

STRANDED IN BOLIVIA

EPISODE 112 - "So Close... Yet So Far Away"



19 days ago 16 strangers relatively new to the world of online gaming were taken out of their comfort one, forced to take on a new identity and interact with a diverse cross section of personalities. They soon found themselves Stranded in Bolivia. They were split into 2 tribes, Aymara wearing red and Quechua wearing brown. They were unaware that they would soon be immersed in intense strategy and high drama for the next 22 days.

On Aymara, Kel wasted no time in establishing himself to be a social threat as he immediately introduced himself to everyone on the tribe and soon gained their trust. Colby did himself no favors by trusting in Kel when he revealed that he detested all of the Aymara women. Kel, ever the opportunist, revealed to the women Colby's intentions. On Quechua, Joel and Rudy aligned within their first conversation. However, the boys weren't the only ones aligning. Gretchen decided it was time for all of the Quechua women to team up and Kelly swiftly took her up on the offer. After losing their first

Immunity Challenge, Aymara said goodbye to the barely active Michael. At the second Immunity Challenge, Gretchen was chosen as the tribal representative and put herself in the hot seat as she singlehandedly lost the challenge for her tribe. Fortunately the inactive Gervase was the wiser decision and he became the 2nd boot.

What followed were a series of intensely competitive and dramatic challenges which pitted the hosts vs. the contestants. Tempers flared and personalities shined as other players viewed the more controversial players as grating. Susan, one of the more primary figures in the challenge controversies, became the voice of unreason as she continually expressed her opinions. This brought her closer to the fellow hot-heads on Quechua: Gretchen and Greg. Aymara went on a losing streak which forced them to boot the inactive Rodger, the hot-headed Colby, and the sweetheart Elisabeth. With only 4 tribe mates remaining on Aymara (Kel, Jerri, Amber, and Alicia) it was imperative they won the next Immunity Challenge.

The 3 girls and Kel went on to win the Immunity Challenge making the game 4 vs. 6 heading into the merger. Gretchen and Greg solidified their alliance as they voted off Sonja. The next day, both tribes merged into the new Caquetios tribe. However, with the new tribe came a new set of conflicts as the hosts and the players were getting fed up with the constant bickering. As the Aymara's were outnumbered and on the fence, Kel quickly made a plea for his own life as he sold out his former 3 female tribe mates to join up with Gretchen. A romance blossomed between the sweet Amber and the controlling Joel. A power struggle emerged when both Gretchen and Joel disagreed on the first boot from Aymara. Joel wanted Alicia gone, but Gretchen saw his close bond with Amber and wanted to sever their ties. Ultimately Gretchen won the battle, but her victory was short-lived.

Upset by Gretchen's unwavering decision making for Quechua as a whole, Kelly decided that it was time for a mutiny. Kelly, Joel, Rudy, Alicia, Kel, and Jerri all voted Gretchen and she became the 1st member of the jury. Alicia joined her soon there-after. At final 7, Greg was frustrated thinking that Joel had turned on him and decided that he would quit the game, bumping Amber up into a Jury seat. Knowing that Kelly and Joel had a close bond, Rudy felt betrayed by Joel and worked with Kel and Jerri to boot Kelly. In the final 5, Rudy became a swing vote having to choose between his old allies in Joel and Susan or his new allies in Kel and Jerri. Ultimately he chose to stick with his old allies and Jerri became the 5th member of the jury.

Now only four remain: Rudy, the underdog, who missed out on half the season and came back with guns blazing. Have his efforts paid off? Joel, the control freak, who has micromanaged each player and carefully organized the demise of many. Although he has recently spun out of his power position, is there enough time to regain control? Kel, the opportunist, has betrayed many allies in order to better his own position. Were all of his maneuvers made in vain or were they necessary evils? And Susan, the hot-head, has been able to remain under the radar despite her volatile temper. Has she made an impressive enough showing to win? All four have been through an emotionally and physically difficult journey full of high highs and low lows. Whose struggles will be rewarded? Find out tonight as they compete to stay in the game and one will outlast all the rest to become the last person Stranded in Bolivia.

Chiquitano, Night 19

Knowing he is on the outs, Kel is disappointed with his future.

Kel - you guys are sucky, but it was the best game move for each of you. congrats.

Joel - Thanks. So who do you think you're going to vote for next? If you had to guess, who do you think has the best-worst chances against the jury at F2?

Kel - honestly, i don't know who i will vote for. a lot depends on immunity as well. i'd assume that the best strategy for you personally would be to vote me off.

Kel is not as disheartened as he portrayed to Joel.

Kel - so i've been thinking about it, and i think i understand why you PMed me saying you were interested in a final 2 with me: because of your long stretch away from the game, folks are gonna view the other player more favorably. susan-rudy, Rudy has all amyra, probably Joel and Kelly - you only have Gretchen. susan-joel - same deal? Susan me: with rudy and joel on the jury, the jury #s switch back in favor of Quecha, and you have the potential of winning. unfortunately, the other 2 have NO reason at all to vote for me, as their chances are much LESS against me than you. and i have no idea what it'll be like as a tiebreaker. so i'm in your hands i guess. feel free to just tell me who you want me to vote for.

Susan - vote for whoever you want Kel. I'm fine sitting next to Joel OR Rudy at the end. I'm a goat remember

Kel - okay. so to be clear, there's no way you'll vote against one of them now in order to try to get 2 Q's in the jury for you and make it more interesting?

Susan - I didn't say that.... but you've already betrayed what I said once before so I'm not going to give you more to use against me and then i'll be voted out by you three. I'm not as dumb as you think I am.

Kel - Feeling rather relieved, Susan and Rudy celebrate successfully voting off Jerri.

