

**Now’s the Time to Start Scheming**

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| **Episode 12 Confessionals** | |
| **Castaway** | **Count** |
| Michele | 4 |
| Aubry | 4 |
| Tai | 8 |
| Cydney | 2 |
| Joe | 4 |
| Jason | 5 |

Day 29

1. **Jason (1/5):** Tribal Council was a little heated. People now can see I can preach. I know how to talk. I do it every day in my job. I make mothers rat their sons up. You gotta take the opportunities when they come. Now is the time to start making changes.
2. **Michele (1/4):** You know, Jason kind of hit me and Cyd real hard. And, like, I do think it would be smart to go to to the end with him, but I don’t want to put doubt at all in my alliance, so that’s why I voted Julia, because there is no better way to show my loyalty than to vote out my biggest ally in this game.
3. **Aubry (1/4):** All of a sudden, Tai kind of revealed he has an advantage, which is an extra vote, and a Hidden Immunity Idol. It’s a little scary. Tai has so many different levels of control, and I gotta keep on Tai’s side.
4. **Tai (1/8):** Right now, my alliance is Aubry and Joe-- that we are tight group of three already, and Cydney is number four, and then that leaves Michele and Jason. So the next vote will be either Jason, or he might be a lesser threat than Michele. Michele is a little more rounded player. So I have a extra vote for one of them.

Day 30

1. **Tai (2/8):** I start digging and I saw this grub. It’s fat. It’s kind of nasty. I say, *“Oh, maybe Mark-- see if Mark will go for it.”*
2. **Jason (2/5):** I gave up hope on eating that chicken days ago. Everyone loves that stupid chicken. Mark’s guaranteed to see Day 39 right now in this game. I’m definitely between a rock and a hard place right now. Pretty frustrated. I’m not really allowed to play the game ‘cause no one will strategize with me. They are set in their ways, and everything lands on deaf ears.
3. **Joe (1/4):** I don’t think Jason has any respect for much that doesn’t go his way. (06:20 → 06:30 = 10s)
4. **Joe (2/4):** When it doesn’t go his way, he’s vulgar and just tries to bulldoze you, but I think people see through that.
5. **Jason (3/5):** At this point, I had one card to play. It’s the lazy card. I just lay around and I eat their food. I don’t help them with firewood. I don’t help them with anything. Why? Why help the hand that’s trying to kill me? Doing that has made them go, *“He’s not winning any votes. Let’s just keep him around.”*
6. **Tai (3/8):** So it’s very exciting to be going on that reward and I love animal, but… *(sighs)* I’m-I’m just worried. I-I just worry too much, while I’m gone, the team going to fall apart back at camp.
7. **Joe (3/4):** We lost the challenge. It was Aubry, myself and, uh, Cydney. (14:09 → 14:22 = 13s)
8. **Joe (4/4):** I, uh, I performed like a, uh, six-month-old, so I’m embarrassed by it, but, hey, what are you going to do?
9. **Cydney (1/2):** I’m sitting here trying to get a meal *(air quotes)*, a.k.a. five pieces of coconut down my throat, and apparently I sat down too long and then I have to get up off my butt and find firewood. I was like, *“Oh, no, no, no, no, no. I don’t care what your struggle is, how tired you are, keep that to yourself.”* I don’t do orders well. It’s been proven this whole entire game ‘cause that was what happened with the Brawn tribe. I don’t think Mister Joe understands the concept that you don’t need large flames to keep the fire going throughout the day. I mean, we’re in the middle of Kaôh Rōng. Like, *“Listen, we don’t need no more heat, baby.”*
10. **Aubry (2/4):** I don’t know what Joe’s problem is. He wants to burn the damn place down. I don’t know. And it’s hard, too, because Cydney is not going to be bossed around and told what to do, and the last thing I need is Cydney kind of blowing up the game, because then we’re screwed.
11. **Michele (2/4):** Me, Jason and Tai went to the wildlife sanctuary, and we had this wonderful picnic set up. I was in heaven.
12. **Tai (4/8):** We were at this beautiful hut. We were having such a great time. We saw an elephant walk up. Nick, the director of *Wildlife Alliance*, he brought the elephant in, uh, Lucky. Uh, she’s sixteen year old and she was wonderful.
13. **Jason (4/5):** My daughter, with her having autism, for whatever reason, animals have always been a big part of her life, where you can tell it gives her comfort. It’s that sense of softness and stimulization and awareness that she’s needed. And it was pretty cool to know that I was doing something my little baby would love so much. She’s going to be blown away that dad’s hanging out with animals. Like, who’s dad does that?
14. **Tai (5/8):** It’s fitting that Jason was there. Jason has a daughter who has autism. And his daughter seeing the monkey hang out with him, while he was able to touch the elephant. I’m definitely warming up to him a lot more. Even though Jason is very persuasive at Tribal, Michele didn’t make any enemy with the jury. So, right now, I think Michele should go next.
15. **Michele (3/4):** I think Jason wants to seem a little bit softer than he is. I want to think that he’s enjoying the animals and doing it for his kids, but when the machete and the axe situation happened, I saw that evil side come out. So if Jason doesn’t win immunity, best-case scenario for me would be get Jason out next.

Day 32

1. **Tai (6/8):** For tonight’s Tribal, I decided Michele is a bigger threat than Jason. So I’m going to try to convince the group to vote for Michele.
2. **Tai (7/8):** Unfortunately, Michele joined us four, and group haven’t come to a decision yet, but most likely it’s gonna be Michele. (29:11 → 29:24 = 13s)
3. **Tai (8/8):** Michele thinks Jason is the next one to go, but for tonight’s vote, I’m going to use my extra vote-- put that for Michele. So maybe we have like, I don’t know, four or five number and we see what happen.
4. **Jason (5/5):** Tai comes up to me and goes, *“Vote Michele.”* But I can’t trust Tai. He’s already turned on me once. You know, I want to vote for Joe, so I don’t know what I’m going to do. Pretty much playing it by ear at this point.
5. **Cydney (2/2):** Jason was supposed to be voted off a long time ago, so hopefully, I can try to convince people why Jason needs to go before Michele. Tai is trying to dictate what goes on, and I’m like, *“No. You’re trying to intimidate people into going with your decision.”* Like, Joe feels intimidated, and so that leaves a little suspicion into my eyes. That is-- it’s not-not sitting too right with me.
6. **Michele (4/4):** Little did I know that Tai has my head on the chopping block and is putting in their heads that he wants me out. But I was kind of on a tight time limit to talk to people who I haven’t talked to, so tonight for me at Tribal, I’m going to do some damage control and hope that Jason can go and I can last another day in this game.
7. **Aubry (3/4):** Tai kind of decided that we were getting rid of Michele, and I actually agree with that decision. Michele has pissed nobody off and everyone gets along with Michele, but it wasn’t the most democratic thing I’ve ever seen. *(pauses)* And Cydney thinks it’s the wrong decision, and she’s not going to be told what to do. But then Tai is part of my core alliance, so it’s a tough spot to be in. I’m in a weird position. (32:34 → 32:44 = 10s)
8. **Aubry (4/4):** *(wipes away tears)* I just feel mentally exhausted today. This is a rough one. *(sighs and sniffles)* I have no clue who I’m voting for tonight. It’s going to be a game-time decision. I think Tribal’s gonna be alive, and I think I might be someone waking it up.