

EPISODE 205: "CAUSE AND EJECT"

stranded in ARUBA



CHALLENGE BEACH, NIGHT 8

The castaways don't know it yet, but they are about to be split into two new tribes. Before this can be done, Jeff Probst has both "Outcasts," Bob Dawg and Cindy, meet at Challenge Beach. He gives them time to get to know each other before a very important decision is made. This is the entire conversation that took place.

Jeff Probst - Do not tell any tribe mate that you have been given this opportunity... if you do it will be punishable by DQ from the game. Come on in, I'm giving you two the opportunity to reconvene and discuss all that's happened to you. After all, you are the only other players in the game that you haven't met. So here's a meet and greet. I suggest you take this time to get to know one another and share information that you have learned... it may become useful down the line.

Bob Dawg - Hey Cind, I've heard alot about you

Cindy - Bob, Shane has put you on his shit/bitch list.

Bob Dawg - I thought so, so whos winning?

Cindy - I really have no idea. everyone is supre quiet to me besides Misty. She pms me about 5 times a day, unlike pretty much everyone.

Bob Dawg - She did that to me too, I think she's playing a big game. Who are you giving your hii to?

Cindy - I was wondering if I could give mine to you, in hopes that you would think about giving yours to me, but, I don't think we can bribe each other, or give one another the HII. Dang, haha. I might need it.

Bob Dawg - So are you loyal to your new tribe?

Cindy - I can kind of understand Arawak's decision in voting me out, but, I still think that I was a good enough attribute to the team, and therefore, I want to outlast them. Who's the leader of your tribe, how are people going to vote-if you know? Shane is definitely the outlandish one in our group.

Bob Dawg - I'm the leader, the most outspoken one, as well as adjective after adjective.

Cindy - Oh, also, who'd have gone tonight?

Bob Dawg - Brandon because he was too slow at the challanges, and Brianna because they didn't trust her. Whos leaving tonight? I suspect Cirie or Courtney

Cindy - Who'd have gone on Arawak if they lost?

Bob Dawg - Not sure, Gary perhaps. Who's going on your tribe?

Jeff Probst - Cindy, you are not allowed to tell your tribe the reasons why Arawak voted people off. You were told to keep this conversation private. We must now decide if you should be disqualified.

Cindy - Oh crap, wait!!! I didn't say anything about who told me. I'll shut up now. Sorry, Bob.

Cindy - I didn't tell them this specifically. Why does it feel like I'm always in trouble?

Bob Dawg - oh shit. Don't worry Cindy, I'm sure you'll stay

Jeff Probst - Well now I have to explain to 8 angry tribe members why you were talking with Bobby, and that you weren't cheating...

Cindy - No you don't Jeff. I'm doing damage control right now, and, I think it's working.

Cindy - I'm lying like crazy over there. Eh, I'm scared. Damn Shane needs to shut his mouth, and I need to close mine.

Jeff Probst - Whats going on now?

Cindy - I have no idea!

Jeff Probst - Bob Dawg, Cindy has been removed from the game for breaking the rules, further information is posted on your tribe beach. However, she will be replaced and you will be allowed to discuss what is going to happen with this new tribemate. You two will have an important decision to make in the future, which was the reason for this twist in the first place, so please hang with us.

Bob Dawg- sure

With Cindy having been a loose cannon in the previous challenge, almost being ejected from the game for attempting to give away answers in a challenge that required her to be silent; the hosts found her most recent rule break as the final strike against her. She could not be trusted to follow any of the major twists that lay ahead for the outcasts.

The Caquetios tribe is informed of her departure.

Jeff Probst - I need everyone still on this tribe to come in here now please.

Cirie - Checking in.

Shane - OK WHAT THE FUCK NOW!

Aras - Here I am! Barely after that vote...and nervous...but here!!!

Jeff Probst - ...not so fast Cindy.

Aras - What???? Why not Cindy?

Shane - STICK TO THE PLAN, CAQUETIOS TO THE END STICK TO THE PLAN! JUST IN CASE ANYTHING HAPPENS RIGHT HERE!

Danielle - Fucking switch or merge.

Shane - MAJORITY TRIBE OF CAQ THROWS THE CHALLENGES!

Jeff Probst - We take our roles as hosts very seriously in this series.

I'm sure you've all heard my poor reputation as a host, and I created this series to change that and prove that we can host a fair and fun game for everyone.

Today that fairness was compromised.

We set specific rules and tasks in this game that later assist in our twists. We had the two outcasts reconvene on Challenge Beach after the challenge was over. They were to finally be able to consult with one another after having been separated for all this time.

They were instructed under the strictest and clearest rules to NOT reveal that they have had the chance to speak. It said that this thread was to remain confidential under penalty of DQ.

This is the second time that Cindy has compromised the integrity of this game and therefore we have to let her go.

However, we have planned for this game to have 2 outcasts, so we will find a replacement for Cindy in the future, we will keep you posted.

Danielle - 😞 I'm going to miss Cindy so much.

Aras - Wow.....2 Caqs gone in one night. If we get Margaret, it will be the biggest LOL ever.

Danielle -What was the first time?

Shane - I KNEW IT, I KNEW SHE WAS LYING!!! SHANE SNIFFED HER OUT AND CALLED HER BLUFF!

Danielle - Yeah, I thought it was kind of weird that the hosts would delete the post.

Aras - I still dont get how she slipped up

Shane - IT WAS DELETED RIGHT AFTER. AS FAR AS SHANE KNOWS ONLY ME, CIRIE AND MELINDA SAW IT.

Danielle - The post that gave the reasons of why the two were eliminated?

Shane - YES, SHE SAID A LITTLE MONKEY TOLD HER.

Terry - Cindy's you'll be missed....I can't believe you would cheat, I thought you had fun here 😞

Misty, sorry girl....you'll understand when you read our confessionals. You're a cool girl but you were sniffing around way too much... So there you go.

Rudy - We had no choice ya'll. Please know that we weighed our options heavily in order to try to keep the integrity of the game, but in each scenario, Cindy being DQed was the end result.

Cirie - CONFESSIONAL - Well, we've had a whirlwind of twists in the last few days. Shortly after we voted out Misty, Cindy was unexpectedly disqualified from the competition. From what I understand, she was privy to some inside information and she was going to spoil it! The hosts had to act in order to protect the integrity of this game and I respect their ultimate decision. I don't necessarily believe that Cindy was trying to cheat, but she was overly anxious and she certainly deserves to be eliminated.

With Cindy out of the game and Caquetios without an outcast to divide the tribes and hand out an HII, it was time to hold a Tribal Council in the Loser Lodge to find out who would be voted back into the game.

Jeff Probst - Come on in Outcasts. Today, Cindy was ejected from the game for breaking a vital rule of the game. Now it is up to you, Cindy included, to vote one of yourselves back into the game to replace Cindy. Let's discuss this in the open since there is no PMing. VOTE IN YOUR PRIVATE CONFESSIONALS.

Misty - What the what? 🤔

Brianna - Wow, I wanted to see Cindy destroy Arawak. No fair!

Misty - And I wanted to work with Cindy to bring down both Arawak and Caquetios.

Jeff Probst - Well y'all have to vote, who you think should be going back into the game. You have until Tomorrow at 4c in your confessionals. Thanks, you've all been great and I can't wait to see what happens when one of you gets back in.

Misty - I know the dynamics over at Caquetios the best even though I was on the outside and they're the ones who are winning the challenges so far.

Jeff Probst - What would be your goals once reentering the game?

Misty - Quite frankly, I was voted out because I knew what was going on and they realized they couldn't allow me to get to the merge, despite my best efforts to look like a team player who had no clue what was going on. I failed in that respect. My goal is to bring down the alliances on both sides and I would work with anyone to make it happen.

Cindy - I can't vote for myself to replace myself? I think that I could go farthest from who's here. I could work up the fact that I was noble in telling them why Bri and Brandon were voted out. I mean, my disqualification is stupid. I could have just said that it was Jamie who told me that info, you know? By the way, Bri, you, Jamie, Judd, and Morgan really were my 5.

Brianna - 1 - Make a bond with everyone on the other tribe, make them trust me then when I feel someone is on the outs then I try to switch things up by getting the more obvious boot out. 2 - Screw over Arawak. 3 - Align myself with the leader of the tribe and the bottom member of the tribe, therefore if there is a power shift, I am safe. 4 - Screw over Arawak 5 - Become a huge bitch, more than I was on the old Arawak. I will make everyone around me on egg shells. Why? Because I have nothing to lose. I have already been voted out so I am definitely going to try anything. 6 - SCREW OVER ARAWAK

Misty - Honestly, Bri, Caquetios is not much better.

Brianna - Do they base things off the first challenge? Also, Cindy what was the reason Bobby told you that I was voted off for?

Misty - They based things off on the fact that I was too social in the tribe and they had a secret alliance going. Nothing to do with the challenge at all.

Cindy - Bob said that you were voted off because people couldn't trust you. Misty, why in everyone's reason as to why they voted you out, were they calling you a bitch, and a whore?

Misty - Aras obviously thought I targeted him. The others, like Shane, didn't care for me. Cirie was probably the one who called me a threat and she was right. Terry is a fucktard, simple as that, and calls people names even though I hadn't done anything to him. He was just threatened I guess.

Brianna - I really hope I am voted back in!

Brandon - I am the newcomer. I was learning as I went on. I participated in one of the two challenges, which wasn't much of a chance to prove myself. However, I am much more reliable than some of my other tribemates in showing up for challenges. Please vote for me.

Jeff Probst - OK ladies and gents, let's try to get this decision made within the next hour, we have other business to attend to.

Jeff Probst - Okay Okay, this is just not working out, we now have a 3 way tie and people are trying to divert their votes so that they get more votes. So what I'm going to do is leave it up to Cindy who replaces her.

Cindy - I vote to give Misty another chance at the game, because, I love her! 😊

Jeff Probst - Okay then, Misty will be returning in your position. Thanks everyone.

Brianna - Awe 😊 Good Luck Misty.

So with that, Misty has been voted off, Cindy was ejected and after a tie vote on who should re-enter the game, Misty replaced Cindy as the outcast for Caquetios. However, Misty won't be able to re-enter the game until tomorrow, now Caquetios has bigger issues to deal with. We eavesdrop on their conversations as they recover from the world-wind tribal council.

CAQUETIOS, DAY 9

The alliance of Shane, Misty, Terry, Cirie and Melinda were victorious over their rival, Misty. However, they aren't in the mood to celebrate with the recent news of Cindy's ejection.

Cirie - Okay, who voted for you? It was Courtney, Misty, and who else?

Aras - Well duh I know it isn't you. Lol.

Cirie - haha, I just wanted to make sure. Because, I was being a little sappy at tribal council and telling Jeff that I didn't want to vote Misty out. And then I see three votes in the TC. I was just thinking "WTF!"

Aras - Apparently. They are also the ones that PM'd me and told me about the Misty wanting me out plan. I see it like this: Courtney/Misty/Terry Shane/Danielle Melinda on her own Me/You (But Secret)

Cirie - **CONFESSIOAL** - Danielle is one shady mofo! I have absolutely no idea why she would cast a stray vote in these circumstances. When I voted for Terry, I knew he would get over it... But, Aras?!?! That dude will hold a grudge! Sure, the stray vote may have cast doubt on our alliance, but it also fractures our tribe as a whole. And I'm not comfortable with the fact that Danielle is letting people assume that Terry cast the vote. That's a dirty move to do against an ally and I would even consider it a betrayal.

Despite Melinda being in the majority alliance of Arawak, she is still somewhat detached from her alliance. Aras and Melinda, the two most inactive members of the tribe lament in their personal dilemmas.

Melinda - I'm really glad we're both still here, and that our team is going to move forward and kick some Arawak butt! I really thought I was going home tonight for a minute!

Aras - Well, you and I had the fewest posts, so I knew we were gonna be targets...but it just pissed me off the way Misty told me she was voting you, when she was obviously lying. Oh well...we gotta stick together girl! Or people will use us not being online 24/7 (sorry, I have a life) to vote us out!

Melinda - I know, totally! I have a life and that obviously comes first. That doesn't mean I'm not going to be dedicated and try my best to make all the challenges and everything. But if I don't have a lot of time to waste posting meaningless bull. Thanks for looking out for me, I really hope we don't have to go to TC again, because I'll probably go. I was lucky that Misty was so shady! I wonder who the two people who voted for you are.

Aras - Well, I heard Courtney and Misty wanted me gone, obviously a third person too. Oh well.

