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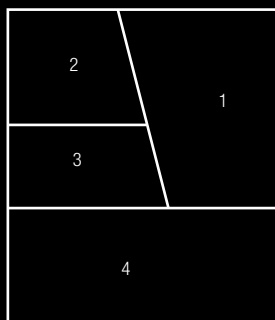
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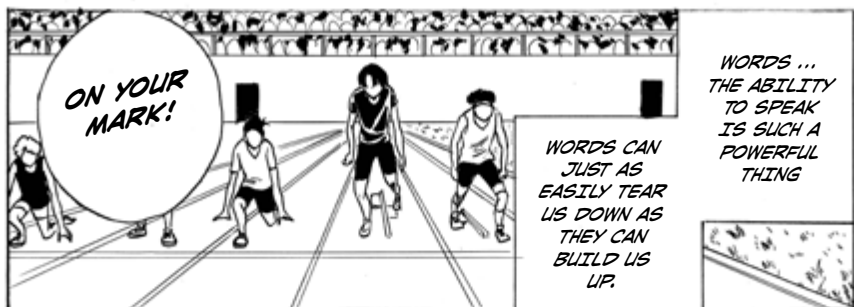
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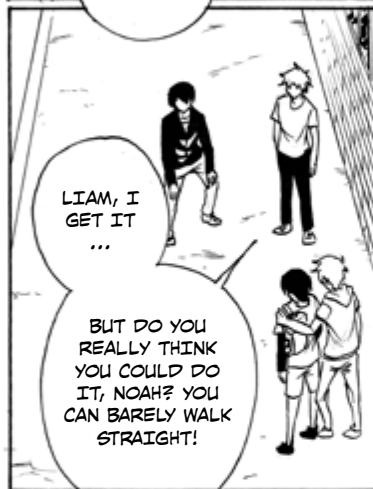
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Enjoy!













LIAM, WOULD
YOU RACE
HIM? FOR
OLD TIMES'
SAKE!



I'M
SURPRISED
THE CLUB
ACCEPTED
HIM.

HE'S A BETTER
RUNNER, BUT HE'S
FAR FROM BEING
OLYMPIC-LEVEL.



UNLESS YOU'RE
AFRAID
...



OH, COME
ON! THAT'LL
BE QUICK.

NO, THANKS.



WHY WOULD
YOU MAKE
HIM
RUN? YOU
ALREADY
KNOW THE
RESULT.

IT
MIGHT JUST
TEACH NOAH
THAT THIS
ISN'T FOR
HIM!



NO. I'M
GETTING
TIRED
OF YOU.



SO
HUNGRY!

I'M
BEAT!

**NOAH,
WAIT!**

TO THE
LOCKER
ROOM, AT
LAST!!

TRAINING
SESSION OVER!
LOTS OF REST,
EVERYONE.



...



...



REMEMBER
US, MAN?

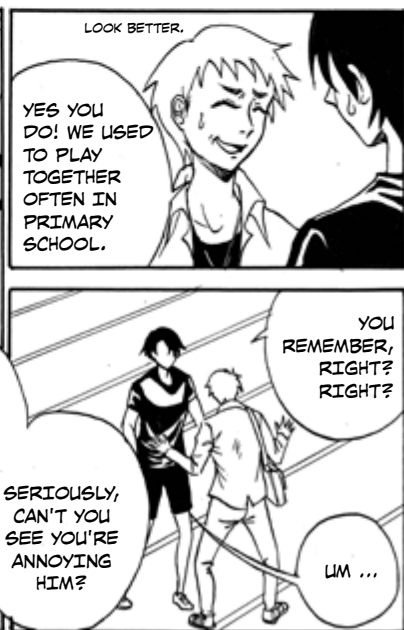


NOT AT
ALL.



!

WE'RE
BOTHERING
HIM, LET'S
GO.



