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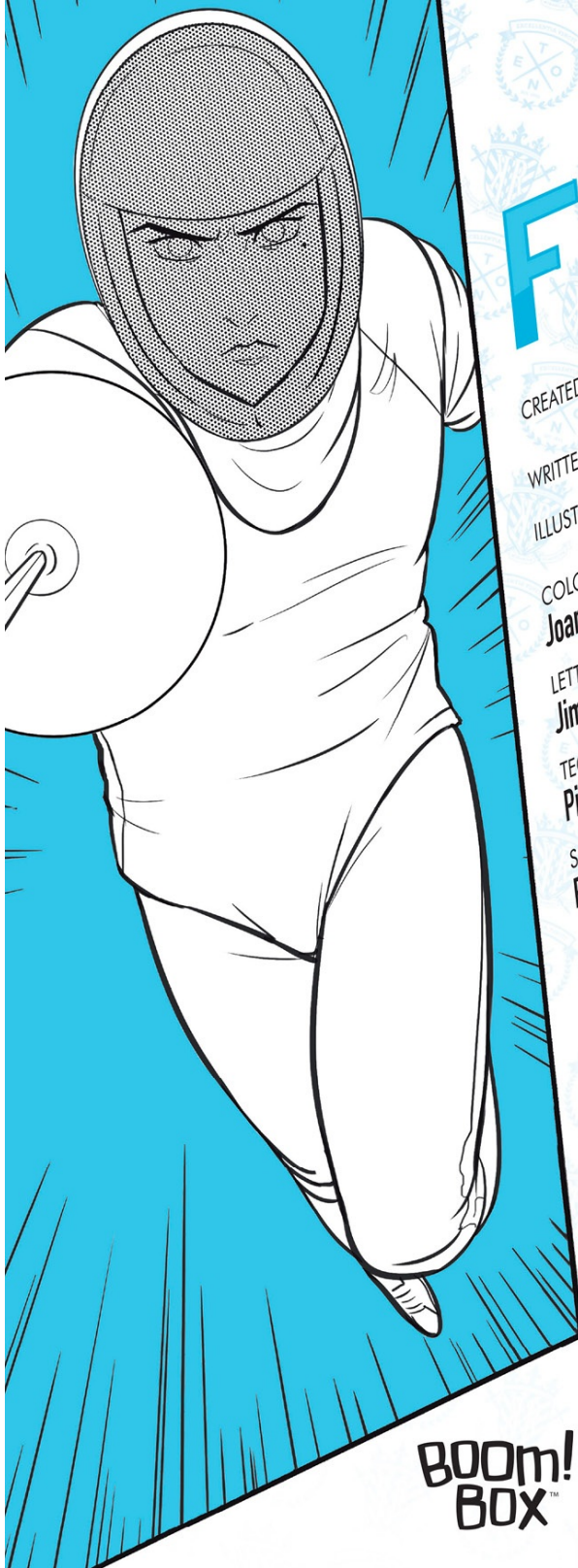
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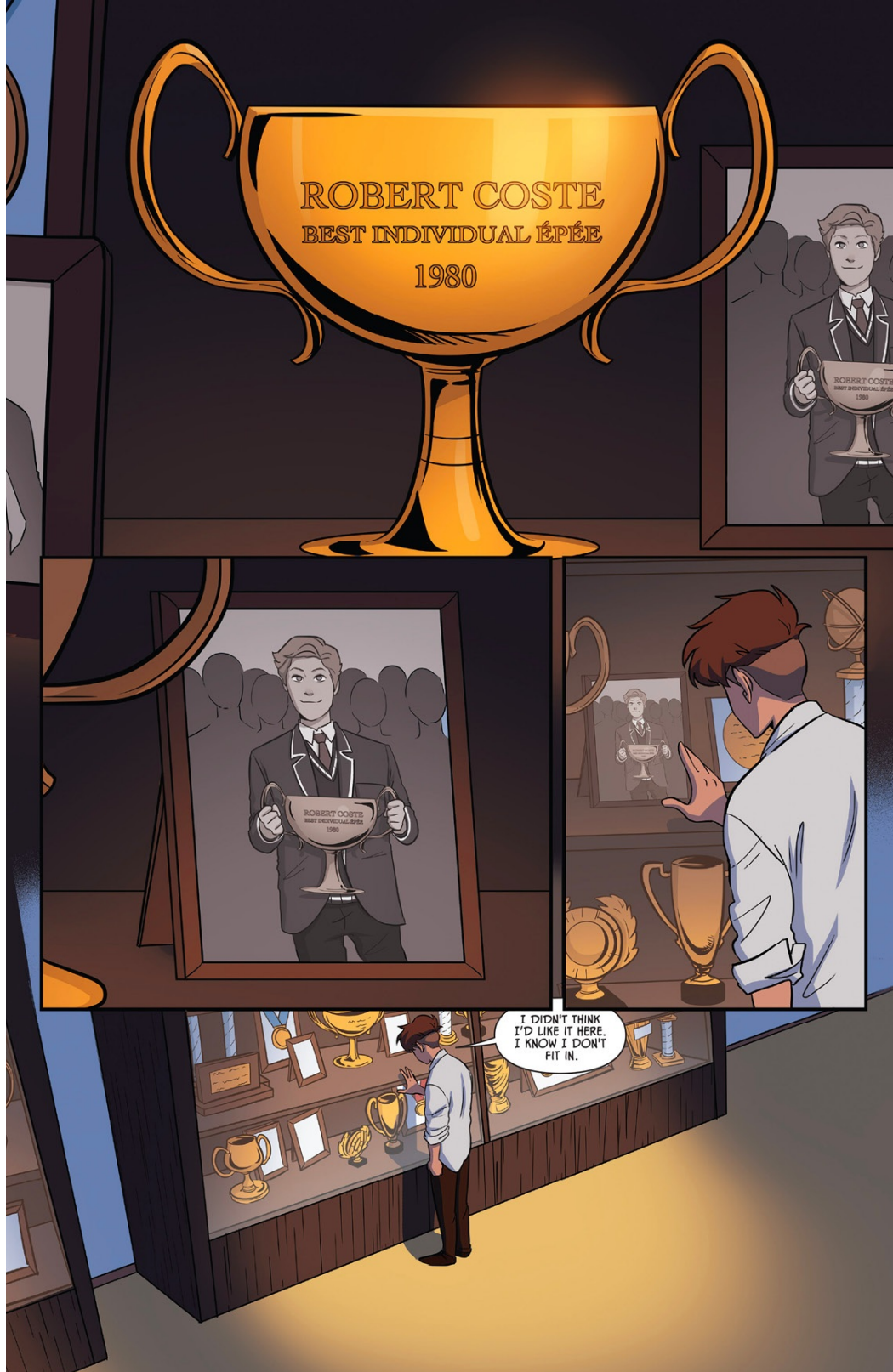
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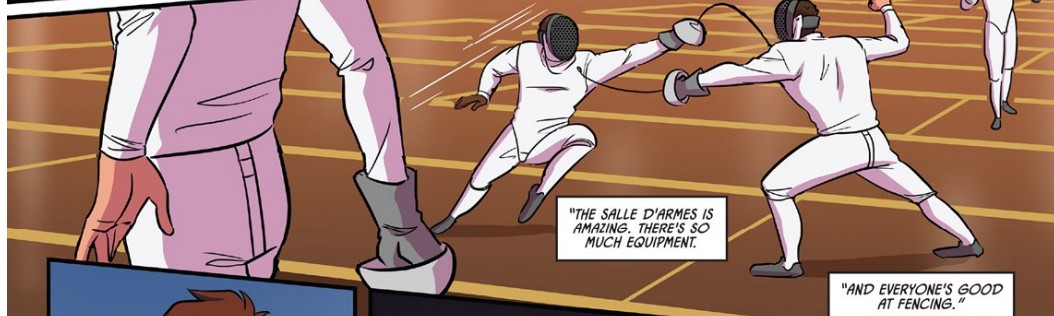
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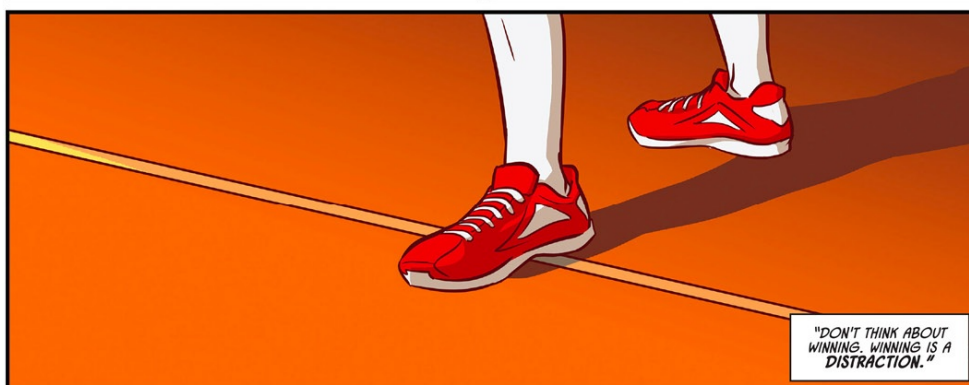
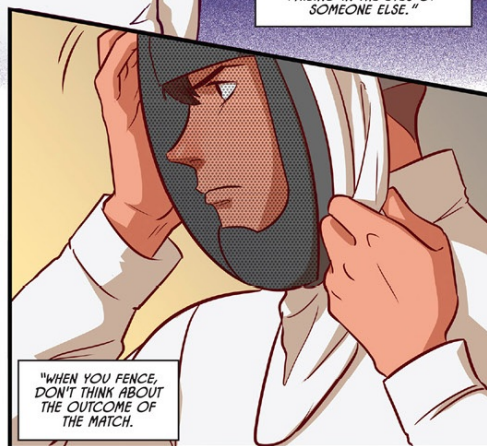
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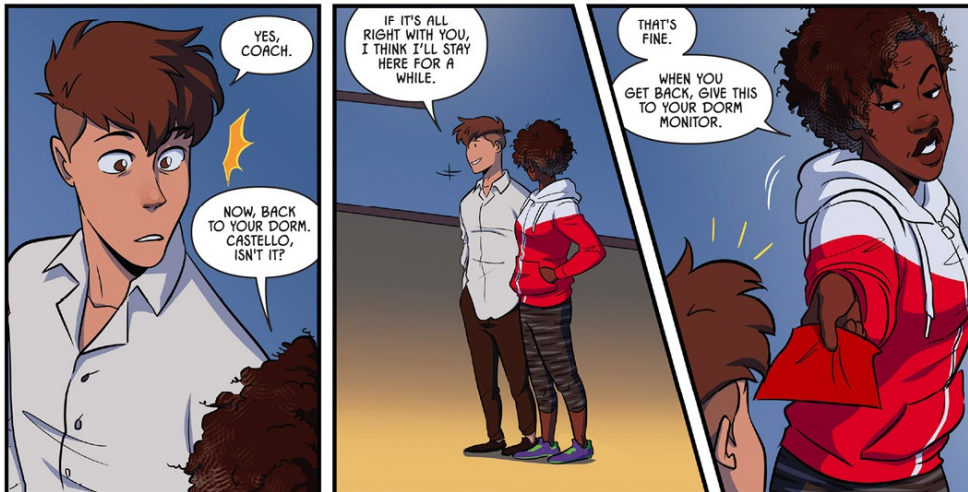












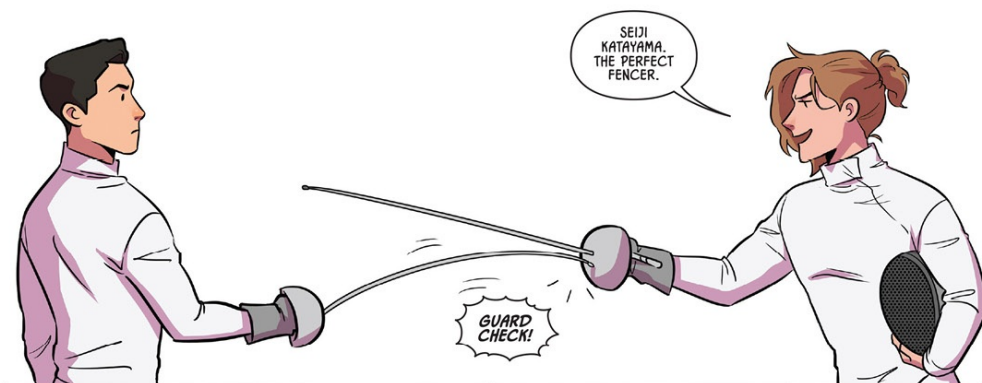
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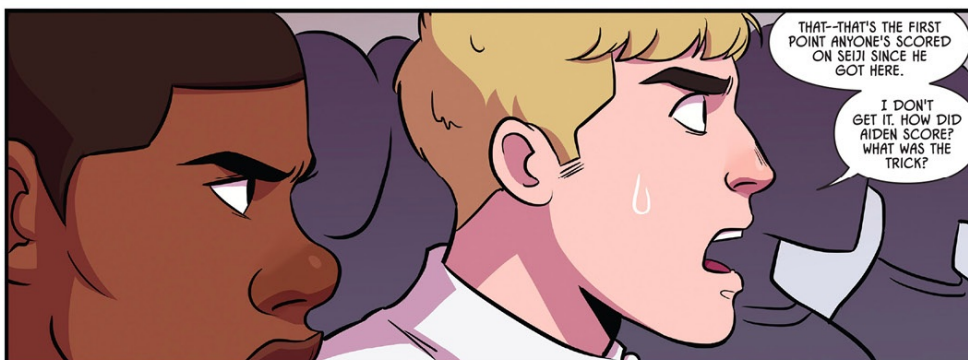
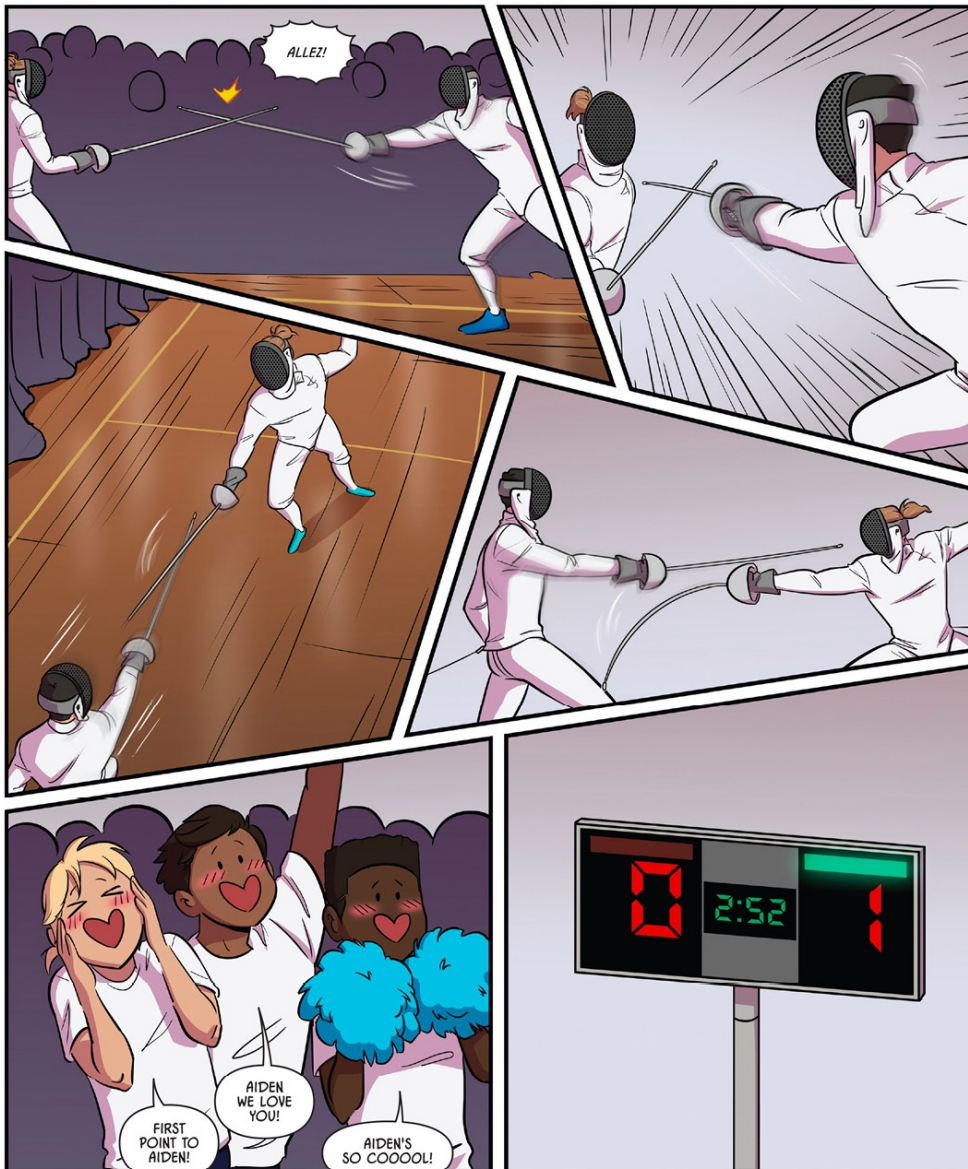
RELAX.
I'M JUST GOING TO PUT SOME COLOR IN THOSE CHEEKS.

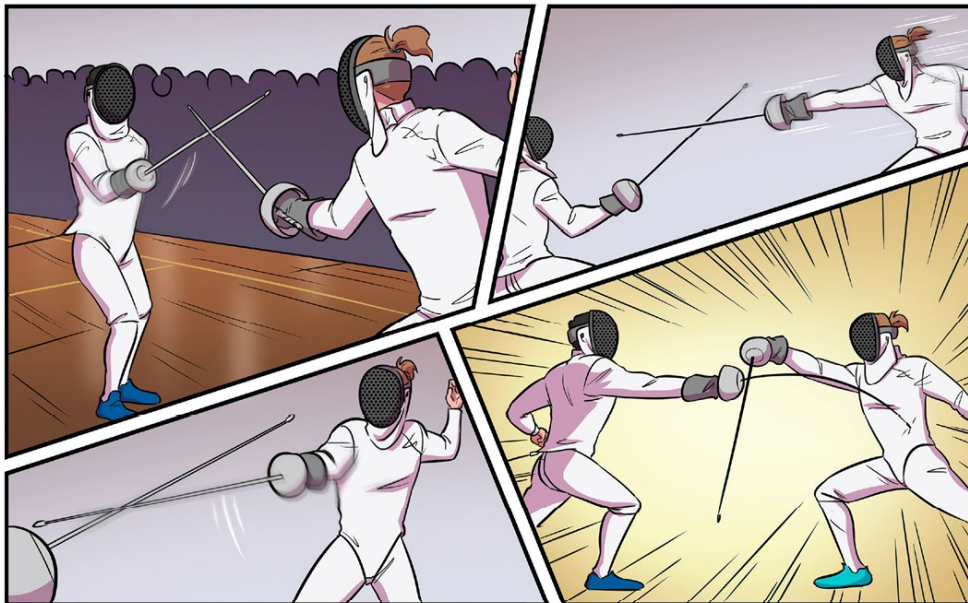
NO WAY! IT'LL BE TOTALLY ONE-SIDED. SEIJI WILL WIN BEFORE THE FIRST BREAK.

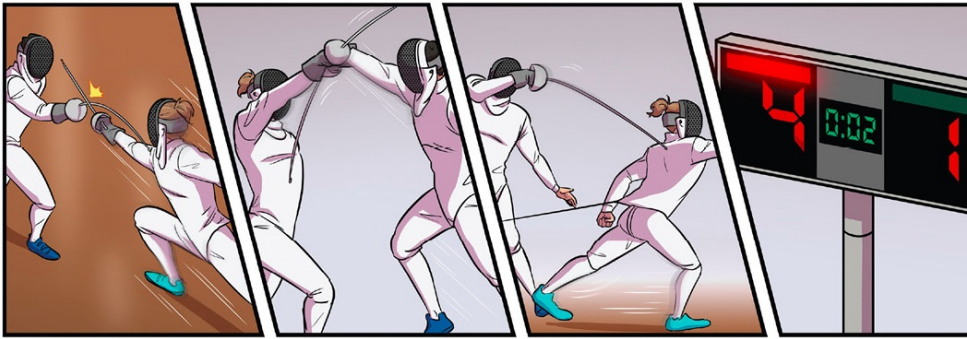
WASN'T AIDEN ON THE TEAM LAST YEAR?

