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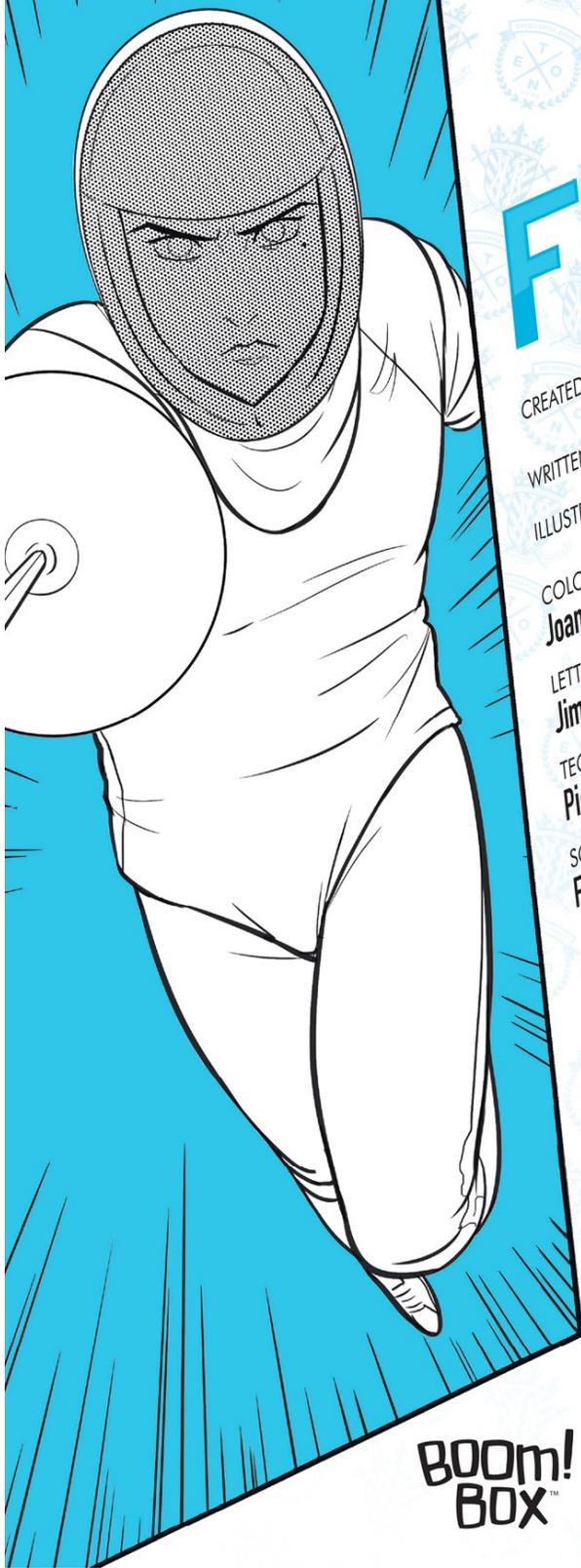
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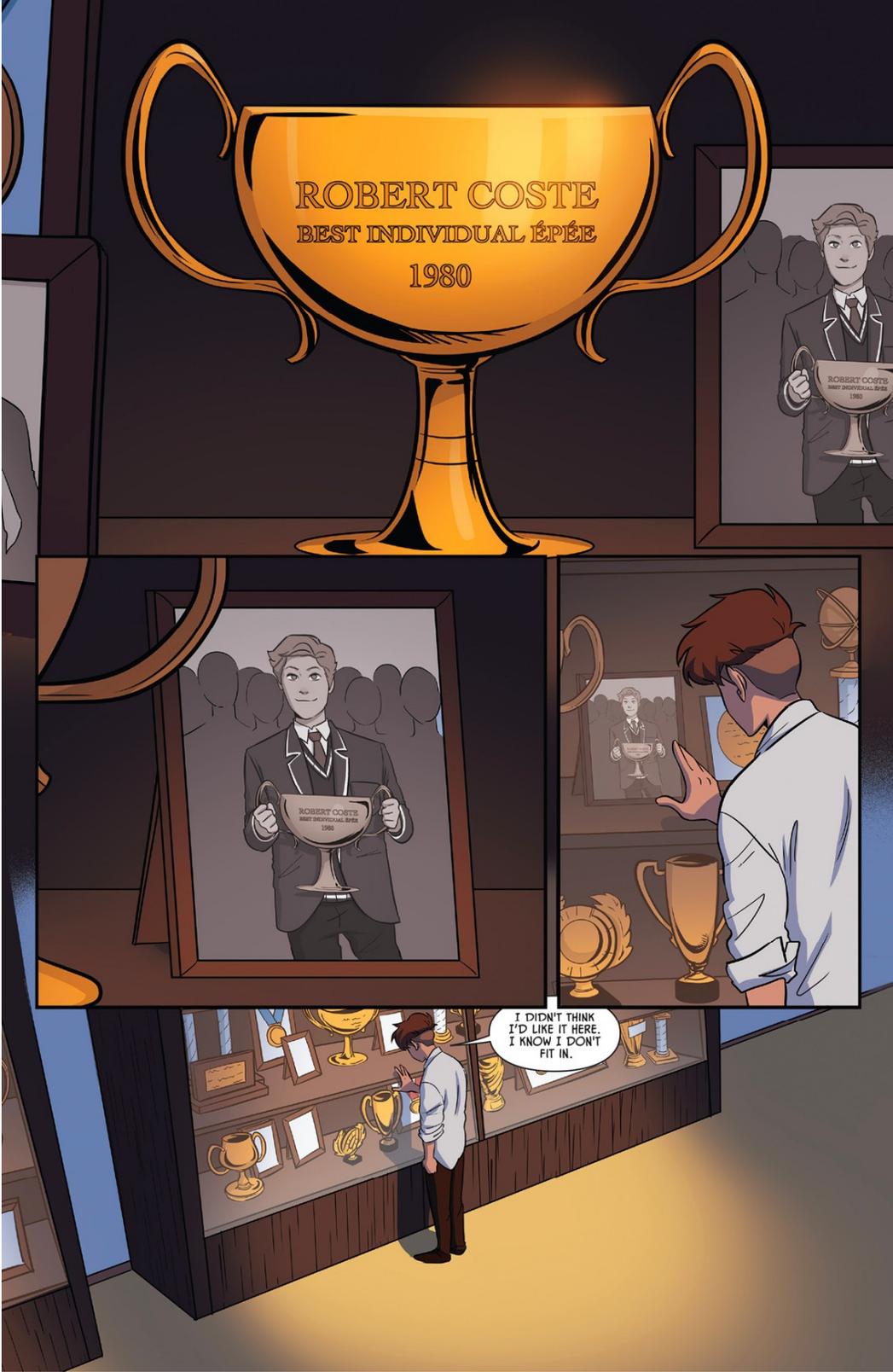
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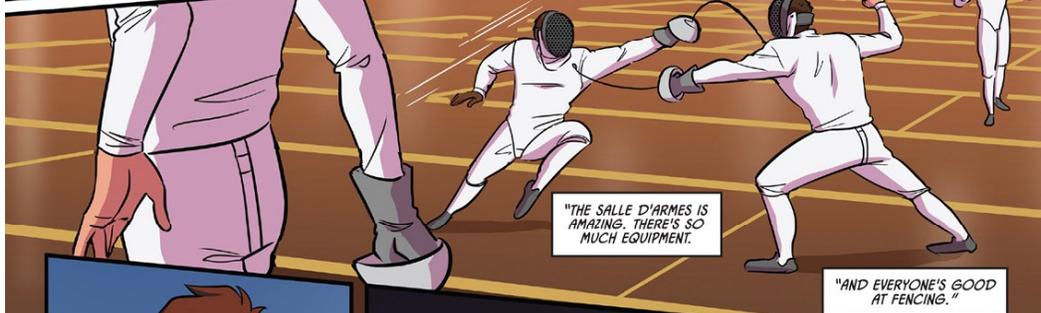
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"BUT THE BOYS ARE REALLY NICE."

Most of them.



"THE SALLE D'ARMES IS AMAZING. THERE'S SO MUCH EQUIPMENT."

"AND EVERYONE'S GOOD AT FENCING."



BETTER THAN ME.

I HAD A MATCH TODAY. I DIDN'T DO SO GREAT.



"I WAS TRYING, I JUST..."



"...COULDN'T..."



I KNOW YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT ANY OF THIS.

I JUST DON'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE I CAN--



ANYWAY.

I GUESS IT WON'T MATTER SOON. I WON'T BE HERE LONG.



I JUST WISH I COULD FENCE BETTER.

YOU KNOW, IT'S LONG PAST CURFEW.





"NICHOLAS. THE TEAM TRYOUTS ARE TWENTY-FOUR MATCHES LONG. FROM PAST YEARS, I CAN TELL YOU THAT IT IS VERY RARE FOR A BOY TO GO THROUGH UNDEFEATED."

"ANY ONE OF YOU MIGHT LOSE YOUR FIRST COUPLE OF BOUTS, AND GO ON TO WIN ALL THE REST."



"MENTAL ENDURANCE PLAYS A BIGGER ROLE THAN EARLY WINS."





I TOLD YOU THAT YOU HAD GOOD INSTINCTS, WHILE YOUR TECHNIQUE NEEDED WORK.

BUT YOU DIDN'T LOSE YOUR BOUT TODAY BECAUSE OF POOR TECHNIQUE.

"YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT FAILING IN THE EYES OF SOMEONE ELSE."



WHAT OTHERS THINK DOESN'T MATTER, NICHOLAS.

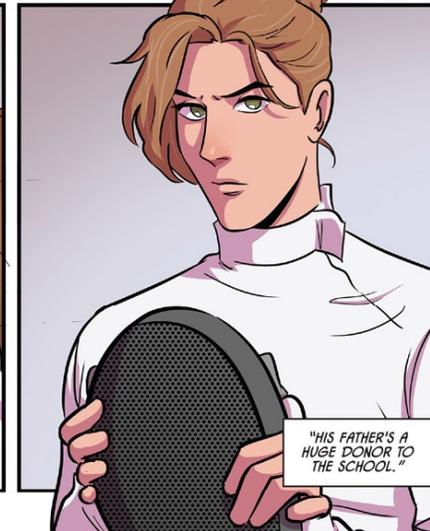
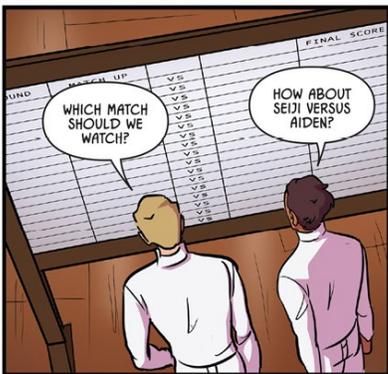


"WHEN YOU FENCE, DON'T THINK ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE MATCH."



"DON'T THINK ABOUT WINNING. WINNING IS A DISTRACTION."





LET'S SEE COACH'S COLD LITTLE FRESHMAN HEAT UP.

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?

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

WHICH MATCH SHOULD WE WATCH?

HOW ABOUT SEIJI VERSUS AIDEN?

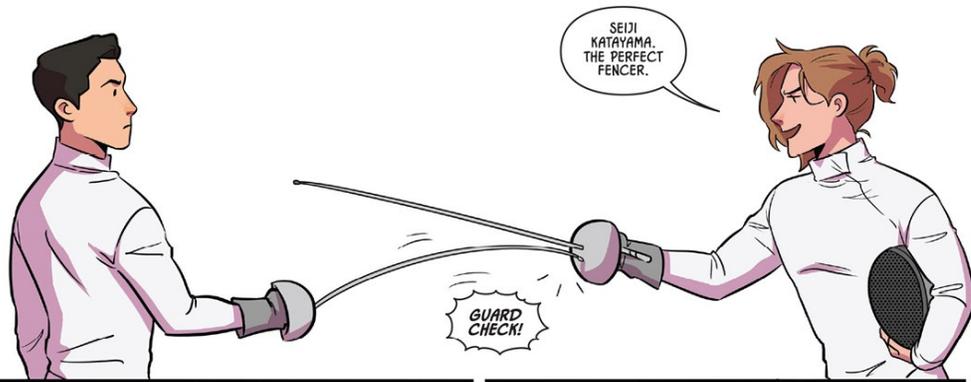
NO WAY! IT'LL BE TOTALLY ONE-SIDED. SEIJI WILL WIN BEFORE THE FIRST BREAK.

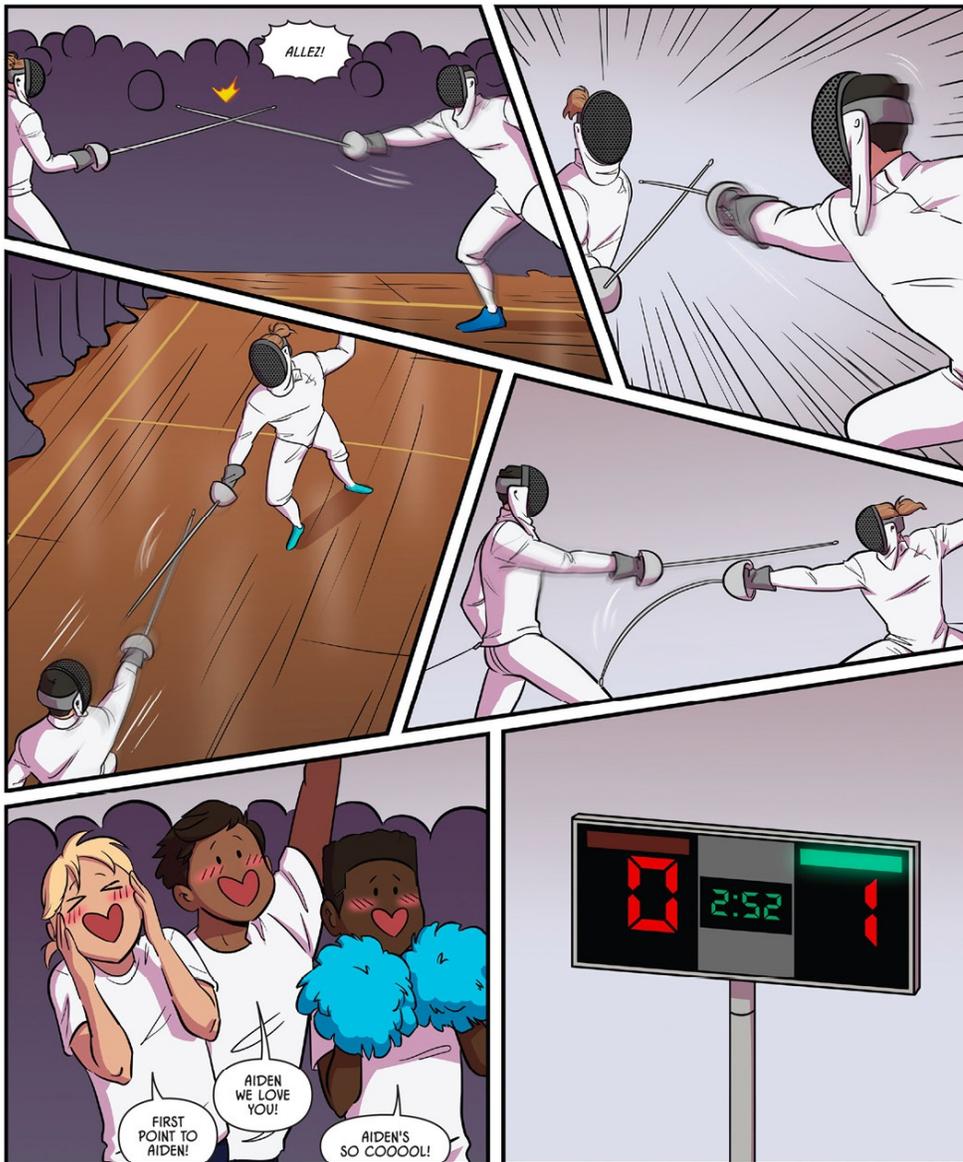
WASN'T AIDEN ON THE TEAM LAST YEAR?

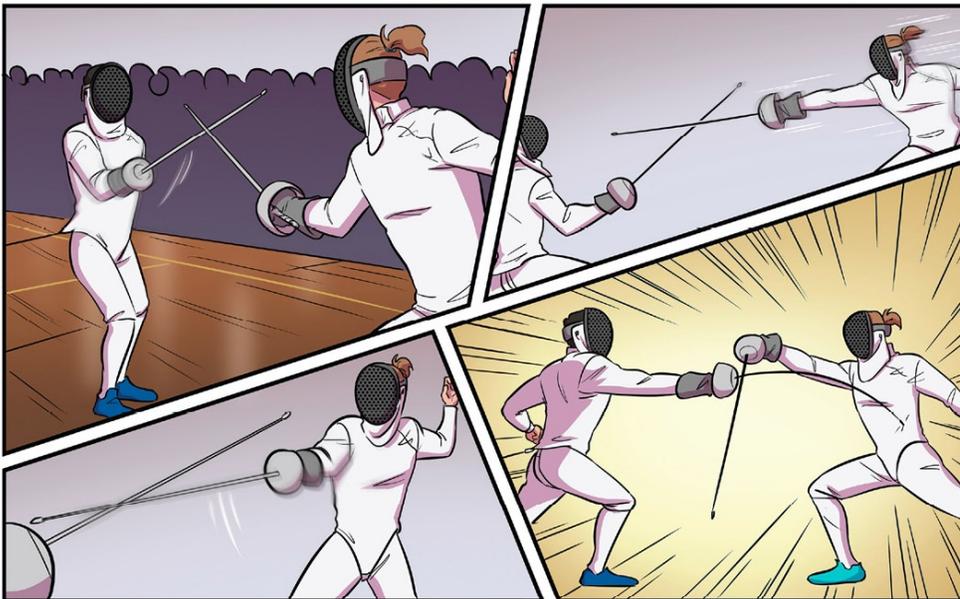
THAT MUST MEAN HE'S GOOD!

