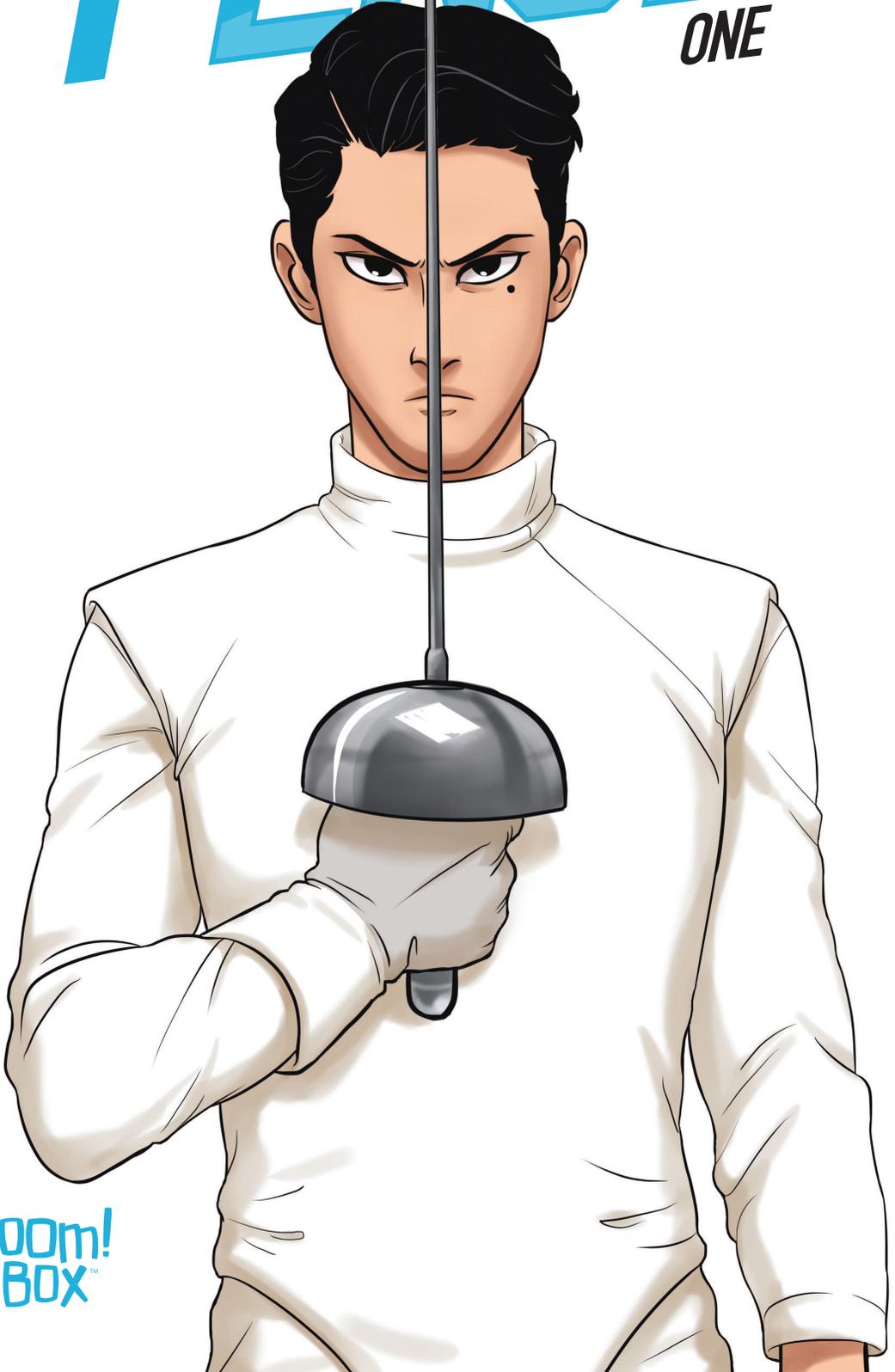


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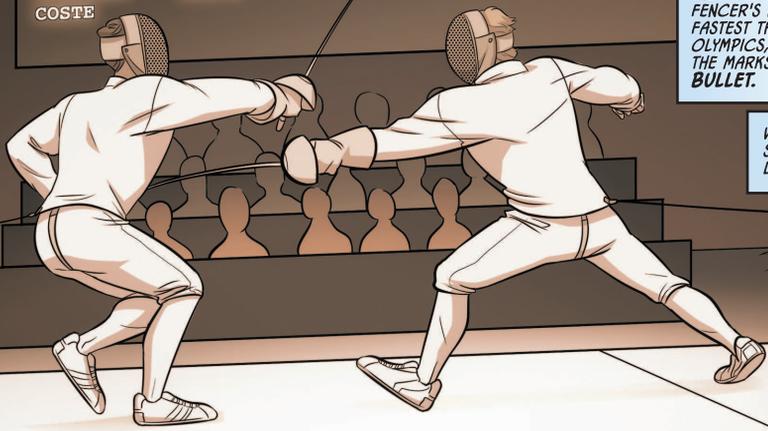
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THEY SAY THE TIP OF A FENCER'S BLADE IS THE FASTEST THING AT THE OLYMPICS, OTHER THAN THE MARKSMAN'S BULLET.

WATCHING FROM THE SIDELINES, IT JUST LOOKS LIKE A BLUR.



THAT'S HOW QUICKLY YOU CAN WIN OR LOSE.

August 8, 1984

ROBERT COSTE WINS GOLD FOR USA

OLYMPIC VICTORY IN LA—

Robert Coste beat out Boisaggo 4-10 in a historic final, winning USA's first ever Olympic gold in épée.

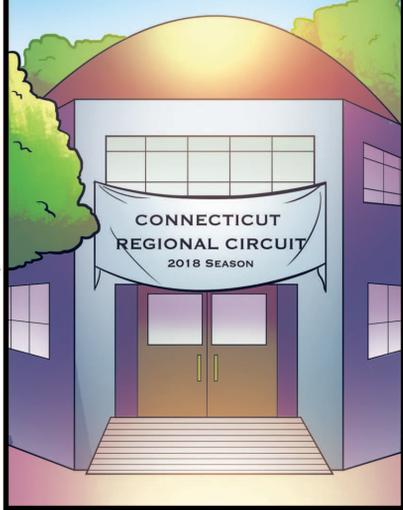
No other American fencer has scored a gold at the Olympics besides John Post, who won a 1904 victory in the singlestick, a now discontinued event.

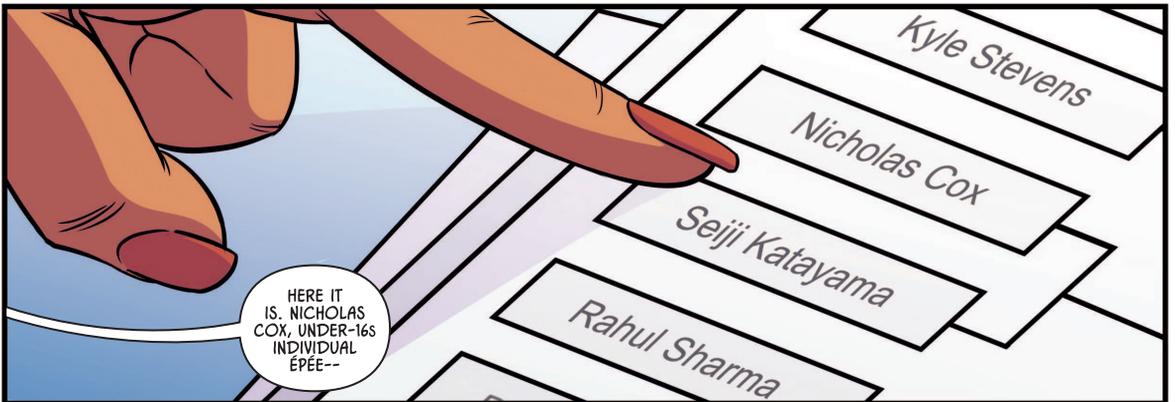
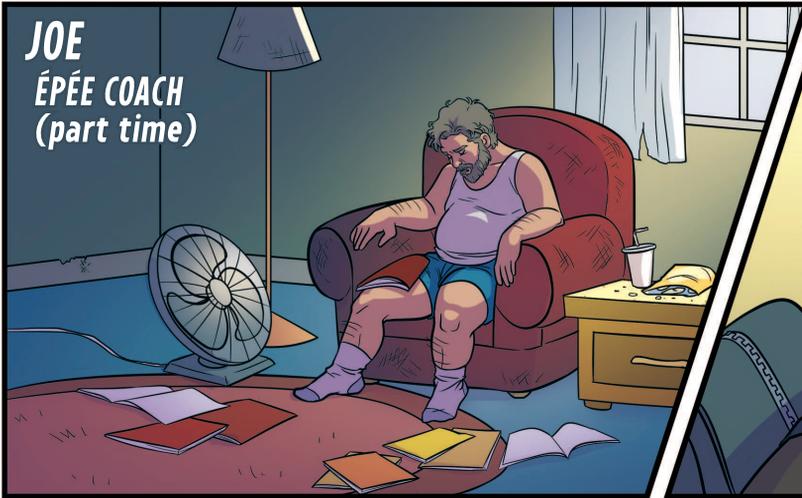
Wednesday's win continues an impressive win streak for the 21-year-old Coste, who came to the event as the reigning world champion after winning the title at World Championships in Vienna.

