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ISSUE 002



JOHN'S HILARIOUS CHESS JOKE TO MAKE SURE YOU RETELL

1. How does the Mandalorian measure how heavy his chess board is? He takes it to some scales. "This is the weigh"
2. Why can't Han Solo's best friend play chess? Because he's a wookiee.
3. Why did Darth Vader play the last chess move he ever wanted to? He was forced.

JOHN'S CONCISE AND PRECISE NUGGETS

In chess, it's very important to always look out for **lined up pieces**. That is, pieces that are already lined up (in a straight or diagonal line), or pieces that can be lined up in such ways in the future. Ideas that help you win pieces (called tactics) often happen when pieces are lined up. Think pins, skewers & forks (among others).

PROBLEMERS

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

P.S. If your dog eats your newsletter at this point don't worry 😊

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



Can White *break through* here to get a new Queen? 😊



How does Black take advantage of White's stuck pieces?
Hint: King can help the Rook 😊



Can Black freeze out White's King entirely on the way to promote? 😊

BITE SIZED SNACK GAME

JSP (Me) v. American National Master Atul Kannan

This game shows how to identify and attack weak squares in the opponent's camp.

D6 and D7 can't be defended for Black, White's knight jumps in.



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| 01. e4 e5 | 07. O-O Nxd3 | 13. Ne4 Qg6 | 19. Bg4 Qf6 |
| 02. Nf3 Nc6 | 08. cxd3 d6 | 14. Nd6+ Kf8 | 20. Bxc8!! 1-0 |
| 03. Be2 Bc5 | 09. Nc3 c6 | 15. Bh5 Qxd3 | |
| 04. Nxe5! Qh4 | 10. b3 Ne7 | 16. Nxf7 Rg8 | |
| 05. Nd3 Bb6 | 11. Ba3 Qf6 | 17. Nxe5 Qf5 | |
| 06. Bf3 Nb4 | 12. e5!! dxe5 | 18. Qe2 c5 | |



INSPIRING DOODADS PLUS THINGEYS

"You may learn much more from a game you lose than from a game you win."

The 3rd World Chess Champion
José Capablanca (1921-1927)



Super Coach signing off