Susan - thanks for sticking with our agreement! now one of us has to win immunity next time so we can get Kel out...

Rudy - YES!

Susan - that was totally awesome eh?! it's kind of great that two of the least active players are in the final 4 and are seemingly in control of the game LOL.. as long as you and I stick together we're golden! you promise to never vote me out and I'll promise to never vote you out!

Rudy - I PROMISE!!!! There's no other way for us to win, especially up against Kel. Joel might have gained an enemy in Gretchan, but that's all. one vote. And she'd probably still vote against me! lol I still think you're gonna beat me in the F2. I'm not good with jury speeches. lol I'd rather lose to an inactive player than anyone else!!!! How long have you been inactive? I just started playing when the merge started.

Susan - I was completely active right up to the merge actually and then the link I had broke or something cuz it said the forum was no longer available so I assumed the game had been cancelled because of all the fighting that was going on during and after each challenge. Then I got a PM advising I'd made the merge and I was like WTF? and that's when I rejoined the game and have been here every challenge since except the one when storms in my area prevented it. Kel seems to be of the opinion that you've got everyone from Amarya in your pocket and Joel too, that I'm odd person out unless i take him to F2. I think he's a fucking manipulator who needs to go tonight! IF he wins immunity tonight OR Joel wins and gives it to him we vote together no matter what and then we're good to go. We just have to stick together to the end and we can make F2 and let the chips fall where they may.

Joel and Susan discuss the end-game.

Joel - So what your plans for F3, assuming all 3 Quechua get there? Who would you take to F2 and why?

Susan - Honestly I'm not sure what will happen F3, clearly you have the best odds at winning the immunity challenge at F3 and then it'll be your decision who you want to sit next to at F2. I feel I owe you a huge debt having kept me safe while I was inactive for that week when I thought the game had been called due to bitchyness from Gretchen and Greg LOL. I also owe you for sticking to voting Jerri out last night when you could have as easily voted me out. I feel you've been honest and up front from the beginning and I appreciate it. Kel has

told me I'm fucked either way with you or Rudy and that I can't win against either of you and that my only shot is taking him to F2. I'm not 100% convinced he's right though.

Joel - I'm not gonna say I've been completely honest and up front, because no one in this game has. But I have been pretty dang honest to you. I already knew about your F2 alliance with Rudy, but I kept you around anyways, because what I said to you was true. I had a secret F2 alliance with Rudy from Day 1. It's still a F2 alliance, but it doesn't matter if it's "secret" anymore

Susan - Ok so perhaps if we get to the f3 you and I should let rudy win the final HOH and see who he picks to take to the finale since he has a f2 deal with both of us. LOL...that would be pretty fucking hysterical IMO... Kel is out tonight regardless as far as I'm concerned. He

called me a goat and that's an ugly animal...he could've at least picked something cute

Joel - lol seriously. I don't think anyone thought the final 4 would've been this group haha

Susan - not at all! Kel isn't going to be here tonight obviously cuz he knows he's gone, which IMO is a pussy way out.. he could win immunity and save himself if he really wanted to play the game. I do think we should do the rudy thing... seriously.

Joel - Let's talk after this challenge, and see how this goes.

Challenge Beach, Day 20

Jeff Probst - Come on in guys. We'll start the challenge as soon as everyone here arrives

Susan - I'm here

Joel - Present. Wassup Susie. Hopefully we get the usual default win and reward lol!

Susan - yeah but I'm betting you won't be giving away immunity again tonight...that last "reward" was a real ball buster

Joel - Fo sho. I got gang raped on that one

Jeff Probst - Okay don't think RUDy's turning up. We'll start. This is a pretty straight forward challenge. I'll ask a set of 20 questions to you guys with regards to the previous players in this game. Yes, this is a Fallen Comrades challenge. I will ask you a question, and you will have a maximum of 2 minutes to answer the question. First person to post the correct answer wins a point. Only ONE answer(s) per question (no multiple guesses). The person with the most correct answers win immunity. Any questions?

Susan - nope seems simple enough.. at least I don't have to know directions 😊

Jeff Probst - Okay here goes.

1. Who said this: "whinewhinewhinebitchbitchbitch... Geezus!"

Joel - Jerri

Susan - amber

Jeff Probst - The correct answer is Jerri Joel -1 Susan - 0

2. Who was referred to as 'the Invisible' in high school?

Joel - Gervase? I have no idea

Susan - Rudy

Jeff Probst - 🤔 Gervase is the correct answer Joel -2 Susan -0

3. Who said in their confessional: "I really wouldn't be surprised if at a merge, I was targeted."?

Susan - gretch

Joel - Amber

Jeff Probst - Amber is correct Joel - 3 Susan - 0

4. Which players designated the SINS to their respective tribe members?

Susan - am and gretch

Joel - Gretchen and Alicia

Jeff Probst - The correct answer is Elisabeth and Gretchen Joel -3 Susan - 0

5. Who said this : "I'm so nervous I'm sweating through every pore in my face!"

Joel - Sue

Susan - Gretchen

Jeff Probst - The correct answer is Greg Joel -3 Susan -0

6. Who said this in their Confessional: "I'm ready to kill Alicia"

Joel - Colby

Susan - Greg

Jeff Probst - Colby is correct Joel -4 Susan -0

7. Who claims to hate Scout but loves her outside the game?

Joel - Rodger

Susan - who the fuck is scout?

Jeff Probst - Scout Cloud Lee - that aging cunt from the show 😊FYI the correct answer is

Souna

Joel -4 Susan -0

8. Which player was designated with the number 10 in the Numbers challenge?

Rudy - crap, I'm so late. Lol

Susan - rudy

Joel - greg

After another 7 rounds, Susan has finally scored 1 point, but so has Joel making the total 5 points for Joel and 1 point for Susan.