...to the épée team

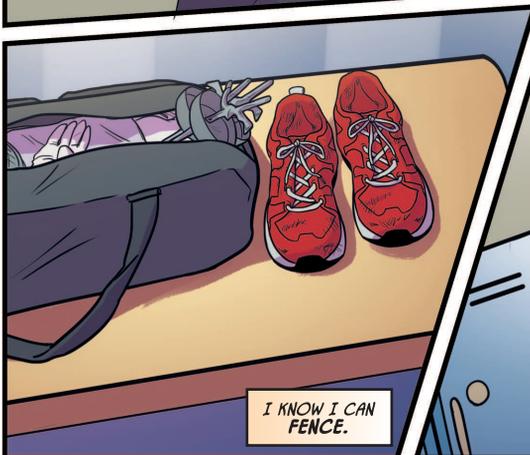
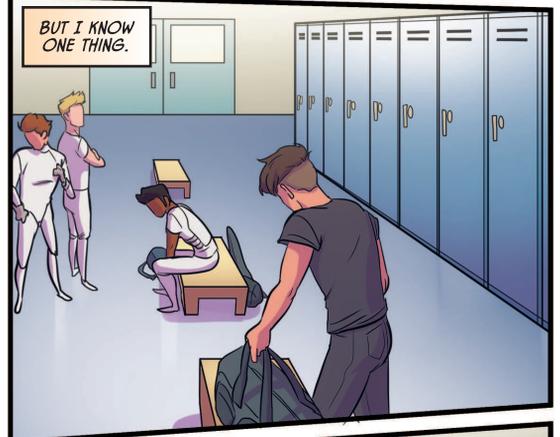
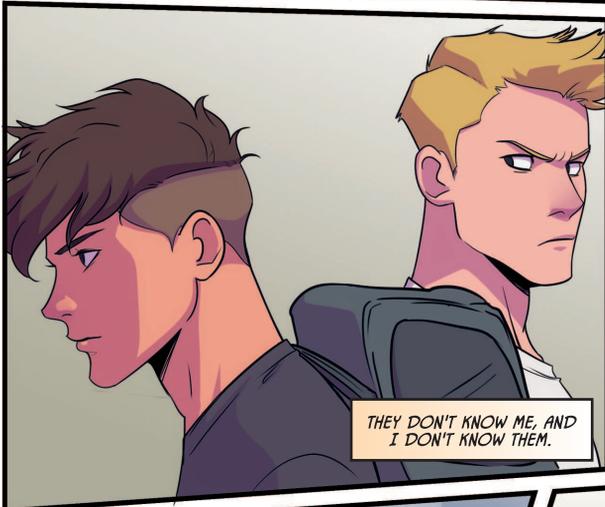
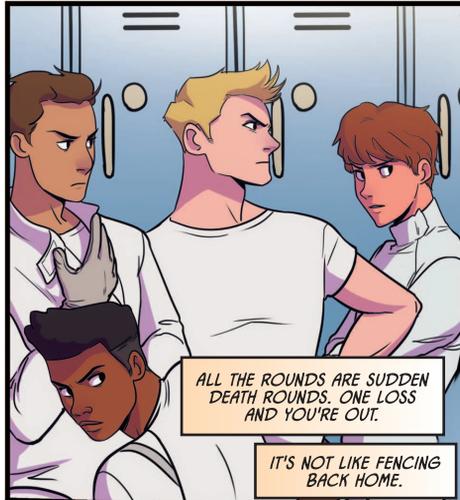
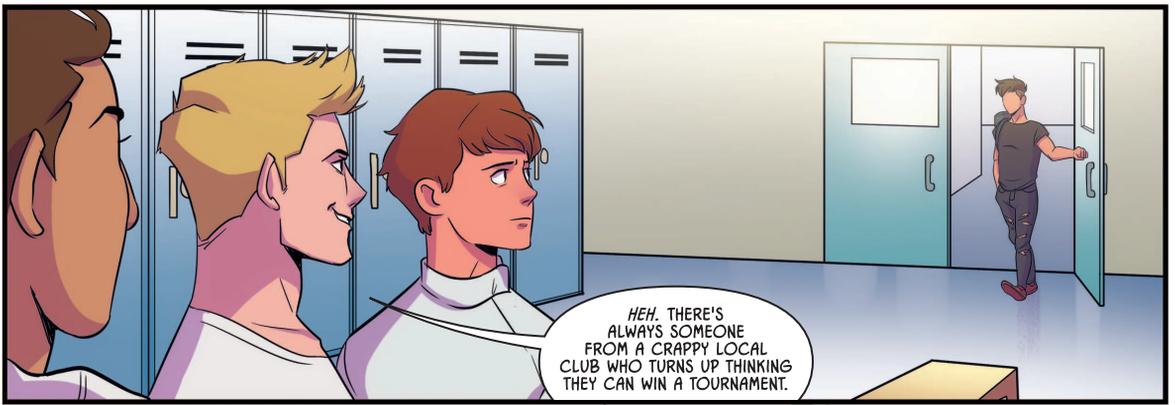


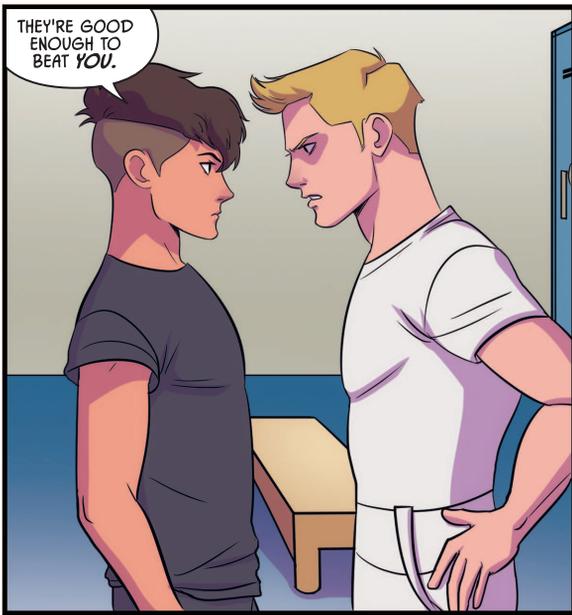
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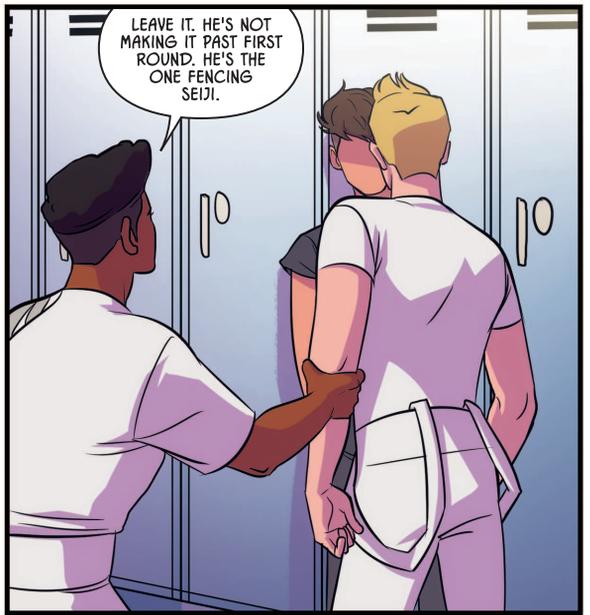








THEY'RE GOOD ENOUGH TO BEAT YOU.



LEAVE IT. HE'S NOT MAKING IT PAST FIRST ROUND. HE'S THE ONE FENCING SEIJI.



YOU'RE FENCING SEIJI?

YOU'RE ALREADY DEAD.

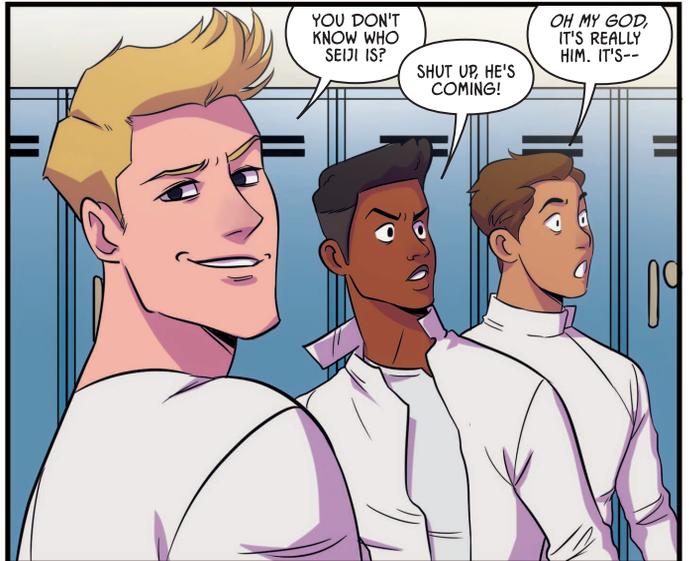
METAPHORICALLY. PROBABLY.



NICE KNOWING YOU.



