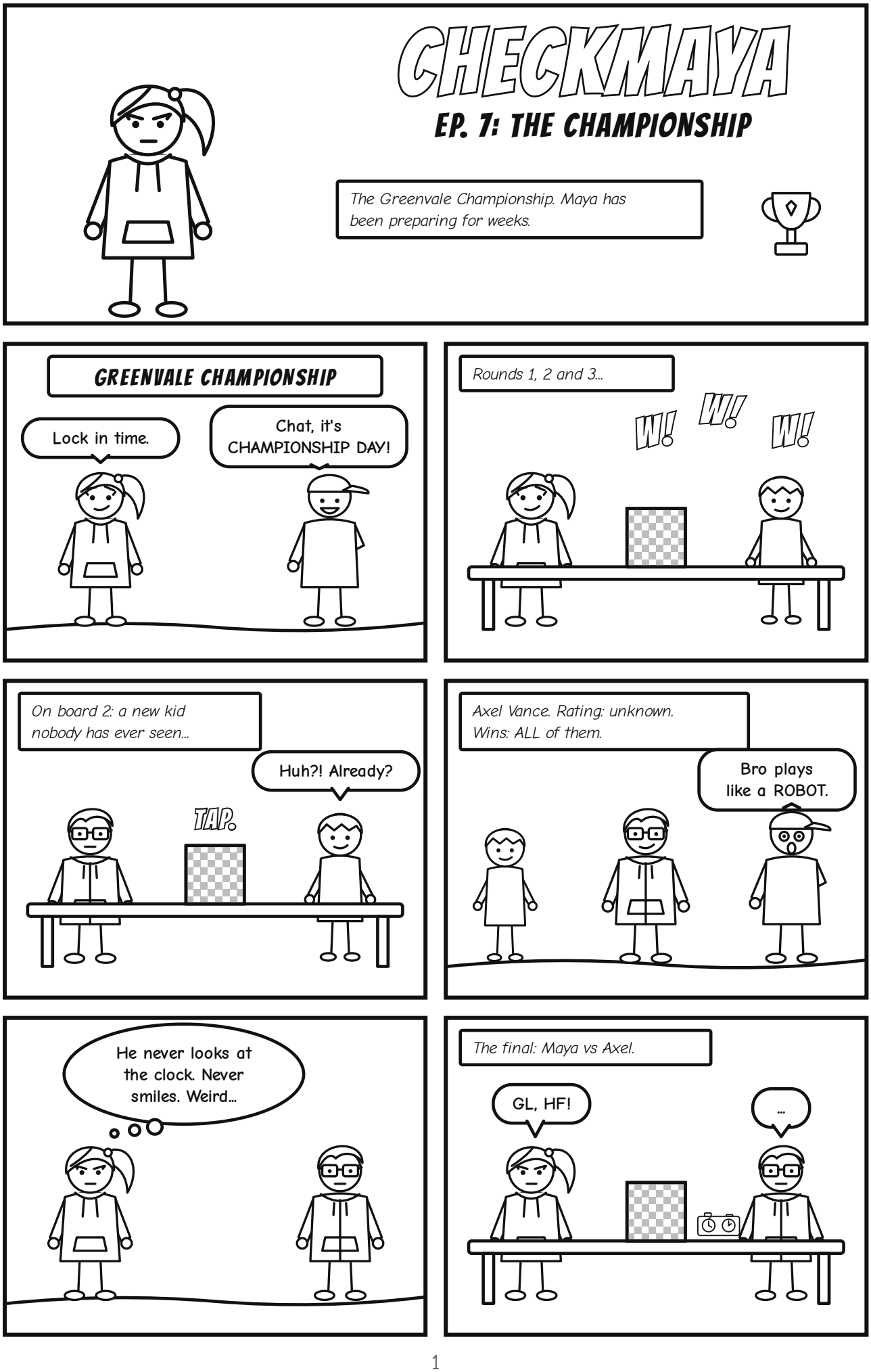
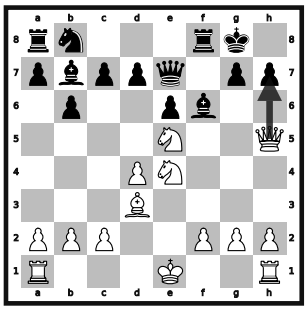
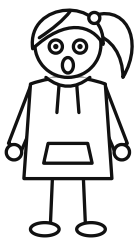