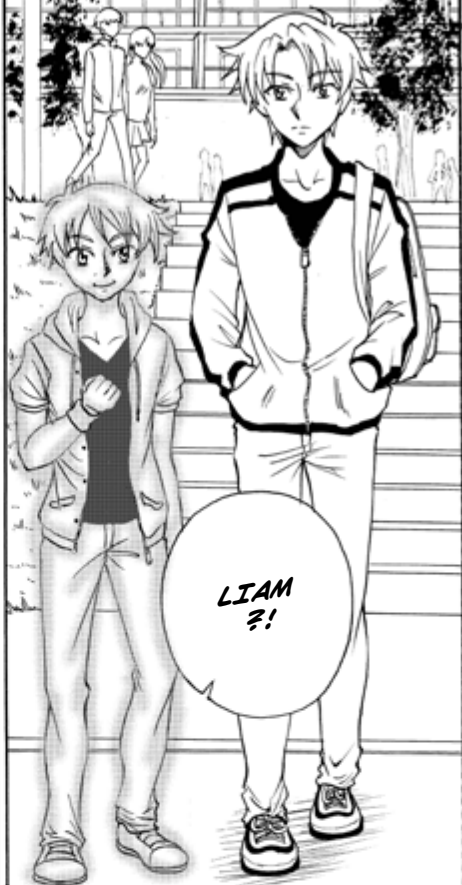
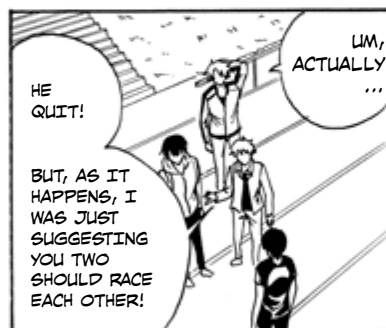
LOOK BETTER.

YES YOU
DO! WE USED
TO PLAY
TOGETHER
OFTEN IN
PRIMARY
SCHOOL.

SERIOUSLY,
CAN'T YOU
SEE YOU'RE
ANNOYING
HIM?

YOU
REMEMBER,
RIGHT?
RIGHT?

UM ...







THIS
FEELING...
IT'S BEEN SO
LONG!

AFTER ALL
THESE YEARS, I
STILL HAVE THE
ADVANTAGE.

I SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
DO IT.



IT'S OKAY,
I DIDN'T
START TOO
BAD.



HA
HA

HOWEVER
...



HA
HA

FOR SOMEONE
WHO STOPPED
TRAINING, HE
IS GOOD.



STAY STRONG,
IT'S ALMOST
THE END.



I'VE
LOST MY
STAMINA!



TAP

I'M
STARTING
TO SLOW
DOWN...



HE
PASSED
ME
!!!



OH!



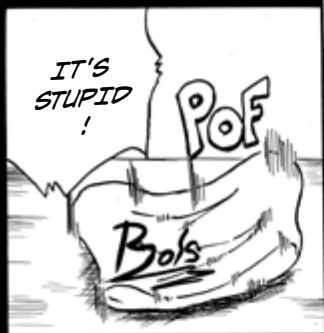
I WASN'T
EXPECTING
THAT.



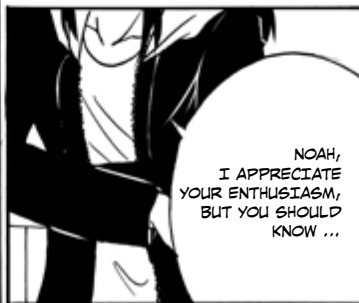
NOAH
WINS!















THIS COACH
IS A REAL
MONSTER!



HE'D BETTER
FORGET IT.

UHHHHH ...
I'M REALLY
GOING TO
BE LATE!



GOOD, YOU
CAN GET UP.
WE'RE GOING
TO START.



A FIVE-MINUTE
PLANK FOR
BEING A TINY
BIT LATE ...



... I DO NOT
TOLERATE
TARDINESS TO
PRACTICE.

LET IT BE
CLEAR ...

OUTCH, OUTCH,
OUTCH.



SO IT WAS
WITH PAIN AND
SUFFERING
THAT I STARTED
RUNNING IN A
CLUB AGAIN.



I WILL TIME
EACH OF YOU,
TO GET AN IDEA
OF YOUR LEVEL.



IN
POSITION
!

LET'S GO!
ROWS OF
THREE,
FROM HERE
TO THERE.



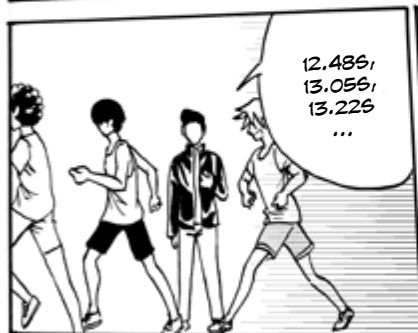
READY
?!

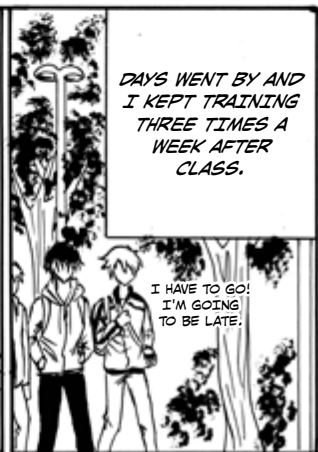
I'M GOING
TO GIVE ALL
I HAVE.

