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Queerly Intimate: Fandom, Friendship, and Feminism in *Super Girl GL Fanfic Community*

This paper examines the rise of the Girls Love (GL) fan fiction community in relation to gender politics in contemporary China. Specifically we focus on the "Pink Super Girl Bar" (feise chaonii ba), an online fan fiction community devoted to the pairing of the contestants of the 2006 season of Super Girl, an idol-format entertainment program on Hunan Satellite TV. Through an ethnographic account of the formation, convention, and performativity of identities and socialities in this community, we demonstrate how Super Girl GL fans mobilize their emotional capitals to create artworks, to have fun, and to reorganize their everyday lives. We argue that GL fanfic community has become a space of female homosociality, intimacy, and affect in which a new generation of young Chinese women actively enact friendship and female subjectivity in a way that refuses the normalization of gender, sexuality, and social relations.