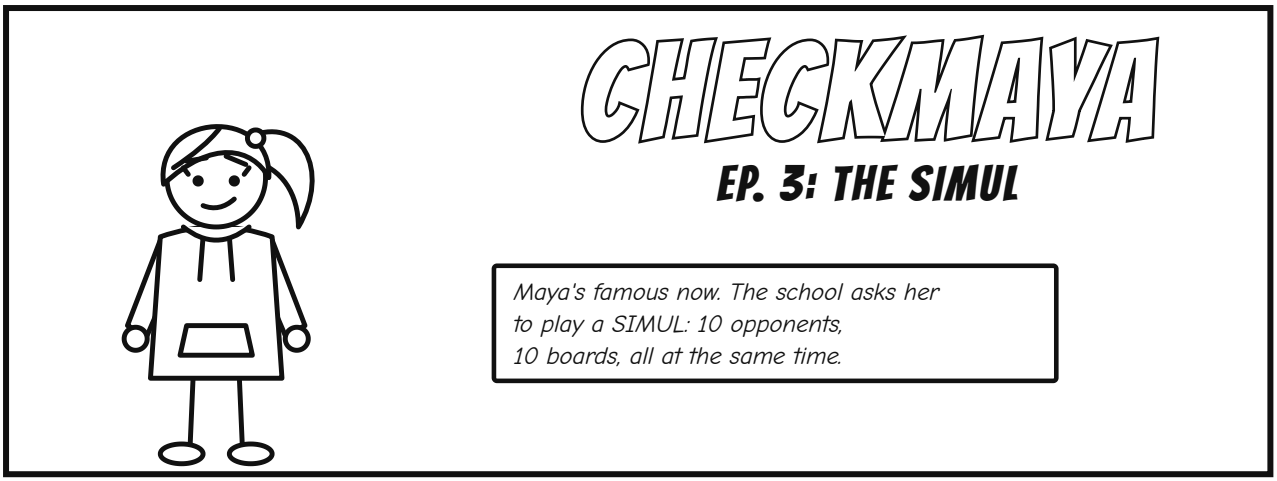
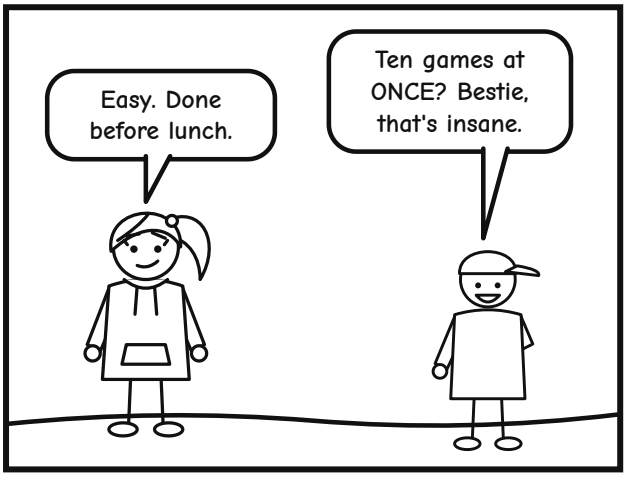
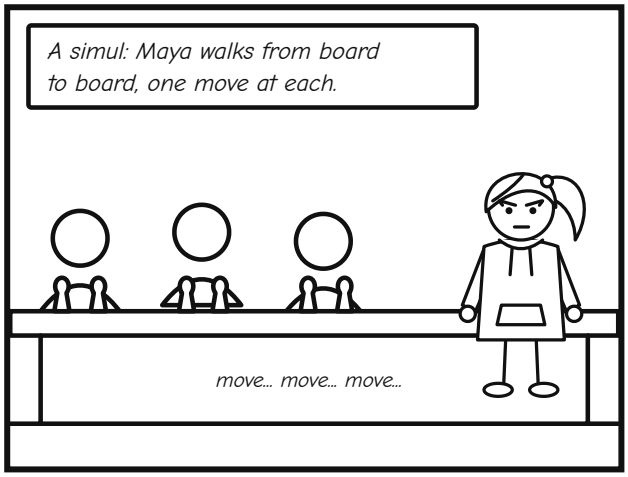