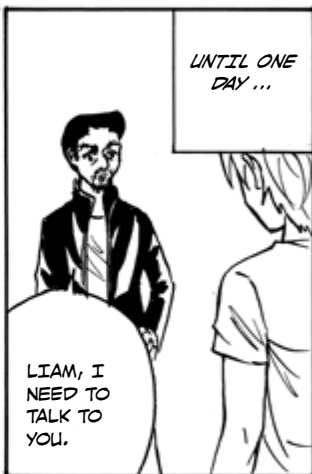
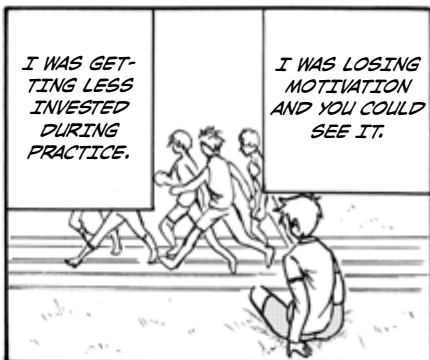


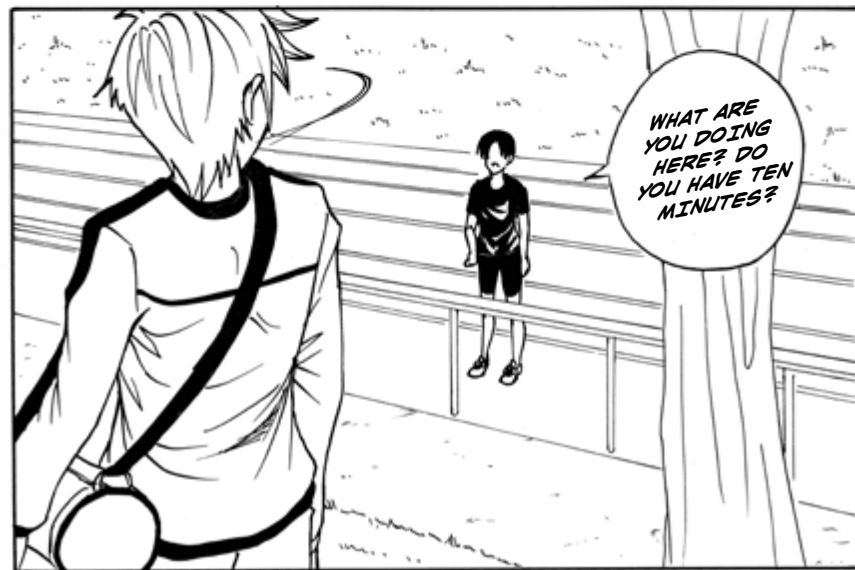
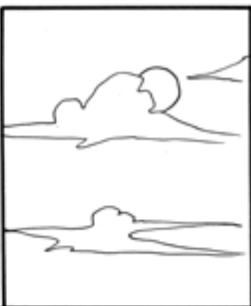
HAAA... I'M
ALREADY
DEAD!

NEXT
EXERCISE!















YOU WERE
ALWAYS SUR-
ROUNDED BY
PEOPLE,
AND THEY
ADMIRED
YOU.



I REALLY
ENVIED YOU,
AS A KID.



BUT
YOU ...

WOW! YOU'RE
A FAN OF
BOLS TOO?



BUT ME ...
NO MATTER
WHAT I
DID ... OR
SAID ...

... PEOPLE
IGNORED ME,
OR DIDN'T TAKE
ME SERIOUSLY.



I ALSO HAD
ONE SIGNED!

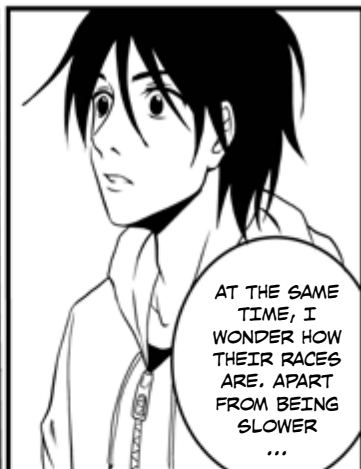
THEY
ONLY SAW ME
AS A DISABLED
KID, UNABLE TO
DO THINGS.







THERE ISN'T
MUCH OF
A CROWD,
ANYWAY.