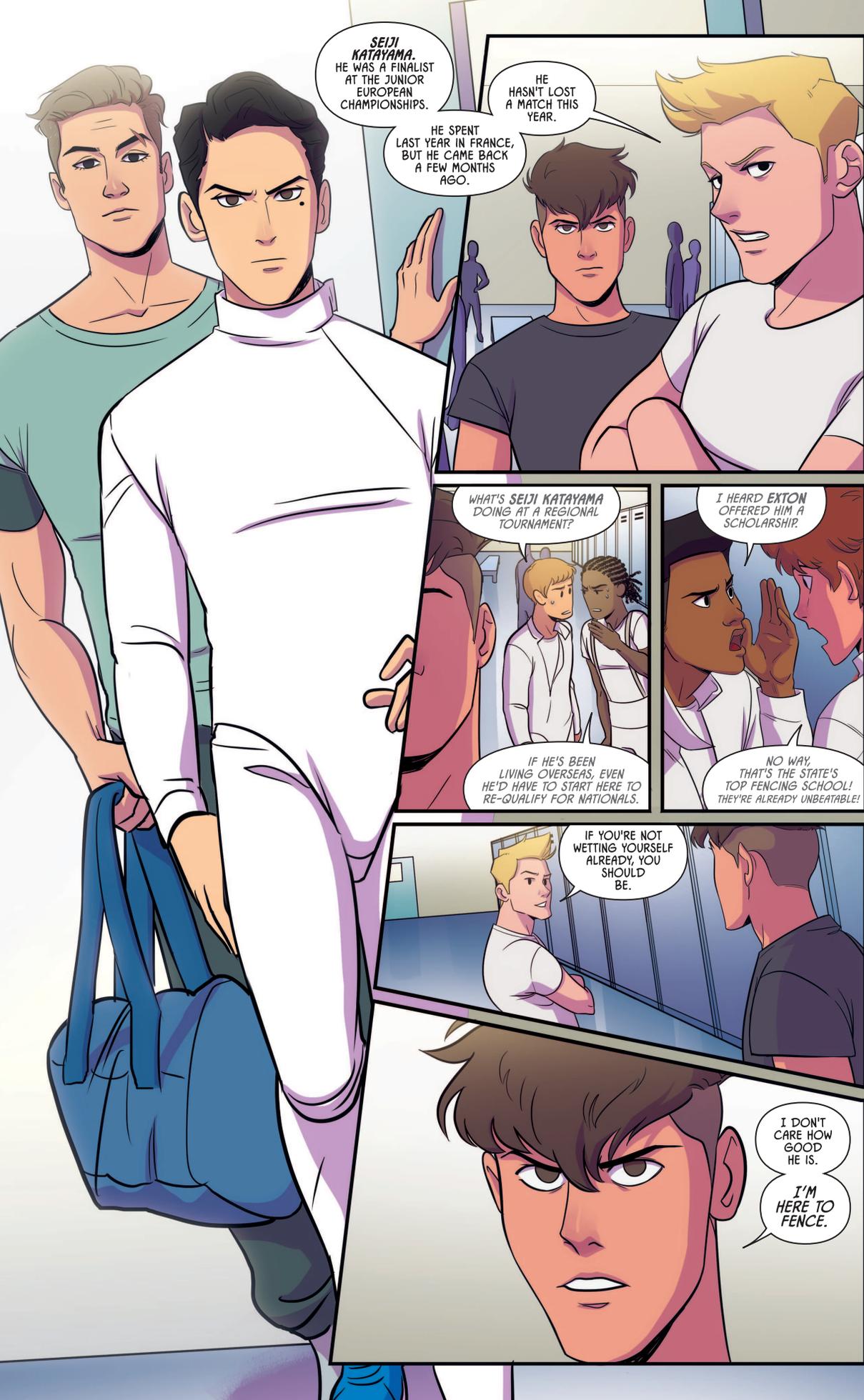
WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT THIS SEIJI GUY, ANYWAY?



YOU DON'T KNOW WHO SEIJI IS?

SHUT UP, HE'S COMING!

OH MY GOD, IT'S REALLY HIM. IT'S--



SEIJI KATAYAMA.
HE WAS A FINALIST
AT THE JUNIOR
EUROPEAN
CHAMPIONSHIPS.

HE SPENT
LAST YEAR IN FRANCE,
BUT HE CAME BACK
A FEW MONTHS
AGO.

HE
HASN'T LOST
A MATCH THIS
YEAR.



WHAT'S SEIJI KATAYAMA
DOING AT A REGIONAL
TOURNAMENT?

IF HE'S BEEN
LIVING OVERSEAS, EVEN
HE'D HAVE TO START HERE TO
RE-QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS.



I HEARD EXTON
OFFERED HIM A
SCHOLARSHIP.

NO WAY,
THAT'S THE STATE'S
TOP FENCING SCHOOL!
THEY'RE ALREADY UNBEATABLE!

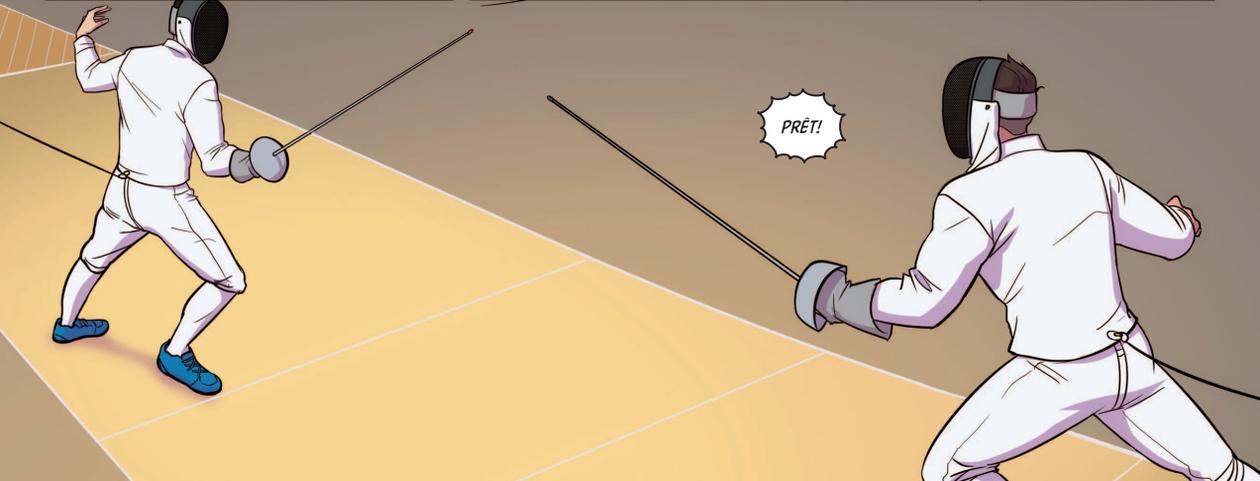
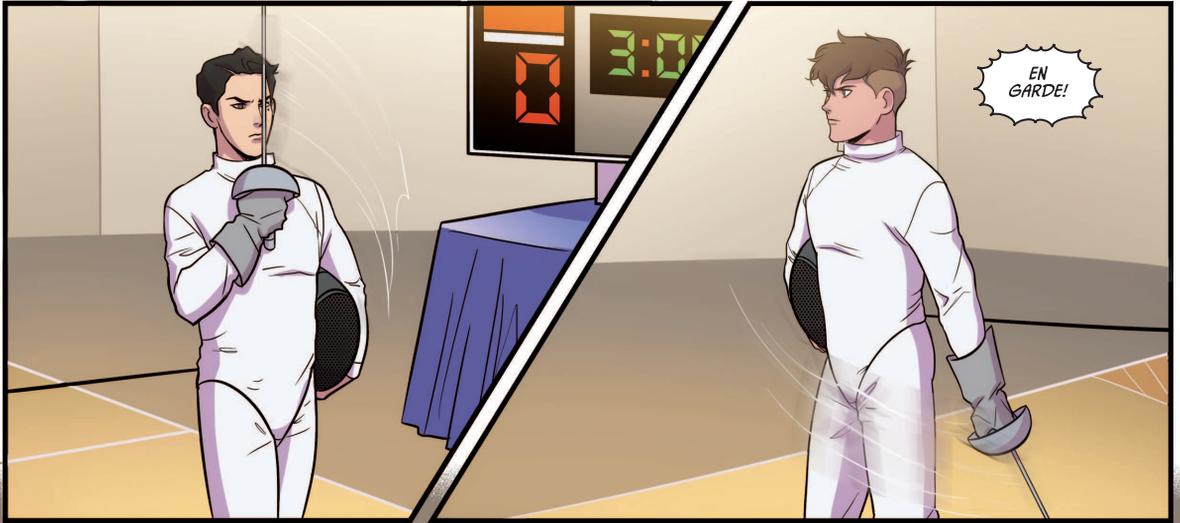
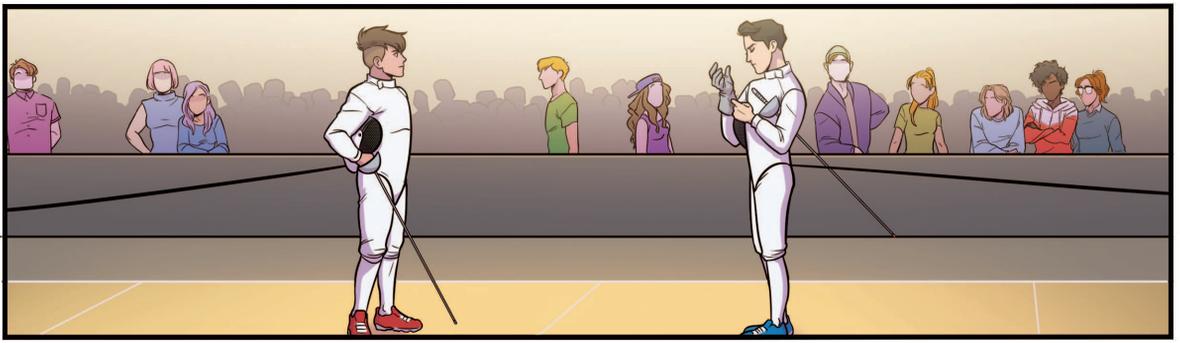


