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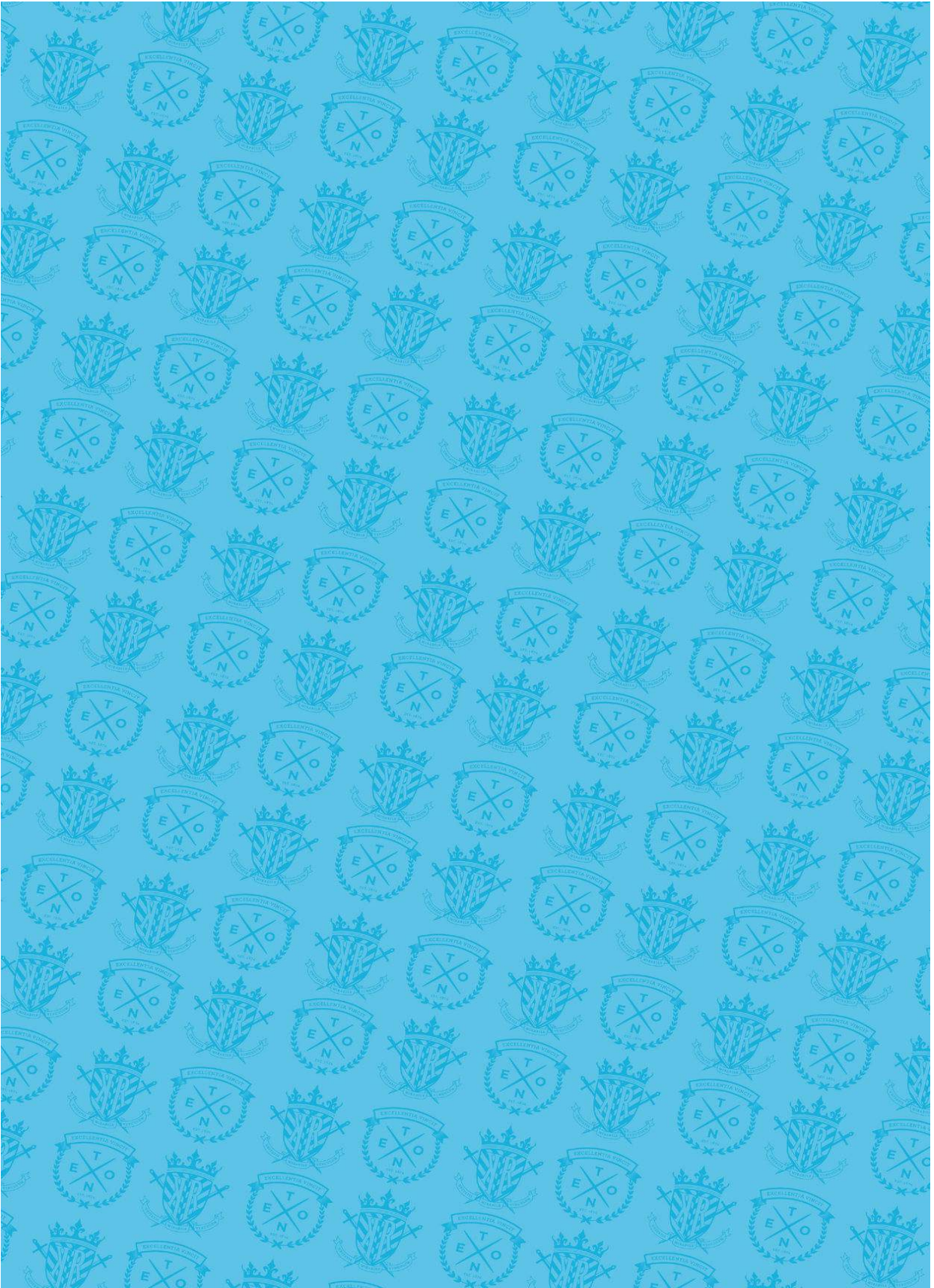
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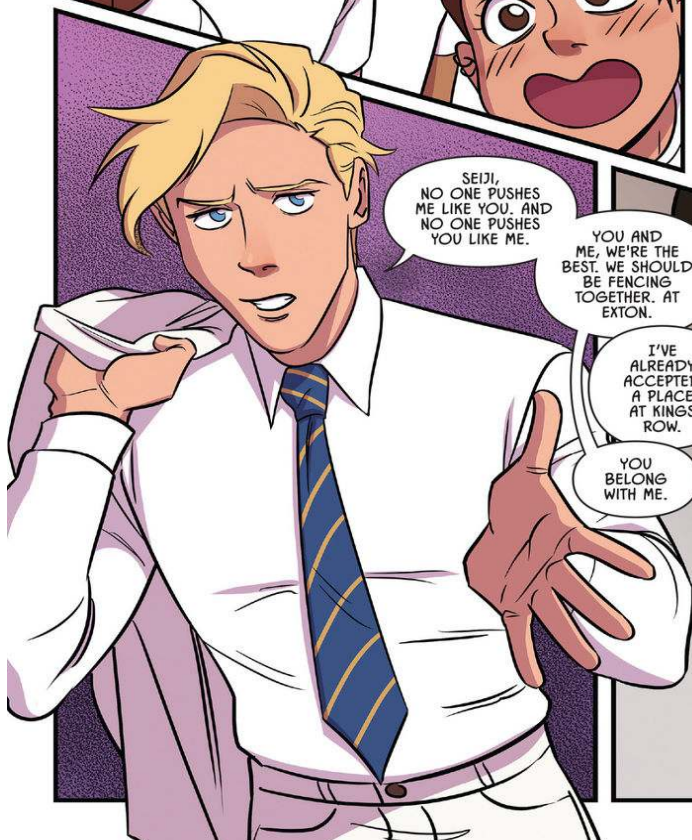
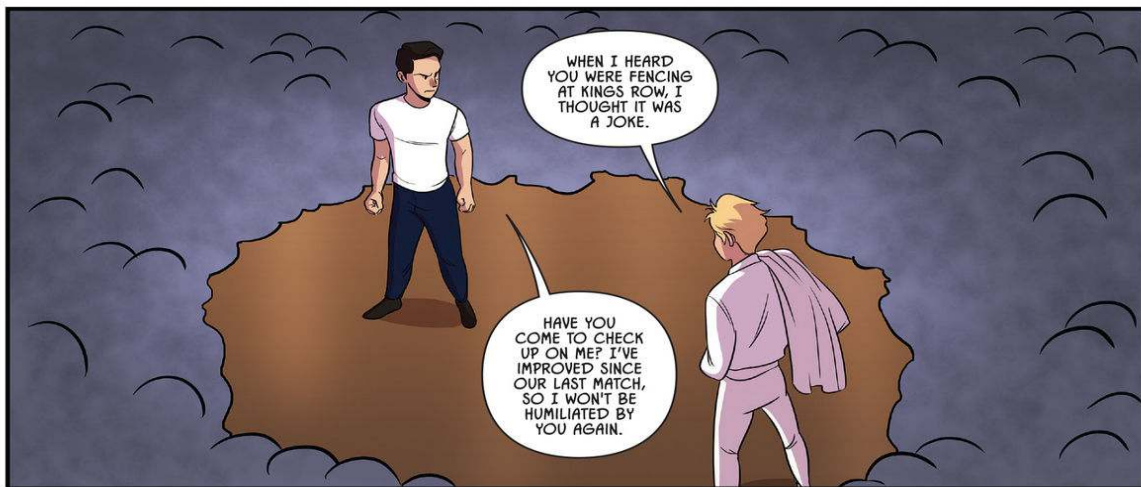
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**THIRTEEN**

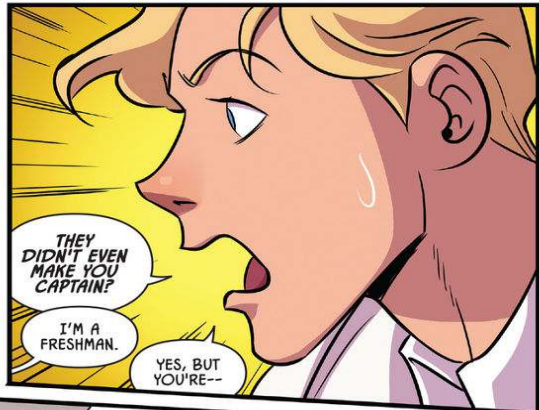
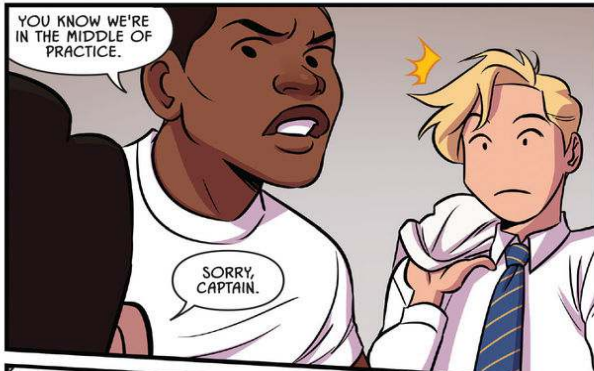




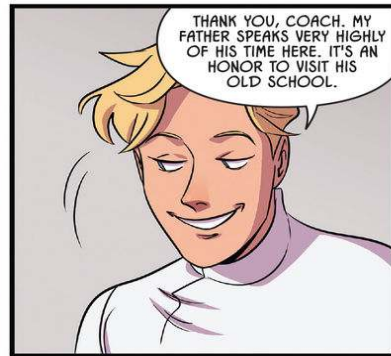
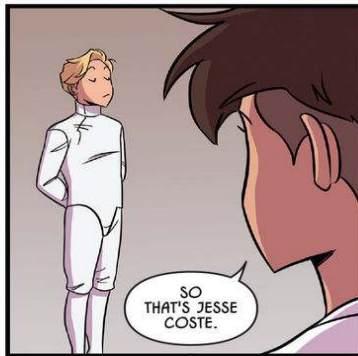
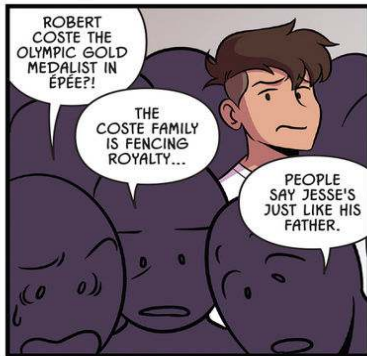
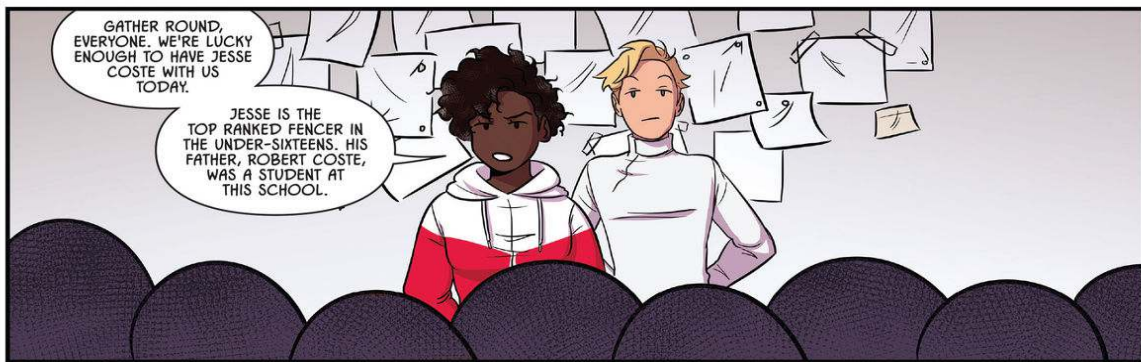




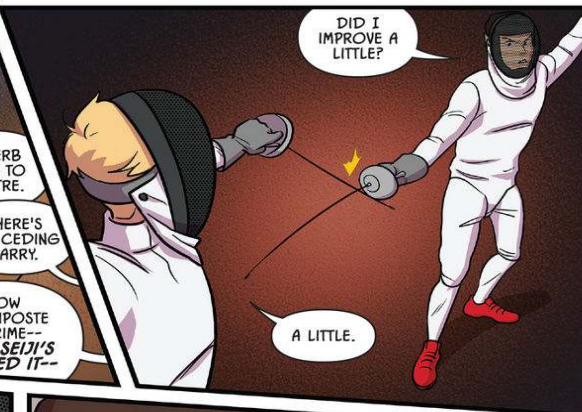
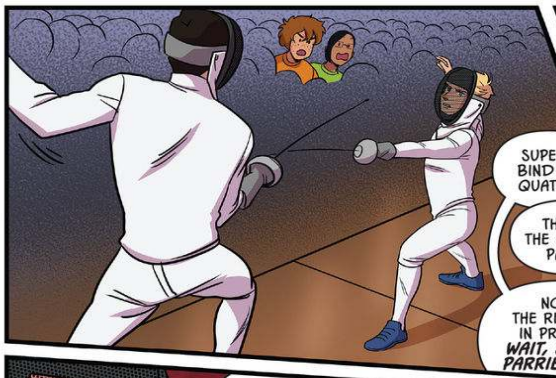




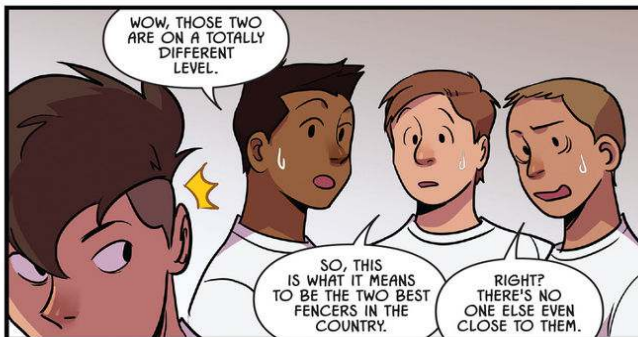
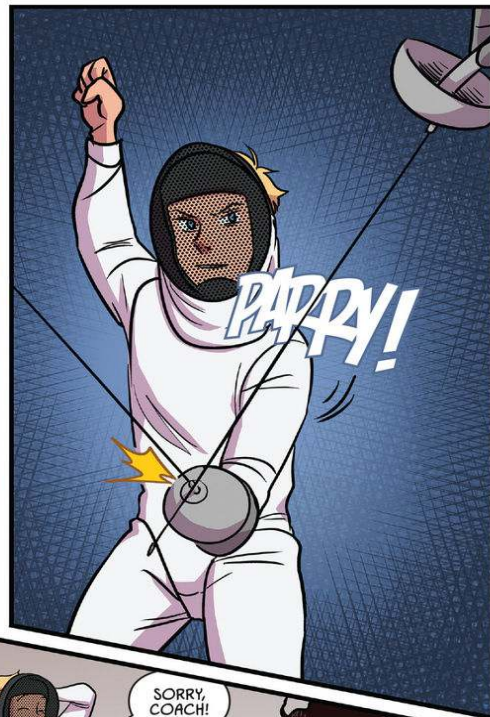




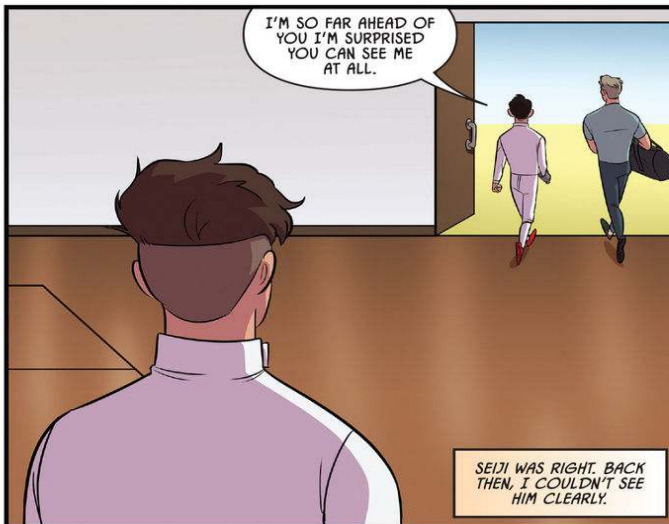
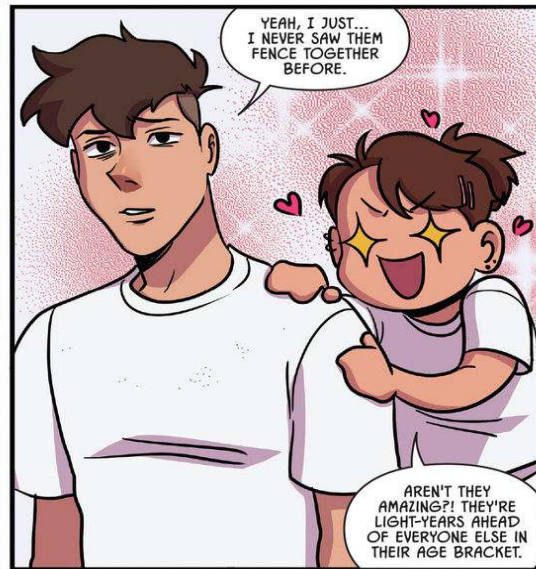




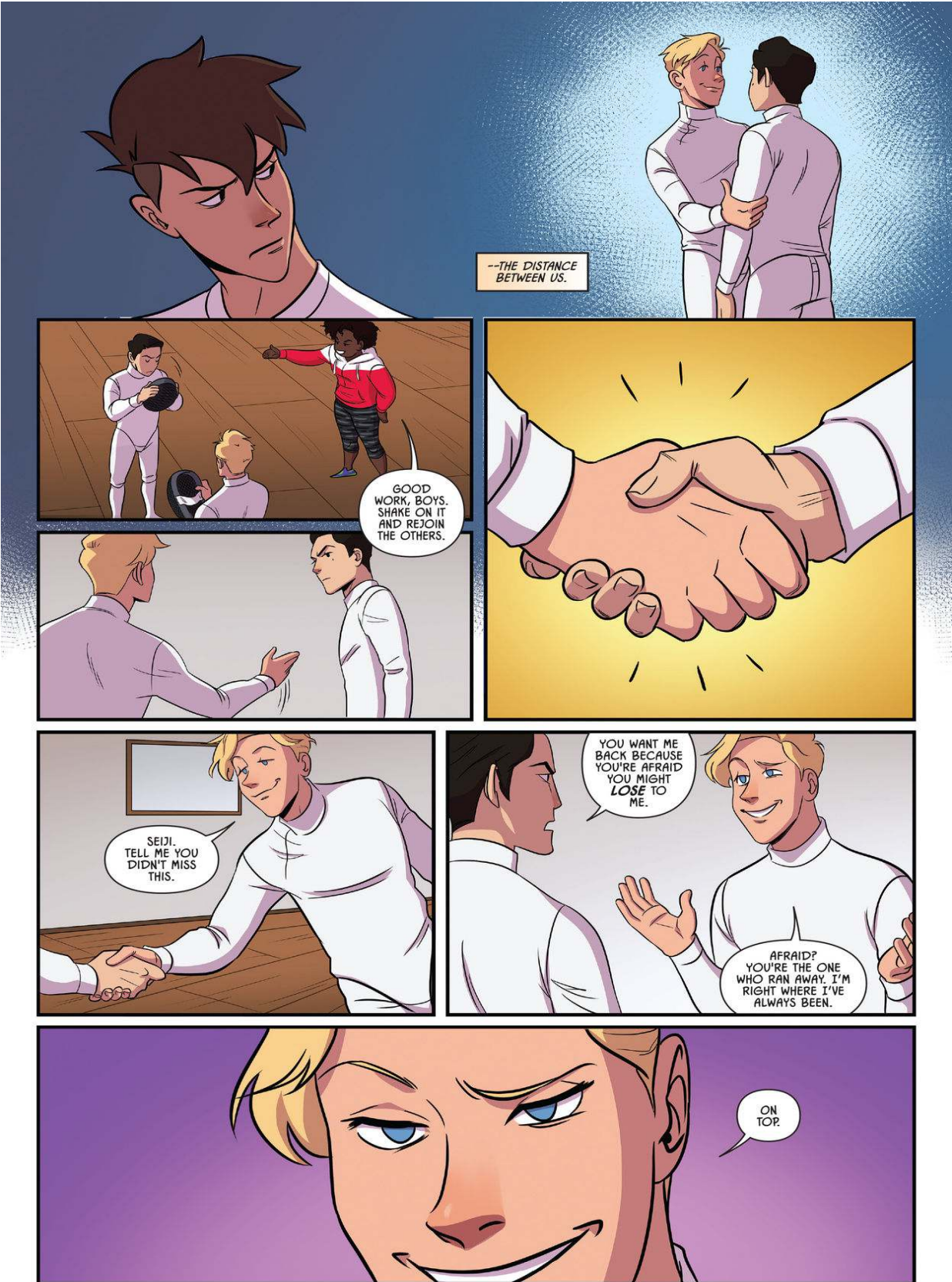












--THE DISTANCE  
BETWEEN US.