AT THE SAME
TIME, I
WONDER HOW
THEIR RACES
ARE. APART
FROM BEING
SLOWER
...



COME!
LET'S SIT
HERE.

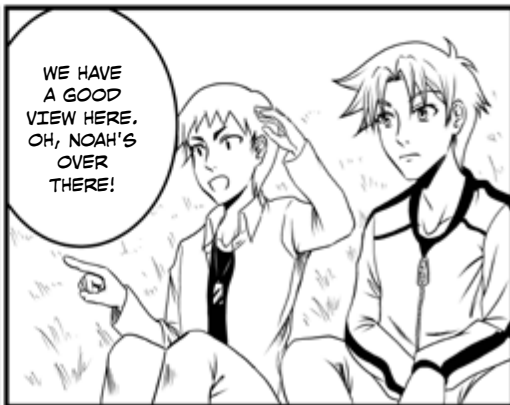
LANE
NO.4, BEN
ARAL ...

IT'S
STARTING
SOON.

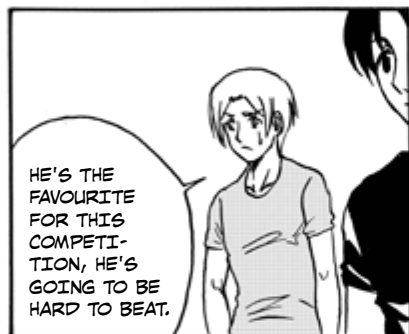
LANE NO.3,
NOAH
BELUR ...

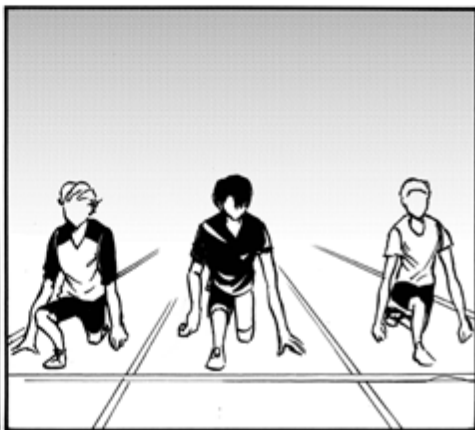
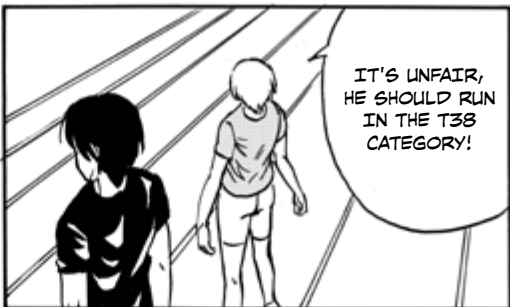


LANE NO.6,
ERICK
LAYMER ...



WE HAVE
A GOOD
VIEW HERE.
OH, NOAH'S
OVER
THERE!









THIS ERICK
LAYMER ...



EVEN
WHEN HE'S
RUNNING,
YOU CAN'T
NOTICE
ANYTHING.

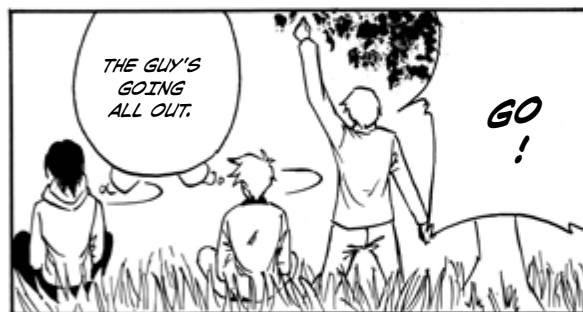


IT'S GOING
TO BE HARD
TO WIN.



OUTCH
!









YOU TOO, THEY
WOULD HAVE
ANHILATED
YOU.



I DIDN'T
EXPECT THAT
THERE WOULD BE
SO MANY GREAT
ATHLETES IN
PARASPORTS.

SAME. IF
YOU HAD RUN
AGAINST THEM,
THEY WOULD
HAVE CRUSHED
YOU.



PHEW
...



WE'RE
GOING
THIS WAY.
SEE YOU
TOMORROW,
LIAM!



I DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING, BUT
I'M EXHAUSTED
!



HUH ...
DESPITE THE
RESULTS,
THEY'RE
PROUD OF
HIM ...



TOO BAD
NOAH LOST,
I'LL CHEER HIM
ON LOUDER
NEXT TIME.



LIAM,
RUNNING
REALLY IS
YOUR THING.