Inspired by the close Tribal Council, Melinda decides to get back into the game starting with her alliance with Cirie. In doing so she finds aspects of her alliance members that she doesn't agree with.

Melinda - Hey Cirie, how's it going girl? I'm glad everything worked out as planned. I thought for sure I was getting votes tonight! I'm really sad that Cindy went, but it will all work out. I hope we don't have to go back to TC any time soon... that was no fun

Cirie - Yeah, congratulations on making the final fourteen! Talk about a crazy day! But, I knew that you weren't going anywhere. I'm kind of surprised that Danielle voted for Aras though. That just seems odd.

Melinda - Yeah... it makes me raise an eyebrow... I don't know, it was my plan and all, but I wish it would have gone down differently...

Cirie - Yeah, girl! It makes me raise any eyebrow too. The worst part is that Aras is under the impression that Terry voted for him. I really don't like the idea of an ally pitting the blame on another ally. At least when I voted for Terry, I didn't blame it on anyone else, but me.

Melinda - I agree.... you mean Danielle told Aras that it was Terry? If that's the case, I am really upset.

Cirie - I guess Aras told Danielle that he made that conclusion and she didn't correct him.

Having been blindsided by the vote and sudden ejection, Courtney lost both of her closest allies and is now all alone on Caquetios. Cirie begins to place seeds of doubt in Courtney and shows her the negative side of Cirie's alliance member, Danielle.

Cirie - Hey girl! I'm sure that you're in a complete daze after that vote. I just wanted to promise you that I'm still on your side. Shane, Melinda, Aras, Terry, and I voted for Misty. I received a PM from Danielle just five minutes before tribal council started and she told me that she had the votes to get Misty out. I didn't want to be on the other side of a vote again, so I voted with the majority. (I really don't feel good about the vote). I was honestly going to PM you, but the option was disabled. But... Danielle actually voted for Aras?!?! I'm so confused about that! That girl is playing some serious mind games. She specifically told me to vote for Misty. 🤪

Courtney - Hi Cirie. I have just finished looking at the vote and the announcement that Cindy has been eliminated and I am very surprised at everything! I wished you got back to me about the vote sooner...Danielle, Misty, Melinda, and Shane told me they were voting for Aras, and Aras and Terry told me they were voting for Melinda. The only time I ever heard Misty was when Shane mentioned that he had heard everyone was saying Misty or Aras but that he'd be voting for Aras. Danielle changed the vote to Misty? Didn't she vote against Aras though? I am so confused!

Cirie - Exactly! Danielle changed the vote and then she voted along with you and Misty. I think Terry, Shane, Melinda, and I were all under the late impression that the vote had switched. We just did Danielle's dirty work for her. Did you three have an alliance or something?

Courtney - Nope not at all. Like I said I have zero alliances. I have not made any promises or deals in this game at all. I mainly voted for Aras becuz that is who everyone told me to vote for. I feel like an idiot now tho...

Seeing a crack in the armor, Courtney takes this opportunity to get to the bottom of the voting and confronts the problem head on.

Courtney - Hello Danielle. I just took a look at the vote and Cindy thing and I am completely shocked at wat happened. Cirie is telling me that you changed the vote from Aras to Misty but that you voted for Aras anyways. Is that true? Do you know wat is going on? I voted for Aras...

Danielle - I voted for Aras too, thought he was going.

Courtney - Why did you vote for Aras? Did you tell people that you had the votes to get Misty out, becuz that is wat Cirie said and why the votes changed...

Danielle - Wow, at first people wanted to get out Misty and I just kind of agreed with them, but I thought that changed after we kept winning. So I thought either Aras or Melinda was going tonight because they don't show up a whole lot.

Courtney - Oh who wanted to get Misty out? I only thought Aras and Melinda were going becuz that is wat everyone told me...Did you suggest Misty get voted off today tho?

Danielle - No, I didn't. She was trying to snoop around so it apparently was a tribe consensus.

Danielle - CONFESSIONAL - I've reached the point with Courtney where I have no interest in even playing her. She's going next whether she likes it or not. She doesn't seem like the sharpest tool in the shed. All I had to do to get her to vote Aras was say "I heard Aras?" Courtney won't get far in this game by the way things are going right now, whether Cirie likes it or not.

Partners in crime, Shane and Danielle are now feeling the brunt of the responsibility for the Aras vote. They now know that Cirie is talking with the enemy and are suspicious of her intent.

Shane - WE GOT A BIGGER PROBLEM D. COURTNEY NOW KNOWS THAT U VOTED FOR ARAS, (THANKS TO A CERTAIN LOUD MOUTH!) BUT NOW, COURTNEY IS GUARANTEED TO TELL ARAS IT WAS YOU WHO VOTED FOR HIM, NOW HE IS GONNA GET SUSPICIOUS, AND ALL HELL IS GONNA BREAK LOSE. I WISH U VOTED MISTY NOW, BUT REALLY, YOU VOTING FOR ARAS WOULD OF WORKED IT IF WERE FOR A SLIP OF THE TONGUE!

Danielle - Well that's great. I guess I can just tell Aras Courtney is lying, but I don't know. Thank you so much Cirie. 😊

Shane - WHO KNOWS, I GUESS DENIAL IS THE BEST BET. LOL WHY CIRIE WHY!!!!

Danielle - If Aras asks me I'm just going to use you as my "proof". I'll just say "Ask Shane, he knows how dedicated I was to saving you this week." Maybe he'll believe me if you back it up.

Shane - OF COURSE, JUST SAY THAT, AND THEN IF/WHEN HE ASKS ME, ILL BACK U UP AND TELL HIM HOW MUCH TRIED TO SAVE HIM, THATS IF COURTNEY TELLS HIM THAT IS.

With the confusion of the who voted for who and alliance members leaking information to Aras and Courtney with Cirie playing devil's advocate, the majority alliance on Caquetios is in shambles leading up to the outcast reveal.

ARAWAK, DAY 9

Arawak receives news about Cindy's ejection and speculates as to who the replacement will be.

Jamie - I am shocked about Cindy! Wow. I wonder who was voted out over on Caquetios.

Bob Dawg - Yeah, you told me. Did you like it? It seems really unfair to bring someone new into the game 9 days in

Jamie - I agree. I think we should just keep going and just kick Cindy out. But the outcast will be someone who was voted out already.

Bob Dawg - So are we still down for an alliance between you, me, Rafe and Judd right?

Jamie - Defo. But, I only talked w/ Rafe about it. I haven't mentioned anything to Judd.

Rafe - So, if we have to choose another outcast, what are your thoughts?

Judd - Well, it's weird, because if we agree together as a group that being an Outcast doesn't mean you're not a part of Arawak, then being Out casted could actually be a good thing. I mean, it guarantees one of our people, whoever it is, makes the merge, plus it gives us an insider perspective on the other tribe and whatever twists and whatnot are planned for the two Outcasts. It might actually just be a way to make one of our members a spy with complete immunity until we meet up with them again come F10 or whenever. So instead of treating this like a vote, it could just be a strategic move for the good of the Arawak tribe.

Jamie - what's up dude. That outcast thing sucks. But, I think it'll be Brianna coming back because the other outcasts vote the person back in.

Judd - Whoa, where'd you find that out? I thought the hosts were coming up with a way to decide who to make another Outcast out of. I was thinking about it, and if we get to vote one of our own "out" as an Outcast, that could be a huge advantage to us, because then we could just make one of our own a spy on the Caquetios tribe with complete immunity until the merge.

Jamie - Not if it's Brianna.

Judd - Yeah, if you're right about the booted players picking one of their own to come back, obviously that plan doesn't work so well. I'd laugh if it was Margaret.

Jamie - I hope it's Brandon, but Margaret wouldn't be so bad. Brandon will be the least bitter. Brianna will be out for blood and is way less obvious than dramatic Cindy.

CHALLENGE BEACH, DAY 9

Jeff Probst gathers all the castaways to announce who will be replacing Cindy as the new Outcast for the Caquetios tribe.

Jeff Probst - Welcome Misty, Cindy's replacement. There was a vote between the players voted off in which it was a 3-way tie, and so Cindy cast the deciding vote of who should replace her, that would be Misty.

Judd - 😊 at the 3-way tie. Welcome back, Misty. Does that mean she'll be over here at Arawak, or does she have to spend her time at that nasty Caquetios dump?

Jeff Probst - The outcasts are about to get their revenge. As some of you have discovered, and shouldn't have discovered, that the outcasts have been allowed to talk for the past day or so... they will plot their revenge now.

Melinda - Welcome back Misty! Hell no, she's replacing Cindy!

Rafe - That's so fucked up letting the cheater decide who gets to take her place.

Cirie - Hey Misty! Welcome back, girl! I'm happy to hear that you're on our tribe again!

Jeff informs Bobby and Misty on exactly how they will plot their revenge.

Jeff Probst - Alright Bobby, Misty who's about to join you. You will now have to switch the tribes up. You have all the freedom you need to create 2 even tribes of 7 (including yourselves obviously). You two will have to live separately, so start thinking. Remember Bob-Dawg and Misty, don't share this with anyone under penalty of DQ.

Misty - Hey Bobby. Sorry about voting you out the other time. It really wasn't up to me.

Bob Dawg - I understand, so whos in charge? Anyway, how should we divy this up?

Misty - There was a secret alliance running things and the vote made it quite clear who was on the outside of things. What's been going on over on Arawak?

Bob Dawg - It's been lots of fun, really nice people. So, here we go. Do we stay on our old tribes first of all?

Misty - Is there anyone on Arawak you want in a good position, Bobby?

Bob Dawg - Want Judd?

Misty - I'll give you Danielle and Shane for Judd. I take it you don't like Judd.

Bob Dawg - Caquetios: Misty, Judd. Arawak: Bobby, Shane, Danielle, Who's next?

Bob Dawg - What about Gary? We have 5 minutes left.

Misty - How about keeping the rest the way they are?

Bob Dawg - Too uneven, I'll trade you Gary for Cirie

Misty - Any particular reason you want Cirie and you don't want Gary?

Bob Dawg - Yes, bond I guess, do you agree?

Misty - How about Aras for Gary?

Bob Dawg - why Aras?

Jeff Probst - I'll give you guys 10 more minutes, but that's it.

Misty - I need to split the main alliance up. Can't have them mostly in one tribe.

Bob Dawg - what about Aras and Cirie for Gary and Morgan? And at the merge we swap idols.

Misty - I thought we can't swap idols. 😊 I asked Jeff already. That would make things too uneven. I'll swap Aras for Gary as I would prefer to keep Cirie.

Misty - However the tribes work out, we need to work together because we're going to need each other come the merge.

Bob Dawg - hmm, I still want Cirie

Misty - Is it because you like her? Believe me, she's not someone you can trust.

Bob Dawg - Thats just the point, I want the Caquetions to turn against her

Misty - No. It will throw the balance off if you get her. Aras for Gary. You already got two very active people for one.

Bob Dawg - So she couldn't be strongarmed into joining my ex mates? That was my plan. If not then, I'll except Aras.

Misty - Okay. Cool. What ex-mates, Judd and Gary?

Bob Dawg - Ex Arawak mates: Jamie, Rafe and Morgan, see we're NU Arawak. So the deals done?

Misty - Yup. Done.

Jeff Probst - Okay so what are our new tribes?

Bob Dawg - Arawak: Bobby, Shane, Rafe, Jamie, Aras, Danielle, Morgan

Misty - Caquetios: Misty, Terry, Cirie, Melinda, Courtney, Judd, Gary

With the new tribes split, they separate and begin bonding with their new tribes.

ARAWAK, NIGHT 9

Danielle and Shane have gone from being in the majority on their old tribe to a minority on the new Arawak Tribe.

Danielle - we are so fucked? I'm not so sure now. I know the three are going to try to work on Aras though.

Shane - OMG, I AM SOOO HAPPY YOU ARE HERE, U HAVE NO IDEA, TO BAD TERRY IS STILL ON THE OTHER TRIBE. HOWEVER, REMEBER, ME, YOU, AND ARAS HAD THAT FAKE ALLIANCE? WELL AS FAR AS ARAS KNOWS, US 3 ARE ALLIED. WE JUST NEED TO REMIND HIM AND MAKE SURE HE STAYS WITH US. IF WE LOSE A CHALLENGE IT WILL BE A 3 ON 3 TIE UNLESS WE SAY TO ONE OF THEM "ITS GOING TO BE ALL CAQS IN THE END, VOTE MORGAN OUT WITH US, AND WE WILL SAVE U, IF U DONT COME WITH US, U WILL BE FIRST PICKED OFF AT MERGE. BUT HOPEFULLY THEY THROW THE CHALLENGES

Danielle - I'm hoping. I think Terry will definitely throw them for us, same with Cirie and Melinda. Thank God you're here or I'd be fucked. *prays that Aras remains loyal

Shane - ALSO , IF ANY OF THE ARAWAKS TRY TO GET EITHER ONE OF US IN AN ALLIANCE, WE SHOULD TELL EACH OTHER, LIKE THE OLD TRIBE. WHEN THE TIME COMES AND WE LOSE, THATS WHEN WE GOTTA TRY TO GET JAMIE OR RAFE OVER TO US.