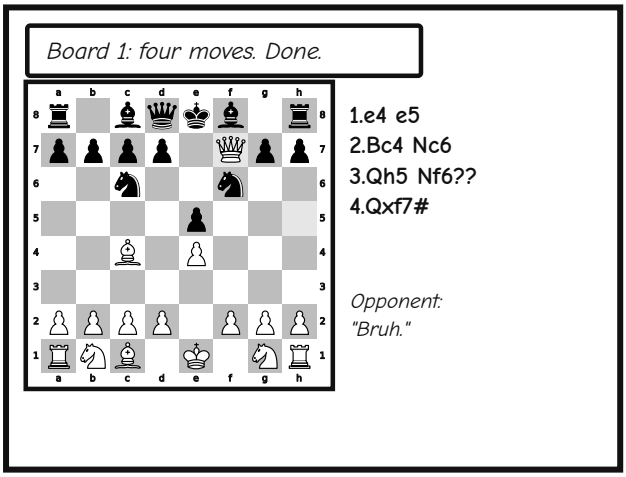
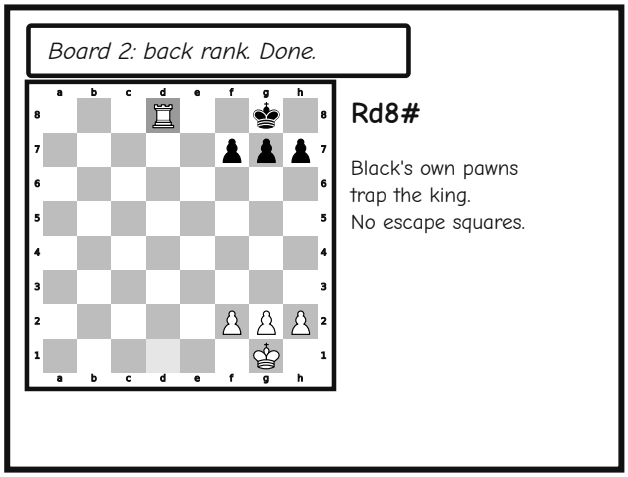
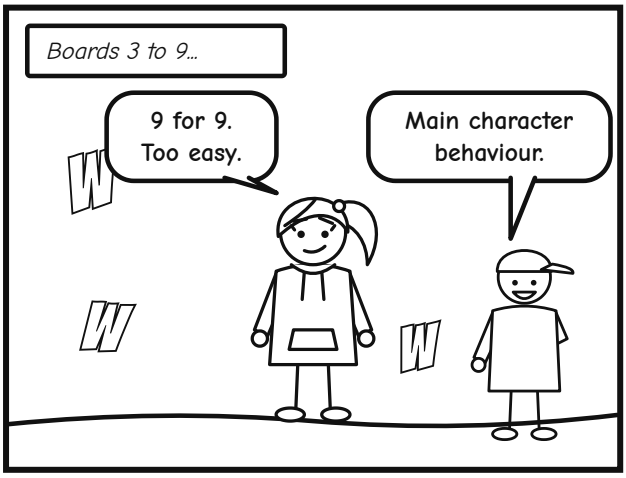