GOOD  
WORK, BOYS.  
SHAKE ON IT  
AND REJOIN  
THE OTHERS.

SEIJI,  
TELL ME YOU  
DIDN'T MISS  
THIS.

YOU WANT ME  
BACK BECAUSE  
YOU'RE AFRAID  
YOU MIGHT  
LOSE TO  
ME.

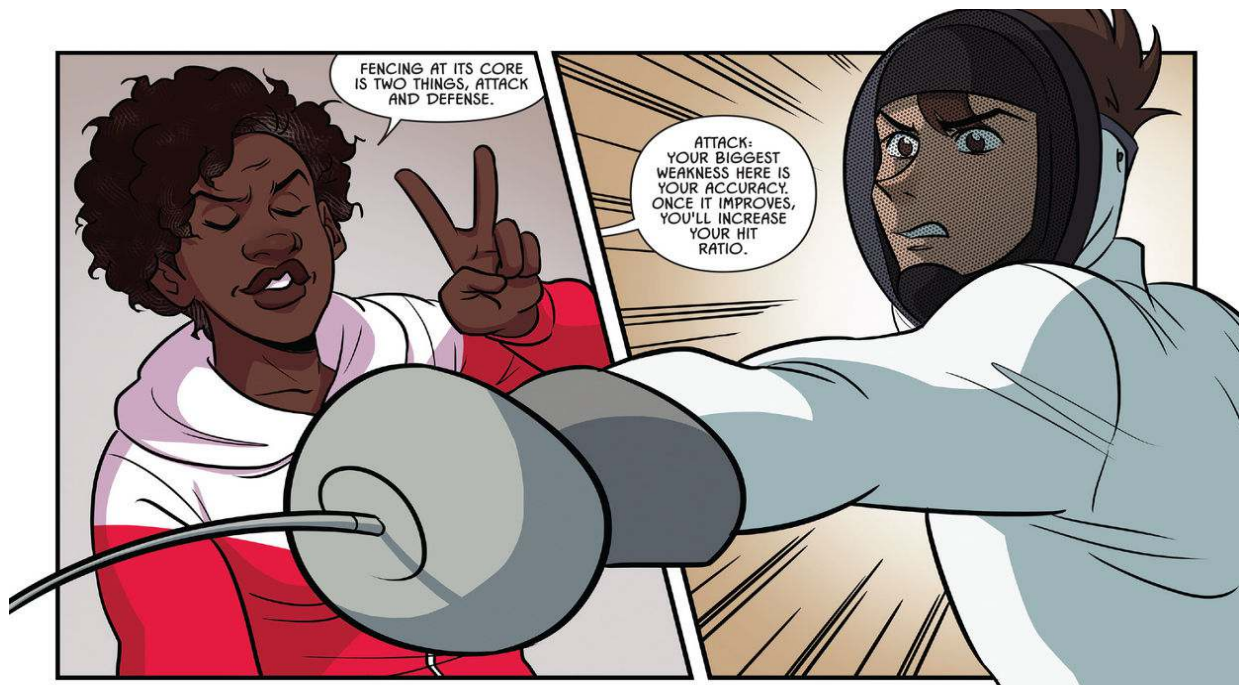
AFRAID?  
YOU'RE THE ONE  
WHO RAN AWAY. I'M  
RIGHT WHERE I'VE  
ALWAYS BEEN.

ON  
TOP.













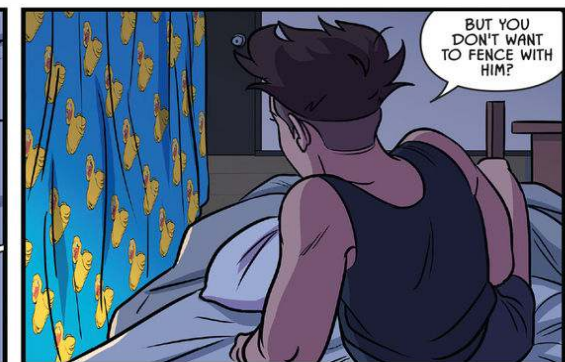
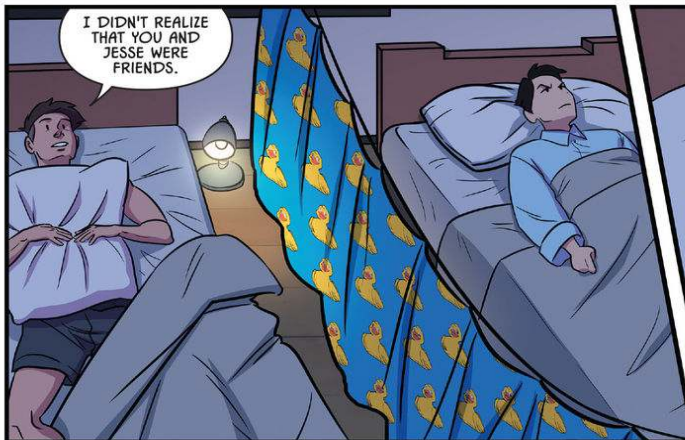


--TODAY I TAKE  
MY FIRST STEP!

THREE,  
FOUR, FIVE...**ACK!**  
ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR...  
**ACK!** ONE, TWO, THREE,  
FOUR, FIVE...



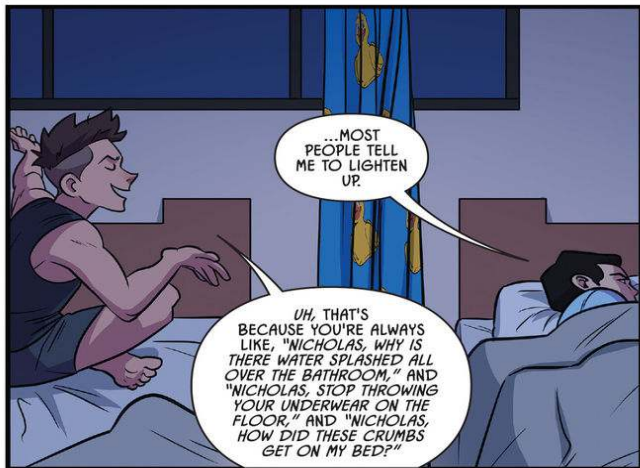




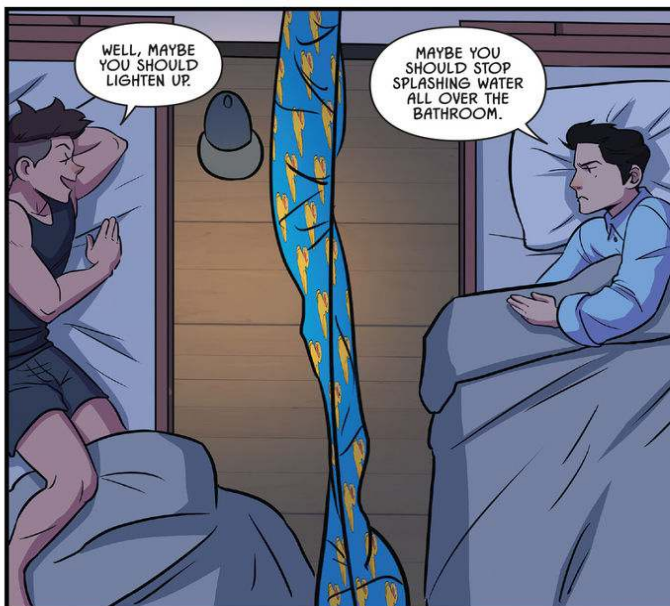








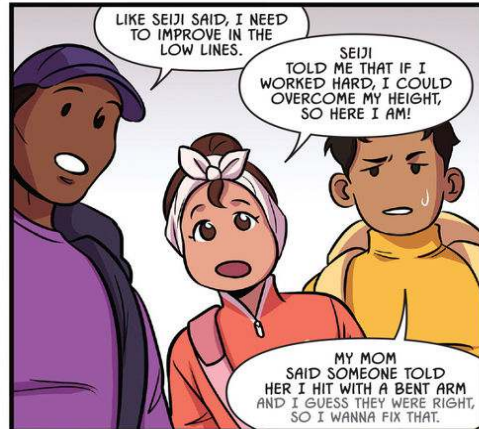












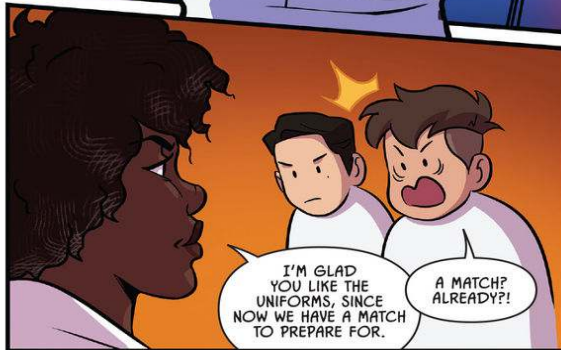












I'M GLAD YOU LIKE THE UNIFORMS, SINCE NOW WE HAVE A MATCH TO PREPARE FOR.

A MATCH? ALREADY?!



THAT'S RIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO BE FENCING AGAINST MLC IN OUR FIRST PRACTICE MATCH OF THE SEASON.



A PRACTICE MATCH!

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS SINCE FIFTH GRADE!



IT'S KIND OF FUNNY THAT THE TWO MOST EXCITED FOR THE MATCH ARE THE RESERVES.

THEY DO REALIZE THEY PROBABLY WON'T GET TO FENCE, RIGHT?

LABAO LUNGES FOR THE WIN!

COX PARRIES, AND SCORES!

THEY WILL, SINCE YOU BLOW OFF HALF OUR MATCHES.



OKAY, BOYS. UP TO NOW, YOU'VE BEEN FENCING INDIVIDUAL MATCHES. IT'S TIME TO SEE HOW YOU FENCE--







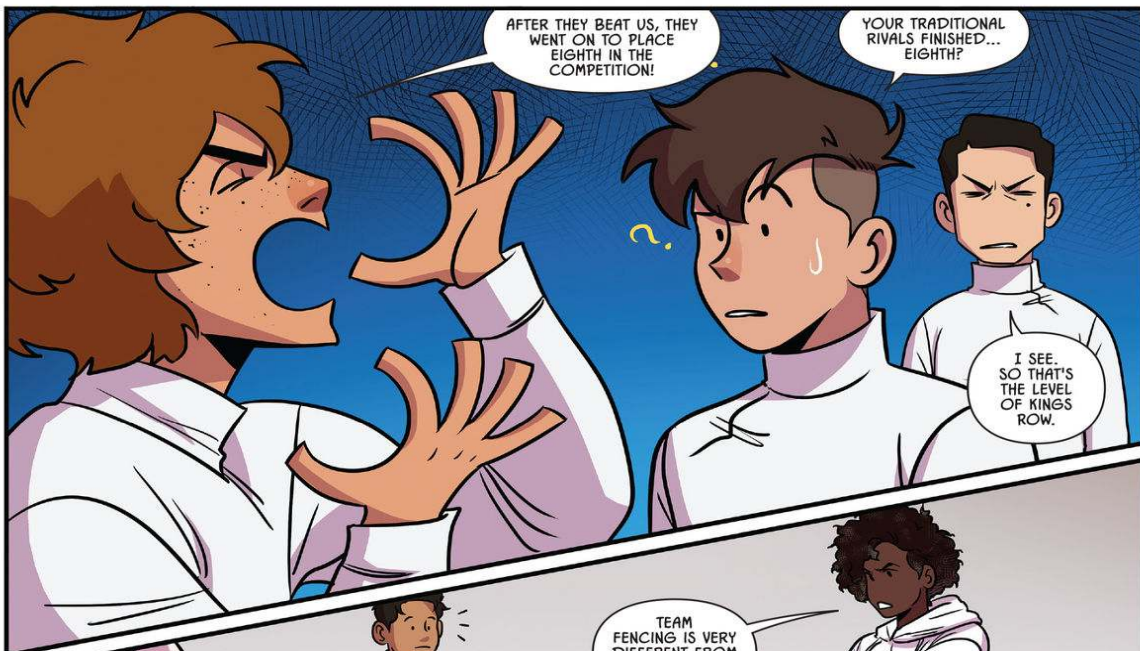
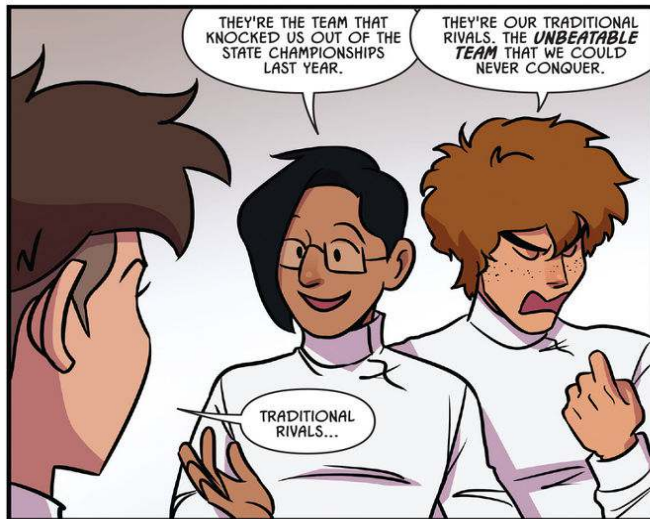






CHAPTER  
**FOURTEEN**







EACH OF THE THREE FENCERS ON OUR TEAM MUST FENCE EVERY FENCER ON THE OPPOSING TEAM ONCE, FOR A TOTAL OF NINE BOUTS.

THIS IS A STANDARD MATCH-UP FORM.

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'VE ALREADY PLACED HARVARD AS FIRST FENCER, AIDEN AS SECOND, AND SEIJI AS THIRD.

THESE NINE BOUTS FOLLOW A PREARRANGED PATTERN.

TEAM MATCH SCORESHEET  
KINGS ROW versus MLC

Date: / /

President: .....

Weapon: Foil ☒ Epée ☐ Sabre

Venue: .....

Team A:			Team B:		
	Fencer Name			Fencer Name	
1	Harvard Lee		4	Andre Anchovy	
2	Moi		5	John Meh	
3	Another Guy		6	Felicks de Baldo	
Reserve	Zero		Reserve	Rez Urve	

Fencer	Score	Time	Score

SEIJI'S THIRD? I KIND OF THOUGHT HE WOULD BE FIRST, SINCE--

--HE'S THE BEST.

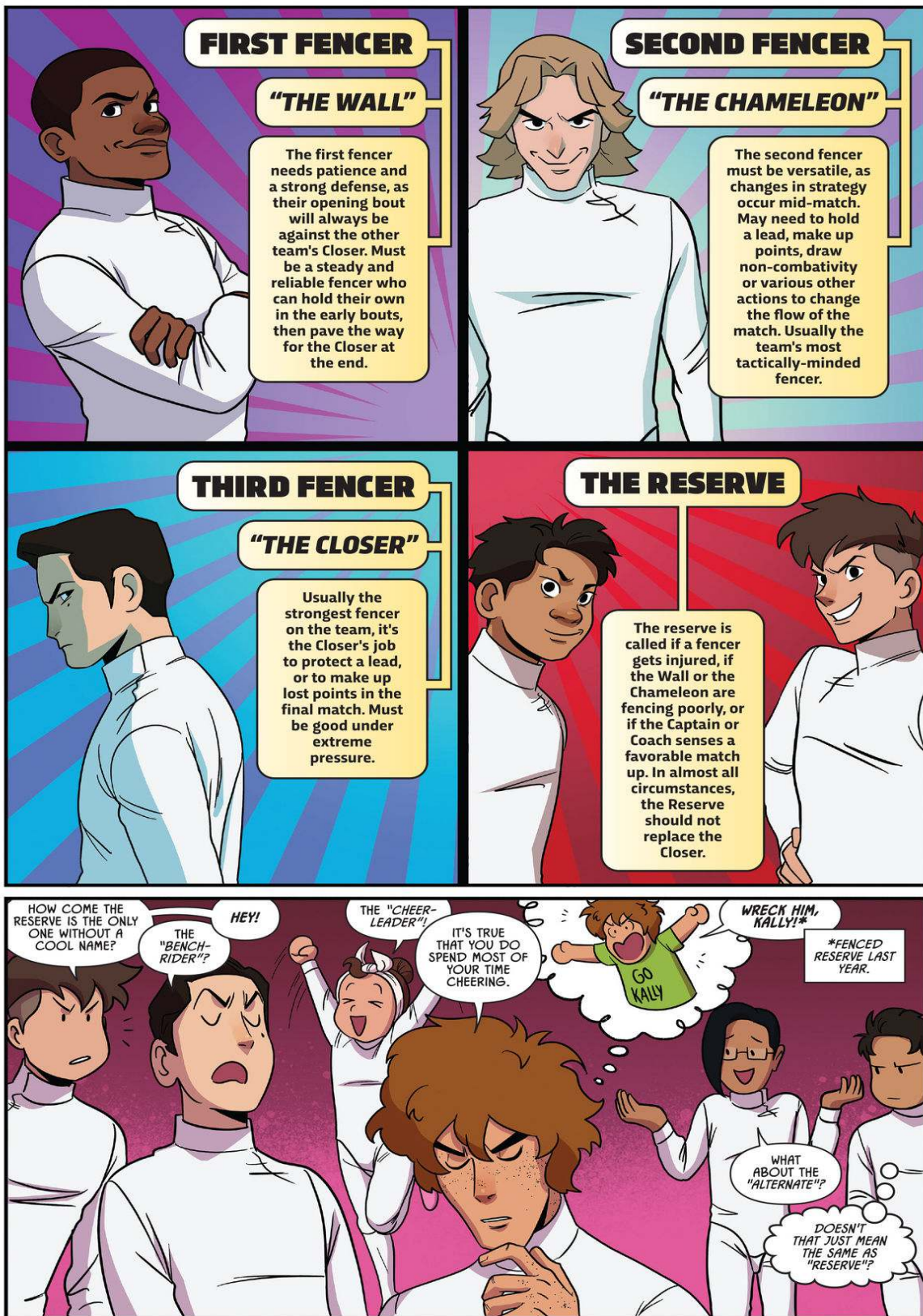
I'M THE WHAT?

NOTHING!

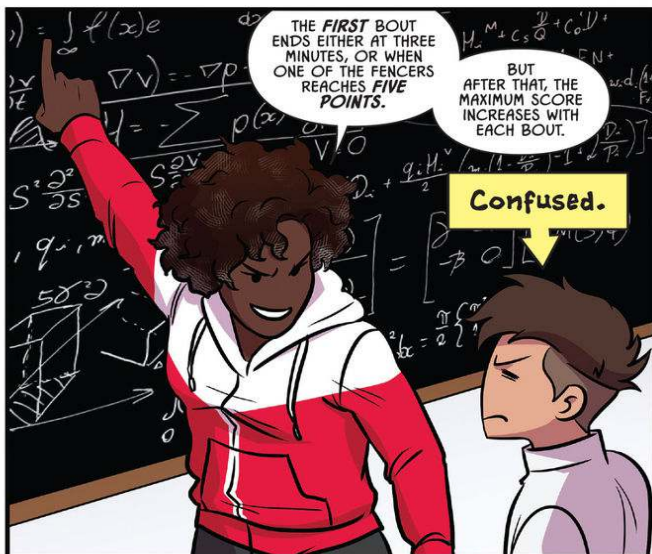
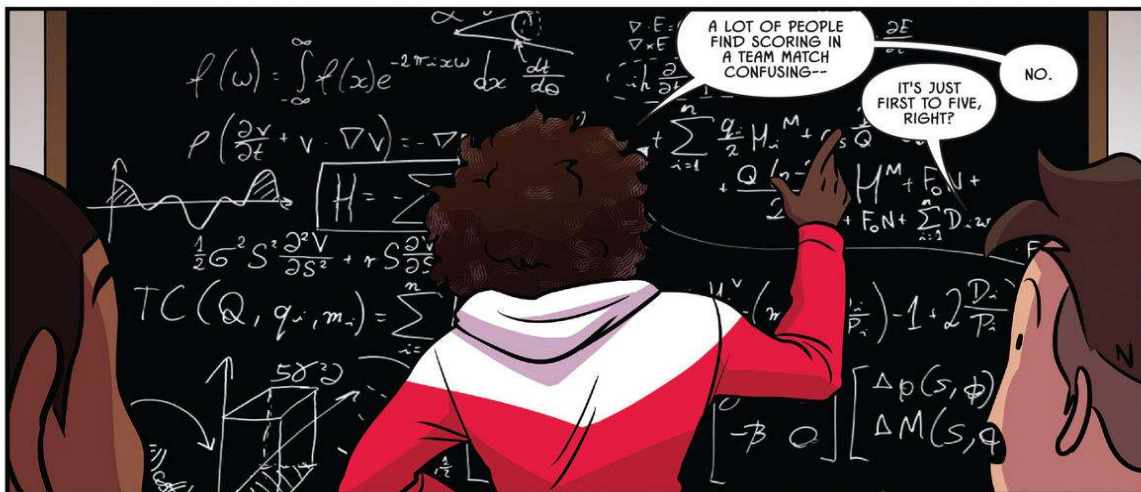
ALTHOUGH STRATEGY CAN VARY FROM MATCH TO MATCH, TEAMS USUALLY PUT THEIR BEST FENCER THIRD.