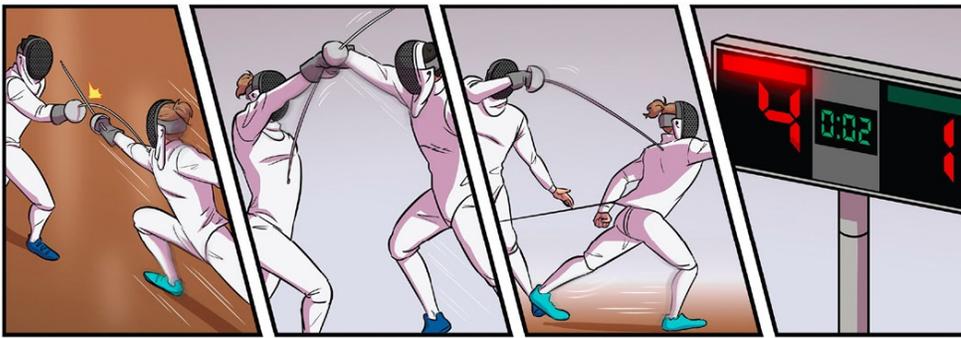
AIDEN ONLY MADE THE TEAM BECAUSE HE'S RICH.

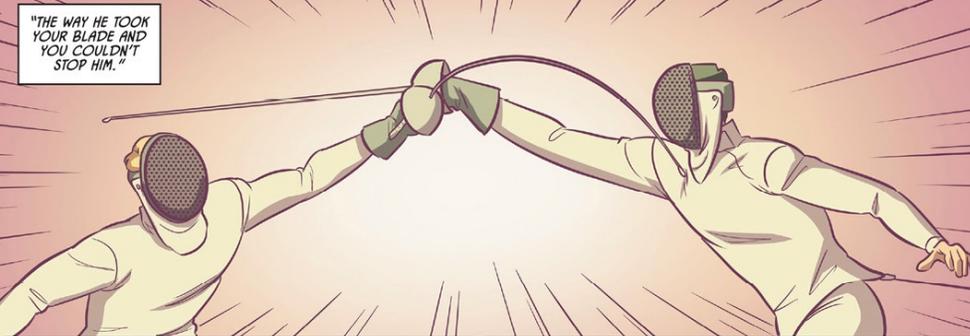
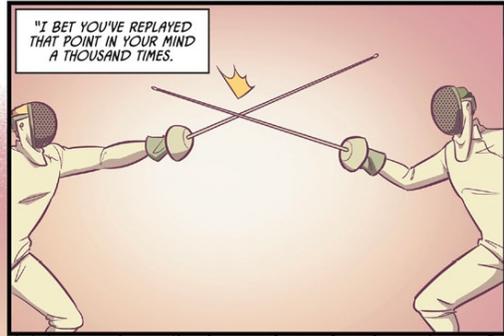
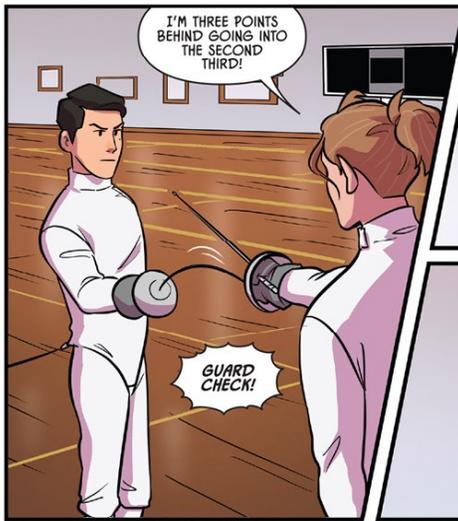
"HIS FATHER'S A HUGE DONOR TO THE SCHOOL."

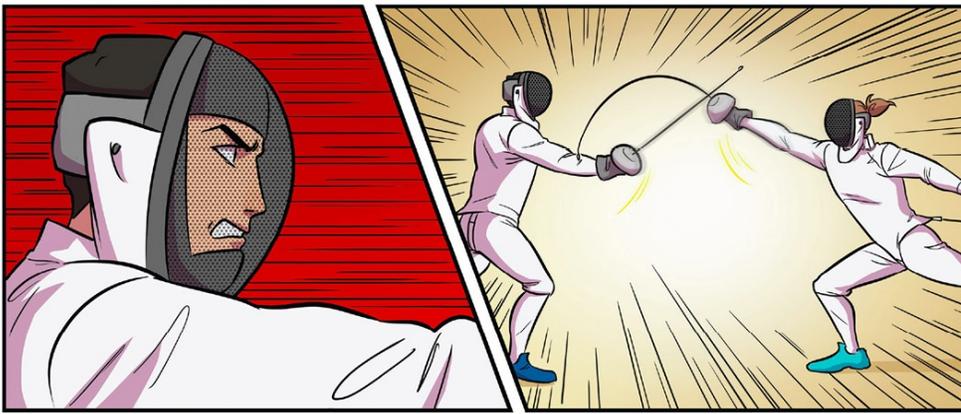


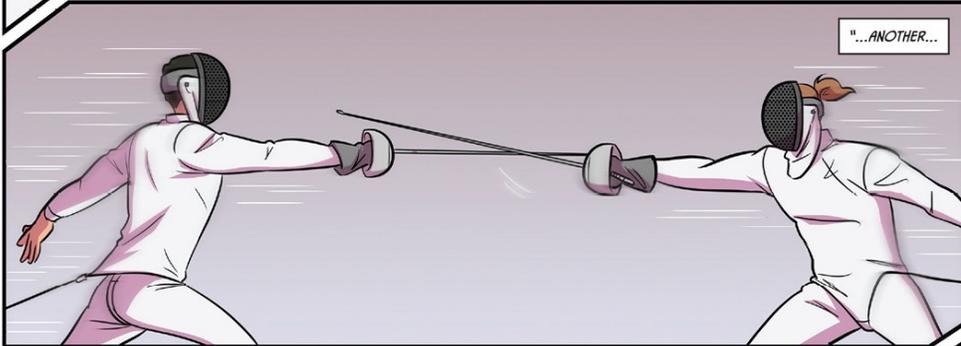
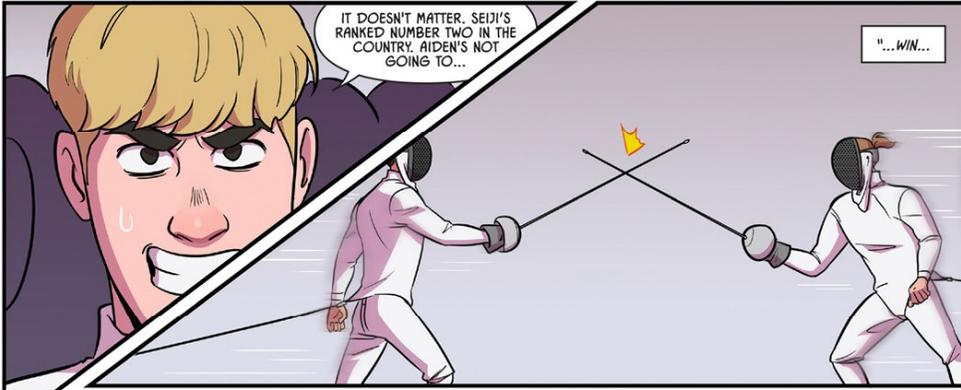
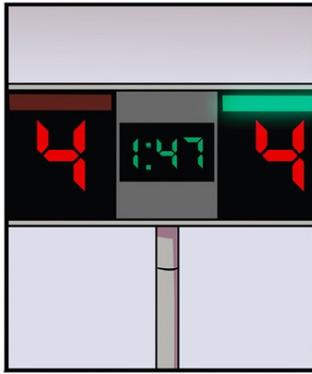






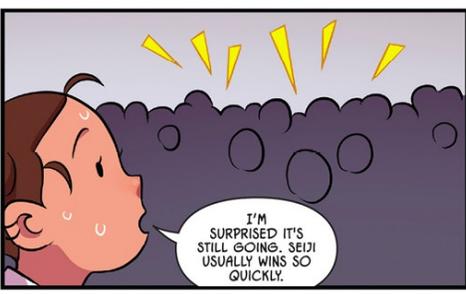




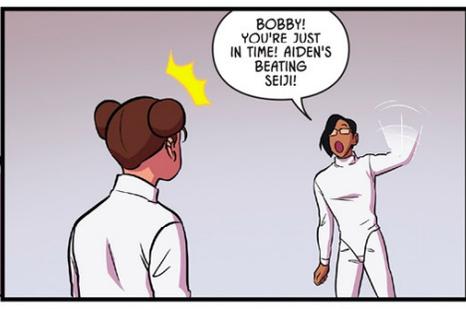




FINISHED!
I CAN'T WAIT TO
WATCH THE END OF
SEIJI'S MATCH.
SEIJI!



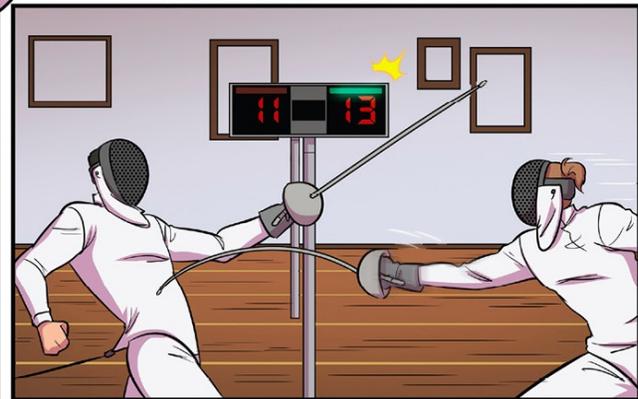
I'M
SURPRISED IT'S
STILL GOING. SEIJI
USUALLY WINS SO
QUICKLY.



BOBBY!
YOU'RE JUST
IN TIME! AIDEN'S
BEATING
SEIJI!



HUH? AIDEN'S...
AIDEN'S
WINNING?



AIDEN'S
ONLY TWO
POINTS AWAY
FROM A WIN!



SEIJI IS BARELY
HOLDING
ON.



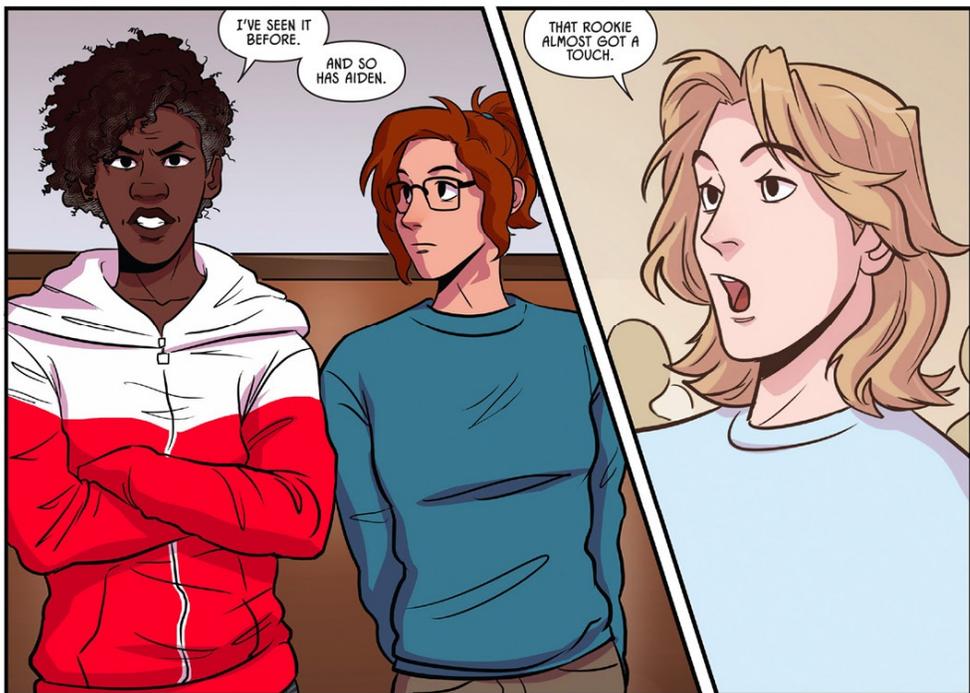


THIS IS WHY.
THIS IS WHY YOU SAID
SEIJI'S NOT READY YET.
THAT HE CAN'T BEAT
EXTON ALONE.



"THERE'S A
CRACK..."

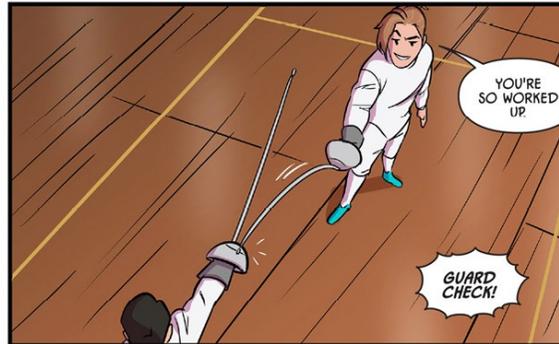
"...IN HIS
FOUNDATION."

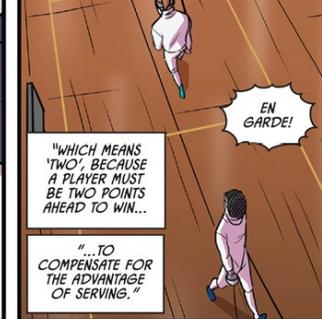


I'VE SEEN IT
BEFORE.

AND SO
HAS AIDEN.

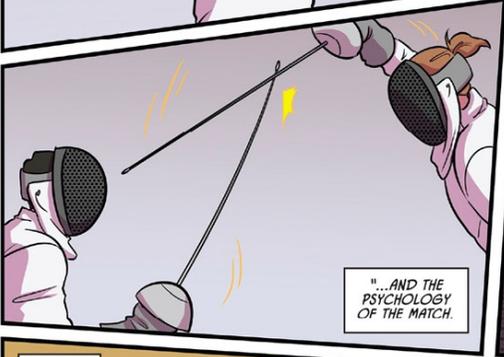
THAT ROOKIE
ALMOST GOT A
TOUCH.







"WHAT SEPARATES THEM IS JUST SKILL..."

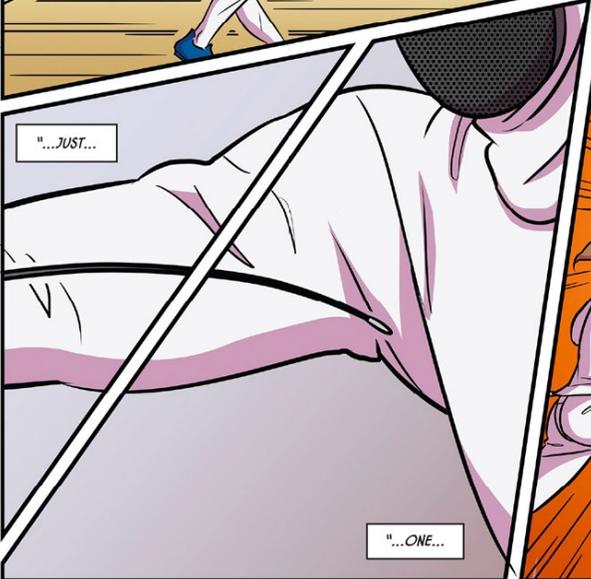
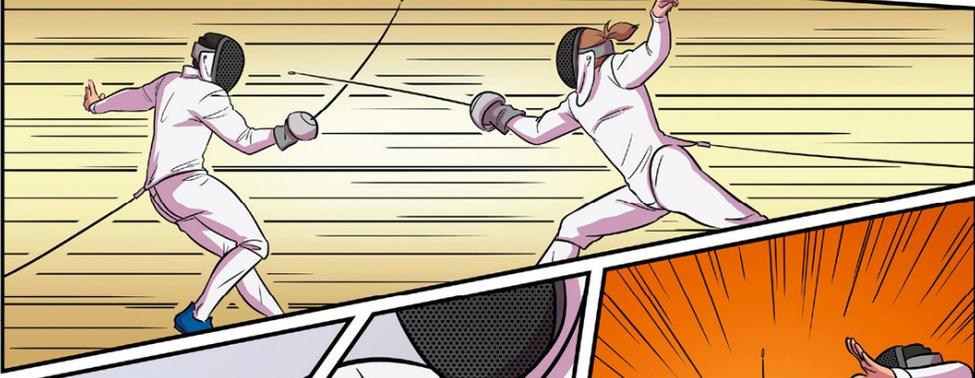


"...AND THE PSYCHOLOGY OF THE MATCH."



