

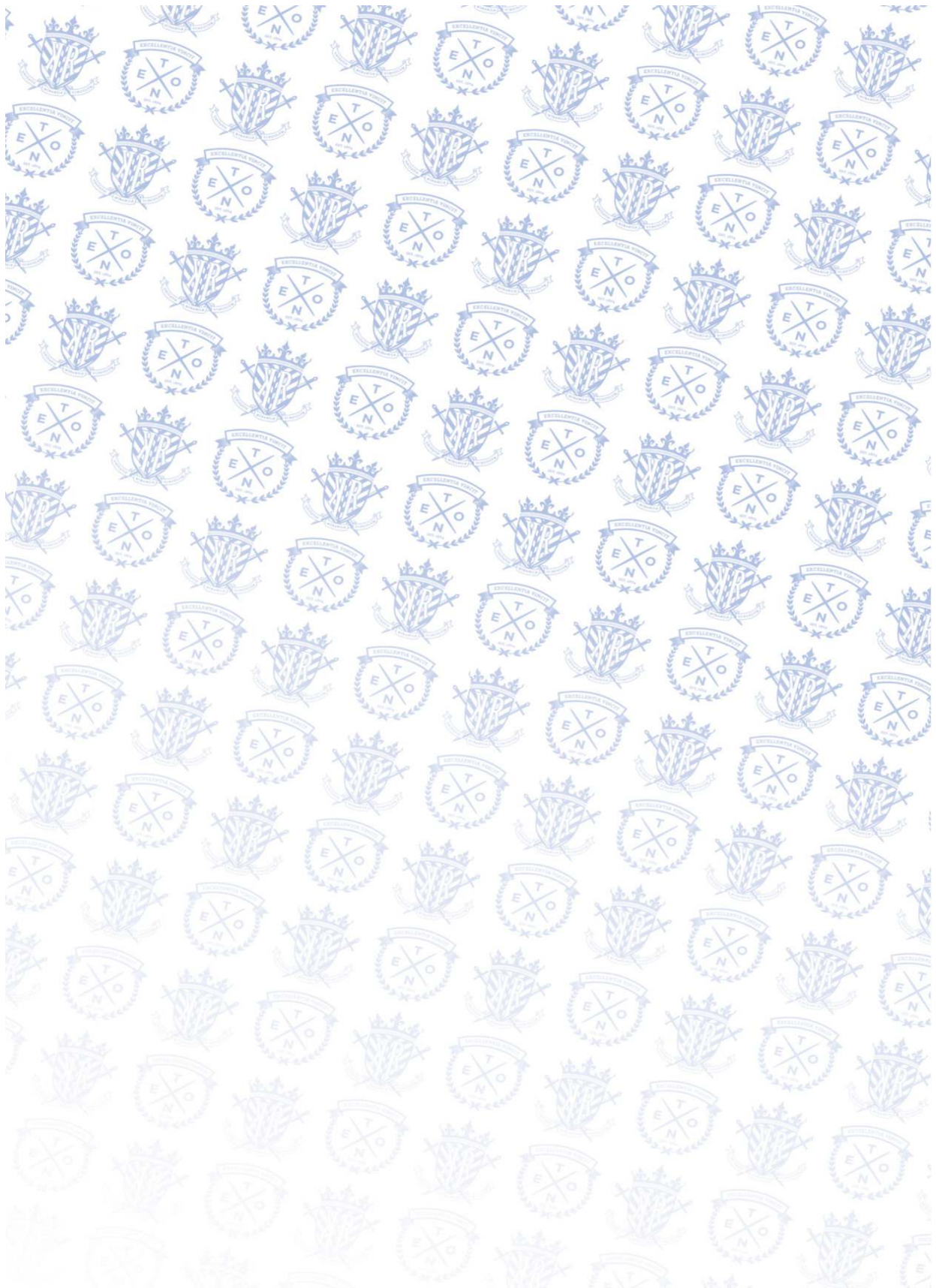
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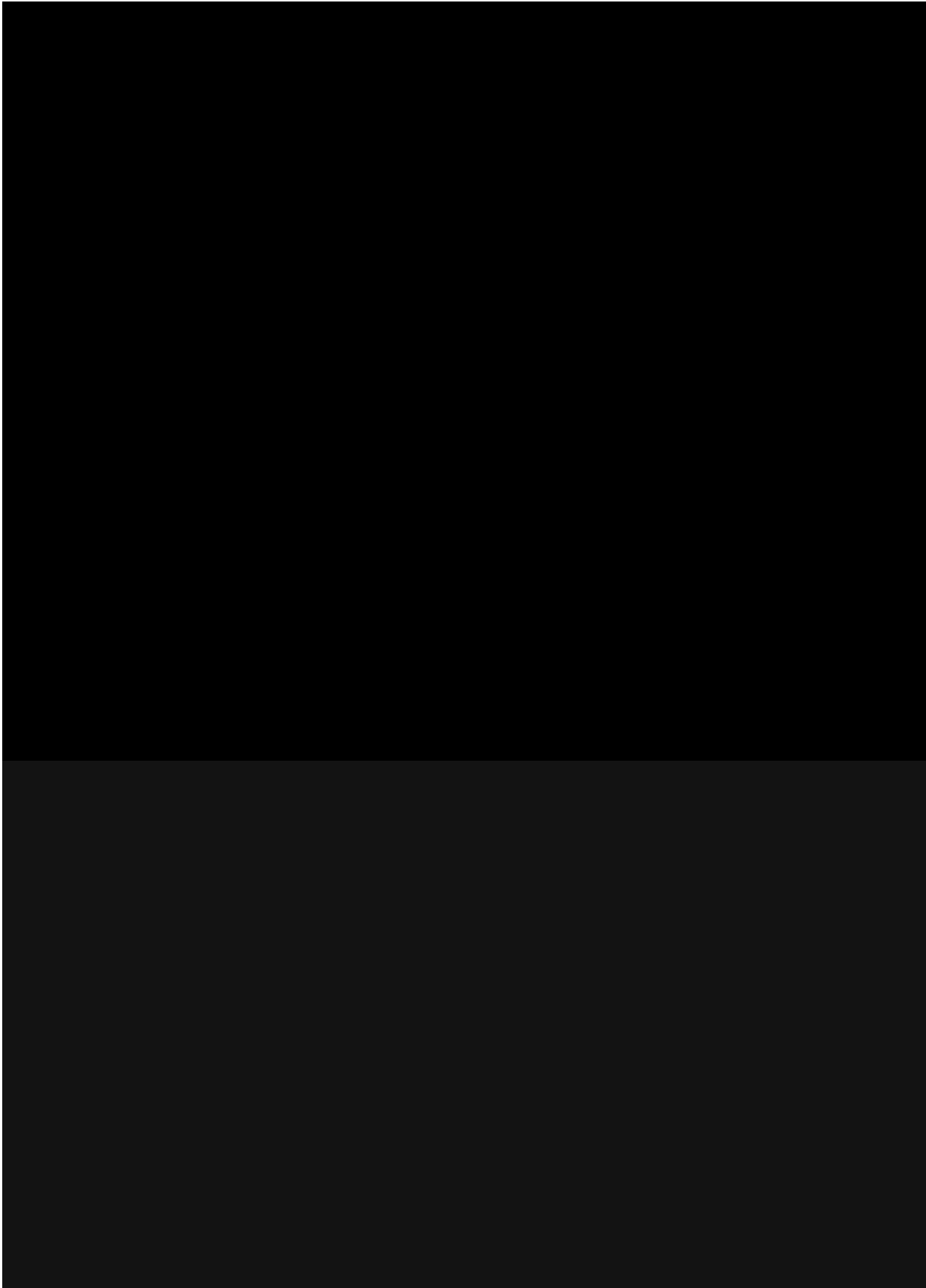
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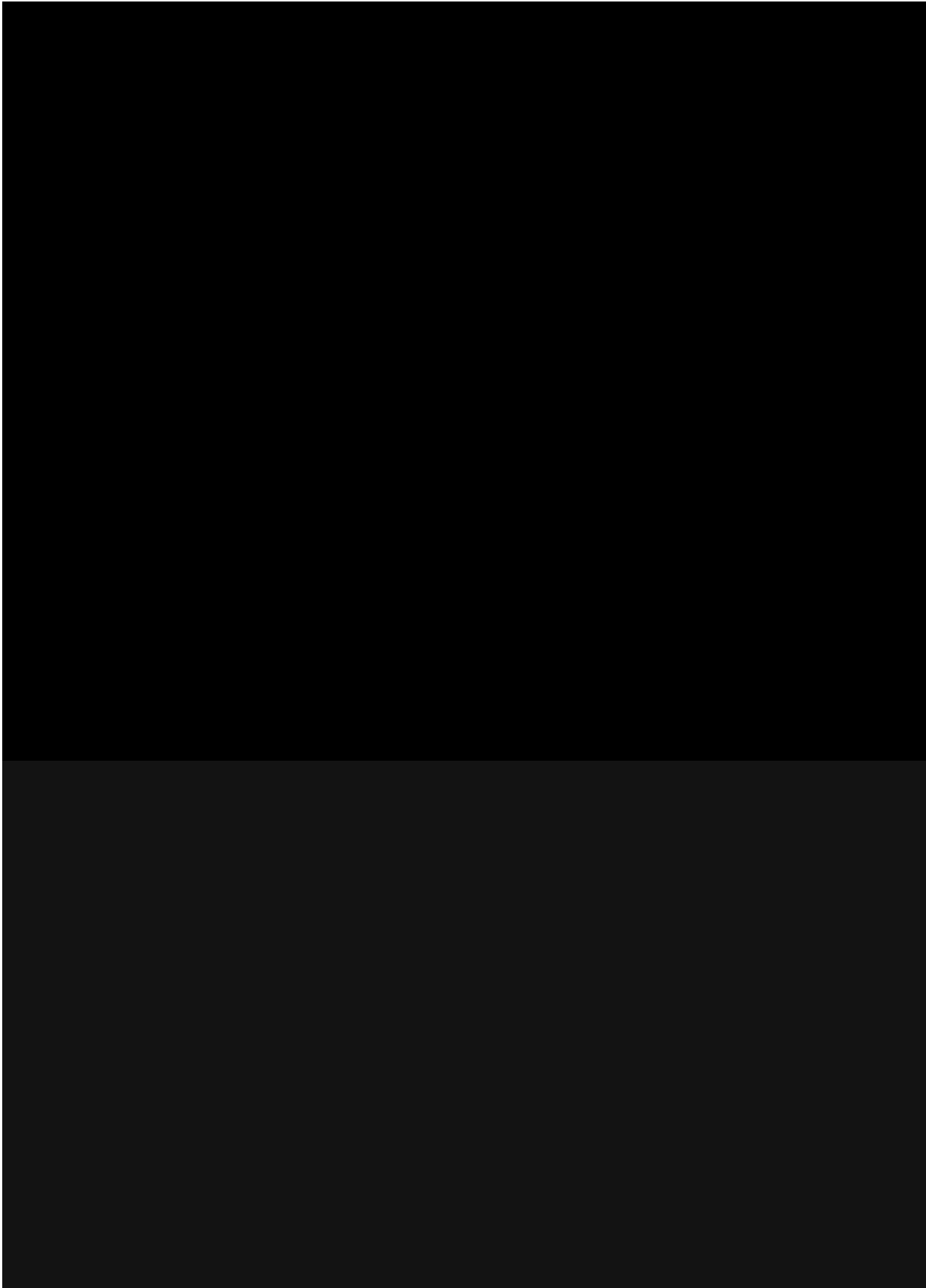
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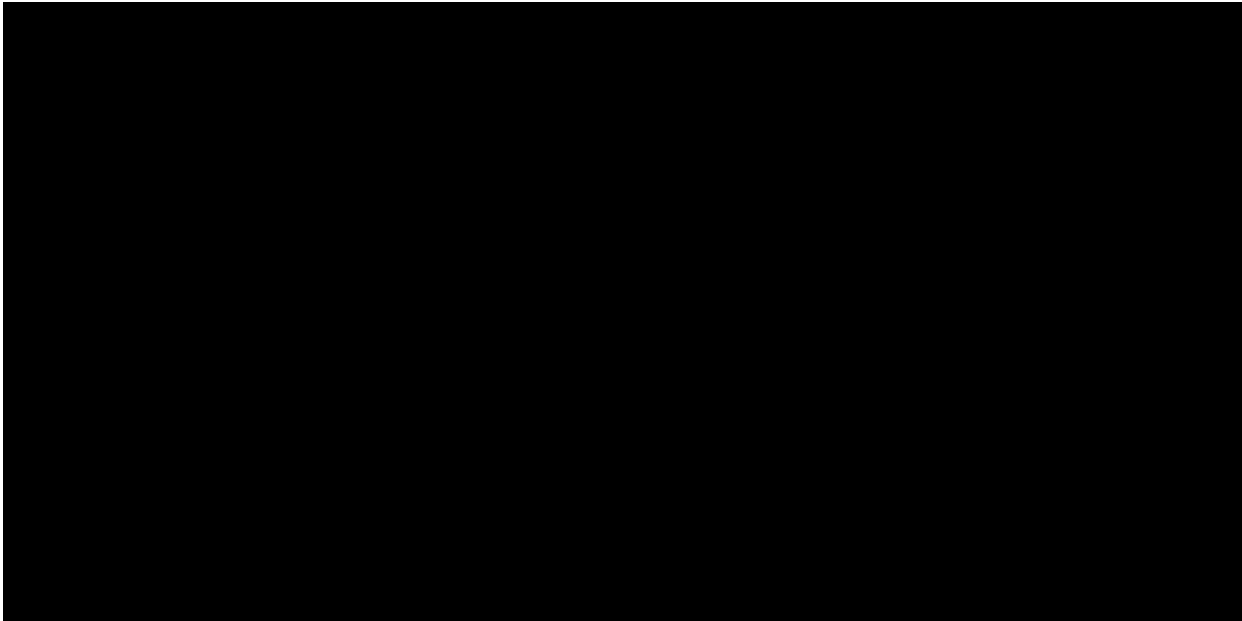
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CHAPTER
SEVENTEEN









I USED TO WORK CLEANING JOBS BACK HOME. THAT'S HOW I FIRST GOT FENCING LESSONS.

I HELPED COACH JOE CLEAN UP HIS SALLE D'ARMES.



BACK THEN, FENCING AT A PLACE LIKE KINGS ROW WAS JUST A DREAM. BUT AFTER WE WON THAT MATCH AGAINST MLC, IT FELT LIKE--



--I MIGHT HAVE A REAL SHOT.

I WANT TO WORK HARD SO THAT THIS TEAM--OUR TEAM--CAN GO ALL THE WAY TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND WIN.

AND AFTER THAT, IF WE WIN THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, WE CAN--

YOU TALK A LOT.



OH, YEAH, SORRY. I GET CARRIED AWAY.

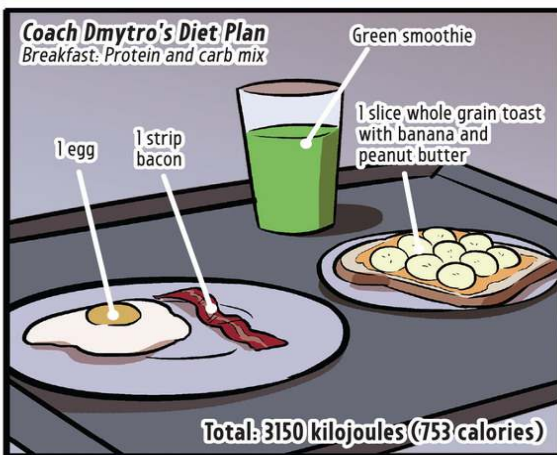
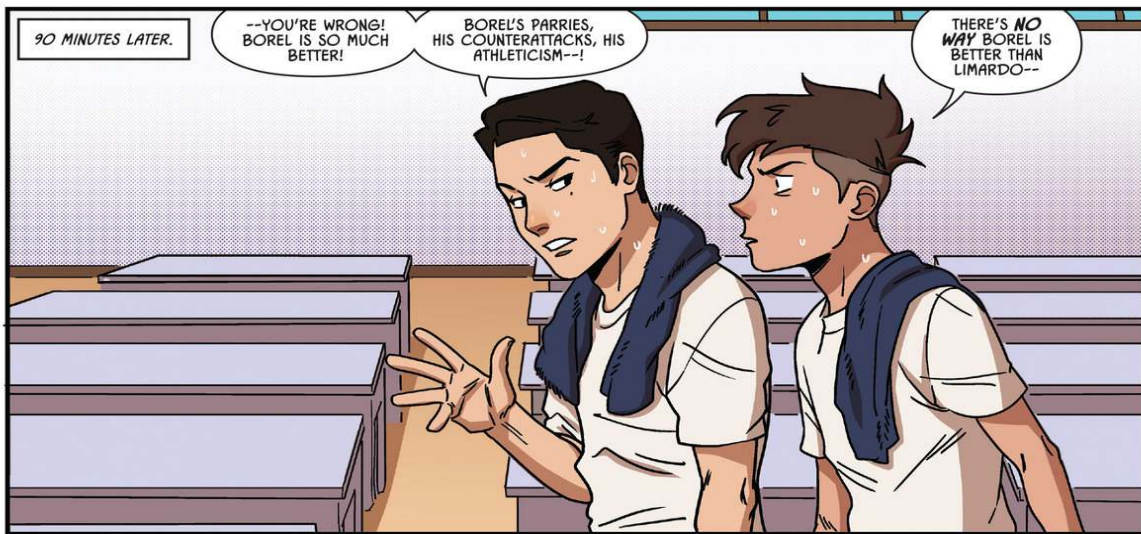
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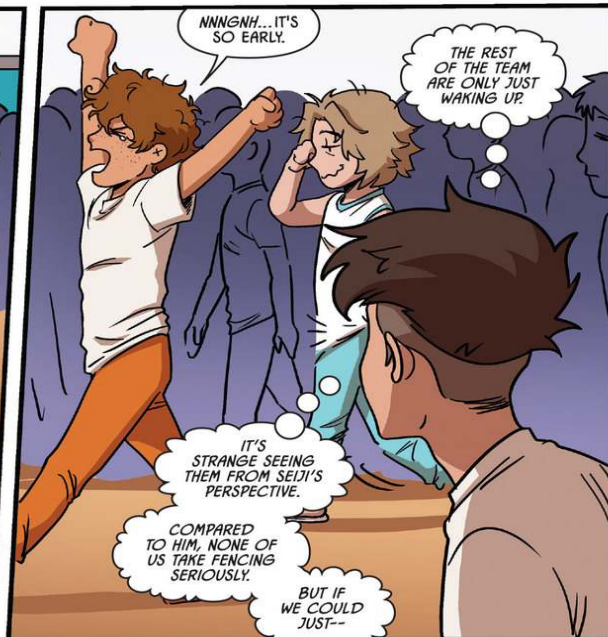
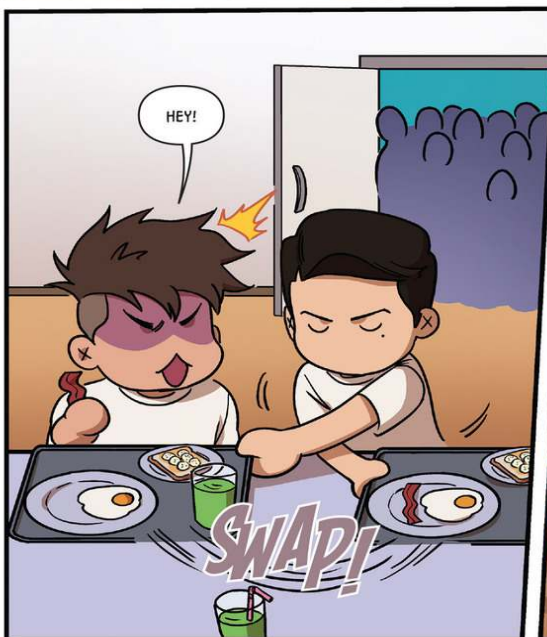


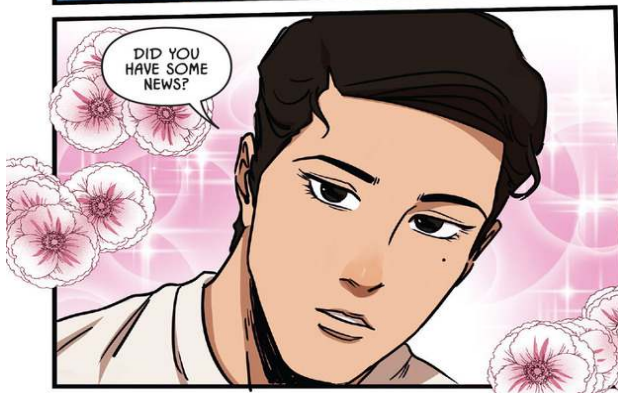
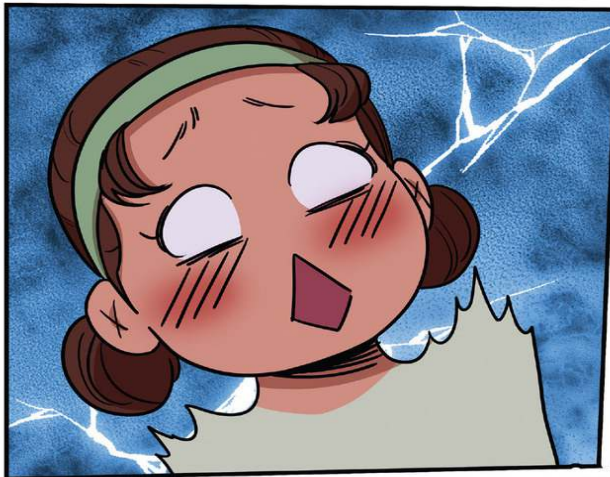
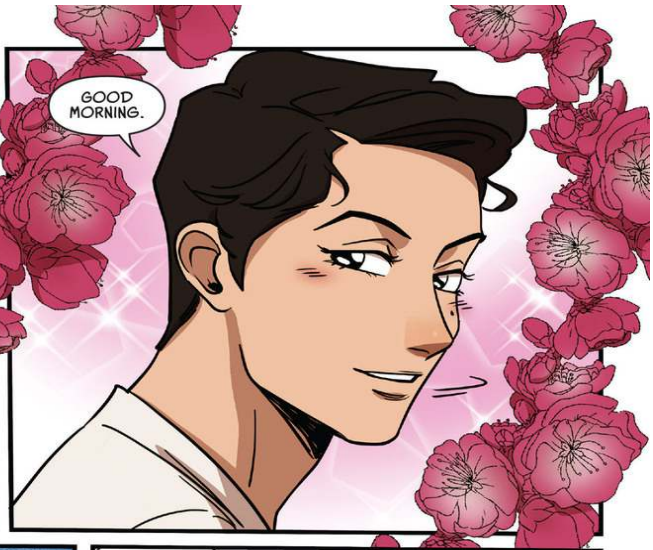
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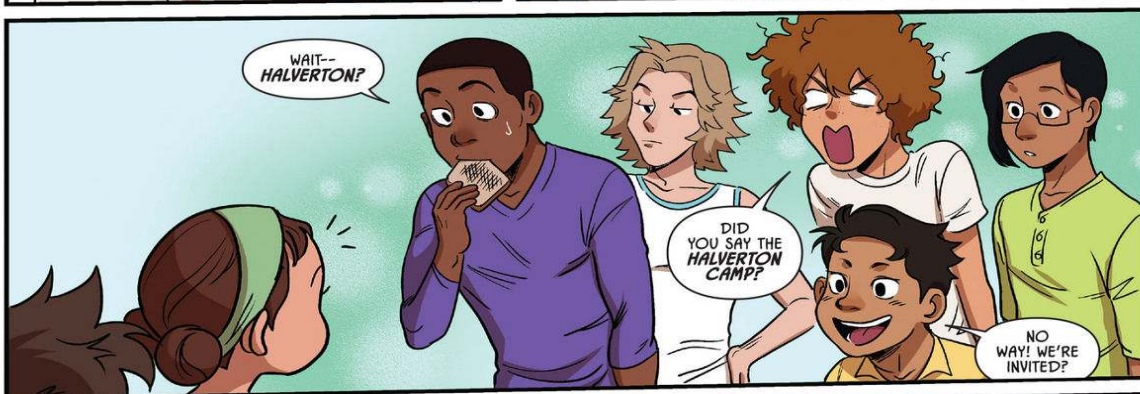
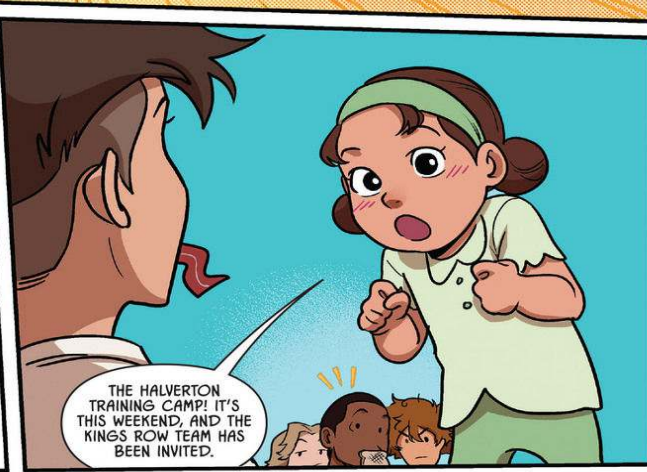
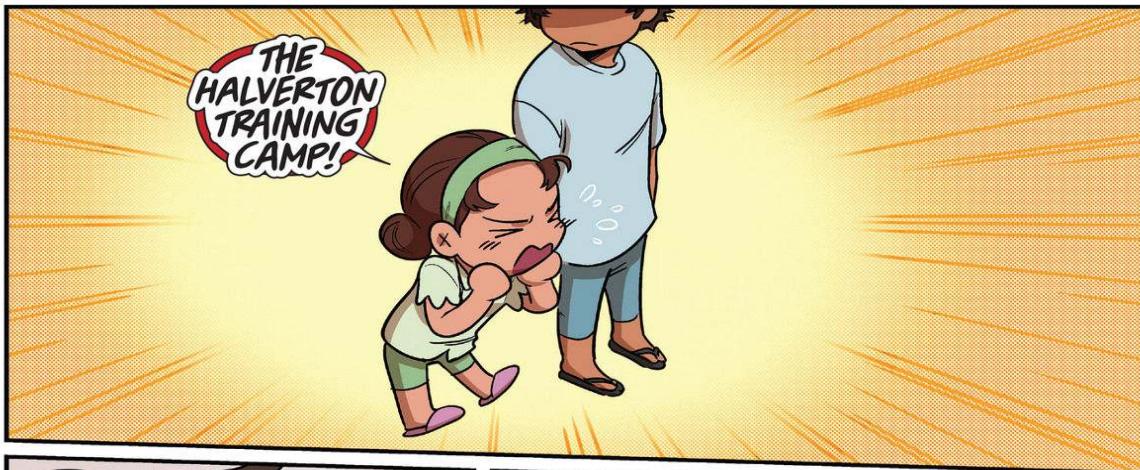


I JUST DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH TO SAY.

