

THE MAN WHO TRAINED THE WOLVERINE!

ZOO Man flies to Tokyo to fight *The Wolverine's* trainer and chat to the film's leading ladies...



➤ To coincide with the release of *The Wolverine Unleashed Extended Edition* on Blu-ray, ZOO Man was flown to Japan for some martial arts training with Hugh Jackman's teacher and Shingen Yashida's stunt double, Hiroo Minami. The legendary 3rd degree black belt was a Power Ranger for seven

years before scoring work in *30 Days of Night*, *The Last Airbender*, *Resident Evil* and the upcoming Keanu Reeves film, *47 Ronin*. Hiroo said all-round Aussie nice guy Hugh Jackman was a super-quick learner and utter professional to work with, unlike Steven Seagal, who knocked one of Hiroo's colleagues' teeth out!



» After being taught a fight sequence from *The Wolverine*, ZOO Man clashed steel with a long-clawed Logan look-alike.



» Training got off to an awkward start when a mysterious lump formed in ZOO Man's kimono. A few adjustments later and he was ready for action.



Q & A
TAO OKAMOTO
"MARIKO"

➤ **G'day, Tao. This is your first time acting. How did you get the role?**
They'd been looking for a girl to play Mariko for almost two years, and they couldn't find the right one so they opened the door wider and looked in the modelling world. I'd been modelling for a long time and I was found.
You're one of Japan's most famous models. How were you discovered?
There's a town called Harajuku and it's quite famous for people scouting new faces. At that time I was living in the suburbs so I just went out there...
Were you just doing laps until you were spotted by a scout?
[Laughs] Exactly!! I was walking around by myself being very self-conscious and luckily someone found me.



During the kissing scenes with Hugh, did you ever make mistakes on purpose so you could spend more time making out?
[Laughs] No, he had to kiss a lot of women in this movie so I didn't make him do many takes. He was always joking around saying "You're the best kisser". He was so funny and controlled the atmosphere. He always took care of everybody and made sure they were in a good mood.
In *The Wolverine*, Mariko and Logan have to spend a night in a "love hotel". Was that your first time in one?
Of course it's the first time!
[Laughs] I've never been there. It was so new to me!



» ZOO Man ditched the pyjamas to channel his inner Ralph Macchio. Unfortunately, the Karate Kid-inspired "crane" was no match for Hiroo and his samurai sword.



» Swapping the martial arts for some good old-fashioned bogan brawling, ZOO Man overcame Hiroo with his trademark "noogie".



Q & A
RILA FUKUSHIMA
"YUKIO"

➤ **Howdy, Rila. Hiroo told us you were practising your sword fighting in public while you were filming in Sydney...**
I decided to practise outside in front of the Opera House [laughs]. It was quite strange. People were like, "Oh, that Japanese girl is holding a sword!" They soon realised I was practising and not trying to hurt people.
Any other weird stuff happen on set?
Hugh was practising *Les Misérables* songs because he had a PR season for it. I was practising bow stick outside the van and I heard Hugh singing, and when I looked over I could see him dressed as Logan singing. It was quite strange [laughs].



■ *The Wolverine Unleashed Extended Edition* is available on Blu-ray November 27

