

**It’s Psychological Warfare**

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| **Episode 09 Confessionals** | |
| **Castaway** | **Count** |
| Michele | 2 |
| Aubry | 10 |
| Tai | 4 |
| Cydney | 3 |
| Joe | 2 |
| Jason | 2 |
| Julia | 3 |
| Scot | 6 |
| Debbie | 2 |

Day 22

1. **Scot (1/6):** Well, the girls pulled a good one and, uh, blindsided us, basically. Clearly, the status of the Brawn alliance is done. It’s now Jason and I… and Tai.
2. **Tai (1/4):** At Tribal Council, I said, *“Jeff, there’s a Super Idol,”* and… oh, no, I opened my mouth again. So I panicked, and then I vote for Jason, but I was so fearful how I’m going to explain that Jason vote because I can't lie too well, so I say, *“I vote for Debbie.”*
3. **Tai (2/4):** There’s only three of us, but we have two idol, and could form together-- could be a Super Idol.
4. **Jason (1/2):** We’re going to take the machete and ax and take away their ability to do things just to weaken their soul a little. It’s psychological warfare. I did it in the military. I do it in bounty hunting. You cut off all their ties, mess with their mind. Keep ‘em weak. Look for the cracks, look for the weakness, read between the lines to try and strike. I love psychological warfare.
5. **Tai (3/4):** I know this is a game, I have to play all the strategy, but the way Jason and Scot go at things is so extreme. When we talk about taking away all the food, all the stuff from the girl, that make me uncomfortable. It’s not how I approach life, it’s not how I approach solv-- problem solving. And I’m not part of that, but I cannot control what they do.

Day 23

1. **Scot (2/6):** The main reason for sabotage is to weaken them, because it could cause somebody to crack, and I’m hoping that it switches things up. So it’s time to try to make life as miserable as possible for everybody else.
2. **Scot (3/6):** We took the machete, we took the ax, we went back up in the jungle a little bit, and we hid the tools. Certainly, I’m not going to just lay down and say, *“Hey, good game.”* The only thing we can do right now is fight, and so we’re going to fight. And if fighting means making everybody else miserable in the process, that’s what I’m doing.
3. **Debbie (1/2):** Tribal Council was an absolutely beautiful thing. The people who thought they were completely in control find out it was all an illusion, and now they’re pissed off, so the feeling is very uncomfortable. It’s a testament to their character is what poor sportsmen they actually are. They are not gentlemen.
4. **Joe (1/2):** This morning, woke up and, uh, one of the girls, I think it was Michele, was trying to find the machete, uh, and/or the ax… gone. They were taken by the Brawn. It’s ridiculous. You don’t go back and hide tools essential for the whole tribe.
5. **Michele (1/2):** The boys think that they can break us down and keep us down by doing these things, but we just use our smarts and figure out another way. We don’t need you big burly men to do it for us. We can figure it out. Within twenty minutes, we figured out a new method.
6. **Scot (4/6):** So I’m listening to the little, *“Oh, we’re good. We got this. We’ll just cook up coconuts the old way and we going to be fine,”* and I was mad already, but that was the tipping point. I was like, *“Okay, well, you’re bragging again,”* and now I’m steaming, so I’m going to do something stupid.
7. **Michele (2/2):** I just don’t like that kind of behavior. I don’t tolerate it in my regular life, and I d-- I don’t want to tolerate it out here either. So they can keep the power struggle going on, but we’re not going to back down. You know, we’re always going to find a way.
8. **Cydney (1/3):** Julia swoops over there and says she would go with the guys pretty, pretty quickly. And I was like, *“Hold up! What’s really going on?”*
9. **Julia (1/3):** I decided to go with the boys because at this point in the game, I know that kind of pulling in Sot and pulling in Jason could be really super beneficial to me. It’s time for me to start making moves and playing my game.
10. **Aubry (1/10):** Julia and the boys won the Reward Challenge, and soon as I saw she went over to the boys, I knew she was trying to get a better position for herself. She’s playing both sides, but I see right through Julia. I can’t trust her as far as I can throw her.
11. **Jason (2/2):** At today’s challenge, we won. It changes on the flip of a dime. That’s what makes this game so wonderful. We’re back on the upswing right now. We’re not at the top of that mountain, but Julia’s got us trucking back up it. We got a prayer.
12. **Scot (5/6):** Julia, Tai, myself, Jason and Mark the Chicken, we ate Chinese food and had a couple of beers. Everything was really, really good. But the best part about it is getting a chance to talk to Julia and pick her brain.
13. **Julia (2/3):** At this point in the game, you really have to be thinking long-term. I definitely have my other alliance that I feel confident in, but taking people like Scot and Jason to the end, who have betrayed people, who have caused chaos around camp, might be a good idea, because at this point anyone on the jury would not vote for them.
14. **Debbie (2/2):** Some people think Julia is playing both sides of the fence, but I don’t have one iota of concern about Julia flipping on us.
15. **Cydney (2/3):** My B.S. radar was going *(rapidly moves index finger sideways)* like this when Julia was talking to Miss Debbie. You think that’s strategic for you to automatically come from this group over here and come first question, *“What’s our strategy for the next Tribal?”* I don’t trust it. She thinks she’s slick. You can’t slick a slicker in any direction. I got it.
16. **Aubry (2/10):** Julia isn’t someone who wants to have alliances. She wants to ride the middle to the end. She’s playing both sides, but sometimes the guy in the middle of the road gets run over, and I hope it’s her.
17. **Tai (4/4):** I woke up in the middle of the night. I say, *“You know what? I’m committed to the boy.”* I was upset when Scot poured out that big fire. My heart get to it, but it’s necessary for me to step back from what I’m feeling-- compassionate. I like them, but if this is war, we’re going to make the other side uncomfortable. So I decided to put out the fire. I mean, right now it’s them and us. The evil side of me rarely come out, but it does.