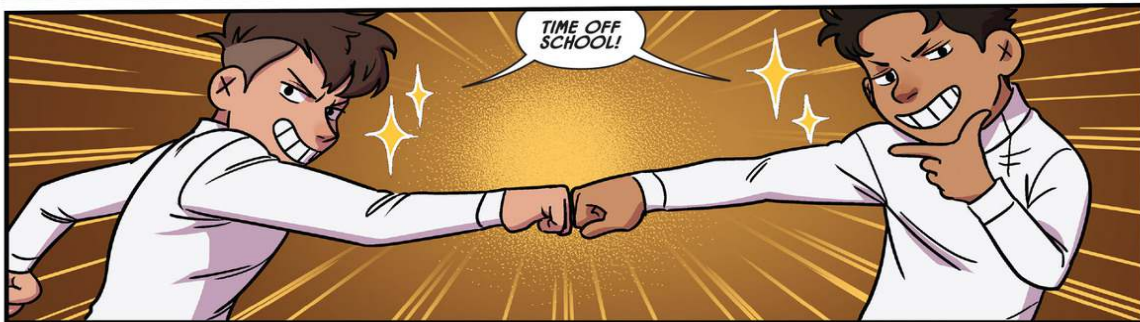
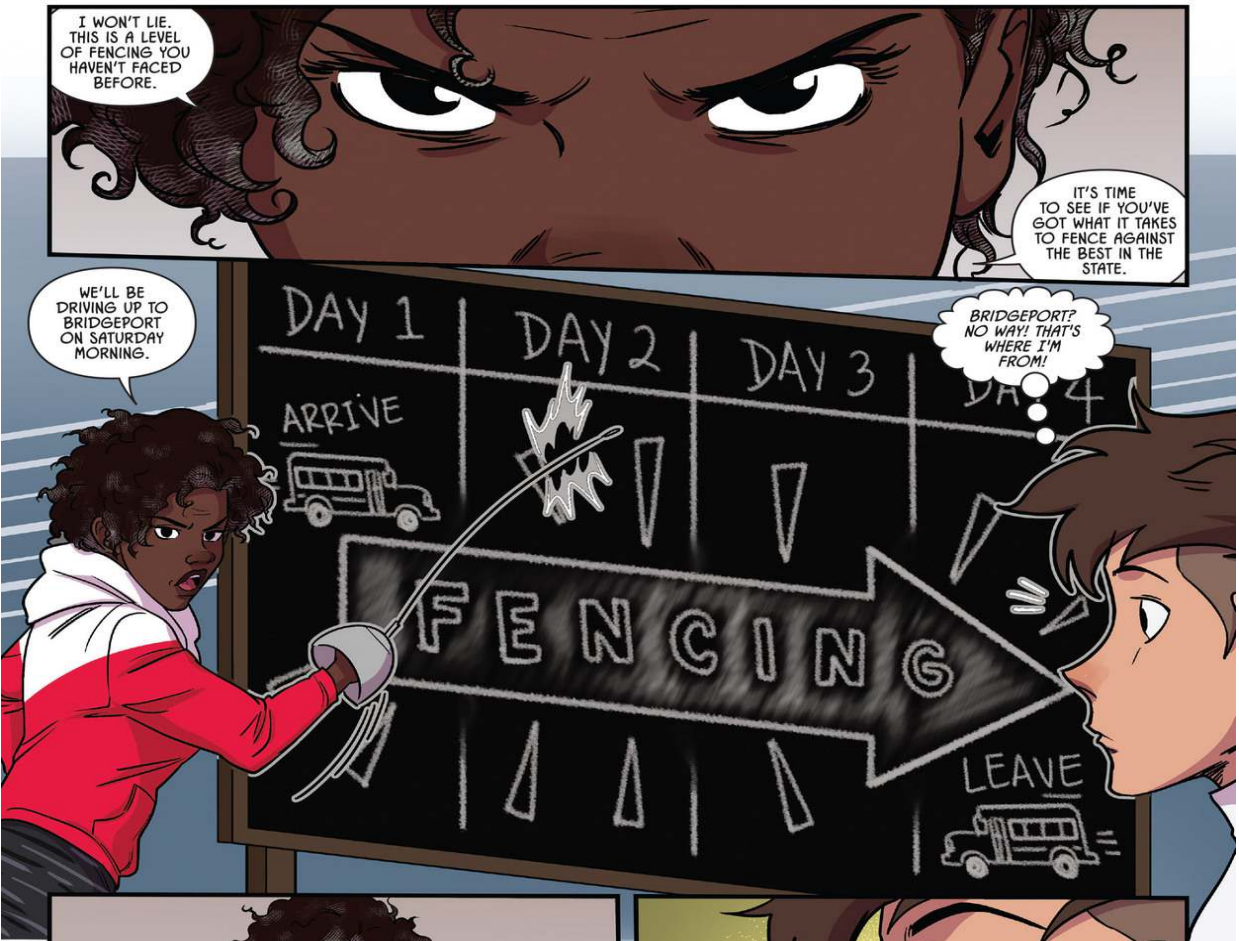


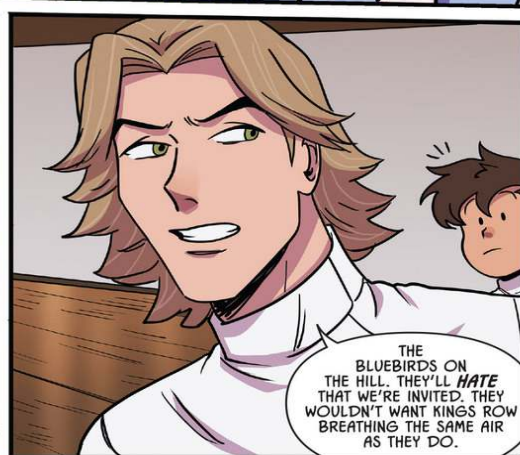
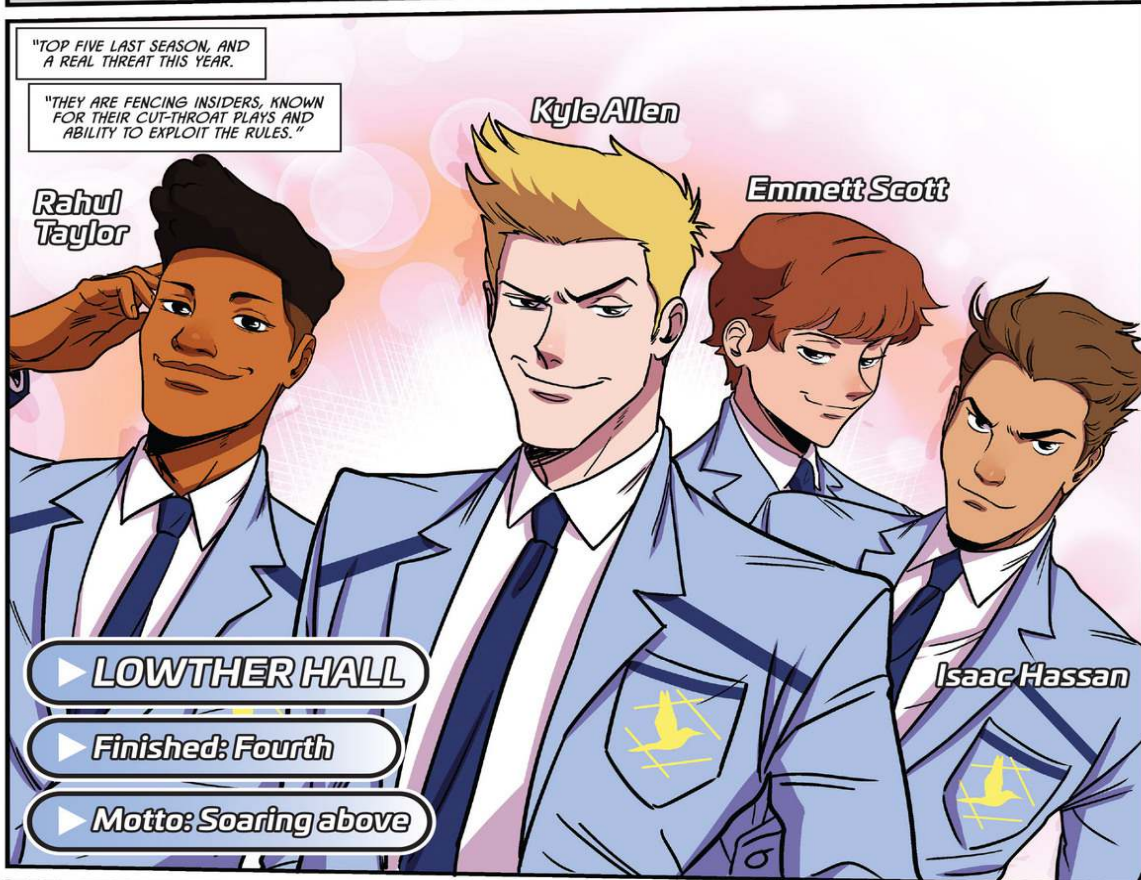












"NEXT IS MACROB. THEY TOOK THIRD LAST SEASON, BUT THEIR TWO BEST FENCERS HAVE GRADUATED SINCE THEN."

"THEY'RE AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY, AND THEY HAVEN'T RELEASED A FULL ROSTER. I'VE GOT THREE NAMES HERE, BUT THEIR FOURTH FENCER IS A MYSTERY."

Terrell Holmes

Hector Ramirez

Nate Spencer

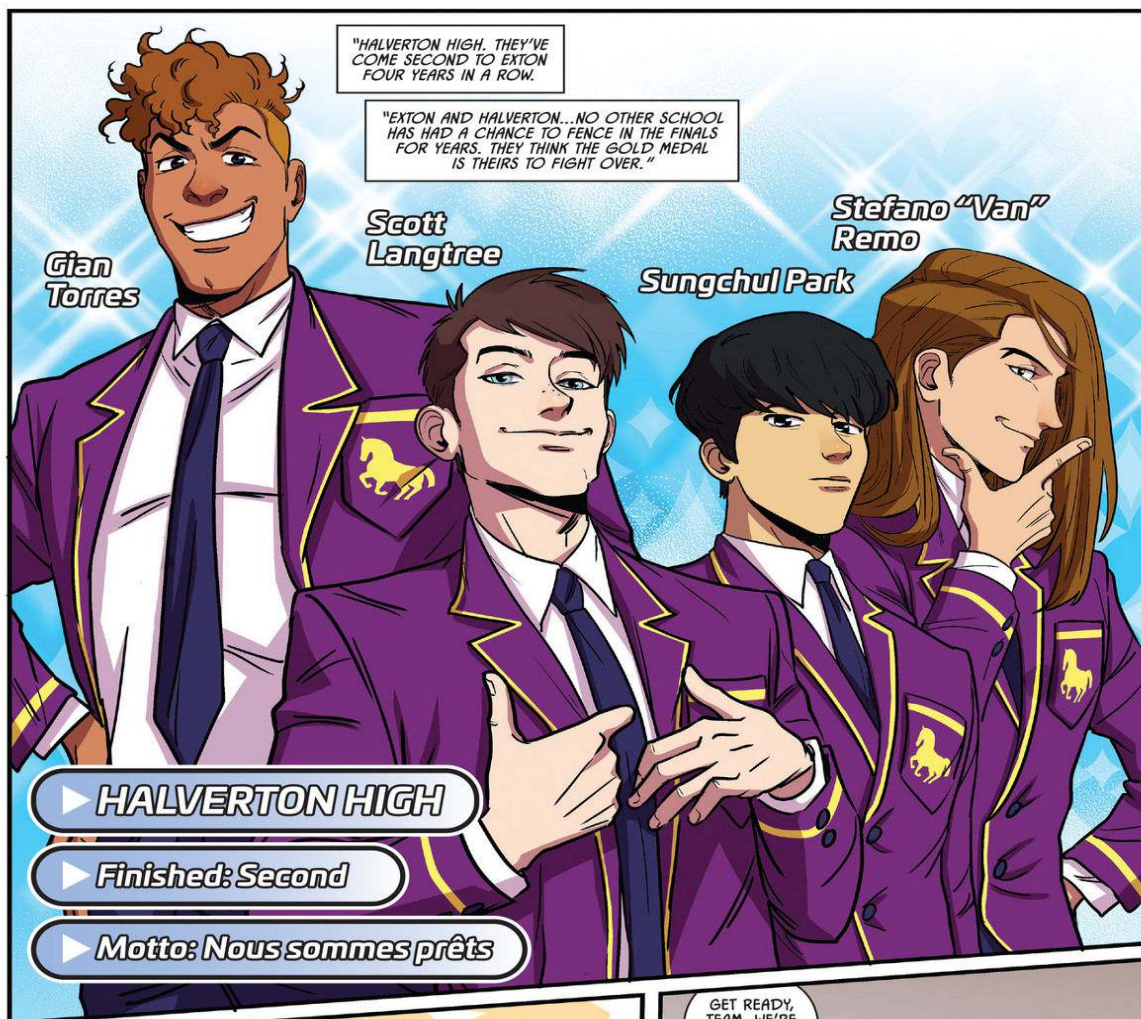
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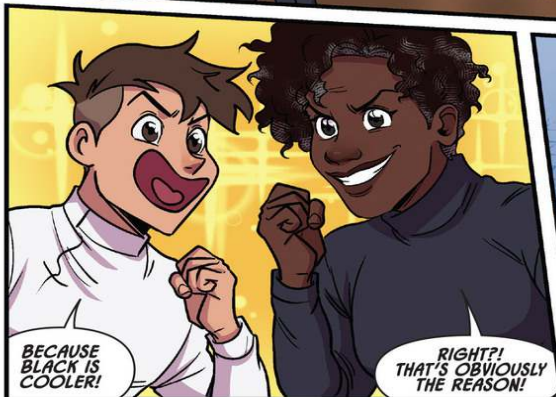
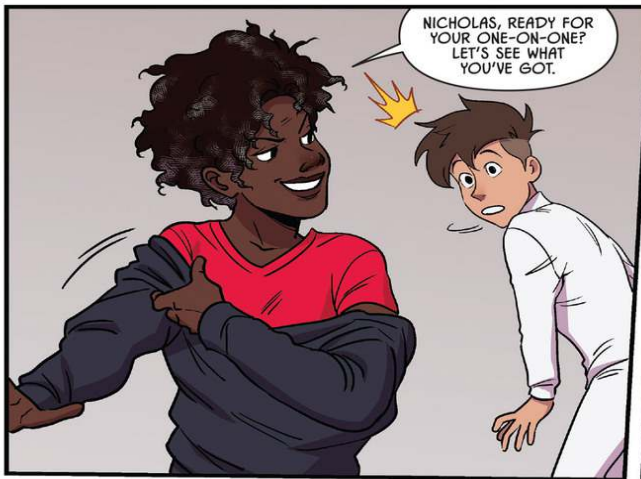
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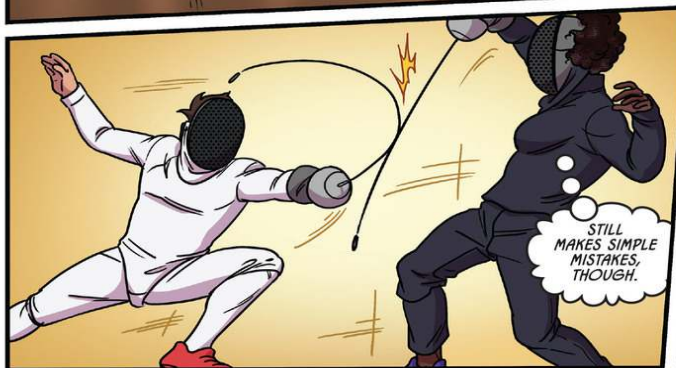
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► **Motto: Non progredi regredi est**

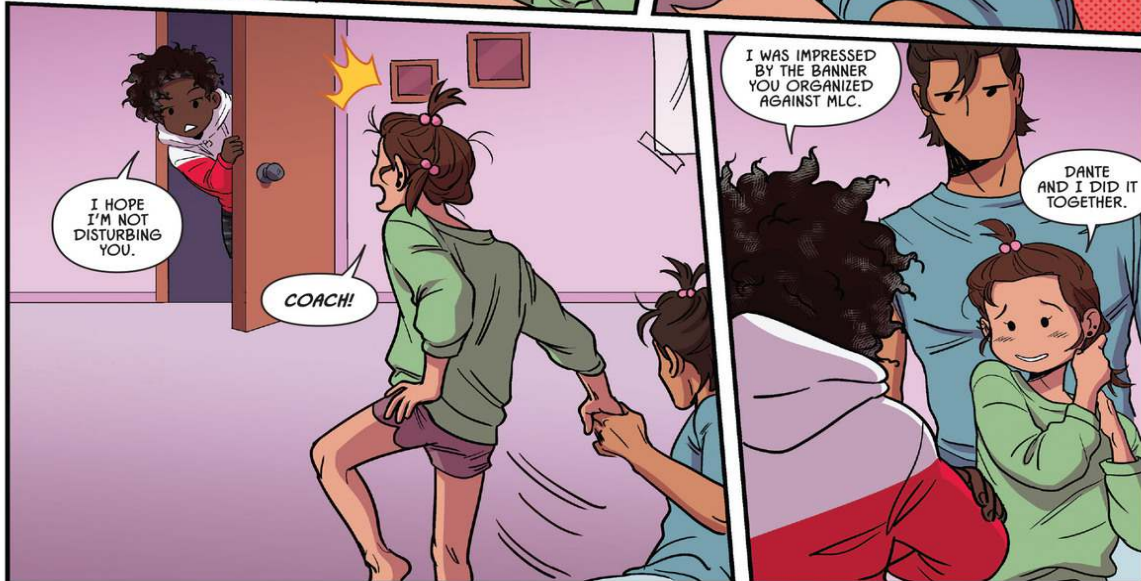
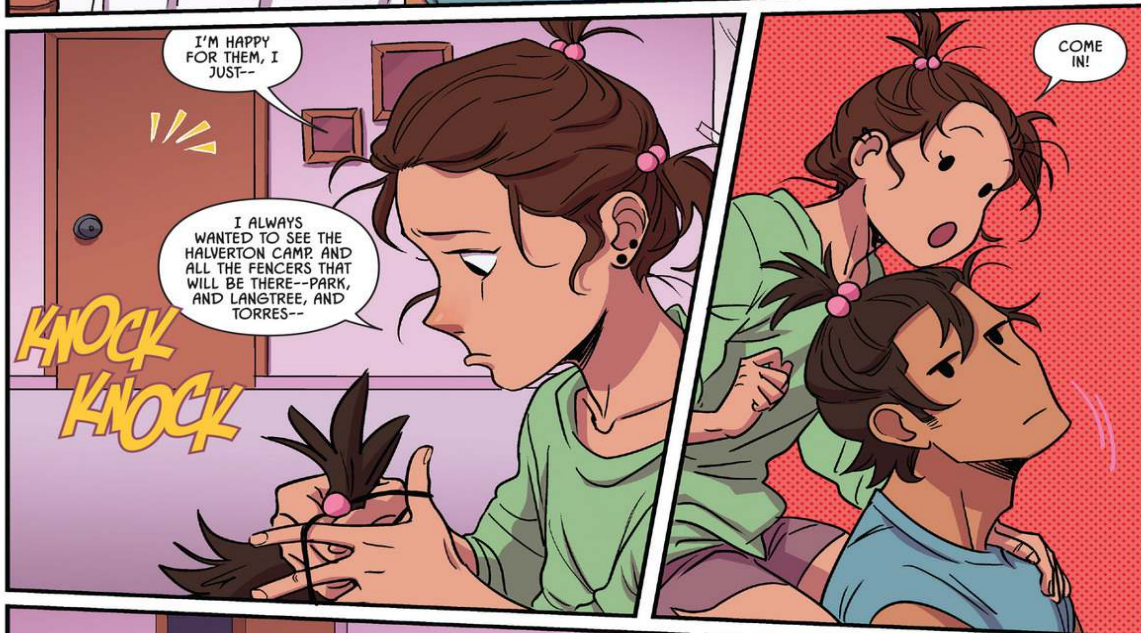


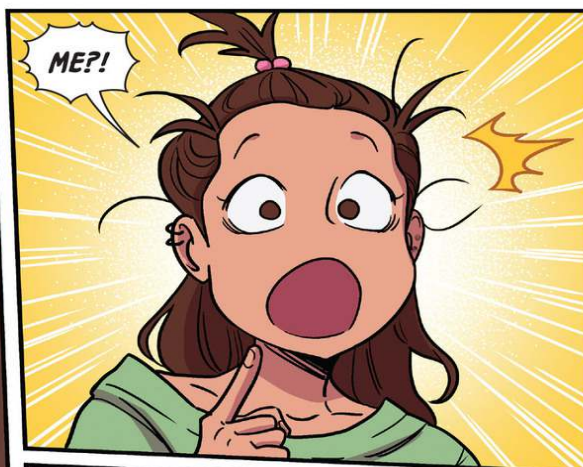


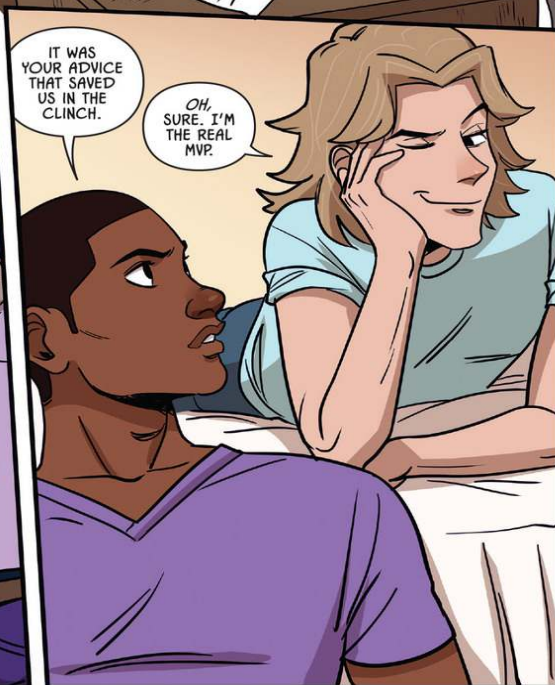
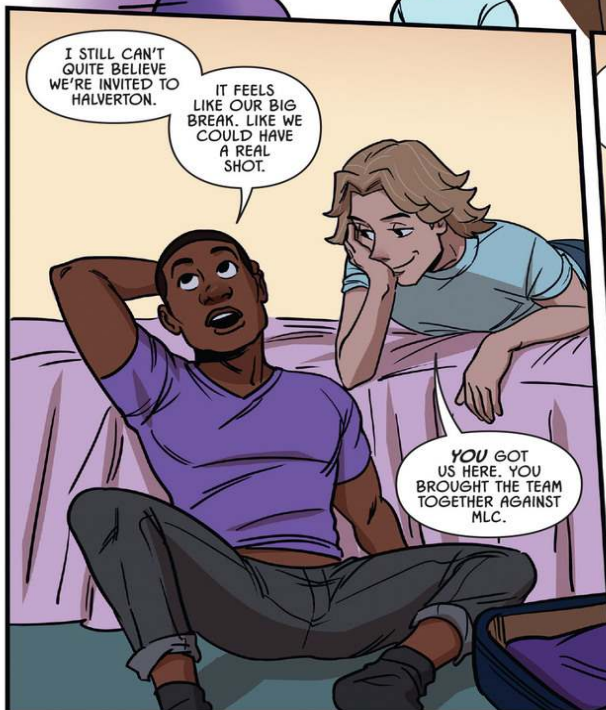


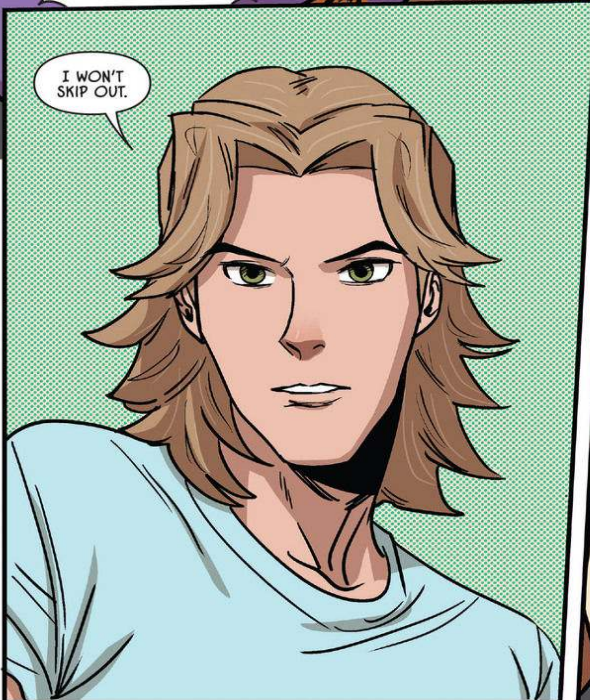


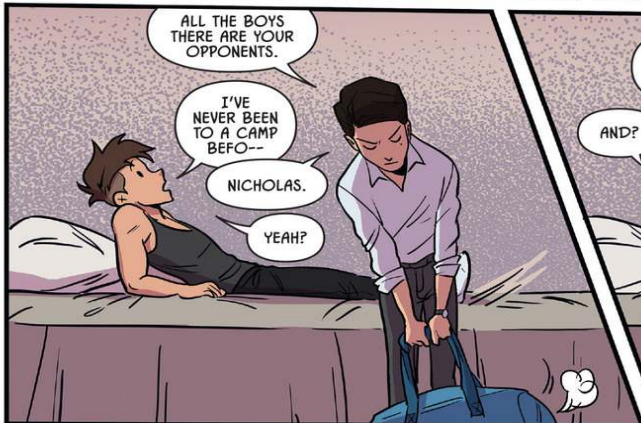
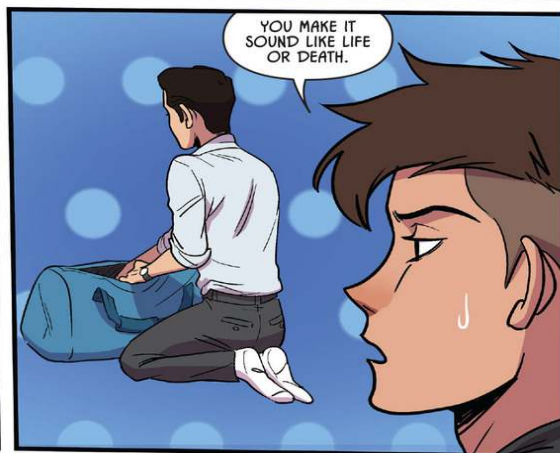
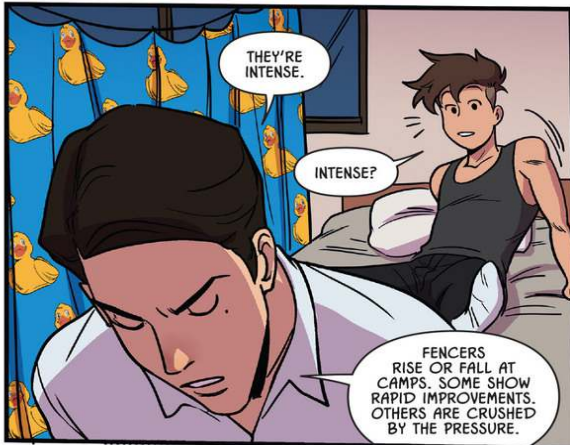








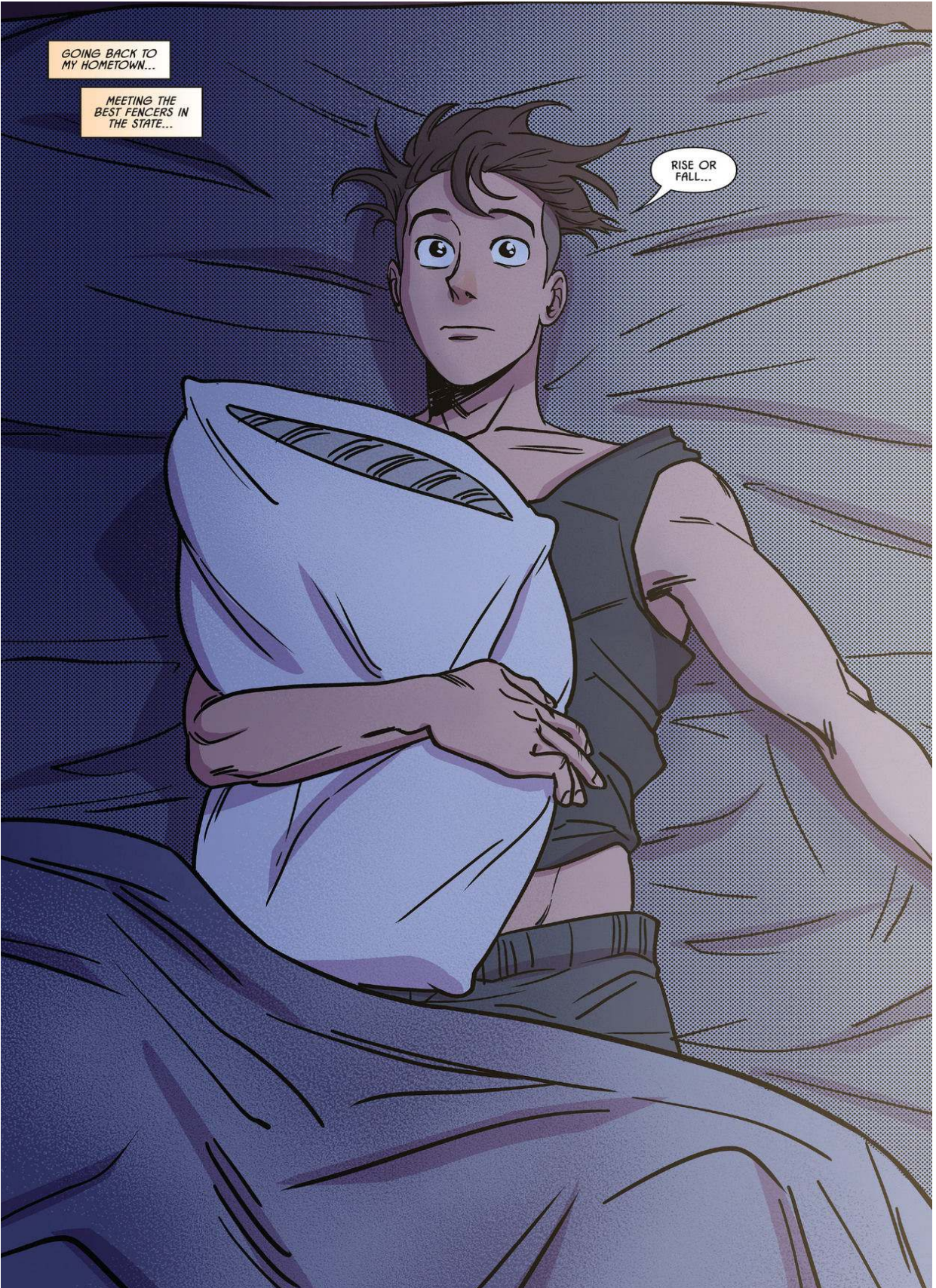




GOING BACK TO
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MEETING THE
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THE STATE...

RISE OR
FALL...

