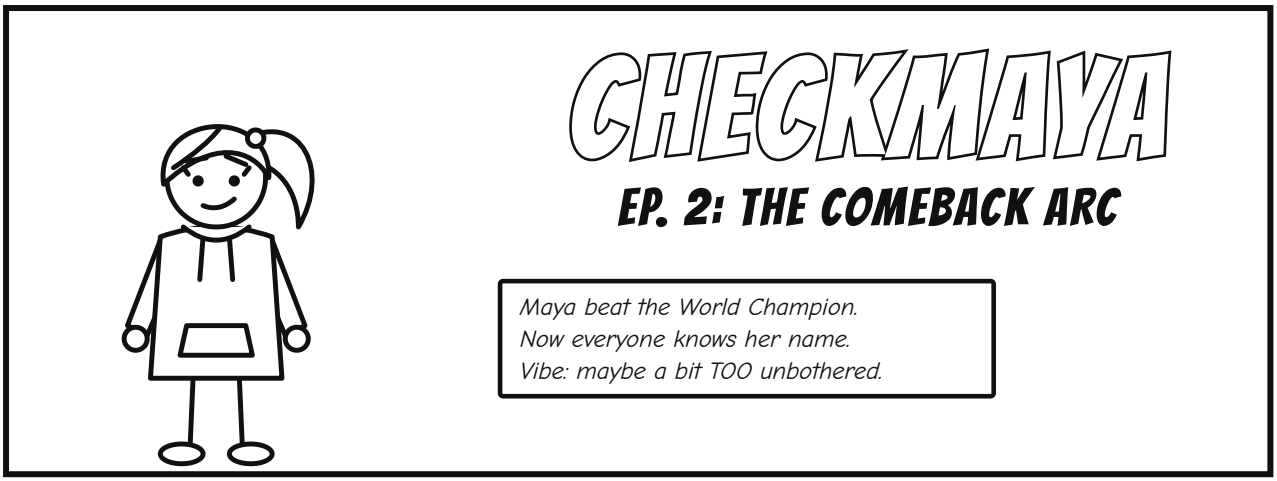
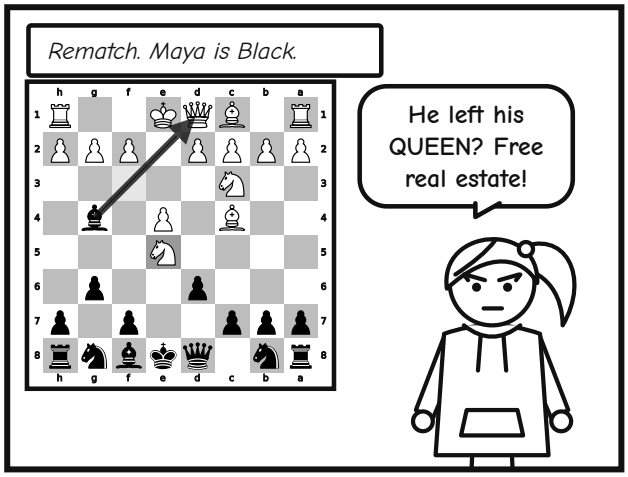
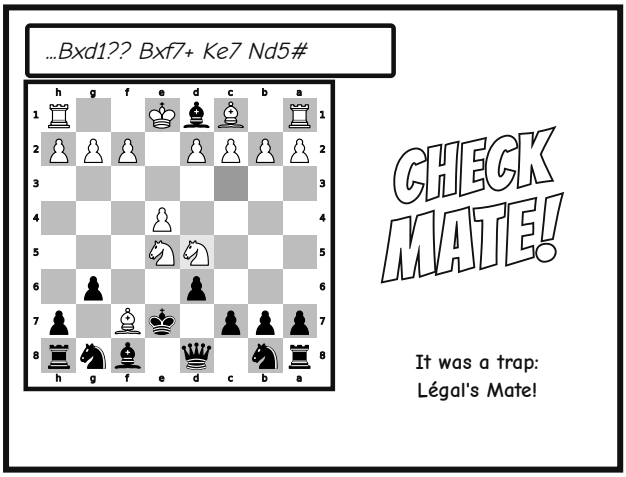
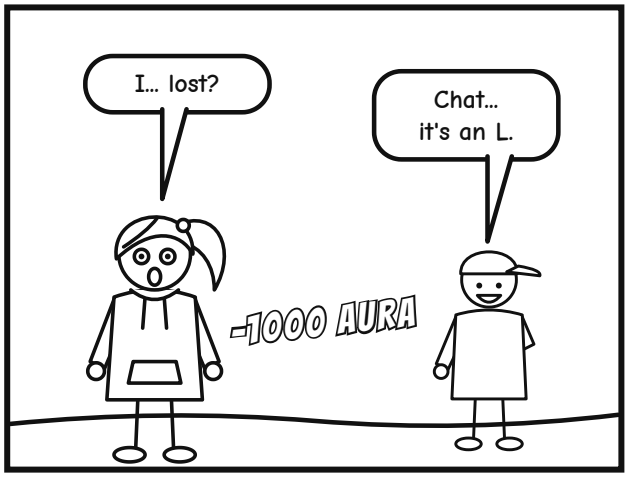
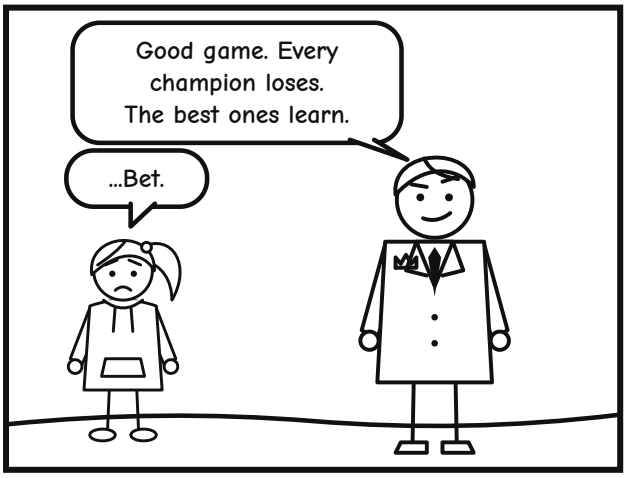