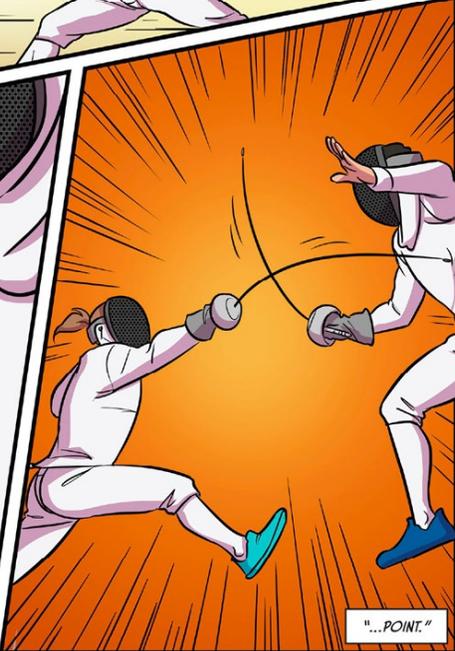
"THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WINNING AND LOSING..."

"...IS..."



"...JUST..."

"...ONE..."



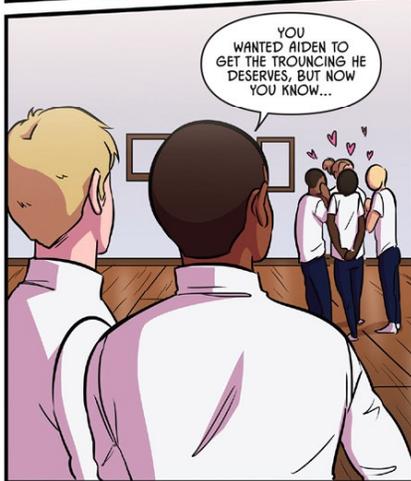
"...POINT."

14:20:15

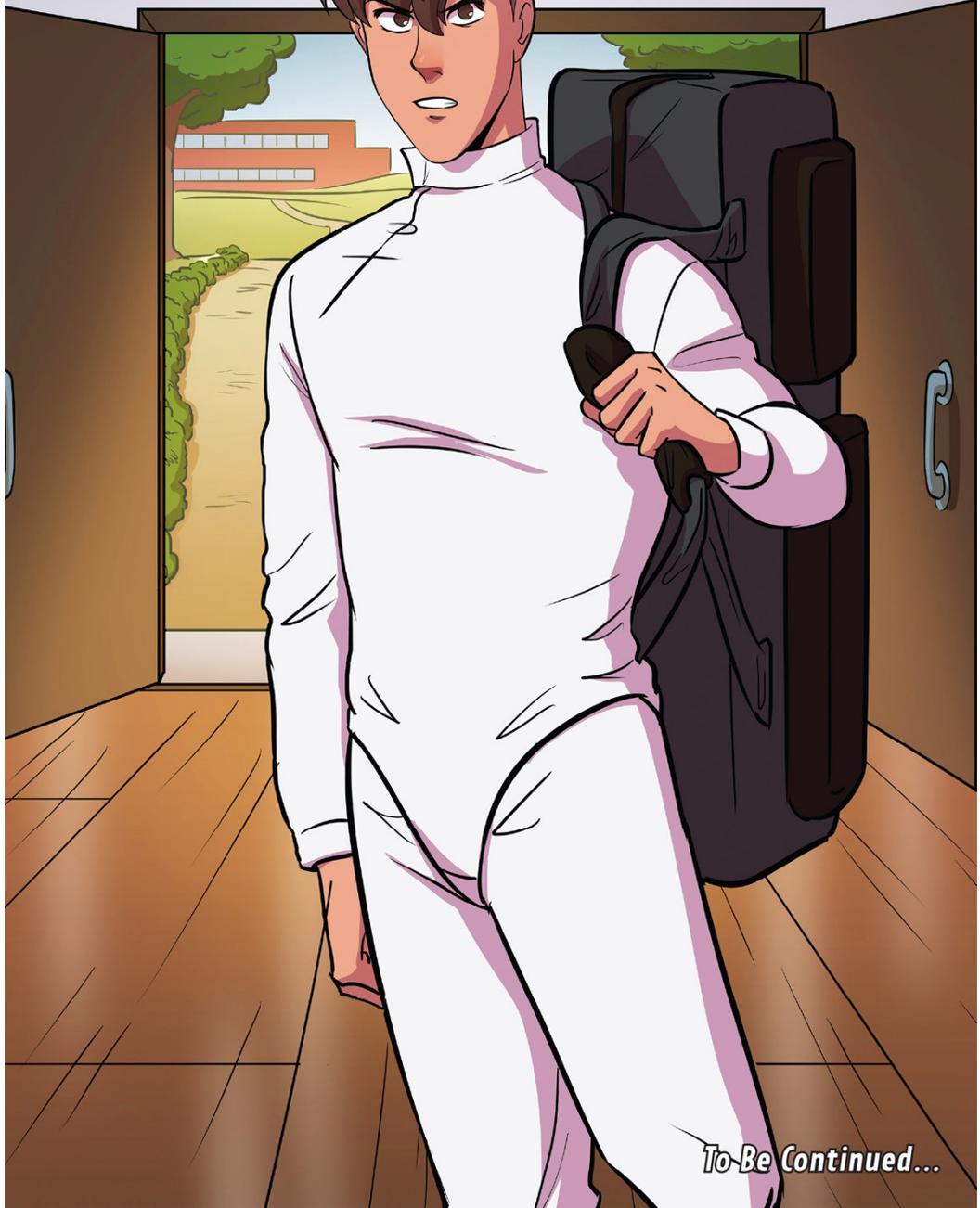


WINNER!
AIDEN KANE





I'M
HERE.
I'M READY
TO FENCE.



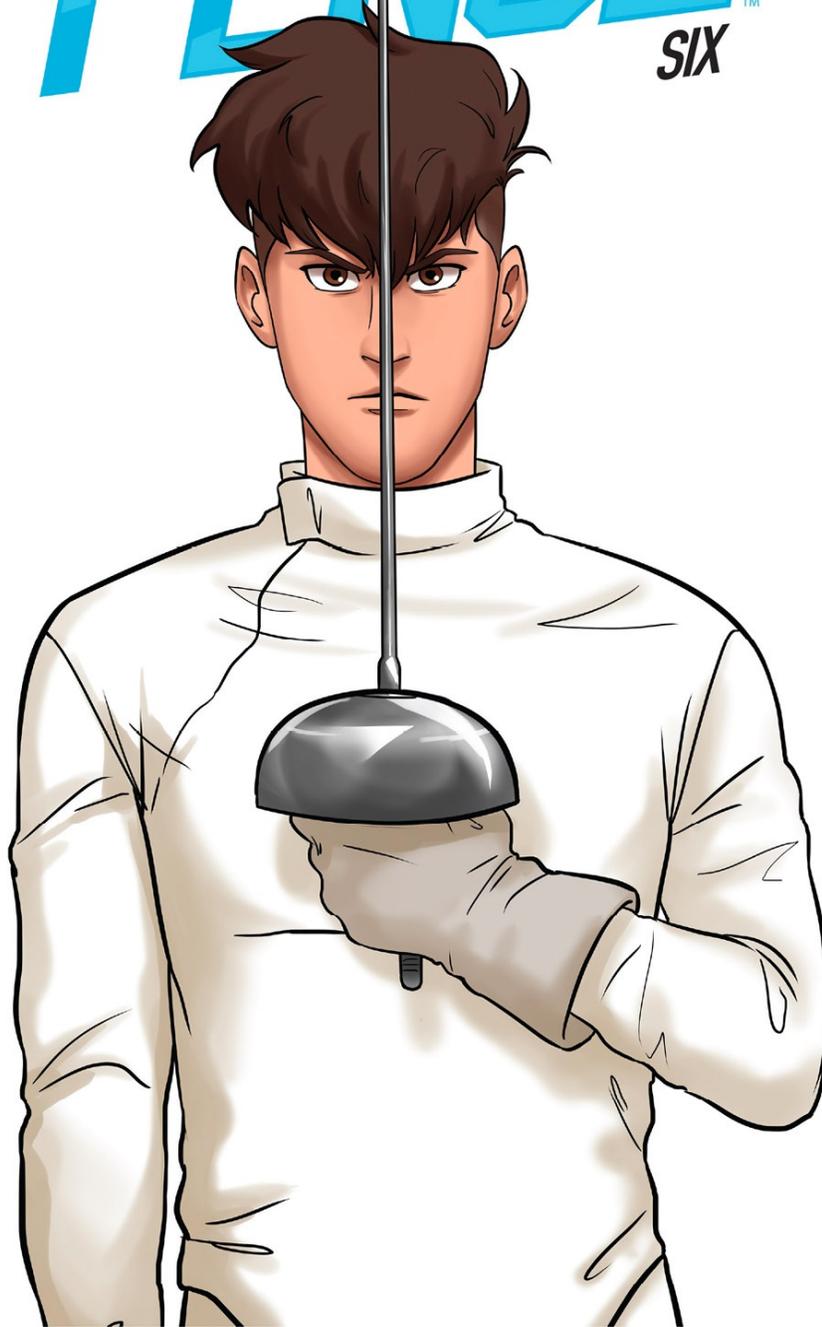
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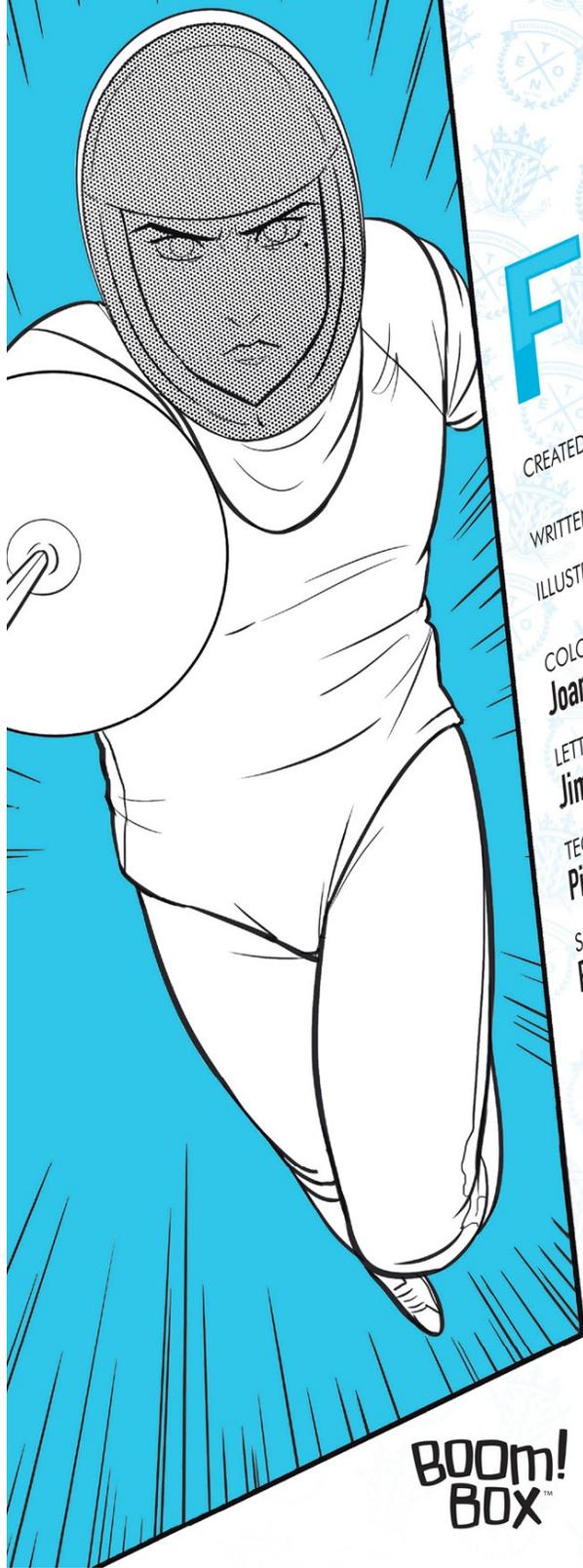
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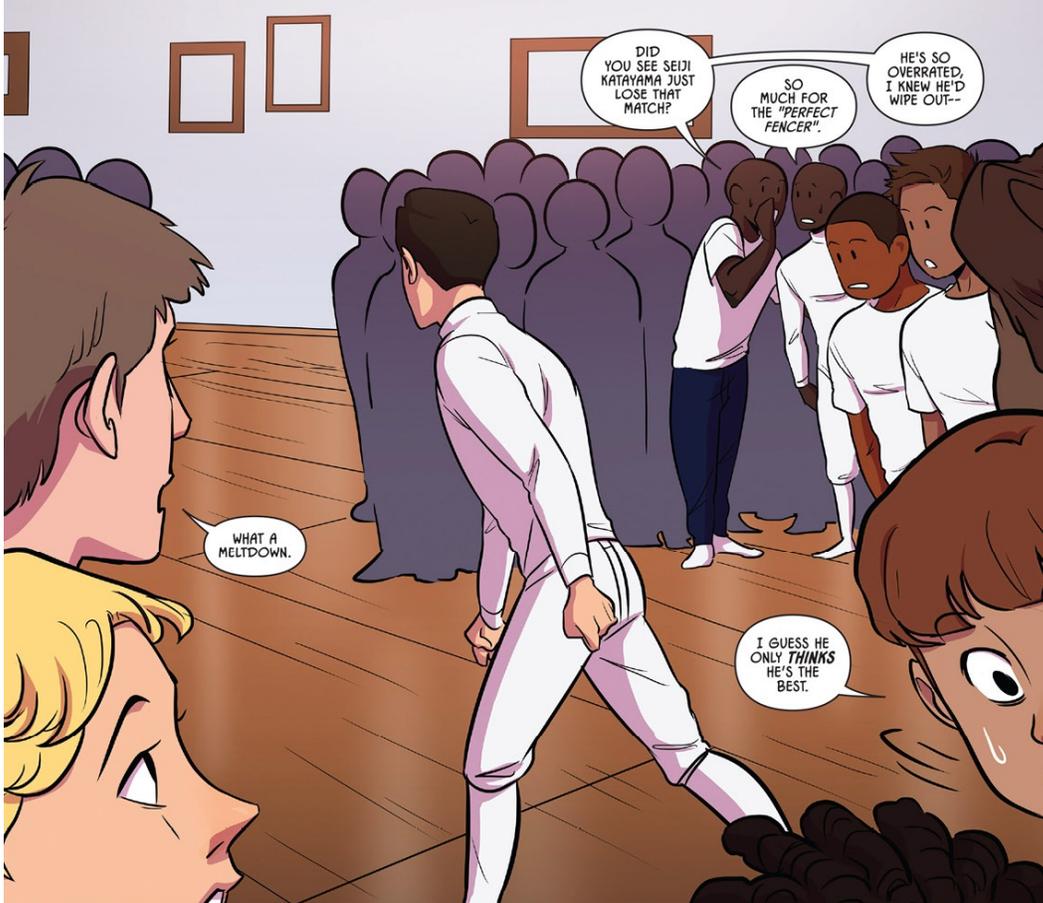
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DID YOU SEE SEIJI KATAYAMA JUST LOSE THAT MATCH?

SO MUCH FOR THE "PERFECT FENCER".

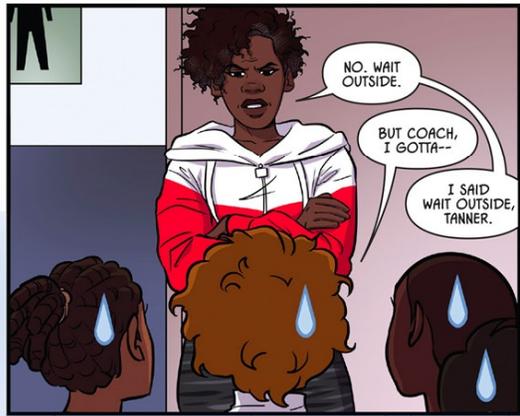
HE'S SO OVERRATED, I KNEW HE'D WIPE OUT--

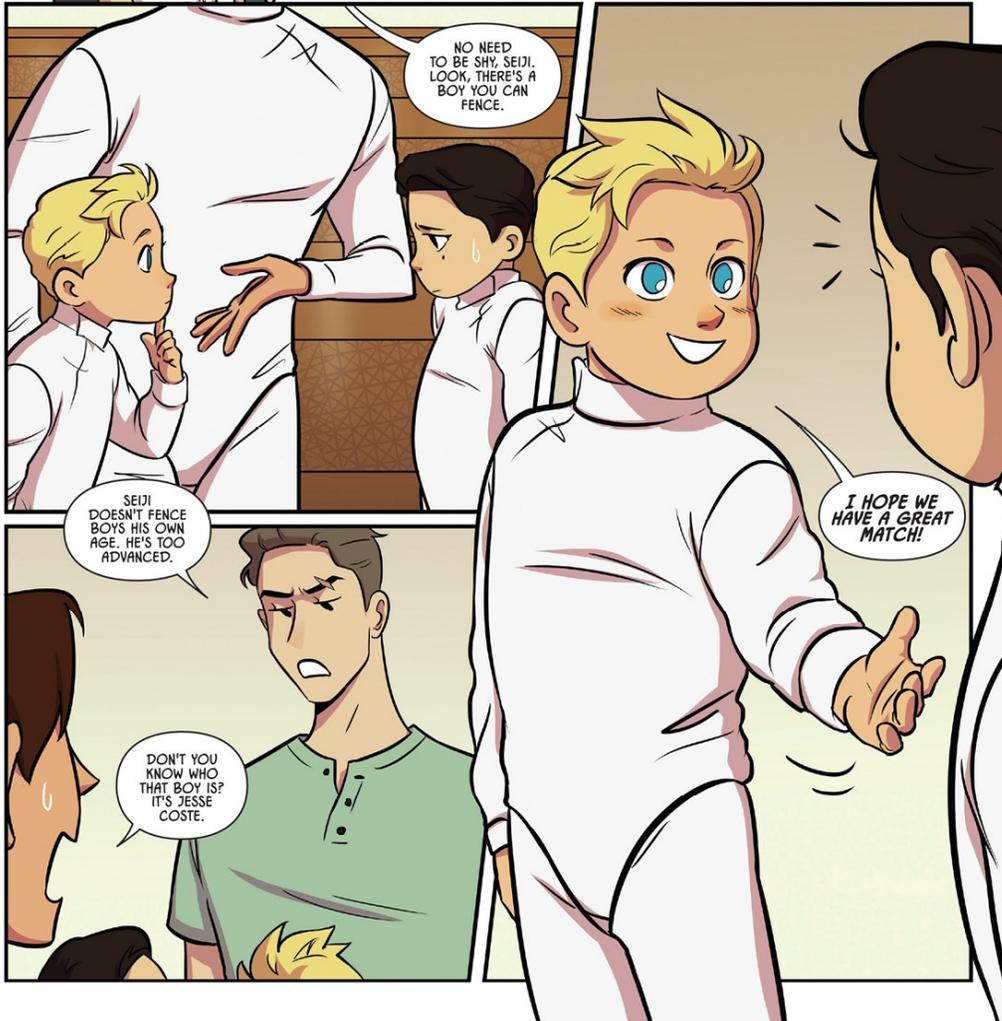
WHAT A MELTDOWN.