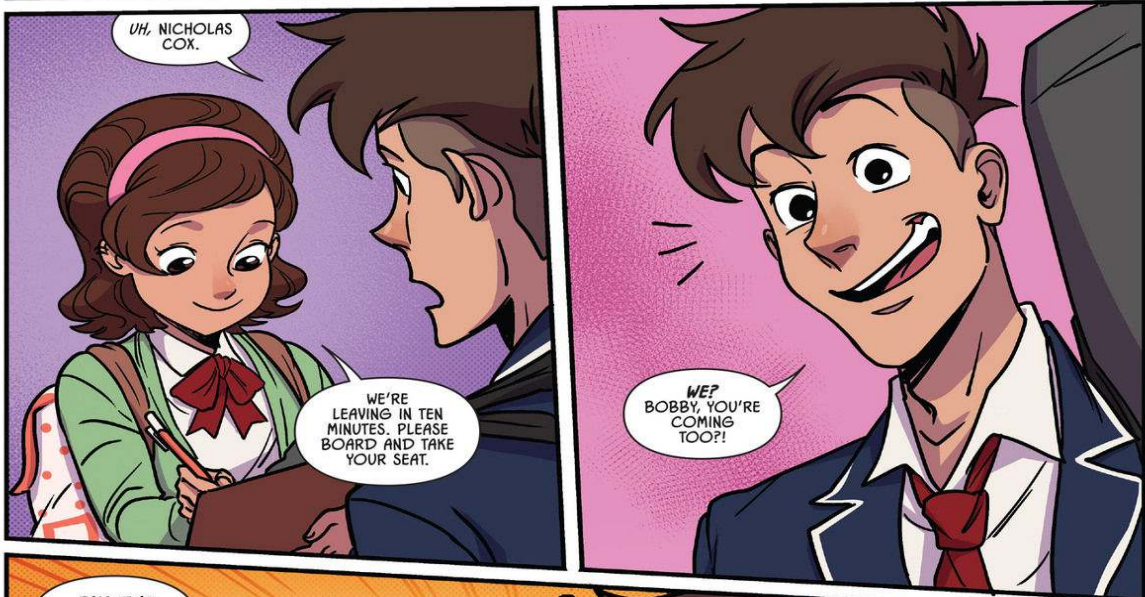


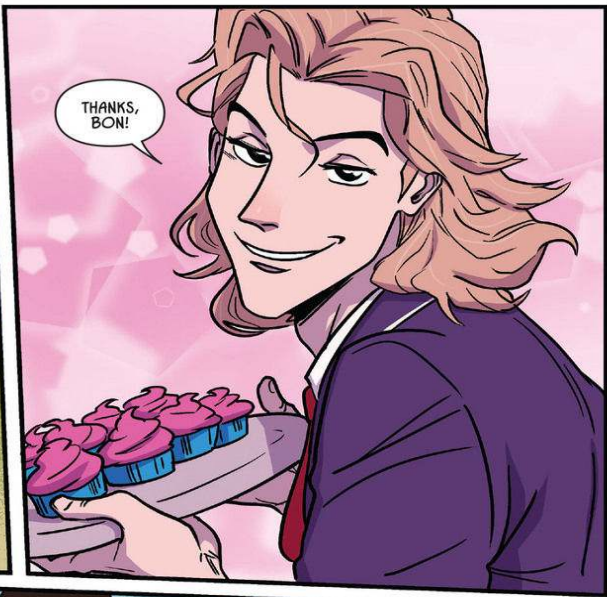


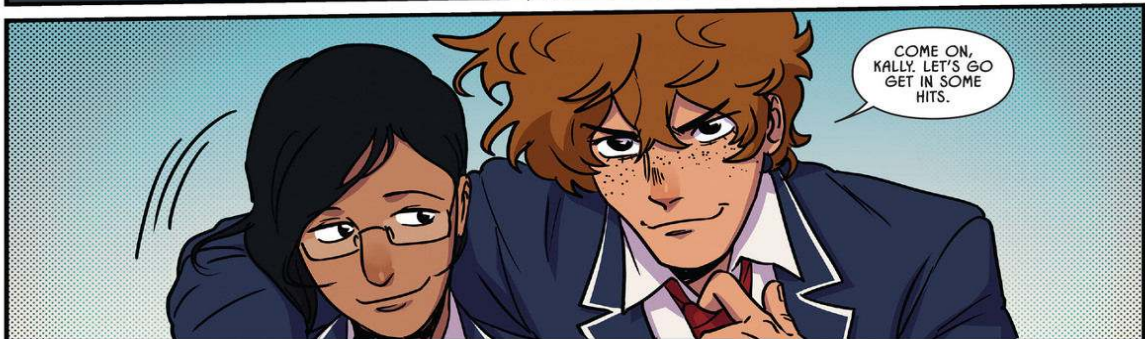
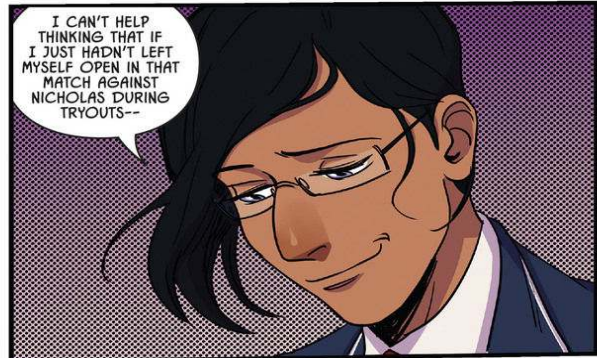
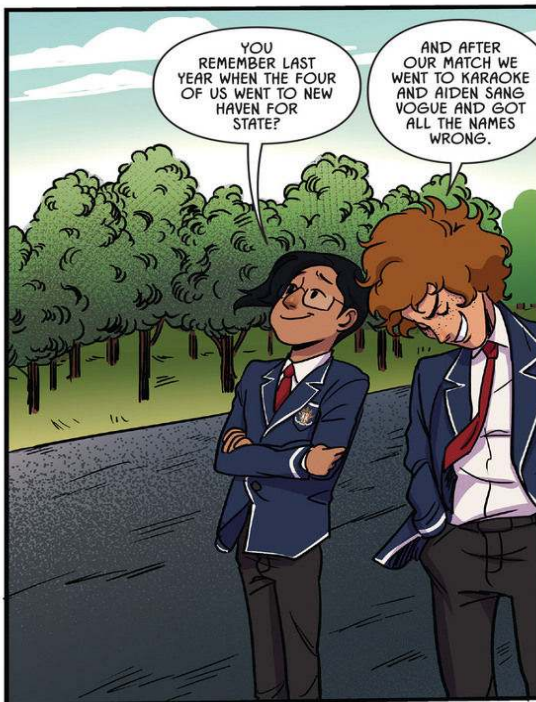


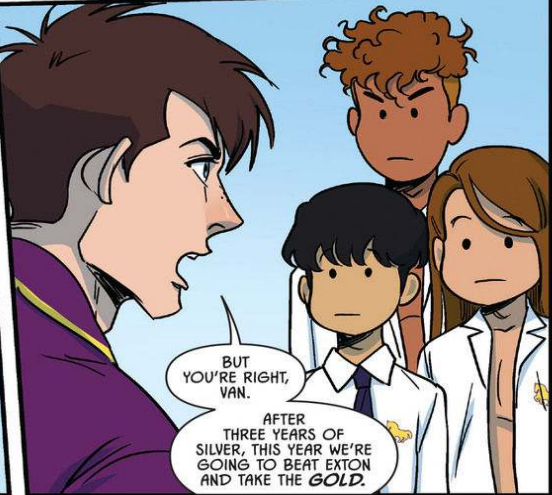
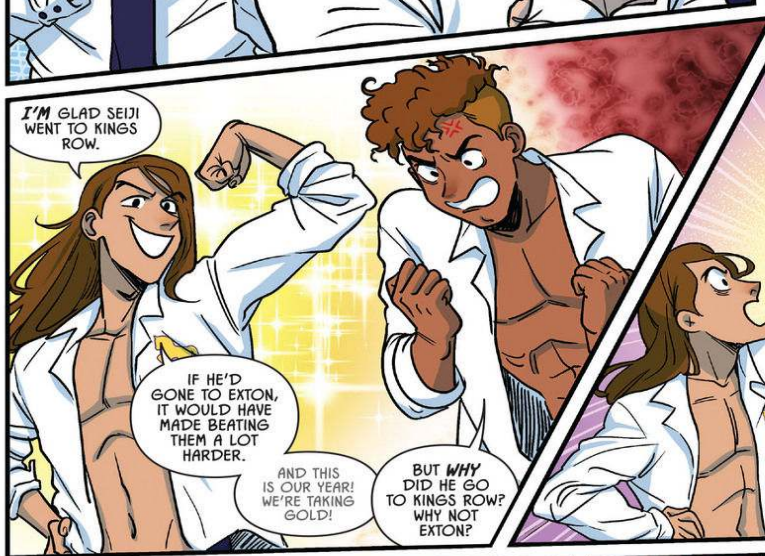
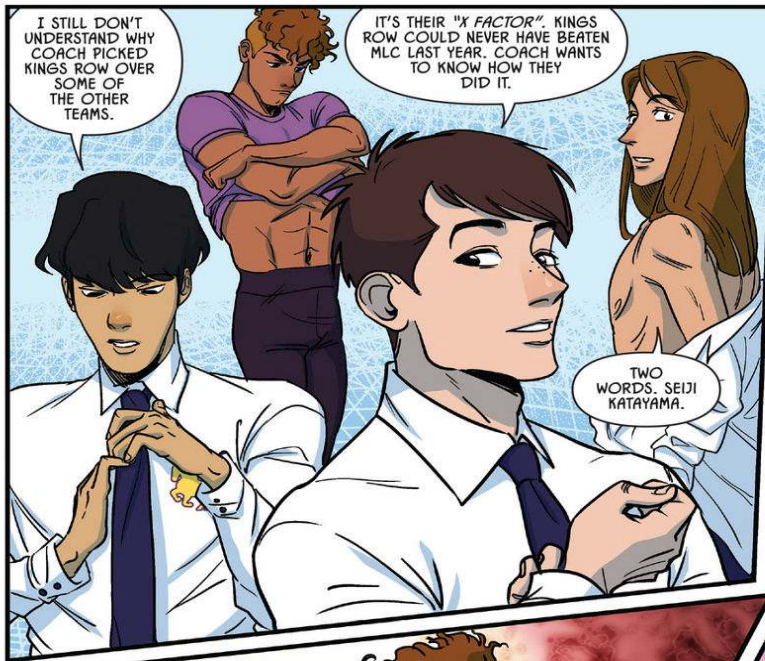
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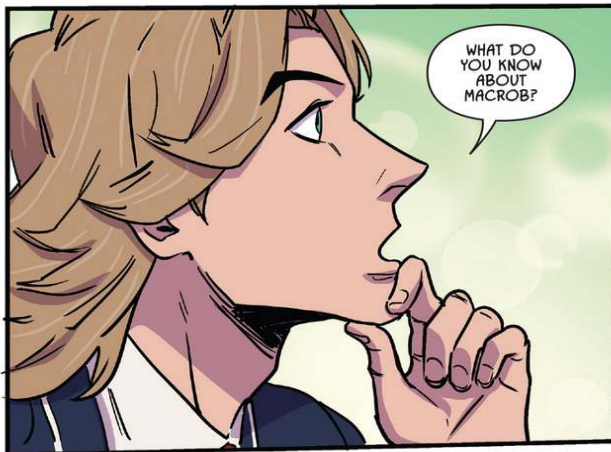
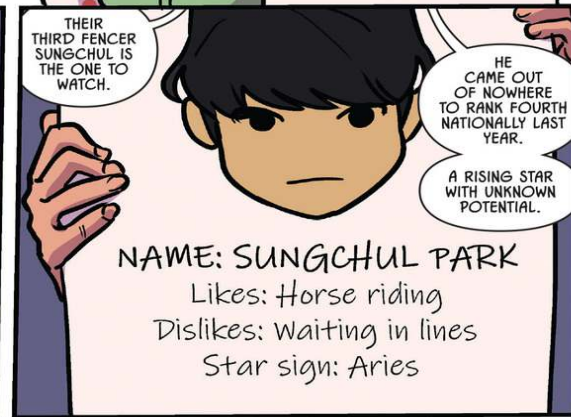
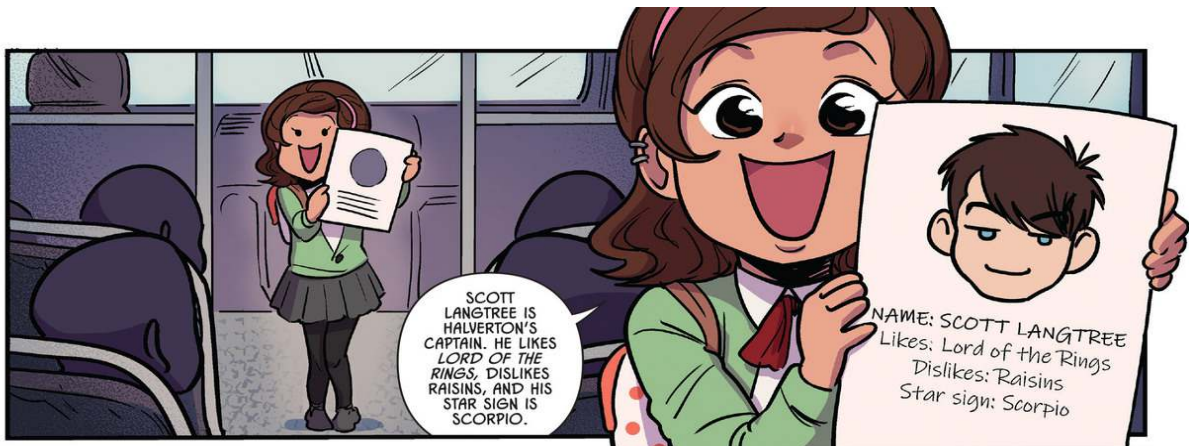


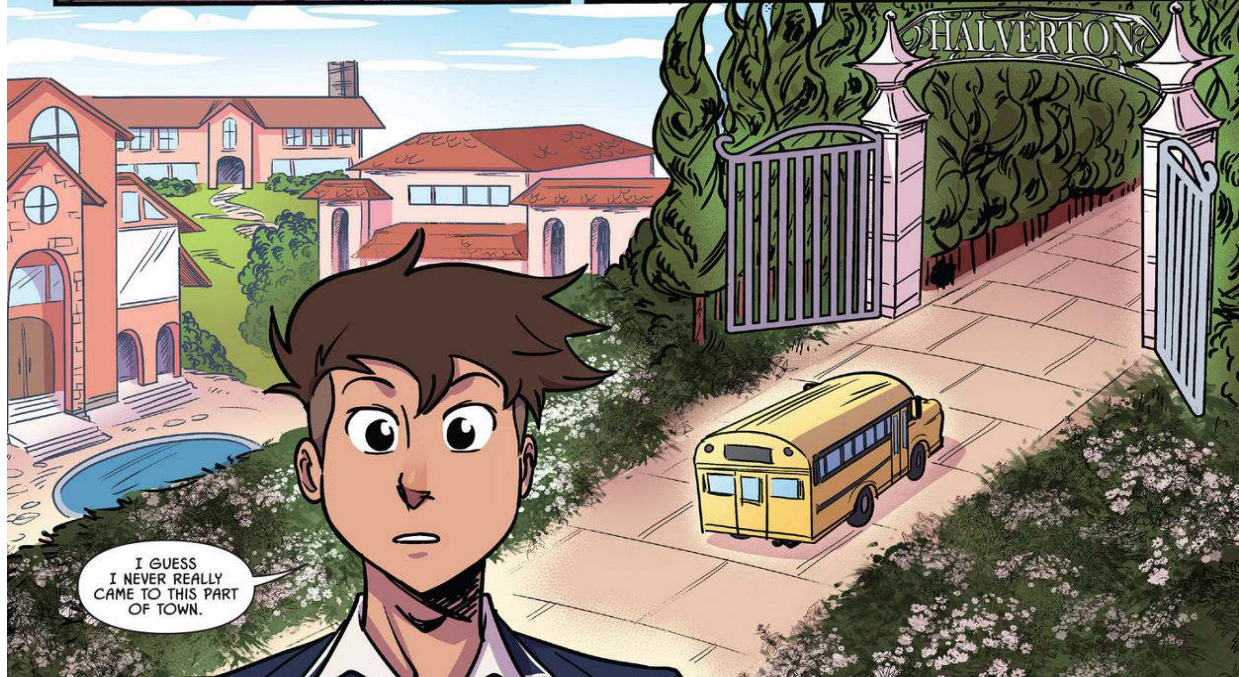
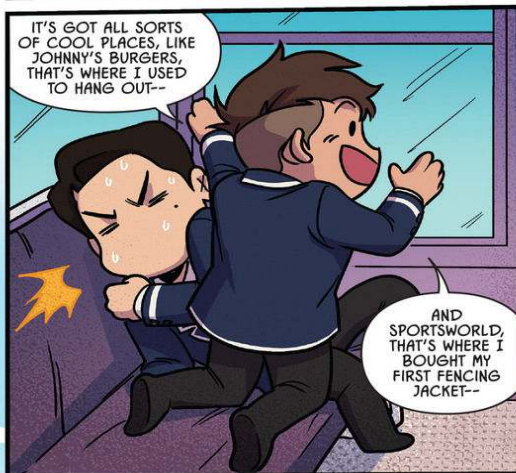
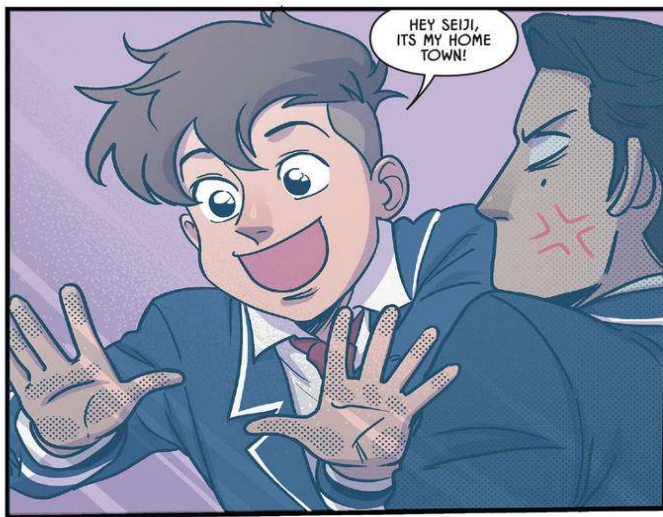


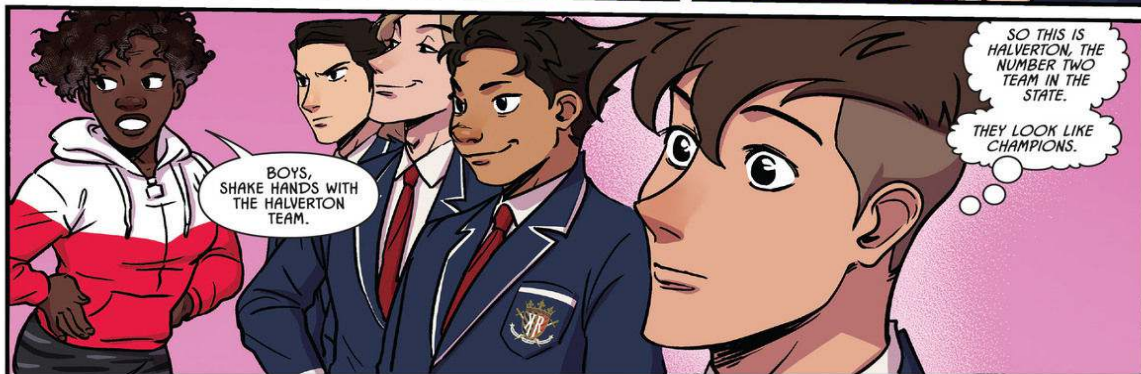
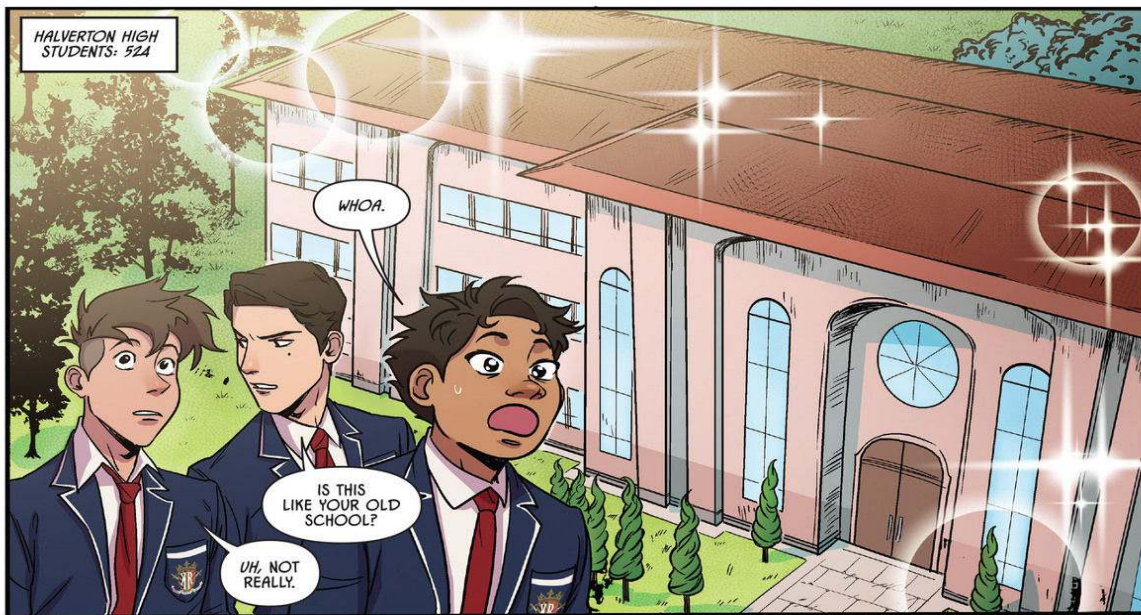


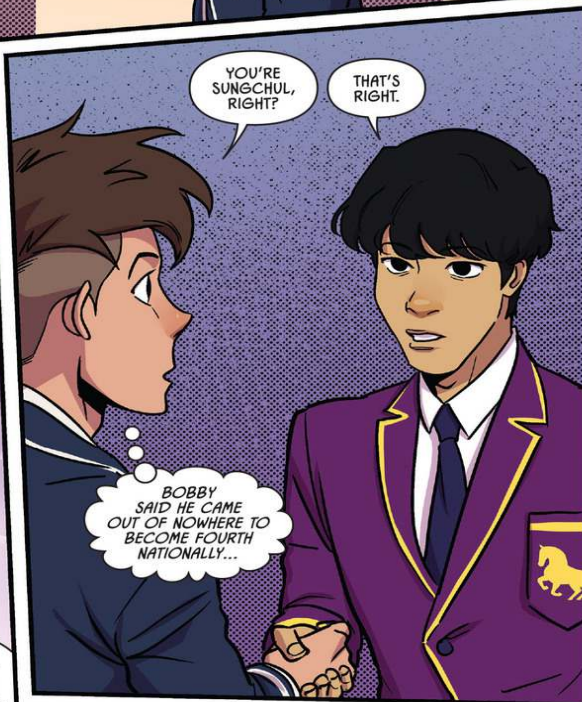
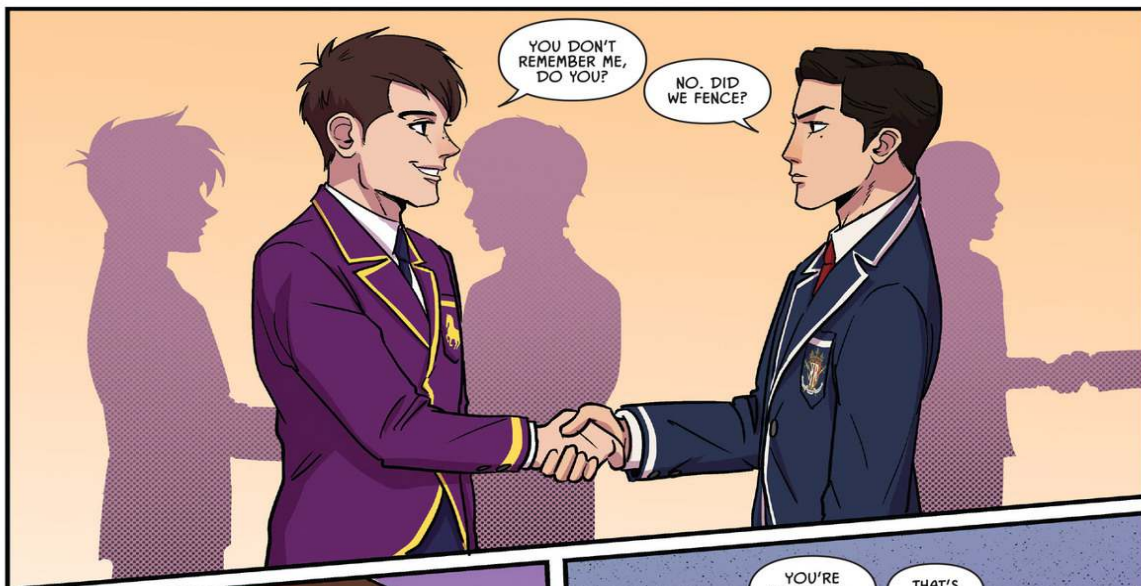


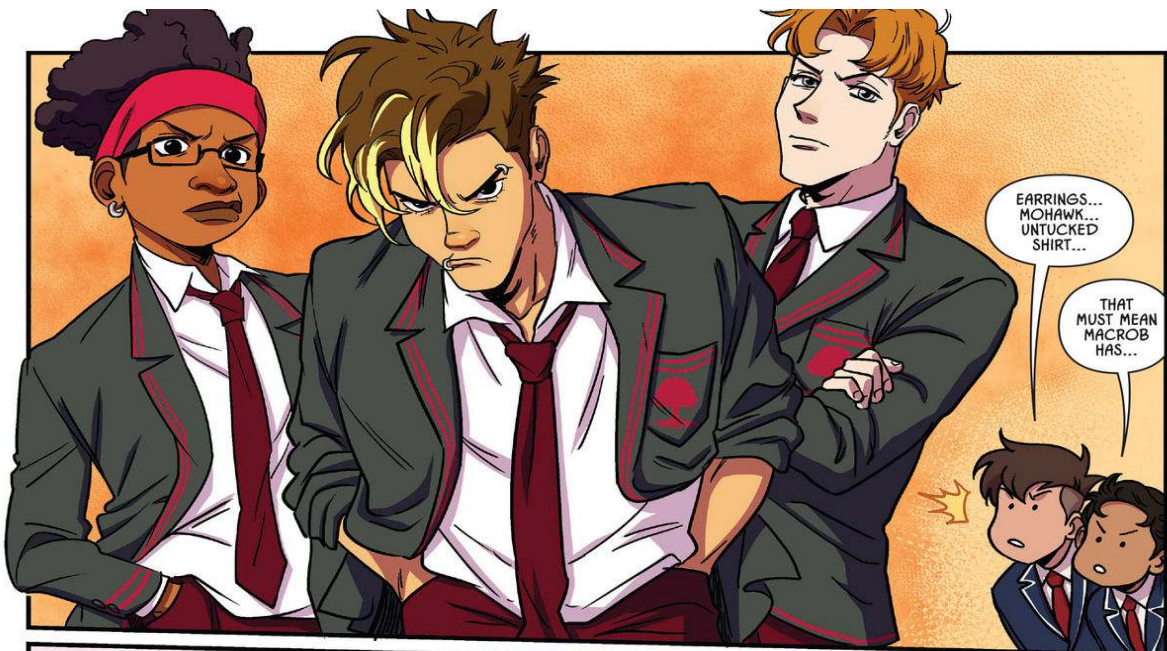


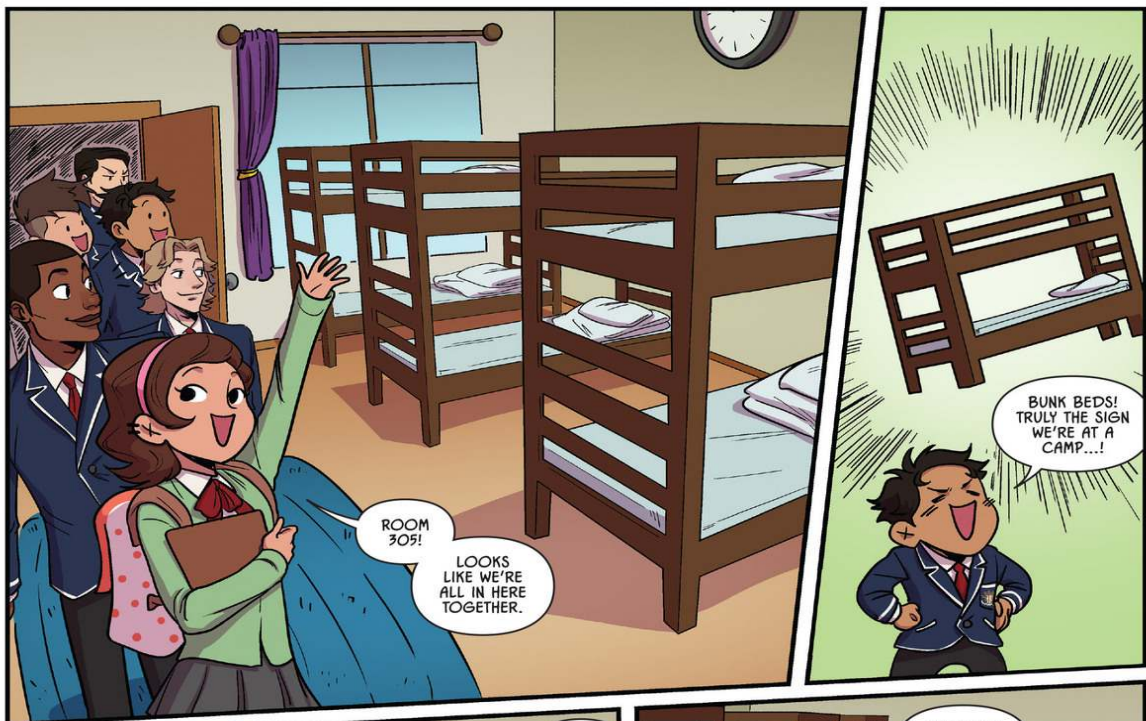


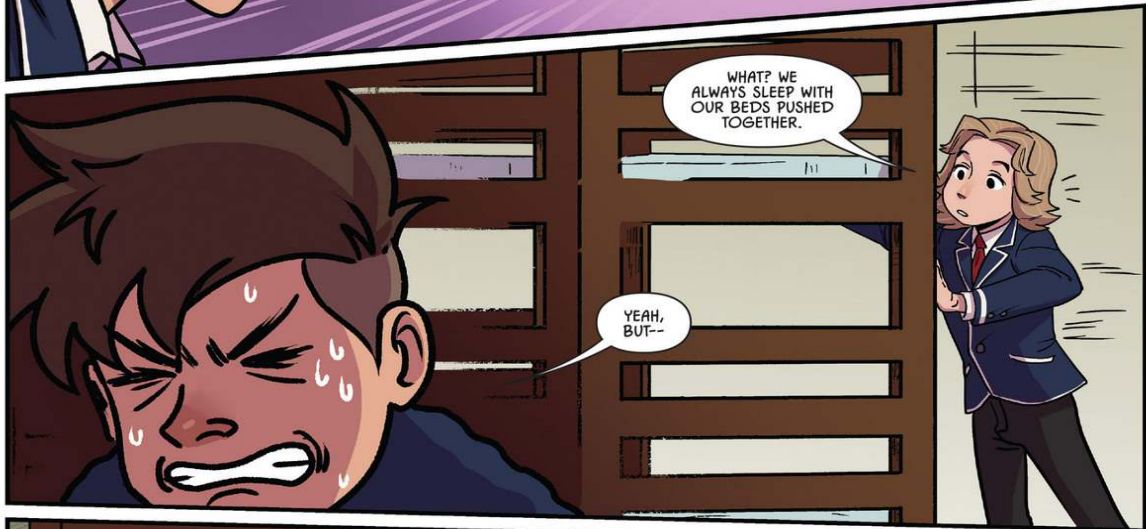


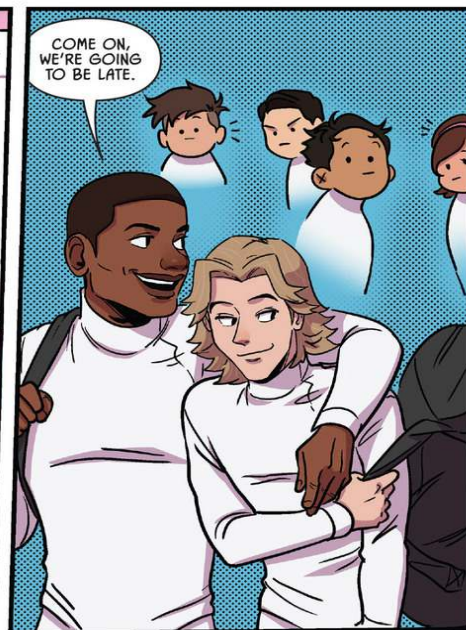
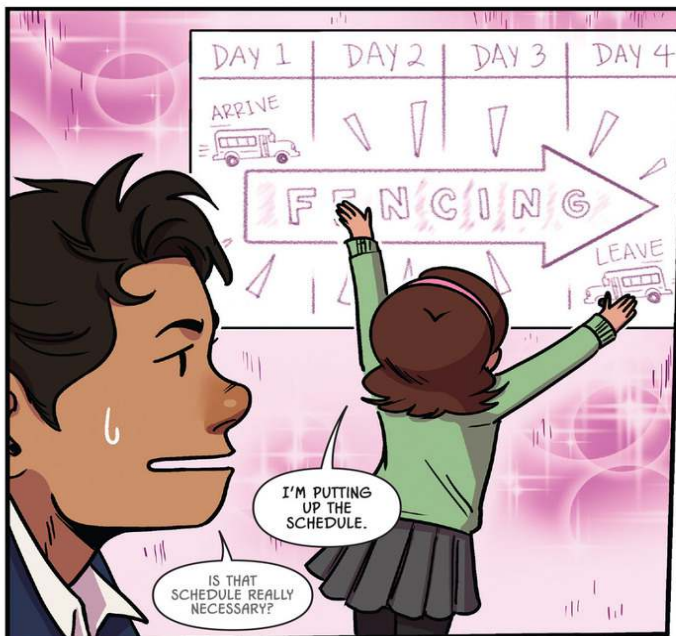