Jeff Probst - 15. Which player said this: "Sex really does work in getting respect! Mom was wrong!"

Joel - Gretchen

Susan - Alicia

Jeff Probst - Alicia is correct Joel -5 Susan -2

16. Which player said this: "we roll with the flow Jeff"

Susan - Amber

Joel - Greg

Jeff Probst - Greg is the correct answer Joel -6 Susan -2

Susan needs to get the remaining questions correct for a tie.

17. Who was the first person voted out of this game?

Joel - Michael

Susan - Gervase

Jeff Probst - Michael is the correct answer! Joel -7 Susan -2

Congrats on winning individual immunity, Joel! Well played, Susan.

Joel - This challenge was very random and very hard

Jeff Probst - Joel you need to decide right now if you're keeping immunity or reward? If you're keeping immunity, you need to give reward to someone else.

Joel - Okay, for once, I'm keeping immunity. I'll give the reward to Kel

Susan - 🤔you'll give reward to someone who didn't even show up to the challenge? ummm okay



Jeff Probst - Okay. Joel you are safe from the votes tomorrow. Congrats on being one of the final three. I will post Kel's reward in his confessional. Tribal Council will be held tomorrow

tentatively at 8 or 9pm. Need to double confirm with Mark. Will update the Tree Mail later.
Well done guys!

Chiquitano, Day 20

Jeff Probst reveals Kel's reward to him in private.

Jeff Probst - Joel won immunity and gave you reward. And the reward is.. an open jury discussion. You can discuss whatever with them.. pick their brains, create paranoia among remaining players etc. Enjoy this reward. You can totally use it to your advantage. (the jury discussion will be held at the Jury Chat forum)

Jury Chat, Night 20

The jury chat has opened and Kel is now able to talk with the 5 jury members he had a hand in voting out.

Jeff Probst - You now have an opportunity to have an open chat/discussion with the jury.

Anything and everything can be discussed here. Since you're not around tonight, I will leave this forum open, until tomorrow (I'll specify a time before I close this forum).

Gretchen - If the remaining players are smart, Kel, they will use you to vote out one more Quecha and guarantee themselves F2 by banding together and get rid of you at F3, unless you win immunity. That's what I would have done. Frankly, if you don't make it to F2, there will be no one for me to root for. Yeah, I realize you've made it a habit of forwarding on PMs to other people to show your loyalty but you know what? I still like the way you're playing the game. At least I knew you were doing it since you'd sent some of Joel's to me. Go Kel!

Kelly - Kel, your best bet would be to band with Rudy and Susan and vote Joel off, simply because he is the biggest threat in terms of Jury likeability (to their knowledge of course) and in as a challenge threat. You gotta step it up and work them both. tell em it's not about trust anymore and that Joel is too much of an all-around threat to let into the final 3. Plus tell them the jury hates you. if you need reference, use this quote and forward this to them. "Fuck you Kel and your dumbass flip-flop strategy, I promise you you won't get a single fucking vote from the jury" if you do this, bam you're an automatic goat. and if you need more, here:

"I really hope Susan makes the final 2, She is the only one no one hates right now since she's been pretty loyal to everyone so far"

that makes Sue an automatic threat. I don't really wanna write about either Joel or Rudy.

Kel - actually, i like Joel, which i know you don't Gretchen. i think he'll probably have pretty articulate reasons for why he voted you out 😊his jury PM to you guys is amusing to me - he's quite the Mr. United Nations. he got really paranoid when Jerri and I started calling him Mr. Diplomat during the IC he THREW where you were supposed to guess who other tribe members voted about characteristics . . . but he IS a fricken diplomat!! (like, he guessed that people said the Most Obnoxious Player was himself!!) anyhow, so yeah, like Jeff said, cuz Joel has immunity, my only options are working to get Rudy out i think. right? i can't see any logical reason why Joel would vote out Susan. thanks for everyone's help!! oh one more thing - does anyone know what happens as a tiebreaker in one of these games?

Kel - oh, and yes we could see him at Exile Island. I still suspect that there was some "twist" where exile was actually more beneficial than it appeared . . .

Jerri - Kel! Congrats on having made it this far! I still think it's hilarious how we have an Amyrawhateverthefuck in the game. You're pretty much fucked. I'd go after Susan, and use the excuse that she has been UTR and she hasn't had any bitter sort of experiences with the jury -- so why should she be in the F2 and possibly win the game? Good luck. And keep

sending me PM's, especially if someone happens to meltdown!! (I miss the paranoid PM's, *sniff sniff*).

Kelly - Jerri's right, Susan is the most logical boot. Talk over it with Joel, since he thinks that Susan is Rudy's goat to the end, it would be very beneficial to the both of you to get rid of her.

Kel - well guys, thanks for your advice. it's been fun, but i'm basically giving up. just hope im seen as the smart, funny mastermind who gets booted at 3 or 4. i always like those characters. until they go and try to extend their 15 minutes by rambling on pathetic internet fan radio shows. my latest good deed for society is to information dump on Joel to try to get him into final 2. gretchen . . . i don't think he's as bad as you think he is . . . i think he just got paranoid, probably because of me. actually, Greg may also have gone over the edge based on a few things i may or may not have implied. . . . by accident though, of course! if i had known that he was that on the brink of suicide, i would have tread a lot more carefully. actually, that may have been the moment to kill MY game, since having him on the jury would have made Joel/Rudy/Susan less positive of the all-Amyra votes for me. okay i'm rambling now. see you guys in sequester tonight. . . .

Kelly - damnit don't give up! work your Kel mojo over them. It's never too late! talk to them about how smart it is to get rid of Susan.

