

How does NOT MATTER? there ARE MANY ways YOU don't need to know the details, just the main idea.
In the world of chess you don't trust anybody if you want to stay alive. DO IT TO him before he doeth it to you - - - -

PART 16. FATHER KNOWS BEST:
~~Chapter 16~~ (Gamesmanship, Dirty Tactics, Memories AT the Chessboard)

we are AT A hotel in Belgrade, YUGOSLAVIA - ~~well, well, look AT THAT?~~

^{FAMOUS} A chessmaster is screaming and waving a polo stick, hysterical, cursing, jumping. it is a typical scene at ~~the~~ last round of the YUGOSLAVIAN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP. the man is trying to find and murder his internationally known hotel roommate who is, of course, another contestant in this critical yugoslavian world chess team qualifier. thousands of dollars in simultaneous chess exhibitions, chess lessons, chess books and international travel expenses are at stake. the man with the polo stick has apparently lost ~~it~~ ^{them} all. A reporter presses closer as three armed policemen restrain the man, calm him down. what has happened that could make a murderer out of a chess master? what ~~could have~~ ^{possibly} happened that ~~with~~ ^{had} made the roommate (and would-be-murder-victim) light out for parts unknown ^{on} this planet? very strange. the master begins to babble his story.

Last night the two ~~chessmasters~~ chessmasters left their hotel room to play their scheduled game. the polo club ~~master~~ ^{master} needed only a draw, ^{mere} a tie, to gain ~~the~~ ^{the} precious ~~first~~ second prize ~~on the tournament~~ and a place on the TRAVELING NATIONAL chess team. the now long gone EX-ROOMMATE needed a victory just to win any money at all. the ex-roommate ^{had} ~~had~~ ^{had} offered to throw the game down the tubes if they could make "a little deal." the polo-club master was "shocked at the ~~suggested price~~ suggestion of such a deal." (He was specifically shocked AT the suggested price, too high!) So the game was played straight-up between two honorable men, no quarter asked or given. After five hours of each side had made forty moves AND this meant the game would be stopped right there and continued

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from a tournament ^{the following} ~~for the~~ morning. ⁱⁿ The polo ^{club} master placed his next move in "a sealed move" ^{envelope} "to prevent his ex-roommate from analyzing the move all night long ^{and certainly long} before the game was continued at dawn. the position was a CERTAIN DRAW and the polo-club ~~master~~ ^{master} had second prize and the team place in the bank.

Both ~~roommates~~ ^{roommates} were very tired and returned to their room to sleep and prepare for the adjournment session in the morning. The polo-club master carefully set the alarm clock for seven o'clock and they went to sleep.

^{stealthily} ~~and~~ ^{TAKING} Sometime during the night the ~~ex-roommate~~ ^{ex-roommate} had arisen and grabbed the alarm clock ^{stealthily} ~~reaching~~ from the room, along ~~with~~ ^{his} suitcase as well! at seven o'clock the ~~ex-roommate~~ ^{roommate} showed up to make his move at the adjournment session but needless-to-say his still sleeping opponent was NOT present ^{at all!} After one hour

~~the~~ the polo-club master forfeited the game. Amazed tournament officials had not ^{learned} ~~known~~ until too late ~~that~~ what had happened. they ^{had} paid the prize money due the ~~ex-roommate~~ ^{roommate} and were confronted two hours later with a WAKING MANIAC ~~with~~ ^{whose} ALARM CLOCK WAS ^{NOW} MISSING - IN-ACTION. The ~~ex-roommate~~ ^{ex-roommate} had told tournament officials before leaving that the polo-club master "was not feeling well" the tournament officials ^{now} saw this was clearly true.

It was ^{very} FUNNY ^{and} unusual story for the Yugoslavian newspaper journalist. He decided to publish it and left the ~~hotel~~ ^{in order to} ~~his~~ ^{meet} deadline. As he was starting his automobile ^{in the small space} he could ~~hear~~ ^{something} popping, cracking beneath his FRONT tires. He stepped out ^{of his vehicle} and found an alarm clock smashed into pieces all over the road ~~by the front of the car~~. This is the chess world, welcome.

Do it to him before he doeth it to you is the byword, the only rule. You are alone. ^{THREE TIME U.S. CHAMPION} LARRY EVANS' MOST famous statement about chess says IT ALL. "IN THE WORLD OF chess you ALWAYS KNOW ^{YOU} ARE ALIVE. Somebody is ALWAYS shooting at you." - - - -

~~IT IS 1923.~~ ~~IT IS 1923.~~ (the phone is ringing. TWO of the greatest players of all time hear it. They are Richard Reti of Czechoslovakia and Savelly TARTAKOWER of FRANCE. A chess club is phoning ESTAMBUL, TURKEY FROM Johannesburg, South Africa. they offer a reasonable figure to the legendary wit, brilliant writer, compulsive gambler and chess grandmaster TARTAKOWER FOR AN exhibition next week. He must TRAVEL A long train ride as well as by boat to get there. IS IT worth it?

Tartakower puts his hand over the receiver and whispers the FINANCIAL details to Reti ^{who is standing} in the lobby ^{of the hotel}. IS IT worth it? what do you think Richard? Should I demand more or go AT ALL? ^{he asks} TARTAKOWER

^{as wonderful as entertaining} Reti immediately shot back. "NO - NO - FOR ^{as wonderful as entertaining} a ^{chess} player of your calibre, they must pay twice that figure. Not ~~that~~ ^{are} cent less. Do NOT mention it over the telephone but they paid me much more than that figure."

TARTAKOWER asked for more money but the club president refused. Regretfully TARTAKOWER refused and hung up the receiver.

at about six in the morning TARTAKOWER heard

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a door slam just outside his hotel room. ^{He looked outside his window.} It was Richard RETI hurrying away with packed bags headed for JOHANNESBURG, South Africa! at the 1924 International TOURNAMENT in NEW YORK RETI and TARTAKOWER passed each other in hallways without speaking to each other but soon became "FRIENDS AGAIN!" TARTAKOWER understood. That's the way it is. He later learned that RETI had never been to Johannesburg in ~~his~~ his life before the telephone conversation mentioned.

Let's get one thing straight. The dirty tricks and gamesmanship are going on all the time. You almost never hear about the really unprovable, subtle deals and chicanery. But every chessmaster knows by just a few famous stories of crude antics in the PAST that NOT trusting anybody in the row is an awfully good idea. The most famous examples in recent chess history are the MATULOVIC double smash-nash and the "Fischer eviction NOTICE" ^{if we are talking about the biggest now} they will live in infamy forever.