I GUESS HE ONLY *THINKS* HE'S THE BEST.



LEWIS, YOU TAKE OVER HERE.





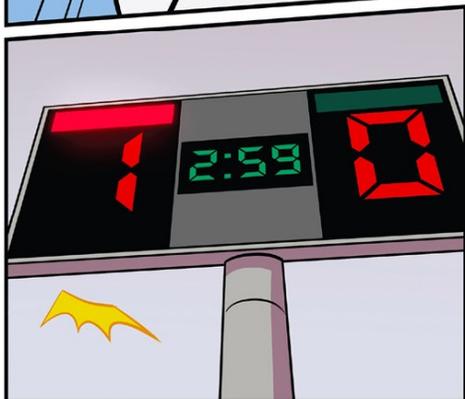
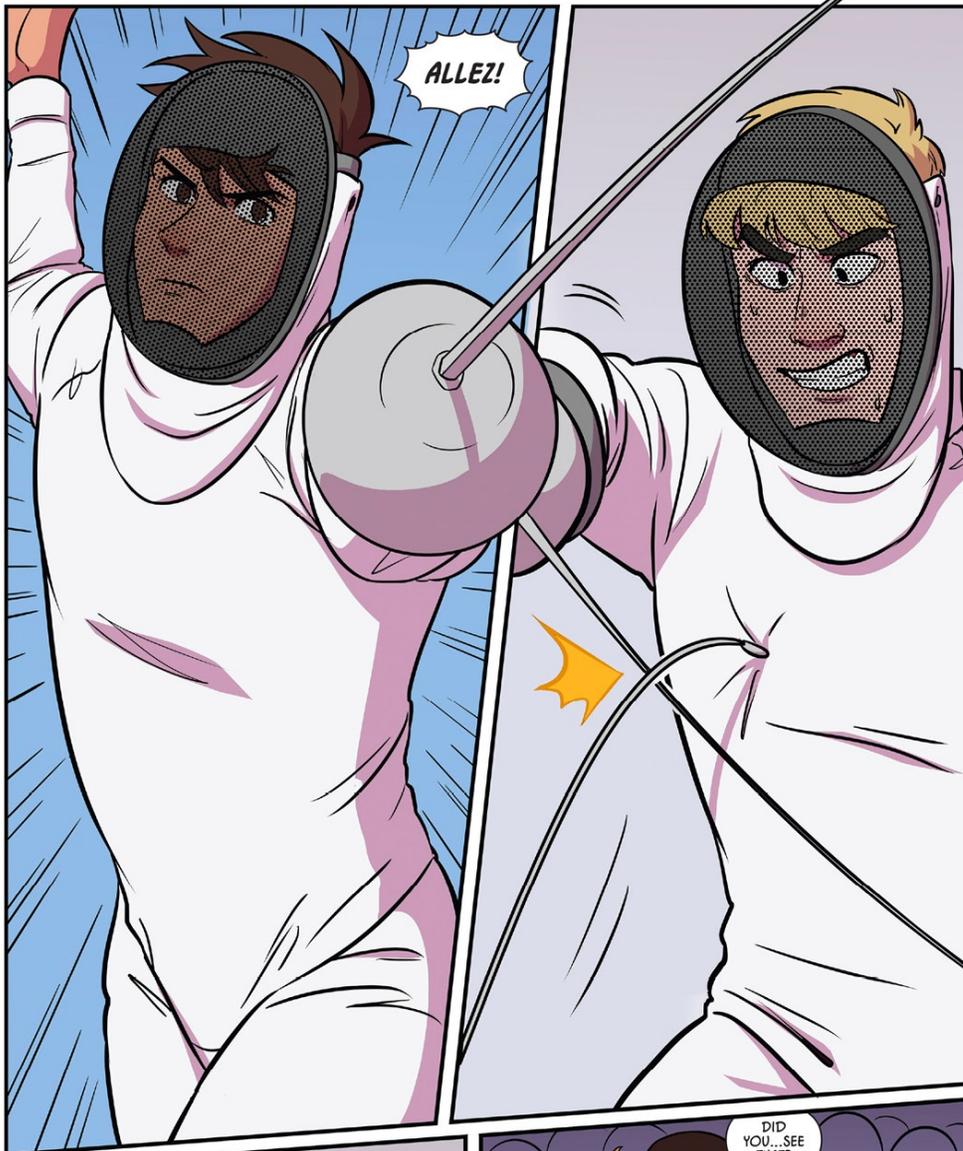


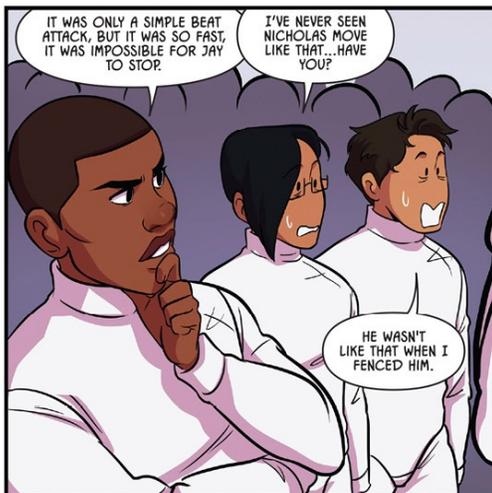




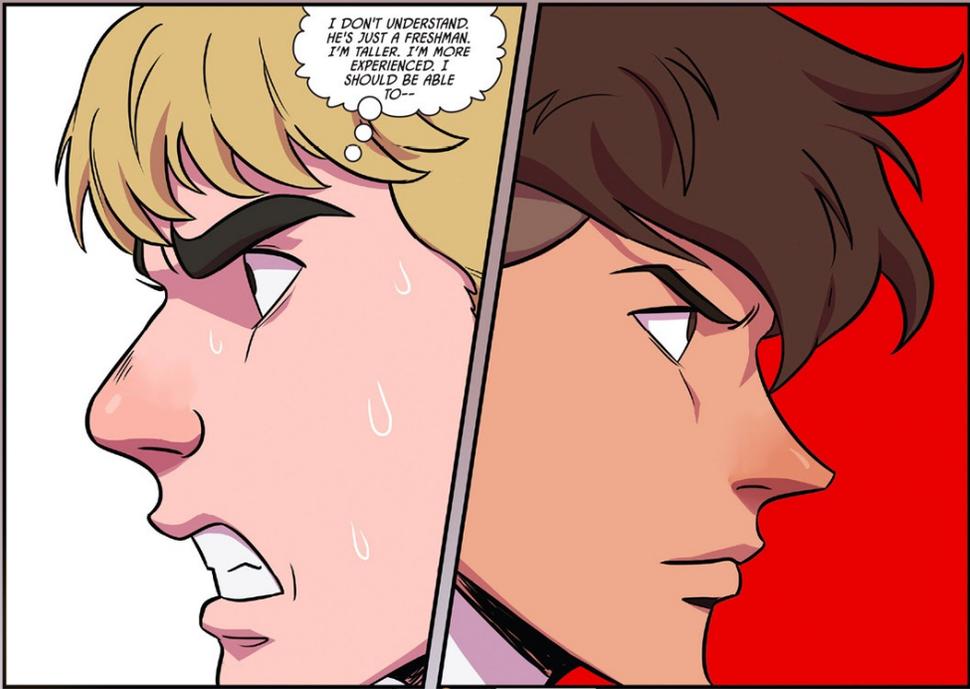
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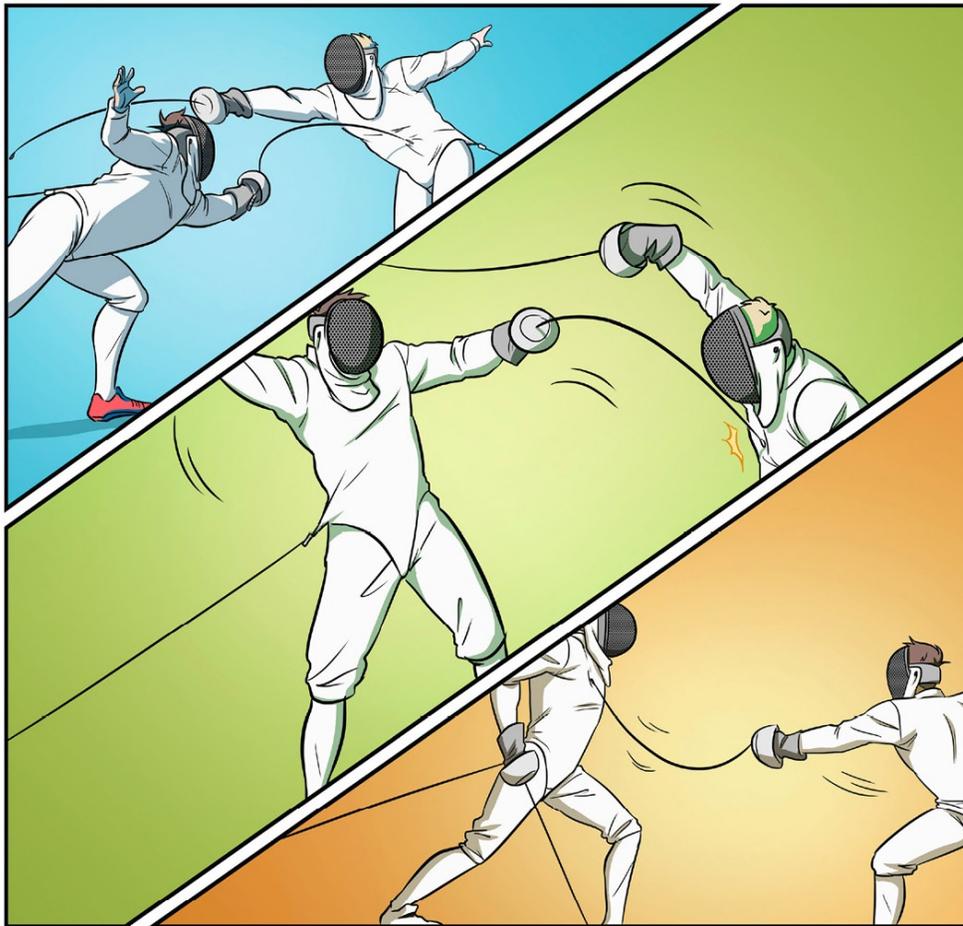














COACH
KNEW.

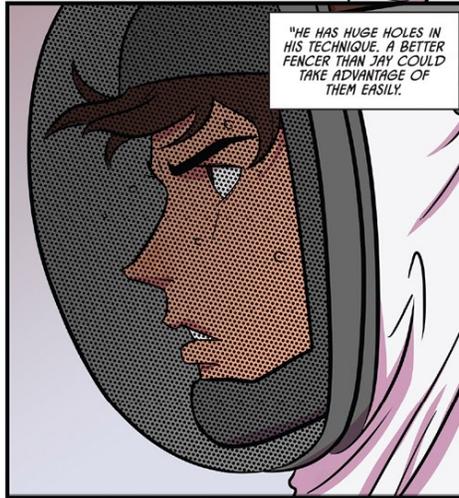


THIS MUST BE WHAT SHE
SAW IN NICHOLAS ALL
ALONG.



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...



"...HE'LL BE UNSTOPPABLE."

WINNER!
NICHOLAS COX



I DID IT!
I WON MY FIRST
MATCH!

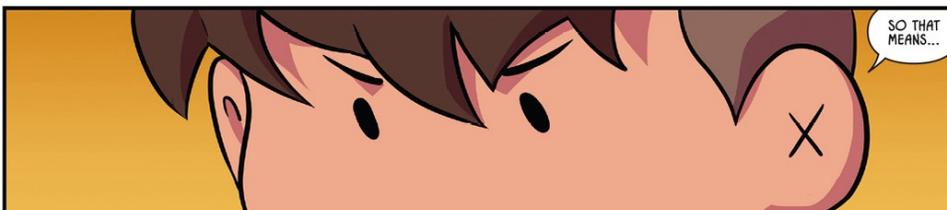
YOU GUYS
CAN'T CALL ME
ZERO ANYMORE!



RIGHT, WE
CAN CALL
YOU ONE.

GOOD
JOB,
ROOKIE.

IT'S
GOOD TO
SEE YOU
FEELING LIKE
YOURSELF
AGAIN!





I'M THE SAME SCORE AS SEIJI!



HEY, HAVE YOU SEEN SEIJI? I HEARD HE CAME THIS WAY.

I THINK HE WENT TO THE BATHROOM.



COACH, I NEED TO--

GO RIGHT IN.



WHY DOES HE GET TO GO?!



HEY SEIJI!



YOU CAN'T CALL ME ZERO ANYMORE. I JUST WON MY FIRST MATCH!



WHAT DO YOU WANT, ZERO?



I WAS FENCING THIS TALL SENIOR WITH THESE BIG EYEBROWS--

--BUT I REMEMBERED COACH TELLING ME TO FENCE THE WAY I LOVED--



--AND I ATTACKED LIKE--



HE'S FAST!







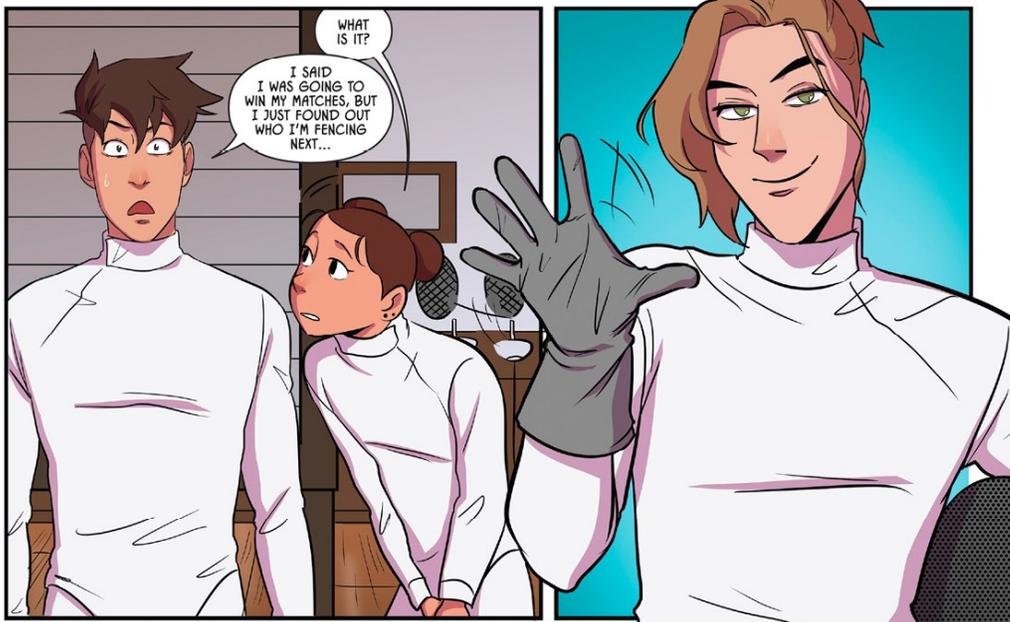


WINNER!
SEIJI KATAYAMA

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LOOKS LIKE SEIJI IS BACK ON FORM.

LOOKS LIKE IT.



WHAT IS IT?
I SAID I WAS GOING TO WIN MY MATCHES, BUT I JUST FOUND OUT WHO I'M FENCING NEXT...



BOBBY... AIDEN BEAT SEIJI.
DON'T BE INTIMIDATED! I KNOW IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE SEIJI LOSING TO ANYONE, BUT...
NO YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. AIDEN BEAT SEIJI. IF I BEAT AIDEN THAT'S LIKE...



...I BEAT SEIJI.
AH! AN INDIRECT WIN. THE SAME CONCEPT AS AN INDIRECT KISS!