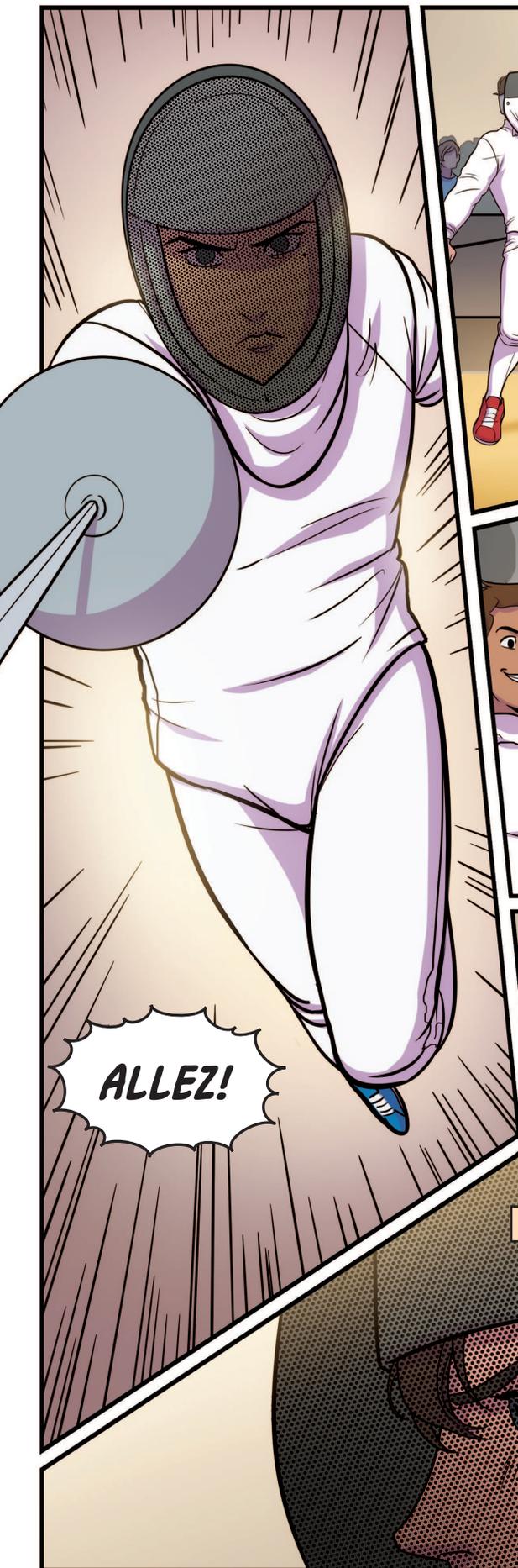
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ALREADY, YOU
SHOULD
BE.



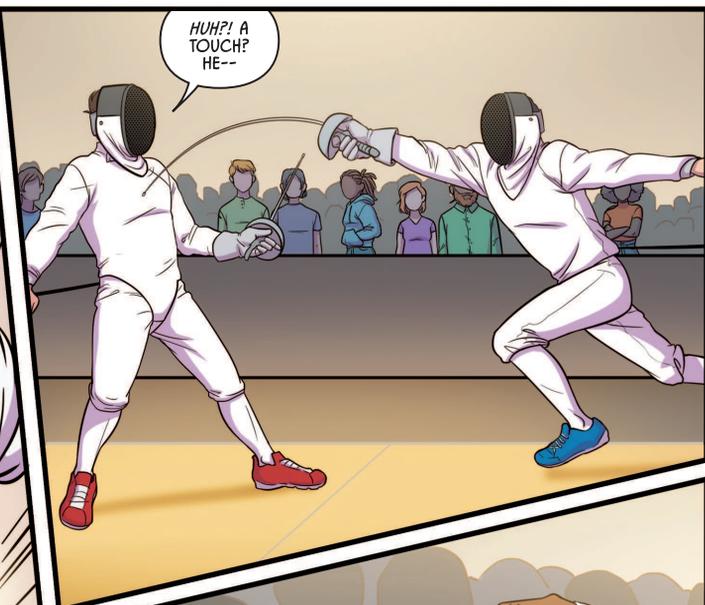
I DON'T
CARE HOW
GOOD
HE IS.

I'M
HERE TO
FENCE.





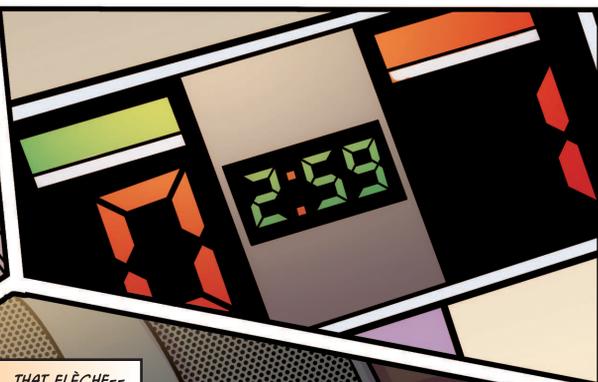
HUH? A TOUCH? HE--



FIRST POINT!

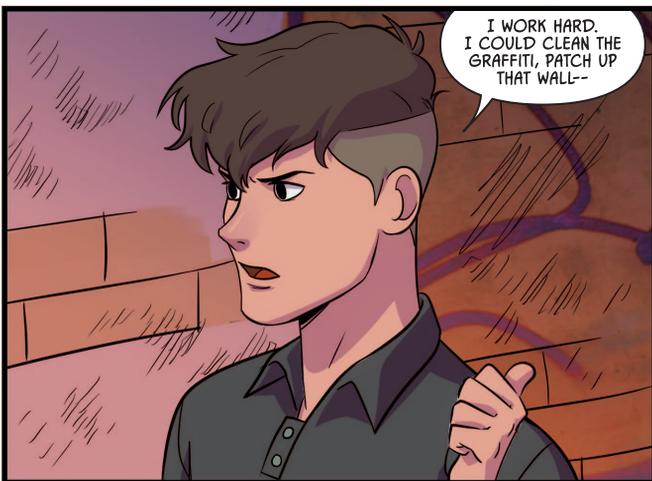
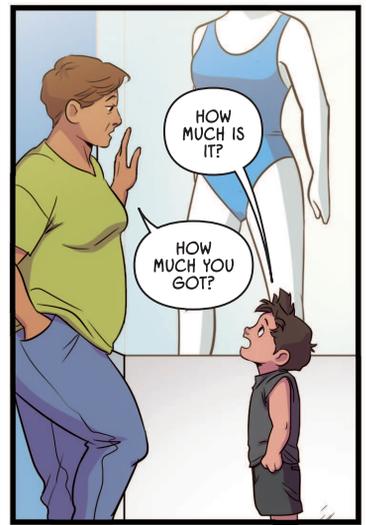
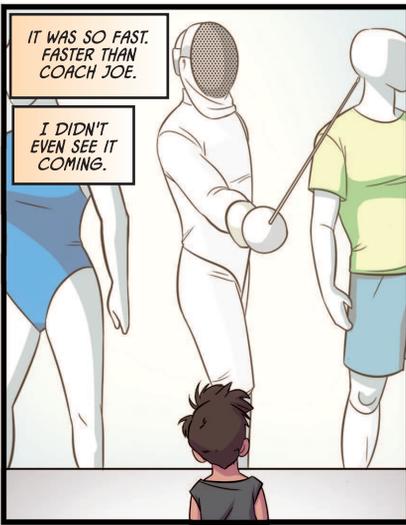
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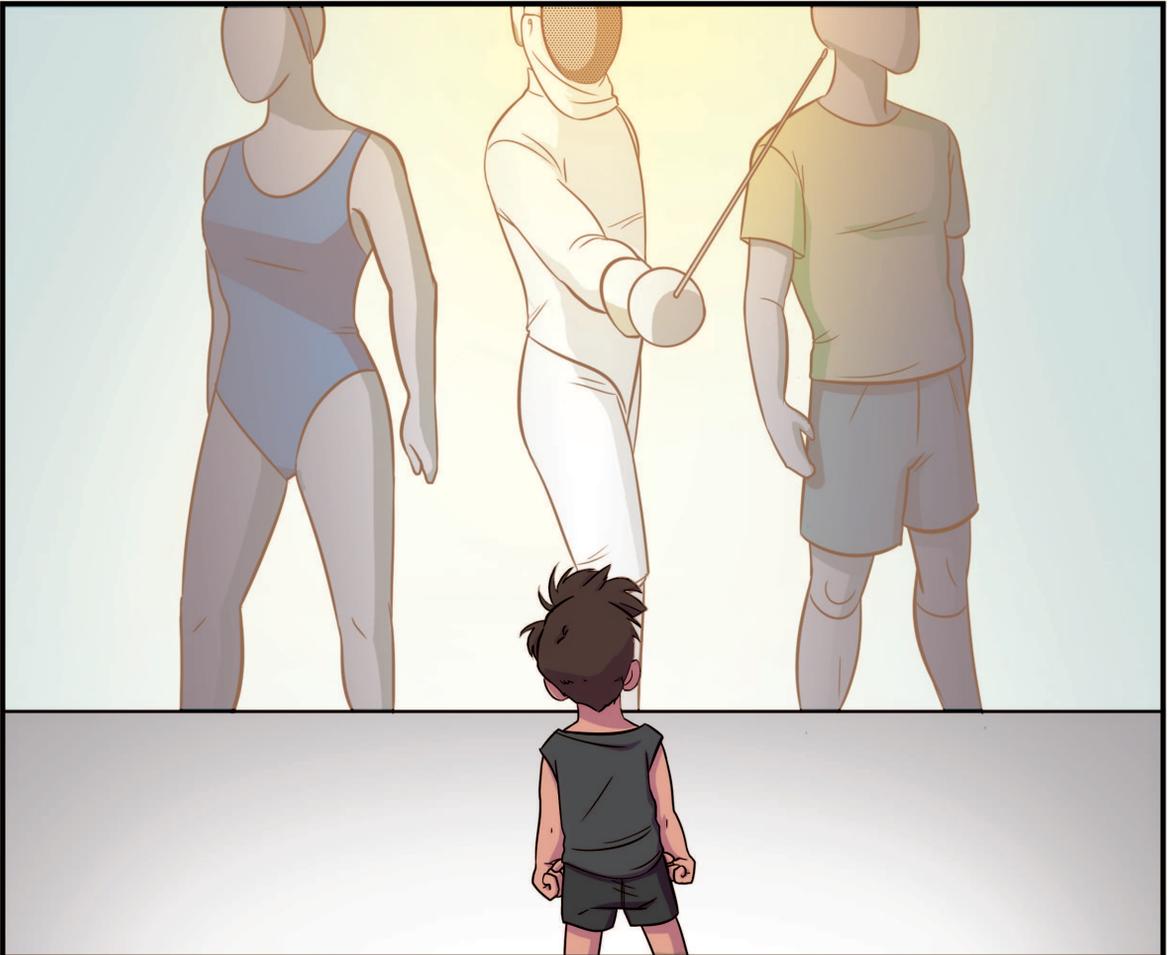
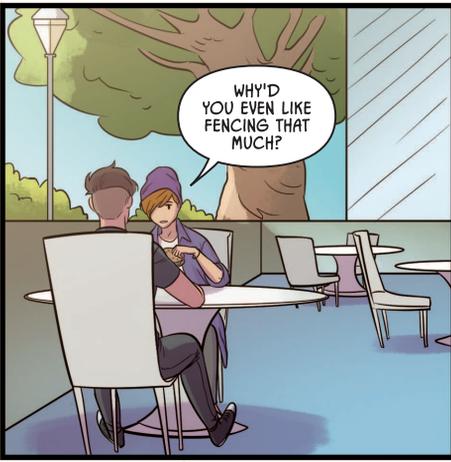
RIGHT PAST HIS GUARD!