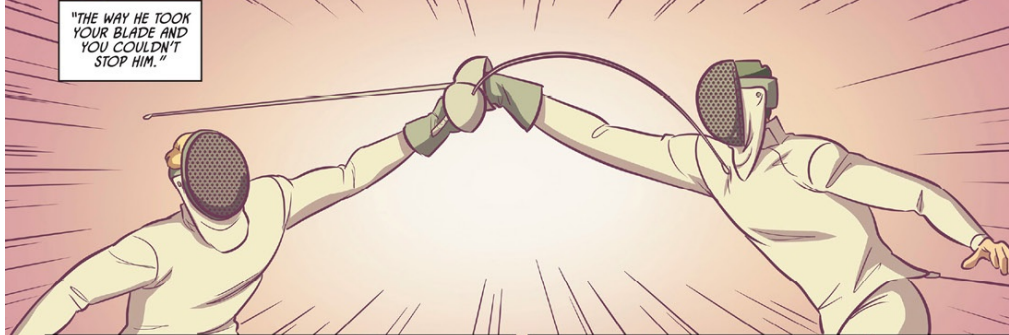
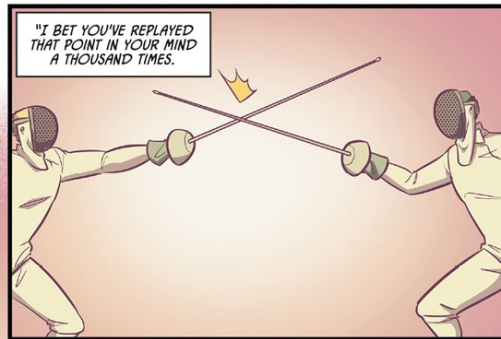
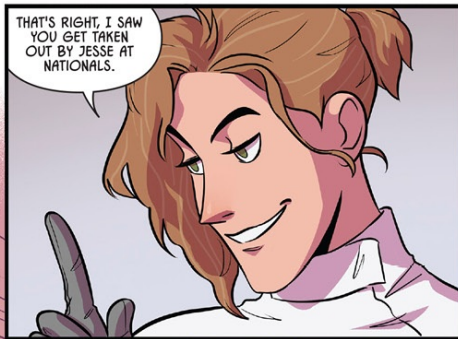
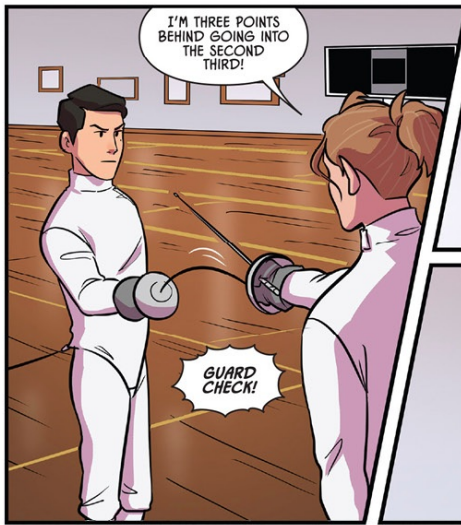
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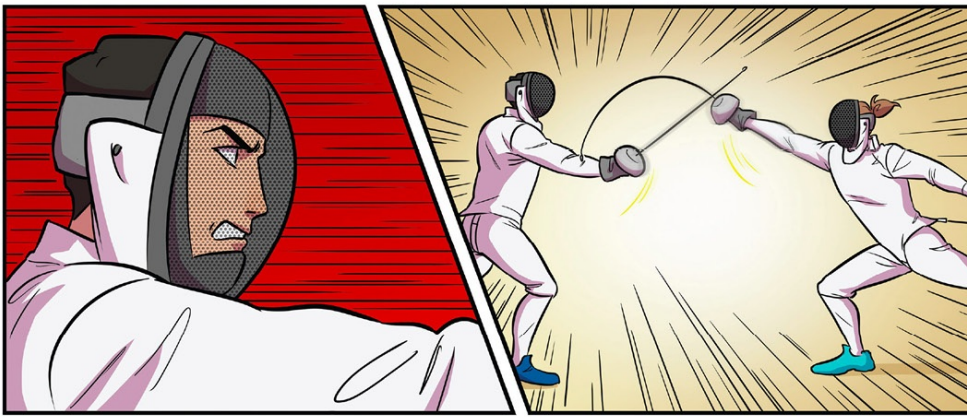


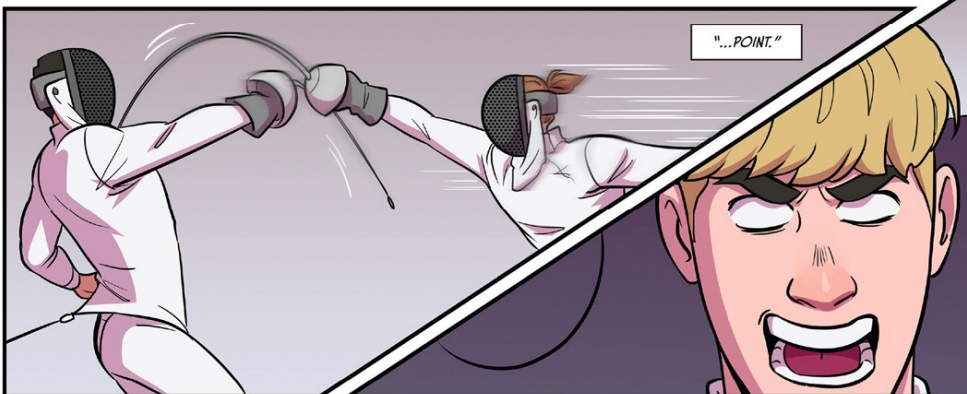
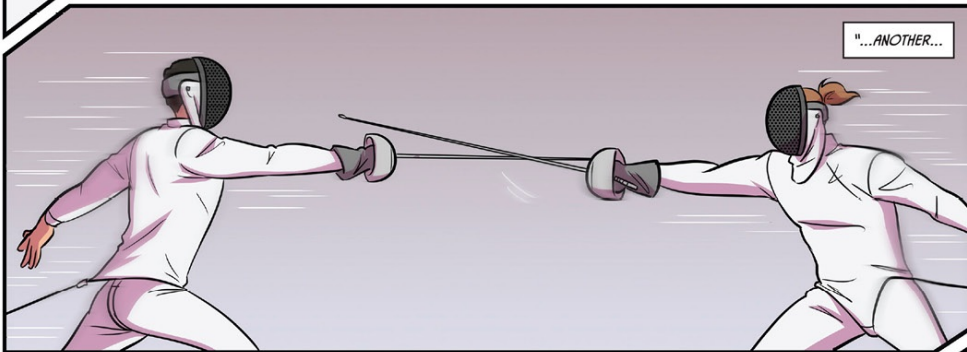
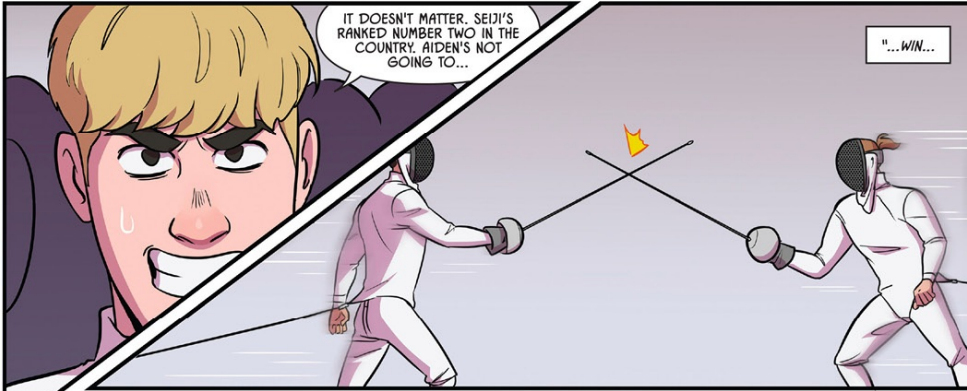
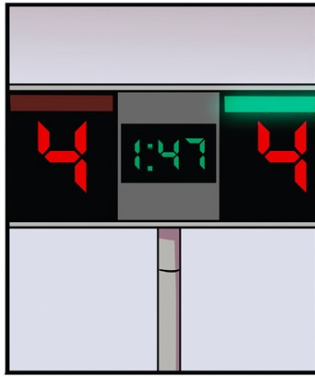


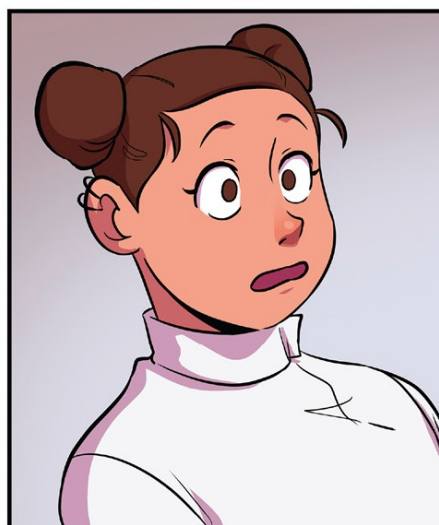
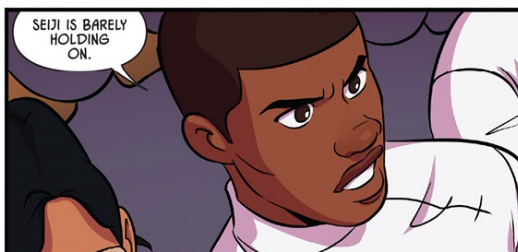
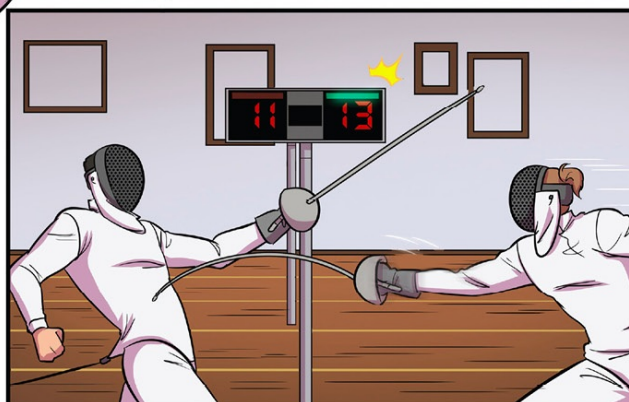
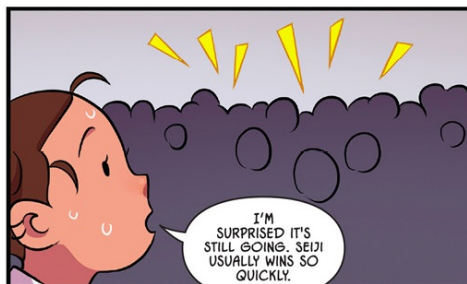
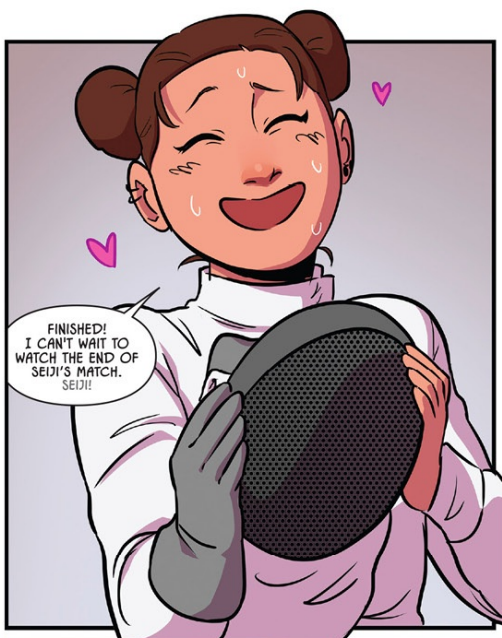


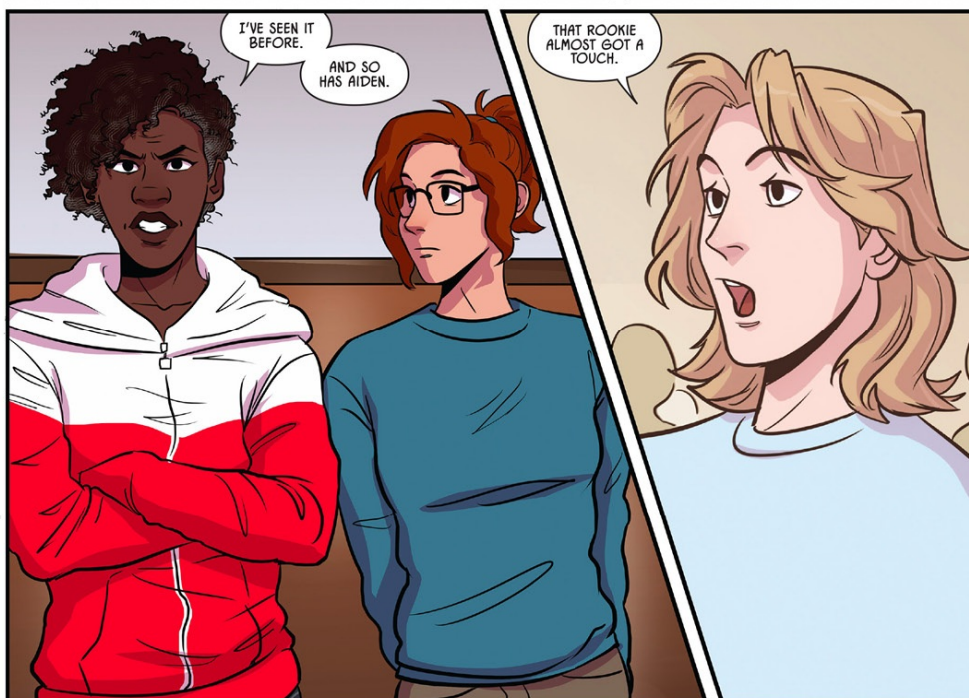
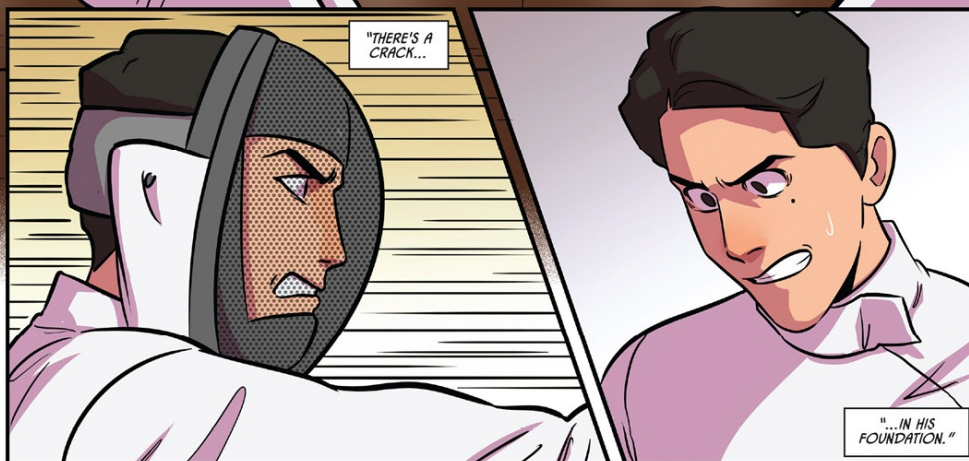












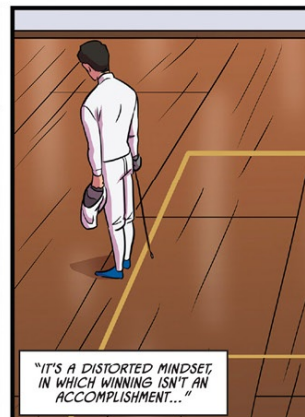


TO THE AVERAGE PERSON, COMING SECOND AT NATIONALS WOULD BE AN EXTRAORDINARY ACCOMPLISHMENT.



"BUT FOR AN ELITE ATHLETE LIKE SEIJI..."

"...WINNING IS EXPECTED."

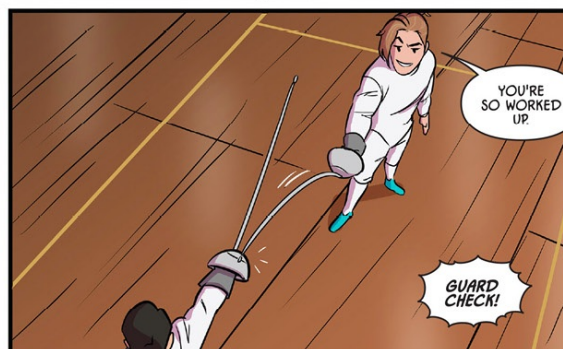


"IT'S A DISTORTED MINDSET, IN WHICH WINNING ISN'T AN ACCOMPLISHMENT..."



...BUT LOSING IS FAILURE.

LOSING IS UNTHINKABLE.



YOU'RE SO WORKED UP.

GUARD CHECK!



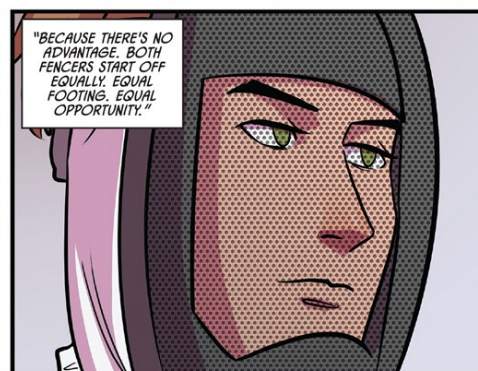
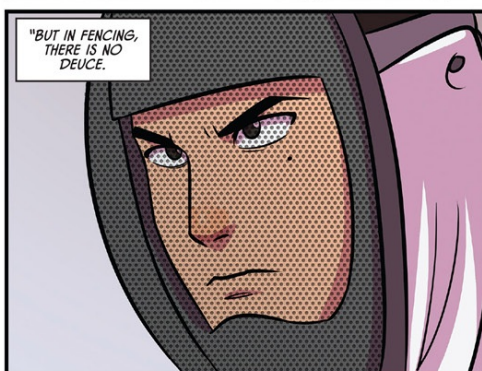
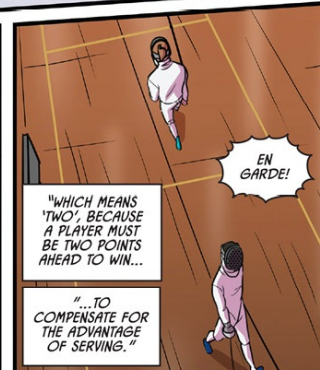
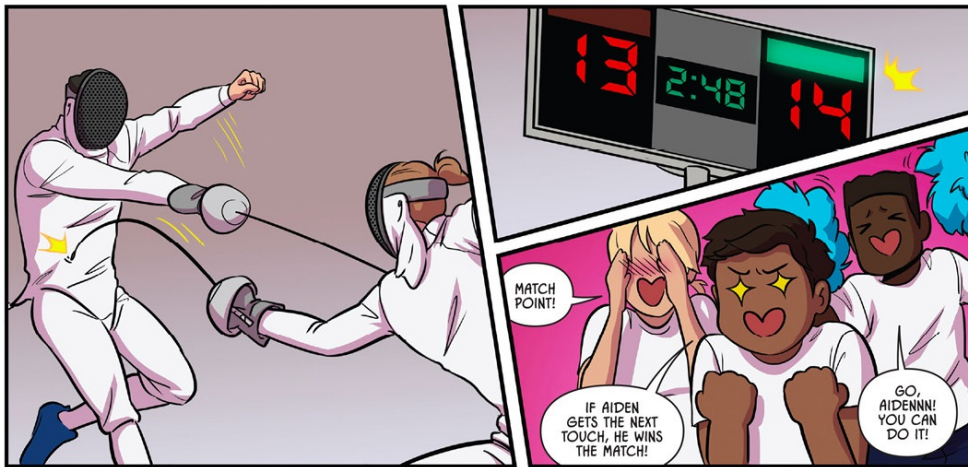
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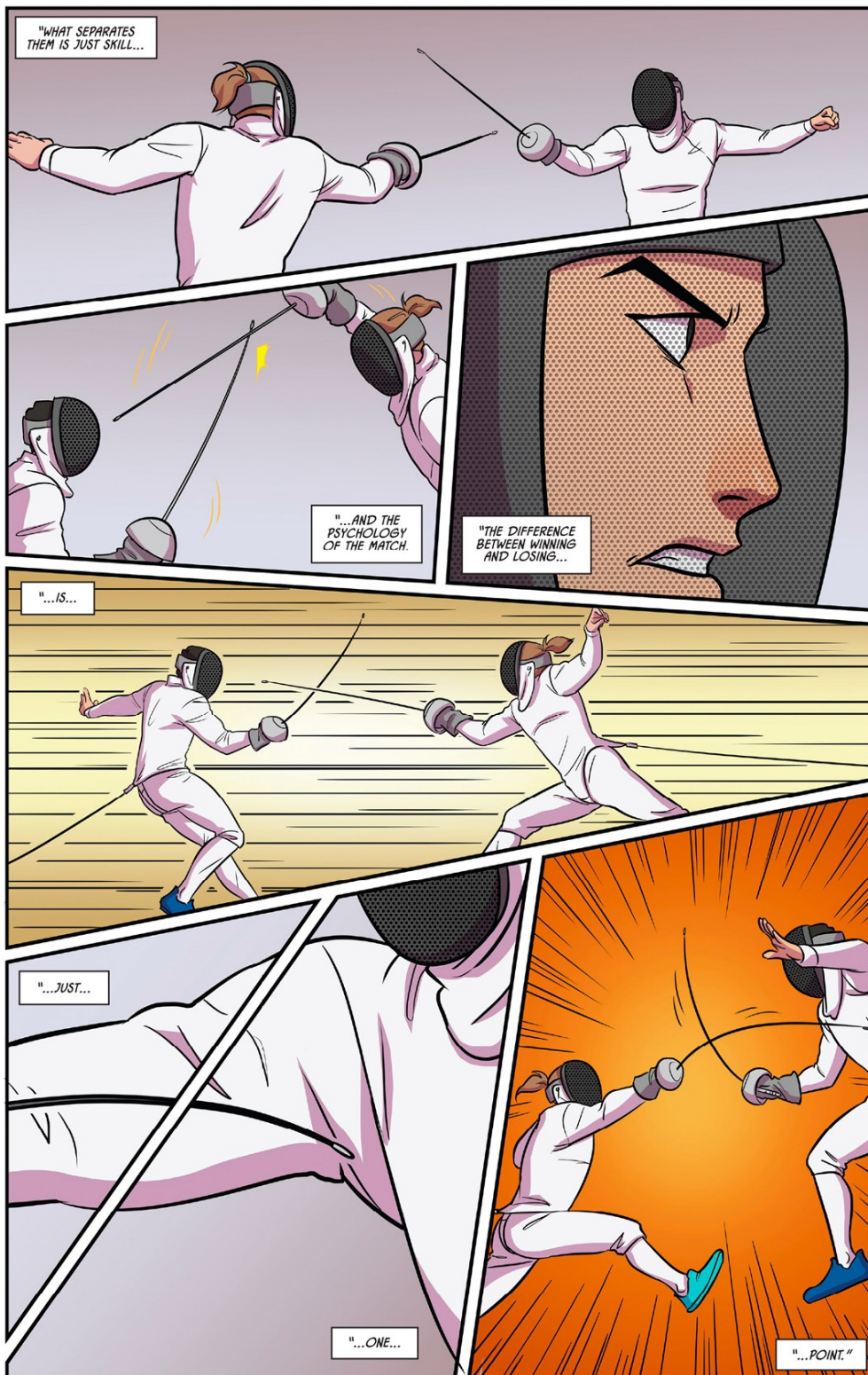


YOU NEVER TOLD ANYONE WHY YOU'RE HERE, SLUMMING ON A THIRD-RATE TEAM.



IS IT BECAUSE YOU CAN'T FACE JESSE?









I'M
HERE.

I'M READY
TO FENCE.