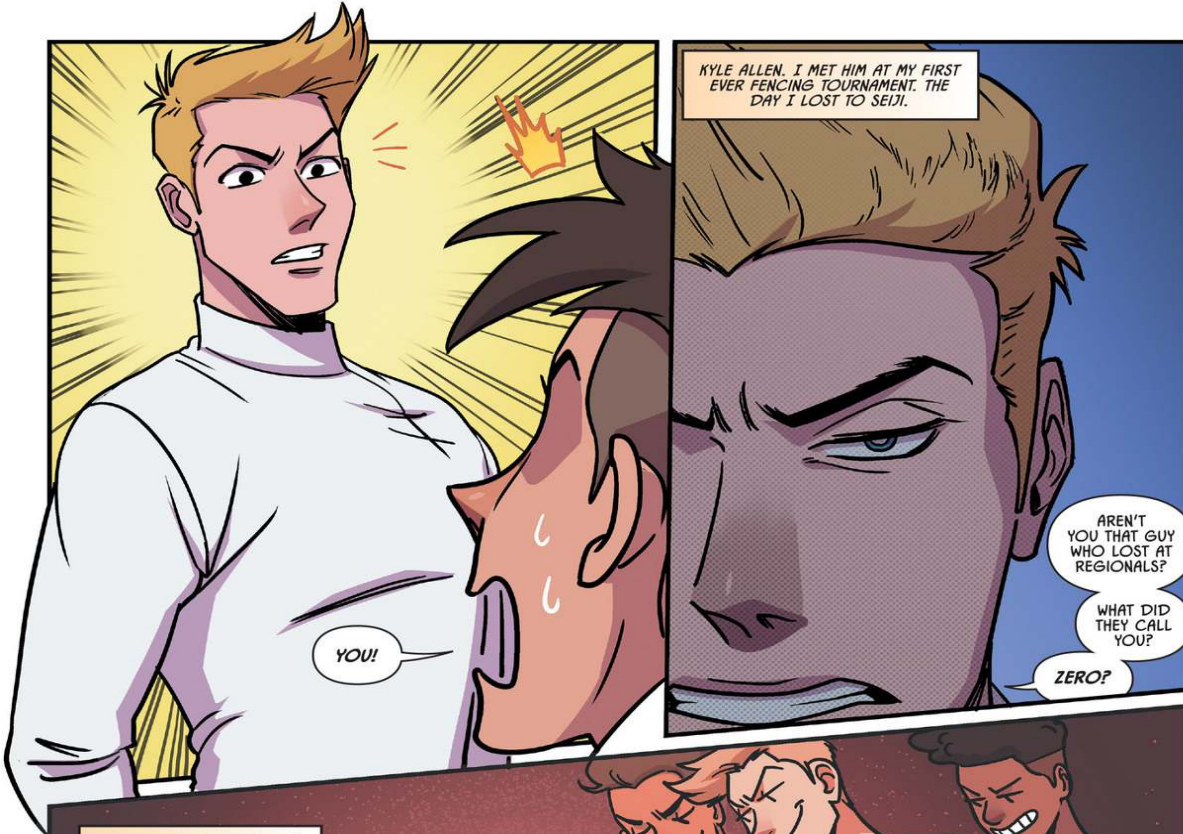




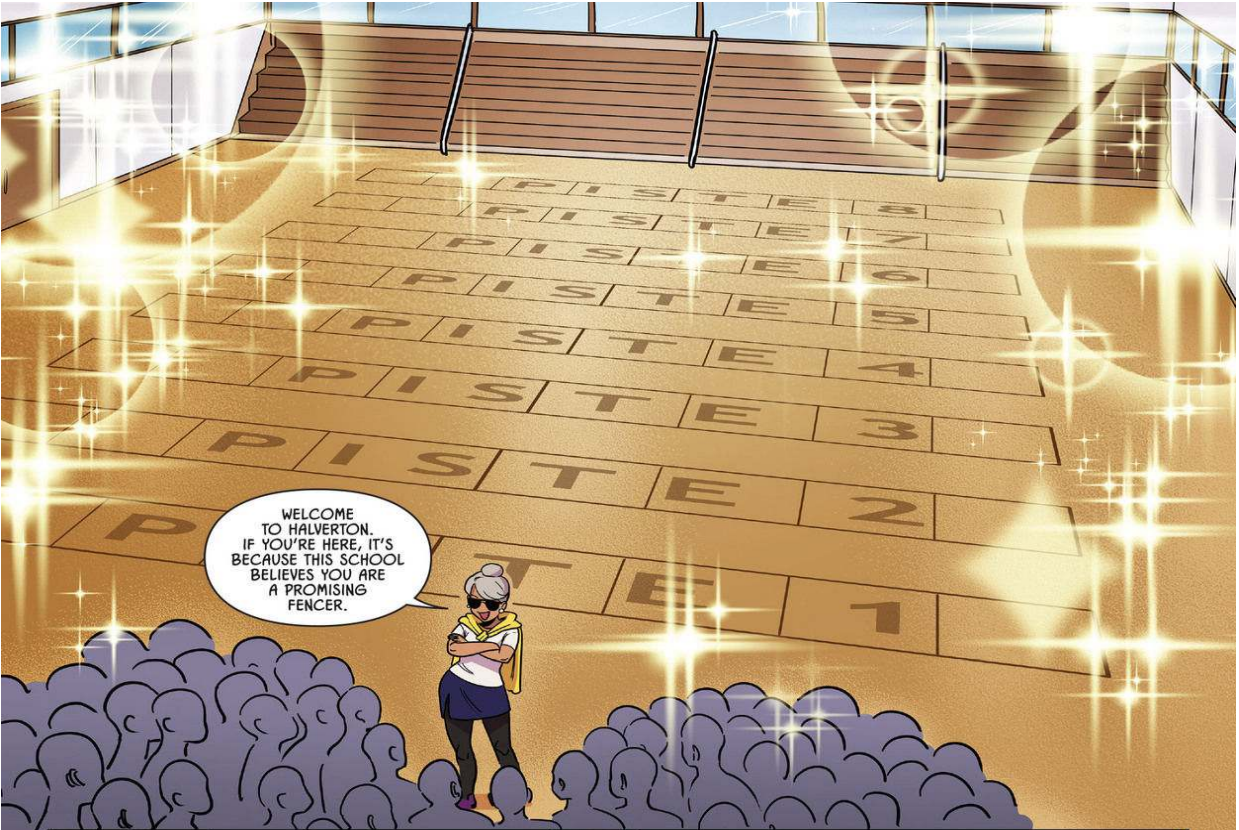












WELCOME TO HALVERTON. IF YOU'RE HERE, IT'S BECAUSE THIS SCHOOL BELIEVES YOU ARE A PROMISING FENCER.



FIRST, THE RULES.

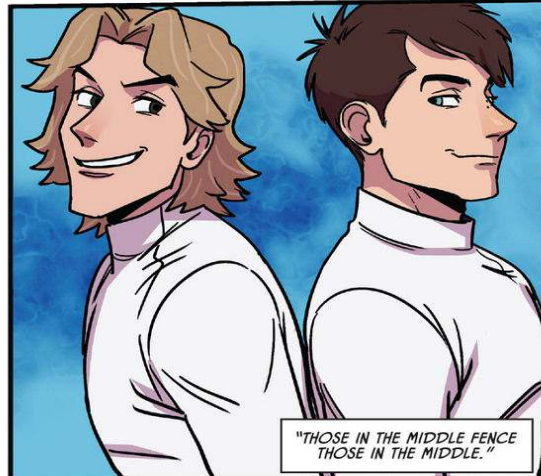
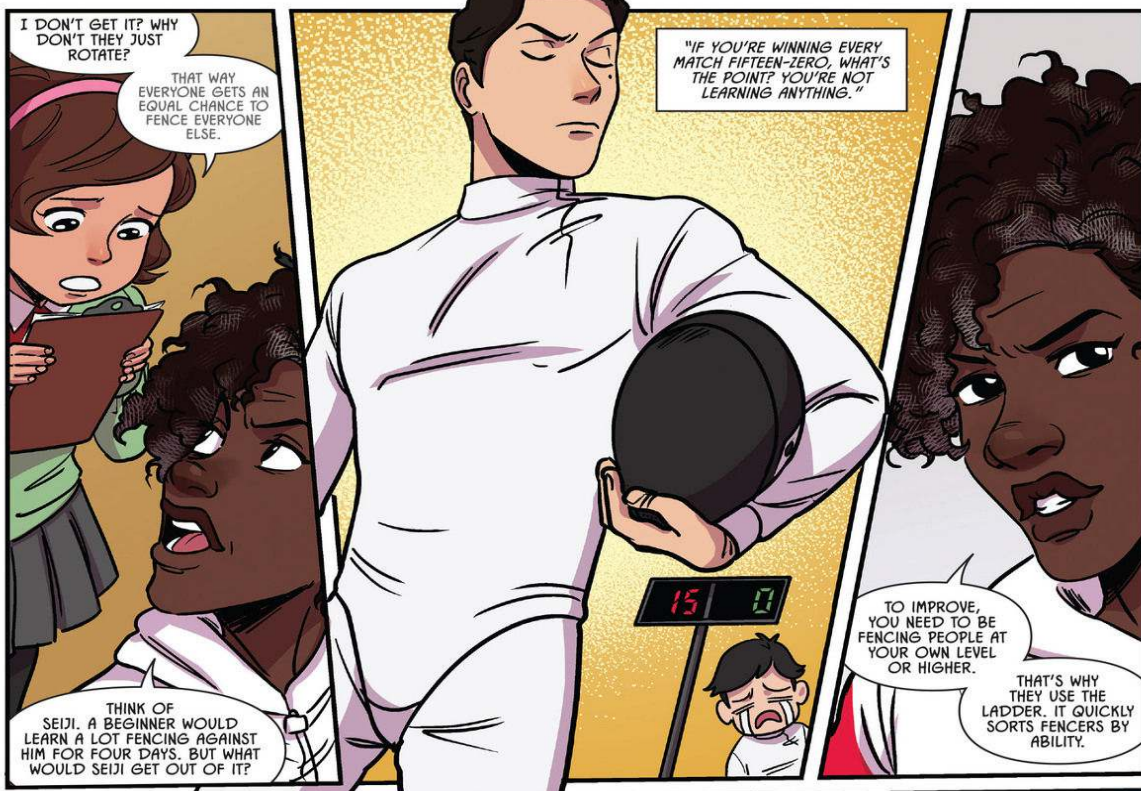
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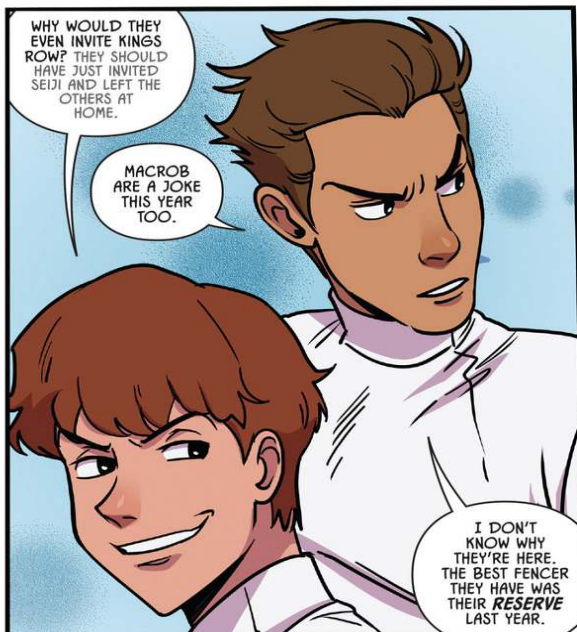
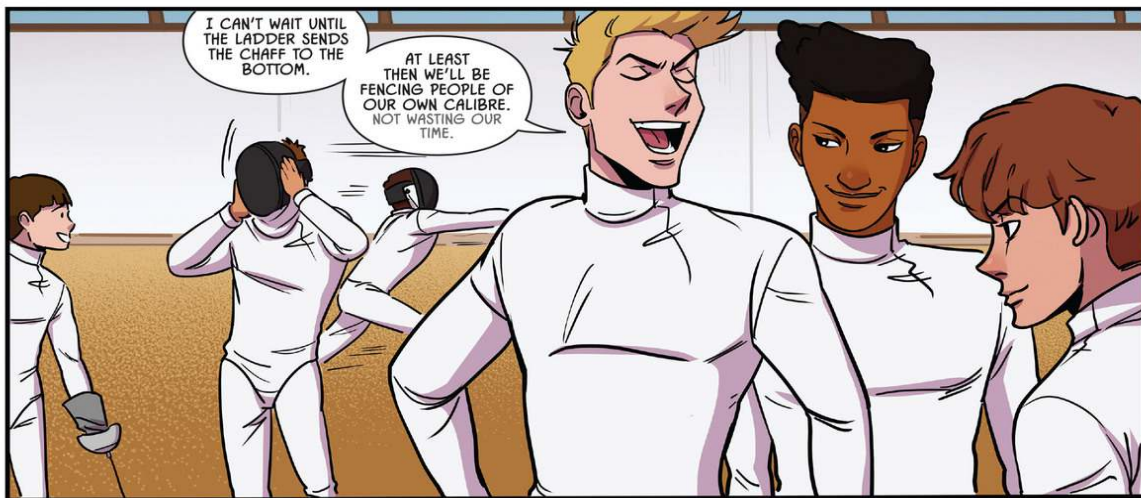


TOP--

--TO BOTTOM.









OH MY GOD, IS THAT--?!

MARCUS WASHINGTON?!

NO WAY. I DON'T BELIEVE IT.

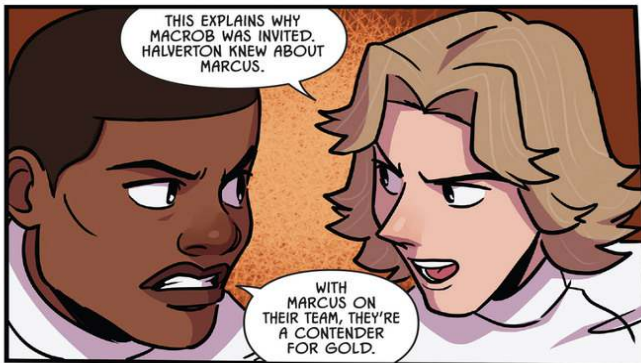
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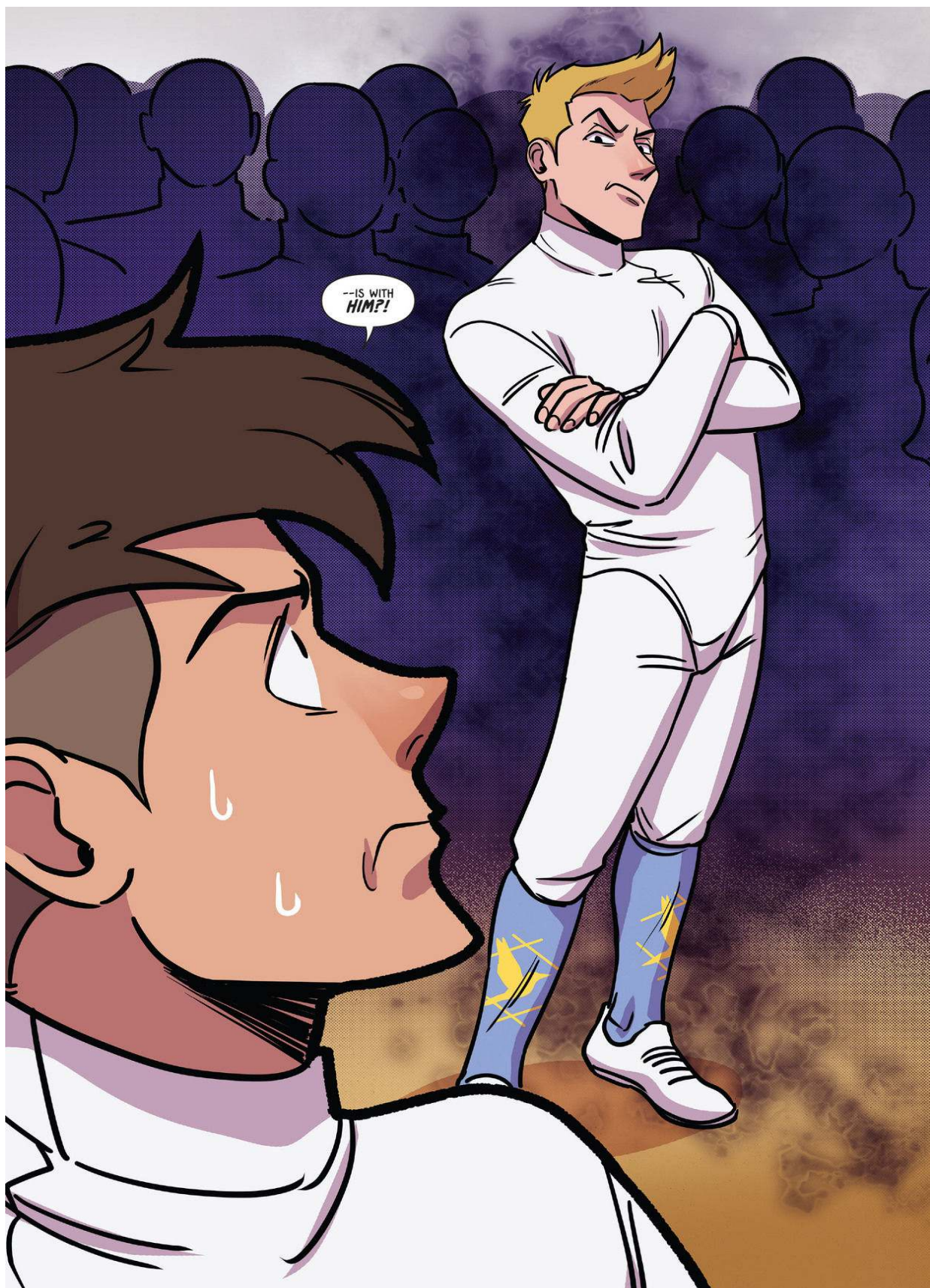
HE'S A LEGEND.

HE WAS THE TOP RANKED FENCER IN THE UNDER SIXTEENS WHEN HARVARD AND I WERE STARTING OUT.

HE DROPPED OUT OF FENCING FOR TWO YEARS. I THOUGHT HE'D QUIT THE SPORT.

WHOA, EVEN SEIJI'S IMPRESSED?



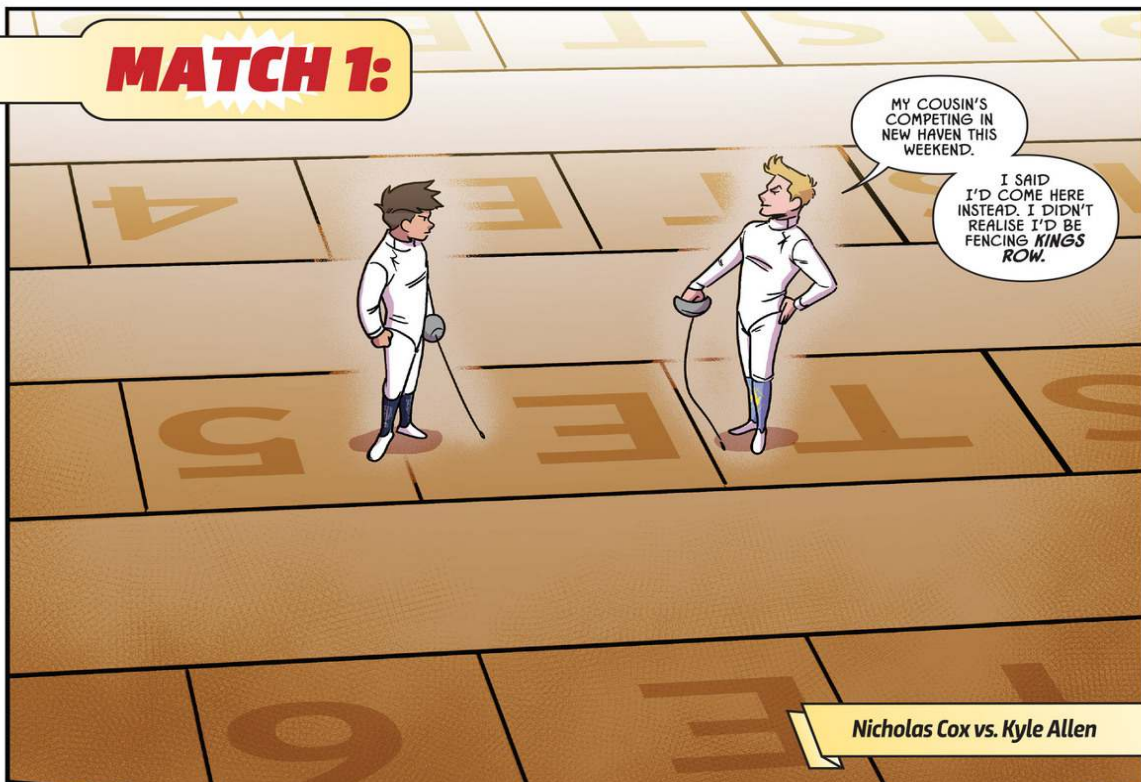






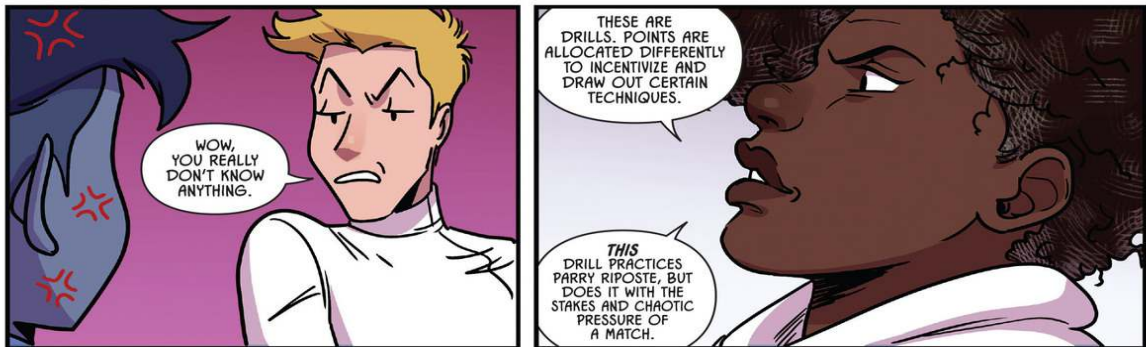
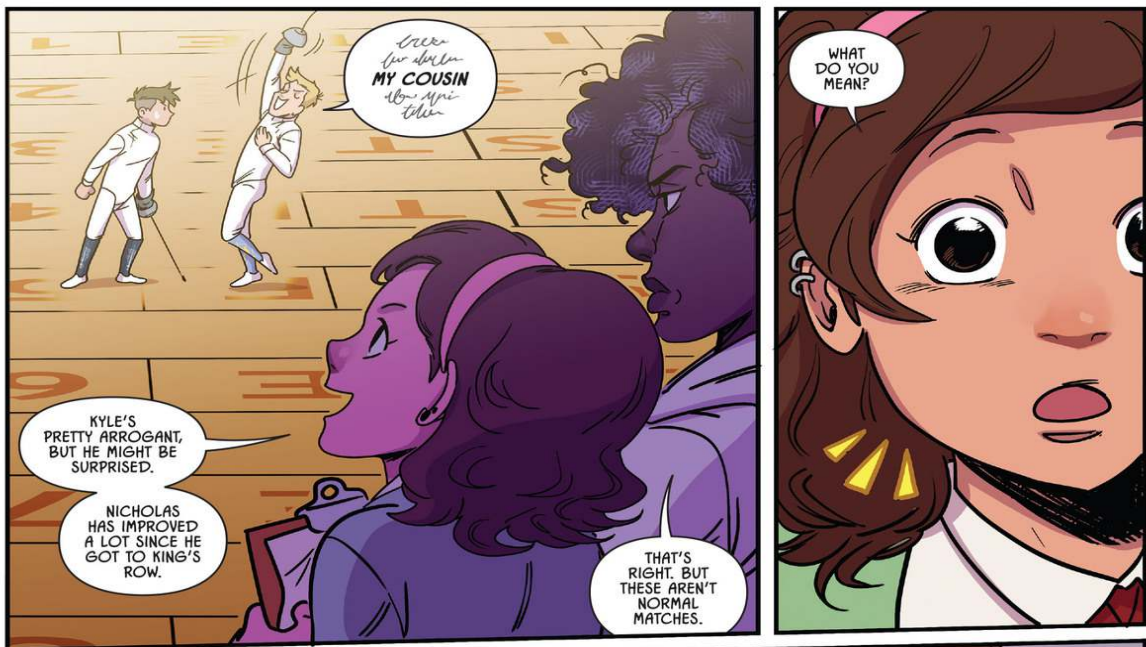
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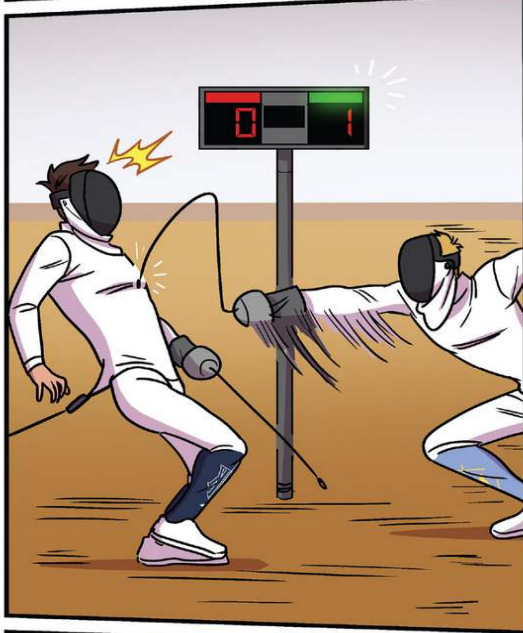
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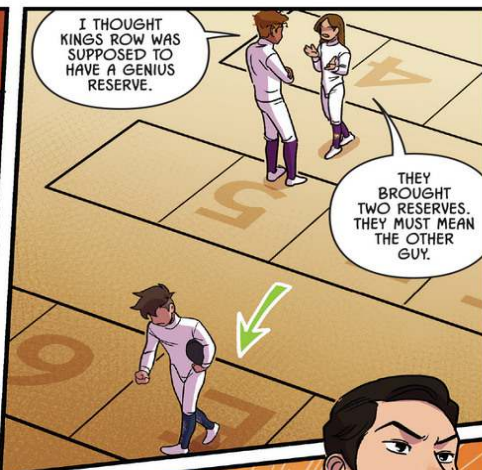


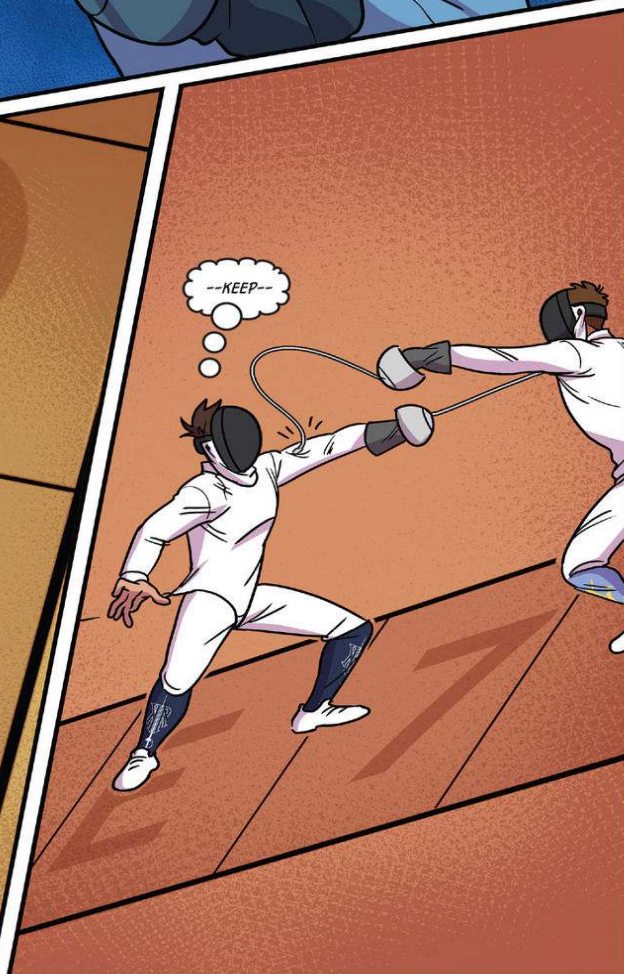
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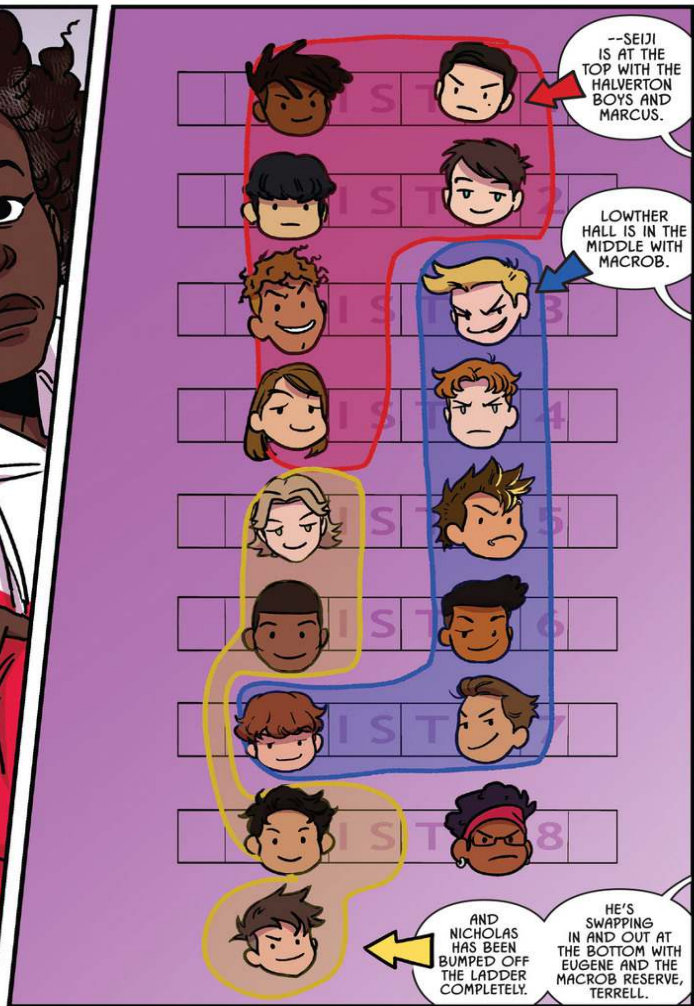