MILAN MATULOVIC is already ^{living} a legend in YUGOSLAVIA. Learning chess amidst a series of tragic happenings in his early life, MATULOVIC studied like mad and ^{became} better and better. His ^{early} life was one of a ^{lonely street kid} ~~street kid~~. He would try to meet a lady or two at the train station in Belgrade. If no pick-up was available he would have no place to live or sleep. So he would go to the chess club and pick the lock on the door. Then he would study chessbooks, using the light from the street lamp outside to read the chessbooks and move the chessmen about! NOT A GREAT life but MATULOVIC is tough. Little by little MATULOVIC moved to the forefront and by 1958 was ~~not~~ a grandmaster killer, one of the

hardest working chess theorists anywhere. American grandmaster Walter Browne was astounded to discover that Moravovic keeps ~~two~~ two scoretables during all international chess tournaments. "The FIRST was to record exactly how he scored in the chess tournament. The second was to record exactly how he scored ~~in~~ with women! He used one point for a win, ~~1/2~~ one half point for a draw, no points for a loss. He had ^{another} point system for the women but he would not explain it to me."

Amazed at what he saw in the chess world when he broke into the grandmaster tournament circuit during 1969, Walter Browne was prepared to bail out at any moment ^{perpetual} if things got any more scary. Reflecting on the ^{perpetual} war that he saw, ^{all about them} Browne kept saying "If this doesn't work out I know that I can always be a success in music. I'll play drums with a rock group!"

You get an idea of the spirit that makes chessmasters the most loved of all men on a day-to-day basis by San Antonio, 1972. Larry Evans is playing Anthony Saidy a final round game that means absolutely nothing to either of them. They are out of the money, also, in this event. Evans just wants to blast out of there. He offers a draw after ~~10~~ a few moves. Saidy refuses!

"I've got a plane to catch" says Evans. "Show me the schedule!" ~~replied~~ retorted Saidy who kept Evans in San Antonio for two days ~~for~~ ^{during} a game that saw the useless advantage see-saw back and forth like a yo-yo. ~~After~~ the game was finally drawn after much useless play. Saidy apologized. "I'm ^{so} sorry but I have

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never been a pawn up against you in all of our games. I was enjoying it too much!"

Such spirit runs rampant in Milan Matulovic. He prolongs games for centuries. He resigns at the last possible moment. He is also a very ~~good chess player~~ ^{good chess player}. His greatest moments came at world interzonal qualifying tournaments in 1968 and 1971 when he entered the chess gamesmanship hall of fame for ~~good~~ all time.

at ^{the 1968 world interzonal in} Sousse, Africa ~~Matulovic~~ ^{Hungarian} Matulovic was playing ~~with~~ ^{against} Istvan Bilek in a ^{really} tough game. Bilek was forcing home a powerful positional squeeze on all sides of the chessboard. He could hardly wait to see Matulovic's next move so that he could crush it. Matulovic reached out and moved a knight. Then he sat there thinking "my god, what am I doing? Bilek can just take my knight off the board. No that won't do!" THEN MATULOVIC REACHED OUT AND TOOK THE MOVE BACK AND MOVED ANOTHER CHESS PIECE.

Bilek sat there, losing his ^{ever-loving} mind. He could not believe what his eyes had seen. Never in chess history has a master been permitted to touch a piece, move it, ~~at~~ move it back. And move yet another chess piece in any ~~master competition~~ world title competition anywhere!

Bilek screamed out "ARE YOU CRAZY? WHAT ARE YOU DOING? MOVE THAT KNIGHT OR I WILL STOMP ON YOU MATULOVIC."

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Planckonium reigned, while ^{the} Soussse ^{tournament} officials struggled with language translation difficulties Bilek actually began pulling ^{OUT} his hair with both hands. MATULOVIC just sat there in benevolent silence like MAHATMA GHANDI. Despite ^{the} numerous witnesses and on open and shut case of touch-move violation, the tourney officials did NOT make MATULOVIC move the knight. ^{the} case was so unbelievable ^{that} two tournament officials ^{apparently} could believe it. They gave MATULOVIC a "warning" and play continued with MATULOVIC ^{dramatic} ~~drawing~~ the game. "IF he tried THAT AGAINST me I'd blow his BRAINS OUT WITH A GUN!" commented BROWNE later.

Almost Every master feels as strongly, when you touch it you move it ^{still} ~~it~~ IF MATULOVIC got away with it once maybe I -----

MATULOVIC's next world class boggie was at the 1970 Interzonal in Spain. The Russian TAIMANOV had to win against MATULOVIC in order to qualify for the match ~~playoff~~ ^{and} the world championship. An ^{international} ~~sensation~~ sensation occurred when MATULOVIC showed up (in the critical last round encounter with TAIMANOV) with ^{three} ~~magazines~~ magazines to read while throwing OUT ONE LOSING move after another to TAIMANOV. He hardly even ^{glanced} ~~looked~~ at the chessboard. A deal had definitely been made by the Russian delegation (with or without the knowledge of TAIMANOV himself, nobody will say). ~~with~~ ^{agreed} MATULOVIC to take a dive. After being paid off he let everybody know he was paying no attention to the TAIMANOV game. He definitely threw it despite ~~so the~~ ^{evident} ~~refusal~~ refusal of any chess magazine to admit the possibility. All of the ~~players~~ ^{players} involved in the TOURNAMENT will tell you point blank: the fix was ON.

LIN 1962) ~~Everyone~~ ^{was very} dubious ^{about} Bobby Fischer's claim that "the Russians HAVE fixed world chess" but after this incident the world chess Federation ^{begin?} ~~to~~ seriously consider ~~at least the possibility of~~ the undeniable truth, that fixing would definitely be possible ~~if~~ ^{if} the Soviet ministry of sport would order ~~you~~ ^{the big fall} on pain of losing your Volvo, house, living allowance, ^{your} and international passport. You ^{threw} ~~threw~~ or you were through. whether any other ~~fixing~~ ^{fixing} actually occurred or was even necessary ~~personally~~ ^{simply} in the Russian world till years 1948-1972 ~~do not know.~~