SEIJI. I MEANT WHAT I SAID TO YOU. THIS IS MY CHANCE TO PROVE MYSELF AND I'M NOT GOING TO LET IT GET AWAY.



ALL I HAVE TO DO--

--IS WIN.



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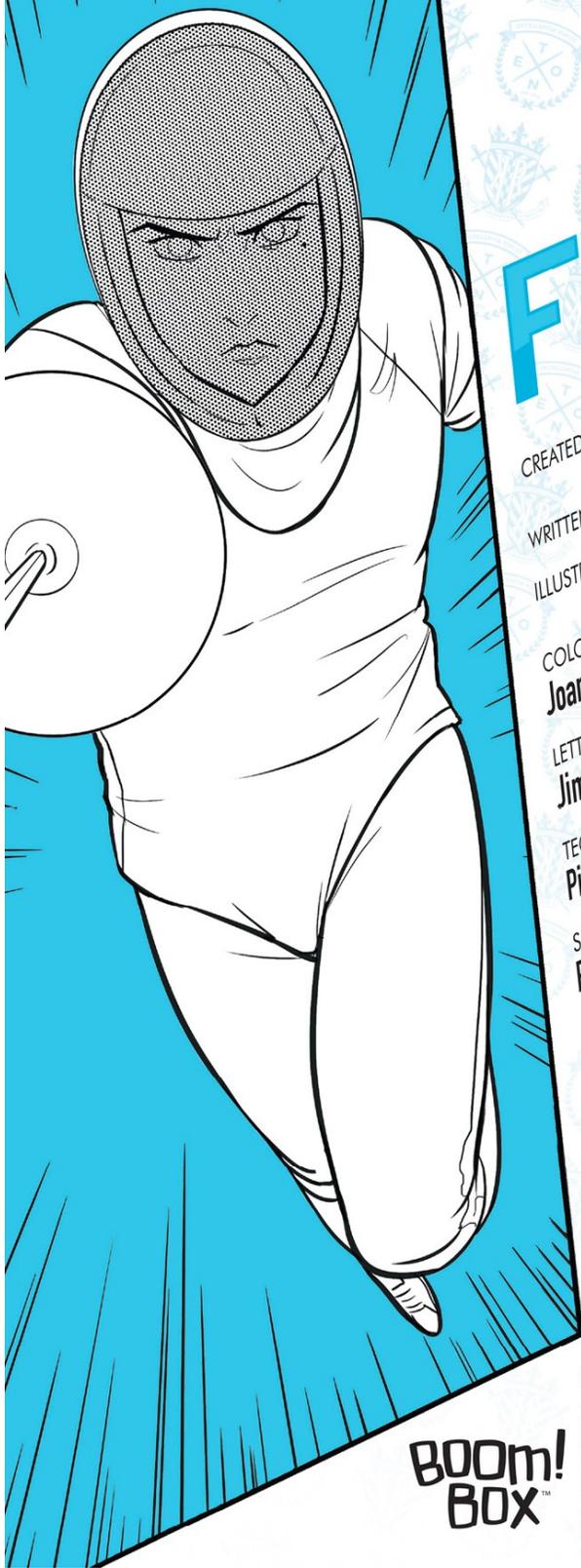
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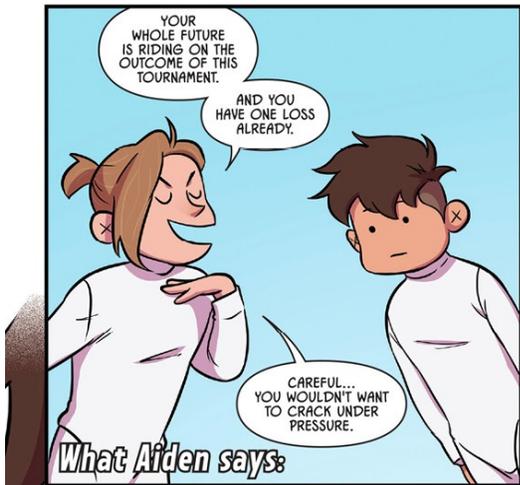


DID YOU REALLY BEAT SEIJI LAST ROUND?

SURE. WHY?

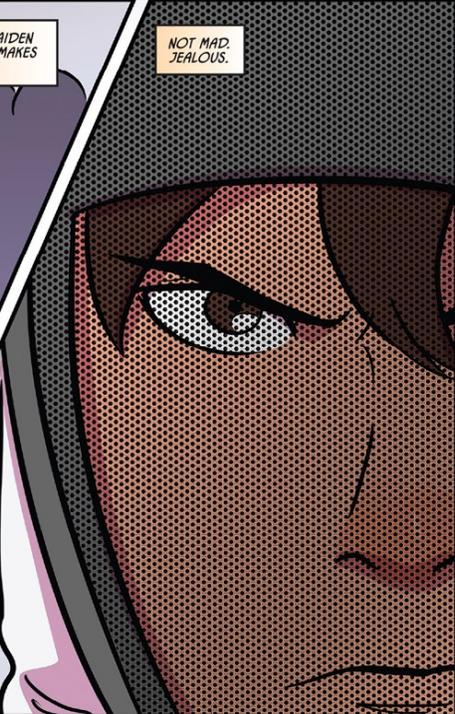
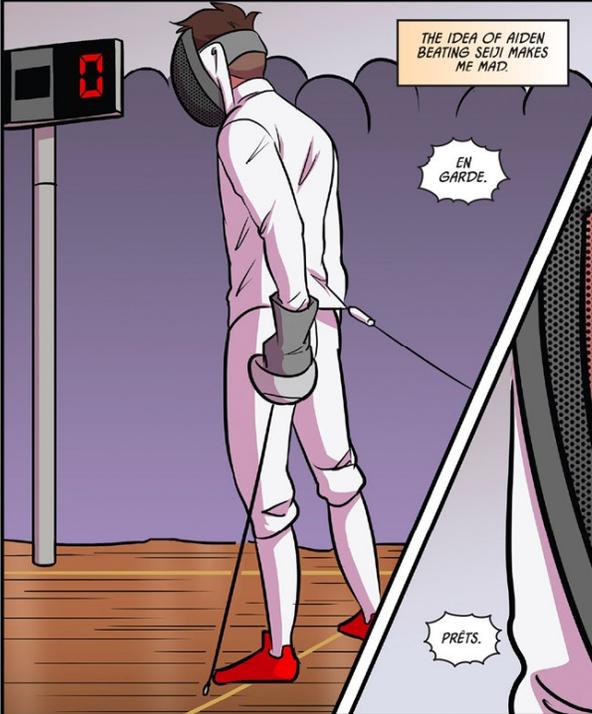
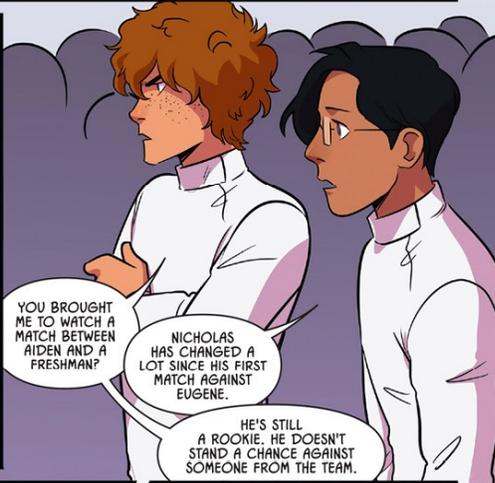
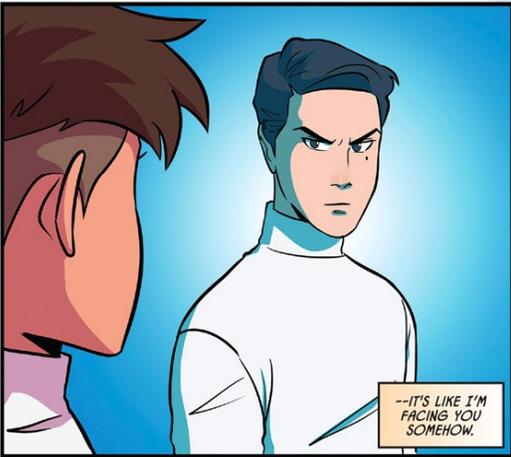
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. YOU LOST TO HIM LAST SEASON.

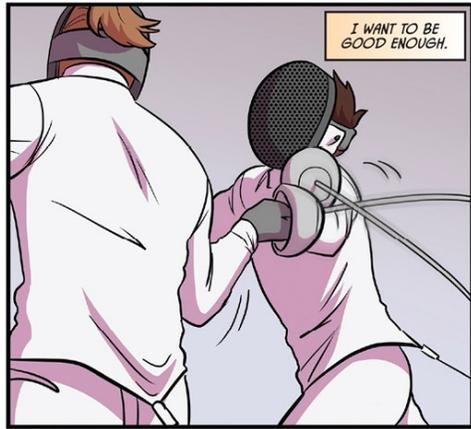
JUST LIKE YOU LOST TO EUGENE YESTERDAY.

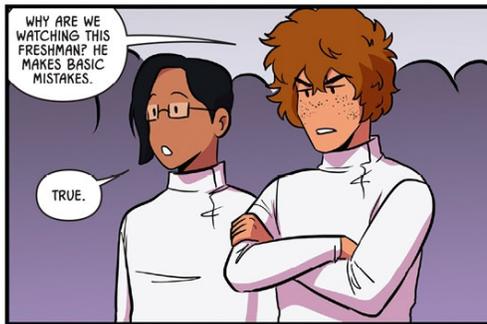
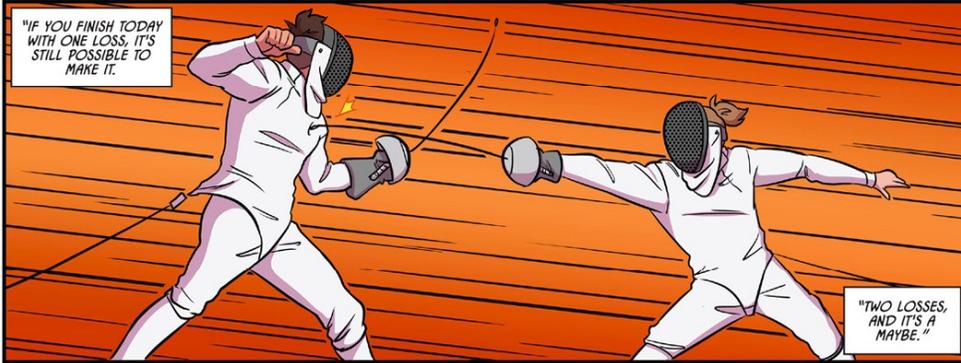
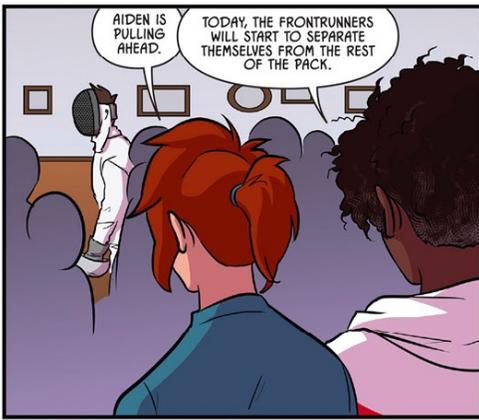


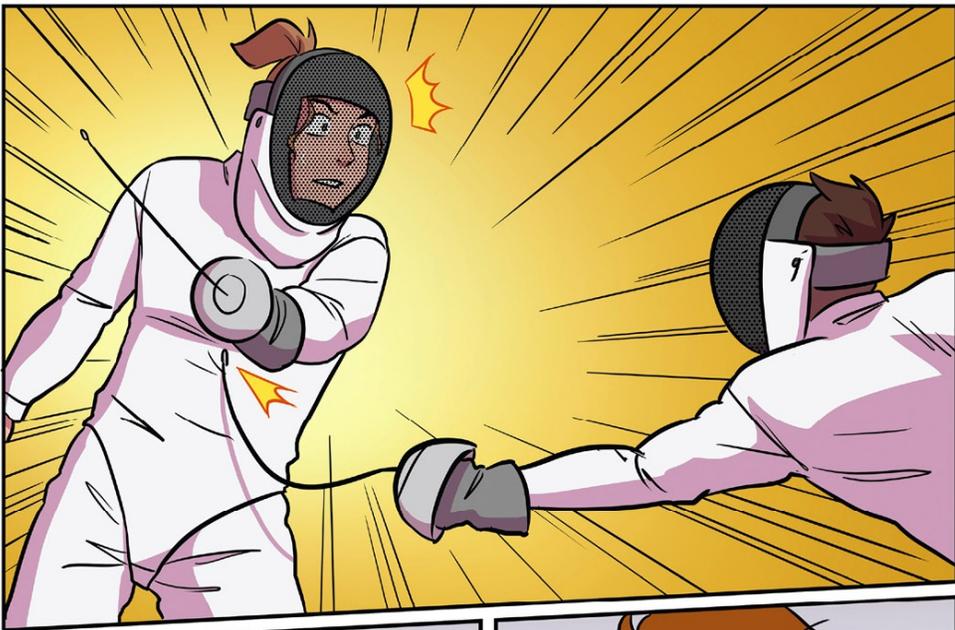


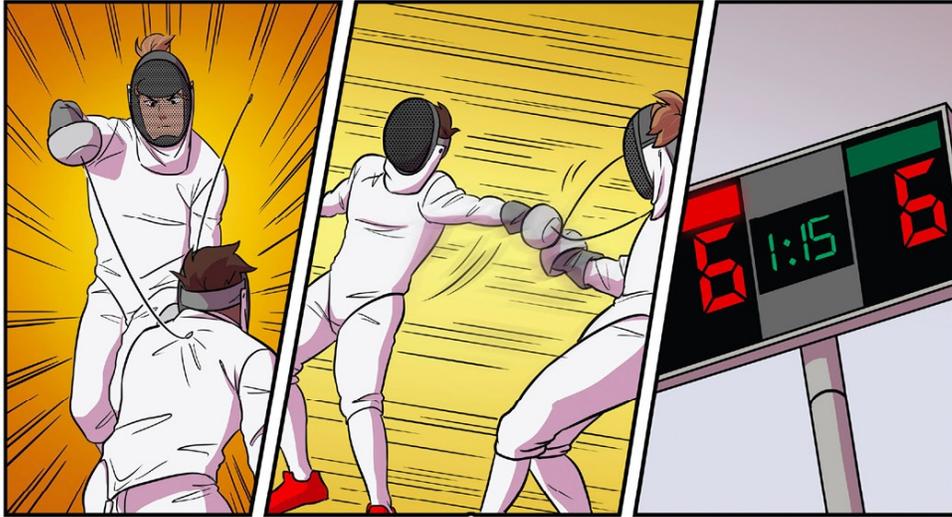
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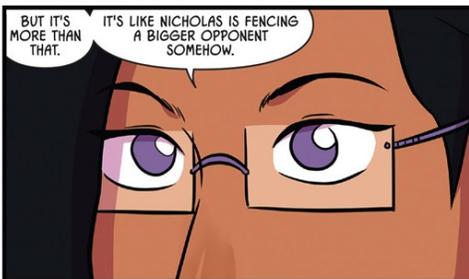
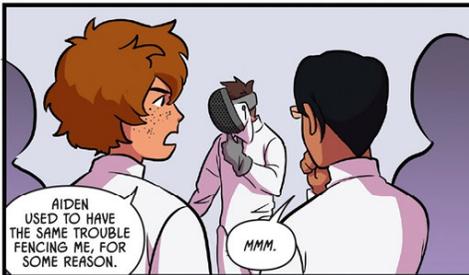
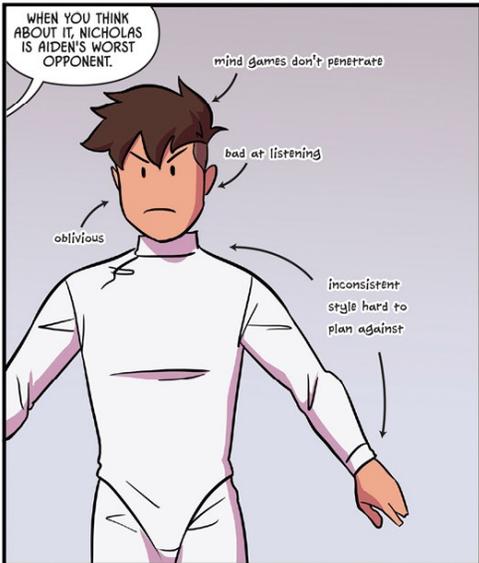
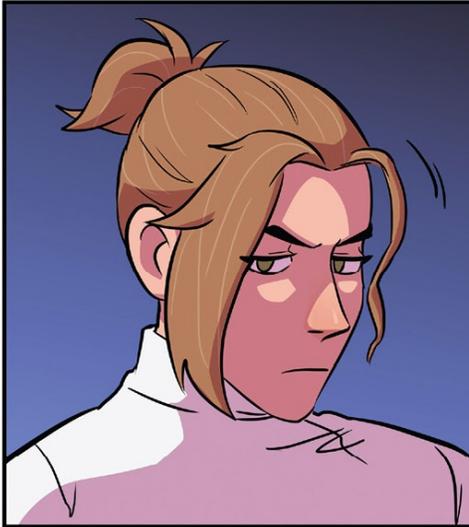
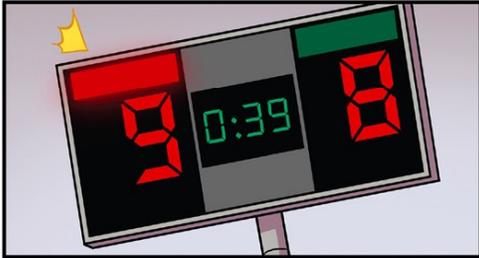
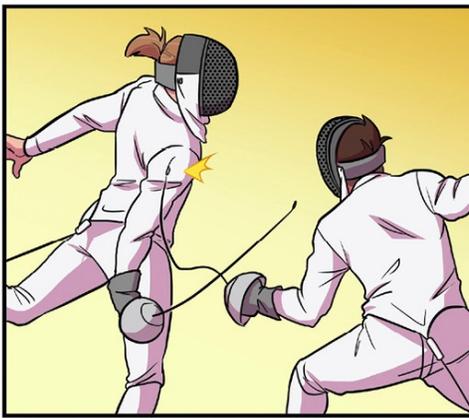
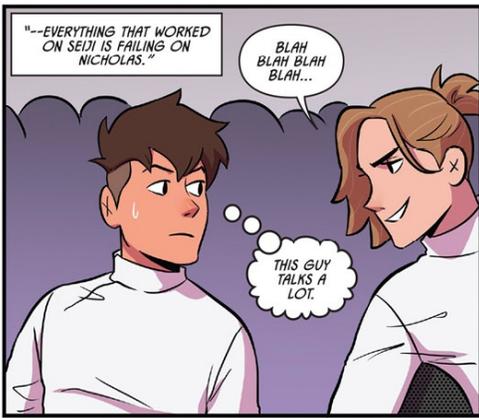








