

Mating Games

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It's a chess puzzle! White to play and win in the fewest number of moves (3, 3, 5, 3, as stated). Of the 4 puzzles, 1 requires White to move only Knights, 1 requires White to move only Bishops, and 1 requires White to move only Queens (including a Queened Pawn). The remaining puzzle requires the movement of a Bishop, followed by a Queen, followed by a Knight for checkmate. The fact that the final puzzle does not allow for letters to be extracted is a safeguard and a hint.

The extracted letters (using RGBYK to indicate the order):



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The letters from the Knight puzzle: CIO
 The letters from the Bishop puzzle: NOM
 The letters from the Queen puzzle: ENNES

Taken in the order of the final puzzle (Bishop, Queen, then Knight), they make the string **NOMEN NESICIO**, which is abbreviated in chess as N.N. when a player's name is not known, when an untitled player faces a master, or to protect a known player from *the insult of a painful defeat*. In Latin, it means "I do not know the name", which, if applicable to one's Vegas wedding, is *pretty painful and embarrassing*.

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