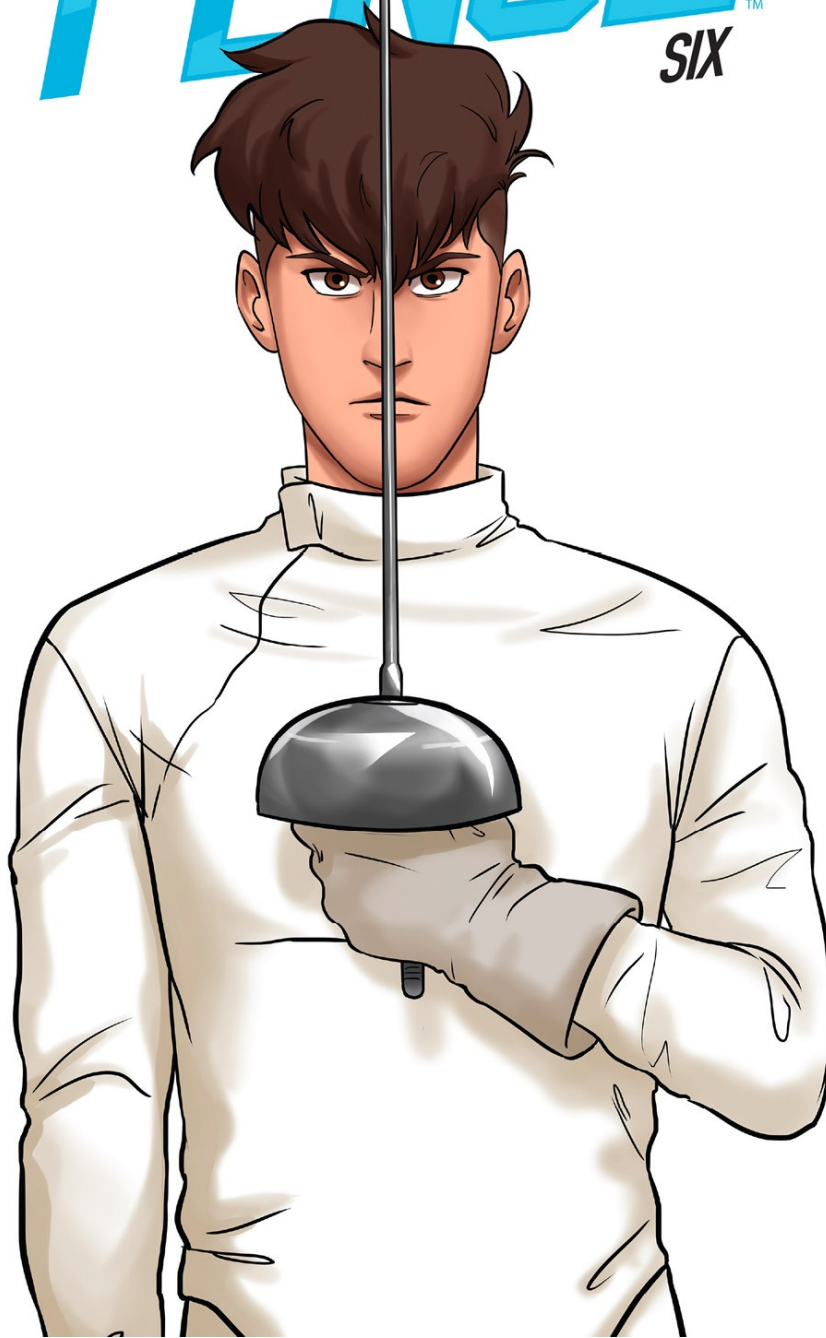
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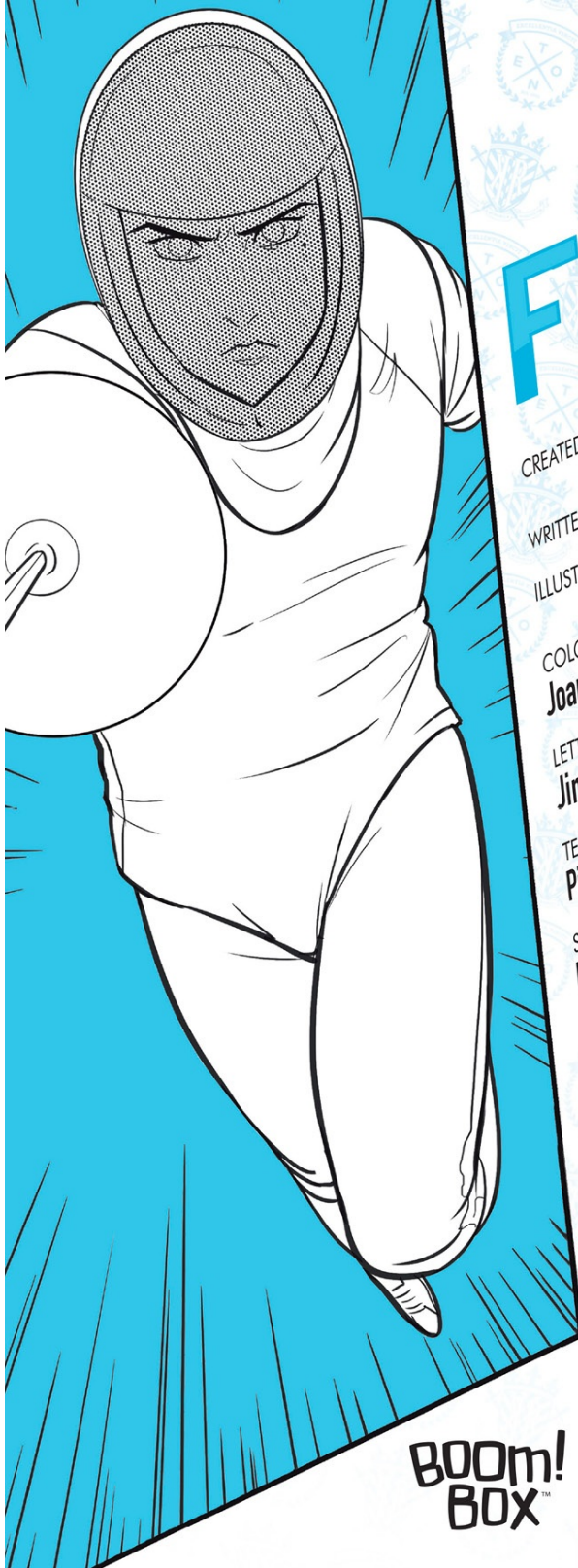
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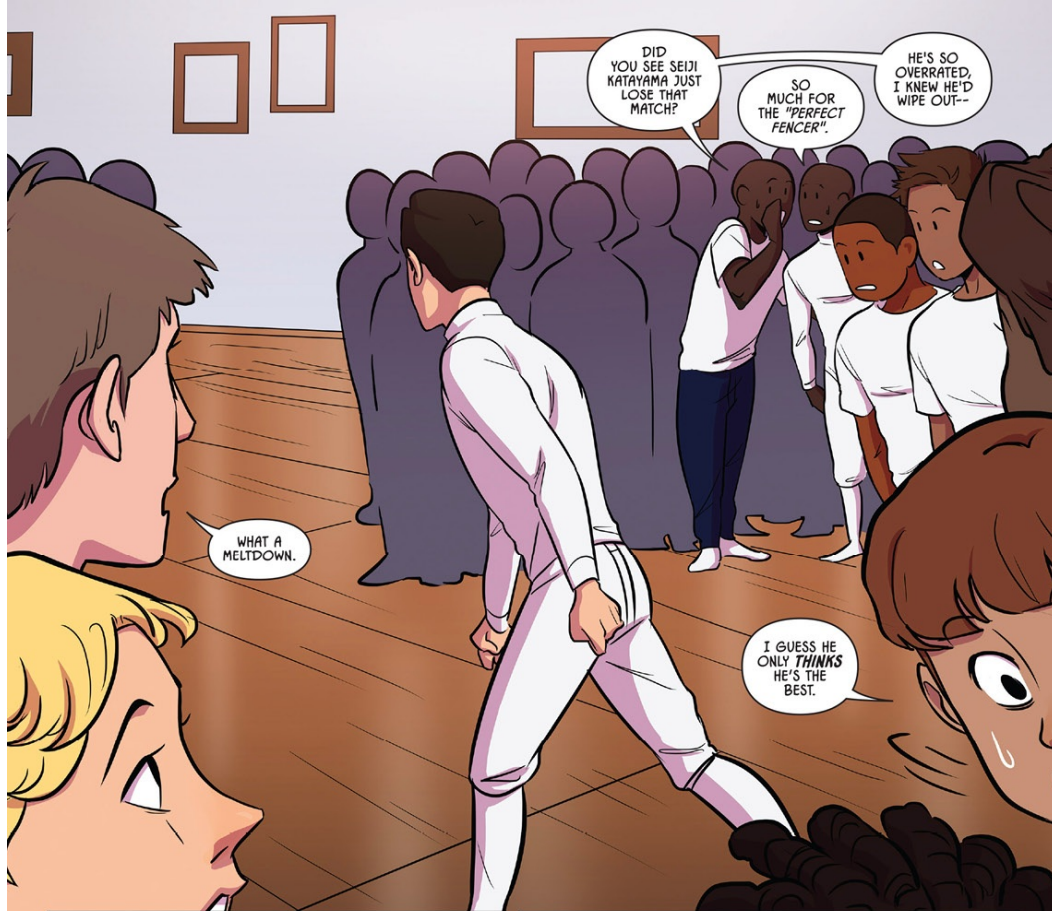
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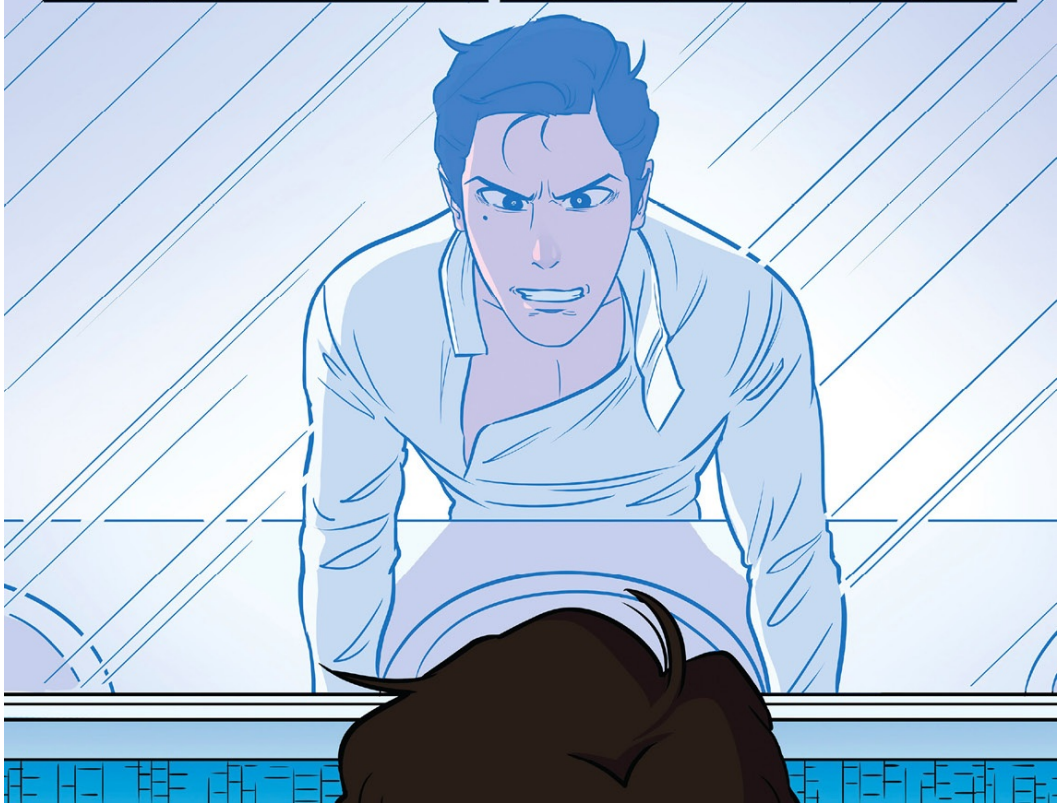
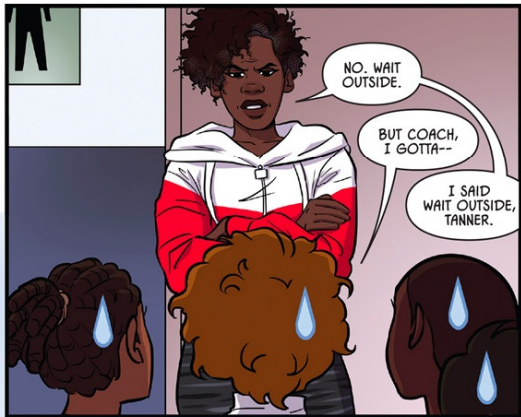
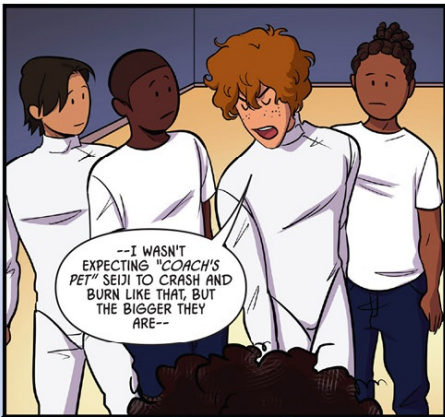
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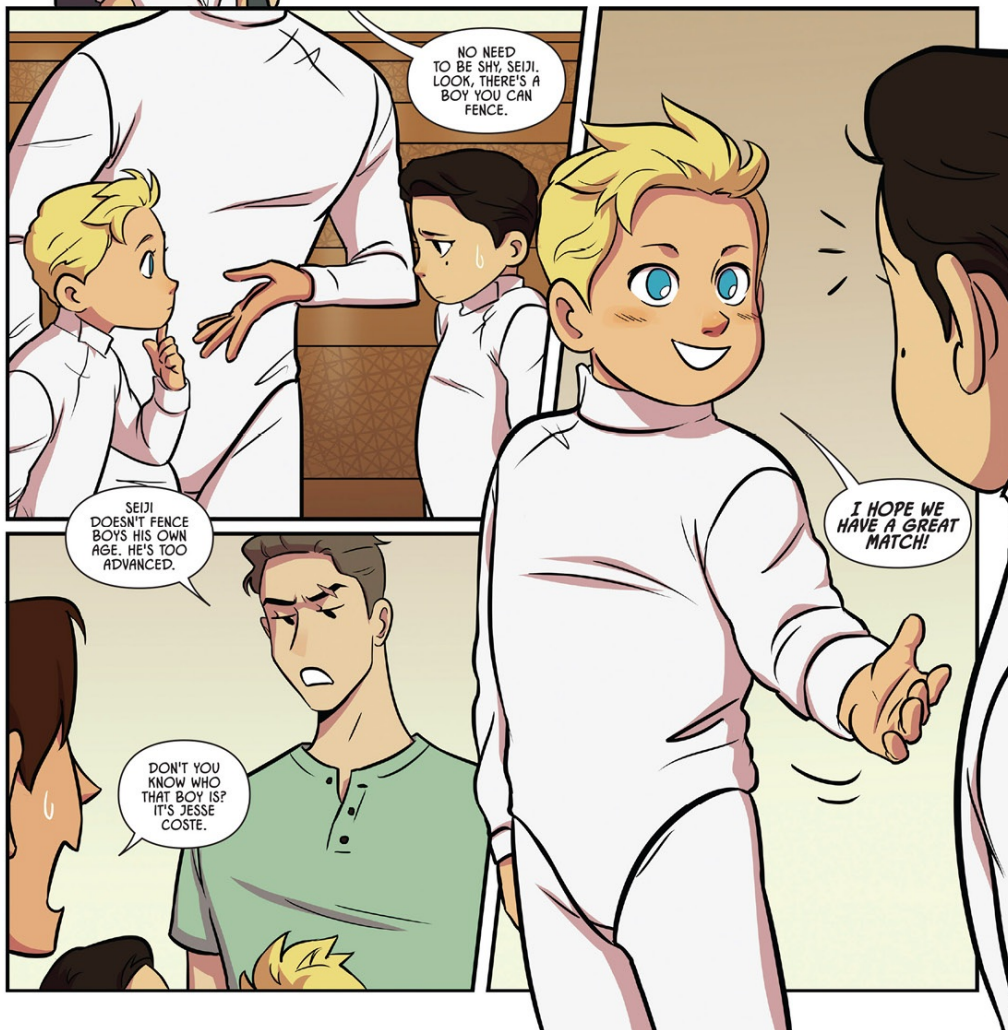
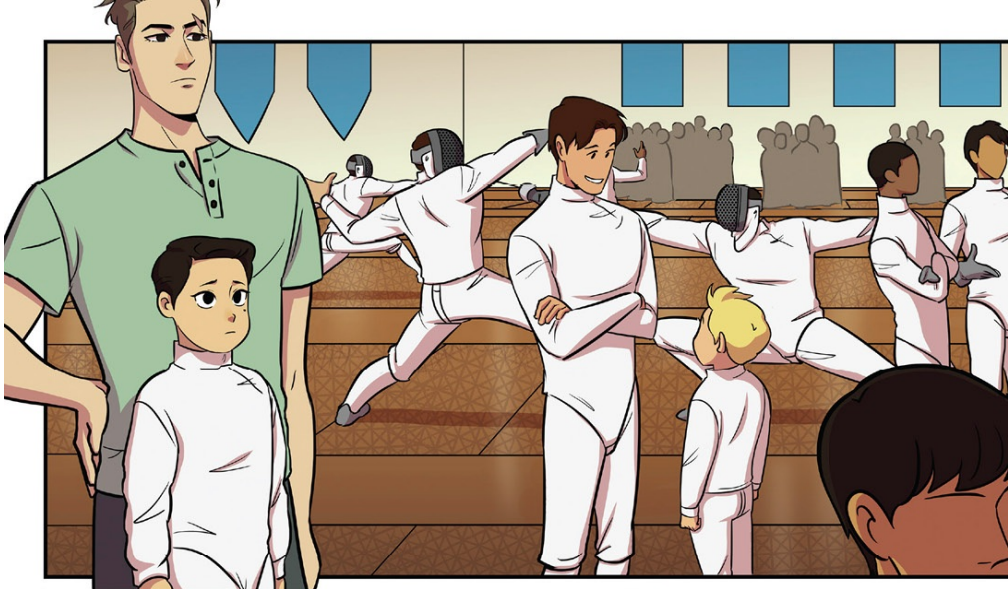
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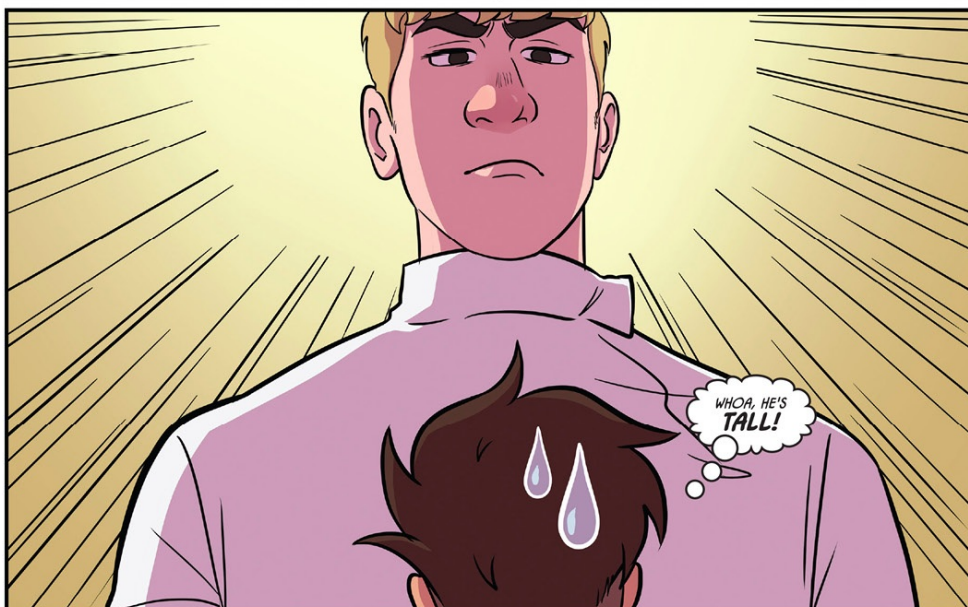
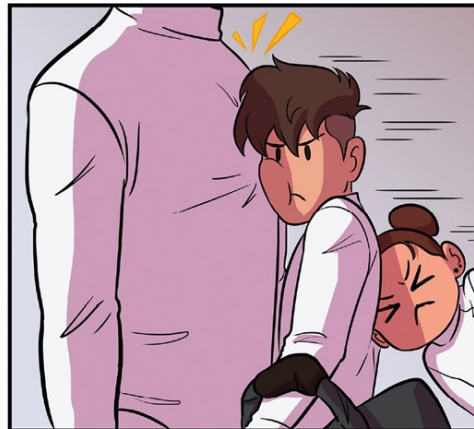
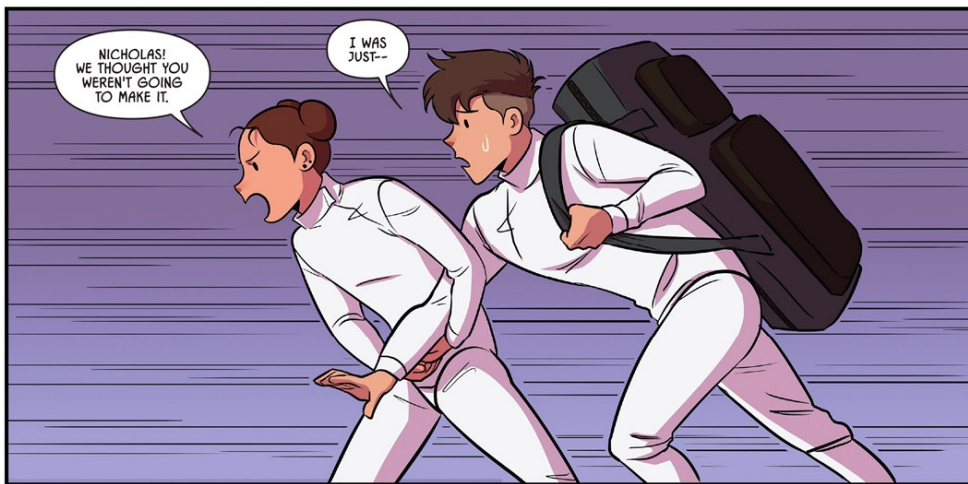
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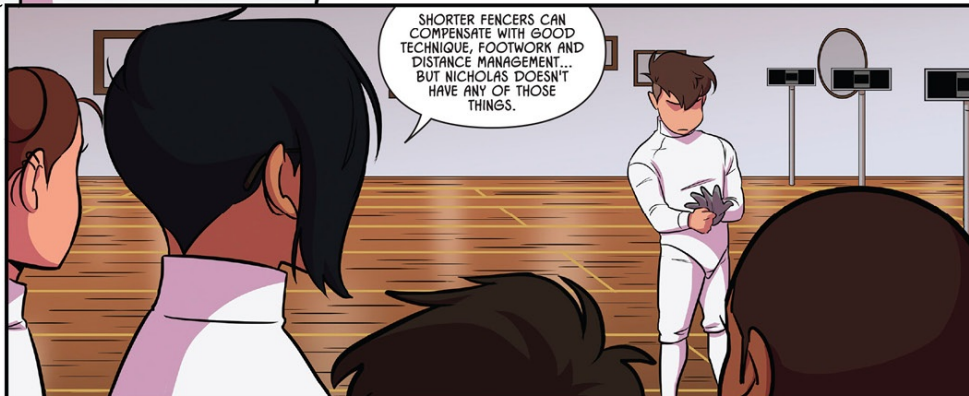
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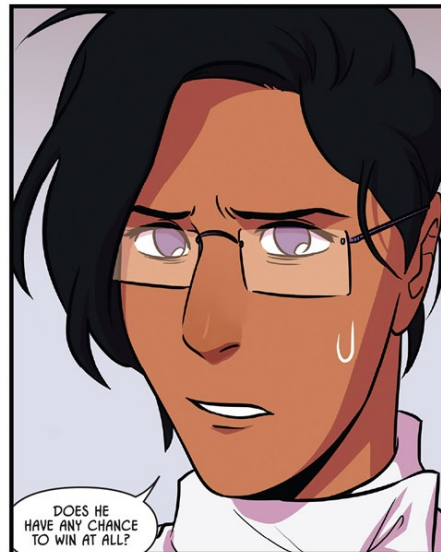
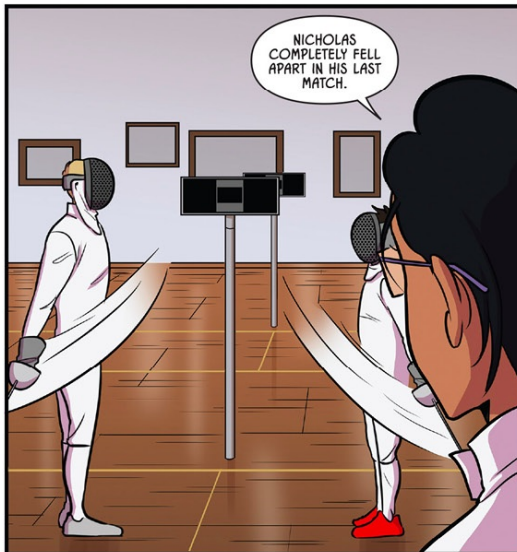
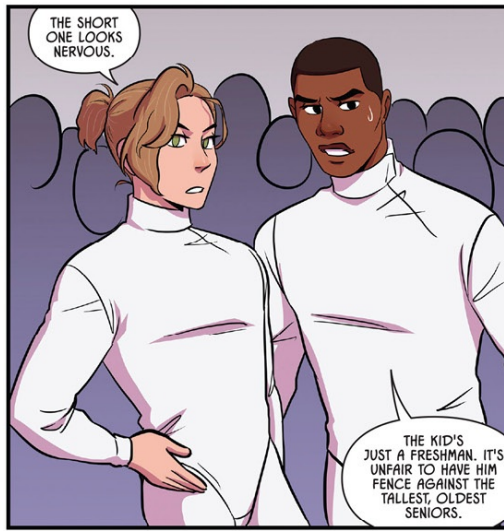


