

**Greatest of the Greats**

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| Kim | 1 |
| Sophie | 2 |
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Day 1

1. **Tony (1/6):** I have a big reputation in *Survivor*, but seeing my competitors, I’m like, *“Oh, man!”* Fans of football, they wait all year to see the Super Bowl at the end. Fans of *Survivor* have been waiting 20 years to see *Winners at War*.
2. **Parvati (1/5):** I haven’t had an opportunity to be my diabolical self at all in the past couple of years. I’ve been busy building a family. But I’m like a phoenix rising from the ashes, ready to burn down your house.
3. **Ethan (1/3):** I was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma. I remember dreaming and praying that I’d be alive long enough to play *Survivor* again. And so, it is a miracle that I’m sitting here today.
4. **Amber (1/4):** I was a kid the first time I played the game. Little did I know that I was gonna fall in love, beat my husband, get engaged at the finale, win the show. But now to be asked back for season 40, all winners? I wanna win the game. To come out here and win two times and beat my husband again? That would be awesome.
5. **Michele (1/2):** Everybody is going to be laying it all on the line.
6. **Sarah (1/2):** It’s going to be a bloodbath.
7. **Jeremy (1/3):** It’s going to be a war.
8. **Adam (1/4):** Let the fireworks begin.
9. **Sandra (1/6):** I’m shocked to see Rob and Amber. I spent 36 days with Boston Rob on *Island of the Idols*, and Boston Rob never told me that he was playing again. And so, I definitely feel betrayed.
10. **Ben (1/4):** My competition here is the greatest of the great, and it’s a good feeling because we’re all here to be part of something special. But everyone will be guns-a-blazin’, everyone will be swords-a-swinging, you know, and there’s just gonna be limbs and heads flying everywhere.
11. **Sarah (2/2):** Even though I’m the most recent female winner out here, it’s pretty nerve-racking, because I have nine of the most intimidating women right next to me. I mean, *Winners at War*? It just sounds nasty.
12. **Adam (2/4):** To lose the Immunity Challenge on Day 1, that’s my worst fear because we’re playing *Winners at War Survivor*, which means there’s no easy target, but somebody has to go.
13. **Yul (1/4):** We get to our island, and I’m thinking, *“I can’t believe this is happening.”* I was just super happy to be on *Survivor* again, and especially on kind of a all winners edition. But seeing all these people and realizing how long ago I played… *(chuckles)* it’s kind of overwhelming.
14. **Nick (1/1):** We were given the in-game currency called a Fire Token. And this is the next step, this is the next evolution. In my opinion, these tokens are gonna end up being a huge part of the game. And I think the winner of this season will be the person who is able to use the currency correctly. I am from the newer seasons where we’re used to twists. We understand there’s unpredictable facets of the game, so I think my chances to win this game got much higher.
15. **Wendell (1/1):** After winning *Survivor* season 36, *Ghost Island*, I think people know me as somebody that knows how to build, but this season, I was trying to come out here and not build as much. I wanted to build relationships, I didn’t necessarily wanna build the whole shelter again, because when you’re busy building, you’re stuck at camp. It’s like being stuck in a corner at a party. But I also know, like, this talent pool is different, it’s all winners, so I’m going to play my position and be cool, chill out a little bit, just get a read on them.
16. **Tyson (1/2):** Honestly, *Survivor* has been my profession for the last 12 years. The thing that has made winning the million dollars so great is that I am able to spend time with my kids at home every day. And… I don’t want to cry on Day 1 here, but it's like… I know everybody does the nine to five, but I-I can’t. Like, I get to get up every morning with my daughters and get ‘em ready for the day and hang out pretty much all day everyday. So even coming out here for me was a big deal, because I’ve never left them for longer than a couple days at a time. So, yeah, I’m grateful to *Survivor* for that.
17. **Sandra (2/6):** You ask anybody that’s a *Survivor* fan: *“Who’s the queen?”* And they will tell you it’s me. I’m the only person here that knows what it’s like to win twice.
18. **Sandra (3/6):** And I know what it’s like to go up against Tony, and I know what it’s like to go up against Sarah. I’ve played on *Game Changers* with them and me and Tony had it out. So I’m here to prove why I’m the queen, and I know everyone wants a piece of me. They all want what I already have, which is my crown.
19. **Rob (1/4):** Obviously, I have a huge target on myself. I just was on season 39 where they built an idol of me. By losing in the beginning, I’m already putting myself at a huge disadvantage. Fortunately, now we have to start to build a shelter and vote somebody off. The game is on already.
20. **Parvati (2/5):** It’s been ten years since I played the game and it's a little strange to be playing this game connecting over babies. I’m not the flirty girl that I was once, because the last few times I’ve played, I’ve been a single girl and I came out pretty hot and heavy as the flirt. But I’m a mom now, I’m married, I left my ten month-old baby at home with my husband. Oh my gosh, it’s just, it-it hits me when I think about her. Being a mom is an absolute new life change that can help me to relate to people in a totally different way, so I’m totally using the mom card. Are you kidding me?