THE THIRD FENCER IS SOMETIMES CALLED THE CLOSER. THEY FENCE LAST AND FINISH THE MATCH.

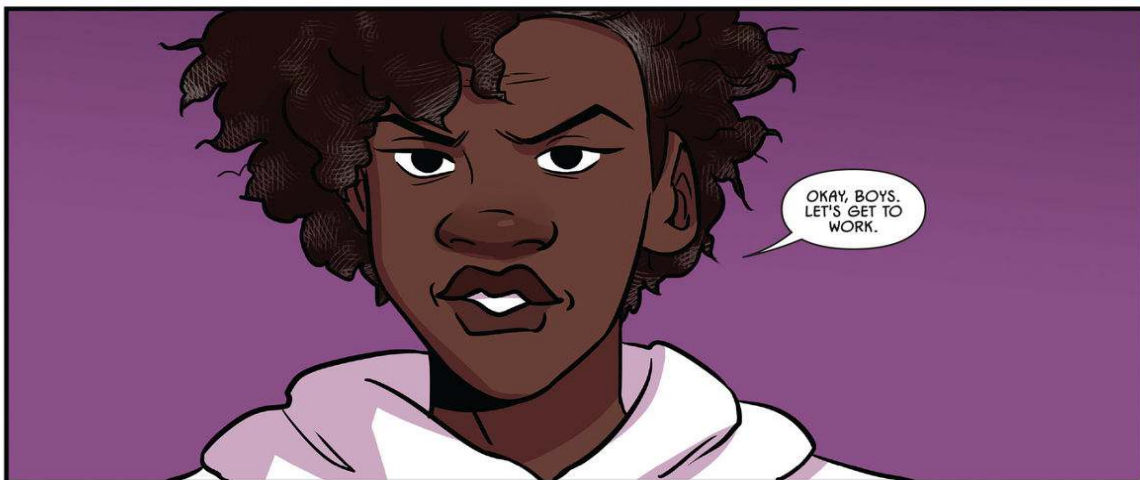
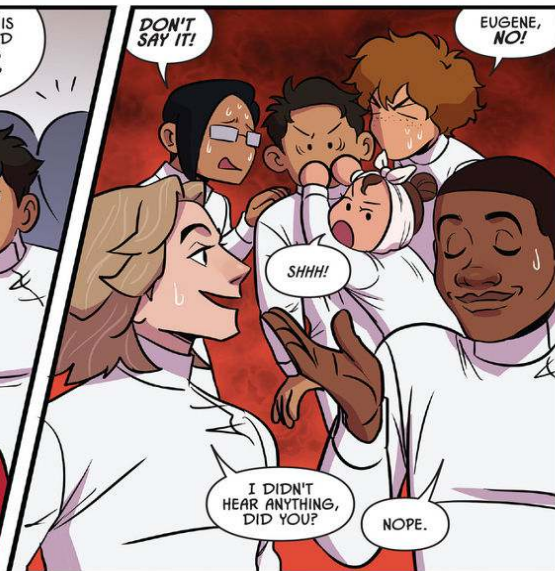




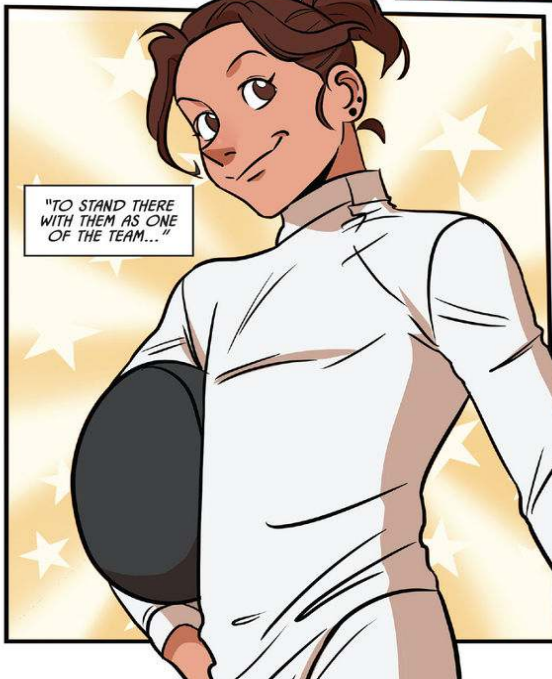




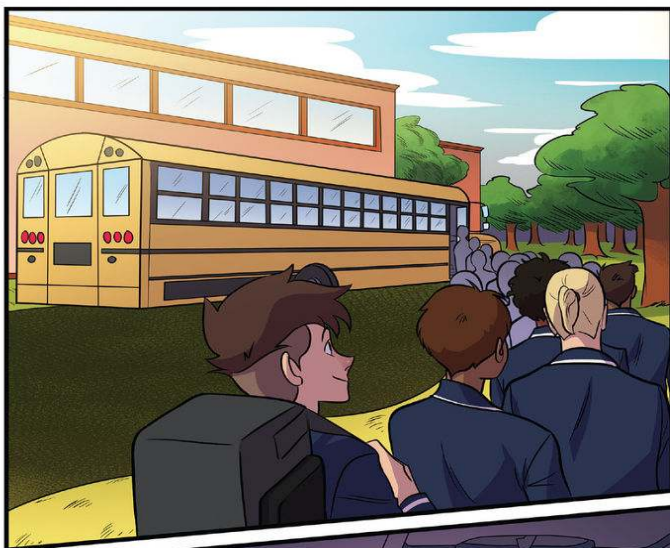




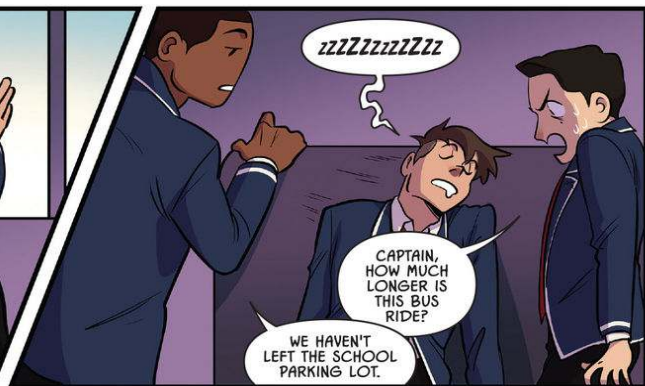
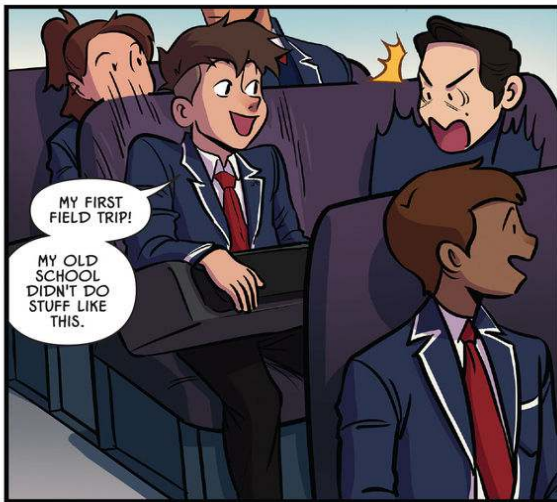




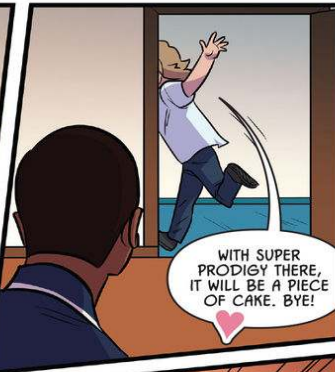




















HEY, YOU! SEIJI ISN'T THE ONLY GOOD FENCER ON OUR TEAM.



I'M ON THE TEAM, TOO.

OH YEAH, WHAT DO YOU FENCE?  
HE'S THE RESERVE.



YEAH, DON'T MESS WITH KINGS ROW! WE ARE COMING FOR YOU!

AND HE'S NOT ON THE TEAM.



KINGS ROW DIDN'T EVEN MAKE THE FINALS LAST YEAR. EVERYONE KNOWS YOU'RE JUST HIDING BEHIND YOUR STAR FENCER.



IF YOU'RE WATCHING SEIJI, YOU'LL MISS HOW GREAT THE REST OF US ARE.



WE'VE GOT A KILLER CAPTAIN.

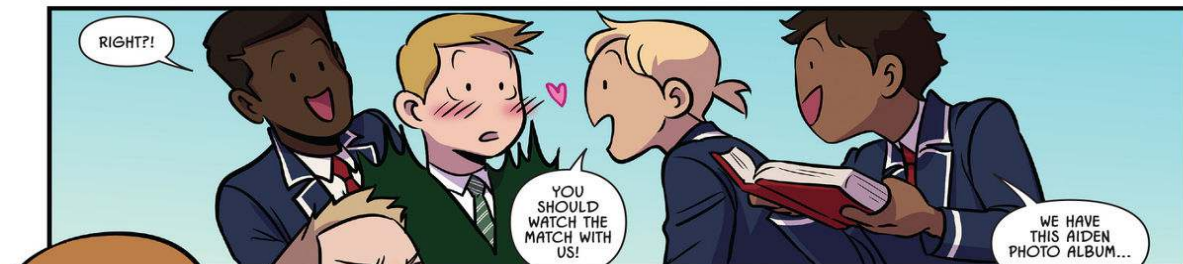
AND WAIT TILL YOU SEE *EUGENE* FENCE.

AHAHA, THIS IS ACTUALLY MY FIRST TEAM MATCH...

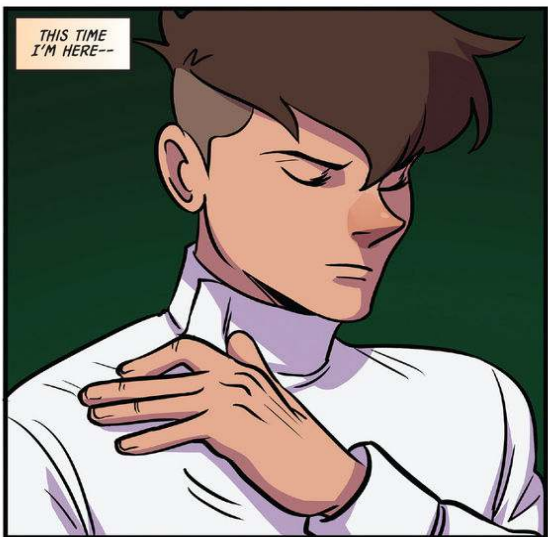
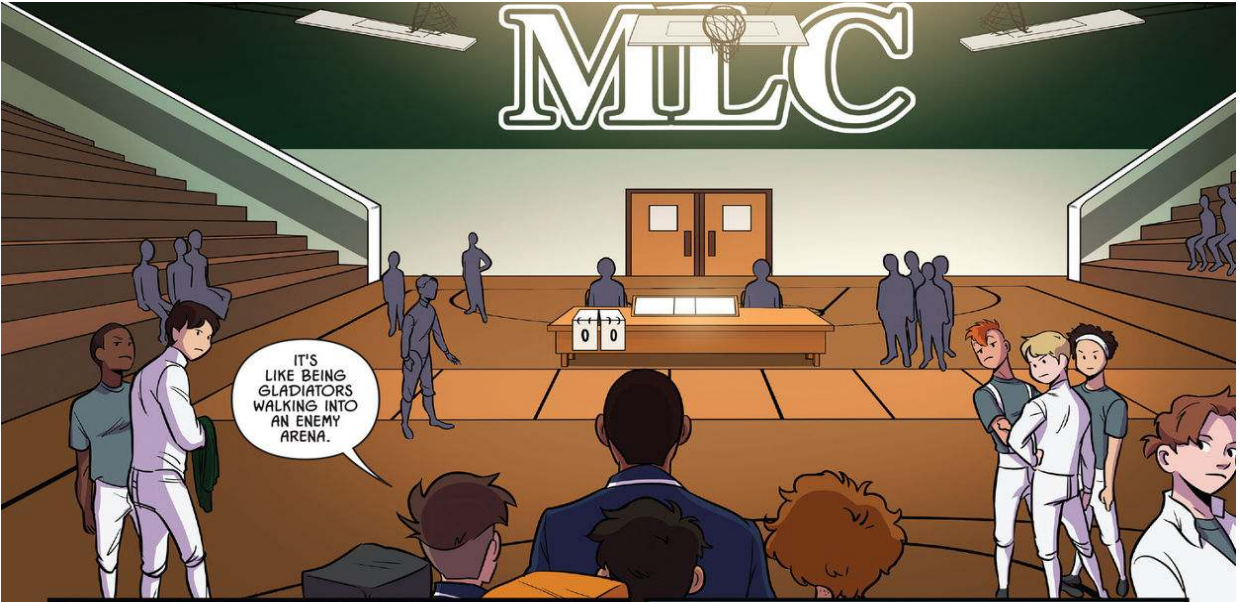


YOUR TEAM--



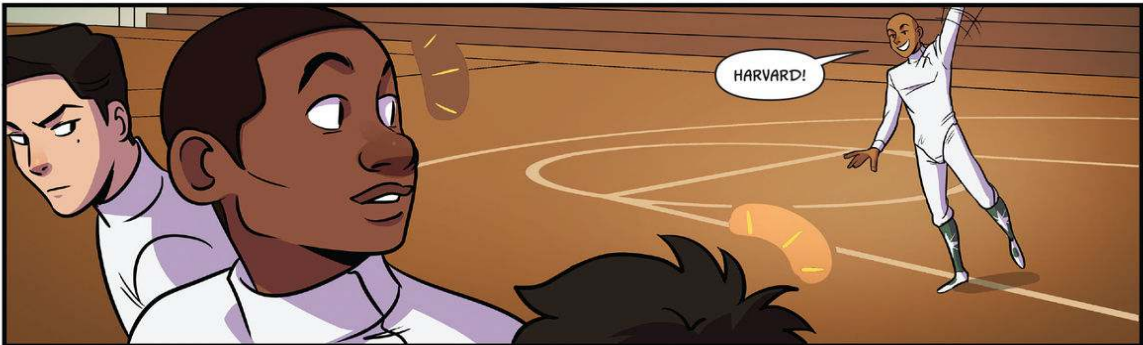








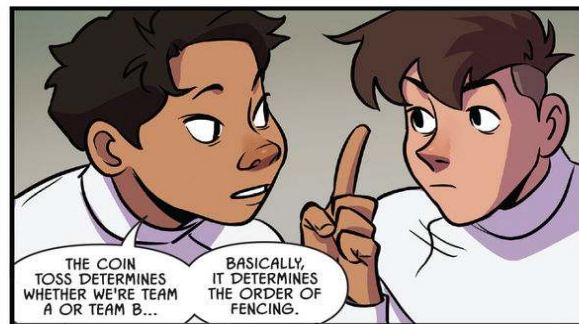
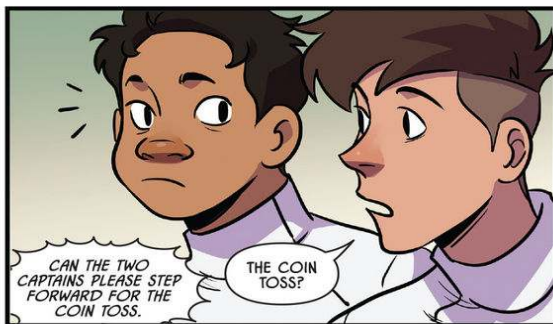
--WITH A TEAM.



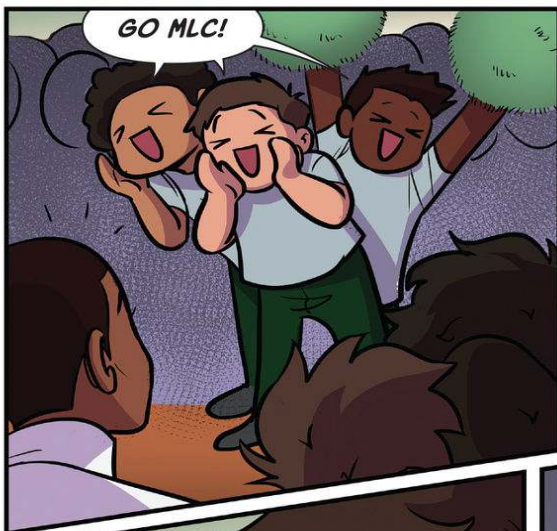




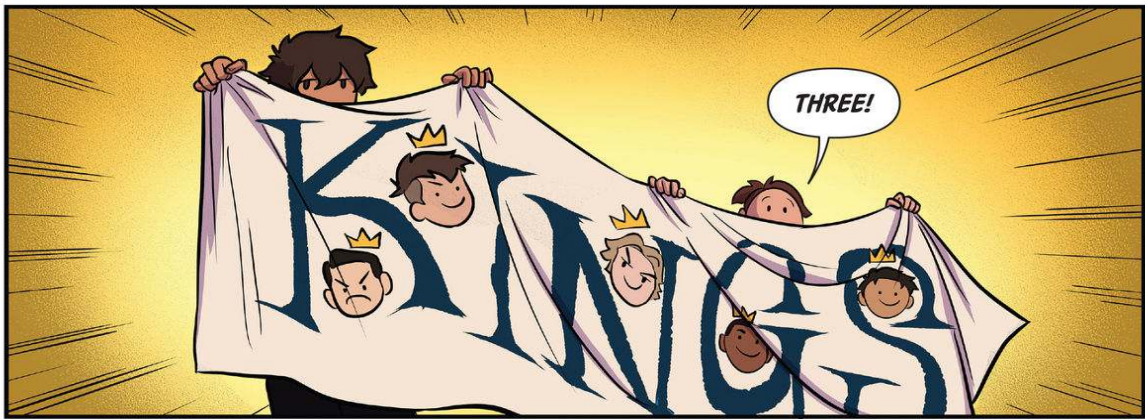




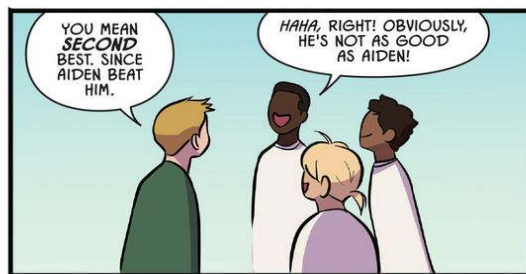
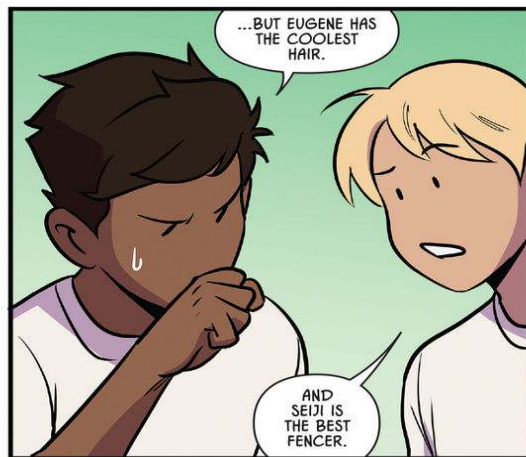