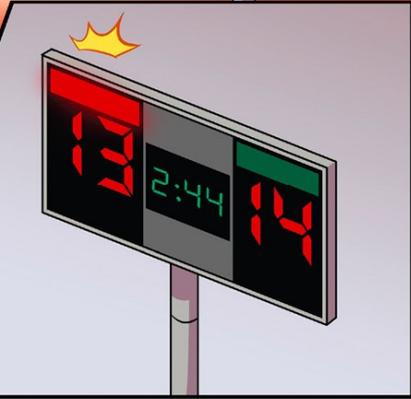




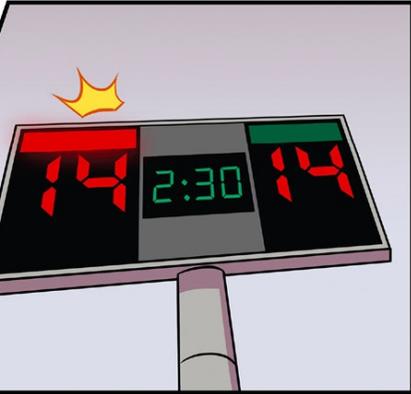
SEIJI--



--EVERY OPPONENT I FACE--



--EVERY POINT I WIN--



--THE ONE I'M THINKING ABOUT--



--IS--



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.



EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD.

Match 6: Nicholas Cox vs Bobby Rodriguez



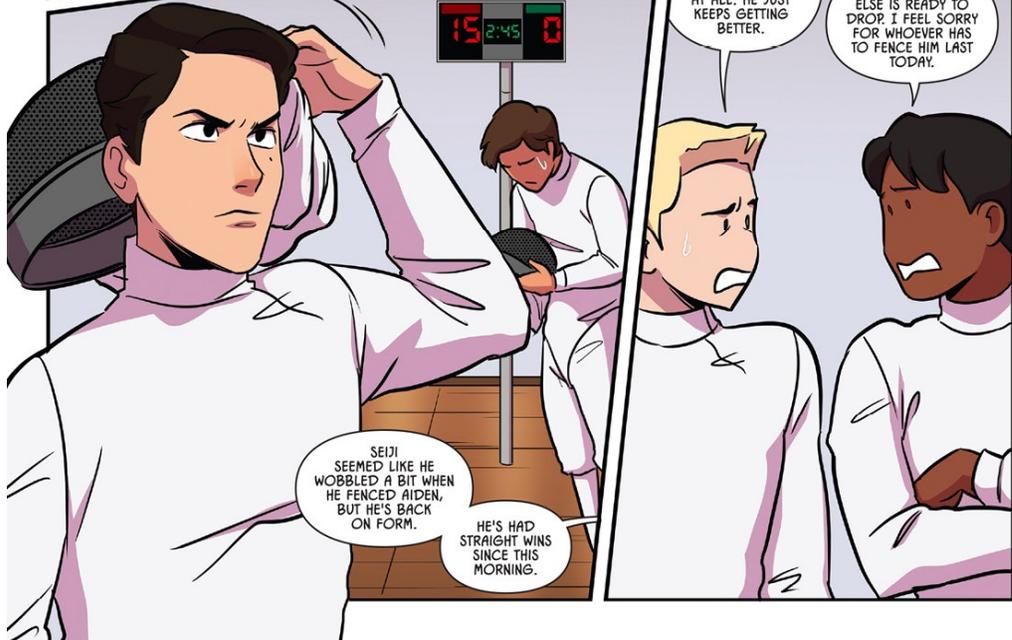
EVEN WHEN IT HURTS.

Match 9: Nicholas Cox vs Harvard Lee



EVEN WHEN WE'RE EXHAUSTED.

Match 12: Nicholas Cox vs Richard Tan

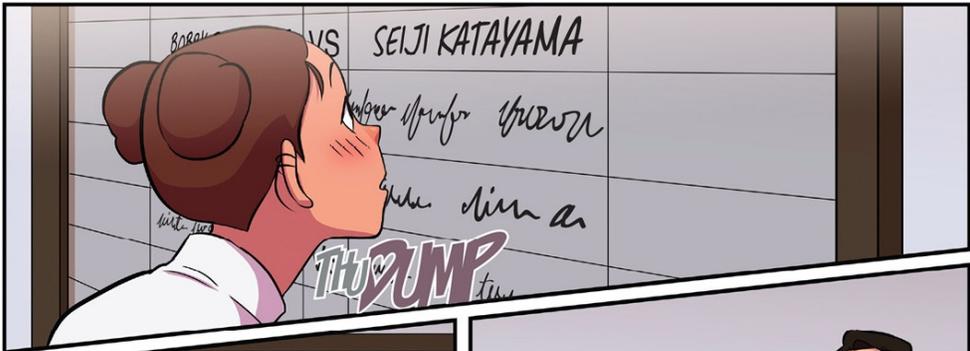


SEIJI SEEMED LIKE HE WOBBLER A BIT WHEN HE FENCED AIDEN, BUT HE'S BACK ON FORM.

HE'S HAD STRAIGHT WINS SINCE THIS MORNING.

HE'S HONESTLY TERRIFYING. HE'S NOT SHOWING ANY SIGNS OF FATIGUE AT ALL. HE JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER.

EVERYONE ELSE IS READY TO DROP. I FEEL SORRY FOR WHOEVER HAS TO FENCE HIM LAST TODAY.



DANTE... WHAT DO I DO?

BOBBY RODRIGUEZ VS SEIJI KATAYAMA

DON'T WORRY I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING.



UM, I JUST WONDERED...

I KNOW I LOSE MY MATCHES BECAUSE I'M SHORT.



BUT YOU WERE SHORT TOO WHEN YOU WERE AN UNDER-12, AND YOU BEAT OLDER, TALLER FENCERS ALL THE TIME!

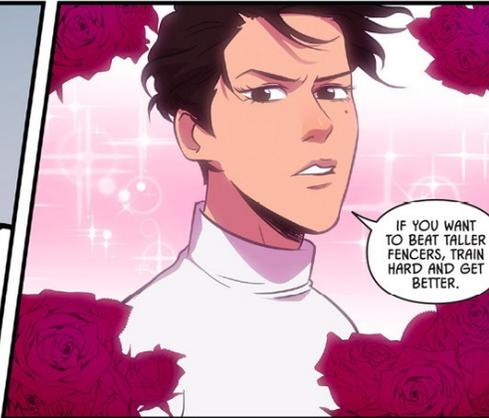
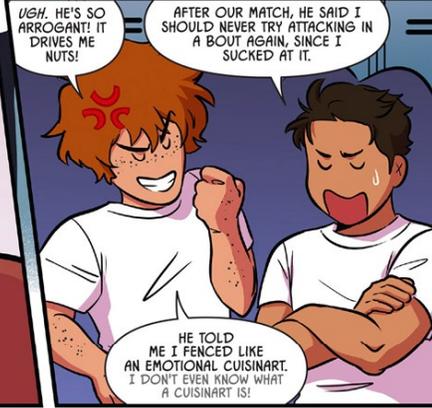
I'VE WATCHED ALL YOUR MATCHES ON YOUTUBE...



SO I WONDERED...

AM I REALLY TOO SHORT? SHOULD I GIVE UP EPEE?

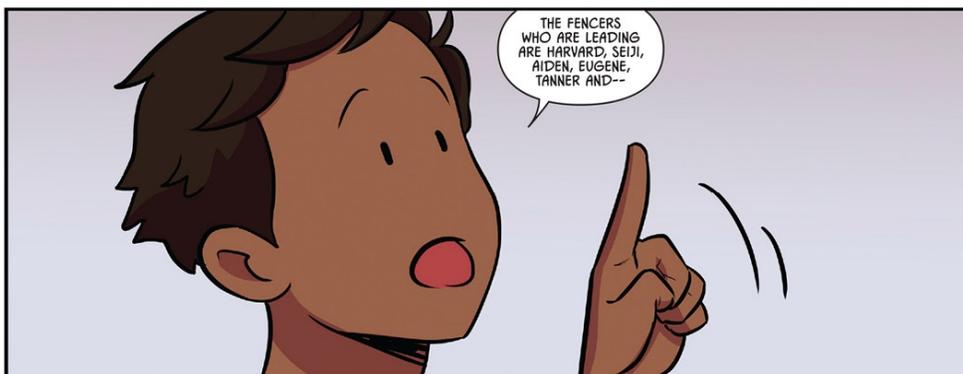






LET'S SEE...

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



RANKINGS

End of Day 2



--NICHOLAS?!?

UNDEFEATED



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



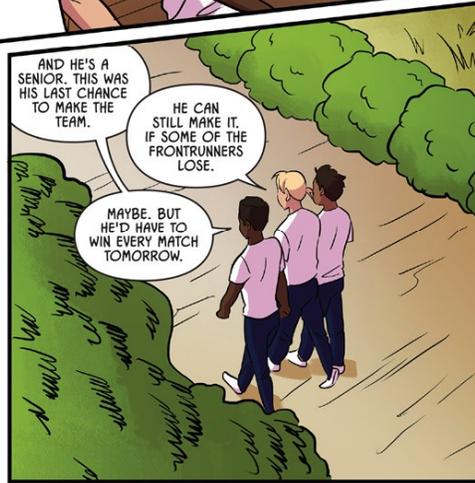
IT MAKES SENSE THAT AIDEN, SEIJI, HARVARD AND TANNER WOULD BE LEADING. AND EUGENE HAS BEEN TRAINING REALLY HARD ALL YEAR.

BUT NICHOLAS?!



THE ONE I FEEL BAD FOR IS KALLY.

WITH FOUR LOSSES, HE'S THE ONLY ORIGINAL TEAM MEMBER WHO'S OUT OF THE RUNNING.



AND HE'S A SENIOR. THIS WAS HIS LAST CHANCE TO MAKE THE TEAM.

HE CAN STILL MAKE IT. IF SOME OF THE FRONTRUNNERS LOSE.

MAYBE. BUT HE'D HAVE TO WIN EVERY MATCH TOMORROW.



"HE'S HANGING BY A THREAD."



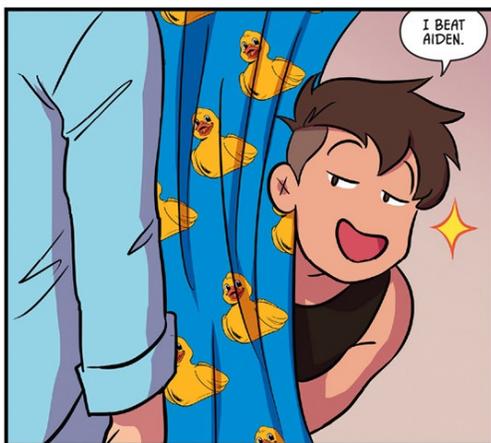
HEY, KALLY. I JUST WANTED TO SAY... I KNOW YOU'LL MAKE A COMEBACK TOMORROW. I MEAN, THIS ISN'T THE END OF THE ROAD.

IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY.



OF COURSE IT IS. COME ON, TANNER. WHY ARE YOU WORRYING? LET'S GO.









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 WINS.

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.



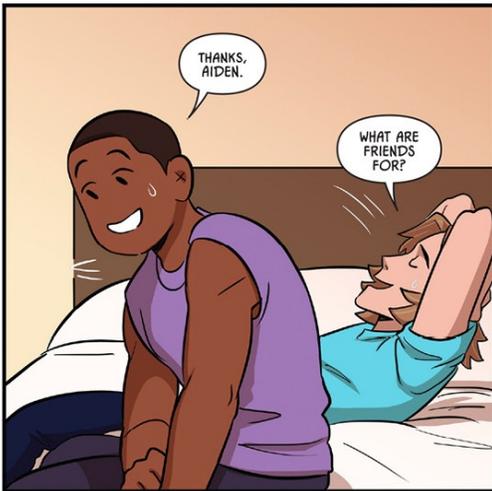
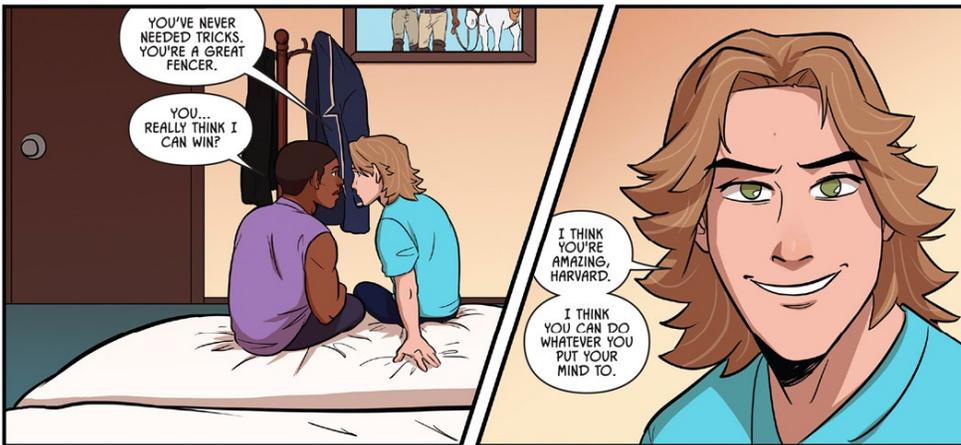
YOU'RE TALKING LIKE YOU KNOW HE'S GOING TO BEAT YOU.

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."

