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IT'S THE FIRST DAY OF TRYOUTS. EVERYONE IS NERVOUS.

THEY SHOW IT IN DIFFERENT WAYS.



"FOR SOME IT'S INTERNAL."

"SOME EXTERNAL."

RRRRRAHHH!

"SOME PUT THEMSELVES UNDER MORE PRESSURE THAN OTHERS."



"AND EVERYONE IS WATCHING."



"EVEN YOU, SEIJI."

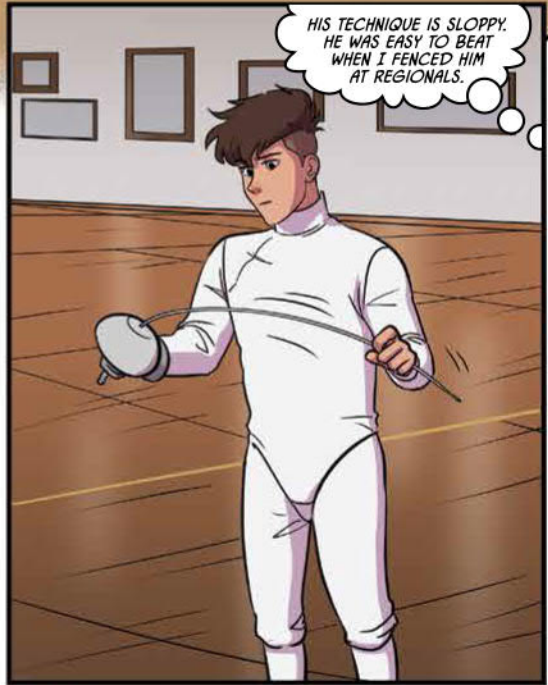


"I SAW YOUR MATCH AGAINST NICHOLAS, SEIJI."

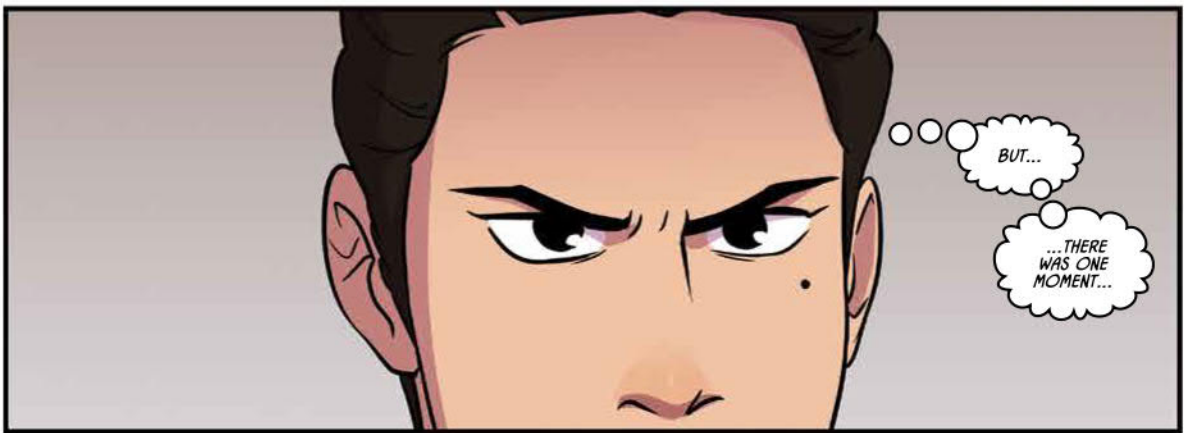
"I SAW THE SAME THING YOU SAW...THE REASON YOU'RE WATCHING HIM NOW."



NICHOLAS COX.

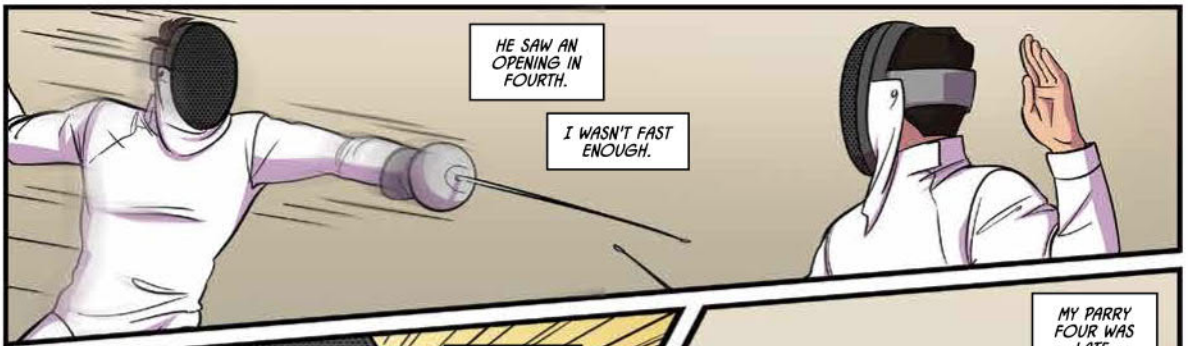


HIS TECHNIQUE IS SLOPPY. HE WAS EASY TO BEAT WHEN I FENCED HIM AT REGIONALS.



BUT...

...THERE WAS ONE MOMENT...

