

**Don't Say Anything About My Mom**

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| **Episode 13 Confessionals** | | |
| **Castaway** | **Old Count** | **New Count** |
| Cochran | 7 | - |
| Dawn | 4 | 3 (-1) |
| Sherri | 1 | - |
| Eddie | 2 | - |
| Erik | 4 | 3 (-1) |
| Brenda | 5 | - |

Day 35

1. **Eddie (1/2):** Last Tribal Council, Andrea was the one who wound up going home, taking with her the Hidden Immunity Idol. All the chicks that I go after and try to hook up with get voted out. Unfortunately, now that she's gone, I almost feel like the doors have closed and, uh, I think I'm pretty much a sitting duck target for the next Tribal Council.
2. **Cochran (1/7):** I always thought, *“I'm the little, worthless, scrawny, annoying twerp who's not good at challenges. Of course, everybody is going to go to the end with me!”* But now I'm kind of taking a step back and looking at myself and thinking, *"Wait, can I really get to the end of this game or do I have an expiration date that's, you know, rapidly approaching?”*
3. **Dawn (1/3):** I woke up feeling really good about being locked with Cochran and Sherri but now I have, you know, Brenda and Erik saying, *"We'll work with you at the end."* And so I'm thinking, *“Well, maybe that guarantees me final three if I go with them.”* But then that breaks my agreement with Cochran and I'm knowing that they want to target him. (03:21 → 03:30 = 9s) The good thing here is that I have options and hopefully that means that I'm gonna take responsibility for it in the end and prove to people that I played a game that was worth a million dollars.
4. **Erik (1/3):** I should be happy today but I'm not. I should be really, really happy and content today but this has been one of the hardest days yet for whatever reason. I have to have food. I feel like I'm in prison right now. I feel like there's just so much time, it's stretched out. I-I feel like I'm trapped here and it's horrible. I mean, there's nothing to be talked about. There's nothing to be said. There's nothing to be done. I'm miserable here. This is the most beautiful prison I've ever been in in my life. These days are killing me. They're absolutely killing me.
5. **Erik (2/3):** To shake up the day I was thinking I'll climb a coconut tree to get coconuts ‘cause I'm super hungry and these coconuts have been laughing at me since, like, Day 3. (05:06 → 05:15 = 9s) As I'm climbing the tree I'm thinking, *"You know what? You could fall out of this tree right now and break your leg and then you'll leave the game and you'll see more coconuts."* No one would judge me and no one would say, *"Hey, you know you tried your best, it was just an accident."* But I'm trying to defeat myself at this point. Like, it's in my head and that scares the hell out of me because that's not what I want to to do.
6. **Brenda (1/5):** The one person I want to hug the most, I'm actually going to be able to hug out here-- my dad. He's the guy who told me, *“Be humble,”* and I've been doing that this whole game, you know?
7. **Erik (3/3):** My brother's video, I was at the end of my rope… I'm not there anymore. I'm right back in it. I'm ready to fight. It totally reinvigorated me. I mean, everything is turned around. I'm 100% now. I've not been here for this long to go home with nothing.
8. **Cochran (2/7):** Summer of 2000, I'm thirteen years old, sitting on the couch at home with my mom watching *Survivor: Borneo*. Over the next thirteen years, still been watching it, never missed an episode. You know, I’ve gone through my first kiss, puberty, uh, a little bit more than that and this is the culmination of thirteen years of loving this and loving this with somebody I love. And getting to share this night with somebody I love? Eh, you can't beat it.
9. **Sherri (1/1):** When my husband came around the corner at the challenge, it literally-- I got weak in the knees and it took my breath away. And then when I heard that Parker was here on the island it was like when I gave birth to him and they put him in my arms. I wanted that feeling again, to hold him.
10. **Cochran (3/7):** My dad's a neurologist, kind of a bookish guy. He's wearing sunglasses all of a sudden and he’s working the grill like an old pro. I think he’s putting kind of an act to look like a cool dude when he's anything but. I mean, he's basically me in forty years. I don't know if he's gone Hollywood or what's going on but he's flipping burgers and poking at hot dogs on a grill. Like, *“Since when are we doing that, dad?!”*
11. **Dawn (2/3):** *(crying)* I'm exhausted, I'm hungry. Like, it's just breaking me down. I feel like I'm beyond rational thinking. I'm just beat. (22:48 → 22:57 = 9s) I feel like Brenda earned all the good favor today because she's the one that gifted everybody. Somehow, I feel like I'm just lost. And the fact that I'm going to have to spend camp tonight with people who are full and they’re seeing their loved ones for the whole afternoon makes me want to spit!
12. **Brenda (2/5):** I'm praying that this was a wonderful thing. I'm praying that this was the right choice regardless of what my stomach is saying but Dawn doesn't feel the same. Dawn is devastated. Dawn is upset. Dawn is crying. Dawn is pissed off. Dawn is livid. (24:14 → 24:27 = 13s)
13. **Brenda (3/5):** Whenever you do anything big in this game, whether you save someone, whether you do something bad to someone, it's funny how it's always a double-edged sword. It can be amazing because they're like, *"Okay, I'll never vote out Brenda because I owe her,"* or it could be, boom, downfall.
14. **Cochran (4/7):** At the time that Brenda made her decision to give up her reward and let the four other *Survivors* enjoy it, there was a sense, *“Oh, my God, Brenda is fantastic. She is selfless. This is unbelievable. This is a game winning move.”* That's actually what my mom whispered to me. She said, *"Brenda is going to win this game."* But the better and more likable and more untouchable Brenda seems, the more people are going to want to get her out ‘cause we're at that point in the game where likability is a liability and I know that better than anyone else and I think Brenda is going to be experiencing that soon if I have any say in it.

