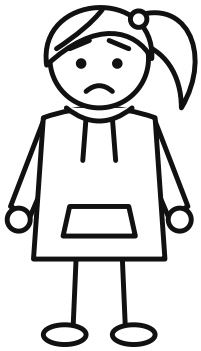
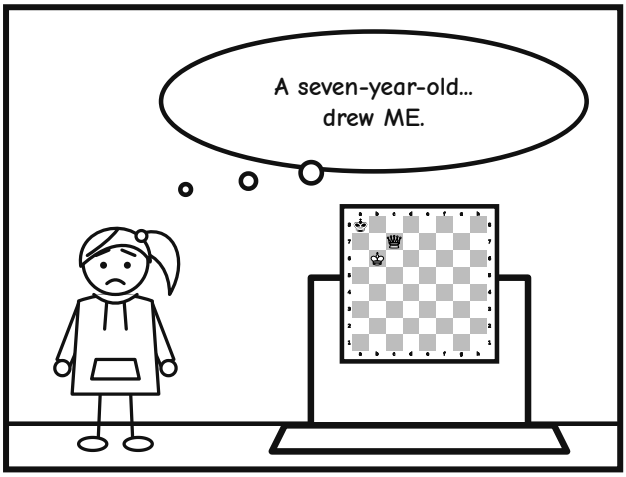
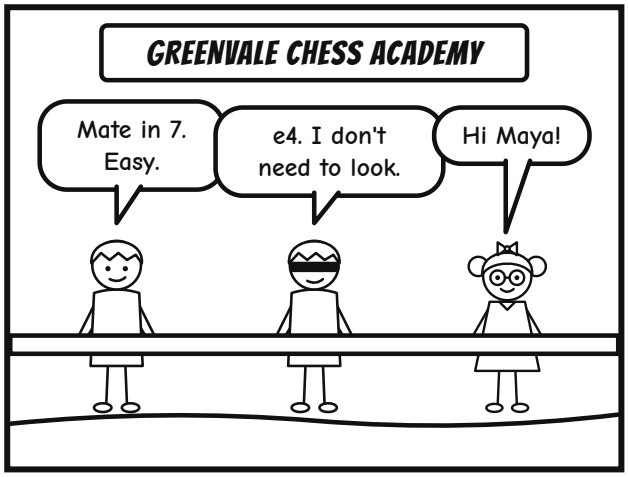
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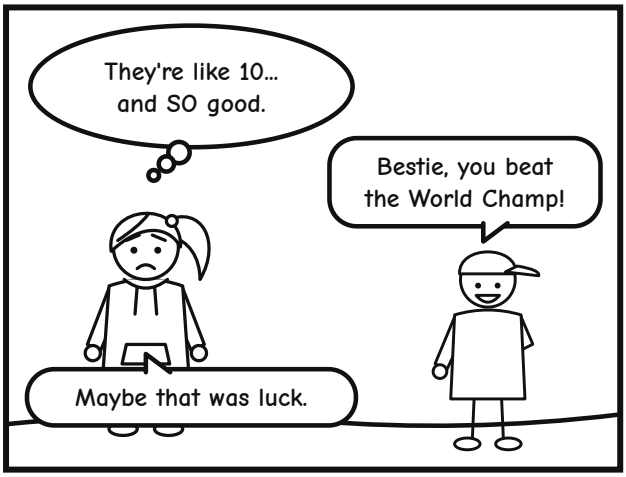
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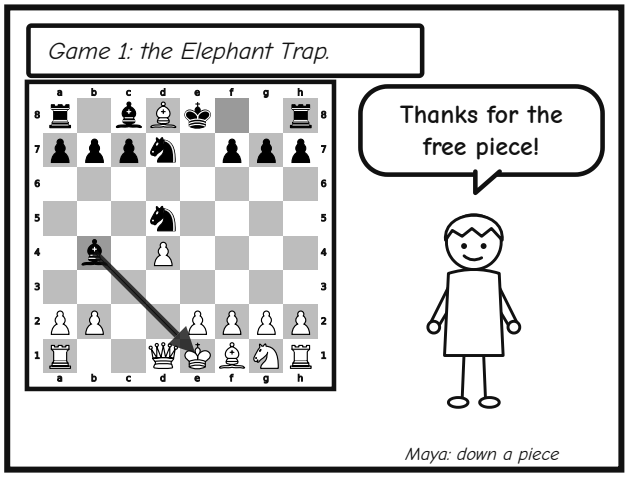