21. **Ethan (2/3):** Going through cancer, it-- you know, it's hard, but life after cancer, you know, that's when… it really got tough. The fear of relapse, the fear of death, it’s with you all the time. It’s not a way to live your life, and being here and saying yes to an all winners edition of *Survivor*, this is living. And I wanna, like, resurrect that 27 year old, like, young, innocent guy to come back and play this game, the game that I love. The game that changed my life. I'm really happy to be here, and I’m excited to see how I play in this new era of *Survivor*. And so I’m back and I'm ready to play, and everyone better watch out.
22. **Denise (1/1):** Losing that very first challenge, I was like, *“Oh my god, here we go again!”* I had flashbacks. We lost every challenge, which then meant I had to go to every Tribal Council, but at least I was able to have that alliance with Malcolm.
23. **Jeremy (2/3):** Denise and Adam, they walk off. Really rookie moves for winners to do that is-is unheard of. People are just looking for something and it’s so early in the game, you don't want to rock the boat. When you rock the boat, sometimes you fall out.
24. **Tony (2/6):** I desperately want the Immunity Idol, especially for a season like this and oh, my God, it took everything out of me not to just *(darting sound)* and just take off running and look for an idol. I seen what happened to me in *Game Changers*. My first 30 seconds, I ran around the whole island three times.
25. **Tony (3/6):** But right now, I don’t wanna put a target on my back by showing them that I'm back to the old Tony Vlachos’ antics. So I want everybody to get nice and comfortable with me, ‘cause their guards are here right now and they're slowly coming down as they see Tony around the camp all day, all night. It’s coming down like this, and when it gets down to here… *(throws punch)* bang! that's where the sucker punch comes in.
26. **Amber (2/4):** People seemed pretty comfortable when we got here. They just wanted to work on the shelter and do this and do that. And I’m thinking in my head, *“Am I supposed to be out looking for an idol?,”* because I feel like I do have a big target on my back. The fact that Rob and I are both out here. I had a hard time at the first challenge, I was rooting for my team… *(eyes start to water)* I’m gonna get emotional. But it was hard to root against my husband. I’m his biggest fan. I feel like people think we have this huge advantage because we’re out here together, but I feel like it’s probably more a disadvantage than it is an advantage. But I learned a lot from my husband. This game never stops. As soon as you sit back and relax, that’s when something goes wrong. So, I’ve gotta take advantage of this time. I gotta do it.
27. **Yul (2/4):** When I played *Cook Islands*, I tried to play a very rational, strategic game. I used a lot of game theory, I used a lot of math. But this season, I think my biggest challenge will be coming in disconnected. I haven’t been part of the *Survivor* community. A lot of these people have played with each other, they know each other. Among the people played multiple times, you have Boston Rob, you have Tyson, who played together. They’re like best friends, right? And they not only played *Survivor* together, they played poker together. Then they also played with Kim Spradlin and Jeremy Collins and I remember watching one video where Tyson actually said something to the effect of, *“Hey, if we’re ever on an island, this is gonna be the power alliance.”* Come on!
28. **Sophie (1/1):** Right now, I think you got, like, the cool person alliance of Kim and Amber and Tyson, who all are telling jokes all the time and looking pretty. And then you have on the other side, the kind of gritty group, which is, you know, Tony, Sandra and Sarah, uh, who all played together in the past. And then you have a couple of us who are kind of in the middle, and I’d put myself and Yul in that position. People talk about, like, having meat shields around-- I feel like I have my own nerd shield in Yul, and, like, I will never be the smartest person on the tribe as long as I have Yul there, like, you know, talking about physics or whatever. But I think the number one thing on my mind is not who I want to work with, it’s who I want out.
29. **Parvati (3/5):** Rob and I have a history that is a checkered past, to say the least. Rob went after me in *Heroes Villains* and then I was partly responsible for him getting voted out pre-merge in that game. So I don’t know how Rob is going to want to play with me. I like Rob and I think he’s someone that I can trust, because I doubt that he has very many other options.
30. **Danni (1/2):** *Survivor: Guatemala*, that I won, season 11, long time ago, it was a whole different style of play, and coming into this I was a little nervous. And I know we won’t get very many opportunities to get rid of major targets like Rob. He’s well liked, he’s connected, and he knows how to play this game. So if you have the opportunity to remove that from your game, why would you not take it?
31. **Ben (2/4):** I don’t know how I found myself with all these winners. It’s very humbling and just to be around all these greats. Boston Rob is phenomenal at what he does. It’s just insane to see him work in real life, right? You watch him on TV, you’re like, *“Oh, my God, like, how is this guy doing it?”* Then you're on the receiving end of Boston Rob’s, like, magic and you’re like, *(babbling) “Yeah, yeah. Here’s my information, like, there you go bud. You, you got it.”* I was starstruck and just told him everything. So I shouldn’t have done that.
32. **Rob (2/4):** I respect the fact that Danni told me the truth. Had she lied to me in the moment, I would know without a shadow of a doubt that I couldn’t trust her. So at this point, it looks like there might be an old-school alliance coming together. Ethan, Parvati, Danni, myself, the old-school guys, we got a rapport with each other. And if we can get through this vote tomorrow, it would be mutually beneficial for us to work together, showing the new kids the ropes.