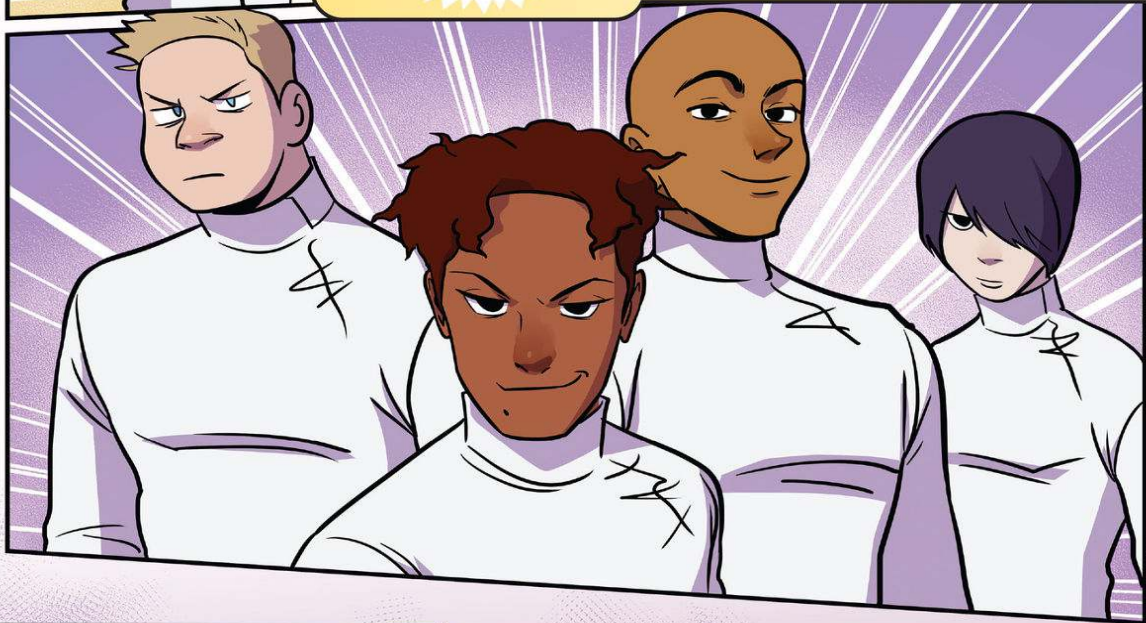
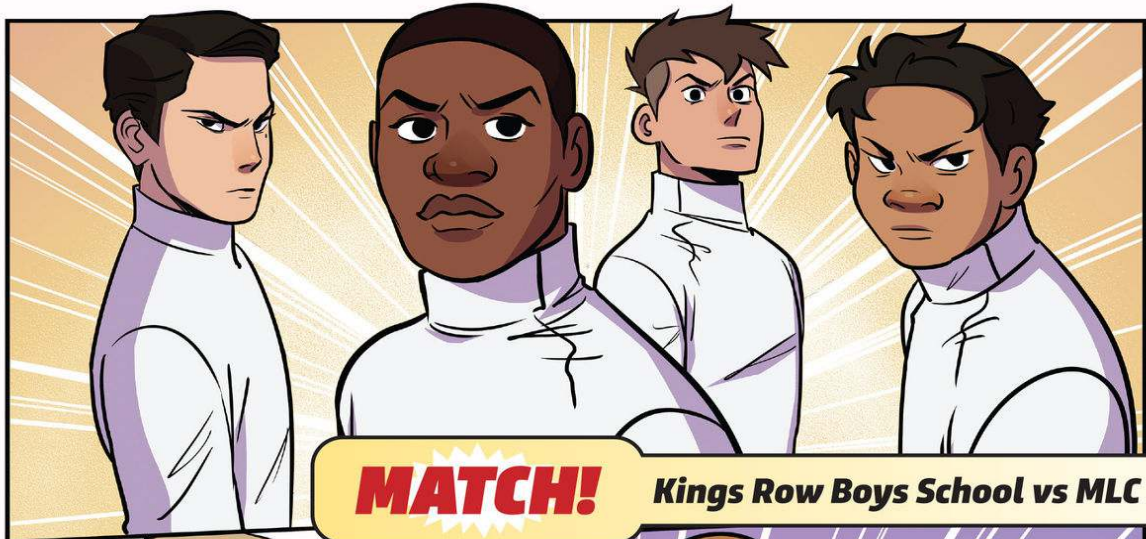




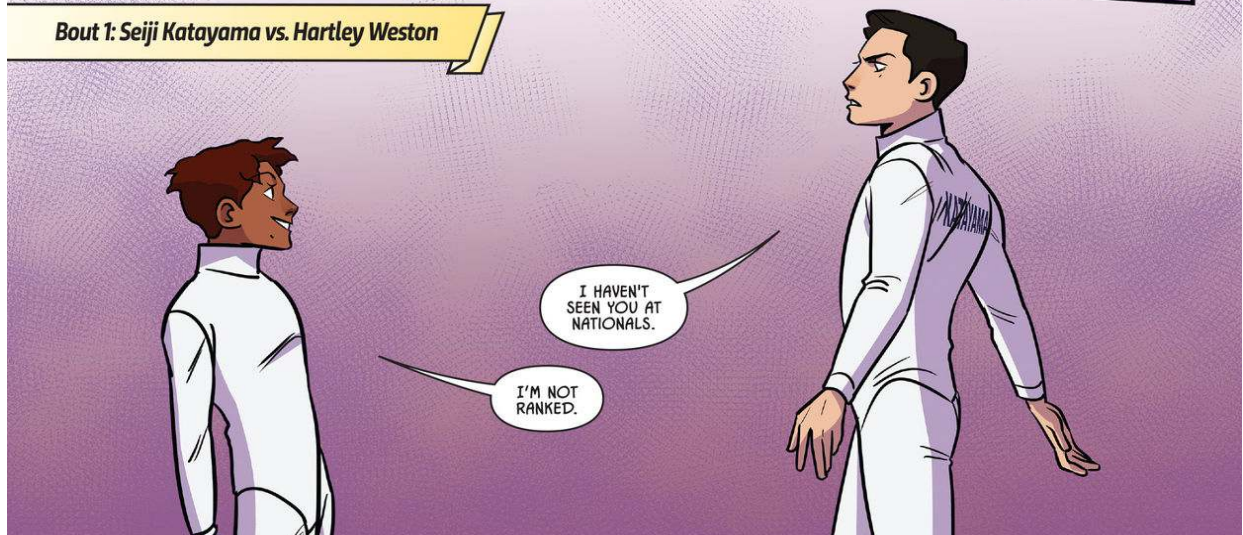




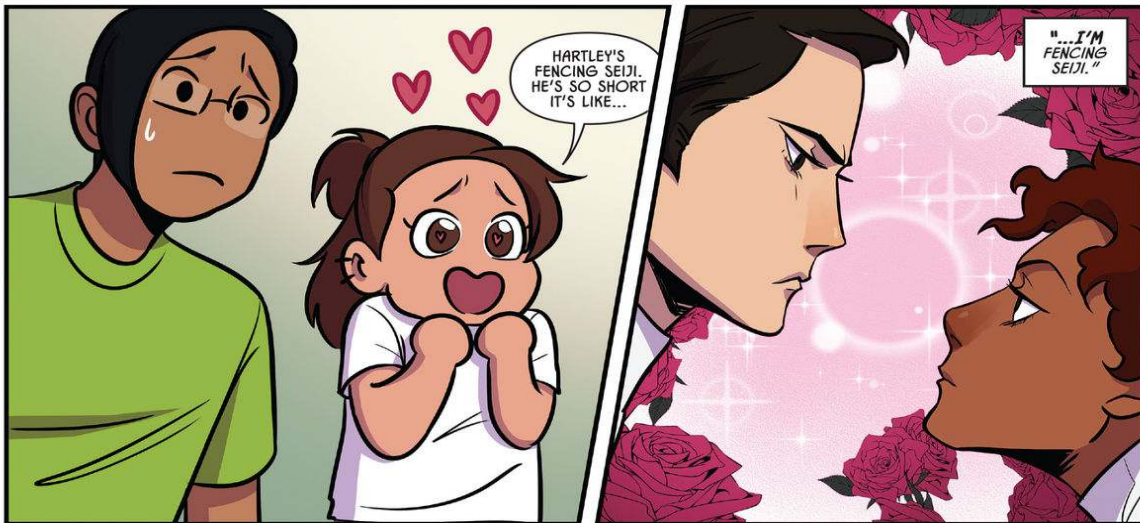




Bout 1: Seiji Katayama vs. Hartley Weston













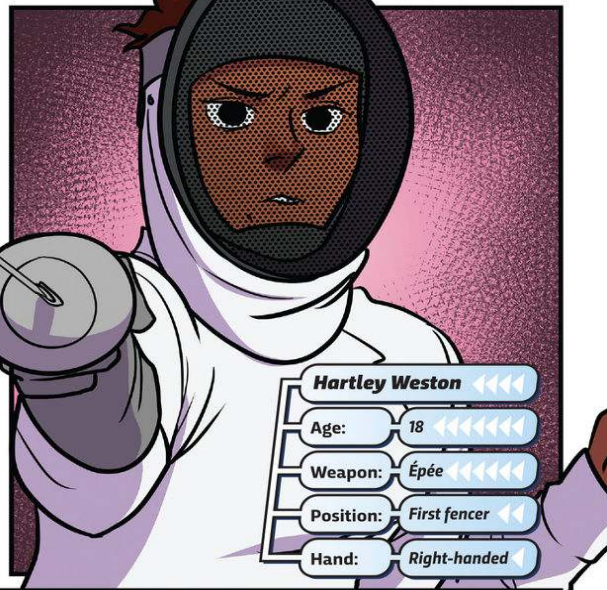
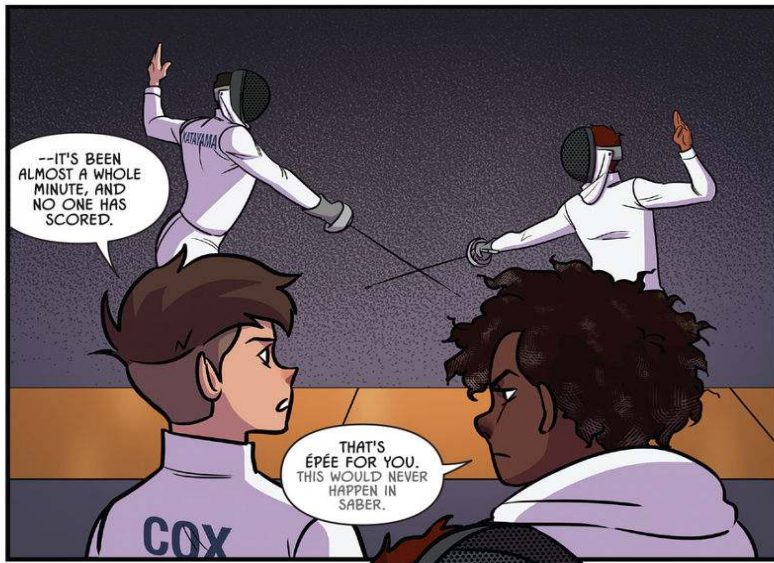
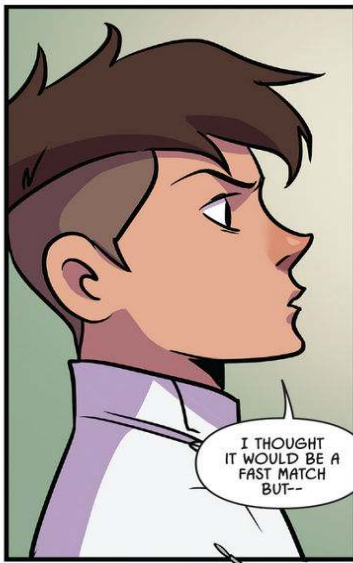






CHAPTER  
**FIFTEEN**

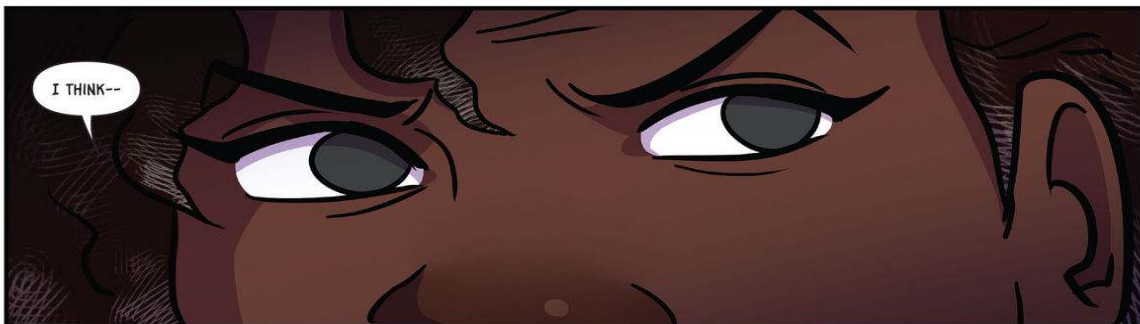
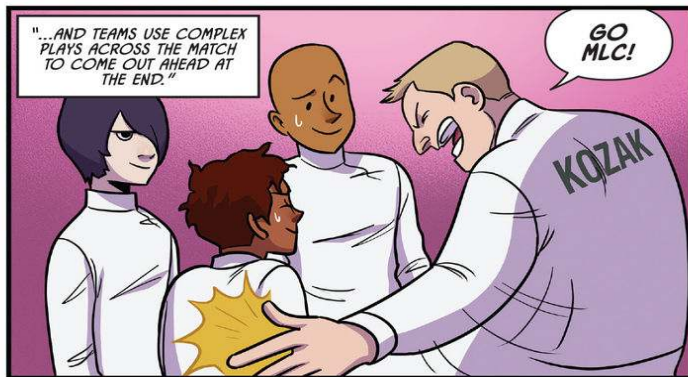








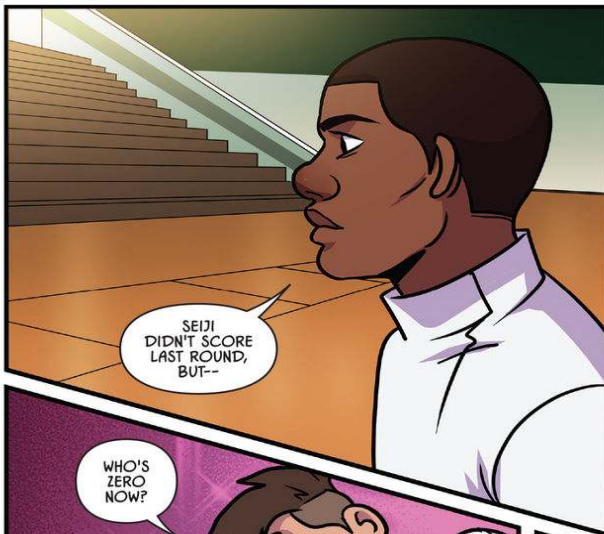












SEIJI  
DIDN'T SCORE  
LAST ROUND,  
BUT--



--IF I CAN  
MAKE UP THE  
POINTS, I CAN  
GET THE TEAM  
BACK ON  
TRACK.



WHO'S  
ZERO  
NOW?

SHUT  
UP.



I  
WOULD  
HAVE HIT  
HIM.

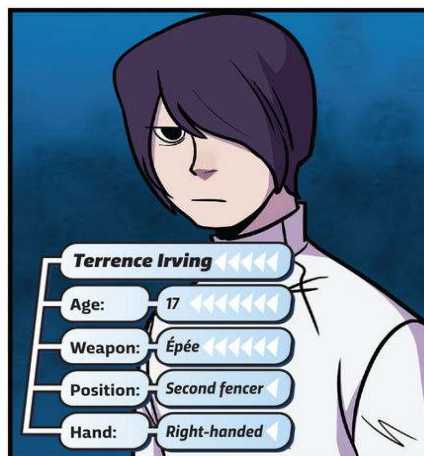
FROM THE  
BENCH?

HEY!



DOES ANYONE KNOW  
ANYTHING ABOUT  
HARVARD'S  
OPPONENT?

HE'S  
THE SILENT,  
MYSTERIOUS TYPE,  
THAT'S HARD TO  
READ ON THE  
PISTE.



Terrence Irving	
Age:	17
Weapon:	Épée
Position:	Second fencer
Hand:	Right-handed



GUYS LIKE THAT...  
YOU NEVER KNOW  
WHAT THEY'RE  
THINKING.

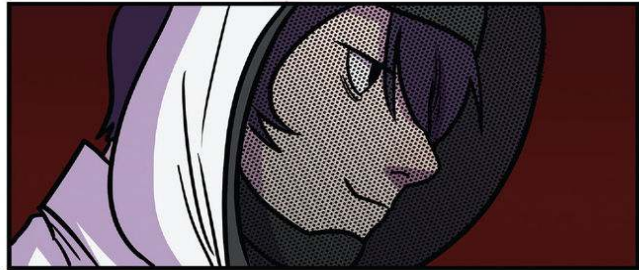
I WANT A  
SANDWICH.



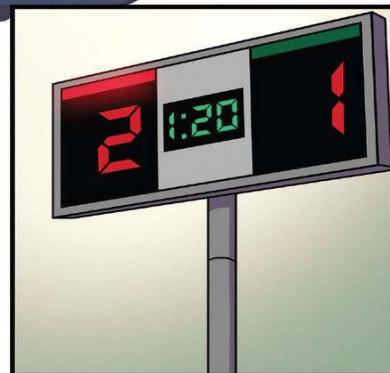
I CAN  
DO THIS. I'M  
READY. THE  
TEAM--

PRET.

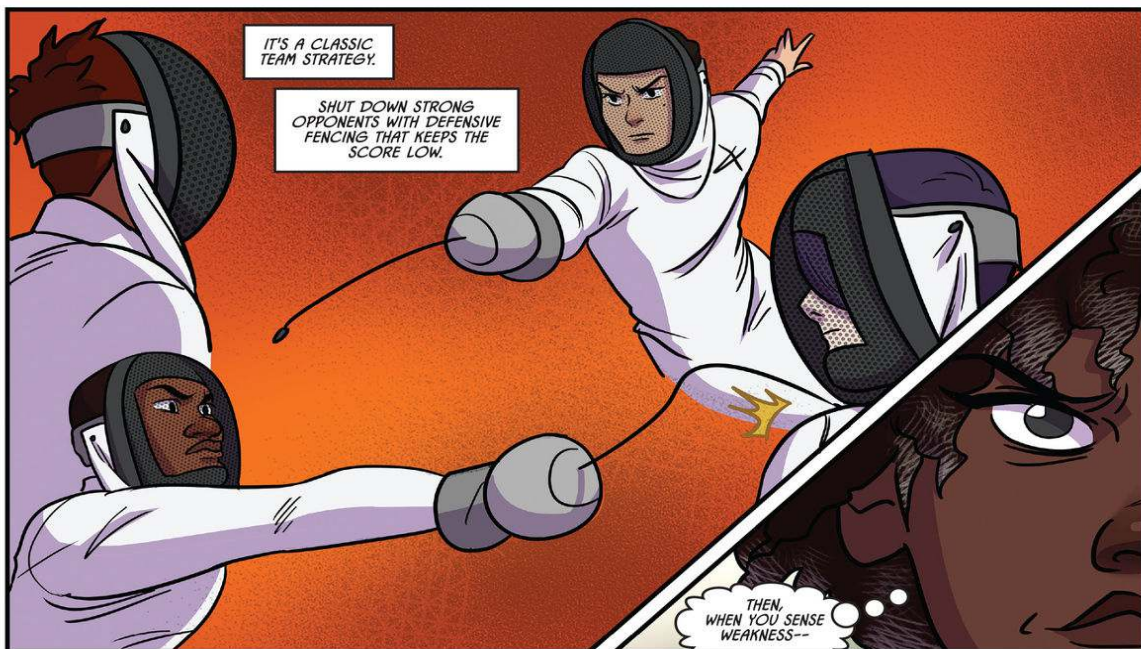




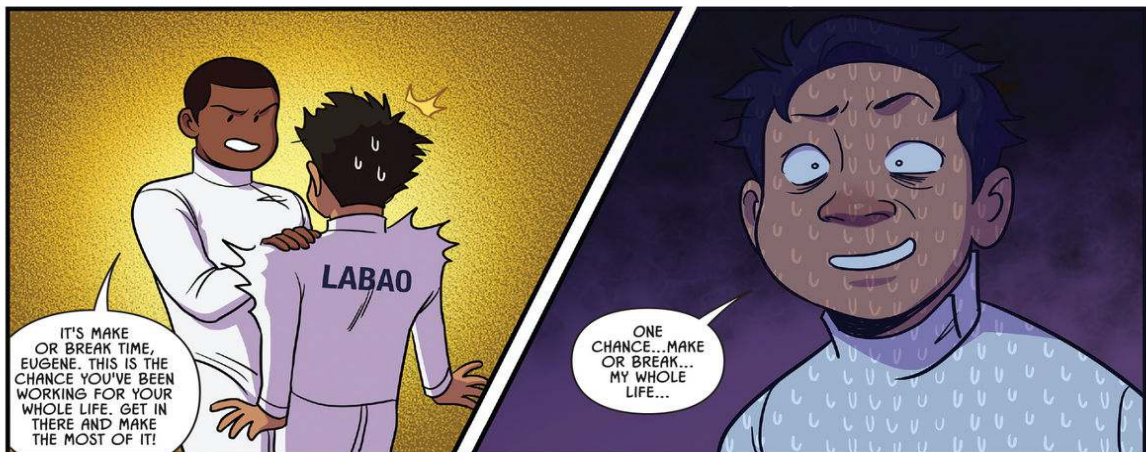
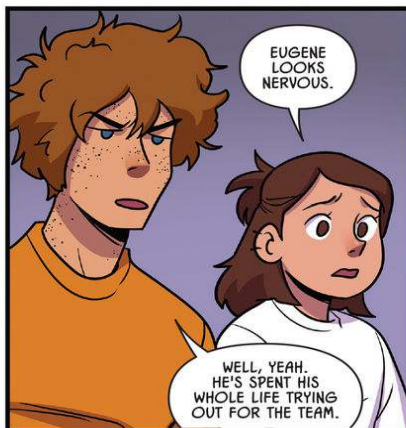