Amber - Don't give up hope, Kel! You never know what can happen. Honest.

Gretchen - Don't give up Kel!! And IMO, rather than go after Sue, why not go after Rudy? Joel has already admitted that his original F2 was with Rudy so your best bet would be to take out his F2 partner or at least force a tie. Didn't we post that in here somewhere? With Rudy gone, if Joel were to win the final immunity, he'd more likely take you since you're Aymara than take Sue who hasn't really been playing the game if he were to win final immunity. He'd be the type to think that he'd get most of Quecha's vote. I don't know why you're so concerned with showing Joel loyalty, since he clearly doesn't have any to anyone except himself. So, Joel's gameplan is that it's not ok for anyone else to dare strategize or think about the game, but it's ok for him to whatever he wants? Don't get sucked in by it Kel. He'll toss you aside the second he doesn't need you anymore. STAY IN THE GAME!! GO KEL!!

Kelly - yeah Kel! damnit you have a stable of cheerleaders here begging you to go on

Chiquitano, Night 20

Just as there are a loyal gang of supporters cheering him on from beyond the grave, back at Chiquitano Kel is not as popular. Paranoia ensues.

Joel - Kel is starting to suggest booting you, since you have the 2nd best chance of winning after him. I don't think it'll happen, but this game might have F3 as the final group instead of a F2

Rudy - WHAT?! lol I have the third best chance of winning. If anyone goes to the F2/3 with Kel, HE wins! He's so delusional if he thinks that he's not a jury threat.

Joel - Apparently, Sue sort of believes he is the only 1 she can win against, because he convinced her that! She just suggested booting you off before the challenge. In any case, I gave Kel the reward as incentive for everyone to remove him from the game, so he can't use that reward

Rudy - BAD MOVE! Giving him the reward was horrible. lol I know it has to be something good. So far all the rewards have been really powerful except for yours. Sue said she wanted me gone? that sounds unbelievable. Kel's just trying to save himself. I'm voting for him tonight.

Joel - I think TC is tomorrow. I'm definitely voting Kel out. I think Sue is just trying to make sure she's not the target. I think the reward being possibly powerful is a good reason for everyone to stick with the plan and boot Kel

Rudy - Seriously, I think the reward is gonna enable Kel to take Sue or me out...

Joel - Dude, don't panic. I don't think it will be THAT good, especially at this stage. I mean, if we just stick with the plan, we should all be fine

Rudy - ok fine! I'll just hope for the best! Haha

Joel's decision to give Kel the reward is viewed as risky by Rudy and Susan.

Joel - Okay, I gave the reward to Kel. So let's make sure we all boot him off, so he can't use it!

Susan - what is the reward usually? a benefit in the next challenge?

Joel - It changes each time. Sometimes you get raped like I did, and sometimes you get a double vote or something. I gave the reward to him, so we all are on board to make sure he goes. If I gave it to you, people might fear you'd have some advantage for the next and last challenge

Susan - ok cool. I didn't care about getting it just made me leery cuz you gave him immunity once before and then gave him reward when he pussy edited his way out of the challenge tonight and has thrown several challenges in the past. I might suck but at least I show up to try. LOL.. I'm voting tonight for him just in case I can't show up tomorrow...being Sunday it's hard for me to make it online sometimes.

Joel - Yeah. In this case, I think I'm doing you a favor by NOT giving you the reward. Especially if it turn into another Exile Island 😊. I think we're all voting for Kel

Susan - rudy just confirmed he's voting for Kel...I'm voting for Kel and if you vote for Kel if he gets a double vote it won't matter anyway..... I love how we made it all the way to F3!! how awesome is that? I'm only sad that Greg quit cuz it could've been the 3 of us.... 😞

Joel - In any case, yes, thrilled to be in the F3 (if something wacky doesn't happen) with Quechua! I definitely feel bad about Greg. I never thought he'd quit, and from what he's said, it seems like he was going to be a true ally to me, so it's just really sad that the game got to him the way it did

Chiquitano, Day 21

Kel returns from his excursion with the jury and shows Joel the message that Gretchen posted that he sent to her.

Joel - CONFESSIONAL - Wow, things are SO much nicer with immunity. I'm usually stressed and plotting about ways to save my ass right now. Instead, I'm having fun teasing the other 3 players and watching them scramble like they should be. This whole game, these 3 have floated and rode coattails the whole game. It's time they start negotiating for their survival like all the other actives have done at this point

Joel - That is true. I just sent that PM to all the jury members today. As I told you before, I prefer not to talk to the jury until I'm actually there myself or I'm done with the outlasting portion of the game. Per your request, I'd have informed you of everything though in real-time, but fortunately you are not out of the game yet! Rudy did mention he's been building relationships with the jury members in that last TC though, so I did want to let the jury know that I haven't been ignoring them. You actually get to go where the jury members are?! I want to see what their forum looks like. In terms of your suggestions, I'm thinking about them for sure. Everything is an important decision at this point in the game

Kel - i'm not allowed in the jury forum, they've created a special "jury chat" dedicated to me asking them questions.

Joel - Yeah, I'm coo. Hey, I'd like to know what people told you prior to yesterday's immunity challenge about who should be going and that sort of thing. What were Rudy and Sue telling you? just so you know, i wasn't trying to accuse you or criticize you for working the Jury, i was just letting you know that i knew you did that! i work them too, just in a different way. . . mostly by forwarding PMs. . . you know i love that. . .

