

Board-less games for when you're bored

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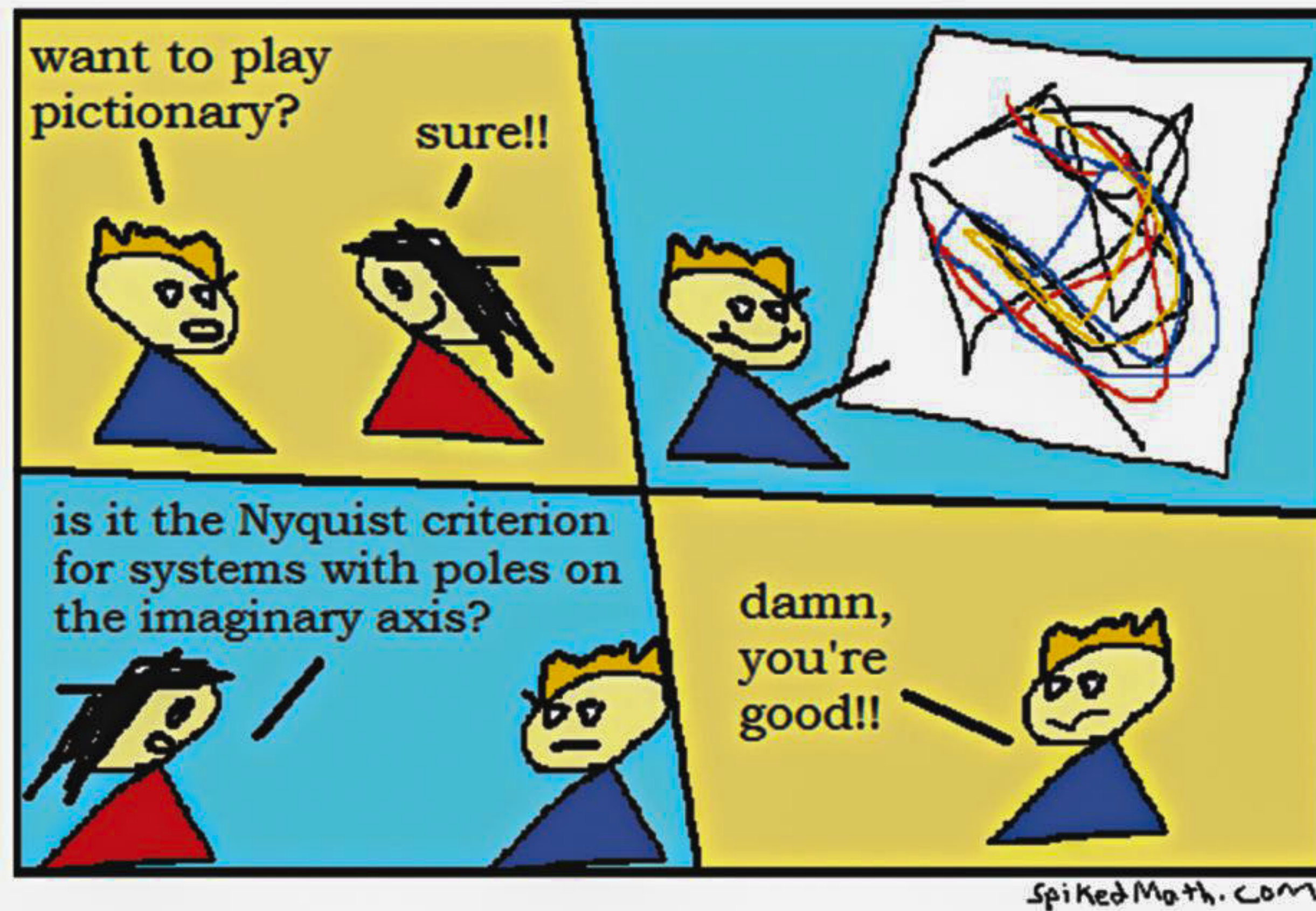
Get off your computers and spend some quality time with friends or family by playing some of these fun and easy games anytime, anywhere.