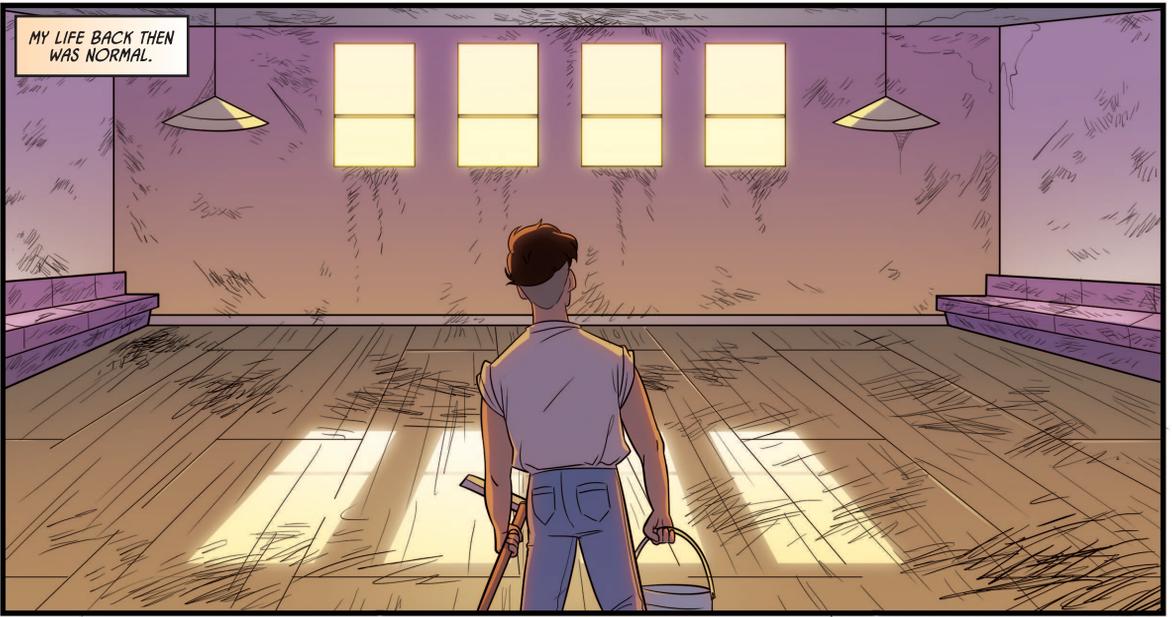


THAT FLÈCHE--









MY LIFE BACK THEN WAS NORMAL.



WORK.



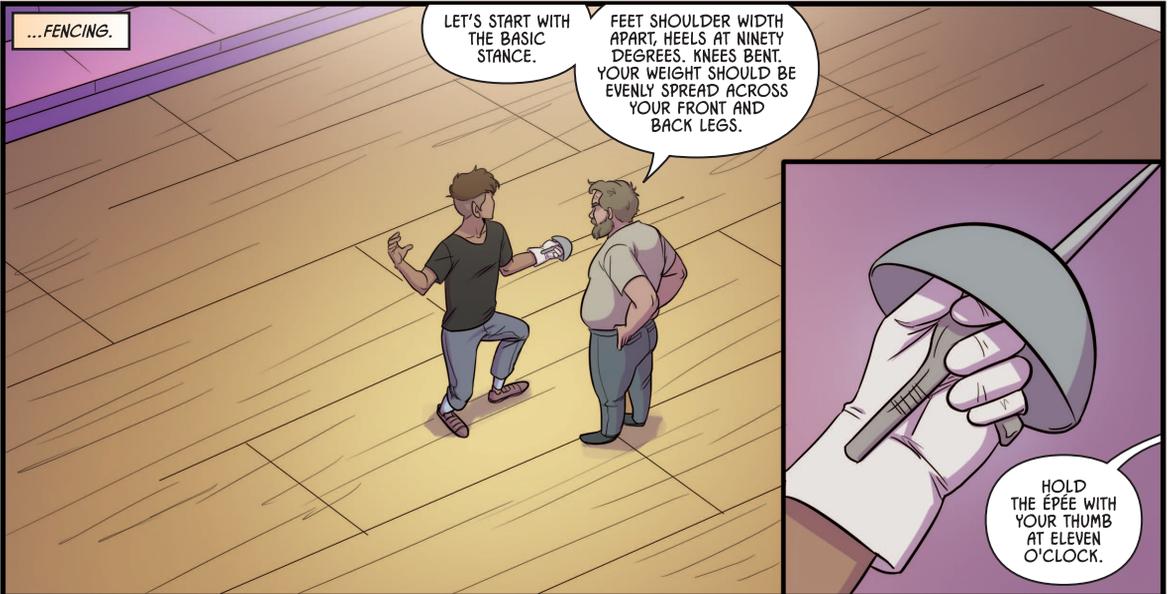
SCHOOL.



AND THE REST OF THE TIME...

HEY, KID.

MISSED A SPOT.