Danielle - So who breaks the tie again in case of one? And yeah, any PM about strategy from the others and you shall know. Aras is my biggest concern at this point.

Shane - ONCE AGAIN, SHANE THANKS GOD YOU ARE HERE WITH ME. THANK GOD. I FEEL BAD FOR TERRY.

Danielle - Cirie and Melinda should stay loyal to Terry, so I think he can hold his own. I feel bad for us, we don't have the majority.

Shane - WELL WE DID MAKE A POINT OF SAYING THROW THE DAMN CHALLENGE. I THINK THEY WILL, UNLESS JUDD AND GARY TRY SOMETHING. SHANE HONESTALY THINKS THEY WILL THROW IT FOR US.

Danielle - Honestly, the only thing I'm worried about now is Aras. That's it. I'm sure they'll throw the comps for us.

Shane introduces himself to his new tribe mate, "Gayfe" as he refers to him.

Shane - SHANE PERSONALLY SAYS HELLO ON THIS ANNOYING BRIGHT ASS TRIBE.

Rafe - It's spelled Gayfe, damn it! I hope you guys are around more then the old Arawaks, it got kind of boring around here.

Shane - CAQ WAS NEVER BORED WITH YOURS TRUELY THERE. YOU ARE IN FOR A TREAT GAYFE!

Rafe - Yay! I love treats!

The biggest rivalry thus far in Aruba finally meet one another.

Shane - FANCY MEETING YOU HERE!

Morgan - I do say so myself, it is quite the pleasure 😊...smoke?

Shane - O WHY SURE, DO U HAPPEN TO HAVE A MARLBORO? LIGHT 100S?

Morgan - No.. but I do have a paper shredder, every time you picked on me at a challenge afterwards id go cut myself cos I didn't know how much i loved you shhh dont tell anyone xD

Shane - LETS GO TO THE SHANE VS. MORGAN TOPIC, AND CUSS EACH OTHER OUT FOR FUN, TO GIVE THE OTHERS A TREAT!

Meanwhile, the Arawak tribe members feel like they have a new lease on life.

Rafe - I think we lucked out with this switch. If one of them isn't around for challenge/TC tomorrow, and we lose, we need to vote for the one who isn't here so our person will win the tiebreaker.

Jamie - Well, they may pre-vote but I agree!

Rafe - I meant if they have a tiebreaker challenge after the vote stays tied, sorry! Although it looks like they'll be throwing challenges to get rid of Judd and Gary.

Jamie - Not if we throw it first.

Jamie - CONFESSIONAL - I am not really happy with the decision that Bobby and Misty made but hey, I might be safe for awhile. I don't trust Bob Dawg or Misty so yes I think they had ulterior motives. This "New Life" is NOT better than the old one. I miss Judd especially and I think we could have continued to kick Caq's ass. I am also disappointed that Misty is back. She does not deserve it. She was voted out and should not have returned. Apparently Caq's will throw the challenge to us and vote off Judd and Gary. I don't know if we should go out and win it or just let Caq throw it because at least it keeps me, Rafe and Morgan safe until the merge.

With the outcast, Bobby, unable to vote, a tie-breaker is on everyone's mind as the tribe is split between tribal lines. 3 members of Old-Caquetios and 3 members of Old-Arawak comprise of the tribe members who can vote.

Morgan - I think those Caqs will throw the challenge, cos member Bobby said Misty was aligned with Shane, Danielle and Aras she proly made this tribe to keep them safe and the others will throw the challenge and oust Gary and Judd. gahhh lets just see if we can get Rafe still sticking tight with us

Jamie - Rafe will stick w/ us. My only fear is that the tie-break will be a challenge...We need to target who is worst in challenges.

Morgan - Aras. haha.

Jamie - He's worst in challenges? That's what I thought as well...I still wonder what a tie-break would be. I hope Bob Dawg doesn't break the tie.

Morgan - Oh, I don't think he will but who knows. I have faith 😊 I dont think we will be going anywhere just yet..

Jamie - I hope not! Those 3 seem tight. I just want to know what a tie-break challenge would be.

Morgan - Lol, me too. Well I will see if I can squeeze info out and ill get back to you asap

As Morgan fishes for information, Danielle takes this opportunity to weasel her way into the new tribe.

Morgan - can you spell guatemala? haha. I'm kidding, gosh Danielle i am so glad were on the same tribe now

Danielle - Well, we'll be the kick ass people for sure. Hopefully we can win some challenges and, dare I say it, kick some Caquetios ass.

Morgan - Oh god it's like so weird hearing you say those words xD but I must say you have a good Arawak spirit 😊 I do like you Danielle

Danielle - I can't sit here and piss and moan about being here after all. I yam where I yam and I'll try hard for this tribe.

Morgan - Oh no I don't think you'll be going anywhere though. I think you'd make it far 😊
Margaret tells me so.

Danielle - Margaret is supreme ruler! One part of me wants to cut the bullshit and talk game, the other part of me wants to run and hide.

Morgan - Yeah that's the same, I'd love to talk game too, but I am afraid I may step on people's toes you know? haha, but let's just say I've heard stuff through the grape vine of you and Shane.

Danielle - what kinda stuff? I've heard nothing about Arawak, Cindy said you and Judd were together, she also said other stuff that turned out to be false, so I'm not going on anything that came out of her mouth.

Morgan - haha, she's weird that girl xD I only heard from Jamie who heard from Bob Dawg that You, Aras and Shane are together, and apparently Misty was too?

Danielle - LOL, sort of. Our tribe was pretty unified for the most part, so Bob Dawg didn't get to see anything real happen.

Rafe begins to doubt the bond of the original Arawaks on this new Arawak Tribe.

Rafe - Has Morgan approached you about an alliance yet? Last time I asked someone about alliances, she got all angry. Then her alliance voted her out, lol.

Danielle - Um, she sort of has. No offense, but I'm a little wary. For all I know you're telling her everything.

Rafe - I just asked Danielle if Morgan has approached her about an alliance yet, and she said she kinda did. Why am I not surprised?

Jamie - I don't believe Danielle.

Rafe - Me neither, but it doesn't hurt to try to get in good with them, if we do end up going to TC.

Jamie - Rafe just said that Danielle said that you asked her for an alliance.

Morgan - :O No, I did NOT haha I just said it would be interesting if somebody flipped at TC and who would it be as such as such; and then I said I wouldn't vote her only because she said she wouldn't vote me I think Cindy has arisen again xD

Jamie - LOL. I trust you completely Morgan. I wonder who they will target. Either me or Rafe.

Morgan - I seriously don't buy their crap. It will be me. haha just watch. but then again we still have the IC to do

Jamie - We are gonan try and win it right?

Morgan - Hmm, I dunno is it worth the risk trying to lose it to protect Judd and Gary and then putting ourselves on the block? I'm in for whatever you and Rafe decide

Shane tries his hand at flipping Jamie.

Shane - FROM WHAT SHANE CAN SEE... YOU AND RAFE WERE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE TRIBE, AND BTW, U WERE EVERYONE'S FAVORITE ON CAQ.

Jamie - Yeah, I would have been gone next for sure.

Shane - WELL MY FRIEND THIS TWIST SAVED YOU. LETS JUST SAY THAT U WILL BE SAFE FOR A LONG TIME.

Jamie - LOL. I am not so sure about that Shane. Are you proposing something?

Aras arrives and is quickly scooped up by Jamie before anyone can get to him.

Aras - CONFESSIONAL - Well, I am here, and thank GOD I am with Shane and Danielle....but still, it's 3 on 3 right now, and I do NOT want to risk a tie situation, as someone who has 3 votes against me. Lets hope the majority of Caqs over there no to throw the challenge. In the mean time, I am going to work on Jamie. Also, Rafe is deffo the odd ball out, just from the TCs I read up on, he has at least three votes, maybe more depending on the outcome of the first TC which I couldnt see the result of for whatever reason. Oh well.

Jamie - Hey dude! The only winner on this tribe. Sup!

Aras - Hey Jamie!!! How are you bud? Did we end up having a challenge tonight?

Jamie - Nope! No challenge. I WAS HAPPY ABOUT THAT. It will be tomorrow!

Aras - Thank goodness!!! I was so afraid I was going to miss it! I really like the board over here, it is so bright!!! haha Did it suck having to go to TC so much??? We only had to go one time, and it was stress city!

Jamie - TC sucked. But we were fortunate that the people we voted out did not come back the next day.

Aras - I KNOW!!!!!! It sucks. I voted out Misty because she was playing a way dirty game too early...and then she comes back. Sucks ass. Oh well, what can ya do.

Jamie - I heard about Misty. :eek! Well, she'll make the merge no matter what. And apparently her and Bob Dawg got REALLY close during their picking of the tribes.

Aras - I'll be honest with you, I don't like either of them. BD rubbed everyone the wrong way since the beginning.

Jamie - Yeah, I know what you mean about BD. I've never met Misty though although I heard alot about her. She couldn't have been unbearable as people say Cindy is, although Cindy NEVER bothered me and I was shocked she was voted for in that reward challenge.

Aras - Cindy didnt seem to bad, but she was quick to seel you guys down the river, and wanted to be with us 100%. With this switch though, it is a whole new game...and I dont think old tribal lines will come into play as much as people think they will. For me personally, anyway.

Jamie - Tribal lines have NEVER meant anything to me. A pagonging is boring, and with my position I knew i was on the bottom of the totem pole and I would have been gone first...Why be the first one gone after a pagonging when you could have joined some of the pagongees beforehand and made it a fun and exciting game.

Aras - Exactly. Misty wanted me out, so it was like....ok, even if we MAKE it to the final group of people...I am the first one to go???? Hell no. Sure, I went along with it in my camp with all the LETS STICK TOGETHER threads, but I was always secretly hoping for a twist to shake things up.

Jamie - Well, we know Misty will at leats make the merge adn Bob Dawg has no intentions of koing back w/ you guys but he could have been BSing me.

Aras - Oh I agree, BD and Misty will join an Arawak alliance (if there is one) in a heartbeat. Thats why I think old tribal alliances are ridiculous...to a certain poin

Jamie - Well, there won't be much of an Arawak alliance because only about 3 of us will make the merge. Sooo. Would Misty be your first target should we merge? I have just heard that the plan was for Caq to throw the challenges to us, and then boot Gary and Judd.

Aras - I would go for Misty first, yea. Just because I know that she would go after me. Actually, a toss up between her and BD...I dislike them pretty much the same amount. Hahaha

Jamie - Yeah, I heard Misty was playing a big game. I know that you are tight w/ Shane and Danielle, but who else are you close with?

Aras - I do like Shane and Danielle alot. I talked to Melinda more towards the end...and Cirie a little bit more than others I guess. Courtney, Terry, and Misty I never clicked with. You?

Jamie - Defo not Gary! Or even Judd for that matter. But Gary moreso. He voted for me in that reward challenge to leave for no reason. He was super paranoid ALL the time and he was just shady. So glad he's not over hear. I don't mind Rafe and Morgan too much but we don't have anything concrete.

Aras - Well, I am going to bed! I have class in the morning, and I have to go even earlier to buy my books before hand. It stinks. Anyway, I will ttyl Have a good night man!

Jamie - Good night man! Awesome talking to you. This will be the start of a beautiful relationship! Personally and strategically hopefully.

CAQUETIOS, NIGHT 9

The new Caquetios tribe wastes no time preparing for a potential Tribal Council.

Judd - **CONFESSIOAL** - the night when the game came crashing down on the Juddster and set in motion the events that will likely singlehandedly determine the outcome of this game. The dreaded tribal swap finally arrived, and simple math made it quite clear that the moment a shuffle was announced, Arawak was in trouble. Numerically speaking, there was no way for us to have a majority on any tribe, and the best we could hope for was a tie at one site, and a minority at the other. Fortunately, the tribes were indeed arranged in a way that allowed for that tie situation. Unfortunately, it was over on Arawak, not Caquetios, where your hero, Judd, ended up.