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They qualified

It is only ~~justice~~ ^{to} justice to record ~~the~~ the fate of MARK TAIMANOV, concert pianist and grand-master chessplayer, after the matulovic ^{game} ~~game~~ ^{he} ~~he~~ ^{to face} ~~Robert~~ Fischer and ~~lost~~ ^{lost} six straight games in VANCOUVER, ~~B.C.~~ British Columbia! Disgusted TAIMANOV pushed the chess pieces ~~toward~~ ^{to} the center of the chessboard and ~~said~~ ^{said} something ^{that} ~~is~~ ^{is} destined for immortality ~~in chess~~ ^{in chess} "I still have my music." this remark alone shows that taimanov has discovered how to live. ~~Nothing~~ ^{Nothing} matters in living but being really interested in living. Nothing at all. Chessplayer knew ~~it~~ ^{this} ~~this~~ ^{this} Paul Keres says quite rightly "a chessplayer learns to suffer ^{early} ~~early~~ in life!"

and FAR sooner than you realize

The chess world is one of flying chess pieces, when you buy a chess set it would not be foolish to consider how heavy the chessmen are. They may be thrown directly at your head ^{sooner than you realize} ~~it~~ ^{it} have been STRUCK ^{four times} ~~four times~~ by flying rooks and kings myself so far ~~I travel~~ ^{for this reason} with an unweighed, small chess set for analysis in hotel rooms. my heavy, lethal type chessmen are safely tucked away in my apartment and used only for reviewing world title games and the like in private.

Generally speaking the stronger the chessplayer the greater the ^{flying} missile danger is for that player. However even world class grandmasters are not above tossing while receiving. Remember that ^{world champion} Alekhine tossed his king a city-block during ^{an international} ~~term event~~ ^{news} SAEMISCH ^{chess genius} ~~SAEMISCH~~ ^{ABRON} ~~SAEMISCH~~ stood stop either a ~~chair~~ ^{on} table and let fly ^{whole chess army} while screaming "Why must I lose to this idiot?" Actual witnesses to both ^{of} these incidents are still alive. The late HANS KNOCK ^{also} told ^{me} of several ^{occasions} ~~when~~ he was threatened as both tournament director and chessplayer. "I was ~~only~~ struck ^{only} once however!" he confided shortly before his death. So you ^{can} see how must be concerned with what they are doing to you during the playing session, the sheer physical threat. What the opponent ~~threatens~~ ^{threatens} outside the tournament playing hall is another matter. This ~~brings~~ ^{brings} us to the "Fischer eviction notice" as a case celibre.

him giving Aaron Nimovich

globe ^{playing} player

whenever a chessplayer (particularly a strong chess master) is having personal problems or ^{playing} ~~or~~ having difficulties of any kind during an international chess tournament ^{the} remainder of the field is naturally going ^{to do everything possible to} to help those problems along. Robert Fischer got the axe at the Soussse 1967. ^{RONALD} He had to move his chess table to get better lighting. He had to play game after game day after day to provide for rescheduling of games ^{what} ~~he~~ himself had caused. But ^{Fischer} ~~he~~ held up ^{very} well ~~at~~ ^{after} and almost half way through the world's strongest tournament was in the lead all alone; then Fischer collapsed. Not certain of ^{playing} ~~playing~~ conditions, ^{schedules} ~~schedules~~, and having the utmost ^{language} ~~difficulty~~ in communicating with ^{unfamiliar} ~~unfamiliar~~ officials Fischer decided to heat things up in his ^{own} ~~own~~ ^{inimical} fashion. ~~war began~~ ^{war began} war began!

to do everything possible to

Fischer did ^{NOT} ~~appear~~ ^{THAT'S A WNO. NO.} FOR A scheduled game against Gipslis of LATVIA. This created a worldwide sensation. YOU postpone - YOU get sick - BUT you don't forfeit a game. ^{However} Fischer would still be allowed to continue in the tournament IF he ^{as wished} ~~did~~. IT IS perfectly legal to forfeit one game and a precious point. Everyone now knew that, really, Fischer was worried about many things that only ~~the~~ Fischer would worry about - they did their best to keep the fire burning so that Fischer would checkmate himself. He was winning this tournament. IT WAS their only hope!

^{Strongly enough} Fischer did NOT drop out of the tournament after his tentative resignation had been submitted in writing. ^(AFTER ~~he~~ IS done) He had defeated seven opponents and tied with three others, losing NONE. IT WAS terrifying the field. what to do, what to do? that is how the "Fischer eviction notice" or blackmail idea was born.

Fischer WAS playing ON, complaining about several ~~un~~ matters that ^{BENT} LARSEN, a rather neutral observer, felt were reasonable. ^{SVE TOZAR} Gligorich, ~~the~~ ^{clim}time YUGOSLAV NATIONAL CHAMPION also agreed that Fischer's demands were ~~reasonable~~ justified although ^{he and} everybody else just kept on playing chess games regardless of what went wrong. Believe it or NOT, the lights went out one night during play!

the rule is that a drop-out player cancels OUT ALL ^{his} games IF he has not played ~~more than~~ ^{AT ONE POINT} half of his games in the tournament. Fischer would have thus, like magic, take away seven zero goose eggs FROM seven victims ~~just~~ just by quitting! People like ^{who} BUT 100 --- Fischer returned and now back went ^{who} Stein of Russia ^{who} And Reshevsky of the United States ^{who} ^{cheering} ^{and} ^{praying} he would quit.

the goose eggs before Fischer decided "once and for all" to quit the tournament a second time! Still, Fischer's score would be erased a second time - ^{MOST OF} ~~his~~ ^{most of} opponents were ~~to find~~ quite delighted as Fischer packed and left. The half way mark had not been crossed. All was well. But is he or isn't he gone? It had never happened in history - zoom! Everybody was getting into the spirit of the thing now. -----

As the players were starting the fourteenth round a
sensationally ^(long distance) phone call was received, announcing
for the third time that Fischer was going
to play, ^(four times) forfeited games and all! It is
the wonder of Fischer that he's the only person in chess history able to
a method to enter ^{the same} chess tournament three
separate times. ^{And it was all perfectly legal - now back}
~~he wanted to make~~ Sousse and
play on. By now of course newspaper reporters worldwide ^{were going positively} bananas.