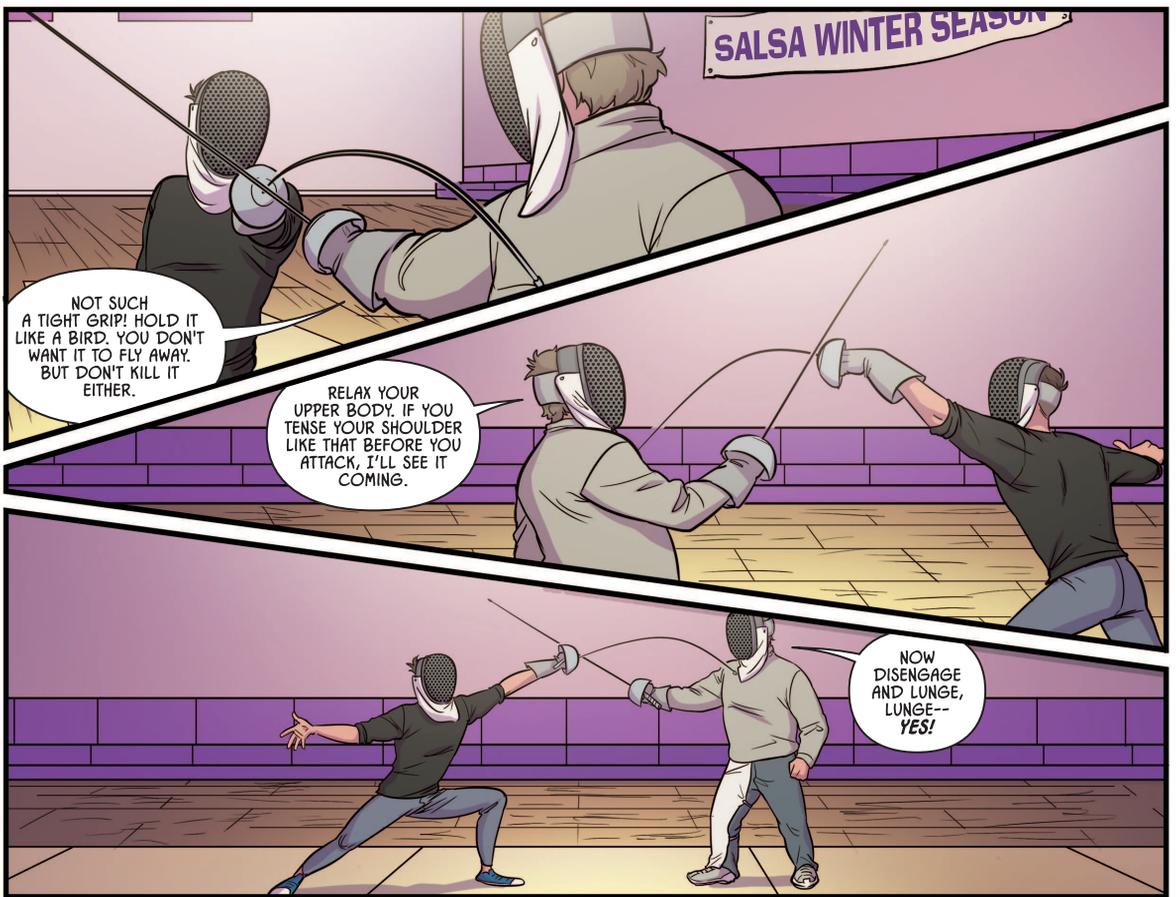


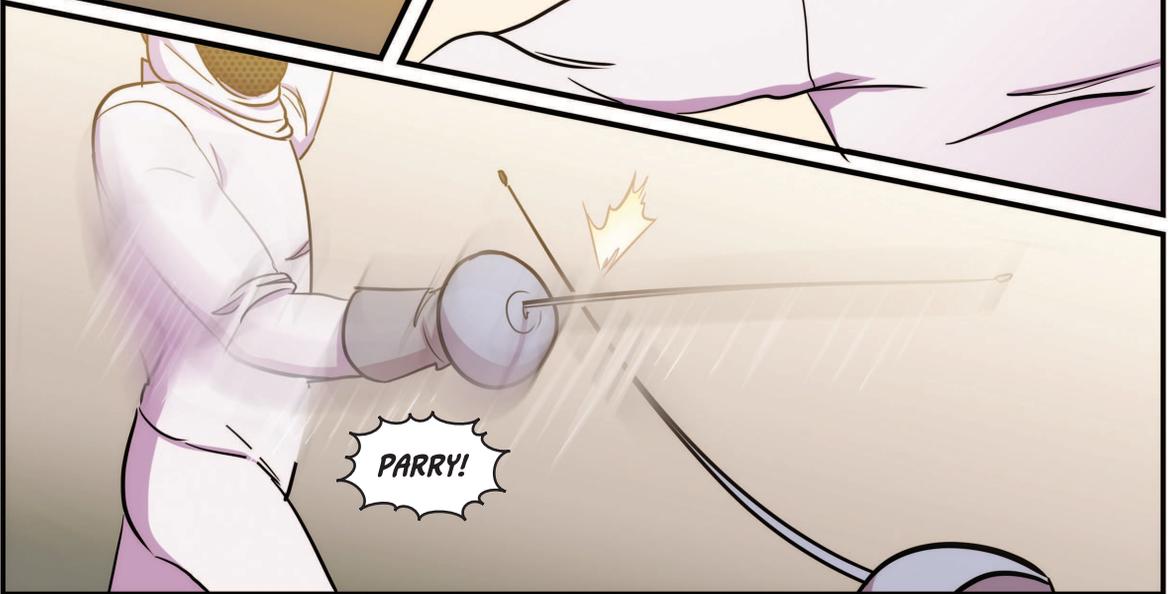
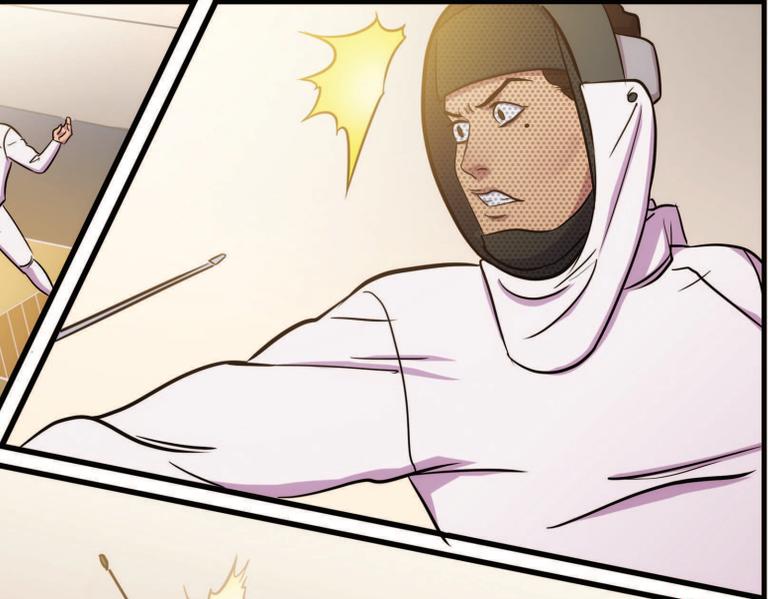
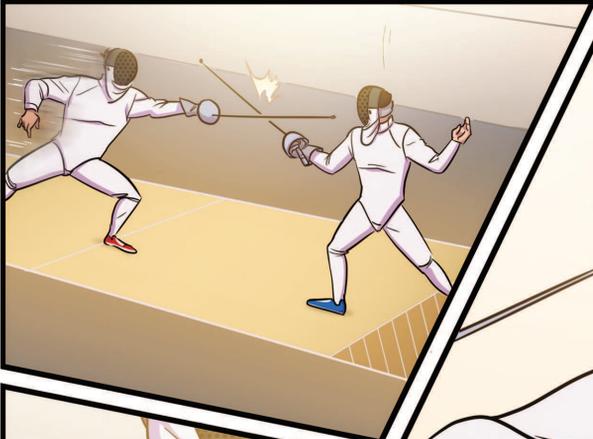
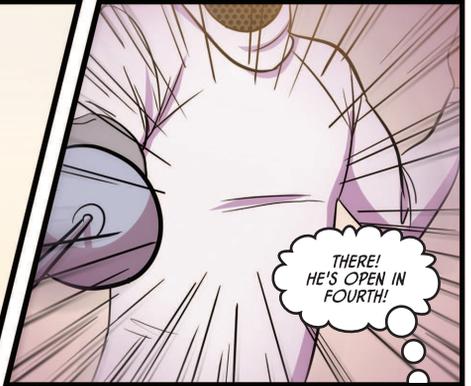
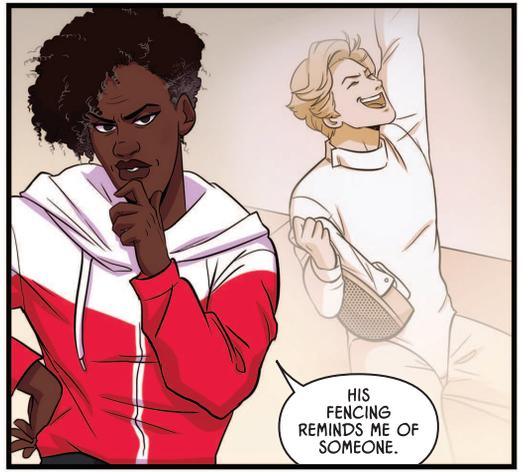
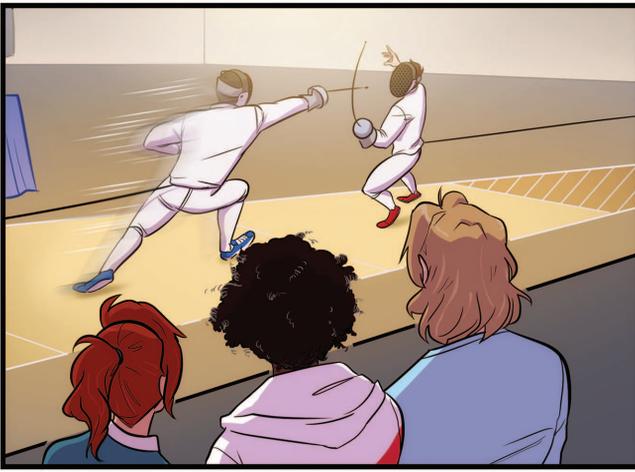
...FENCING.

LET'S START WITH THE BASIC STANCE.

FEET SHOULDER WIDTH APART, HEELS AT NINETY DEGREES. KNEES BENT. YOUR WEIGHT SHOULD BE EVENLY SPREAD ACROSS YOUR FRONT AND BACK LEGS.

HOLD THE ÉPÉE WITH YOUR THUMB AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK.



