



## ABOUT BLUE EXORCIST

BLUE EXORCIST IS A JAPANESE DARK FANTASY MANGA SERIES WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY KAZUE KATO. THE STORY REVOLVES AROUND RIN OKUMURA, A TEENAGER WHO DISCOVERS HE AND HIS TWIN BROTHER YUKIO ARE THE SONS OF SATAN, BORN FROM A HUMAN WOMAN, AND HE IS THE INHERITOR OF SATAN'S POWERS. WHEN SATAN KILLS THEIR GUARDIAN, RIN ENROLLS AT TRUE CROSS ACADEMY TO BECOME AN EXORCIST UNDER YUKIO'S TUTELAGE IN ORDER TO DEFEAT HIS FATHER SATAN. THE MANGA HAS BEEN SERIALIZED IN SHUEISHA'S JUMP SQUARE MAGAZINE SINCE APRIL 2009, WITH INDIVIDUAL CHAPTERS COLLECTED INTO TWENTY-SEVEN TANKŌBON VOLUMES AS OF JULY 2021. VIZ MEDIA HAS LICENSED THE MANGA FOR NORTH AMERICAN PRODUCTION, WITH THE FIRST VOLUME RELEASED IN APRIL



2011. ANIPLEX OF AMERICA ALSO RELEASED THE ANIME'S DVDs IN ENGLISH REGIONS. THE SERIES WAS ADAPTED INTO AN ANIME TELEVISION SERIES PRODUCED BY A-1 PICTURES, AND BROADCAST FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER 2011. AN ANIME FILM, BLUE EXORCIST: THE MOVIE, PREMIERED IN DECEMBER 2012. A SECOND SEASON, TITLED BLUE EXORCIST: KYOTO SAGA, AIRED FROM JANUARY TO MARCH 2017. THE SERIES HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY READERS WITH SALES HAVING RECEIVED A BOOST THANKS TO THE ANIME'S RELEASE. PUBLICATIONS FOR MANGA AND ANIME COMPARED THE SERIES WITH OTHER SHŌNEN MANGA BUT STILL PRAISED. THE WORLD OF BLUE EXORCIST CONSISTS OF TWO DIMENSIONS, ATTACHED TO EACH OTHER AS A MIRROR AND ITS REFLECTION. THE FIRST IS THE MATERIAL WORLD WHERE HUMANS LIVE, ASSIAH. AND THE OTHER IS GEHENNA THE WORLD OF DEMONS, WHICH IS RULED BY SATAN. ORIGINALLY, A JOUR-

NEY BETWEEN THE WORLDS, OR EVEN A CONTACT BETWEEN THEM, IS IMPOSSIBLE. HOWEVER, ANY DEMON IS ABLE TO PASS TO THE DIMENSION OF ASSIAH THROUGH THE POSSESSION OF A LIVING BEING IN IT. EVEN SO, DEMONS HAVE HISTORICALLY WANDERED AMONG HUMANS UNNOTICED, VISIBLE ONLY TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH DEMONS BEFORE. IN CONTRAST, THERE ARE EXORCISTS, PEOPLE WHO TRAIN TO DESTROY DEMONS WHO ACT IN A DAMAGING MANNER IN ASSIAH. WITH MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND YEARS OF EXISTENCE, THIS GROUP HAS SEVERAL BRANCHES ALL OVER THE WORLD BEING SECRETLY UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE VATICAN ITSELF AND ACTING IN A CLANDESTINE MANNER. KAZUE KATO TOOK INSPIRATION FROM THE 2005 FILM THE BROTHERS GRIMM, AS SHE TRIED TO WORK THE ANGLE OF BROTHERS FIGHTING