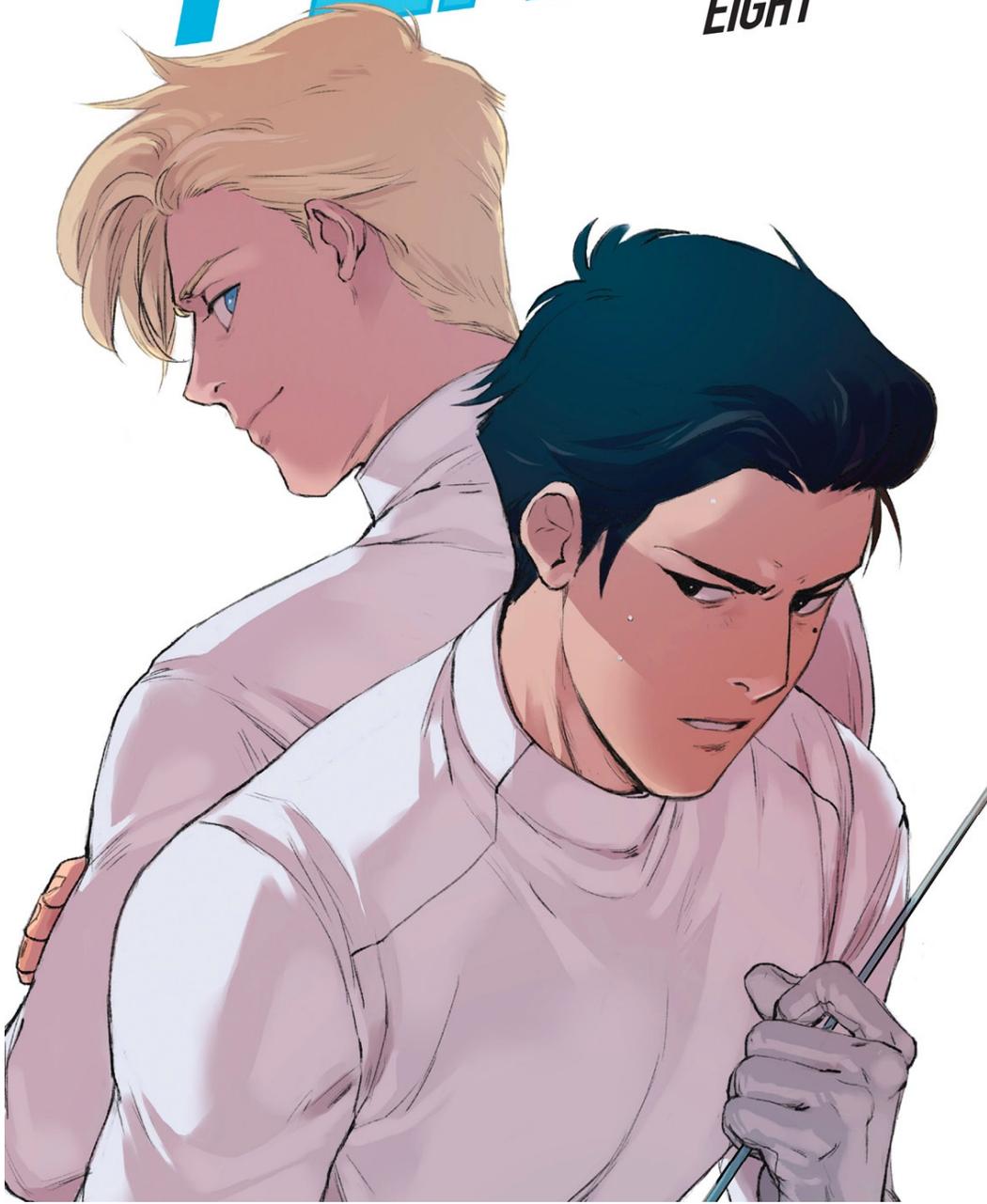
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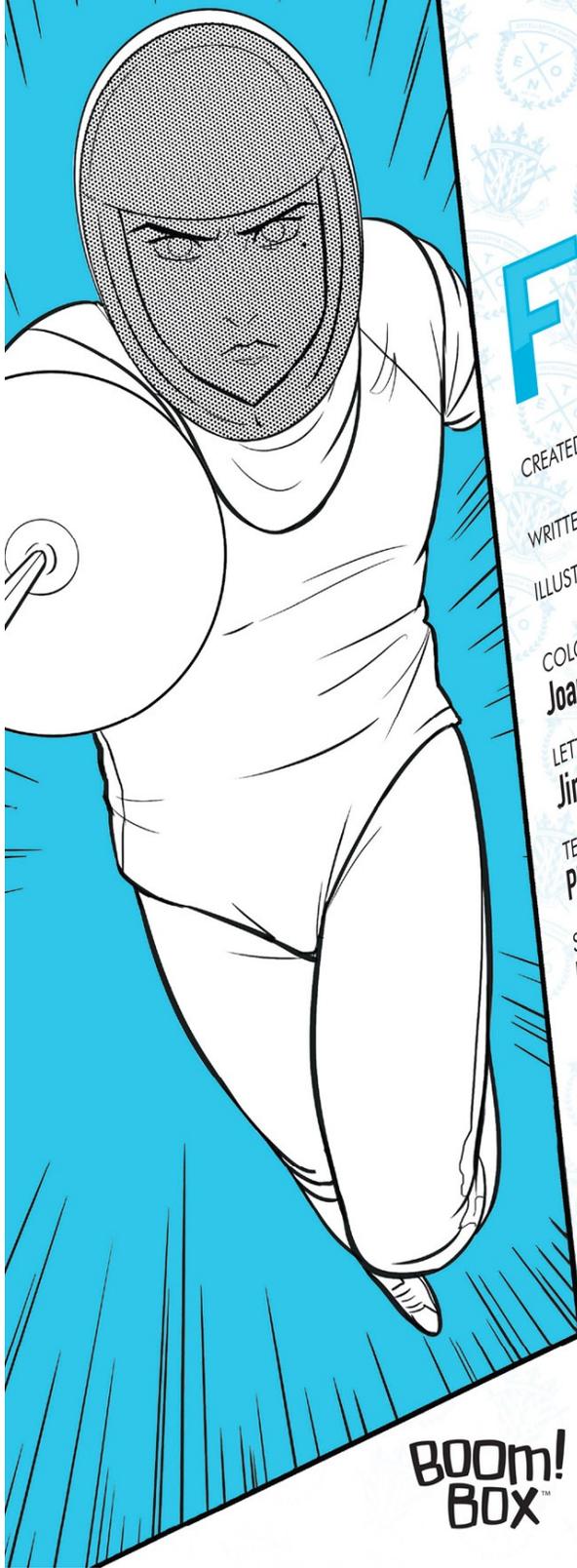
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WARM UP AND STRETCHING, 15 MINUTES.



STRENGTH AND CORE, 30 MINUTES.



DRILLS, 1 HOUR 30 MINS.



BALANCE EXERCISES AND COOL DOWN, 20 MINUTES.

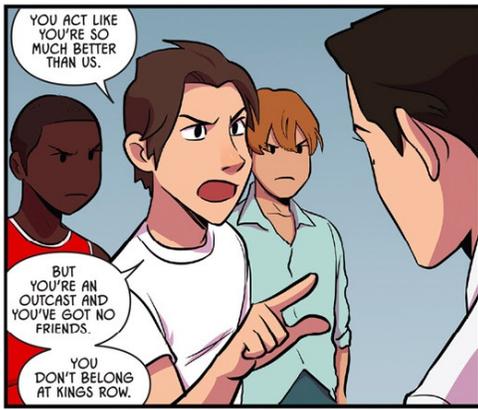


Coach Dmytro's Diet Plan
Breakfast: Protein and carb mix

- 1 egg
- 1 strip bacon
- Green smoothie
- 1 slice whole grain toast with banana and peanut butter

Total: 3150 kilojoules (753 calories)







GO HARVARD!

HARVARD

Harvard

HARVARD!
WIN IT FOR KINGS
ROW!

TAKE HIM
DOWN,
HARVARD!

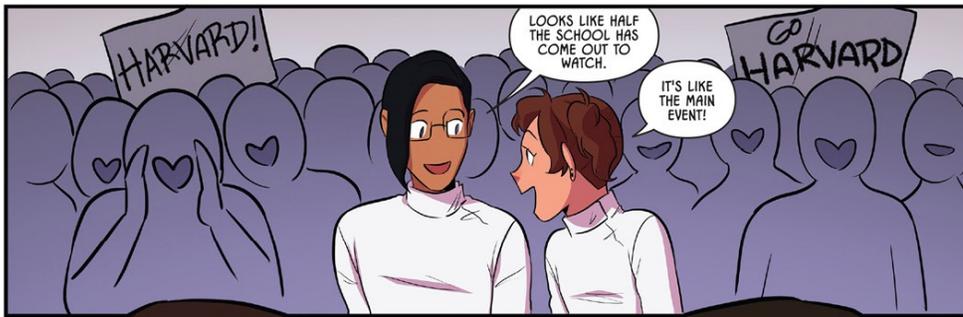
DO IT,
HARVARD!

C'MON
HARVARD! SHOW
HIM WHO'S
BEST!

HARVARD!

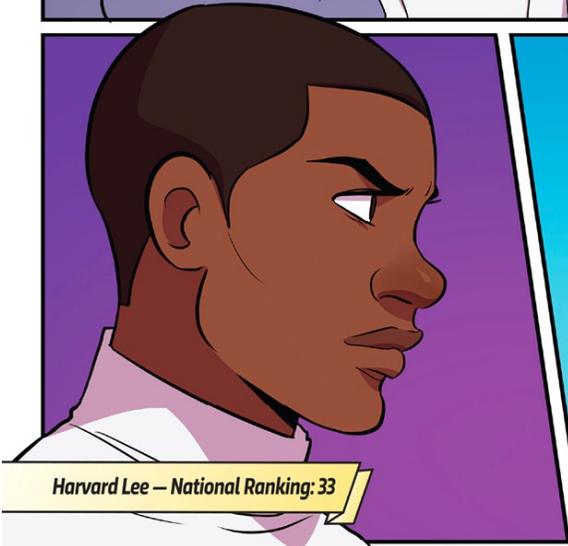
GO
CAPTAIN!

HARVARD,
YOU'RE OUR
CHAMP!



LOOKS LIKE HALF THE SCHOOL HAS COME OUT TO WATCH.

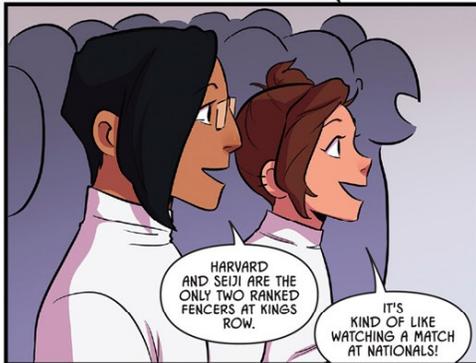
IT'S LIKE THE MAIN EVENT!



Harvard Lee — National Ranking: 33



Seiji Katayama — National Ranking: 2



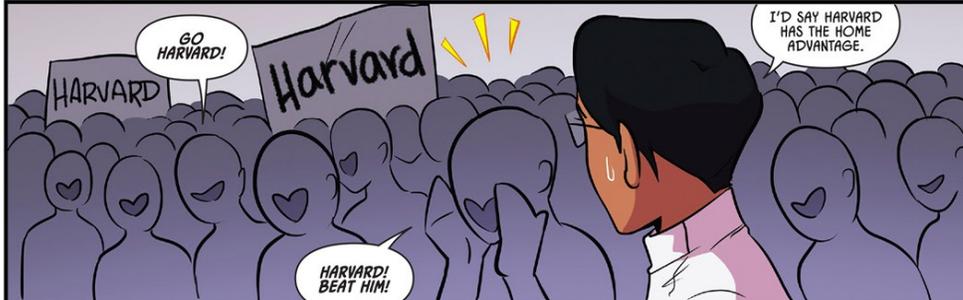
HARVARD AND SEIJI ARE THE ONLY TWO RANKED FENCERS AT KINGS ROW.

IT'S KIND OF LIKE WATCHING A MATCH AT NATIONALS!



THIS WILL BE THE HIGHEST LEVEL MATCH OF THE TRYOUTS.

AND WHATEVER HAPPENS, IT'S GOING TO BE CLOSE.



GO HARVARD!

HARVARD

Harvard

HARVARD! BEAT HIM!

I'D SAY HARVARD HAS THE HOME ADVANTAGE.



IT MUST BE TOUGH ON SEIJI TO HAVE EVERYONE CHEERING FOR HIS OPPONENT.

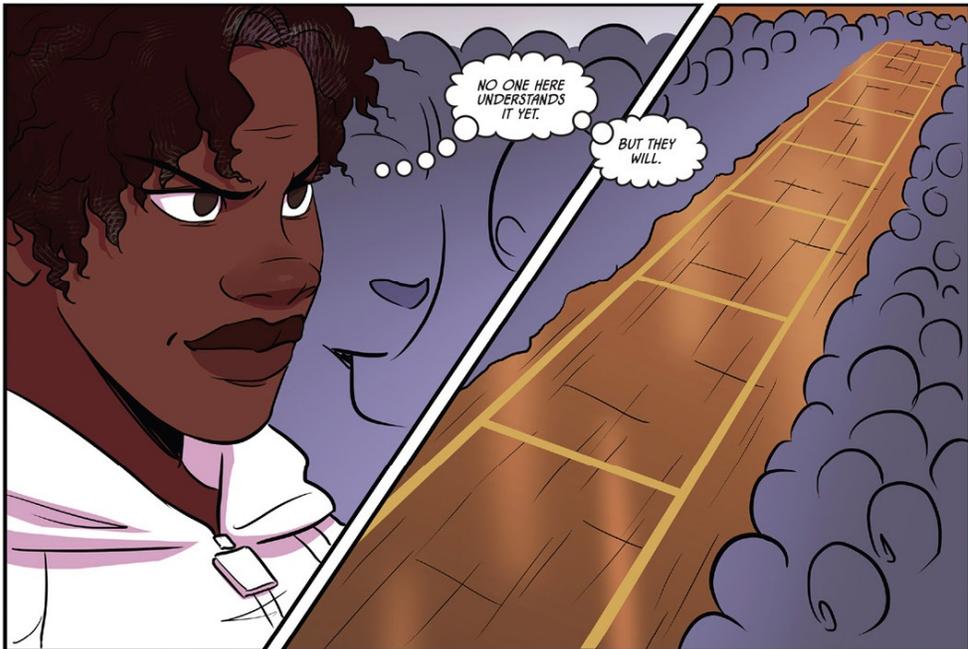


HE'S JUST A FRESHMAN, AND IT'S SUCH A HIGH-PRESSURE MATCH.



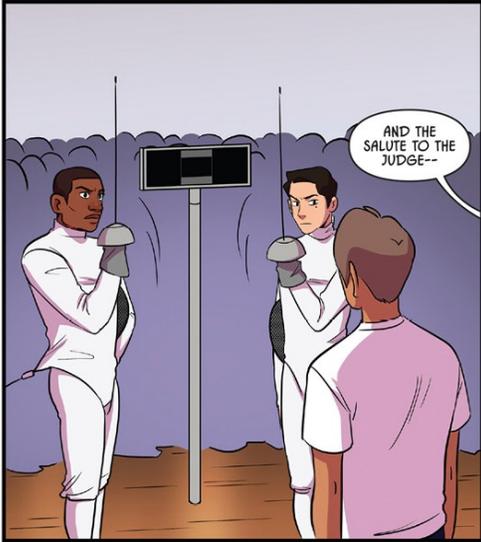
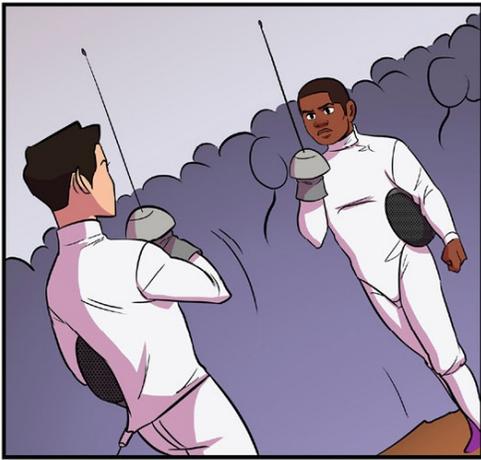
A LOSS COULD KNOCK HIM OFF THE LIST OF FRONT RUNNERS, AND COST HIM HIS PLACE ON THE TEAM.

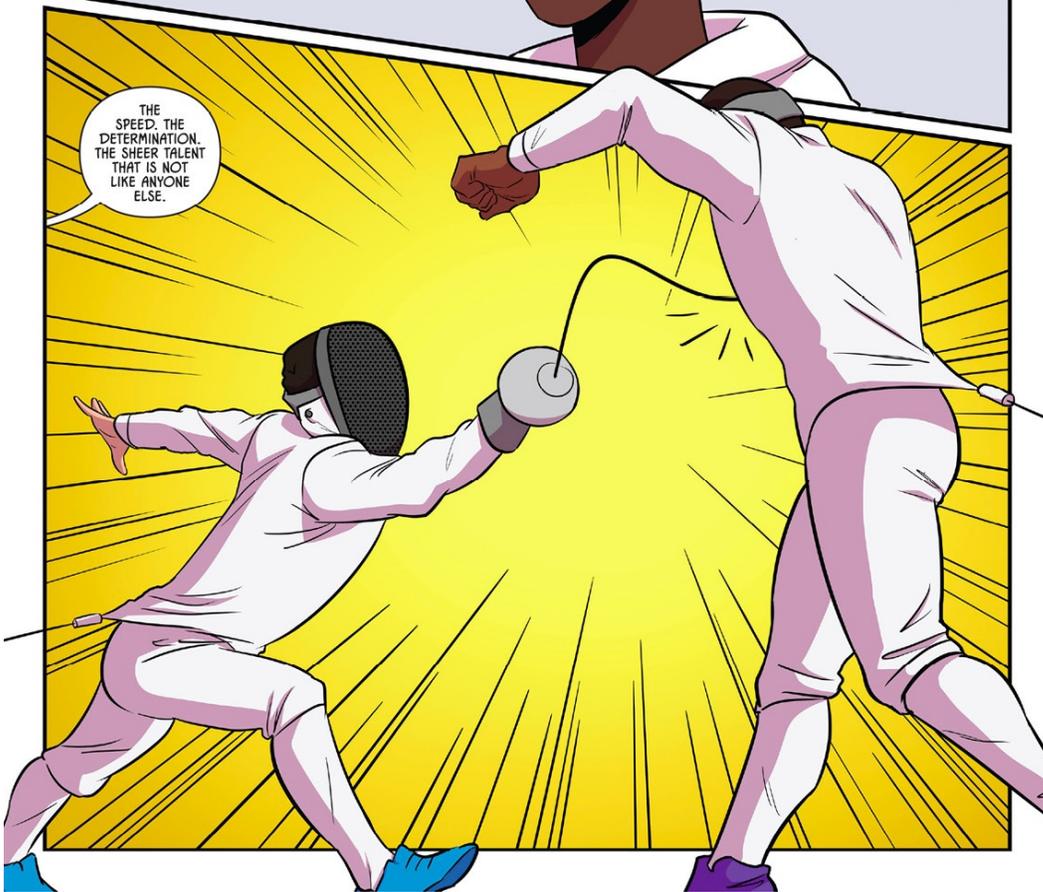
HMM.



NO ONE HERE UNDERSTANDS IT YET.