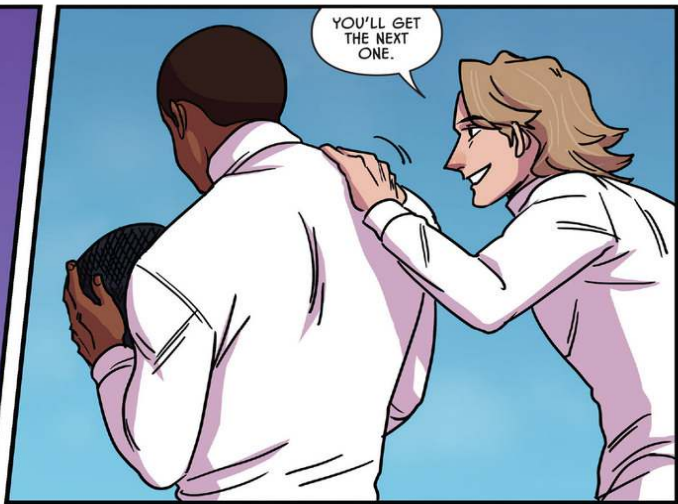
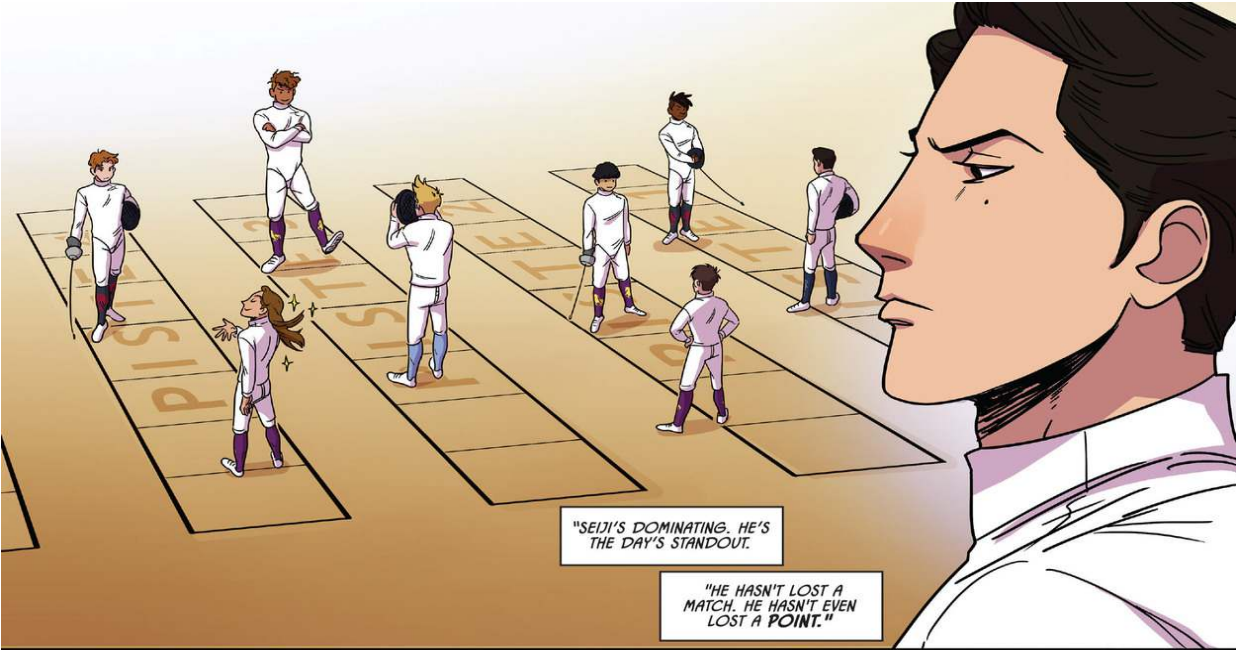


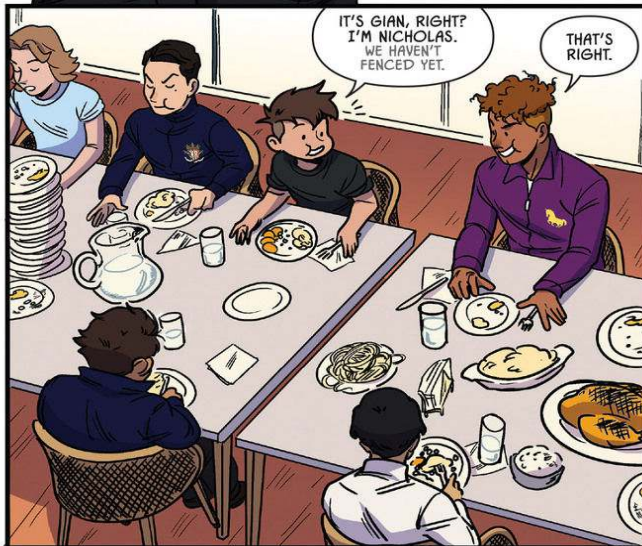
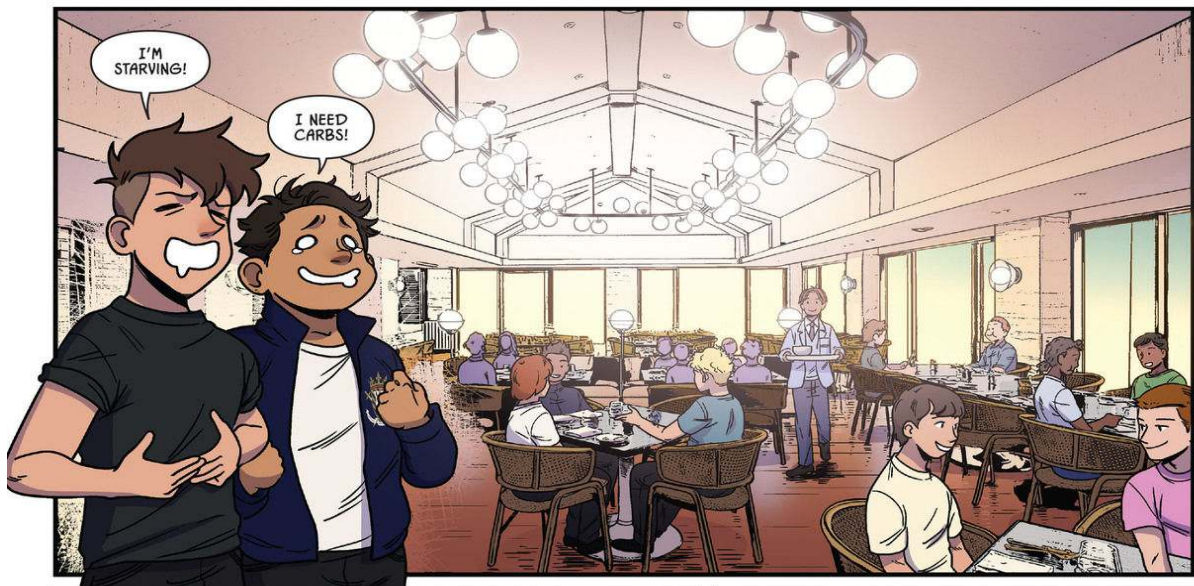


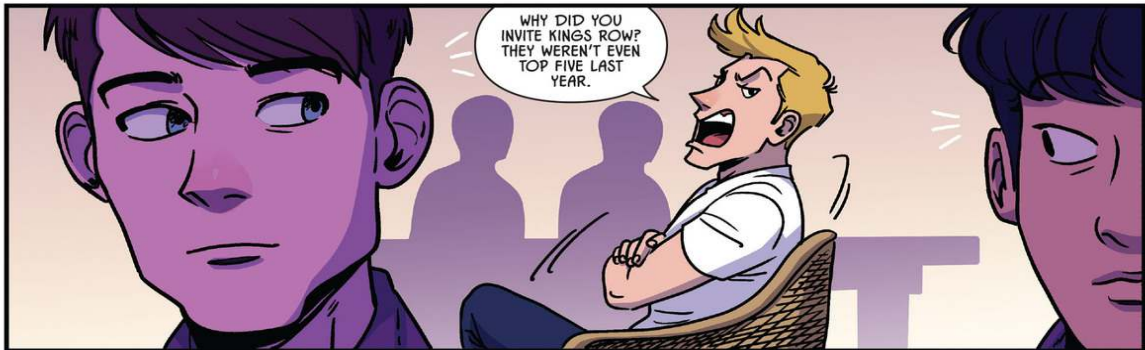






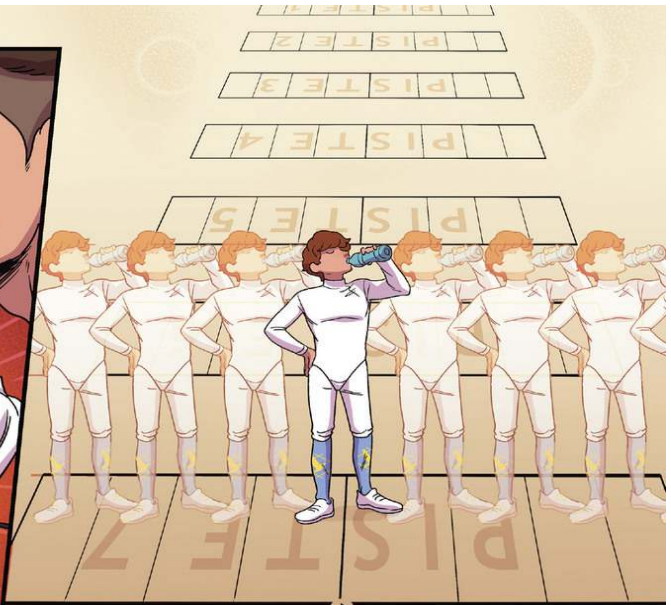




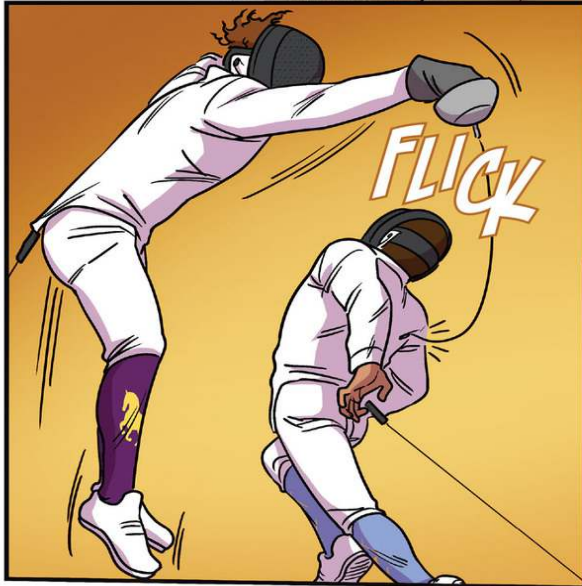




EVERY TIME I MAKE IT
TO PISTE 7 I LOSE
TO EMMETT.



I CAN'T GET
PAST HIM.



THAT FLICK IS
AMAZING,
GIAN.

THANKS!

IT'S LIKE COACH SAID. EVERYONE HERE
HAS SOMETHING THEY'RE GOOD AT.



FLICK

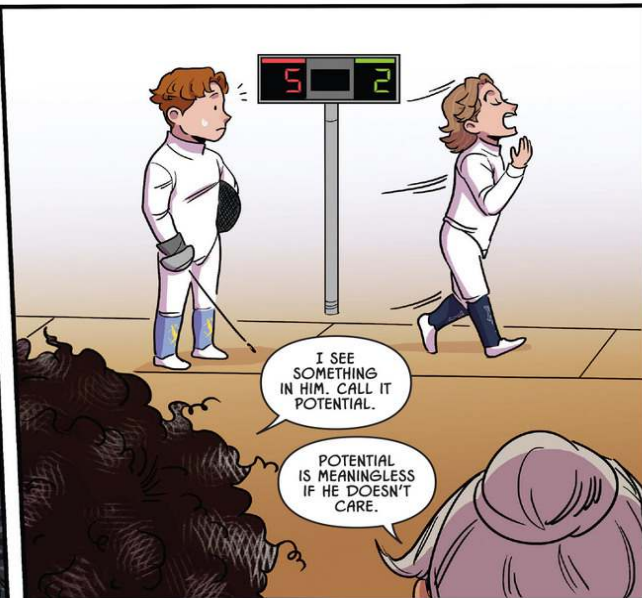
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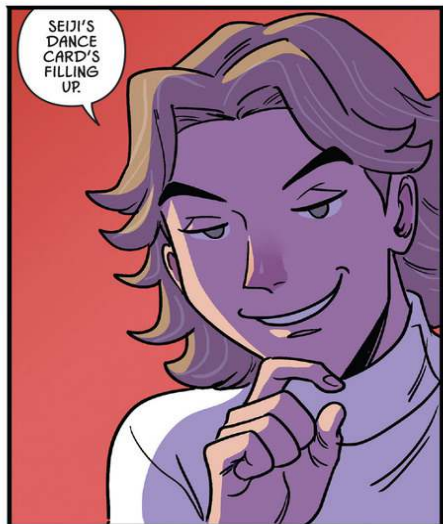
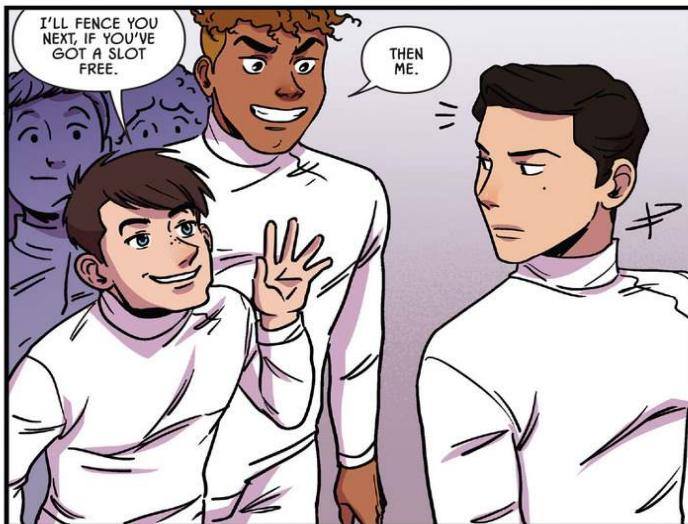
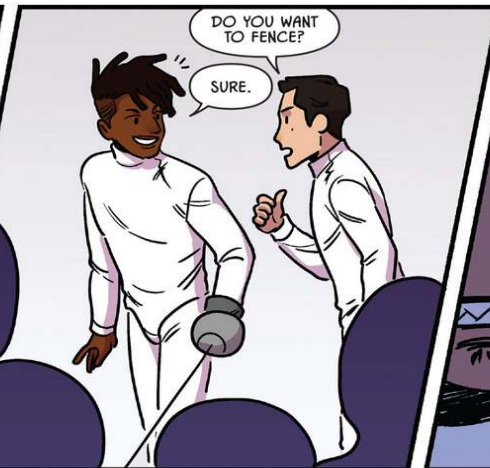
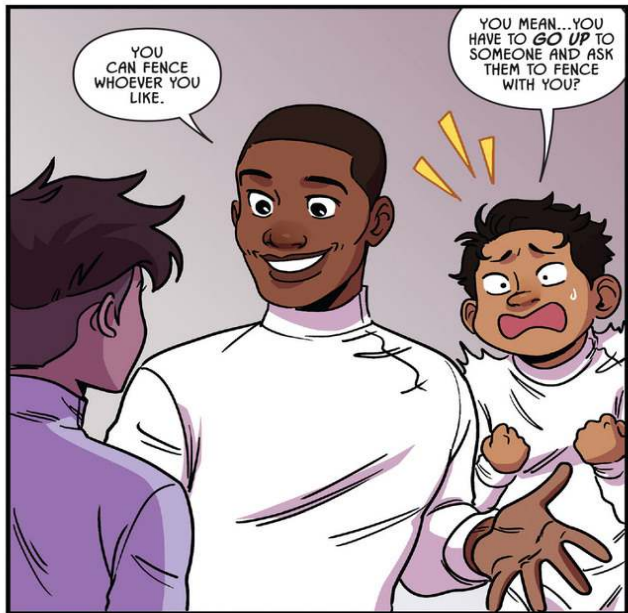
TAKING THE
BLADE

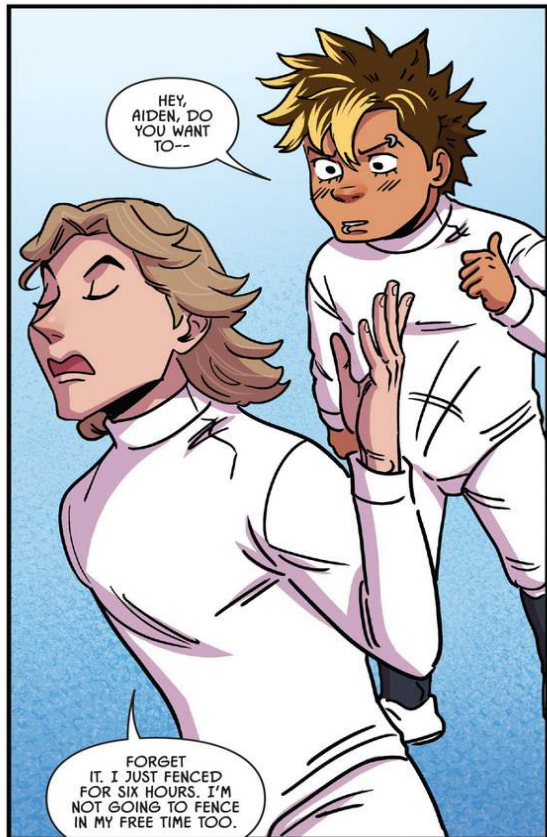
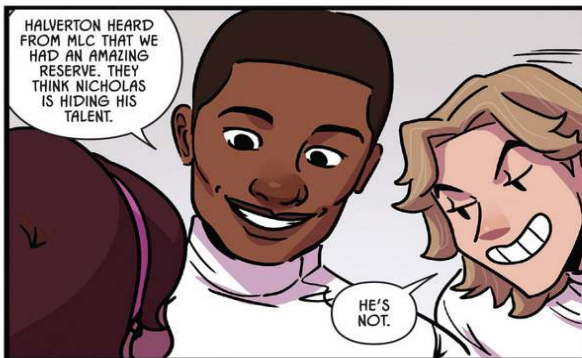
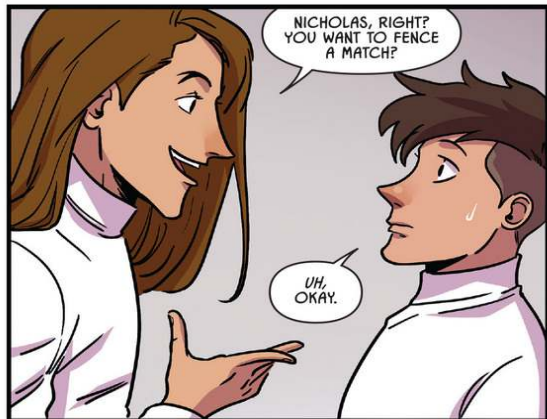


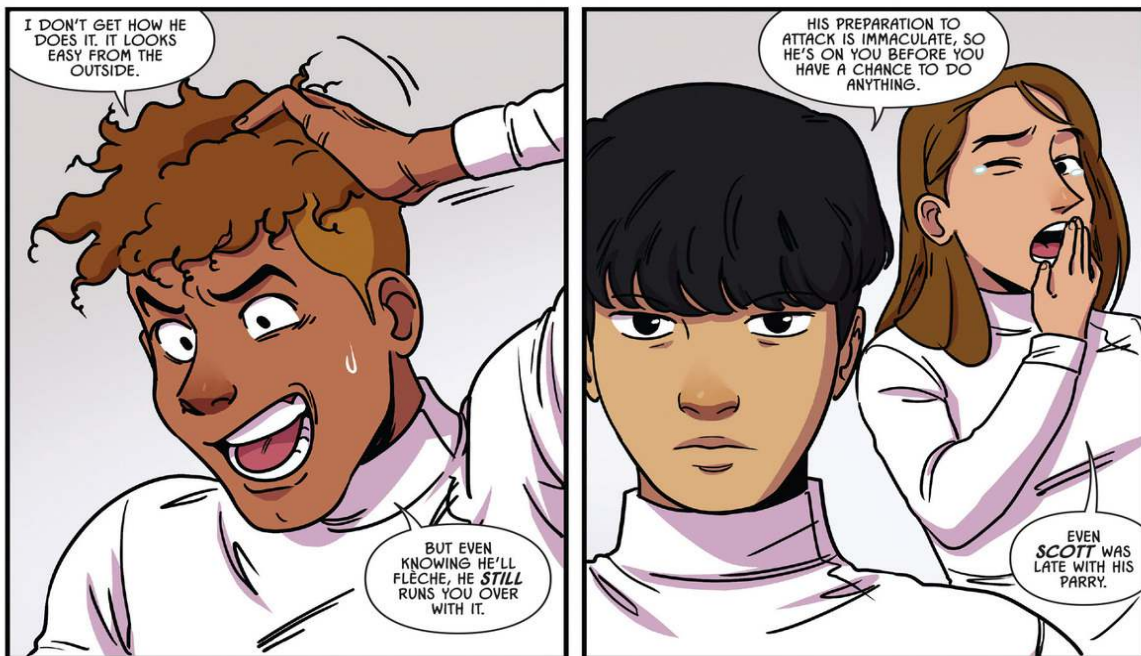
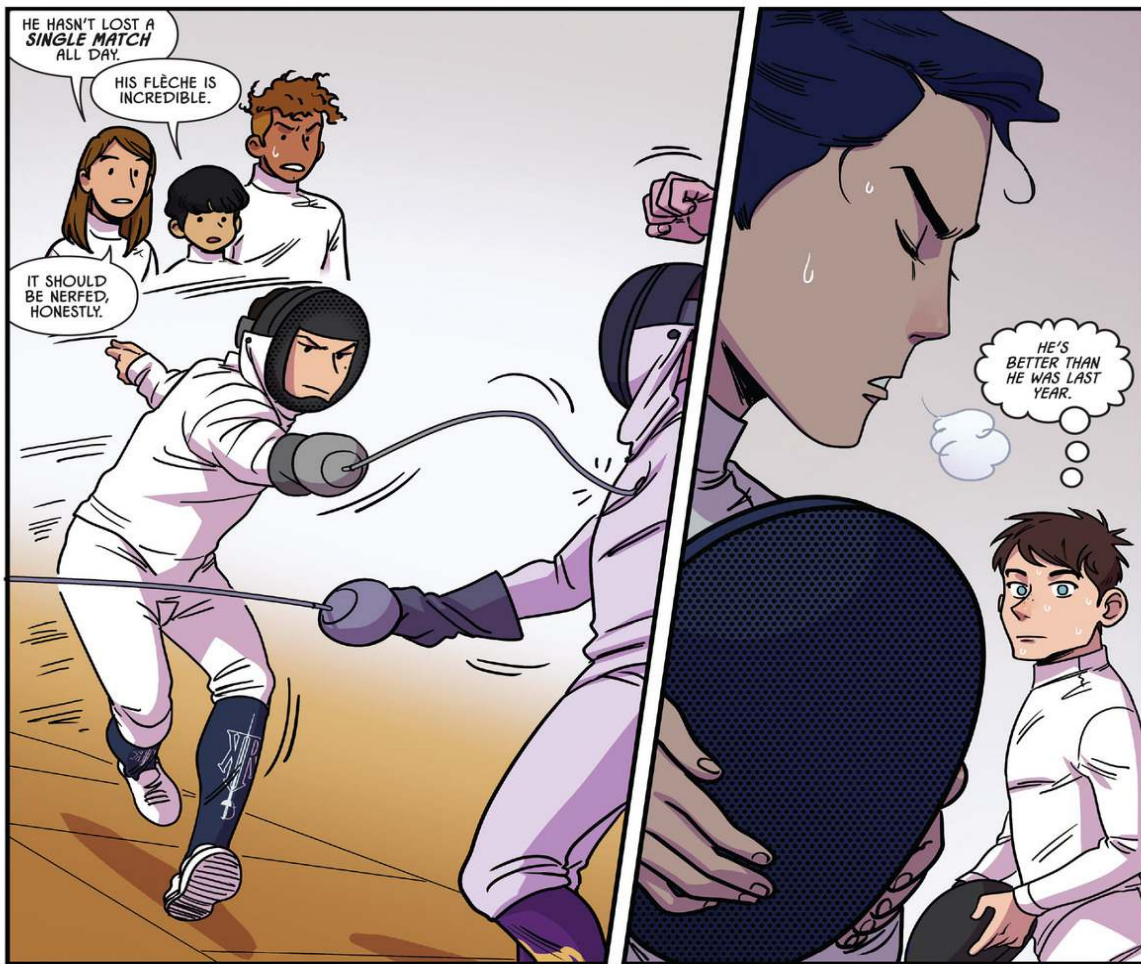
KYLE'S RIGHT...THESE TEAMS ARE
WAY ABOVE KINGS ROW IN LEVEL.

IF WE FENCED THEM NOW AT THE
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, THERE'S
NO WAY WE'D WIN.