Kel - rudy and sue are not working with me, not speaking to me at all. it's all pointing to voting me out, and they won't (especially Sue) look at the logic behind even possibly considering keeping me. sue is being particularly rude about it? i don't really get her. i feel like it's totally in her best interest to keep me because it's her best chance at getting more Quecha votes by putting more Quecha's on the jury. she can only see that i have "guaranteed" votes in Amyra.

she doesn't see that both you and Rudy also have the same # of "guaranteed" votes and that she's going to lose regardless.

Kel and Susan get personal.

Kel - look susan, i'm NOT trying to trap you into something and get you in trouble for saying anything. i didn't feel like forwarding the PM you sent me saying that you were interested in taking me to the final 2 was a "betrayal" - i was trying to preserve Joel's trust in me, and i had no relationship with you to betray. i also don't think you're stupid. which is why i feel like it makes sense for you to at least consider voting for Rudy this round (who is who i will be voting for). there is NO WAY IN HELL that joel and rudy will vote you out over me, so i wouldn't be able to use a PM from you to turn them around. hell, why would i be trying to trap you into saying that when i could just lie and write a PM that looked like that was what you were saying!?? really, i'm just trying to see where i stand, if i have any hope at all. you're basically my only hope of staying, and if i look at things logically from your perspective, it appears to be in your best interest to keep me over Rudy, again, that's just my view of things, and i respect if you make a different decision. btw, if it helps your decision, i will also not be able to attend the next IC challenge, unless TC goes really long and the IC is after 9:30 eastern . . . so if you booted Rudy, it'd be just you against Joel competing for immunity.

Susan - I guess if you wanted to stay in the game you should've played for immunity last night. I'd venture to guess that the three of you are working eachother trying to see who can sway who. I will tell you upfront I'm voting for you to leave because I can't beat you at F2, plain and simple. You've got Alicia, Amber, Jerri and probably Kelly's votes already. The only vote I feel secure in is Gretchen's and that's by default cuz I wasn't here when she was ousted by our tribe. if you go tonight I will say this, I'm sorry it turned out that way for you but I'm not sorry to see you go because that brings me one step closer to the final.

Kel - ouch. look, you yourself brought up RL issues in the public forum. i can't help it if i have RL events that keep me from being online. i don't talk to Rudy. seriously. i had basically given up mentally on the game myself, but you were the one who PMed me a few days ago saying that i was not your target and that you were interested in taking me to the final 2. what i'm trying to tell you is that i believe you have a better chance against me than you think you do.

Susan - LMAO sorry but don't you remember the shit you say and do? You PMd me twice, once asking who I talk to more Rudy or Joel and then you PMd me saying Rudy had said I was thinking of voting out Jerri and asking my thoughts on that. I answered and then to keep you from getting nervous followed up with another email saying you weren't my target if jerri went home, ie vote with me and we can go from there. However you and jerri tried to rally Joel to vote me out (he showed me the PMs) and it backfired on you and whatever I might've been thinking prior to that vote went by way of the wind. What RL issues did I bring up? I said I thought the game had cancelled that's why I went inactive, nothing in RL kept me from playing other than twice when it was storming so bad here I could use my computer. I haven't punked out on immunity challenges even though I knew I had little or no shot of winning. I'm not trying to get personal with you and I think you played a great game and who knows, if Joel hadn't won immunity things might be different but I'm not voting out Rudy knowing I have at least a 50/50 shot of making final 2 with him whereas between you and Joel I have ZERO shot at all.

Susan - CONFESSIONAL - the people in this game are fucking liars! I mean I knew there would be lying and manipulating but how easy it seems to be for them just blows my mind. it's like breathing to them. I know this is a game and I know it doesn't matter but seriously if you're willing to compromise yourself that much over a game what are you willing to do when the stakes are really high? makes you wonder or it should.

Even though they claim to be solid in their final 3 pact, cracks in the alliance arise as Joel and Susan discuss their loyalties.

Joel - I don't think Kel would get a double vote again. I've wanted to vote Kel out from the start. Although I heard some of us *ahem* (Sue), have wanted differently.

Susan - what does that mean? I said when I wanted to vote out Kelly that it should be Kelly, Jerri then Kel with you me and Rudy F3. I told Kel that he wasn't my target after Rudy told him that I wanted Jerri out so he wouldn't target me, which he did anyway. He asked me who I talked to more you or Rudy and it snowballed from there, before that I never spoke to him. anyway, you're safe so the only weird thing that could happen is you voting again me or Rudy and it being a tie if you side with Kel. I trust you but I'm not stupid I know that I'm a bigger threat at F2 than Rudy because Gretchen is on my side and I didn't stab anyone in the back like you did. I'll see what happens tomorrow...

Joel - it sounded like you were trying to get me booted off if I lost today's challenge? Unless this information is false. In any case, I clearly haven't held it against you, and I do plan on voting for Kel, so you should know I've been completely honest when I've said that we can basically only win against one another at the end. I think you should seriously consider taking me to F2 if you win the IC3 challenge. If the jury votes emotionally, you'll win; if they vote based on activity, I'll win. Rudy will likely win against both of us. Kel would definitely win against any 3 of us

Susan - well this game is full of bullshitters and liars but I'm not one of them. It seems you, Rudy and Kel are all liars and manipulators who think I'm just some dumbass girl who doesn't know what she's doing. Here is what I said to Rudy. IF that is me saying I want to vote you out then okay but I'm pretty clear on wanting to vote Kel OUT. this is what Rudy said to me. Now I won't lie to you and say that for a split second I didn't think hmmm I could get Joel out and have a much better chance at the final immunity challenge since Kel never shows up and Rudy sucks as much as I do but in the end my word is all I have and that's what I've stuck with. I told you when you wanted Jerri out that I was going to rally everyone to get Kelly first and that I would make sure Jerri didn't get you and that she would go next and then Kel. that is exactly what I've done. period.end.of.story. I seem to recall saying to you that we should both throw the final immunity challenge to Rudy to test who HE wants to take to the f2 because he's the one who has said he wants to go with BOTH of us. I don't think I've ever said you and I F2 for sure and I don't recall you ever saying that to me either. Rudy is playing both sides against the middle and that's fine, it's part of the game but he should be put in the position of having to man up and make a decision instead of fucking floating through this game the entire time and just being a blob who never really does anything.

