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### 3. Bc4 · Italian game

White develops the bishop to a good square where it controls a valuable diagonal. From c4 the Bishop controls d5 and pressures Black's f7-pawn, the most vulnerable pawn in Blacks position. Having developed both their kingside minor pieces quickly, White is ready to castle. White's plans include a swift attack on f7 and building a big centre with c3 and d4.

There is no immediate threat to Black's position so they have some flexibility in how to respond. It would be good to develop a piece, and there are several options, the most common being 3...Nf6, the Two Knights Defense, or 3...Bc6, the Giuoco Piano, which keeps the bishop on c4 or to release it to e2.

Attack e4

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1	e4	e5
2	Qf3	Qc6
3	Bc4	