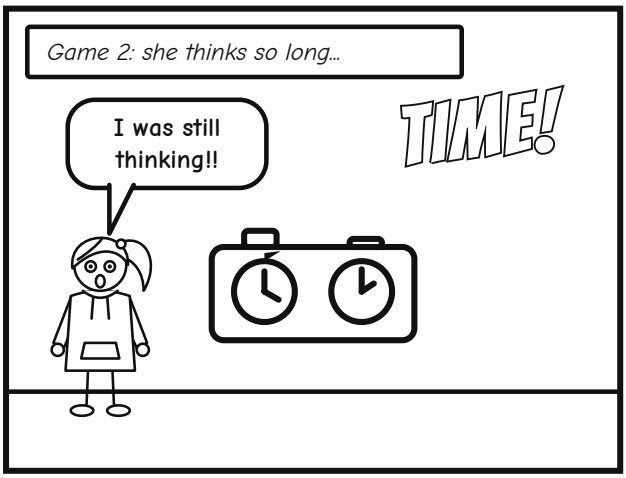
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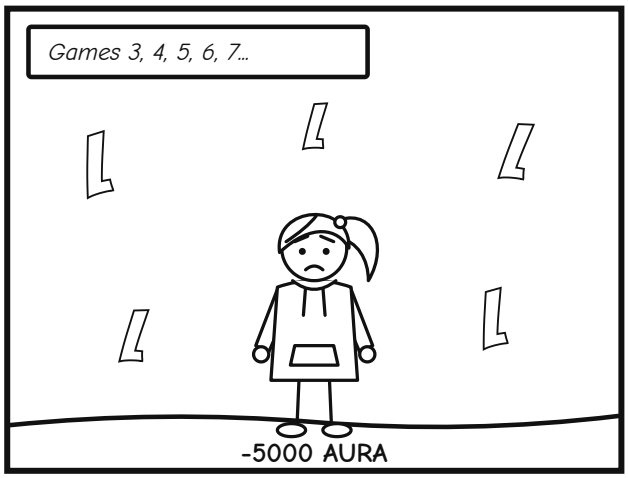


