

**Playing with the Devil**

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| **Episode 08 Confessionals** | |
| **Castaway** | **Count** |
| Ben | 8 |
| Chrissy | 3 |
| Ryan | 5 |
| Devon | 2 |
| Mike | 1 |
| Ashley | 0 |
| Lauren | 3 |
| Joe | 5 |
| JP | 1 |
| Cole | 4 |
| Desi | 1 |

Day 19

1. **Joe (1/5):** Jessica got completely blindsided by the Heroes and Hustlers. That was an amazing play. Um, as a fan, you just gotta appreciate that.
2. **Ben (1/8):** Lauren and I put a plan in play, and executed it, and got our target out. So, it was, uh, it was a good feeling. If I can keep the reins on this Hero-Hustler group and get us to a seven, I will, but I’m worried about the individual part, because an individual can mess this whole thing up.

Day 20

1. **Lauren (1/3):** This morning, I reached into where the nails were and picked up a little piece of paper rolled up really tight. It’s a hidden clue or something, you know? I guess it’s been there since we merged, and then I was trying to make sure nobody was paying me any attention. My heart started beating probably 150 beats per second. (2:40 → 2:54 = 14s)
2. **Lauren (2/3):** *(reading advantage)* *“Here’s how it works: when it is your turn to vote, do not write down a name. Instead secretly place this note inside the voting urn and take the blank voting parchment back with you.”* The hard part is gonna be getting this advantage in the urn in front of ten other people, and hopefully nobody will even know there was someone who didn’t vote. But I need to make sure no one sees me do it, because, you know, that could blow up my whole game.
3. **Joe (2/5):** Right now, I do have a target on my back, so I need to make adjustments to my game, and this is a great opportunity to establish better relationships and stronger alliances.
4. **Joe (3/5):** I put myself last ‘cause I just didn’t want an additional target on my back, and right now, who has the power is the Hustlers. I have a decent relationship with Devon, so I gave him first dibs on eating. I feel that if I continue, you know, developing a relationship with-with Devon, that’s gonna benefit me, definitely in the long run.
5. **Devon (1/2):** When I walked into that spaghetti feast, I felt like there was a little pressure on me being the first one, knowing that everyone else is counting on me to set the bar for how much we’re gonna eat. (10:47 → 11:01 = 14s)
6. **Devon (2/2):** I was just, like, shoving each bite in my face. But I felt like I was fair. I mean, I might have eaten a little more than my fair share. But when there’s that much food, it’s hard to stop.
7. **JP (1/1):** I got to eat second, but I wouldn’t mind going last, so-- just because if anything was leftover, you got to finish it off, but, uh, you just want to make sure that everybody gets their fair share and it all works out. You know, all in all, you know, by no means was I, uh, fat and happy, but it just is what it is. You take your portion and leave it for the next person. If they eat more then that’s on them, you know?
8. **Cole (1/4):** I think JP and Devon may have indulged a little more than their fair share. I don’t blame them. I’m gonna do the same thing. I know I’m on the bottom, so I’m gonna get back at all these people who stabbed me in the back and eat as much as I want. There’s writing on the bottom of the plate. It said that you have an idol buried underneath your tribe flag. So I’m thinking I may be the first person to see this clue. I know I needed to find some way to hide this clue from everyone, so I decided to use an apron that was wrapped around the bread and cover it up and make it try to look as natural as possible.
9. **Chrissy (1/3):** I’m a student of this game enough to know that there is generally a clue to be found at a reward. So I begin to look at the bottom of the salad bowl, unwrap the extra silverware. Kind of looked around, looked at the trees around me… didn’t see a clue, so I continued to eat. (12:45 → 12:57 = 12s)
10. **Chrissy (2/3):** I actually think that I am the first one to see this clue, and I’m hoping that Ryan will also find the clue.
11. **Ryan (1/5):** Spaghetti is great. Kids clamor for the taste of spaghetti. I like spaghetti, it’s fine. Caesar salad is ok, but I was looking for a clue. If you see this clue, you do not have to be a mastermind to figure this out. So the less people who know about the plate, the better. I have searched for the idol for 20+ days now and got nothing. Now I know exactly where one is. So if I don’t find it, I would never be able to-to swallow that.
12. **Cole (2/4):** Chrissy and Ryan were definitely talking about the clue. There’s nothing else that they would whisper that quietly about right next to me. I could definitely beat out Chrissy and Ryan in a digging challenge, so if push comes to shove, I’m gonna have the bigger push and shove there, and I don’t feel bad about going all out for the idol.
13. **Ryan (2/5):** Knowing that the Immunity Idol is right under the flag, my heart’s beating out of my chest. I have to just wait for a moment to break away. (15:00 → 15:13 = 13s)
14. **Ryan (3/5):** We were telling people about the reward, and all of a sudden, Cole goes to pee, and I’m thinking, *“This is it. This is where I have to strike.”* When Cole’s literally caught with his pants down, I’m going to dig up this idol.
15. **Ryan (4/5):** I am standing there with the idol in my little pink shorts, and pandemonium is ensuing in front of me. Nobody knows what’s going on because I was really the only one who knew exactly what had transpired.
16. **Ben (2/8):** Cole’s digging his own grave at this point. You don’t want your enemies to know you have the idol, and he blatantly went out there running and just started digging. (17:00 → 17:10 = 10s)
17. **Ben (3/8):** I don’t like Cole. He’s rubbed me the wrong way, and if Cole’s got the idol, everybody needs to know, because he’s one of the main targets. I don’t care, I’ll blow his game out.
18. **Cole (3/4):** It’s a complete disaster at this point. Everyone thinks I have an idol, but I don’t have an idol. I feel like I’m in big trouble, so bluffing that I have the idol is the only move that I have left at this point unless I can go win immunity. That would be a game changer for me.