1 The players now were desperate. The ~~seven~~ ^{yet a} ~~losers~~ ^{third} to Fischer did not relish ^{my god, it was like} ~~the~~ ^{10 times to Fischer} ~~return~~ ^{3 times!} of their ~~as~~ losses to Fischer. They formed a group to declare Fischer out of the tournament if he protested forfeits and other matters. ~~and they~~ ^{led by} ~~the~~ ^{the} Russian players and the American Reshevsky ^{their} guaranteeing with drawal en masse if Fischer was not blackballed from the tournament. If he played only more contestants, his ~~own~~ ^{victories} would stand for ~~keeps~~ ^{heaven forbi}. Only the ~~he~~ ^{team} Yugoslav ~~Refused to~~ ^{sign} ~~with~~ ^{with} Gligorich their leader.

the organizers capitulated, Fischer was out of the world championship without actually losing even ~~a~~ single game. The "Fischer eviction notice" shamed everyone but Boris Spassky that you just can't trust anybody nowadays. - Fischer took care of that in 1972, personally. ~~Chess players~~ ^{just} love to shake each other up. ~~Chess~~ ^{stab the neighbors}

Now he wished
to rush back
to sousse
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led by the
Russian players
+ the American
Reserve by they
finally circulated
a petition guaranteeing
their withdrawal
Only the

CATSSA's LAW

"the dirty thing about Fischer, ^{the thing} which his opponents really mind is that he wins," commented ^{writer} BROWNE. TRUE.

the world of chess starts at the bottom in coffee houses, scholastic chess tournaments and American madhouse swiss system weekend tournaments which are so crazy that every chessplayer enters the competition just to keep his "C.P." (CHEATING POTENTIAL) in working order.

chessmaster starts with the little children and the ^{"C.P."} beginners in William Goichburg's famous tournament circuits across the nation. Now retired from active chessplay, Goichburg has devoted his life to big money tourney organization. He does NOT believe in foundations or federations - ^{he believes quite correctly in Goichburg's} ~~he believes quite correctly in Goichburg's~~ ^{he is the ticket} ~~he is the ticket~~ ^{WITNESS} to all the money on his beloved "CONTINENTAL CHESS ASSOCIATION" which is now a national institution. AND what does tournament director Goichburg get out of it? ^{He is the ticket} WITNESS to incredulous C.P. victims, that's what. Goichburg's success formula is beautiful - he enters hundreds of chessplayers at the tournament at the registration desk in the Hotel McAlpin in New York, then he screams out "Attention!" points to the small tournament hall and says "there it is. Get in there and fight. I hope you survive. If you do you get five dollars back." IT sounds crazy. IT IS. AND IT ALSO WORKS. Goichburg, like Poltavowski, has discovered how to be a great tournament director. You do NOT allow outright dirty cheating but you keep your mouth shut, eyes closed so as not to get punched or hit by a Flying Queens' Rook at board nine hundred and twelve ^{chair} the U.S. OPEN.

the boy's flag was down after 51 moves the boy claimed -
Koltanowski saw instantly that the little boy had
no way of proving that he had actually repeated
moves twice. ^{much less} ~~prove the time control.~~ ^{"prove the time control."} the grandmaster said the boy had lied,
~~he~~ hurriedly made checkmarks ^{Bless and} FOR NON-EXISTENT
moves. ^{For some reason} ~~he had the good sense~~ ^{By a miracle} to lift
the grandmaster's scoresheet ~~and~~ and read the
carbon copy attached beneath the tournament
scoresheet! Behold FIFTY moves and a draw
with a grandmaster ~~by~~ by ^{the} teeny bopper. . . .

New York's William Gorchburg has literally thousands of
C.P. memories - the best however is the classic case
~~from~~ ^{during} a Chicago youth chess tournament
in 1968. Gorchburg was paying out thousands
of dollars in scholarship money to the winners
of each section of the tournament. A seven year
old chessplayer walked up to Gorchburg and
delivered the message he will never forget -

"~~Mr.~~ MR. Gorchburg, did Sam Little win a
hundred dollar FIRST PRIZE?"

"No^{my} Son. Billy Walker won six games and
tied one. Sam Little won six games too
but lost one."

"Yes, I know ~~that~~ MR. Gorchburg. Sam
Little lost a game with me SIR. Gee,
that's too bad. Sam Little should have
won ^{the FIRST} PRIZE SIR. Billy Walker didn't really
win SIR."

"WHAT do you mean ^{my} Son?"

"Well sir when Sam Little went to the bathroom I took ~~the~~ ^{his} rook next to his king off the board and he didn't even see it was gone the ~~whole~~ ^{the} game. HA! HA! HA!" Gorchburg just sat there unable to speak and did the right thing --- he kept paying out the money. Better luck next time. ~~the~~ Nothing goes right all the time. Ho-hum -

(1.) THE OVERNIGHT MISSING PAWN PLOY

Naturally, ~~you~~ ^{you} think that a missing chesspiece is a joke not possible for a chessmaster to overlook, that such a story is one for the books of weak amateur players. ^{well} I have news for you, DR. EMANUEL LASKER, twenty seven year world champion, would never have been ~~heard~~ ^{heard} of if it were not for a mysterious missing pawn. LASKER badly needed the German "master title" ~~and~~ and had sworn to give up chess if he did not secure this calling card for a professional chessplayer in the national tourney. If he lost the last game he would give up chess according to J. HANNAK and other LASKER biographers. [Alas, the game was adjourned in a lost position for LASKER who was a clean pawn down in a rook ending. there was little if any hope but the game still ~~would~~ ^{would} be continued later. IT IS NOT clear exactly what occurred so many years ago except that on unbelievable occasion was made ~~again~~ ^{once} when the game was started ^{over} again.

Both players had forgotten to place the extra (and winning) pawn on the chessboard when ~~placing the chessman~~ ^{to resume the game} LASKER drew the game! ^{Actually I suspect} DR. LASKER ~~is~~ ^{realized} the incredible ^{pawn} absence full well but had the ^{good} sense to remain silent. It is a very strange game to ~~play~~ ^{play} over today. ROOKS keep hopping over a pawn that neither player ~~had~~ ^{had} ~~seen~~ ^{seen} the board long ago!

L^{bitten}a protest was entered by Lasker's opponent
a month later but disallowed - when the game is over
the game is over - to this day what happened to the
missing pawn is unknown - ~~Lasker~~ Lasker received his
master title and began traveling ^{post haste, long} before the heat began. Small
wonder that ^{during} the 1910 Schlechter-Lasker ^{world title} match in Germany everybody in ^{the country} ~~the country~~
^{was rooting for} ~~Vienais~~ ^{Caselli} Schlechter!
(2) the Residential Shave-up ~~manner~~ manner.