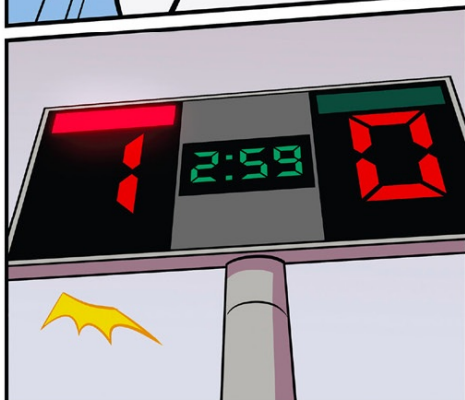


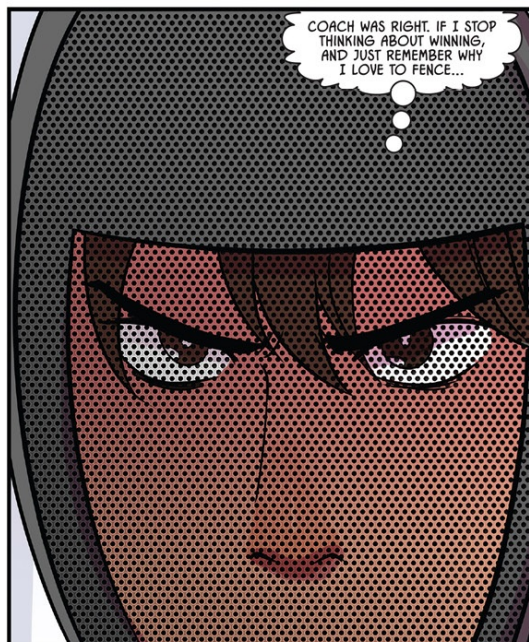
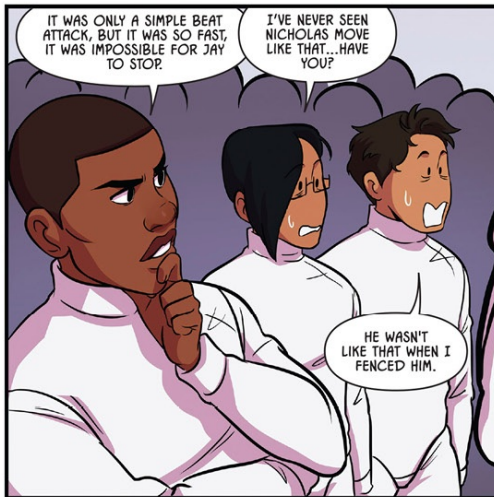


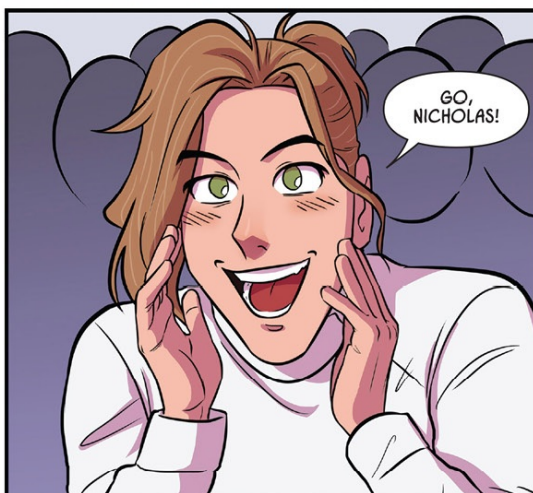


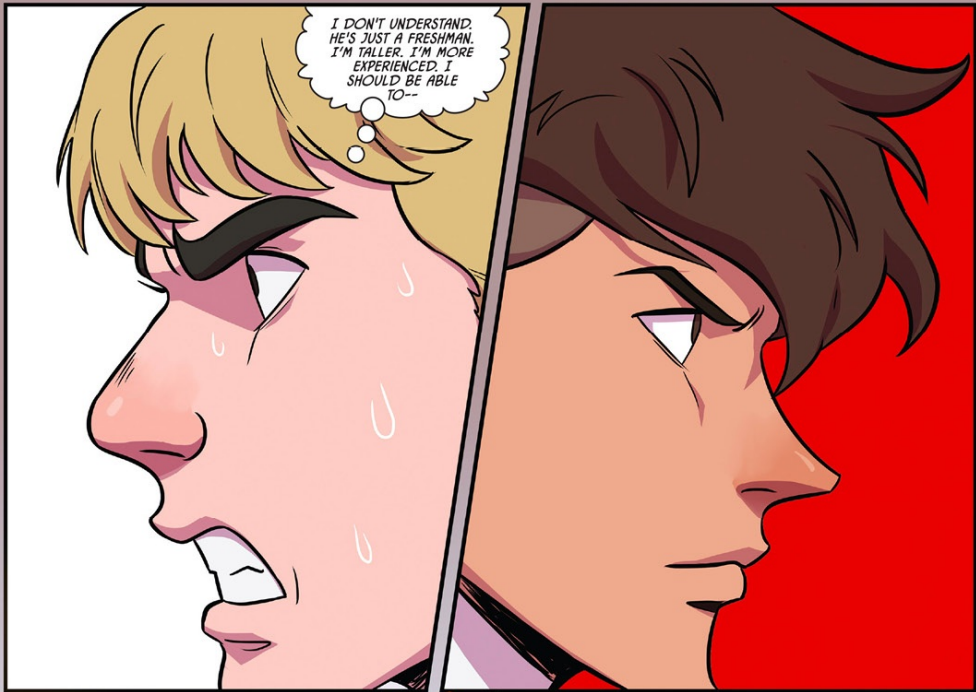
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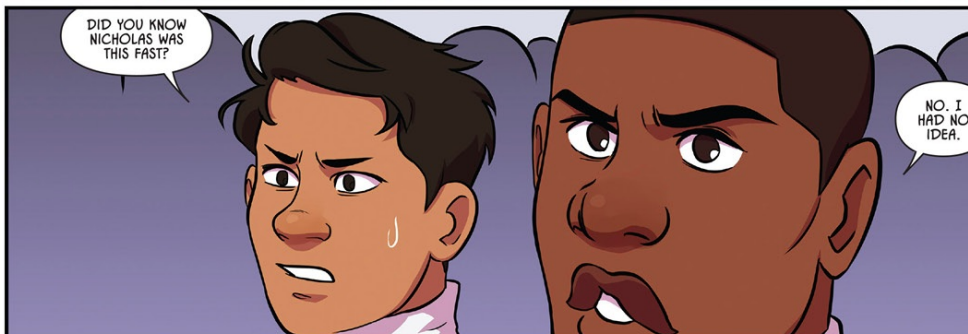
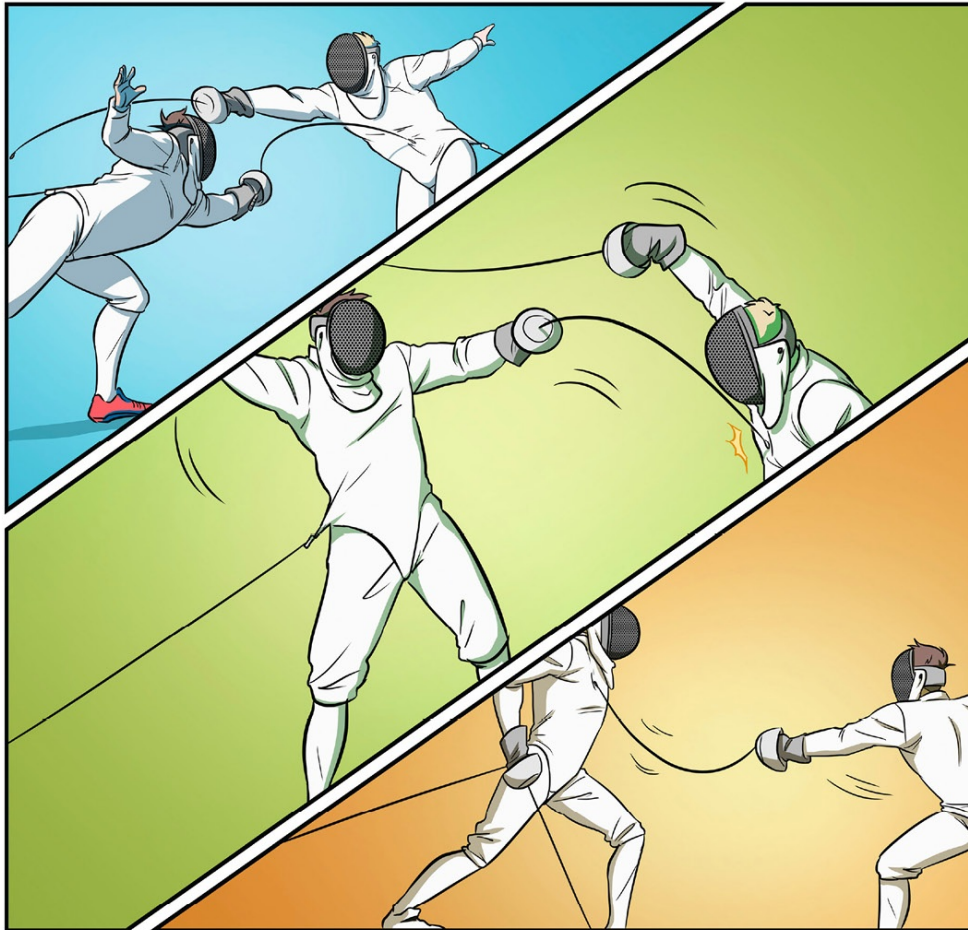






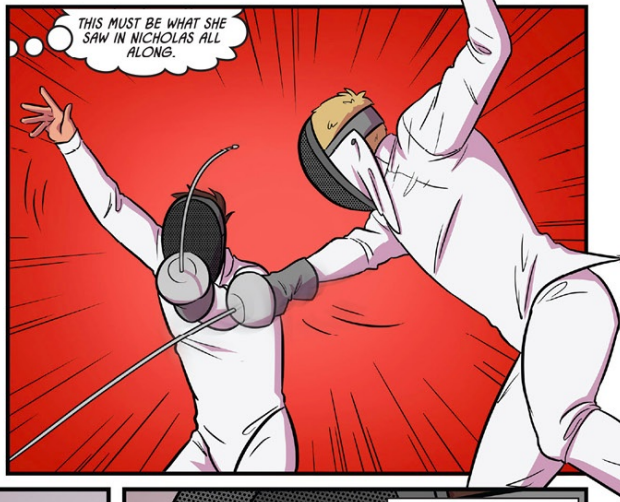








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KNEW.



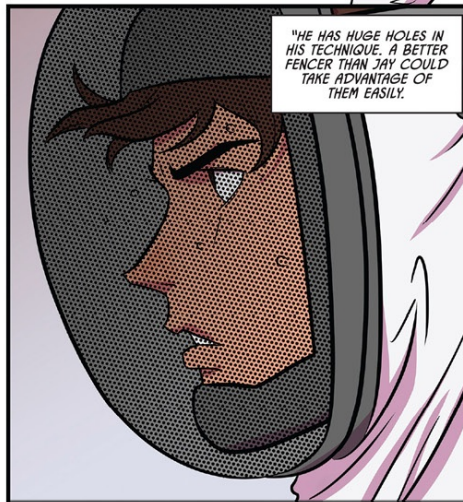
THIS MUST BE WHAT SHE
SAW IN NICHOLAS ALL
ALONG.



I KNOW WHAT
SHE'D SAY IF SHE
WERE HERE RIGHT
NOW...



IF YOU
LOOK CLOSELY,
THE PROBLEMS THAT
NICHOLAS HAD IN
PRACTICE ARE
STILL THERE.



"HE HAS HUGE HOLES IN
HIS TECHNIQUE. A BETTER
FENCER THAN JAY COULD
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
THEM EASILY.

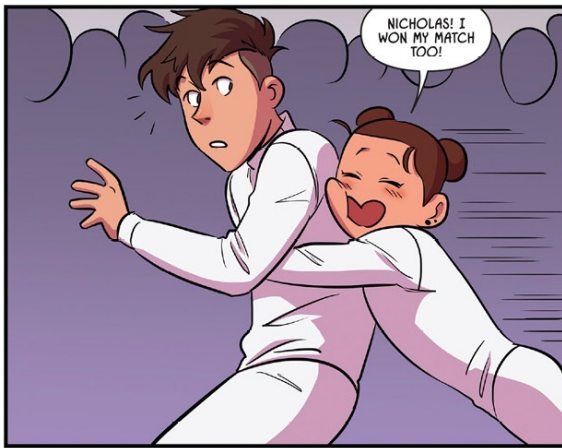


"BUT THOSE REFLEXES,
AND THAT SHEER
SPEED--"

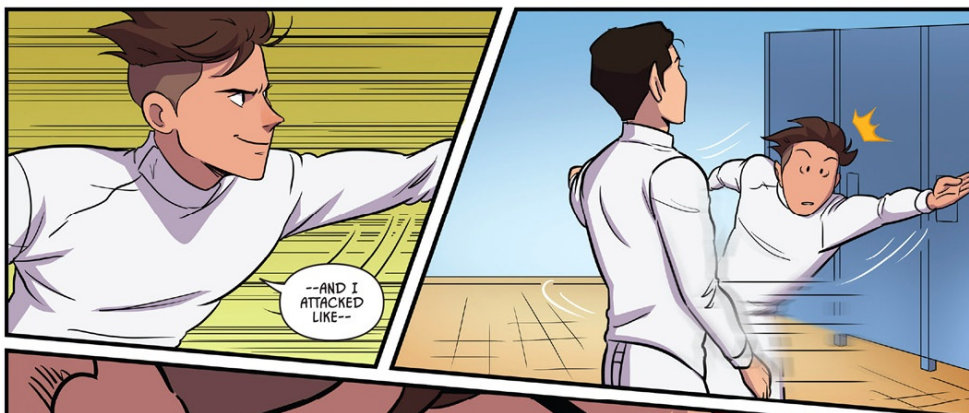


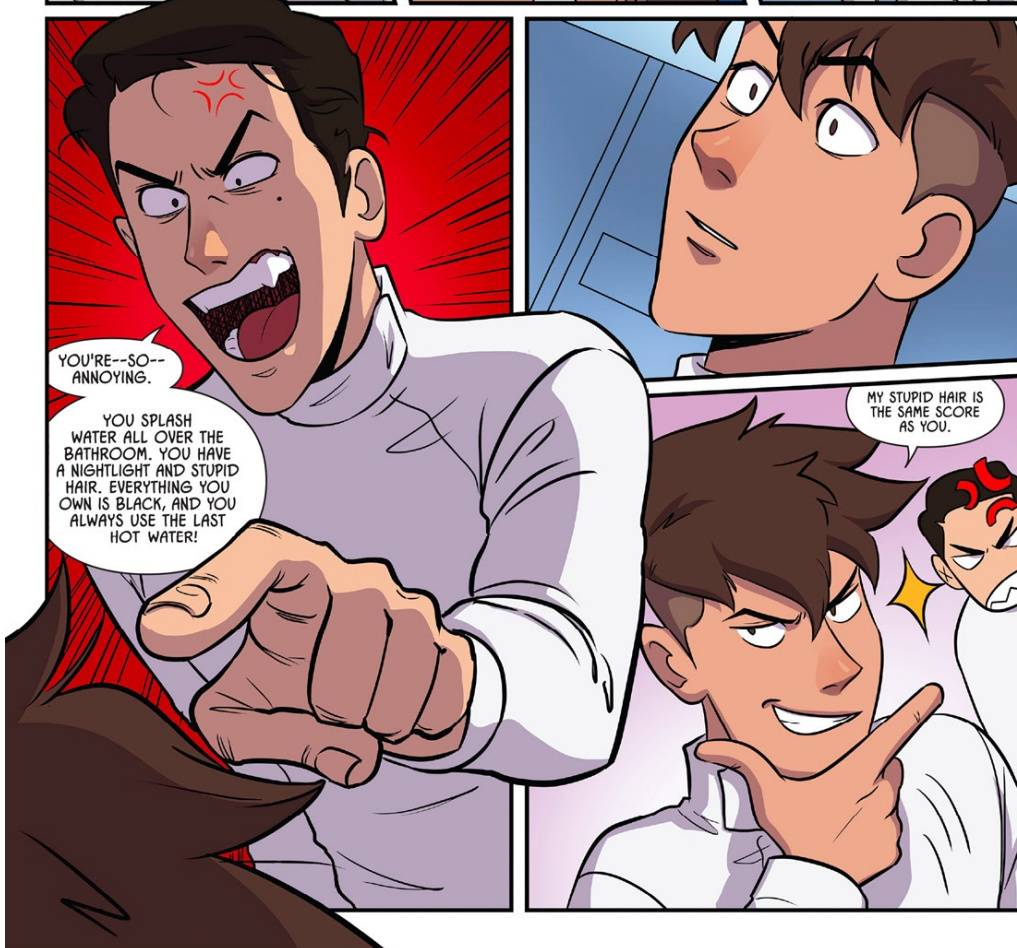
IF THE DAY
EVER COMES
THAT NICHOLAS'S
TECHNIQUE
REACHES
THAT SAME
LEVEL...

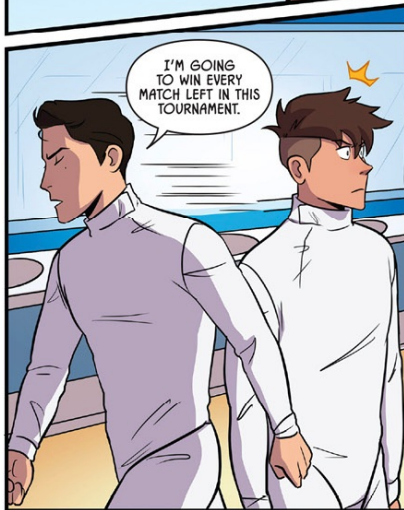






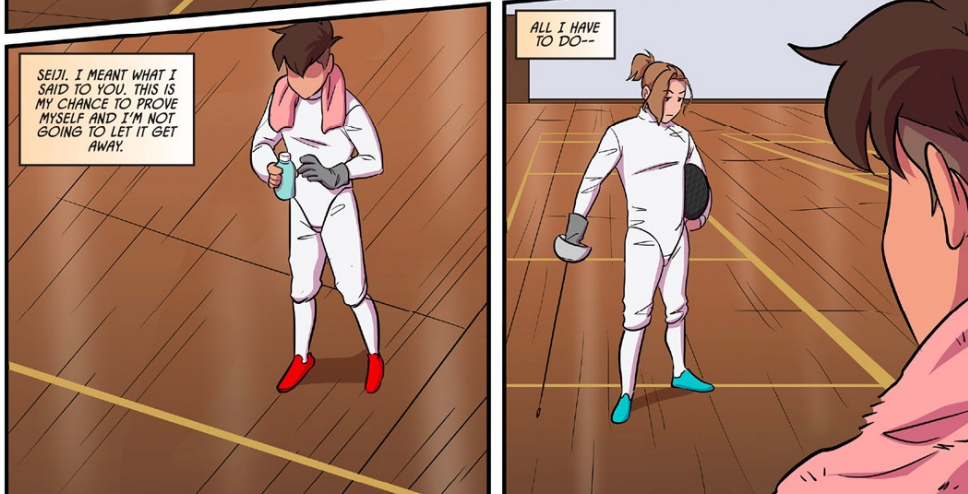
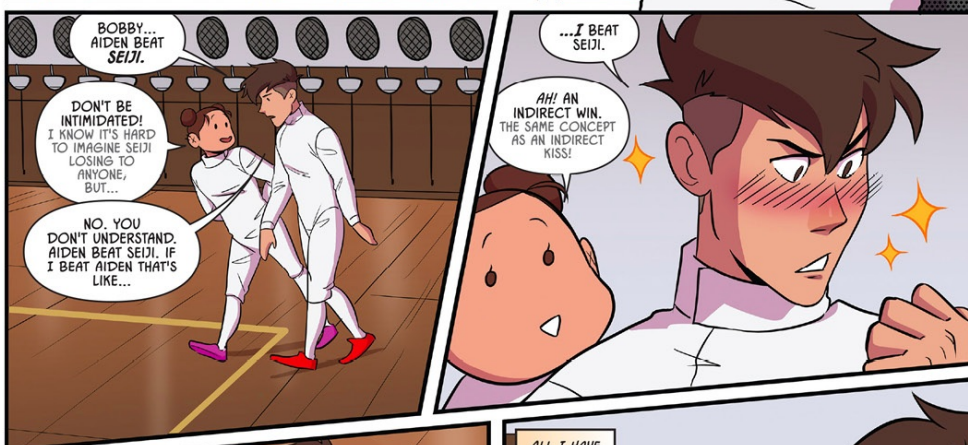
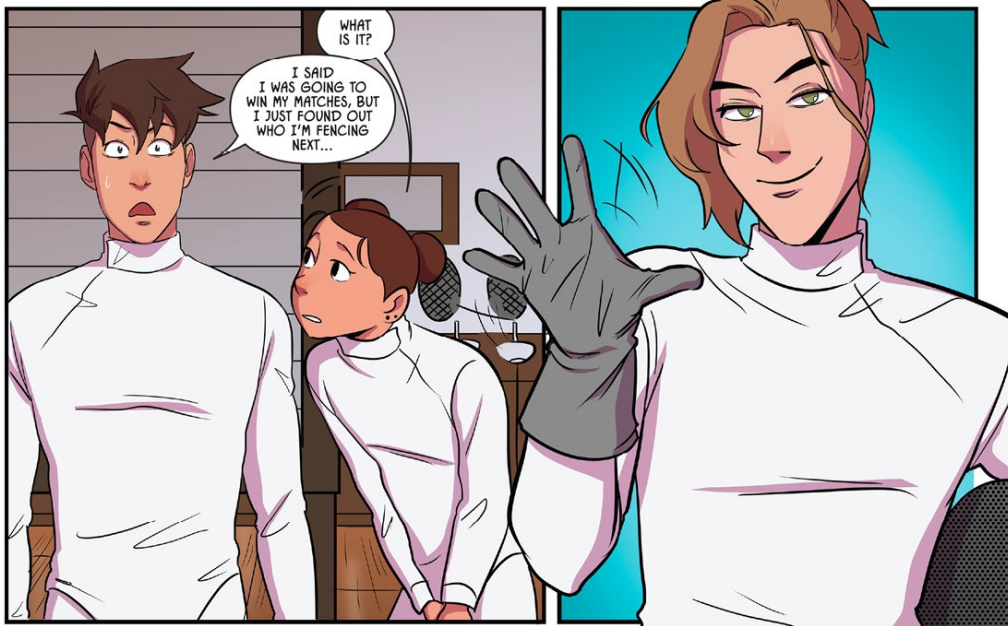












--IS WIN.