WHY DID
I QUIT
RUNNING,
AGAIN?



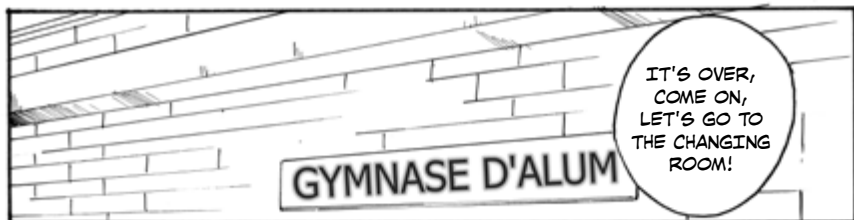
I WANT
...

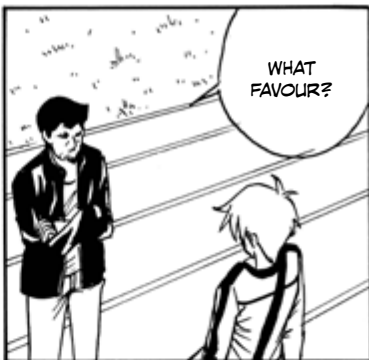
... TO RUN
AGAIN.



I WOULD
HAVE WON
IF I HADN'T
FALLEN!

IF
IT'S LIKE
THAT, I REALLY
DON'T SEE WHY
I WOULD GO
ON TRAINING!







ALRIGHT,
BUT THIS IS
YOUR LAST
CHANCE.

SAME DAYS
AND SAME TIMES,
FOR PRACTICE.



SEE YOU
TOMORROW!
I WON'T
BE LATE.



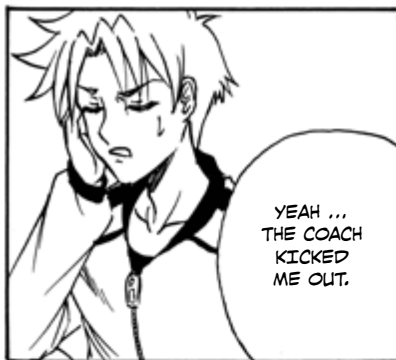
THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH!

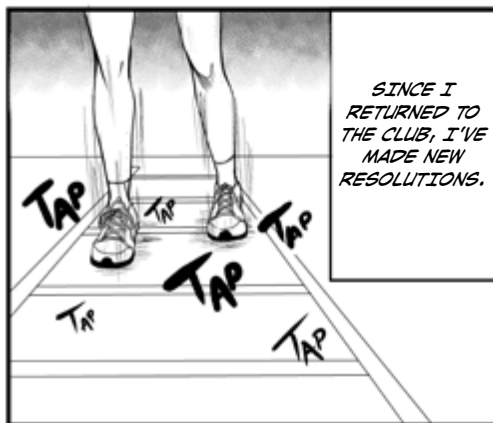


NOW, IT'S
MY TURN
NOT TO
DISAPPOINT
HIM!

IT'S GREAT
THAT HE
ACCEPTED
ME BACK!







I MUST
ADMIT, I'VE
STARTED TO
APPRECIATE
MAKING
MORE
EFFORT.



I AM
DOING THE
EXERCISES
CORRECTLY.



WOW!
ALREADY
HERE!



AND I'M
CAREFUL NOT
TO BE LATE.



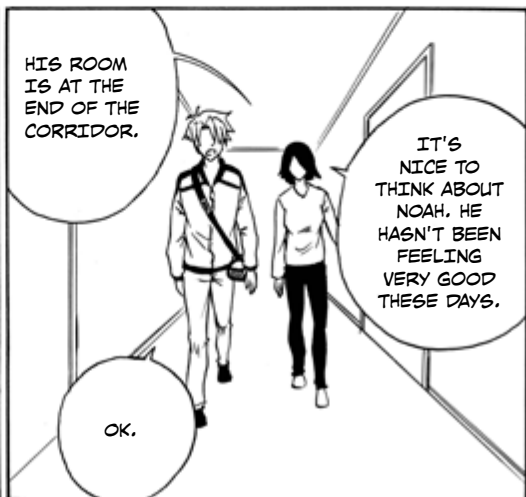
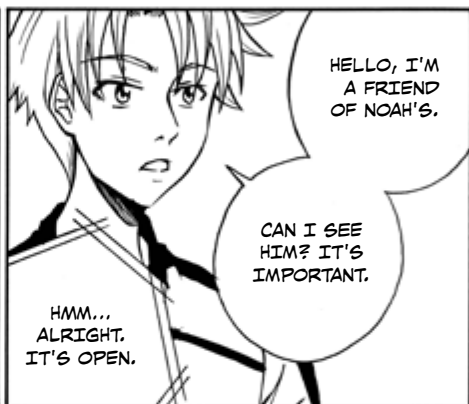
I STILL
HAVEN'T
SEEN NOAH!