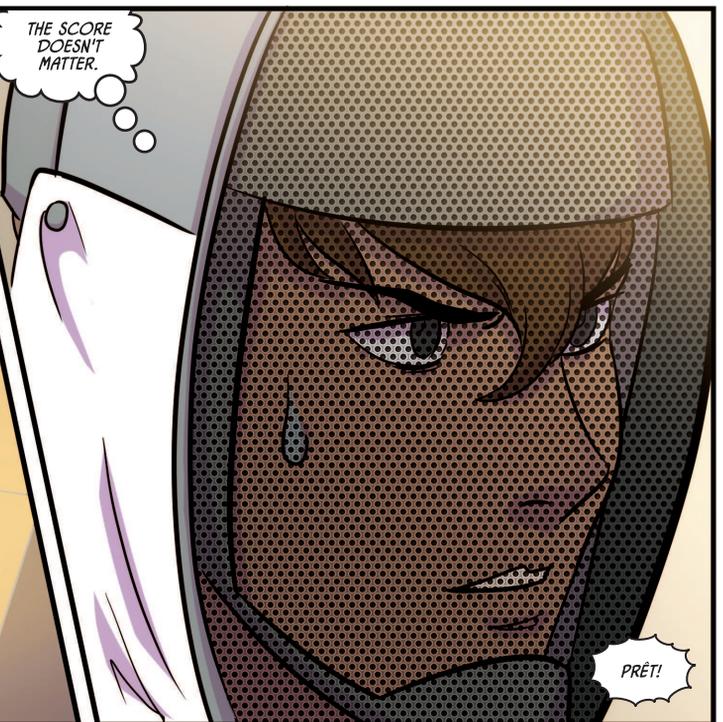


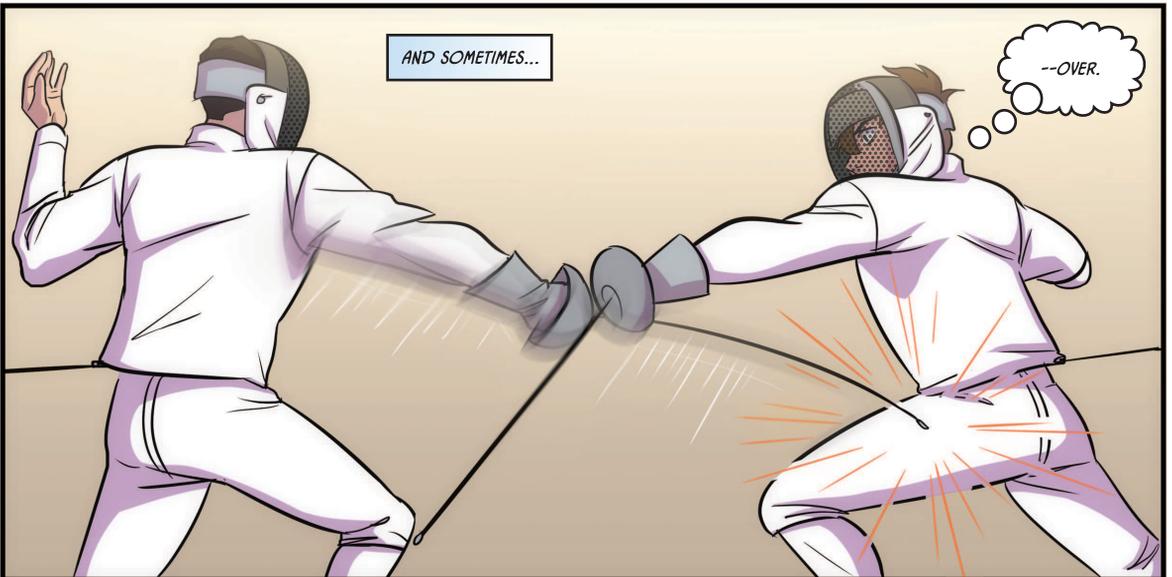
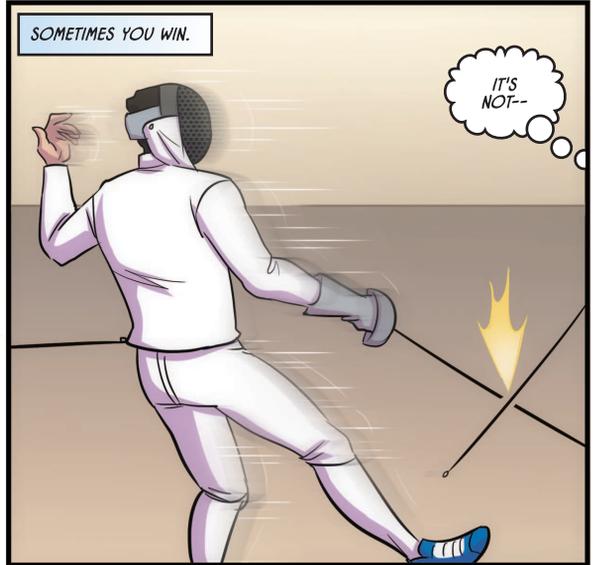
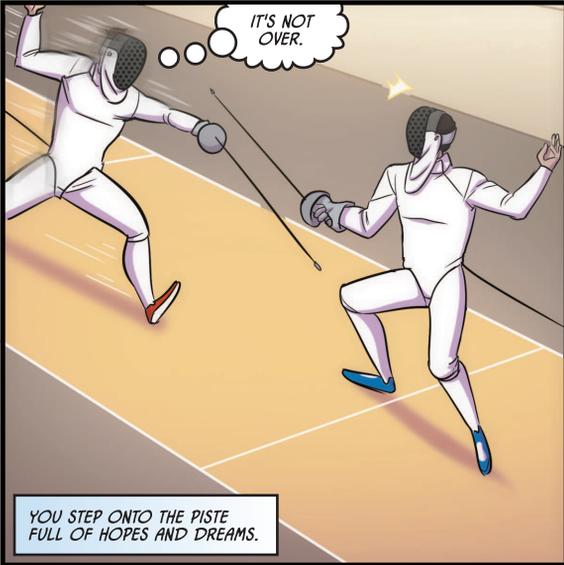
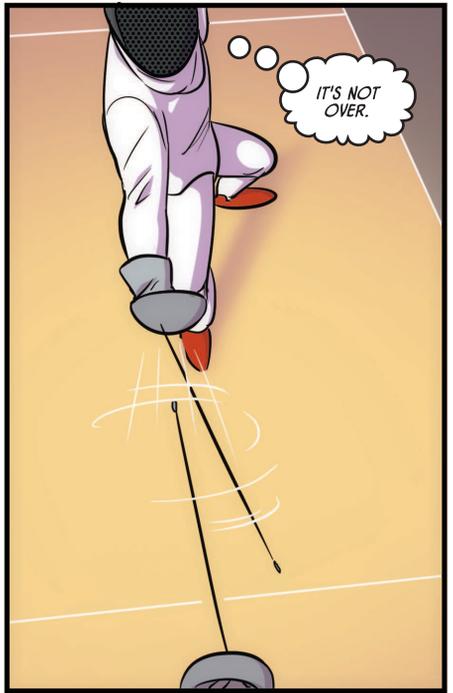
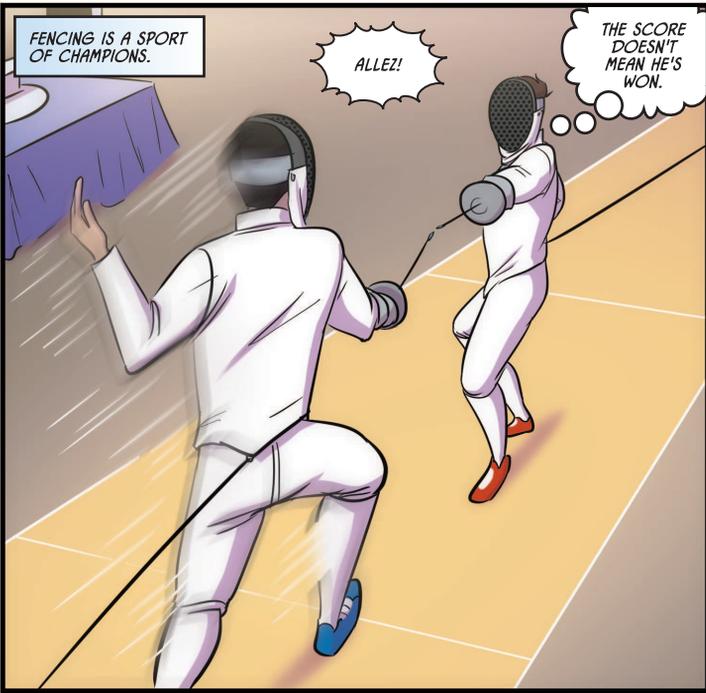


YOU HARDLY EVER SEE SOMEONE HIS OWN AGE RATTLE SEIJI LIKE THAT.

THE ROOKIE'S A SOUTHPAW. EVEN SEIJI WOULDN'T HAVE THAT MUCH EXPERIENCE AGAINST A LEFT HANDER.

HMM.

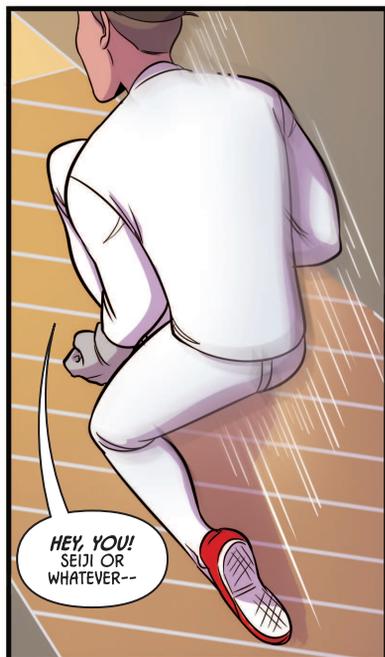
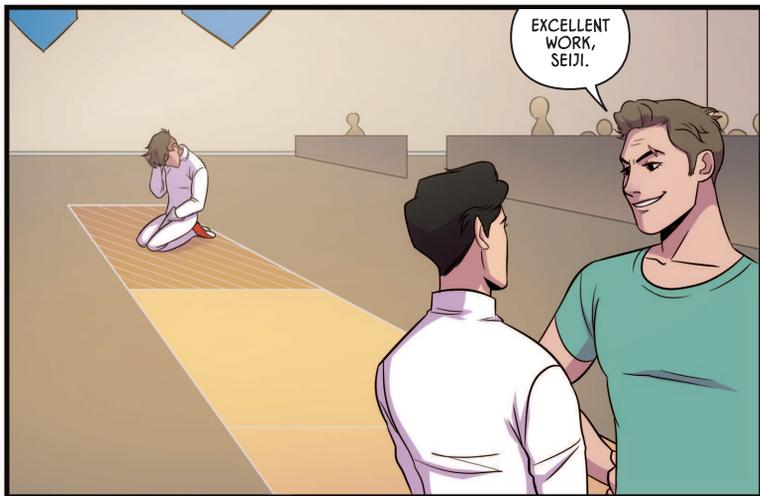
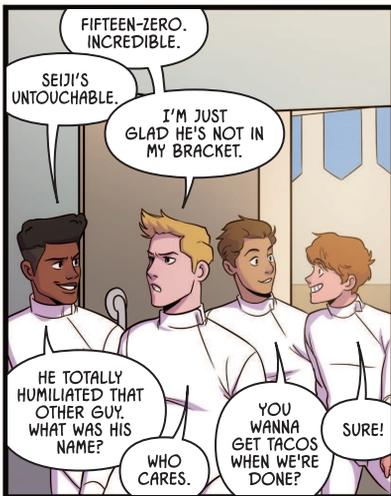


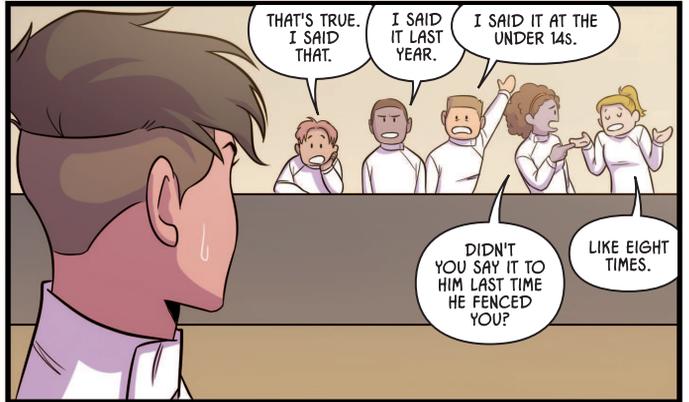


...YOU'RE JUST A STEPPING STONE ON
SOMEONE ELSE'S RISE TO SUCCESS.