Joel - Because you haven't lied and manipulated, you are a threat at the end. You seem to have had lots of jury support at the last TC. I think our best chances are with one another at the end, but I don't necessarily think I'd win against you. You are probably well liked, since you haven't betrayed anyone. We haven't made any agreement with one another. I'm willing to be F2 with you, but you have not extended any such invitation to me, so I'm presuming that means if I keep you this round, it will be 2 people against me at F3, and I will be at a disadvantage. If I take Kel with me, at least I know Rudy will take me over Kel to the end, because otherwise he'd lose. Knowing that Rudy is like that, you've still decided to align with him and take him to F2? Interesting. Perhaps you feel your chances of going to the end are better with him? Or maybe you just feel loyal to Rudy or hate me? From the start, I've been pretty honest with you, and yet you've doubted me the whole way. You do realize that Rudy and I planned together to bring you into our partnership right? It was agreed he'd play the "We're Quechua outsiders" angle to get in with you, while he badmouthed me a bit to make it look like we were playing separate games. I realized for sure where your loyalty was at the Kelly vs. Jerri boot. As you said, you've kept your word. However, that "word" is against my personal self-interests apparently. Without any kind of agreement going into F2, it doesn't seem like a good idea to keep you over someone like Kel who'd ensure me a 2/3 chance of going to F2 over a 1/3 chance going with you. Just trying to be honest with you

Joel - CONFESSIONAL - Sue is giving me the usual lines of crap about how she hasn't been deceitful (uh huh) and blah blah. She's basically giving me her jury speech too early,

and I'll be forming a cohesive argument to rebuttal it if both of us make F2. In any case, she's trying to get to the end with her hands clean. Fuck that. I will make her hands dirty by the end of this, so that we are all hypocrites and deceivers together. I can't simply rely on the hope that the jury is rational and will vote based on gameplay. So right now, I've made NO one feel safe. Rudy, Sue, and Kel are all paranoid (as they should be) that they are targets. So right now, they're all giving me lots of juicy information, which I will be using against them (as usual). Hopefully, I can make F2, and then all of this will definitely come out. I can be satisfied with whatever result. If I end up on the jury, I will definitely vote for either Kel or Rudy to win, and I'd be satisfied with that. Hopefully, I'm in F2 though, and I can secure the W

Susan and Rudy questions Joel's true intentions as the Quechua threesome crumbles even further.

Susan - I think Joel is trying to get me to vote you out by providing me with messages you've sent to him saying that I wanted to vote him out and that you and he have a Final 2 deal. I don't care one way or another who said what honestly. I have said I won't vote you out if you don't vote me out which is my word. This might be just a game but I'm still responsible for what I say and being a liar isn't my style. The bitch of it is, you both NEED to take me to final 2 because both can win against me but it's questionable who would win against each other. I will tell you that whoever betrays me won't have my vote in the jury and not because it's personal but because it's just principal. I won't reward a liar for their lies.

Rudy - Ok, that's interesting. Also, you shouldn't reward stupidity. sue, I'd be STUPID to vote you out, when I think you're the only person I may have a shot against. Sue, I'm not STUPID. I'm voting Kel out.

Susan - okay cool! I think Kel is voting for you cuz he approached me about voting for you so I could go head to head with Joel for the final immunity cuz he says he won't be around. I told him straight up that I was voting him out.

Rudy - ok cool! I told him too. I even told him to his face that if the decision was left up to me he would have been voted out before Jerri. haha Talk about being brutally honest.

Meanwhile Joel is telling Rudy something very different from what he told Susan.

Joel - Kel's reward was the ability to talk to the jury and get their thoughts. Apparently, the jury HATES you and me. I think that makes our F2 decisions very easy.

Rudy - HAHA We're hated. aww that's sad. And I thought Jerri and I were cool.

Joel -Well, I guess it's for the best for both of us in this case. I might have no chance in this game. I'm a bit disappointed that people have taken this so hard

Rudy - At least it'll be you and me in the end! haha We both get prize money!

Joel - Definitely. Dang, after all this, I do want money at the end sheesh

Tribal Council, Night 21

Mark Burnett - if you haven't voted yet, go ahead and do so and I'll tally the vote so we can get to our final immunity challenge. But now that we're here. I'll go make the flash, give me about 7 minutes and I'll post it. Okay? Thanks for being patient.

Mark Burnett - I'll read the votes:

<http://strandedgaming.com/episodes/boliviacouncils/tc12.html>

Mark Burnett - Okay gang, It's been a long journey, but it's time to participate in the final Immunity Challenge so take a short moment to get ready.

Chiquitano, Night 21

It's only minutes before the final Immunity Challenge and Rudy is nowhere to be seen.

Susan - do you think rudy will show up for the challenge?

Joel - I think he might be throwing it straight up

Susan - that's lame IMO. same with Kel!

Joel - Yup. Hoping something changes magically on its own probably. Kel smelled his defeat when I talked to him last

Susan - yeah I told him straight up I was voting for him to leave.

Joel - Oh yeah, that might do it.