Day 2

1. **Adam (3/4):** I did not sleep one wink last night. We’re going to Tribal Council tonight. And one out of the ten of us is going to be the first person voted out of this game, and we’re going to have to live alone on the Edge of Extinction.
2. **Danni (2/2):** Playing with winners definitely makes everybody a little more paranoid. I also think it’s just something about that first person being voted out of the game that you just don’t wanna be that person.
3. **Ethan (3/3):** The pace of the game is warp speed. I am so unaccustomed to this. I have no clue what’s going on… *(laughs)* I was hoping to have a little bit more time to get into the groove, but there’s no time for that.
4. **Natalie (1/7):** My relationship with Jeremy started obviously at *San Juan del Sur*. I connected with him right away, and he was my number one until he got blindsided and then I played for Jeremy for the rest of my season. And so, it’s not blood, but it’s pretty close with Jeremy. When Adam and Denise disappeared together, that was strike one. But I don’t need a second reason to try and say, *“No, not them.”* Pick one, let’s get it done.
5. **Ben (3/4):** Names are being thrown out, nobody really wants to pin them down, but like, Denise is being thrown out, Adam is being thrown out. One, it’s not me. Two, it’s not me. Three, it’s not me. Four, it’s not me. But my gut is telling me to keep Adam safe because he knows the game and he might know how to maneuver through this. And so, I gotta-I gotta go with my gut.
6. **Adam (4/4):** I went to look for the water well with Denise. Were we having a strategic conversation along the way? Of course. That shouldn’t be, like, the end of the world. They should be way more worried about Natalie and Jeremy’s existing relationship coming into this game, Rob and Amber’s marriage, than me going off with Denise.
7. **Rob (3/4):** When Adam and Denise ran off, initially, of course it put a target on their back, but Natalie and Jeremy are like this *(shows fingers crossed)*. They’re thick as thieves together. They’ve played together. And I realize that’s ironic coming from me, because my wife is in this game with me, but the difference is, she’s on a whole other island. You know, I’m in a unique position. I can basically choose which way I wanna go.
8. **Parvati (4/5):** Right now, we’re voting out either Adam or Denise, but there’s this other plan going on where it’s going to be Natalie or Jeremy. We’re literally about to go to Tribal Council. They still haven’t chosen between Denise or Adam. Is it me? Am I missing something?
9. **Parvati (5/5):** Rob and I are like, *“Are we being punked?”* We’re very obviously the two biggest threats in this game. What is going on? People are so terrified to say the name of somebody, but time’s ticking, we gotta go to Tribal Council. So if you don’t tell us who the vote is gonna be, then what’s gonna happen at Tribal? It just doesn’t seem to be a very fully baked plan. Saddle up kids, it’s gonna be a bumpy ride.
10. **Natalie (2/7):** I don’t think it’s hit me yet that I just got voted off first. It’s really weird. Holding my own torch, I’ve never picked up a torch at Tribal Council. You know, I’ve never got voted off, but after so much expectations for myself, I’m here on Edge of Extinction. I thought I would be crying, but I’m just mad.
11. **Natalie (3/7):** The tokens are cool. I don’t know how I’m gonna get tokens. The sign says *“Back in the game,”* and so, I might be in limbo for now, but there is still a chance for me.

