

Announcement: What did the egg say when it was running out of time vs the breakfast in their chess game? Oh no, I have to scramble 😊, RNF bringing the latest and greatest in chess jokes, tips, tricks and puzzles in each and every edition. 😊 😊 😊



# ROOK NO FURTHER # 42

## THE WHAT

So, kids, do you want to test your chess skills in a NEW, FUN and EXCITING WAY?

And Parents, do you want to know more about upcoming junior tournaments?

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**COACH JOKES:** Q: What did the mouse say when he lost a piece playing chess?  
A: No more Mr. Mice Guy 😊

## TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

Trading Queens off Early #2

The Lion's Yawn

Hi everyone, last time we learnt the black lion "castle variation" - where you castle. The main benefits of playing the lion are: it's a surprising solid choice and you can always get it out, (no matter what your opponent does). Now, there are many different variations of the lion. But today, let's look at another known as "the lion's yawn". The lion's yawn is the safest variation of the lion to play, as you trade Queens off early. If you're playing a strong player it's much harder for them to attack you without their Queen. The yawn happens after the moves: **e4 d6 d4 Nf6 Nc3 e5 dxe5 dxe5, Qxd8, Kxd8**. In the positions that follow, black **DOES NOT** need to castle without Queens, as long as all our pieces can be developed. See the Magic Mini :)

## PESKY PUZZLES:

In each position find the best move/moves.

White to move = W Black to move = B

Question:

Here, Black can just recapture the knight but how do we win white's Queen with a fork?



W



B

## MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

1. d4 d6 17. Bc4 Bxf3!
2. e4 Nf6 18. gxf3 Nxe5!!

3. Nc3 e5
4. dxe5 dxe5
5. Qxd8 Kxd8
6. Bg5 Be6
7. 0-0-0 Nd7
8. f4 exf4
9. e5 h6
10. Bxf4 Ng4
11. Ne4 Kc8
12. Nf3 g5!
13. h3 gxf4
14. hxg4 Bxg4
15. Rh4 h5
16. Bb5 c6



"Two pawns in the hand are worth 4 in the bush."

😊 Without Queens, Black's pawns are going to charge! 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/tournaments/upcoming>

<b>PYMBLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 20TH FEBRUARY</b>	<b>12:40pm- 3:50pm</b>
Online Code: T4JUAWGAJD	
<b>EPPING SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 27TH FEBRUARY</b>	<b>1:40pm- 4:50pm</b>
Online Code: WVHTFBC4Y1	
<b>INNER WEST SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 7TH MARCH</b>	<b>9:20am- 1:00pm</b>
Online Code: V024UC0GAA	
<b>PARRAMATTA SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 13TH MARCH</b>	<b>12:50pm- 4:00pm</b>
Online Code: QT4WPIDHLG	
<b>HORNSBY SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 14TH MARCH</b>	<b>12:50pm- 3:50pm</b>
Online Code: 5JUTLMH8RK	

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