Day 21

1. **Chrissy (3/3):** It totally sucks that Cole won individual immunity, but we still have three other Healers to choose from, so the Hustlers and the Heroes just need to figure out which one of those we’d like to see go next.
2. **Cole (4/4):** The Immunity Challenge was the bomb. I came out on top. I have new life. I am so stoked to be here again. I was getting pretty bummed out. I was thinking I was leaving tonight, so to win that challenge put me on top of the world. However, I definitely feel like the Healers are a sinking ship at this point, and if we don’t do something soon, we’re going to be in a bad, bad place.
3. **Ben (4/8):** Cole winning immunity changes everything, so the plan right now is to split the vote between Joe and Desi. Dude, and the fact that he’s already found and played two idols. Joe is a gamer, and the longer Joe stays in the game, the more chance he has to find another one. And Desi, she’s physically strong, she’s mentally strong and she can compete with the best of us.
4. **Joe (4/5):** With Cole off the chopping block, they’re probably gonna try to vote me out, but I still have angles to play, because at this point it’s four Healers, four Heroes, and it’s a matter of who can sway the Hustlers.
5. **Ryan (5/5):** What Joe is pitching is true. If Ben gets to the final three, he very well could win. He’s got a great story, he’s a former marine, and he’s just a good guy. So I don’t want to take Ben to the final three. However, if I vote off Ben, that’d be betraying Chrissy, who really trusts me, so now is not the right time.
6. **Ben (5/8):** Just like I thought, Joe is trying to put a target on my back. You know, I just really don’t like that guy.
7. **Joe (5/5):** Ben came up to me real cocky and confident. I didn’t like it. So I’m thinking he’s always saying, *“I’m a marine,”* you know, this and that, you know, so I told him, I said, you know, *“You’re going around swearing on your marine,”* and he’s like, *“I have never done that.”* Maybe he didn’t directly say, *“I swear on my marines,”* but it doesn’t really matter. I know I’m in trouble, so I got to do what I can to try to blow up his game.
8. **Ben (6/8):** Joe pushed the right button. I take what I did in the Marine Corps very serious. And I’m still dealing with it. There’s things that I have to live with every day, and, uh, thoughts that I have every single day, and for some putz like him to sit there and telling people that I swore on it, it pisses me off.
9. **Desi (1/1):** Joe just caused another blowup at camp. It’s certainly unsettling. I hope he knows what he’s doing, because I realize there is a target on my back, but Joe’s instincts have worked well up to this point, so this could either work out really well for me or really badly for me.
10. **Lauren (3/3):** I decided to tell Ben about the secret advantage, because if I play it and don’t vote, then it would be three votes Joe, three Desi, and the Healers could use their four votes to vote out one of us. I’m solid with Ben, however, I’m playing this game for myself and for my daughter, and having that extra vote it could get me to the final three, so I’ve got to make a big decision.
11. **Ben (7/8):** It’s a blessing and a curse that she found this, but right now I’m worried that Joe’s got another idol, so we have to split the vote. But to get the numbers, I’ve got to convince a Healer to come with us.
12. **Mike (1/1):** For some reason, Ben feels that he needs me to vote out Joe. It doesn’t make sense. I don’t know what’s going on, but if I show my allegiance to Ben, this could be my moment to get off the bottom. At the same time, this could be a perfect opportunity to take out the biggest threat in this game and that’s Ben.
13. **Ben (8/8):** If this don’t work, I might be screwed. It’s a game of russian roulette. I’ve just put one round in the chamber, spun it, and hopefully the hammer doesn’t go down on me tonight.