Day 3

1. **Sandra (4/6):** It’s very rare for me to take something so personal, and-and to feel so hurt about it, but back on *Island of the Idols*, Boston Rob told me that he would never come out here.
2. **Sandra (5/6):** I said I didn’t want to play with my emotions out here. I wanted to play a strategic game. But it’s just that every time I see Amber, which is all day, I just think about it. So if the opportunity arises, Amber would be among the first to go, if I have anything to say about that.
3. **Yul (3/4):** People are trying to recruit soldiers into their alliances. Sarah and Sandra, they’re trying to align all the unconnected people, but as it turns out, that alliance, which is basically people who are one-time players and fairly disconnected from other winners, is actually the alliance that I’ve been organizing, and that is me, Nick, Wendell and Sophie.
4. **Yul (4/4):** The great thing is I don’t think people even know that this alliance even exists. And with Sandra, as well as with Sarah, we’ll have the numbers. And in fact, we’ll control the game.
5. **Michele (2/2):** Tribal probably couldn’t have gone worse. It sucked that Natalie went home, but it sucked more that I was left out of the vote. I went into this, feeling, like, so much pressure, because I feel like I had something to prove. People were a bit surprised by my win when I was up against people who played bigger, flashier games than me. And now to not have the numbers is the worst possible case scenario.
6. **Ben (4/4):** That old-school camp is just intimidating. They’re good at what they do. So myself, Michele, Jeremy and Adam, we need to figure out as new-schoolers, how to stop this leash leading, um, because we’re like a bunch of goats. We can take control of this part of the game.
7. **Jeremy (3/3):** It really sucks losing Nat. It’s a punch in the gut. But this season, when someone gets voted out to go to Extinction Island, they can bequeath a Fire Token to anyone in the game. We all started off with one Fire Token. And this morning, you know, I see a Fire Token. So, now, boop! I got two Fire Tokens. Two is better than one. I have the most than-- out of anybody here. So I’m the richest on this island. Nobody knows how valuable they are, so it’s good to have two of them. And let’s just wait on it and see where this game starts going to see how important they are.
8. **Natalie (4/7):** I had one token. I had to give it up before I get here, so I’m thinking about what’s the key to me accumulating enough to either get an idol or get an advantage in the challenge? And that’s when I saw the bottle.
9. **Natalie (5/7):** But it did make me excited that I might be able to get back into the game and have a shot at that 2 million dollars. That’s still up on the table for me. I’m not good at riddles. And I think my physical strength is something that I’ve always rely on, but I’m kind of embracing testing my mental strength. I remember the sun rising in one spot, and so I thought if I get higher, I would see the sunset.
10. **Natalie (6/7):** At the top of the island, my quads are just burning. I mean, it said it on the plaque that you’d have to work hard for everything, but I’m not really sure how much harder it can get out here to get tokens. My first time around playing in Nicaragua, Nadiya, my twin sister, was the first voted off. That forced me to grind until I won that season. And so, I have to do the same thing here. I didn’t come here to be on Edge of Extinction.
11. **Natalie (7/7):** On the plaque was instructions on how I could get my first token along with this little pouch. The pouch was an Immunity Idol. Even though I want to keep the idol, it has no value on this beach. And I have to pick a person from the losing tribe, and then they will have this opportunity to buy my Immunity Idol in exchange for their token. I’m the first person here, and I’m already affecting the game. That’s totally different from the last Edge of Extinction. So although I don’t get the excitement of having an idol and playing an idol, things I do here have a ripple effect on the game. It can end up changing the entire course of the season. Still in the game. Still playing from the other side. Amazing!