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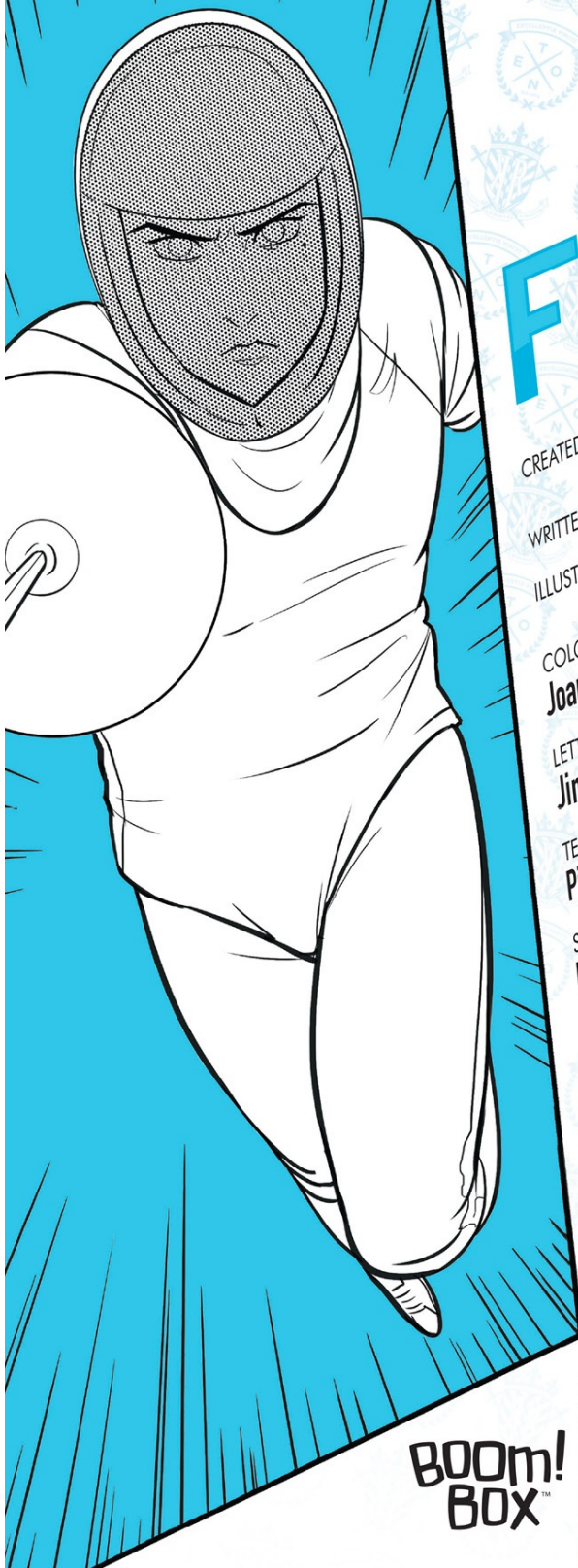
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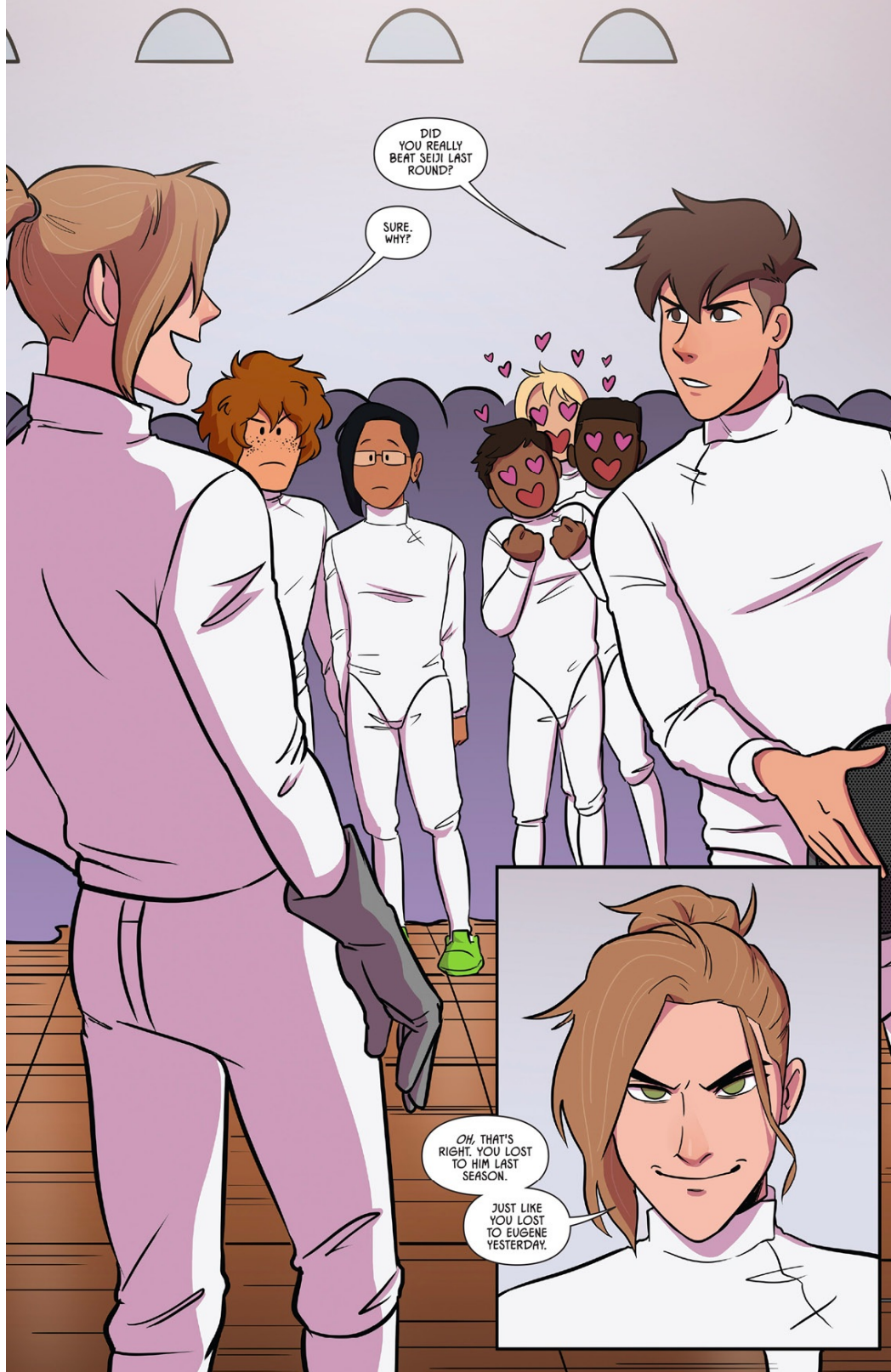
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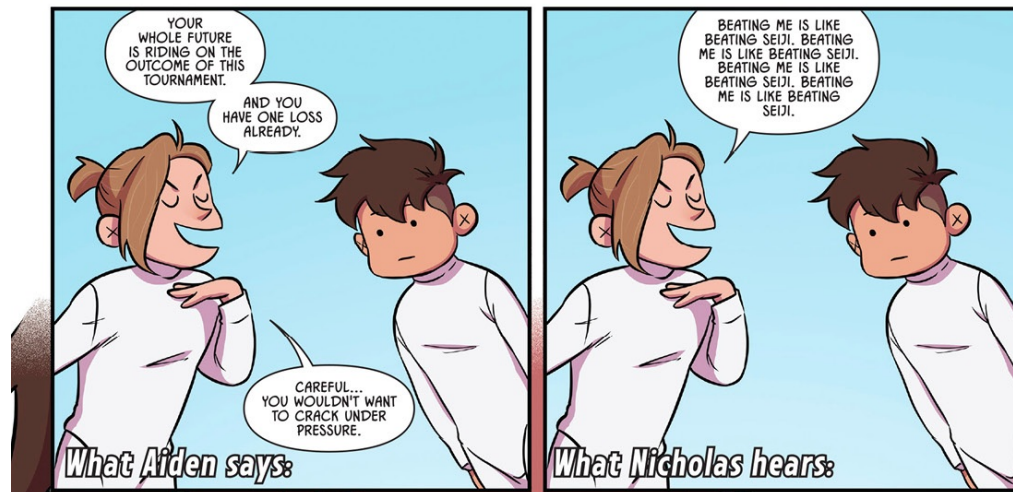


DID
YOU REALLY
BEAT SEIJI LAST
ROUND?

SURE.
WHY?

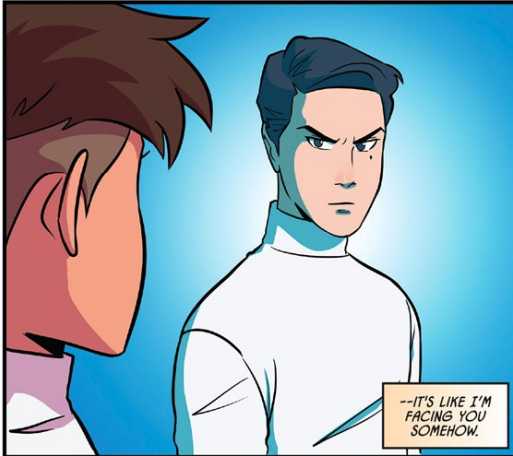
OH, THAT'S
RIGHT. YOU LOST
TO HIM LAST
SEASON.

JUST LIKE
YOU LOST
TO EUGENE
YESTERDAY.

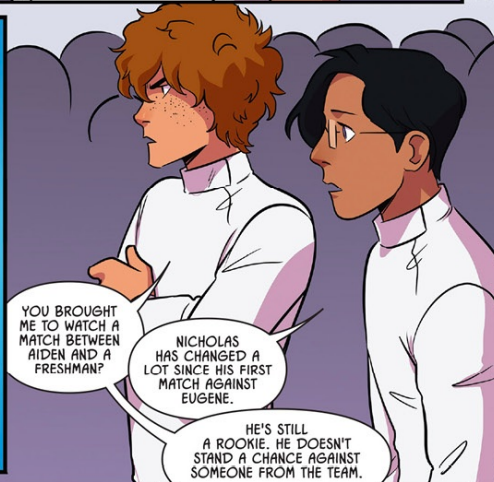


SEIJI, WE DON'T FENCE EACH OTHER UNTIL THE END OF THE TOURNAMENT BUT--

Match 5: Nicholas Cox vs Aiden Kane



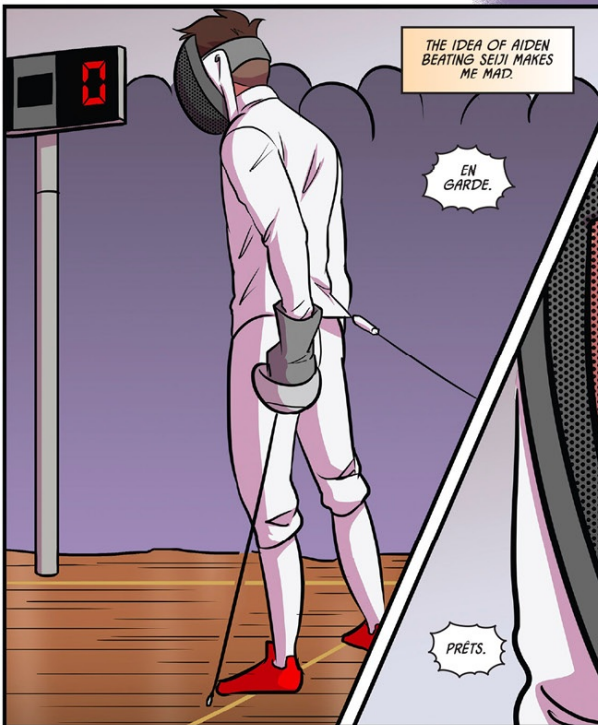
--IT'S LIKE I'M FACING YOU SOMEHOW.



YOU BROUGHT ME TO WATCH A MATCH BETWEEN AIDEN AND A FRESHMAN?

NICHOLAS HAS CHANGED A LOT SINCE HIS FIRST MATCH AGAINST EUGENE.

HE'S STILL A ROOKIE. HE DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST SOMEONE FROM THE TEAM.

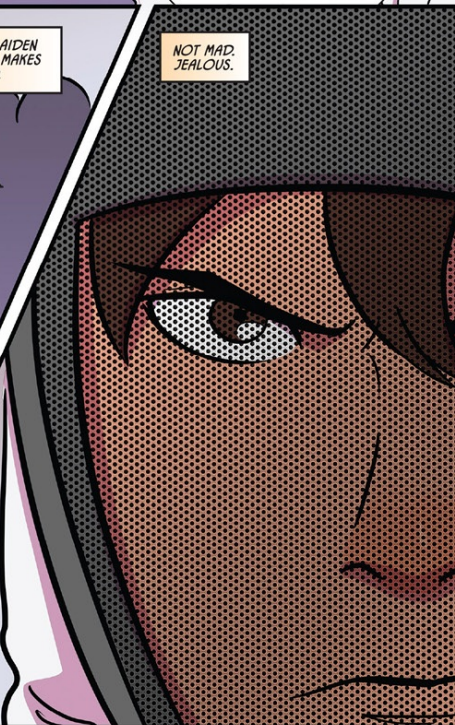


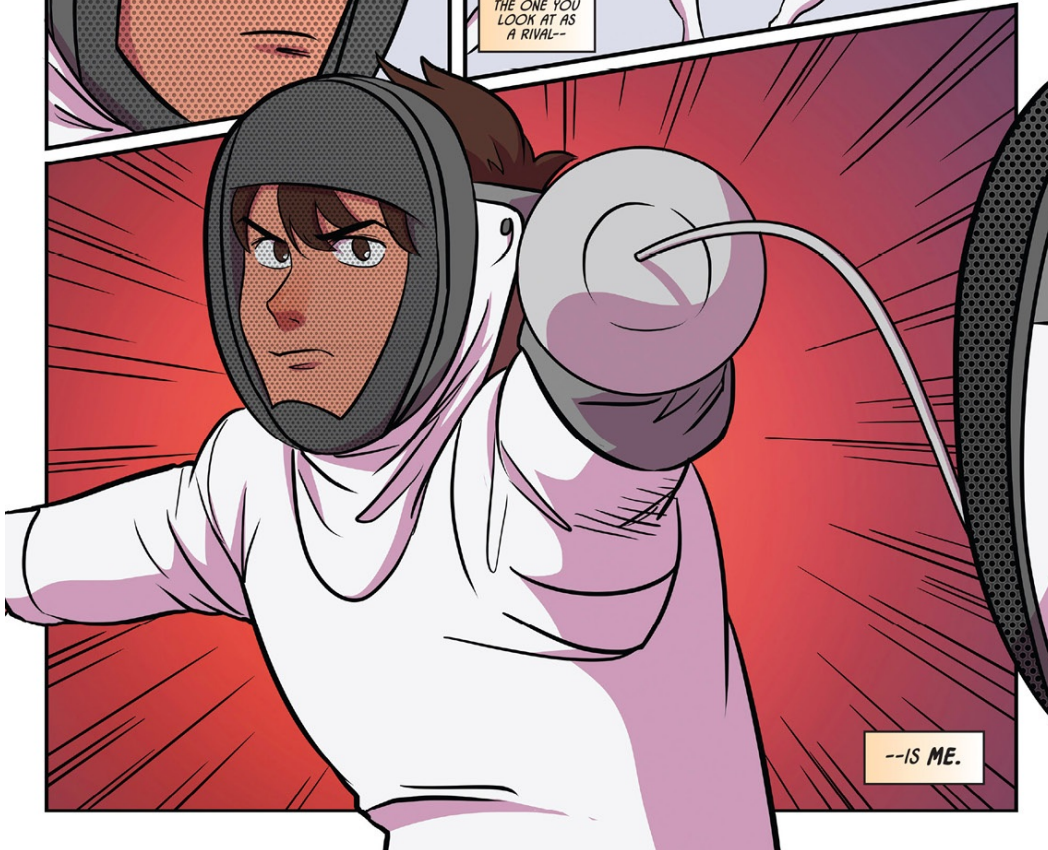
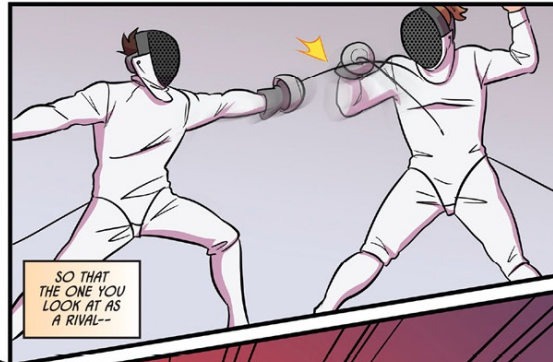
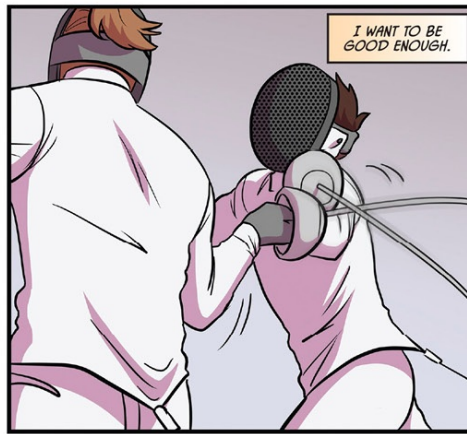
THE IDEA OF AIDEN BEATING SEIJI MAKES ME MAD.

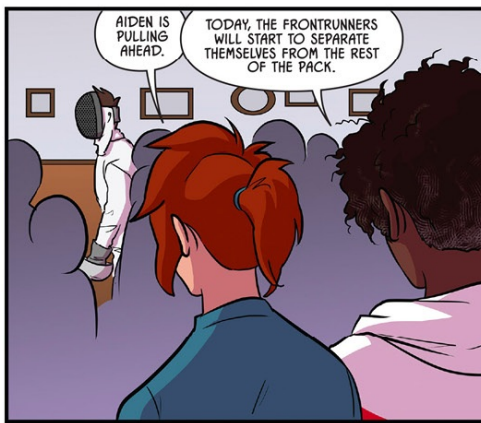
EN GARDE.

PRÊTS.

NOT MAD. JEALOUS.





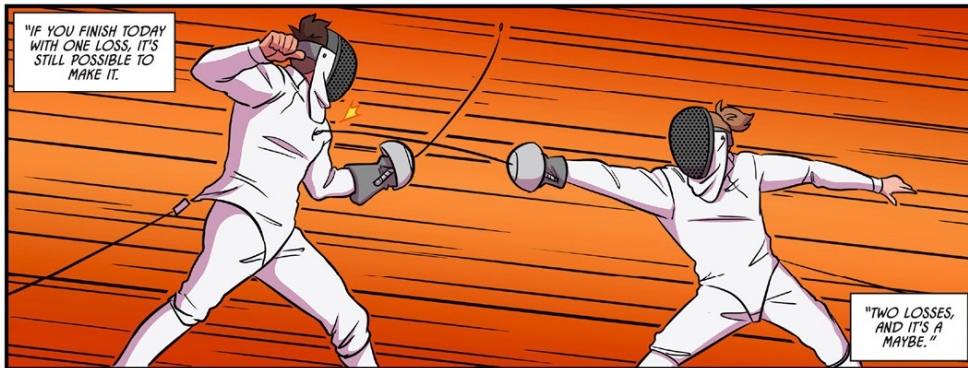


AIDEN IS PULLING AHEAD.

TODAY, THE FRONTRUNNERS WILL START TO SEPARATE THEMSELVES FROM THE REST OF THE PACK.



AND WE'LL BEGIN TO SEE THE SPLIT BETWEEN THOSE WHO HAVE A SHOT AT MAKING THE TEAM, AND THOSE WHO ARE OUT OF THE RUNNING FOREVER.



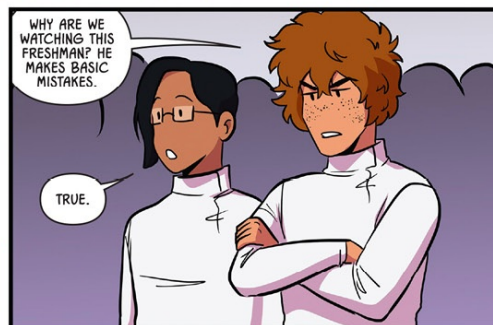
"IF YOU FINISH TODAY WITH ONE LOSS, IT'S STILL POSSIBLE TO MAKE IT."

"TWO LOSSES, AND IT'S A MAYBE."



ANY BOY WHO ENDS THE DAY WITH THREE LOSSES OR MORE WILL KNOW HE'S IN SERIOUS TROUBLE.

NICHOLAS HAS ONE LOSS ALREADY, DOESN'T HE?

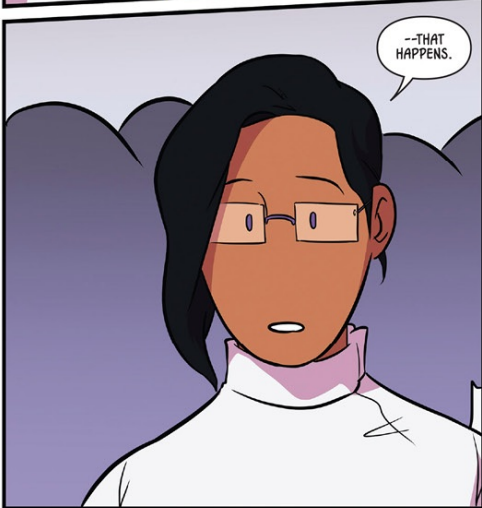
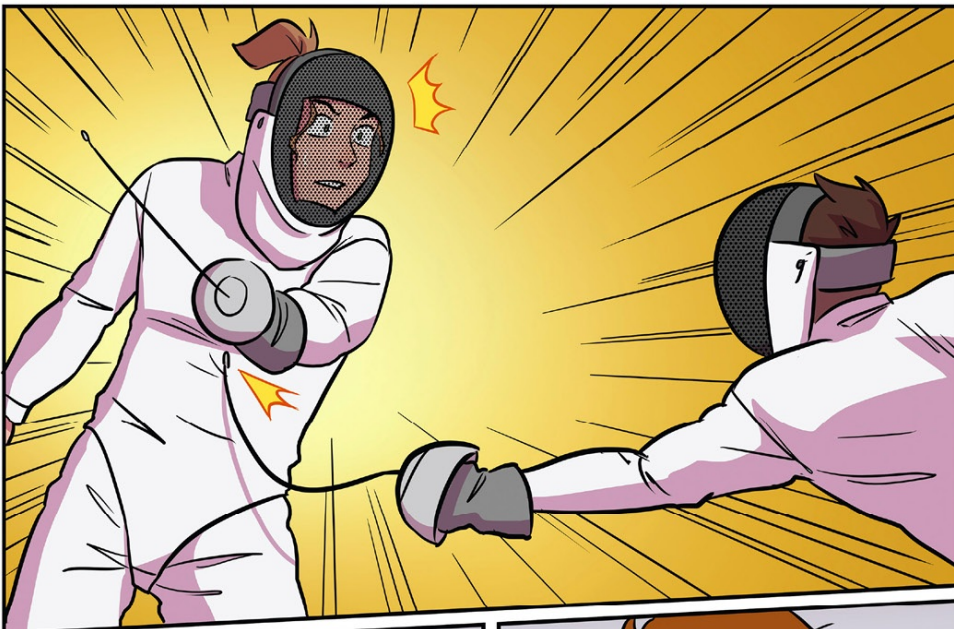


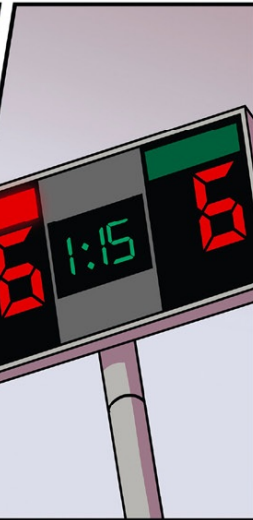
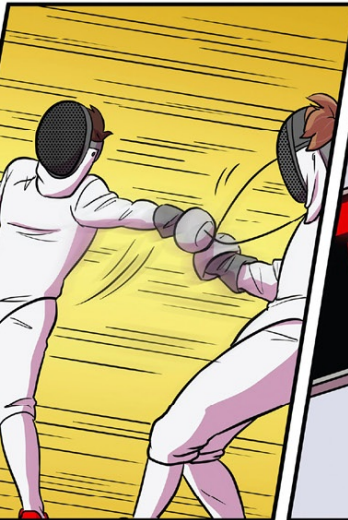
WHY ARE WE WATCHING THIS FRESHMAN? HE MAKES BASIC MISTAKES.