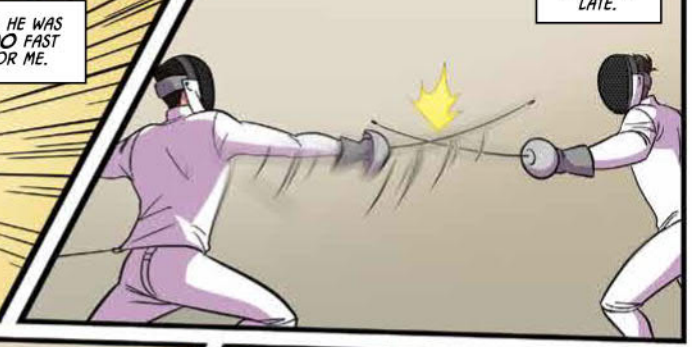


HE SAW AN
OPENING IN
FOURTH.

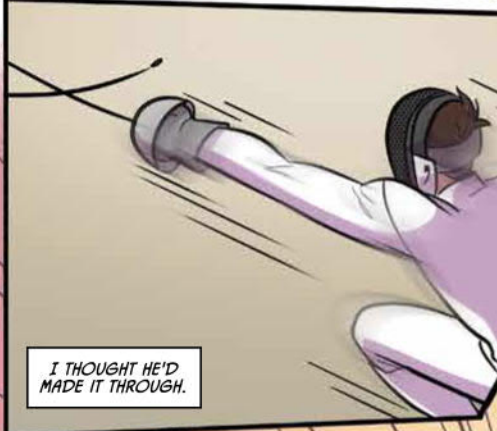
I WASN'T FAST
ENOUGH.



NO. HE WAS
TOO FAST
FOR ME.



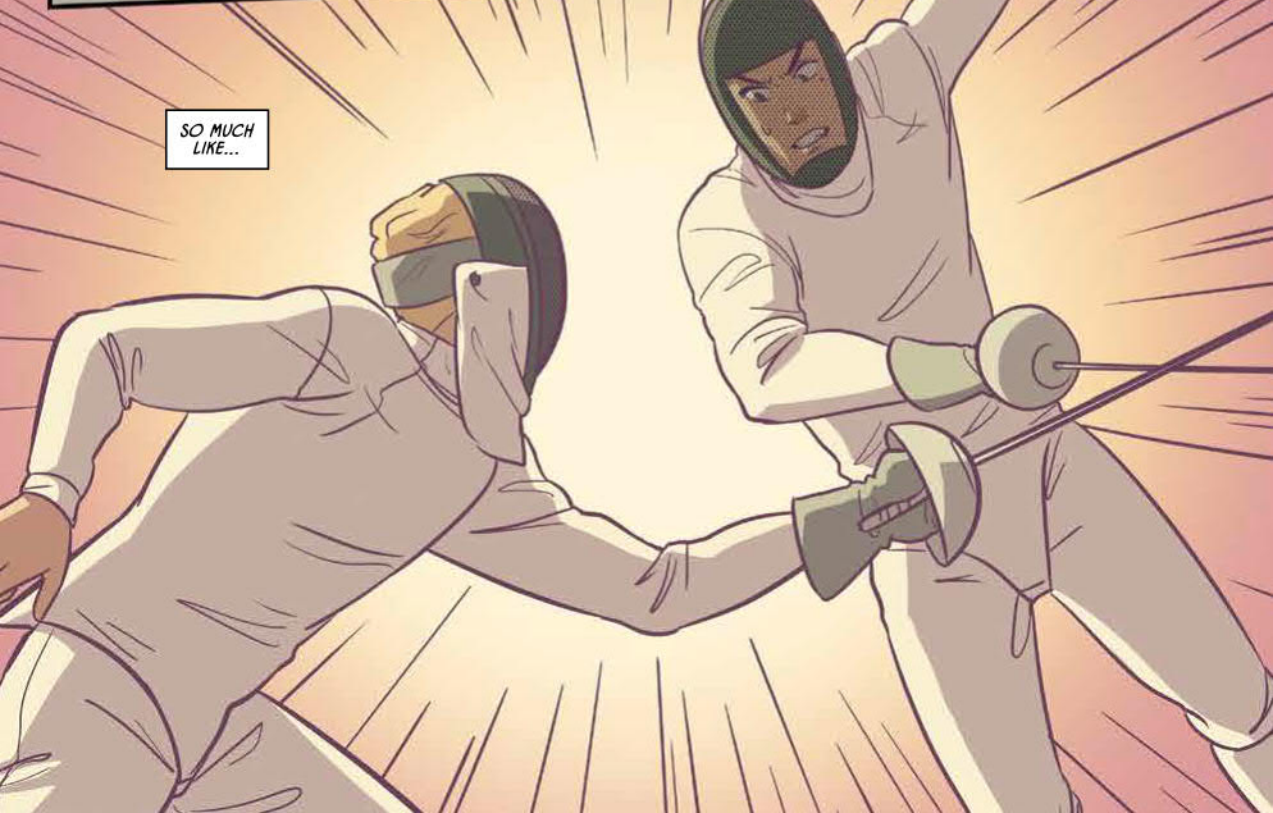
MY PARRY
FOUR WAS
LATE.



I THOUGHT HE'D
MADE IT THROUGH.



IN THAT MOMENT,
IT FELT SO MUCH
LIKE...



SO MUCH
LIKE...