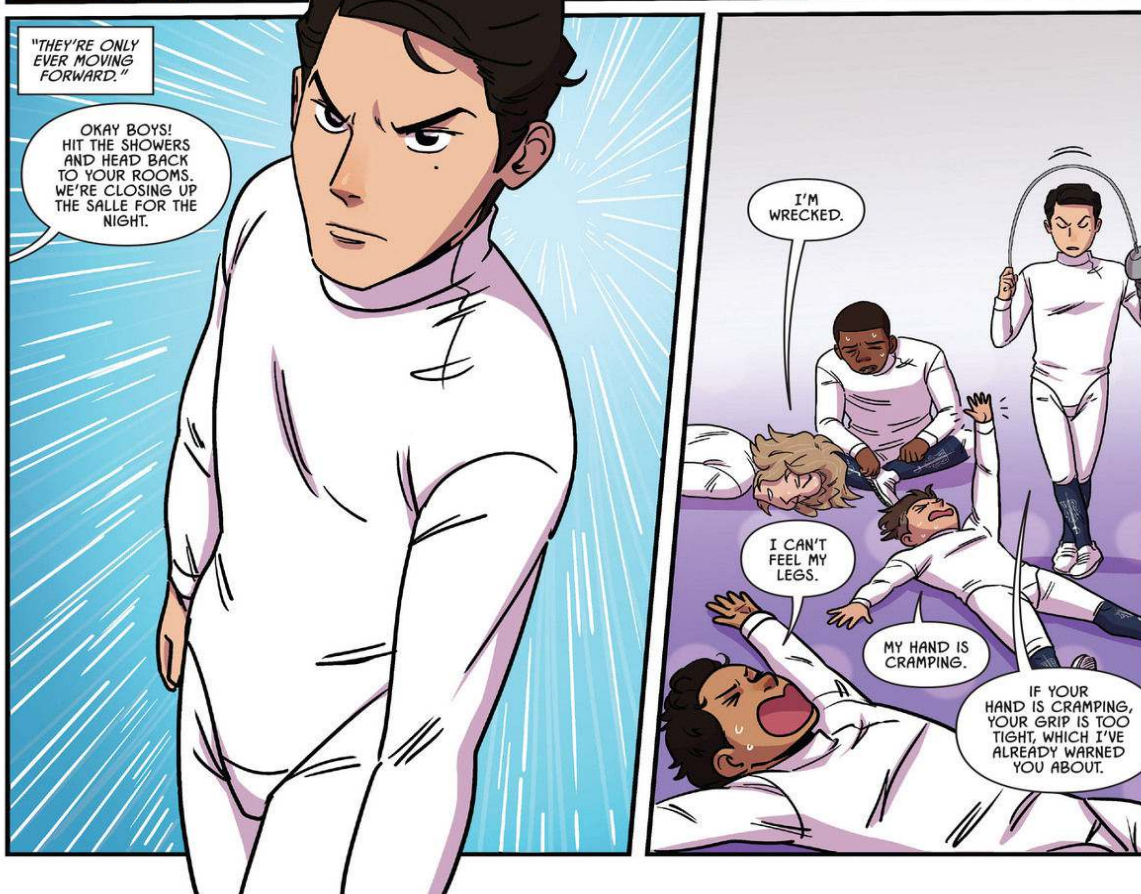
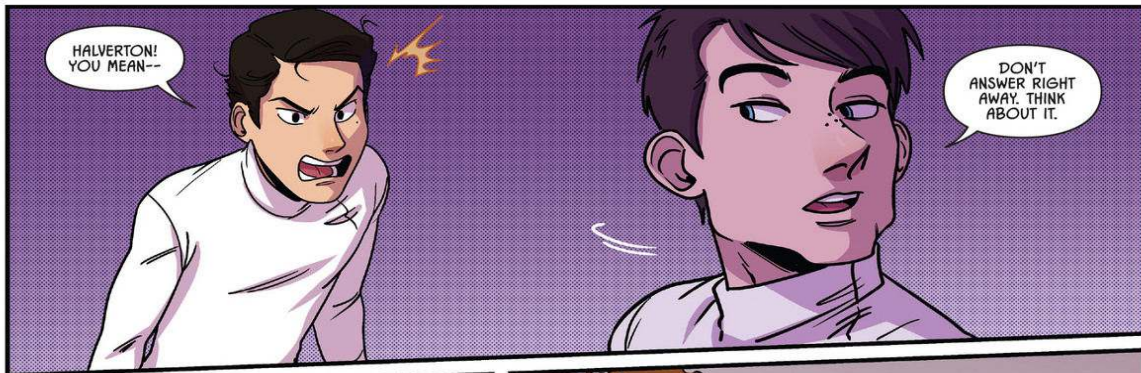


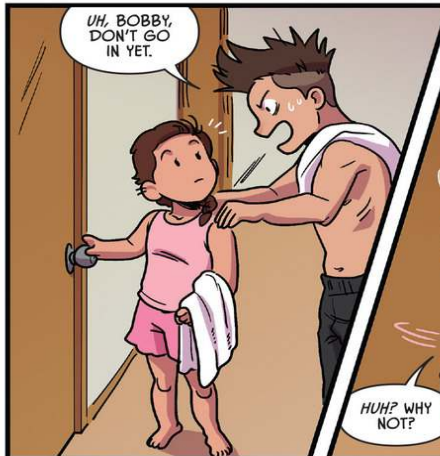
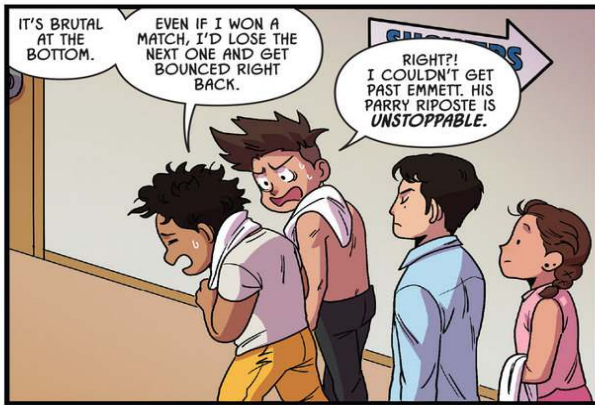


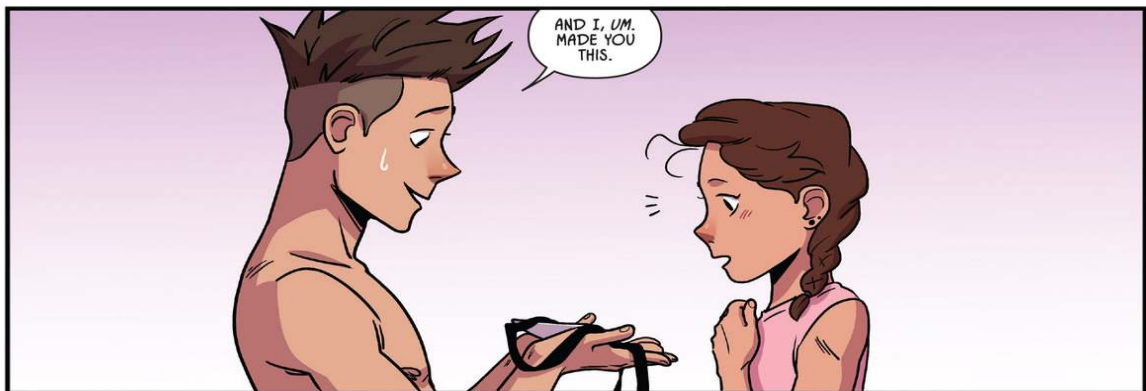
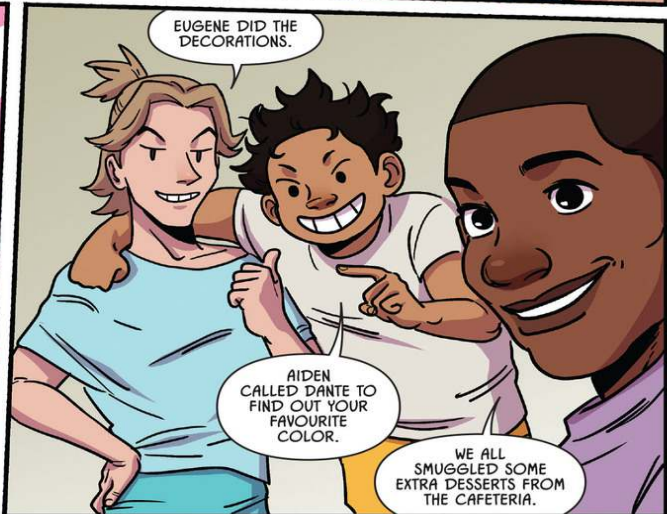
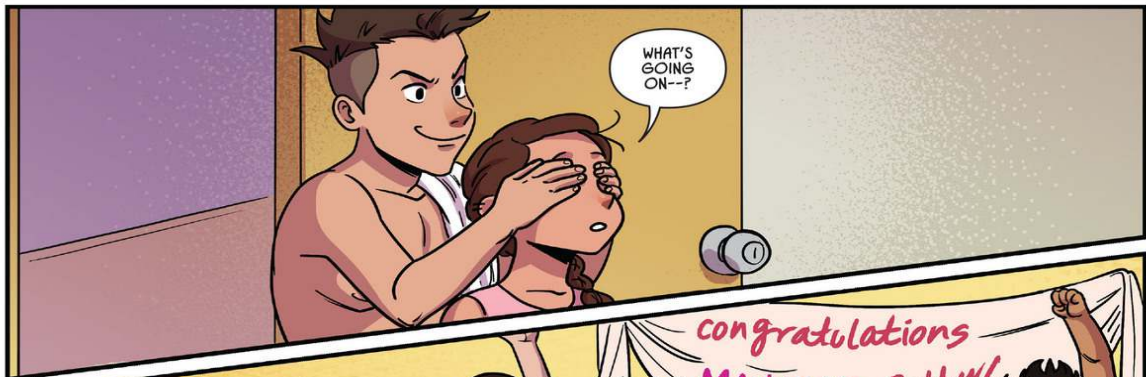


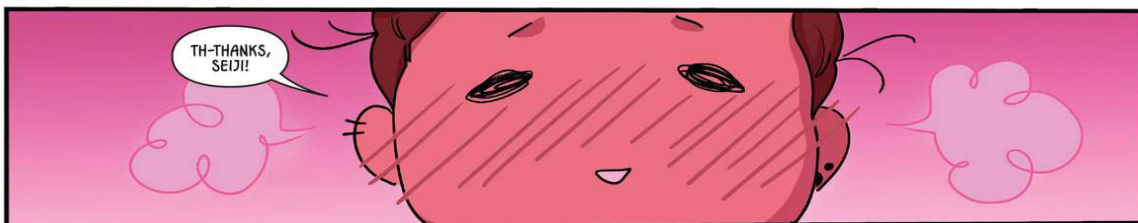




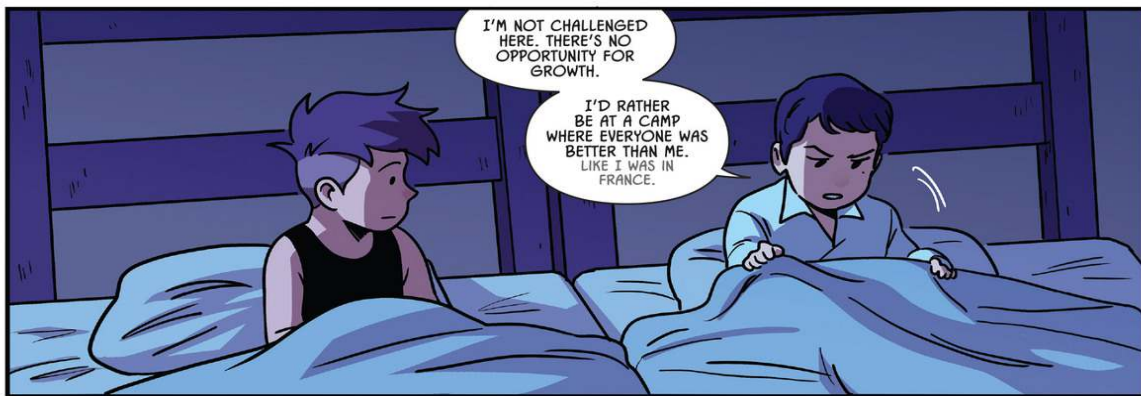


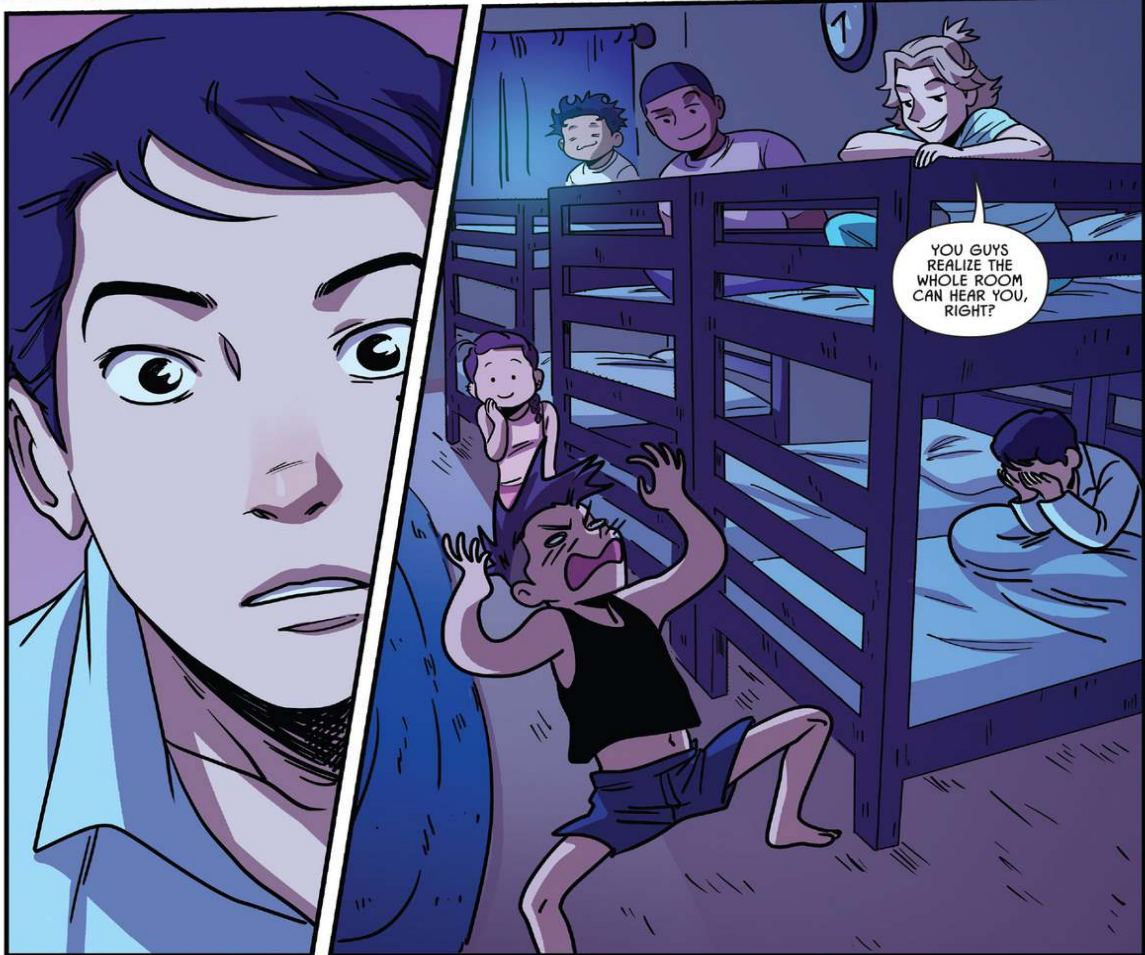




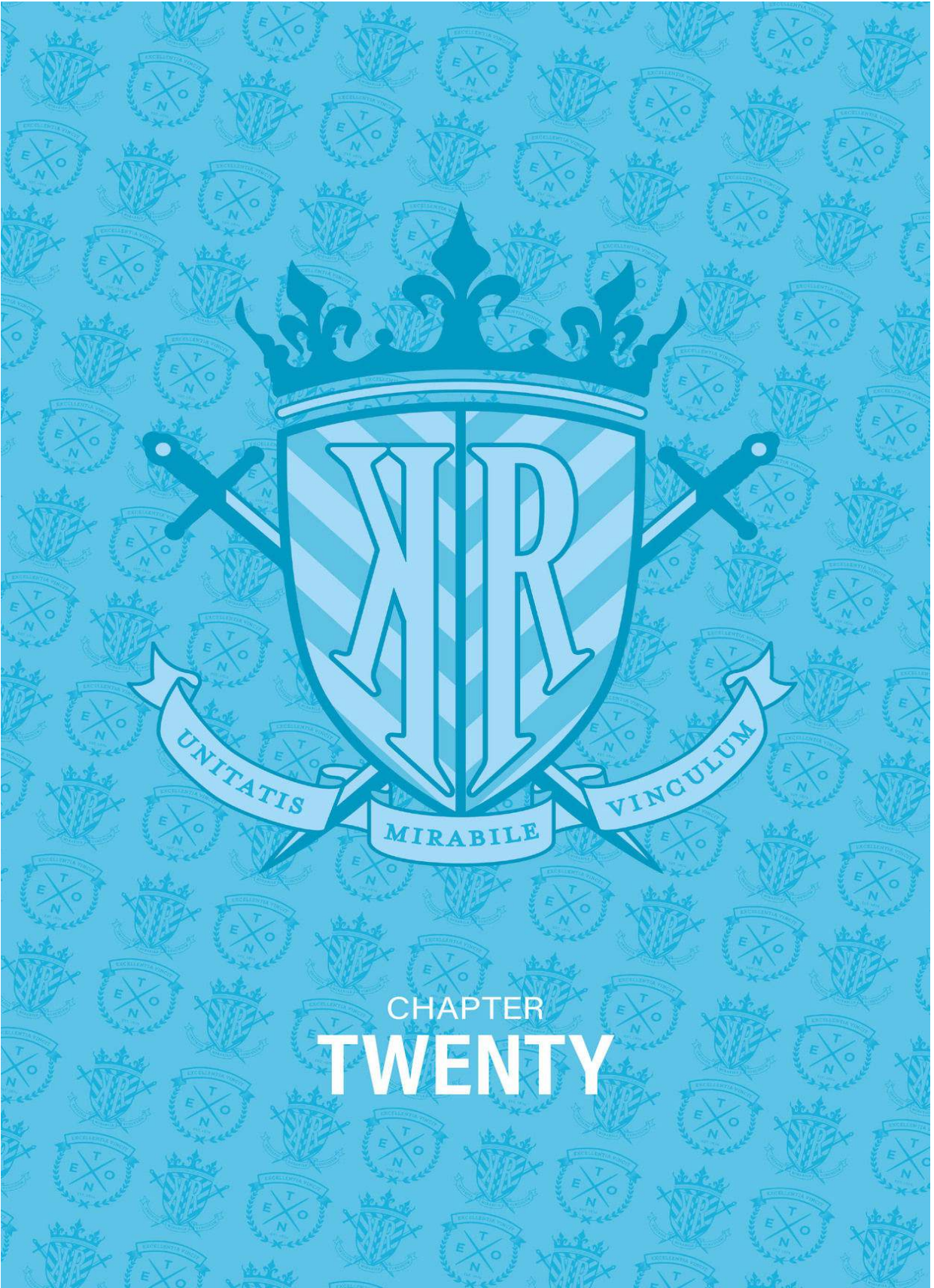




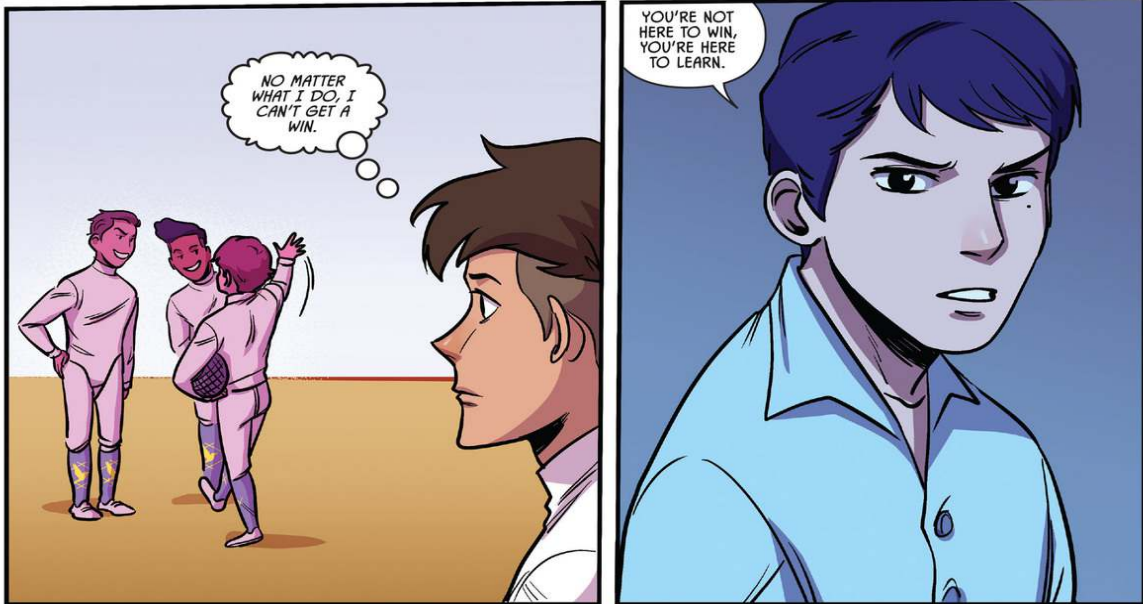
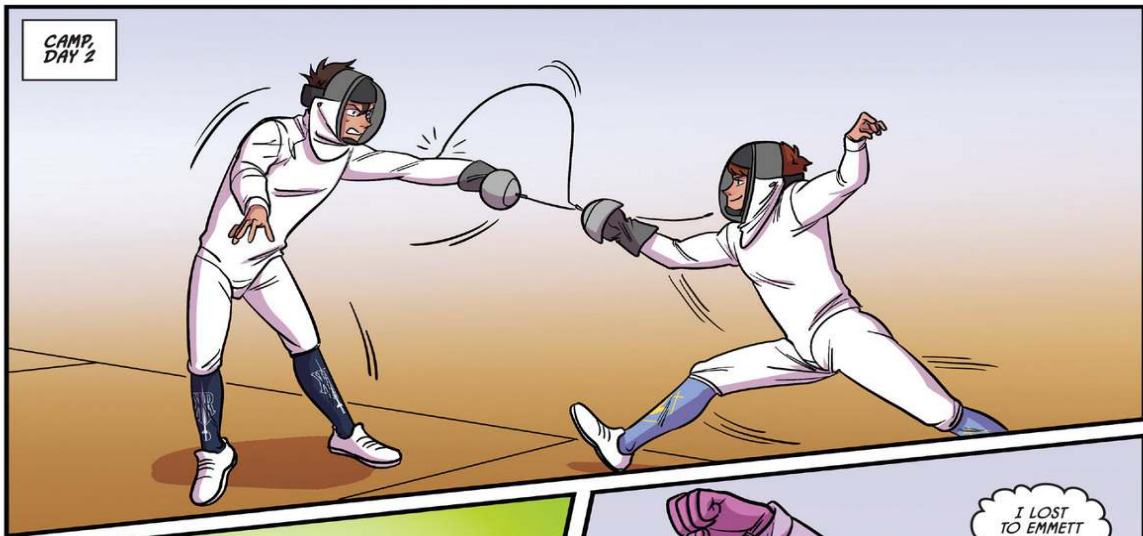


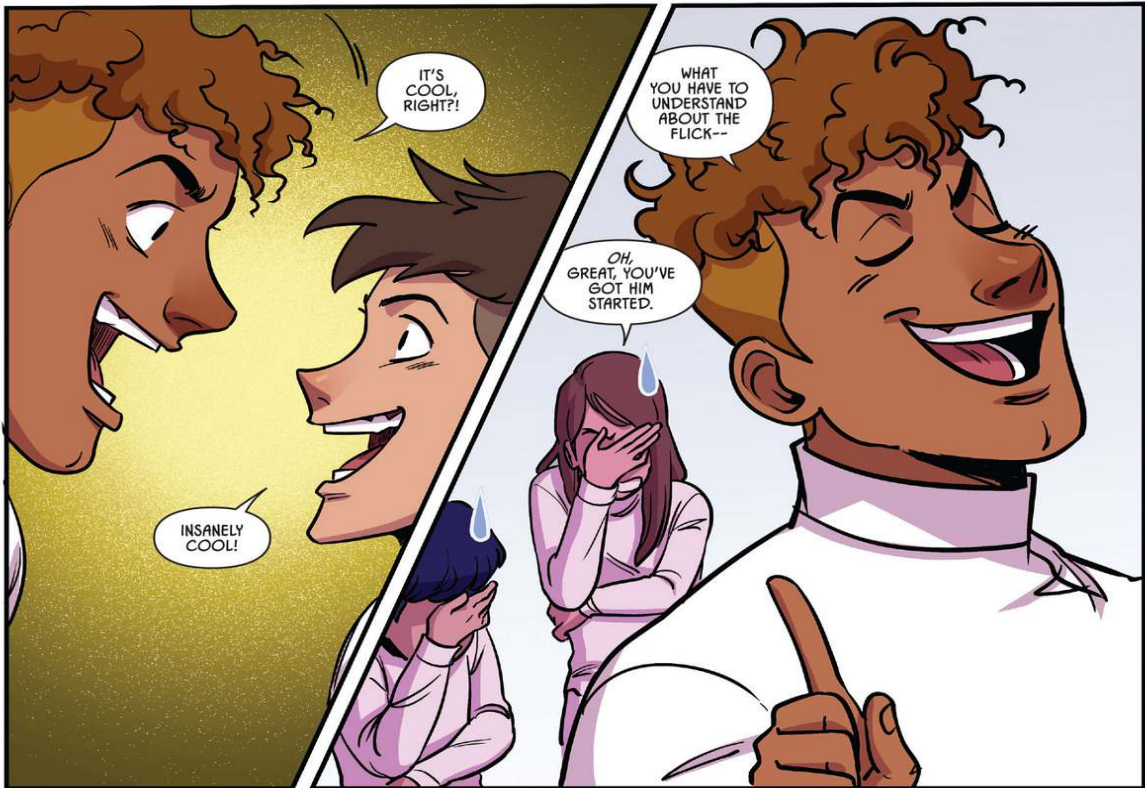
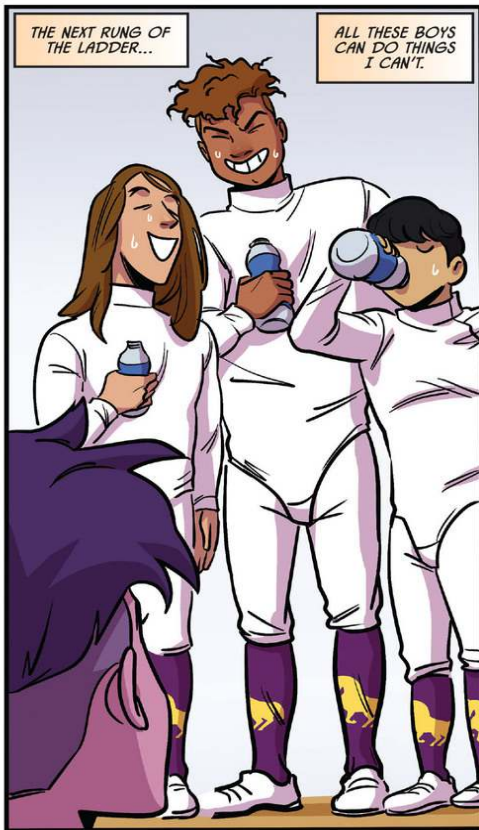






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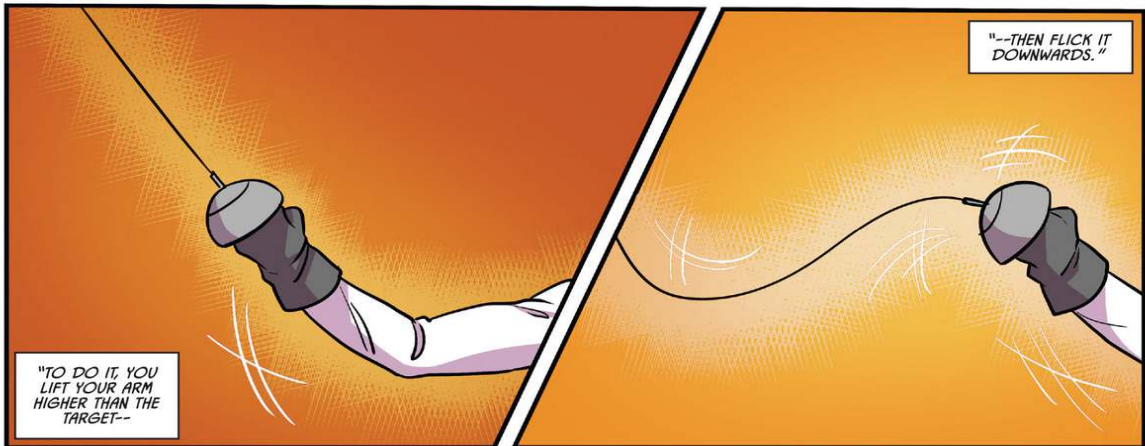




THE FLICK IS A FAST HIT THAT YOU MAKE WHEN YOU FLICK YOUR BLADE LIKE A WHIP.



"THE WHIPPING MOTION BENDS THE BLADE AROUND PARRIES, MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO HIT PLACES YOU COULDN'T OTHERWISE."



"TO DO IT, YOU LIFT YOUR ARM HIGHER THAN THE TARGET--"

"--THEN FLICK IT DOWNWARDS."



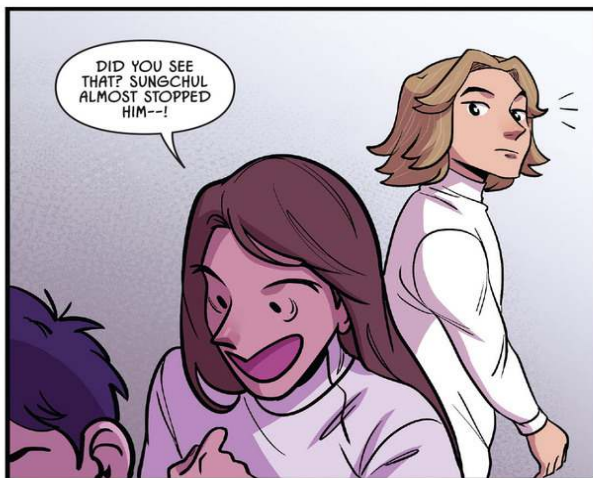
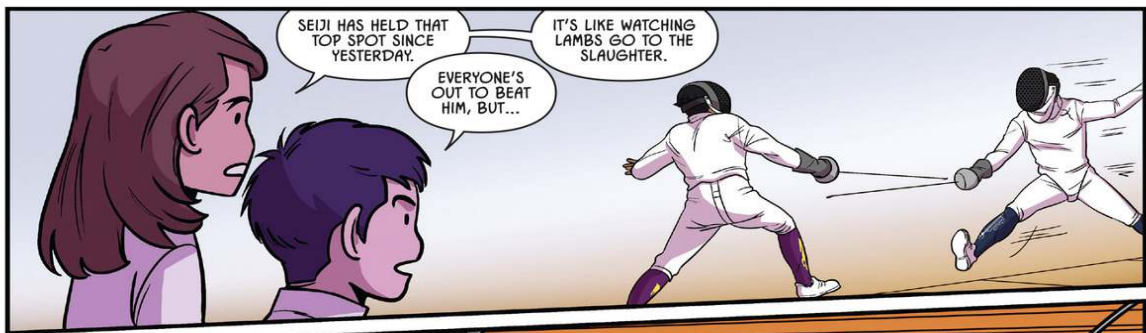
NOW, WHEN YOU START OUT IN EPEE IT'S BEST TO FLICK TO THE HAND, WRIST OR ARM--"

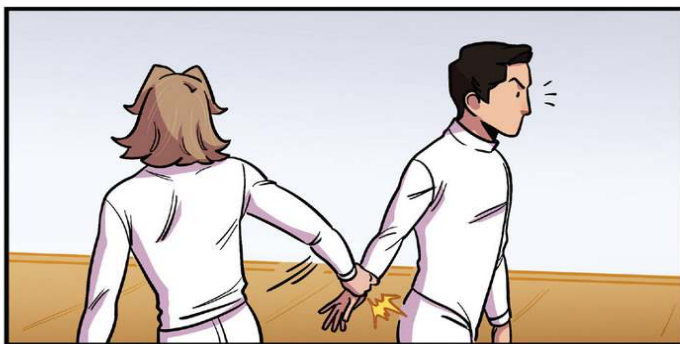


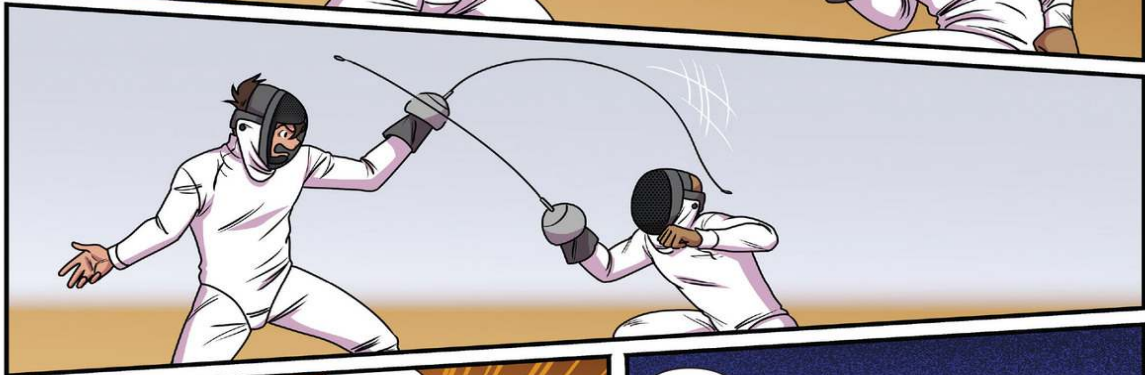
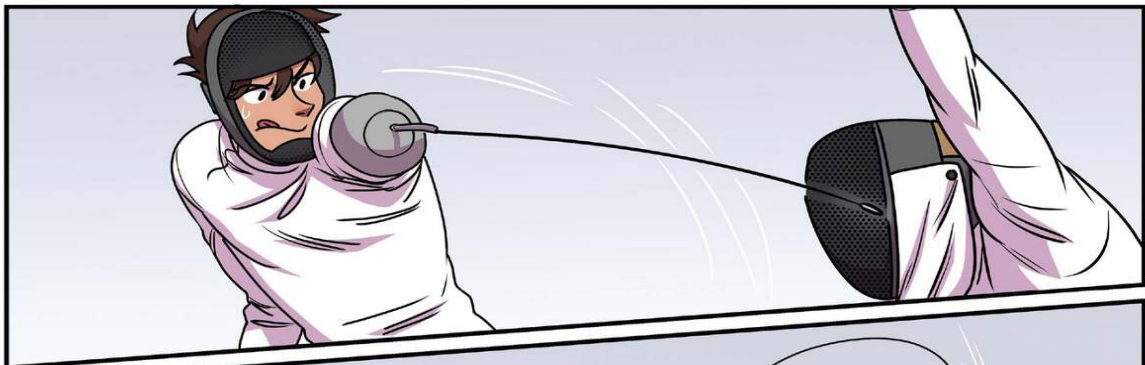
AREN'T FLICKS QUITE RARE IN EPEE?