Challenge Beach, Night 21

Mark Burnett - This is the final showdown. You final 3: Joel, Susan, Rudy, will all compete in a test of wills. After the challenge is over, the winner will immediately vote someone off and that person will become the final juror in the jury of 7. Here's how it works. Every minute you must post a number. We will start at 001 and work our way up to 999. If we get to 999, hopefully we won't, we can start over again at 001. Rules: You can only post once every minute. You HAVE to post the correct number within the correct minute. If either of those are wrong, you're out. We will keep going until everyone is out of the challenge. Pretty simple right?

The finale two of Susan and Joel are off, posting a new number every minute. Rudy does not arrive in time for the final challenge. After 30 minutes of posting, Joel approaches Susan.

Joel - You gonna throw it baby doll?

Susan - lol no but you can if you want

Joel - Do you want to call our F2 deal off?

Susan - not at all why?

Joel and Susan battle it out for another 45 minutes before Susan works up the nerve to ask Joel to throw it, and a fight quickly ensues.

Susan - you're in f2 with me cuz rudy pussied out

Joel - Throw it to me. You were thinking of booting me last time, when we already had an alliance

Susan - I 100% promise to take you... Rudy pussied out and we agreed to this today.. my word is my word I told you that.

Joel - I already told you. People's words means nothing to me. If you trust me, then you throw it

Susan - no cuz then it looks like you carried me to F2 and the jury will think I floated my way in. we had a deal and deals are what matter to you so we have a deal and my word matters to me. so you got what mattered to you in the deal and I'm giving you what matters to me which is my word. it's a win win for both of us.

Joel - The way you're going to win the jury over is not gameplay but people being pissed at me. Rudy is the one who can make the dual argument, not either of us

Susan - joel seriously what's the big deal? you've stabbed gretch in the back already I have nothing to go on that you'll really take me because you say your word means shit in this game...

Joel - If I wanted you gone, you would've been gone awhile ago

Susan - ok I'm gonna trust you but if you fuck me I'm gonna be pissed! I'm gonna throw it at 90

Joel - Fair

Joel and Susan continue posting. 84, 85, 86... etc. Slowly they approach 90, and the anticipation builds.

Susan - ok is anyone watching this fucking game? LOL

Joel - Don't even put in a number

Susan - lol that makes it obvious though...

Joel - Just say you went to the bathroom

Susan - lol I mean for fuck sake this is nuts. 😊

Susan finally throws the challenge after surpassing the 90 post mark going on until #108.

Joel - 107

Susan - 107

Joel - 108

Susan - 08

Susan - holy fuckin shit on a stick bat man! wtf!!

Joel - Okay, that's it. I'm stopping. Joel = Winner

Susan - joel I totally fucked it up and missed hitting the 1 in the 108 😞

Joel - Hosts, please save us from this Lost button-pressing fiasco

Joel - Good game Sue. I have a newfound respect for you

Susan - yeah the one challenge i had a shot in hell of winning and I go a fuck it up on something retarded! 😞

Susan - you were damn tough Joel... I think we'd have been here all night if I didn't have the stutters in my fingers.

Jeff Probst - Congratulations Joel on winning immunity. Susan.. I have nothing but respect for you too. That was a difficult challenge.

Joel - Good lord yes. I was kidding about endurance immunity challenges! I didn't think there'd actually BE one! You guys are creative. Grrr, that sucked didn't it Sue? WOOT! I made the finals!

Jeff Probst - So.. there is only one thing to do. Let's head down to Tribal Council NOW.

Tribal Council, Night 21

Jeff Probst - Welcome. Joel, Susan and Rudy: Come on in, guys. First up. Joel and Susan, I have to commend you BOTH for going through that challenge. Joel, congrats on winning immunity. Do you wish to give it up to either Rudy or Susan?

Joel - Thanks Probst. Keeping it for myself this time again

Jeff Probst - We're going to keep this simple. Susan, Rudy... you both have a chance to have your final say to Joel, before he votes one of you off. If no one is around... Joel... you may cast your vote... Here in this thread.

Joel - I'm hoping the jury is rational, and I vote Rudy out

Jeff Probst - Rudy, Joel has spoken. I'll see you in the Jury House. Congratulations on reaching the Final Two: Joel and Susan. We will convene here tomorrow for the Final Tribal Council.

Quechua, Day 22 The Final Day

Susan - FINAL 2 fucking ROCKS! thanks for keeping your word Joel! I'm so happy I aligned with you at the very beginning and that if you were gonna stay loyal to anyone it was me! I wish you luck tomorrow at final counsel! You played one hell of a game making you my one and only sexy beast!

Joel - Thanks! You too Susie. Sorry you doubted me now? Rudy is gonna HATE me 😞

Susan - I'm sorry this game makes people doubt everyone. I didn't doubt you until I learned about your f2 deal with Rudy LOL... Rudy shouldn't hate you...he should understand it's a game and that you had to do what was in your best interest. Tribal should be interesting tomorrow eh? do you think the jury is gonna be rough on us?

Joel - They will be rough on me for sure. They hate me! Kel's reward was to talk to the jury, and he showed me some transcripts of what they talk about. They hated both Rudy and myself, so I took a big risk on taking you. But my chances are low no matter who I took lol

Joel - CONFESSIONAL - I'm praying the jury isn't emotional and moralizing. It does sound like some support is building for me thanks to some key allies, but hey, I'm not counting my chickens until they hatch. I could piss someone off in the meantime or Sue might amaze us all with some rousing speech. I hope she makes people 🤔 with a lame ass integrity speech lol Honestly, while I believe in myself to win the game, and felt I had what it took to get to the end, I never necessarily felt I had this game in the bag at all. I mean, I totally lack mid-game and end-game experience, so I feel like I've been sort of fumbling my way through things. I can't believe we're at the end now. It hasn't been that long, but it feels like it's been forever! I spent a lot more energy on this game than I expected, so I was totally NOT going to throw that lost competition after all the crap I went through. I was going to go down as #2 at worst in this game lol

Susan - CONFESSIONAL - all I can say is WOW! I really fucked up by not being here right at the merge but thankfully it didn't cost me the game and here I am in Final 2! All I wanted was to make the Final 2 but now I WANT TO WIN!!! if they vote on best game play Joel will win however people seem to have taken this game WAY personal and lucky for me I didn't stab anyone in the back, not directly anyway

Final Tribal Council, Night 22

Jeff Probst - Welcome everyone to the Final Tribal Council of Stranded in Bolivia. Non-jury members will be able to view this thread. Jury members will be allowed to participate in this thread given their turns. Final Two members, be ready with your speeches.

