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JOHN'S HILARIOUS CHESS JOKE'S TO MAKE SURE YOU RETELL

1. Which Knight was the most honest knight in history? Sir-Tified :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :
2. Which Knight always found himself outnumbered no matter what? Sir-Rounded :) :
3. Which Knight was the best in history at checking things out first before attacking? Sir-Veillance :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :
4. Which Knight always did their best to help out? Sir-Vice :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :

JOHN'S CONCISE & PRECISE NUGGET'S

On taking a game to an ending. Hi guys. For today's lesson I thought I'd share something useful about my own play. That is, when I play, I try to play as carefully as possible and take opponent's down to an endgame. Why? Well, endgames are where most games are won or lost. There's less pieces and moves usually need to be simple and logical (above all else). For, endgames, are normally about trying to push opponents off the board, rather than relying on them blundering or falling into a tactic or trick. If you develop your endgames enough- (mostly by playing lots of them) it naturally becomes easier to do this- especially against opponents who may not just blunder and make things easy.

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PROBLEMS

Your Task: Find the best move(s) below.

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REMEMBER FIDO
SAYS THERE'S
AWARDS FOR SIMPLY
HAVING A REAL GO



It's Black to play and win. It's often important in chess to look at pieces behind your pieces (especially if they're lined up). Hint: Turns out White isn't defending a key idea

Here how does White get a simply crushing/mating attack? Hint: Get your pieces working together- use both Rooks

Here you play Black. Both sides are threatening each other's Kings but Black can force checkmate first. How? Hint: Think blocking the King for backrank :)

BITE SIZED SNACK GAME

Gukesh D v Hans Nieman 2026 (4 Knights) Draw This game from the Chennai Grandmasters saw the current World Champ, Gukesh blunder on move 12 into what both players thought was a draw due to repetition. But, if Nieman answered with 12: Bxc3 first, White's move 14 doesn't attack a b4 Bishop (Black would simply have Ng8 winning)

01. e4 e5	07. Bd3 O-O	13. Qg3+ Kh8
02. Nf3 Nc6	08. O-O d5	14. Qf4 Bxc3
03. Nc3 Nf6	09. exd5 cxd5	15. Qxh6+ Kg8
04. d4 exd4	10. h3 h6	16. Qg5+ Kh8
05. Nxd4 Bb4	11. Qf3 c6	17. Qh6+ Kg8
06. Nxc6 bxc6	12. Bxh6?? gxh6	18. Qg5= draw

In chess, sometimes move order is important as can be seen :)



INSPIRING DOODADS PLUS THINGEYS

"Definiteness of purpose is the starting point of all achievement"



Super Coach signing off