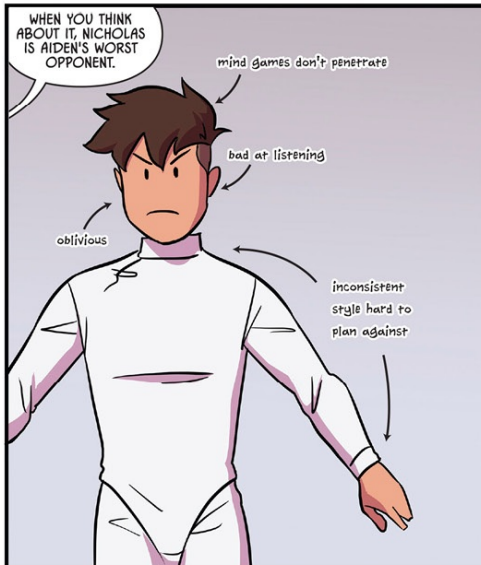
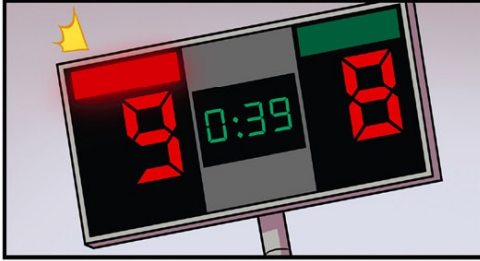
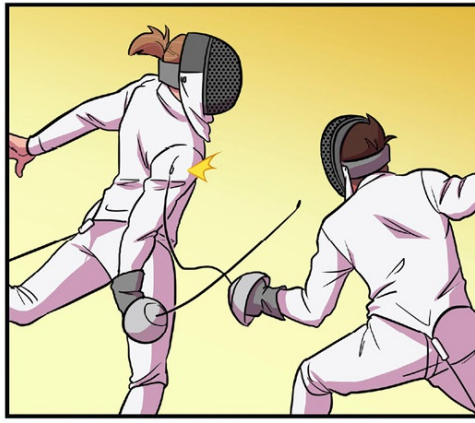
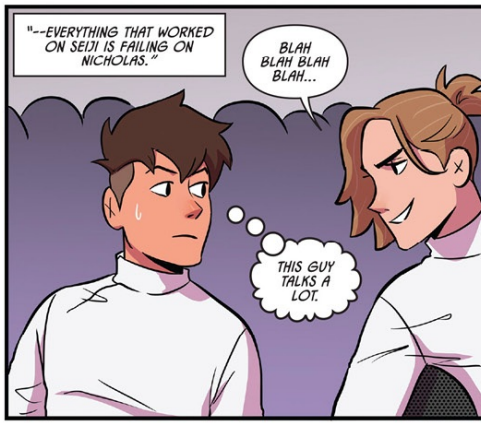
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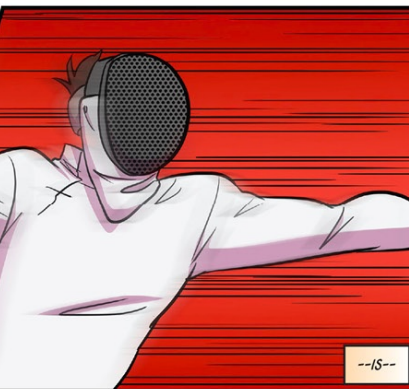
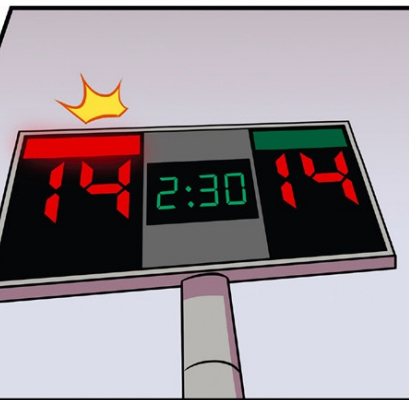
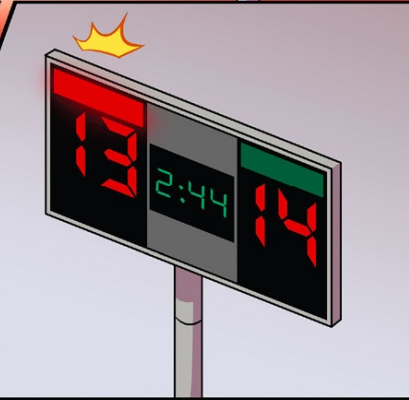
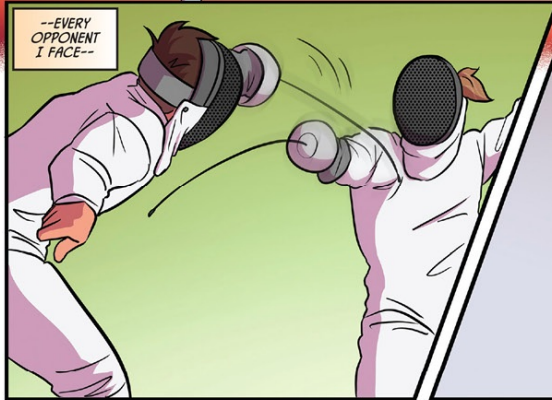
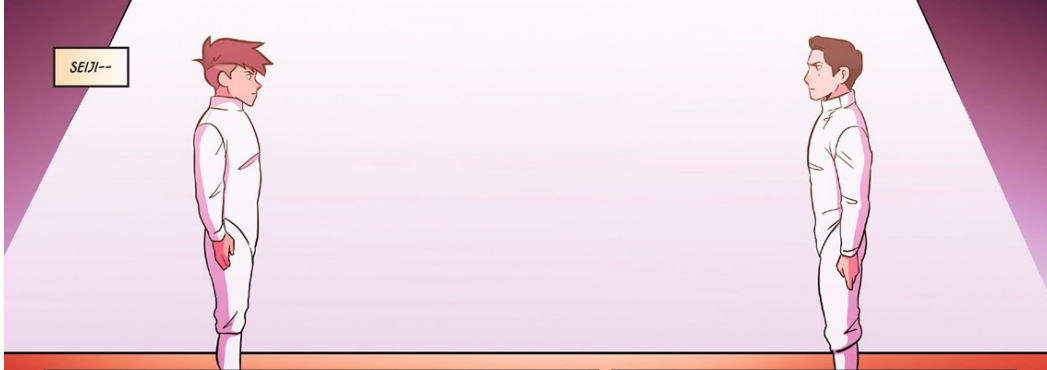


BUT SOMETIMES--











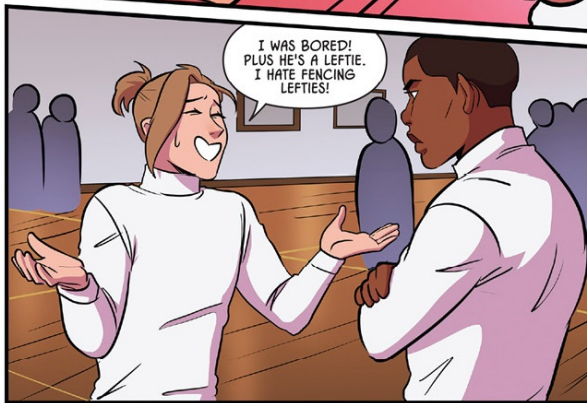
NICHOLAS!
HOW WAS THE
MATCH?



IT
WAS--

WINNER!
NICHOLAS COX

NO WAY!
YOU BEAT
AIDEN?!



I WAS BORED!
PLUS HE'S A LEFTIE.
I HATE FENCING
LEFTIES!

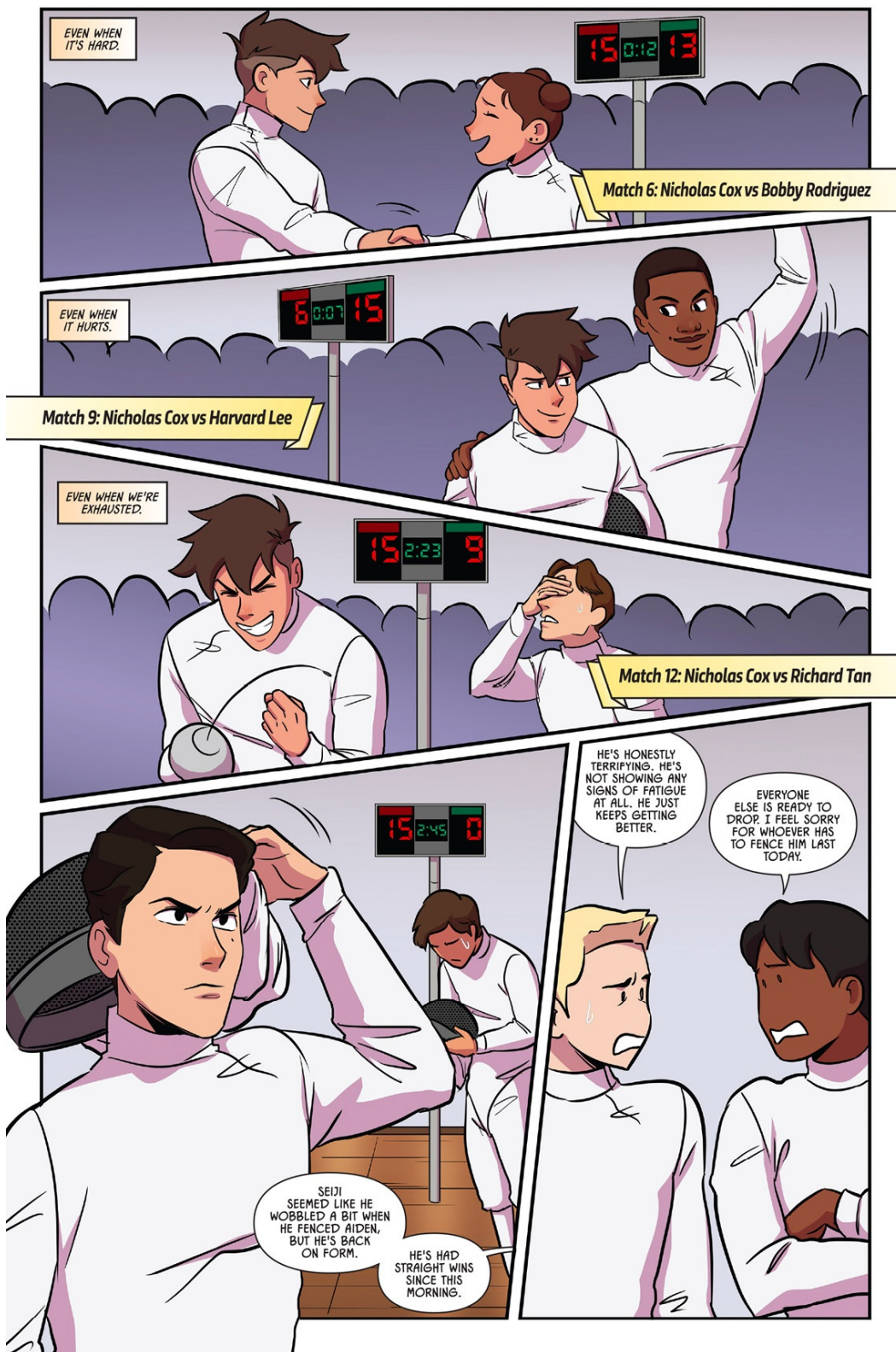


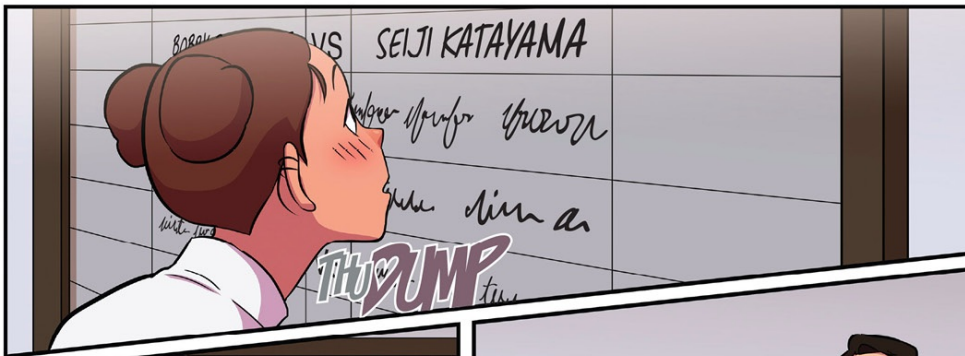
IT FEELS
GOOD TO HAVE
TWO WINS, BUT I
CAN'T GET
COCKY.

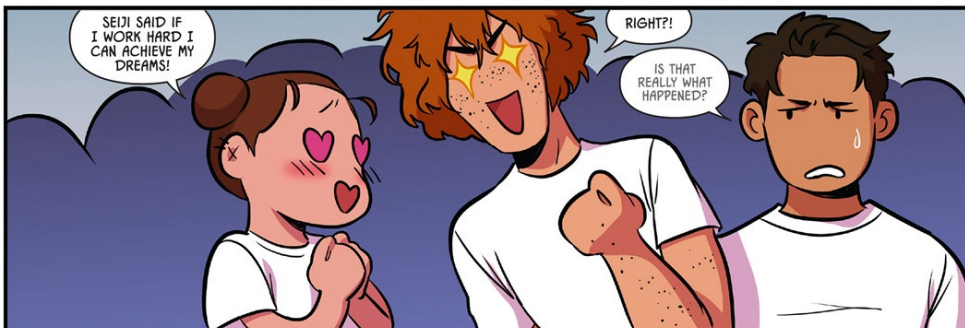
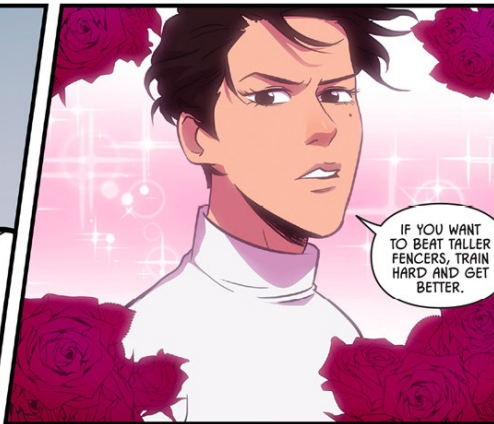
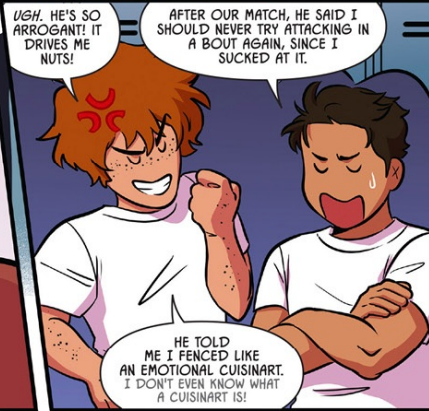
THERE ARE
TWENTY-FOUR MATCHES,
RUN OVER THREE DAYS.
TODAY IS DAY TWO.



COACH
WAS RIGHT, I HAVE
TO STAY FOCUSED.
WE ALL DO.









13	RICHARD TAN	HARVARD LEE	6	15
13	BOBBY RODRIGUEZ	SEIJI KATAYAMA	0	15
13	AIDEN KANE	PIP PARS	15	3
13	KALLY JENNINS	MADSEN HILLSTROM	15	13
13	BOBBY		6	15
13	STEVE	ZACH	14	15
13	NATHAN		15	9



RANKINGS

End of Day 2

UNDEFEATED



--NICHOLAS?!?

HARVARD LEE

ONE LOSS



SEIJI KATAYAMA
Lost to: Aiden Kane



AIDEN KANE
Lost to: Nicholas Cox

TWO LOSSES



NICHOLAS COX
Lost to: Eugene Labao,
Harvard Lee



EUGENE LABAO
Lost to: Seiji Katayama,
Aiden Kane



TANNER REED
Lost to: Seiji Katayama,
Kally Jenkins

THREE OR MORE LOSSES



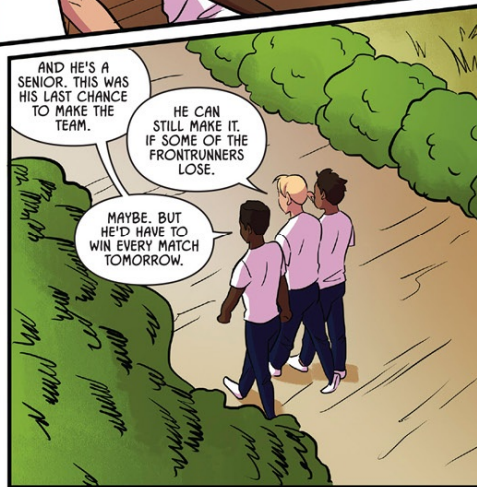
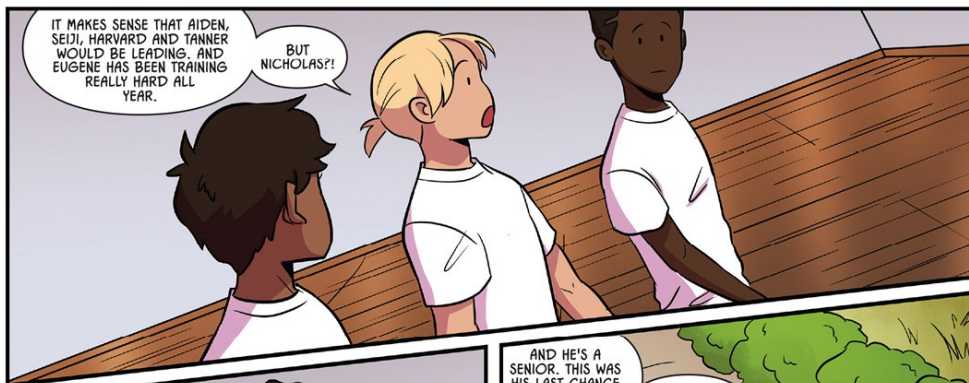
BOBBY RODRIGUEZ
Three losses

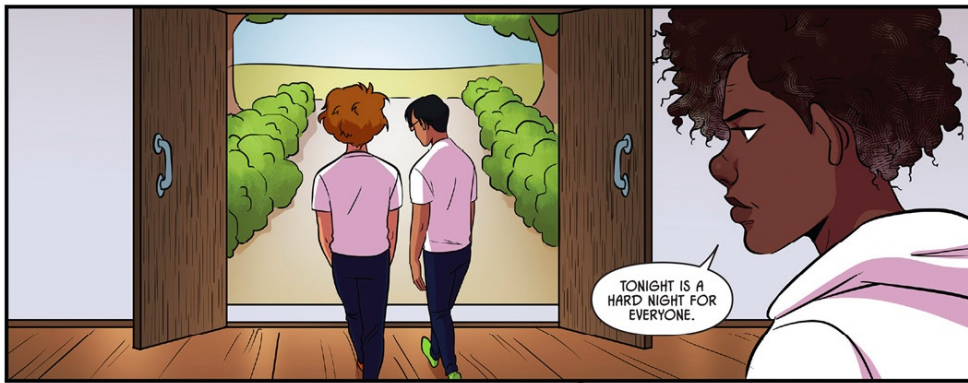


JAY JONES
Three losses



KALLY JENKINS
Four losses





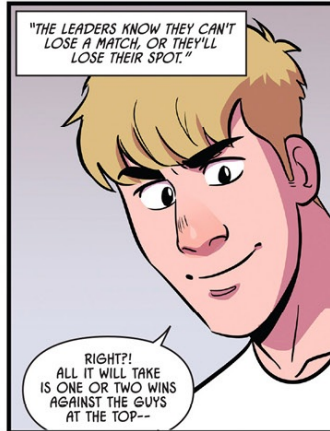
TONIGHT IS A
HARD NIGHT FOR
EVERYONE.



"AND THE PRESSURE WILL ONLY
INCREASE TOMORROW."

I'M
ALREADY AT
FIVE LOSSES. I
FEEL LIKE IT'S
OVER--

IT'S NOT
OVER! EVERY ONE
OF US HAS A CHANCE TO
BEAT A FRONTRUNNER
AND CAUSE AN UPSET
TOMORROW.



"THE LEADERS KNOW THEY CAN'T
LOSE A MATCH, OR THEY'LL
LOSE THEIR SPOT."

RIGHT?!
ALL IT WILL TAKE
IS ONE OR TWO WINS
AGAINST THE GUYS
AT THE TOP--



"WHILE OTHERS JUST NEED ONE WIN TO
TAKE THAT SPOT FOR THEMSELVES."

--AND
WE'RE ALL
BACK IN WITH
A SHOT!



"TONIGHT, THEY'LL EACH DEAL
WITH IT IN THEIR OWN WAYS."

gonna warm
down then hit
a protein
shake.

and to denirose
wrestling too
out of my life







I COULD TELL FROM YOUR TEXT YOU WERE MOPING.

I'M NOT MOPING!



WHAT IS IT? C'MON, SPILL.

IT'S NOTHING. IT'S STUPID. I'M JUST NERVOUS ABOUT TOMORROW.



NERVOUS? YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WITH STRAIGHT WINGS.

MY FIRST MATCH TOMORROW IS AGAINST SEIJI.



I KNOW HE'S BETTER THAN ME, IT'S JUST--

--I'M A SENIOR AND I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE TEAM CAPTAIN, YOU KNOW? IT'S TOUGH TO LOSE TO A FRESHMAN IN FRONT OF EVERYONE.



I TOLD YOU IT WAS STUPID.

HARVARD--



AFTER SEIJI BEATS ME, NO ONE WILL DOUBT THAT HE'S EARNED HIS PLACE.

HE WON'T GET ANY HAZING OR ANY TROUBLE. SO THAT'S--THAT'S GOOD.