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EP. 3: THE SIMUL
Maya's famous now. The school asks her to play a SIMUL: 10 opponents, 10 boards, all at the same time.

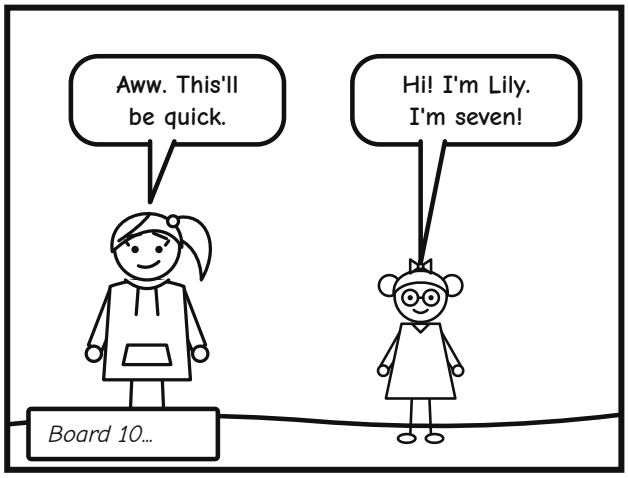

Easy. Done before lunch.
Ten games at ONCE? Bestie, that's insane.

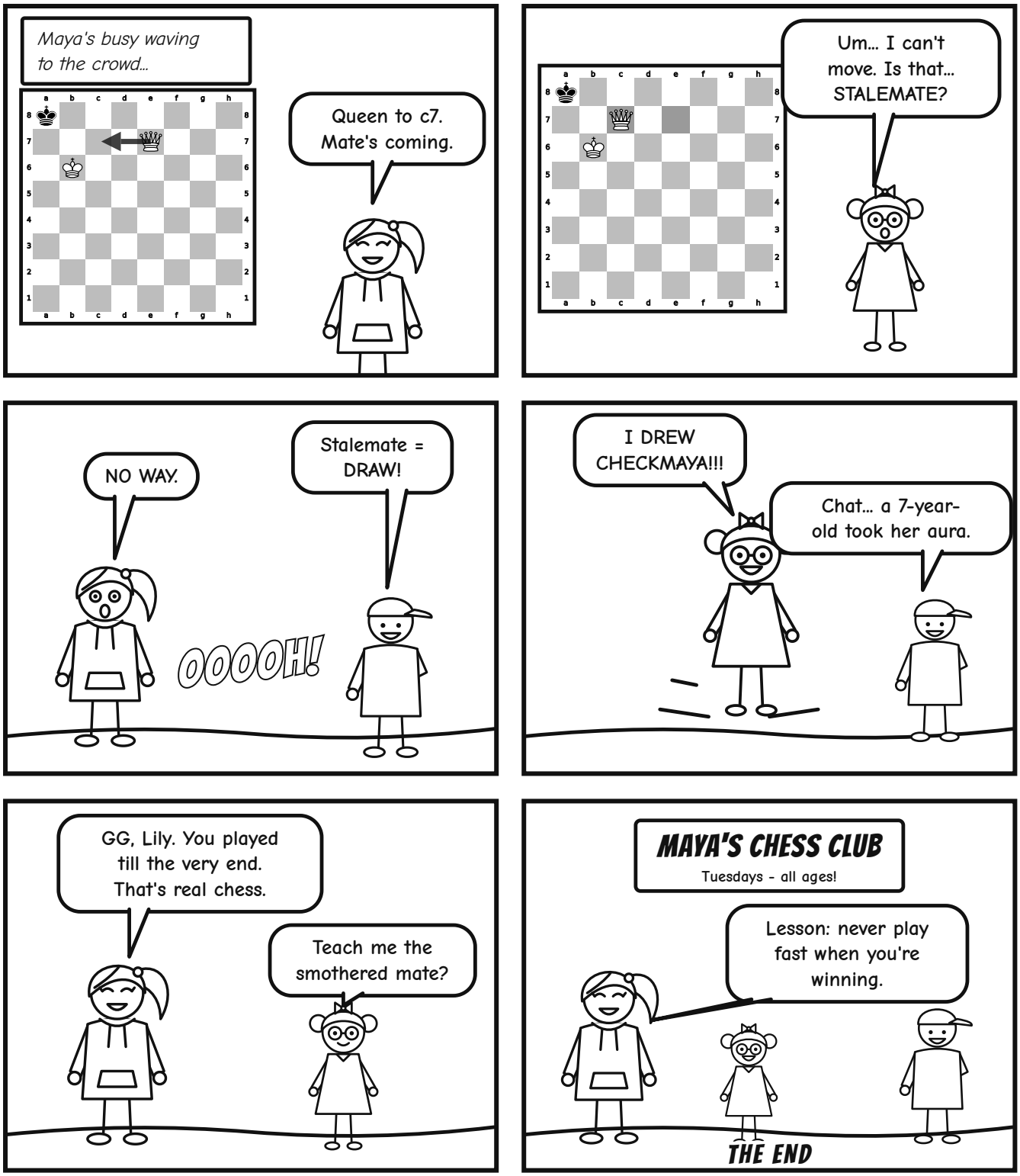

A simul: Maya walks from board to board, one move at each.
move... move... move...


Board 1: four moves. Done.
1.e4 e5
2.Bc4 Nc6
3.Qh5 Nf6??
4.Qxf7#
Opponent: "Bruh."


Board 2: back rank. Done.
Rd8#
Black's own pawns trap the king. No escape squares.


Boards 3 to 9...
9 for 9. Too easy.
Main character behaviour.
W
W
W


Aww. This'll be quick.
Hi! I'm Lily. I'm seven!
Board 10...




## REAL CHESS CORNER

**Board 1 - Scholar's Mate:** 1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.Qh5 Nf6?? 4.Qxf7#. Defend with 3...g6 or 3...Qe7 instead.

**Board 2 - Back-rank mate:** Rd8# - Black's own pawns on f7, g7 and h7 trap the king. Tip: give your king an escape square (a "luft"), like ...h6.

**Board 10 - Stalemate:** if the player to move is NOT in check but has no legal moves, the game is a draw. Maya's Qc7?? did exactly that. Qe8#, Qd8#, Qb7# or Qa7# would all have been checkmate!

*Simul = simultaneous exhibition: one strong player against lots of opponents at once.*