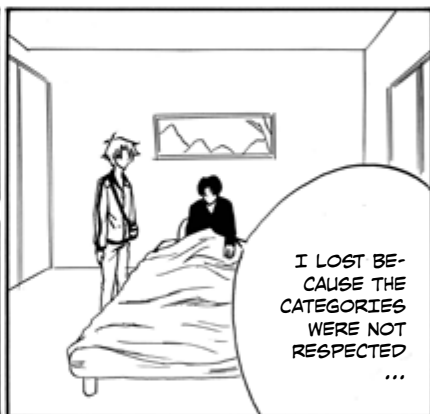
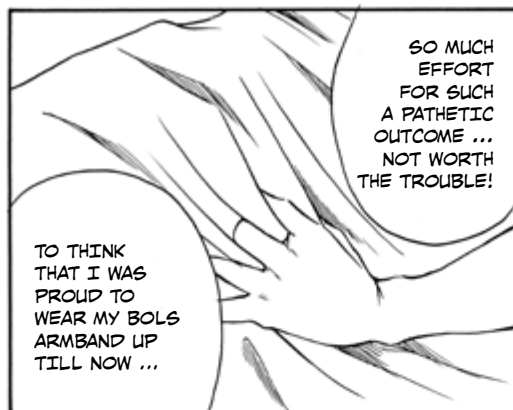
BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT
SOMETHING ...













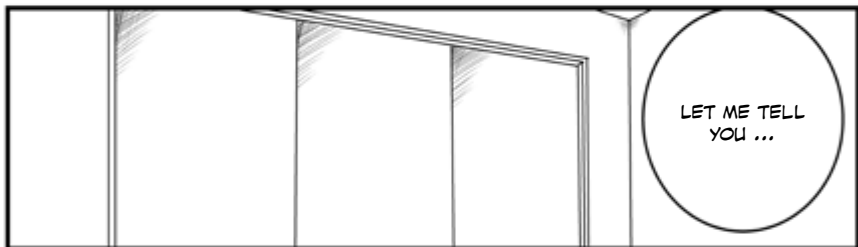




OH, DEAR! I
WONDER WHERE
THE COMBATIVE
NOAH WHO BEAT
ME WENT.



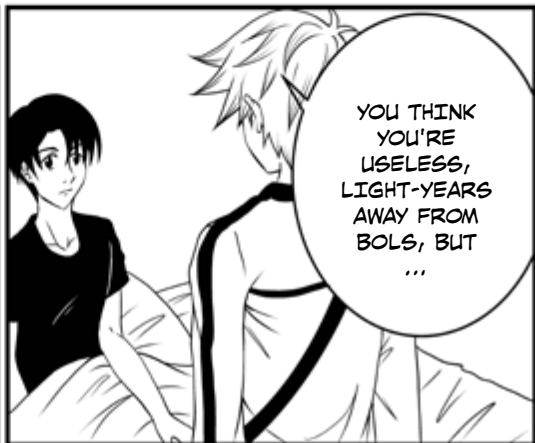
OUT OF THE
TWO OF US, YOU
ALWAYS HAD THE
BEST CHANCE
OF REACHING
OUR DREAM.



