



July Interviews

Interviewee: Des

Capacity: Tournament Participant

Hello Des, how are you today?

Okay so far.

We are here to interview you as a participant in the tournament that was recently held on the 21st of July. To start off, was this your first experience of KSG Tournaments?

Yes it was. I didn't know what I was getting myself into.

Why did you choose to participate in the tournament this time around?

Well, people seemed kind of traumatized (in good fun of course) from the last one so i wanted to see what it was like for myself, Plus, I like doing stuff with other people as a team.

Why didn't you participate last time?

I can't get up early enough lol.

Since this is your first time, what did you think about it?

It was a really enjoyable time, especially because you're in a team, you know? And I don't really interact with others outside of classes here or studying, so I met new people as well, even though my team kinda didn't listen to me [*said jokingly*].

Did you have some idea or expectation going into the tournament, how it is going to be?

Yes. Going off what others said about the previous tournament, I thought it would be challenging. I know how I get with competition so I was worried I



would kinda ruin the time for myself because of that. But it was so much fun, it wasn't bad at all.

You mentioned just now your team didn't listen to you, could you explain what happened?

With pleasure. Okay, for those of you who don't know, there was a question and I remember another team asking if it was a two word answer, and it was confirmed to be TWO. So I'm like, "Okay okay, hey team. I think we should verify, you know, just to be sure!" Because I didn't want to lose any points. so i kept saying and saying.. and saying and saying and say- you get the point. In the end they went with a one word answer, and guess what? It was WRONG. Little old Des said the whole time to check but luckily we didn't get any points deducted. It was then after I got apologies and named to be a higher being.

Higher being?

Yes, a god.

How did you feel winning the tournament? Especially since this is your first time participating as well, and you won for another team haha.

Um deserved but bitter sweet. It was sad it wasn't my own team. But in the end no matter what team I'm on, I'm going to give it my all. And playing with Hope World was really nice. so i think in the end it was wonderful.

What was your favorite part or aspects of the tournament? Except the winning of course.

Hmm... well just interacting with other people. For me, I'm not really a talker - shocking right? - so I'm not usually one to initiate a conversation. So just being around a lot of people was kind of out of my comfort zone, but it being with people that I have something in common with, a goal in common with, made it less nerve wracking. I also think activities like this make it fun to learn.

Sounds like the tournament was really fun. What is a memory you made during the tournament that you remember and would like to share?



I think the ending was the most memorable. Since we kind of had a hiccup with who the final winner was, it was nice to see other teams be fair. It shows the nature of everyone here I believe. It was really touching.

Did this tournament have an effect on your Korean learning?

Yes. Honestly, there are ups and downs with learning a language - personally speaking - so when seeing things I knew the answer to, or being able to understand & translate the questions really helped to show me I'm still doing good with my learning even if I think otherwise. It shows.

You were all working in a team with your setlist groups. Some of these groups don't really interact much as well. Usually there is more talking in the bathroombreak channel. How was working with your team and communicating with them?

It was nice. coming into the other teams channel and seeing how they interacted before, during, and after the event was refreshing. It shows team spirit & I think it's a way to bond with others on a different level. I love Jin Hit by the way, even though I'm talking a lot about Hope World.

How did you all divide the tasks of doing the puzzle and guessing the answers?

Well, I just sat still for the most part and everything was done. Those with computers / laptops were fine with doing the puzzle & I'm thankful because I didn't even see the puzzle until the end. For speaking, a brave soldier stepped up & locked in & I just guessed where I could.

This was your first time participating and along with that you were in a different setlist group from normal. How did it feel being in a different group? Were you comfortable? Did it take you time to adjust?

Well, Hope World was really inviting. Prior, I was nervous to join another team, thinking, "What if I don't perform well enough to help them at all?" But I was given a warm welcome and chatting with Hope World helped bring down the pressure and nervousness. I love Hope World, too, by the way.

What do you think about the punishments and rewards this tournament had?

Foul - the punishments of cours. But no, I think it was a little mean though. It reminds me of the spongebob episode. But I do think it was nice to still



have a generous reward for winners and those who lost and the winners rewards were great.

How do you feel about the punishment for the losers changing?

I'm glad it changed. Because if I lose, I already feel horrible. But to have to wear a title? I would not be okay.

What would you like to improve in terms of organizing the tournament and how it was hosted?

I think it went pretty smooth, just maybe a reconfirmation of how to win the game (after the presentation is completed) and making sure everyone understands would be good.

Do you perhaps have some suggestions regarding the tournament activities?

I want to suggest a mystery game - I love those.

Do you have an idea how?

Yes, I had a game in the works but stopped working on it. it was called "ARMY Are You There", but of course it can be changed to include everyone on the server. Basically it's about there being a secret spy team within the group that's been collecting information to drag down the others. You have to get riddles and questions right through language skills. and at the last round it'll be asked "ARMY, are you there"? If the spy team succeeds, the bad information will go out. If the ARMY team wins, they will be presented with BTS. Not in real life of course, haha, maybe a picture or something of the sort.

Do you think you would like to attend the next tournament?

I don't really think I would miss it, if time allows of course.

That's great, thank you so much for the interview. To end, could you please give us a rating on the tournament out of 10?

9.7/10

.1 – thinking I lost at first and having to fight

.1 – team not listening (I forgive you all, don't worry. It was pretty funny)



.1 – because I was doubting myself

So basically, it's not the servers fault at all. Just me. You get used to it.

