Announcement: Where do Dinosaurs try to get their pawns to in chess? The tricera top of the board. Dolphins try to get their pawns to the dolphinish line ③ Hi everyone, let's look at a fun structural opening for Black ③ ④ ④



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Structure openings: "Nimzowitsch +

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Hi guys. An interesting defence for black, is 1. Knight to c6 as an answer to pawn to e4 or pawn to d4 at the start. If white plays pawn to e4, knight to c6 is called the **Nimzowitsch defence**. If white starts pawn to d4, knight to c6 is called the **Mikenas defence**. Using Knight c6 vs. both e4 & d4 is called the **"Dark Knight System".** In the Nimzowitsch (against e4), after black goes knight c6, white usually follows up with 2. Pawn to d4. And now we go 2. Pawn e5 and we let white overpush with pawn to d5 (to attack our knight). However, Black gets a really great game here, with Knight c to e7 then Knight to g6, the other knight to f6, Bishop to c5, pawn d6 + castling + bringing our other bishop out. In the Mikenas its similar. d4, Knight c6 invites white to push d5, but after knight e5 (if they go pawn f4, knight back to g6) and black can strike back in the centre with pawn e6, knight f6 + Bishop c5 ③