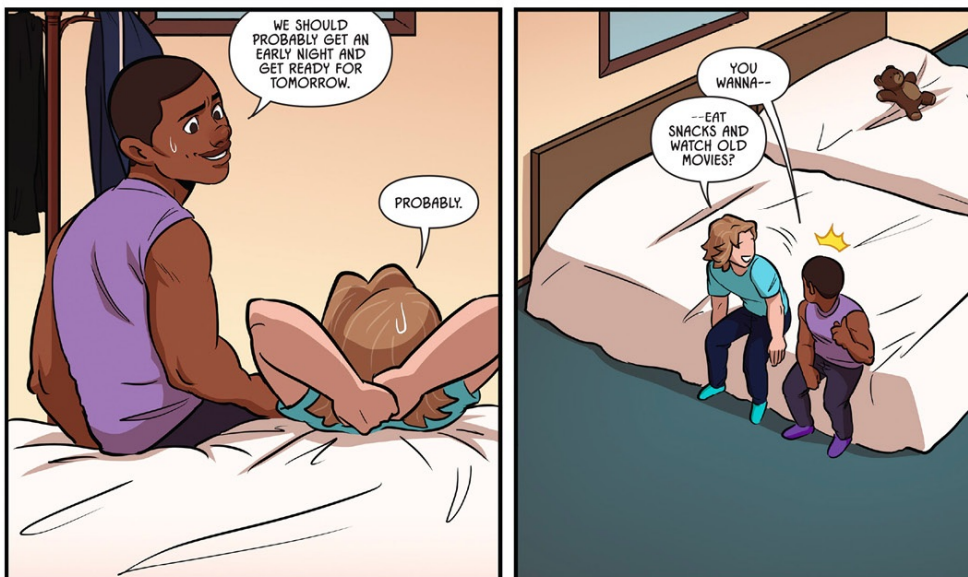
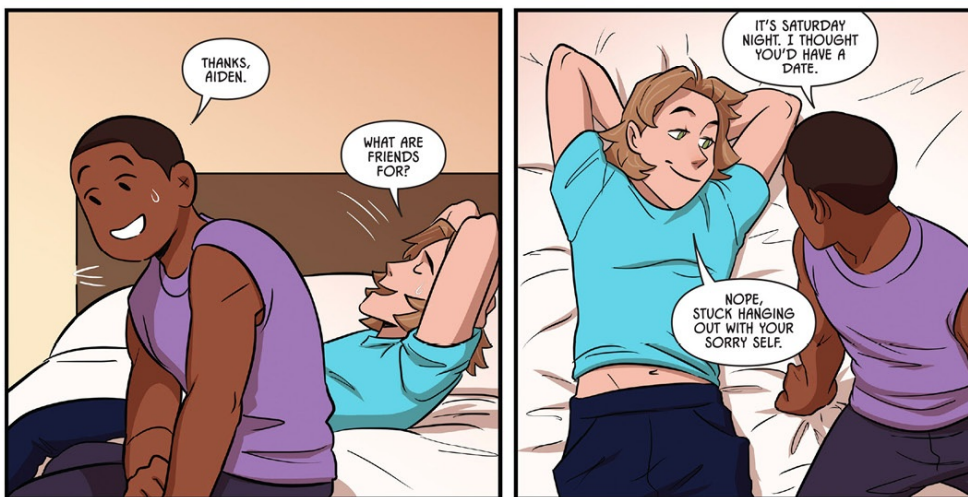
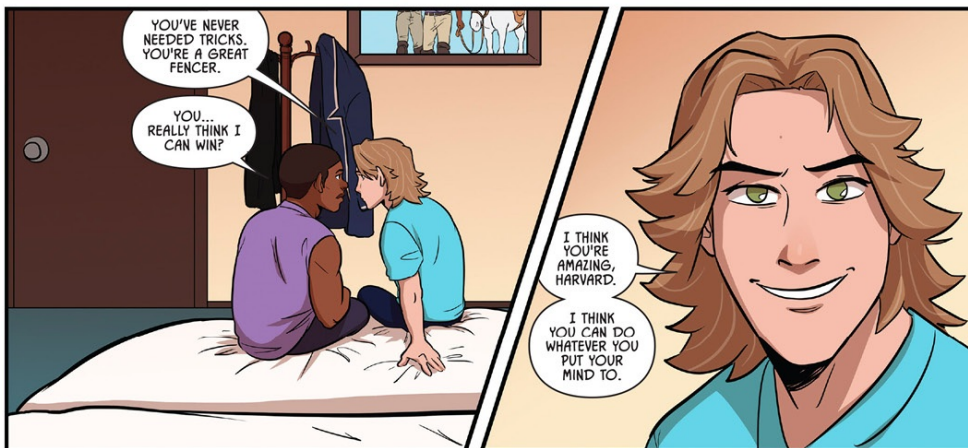
YOU'RE TALKING LIKE YOU KNOW HE'S GOING TO BEAT YOU.

WELL, YEAH.



HE DIDN'T BEAT ME.

NOT EVERYONE HAS YOUR WAY WITH WORDS.



"BECAUSE TOMORROW..."



ATTACK HIS
BODY, NOT HIS
SWORD!

IF YOU
AIM FOR HIS
SWORD HE'S
OBVIOUSLY GOING
TO BLOCK
YOU!

LOOK AT THAT
OVEREXTENSION--
COME ON, HE'S
WIDE OPEN!

YOU'LL
NEVER GET
THROUGH IF YOU
JUST KEEP WAVING
IT AROUND LIKE
THAT!



"...TOMORROW
WILL CHANGE
EVERYTHING."

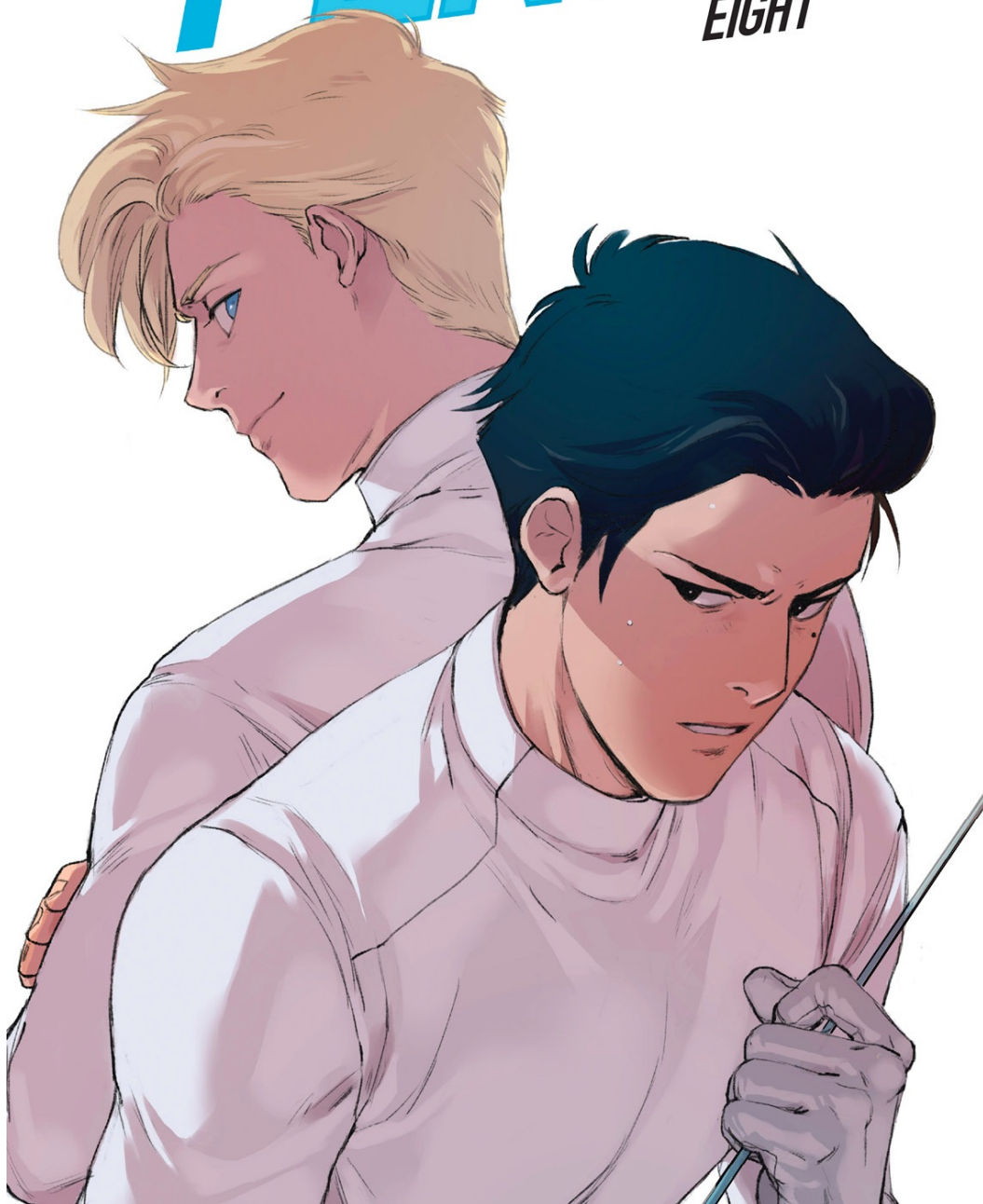
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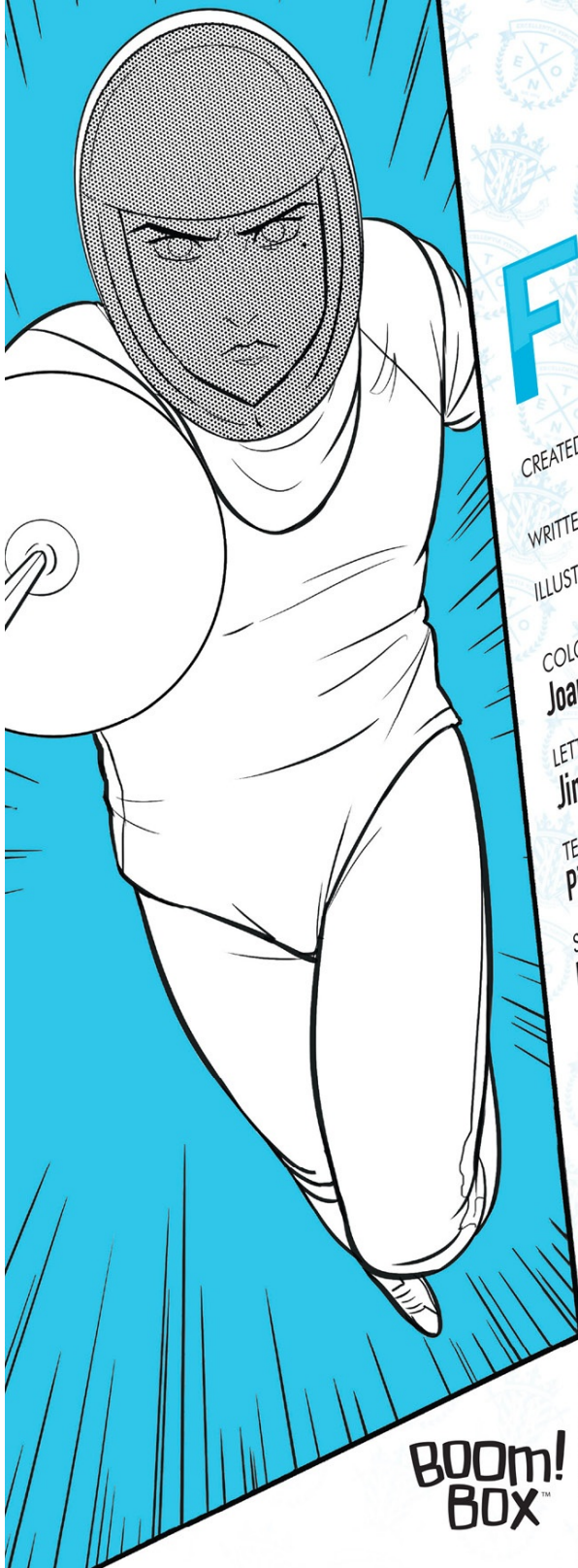
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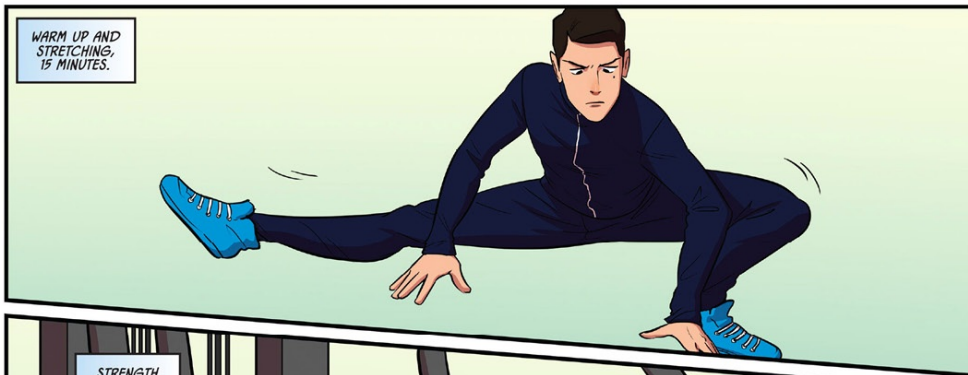
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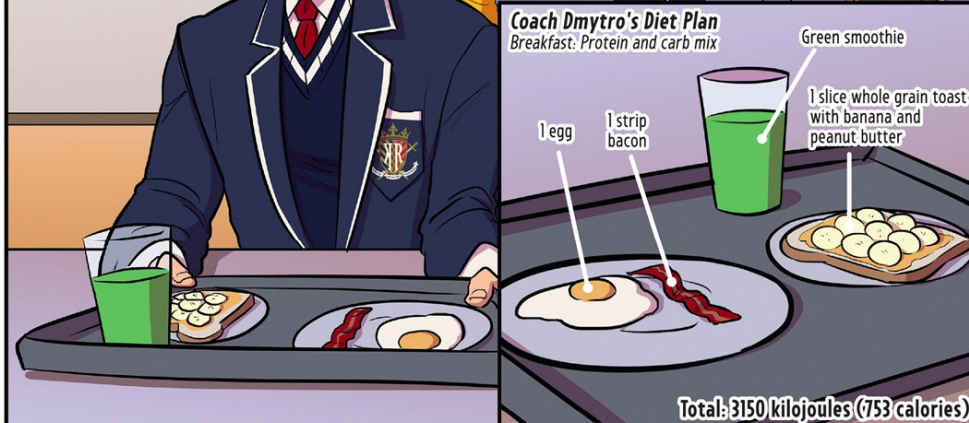
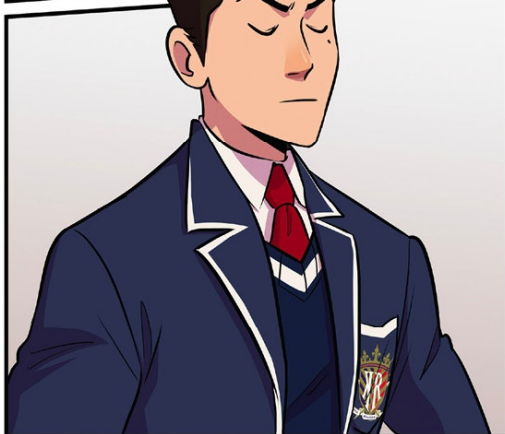
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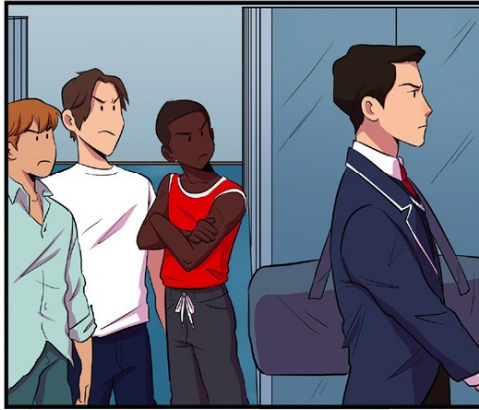
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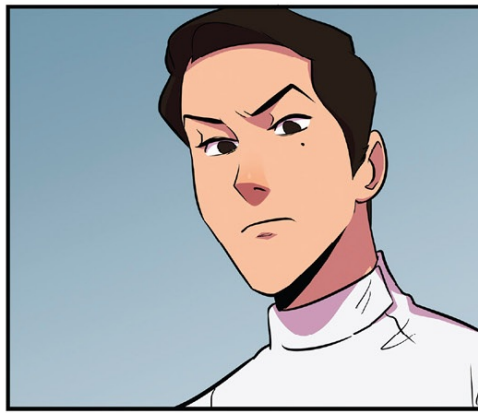
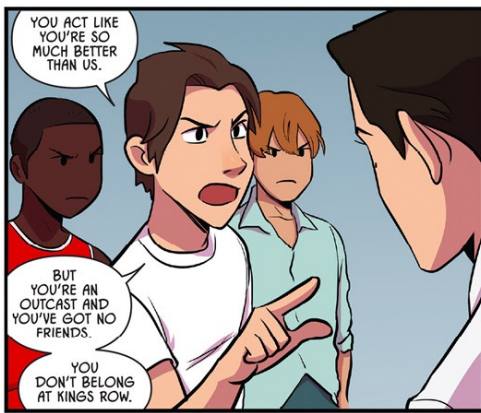




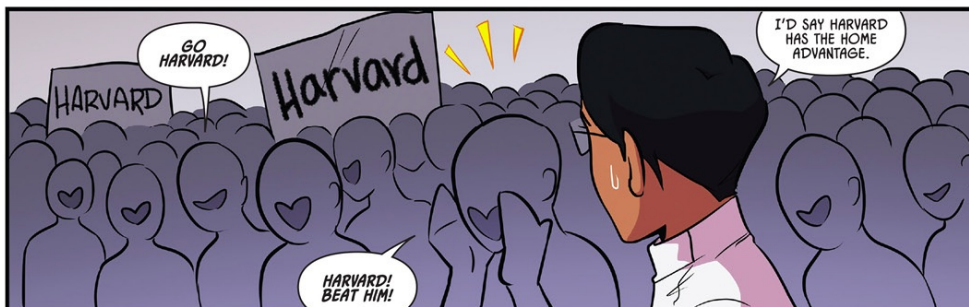
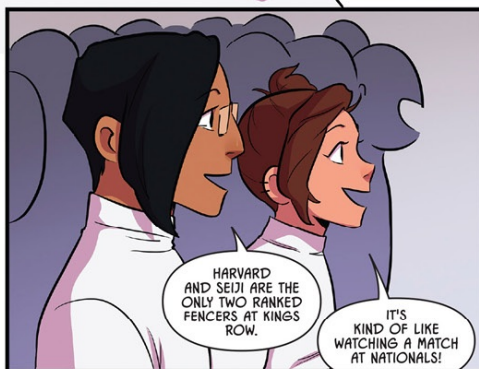
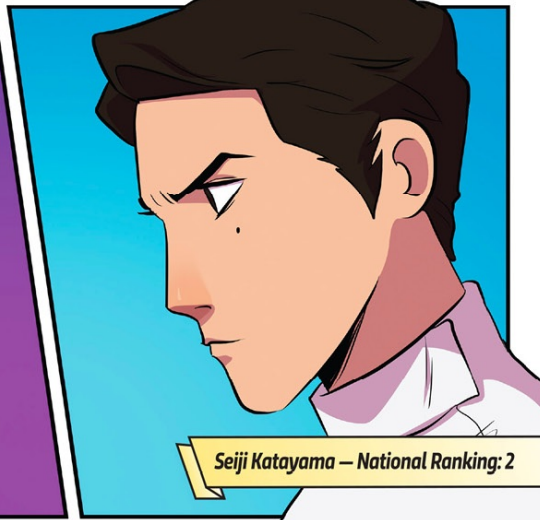
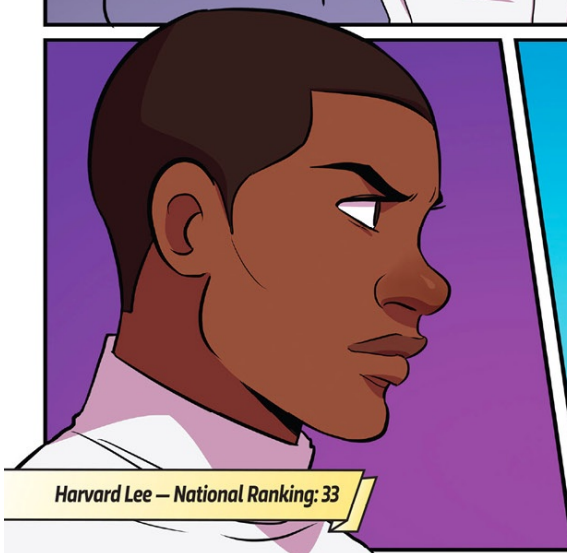
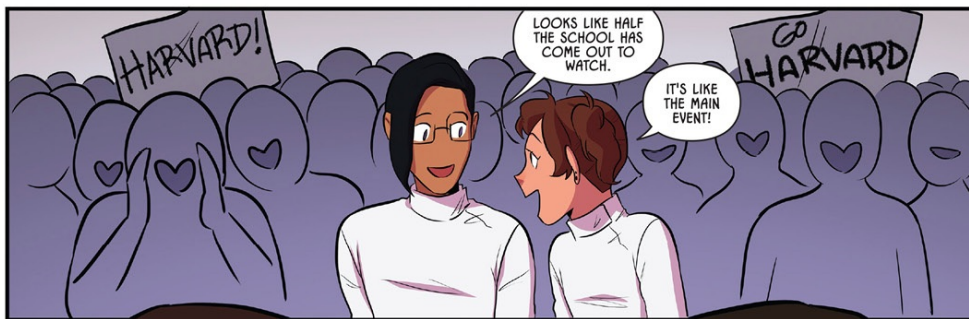




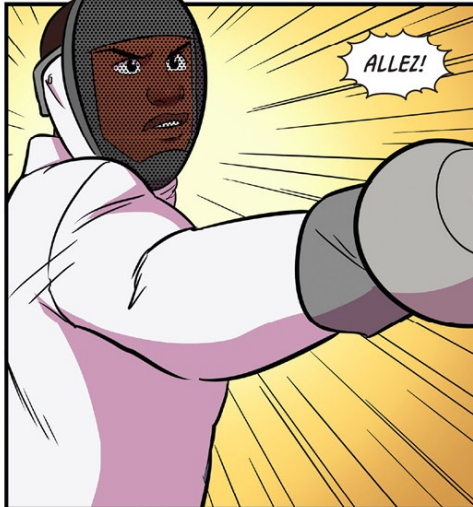
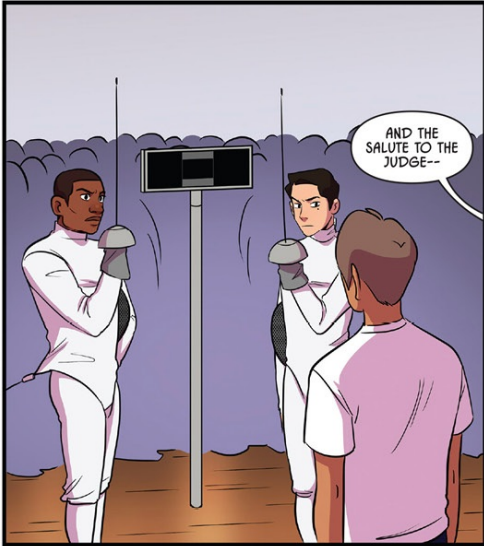
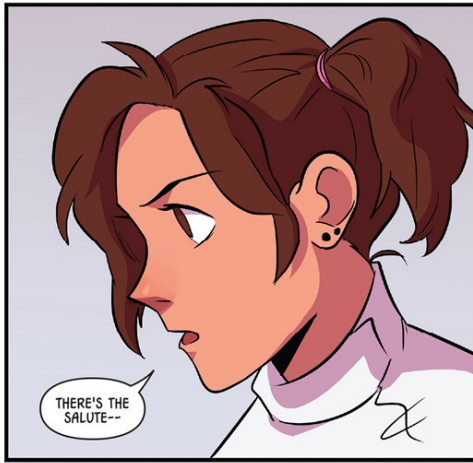
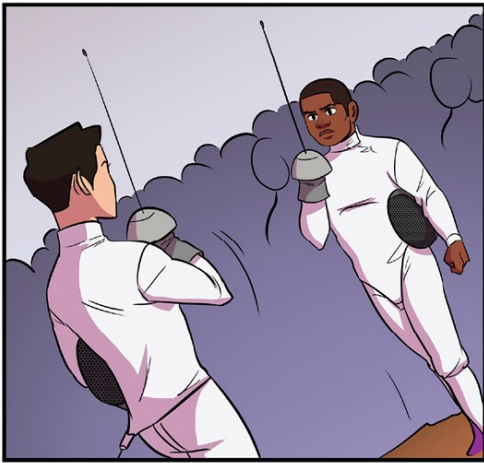


