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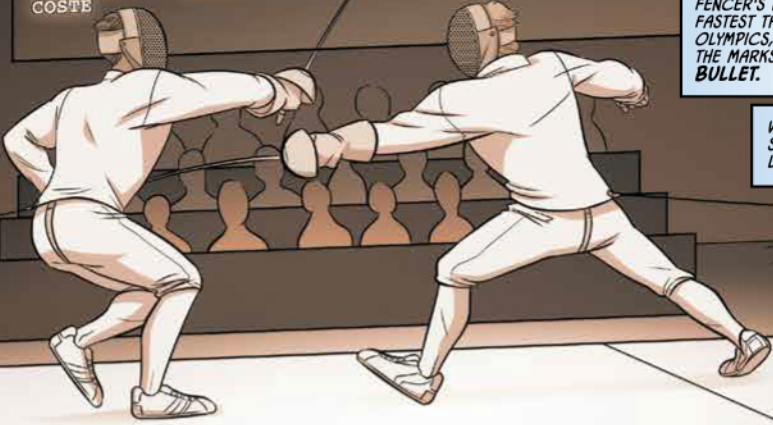
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THEY SAY THE TIP OF A FENCER'S BLADE IS THE FASTEST THING AT THE OLYMPICS, OTHER THAN THE MARKSMAN'S BULLET.

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



THAT'S HOW QUICKLY YOU CAN WIN OR LOSE.

August 8, 1984

ROBERT COSTE WINS GOLD FOR USA

—OLYMPIC VICTORY IN LA—
 Robert Coste beat out Boisaggo 4-10 in a historic final, winning USA's first ever Olympic gold in épée.
 No other American fencer has scored a gold at the Olympics besides John Post, who won a 1904 victory in singlesstick, a now discontinued event.
 Wednesday's win continues an impressive win streak for the 21-year-old Coste, who came to the event as the reigning and reigning world champion after winning the title at World Championships in Vienna.

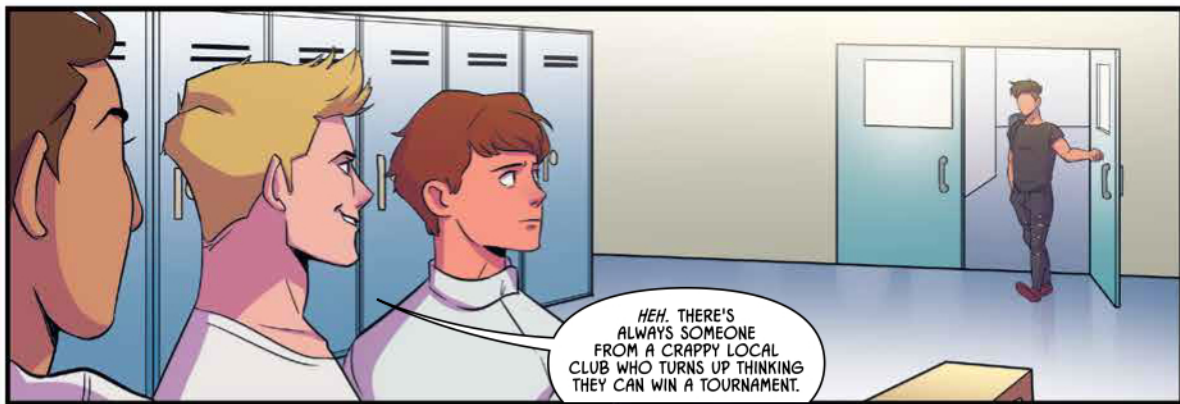


IN AN INSTANT.









HEH. THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE FROM A CRAPPY LOCAL CLUB WHO TURNS UP THINKING THEY CAN WIN A TOURNAMENT.



MY FIRST MEET. DISTRICT ONE, INDIVIDUAL EPEE.

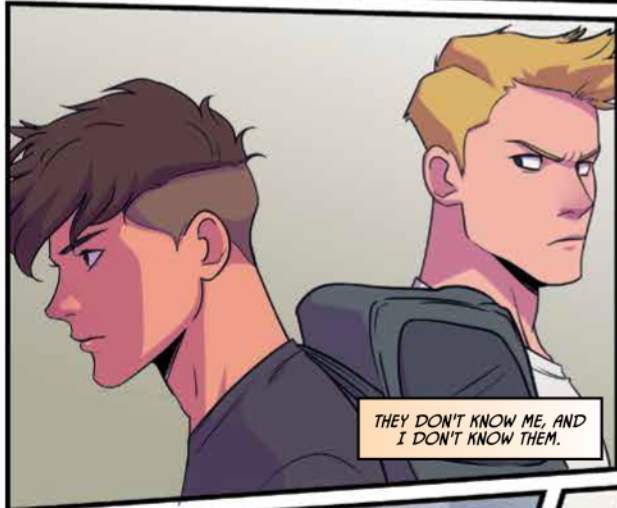


ALL THE ROUNDS ARE SUDDEN DEATH ROUNDS. ONE LOSS AND YOU'RE OUT.

IT'S NOT LIKE FENCING BACK HOME.



IT'S A ROOM FULL OF RIVALRY, LOOKING FOR WEAKNESS.



THEY DON'T KNOW ME, AND I DON'T KNOW THEM.



BUT I KNOW ONE THING.



I KNOW I CAN FENCE.



THOSE SHOES LOOK LIKE THEY CAME FROM GOODWILL.



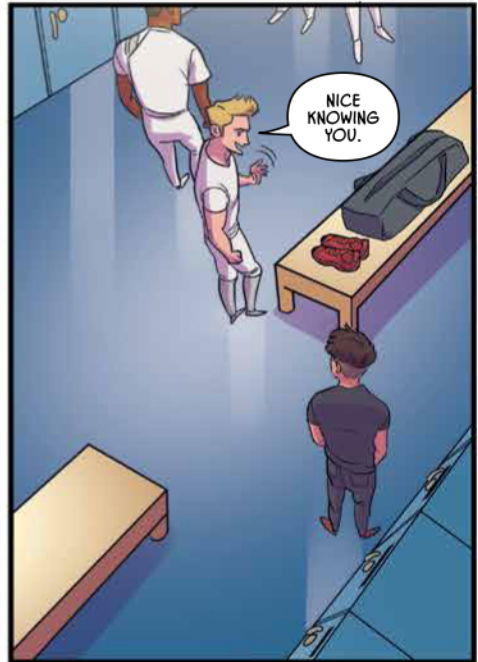
THEY'RE GOOD ENOUGH TO BEAT YOU.



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



YOU'RE FENCING SEIJI?
YOU'RE ALREADY DEAD.
METAPHORICALLY. PROBABLY.



NICE KNOWING YOU.



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



YOU DON'T KNOW WHO SEIJI IS?
SHUT UP, HE'S COMING!
OH MY GOD, IT'S REALLY HIM. IT'S--