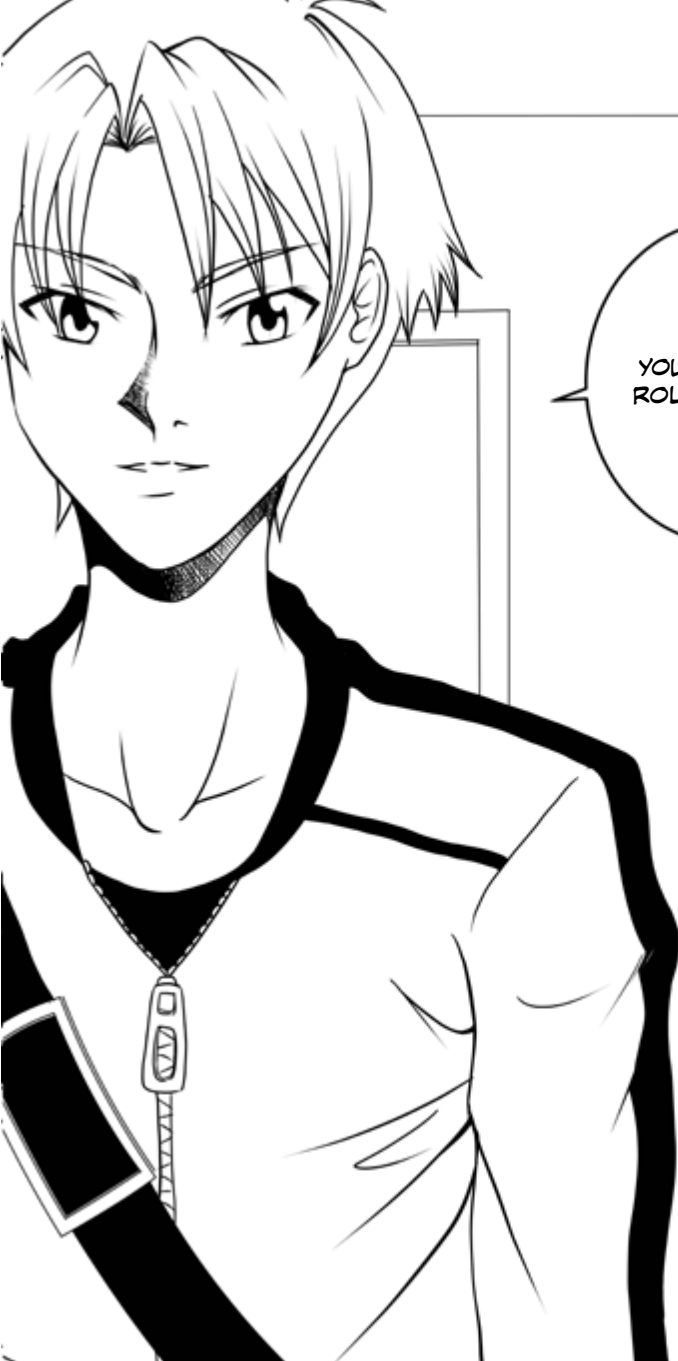
LET ME TELL
YOU ...



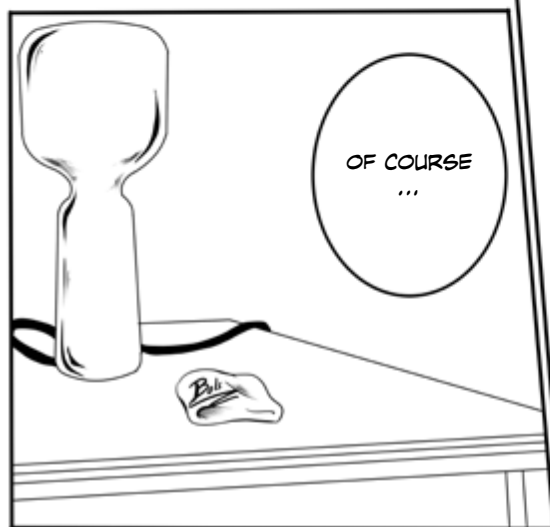
... YOU AND
BOLS HAVE
A HUGE
SIMILARITY,
IN MY
OPINION.



YOU THINK
YOU'RE
USELESS,
LIGHT-YEARS
AWAY FROM
BOLS, BUT
...



YOU ARE BOTH
ROLE MODELS.







I THINK YOU
DON'T REALIZE
YOUR OWN
STRENGTH.

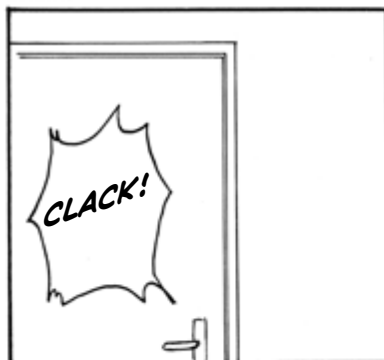


YOU'RE THE
EXAMPLE
I WANT TO
FOLLOW...

NOAH,
YOU'RE NOT
USELESS
TO ME.



SO,
I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE GOING
TO DO. .. JUST
DON'T FORGET
ALL OF
THAT.



THANK YOU,
LIAM.



I'M ON
FIRE TODAY!
LET'S CHEER
NOAH ON!



One month
later.

YEAHH!



YOU'VE
STARTED TO
LIKE IT, IT
SEEMS ...
HA! HA!



