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

1. Did you know, Patrick always wins chess tournaments held under sea because he's a star
2. Bruce couldn't get to the chess tournament on time because there was a Wayne delay :))
3. Loki's brother couldn't play chess when he as a little kid because he was a little Thor :))
4. There is one character we haven't mentioned yet who just can't play chess at night, only in the day time. That weakness is actually the bane of his existence :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :))

JOHN'S CONCISE & PRECISE NUGGETS

On playing with "energy": Hi guys. You might have heard this phrase before "you should always play your chess games with energy", but what does that mean? I'm glad you asked! Playing with energy can mean several different things when it comes to chess! Often it means not just sitting back and doing nothing but merely responding to your opponents moves. Or it could mean teaming up lots of your pieces together to make threats against the opponents pieces/their King. Or, finally, it could also mean trying not to get any of your pieces stuck, blocked in by friendly pieces or opponent pieces. Giving them as much room to move as possible! It's important to try and have this mindset before any game :))

PROBLEMS

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

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



Here, it's White to play and checkmate in just one move. Remember always look out for defenders that are pinned. Hint: One Black piece isn't covering a key square.



Here how does White win material? Hint: Make Black's Bishop more of a target and then Knights will have horsepower :))



Here from one of my games. We are Black. White's pawns are going in the direction of the arrow. Save both Black pawns. Hint: There's a skewer trick here :))

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



BITE SIZED SNACK GAME

Alexey Shirov v Jerzy Lapinski 1990 This game from the legendary Grandmaster Shirov is something else again! Shirov was known for his spectacular (often completely out of the blue sacrifices), having a popular book of them compiled "Fire on Board".

Combine that with the awesome attack of the Kings Gambit Opening and presto :))

01. e4 e5	07. e5 Qxe5	13. Nd5 Qg6
02. f4! exf4	08. Bxf7+! Kxf7	14. Rae1+ Be7
03. Nf3 g5	09. d4! Qxd4	15. Bd6! Kd8
04. Bc4 g4	10. Be3 Qf6	16. Qf8+!! Bxf8
05. 0-0 gxf3	11. Bxf4 Ke8	17. Bxc7 # 1-0
06. Qxf3 Qf6	12. Nc3 Nc6	White wins :))



Opening up lots of lines for a quick attack is playing with energy :))

INSPIRING DOODADS PLUS THINGEYS

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now"



Super Coach signing off