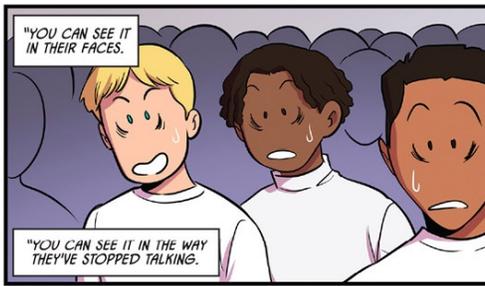
BUT THEY WILL.







THEY'RE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND.

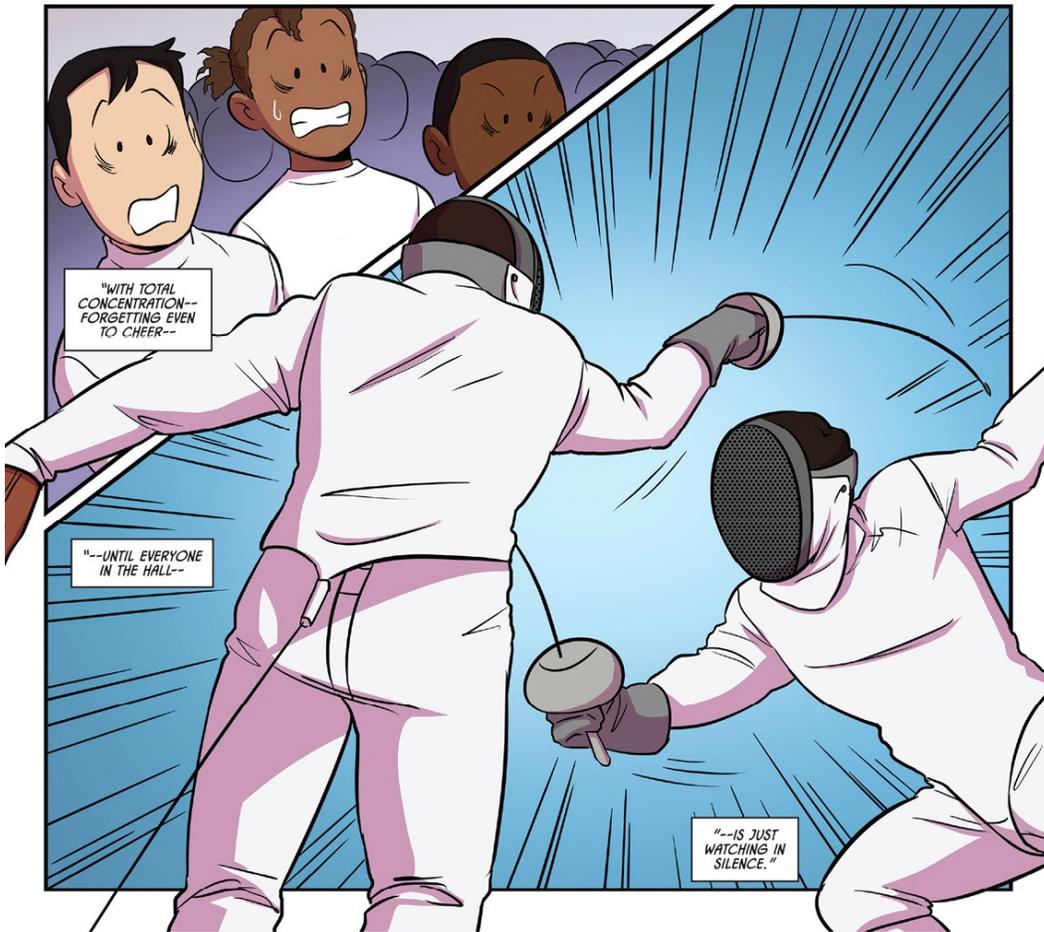


"YOU CAN SEE IT IN THEIR FACES."

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



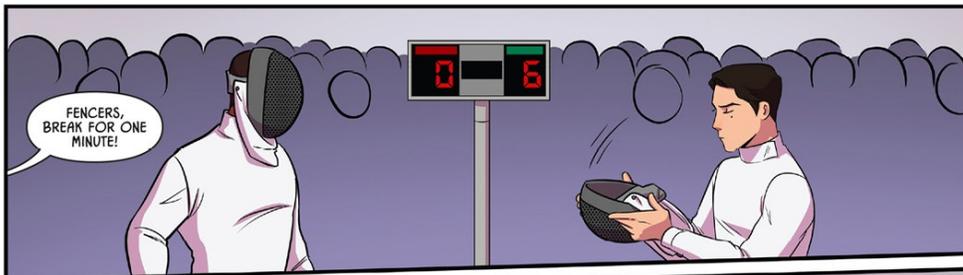
"THE WAY THEY'RE FOCUSED ON THE MATCH."

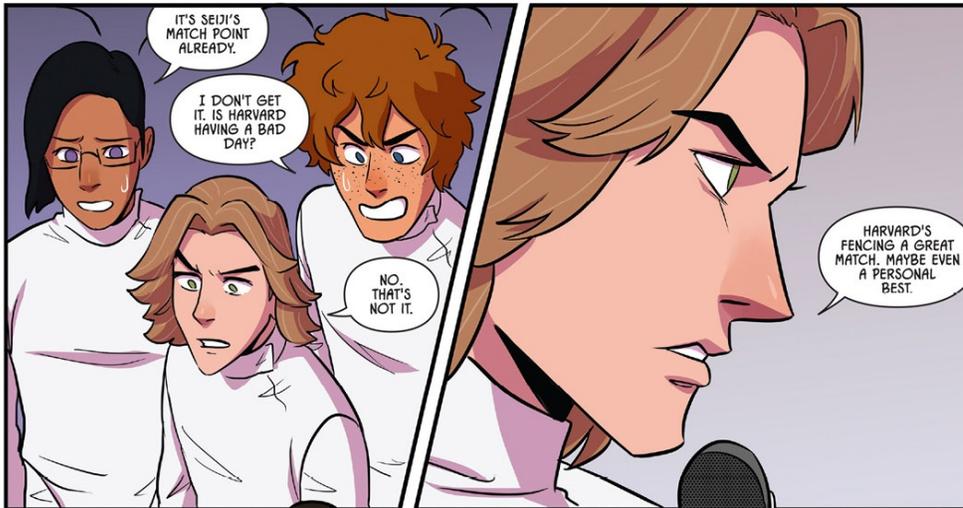


"WITH TOTAL CONCENTRATION-- FORGETTING EVEN TO CHEER--"

"--UNTIL EVERYONE IN THE HALL--"

"--IS JUST WATCHING IN SILENCE."





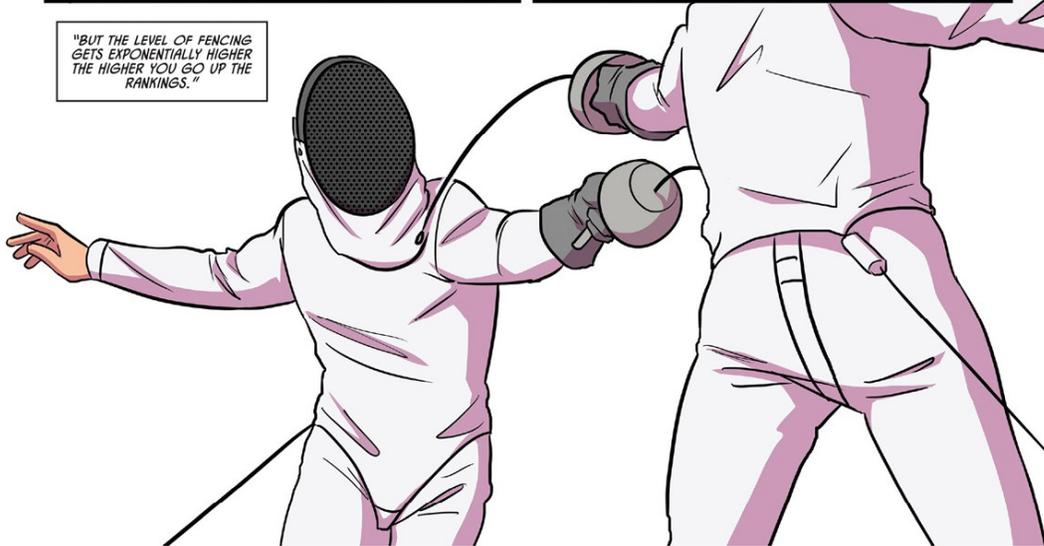
"--JUST HOW GOOD
SEIJI REALLY IS."



WINNER!
SEIJI KATAYAMA

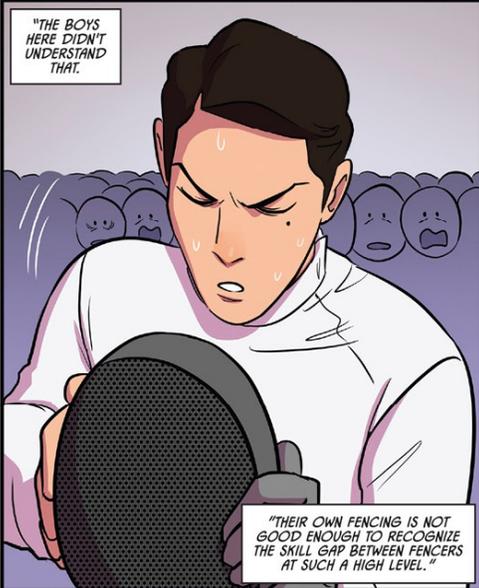


"BUT THE LEVEL OF FENCING GETS EXPONENTIALLY HIGHER THE HIGHER YOU GO UP THE RANKINGS."



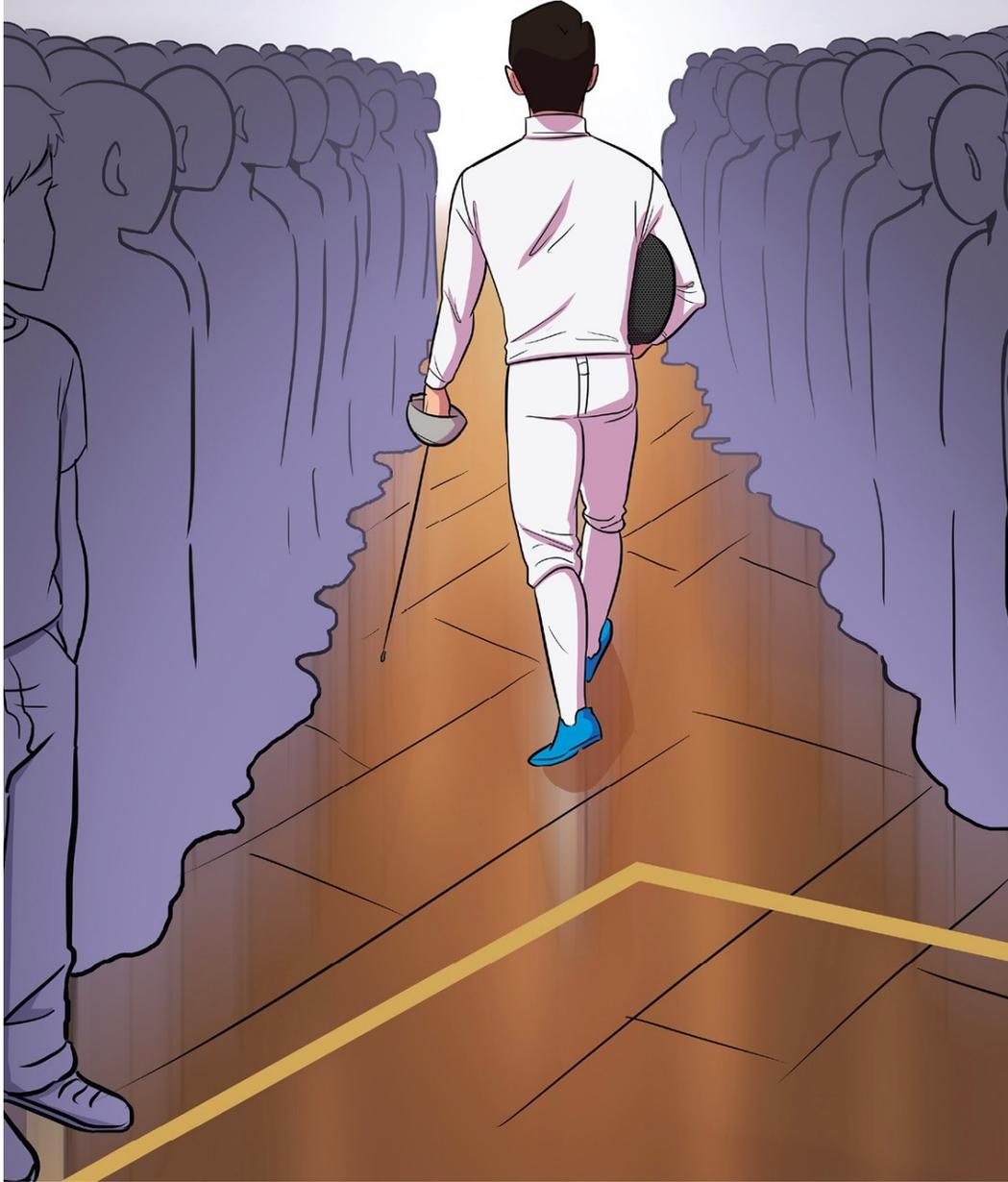


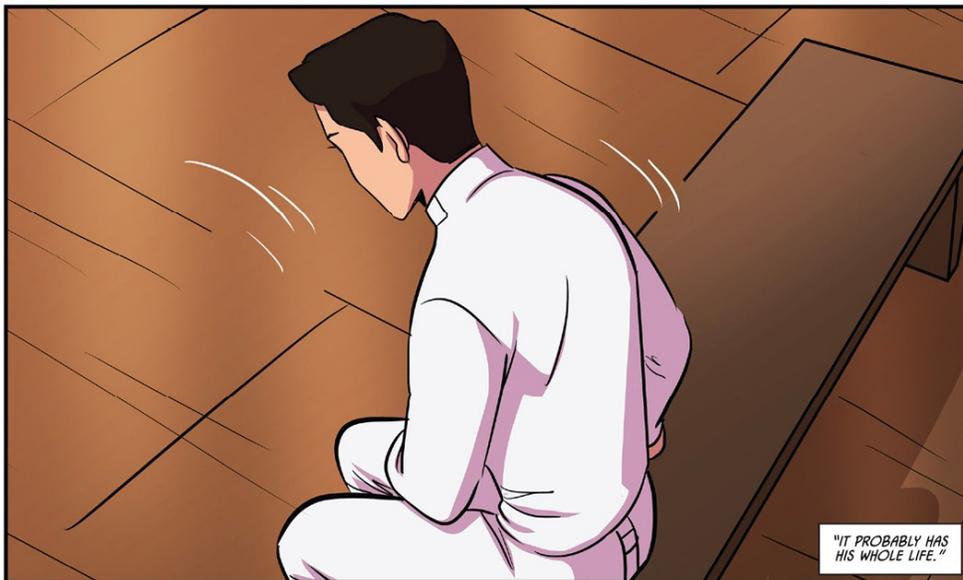
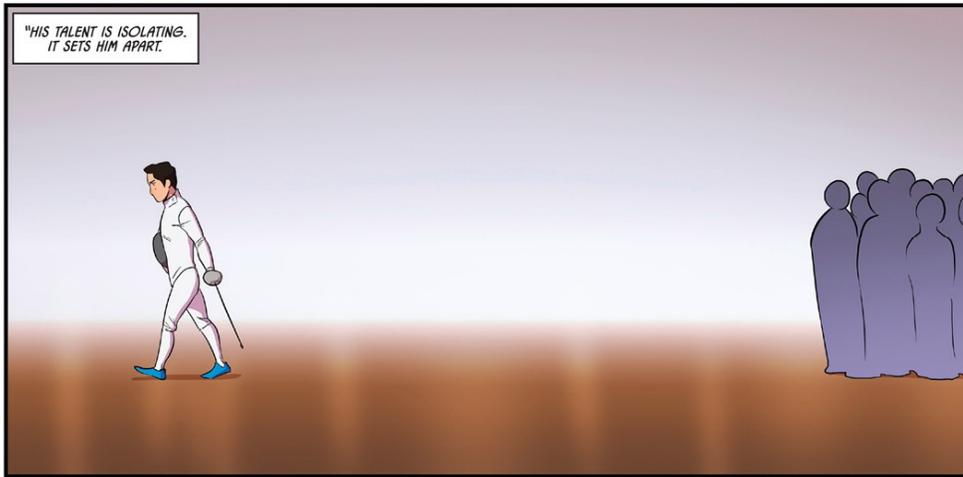
"THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TOP 4 AND EVERYONE ELSE IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETE, AND AN OLYMPIAN."





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







COME WATCH MY MATCH! I WATCHED YOURS!

EVEN THOUGH IT'S SO BORING THE WAY YOU JUST FLECHE ALL THE TIME.



I DON'T NEED TO WATCH YOUR MATCH. I WATCHED YOUR MATCH THE FIRST DAY AND YOU WERE TERRIBLE.

HEY! WATCH WHO YOU'RE CALLING TERRIBLE!



AFTER ALL, I BEAT AIDEN, AND AIDEN BEAT YOU, SO I BASICALLY BEAT YOU.

STOP SAYING THAT.



INDIRECT VICTORY!!



IF THAT'S THE RULE, I BEAT EUGENE AND HARVARD WHO BOTH BEAT YOU, SO I'M AHEAD 2-1.

THAT ISN'T--THAT--HEY!