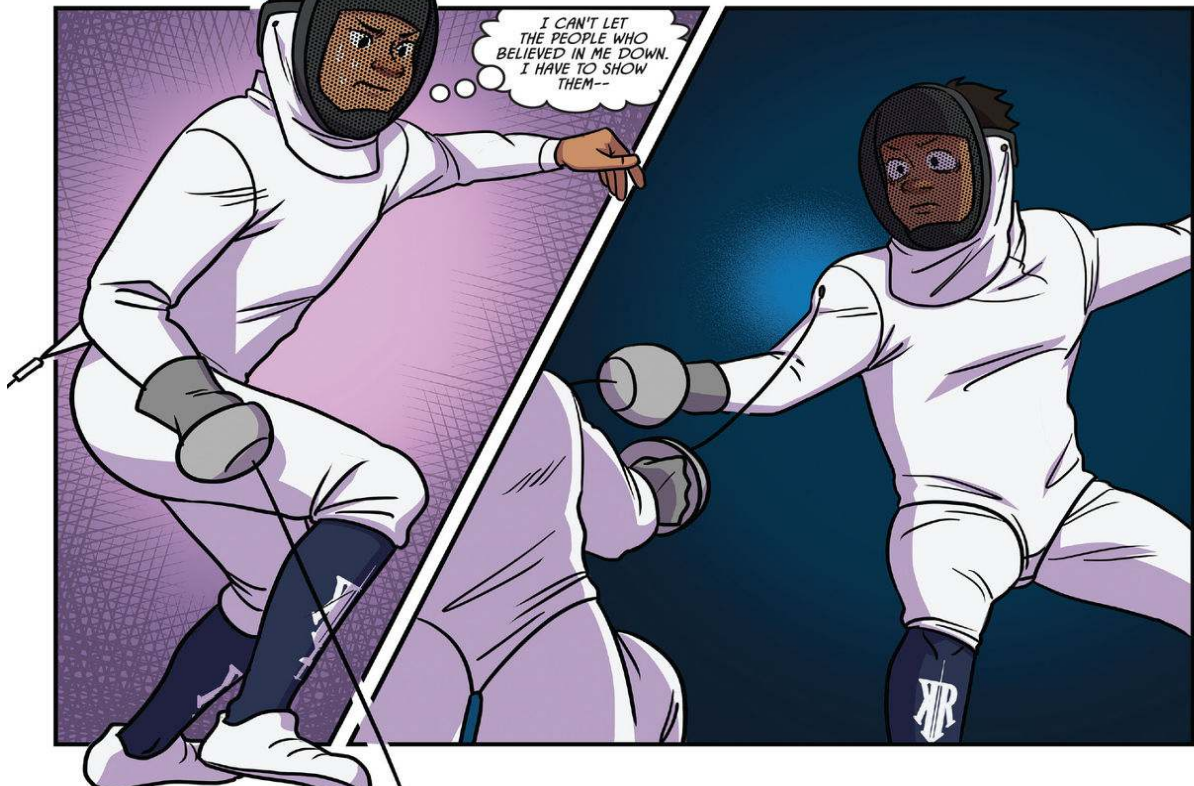
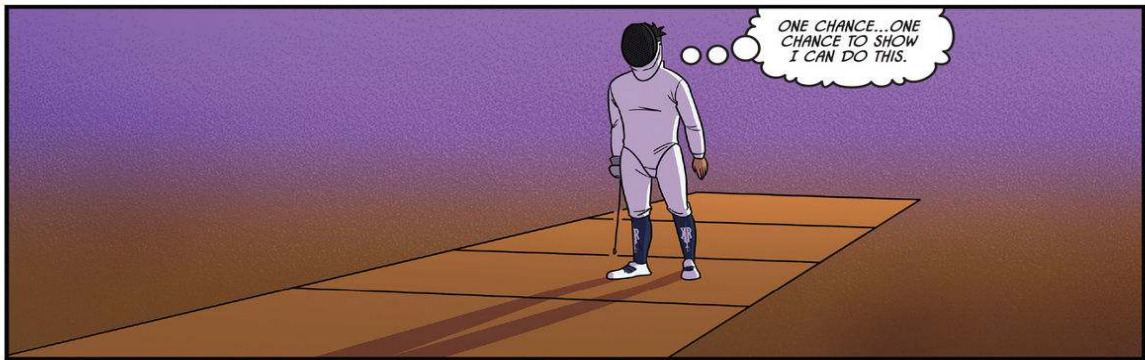




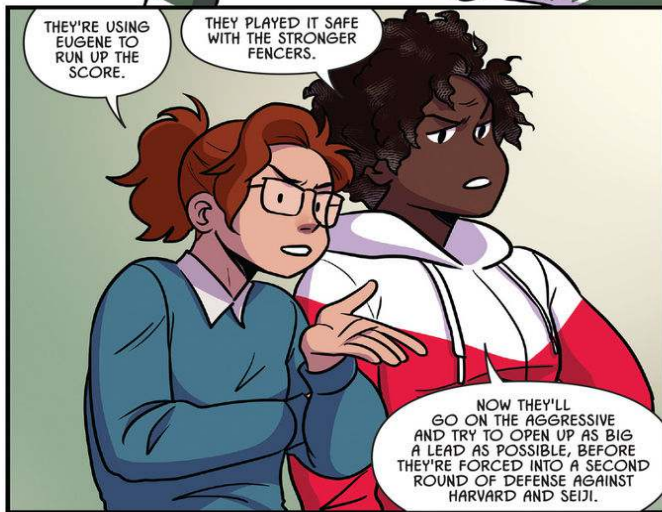
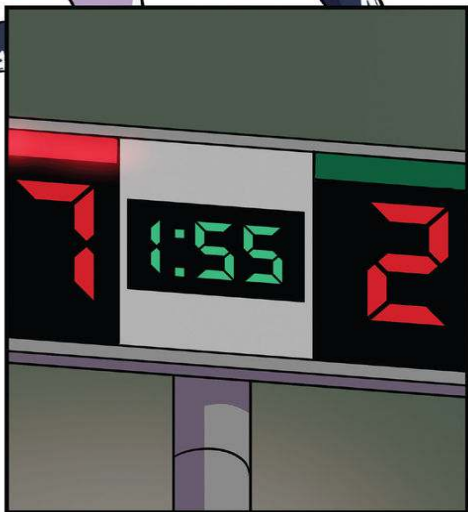
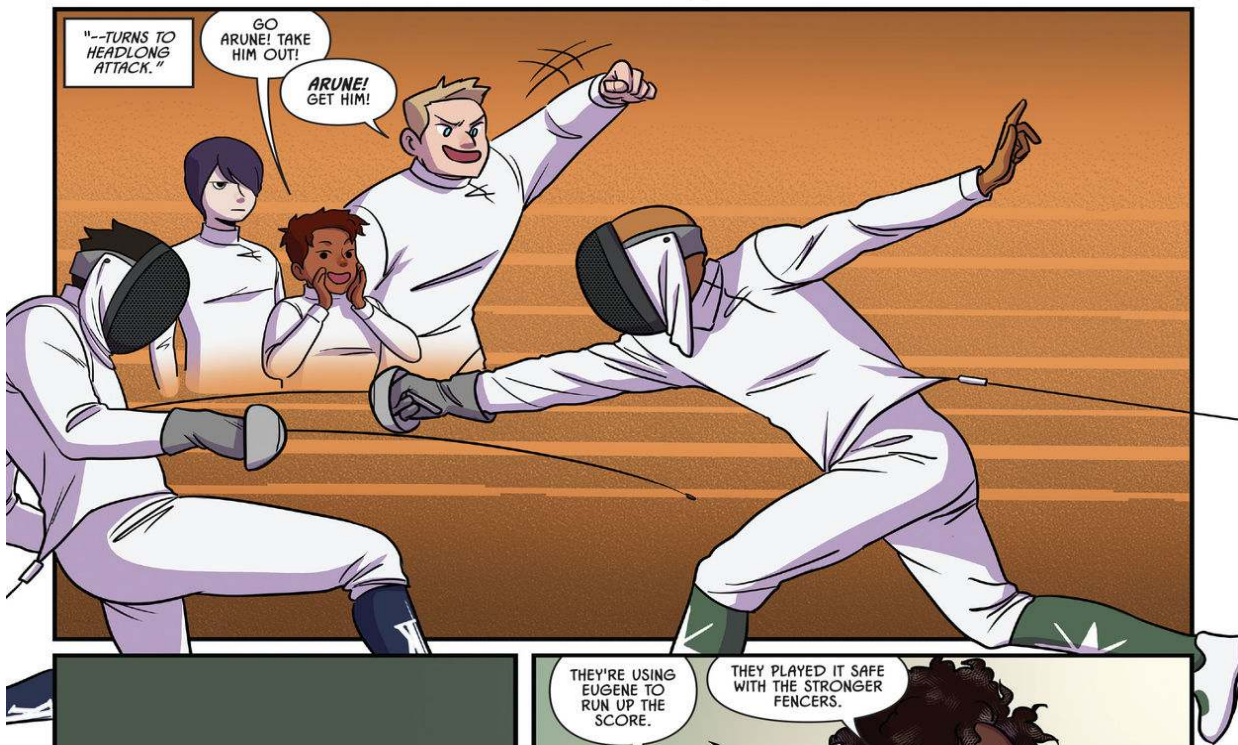




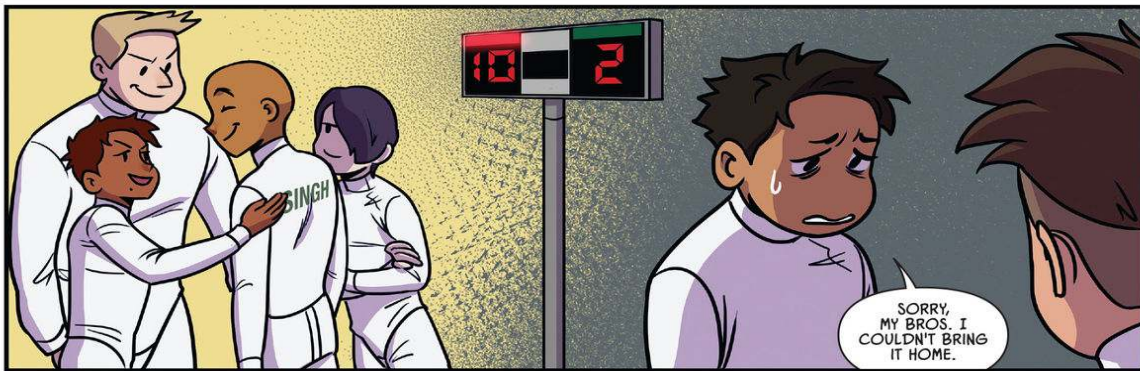






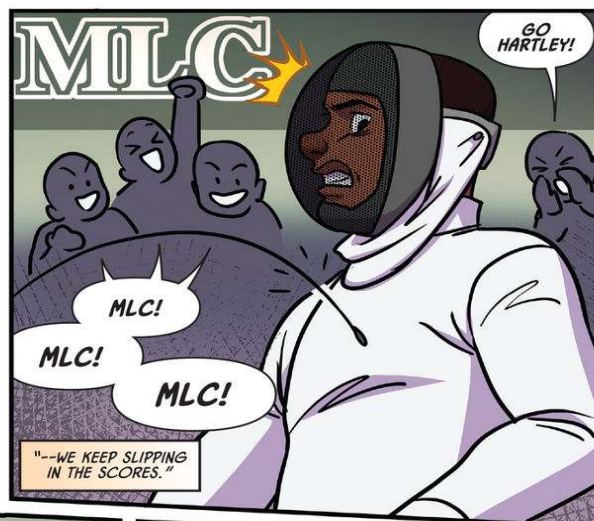
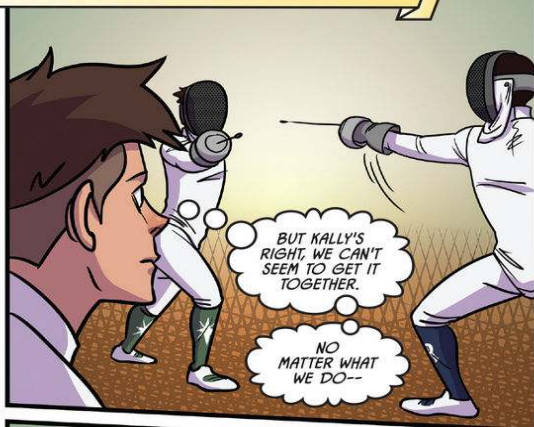








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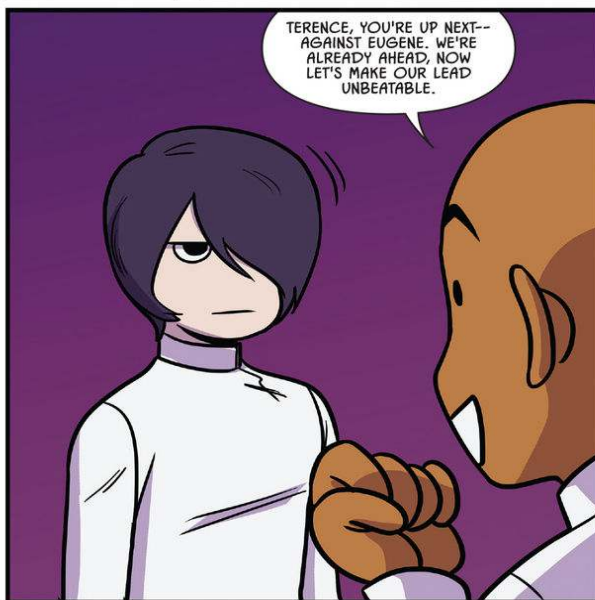
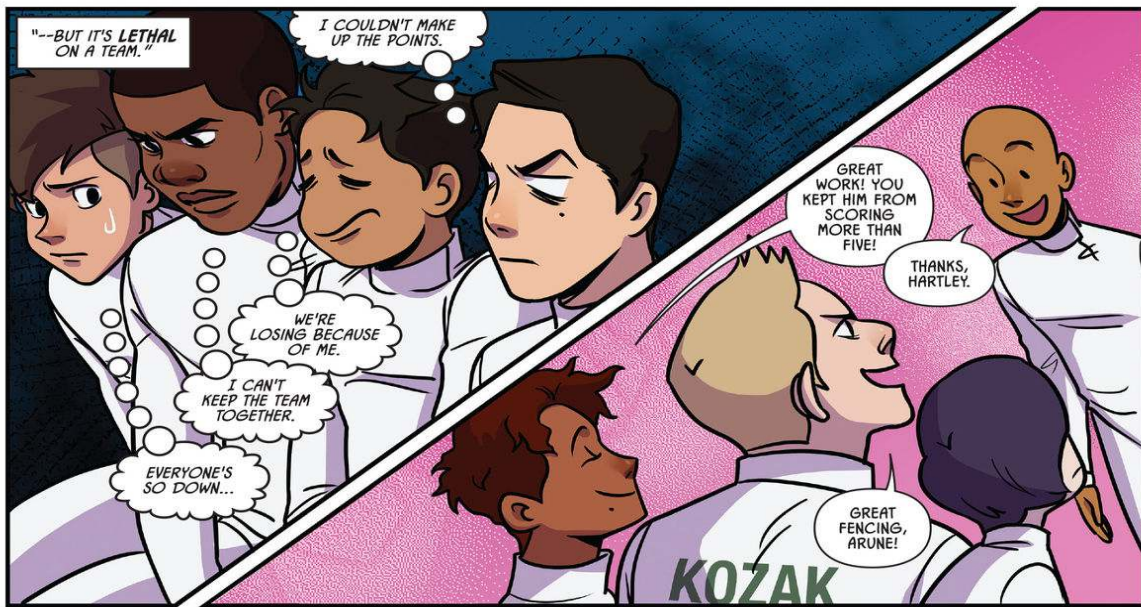
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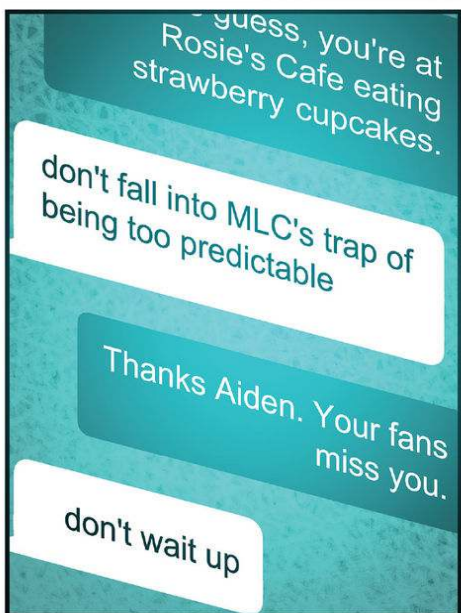
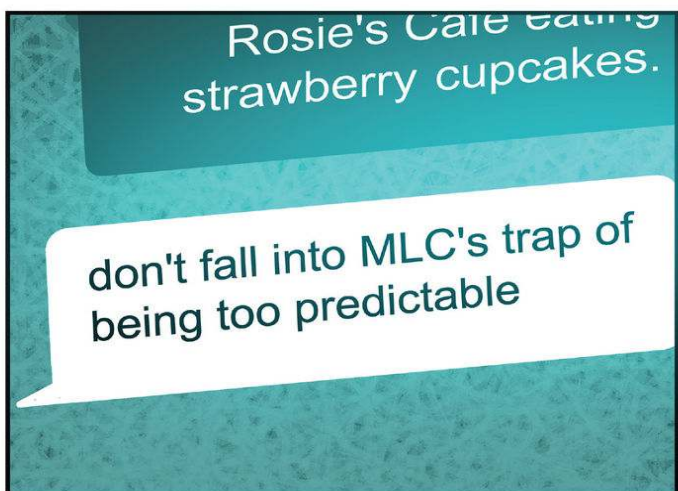




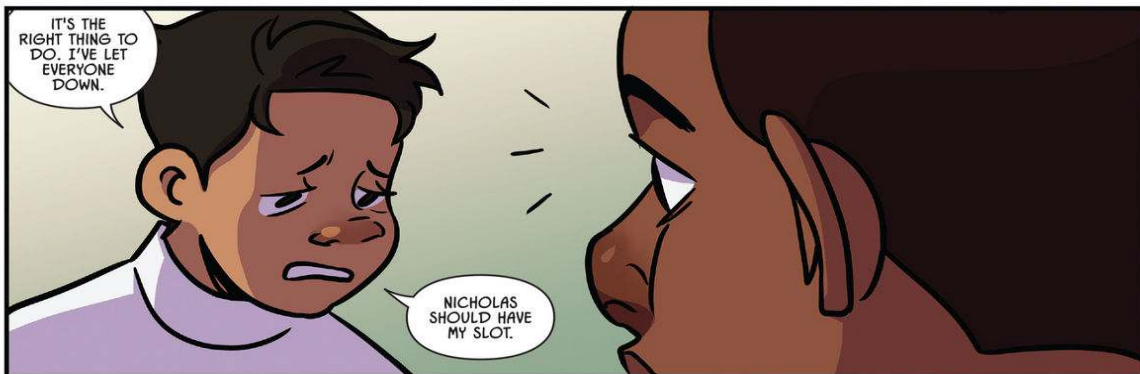
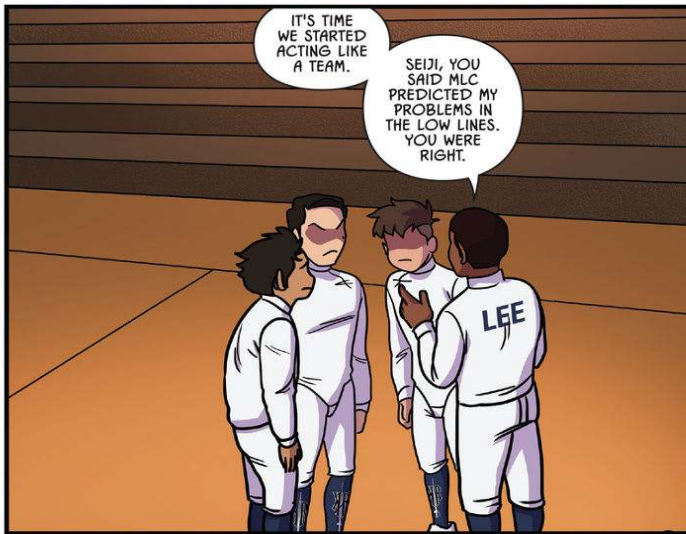




