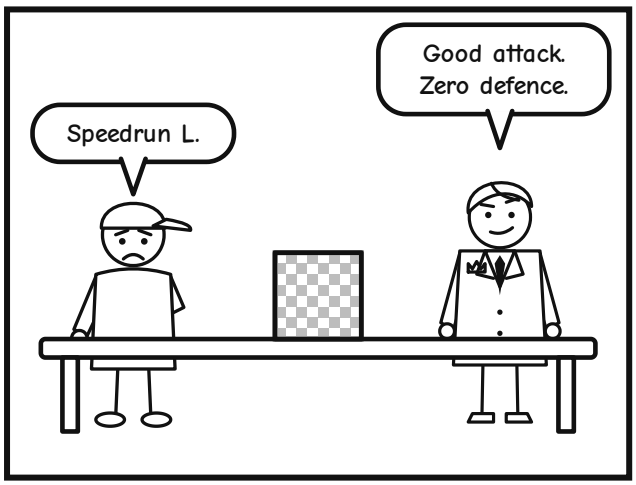
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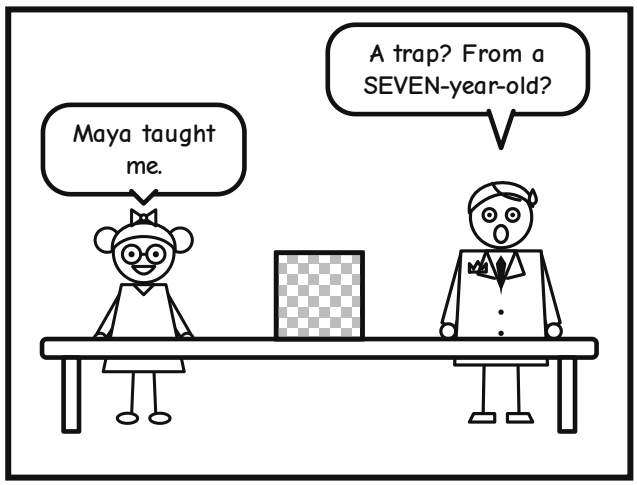


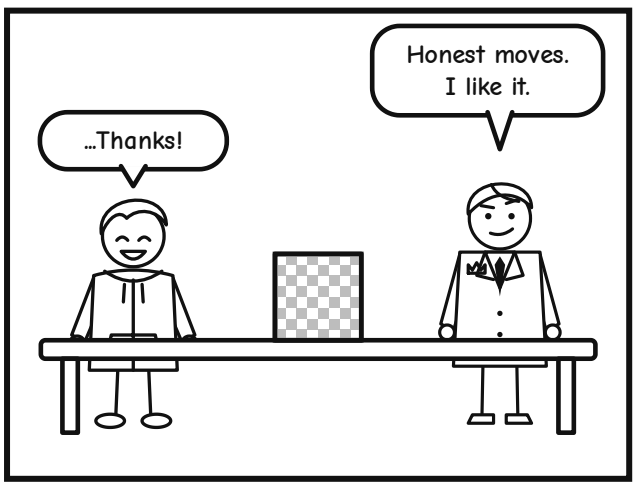
Viktor Kingsley is coming to Greenvale.
20 boards. One World Champion.

