

## Chess

### "Molokov And Anatoly"

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Molokov: [Spoken]

The man is utterly mad. Believe me, Anatoly, you're playing a lunatic.

Anatoly: [Spoken]

That's the problem. He's a brilliant lunatic, and you can't tell which way he'll jump. Like his game, he's impossible to analyze. You can't predict him, dissect him, which of course means he's not a lunatic at all.

Molokov:

What we've just seen's  
A pathetic display  
From a man who's  
Beginning to crack.  
He's afraid--  
He knows he isn't  
The player he was,  
And he won't get it back.

Anatoly:

Nonsense!  
Why do you people  
Always want to believe  
Third-rate propaganda?

Molokov:

My friend, please relax,  
We're all on your side.  
You know how you need us.

Anatoly:

I don't need my army  
Of so-called advisors,  
And helpers  
To tell me the man  
Who's revitalized chess  
single-handed  
Is more or less out of his brain,

When it's very clear  
He's sane.

Molokov:  
Listen, we don't  
Underestimate Trumper.  
We won't get caught  
In that trap.  
After all, winning or losing  
reflects on us all.

Anatoly:  
Oh, don't give me that crap.  
I win, no one else does,  
And I take the rap if I lose.

Molokov:  
It's not quite that simple--  
The whole world's tuned in,  
We're all on display.  
We're not merely sportsmen.

Anatoly:  
Oh, please don't start  
Spouting that old party line.  
Yes, I know it's your job,  
But just get out and get me  
My chess-playing second.  
In 36 hours we begin--  
That is if you want to win!

Molokov: [Spoken]  
Wanting is not sufficient. We have to know. We have  
to make sure. All men have a weakness. His is that  
woman. Take her, and you win the game.

Anatoly: [Spoken]  
So you think I can't win otherwise?

Molokov: [Spoken]  
I'm not saying that. I'm just making certain. And she  
is attractive. Then there's her intriguing family history--  
Hungary, 1956 and all that.

Anatoly: [Spoken]  
I'm a chess player, Mr. Molokov. You go and play  
these other games.

