

Announcement: The chess player had a chess set, ee-i-ee-i-o. And on that set they had a rook, ee-i-ee-i-o. And on that chess set, they also looked further, ee-i-ee-i-o. Leading off into the infinity + 1 greatest ever chess newsletter in the world RNF 😊



# ROOK NO FURTHER # 30

## 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:** Did you see the game the chess player won against the mop? He wiped the floor with him 😊

## TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS: Terrific Chess Traps and Zaps 5: Trying the Traps--The Mikenas Defence

Hi guys. The final RNF of the term deals with a very interesting defence for black. It starts after white moves their Queen pawn up two squares on their first move- i.e. pawn to d4. Black answers moving his or her knight to c6. This is known as the Mikenas defence. It's a very rare system- as our other traps are. Black is hoping white will overpush his central pawns, attacking this knight (which happens in a very similar opening called the Alekhines defence, after pawn to e4 and knight to f6 at the start, white normally does go pawn to e5 here). But the Mikenas is something different entirely. After moves like d4, Nc6, d5, Ne5, e4, e6 f4, now black can just take the pawn here with at the very least a draw if white takes the knight. See Pesky Puzzle 1 below...

## PESKY PUZZLES:

In each position find the best move/moves.

White to move = W Black to move = B

After black's Queen check, white's King is stuck. King e2, Qh5 check, Kd2, Qh6 check, Kc3, Qc6 check and so on. A perpetual check draw 😊



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## MAGIC MINIS

1. e4 d6
2. d4 Nf6
3. Bd3 e5
4. c3 d5
5. dxe5 Nxe4
6. Bxe4 dxe4
7. Qxd8 Kxd8
8. Bg5+ Be7
9. Bxe7+ Kxe7
10. Nd2 Nd7
11. Nxe4 Nxe5
12. 0-0-0 Bf5
13. Re1??

13. Nd3!+  
**White resigns since he is dropping his rook 0-1**



Missing the not a knife or a spoon, but the crushing fork 😊

If my opponent "dropped" his rook, why didn't he pick it up?? 😊😊😊😊

## FUN FUN FUN CHESS JOKES

Even more chess jokes 😊😊😊😊

- 1) Why couldn't the skeleton play chess? It had nobody to play with 😊
- 2) Not all maths questions are like chess. Just sum 😊
- 3) Why was the tree happy win, lose or draw in its chess game? Everything was vine with him 😊
- 4) What's an astronaut's favourite snack before a chess game? A mars bar or milky way 😊
- 5) How did the chickens feel about playing in the chess tournament? They were eggcited 😊
- 6) If 2 silk worms draw a game of chess should it be called a tie? 😊
- 7) If all the knights on a chess board needed a place to stay for 96 hours, would they ask for four rooms for four knights for four knights? 😊
- 8) Why did the cat think he lost his chess game? Because he had a clawful position 😊



SuperCoach signing off