12. **Rob (4/4):** Winning the challenge, it’s a great moment, but in the back of my head, I’m worried about having my wife on the other tribe. Amber has a huge target on her because of me. I can’t do anything to help her. So in this moment, this is possibly my wife’s life in this game.
13. **Amber (3/4):** Everybody is running around like a chicken with its head cut off. For the first Tribal is where things are revealed, of who’s working with who. You know, I feel totally solid with Kim and Tyson, but otherwise, I feel a little bit lost. I’m not used to this style of play, but I better be diving in because I don’t think it’s changing.
14. **Sophie (2/2):** This season, every single person is a threat. So everybody is running around trying to make as many plans as possible, and the target is constantly shifting. Everybody is so out for blood, I think some of these people think it’s a reward to get to go to Tribal, that they get to vote somebody out.
15. **Sandra (6/6):** So I’m just going to spread truth, lies and rumors. It works for me, and I can afford to do this, because when we got back to camp from the challenge, I reached in my bag, and I find this little baby… *(unwraps HII)* my first Immunity Idol on *Winners at War*. There’s nothing to think about! I’m buying this Hidden Immunity Idol with my one Fire Token, regardless. Now I’m starting to realize the extreme importance of Fire Tokens, and I’m making the deal. I want to think that Natalie might have sent it to me somehow from the Edge of Extinction. I’m not sure, but I’m so relieved that I have this. If I get a-a bad feeling on the pit of my stomach, I’m going to play this idol, because there’s a lot of names thrown out there. Discussions are constantly being had, and everything is in flux.
16. **Tony (4/6):** Tyson wants to vote me out. Oh, come on, man, really?! Alright, let’s go! You know, they see me calm and cool and laid down and relaxed, but when I know it’s game on, I go straight to ten.
17. **Tony (5/6):** Tyson is very powerful and he’s dangerous. Um, he’s a very funny guy. Uh, people love him.
18. **Tony (6/6):** We gotta break up the poker alliance-- Tyson, Amber, Kim, and I want to get Tyson out of the game. Amber is not running around doing anything, plus you leave the biggest targets, husband and wife, in the game still as big shields. So Tyson goes home.
19. **Tyson (2/2):** The poker alliance is coming back to bite me, and the second I realized that things weren’t going the direction I wanted them to, my strategy switched from dictating the direction of the game to pure survival mode. I don’t have anywhere to go but into their warm pokey poisonous embrace. And I feel bad for Kim and Amber, but it’s worth it to me to forfeit this battle to hopefully win the war.
20. **Kim (1/1):** All of a sudden, I’m getting a very bad vibe from everyone. I know that I am not someone that people want in their conversations right now. There’s moments of paranoia where lots of people are talking and I walk up then it stopped. They want to do something and they don’t want me to know about it. Gosh, just awkward. Nobody will talk. I’ve never been in this position before. You know, my-my season I was making the calls every single Tribal Council. I don’t think I really understood until today what it feels like to be on the outs. This is not the way I envisioned my comeback. I think what’s going on is I think Tyson and Amber and I are in trouble for the same reason, and I think in this case, the poker alliance has become what that is. One of the three of us are being voted out. That’s just it. And I think there’s really nothing I can do to change that. I feel like, you know, this is a large group of people voting together. To start this game the way I did, honestly, it’s been the biggest mess.

Edge of Extinction

1. **Amber (4/4):** I knew coming into this game, that I had a huge target on my back. I just put my trust in people, hoping for the best, and it wasn’t the best.