Judd - Hey, I know I'm probably a dead man walking over here, but I wanted you guys to know that I don't harbor any resentment about that. That's the game, and you guys need to play it however you feel is best. I respect your decision as a group, and even though now is the time for the men to separate themselves from the boys and destroy the group mentality and emerge as leaders instead of followers (hint, hint), I know I likely have no shot at surviving past tomorrow night, and I can accept that. I hope you have a fun game, and congratulations on kicking ass in those early challenges. You got to where you're at with sheer challenge strength, and that warrants respect.

Terry - But Judd, there's also Gary here, I don't understand why you think YOU'LL be the one to go. Anyway, thanks for that pm, it really shows your colors and Terry loves that.

Judd - Well, I don't know if it's me or Gary first, I just know I've only got a couple of days at best, and I wanted to let you know I'm cool with that, and don't hold it against you. I mean, if you want to create a new game plan, I'm all ears, but I'm not so naive as to think there's a snowball's chance in hell of that happening.

Meanwhile, the original Caquetios members solidify their bond and vow to pick of Gary and Judd one after the other.

Terry - **CONFESSIOAL** - MISTY'S STILL A WHORE !!!!! A BIG FUCKING FAT WHORE!!!!!! I can't believe she had so much power tonight. It's freakin crazy. At least it was a 3 way tie for her to return. We could've had Margaret with us!!!!!! 😞 I AM glad she and Bobby shuffled the tribes evenly though.

Cirie - It's nice to know that we're still holding the fort at Caquetios!

Terry - Haha definitely! So we're you me Melinda and Courtney against Judd and Gary? right? I REALLY hope Courtney won't try to force a tie. It'd be stupid of her to do so. Maybe you me or Meli could make a fake deal with her or whatever. To make her feel safe....

Cirie - Yeah, I think that might be a good idea. It would be horrible if we throw a challenge and then we're the ones voted out.

Terry - Totally! So Courtney is pretty much the swing vote right now.. CRAZY TALK AHEAD Maybe vote out Courtney with Judd and Gary... and then 3-2 majority.

Cirie - CONFESSIONAL - The twist worked out wonderfully in my favor! And I don't think it's because I'm crapping out horseshoes! My strong position is based upon hours and hours of planning. I made a deliberate point to not ostracize or alienate Misty or Bob Dawg. As a result, I think they returned the act of kindness and insured my safety.

Courtney reassures Terry that she is sticking with Caquetios.

Courtney - Hi Terry. I have not heard from you for awhile...I am so glad I am still on the same tribe with you and Cirie. I have been talking to Melinda more now too. I think we are doing good...You were going to vote for her yesterday tho...Are you guys on alright with one another?

Terry - Yeah I know. I explained my reasoning to her and we're totally cool with it right now. So, what are you thinking about right now? I really wanna throw that challenge to boot Gary or Judd! It really makes sense! They're HUGE power players, and nobody wants to deal with them.

Courtney - Yea we have to stick with the plan...This worked out ok even with these twists that the hosts keep throwing at us...

Terry - I know! Thank god we got the majority on this tribe. I was just worried because I know you voted Aras. I got the word at the last minute that Misty was a snake and that she needed to go! I had no choice. So now I'm worried because I think you're gonna want revenge or whatever, and want to stick with Judd and Gary! You wouldn't do that, right?

Courtney - Well I was not happy to be left out of things but I kno it was confusing with the PMs locked down and I heard ppl found out things last minute or changed their minds. Aras is on the other tribe so I am relieved about that...Wat did Misty do that made her a snake tho? I did not hear her name from anyone but Shane and he said he was going to vote for Aras. No one voted for me so I do not need revenge or anything but next time tell me wat is going on as soon as you can please! I do not feel good about the other tribe at all...I do not even know Arawak

Terry - Yup I changed my mind too, at the last minute! I have no idea what made Misty a snake though. Some people said, in the TC, that she was sniffing or snooping around too much? I didn't get that vibe from her, so I don't know what to say. But I went with the majority. Yeah as soon as I can, next time, I'll tell you! In fact, I can tell you that I think Judd may be our best bet to vote out first. He's a bigger threat.

Courtney - CONFESSIONAL - At first I was thrilled becuz of all the people I wanted back it was Misty. She has not messaged me once tho! I left a lot of time before I signed back on so she could update me on wat was going on and get messages from others. Like no one but Cirie sent me anything and it was wat I expect: Stay together and stick with the plan 😊 This switch is definitely time for alliances. I have none but now I think I will make some. They probably will just use me but it's time to shake things up Courtney style

Accepting that he's a sitting duck, Gary just has fun with the situation.

Gary - wassup Cirie? can't wait to see you write my name down best of luck in the rest of the game.

Cirie - haha, don't throw in the towel so quickly! I'm happy to see you on our tribe!

Gary - well, ok! I'll be nice then

Cirie - I can put myself in your shoes and I'm sorry that you're stuck in this situation. It's just horrible luck. But, the old Caquetios haven't really talked about our next course of action. We're not necessarily going to throw challenges to spite you guys.

With Misty back in the game, Cirie tries to smooth things over by blaming the whole thing on Danielle.

Cirie - Well, I'm sure that we have a lot to catch-up about. Congratulations on being voted back into this game (and a spot in the final ten)! I wasn't happy to see you go.

Misty - Oh, I know. Thanks. So what happened last night? The whole thing seems like a blur now.

Cirie - Well, it's kind of a blur for me too. I'm not even sure that I have the vote straight. But I think Terry, Shane, Melinda, Aras, and myself voted for you. Danielle, Courtney, and you voted for Aras. But, this is where it gets bizarre. About five minutes before we had to go to tribal council, Danielle let me know that you were going. She said that she already had the numbers and I believed her. (I think she told the same thing to Terry, but I'm not sure). I didn't want to be outside of the voting block, so I went with the plan. I was honestly going to notify you and Courtney, but the PM was disabled before I could say anything. What really bothers me is that Danielle seemed to orchestrate the vote and then she flipped to the other side. She practically made us five do her dirty work for her. And I'm not too happy about that.

Misty - So that's how it went down? It's not like I had anything against her so I don't know why she would want to target me. Some of the voting messages were a little harsh too, which I don't understand.

Cirie - Yeah, I thought that was very mean-spirited. If you're wondering, my message was the first at TC. I have no idea what Danielle was trying to accomplish. But, I swear that it's the truth! I think she just made things a lot more complicated than they needed to be.

Misty - I sort of guessed that. So why was I a threat exactly? I didn't really do anything.

Cirie - I didn't really consider you a "threat" to me. But, I think people like Danielle must have perceived you as one based on their criteria. I just thought that you were friendly and smart. Apparently, others consider that to make you threatening.

Misty - Which seems weird to me. But whatever. I guess it's good she's on the other tribe then. I tried to make it as even as I could to give everyone a fair shot. I think we still have a pretty strong tribe. So is the plan to still throw the challenge? Because, I don't know, it's a little obvious...

Cirie - I think our plan is to still throw the first challenge. We're going to try to give the Danielle, Shane, and Aras a fair shot over there. But, I don't think we should necessarily throw every single one. I mean... there's a difference between scratching your ass and tearing it off.

Cirie - CONFESSIONAL - I think Misty will harbor some resentment towards me, but I'm probably the lowest on her shit list right now. I have always treated her with some respect and I think she appreciates that. But, she asked me about my reasoning at the last tribal council and I used Danielle as a scapegoat. Then again, I'm not sure that she buys it. (In reality, I think Terry and I were the first two to mention her as a potential target.)

Feeling like outsiders, Judd and Gary reconvene and meet with a fellow outsider, Misty.

Gary - They're so friggin' nice. damn thats weak

Judd - Pull a Shane on their asses.

Gary - OK if I have to 😊

Gary - So I figure I'm toast soon enough But I wanted to say Hi to the person "they" had to get rid of. I hope you do well with your second chance in this game.

Misty - Thanks! But obviously there's not much chance of me getting very far either. I wouldn't say you are toast soon. So how are you and Judd getting along with everyone so far? I'm willing to bet that Terry and Cirie have been exceptionally friendly so far.

Gary - I'll be honest with ya hun, I smell alot of things so far none of them are that great. If you feel like you want a new pal, I'd be happy to apply for the job

Misty - I need all the friends I can get. You should know a lot of effort went into getting me out. And I'm pretty sure none of it was based in reality. Have you taken a look at the tribal council and the voting flash?

Gary - It's pretty heavy! well, I can say for myself that I got your back if you want it

The more Gary gets to know his new Caquetios tribe mates, the less he likes them.

Gary - what up Terry? can't wait to get voted out by you guys

Terry - Lol you two crack me up! What if there's no way we can throw the challenge? You'll be regretting those words

Gary - then 1 of our other friends goes home mon ami! it's all just a matter of time should be fun though.

Terry - No necessarily, stop assuming everything Hope we all do have fun together though. Don't forget to read the Margaret thread

Gary - your Margaret thread is rather enjoyable, if only the real one was half as exciting.

Cirie - Haha, so are you liking this game?

Gary - 'til now it was pretty fun, ha ha.

Cirie - We've had our ups and downs too. Why do you think Bob Dawg sent you to this tribe?

Gary - because I'm a challenge threat, and I'm easier to get rid of if I'm outnumbered.

Judd - **CONFESSIOAL** - First, I'm absolutely okay with throwing Gary under the bus if need be. If we can both make it out of this hellhole alive, that'd be perfect, and I think it would solidify our bond with each other. But it's very unlikely that such an event will happen, so I have no problem cutting Gary to save my own ass. I've already tried to provoke him into being an asshole to Caquetios, which they're enabling with their false front of hospitality. I can see that he's starting to really get pissed off at them, so I'm trying to fuel that fire if possible.

Gary - these people reak of BS this is gonna be a fun few last days

Judd - Yup, they're trying to pretend like there's a chance in hell of us not being the next two gone. Whatever. I'm going to bed. See you tomorrow.

Gary - PEACE 😊

Gary - CONFESSIONAL - I feel screwed cause they suck at life I was nice to Bobby, I don't know what his deal is.

Courtney returns to find her best friend and sole ally on the Caquetios tribe back from the grave as an outcast.

Courtney - Hi Misty! Am I glad to see you back of all the Outcasts! Have you caught up on everything? You know I did not vote for you at all right? Wat is going on!?!

Misty - Hey!!!! 😊 Sorry this is getting to you late. I was trying to find out stuff from our new tribemates. I know you didn't vote for me and going by the votes, it's obvious the whole things was a setup. So fill me in on what happened after tribal.

Courtney - So as far as I was told, the vote was Aras or Melinda After you got voted out, I of course was shocked and asked wat happened. Some people ignored me like Terry. Now he is saying he changed his mind at the last minute and that he was reluctant but people at tc said you were snooping around so that's why he changed his mind. I kno that he thinks that from wat you told me before tho... Cirie and Shane PM'd me back immediately and said that they changed their votes at the last minute. Shane said that he heard you lost the challenge for the tribe and that is why he changed his vote at tc. By the way you didn't throw that challenge did you? Cirie told me that everyone but Danielle and me had voted for you. Danielle and I voted for Aras. She said that Danielle had been the one to suggest that the vote be you but that obviously doesn't make sense becuz hello Danielle voted for Aras like me...She even asked me if I was in an alliance with you and Danielle. I asked Danielle about it and she did not deny that she had brought you up before tho so that was weird. So I do not kno if she was in on it or not exactly... Wat is going on at your end with the Outcasts? Wat did you hear about that last vote?

Misty - Whew! That's a lot. I think it's pretty obvious that they went to Melinda and Aras separately and told them I was targeting them for no reason and wanted me out. Danielle was definitely still working with them and threw the vote out for whatever reason. That's why I separated the four of them evenly. I need you to talk to Melinda and Gary and Judd and tell them you will vote with them for sure. Does Melinda realize it was a setup?

Just as Misty and Courtney have planned to work their way into the majority on their second chance at life, the plans begin to bear fruit.

Gary - are you as positive as everyone else here? I know I'll be leaving soon, but it should be a fun ride for the next day or 2.

Courtney - Hi Gary! I think so. Wait please do not leave unless you have to! I would like to talk to you!

Gary - talk away my dear 😊

Courtney - Ok. I am talking with some others and trying to figure something out really quick but please stay on! Can you tell me a little about your tribe and wat is going on over there in the meantime?