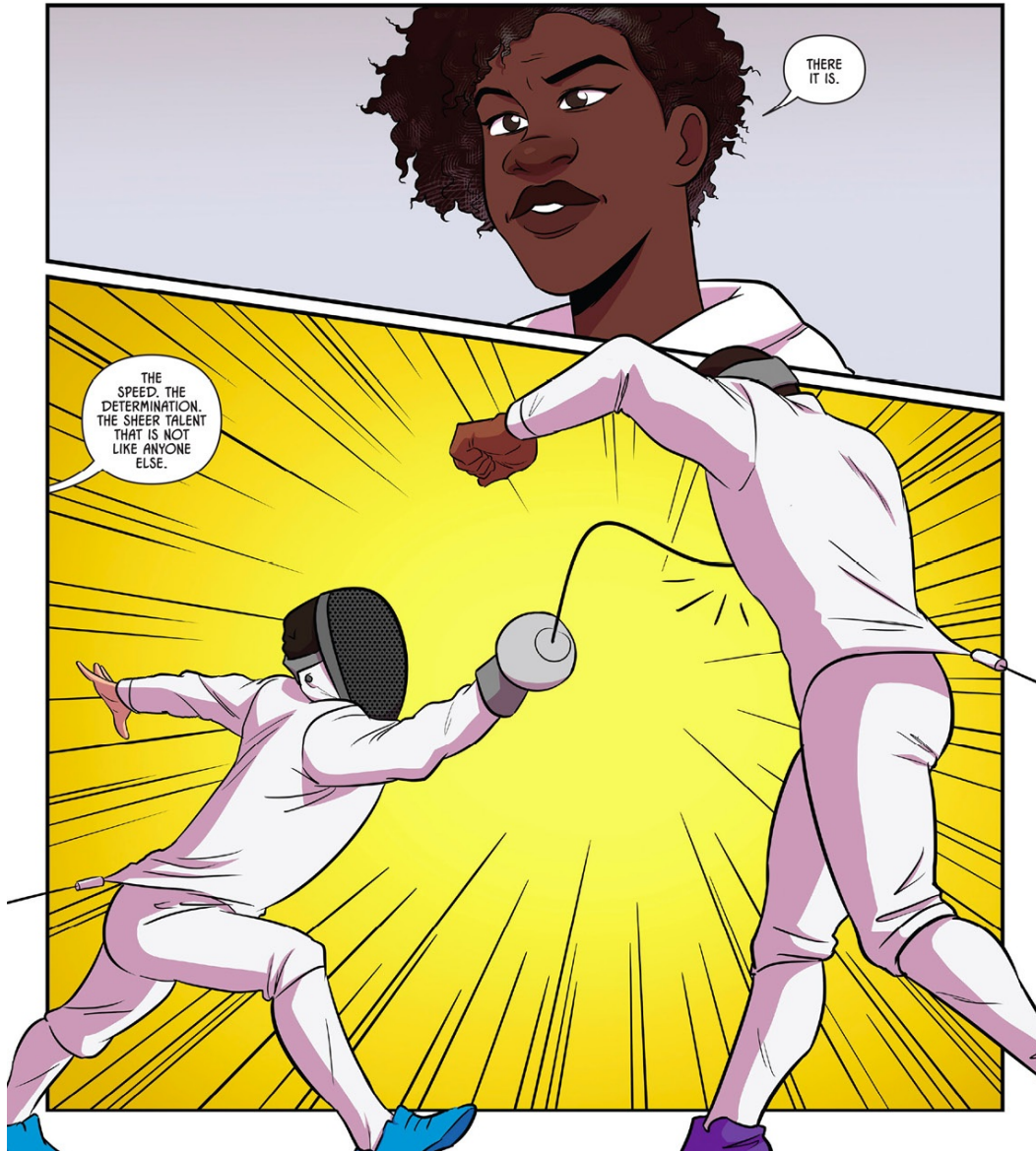






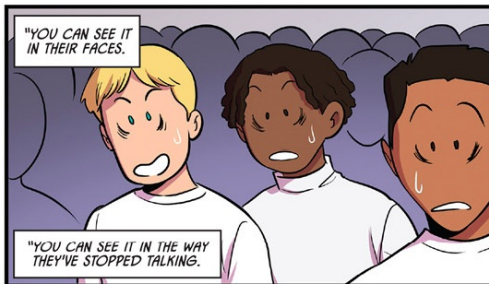






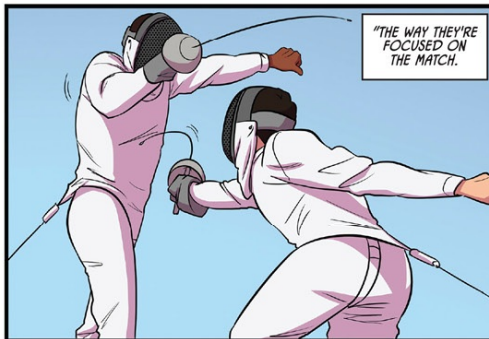


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BEGINNING TO
UNDERSTAND.

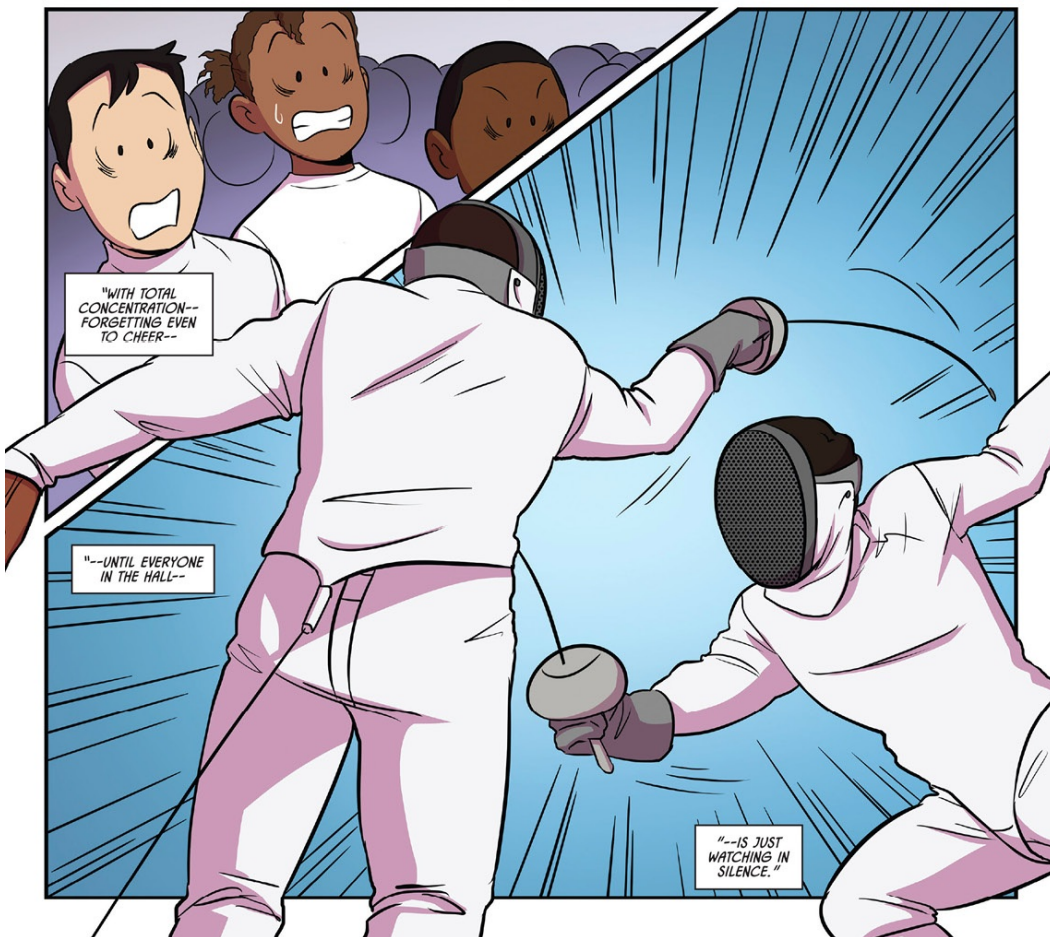


"YOU CAN SEE IT
IN THEIR FACES.

"YOU CAN SEE IT IN THE WAY
THEY'VE STOPPED TALKING.



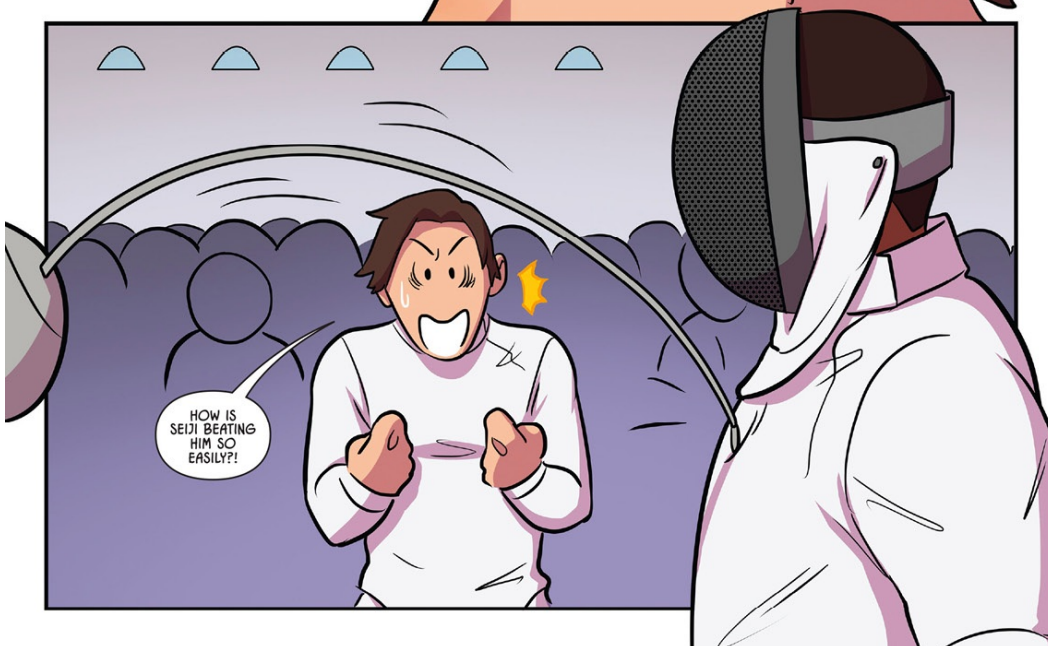
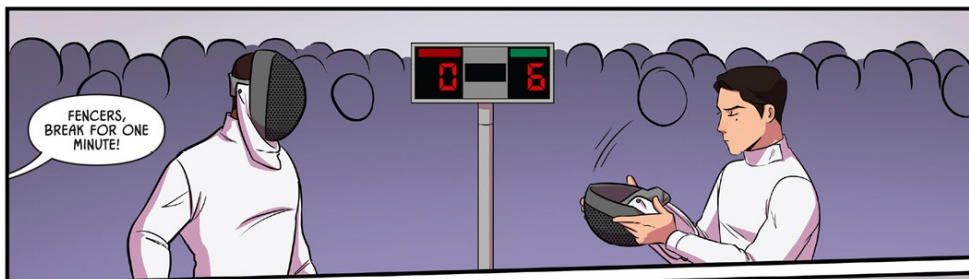
"THE WAY THEY'RE
FOCUSED ON
THE MATCH.

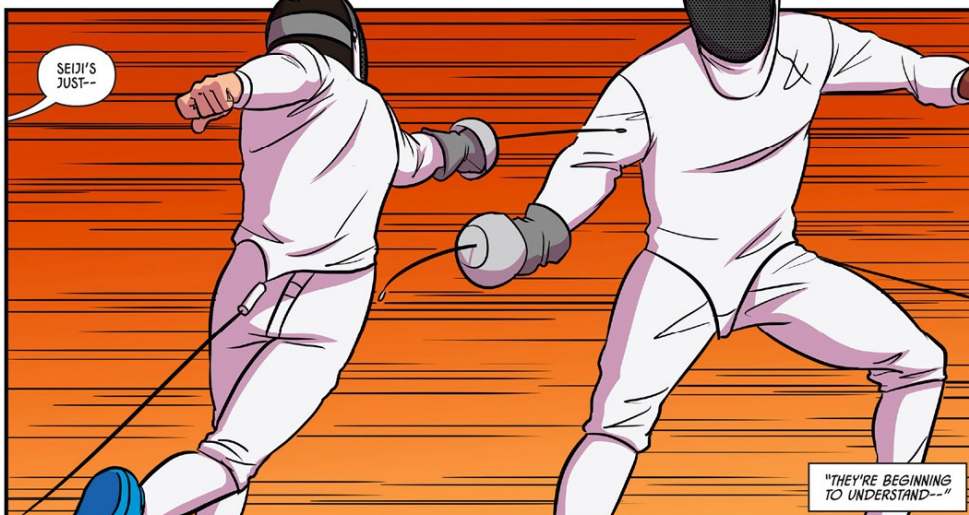
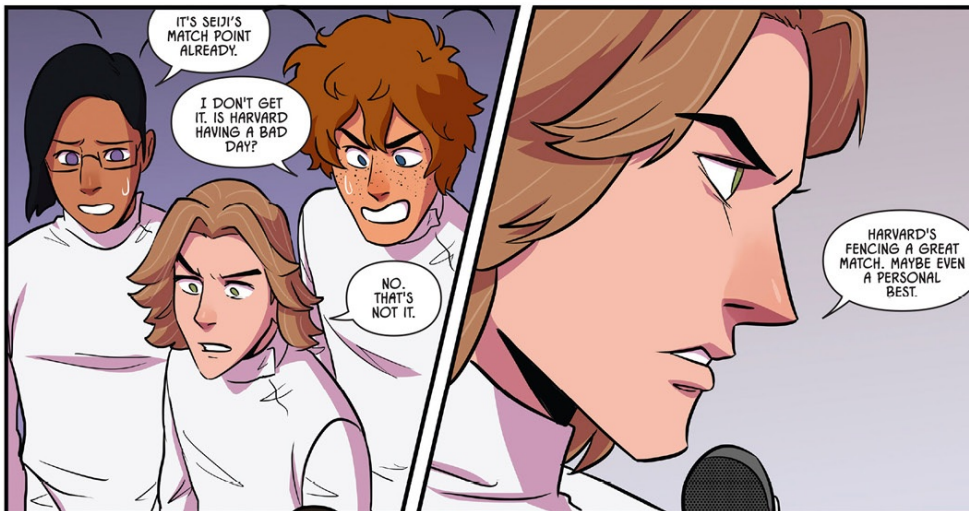
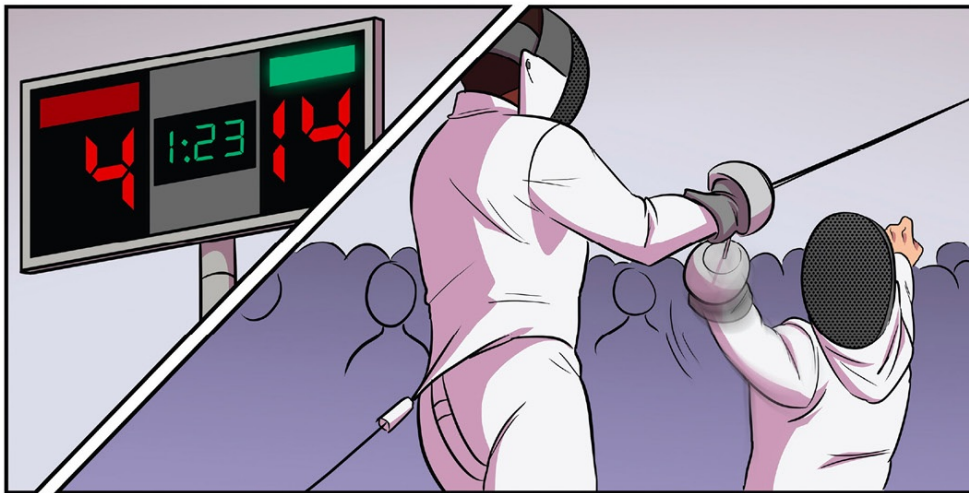


"WITH TOTAL
CONCENTRATION--
FORGETTING EVEN
TO CHEER--

"--UNTIL EVERYONE
IN THE HALL--

"--IS JUST
WATCHING IN
SILENCE."





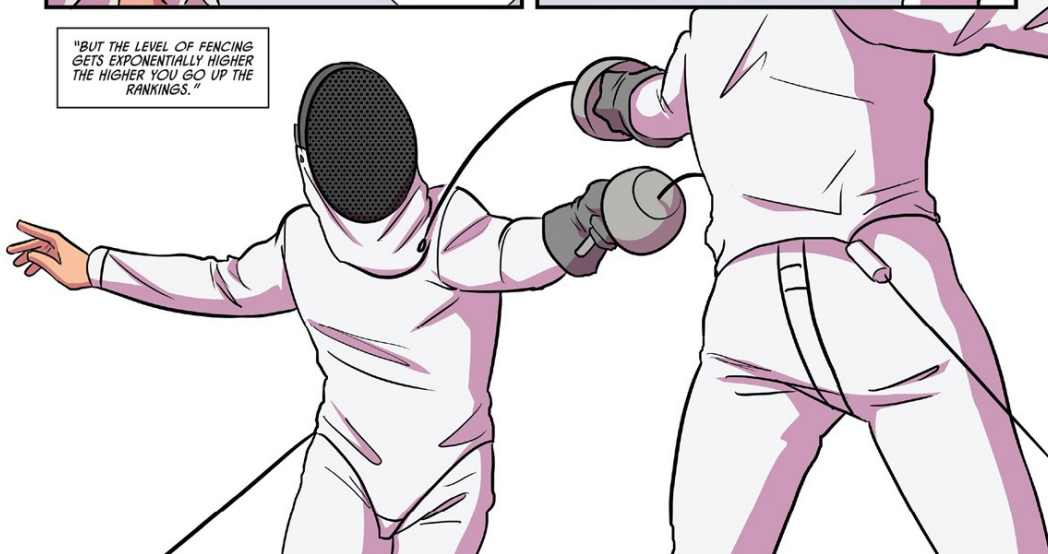
"...JUST HOW GOOD
SEIJI REALLY IS."

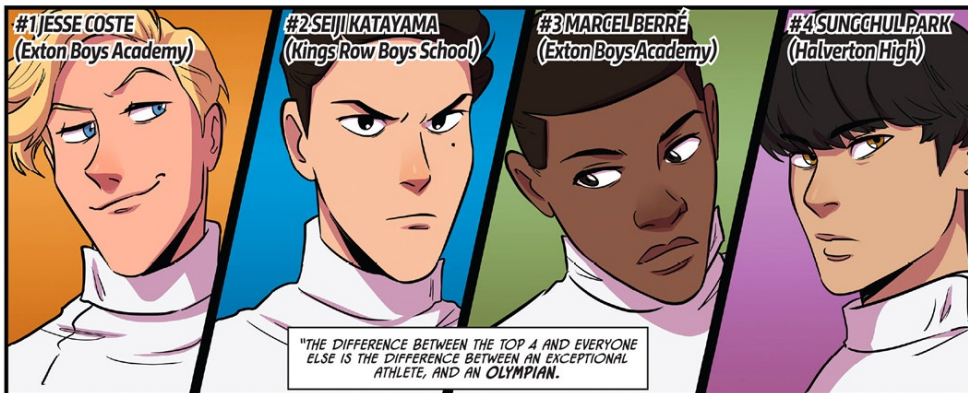


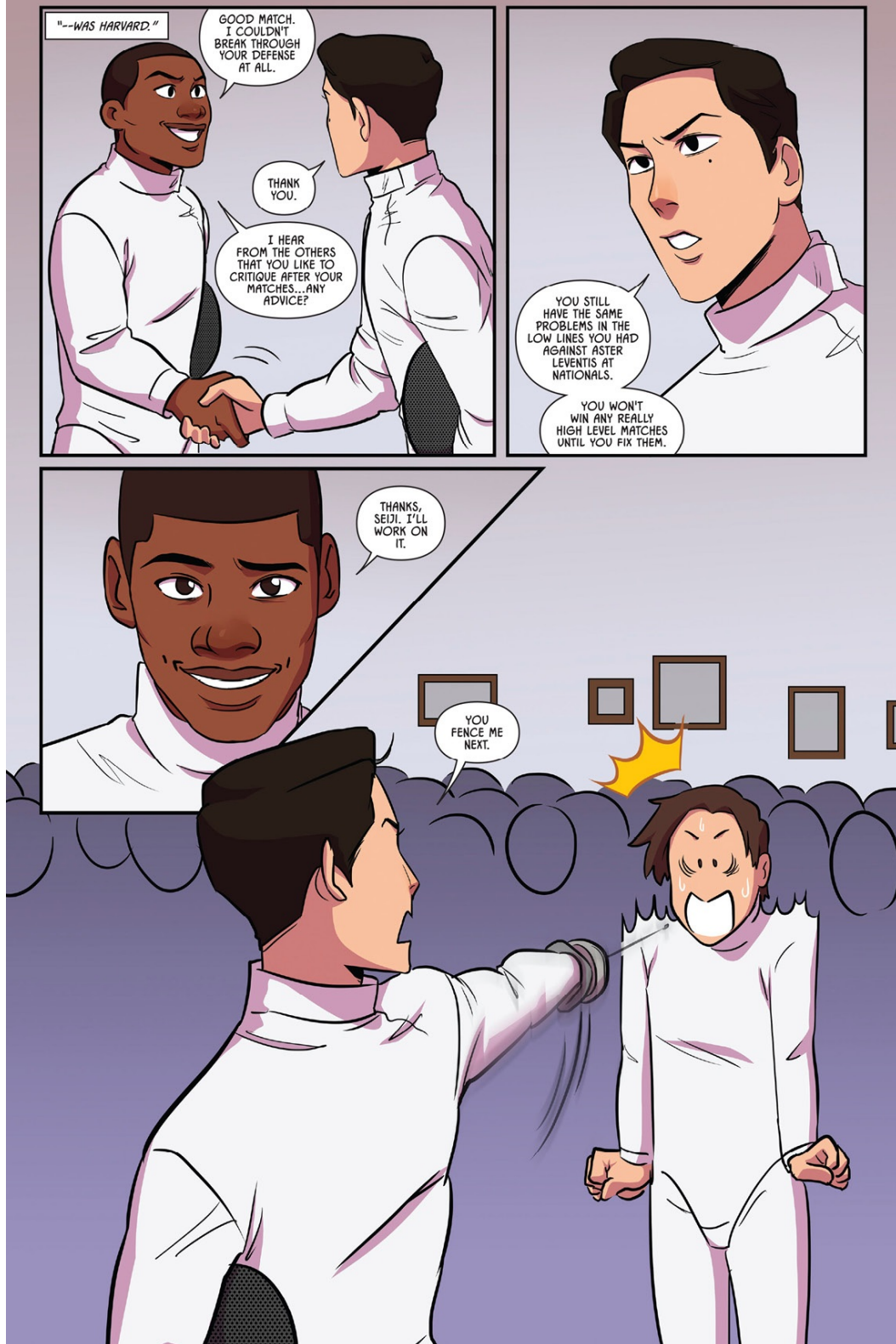
WINNER!
SEIJI KATAYAMA



"BUT THE LEVEL OF FENCING GETS EXPONENTIALLY HIGHER THE HIGHER YOU GO UP THE RANKINGS."







"NOW THAT THEY
UNDERSTAND HIS
SKILL, THEY'LL TREAT
HIM DIFFERENTLY."

