



# July Interviews

**Interviewee:** Nae

**Capacity:** Tournament Organizer

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**Hi Nae, how are you today?**

Hello, I have been doing pretty good; I just finished work. Although, I am quite nervous for this interview.

**We are here to interview you as an organizer of the tournament that was recently held on the 21st of July. Is this your first time organizing a tournament?**

No, it is not. The very first tournament was also conducted by me. We had Jeopardy in it so you can say that I am quite experienced with this now.

**Why did you organize the tournament?**

I actually do not remember how we came up with the ideas of groups but once, Dani and I were discussing how we can make members participate more in the server, because we are always looking for new ways for the members to do things on the server. Eventually, we came up with an idea where they could compete with each other, so that is how Tournaments came about. Then, we decided that it should be conducted quarterly or so seeing as it takes time to organize. Altogether, it is just a fun new way for members to come together, learn, earn hearts, earn some server points and most importantly to have fun.

**Did it turn out the way you expected it to?**

Honestly, I do not go into things expecting so I do not end up being disappointed. However, I do expect members to have fun, most importantly. I not only have to think whether it is going to be fun for participants but also if it will be enjoyable for spectators as well. Am I being too cruel with rules, are the prizes enough, etc. Otherwise, as long as everyone is having fun it meets



all of my expectations.

**Did you enjoy organizing the tournament?**

I always have fun doing so. People will say this about me as well, I particularly like the part about making penalties. I am trying to find new ideas or new games so everyone can participate. It is always a fun experience. We are limited to the things we can do on Discord but making things happen and putting them together is definitely a fun experience.

**Did you face any difficulties when preparing for the tournament?**

Since we were using Mimu, the main issue I faced was when I was creating the clues, the pictures would not show up and this happened in tournaments as well. It was a bit of a setback but otherwise no, I particularly enjoyed coming up with clues.

**Were the questions hard to put together?**

No, I planned everything beforehand like what are they going to be about. For example, questions included dad jokes, homonyms, vocabulary, etc so once they were all put together, it all came down to which ones I wanted to use for the tournament and the most challenging part for me was - and I don't know if it is just me - but if I am making riddles they have to rhyme, so I spent a lot of time to make everything make sense and rhyme as well.

**Is there anything about this tournament you wish you could have done differently? Or anything you wish went differently?**

If you were there in the last part of the tournament where the winners were being announced and Golden Closet were celebrating that they had won but eventually it turned out that HopeWorld had won. I felt bad so I think I could have been clearer on how the winners were going to be chosen. In the first tournament, it was quite clear with Jeopardy since it was a points system but for the second one, some of the participants thought the winners were based on the points earned while others thought it was based on who is the fastest. I wish we could have done a bit better.

**Did you prefer organizing this tournament in comparison to the other one?**



Hmm... that is a good question. In terms of organizing the first tournament, it was just Jeopardy where participants had questions and they had to put correct vocabulary and grammar in the right place and it was all based on points. So there wasn't much preparation. But for this tournament, it was a lot, since I had to create clues while using Mimu the bot for two different things. First, it was making the embeds which contained the clues and pictures. I had to make 25 of those which took a long time. Secondly, I had to make responders that had to be the triggers which as well took a long time. Because I was making 25 as well and combining them with the embeds. I believe that was the only difference between the first tournament and the second tournament. Second tournament took a long time to organize.

**What is a memory you made during the tournament that you remember and would like to share?**

I do not have a specific one, I do enjoy coming up with penalties because I like how everyone gets outraged "omg Nae what were you thinking with these rules" since they are losing their hearts, points and the time that they had in the game. In regards to the actual tournament, I have more favorite moments in the last tournament as compared to the recent one.

**Was it difficult trying not to be biased towards a particular group, unless of course you were lol?**

I was not, even though I am part of Rkive and this goes for the first tournament as well, where Rkive was one of the groups that participated but I did not make it easier for them just because I am a part of that group. Although, among organizers we did bet on who would win - I'm not going to say which group it was - I was not biased towards any group.

**If you had the option, would you have liked to participate?**

I believe it would have been a fun experience for me. If I had the chance, I would definitely like to see it from the participants' point of view when they go through rules and how they work as a team. Also, one of the goals in hosting these tournaments is to see everyone coming together and working even if they do not normally talk to people. It is exciting to see them work for clues, answering questions and just collectively, having fun.



**Why should people join the next tournament?**

Well, to have fun and experience all the possible kinds of penalties that I can come up with. It is always fun but it is also a good way to meet people around the server. Moreover, the tournament helps you in gaining one server point as well as gaining hearts. We are always working towards expanding with better prizes but for now, it is mainly gaining hearts. In future, we plan to make it a better experience so people can look forward to what we can offer.

**What's your advice to people who want to join the next tournament?**

Join. Literally. I've seen people say "Oh I'm not confident in my Korean level to join" or they don't know what it will be like, so they want to just be a spectator. It is not going to be anything that's so difficult that you cannot participate or be of any help, unless you are a beginner or just learning Hangul. Otherwise, you can join and have fun because it is not always Korean questions that you are required to answer. We want to incorporate other fun things so it is easier for everyone to join.

**Thank you for taking the time to do this interview, one last question before we finish up. What rating would you give the tournament out of 10?**

I'll give it an 8 out of 10 because of the confusion around the end. I still feel so bad. If Golden Closet reads my interview, I want to say I'm so sorry. Otherwise, everything was okay.