Gary - not much, we lost alot we voted people out we got along, we hated Cindy

Courtney - Okay so here is the thing. I wanted to talk to Misty first and the others before talking to you guys...I forgot Misty can't vote tho anyways. I thought it would be 7 people voting if we lost and not just 6...I did not mean to ignore you guys but I wanted to see if she'd vote against Caq just to make sure before I joined with you guys...It does not matter now tho becuz Terry told me that she cannot vote until the merge

I am on the outside of the tribe alliances here and I will totally vote with you and Judd on the next round. Please do not turn on me! I have zero alliances on this tribe right now. Absolutely none. I really thought that maybe there were no alliances here but after the last vote where everyone lied to me that is clearly not true. It will be a tie at the next vote but it is our best chance of doing well in this game to stick together! I will tell you guys anything you want to know about this tribe and please tell me everything you guys know as well. You are not done for yet at all as long as I am here! 😊

I think the best plan is to keep Caq thinking I am going to vote with them so that they vote for whoever is the best challenger of you guys. I say we vote for Melinda or Cirie because I think Terry is very good. Melinda and Cirie have not done that much although they could just be acting weak. So hopefully in a tie-breaker 1 of you guys can beat them. I know you could betray me but for our future survival but I think we should risk the tie-breaker and take control of this tribe guys...

The other option is to try getting Melinda to vote with the 3 of us. Misty sort of thinks Melinda might be being strung along but I do not think so. I think she is in the majority alliance on our tribe because she has the lowest post count, is barely around, and no one even tries going after her...I'll vote however you guys want though. If we tell her about our plan ahead of time though and she is with Cirie and Terry then they will be prepared for a tie-breaker. Terry is probably 1 of this tribe's best challengers so I don't think we should vote for him...I am like sure that Terry and Cirie are in an alliance together though and pretty sure Melinda is with them too. Pretty much the whole tribe is in a secret alliance but me and the other Outcasts. This is our best chance of stopping Caquetios!

After putting the pieces together and making a move to change the direction of the entire game, Courtney reconvenes with Misty to discuss the chances of their plan coming to fruition.

Misty - Talk to Melinda if you see her. She has to suspect it was all a setup from the start. Why were there three votes for Aras in the first place? Why did Shane say he was voting for the person snooping around for alliances? 😡 I was talking with Terry just now and he's been lying his ass off about everything and can't give a straight answer at all. He puts it all on Danielle and Shane but won't even go into why he went along, like he was confused or something. Cirie puts it all on Danielle, saying she's the mastermind or something, which is complete bullshit as anyone can tell by talking to her.

Courtney - I know like Terry and Cirie are so totally fake 😞. Cirie and Terry know exactly what will happen like every time. I didn't think Danielle was with them the way they keep playing her up as the leader but whenever I ask her about it she admits that she really did lead the Bobby vote and had heard about the plot against you! so I think Caq is 1 big alliance except for me! and of course you and Bobby... I have talked to Melinda and I just do not have a good feeling about her...She changes the subject whenever we kind of talk about the game. I really think she is with them and trying to say as little to me as possible...I will wait to see what Gary and Judd say though. I will send them the message that we should vote together. If I am sent home, then you know I was betrayed by those 2 guys...

Misty - Of course. I'll talk to Melinda as well so she understands her situation and that she's being played like everyone. Hopefully Judd and Gary should be good at the challenges. They have every reason to want to win, unlike Cirie and Terry.

Courtney - How about before the last vote? What did people say to you about that?

Misty - Terry was saying Melinda? I asked him that weren't most people going for Aras? He said okay and that he would make sure. Danielle was still on maybe Aras or Melinda. 😞 Cirie said she "heard" that people were saying I screwed up the challenge on purpose. I told her it was an accident. Aras said he hadn't heard anything. I asked Melinda if she was still hearing Aras and she said yeah. Shane I think said Aras. That's about it. Clearly they thought about it in advance and lied to Aras and Melinda to get their votes.

Courtney - O yea there's no question in my mind that they already planned to get rid of you ahead of time. They either left me out of the loop becuz they thought I was in an alliance with you or becuz I'm not in an alliance with anyone. Cirie didn't even mention wat she said to you to me 😞. I am pretty sure I'd be voted out next if there was no swap. Right after we joined together Terry asks if I am with them and if I want revenge so he knows exactly wat he did wrong 😡. Aras told me today that people had told him that you and I were voting for him so people were definitely trying to lump us together and make us the bad guys...Thx for letting me kno Hey why did you split the tribes up the way you did? How was Bobby? Is he mad at all of us? I hope you told him that cirie was in on his boot even tho she didn't vote against him...

Misty - I can't tell with Bobby yet. I told him I was not responsible for it but I haven't told him Cirie was in on it as well. I did mention that Cirie was not to be trusted and he replied he wanted her over there to work with Rafe, Jamie and Morgan. For now, be nice to Terry and Cirie to their face. Work out something with Gary and Judd. See if we can talk some sense into Melinda. And hopefully it will all go well.

Courtney - Sounds good. See you tomorrow girl! It sounds like Bobby trusts Cirie. You should've told him that Cirie was in on the plan (because she was)! He does not seem that smart so he probably likes her...

Courtney - CONFESSIONAL - Cirie has no alliance with me and she left me out of the last vote. I have no reason to be loyal to Caquetios. I am in no alliances with them and most of the people didn't talk to me or are fake. I am totally voting against them tomorrow and hopefully Gary and Judd do not backstab me. It will be bad if they settle for doing the safe thing, ratting me out, and voting me out and then following after when the others vote them out. Hopefully they are willing to take the risk of a tie-breaker...

ARAWAK, DAY 10

Shane and Danielle scheme on how to get out of the situation they're in.

Shane - DID SHANE GO TO FAR TO EARLY? WHAT SHOULD SHANE DO NOW?

Danielle - Don't worry, we had to make a move at some point. Rafe also told me that he was at the bottom, same with Jaime. I think you're better off in this than you think right now.

Shane - SHANE FEELS THAT YOU SHOULD OFFER HIM TOO, WE CAN TELL HIM THE OTHERS ARE PLANNING ON THROWING A CHALLENGE AND WHAT NOT, PROMISE HIM TO BE THE LAST ARAWAK STANDING OR WHAT NOT. SHANE IS GETTING VERY PARANOID THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO GET U OVER THERE, WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Danielle - They're making small talk. I was thinking. Maybe Morgan would be the best to make the deal with. If Rafe and Jaime are telling the truth, she would be the loner here, not Rafe.

Shane - DANIELLE, I AM SORRY, BUT MORGAN IS THE POWER IN THE GROUP, AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE WOULD I EVER ALLY WITH HER. ARAS AND JAMIE ARE TALKING, AND IM TALKING TO JAMIE AS WELL, IT SEEMS LIKE U WOULD VOTE OUT MORGAN WITH US AT THE NEXT TC.

After much debate, Rafe decides to jump ship on his tribe.

Rafe - CONFESSIOAL - I kind of like the swap. There's a good chance I would have been the next out, followed by my buddy Jamie, but now it's kind of like we have another chance. We discussed throwing the challenge to keep Judd and Gary around, but at best that would leave us with a tie vote here, and one of us could still end up leaving, so I think we'll probably try to win. Hopefully things will be a little more interesting around here with some new people.

Rafe - Okay, fuck it, I'm with you guys. The only reason I was holding back was because Jamie's my buddy, but after I saked Danielle last night if Morgan had approached her about an alliance, I told Jamie, and he immediatly told Morgan, so fuck it. It's nice to have new people around, I've been talking to Bobby a little, but it's kind of pointless to do much plotting with someone who can't vote or participate in challenges. I tried to talk to Brianna before she got booted, but she didn't like me trying to do that because she was so sure I was going. Needless say, she was mistaken.

I'm assuming the Caqs are going to try to throw the challenges to get rid of Judd and Gary? Morgan and Jamie are considering trying to throw it to, to get us to have a tie vote and hopefully get rid of one of you, but I'm not really to keen on that idea because I don't want to end up being the one going.

I would have been the next one going from my tribe anyways, so if hooking up with you guys backfires on me, I'm not much worse off, right?

Shane - OK RAFE, GLAD U CAME ABOARD. HERES WHAT U NEED TO KNOW. TERRY, COURT, CIRIE, MELINDA, ARE GOING TO TRY AND THROW THE CHALLENGE TONIGHT, AND THE NEXT TIME TO GET OUT JUDD AND GARY. NOW, IF YOU ARE WITH US, ME, YOU, DANIELLE, AND ARAS NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN TEH CHALLENGE SO MORGAN AND JAMIE CANT THROW IT. NOW, IF WE DO GO TO TC, MORGAN IS THE ONE GETTING THE VOTE, IS THAT ALRIGHT WITH YOU? IM SURE IT WILL BE. IF SOMEHOW THEY THROW 2 CHALLENGES, AND THEN WE GO TO MERGE, YOU ARE STILL WITH US, CAUSE U AGREED TO VOTE WITH US, EVEN THOUGH IT NEVER HAPPENED.

Rafe - Yeah, I already told Danielle I'd vote Morgan with you guys if we go to TC. I've barely talked game with Morgan at all, the first time she really mentioned anything was last night after the swap. Go figure. Too little too late. I've been talking to Jamie a lot so far, so I may just tell him that I talked to you guys a little to try to see where you're at, but now that I know he's going to tell Morgan everything, I'll just tell him you guys didn't tell me much. It's so fun to have something different happening!

Shane - GLAD TO HAVE YOU RAFE. LETS JUST SAY THAT YOU WILL ENJOY BEING WITH CAQ ALOT MORE. THAT TRIBE WAS MUCH MORE FUN, AND EVERYONE HERE BESIES U AND JUDD SEEM TO BE ALL SERIOUS. SO IF MORGAN PMS YOU, ARE U JUST GONNA TELL HER U R GONNA DO A 3 ON 3 TIE OR WHAT, THAT'S REALL THE ONLY PROBLEM, WHAT U R GONNA TELL MORAN AND JAMIE.

Rafe - Yeah, I'll just agree with whatever they want. I already told them last night that I wasn't sure about throwing the challenge, but I got the impression they were going to try it with or without me. So, if we lose, I'll tell them I'm voting with them, and that we'll tie it up and see what happens. I have no idea who they want to vote for, I'm sure it'll be you or Danielle, since you two seem to be more active than Aras. I'll let you know when I know, but they probably won't be around until an hour or so before the challenge

Shane - ALRIGHT COOL, THE PLAN IS TO GET TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHALLENGE B4 MORGAN AND JAMIE DO. THE OTHERS ARE GONNA THROW IT, UNLESS JUDD AND GARY TRY TO PULL

SOMETHING. IF WORSE COMES TO WORSE, AND WE LOSE, MORGAN LEAVES TONIGHT. SHANE LOVES YOU RAFE, YOU ARE AN AWSOME PLAYER INDEED.

After lying to Rafe and promising him an alliance, Shane then runs to Danielle to reveal his plan to oust Rafe.

Shane - I HAD TO DO A LITTLE FIB IN THERE ABOUT HOW SOME CAQS NEED TO GO FIRST. BUT WE HAD TO GIVE HIM HOPE, AND PLUS, IF HE IS VOTED OUT AFTER THE OTHER ARAWAKS, SHANE WOULD BE THE BAD GUY, SECURING HIMSELF AS A FINAL 2 GOAT FOR A DANIELLE WIN. YES, I REALIZE THAT I HAVE NO CHANCE OF WINNING THIS GAME, AND 2ND IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME, AND YOU ARE MY FAVORITE PERSON IN THIS GAME AND CLOSET ALLY, SO IF YOU TOOK ME TO F2 AND WON, I'D BE HAPPY.

Danielle - Shane, that's what I'm saying, if we took out Morgan with Rafe's help, and then we took out Rafe before the merge, Rafe wouldn't be on the jury to hold a grudge against either of us.

Shane - GOOD POINT, GREAT POINT, HOPEFULLY IT CAN WORK OUT LIKE THAT. BUT WE REALLY NEED TO GET IN THE CHALLENGE TO PARTICIPATE B4 MORGAN OR JAMIE DO, THEY ARE GONNA TRY TO THROW IT.

After solidifying their plans of using Rafe to gain control and then discarding them, Shane and Danielle engage in some usual Misty-bashing.

Shane - I KNOW MISTY AND CIRIE WOULD HAVE LATE NIGHT CHATS AND TALKED, AND CIRIE FELT BAD ABOUT VOTING OUT MISTY. SHE OBVIOUSLY THINKS THAT CIRIE VOTED FOR ARAS AND NOT U, AND SHE WANTED CIRIE TO TRY TO GET ON HER SIDE.

Danielle - All we can do is pray to Margaret that she'll remain loyal. Then we should make it a point to get rid of Misty ASAP after the merge.

