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## What happened to matt stagmer on man at arms

Matt: I'm a full-time sword maker, grinding blades for BKS and enjoying comics, movies, gaming (specifically CS:Go and League of Legends), and leading the oldest FPS clan in the world. Ilya: As a professional blacksmith, I focus on high-end armor for Battle of Nations, making anime-inspired weapons and armor for entertainment. Q: Favorite thing about Japan? Matt: The craftsmanship is impressive, and my favorite anime is Fate. Ilya: Ink painting and food are excellent, with favorite animes including Inuyasha, Kamisama Hajimemashita, and Nisekoi. Q: How did you get into blacksmithing? Matt: I started in high school, combining artistic and engineering skills. My favorite piece is the scissor blade. Ilya: Medieval reenactment led me to blacksmithing; my favorite pieces include Saber's Excalibur and the Skyrim helmet. Q: Can you tell us about your panels? Both: We're open with our audience, sharing perspectives and answering questions. Our goal is to showcase challenges in bringing anime-inspired armor into reality, discussing build choices and craftsmen. Q: What are you excited for at Anime USA? Matt: I'm looking forward to connecting with fans, meeting Cowboy Beebop's cast, and seeing crazy cosplays. Ilya: The Host Club is what excites me the most. Born in Catonsville, Maryland, Matt Stagmer grew up with a passion for sports, the Renaissance festival, and crafting swords and armor with his brother Kerry. After high school, he pursued various courses in photography, visual arts, and computer-aided design. Stagmer's early career included working as an assistant editor at Pirates Magazine, where he wrote regular columns featuring new artists and items. Stagmer was born on December 10th, 1982, and has been a full-time blacksmith and sword maker since 1999. He spent nearly two decades working at Baltimore Knife and Sword, eventually becoming the shop's owner and operator under the name "That Works." Stagmer attended Catonsville High School (Class of 2000) and later earned certifications in A+ and Net+ from TESST Technology Institute. He also took courses in general studies and Computer-Aided Design at Catonsville Community College in 2002, returning to the CCC in 2012 for German 101. Stagmer's notable career highlights include working on Disney's Aladdin on Broadway and co-starring in the TV show "MAN AT ARMS: Art of War" alongside Danny Trejo. Currently residing in Frederick, Maryland, Stagmer operates his own shop, "That Works," focusing on high-end custom items. He also maintains a popular YouTube channel with over 638,000 subscribers, where he showcases his craftsmanship and shares behind-the-scenes content from his creative process.