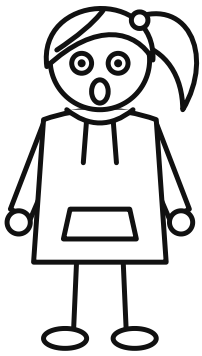
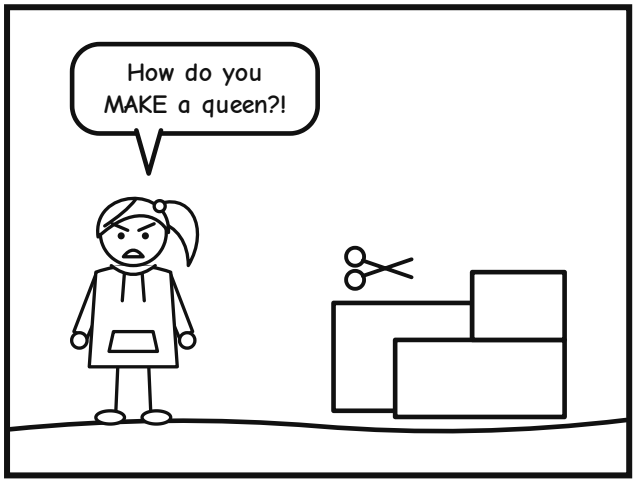
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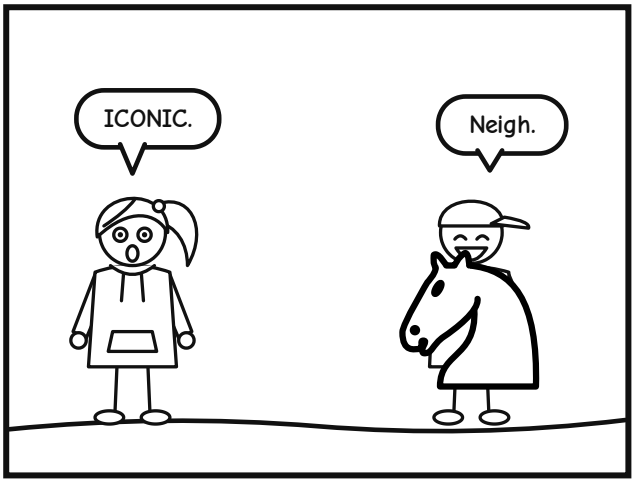
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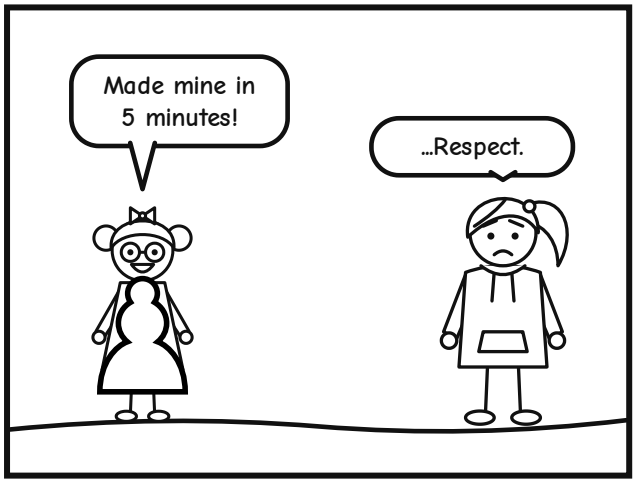


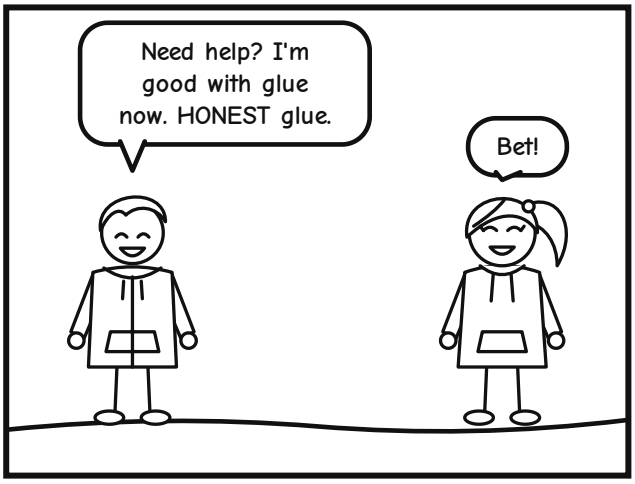
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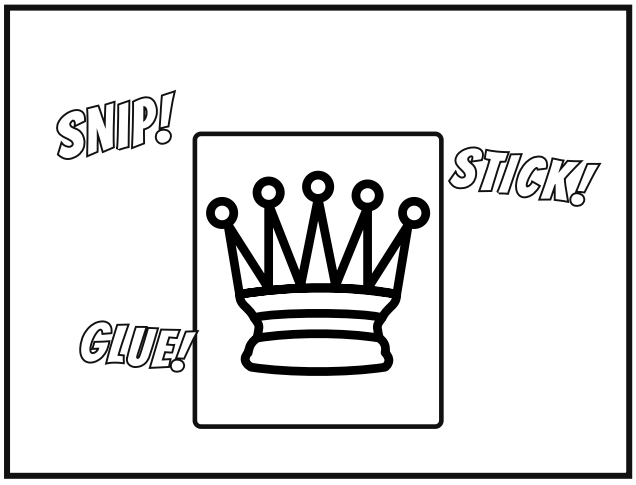


