

**With Me or Not With Me**

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| **Episode 13 Confessionals** | |
| **Castaway** | **Count** |
| Michele | 12 |
| Aubry | 10 |
| Tai | 11 |
| Cydney | 5 |
| Joe | 5 |

Day 32

1. **Tai (1/11):** I just come back tonight after Tribal… I’m trying to think what exactly happened. I thought everybody vote for Michele, but all four of them vote for Jason, so my extra vote was just wasted tonight. And I was in the dark. And that’s the worst thing to do, to be kept outside the circle.
2. **Michele (1/12):** Tai voted both of his votes towards me, because, obviously, he wants to put me on the outs, and it’s kind of like a slap in the face. Fortunately, I kind of lucked out that Cydney did protect me, but I did get votes against me, so I don’t know where I stand, and I could get voted out next.
3. **Tai (2/11):** I still really confused. I don’t know exactly what happened. Aubry’s the one that told me she felt strongly that Michele should go home, so my feelings is hurt, especially Aubry. She’s the only one I truly trust. And I feel like she pull a fast one on me.
4. **Aubry (1/10):** I left Tai out of the loop on the vote because Tai has had so much control in this game, and I needed to reclaim it. But Tai feels like I betrayed him, and that’s very big to Tai when he feels like he’s been hurt. And so I’m not sure I can work with Tai.
5. **Tai (3/11):** I felt completely alone. I don’t know who to trust. Most worried about is Aubry and Joe. I put all my egg in that basket, and I don’t know where to move from here.

Day 33

1. **Aubry (2/10):** I chose Cydney to go on reward because everything is kind of up in the air with Tai, so that kind of forces me to look at what my other options are to go to the end.
2. **Michele (2/12):** As I was leaving the Reward Challenge, all I’m thinking is, *“Okay, Cydney, Aubry and Joe, that’s maybe final three.”* So I definitely have to take a risk and try and find a way to change the pecking order.
3. **Aubry (3/10):** We land on this gorgeous beach, and we scarf and gorge ourselves on all this magnificent food. It’s like… heaven.
4. **Joe (1/5):** I cannot believe that I won today. I was absolutely thrilled. And then to get a more substantial meal, of, like, real meat and stuff, it’s a huge advantage for me. With six days to go, for me to be refortified like this is just beyond my… wishes. The whole reward couldn’t have been better.
5. **Cydney (1/5):** Mr. Joe is loading up on beef and beef and beef, like, it was bad. And I knew from my personal experience that Mr. Joe wasn't going to be in a good place later on.
6. **Cydney (2/5):** Aubry, Joe and myself could potentially be a final three, but I’m still trying to downplay myself as much as possible. So, at this point, I’m nodding, smiling, just going along for the ride, and I’ll be happy to win a million dollars as soon as I get there.
7. **Aubry (4/10):** Joe says I am the only threat basically in this game right now, and that Cydney was content just being in the final three, which is such baloney. It just made me realize, *“Oh, my God, Cydney is a threat in this game!”* She was a key part of some blindsides. She’s won a challenge, and to a degree, she’s more likable. So maybe if I don’t want to go to the final three with Cydney, Tai might be a better option for me.
8. **Tai (4/11)**: We lose the challenge today, so Joe bring Aubry and Cydney. Obviously, those are the final three they’re thinking about. So, I’m genuinely hurt with Aubry ‘cause I don’t know where Aubry’s heart is. (18:14 → 18:24 = 10s)
9. **Tai (5/11):** I say coming to camp, I say, *“Oh, no, how am I going to spend the next 24 hour or so with Michele where I just fought with her?”* The only thing I can do is to air it out with her.
10. **Michele (3/12):** Tai says that he bases all of his relationships in this life on the chemistry that he feels with people. Hey, I get that. You have stronger connections with some people than with others, but when you’re in a game like this, you have to play all your avenues. (19:35 → 19:44 = 9s) I think what it comes down to is that me and Tai are very different people and we have very different perceptions on this game.
11. **Tai (6/11):** I think Michele and I, we are on the bottom. But, Michele and I was in the Beauty tribe before we merged. Maybe… she’s genuine. Maybe I missed something. And now I have an opportunity to get to know Michele a little bit better.
12. **Michele (4/12):** The spa menu of the day was a Tai massage. It’s a Tai massage because it’s Thai in method and Tai is the masseuse. (20:43 → 20:58 = 15s)
13. **Michele (5/12):** We are kind of having a poor man’s spa while they’re having their real man’s spa. (21:02 → 21:12 = 10s)
14. **Michele (6/12):** Who would have ever thought that Michele and Tai would have, you know, bonding massage and a dinner date? It’s like… I don’t know. What has this world come to?
15. **Michele (7/12):** I’m tentative to say anything or do anything with Tai after what happened last time, but me and Tai are… seemingly both on the outs. (21:56 → 22:09 = 13s)
16. **Michele (8/12):** It would be such a great move on our part, and completely shocking because I don't think anyone thinks at this point that me and Tai have the capability to work together.
17. **Tai (7/11):** The idea of working with Michele just never crossed my mind. But I just feel completely betrayed by Aubry. So I’m open to working with Michele ‘cause Aubry would never see that coming.

