

**The Stakes Have Been Raised (Pt. 1)**

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| **Episode 01 Confessionals** | |
| **Castaway** | **Count** |
| Sarah | 1 |
| Brad | 2 |
| Troyzan | 1 |
| Tai | 1 |
| Aubry | 1 |
| Cirie | 4 |
| Michaela | 4 |
| Andrea | 1 |
| Sierra | 2 |
| Zeke | 1 |
| Debbie | 1 |
| Ozzy | 1 |
| Hali | 1 |
| Jeff | 2 |
| Sandra | 3 |
| J.T. | 0 |
| Malcolm | 3 |
| Caleb | 1 |
| Tony | 4 |
| Ciera | 3 |

Day 1

1. **Tony (1/4):** Coming into this game, I already know I’m a huge threat. I created the spy shack. I found the special idol. I voted out my closest ally. And just when you think you seen it all, you ain’t seen nothing yet.
2. **Malcolm (1/3):** In *Survivor: Philippines* and *Survivor: Caramoan*, I swung for the fences-- made some splashy firework-type moves. I have a reputation to uphold and I’m gonna keep making big moves. I’m so excited. I-I can’t stop, like, bouncing in my seat. *(laughs hysterically)*
3. **Sandra (1/3):** I’m the only person to ever win *Survivor* two times… and it wasn’t just luck. That’s what I know how to do-- make it to Day 39 and not get voted off. The queen stays queen. Adiós.
4. **Cirie (1/4):** I am a bona fide ex-couch potato that saw this game and loved it. I’m the gangster with a smile like a-a wolf in sheep's clothing. I’ve made it to the end. What’s the next step? The only next step for me is to win.
5. **Debbie (1/1):** Anybody who watched *Survivor: Kaôh Rōng* would know that I’ve got a strength like a gymnast and a tenacity like a giant squid. When I come into this game, it’s go for broke. This is the *Kentucky Derby,* *The Preakness* and the *Belmont Stakes* all at once… so you better go for it.
6. **Brad (1/2):** We’ve all changed the game, so to win this game, you gotta go big or go home.
7. **Andrea (1/1):** It’s *Survivor: Game Changers*, so you can’t just sit around and hope to get to the end. The stakes have been raised. This is going to be an epic season, so… game on.
8. **Hali (1/1):** Seeing the flag was like déjà vu. I mean, that’s when you really feel like you’re on *Survivor*. But everyone here is like a snake in the grass, and I’m like the cobra that you don’t know is sitting underneath you, and then all of a sudden, it strikes and you don’t know what hit you.
9. **Michaela (1/4):** This season, I believe, my best shot at winning is going to be literally schmoozing up to everybody here and making them feel awesome. Anytime somebody starts talking to me I’m going to go like this… *(makes face)* because I can’t control my facial expressions. Like, it is very difficult for me to lie.
10. **Malcolm (2/3):** All of a sudden, that big bald maniac screams, *“I’m going for the idol, baby!… (llama call)”* If you’re going to call a season *Game Changers*, I think it’s more important for me to get a foothold with alliances and making relationships and not be pulling a “Tony” who’s freaking out everyone at camp with all of this idol hunting.
11. **Tony (2/4):** I was like, *“You know what? I’m just going to rattle them a little bit.”* And so I was thinking they were gonna all chase me, and if they would all chase me, I would stop and say, *“Guys, I’m just kidding. I’m messing with you.”* But they weren’t chasing me, so I said, *“You know what? Let me take advantage and start looking for the idol, for sure,”* you know?
12. **Sandra (2/3):** Everyone is already talking about, you know, *“We really can’t trust Tony, look at what he’s doing.”* But I don’t know that we can hurry up and take Tony out, because we need him. He is a physical player. We need strength.
13. **Caleb (1/1):** I like Tony. He’s got high spirits. Day 1, paranoia, stirring up trouble. All I can say is that’s just Tony for ya. You wouldn’t expect anything less, but he’s got a big target on his back.
14. **Zeke (1/1):** I’m here to slay everyone and to win a million dollars, right? But I have, like, the greatest tribe ever. I got the goddess Cirie. I’ve got Ozzy. I’ve got J.T. I’m playing surrounded by *Game Changers*. Part of me has to keep slapping myself and being, like, *“You’re out here, too. You belong out here, and you need to act like it.”* So I want to get my hands dirty. I want to lather myself in-in the blood of my enemies, right? Like, I want to… I want to change the game. That’s what I love about *Survivor*.
15. **Sarah (1/1):** I played *Survivor: Cagayan*, and I have a phenomenal social game. I’m a police officer, so I can read people, and with a season called *Game Changers*, I feel like somebody will get anxious and feel as though they need to make a move, which will put a target on their back, and then I’m going to be the silent assassin. *(laughs)*
16. **Sierra (1/2):** Finding the secret advantage is just giving me this opportunity to do something big, and it’s exactly what I wanted to do with my game this time around.
17. **Sierra (2/2):** The Legacy Advantage opens up a lot of doors for me. I’m already a strong competitor. I know what it takes to do it socially. I mean, I’m a cowgirl. Like, my job is working with guys every day of my life. My comfort is hanging out with the guys, so I got to keep them close.
18. **Brad (2/2):** In *Blood vs. Water*, it-it was so difficult. I had my wife Monica on one side and I had my side, but I came on and was very aggressive. This time around, I’m trying to let everybody come to me. And I find myself saying, *“W.W.M.D., What would Monica do?”* And I promise you that she’d be slow playing this right now. I got a long way to go, but I think I’m off on the right foot.
19. **Ozzy (1/1):** I think my competition is fierce. In *Survivor*, big moves always require big risks. A lot of times they’re not successful, but if you don’t make them, your chances of winning the game are-are very small. Cirie and I played together on *Fans vs. Favorites*, and Cirie helped to get me out. I’m not sure if I can trust her. So this time around as a *Game Changer*, I need to be the master of blindsides, and if we lose an Immunity Challenge, it’s gonna be Cirie that’s gonna go.