MANY master chessplayers follow the international chess tournament circuit as surfers follow the waves around the globe. ~~Many~~^{weird} things can be invented by the local chess organizers to shake up the visiting masters and favor the home team. The best is the residential shake-up which consists of assigning the most beautiful quarters imaginable to the famous player. There are one or two things wrong however -

(A) the apartment is ^{twenty-five} ~~ten~~ miles from the hotel where the tournament is being played. So if you oversleep by ten minutes you will NOT get to the chessboard within one hour. ^{to} ~~to~~ avoid forfeiting, if you're Adolph Andresen

in London during the ~~great~~ ~~1851~~ 1851 international
day (~~you will die~~ ~~in traffic~~ ~~enroute~~)

(B) ~~He~~ ^{with} ~~the~~ ^{death} ~~in~~ ^{IN} ~~the~~ ^{traffic} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~city~~ ^{city} ~~discovered~~ ^{discovered} that all the
apartments on the floor around ~~his~~ ^{the foreign visitor} room are
being torn up with a buzz saw and ^{two} jackhammers
in ~~the~~ ^{the} Russian hotel (at two A.M. ~~this~~ ^{actually} happened
to UNITED STATES grandmaster and New York
times chess EDITOR Robert Byrne AT ~~a~~ ^{struggling out of the hotel with}
the LENINGRAD world ZONA! ~~this~~ ^{his} ~~every~~ ^{bone}
vibrating, Byrne still qualified for the world
championship anyway. this is called toughing-it-out.

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(3) the "I'm sick and watch you play" maneuver

For the FINAL round Sam Jones is one half a point ~~ahead~~ ahead of Bill Smith. They are playing two ~~opponents~~ ^{opponents} who are out of the money in this ~~stage~~ international tourney. Sam needs to know if Bill Smith is going to draw, win, or lose ~~to try to~~ ^{Sam will then} win the tournament by one half point. If Bill wins Sam must win to ~~capture~~ ^{capture} clear first prize. So Sam gets very sick ~~and watches~~ Bill etc. etc. Someday everybody is going to ~~be~~ ^{be} taken ill and the last round will never, ~~never~~ ^{never} happen. A favorite Russian method.

(4.) the thrown-game-bargain-session ~~maneuver~~ ^{maneuver} (wow, this is a gemstone!) Caused by justified PARANOIA, this is ~~one of~~ ^{one of} ~~the~~ ^{the} Walter Browne's favorite shake ~~or~~ ^{or} zipper. Nobody loses, everybody ~~wins~~ ^{wins}. ~~the 1961~~ ^{the 1961} UNITED STATES OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT FINALE @ PAL BENKO, ^{FAMOUS} Hungarian chess professional and problemist has a real problem. DR. Anthony Saidy is one ~~full~~ ^{full} point behind Benko ~~and still playing~~ ^{still playing} U.S. junior champion ~~Walter Browne~~ ^{Walter Browne}. Benko had ~~finished~~ ^{finished} his FINAL game and nobody but DR. Saidy could ~~be~~ ^{be} FOR the NATIONAL championship. ~~Now~~ ^{Now} Benko was VERY nervous. He began to FEAR, to follow the ^{only} rule of the chess ~~world~~ ^{world}. I don't trust anybody. Benko had barely survived the bullets of freedom fighting in Hungary. ~~Now~~ ^{Now} figured to lose a lot of ~~badly needed~~ ^{badly needed} money if DR. Anthony Saidy had "made a deal" with young Browne to have Walter ~~take~~ ^{take} a dive.

[Now you just don't walk up to a ^{chess} ~~master~~ ^{master} and inquire if the fix is on. In fact, nothing was further from the truth. DR. Saidy had "never dreamed" of such an offer. But Benko didn't know that of course. During the Saidy vs. Browne game Benko nervously cornered Walter Browne in the hallway.

then Benko?

offered Browne two hundred dollars if he would tie or beat Saddy! It was a perfectly legal offer. Browne of course just smiled and did not tell Benko that ~~no~~ deal had been made or would be made with DR-Saddy. thus all games were played straight-up as should be except that Sharpe Browne collected two hundred dollars from nervous Pal Benko! The Saddy-Browne game was a draw with Benko first, Saddy second ~~in the tournament~~ and Browne ~~smiling at the tournament~~ - ~~but~~ Benko was nervous, Saddy was second, Browne was paid. . . .

[Just one note on throwing games. there are a few players who unquestionably have never thrown a single game in competition. they include ^{Michael Tal, Michael Botvinnik} Robert Fischer, ^{Robert Burger} Svetozar

^{Fliegensch} Boris Spassky, ^{the late} Bent Larsen, Albert Horowitz, ^{Jonathan Penrose} ~~the late~~ ^{Hans Kmoch} ~~the late~~ ^{Vukcevic} Milan Vukcevic, John Hall, ~~Victor~~ Victor Korchnoi, ~~Adrian McAuley~~ and myself. the temptations, however, are enormous. tell us --- what do you offer?

(5) the "Everything AGAINST Robert Fischer and swimming pool between us ~~the~~ ^{winning} ~~game~~ maneuver

this is rarely necessary. Say that you have ~~five~~ ^{FIVE} great grandmasters from Russia in the CURACAO 1962 world qualifia tournament AGAINST Robert Fischer. what do you do if you are a Soviet "team" member? you play like mad against Fischer and ^{you} agree to quick draws and go out to the ^{hotel} swimming pool when ~~playing~~ your other four countrymen! IF Fischer is NOT playing extremely well ~~and~~ (he was not) ~~then~~ will "honestly" ^{fix} the tournament right there ~~for one of the Russians~~ ^{one of the Russians} would have to win against a fatigued Fischer sometime. ~~It worked~~ but Fischer said "Never again."

is legal cheating. Not one dive by anybody would be necessary.

(6.) The NUDGE ATTACK

With FOUR rounds to go, things are ^{right} down to the wire. You're waiting ~~for~~ patiently for your opponent to make his first move. You've studied his games carefully and know his weaknesses. ^{you are composed, ready} He comes around the corner, smiles cordially, ^{shakes your hand and says "We then"} is seated, and makes his first move. He is not wearing a stitch of clothing in the ~~the~~ middle of hundreds of chessplayers. ^{They} cast the MAN AWAY and you win the game by forfeit. But for the remaining three ^{money} rounds in the Hungarian international tournament you are NOT able to even draw a single game. ^{you are thorough, finished - your mind is blowing} The MAN is locked in his hotel room. He promises to behave. All the players ^{have already borrowed the Nudge MAN} that ~~he has promised~~ WANT him to remain in the tournament rather than forfeit all the ~~remaining~~ games to his few remaining opponents. NO MATTER about his health - ^{Forget about the MAN!} the bets are down. ^{JUST} DRAG THAT poor man's body in here. At least he'll tire out his opponents (if nothing else) EVEN IF he loses badly. So he ^{actually} comes back before the last round - in his jockey shorts. FOR REAL. It actually happened according to ^{both} George Koltanowski and FINE KONG, author of "Chess: From morphy to BOTVINNIK."