YES, THEY ARE DIFFICULT TO DO. IT TAKES INCREDIBLE ACCURACY AND PRECISION.

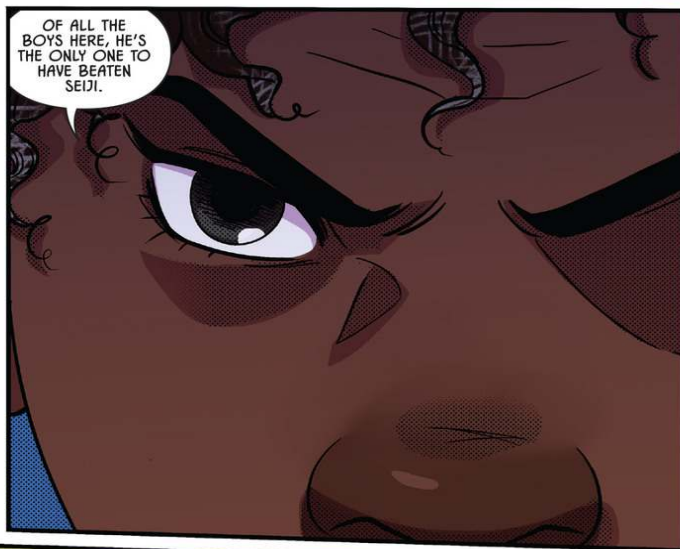
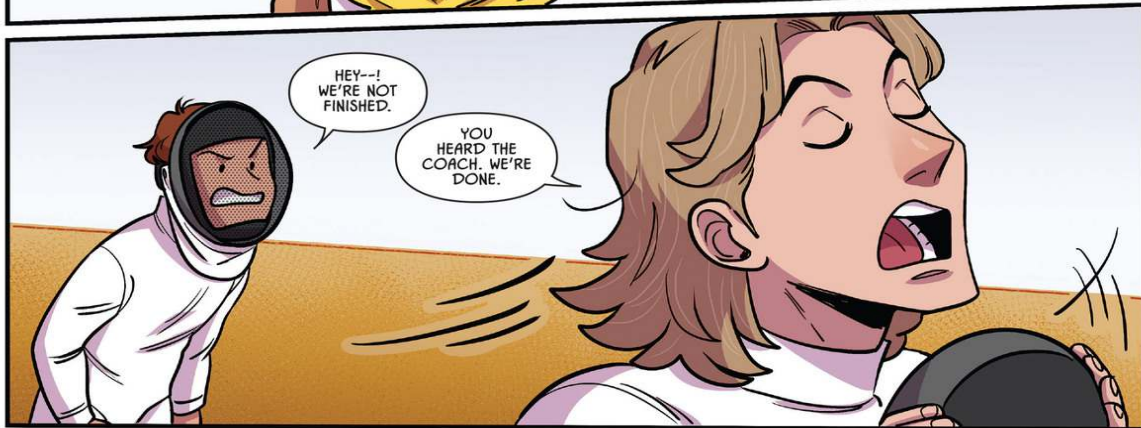
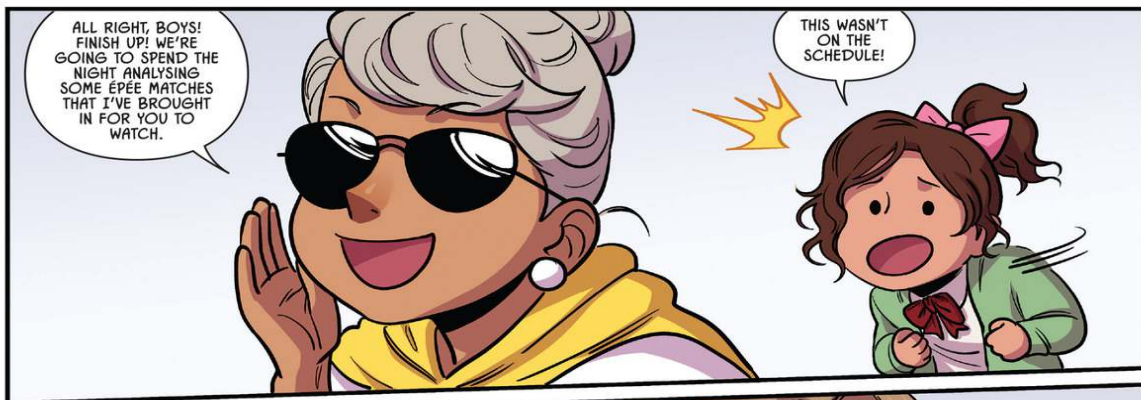


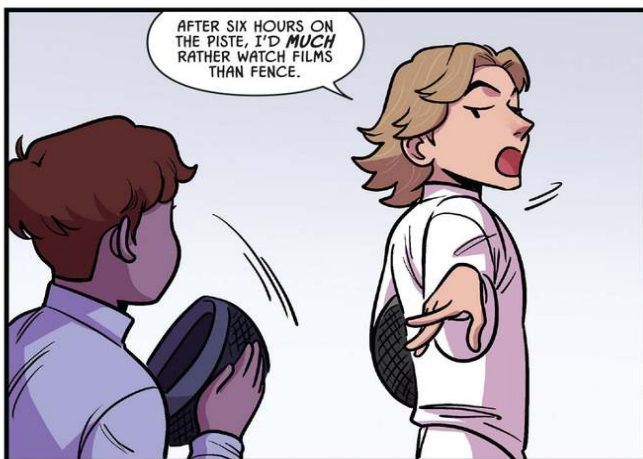
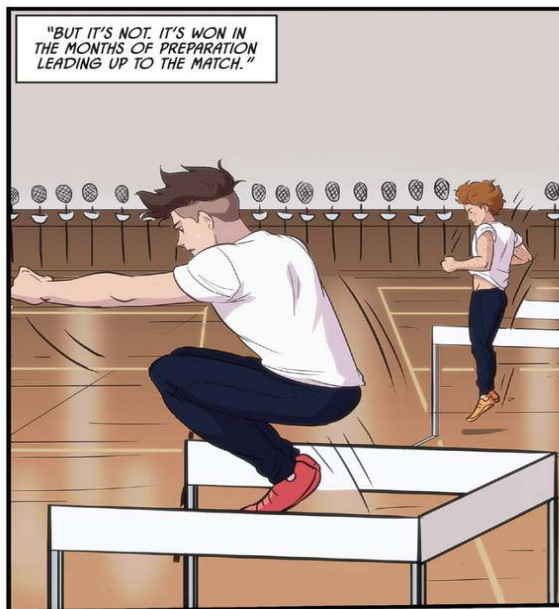
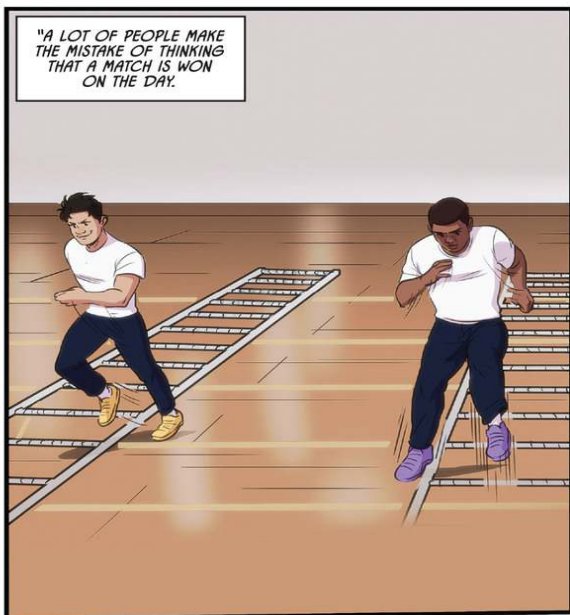


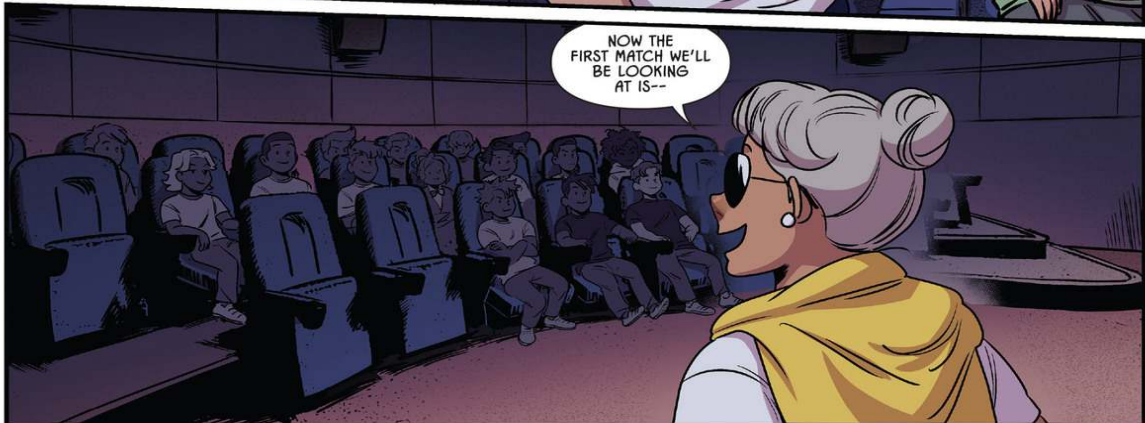
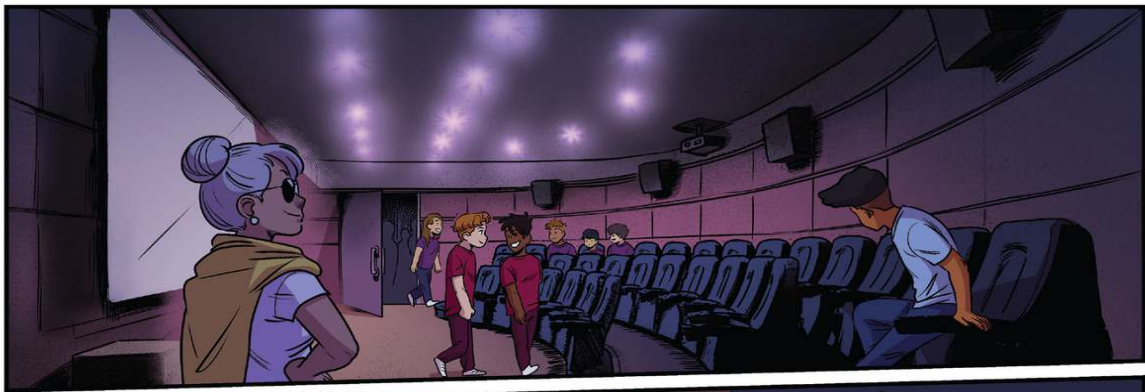


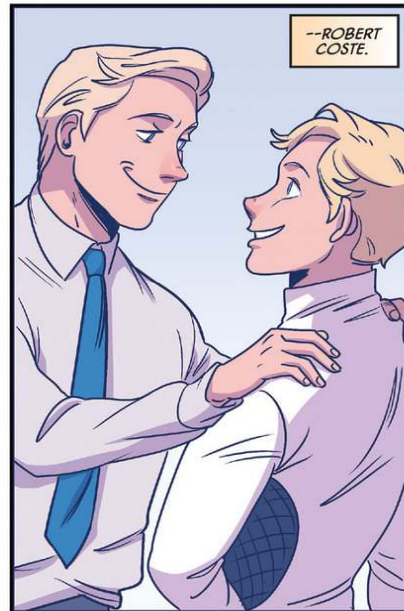
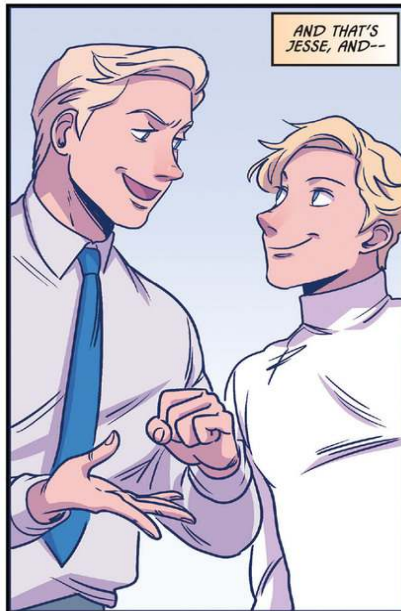
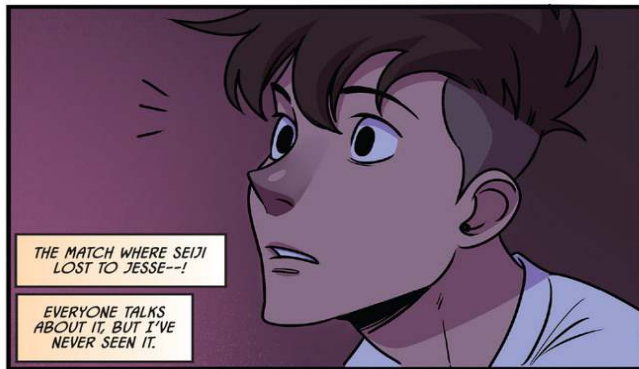


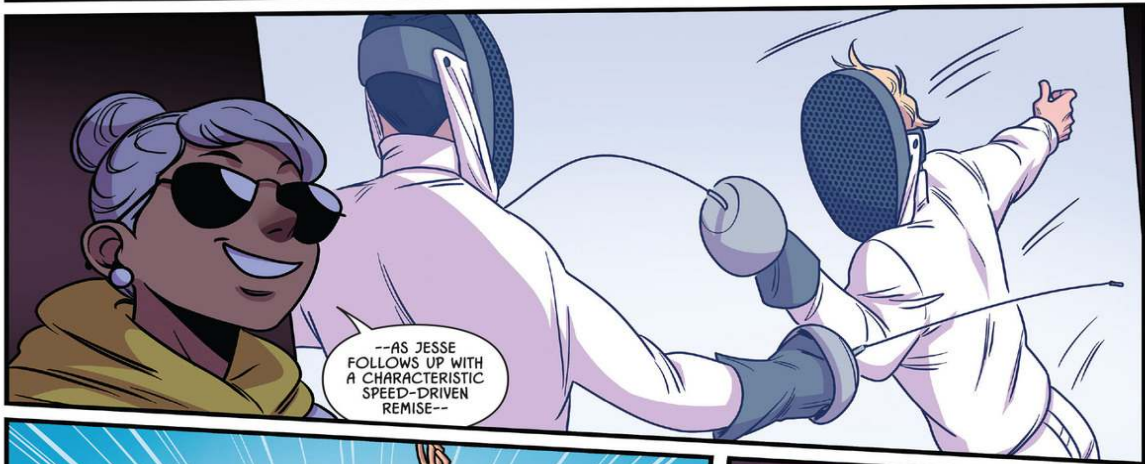
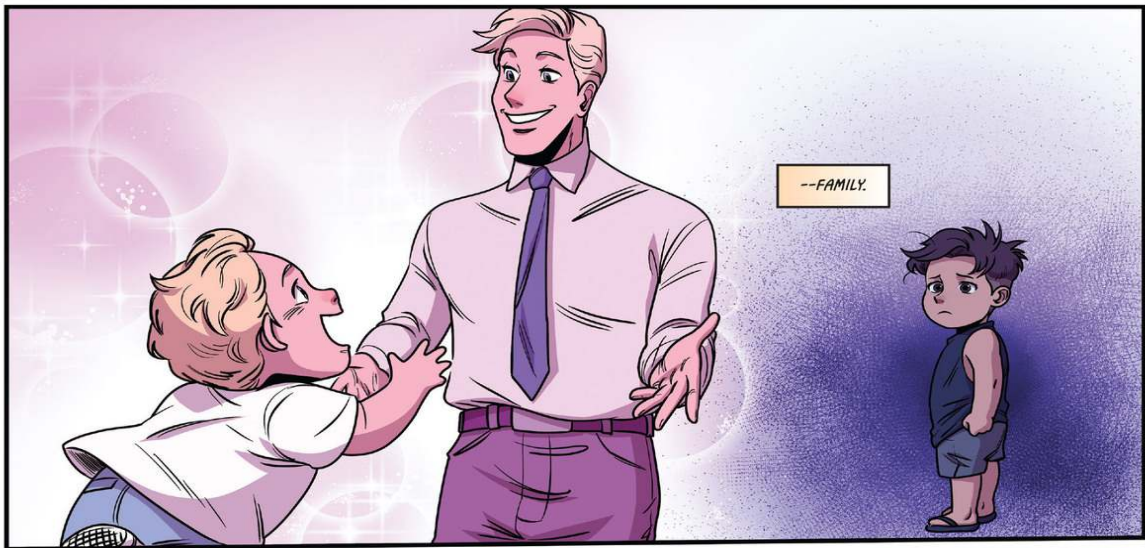














MY COUSIN
DOESN'T FENCE
ANYTHING LIKE
THIS GUY.

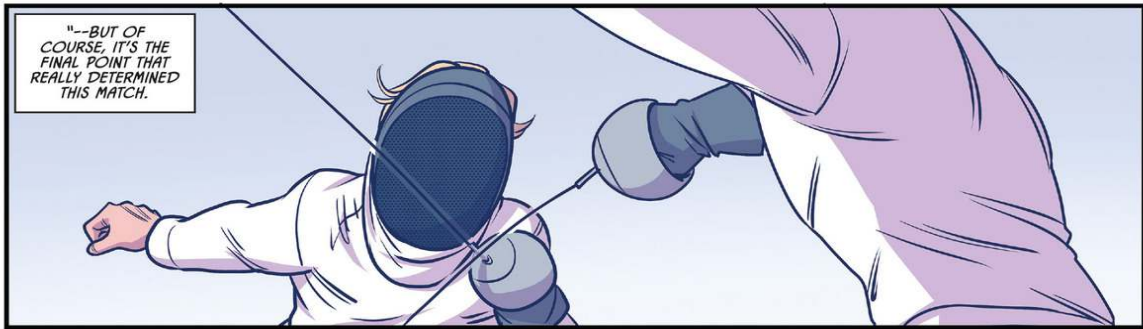
I TRAIN
WITH HIM ALL
THE TIME.
I WOULD
KNOW.



JESSE IS THE BEST
IN THE COUNTRY.
THIS GUY'S AN
UNRANKED
NOBODY.

THEY
DON'T HAVE
ANYTHING IN
COMMON.

YOU'RE
RIGHT. I'M
NOTHING LIKE
HIM.

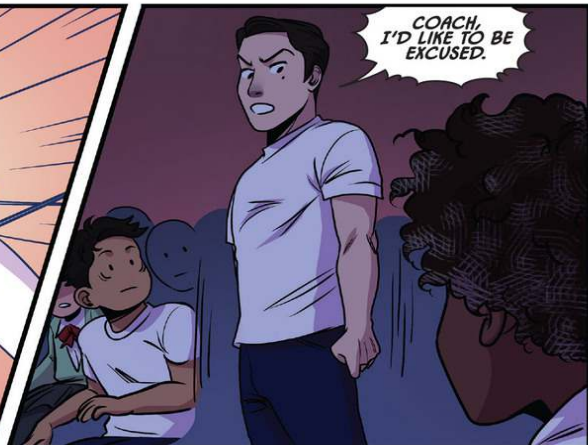


"--BUT OF
COURSE, IT'S THE
FINAL POINT THAT
REALLY DETERMINED
THIS MATCH.

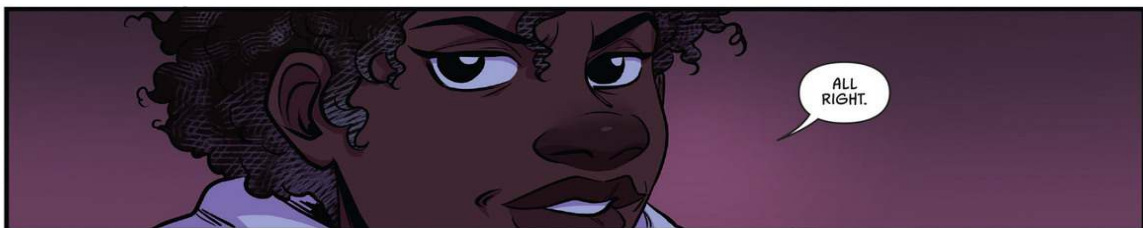


"JESSE STARTS TO ATTACK. YOU
CAN SEE SEIDI'S PARRY QUATRE
IS LATE.

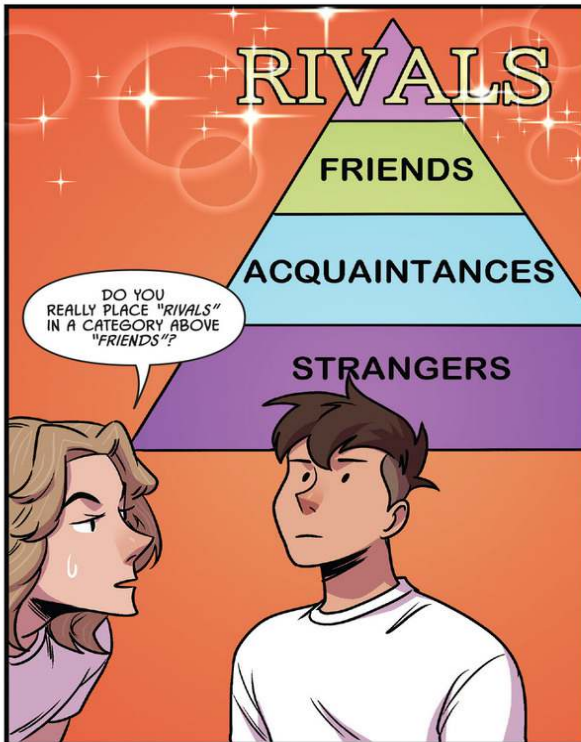
"AND THEN--"



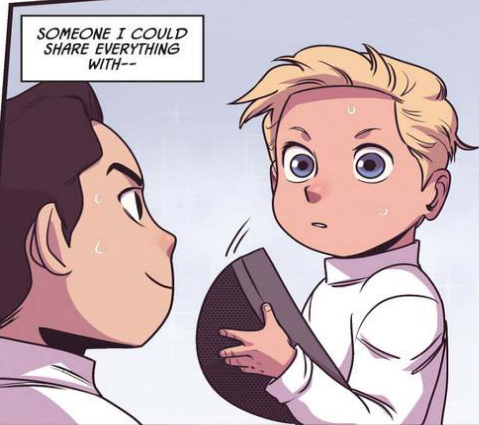
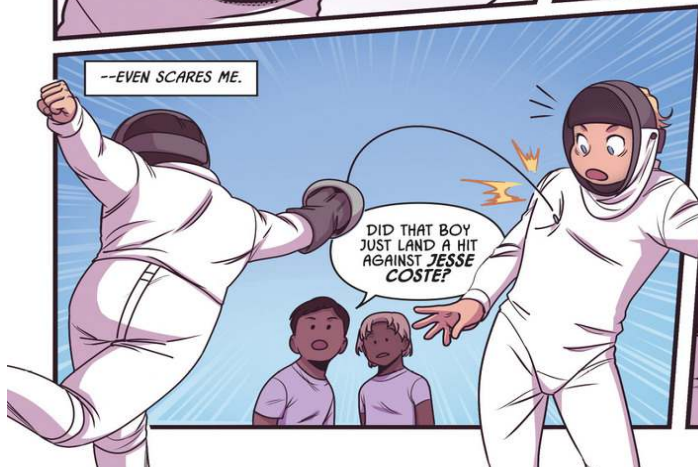
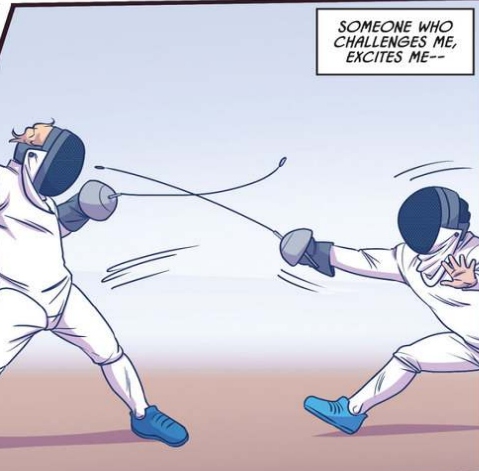
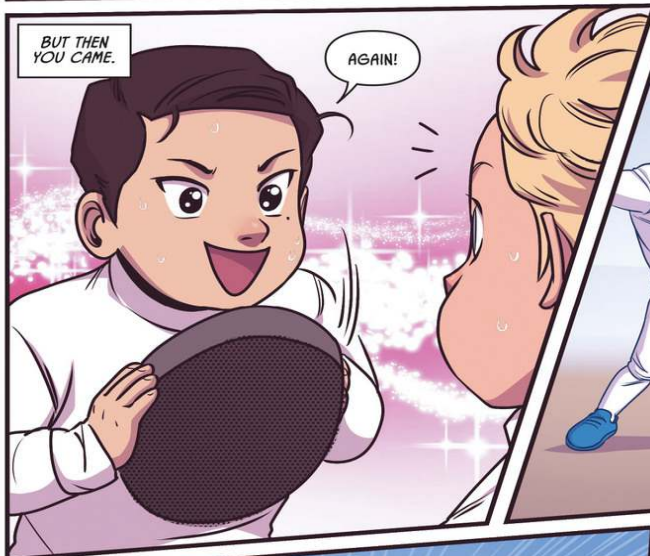
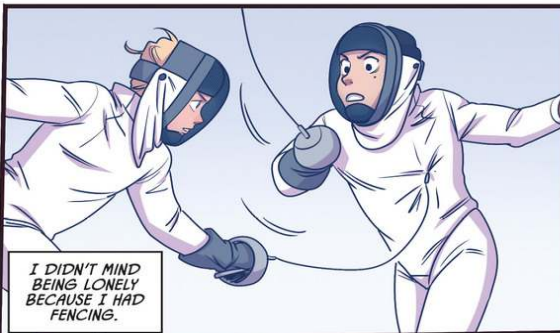
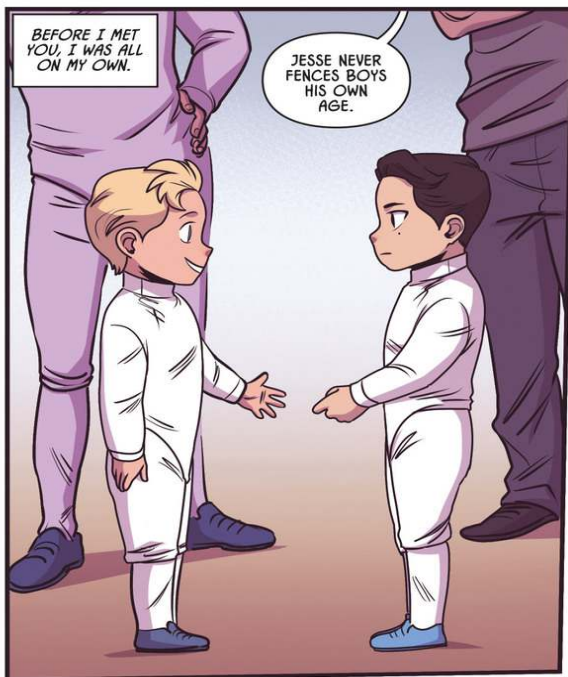
COACH,
I'D LIKE TO BE
EXCUSED.



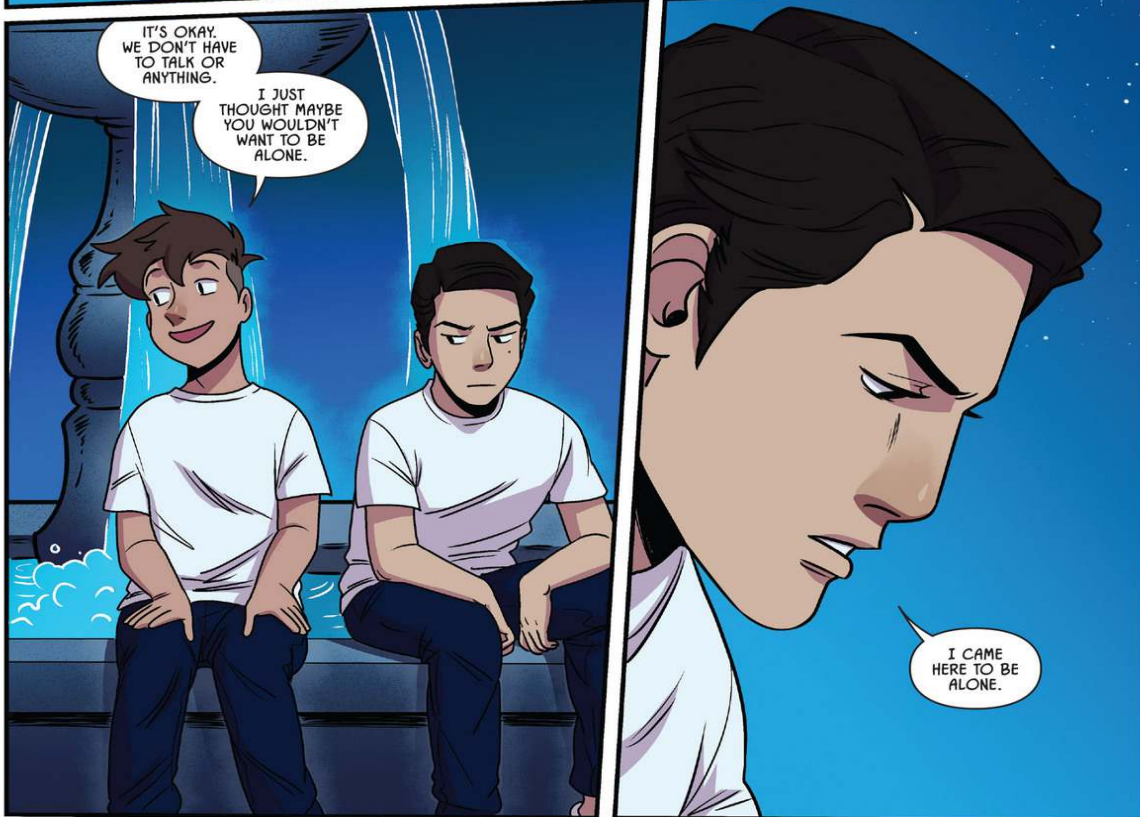
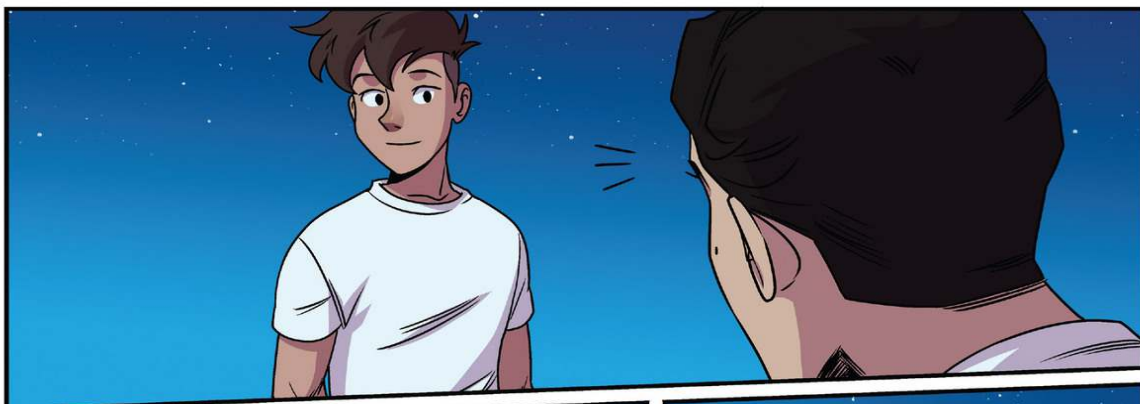
ALL
RIGHT.