Day 2

1. **Cirie (2/4):** I think it’s good to say you can put the past aside, but I knew it was a problem when I saw Ozzy on the same tribe as me. What the hell?! I didn’t start the blindside for Ozzy-- I participated-- in *Fans vs. Favorites*, but that was, like, eight years ago or something. I mean, get over it.
2. **Cirie (3/4):** It felt like we were solid, so maybe everybody will remain calm.
3. **Tai (1/1):** I have a conversation with J.T., Ozzy, he keep bringing, uh, Cirie up. He and Cirie have a history. He doesn’t trust Cirie, but I like Cirie, so I don’t want to get caught in something that suddenly they say Cirie have to go.
4. **Cirie (4/4):** So just hearing the way Ozzy is feeling about me, I know that it’s going to take something more than just the conversations we had. Listen, the war is going to start anyway. What difference does it make if the war starts tonight or tomorrow? There will be blood either way.
5. **Tony (3/4):** We’re all *Game Changers* here, so we know what the deal is. So when all these bums start talking, Tony is always working. (20:34 → 20:44 = 10s)
6. **Tony (4/4):** I went to dig a spy bunker next to the water well so I can just go under the ground where nobody is going to expect it, because they’re going to be looking for spy shacks. They ain’t going to be looking for an underground bunker. The best quality I have for this game is actually what’s needed to win this game and that’s adaptability. And if they get fooled again, that’s shame on them. This game is not worth it if you lose. I would never do it if I didn’t think I could win.
7. **Troyzan (1/1):** Tony is the biggest threat here. He’s probably the number-one *Game Changer*, and look, I already caught him digging in places like the idol weasel. I mean, like, he’s just… *(smirks)* he’s out of control. And then he acted like, *“Oh, hey, bro, what’s up?” (laughs)* I’m like, I didn’t confront him, but he had like-- I can read-- and when he’s guilty, he has a fantastic guilty face. But I got to be very careful with a guy like that.
8. **Ciera (1/3):** I played *Survivor* a few times with winners. I played with Tyson. I played with Tina. I played with Aras. And I think that I have that advantage where I kind of know, like, how to navigate that. Tony’s played one time and he’s won, so I know he’s coming in extremely, like, arrogant and he’s already pretty close with Caleb. And I am so excited to teach him a little lesson.
9. **Malcolm (3/3):** It’s open season on who the first target for this tribe is. Everyone’s playing nice with everybody, but names have started being thrown out: Caleb, Tony. These are two people I don’t want to go at all, but what I do know is the person throwing these names out is Ciera. Strategically, for my game, I’m where I want to be. Everyone is talking to me, but if Ciera is the one who is going to push us out of zen mode on this tribe, it makes it easy to target her early.

Day 3

1. **Ciera (2/3):** And I see that this is a puzzle that I had done before, and I actually lost the puzzle to my mom, and I totally let everybody down, and it’s just-- it’s a crappy feeling to lose the same puzzle two times. I’m nervous, you know, I don’t want to be first vote out on the game-changing season.
2. **Jeff (1/2):** Losing the first Immunity Challenge is nothing new to me. That’s exactly what’s happened to me every time I’ve ever played. Nobody wants to be the first person voted out. To even have to go to the first Tribal is awful. And even though Tony is a snake, my gut’s telling me to keep the tribe strong.
3. **Jeff (2/2):** When you talk about game changing, you talk about Ciera. She voted her mother out. That says a lot. Ciera has flip-flopped. She’s forced ties. Ciera is slick.
4. **Ciera (3/3):** This season there’s a little twist here. In the event of a tie, there will not be a revote, and we’ll draw rocks right then and there. And for me it’s a huge advantage, I feel like, because I play fearlessly, and I’ve been there. So I feel like I was just handed an advantage, but I know I didn’t perform at that challenge, so the pressure is on for me because sometimes early on people want to keep the *(air quotes)* “tribe strong.” Everybody majority wants to get rid of Michaela, and I’m fine with that. At this point, I’d be fine with anybody but myself.
5. **Michaela (2/4):** Going into Tribal Council tonight is an easy vote. The name Ciera came up. I’m perfectly fine with that. That’s actually who I wanted to go home first.
6. **Michaela (3/4):** I ask, *“Who does Ciera think everybody else is voting for? Who is she planning to vote for?”* And that fool said me! (36:23 → 36:34 = 11s)
7. **Michaela (4/4):** I reacted in a way I shouldn’t have, ‘cause I’m trying to-- I’m not trying to let them see how big Michaela can be, but she can’t contain greatness, so it came out. And, you know, it is what it is.
8. **Aubry (1/1):** Michaela is definitely a tricky one for us as a tribe. She has a bit of a hot streak, and if you ignite that the wrong way, the whole place is burning down.
9. **Sandra (3/3):** The plan was that Ciera is gonna go home, but the only issue is the minute that they told Michaela that it was gonna be Ciera but that we were going to tell Ciera it was Michaela, then it was a different story. Michaela was pouting, making these faces like she was pissed off. When push comes to shove, we could easily take out Ciera some other time. If Michaela is somebody that we need to take out, we need to take her out quick, fast, and in a hurry.