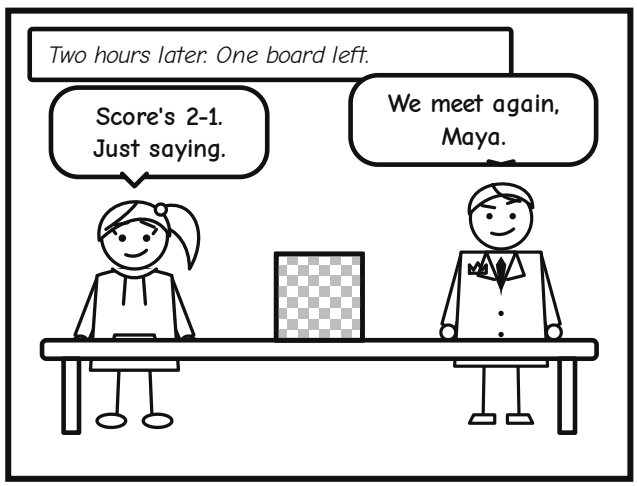


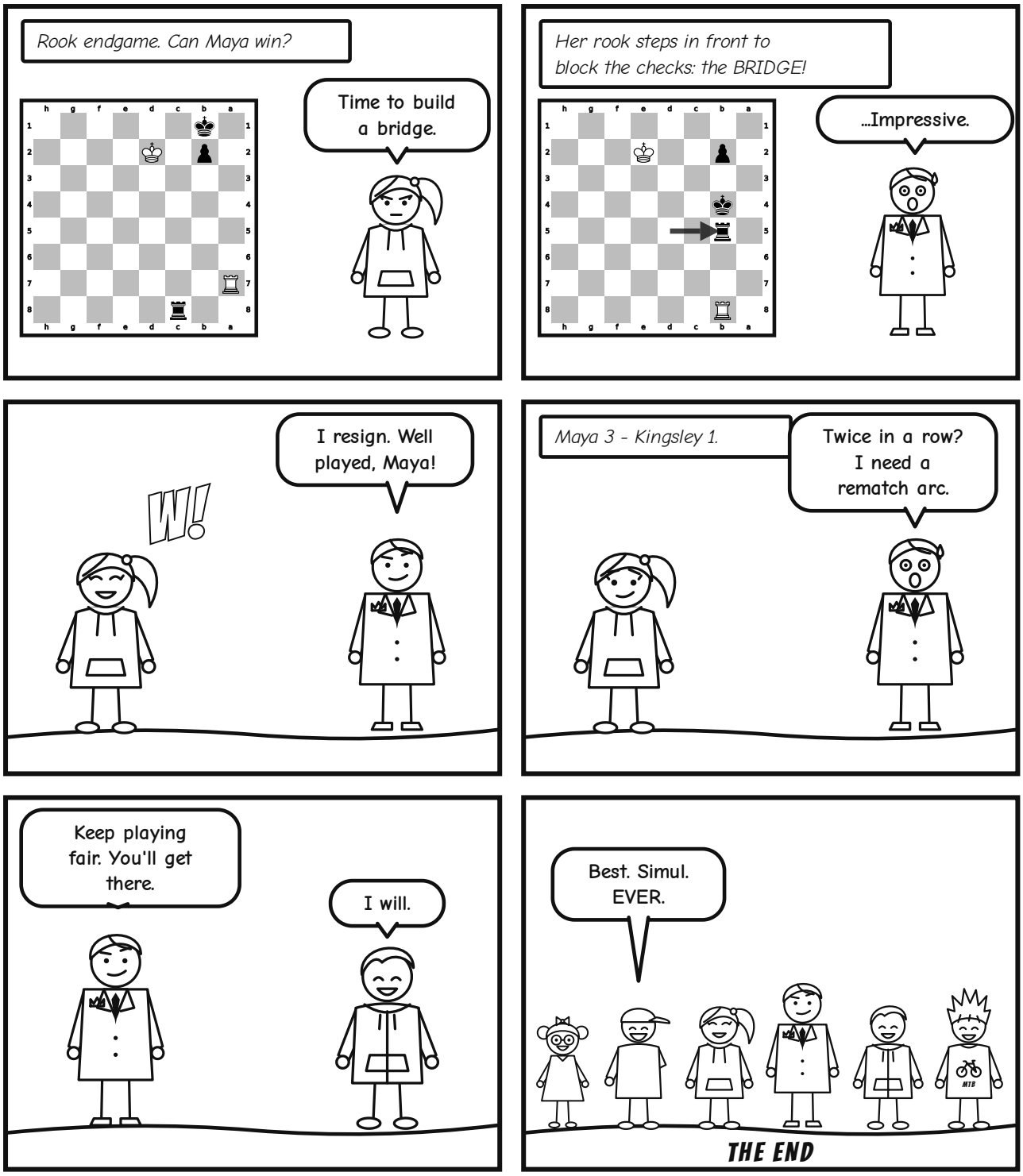












REAL CHESS CORNER

The Lucena position: A rook endgame where one side's pawn has reached the second-last rank. It's named after the Spanish writer Luis Ramírez de Lucena, although it first appeared in a book by Alessandro Salvio in 1634.

Building a bridge: Maya's moves (as Black): 1...Rd8+ 2.Ke2 Rd5 3.Ra8 Kc2 4.Rc8+ Kb3 5.Rb8+ Kc3 6.Rc8+ Kb4 7.Rb8+ Rb5. First her rook checks the white king away, then it steps up the board so it can block the checks - a bridge for her king - and the pawn will promote.

Lesson: Learn a few key endgames. They win games - even against World Champions.

Being a good sport is part of being a champion. Kingsley gets that.