

**While the Cats Are Away**

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| **Episode 10 Confessionals** | | |
| **Cataway** | **Old Count** | **New Count** |
| Brian | 8 | - |
| Clay | 9 | 13 (+4) |
| Jan | 1 | - |
| Helen | 2 | 3 (+1) |
| Ted | 3 | 5 (+2) |
| Jake | 5 | 6 (+1) |
| Penny | 4 | - |

Day 28

1. **Ted (1/5):** It was interesting yesterday with Tribal Council. I didn't expect to get any votes but I got three votes yesterday. So I immediately know where those three votes came from and that they came from the members of Sook Jai. And I'm still trying to piece together as to the exact reason why.
2. **Ted (2/5):** Despite what I just heard, I personally don't believe anybody told them to do that. I think the members of Sook Jai are either intimidated by me, feel that I'm threat or, uh, they just don't like me. Jake was sitting here lying in front of me just as much as I was lying to him. It's just the way the game is played and I have no problems with that.
3. **Clay (1/13):** Tribal Council was, uh, pretty interesting-- kind of scared ol Ted. He got a real awakening last night when he saw his name pop up on those cards. He didn't like it at all. If Ted goes to believe in Jake, it'd be a cold day in hell. It's not gonna happen. Ted doesn't know we instigated those three votes for him and he won't. We've been too true to Ted, the whole tribe has been too true to Ted, so why should he distrust us?
4. **Brian (1/8):** Right now Jake is playing both sides of the fence. He's playing me a little bit and he's playing Clay a little bit. He's voting against Ted and then trying to suck up to him in the morning which is a little surprising for a man of his age and his stature, but I think he's a little insecure out here. The-the air, the heat, the whole, uh, jungle experience might be getting to him but it's getting all us a little bit. It's getting a little bit, uh, tougher every day... uh, food is getting scarcer, we're just trying to-- trying to maintain and those that lose their cool, err, they're the ones that might have a problem here, uh, sooner than later.
5. **Clay (2/13):** We haven't been able to catch a crab in ten days 'cause the tide is not going down-- it has been up for ten days and it is driving us crazy.
6. **Clay (3/13):** We're screwed, that's it. The chickens are all gone so now we're eating chicken feed that come with the chickens to feed them to take care of them. But sure it'd be nice to have, uh, something stocked up or else win one of those big huge meals where you go sit down and just-- you get full. You know what that do to my energy? Wow! I'd climb one of these cliffs today.