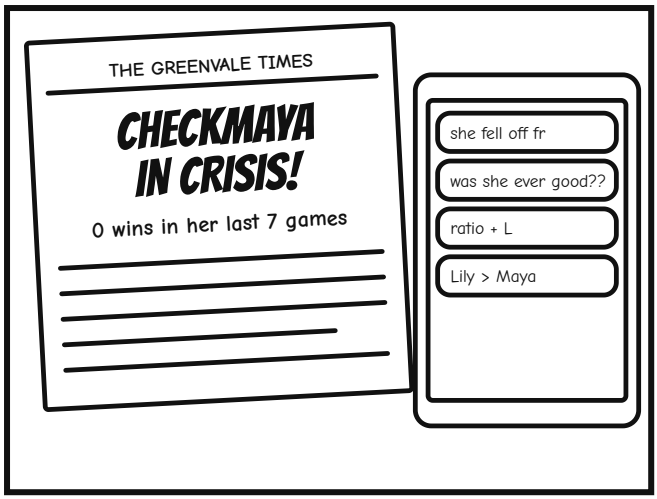


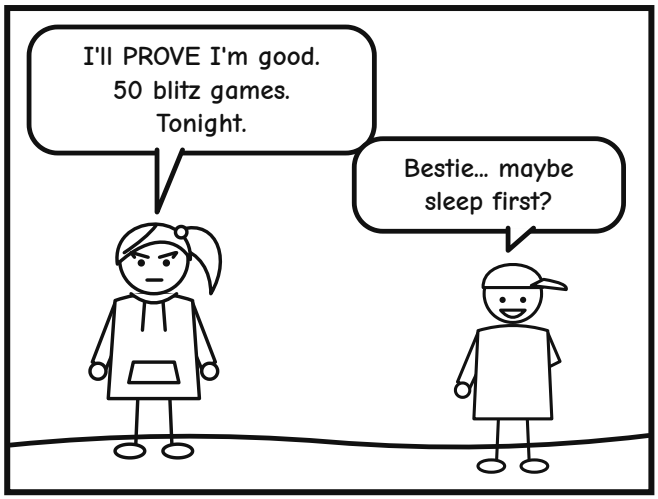


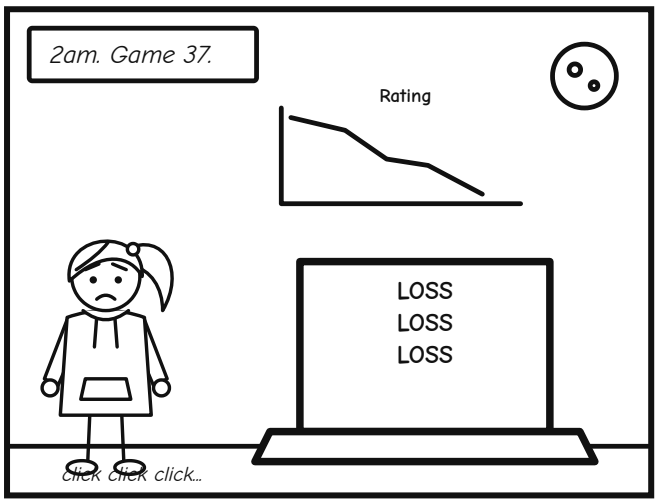


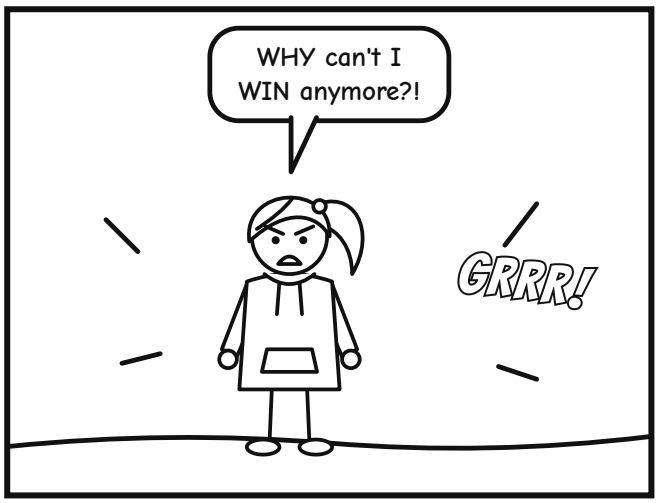


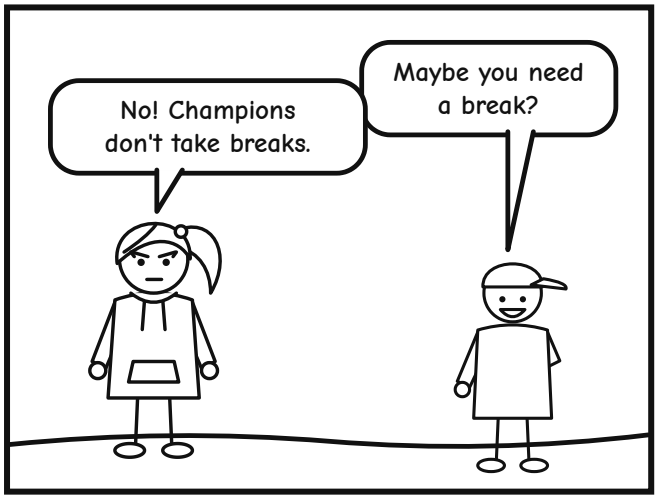


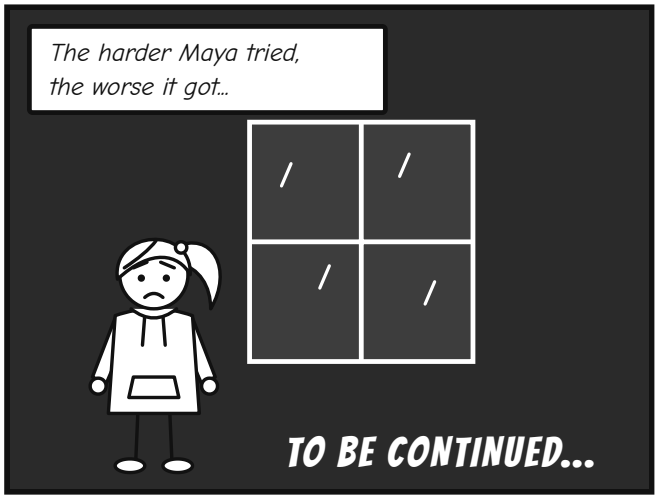












REAL CHESS CORNER: THE ELEPHANT TRAP

A real trap in the Queen's Gambit Declined: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Nxd5?? Nxd5! 7.Bxd8 Bb4+ 8.Qd2 Bxd2+ 9.Kxd2 Kxd8.

White thinks the knight on f6 is pinned to the queen, so 6.Nxd5 looks like a free pawn. But it isn't - after Bb4+ Black gets the queen back and ends up a whole piece ahead.

Lesson: when a pawn looks free, ask why. Maya's story continues in Part 2...