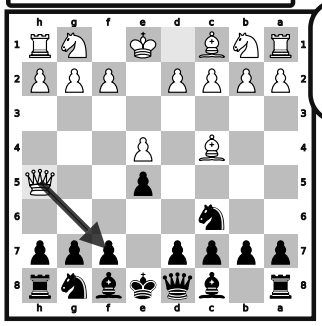


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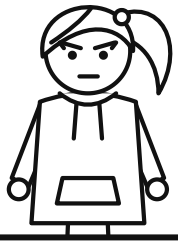
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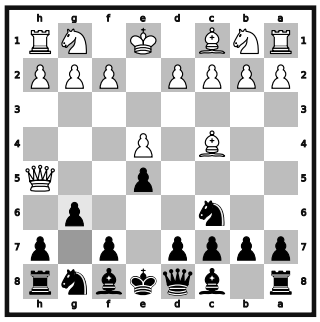
Maya, 14. Chess rating: goated.
Goal: beat World Champion Viktor Kingsley.
Vibe: unbothered.

2am. Online blitz.

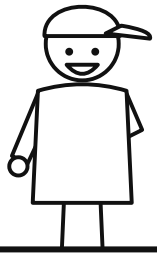


Bro is going for the 4-move mate. That's so Ohio.



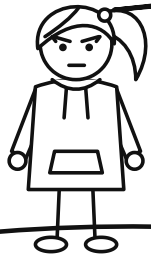


Chat, the queen got sent home. +1000 AURA



...g6. Blocked.

Paul Morphy beat a duke AND a count at the opera. In 17 moves. Lowkey sigma.



THE OPERA GAME (1858)

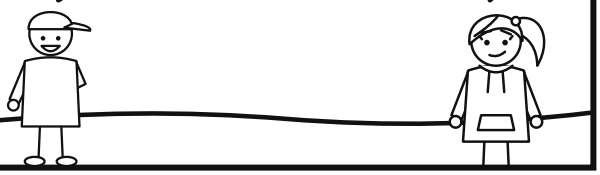


CITY OPEN

Winner plays
WORLD CHAMPION
VIKTOR KINGSLEY
(live, on stage)

Villain arc?

Hero arc. Bet.

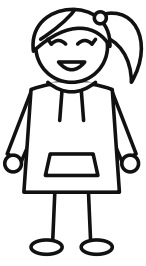


Round after round...

W

W

W

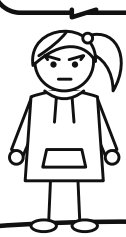


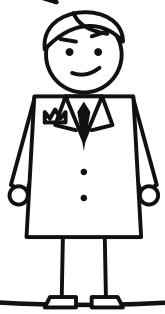


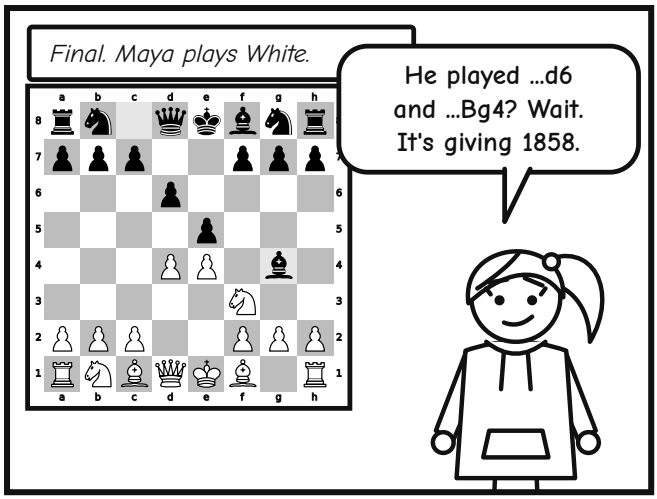
I'm cooked.

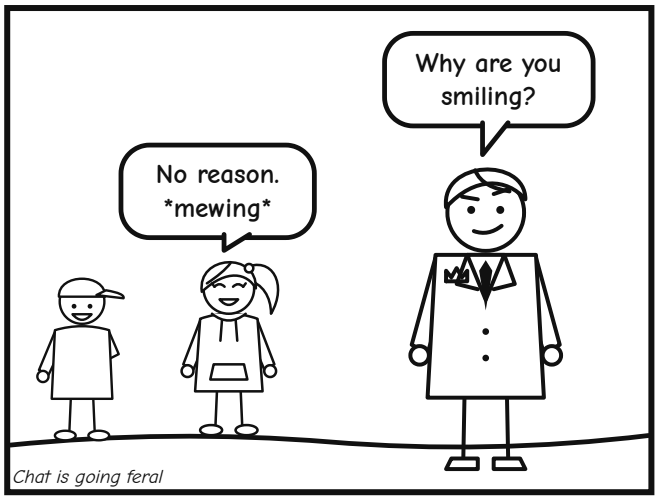
A child? This will be over in ten moves.