CHECKMAYA
EP. 2: THE COMEBACK ARC
Maya beat the World Champion.
Now everyone knows her name.
Vibe: maybe a bit TOO unbothered.

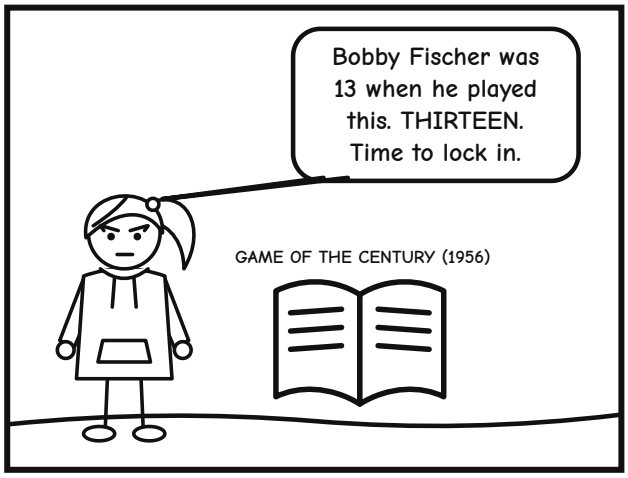

Rematch? Easy W. I could win this in my sleep.
Bestie… that's giving overconfident.

