

《扼住命运咽喉！出身贫民窟的女子柔道运动员为巴西拿下首金》

导读:在里约热内卢最臭名昭著的贫民窟“上帝之城”长大的拉斐拉·席尔瓦为巴西在2016年奥运会摘得首金，获得了女子57公斤级柔道冠军。



This Olympian defeated the odds in more than just sports.

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Rafaela Silva, raised in the notorious Rio slum of Cidade de Deus, just won a gold medal in women's judo on Monday, according to the Washington Post.

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Silva won Brazil's first gold medal of the 2016 Games, taking the title for the 57-kilogram division of women's judo.

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In the video interview below with Brazil's SporTV, the athlete could not hold back her tears after she won gold.

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"If it wasn't for judo, I don't know where I'd be now," Silva said, according to a HuffPost translation. "I could still be playing in City of God, but thanks to God, I got involved in sports ? and here I am, world champion and Olympic champion."

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Silva, 25, spent the first eight years of her life living in Rio de Janeiro's largest slum, Cidade de Deus, according to Sports Illustrated. The area gained fame thanks to the 2002 film, "City of God."

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"Everybody here knows Rafaela's history," Eduardo Colli, a Brazilian fan, told the Associated Press. "This is more than just a medal, it's a victory for poor people. It's hope for all of them."

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As a kid, Silva got into fights with boys and got expelled from school, according to Sports Illustrated. She turned to judo at age 5, when her parents enrolled her in Instituto Rea??o, a sports nonprofit that now serves about 1,250 athletes in five Rio favelas.

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At 16, Silva won a world junior title, and three years later she won a silver medal at the 2011 world championships, according to Sports Illustrated.

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But Silva's path to Olympic stardom was halted in London, after she was favored to win a medal, but lost at the 2012 Games. She was then overwhelmed with racist abuse on social media, according to CBC.

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"I was very sad because I had lost the fight," Silva told the news outlet. "I walked to my room, I found all those insults on social media ? they were criticizing me, calling me monkey. So I got really, really upset. I thought about leaving judo."

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After battling depression, according to the Washington Post, Silva got back in the game, and went on to become the 2013 world champion.

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And today the only thing anyone can rightfully call her is an Olympic gold medalist.

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“The monkey that they said had to be locked up in a cage in London is today an Olympic champion at home,” Silva told the Associated Press.

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