Day 34

1. **Tai (8/11):** *Survivor* has to be the hardest thing I ever done. Not the physical part-- I actually enjoy all the hardship of basic daily living, but the most difficult part was the idea of trust and not trusting people. It-it take a toll on my-my emotion. And it is, hand down, the hardest thing I ever done in my life.
2. **Aubry (5/10):** After the reward, coming back to camp, I know that Cydney’s a threat, and my ideal final three is Tai and Joe. But my fear is that Tai is so emotionally needy that if he feels he’s been betrayed or slighted, he might just completely go another way. Today I need to talk to Tai and make things right. And at the end of the day, I know that Joe will go with what I go with.
3. **Aubry (6/10):** I need Tai to trust me and know that the only way to the end is for us to do it together.
4. **Aubry (7/10):** Tai has to feel that he can trust me. Because we have five people left, I need to be in a group of three people. If I have Joe and Tai, that’s three against two. That gives me the little bit of, hopefully, power I need to get through the next vote, and I have *(crosses fingers)* my fingers crossed right now that Tai’s going to the end with me.
5. **Tai (9/11):** Aubry really poured her heart out to me, say, you know, *“We need each other.”* That made me feel so comfortable and like a relief of this burden. It’s really take a toll on my emotion, and I just… *(sighs)* I break-break down a little bit. So far I played the game with my heart, so it feel right that Aubry’s on my side, and I have a tender spot for her from the beginning.
6. **Cydney (3/5):** I’m aligned with Joe and Aubry pretty tough at this point, so when I see Aubry and Tai come back from the water well, it was like a little too comfortable of a conversation. It was like a conversation you would have with an ally. Tai’s the same person who-who I thought we wanted to get out, but I can read things very, very well, and that didn’t sit too well with me. It seemed very, very suspect.
7. **Cydney (4/5):** Michele’s been pretty much trustworthy this whole time. So I rather have her around to strategize with, but I kind of want to keep it under wraps like I’ve been doing and hope that I don’t screw myself in the midst of trying to better my game at the same time.
8. **Michele (9/12):** It’s crazy the way that things turn here. I mean, I thought I was on the outs, but me and Cydney have had a great relationship for a really long time, and me and Tai have our plan. So now it looks like we can pick and choose who we would want out, Joe or Aubry, and that would be a crazy twist in this game.
9. **Joe (2/5):** I’m a little beat up today. I’m having some problems here with my stomach. I ate all that meat yesterday. I’m bloated and I’m not passing any urine. I’m in a little discomfort right now in my stomach. I’m hoping that, uh, what I have going on right now is not serious.
10. **Aubry (8/10):** I’m worried about Joe. Joe is just a steady force for me. Joe is my second vote. Joe is my confidant. Joe is the anchor to my entire game. I want Joe to be okay. Joe needs to be okay right now. I need Joe to be okay.
11. **Michele (10/12):** It could be something that could pull him from the game. And when you’re this far in, five people, that’s the last thing that you want to see happen. But at the same time, if Joe goes, it’s beneficial for my game. And so, I feel bad, but it’s also positive. So… it’s weird.
12. **Joe (3/5):** Right now, I feel a little sick to my stomach because I’m still constipated as well as the pressure on my bladder. It hurts like crazy. So Medical is going to check on me and, uh, give me the first a-- a run over and make sure all my systems are pretty good.
13. **Tai (10/11):** Joe didn’t feel well so he wanted to go see Medical. If Joe go home it would screw up everything we planned for final three. I’m very, very nervous.
14. **Joe (4/5):** After, um, having medical visits and receiving medication, it tended to get a little bit better based on drinking all the water and being able to pass more urine. But I’m in pain all the time, and, uh, it’s significant. And to the point where I feel like I’m nauseous.
15. **Michele (11/12):** Joe has been so strong out here and to see something medically go wrong with him, it just goes to show how crazy this game can be. And you hope that it’s gonna be okay.
16. **Michele (12/12):** Every hour it seemed to get worse and worse, and he was doubled over, and I think he was masking a little bit of how bad, you know, how badly he was in pain.
17. **Tai (11/11):** Everybody was in tear. I was in tears. Cydney was in tear. Because, um, you know, he’s a dear, dear someone in our life. And it happened so quickly. He and I are both oldest in this whole tribe. I think there’s some kinship there.
18. **Cydney (5/5):** Mr. Joe was like my substitute grandfather. And just, he said the same thing my grandpa would say. He’d be just like *(light chuckle)*, *“Don’t cry, just keep-keep moving,”* and he’s like, *“Don’t cry on me.”* So… he reminded me even more of my granddad at that point. *(wipes away tear)*
19. **Joe (5/5):** The pain is getting to a point where it's unbearable. And if I let it go, once I stop urinating it will be very, very bad and it will back up to my kidneys, and, you know, it wasn’t subsided to the point where I felt comfortable so I needed to see the doctor again.
20. **Aubry (9/10):** Joe leaving the game is like watching a family member being sick. It’s like, your worst nightmare, but you’re also relieved because you know Joe is going to get what he needs to feel better.
21. **Aubry (10/10):** It’s, like, déjà vu all over again. My biggest ally Neal goes out right after the merge. And now my other biggest ally, Joe is out. I feel bad for Joe, but this changes everything. I had a really good plan, and now everything is ruined. I don’t know what the hell is going to happen. Anything is possible.