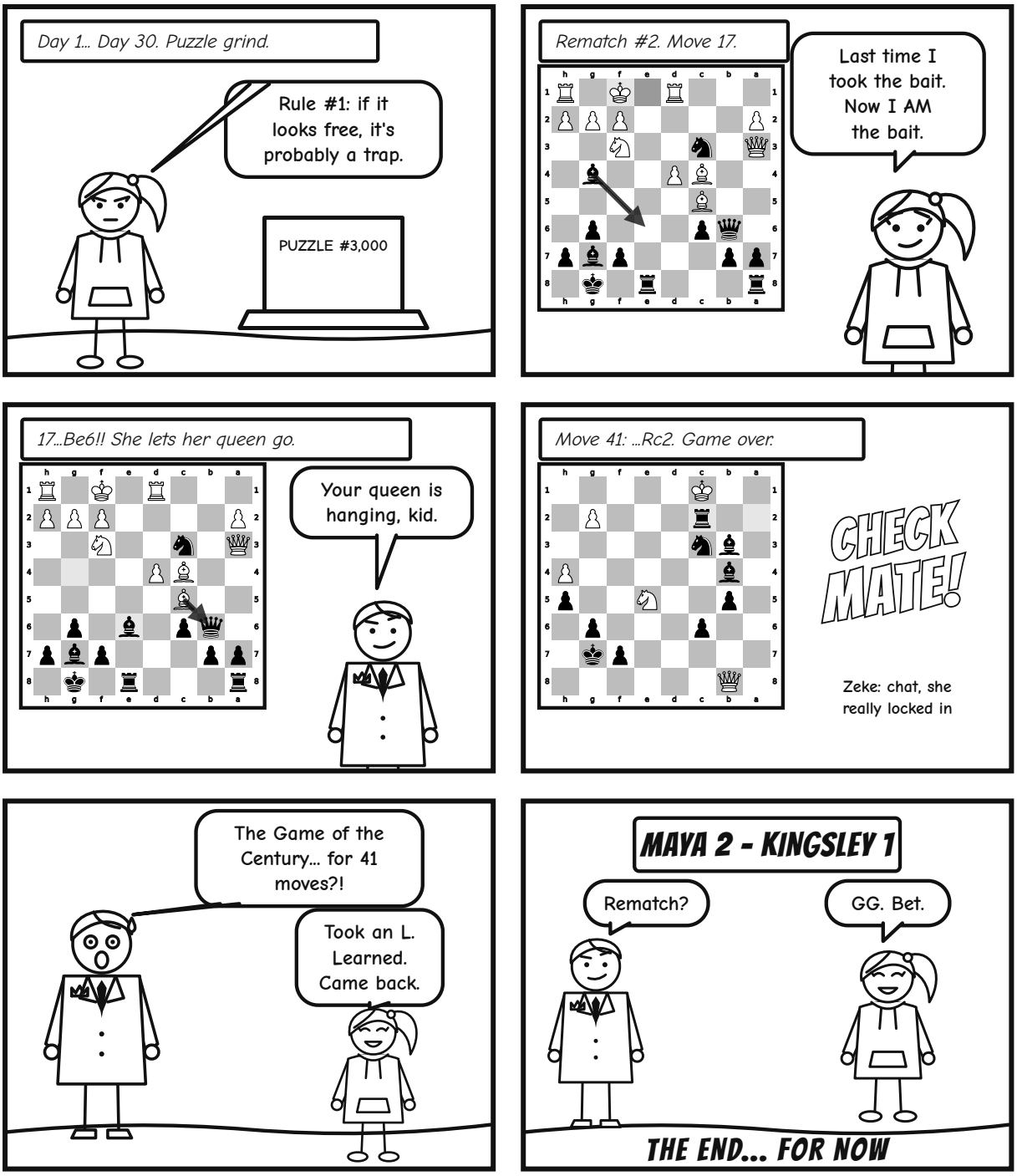

Rematch. Maya is Black.
He left his QUEEN? Free real estate!


…Bxd1?? Bxf7+ Ke7 Nd5#
CHECK MATE!
It was a trap: Légal's Mate!


I… lost?
Chat… it's an L.
-1000 AURA


Good game. Every champion loses. The best ones learn.
…Bet.


Bobby Fischer was 13 when he played this. THIRTEEN. Time to lock in.
GAME OF THE CENTURY (1956)



REAL CHESS CORNER

Every board in this comic is a real position. Set them up and play them yourself!

Légal's Mate - a famous trap named after the French master Légal (1700s): 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Bg4 4.Nc3 g6 5.Nxe5! Bxd1?? 6.Bxf7+ Ke7 7.Nd5#. *Lesson: before you grab a "free" piece, check every check and capture your opponent has next.*

The Game of the Century - Donald Byrne vs Bobby Fischer (aged 13), New York 1956: 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.d4 O-O 5.Bf4 d5 6.Qb3 dxc4 7.Qxc4 c6 8.e4 Nbd7 9.Rd1 Nb6 10.Qc5 Bg4 11.Bg5 Na4 12.Qa3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe4 14.Bxe7 Qb6 15.Bc4 Nxc3 16.Bc5 Rfe8+ 17.Kf1 Be6!! 18.Bxb6 Bxc4+ 19.Kg1 Ne2+ 20.Kf1 Nxd4+ 21.Kg1 Ne2+ 22.Kf1 Nc3+ 23.Kg1 axb6 24.Qb4 Ra4 25.Qxb6 Nxd1 26.h3 Rxa2 27.Kh2 Nxf2 28.Re1 Rxe1 29.Qd8+ Bf8 30.Nxe1 Bd5 31.Nf3 Ne4 32.Qb8 b5 33.h4 h5 34.Ne5 Kg7 35.Kg1 Bc5+ 36.Kf1 Ng3+ 37.Ke1 Bb4+ 38.Kd1 Bb3+ 39.Kc1 Ne2+ 40.Kb1 Nc3+ 41.Kc1 Rc2#

Viktor Kingsley is made up. Both games are 100% real.