Day 36

1. **Eddie (2/2):** Hands behind your back, it's going to be tough and you gotta be tenacious to get it done. I know that I've clearly been on the outs from the beginning. It's definitely my turn to go home tonight if I don't win.
2. **Cochran (5/7):** I'm not going to be jumping out of this challenge. I want to win it but if Eddie wins immunity, it's going to be a pretty stressful day at camp.
3. **Brenda (4/5):** I never, ever want to be that person that jumps into the water, that gives up immunity. If that was Eddie up there, I would have hung on a lot longer. But someone as paranoid as Dawn, gotta keep her happy, jumped in the water. It-it was all good.
4. **Brenda (5/5):** The whole challenge today was to make sure that Eddie didn't win immunity. And as soon as Eddie dropped in the water it was like glee all over my face. I mean, I have to work on that because I felt bad showing how happy I was. I think that it's a straightforward vote tonight. Eddie's going home, and after Eddie, the plan is to take out Cochran. In my head, I just-- it's the perfect plan if we can just stick to it, everything will go amazing.
5. **Cochran (6/7):** If I had my pick between Eddie and Brenda, personally, I'd like to have Brenda go. I think it's a great move that benefits me and actually even indirectly benefits Dawn and Sherri. But I'm thinking, *“Okay, the problem with that is that everybody is so gung-ho about getting Eddie out.”* I mean, it's a foregone conclusion when we got back to camp, so I thought, *“This is going to be a pretty hard sell.”*
6. **Cochran (7/7):** It is the perfect move ‘cause tonight is the perfect night to make it. If Brenda had one more day in this game, she could upset everything. There are only a few days left. She could go on a winning streak. She would win at the Final Tribal Council. I'm making sure that doesn't happen.
7. **Dawn (3/3):** Originally I thought, vote out Eddie, but there is a part of me that feels, like, Brenda is the biggest strategic threat in this game to actually win it. And my approach all along has been to take out the biggest strategic threat. And I know she doesn't have immunity, and I know she's not expecting it, and I know it’ll only take three votes to get her to go home tonight. But I feel like maybe I'm a little bit swayed by Cochran's emotion, and last time I left my game a little bit in his hands and he controlled it and I went home before him and I don't want to do that this time. I'm really confused.