

# BLITZ

featuring Garry Kasparov: Manga protagonist and supervisor

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**THE CHESS VERSION OF CAPTAIN TSUBASA FEATURING  
GARRY KASPAROV!**



## Synopsis

Tom, a young high school student, has a crush on the beautiful Harmony. Once he gets to know that she is passionate about chess, he decides to enroll in the college club. But he doesn't know the rules! He has no choice: he must learn everything and practice seriously.

Rapidly, he discovers the existence of Garry Kasparov, the greatest player in the history of chess. During his research Tom bumps into a virtual reality machine that will allow him to analyze the most legendary games of the master!

Then, an unexpected event will open the doors of the very high level of chess to Tom, and this, in spite of him...

## Biographies

### **Cédric BISCAY** - *Blitz's writer*

Born in 1979 in Nice. Creator of the **Blitz** universe and co-writer of volume 1, Cédric Biscay is the producer behind the triumphant return of the **Shenmue** saga in 2019 on PS4 and PC awarded by 3 World Records in the Guinness book.

Also, the producer of the multi-award-winning documentary **Sad Hill Unearthed**, available on Netflix around the world, and the future series **Astroboy Reboot**, he is the recipient of this year Certificate of Honor from the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs.

### **Daitaro NISHIHARA** - *Blitz's illustrator*

Born in 1971 in Hiroshima, Daitaro Nishihara started as a mangaka in the magazine *Monthly Shōnen Jump*. From 2001, several of his series were pre-published in the magazine *Korokoro Comic* (Shōgakukan), notably *Pokémon 6 - Jirachi the genius of wishes*.

### **Harumo SANAZAKI**

Co-scriptwriter of volume 1 of Blitz, Harumo Sanazaki is a prolific Japanese mangaka having participated in more than 130 manga including the *Phantom of the Opera*.

### **Garry KASPAROV** - **Manga protagonist and supervisor**

Born in Baku, Azerbaijan, in the Soviet Union in 1963, Garry Kasparov became the under-18 chess champion of the USSR at the age of 12 and the world under-20 champion at 17. He came to international fame at the age of 22 as the youngest world chess champion in history in 1985.

He stood up for his title five times, including a legendary series of games against his great rival Anatoly Karpov. Kasparov broke Bobby Fischer's rating record in 1990 and his own peak rating record remained unbroken until 2013.

His famous matches against the IBM super-computer Deep Blue in 1996-97 were key to bringing artificial intelligence, and chess, into the mainstream.

Created between Monaco, Japan, France and the United States, **BLITZ** is the most international manga ever!

## The publisher

**IWA** ("*the rock*" in Japanese) is the new manga collection of the Monegasque company Shibuya Productions. The purpose of this label is to publish the company's original works.

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