AGAINST MONSTERS INTO A STORY. SHE EVENTUALLY DECIDED ON MAKING THE STORY ABOUT DEMONS AND EXORCISTS, THUS CONCEIVING BLUE EXORCIST.[3] DUE TO EXORCISTS BEING THE MAIN IDEA OF THE STORY, THE MANGA FEATURES A LOT OF BIBLICAL REFERENCES. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH ANIME NEWS NETWORK, KATO SAID: "I SHOULD NOT RUN AWAY FROM THESE REFERENCES IF I'M WORKING IN THE EXORCIST GENRE." [3] AN ENDING WAS PLANNED BY KATO BUT THE EXACT LENGTH OF THE SERIES HAS YET TO BE DECIDED BASED ON THE MANGA'S POPULARITY IN JAPAN 2016, KATO STATED, "I THINK THERE MIGHT BE FOUR MORE ARCS. I HAVE A ROUGH STORYLINE COMPLETE FOR THE ENDING, BUT I HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT ALL OF THE DETAILS. I HAVE A FEW THINGS WHERE I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO DECIDE TO DO." [5] IN JULY 2021, KATO ANNOUNCED THAT THE MANGA WOULD ENTER ON AN EIGHTMONTH HIATUS UNTIL APRIL 2022, TO WORK ON A



## ABOUT YUKI OKUMURA

RIN'S YOUNGER TWIN BROTHER. WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT A WOMAN IMPREGNATED BY SATAN CAN HAVE TWINS, IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE POWER OF SATAN CAN BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THEM BOTH. HOWEVER, DUE TO HIS FRAIL BODY, YUKIO DID NOT INHERIT ANY POWER OF SATAN, SO THAT IS FULLY HUMAN, AND DEMONIC POWER POSSESSES THE FULLNESS OF RIN. YUKIO OKUMURA IS THE SON OF SATAN AND A HUMAN, YURI EGIN, AND THE YOUNGER TWIN BROTHER OF OKUMURA RIN. DUE TO THE WEAKNESS OF HIS BODY AT BIRTH, SATAN'S POWERS TRANSFERRED FROM YUKIO'S BODY INTO RIN'S BODY. HOWEVER, YUKIO RECEIVED HIS MASHOUR RITE, WHICH ALLOWS PEOPLE TO SEE DEMONS AFTER GAINING AN INJURY FROM ONE, FROM RIN AT BIRTH. AFTER SEEING TINY DEMONS SURROUNDING HIS BROTHER EVER SINCE HE WAS BORN.



## ABOUT SHURA KIRIGAKURE

TRAGIC EXORCIST, MENTOR, SPECIAL AGENT. SHURA KIRIGAKURE IS A SUPPORTING PROTAGONIST IN THE MANGA/ANIME SERIES BLUE EXORCIST. SHE IS AN UPPER-FIRST CLASS EXORCIST AND RIN OKUMURA'S MENTOR. SHE TRAINED UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF SHIRO FUJIMOTO TO OBTAIN THE TITLE MEISTER AS A KNIGHT. SHURA KIRIGAKURE IS AN UPPER-FIRST CLASS EXORCIST AND RIN OKUMURA'S MENTOR. SHE TRAINED UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF SHIRO FUJIMOTO TO OBTAIN THE TITLE MEISTER AS A KNIGHT. KNIGHT MEISTER: SHURA IS A POWERFUL UPPER FIRST EXORCIST AND IS NOTED TO BE AN EXCELLENT WIELDER OF THE SWORD, ESPECIALLY DEMON SWORDS. SHE FIGHTS USING KIRIGAKURE RYŪ - MAKENGI (HIDDEN MIST STYLE - DEMON BLADE TECHNIQUE) WITH HER FANG. SERPENT FANG: SHURA LAUNCH PROJECTILES MADE OF AIR SLICES AT THE OPPONENT. SHURA HAS LONG HOT PINK HAIR WITH YELLOW ENDS THAT RESEMBLE FLAMES WHICH SHE KEEPS UP IN A HIGH PONYTAIL, GREEN EYES (PINK IN THE ANIME) AND FULL LIPS. SHE HAS A CURVACEOUS FIGURE WITH LARGE BREASTS WHICH RIN CONSIDERS LARGER THAN SHIEMI'S AND MARKING ON HER CHEST AND ABDOMEN WHICH ACT AS SEALS FOR VARIOUS ITEMS.

