March Interviews

Interviewee: Ana
Capacity: Tournament Participant

Hi Ana, how are you doing?

> Hi, I am doing good and you?

Also good, thank you for asking. So, we're here to interview you as a participant in the most recent tournament! Could you please introduce yourself briefly?

> My name is Ana. I'm 16 years old and I like K-Pop. I also like to read a lot.

Me too.

> [*laughs*]

So, this was your first experience of 아미 KSG Tournaments, right?

> Yes, it was my first.

Why did you choose to participate in the tournament?

> I decided to join because I felt like it would be really fun. I was so happy that the tournament was so fun for me.

So did you have any expectations about the tournament? Apart from it being fun?

> Of course I joined to win, and I did! I was really happy. My expectation was I would be working with questions which would be fun and interactive with everyone. I don't speak English a lot so speaking with other people was an experience for me.

Was it difficult because English is not your first language?

> Yes, it is very hard for me. Talking to you is very hard for me but it is awesome. I am speaking in English with other people, and this other person does not speak Portuguese so I feel so smart, for being able to do this.

* During the course of this interview we had Soora as a translator in certain points for Ana's convenience.

[*laughs*] You are doing very well.

[*giggles*] Thank you.

So, you mentioned that Genius Lab won. How did you feel winning the tournament?

Amazing. I loved playing with my team. My team was awesome. It is very confusing for me, cause sometimes there were a lot of people in the tournament. But in the end it was all good.

I am glad to hear that. So, Genius Lab was originally in last place, right; how did it feel for them to suddenly make such a big comeback?

So excited! At the start of the tournament. I thought, "we are not going to win." Golden Closet had so many more points than Genius Lab. I thought "oh no," but in the end we came back. It was so good.

Yeah it was quite cool.

600 points. Six Hundred!

[*laughs*]

At that time I was at school because I needed to write a test. I was screaming. I was so happy for us.

Were you in school when you found out you had 600 points?

Yes, I was in school. I had to finish my physical test. So I picked up my cell phone and saw you (Darcy) messaged "We got 600 points" and I was like "Woah!"

Yeah, Genius lab had actually more than 600 even.

Yes it is more.

What was your favorite part of the tournament?

My favorite part was when our team started to understand and work together. I feel like in the beginning our team was a little bit.. I do not know how to say that. But my favorite part for this tournament was the union of our team.

That is really sweet. Do you think that your Korean level had an effect on your ability to answer questions and participate in the tournament?

Yes, I think so, now I am at a higher level. I knew she was going to ask simple questions at that level, so yes.

Did this tournament have an effect on your Korean learning?

My Korean learning is not so good. But before the tournament I studied a lot. So It was good for me.

So you studied Korean extra because of the tournament?

Yes.

Who was the representative for Genius Lab?

In the beginning it was Ila, and then in the middle or end, you! [*adorably*]

[*laughs*]
Why did you choose not to be the representative?

It is a time game and as you can see I do not speak English fast. I need to stop and think about what I am saying, so I did not represent Genius Lab.

Do you think you might want to be a representative for a future Tournament?

Yes! When I feel safe with my English, I think I will represent.

Nice! I hope you get to do that soon.

Thank you. [*cutely*]

What about Fast Money? What did you think about that round?

I did not participate in this round because I was in school. So I can not speak about this round because I did not see it.

That's fair! Were you always in Genius Lab or did you get transferred because of the tournament?

No, I am in Genius Lab.

Oh okay, does your group interact much outside the tournament environment?

No. [*very short and fast*]

[laughs]
> We were very silent.

Did that mean that there was any awkwardness or adjustment for the tournament?
> Yes, I think. I am a little bit shy. So I was interacting with other people and speaking in English and typing in English and typing it so fast that I was not paying attention to my classmates at that moment. I thought about my team. But it was very fun, and you (Darcy) and everyone were so patient with me.

I mean, of course. We will always be patient.
What was it like working and communicating with your team?
> I liked communicating with my team. I do not talk a lot with these people but you (Darcy). I met you at K-Reading club. (So when I saw you) "Oh you! I have met you". And Brianna is my head staff now so I met her there.

Did it help to have people you already knew?
> Oh yes, you and Brianna. I am comfortable talking with you and I felt comfortable talking with the others since you were there in my team.

I am really glad to hear that.
What did you think about the points and penalties systems in the tournament?
> Oh, the points and the penalties... I think it is justice. Because our team had the chance to push the bottom.

What about the rewards in the tournament?
> Rewards?

The hearts and the special rewards for the winners.
> It is a fair reward for winners. They worked hard for the tournament. They worked so hard.

What were the rewards you guys got as the winners?
> We got the role but not for now, because we are still deciding on the name. I think it was "Agust D."

You came up with that idea right?

    Yes, Agust D makes sense and I am so happy that you liked that.

I do. I liked the name. I think it's a really good choice.

    I do not think Nae has seen the name yet.

How did you come up with the name AgustD?

    I saw the permission to dance performance on netflix. And I researched why Genius lab was the Studio Name, when Yoongi created Agust D. So Agust D are winners.

Yeah, that makes sense. And I like the name.
Why did your group decide not to do any wagers?

    Our team did not want to use the wager for losing points. Because we were losing at the beginning. So we just did not want to lose the points.

What did you think of the tournament host?

    Awesome host for the tournament. She was excited. She sounded a bit like a TV host.

What improvements to the tournament would you suggest?

    I think in the tournament and the questions on the screen should have been a bit bigger

Were you watching on your phone?

    No, I was watching on my tablet.

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for future tournament topics or themes?

    I think the tournament can have a thing where you can see the points.
    I think "Guess who?"

Soora: It is a game where you have people and characters and the other has to guess who it is by asking questions.

I wonder how you could play that on Discord.

There is a website for this.

Oh, I didn't know there was a website for this.

Soora: there is a website for everything nowadays

[*laughs*] This is true.
Would you like to attend the next tournament?
Yes, I would like to.

Could you please rate the tournament out of 10? 10 being the best.
10!

Could you explain why 10?
10 because I liked how it was organized. Nae made a post about it. It was very very good.

Did you watch the video that Nae posted?
Yes I watched it.

Was it helpful?
Helpful but not helpful. Because I watched the video and I did not understand some points. But I really understood it while playing the tournament.

Is this because the explanation was in English?
Probably. I put the subtitles to see the video but YouTube subtitles are so confusing.

Youtube subtitles are not great.
I think it was Google translate. So it was not good.

So, very bad then. [*laughs*]
Very bad.

Well, thank you for the interview. We are done with the questions and thank you so much for being very patient with us.

Oh, thank you! Thank you Soora for helping me to answer.

Não há problema. (*No problem.*)
Obrigada. (*Thank you.*)

De nada. (*You're welcome.*)