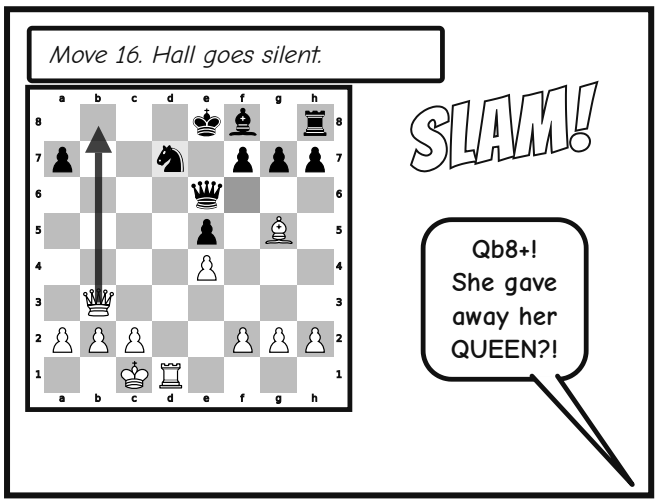
Say less.

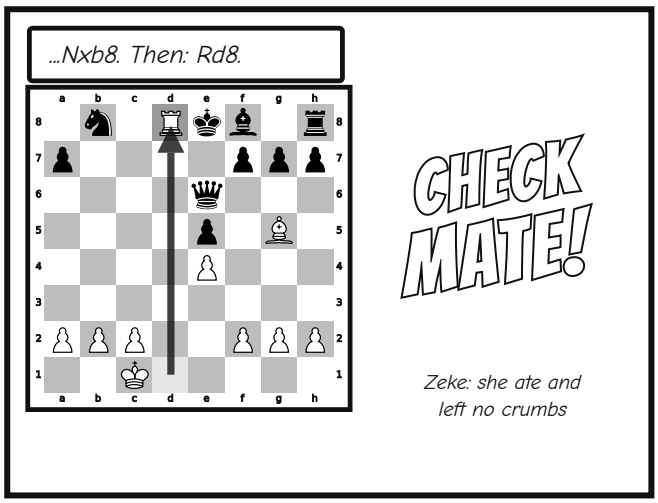


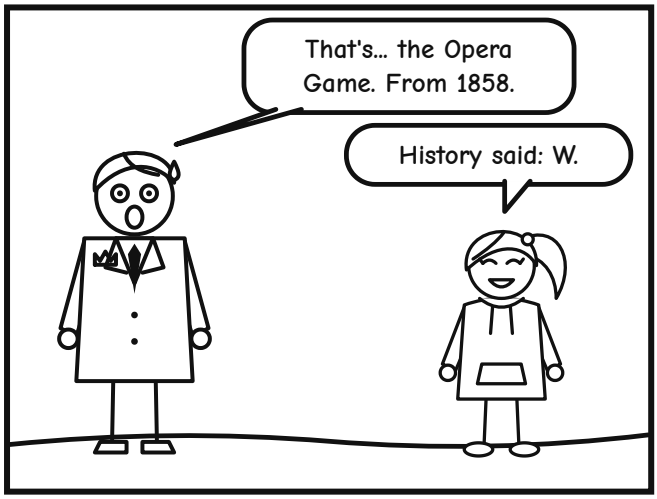


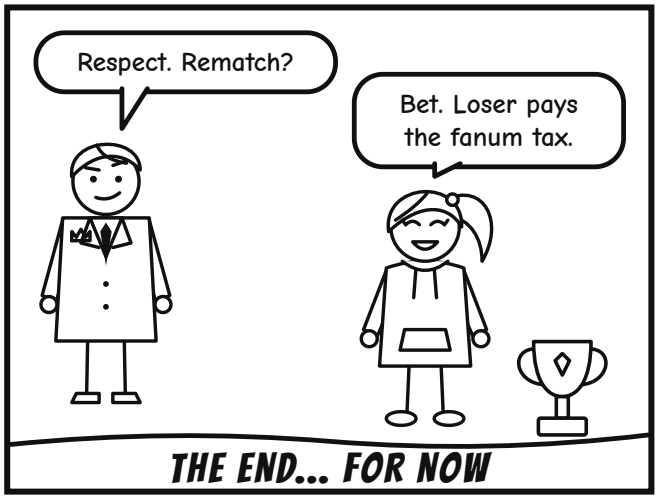












REAL CHESS CORNER

Every board in this comic is a real position. Set up a board and play them yourself!

Scholar's Mate try: 1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.Qh5 - the queen and bishop aim at f7. Maya blocks with 3...g6 (not 3...Nf6?? 4.Qxf7#).

The Opera Game - Paul Morphy vs Duke Karl of Brunswick & Count Isouard, Paris 1858: 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Bg4 4.dxe5 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 dxe5 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Qb3 Qe7 8.Nc3 c6 9.Bg5 b5 10.Nxb5 cxb5 11.Bxb5+ Nbd7 12.O-O-O Rd8 13.Rxd7 Rxd7 14.Rd1 Qe6 15.Bxd7+ Nxd7 16.Qb8+! Nxb8 17.Rd8#

Viktor Kingsley is made up. The Opera Game is 100% real.