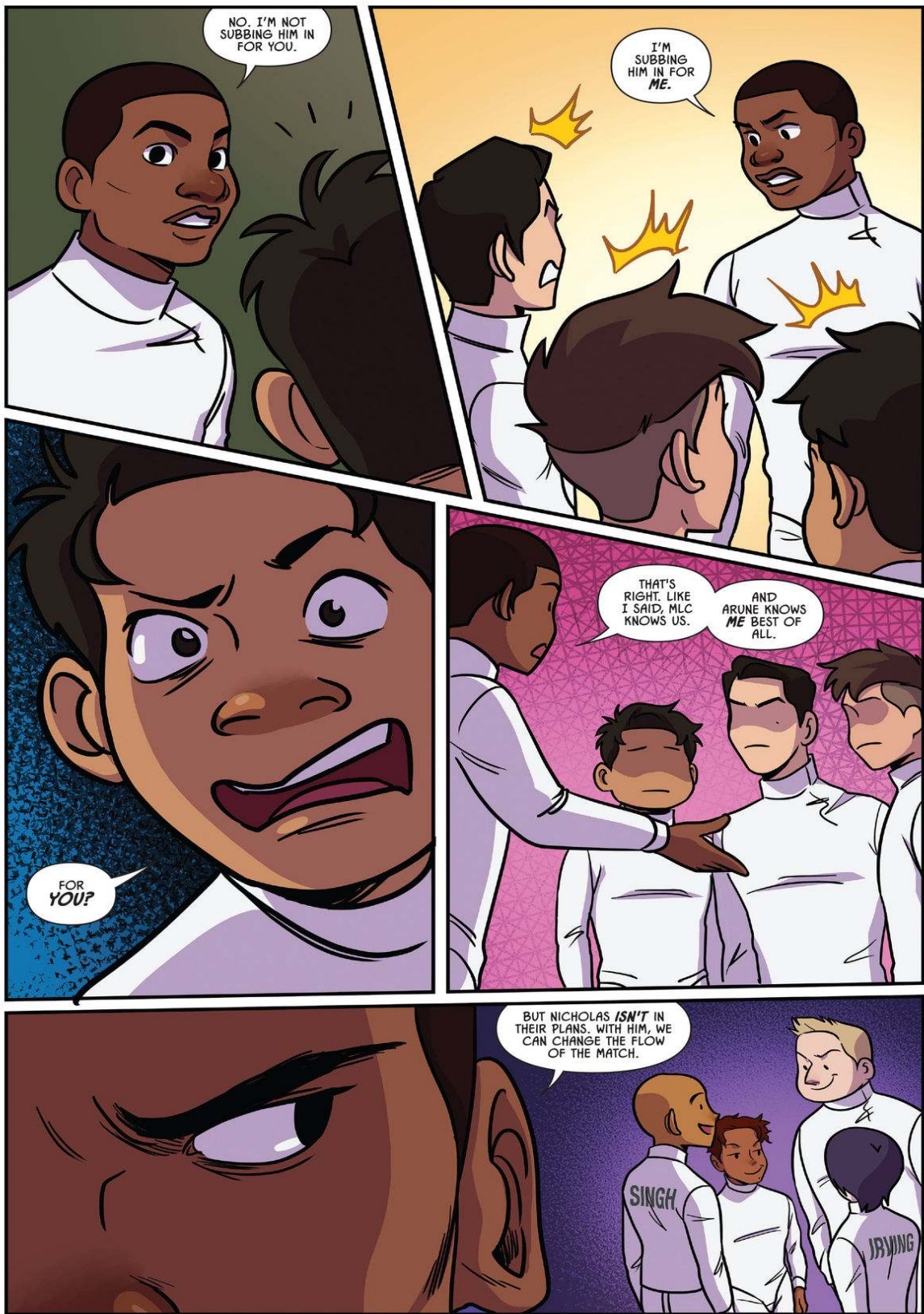




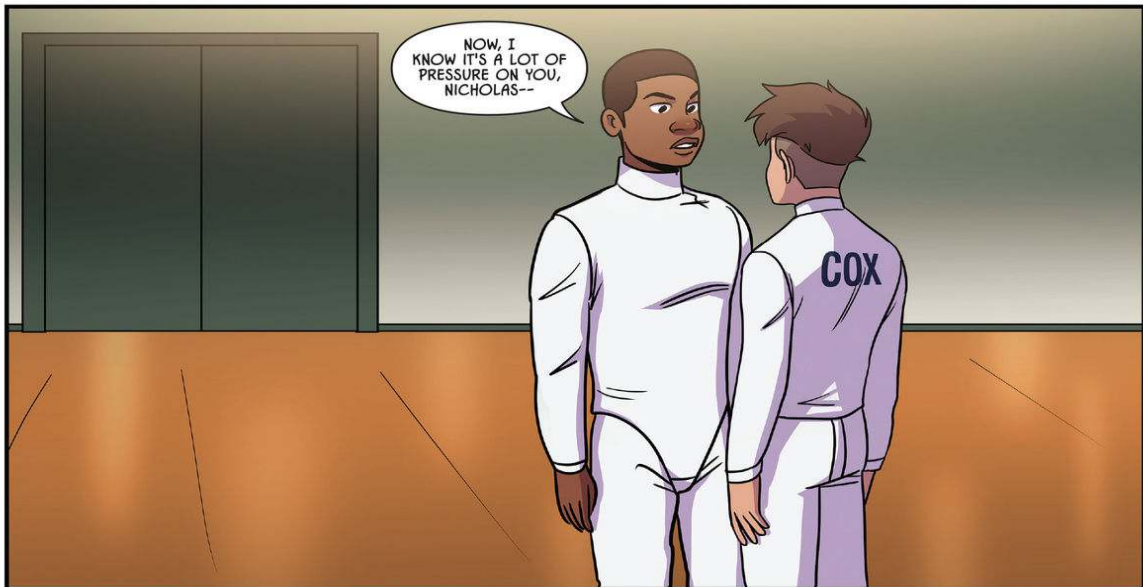
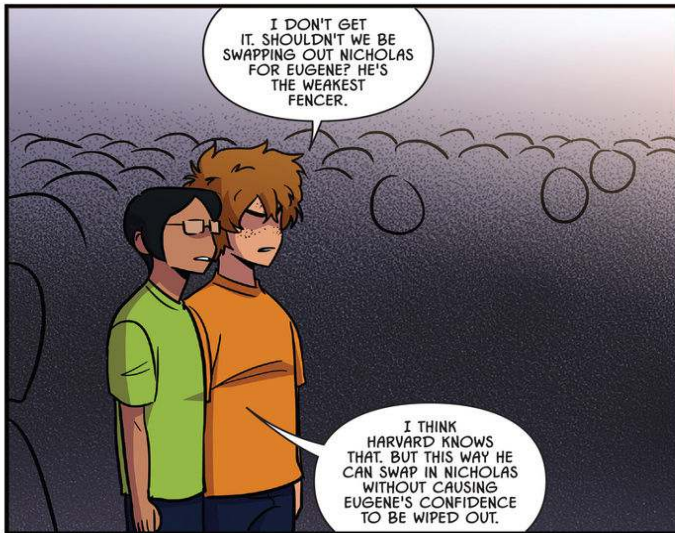




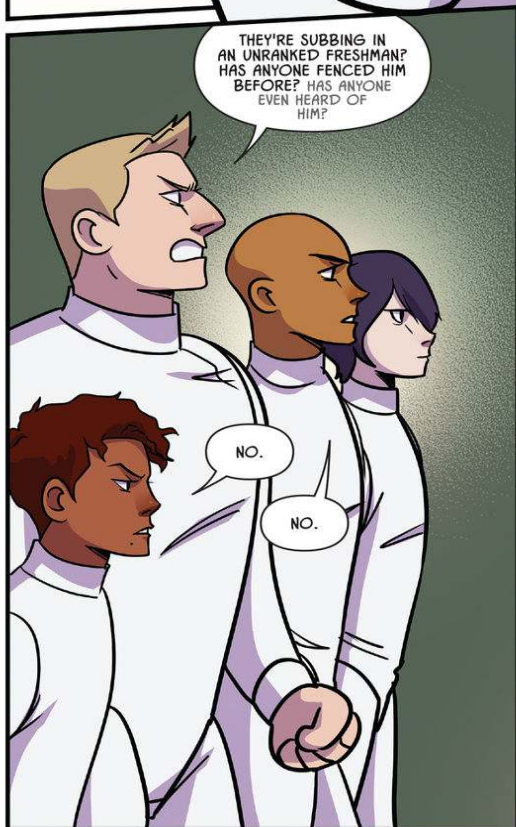
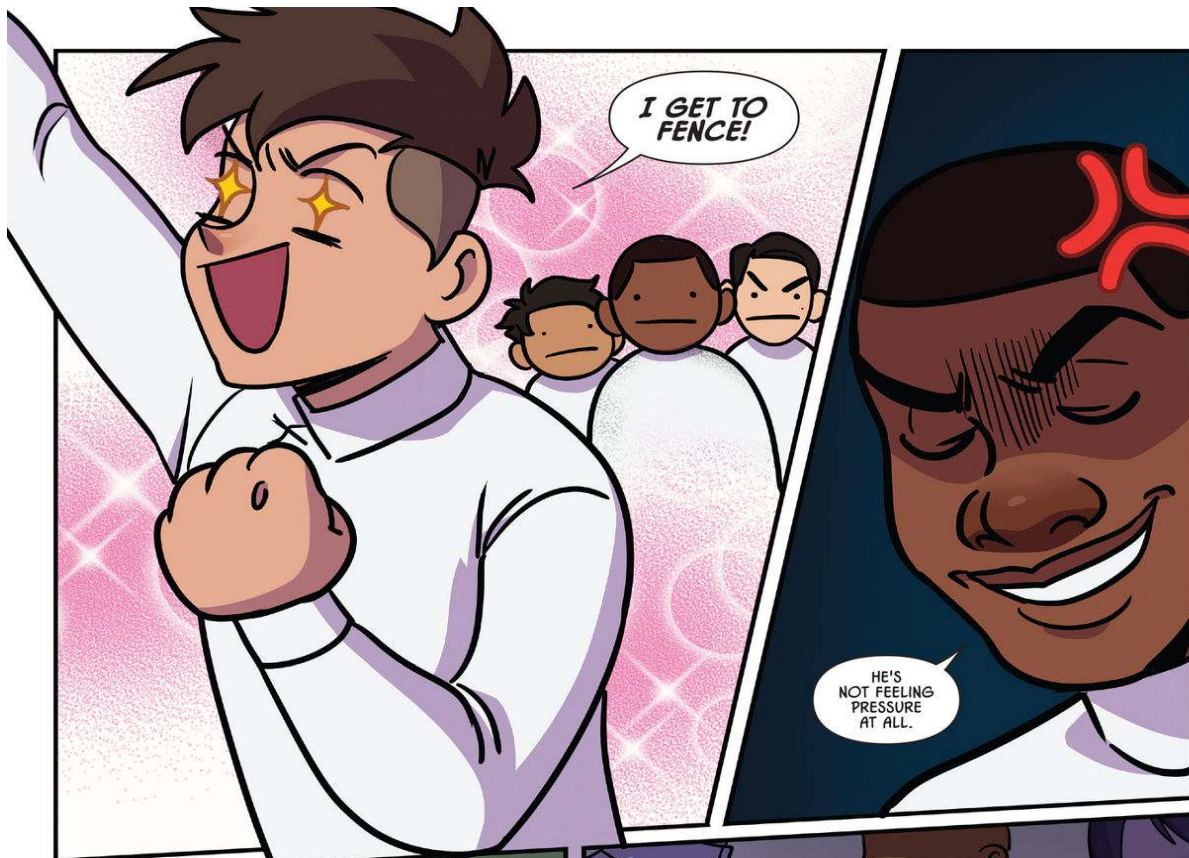






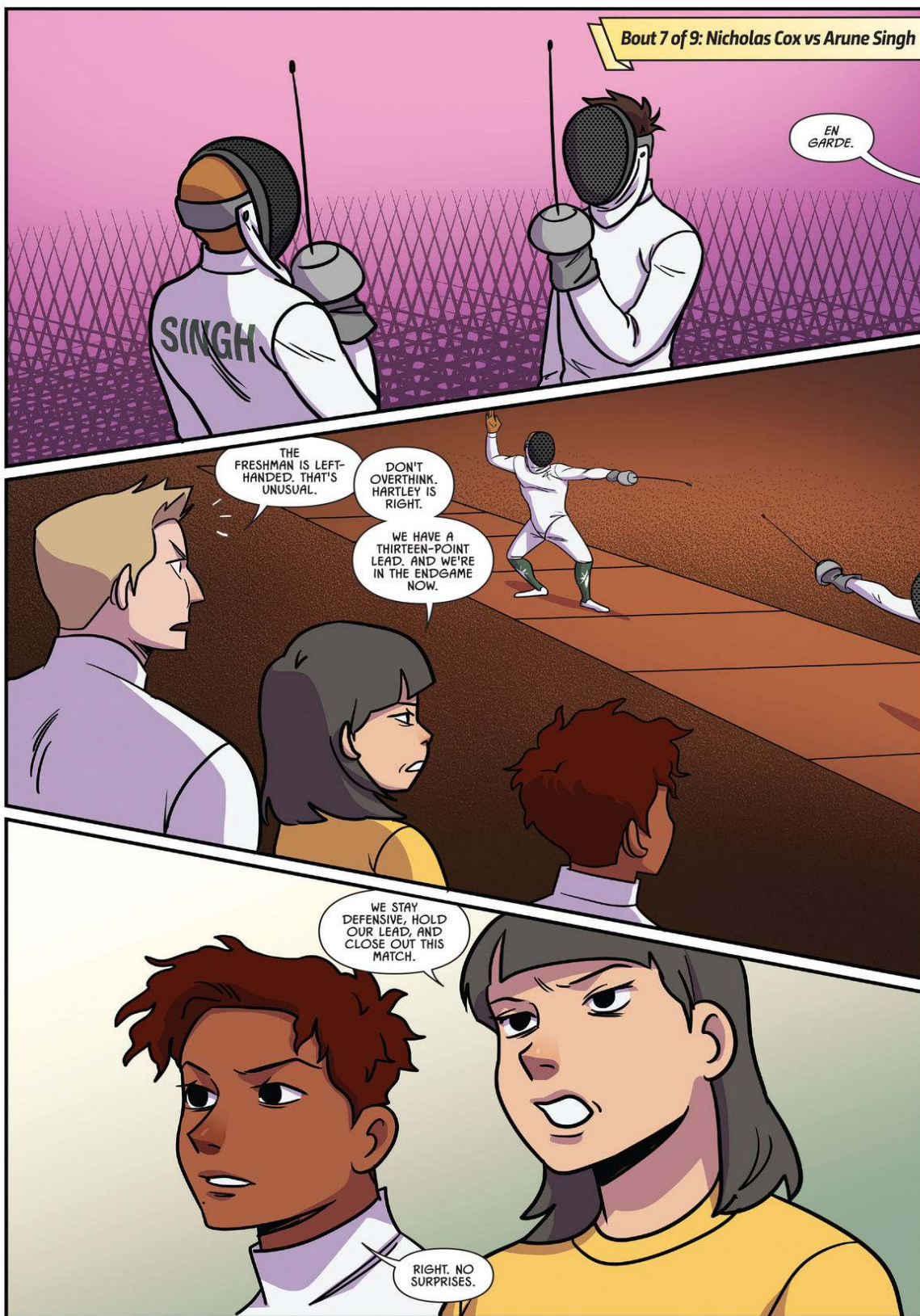




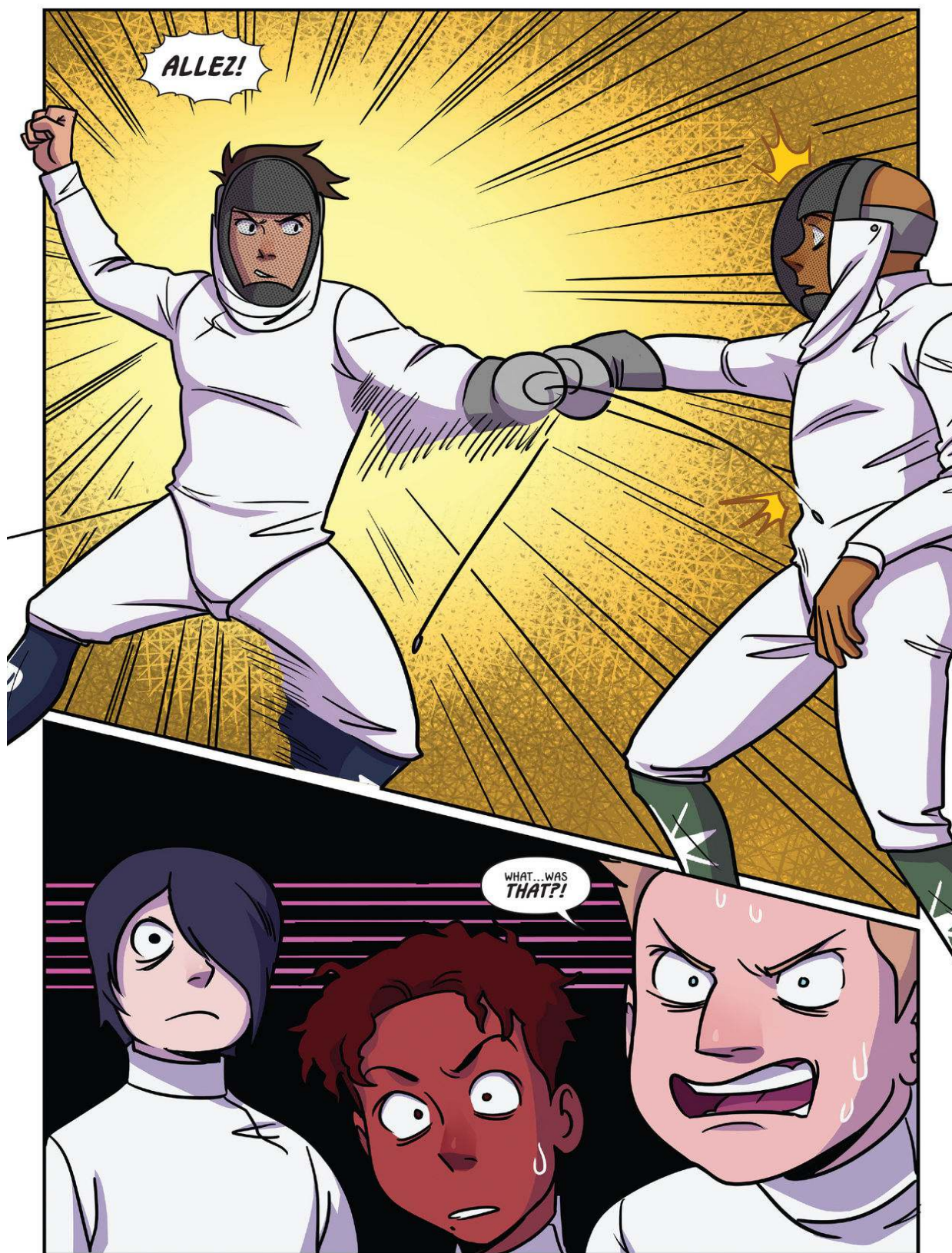




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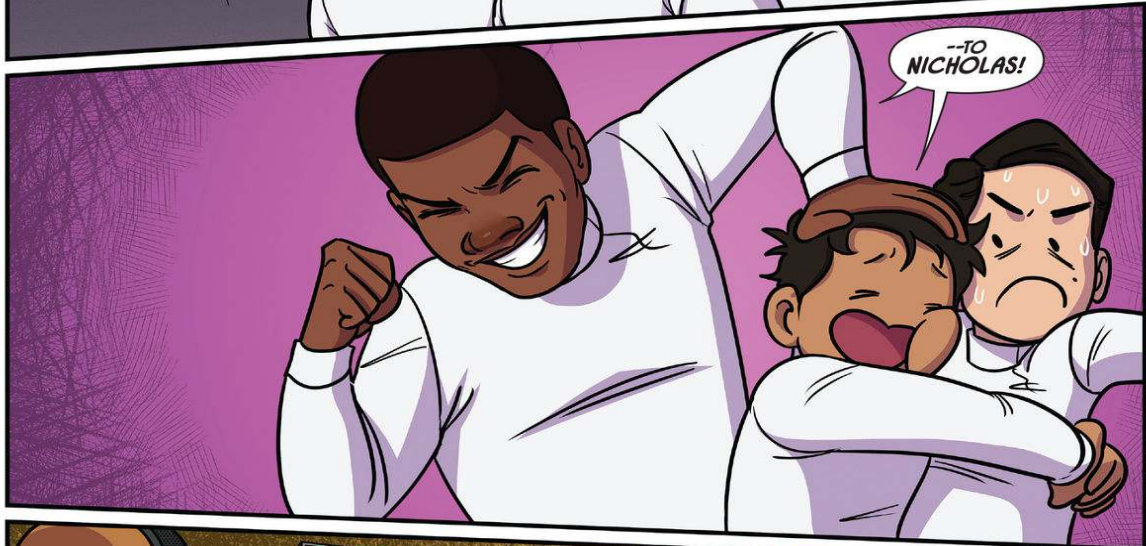




