

BLITZ

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with the participation of Garry Kasparov: Protagonist and Supervisor of the manga

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THE TSUBASA CHESS CAPTAIN WITH GARRY KASPAROV!

Pitch

Kaoru's training camp is coming to an end and our friends go directly to the draft tournament where they will face two impressive high schools used to the competition. Their mission: to secure their place for the national tournament.

As soon as they arrive, our heroes are under great pressure because of an unexpected event that will take them directly into the heart of the competition. Will their mental preparation acquired with Kaoru allow them to compete with these new opponents?

Biographies

Cédric BISCAY

Born in 1979 in Nice.

Creator of *Blitz* universe and co-writer, Cédric Biscay is the producer behind the triumphal comeback of the **Shenmue** saga in 2019 on PS4 and PC materialized by 3 world records in the Guinness book. He also produced the multi-award-winning documentary **Sad Hill Unearthed**, available on Netflix worldwide, and the upcoming **Astroboy Reboot** series. This year, he is the recipient of the Japanese Foreign Minister's Certificate of Honor.

Daitaro NISHIHARA

Blitz manga artist

Born in 1971 in Hiroshima, Daitaro Nishihara made his debut as a mangaka in *Monthly Shōnen Jump* magazine. Starting from 2001, several of his series are pre-published in *Korokoro Comic* (Shōgakukan) magazine, including *Pokémon 6 - Jirachi the genius of wishes*.

Tsukasa MORI

Blitz co-writer, also working in the advertising field.

Garry KASPAROV

Protagonist and Godfather of the manga *Blitz*

Born in 1963 in Baku, Azerbaijan, Soviet Union, Garry Kasparov became, at the age of 12, chess champion of the USSR's under-18 age group. Then, at the age of 17, he won the Under-20 World Chess Champion title. In 1985, at the age of 22, he gained international notoriety as the youngest World Chess Champion in history.

He defended his title five times, including a series of legendary matches against his great rival Anatoly Karpov. Kasparov broke Bobby Fischer's record in 1990 and his own record remained undefeated until 2013.

His famous matches against IBM's Deep Blue supercomputer in 1996-97 played a key role in the integration of artificial intelligence into the world of chess.

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

The Editor

Created in 2019, IWA (“the rock” in Japanese) is the publishing arm of Shibuya Productions. Its first title, *Blitz*, is a shonen manga exploring the elite world of chess.

With its chosen subject matter, Shibuya Productions attracted the attention of one of the greatest players of all time, Mr. Gary Kasparov, who now supervises and patrons the series.

Blitz’s realization was made possible by the close collaboration between Monaco, Japan, and the US, whose teams came together to produce a novel work guided by Japanese manga production techniques.

The project success was marked by the more than 10 000 copies already sold and counting in the French market alone. In Japan, the manga is offered by the celebrated Shonen Jump.

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