Day 29

1. **Ted (3/5):** In this game, especially at this point of the game, information is critical. One makes a grave, grave mistake if they don't observe, if they don't gather information that will help them make decisions in the future. (13:09 → 13:21 = 12s)
2. **Ted (4/5):** Losing the challenge was a big disappointment to me initially because I hate losing, period. I was also kind of shocked that Brian did pick Clay to go with him on the trip. I kind of knew there was a bond between Clay and Brian but the fact that he did select Clay kind of just told me that their bond is closer than what I thought it was.
3. **Brian (2/8):** My agreement with Ted is one statement and my agreement with Clay is another. I have to see which option, which plan is gonna work best for me down the road. That's part of the plan. That's part of my strategy.
4. **Brian (3/8):** We're more than halfway through the game and this is an excellent time for us to just clear our heads, get away from everyone. Relaxation is the key. It was my first time being in a helicopter. I was a little apprehensive at first, all nervous, but it was like riding a roller coaster and I enjoyed it immensely.
5. **Clay (4/13):** We flew for about forty-five, fifty minutes all the way to the mainland of Thailand and, uh, put us on a bus that took us way out in the jungle... hell, you wonder where this trip was gonna end.
6. **Clay (5/13):** There was a Thai lady standing there with two glasses of juice. (15:35 → 15:45 = 10s)
7. **Clay (6/13):** That was the best juice I've ever tasted in my life.
8. **Brian (4/8):** Immediately we jumped onto this elephant. No briefing, no instruction, no *“Okay, safety: here's what's gonna happen.”*
9. **Brian (5/8):** Riding the elephant itself was a little spooky and very uncomfortable. I'm looking at this guy down here had all the control holding it by its ear. Every time he stepped about ten feet away from us I was like, *“Excuse me... (mimics pointing to elephant).”*
10. **Clay (7/13):** I tried to relax and go with the flow but Brian was terrified of this elephant. He had a death grip on the side of his chair the whole time. At any minute, he was ready to jump. For two hours, he stayed on go to jump off this elephant. (17:00 → 17:14 = 14s)
11. **Clay (8/13):** It is absolutely gorgeous. You got these limestone cliffs, and mountains, and hills, and caves. There's no way to describe the beauty that-that's here. That, uh, is off the beaten track in the world and we really didn't know it was here.
12. **Helen (1/3):** Jake and I went over for the canoe trip today and, uh, last thing Clay and Brian said to me before they left was, *“Keep an eye on the snake,”* that's what their term is for Jake.
13. **Helen (2/3):** He seemed to have a voting order down that's... something I've heard from my own tribemates. So, he's getting information somewhere.
14. **Jake (1/6):** You gotta keep trying. I mean, what can I do? I can sit here and get voted off or I can stir up a little something that might get me a little bit further. I got nothing to lose. (19:19 → 19:32 = 13s)
15. **Jake (2/6):** I gave her some things to think about today. I mean, a million dollars as opposed to nothing is a pretty big... reason to turn on somebody regardless of how much you like 'em.
16. **Helen (3/3):** Now I'm gonna be deep in thought the rest of the day. Is he being upfront with me and honest or is this his way of playing the game and staying on? Um, if I were in his position, I'd be doing everything I could to eke out three or six more days.
17. **Jake (3/6):** I think Helen is-- could possibly win this if she got rid of both Brian and, uh, and Clay. Of course, if she got rid of Brian and Clay, I think I'd be back in the hunt and I think Penny would also.
18. **Brian (6/8):** We came back to our, uh, starting point with the elephant and ta-da! A feast... a feast fit for a king.
19. **Clay (9/13):** We ate every kind of Thai food you could imagine. It was the best food I had, it seemed like, for thirty years. I forgot that food actually had a taste to it. (21:19 → 21:29 = 10s)
20. **Clay (10/13):** We had a lot of laughs. Me and Brian are definitely tight. You can't beat things like that. There is more, uh, bonding goes on in a trip like that than a-a six months back in America.
21. **Brian (7/8):** I don't think I'd had as good a time with anybody else. It was great sharing it with him. He enjoyed it and he would've done the same for me.
22. **Clay (11/13):** When we got through eating, we had some, uh, soup, some big ol shrimp leftover that we-we-- there's no way we could eat. So I, uh, got to put the shrimp and all the soup in this canteen. And the other canteen, I emptied it out and filled it up with the beer that we had. We had, uh, two and a half bottles left of beer. So, uh, I get to go back to camp say, *“Look what I brought y'all.”* If I make it to one of those two final chairs, maybe they'd remember, *“Let me put ol Clay down. He did think of me earlier in the game.”*
23. **Brian (8/8):** They all were out the water waiting for us like, uh, lost sheep... longing for their masters. *(chuckles)*
24. **Clay (12/13):** The reception when we got back was real warm. I had three pieces of fruit in my hand and so did Brian. Then of course we told them we had beer in one of the canteens and, uh, a big ol bowl of, uh, shrimp, uh, soup in the other canteen.
25. **Jan (1/1):** And then the other canteen had beer. *(laughs)* And I did share it but I didn't want to.
26. **Jake (4/6):** Our tribe is grateful for anything we can get at this point. So I think that was a very, very smart, wise move on their part 'cause what it did was it said to the tribe, *“Hey, we'll take care of you. You just kind of stay behind us and we'll take care of you.”* Smart! Yeah, a smart move.

Day 30

1. **Penny (1/4):** Chuay Gahn is a very tight group and they don't talk about strategy, they don't talk about how they're gonna vote and if they're ever off whispering, you don't see it.
2. **Penny (2/4):** I have to do anything I can right now to stay in this game. I am fighting for my life right now. I did have an original alliance with Jake but now, the game has changed. Knowing that everybody on Chuay Gahn does not like Jake. I can't stay around Jake anymore because then that hurts me. Clay told me in confidence, he said, *“Can I trust you?”* And we pinkie swore on it. I told him I wouldn't stab him in the back and he told me, he said, *“I'm trying to get you to the final four with us.”*
3. **Clay (13/13):** Everybody that's asked me who's gonna be the final four?, I kick down a person and put in their name. I've done it with everybody up there, I'm gonna continue to do it. And if they don't think I'm not that, it'd be real damn stupid to-- for Clay to say, *“Penny, you're not in the final four,”* it'd put her totally against me. I better put her ass on the jury to vote for Clay.
4. **Penny (3/4):** I know that Chuay Gahn is wanting to vote Jake so my only hope is tonight, is that Jake does not win the Immunity Challenge and that way I know that I hopefully have another three days here.
5. **Jake (5/6):** You know, I guess the thing that bothered me most is Penny came up and snuffed me right in the very beginning. But, you know, I guess she had her reasons-- I don't know what they were but she had her reasons.
6. **Penny (4/4):** I wasn't quite sure exactly, um, if I should snuff out Jake or not but I guess I was trying to send a message to Chuay Gahn that Jake and I don't really have an alliance anymore and I wanted them to see that.
7. **Ted (5/5):** I consider Penny a *Trojan Horse*. Um, she puts on her charm, and sweetness, and et cetera but she has a game plan underneath. She's charming Brian and Clay. Just to kind of prevent her charm from working, I think it's important for us to vote her off.
8. **Jake (6/6):** You can see them kind of whispering around so I know it's all going on. I'm trying to get a chance to get Ted off over to the side and say, *“Ted, if you vote for me, you'll be next.”* It's not over til the fat lady sings but I think I can hear her warming up. *(chuckles)*