Shane - AGREED 100%

Danielle - If all goes well and Caquetios throws the challenges, the outcasts should be our biggest targets after the merge. They worry me far more than the Arawak losers.

Shane - LMFAO HAAAAHA, JUST THE WAY U SAID THAT, HAD ME LITERALLY ALMOST ON THE FLOOR LAUGHING.

Danielle - Bob Dawg's mere presence makes me gag.

Shane - I DONT BLAME U, HE PISSES ME OFF, HE IS TRYING TO TAKE OUT MR PARTNER. THEN HE GOES LAUGHING AROUND LIKE HE IS SO COOL, HOW DARE HE. I KNOW WHAT U MEAN.

Danielle - We may be stuck with Bobby, but poor Terry, having to be with Misty.

Shane - THATS TRUE, AND TERRY EVEN CALLED HER A WHORE AT TC LOL. I DONT KNOW WHO HAS IT WORSE, TERRY OR US.

Danielle - She doesn't even know how it went down. Sure, it was a big set up, but she still doesn't get it that Cirie voted her out. Misty's IQ is right up there with....Death Valley.

Shane - LOL, YEA SHE IS KINDA CLUELESS AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON. WHEN WE MERGE WE DEFINITELY GOT TO CATCH UP WITH TERRY AS TO WHAT HAPPENED B4 WE SAY ANYTHING, CAUSE HE PROBABLY HAD TO MAKE SOMETHING TO HER, AND WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE EVERYONE IS SAYING.

Danielle - We're still Caquetios. For one, I don't plan on being loyal to Rafe. This is just an opportunity to use the Arawakians and then vote them out pre-jury. We're still true blue.

Shane - OF COURSE WE ARE STILL CAQUIETOS, TURTLE AT HEART. AND YOU'RE RIGHT, WE CANT BE LOYAL TO RAFE, BUT FOR NOW WE HAVE TO AT LEAST PRETEND TO BE TO GET HIM TO VOTE WITH US.

Danielle - If Rafe votes with us at TC, the game is ours for the taking before the merge. We can vote out Rafe so we have no obligations to keep or we can vote out Jaime because he's a sneaky fuck. We can control the game once again.

CAQUETIOS, DAY 10

After hearing Courtney's plan to team up with Arawak, Judd emphatically agrees to go along with it due to his limited options.

Judd - Courtney, if you're being real about all this, you're a gift from above, and you may have just become my favorite person in the world. Seriously, I'm open to anything, and I'm sure Gary is as well. We'd both just like to make the jury, and not go home so early after being screwed with our tribal alignments. If you think you're on the outs of Caquetios (and it appears two people definitely are, judging by the voting results from your previous Tribal Council), then it's definitely a good move on your part to break this game wide open and try to shape things to your own benefit. I understand wanting safety in numbers, but you're a very smart player if you're willing to take a small risk to prevent yourself being the bottom rung of the Caquetios alliance ladder.

Courtney - Yes I was being very real with what I said. I actually did like this tribe but everyone lied to me in the last vote and blindsided me so I cannot trust this group anymore...Yes please keep me informed and I will do the same for you. Ask me anything you want! I have heard that you are the first boot from Terry and Cirie...

Judd consults with Gary over whether the plan is legitimate.

Judd - So, what do you think about her plan? Legit? It's hard to say, but I think we've got to go with it and hope for the best, because trying to turn her in to bide time just won't keep us around much longer, and if it's all a trap, turning her in doesn't help us anyway. If she's telling us the truth, this could be an amazing turn-around. Feel free to make her feel like there are more reasons for her to do this than there actually may be, because all our chips rest on her right now. Dude, if we survive this tribe, we'll deserve F2.

Gary - Let's roll with it pal! we got nothing to lose

Judd tests the waters with Melinda's willingness to flip.

Judd - I'll try my hardest at the challenge and do what I can to at least make the jury before I get chopped, but I'm not completely naive so I know when my time's likely up, and I don't fault you guys for playing the game the way it's meant to be played.

Melinda - Honestly, the way I see things, is I'm not so sure that throwing the challenges is a particularly beneficial plan for me. I know that it was what Shane wanted us to do, and I have no problem trying to keep the original team together, but at the same time, I don't know exactly where I stand with everyone on my team. I've thought about the possibility of us going through with it, booting you and Gary, and then being down to a team of 4 Caquetios. Well, then what? We're at the final 12 (probably not going to merge until final 10) and if we lose another challenge, it comes down to a guarantee Caquetios member going home... and I don't want to be that person.

Judd - Oh, you're absolutely right about the challenge throwing dilemma. I doubt Shane/Aras/Danielle are going to risk their own asses to save you guys if you boot Judd and me,

so that means two of you will likely be going home before the merge, and I'm sure that's not the ideal plan at all. Also, what happened at that last vote, anyway?

Melinda - To be honest, I probably am not the person to talk to about the last tribal council. I got word from people that Misty was scheming to get me and Aras out, so I voted for Misty because I thought she was coming after me. I'm not really sure who besides Misty voted for Aras, and who's idea it was to vote out Misty. I just got word that I was the target (which I could understand because I didn't really talk to many people at the beginning) and that if I voted Misty I might have a chance to stay in. I was shocked that I didn't receive any votes to be honest.

Melinda - CONFESSIONAL - I was kind of shy at first, but I think I'm starting to find my groove and open up a little more. Which I didn't want to do, because I was hoping to continue to appear weak, shy, and sheepish, but I've just started to kind of really get into talking with people, and having a lot of fun. It's hard to say if it's paying off or not, but I hope it is!

Misty checks in to see how Judd has integrated.

Misty - I split the group up the way I did for a reason. Just to make sure both sides had an even shot. There is definitely one core group and several outsiders who are hanging on to the ones in the middle. And everyone keeps pointing fingers at each other which makes it all confusing and pretty funny at the same time.

Judd -if you and Court are playing me, good job on praying on my weakened state to extract information out of me.

Misty - Nope. I'm a straight shooter. Unlike some others here I say exactly what I mean and I don't mess around. I also don't have to lie and make up things to get people targeted. I suggest that we kick ass at the challenge so we don't even have to risk going to tribal council.

Judd - Well, that makes you a very appealing player, Misty. Add in your ravaging good looks, and you've got a winning combination there. I'm going to do everything I can to win tonight. It'd be a miracle, but anything's possible.

Misty - Of course. Hopefully it all goes well. Good luck!

CHALLENGE BEACH, DAY 10

Jeff Probst - Come on in Guys. Don't worry about the reward today. Let's select 3 from each tribe to compete.

Terry - I'm competing! Melinda will also play.

Gary - way to discuss Terry 😊 I'm in

Rafe - Mmmkay, I guess it's Danielle, Shane and Morgi Orgi.

Judd - I'm glad everyone's cool with keeping up the meaningless facade, though. Did you know Shane actually has a thread that was started a few days into this thread at Caquetios advertising the plan to throw challenges to boot Arawak members come shuffle time?

Melinda - I'll play if you guys want me to.

Terry - Terry Melinda and Gary should play.

Judd - No, it's okay, Melinda, I think we'd be fine with you sitting this one out. Gary and myself are in, for sure.

Shane - MELINDA AND TERRY AND GARY, THEY CALLED IT SORRY!

Judd - Ah, I must have forgotten Terry is in charge of singlehandedly making all decisions for the tribe. Terry, Gary, and myself all posted before Melinda showed, if there's contention over the picks.

Gary - Terry should sit down and shut up Judd, Gary, & Terry/Melinda.

Shane - TERRY CALLED MELINDA!

Terry - Cmon Judd, we don't need your bullshit right now. We all know what we're trying to do here

Judd - Terry, I'm not pulling any bullshit. I'm just trying to compete, as is my right, especially since I called my participation before Melinda even posted.

Terry - I called me and Melinda so, yeha.

Gary - Judd-ster you can have my spot! and if there's any Bull Shit Terry, then you need to wipe it off your chin.

Terry - The first 3 to post after Jeff's instructions were me, I then called Melinda and then you Gary.

Judd - And again, I must question your election as supreme dictator of Caquetios and the person with the power to determine all the challenge competitors without them even speaking for themselves.

Morgan - I dont think you should be allowed to call for someone.

Shane - AND WHO ARE U NOW TO SAY WHAT IS AND ISNT FAIR?

Terry - Someone had to do it and I did it!

Gary - Glad you took the time to discuss with us in the TRIBE DISCUSSION THREAD Asshole

Shane - TERRY IS 2ND ONLY TO MARGARET HERSELF!

Morgan - Terry's the new found asshole missing from rehab.

Rafe - Can we just call an IC win? Because that would be cool.

Judd - we were all capable of calling for ourselves, as Gary and myself did. Melinda only volunteered after we called our participation, and even then, only if we "needed" her. Sorry, Melinda, but we don't need you.

Terry - Gary, you should shut the fuck up. At least Judd had the decency to pm me, but you just ignored me today.

Gary - Hey! Fuck You! Judd can play with you and Melinda and you 2 can throw the challenge and you guys can get one of the big challenge threats out, like you want. Sometimes I wonder who's in charge here.

Terry - Cirie Melinda Courtney and Terry are in charge. Deal with it.

Gary - Of the game? Yeah, I know...and now so does everyone else,you stupid fuck-wod

Terry - Are in charge of Caquetios, you fucking dumbass. I should probably post what Judd said about you, everybody would laugh their asses off.

Gary - I could give a fuck, fuck you I'm fucking done

Melinda - Ok, enough, can we just get on with it? I can play in the next one...

Jeff Probst - Who's playing for each tribe?

Terry - Terry Gary and Melinda

Danielle - Myself Morgan and Shane

Gary - Here,I'll make it real easy like. Nobody tells me what to do and I've already said that Judd can take my place. so fuck you, I'm going home.

Melinda - Please, you three just compete.

Judd - Gary, don't quit. You're letting Terry force you out of this game, and that's not fair to yourself. Melinda is willing to step down. Doesn't that settle it? Thank you for the maturity and showing some class, Melinda. I, personally, greatly appreciate it.

Melinda - The boys can compete in this one if the girls can compete in the next... that's fair, isn't it?

Gary - wow, it's true nice people do exist. But, I'm more than happy to have you 3 play. I've lost my motivation for the day

Jeff Probst - Okay, so it looks like Danielle, Rafe, Shane vs. Terry, Gary, Judd. Danielle vs. Terry first sound good to you guys?

Shane - GARY DOESNT WANT TO COMPETE

Gary - what-fucking-ever!

Jeff Probst - Is that final? All I know is that Melinda doesn't want to play and then Morgan doesn't want to play, and a bunch of other shit.

Rafe - Wait, was Morgan just fucking around about not playing?

Morgan - No i want to play, now. Im not going to sit here for another hour waiting for some dickhead to bitch about whose playing and whose not. god.

Jeff Probst - Jesus Christ. The next 3 people to post for each tribe are competing in today's challenge. GO. Danielle, Shane, Morgan. Vs. Terry, Judd and Gary

Terry - Good. Now let's get it on 😊

Jeff Probst - Okay, Terry vs. Danielle... Here's how it's going to work, Everyone right now will find a post in the "Challenge Arena" forum that you wish to hide a picture of yourselves. You will select a link to that post by clicking on the 🗑 icon above each post. Then copy and post the link in your tribal forums. Pretty straight forward... let's hurry up with this because we've wasted 30 minutes bitching and moaning about who gets to go first.

After hiding their pictures, Danielle is the first to come up with Terry's picture for Arawak.

Jeff Probst - That's Arawak 1, Caquetios 0 First to 2 wins. Shane vs. Gary, you're up.

Shane - I WIN!

Jeff Probst - Okay, Arawak wins, now Caquetios strategize, Council is at 9:30 Ends at 10.

Shane - BYE JUDD OR GARY!

ARAWAK, NIGHT 10

Jamie - **CONFESSIOAL** - Today, we won the IC, but it's sad that Judd or Gary will be leaving us. 😞 Anyway, I am really considering throwing the challenge and voting Danielle out. She's sneaky wench and a bitch. I really can't stand her and I want her gone more than anybody. If we can get her out I think we will be gold. But, I am afraid what a tie-break challenge would be.

Morgan - Uhh well i kinda wanted to throw that challenge but it didn't really work did it? haha. so I am just gonna have to work my ass off come merger now. and win every IC. but not much, you?

Jamie - Umm, we are hooking up w/ Misty when we merge. Aras and Misty have huge issues. Misty tried to get rid of Aras. Apparently, Aras wants Misty gone first when we merge and he hates Bob Dawg. Danielle wont give out much info at all.

Morgan - Oh wow. lol never knew this stuff haha. so I guess we are fine then? xx.