Day 24

1. **Aubry (3/10):** There’s a part of the sabotage that is certainly childish, but Scot and Jason were being deliberate today. That was to throw us off the scent to aim votes at them because they probably have idols. My gut tells me with a big blinking sign that Julia has to go.
2. **Aubry (4/10):** It’s killing me that Debbie is going with her emotion right now. Scot poured that water on the fire ‘cause he wanted a reaction. And I want to tell Debbie, *“You’re being emotional, but you have to be logical right now.”* (21:42 → 21:56 = 14s)
3. **Aubry (5/10):** Deb is putting her foot down, and I have gone with her on a lot of things, but I believe firmly that Julia needs to go home.
4. **Aubry (6/10):** The worst possible thing happened. Julia won. And my whole plan that I was positive of went out the window. Just out the window. What do I do now?
5. **Aubry (7/10):** Oh, no! Deb says, *“This is the plan,”* right in front of Julia, and that really scares me. In this scenario, the vote would be three for Scot, three for Tai and three that the boys decided. But Julia’s been playing double agent pretty well, and if one person goes awry, the whole thing blows up and someone you didn’t want to go home, totally gone.
6. **Scot (6/6):** If Julia decides to be our little guardian angel, and hopefully she votes Cydney, it’ll go 4-2-3, and Cydney goes home. But if Julia decides to go with the group she’s with, we’re pulling out all the stops, we’re saying we have idols, we’re pulling out everything we can think of to-to make sure we stick around. We don’t have an option.
7. **Aubry (8/10):** Debbie isn’t listening to any logic. She completely trusts Julia and this far into *Survivor*, I need someone who is logical and I know is not going to change course. (31:07 → 31:19 = 12s)
8. **Aubry (9/10):** This is incredibly difficult for me. I don’t want Debbie to go, but when people show me who they are, that’s what I’m going to go with.
9. **Cydney (3/3):** Aubry and I are on the same page in terms of Debbie will take us all down before Jason or Scot will. We can get them later.
10. **Joe (2/2):** Aubry said, *“Well, should we take Debbie out?,”* but there’s no need for that because we have such a viable force going.
11. **Aubry (10/10):** Right now, we need to talk to Julia and that’s really scary, because now Julia, the person I wanted out, is the person I need right now.
12. **Julia (3/3):** I definitely feel like having my hands in different alliances has given me a lot of power. I have the power right now to send Debbie home, and I have the power right now to send Cydney home. Jason, Scot and Tai really want Cydney gone. I consider Cydney a huge threat because she kind of talks to everyone. But Debbie is someone I wanted gone eventually, so it’s kind of who I choose to vote for.