(7.) The Kite encirclement maneuver -

You are MICHAEL BOTVINNIK, the greatest player of all time. Your opponent is the brilliant ^{two-time} world champion Alexander Alekhine in the fifth round of the Nottingham 1936 international. the attacking friend Alekhine unleashes a terrific ~~the~~ attack with complications all over the place. you begin to analyze Alekhine's threats when you begin to notice "All the white Alekhine is circling the table, the chessboard, the chairs

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lives

(8.) The Lady Gambit - You have a beautiful lady friend enter the Tournament ^{room} in a spectacular swim suit direct from the hotel swimming pool nearby. She sits as in the kite maneuver - VERY, VERY effective. The best known example of the lady gambit was the famous entrance of MRS. LINDA SMITH during the ¹⁹⁶² Southern Open ^{CHES}s Championship in Memphis, Tennessee. Teenage Jude Acers saw the lovely Linda and moved a rook from another person's chessboard at his left and tried to "castle" with it, ^{also} forgetting his king had already moved and ^{that} castling was therefore no longer possible. LOVER strenuous protests of virtually all the chessplayers the tournament director insisted that Mrs. Smith leave. By that time the success of U.S. Senior Master Kenneth R. Smith at the Southern Championships was virtually assured. Speaking only for myself, my mind was totally blown out of the room ~~and~~ and swimming temporarily became my number one interest. "Give me back my rook young man!" said ~~the~~ ^{the} veteran ^{expert} Hunter weaks with Agitation.

(9.) the BOOZE AVAILABILITY ploy -

You simply place outstanding spirits on a small tray at one end of a long line of chess ~~opponents~~ ^{opponents} which the famous ~~and~~ master is playing simultaneously. He comes around and reaches out to make a move when he discovers not a chess set but the goodies. This works well but four exceptions ~~are known~~ ^{to chess history:} one known ~~to chess history:~~ BLACKBURN (England) MARSHALL (U.S.) ALEXANDER (RUSSIA) AND GIGORICH (YUGOSLAVIA). They actually began to play ~~after~~ ^{better} after drinking the offerings. For ~~exception~~ ^{exception} MILKAN'S KOLTANOWSKI ~~drinks~~ ^{drinks} by the quart during his ~~blindfold~~ ^{famous} blindfold chess exhibitions.

(10.) the Disappearing Scoretable AND the slow-slow mail maneuver

a "grandmaster" depends upon official recognition of his ^{best} results in at least four if not six tournaments registered with ~~the~~ the world CHESS federation ^(FIDE) in Holland. ~~they~~ they must be officially ~~recorded~~ ^{recorded} within a year. ~~now~~ now what happens if the chess official of your country --- uhhh --- shall we say "forgets" to send the report at all? Or what if he sends it from Argentina by surface, slow-boat-to-CHINA-mail? You guessed it. You don't get the grandmaster title and somebody else goes in your place ~~to~~ to the international tournaments from Argentina ^{it actually happened} ~~it's~~ enough to make a man downright suspicious of his fellow man now isn't it? ----- Let's take the ~~american chess~~ ^{american chess} scene -----

I can recall having the records of eight chess tournaments ^{NATIONALLY} rated by the UNITED STATES Chess

Federation) mysteriously disappear for two years, long before they reached the UNITED STATES Chess Federation headquarters in Newburgh, New York. ^{IT WAS DOWNRIGHT MYSTERIOUS} Ask Ed Edmondson, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of the UNITED STATES CHESS Federation. He will NEVER FORGET OUR ^{four} long distance phone calls which ~~found~~ ^{FOUND} us both comparing notes about eight huge chess tournaments that had disappeared ~~from~~ ^{from} all records before Edmondson or the UNITED STATES CHESS Federation ever laid eyes on the scoretables! "It just can't be possible." BUT IT ^{really} happened. ~~IT'S a strange, strange world master Jack~~ ^{Oh well, Scratch one world team event for Jude}

The famous California master John Blackstone, once a member of the UNITED STATES world collegiate chess team, blasted a tournament in Santa Monica with six straight wins and collected six hundred dollars, clear first. MORE THAN A HUNDRED people played in the ^(I WAS THERE & SAW EVERY GAME) officially rated tournament. ~~all~~ ^{all} records disappeared and BLACKSTONE'S ~~great~~ ^{great} victory did not even advance his national standing a single rating UNIT. IT'S enough to make a man ~~like~~ ^{like} ~~understand~~ ^{understand} get the tournament scoretable right off the bulletin board just in case --- Cassa's law: DON'T TRUST anybody.

William Addison won the ¹⁹⁶⁹ Berkeley International Masters tournament years ago. DO YOU KNOW how the Berkeley International ~~Masters~~ ^{Masters} Tournament of 1969 was nationally ~~rated~~ ^{rated}? ~~By a miracle that I show.~~ ^{By a miracle that I show.} THE SCORETABLE WAS FOUND TWO YEARS ^{later}

beneath ~~a~~ ^a bed in a VACANT ROOM by Michael Goodall, a ~~well~~ ^{well} known tournament director! ~~International~~ ^{International} MASTER ~~James~~ ^{James} TARTAN WAS ~~entirely~~ ^{entirely} IN A STATE OF SHOCK when ^{he learned that} ~~this~~ ^{this} great performance in that tournament was ^{finally} ~~rated~~ ^{rated}. "How did you get it rated, even find the records?" said TARTAN, as if I had accomplished the impossible by sending it air mail - special delivery, registered to NEW YORK. TARTAN KNOWS CASSA'S LAW.

(11.) The Restroom Conference threat

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(12.) the vanishing chess player

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(13.) the ventilator maneuver -

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are sitting directly in the air conditioner stream which you haven't really noticed ^{before} there is no other place to play. You are freezing. You rub your elbows and arms. Your opponent takes a lot of time to move. I mean, a lot of time. Suddenly you understand. You get up and walk from the room much wiser ^{and ten dollar lighter} like Addison, you carry a sweater ^{and} light overcoat on the road permanently. NOWADAYS CRASSA'S LAW: DON'T TRUST ANYBODY ANYTIME ANYWHERE.

(14.) the cigarette curl shot

Blowing cigarette smoke ~~directly into~~ ^{directly into the} opponent's face is not legal. You can do it once but after the first warning from the tournament official ~~that~~ you could lose the game by forfeit if you try for shot number two. ^{NOW the} Veteran ^{cigarette} smokers in chess clubs ~~have~~ have perfected the curl shot - smoke is blown into your face in small streams ~~by~~ VIA bouncing off the chessboard and chess pieces. Also the wind currents of the air conditioning are known to the ^{club's regular} smokers much as a golfer reads the grass before putting on the green. ^{also} I have ^{also} had ashtrays overturned in my lap AS I was closing in on my opponent.

