

Chess 101



What is chess?

According to Urban Dictionary: "the game is which boys become men". It is also the only game where you can kill the queen with a horse.

Basically

Each player chooses his side of the board: white or black, the goal is to start a war and take down your opponent's king.

Endgames

Let's say that you are white, you win if you capture the black king and lose if the white king is captured.

Draw is reached if only the kings and another piece are on the board.

Game pieces

Pawn – human shields, can only move one square and only forward, it can also capture diagonally and move two squares on the first move. But, when a pawn reaches the enemy's side of the board... IT'S UPGRADE TIME.

Rook - ???, moves in a straight line, great for keeping pieces in place and guarding other pieces, it can castle, too! What's castling? Google it.

Bishop – sniper, zooms diagonally at you from the other side of the board the moment you stop paying attention. Great for hit and run missions.

Knight – horse, moves in an L and parkours over pieces, his unpredictable moving pattern can make him an excellent backup during captures and quick cavalry (pun intended) for cornered pieces.

Queen – the powerhouse, can move diagonally and in straight lines, which makes her extremely dangerous, the only way to take her down is to sacrifice a piece or with a knight.

King – can move and capture only one square in any direction but you have to keep him alive at all cost, may dodge 5 pieces simultaneously, or get stuck and start crying.

What's castling?

Castling is a magical move that you can do with your king and one of your rooks, move the king to G1 or C1 and the rook closest to the square you moved your king into would move to F1 or D1 correspondingly.

Conditions required to castle:

1. King hasn't moved
2. The corresponding rook hasn't moved
3. There are no pieces between the king and the corresponding rook.

Changes from normal chess rules

1. You have to actually capture the king to win
2. During Check, both sides can do whatever they want