

Chess – to perceive it not only as the ancient game comprised of tiny chess pieces on 64 squares; not only as stock moves and combinations already played, but as endless opportunities for the imagination!

To think of your own pieces and let them move across the diagonals, back and forth, to the right and to the left. To play by the rules but never to allow monotonous or tedious moves. To take the basics of this sophisticated game and, by means of drawing, to play your own game of chess. And these graphic chessmen to keep moving beyond the contour of the graphic sheets – through the squares of imagination, when the Game begins!

Checkmate! Checkmate! Checkmate!

Aim: - Kill the King!!!!!!!!!!

Such games of chess had been played on these 64 squares that, in the end, the chessmen were moving in fields soaked in blood. And the King himself was quite confined – moving only in one field, horizontally and vertically, or diagonally. On the other hand, all the other 15 chess pieces were guarding him. Poor them! Naturally, they sacrificed the pawns first. The Queen was moving freely but she wasn't guarded much either, since any pawn could substitute her anytime.

So, in an attack already started, the Queen – the white one – made two moves and was expelled from the game – she was stabbed with the spear of a Knight rushing to the attack from G8. They were going to decide whether to put her back into the game again before laying her rest in the tomb. Or they were going to wait until the King was checkmated – so that they would lie together in the tomb.

The Bishop who was standing by the Queen was more faithful (he was her lover probably); which was all the same, as he was soon beheaded too, but nobody saw to pick up his body and for a long time the piece was rolling outside the chessboard.

Now, the Rooks were very clever – the white and the black ones! Not only were they moving in an unlimited number of fields (horizontally and vertically, back and forth, right and left) but they were taking part in castling as well! We mustn't forget that they were able to come back into the game thanks to the pawns (but this counts for the Knight and the Bishop too).

The Knight was also one of the good pieces: fast, jumps over many of the other pieces and the way he moves makes him look graceful.

Checkmate! Checkmate! Checkmate!

Attack with the Bishop from E6! They will kill the black pawn – big deal!, it is more important that the Knight on G6 will be saved.

Suddenly the attack became fast and fierce and the opponent did not foresee two very crucial moves, and – Check! And one more move – one more – Mate!

They were buried in a joint tomb.

It was a poor and silly game with unnecessarily slow moves, and superfluous victims!

Checkmate! Checkmate! Checkmate!

Check! Checkmate!

Checkmate!

What were those two Bishops guarding? What were those two white Bishops guarding as the game had finished so long before? They were standing in their squares and blood, congealed a long time ago, was seen on their grove. There was none and nothing to be guarded. The King was checkmated as far back as the 10th move. And they were standing on their squares and were not moving... and they could move however and wherever they wished – the chess board was empty.

Checkmate!

Checkmate! Checkmate! Checkmate!

One of the Bishops was moving for a while on his diagonal but then he stopped too. And now they both were standing and guarding! But what were they guarding? There was no use standing there, on the squares, and guarding – there was neither who nor what to guard. The King was checkmated by a Knight and a Pawn as early as the 10th move. Checkmate! But they were loyal Bishops! Uselessly loyal Bishops .

Check!

The two Bishops were guarding. They were guarding an empty square. The game of chess had finished and they had been defeated – their King was checkmated in the 10th move. Now each of them could take his own diagonal. But they both were standing, each one holding tight his spear and guarding... What were they guarding? Or they just had nowhere to go and none to guard? And they stood there guarding an empty square.

Checkmate! Check! Checkmate!

The white royal Bishop was moving along his diagonal, he did not expect any particular attack and did not take part in the mass battles. His idle moves brought him to A2 where the Rook (the enemy) stood in his way. The King and the Queen were far away and were exposed to another attack, so they could not get to his square. He looked around – assessed the situation on E6, stepped on it and waited for several moves. The Rook moved and the Bishop stabbed him with the spear. He looked around for the King and headed for him.

Check!

Checkmate! Checkmate! Checkmate!

The Rook turned out to be alone. He was on C4 and saw how they took the Queen from H6. Fresh blood stains could be seen on the squares and the Rook got scared. Many squares were empty but when the Queen dropped out of the game that made him lose a couple of minutes thinking of vain attacks. And look, the opponent made a wrong move! And the Rook immediately eliminated several pawns and found himself near the Bishop on F5. With the next move he threw him out of the chess board and announced Check! Check and Mate!

Checkmate!

Check! Checkmate! Checkmate!

The Rook was moving with confidence in his fields. He was eliminating ruthlessly the pieces on his way and was striving for victory. Some pawn surprised him from A4 but did not manage to do anything – the Rook made one move backwards and pushed it aside. His opponent was six fields away. Then 3-4 more moves and Mate!

Checkmate!

Checkmate!

The Rook got bored! He was moving in the fields but the game was dragging on. The moves by the both sides were repeated over and over again, and the Kings were standing bored and still in the outlying fields. One of the Queens was standing beside the chess board and the other one was having a tedious time. There were some pawns left but they were not of much use. So, the Rook quickened his moves and in a minute – Mate!

Checkmate!

THE GAME

Checkmate! Checkmate! Checkmate!

Checkmate! Checkmate! Checkmate!

And the Queen dropped out of the Game!

And they remained there guarding an empty square...

He started along the diagonal but it was worse there ...

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It was a poor and silly game...!

Mate... in three moves!

... He waited for several moves on E6 ... and stabbed him with his spear...

Fast Graceful... on G8

The Bishop from F5!

His idle moves brought him to A4 ...

White Queen on C2!

The Rook was moving with confidence ... Victory!