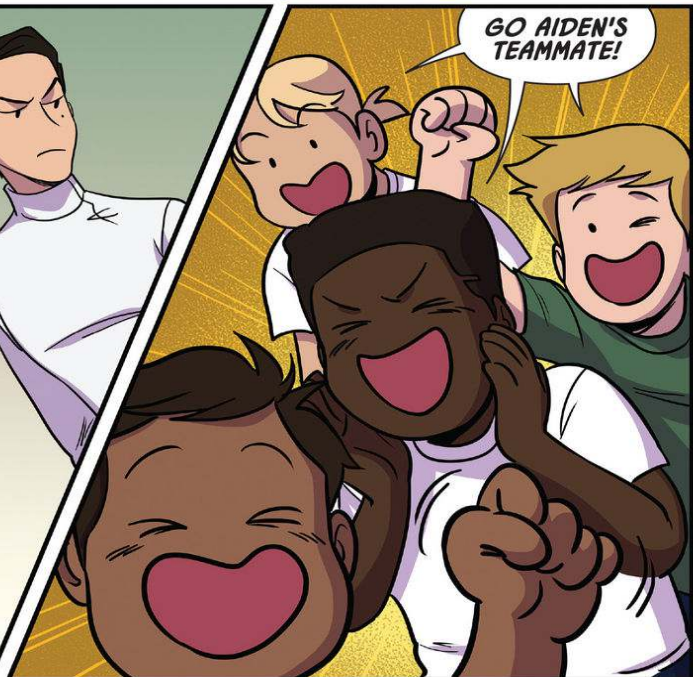
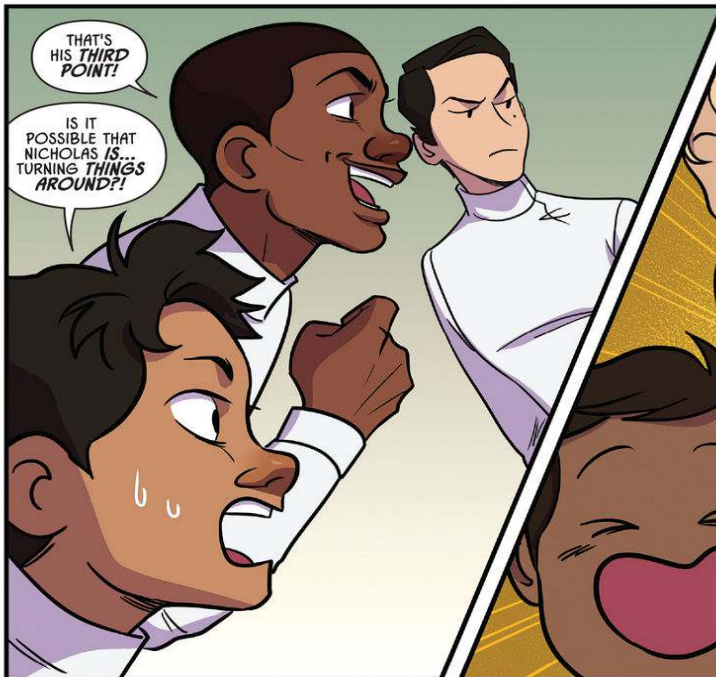


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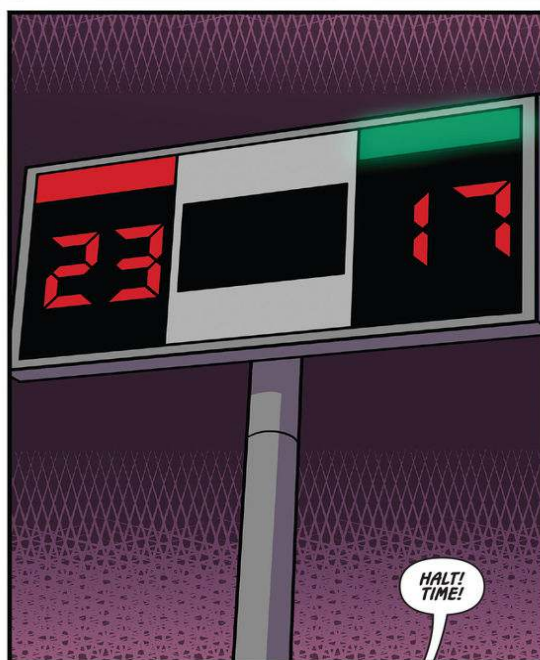
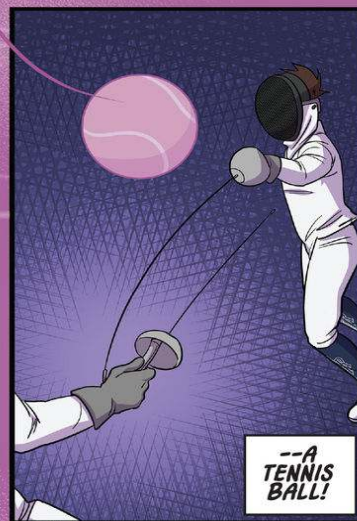








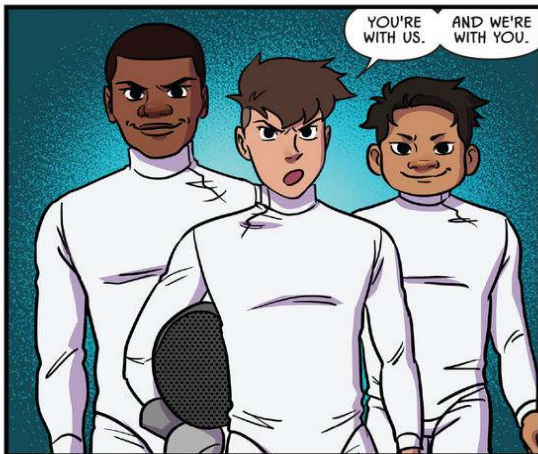




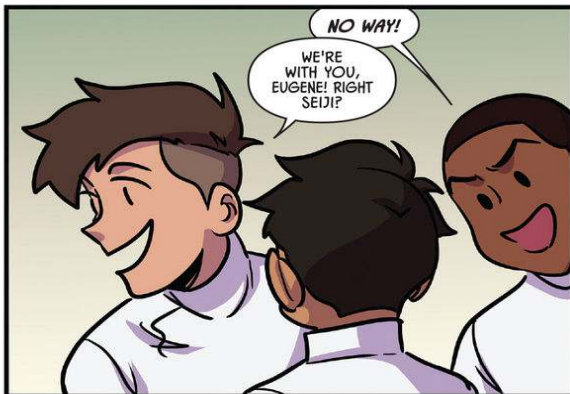
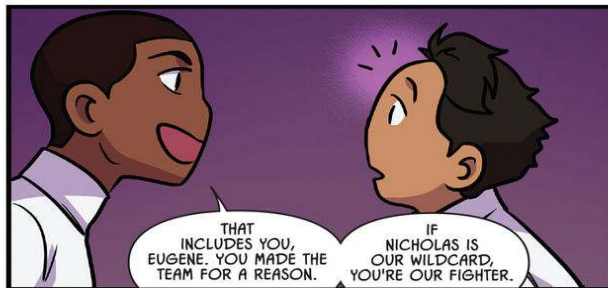




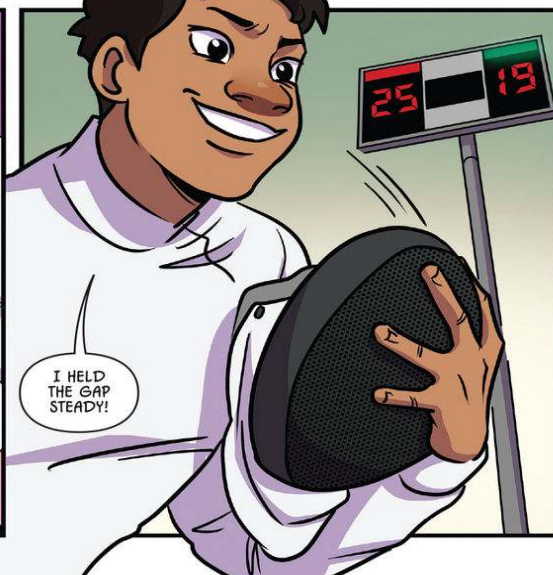
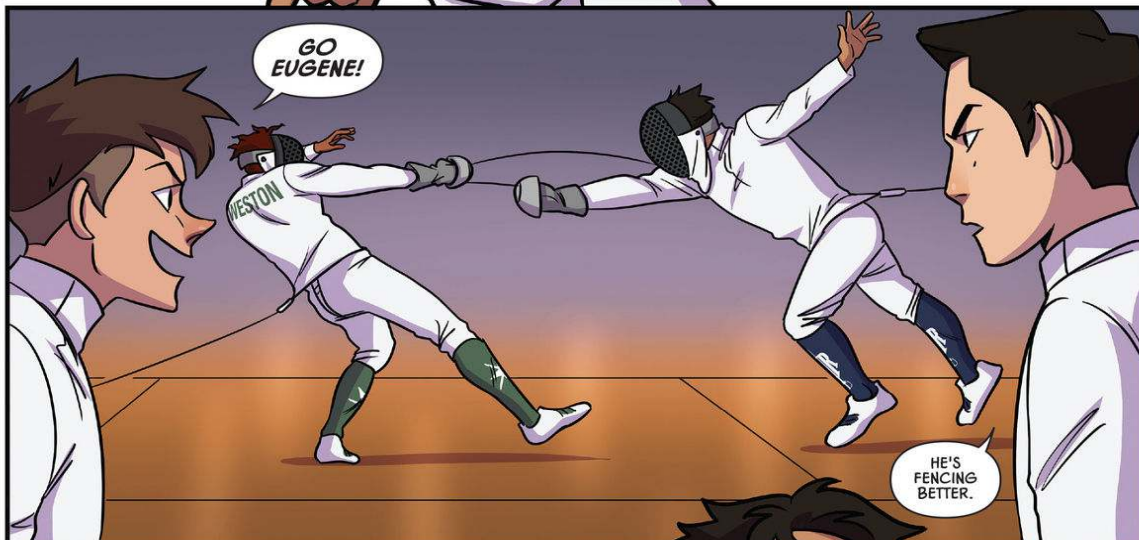
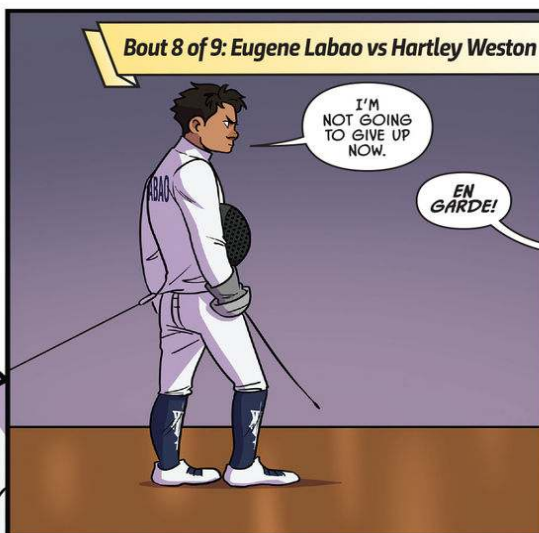


















Bout 9 of 9, Seiji Katayama vs Terrance Irving

--I'M THE  
CLOSER.

I DON'T  
GET IT. THEY'VE  
SHUT HIM DOWN  
THE WHOLE  
MATCH. AND  
NOW--

YOU SAID  
IT YOURSELF  
DURING TRYOUTS.  
HE'S A TACTICAL  
FENCER WHO  
WATCHES AND  
LEARNS.

THE SAME  
TACTIC WON'T  
WORK ON HIM  
TWICE.

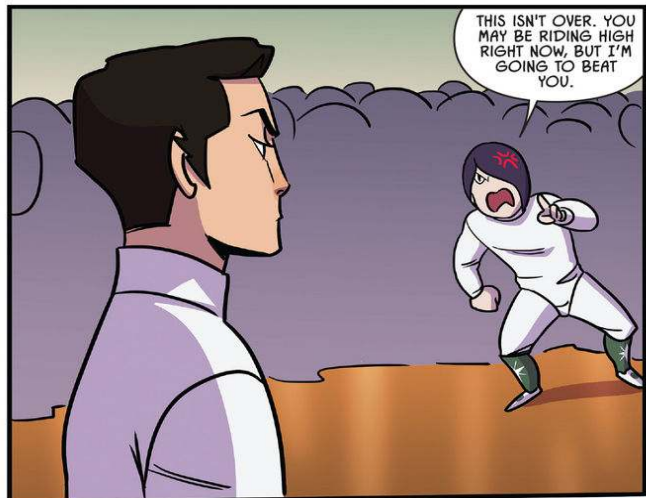




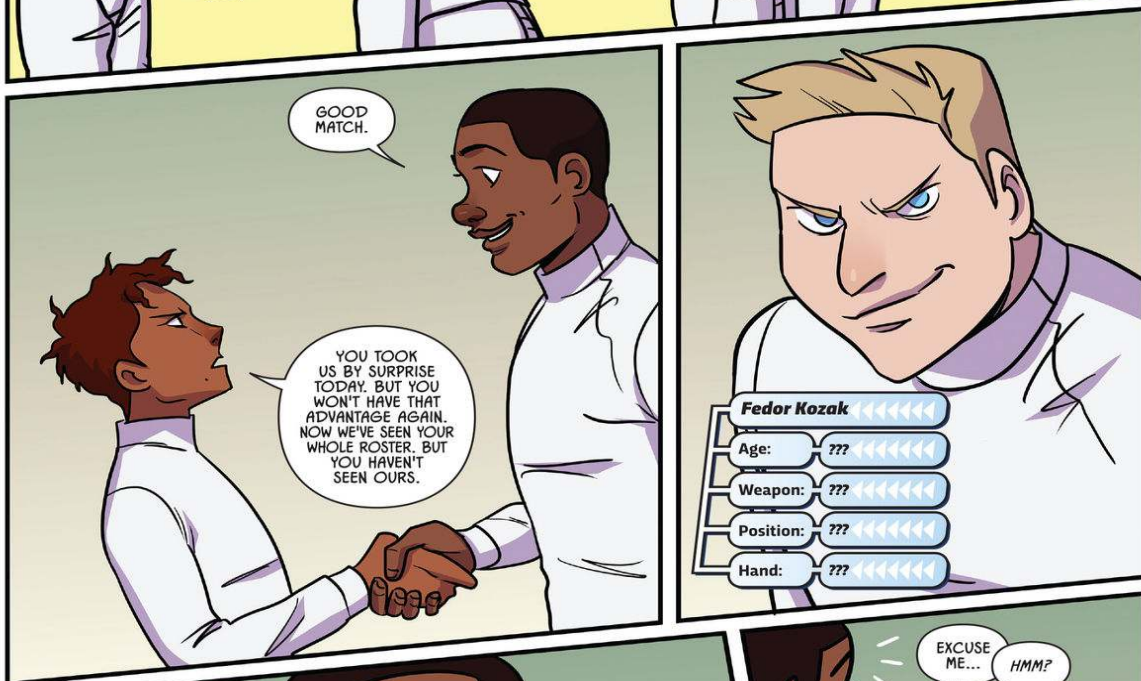








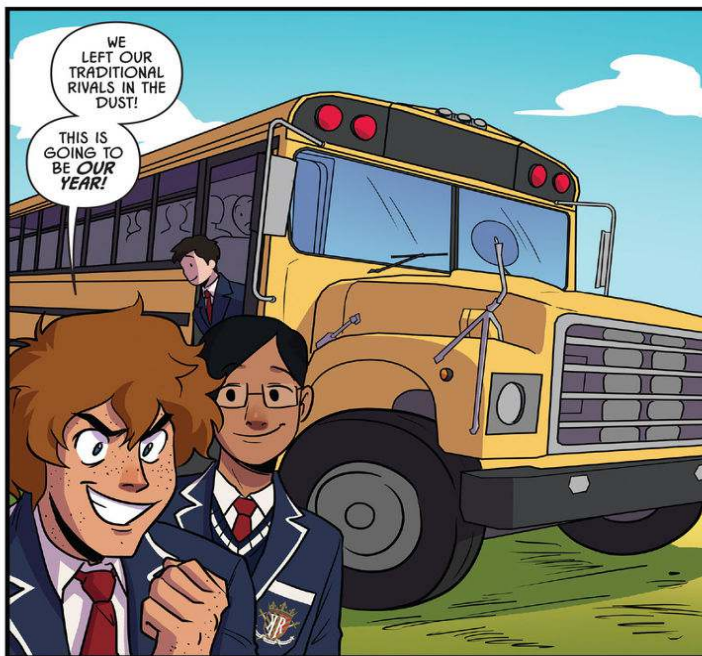








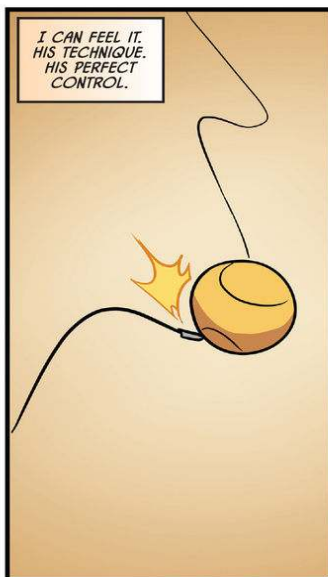












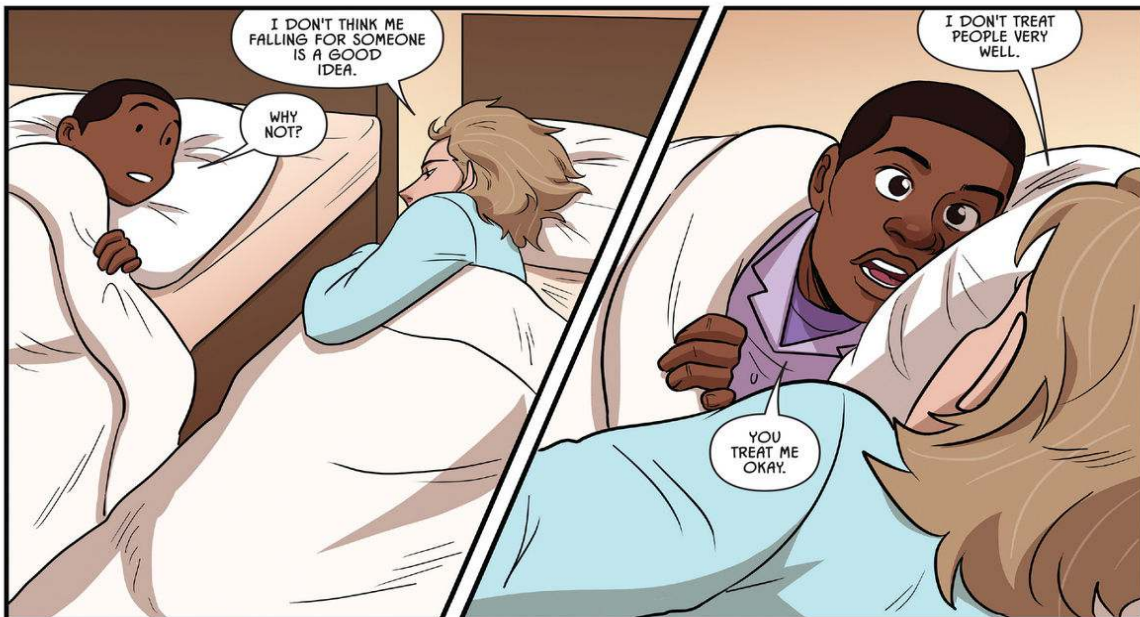
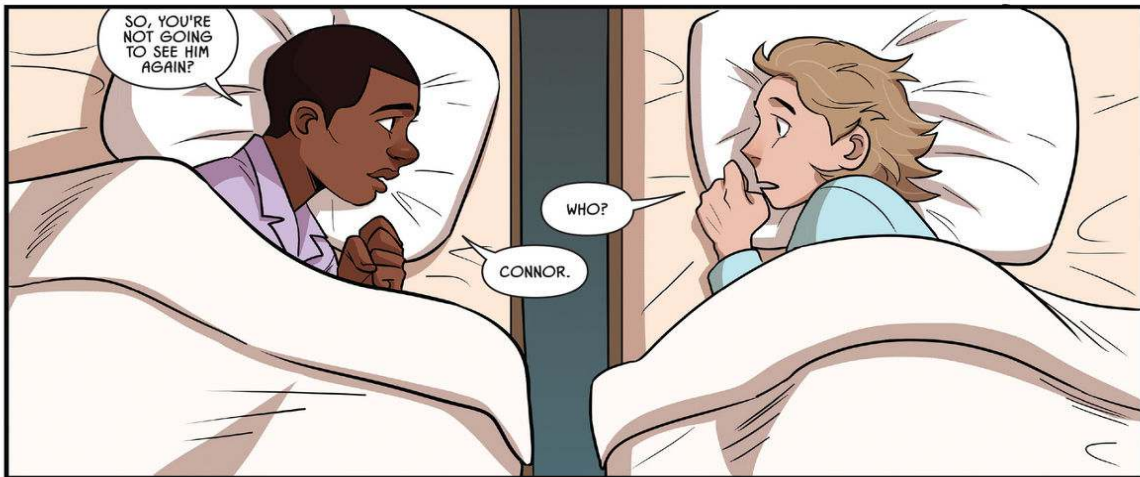