Jamie - Nope. Just be silent. Aras is telling all his tribe's secrets...He could be bsing me, but I dont think everything is BS particularly with the Misty drama.

Morgan - Lol good work so is Aras alone? or is he in an alliance of demolition? I think Gary will be voted off now.

Jamie - No. Aras is firmly with Shane and Danielle. But Misty separated them here because they are the tightest and the ones who were instrumental in her ouster.

Shane - WOOOOOOOOO!!!! *PASSES OUT CALAMARI WITH HONEY MUSTARD SAUCE* WHEW, WE ARE GOOD, SHANE IS SO HAPPY! LOOKS LIKE JUDD OR GARY WILL BE GONE (HOPEFULLY JUDD) THEN ONLY 1 PERSON WILL BE ABLE TO TRY TO WIN IT NEXT TIME.

Danielle - You won the challenge for us! WOOT! I'm so happy right now.

Shane - WE DID IT, LOOKS LIKE JUDD OR GARY WILL BE GONE IN A FEW MINUTES AND THEN WE CAN HOLD OFF ON VOTING OUT MORGAN FOR A BIT.

Aras - w00000t....you rock. If we ever do lose over here though, dont you think Rafe could just be saying he would vote Morgan with us, and they all 3 actually vote me, then I go because of votes??? I just think he could be tricking us. Also, whats up BDs ass, I get a PM from him like: "OMG I AM TALKING COOL LIKE YOU GUYS SO WHY DID I GET VOTED OFF THE BLUE TRIBE?????" What an idiot.

Shane - IGNORE BOB DAWG. WELL I DONT THINK RAFE IS LYING, HE WAS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OTHER TRIBE, WHY WOULDNT HE FLIP!

Aras - CONFESSIONAL - Well, this is where it gets interesting. We won the challenge tonight (thank god)...but if we lose, we are in a sticky situation. If we lose...its basically 3 on 3, with old tribe factions still coming into play. I personally think we should vote Rafe...because he has votes. Shane and Danielle, for whatever reason, are convinced that Rafe will vote Morgan with us. This seems like a good idea on paper, but what happens when it is all a trick, and it is 3 Morgan, 3 Me, and I am sent packing because of a tie??? No way am I risking that.

Morgan is up to her usual flirty tricks... despite the fact that Aras is gay.

Aras - I cant believe I missed the challenge, I hate this different time zone crap. Good day overall, school and work...but its the usual. How about you babe?

Morgan - Oh yes, pretty much the same. Well I didn't get to compete so all in all it was great haha. Finally, I can say I am a winner 😊woo. Is there anyway I could turn your sexuality Aras? haha. so how are you enjoying this game so far?

Aras - LOL! I love winning. I love girls, but not in that way. There are way too many holes and skin flaps...haha...but I do love girls, I get along with them way more easily than guys.

Morgan - You love my two strips of bacon and when you open them up dayum boy its like a kinder surprise haha. nar it's cool 😊I love winning more than i love playing with my magic wand to get me off

Jamie - I haven't seen Bob Dawg in awhile?

Aras - Who cares. Lol

Jamie - Ditto. LOL. I have no idea what he's up to..

Aras - He was/is a jerk. I have no time for him. He wants everyone to kiss his ass and feel sorry for him that he goet voted out, and is a outcast now, like we owe him something. I dont owe him the shit on my shoe! Lol

Jamie - LOL. Well, I didn't know you despised him that much. But he pretends as if he knows everything because he tried to give us a run down of all your tribe's dynamics but he seemed to be way off base. But, he'll probably be dragged to the end of the game.

Aras - Im not dragging him anywhere. I will pull a Courtney from Survivor China, and vote for him til his ass is gone.

Jamie - Bobby said Misty PM'd him constantly and that they separated the tribes that way to fuck everyone over. My suspicion is that Misty wanted the followers and floaters all on one tribe so she could manipulate them.

Aras - LOL...I hope they are the first 2 out come merge.

Jamie - HAHA I expect it to be us former Arakawans.

Aras - I will tell you 110% for sure that my first two votes will be for them. They dont deserve it, especially Misty.

CAQUETIOS, NIGHT 10

Judd - **CONFESSIOAL** - Fuck Terry and him having the audacity to tell me to stop bringing up Caquetios' challenge throwing plan. You guys made it public, you made no attempts to hide it, and you're now pretending like it's water under the bridge that Gary and I should be completely ignoring. Well, sorry, but that's bullshit. We're not going to sit idly by as you pick us off. I hope the son of a bitch gets a real surprise at TC tonight, because he fucking deserves it for being a smug asshole. I'll bring up the fact that I'm screwed as much as I want, thank you very much. I earned that right after being absolutely fucked over in two tribal alignments.

Misty - We have a few minutes. Thoughts?

Judd - I hope and pray I have a chance at surviving until the merge, which is my ultimate goal. I'm open to any ideas you guys might have in mind, if it keeps me around. I'm going to talk to Courtney and see if she's ready to take control of the game.

Misty - I hope it all works out tonight. Who are you guys going after? There are pros and cons for any choice.

Judd - I'm letting Courtney make the call on that one, because it's her game right now. Whatever she feels comfortable doing, I'm down with.

Within the few minutes before Tribal Council, Courtney makes her play for control over the new Caquetios tribe.

Judd - Do you think we can make this work? Force a tie tonight, try to get Melinda on our side, overturn the ruling alliance of Caquetios? If you went with me on this, I would be forever in your debt.

Courtney - I am talking to Melinda now and feelign her out. Make sure Gary votes with us! He has barely talked to me and I worry Cirie's persuasive talk is making him thinking of voting with them to save himself. I hope you guys are close. I am definitely voting with you guys. I say we vote for Cirie! She is very strong strategically and if the tie-breaker is a challenge Terry is stronger. I will talk to Gary too

Judd - Alright, I'm cool with Cirie. I'll make sure Gary's tight with us, but I fully expect him to be. If this really works, it'll be a turn-around that saves his ass, so I don't think he'd do something stupid. Thank you, Courtney. I can't say that enough.

Courtney - Definitely! We need to talk more but hopefully this works becuz if it does not we are all toast! I hope you are better than Cirie in the tie-breaker...

Judd - I'll do whatever I can to pull out a win. This is your, mine, and Gary's last hope at surviving in this game, so we all better pray it works out.

Gary - who do you want me to vote for then?

Courtney - Hi Gary. I say we vote for Cirie. I am talking to Melinda and I am trying to see if she is willing to sway. Definitely the 3 of us need to vote together tho and go after Cirie. Are you good with that?

Gary - sounds great. you have my word

Gary - CONFESSIONAL - Jubilation!!!!!!! Best day ever, it was really funny to go from super laid back tribe to crazytown, and Judd and I had pretty much assumed it was over. Damn , am I ever glad that I started talking to Misty & Courtney right away. The tide has turned and now it's time for payback

Judd and Gary discuss their last chance at staying in the game.

Judd - This is our last chance, man. I don't know where you are, but we have to make this work.

Gary - Courtney says Cirie....we're voting for Cirie shes gonna try and sway Melinda

Judd - Exactly. This just might work. Terry deserves this after being a complete asshole. Karma is a bizzle.

Gary - good luck brutha

Judd - Dude, if this works, we'll be in control of this tribe. Can you imagine that shit? What a turn-around that would be!

Courtney makes a play for Melinda.

Courtney - Um...I take it we lost?

Melinda - Yeah... Ok, so Cirie and Terry messaged me saying they were voting for Judd. So I guess that's the plan.

Courtney - Thanks for telling me about the vote. Okay please please do not tell anyone this. I know you may have an alliance with Cirie and Terry but like I have said I have never had any with anyone...I was blindsided by the last vote and I think we are both getting used. I would like us to come together if you are willing...

Melinda - I totally agree Courtney. I don't have an alliance with Cirie and Terry, and I think you and me should definitely stick together, because I'm sure they're probably together. I've really liked our chats, and I think we have a lot in common, and I really trust you!

Melinda - CONFESSIONAL - I definitely am open to the idea of working with original Arawaks.... I hope I don't have to, because I think I'm in a great place right now with my original tribe, but if something comes up that puts me in a vulnerable position, it is possible.

Gary - just wanted to say thanx for being the voice of reason today If this is my last night. then good luck to you

Melinda - Thanks Gary. I just didn't want there to be conflict over something so ridiculous. You guys deserve your chance to fight for immunity, I'm really not into the whole throwing the challenge thing, I just don't think it's a benefit to me. Sorry I haven't gotten to know you too well.

Courtney - I will tell you then that I am going to vote against Cirie at this tribal council and I hope you do the same. I do not trust Terry or Cirie or the others becuz they have lied to me at the last vote for no reason. Are you in on that? I do not want a tie-breaker...

Melinda - I'd be more comfortable voting for Judd because I already told them I was... :-/ this is a really cruddy situation

Courtney - Ok...Please do not tell the others of our conversation tho...I am going to vote against Cirie with the guys no matter wat tho. I kno she talks with you a lot but she talks to all of us a lot. She is very dangerous...

Melinda - I know. I really like Cirie though, and I think Judd might be a bigger threat. Plus, I'm worried that a tie situation might not turn out well... that one of us could go in that situation. IDK, this is really tough!

Having to accept that Melinda will not be voting with her, Courtney informs Gary and Judd that the council tonight will be left for fate to decide.

Courtney - Ok Gary Melinda is not voting with us. I am still voting with you guys tho. Please do not waver becuz the Caq alliance is very very strong and big. Good luck tonight to all of us!

Gary - thnx Good Luck

Courtney - Ok Melinda is not voting with us. I am sure she is in an alliance with Terry and Cirie now. Good luck!

Judd - Damn. Okay, we'll have to see what happens. I think I can take on Cirie, so here's hoping.

Judd - **CONFSSIONAL** - Time for the hail mary...

Judd makes one last move to try and get Melinda's vote.

Judd - Bold move forcing the tie. 😊

Melinda - I am in a really bad situation right now... :-/

Judd - No, I understand. I'm just saying, here's your chance to be in a tight alliance of 4, guaranteed the majority with a strong tribe devoted to winning every challenge. You'll have great game positioning, and you'll have people (*cough*me*cough*) that'll really owe you one. Whereas if you force the tie, you're either going to find yourself in a weak minority, or you're going to lose your challenge strength and still probably be facing the boot in due time, simply because there so much pre-merge game to be played. But, no pressure. 😊 Really, I respect your decision no matter what it is

Cirie decides to uphold her promise and let Judd know that he is going home.

Cirie - Judd, You asked me to let you know if I was going to vote you off at tribal council. I can't speak for the rest of my tribe, but I'm casting a vote towards you. It's nothing personal and I actually consider you to be a sweetheart. It's just that everyone seems to perceive you as a threat and you didn't bring anything new to the table to sway that opinion. Good luck and good game!

Judd - Yeah, I saw that one coming. Thanks for the honesty, and chances are, I'll be hanging out with my savior, Margaret, soon enough. Hopefully Cindy won't be allowed in the Lodge. 😊 Peace out, Cirie.

Terry - CONFESSIONAL - My plan right now is to make sure Courtney is the perfect little puppet to vote out Judd with Melinda Cirie and I. We're really counting on her to vote with us. Courtney is a major newb...and Cirie, Meli and I, I really think we can control her vote for this round. Then, if we need to, we can vote her out (like, if we lose 3 ICs.)

Terry - There was lots of fighting over who should play in the challenge, but in the end, we did lost, like it was planned.

Cirie - Judd it is. Let's send him home... 😏

Terry - Oh yeah. 😏

TRIBAL COUNCIL, NIGHT 10

Jeff Probst - Come on in Guys. Gary... recap what the hell happened before the challenge began when you guys were deciding who should participate?

Gary - We were discussing it in the tribe thread, and then Terry just started posting without discussion. It got a little outta hand but, whats done is done

Judd - Come on, Probst, this is probably my swan song. Don't I get a, "Judd, any last words," or, "Judd, anything you want to say if it's you tonight," or, "Judd, any crocodiles you want to bring in to bite all these scumbags with?"

Jeff Probst - Alright Judd, what would you like to say as your last hoorah?

Judd - Oh, I dunno, you really caught me off-guard. I didn't even have anything prepared for this. Well, basically, I'd just like to say that I'm a god amongst men, and the only reason I'm probably leaving tonight is because fate determined that to be my destiny. I couldn't control where I ended up in the tribal alignments, and I ended up getting screwed over twice. That's the game, it happens, I'll take my licks like a man. But I'll never give up. Judd's not a quitter. Judd'll go down fighting to the very end. Because Judd is Judd, and that's all there is to it.