(15.) the "cigar threat" and the sipping straw menace.

Cigar smoking and the like is strictly out in international tournaments if even one of the contestants ~~object~~ ^{objects}. AARON NIEMZOVICH WAS THE VICTIM OF the cigar threat however. Violently allergic to cigar smoke, NIEMZOVICH WAS playing DR. EMANUEL LASKER when the latter simply placed two unopened cigars aside the board. IT bothered NIEMZOVICH greatly even though his opponent made no move to smoke the cigars.

Niemzovich complained immediately to the bewildered tournament director. "He ~~threatens~~ to smoke, and you know yourself Herr Fasher has written that the threat is often greater than the execution! He is doing this on purpose, to threaten, sir." Incredibly their game was an excellently played draw anyway. ~~Niemzovich~~ stayed.

The sipping threat is yet another danger - It is well known that 28 year world chess champion William STEINITZ faced great danger when he repeatedly sipped both lemonade and tea while playing playboy, crack pistol shot, fencer and chess ~~grandmaster~~ Johannes Zuckertort. ~~in 1883~~ a dire warning came forth from Zuckertort: IF STEINITZ did not cease and desist sipping with such a loud hiss he, Zuckertort, would throw STEINITZ directly out of the London chess club window. STEINITZ prevented this tragic fate only by jamming his walking cane crossways in the window - so that enraged Zuckertort could not quite shove him through. But he really, really tried. From that day forward they were deadly enemies. They refused to write or speak to each other and thus a world chess championship match seemed hopeless. ~~then~~ then Steinitz introduced the DEATH ATTACK.

(16) ~~The Death Attack~~ ^{fantastic} In 1883 Zuckertort scored a ~~fabulous~~ ^{crushing} tournament victory at Vienna, ~~beating~~ twenty four masters. He actually won TWENTY-THREE OF HIS FIRST TWENTY-FOUR games before losing his last three because of ~~the~~ fatigue! Nevertheless he was STILL three full points ahead of world champion STEINITZ at the tourney's conclusion. This ~~unbelievable~~ ^{unbelievable} feat had the entire chess world wondering if Zuckertort were not the world champion in everything BUT NAME.

~~Steinitz was not big enough~~

Negotiations followed ~~the~~ ^{NEGOTIATION} the world was too small for both
Steinitz and Zuckertort. the latter was moved to write. "It is beyond the limits
of decorum and parliamentary language to enter into a discussion with an opponent
who prides himself on the scumbliness of his speech and his writings. Past experience has
taught me that any direct negotiations with Mr. Steinitz would exhaust human patience and finally prove
barren."

At a banquet a toast was proposed to the "CHAMPION OF THE WORLD" AND BOTH Zuckertort and
Steinitz stood up! They hated each other so much that
it took almost four years of ~~no stop negotiations~~ ^{title} to arrange a \$2,000 match in the UNITED STATES. The
stakeholder and referee of the death attack was CHARLES BUCK of New Orleans
and the match was to be played in New York, St. Louis
and New Orleans. whoever lost would simply die of shock
and that's exactly what happened.

Steinitz was crushed, losing four straight games
with ~~only~~ a single win at the start of the match.
It has never happened in chess history that a
grandmaster and world champion had lost four straight
games and come back to save the match. EXCEPT ONCE.
this time. Steinitz dragged himself, ~~his~~ his sick, ~~the~~
dying wife and daughter to St. Louis and New Orleans.
~~He~~ ^{supposed to be} He ~~just~~ ^{shamed} just what would class is
all about by smothering Zuckertort in St. Louis
and ~~finishing~~ ^{astonishing} the job ~~with~~ with
an ~~unbeatable~~ 10 WINS, ~~for~~ ⁵ losses and ~~for~~ ⁵ ties.
Zuckertort entered a sanatorium and died two years
later. the match literally killed him. He lost all reason
and will to live. His brilliant chess analysis was printed no more.

Zuckertort fans hold that Zuckertort was ~~actually~~
not well and the 1886 match did not really mean anything.
Now sense. Have you ever heard of a sick ~~or~~ or dying man
defeating Bobby Fischer four straight? No and you
never will. Michael TAL was the only master ever
to defeat Fischer four straight and TAL was in
top shape at the time they played. believe me.
It was the death attack. To get an idea of the mental
condition of masters aside from losing at the chessboard
we should mention that Steinitz's daughter was made

(18) the CHESS CLOCK MECHANIC

If ever there is ~~an~~ ^a hall of fame for chess hustlers and chess victims there will most certainly be a monument ~~one~~ ^{one} hundred feet high and a football field in length shaped like a chess clock. The dirtiest, most filthy trickery is possible by the chessplayer who happens also to be a chess clock mechanic. It is almost impossible to stop a clock mechanic from his lethal sneaky deeds. I have seen it all and all the tricks work sometime.

For those readers who are not quite sure ~~that~~ what a chess clock is or does a brief word is in order. You must make a certain number of ^{chess} moves in, say, ~~two~~ ^a two hours allotted thinking time. You think as long as you need to on your move, make the move and punch the button ~~stop~~ ^{step} ~~of~~ your chess clock. This automatically stops your clock and starts your opponents chess clock. You have no limit on one move but must hurry to make all your remaining moves or lose the game on time forfeit when the ~~small~~ ^{small} red flag drops after two hours on your clock.

This is all very nice and chess clocks generally keep a player from spending NINE HOURS just ~~the~~ thinking about one move as ~~Louis~~ ^{Louis} PAULSEN did against PAUL MORPHY in 1857! MORPHY was so enraged that he reached out and replied instantly with a blunder that turned an easy win into a mere draw.

OK. So what could wrong as Jude Acers
 plays ^{some} 1,400 clocked chess games 1959-1970?
 How could the ~~the~~ clock mechanic give Jude the
 message? we have space for only the most horrible. ---

the Little Finger ^{MANUEVER}
 YOUR OPPONENT HAS

~~He~~ ~~is~~ only a few seconds to make ten moves.
 You know his time is going to run out and you win
 by time forfeit. So you quickly make six moves
 boom-boom-boom-and punch your chess clock
 after each move to start his FLAG FALLING.

BUT it doesn't! ~~you~~ you do NOT realize ~~that~~ that the
 chess opponent is pounding down his ^{little} chess
 move to get your attention while sneaking his
 little finger on top of his ~~lever~~ to prevent
 his clock FROM RUNNING at all! IT'S YOUR
 clock that ticks off the few seconds of
~~in~~ your opponent's move. IF you too are
 in extreme time pressure it's YOU who forfeits
 unless you scream for the tournament director
 and can ^{FIND} a witness ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~fact~~
 while you wait for the tournament director your clock IS RUNNING.

