

Ponder's Story

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Prologue

The _____ Determiner _____ Determiner outside the den like an angry cat. Or maybe that was my trainer I was hearing.

"No, no, no! You got it all wrong." The scruffy _____ Adjective cat shoves his son out of the way to _____ Verb. His eyes are blazing, furious, so furious at me. A front paw cuffs the side of my face. "First, distract your opponent like this--" In the following move, he rakes my underbelly with a single claw. "so you can slash at _____ Pronoun like this." His whiskers _____ Verb in frustration. "Curse your size." Night Sky turns back to his kid, who towers above me, four times my size, and repeats the move on him. He yelps. "Think you _____ Modal handle _____ Preposition or subordinating conjunction ?!" He snaps, and I nod, too scared to say _____ Noun. Night backs _____ Adverb into the shadows, while his son turns _____ to me with a deep scowl, sour because he ended up _____ Verb - Past Participle because of my _____ Adjective mistake. As a reply, I smirk up at him and attempt the move, working my hind legs to _____ Verb up to his face and then quickly dropping back onto all fours to slide under him and slice his stomach. My kitten claws barley reach under the skin. My face falls. My opponent whips behind a paw and pushes me _____ Particle in front of him and _____ Verb - 3rd Person Singular Present me down with five razor sharp _____ Noun - Plural with eyes glittering malice with a cruel sneer and he's going to hurt me again he's going to hurt me I know it. Night Sky barks out something

and I'm saved.

"Poison, what are you doing?! You know she needs to learn this stuff, and she can't do it if she's shredded to ribbons."

"But father I can't go easy on her! You said it yourself, to fight rough you need rough training!"

"Yes, but this..." Argue, argue, snipe bite yell argue. I roll my eyes and bend down to _____ Verb my slit belly when I hope nobody's watching. It tastes like I'm bleeding metal. _____ Preposition or subordinating conjunction _____ Number assaults later, the attention is focused back on me and now they want me to try the limb weakening hit. I don't reach their standards because my age limits _____ Pronoun and one scowls, the other grins _____ Preposition or subordinating conjunction he's 'so much better than me' and I'm _____ Verb - Past Tense to try again and again before _____ Proper Noun Sky finally snaps.

"This is ridiculous!" He yowls. "No one's ever going to take you seriously in battle! I've tried thousands of times to teach you, but that has proved impossible. You're untrainable and of no use to me. Poison..." Night's eyes are stone-hard. "do what you _____ Modal with her. I just _____ Verb - Non 3rd Person Singular Present you to get her out of my sight."

Poison

River's face lights up in sick enjoyment, and a _____ later I'm being smashed
down _____ hard _____ with _____ tearing up my skin.

I'm _____.

And I'm going to pay for it with my life.

doubt.