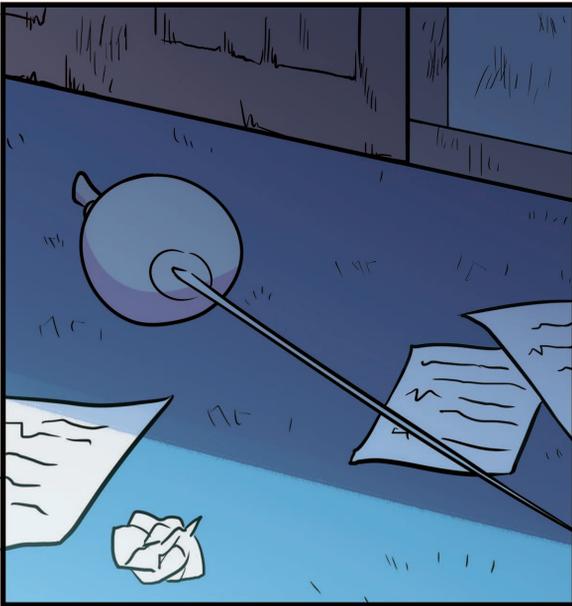
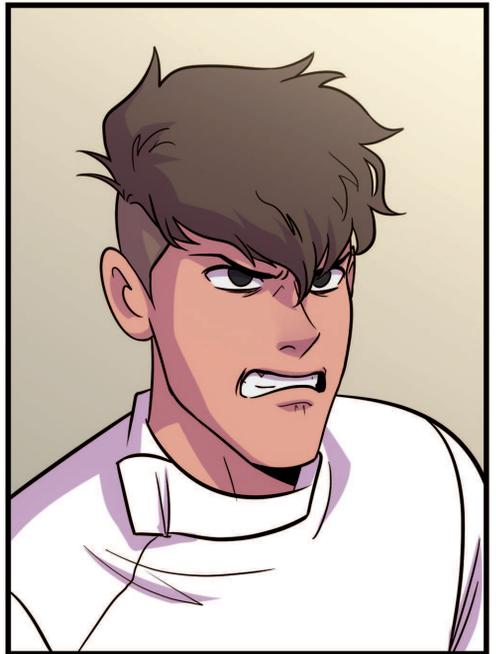
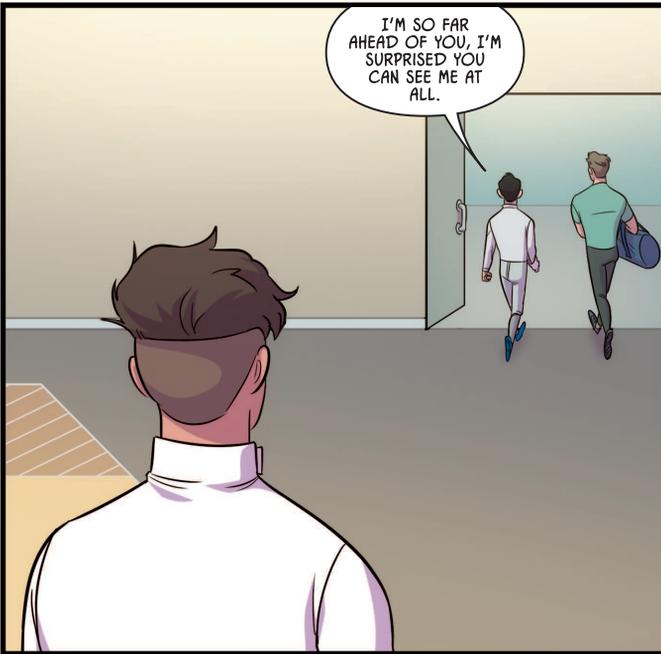


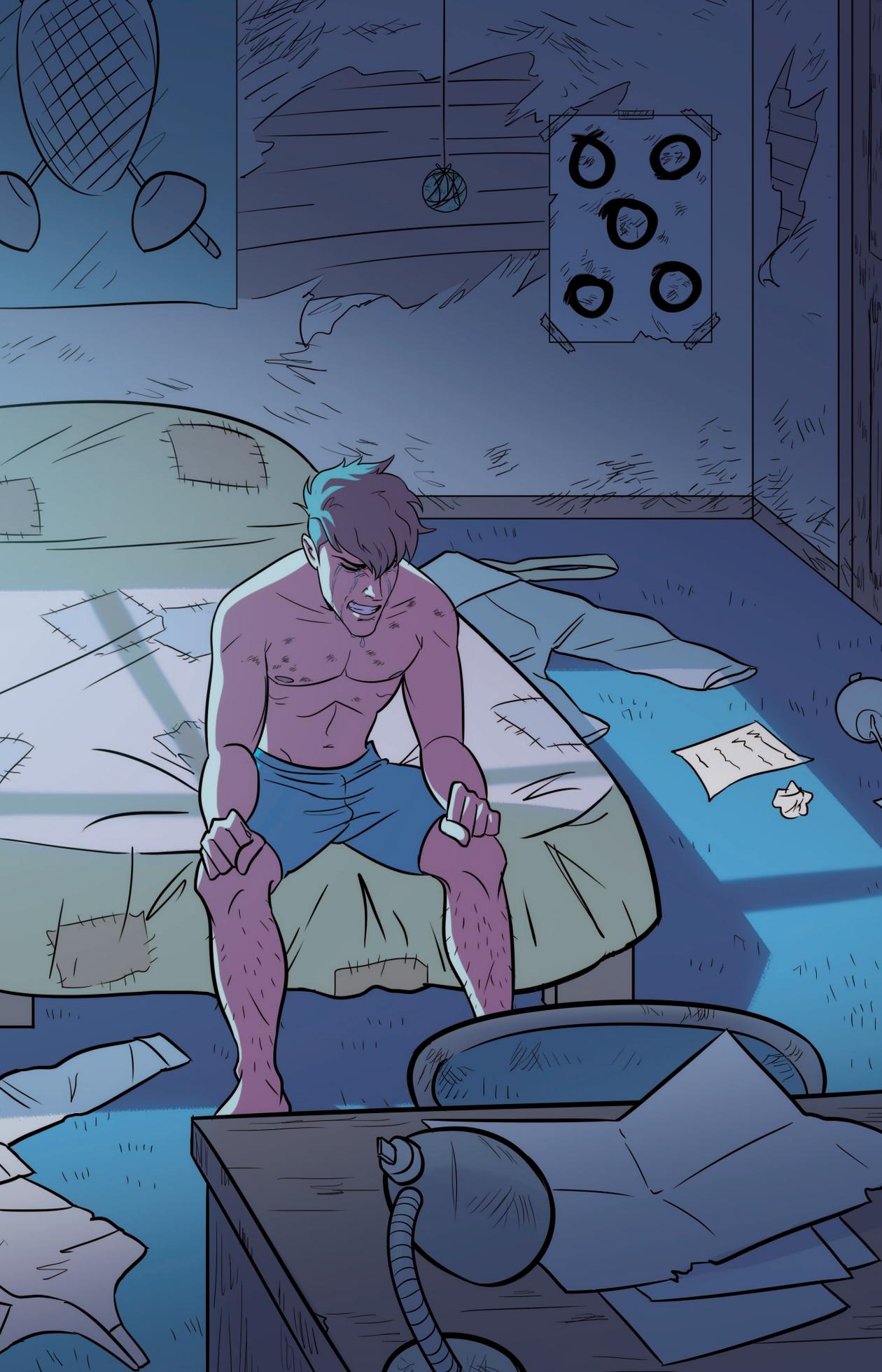
WINNER!
SEIJI KATAYAMA





I'M SO FAR
AHEAD OF YOU, I'M
SURPRISED YOU
CAN SEE ME AT
ALL.





SIX MONTHS LATER

KINGS ROW BOYS SCHOOL

KINGS ROW ISN'T A TOP FENCING SCHOOL, AND THEY'VE NEVER WON A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

BUT I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANY OF THAT.

YOU CAN SEND FOR THE REST OF YOUR THINGS AFTER YOU SETTLE IN.

DORMITORY - CASTELLO

THIS IS EVERYTHING.

OH, WELL, DON'T WORRY. WE TAKE ONE SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT PER YEAR, SO YOU WON'T FEEL OUT OF PLACE DUE TO YOUR ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES.

OF COURSE, YOUR SCHOLARSHIP IS DEPENDENT ON YOUR MAKING THE TEAM.

I KNOW THAT.

I'M HERE TO MAKE THE TEAM, AND FENCE AGAINST EXTON.

BECAUSE THERE'S SOMEONE AT THAT SCHOOL I NEED TO BEAT.

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HERE WE ARE, ROOM 108.

YOUR ROOMMATE'S TRYING OUT FOR THE TEAM TOO, SO YOU'LL HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON.



HMM?

HE'S...MY
ROOMMATE?

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The Nektons are a daring aquanaut family traveling aboard their state-of-the-art (and oh, so shiny) submarine, *The Aronnax*. When an earthquake off the coast of Greenland leads to strange reports of monster sightings, William and Kaiko Nekton, along with their kids, Fontaine and Ant (and of course, Ant's pet fish, Jeffrey), dive into the mystery!



The Deep SC
James Brouwer

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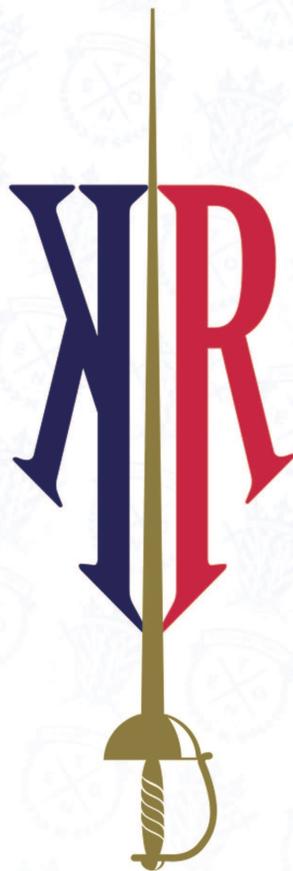
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When life knocks you down, you have to pick yourself back up again—and it's no different in derby! Knockout is torn between her family drama and her dedication to the derby life. Meanwhile, CanCan finally talks to Theo about his new role as a ref and how she's been feeling, stuck as a "derby widow" because of her injuries.

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