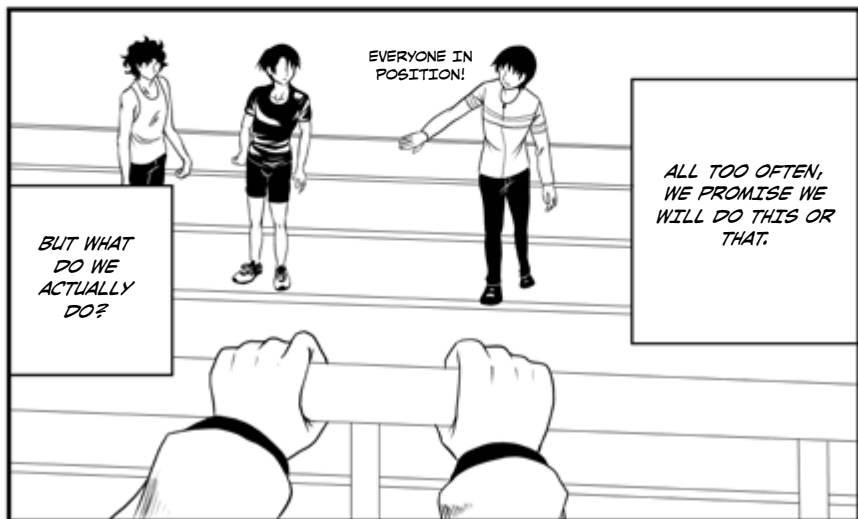
PHEW ...

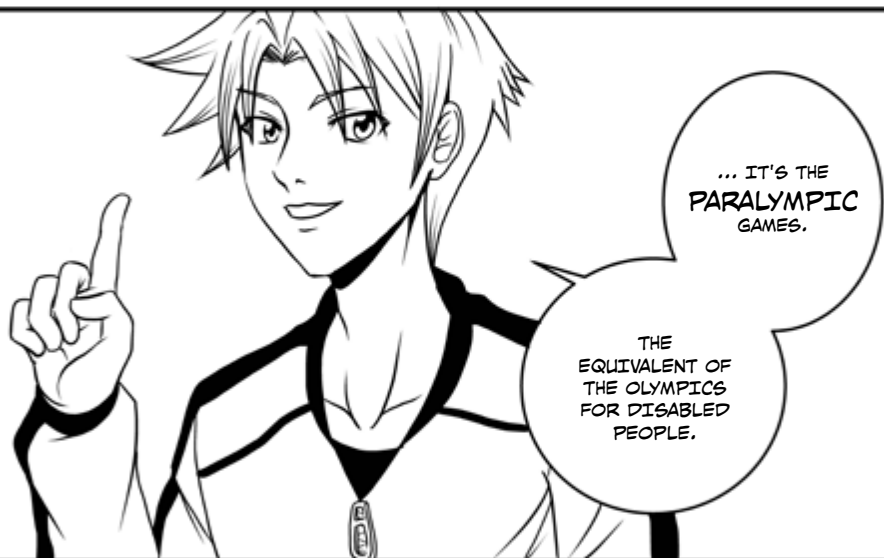


YEAH,
ACTUALLY!
IT'S
AMAZING!

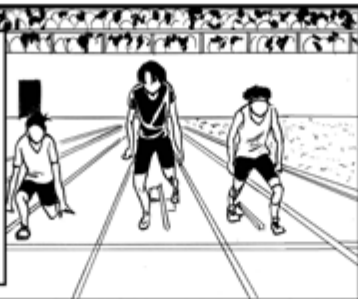
... DID HE
COME
?







*IT'S
EASIER SAID
THAN DONE.*



*AND WHEN
THEIR WORDS
ARE FOLLOWED
BY ACTIONS
...*



*BUT
THERE ARE
PEOPLE WHO
DON'T USE
WORDS LIGHTLY.*

BANG!



*... THERE'S
SOMETHING
MAGICAL ABOUT
THE IMPACT THEY
MAKE. LIKE A
DREAM FINALLY
COMING TRUE.*

Following these difficult months for many of us due to the Covid-19 crisis, I wish the very best to our athletes who have shown unwavering determination to stay on top despite health restrictions. Completing this manga during this particular year was particularly trying for me, psychologically and physically, but I am still very happy to have been able to participate in this great project. I would like to thank Fondation Ipsen for allowing me to collaborate with them once again, and particularly Céline Colombier-Maffre for her patience and kindness. Renaud Clerc who taught me a lot of things about disabled sports, and where I was able to find my inspiration. My family, and all the people who have always supported me. The AAA school. And thank you to my dear readers.

- Kat-chan

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Share the impossible, it will become achievable.*

- Renaud Clerc

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