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Ultimately, the Kenyan pugilist was brought to his knees and could not beat the eighth count, as the referee ended the fight in the 11th round stoppage.

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Speaking truth to power, he went on to delineate that “they are all good calibers and might bring more individual honours to the Land of the braves if they could challenge boxers in the same division from other countries”. He suggested that their respective promoters should challenge other plausible fighters at different divisions to move forward.

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