Jeff Probst - Alright, let's cut the bullshit. Who here does not feel vulnerable at all?

Terry - Jeff, we never know! There are some damn good players around here that could turn the game around in a second. I hope not though

Judd - I just wanted to say this to Gary: If I end up being screwed, good luck, man, and I hope you win this whole damn thing. Fight for your life, don't give up, and get that gold at the end of the rainbow, because you deserve it. Just wanted to say that, just in case. This game has had a tendency of kicking me when I'm down, and I expect that might be the case tonight. Just a hunch.

Cirie - "I couldn't control where I ended up in the tribal alignments." I don't mean to pick a fight, but this was a fair twist. I mean, two active players from this game made the selection. I mean, I don't know what was going through their heads, but obviously prior relationships had an impact. (Misty, you can correct me at anytime.)

Misty - No, I think it was fair too. Any twist has an element of randomness to it. Anything can affect how things go.

Judd - You're absolutely right on that front, and I may have been able to change my fate a little had I played things differently. I was more referring to my original tribal alignment, which made this game particularly difficult for me and Gary right from the get-go.

Gary - Thnx for the words Judd-ster! whichever one of the 2 of us leaves tonight, we'll always have Arawak 😊 It's been a blast

Jeff Probst - Terry, who would you be the least upset with leaving tonight?

Terry - Judd. He's a big threat, he's outspoken and even though I like him more than Gary, I'm voting for him tonight.

Melinda - I definitely feel bad that they got dealt a rough hand, having to come into our tribe with a minority. I have respect for both of them, and I really hate the position I am in... tribal council is never fun :-/

Jeff Probst - Once the votes have been read the decision is final, the person voted off will be asked to leave the tribal council area immediately. I'll read the votes:

<http://stranded.immunityidol.net/aruba/councils/tc5.html>

Terry - Sigh. 😞

Judd - Wow, my heart hasn't pounded that fast in a long time. That was edge-of-my-seat excitement right there. So...now what?

Gary - 😊 it fucking worked?

Melinda - what happens now?

Cirie - Alright, fair enough. So, how do we deal with a tiebreaker?

Judd - Gary, it worked like a charm. Thank god. Re-vote first?

Terry - Don't gloat yet, guys, it's not over.

Jeff Probst - Okay, typically in the event of a tie on Stranded, the Immunity bearer casts the deciding votes. And the only person with Individual Immunity would be Misty. So, I'm going to let Cirie and Judd both plead their case to Misty and then she will cast the deciding vote live in front of everyone here in Tribal Council.

Cirie - Would someone mind telling me who was the third vote and their reasoning? Just in case I'm going to leave right now...

Terry - Whoever was the third Misty vote (Courtney or Melinda) please be honest. I didn't vote for Cirie, I voted for Judd.

Misty - Wow. I didn't expect to be put in this position. I guess it's up to Cirie and Judd to make their case.

Judd - Wow, didn't expect that. Alright, Misty, I think we've talked enough that you know where I'm coming from. We both know the trickery that went on at Caquetios, and we both know this is your chance to make a new game. If you help Gary and me with this, you'll have two people completely indebted to you. You'll have a solid post-merge group on your side, and this will be our game to run with. And if you decide to cut me, I'll understand, but I'm making my final request right now: please give me a second shot at this game, and give yourself a second shot at going far. Whatever your decision, Misty, I respect it.

Cirie - Misty, I know that it will be a difficult decision and you have to go with your heart. But, I will promise you that I will have your back for the rest of this competition. You're guaranteed a spot in the final ten, but you will need the help of Caquetios to advance further. I will never vote you off from this point on. Ever. You have my word on that. And I also don't want to go home

right now. Girl, I didn't throw the challenge. I had a serious job interview and I wasn't around camp to discuss the boot. Please give me a fighting chance. Courtney and Misty, if you have any issues with me that you want to resolve, we can work on them. But, I'm depending on you, Misty, for me to stay in this game. Please, it would mean a lot.

Jeff Probst - Alright misty, you've heard both arguments... now it's time to make your decision. Please cast the deciding vote here.

Cirie - I don't know what Judd is talking about with the ambiguity of the last vote. Misty and Courtney, can we please talk about this before you cast your vote?

Gary - Why? people feel how they feel for a reason

Cirie - Well, I'm truly lost, Gary. And if I'm going to be voted off based on an assumption that isn't true, I want to be able to present my point of view. Is that fair?

Judd - I have no idea what Judd's talking about either. We all explained to Misty what happened and she's mature enough to understand without you influencing her, Judd.

Gary - I think fairness only comes up in this game when it's convenient for people's arguments. Sorry

Courtney - I changed my mind at the last minute. I was going to tell you but the PMs got locked down to quickly. Everyone told me to vote that way and I went along with it 😞 Sound familiar?

Cirie - Yes, it does Courtney. But, in my case, I was told that the voting bloc had the numbers. On your end, you forced a tie and could get me eliminated. I was with you, Courtney. And I was with Caquetios. There's something ironic about this situation that you'll see in the fanfic, I'm sure.

Cirie - Misty... C'mon girl, talk to me!

Gary - Just let the girl make a decision, and stop playing the emotion card

Judd - And if you go with me and Gary, you've got a tighter alliance that will actually include you because we'll owe you big time. We never voted you out; Caquetios did, Cirie included. We will take you further than the massive Caquetios group will, because we're not a mass of alliances that you have to watch out for, we're just a group that will go to the end with you if you decide to go with us. I obviously am not going to betray you either if you save me right here - no way in hell would I be able to bring myself to do that. Also, Cirie's acting like she got no fair chance, and it wasn't her decision to throw the challenge. Except she *was* involved in that decision. She told me as much. And she's had a chance at the majority, and she blew it by making too many deals with too many people, including alienating Courtney and voting you out. That's all.

Gary - funny what happens when you get a little too powerful, and then you get called on it.

Cirie - Misty, Gary and Judd will say anything out of desperation. But, you were not in the outs. I think Terry and Melinda would be fine making a final five alliance right now.

Terry - Courtney, we went along with the majority last time! Shane and Danielle were controlling the votes! They were calling the shots big time and I thought you knew that.

Judd - It's easy to "be with Caquetios" and go to the Final 10 with that. But that's not an alliance. That's just, "Let's get rid of the other tribe!" And nobody ever included Courtney in anything. Now she has a chance to be included, and now she's in a group that needs her and wants her with them. Same with Misty, and you can say that she knows why she was booted, but there's no way it was a straight-up decision with the split vote and the lies that were told. If you were a harmonious tribe, the Misty boot would have been similar to our Brandon boot, where he knew he was going because he cost us a challenge, and he was okay with that, and everyone agreed with the idea. No betrayal, no alliances being worked. That's a true harmony.

Cirie - Simple as that. A final five alliance and I will never, ever vote you out. Period.

Gary - I think Judd and I would be fine making a final 3, right now. but that's hardly the point. YOU voted her out, some of you even called her names during the vote...and now you're kissing her ass cause you have to.

Judd - A little too late for that, eh? She has the same deal if she goes with us, except we never betrayed her already, and we will actually be indebted to her.

Courtney - You are the voting bloc...You perfectly called the Bobby vote and then you voted against it. You were the 1st one who told me that. Then you were totally in on the last vote...You are controlling things obviously...Then you act dumb like you do not know what is going on. Maybe you were with me but you are probably with everybody anyways...

Cirie - It's true. We didn't make any big deals or pacts, because we didn't need to go to tribal council until recently. But, we weren't trying to deliberately alienate either Courtney or Misty. But, I'll make the deal right now.

Terry - Courtney, Cirie and Melinda have just said good things about you. We were thrilled we could get back from the Misty drama and actually work with you. We were under Shane and Danielle's bad influence. They were calling the shots all along. Danielle decided for Bobby. She decided for Misty. We're under them! Now we need you both, Misty and Courtney, to truly dominate again!

Gary - So very easy to blame people who are not here

Gary - Hey! Courtney, wanna grab a coffee after TC?

Cirie - Judd and Gary, we both know that if Misty comes with you, she's an outsider looking in. If she comes with me, I will be indebted to her.

Terry - But it's true Gary! Trust me! If they were here I'd call them out anyway! You know how honest I am.

Cirie - Gary, it's the truth. I don't know what to say... I'm not lying. I've played a fairly honest and decent game. And I'm willing to propose a deal right now that would favor both Courtney and Misty.

Gary - based on what? we're fighting for our lives and need help, you people have a whole bunch of votes waiting for you on the other side...you don't need Misty and Courtney at all, as usual, you're just talking shit

Cirie - Misty and Courtney. What do you two want? Just tell me...It's up to you two or I'm out. I'm willing to make any deal and I'm sure Melinda and Terry will support the deal.

Gary - But how would Danielle and Shane feel about that come merge time, seeing as how you can't say no to their awesomeness

Judd - "We had no control over our actions! Shane and Danielle are the devil! They made us do it! We won't listen to them again, we promise!" That's a poor attempt at bullshitting, right there. I'm not sure how so. She'll be F4 with Courtney and us. Hell, if she wants to bring someone else in for F5, that works too. We're down with whatever. She gets to call the shots, and we'll be happy with that, because it's a new life for us. You guys already proved she was on the outside of Caquetios by voting her out. This is her chance to take control of the game, determine the end game, and give the underdogs a shot.

Melinda - This is why I really didn't want to throw the challenge

Terry - YOU are the ones who don't need Courtney and Misty! You guys will just get back with your little Arawak people and vote them out 6th and 7th. It's obvious. Misty and Courtney, I can't believe you believed their crap. Meli Cirie and I were all honest with you about the vote.

Cirie - Gary, you need Misty's vote to maintain your numbers at the merge. It's simple as that and you're just using Courtney and Misty. I will vote out Shane and Danielle before these two. I will truly owe them. And I will never ever vote them out. I promise!

Judd - Very good point. We *need* Courtney and Misty. They're our only hope. They save us, that's it, there's the end game alliance, no trickery, no nothing. You guys don't need them for anything besides this vote. If I go tonight, they're no longer of any use to you. You cast them aside, you

team back up with the people that you say have so much sway over you, and you make your own end game. I think it's clearly who Misty would rather team up with, if she wants any control.

Misty - If there's one thing I don't agree on is throwing challenges. There is no such thing as complete safety in this game and making sure we don't go to tribal is the surest way to ensure personal safety. And I don't know why anyone would feel secure enough to do such a thing.

I talked with everyone about the challenge and Judd said he was all out to win it. Cirie, I asked you last night and you said you were still going to follow along with the gameplan of throwing it.

We've had a lot of good conversations, Cirie, and I think I understand where you stand on things. If anything, I've always been straight on things and if that's being regarded as a threat, so be it. I honestly like everyone here and I'm doing this to make sure we move forward as a tribe.

Cirie, my vote is for you.

Cirie - Ok, I respect your decision. It has been a fun ride, guys. Best of luck and I'll see you later.

Judd - Misty, I think I'm in love. Seriously, thank you so much. I will be in your debt for the rest of the game, and I couldn't thank you any more. You're Judd's new hero. <3 <3 <3 Cirie, sorry, girl. That was brutal, but we both knew what was on the line, and we fought it to the end. Sorry this is how it has to play out, but the game has shifted, so you can appreciate that aspect of it. 😊
What a crazy, crazy Tribal Council.

Terry - Misty and Courtney, good luck trying to replace Morgan in Judd's heart.

Misty - I don't think anyone in this game will be throwing any more challenges now. And considering that there's still several more challenges and tribals before we hit a merge, I suggest everyone revise whatever gameplans they might have.

Terry - What's funny is that Cindy, a cheater, decided for Misty to come back in the game as an outcast. And then, Misty makes the final decision in a very important tie. So basically, Cindy cheating voted Cirie out. Yawn.

Gary - Good Game Cirie!

Jeff Probst - Cirie, The tribe, and Misty, have spoken.

Cirie - Aw, Misty m'dear. I still outlasted you. And Lillian never had a chance in the final two with Sandra...

Cirie - FINAL WORDS - Oh my fricken' stars and garters! I will own up to the fact that I didn't see this elimination coming. I probably would have had a stronger sense of my departure, if I was around camp today. Unfortunately, real life concerns distracted me and I wasn't able to keep my eye on the ball. I'm kind of disappointed how this whole thing went down. The ironic thing is that I was the one who played devil's advocate and argued against throwing the challenges. I was the one that felt Gary and Judd should be in the challenge and given a fighting chance. And I was the person that was protecting Courtney this whole time... It's almost worth a chuckle looking back at.