

age species' teasing. However, they do not really mind and take it all very well because they have their priorities right. Rumour has it one has been sighted in the vicinity of Dhanmondi, but I doubt it...definitely an endangered species!

Note to parents: You are very lucky - please treasure the charming child you have, now that you are aware of all the other demons on the loose.

Species number 5--the TRUE Procrastinator. This is a rather rare breed of super-intelligent beings. They are difficult to recognise on appearance alone and they can be quite charming individuals. They may even appear trustworthy and...dare I say it...normal. They are, in fact, anything but. Rather than using their brains for benign purposes they use them to avoid work...AT ANY COST! They are a lost cause, as they crossed over to the dark side long ago. The few signs are seemingly normal behaviour, bad grades and a very high IQ. Not to be confused with the more generic tendency towards procrastination that afflicts the majority of teenagers...

Note to parents: This is a tricky species, not least because they are smarter than average. One way of surviving life with them is by striking a deal. This way the procrastinator feels that they are gaining more than they normally would. For example, "If you get better grades, you can go out more/ get a new stereo/ sleep in until midnight without fear of parental interruption." However, parents must be careful about what they agree to in these deals, because if the procrastinator meets their end and the parent is unable to meet theirs...well...the result is not going to be pleasant.

Finally, *Species number 6* (and the worst in my opinion)-- the *Chapabaaaj*. These come in both sexes. In simple words, all that they do is lie...about EVERYTHING. This is done purely for attention. The subject of these lies differs from *chapabaaaj* to *chapabaaaj*. Often seen with the "cool group" if the lies have been convincing, and if not, usually alone because they do not want to be with the "losers" now, do they? They may make unreasonable demands at home, and often go to drastic lengths to have their lies believed. Often, their lies are not even convincing, so why bother? Like the procrastinator, elements of the *chapabaaaj* exist in nearly all teens, but those who take it to another level, get counted as a whole new species...They are DEFINED by what they do!

Note to parents: The only way to deal with the foul little liars is sending them away to military camp and moving house so that even if they do escape, they will be unable to track you down!

Now that you are better equipped to differentiate between the various species you may encounter on a school safari - happy hunting or rather taming (and may the force be with you!).

Moody masters

Chess

A player has to be consistent to succeed at the top level. Most of the great masters are known for their ability to maintain their form over a long period of time. Of course, occasional bad patches are not to be counted.

That said, there were some truly formidable masters whose form fluctuated very often. It is not easy to determine a player's real strength when he is playing like a world champion in one tournament and caving in without any fight in another. Efim Bogoljubow, the Russian grandmaster, belonged to that category. He won some major tournaments in the 1920's, ahead of both Capablanca and Alekhine, but was never considered a player of their class. His fine showing in very strong tournaments elevated him to a contender for the world title; but his attempts to win the championship ended in unqualified setbacks, as Alekhine was too strong for him. Perhaps he was not a match player.

The difference between tournament and match play is quite marked. In match play, a master has to spot both the strengths and weaknesses of his adversary well before making the first move. It is absolutely necessary to be thoroughly prepared for the systems that are part of the opponent's opening repertoire. It is also important to be able to guess how he might react to a particular move over the board. In other words, match play requires long preparation. Tournament play is quite another proposition since you are facing a new opponent every day. So it's not really possible to study all the games played by them. But modern players, especially at the highest level, are showing a remarkable ability to study almost everything coming their way. Small wonder, they are prepared even for the rarely played opening variations.

Richard Reti in his book "Masters of the Chessboard" described Bogoljubow's play as rather unpredictable. On his day he was simply irresistible, but would play well below his strength when not in the right frame of mind. Such players are very likely to produce many beautiful games and Bogoljubow was no exception.

Here is a game played by the moody master.

White-Efim Bogoljubow
Black-Akiba Rubinstein
[D29]

Bad Kissingen 1928

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.c4 dxc4
4.e3 Nf6 5.Bxc4 e6 6.00 a6
7.Qe2 b5 8.Bb3 Bb7 9.a4 b4
10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 cxd4
12.exd4 Be7 13.Nc4 00
14.Nce5 Nd5 15.a5 N7f6
16.Bd2 Rc8 17.Bc4 Qd6
18.Bd3 Bd8 19.Ra4 Be7 20.Raa1 Bd8 21.Qe1 Be7 22.Nc4
Qb8 23.Nfe5 Rfd8 24.Qe2 Qa7 25.Be3 Nxe3 26.fxe3 Rf8
27.Nb6 Rc7 28.Rf1 Bd6 29.Rf2 Be7 30.Raf1 Bd8 31.Rf4
Nd5 32.Bxh7+ Kxh7 33.Qh5+ Kg8 34.Ng6 1-0 **-PATZER**



Position after 32.Bxf7+!