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EP. 7: THE CHAMPIONSHIP
The Greenvale Championship. Maya has been preparing for weeks.
GREENVALE CHAMPIONSHIP
Lock in time.
Chat, it's CHAMPIONSHIP DAY!
Rounds 1, 2 and 3...
W!
W!
W!
On board 2: a new kid nobody has ever seen...
Huh?! Already?
TAP.
Axel Vance. Rating: unknown. Wins: ALL of them.
Bro plays like a ROBOT.
He never looks at the clock. Never smiles. Weird...
The final: Maya vs Axel.
GL, HF!
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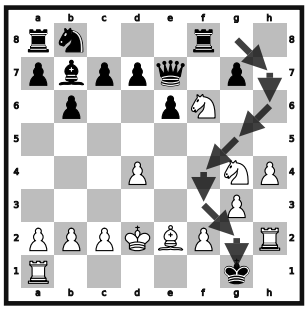
Move 11: he plays Qxh7+!! in THREE seconds.



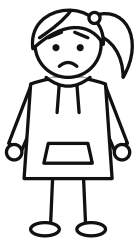
He sacked his QUEEN?!



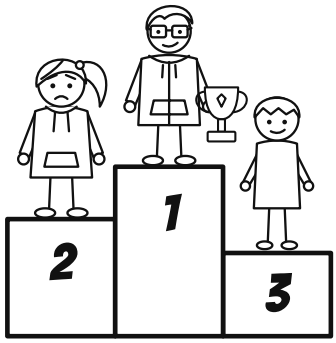
Her king gets chased across the WHOLE board...



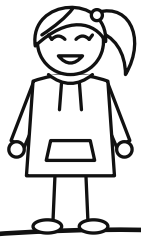
CHECK MATE.



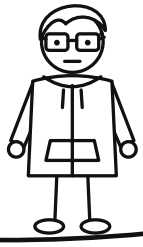
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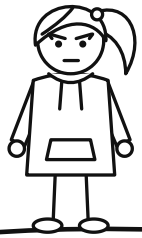
GG! Wanna analyse?



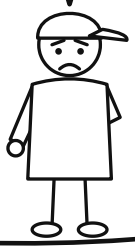
No time.



It's not that...



Second place is still goated, bestie.



Something is WEIRD about him...



THE GREENVALE TIMES

MYSTERY KID WINS TITLE

Who is Axel Vance?

TO BE CONTINUED...

REAL CHESS CORNER

Edward Lasker vs George Thomas, London 1912: 1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 f5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Bxf6 Bxf6 6.e4 fxe4 7.Nxe4 b6 8.Ne5 O-O 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.Qh5 Qe7 11.Qxh7+!! Kxh7 12.Nxf6+ Kh6 13.Neg4+ Kg5 14.h4+ Kf4 15.g3+ Kf3 16.Be2+ Kg2 17.Rh2+ Kg1 18.Kd2#. One of the most famous king hunts ever: the black king walks from g8 all the way to g1!

Why it works: After the queen sacrifice, almost every White move is a check, so Black never gets time to defend. The king is dragged out of its shelter and into White's camp. (Some books give the last move as 18.O-O-O# - that's mate too.)

Lesson: Count the checks! A long run of checks can be worth more than a queen - so keep some defenders near your king.

Second place at a championship is still a big W. But Maya can't shake a funny feeling...