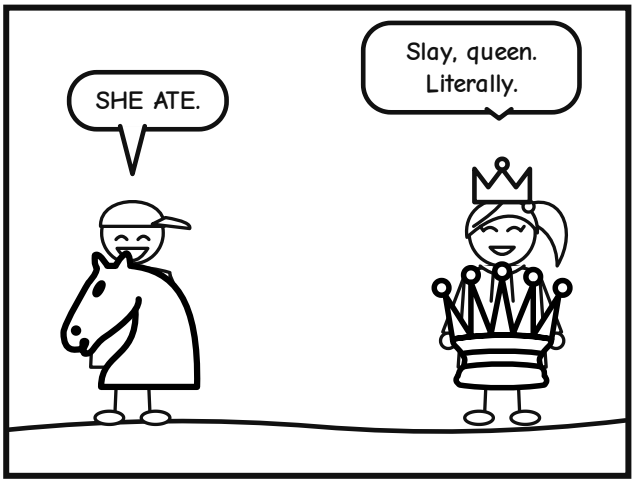


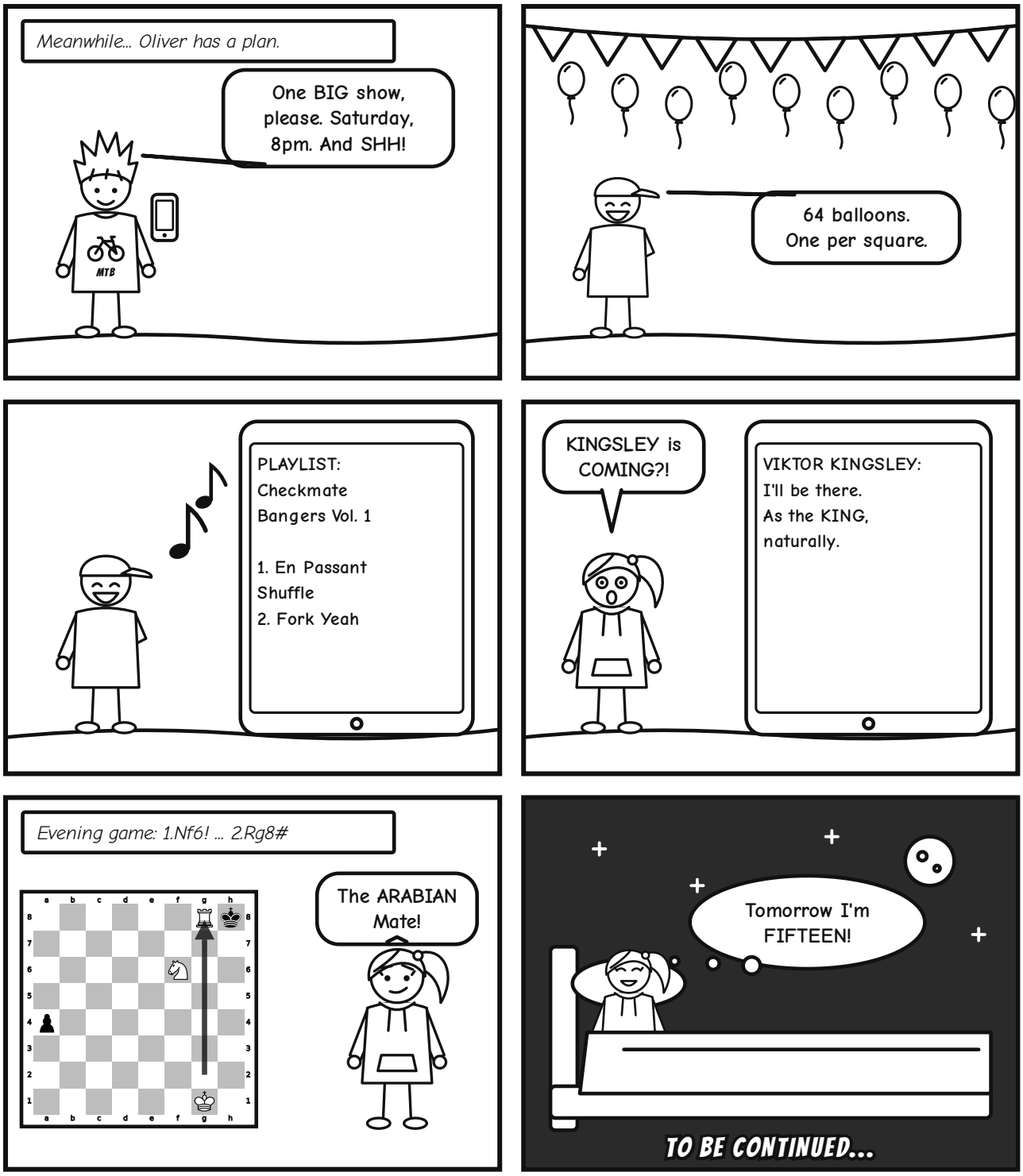






## REAL CHESS CORNER

**The Arabian Mate:** 1.Nf6! (now the knight guards g8 and h7) 1...a4 2.Rg8#. The rook gives check on g8, the knight protects it, and the king has nowhere to go: g7 and h7 are covered too.

**Over 1,000 years old:** This mating pattern appears in Arabic chess manuscripts from more than a thousand years ago - back when the queen could only move one square diagonally!

**Lesson:** Rook + knight is a dream team near a king in the corner. Bring the knight close first, then let the rook finish.

*Costumes: done. Balloons: 64. Kingsley: coming?! Oliver: suspicious...*