It is probably impossible in the heat of battle
 to watch the clock mechanic because the chessplayer
 is so deeply engrossed in the thrilling antics
 of the ^{chessman} ~~chessman~~ whizzing at supersonic
 speed all over the place. I have actually
 been forced to make twenty six separate chess moves against
 Walter Browne in thirty seconds flat. IT IS
 an experience I never want to go through again
 as long as I live. we both barely lived.

Because Browne is considered the most time pressure prone of all professionals I have ~~he~~ taken special NOTE of the way Browne keeps people from stealing thousands of DOLLARS from him when he has a precious ten seconds remaining. ~~and he~~ ~~off~~ Browne always punches the clock with a karate chop hand motion and can ^{INSTANTLY} extend his entire hand to chop off your little finger IF IT touches the clock before he is through starting ~~the~~ ^{YOUR} ~~your~~ time. I've seen Browne's hand club ~~the~~ opponents at least a dozen times. Browne also keeps a ^{written} record of every move in even the most terrible time pressure. ^{Browne's sense is always deadly accurate. He can prove the time control.} He needs to with clock mechanics around. Browne ^{once} ~~he~~ told a ^{known} mechanic "Don't mess with the clock during our game unless you want to die!" It's such a nice chess world we live in.

the slow clock

Your opponent takes hours to make his move in a critical position. ~~the~~ ~~the~~ He concludes the game and the chess pieces are being put away. Suddenly you notice that your clock reads one hour and fifty minutes, his clock reads twenty five ^{minutes} ~~minutes~~. Strange isn't it?

the SNEAKY STARTER

I am sure this was done ^{to me} dozens of times before I caught one unfortunate mechanic at it. Both clocks are ready and you don't pay any attention in your young chess playing years and make your ^{FIRST} move. Luckily, you spill coffee on the table and have to clean it up, moving the chess clock

11:01

slightly when you notice something rather queer - your clock is set at 12:01 as is correct but your opponent's is at 11:00. ~~But~~

out loud

the FIRST TIME CONTROL is AT 2:00. that means your opponent just happens to get on extra hour UNLESS you ^{notice} ~~notice~~ something. Caught cold, the clock mechanic just begins laughing & Jule Acers just hurls the clock to the floor smashing it into a thousand pieces and leaves. ---

the Restroom Shift

A famous ploy of the world's greatest clock mechanic VITALEY RADAIKEN. When PAUL VAYSSIE of the mechanics Institute Chess Team to (SAN FRANCISCO) checked the times on his clock after ~~three~~ ^{three} hours of play he discovered that his clock had jumped 1 hour forward ~~and~~ ^{was} RADAIKEN'S clock ~~1 hour~~ ^{had leaped} backward.

Pespite several traps by spying witnesses when VAYSSIE purposely left the room for a breath of fresh air nobody ever caught the Radaiken shift. IT happens apparently in a fraction of a second. Comforting isn't it?

~~the~~ the FAST CLOCK PLACER

this involves being alert at the start of the game, watch now as your opponent is putting the chess clock carefully so that the fast clock is ^{on your side} ~~you~~. You think you're smart don't you? you insist that he reverse the clocks by shifting the timepiece to the other side of the chessboard. HA! HA! Now he has the fast running chess clock. that will teach him to try such tricks

A young chessplayer walks up to Tule Acres in 1972. "MR Acres, ^{do} you ^{remember} ~~long a time~~ ^{ago} when you made MR. Radaiken change ^{the} clock to the other side of the ^{chess} board, sir?"

"Yes, my son, I remember it well. What about it?"

"Well MR. Acres. I've been thinking about something ^{strange} ~~that~~ I remember ~~years~~ after ~~that~~ that happened. When you went outside to speak to ^{MR.} Chuck Savery for ^{just a} minute MR. Radaiken reached into his briefcase and took out ANOTHER chess clock and placed it in the FIRST ONE's place!"

You may think grandmaster is too honorable to suspect clock mechanics. Think again. ^{CARROLL'S LAW} At the New York 1924 super grandmaster tournament DR. EMANUEL LASKER was losing against ~~Capablanca~~ Capablanca and in extreme time trouble as well. Suddenly Lasker screamed obscenities at Capablanca, accusing him of tampering with the clock so that ~~the~~ Lasker's time sped like Jesse Owens to the time forfeit ~~mark~~. There ~~was~~ WAS NOT an ounce of proof and Capablanca "would never ~~have~~ have dreamed of this. But Lasker knew Carroll's Law. He apologized several days afterward.

And then there was the case of the flag that was glued so that it would never drop when the clock owner overstepped the limit. And the case of the flag that would drop a ^{half} minute sooner than it was supposed to ^{the clock hands symbol took off with no proof} while you lost your mind and ~~the~~ one thousand dollars. And then---

(19.) The Friendly Verbal Suggestion Ploy

This last tactic is quite scary and reminds me of the mafia. Tule Acer is sweeping all over the southern United States in 1963. He is getting to be a ^{young} goody master chess player. He does not make deals. He cannot be dissuaded from giving his very best ^{during} every game, everywhere. Tule is already famous. Let's see what can happen to our star. - - - -

It is the Jackson, Mississippi tournament open. Tule Acer is scheduled to play the Jackson City high school chess champion in the last round. His name is "Jim Walker." Tule is going to be too much, far too much for the local boy to handle. It is a sure thing.

Chessmaster Acer sweeps toward the tournament playing room and stops for a moment for a quick drink at the water fountain in the hotel lobby. Suddenly a man built very much like a gorilla, a HUGE six foot eight inch man approaches little Tule. "Hello, are you Mr. Acer?"

"Well... ahhh... ahhh... yesss" squawked from Tule Acer.

"Well... I own the hotel you're standing in and I'm ^{Jim} ~~Jim~~ Walker's father, son. I've got a little bet on this game. If you don't see to it that my son loses a long, ~~long~~ long time you might not get out of this hotel alive. I mean it son - ~~and~~ ^{while you're playing} don't forget ~~your~~ ^{THAT} luggage ~~and other things~~ and your radio ~~that~~ are still in your hotel room upstairs...."

Tule Acer gulped. How did the ^{man} know about his radio? Gulp.

Gulp. Jimmy Walker lasted six hours, one hundred moves exactly and missed two forced draws. Father knows best.

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Jim Walker's

Don't forget that your luggage and your radio