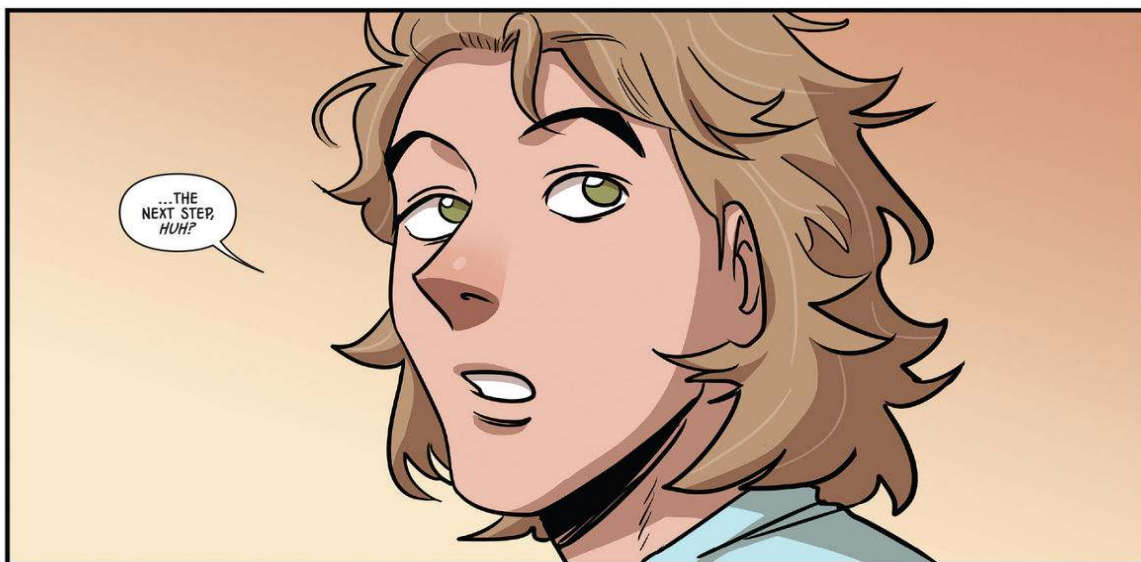
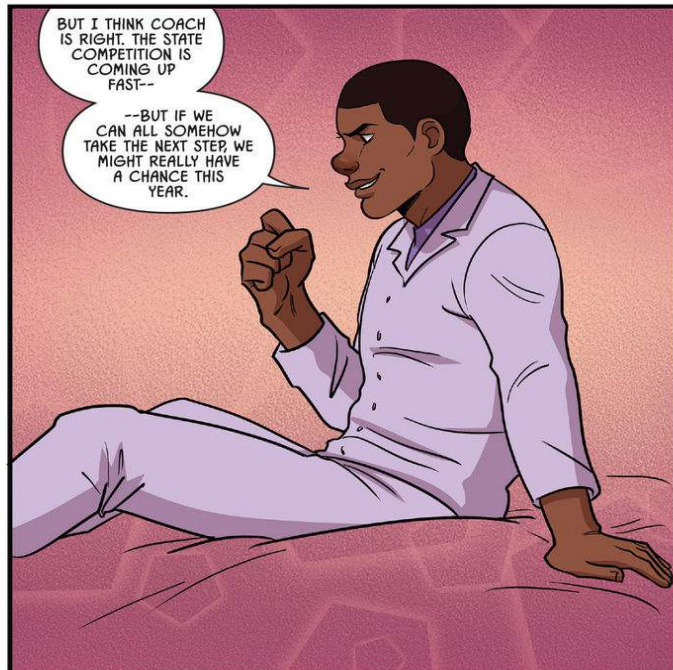








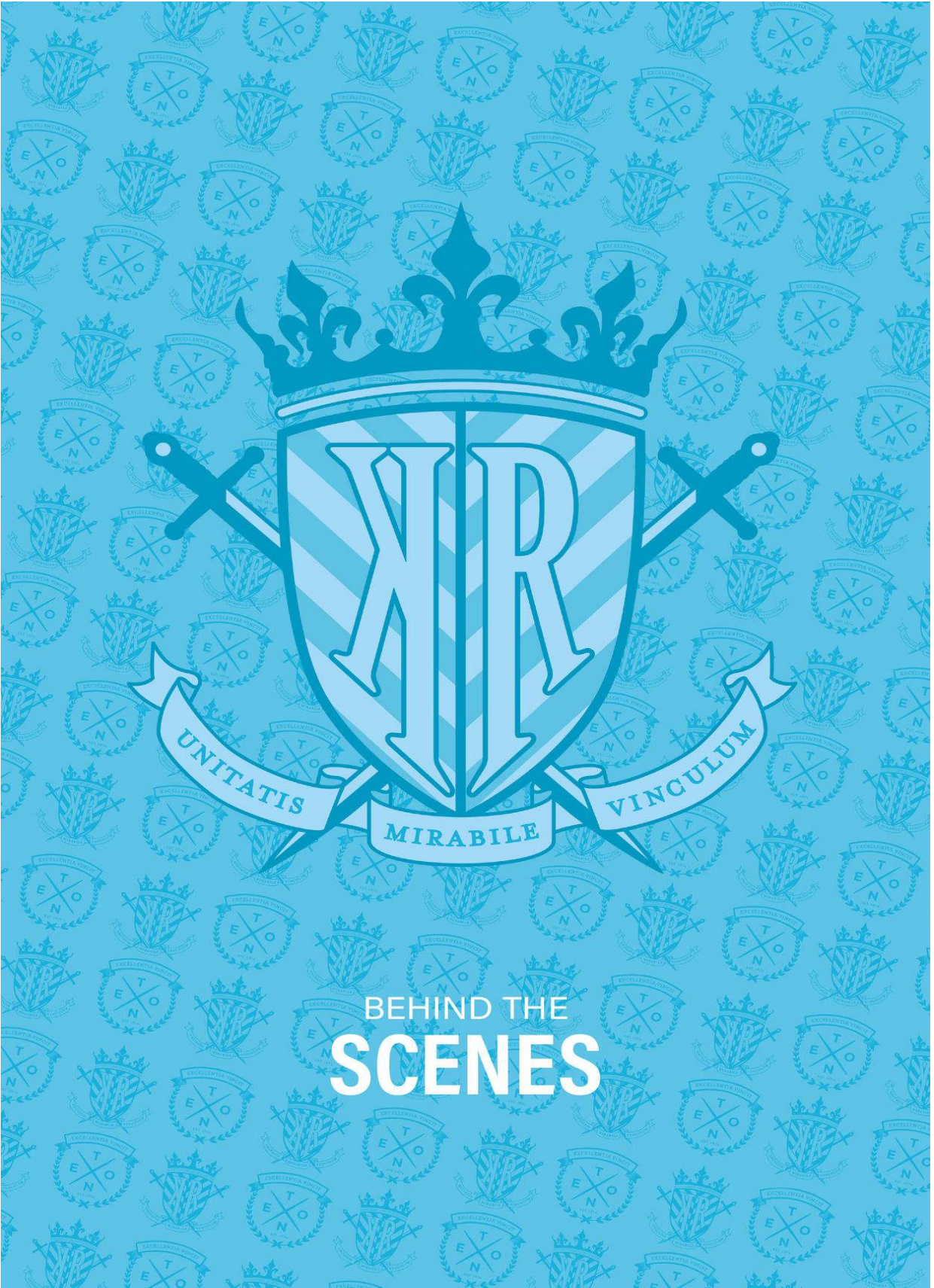






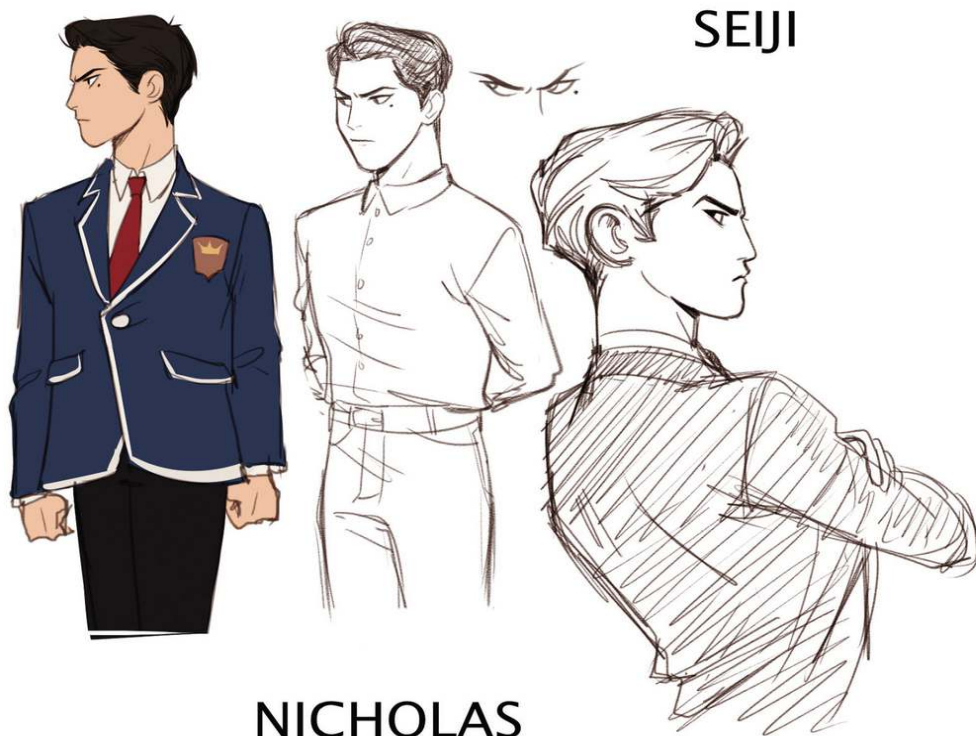






BEHIND THE  
**SCENES**





SEIJI

NICHOLAS







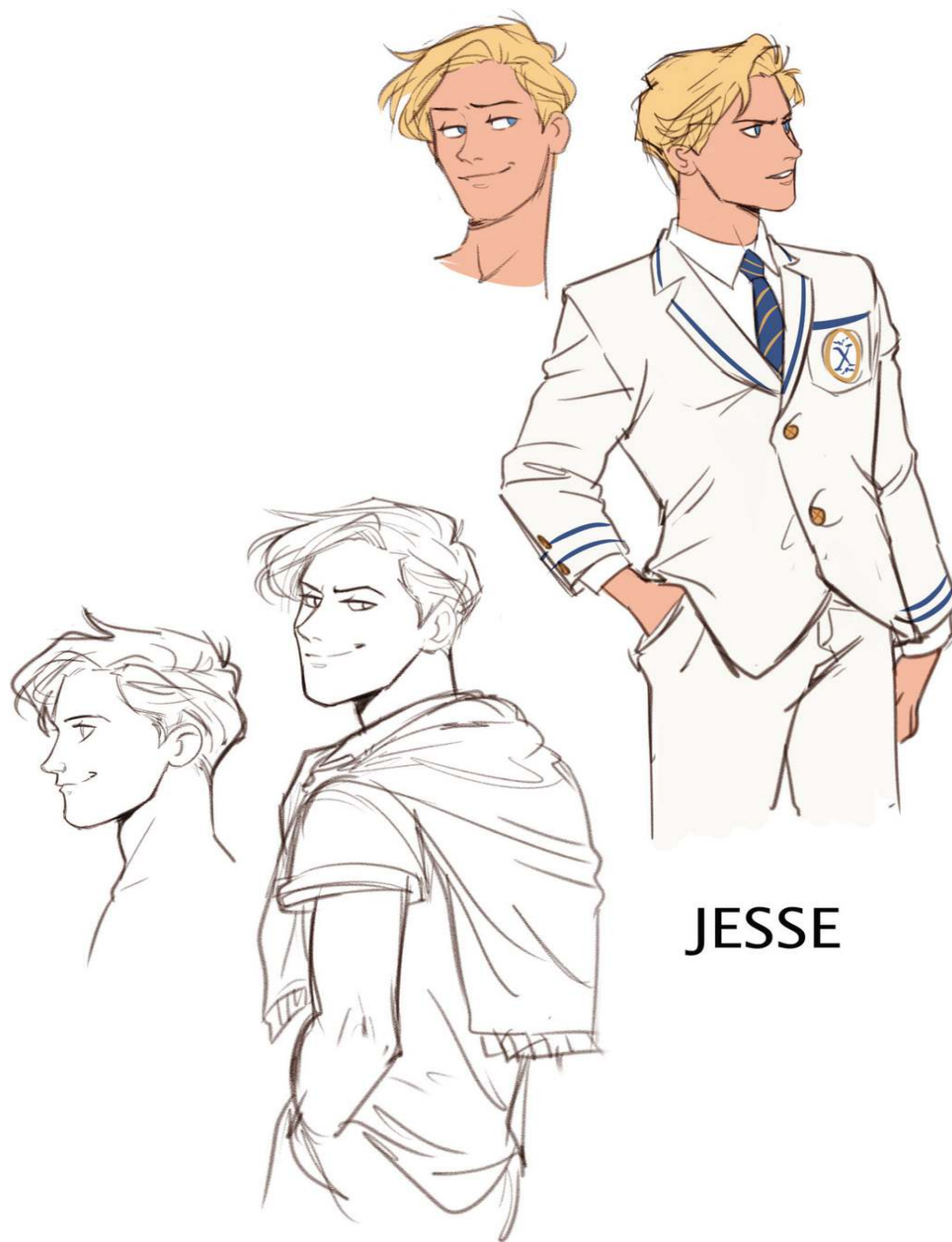
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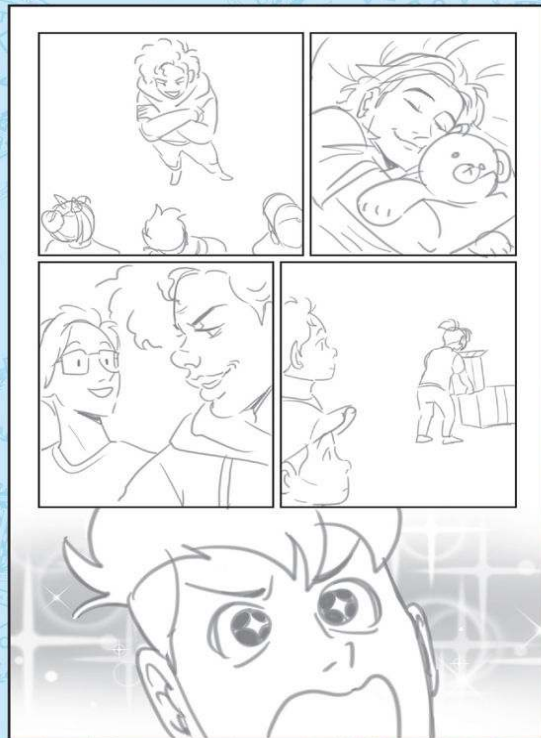




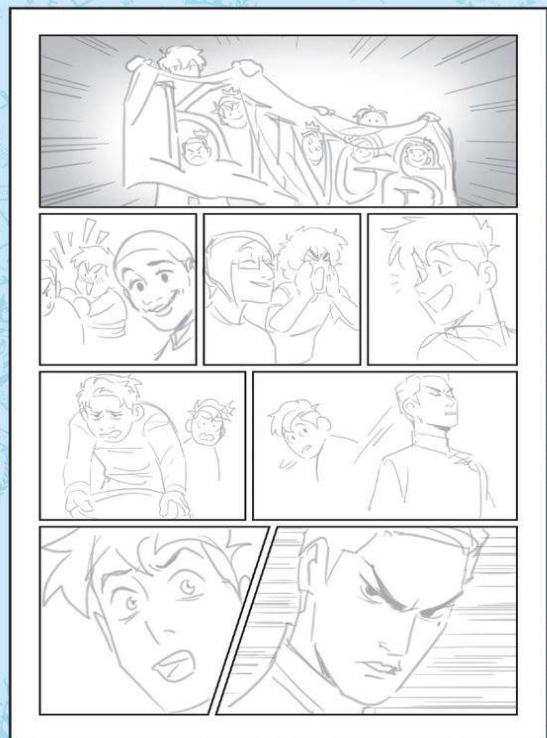




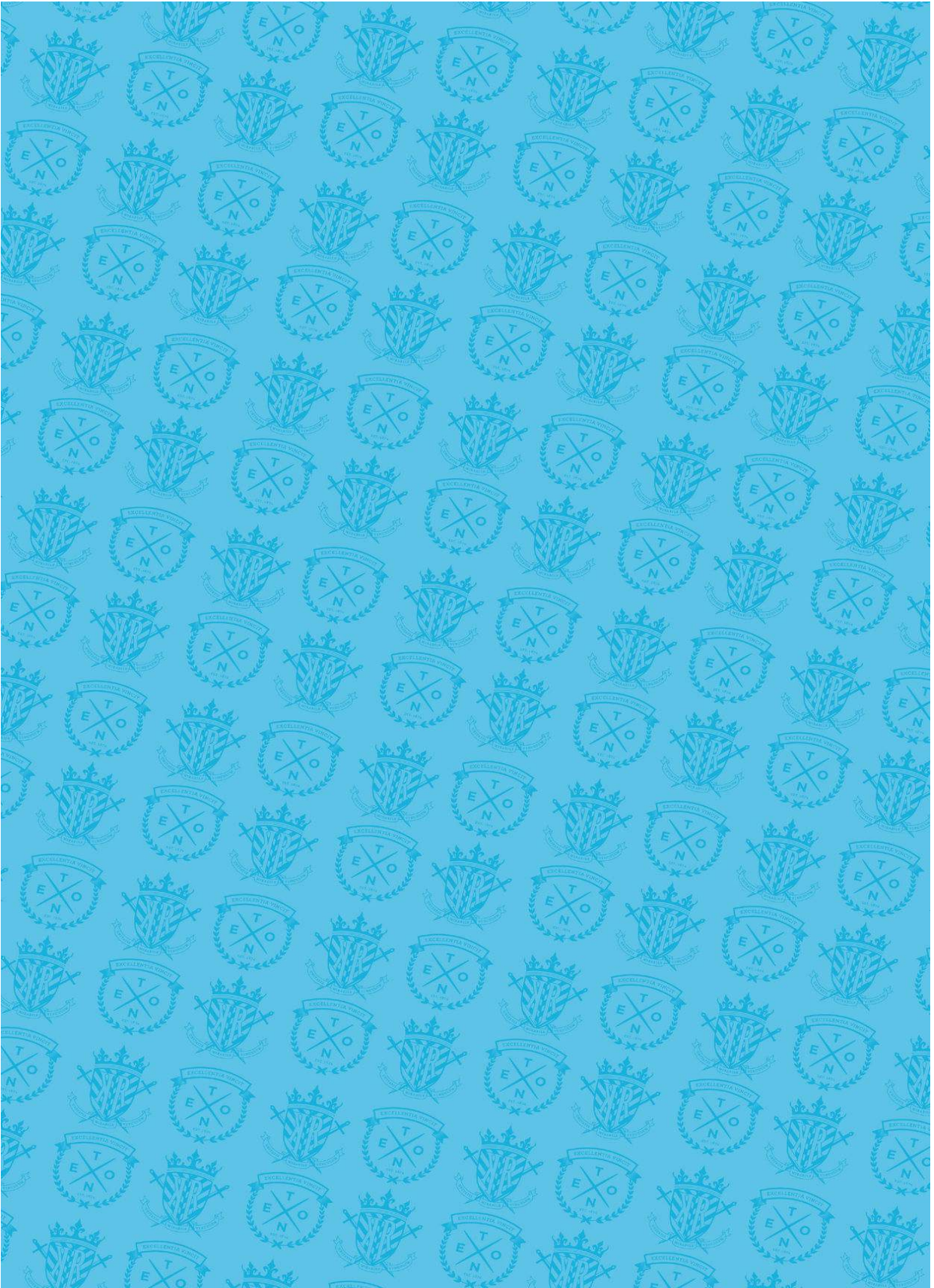














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