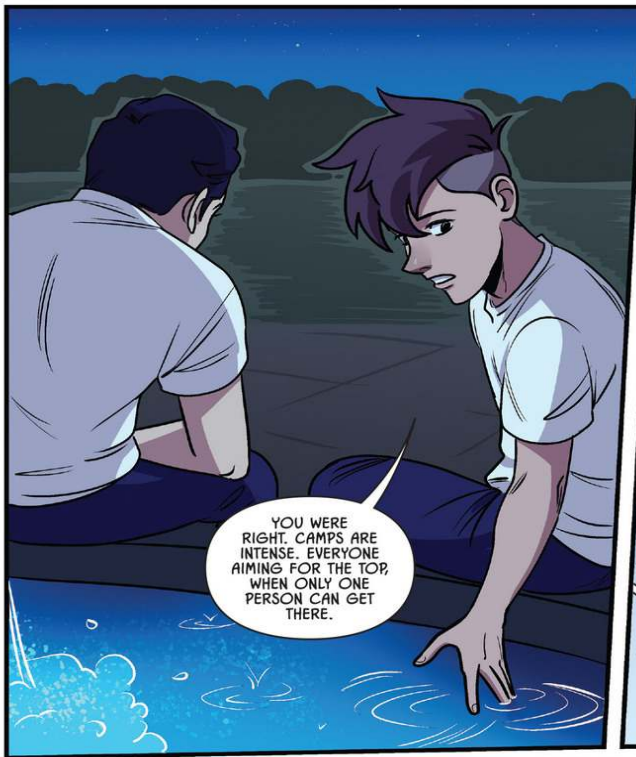




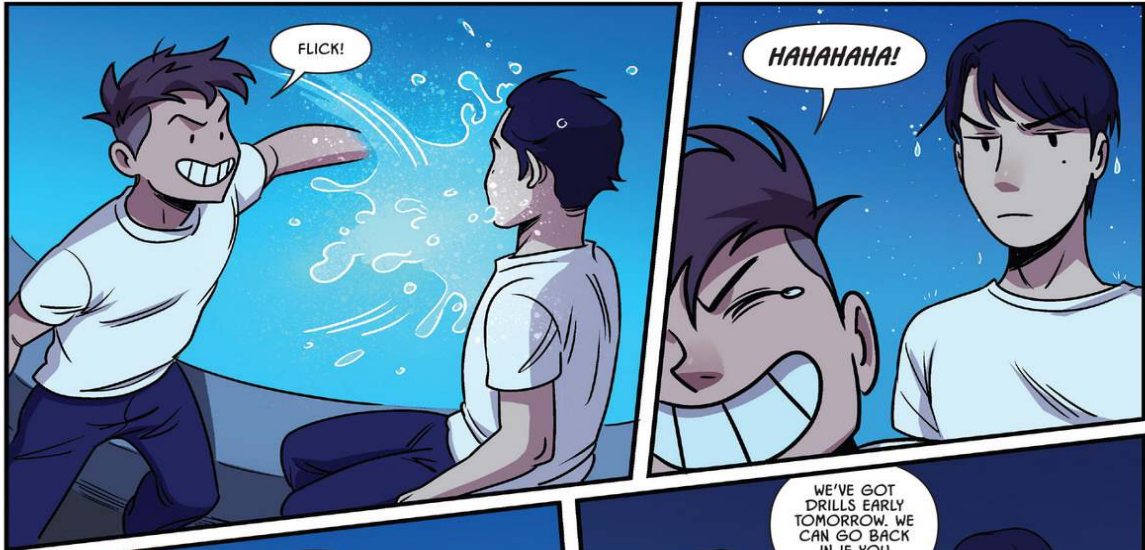




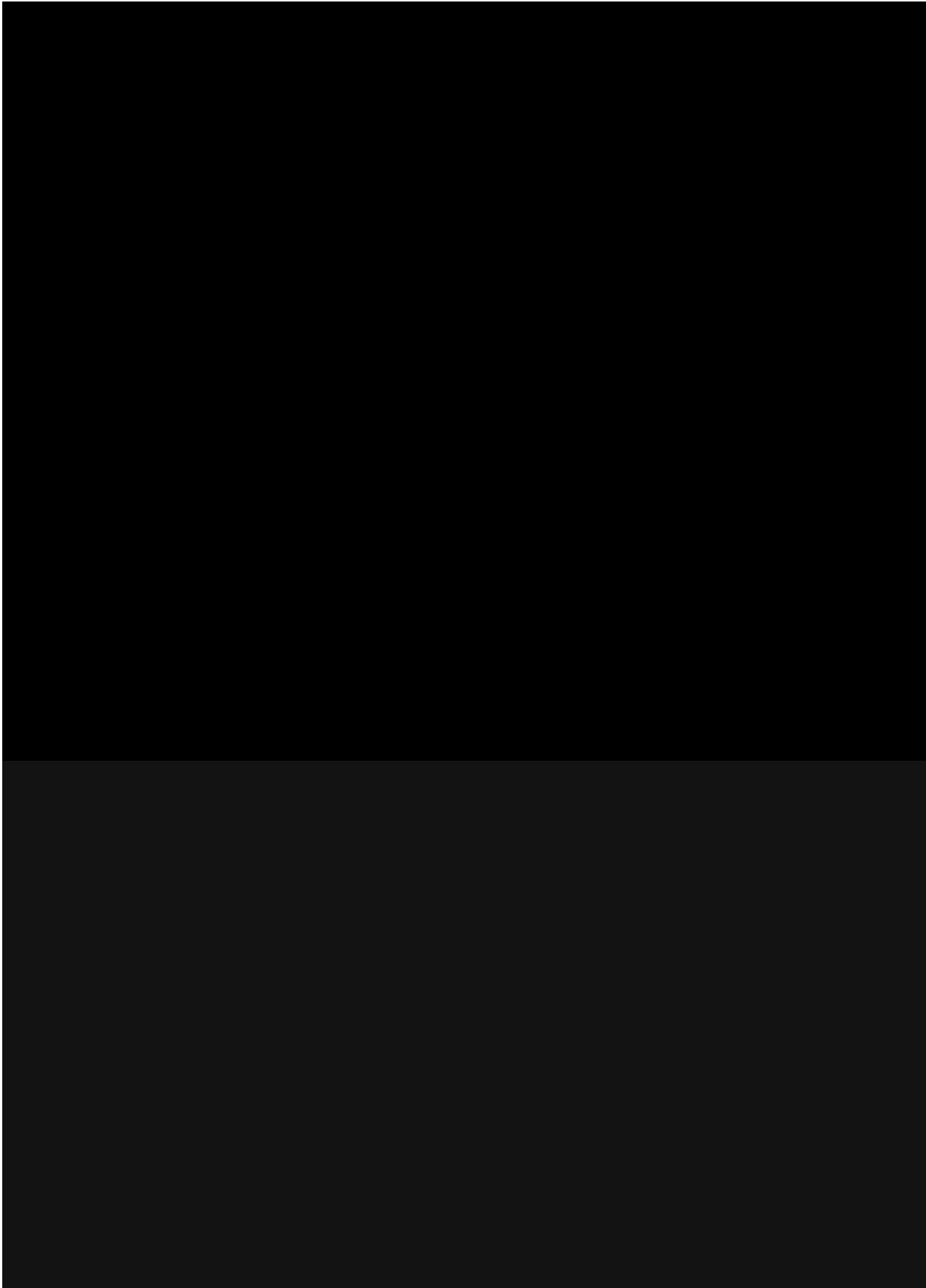








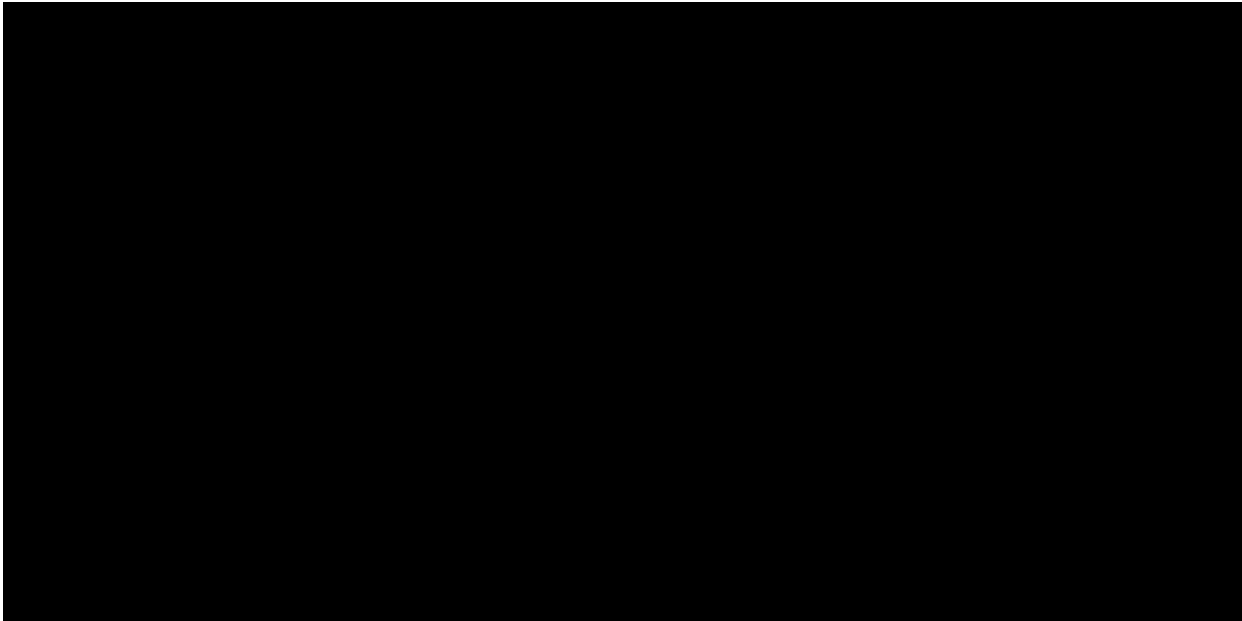


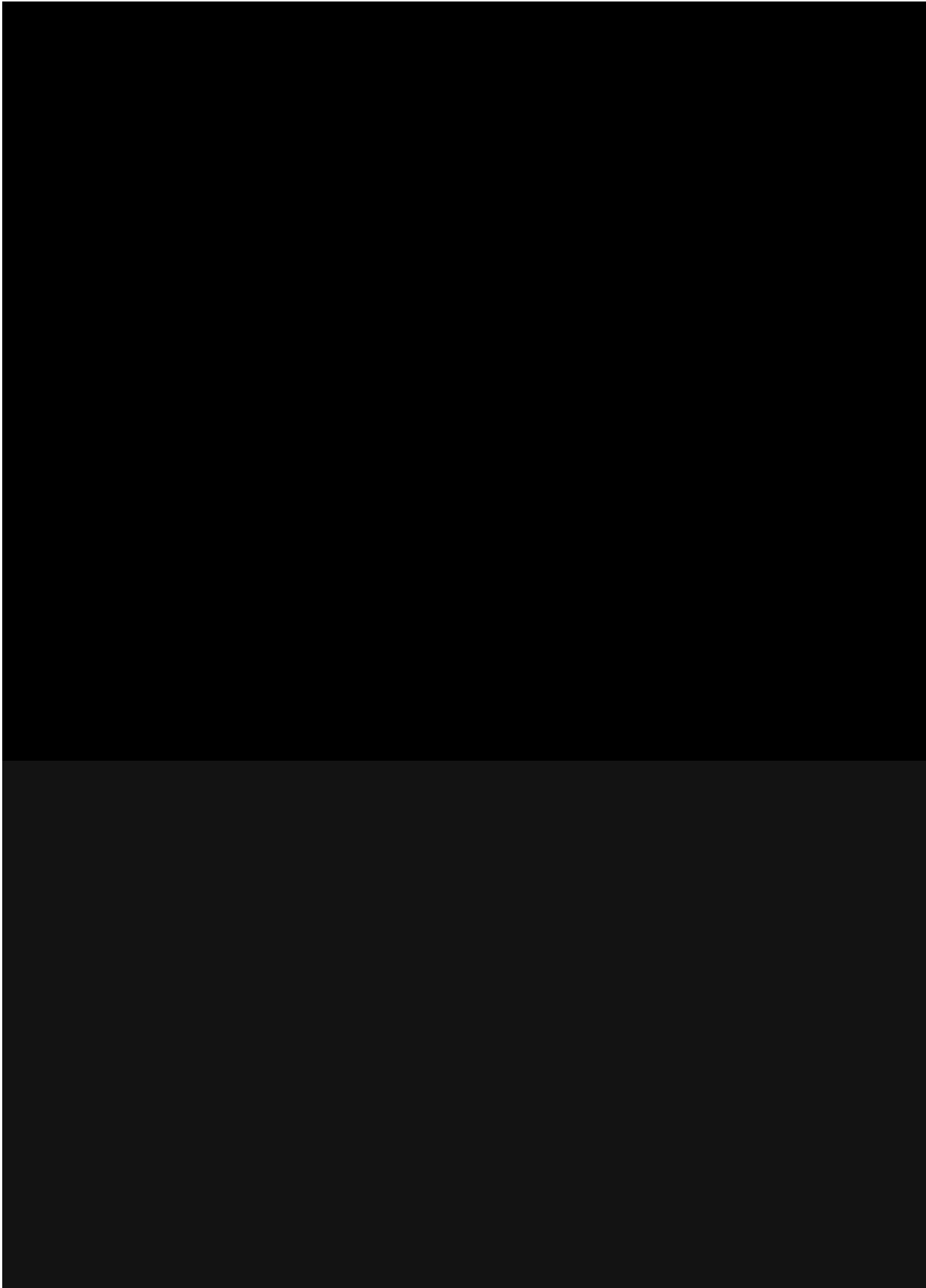


LOWTHER HALL



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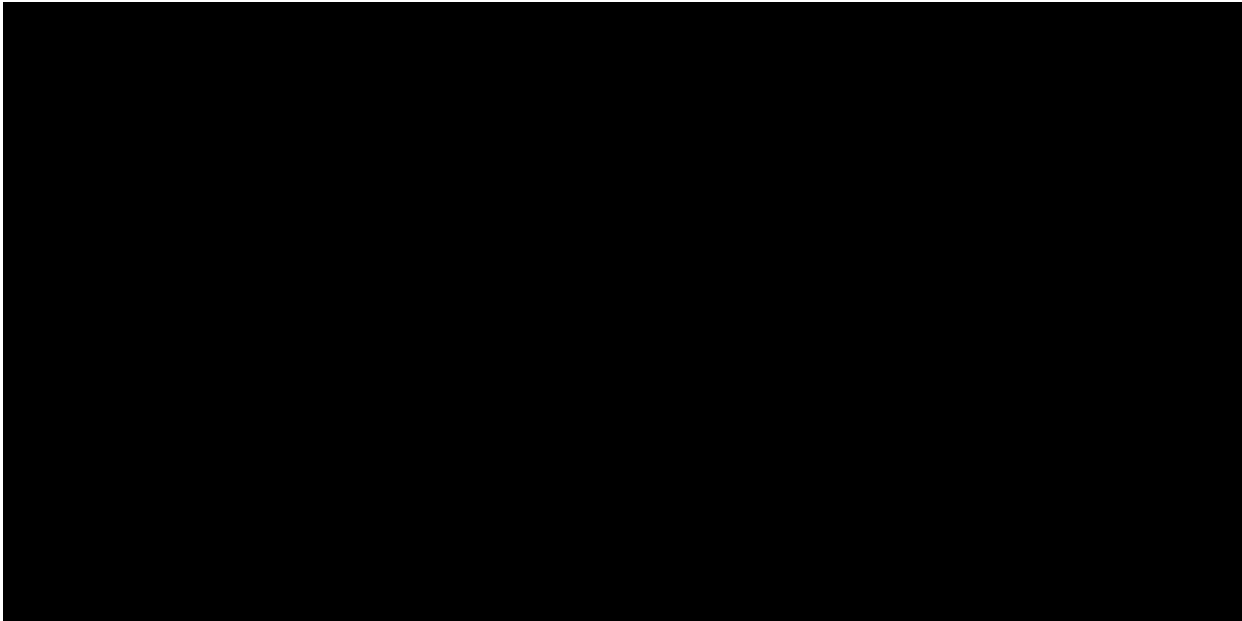


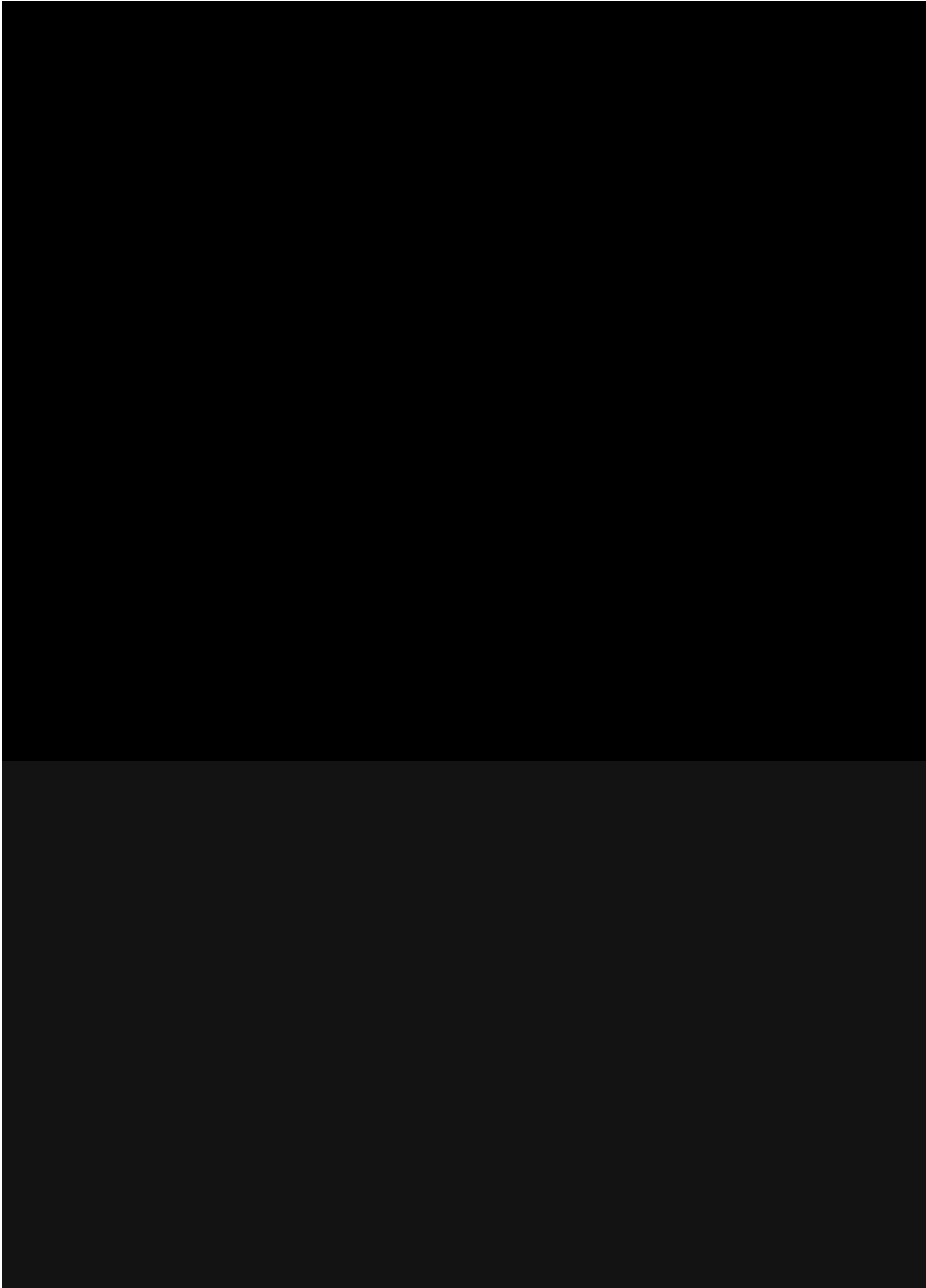


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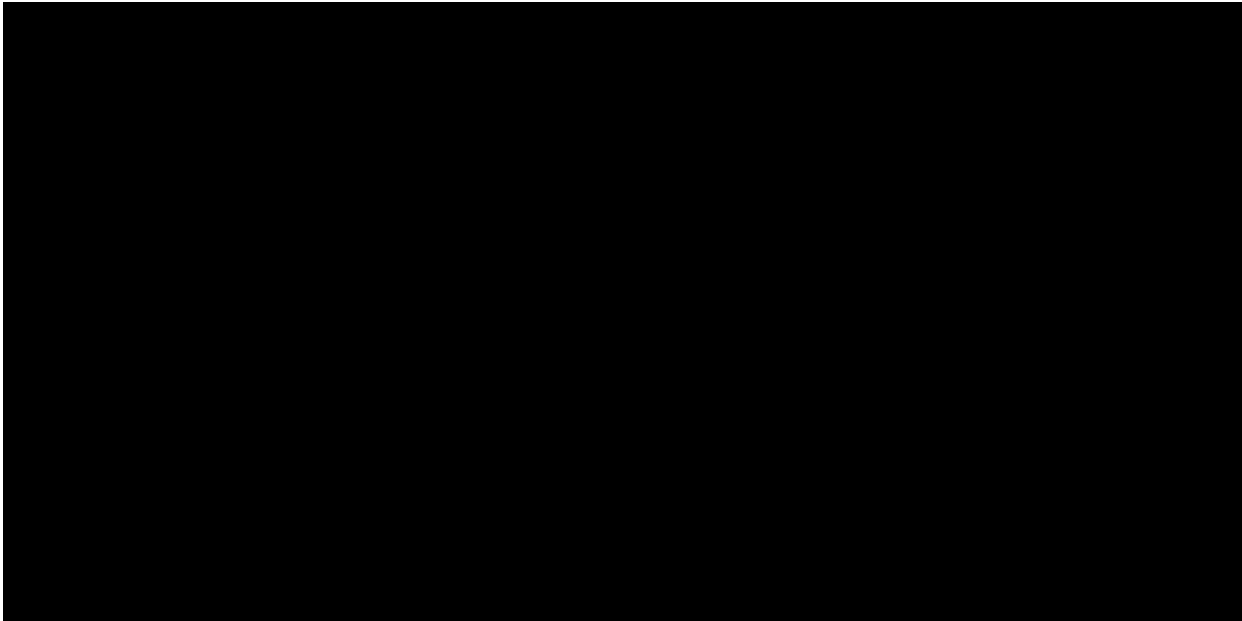




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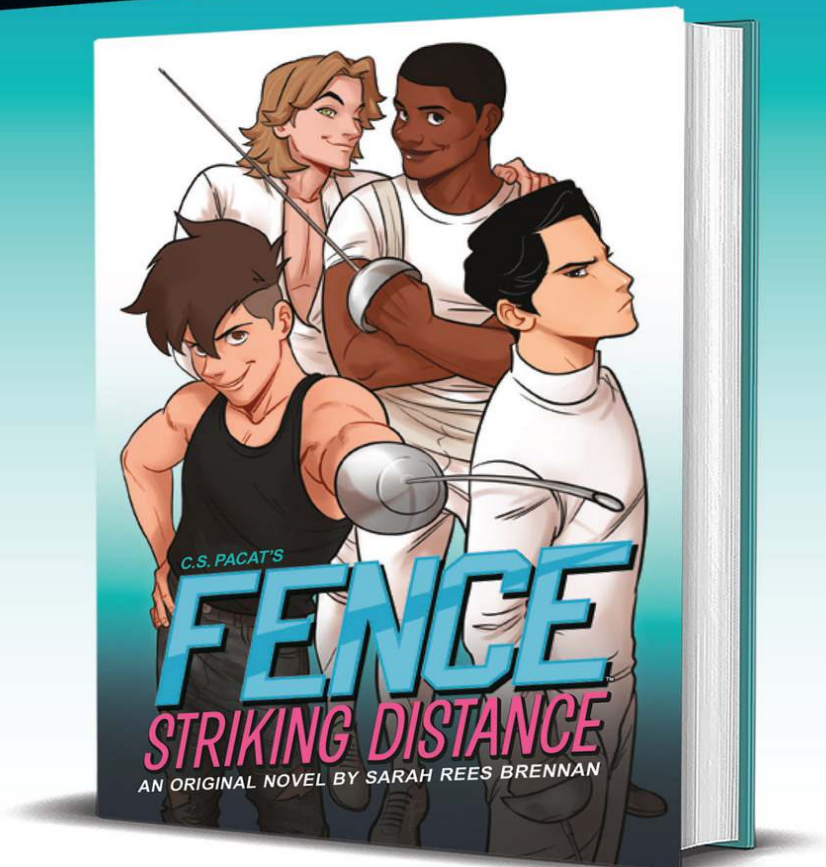




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FAKE DATING. REAL SWORDS.

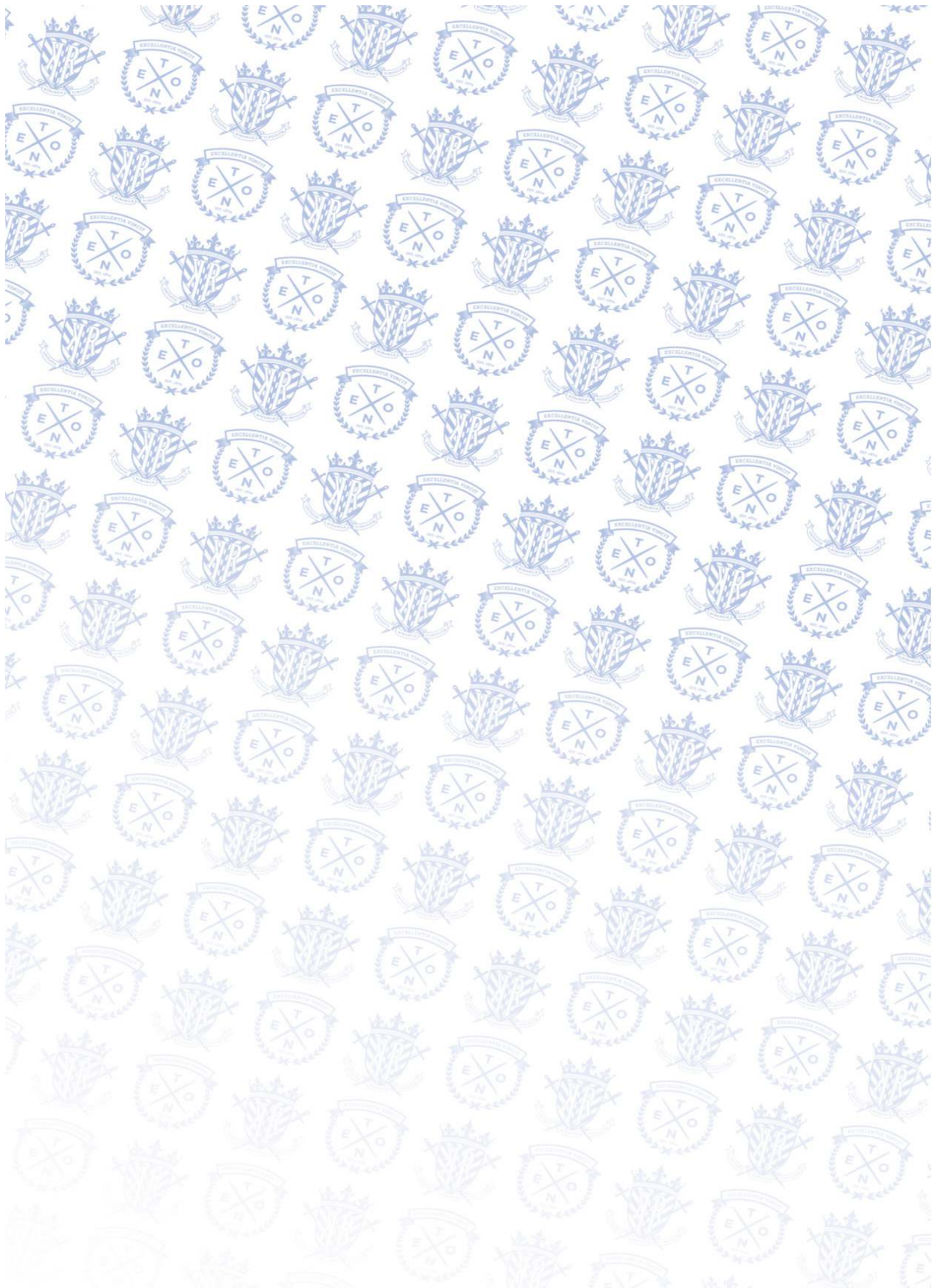


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