THE WHISPER CHALLENGE

What you need is a cellphone and some headphones. Choose a song (not Despacito) that is really loud. Each person takes turns to wear the headphones and turn the volume up high enough so they can't hear anything other than the music. One person chooses a sentence to say out loud. The person with the headphones on then has to read the lips of the person talking and figure out what they're saying. They must then pass on the headphones to someone else and the previous person now has to say the sentence they think is correct. This is repeated until the last person has read the lips of someone. He/she then, has to say out loud what they think the original sentence is. The sentence usually gets messed up badly and the end result is hilarious.

PICTIONARY

Although there are different versions of this, the game is quite a simple one. First, make two teams. Then decide on a theme. It might be movies, books, per-



sonalities, food —anything. Keeping that in mind, one team has to choose a word or phrase and reveal it to only one of the members of the other team. The person then has to draw on a piece of paper what they were told and their team members have to guess what it is. Each team takes turns until all members have drawn at least once. The team with the most

number of correct guesses wins.

TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE

This is an extremely simple yet interesting game. Sit in a circle or around a table. Each person has to share two facts about themselves and one lie. The more absurd the things you say, the better. This game might help you figure out just how good of a liar you are, or it might teach you

how bad you are at catching people lying.

SING THE LYRIC

If you're tired of *gaaner koli* but still love singing games, this is perfect for you. Separate into two teams. One team chooses a random word and the other team has to sing a song with that word in the lyrics. Take turns and repeat for as long as you want. To make things more competitive, teams could try to sing as many songs with that one word as they can, and the team that can think of the most number of songs wins.

MURDER

Take a few pieces of paper and write "murderer" on one, "detective" on another, and leave the rest blank. The person who gets the "detective" paper must tell everyone his role. Then everyone closes their eyes. Meanwhile, the murderer sneakily touches a "victim" and goes back to their spot. Everyone opens their eyes and the victim reveals that they have been "murdered". The detective then has to question everyone to find out who the murderer is. Only the murderer can lie while the rest tell the truth.

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Lies my mother told me

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Parenting is hard and children not always lovable. To make this difficult job a little easier, mothers and fathers sometimes resort to little white lies. I've compiled a list of the lies we all probably heard at one point in our childhood:

IF YOU DON'T SHARE FOOD, YOUR STOMACH WILL HURT

Truth be told, this lie might be well-intentioned because what are the chances that the *farm er murgi* our parents raised us to be will want to share the tasty food we get? However, like all things, this too can be misused, especially if another person uses this to get a taste of the dish he or she was really craving and couldn't control their greed.

TWO FASTS IN ONE DAY

For some reason or other, nearly everyone wants to fast when they are young. Maybe it's because we want to feel like we're grown up or maybe it's because our parents inadvertently make us feel like we can't do it, but almost all Bangladeshi children are determined to fast when Ramadan comes around. Our parents on the other hand know that while we can talk the talk, most of us really can't fast the fast. Our mothers however, have devised an ingenious way to get around this dilemma. They have convinced us that for us young people, having lunch means fasting twice in one day. And most of us believed it, because it seemed too good to be true.

SEE HOW GOOD ANIKA IS

This is not an intentional lie, because she really does think Anika is a very good girl who accidentally ended

up on Earth when she slipped and fell from Heaven. She sees Anika's grades and Anika's manners but she doesn't see Anika's Snapchat stories where she is seen in places hanging out with people you would be forbidden from mingling with.

THE OLD LADY FROM THE MOON IS COMING TO GET YOU

This is the lie she told you when she wanted you to take a nap. This lie of course had many variations – sometimes it was Shakchunni, sometimes it was the old lady with the yarn ball, sometimes it was the ghost in the horror movie your parents explicitly forbid you from watching. However, one thing these lies have in common is that they all scared you enough to take a nap. Yes, your mother made you take naps to ensure you were fully rested but she also made you take naps so that she herself could get some rest to take care of the unruly, hyper, and



demanding child that you probably were.
CLEANLINESS IS A VIRTUE

Most mothers have this odd obsession with being clean and keeping things clean. She believes being clean is of the utmost importance and will randomly pick out stories and information to prove her point. You will have to try really hard to justify your laziness when you don't want to take a shower. Mothers will not listen to reason when it comes to cleanliness. In fact, if you show her studies showing that intelligent people are messy, you will have a hard time trying to convince your mom that this information is actually true.