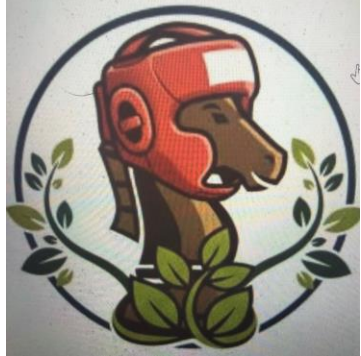


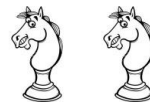
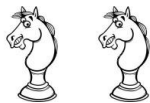


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JOHN'S HILARIOUS CHESS JOKES TO MAKE SURE YOU RETELL

1. Did you hear about the cat who just did the same thing as his chess opponent's over and over again? His name was Copy :)
2. I heard the guy who always sails around in a pirate ship wearing a straw hat isn't actually that good at chess, because he can only ever capture one piece :)
3. Not all numbers good at chess. Only sum :)

JOHN'S CONCISE & PRECISE NUGGETS

On **castling opposite sides**. When both sides castle opposite sides in chess, your classic go to strategy you should always follow is to try and **bullrush your pawns** down on the same side your opponent has castled! That is, even if you have to give up 1 or 2 of them to strongly open up lines and kickstart a powerful attack. So, the game in these situations actually becomes a race to see who can get to whose King first. If you're very experienced, there are ways to defend, even using your opponent's pawns as a successful shield! Game below

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 REAL GO



White checkmates here. How?
Hint: Directly go for it, AND try
to trade Bishops :)



Question (and Hint :) White
checkmates here, so just 'double
check' the mate :)



Why does Bishop takes h7 win here for
White? Hint: Think what White's follow up
will be? Bonus: What tactic is this? :)

BITE SIZED SNACK GAME

An Online 1 Minute game I had over the holidays. We are Black.

This was a 2000+ rated game! We castled opposite sides and I used my opponents pawns against him, shielding my King from his attack. He got frustrated and I swooped :)



01. e4 d6	07. Qd2 c6	13. h5 Nc4	19. Rdg1 Qa3+
02. d4 Nf6	08. 0-0-0 Qc7	14. Bxc4 Bxc4	20. Kb1 a5
03. Nc3 e5	09. dxc6 bxc6	15. g6 Rb8	21. Ng3 a4
04. d5 Nbd7	10. g4 Ne8	16. Nge2 Qb7	22. Nf5 Bf6
05. Be2 Be7	11. g5 Nb6	17. b3 Qb4	23. Nxg7 Bxg7
06. Be3 0-0	12. h4 Be6	18. gxh7+ Kh8!	24. h6 Bf6!

25. Bg5 axb3 26. Bxf6+ Nxf6 27. Qg5 bxa2+ 28. Ka1 Qb2



INSPIRING DOODADS PLUS THINGEYS

It always seems
impossible until it's
done



Super Coach signing off