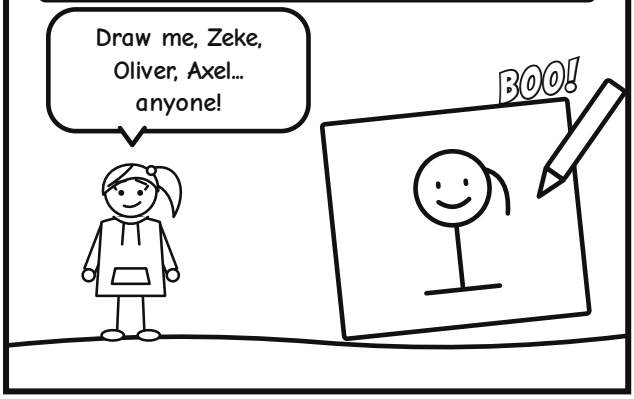
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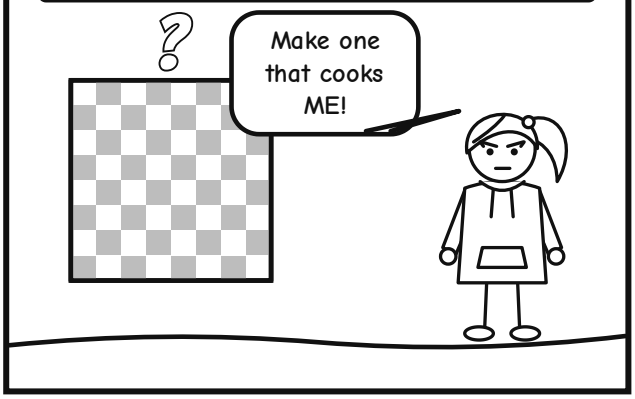
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HALLOWEEN FAN ART & PUZZLE COMPETITION

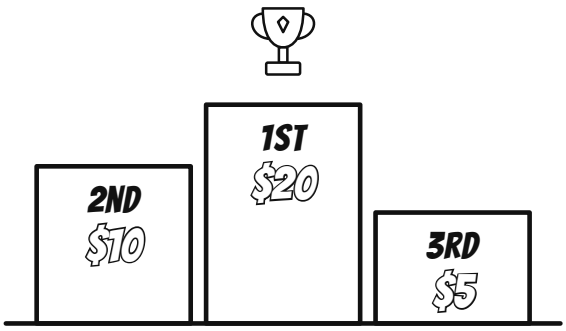
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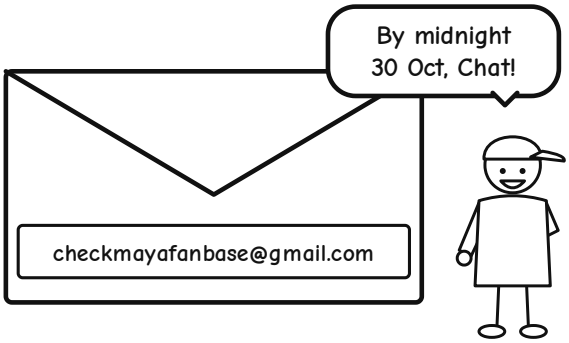
CATEGORY 2: BEST CHESS PUZZLE



PRIZES - IN BOTH CATEGORIES!



SEND YOUR ENTRY TO



HOW TO ENTER

Fan Art: draw Maya, Zeke, Kingsley, Lily, Oliver, Axel - anyone from Checkmaya. Spooky Halloween vibes are a big W.

Best Chess Puzzle: make your own chess puzzle (like "White to play and mate in 2") and send the solution too.

Prizes: 1st $20, 2nd $10 and 3rd $5 - in BOTH categories.

Send to: checkmayafanbase@gmail.com - one entry per fan, please!

Deadline: midnight, Friday 30 October. Winners will be announced on Halloween!

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