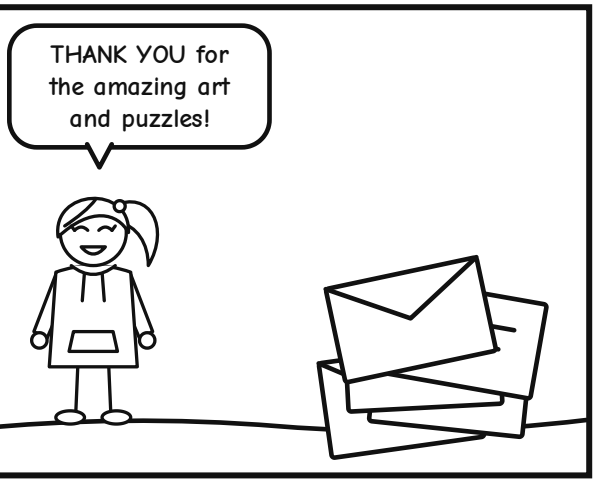


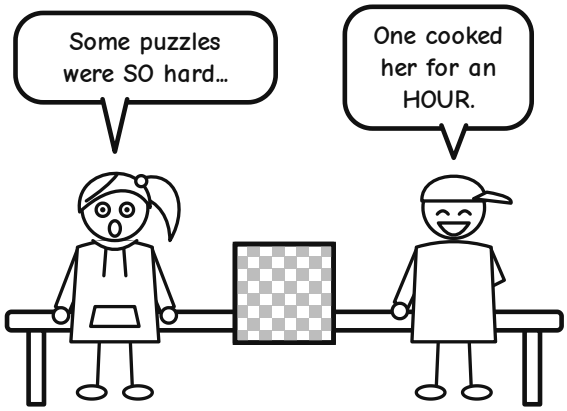
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## HALLOWEEN SPECIAL: THE RESULTS

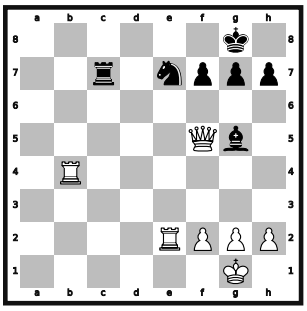
*The Halloween fan art and puzzle competition results are in!*






### BEST PUZZLE - 3RD PLACE



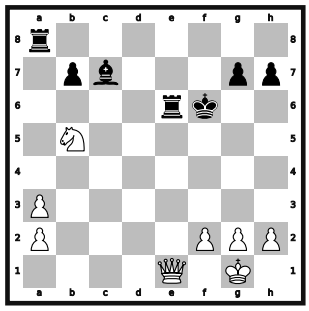
**JACK, 12**

White to play

**MATE IN 3**

**$5**

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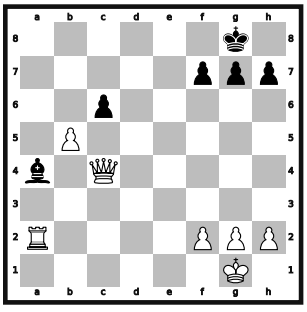
**OLLIE, 12**

White to play

**2 MOVES TO DOMINANCE**

**$10**

### BEST PUZZLE - 1ST PLACE



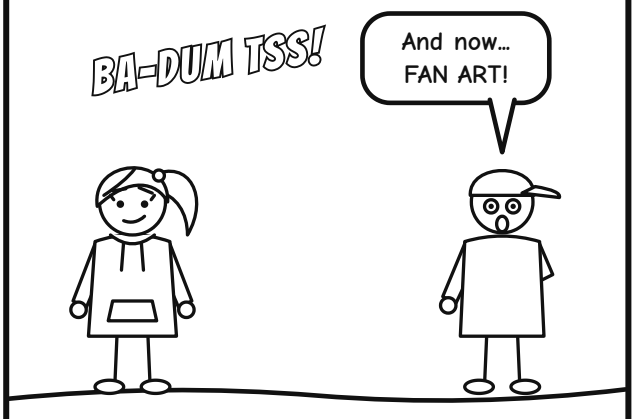
**LACHLAN, 14**

White to play

**MATE IN 4**

**$20**







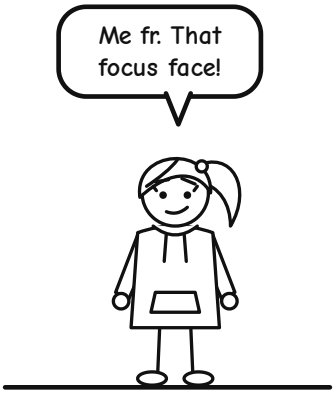
FAN ART

## 3RD PLACE

**Ruby, 11**

*"Focus Mode"*

$5






FAN ART

## 2ND PLACE

**Cooper, 12**

*"Teamwork"*

$10






FAN ART

## 1ST PLACE

**Matilda, 13**

*"Zeke vs the Evil Queen"*

$20




## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

**Jack's puzzle (mate in 3):** 1.Rb8+! Rc8 2.Rxc8+ Nxc8 3.Re8#. (If 1...Nc8, then 2.Re8# straight away.) White's rooks pull Black's defenders off the back rank one by one.

**Ollie's puzzle (2 moves to dominance):** 1.Qxe6+!! - give up the queen for the rook, with check! After 1...Kxe6, 2.Nxc7+ forks the king and the a8-rook, and 3.Nxa8 leaves White a whole knight up. (If 1...Kg5, White is simply a rook up.)

**Lachlan's puzzle (mate in 4):** 1.Rxa4! threatens 2.Ra8#. 1...Kf8 2.Qc5+ Ke8 3.Ra7!! Kd8 4.Qf8#. Against 1...h6, 1...h5 or 1...g5, it's 2.Ra7! too - the quiet rook move to the 7th rank is the secret. Against 1...g6, it's 2.Qd4! (threatening Qh8#) Kf8 3.Ra7 Kg8 4.Ra8#. This one cooked us for an HOUR.

*Thank you to EVERY fan who entered - you're all goated. Love from Checkmaya*