Susan - walks in looking hot after showering and putting on a nice dress

Mark Burnett - C'mon in Joel and Susan. After 22 long days it comes down to this: our final 2. 7 players who you had a hand in voting out will now question you and make the most important decision of the game. The jury consists of: Amber, Gretchen, Alicia, Kelly, Jerri, Kel, and Rudy. They will one by one cast a vote for who should win the first Stranded.

Before all of that though, I will give you a chance to make your case to the jury. This is very important. We will not have a closing statement because jurors in online games typically vote after you have answered the questions.

Please take your time and make your opening statements to the jury now.

Joel - W00t! Present! Hi everybody

Mark Burnett - nice opening statements Joel. 🤔

Joel - Oh wait, that's not it. Should I go first?

Mark Burnett - Sure, I was only kidding. 😊

Joel - First off, I'd just like to say it's been a pleasure playing the game against all of you guys. You've been great opponents, and even when there was fighting or things were stressful, I found everything entertaining and a unique experience that I've never had before. I've hoped you all had a chance to look at my game philosophy PMs to you, and are aware of as much of the game as I could send you guys before tonight

Amber and Kelly, I thought you females were great challenge competitors. Trust me, I understand how much it sucks to be targeted as challenge threats when you guys stepped up, sacrificed yourselves, and fought for your tribes. I specifically respected your games, so I

fought against each of your boots. Gretchen, you made me laugh with your emoticons and being a downright controversial and shameless character. I wanted to align with a voting leader from early on, and I knew you were perfect for that role. Alicia, I couldn't believe how much support you'd garnered in your absence. I think it spoke volumes about your power base, and I felt I made the absolute right choice in trying to get you out of the game as soon as possible. You identified me as a "player," and couldn't allow someone with that kind of insight to stay in the game. Jerri, I wanted to take you to F3 with Rudy and myself, but given the lack of information at your disposal (like a secret F2 alliance between me and Rudy), I don't blame you for not trusting me. You displayed too much independent thinking, intelligence and challenge ability from the Gretchen boot onwards, and your unwillingness to work with me, made you my next biggest personal threat to me after Alicia was ousted. In some ways, I considered you my arch-nemesis, since we were fighting for Rudy's loyalty, and gunning after one another long-term. Kel, you were the best information broker of the game, and you were absolutely indispensable to me for that reason. You made yourself useful when others did not, and I wanted to reward you for your open-mindedness and utility with my support as well. It's strange, because we were never formal allies in the game. We both offered F4 alliances to one another at different times in the game, but both of us evaded and basically rejected those invitations. Yet, we did make it to F4 together, and as you prophesized, ended up being the last Aymara standing. Rudy, you already know how I feel about you. I cut you at F3, because you were a great gameplayer, even if you were my closest ally in the game. With you and Kel, I could do basically anything, since you were my other key information brokering ally. You supported me in both information and votes for the most part, and it was comforting to have some watch my back and share strategies with without feeling that it'd leak to the wrong individual. By far, I owe you big time for telling me to STFU back on Exile Island when I was spilling my strategies and inner thoughts to the world

In this game, I believe I was fair and just. It was not personal to me, it was business. I was an equal opportunity backstabber, liar, cheater, and manipulator. I hurt and helped everybody— allies and enemies alike. The more someone helped me, the more I tried to help them. The more somebody seemed to be threatening me and my self interest in the game, the more I allowed them to dig their own grave or actively gunned them down

In conclusion, I'd like to remind everybody, "Don't hate the player, hate the game". Don't be mad if I played an active role in ending your game. We ALL knew coming into the game that we were all opponents who were vying for #1, and what type of game this was going to end up being. You guys should already know my philosophy on this from my jury PMs. If you're basing your vote on how much Sue and I hurt or helped you, I'd like to ask yourself, "What did Sue do to help you in the game?"

Sue tried to shirk responsibility by being inactive. However, inaction still has a political component. If one does not fight AGAINST the status quo and majority, that means, they are FOR it. Gretchen, Sue was never around to support you or try to prevent the mutiny. By being absent, she approved of your ouster, and shamefully tried to kiss your ass and dedicate boots to you AFTER it was already too late and you were gone. In fact, if you remember, Sue was trying to oust you after the 7 Sins challenge, and I was the one who watched your back and politicked to turn the vote around on to Gervase.

Kelly, although you didn't really include me in your plans or share information with me, I still looked out for you all the way until your ouster. I put myself on the line trying to change the vote, even going against my best ally Rudy, while Sue was instrumental in voting you out because she thought you were a backstabbing bitch for taking Gretchen down. The only reason Sue ever had power over your ouster was because she'd been inactive and suddenly found herself in power, because no one could've predicted when her return would be. If you think Sue really outwitted, outplayed, and outlasted you, award her the victory. I feel I've

defined myself better in all of those areas, while also trying to keep you in the game as long as I could without ruining my own game

Sue had virtually no control in the game. How could she? She was only involved with 4/10 of the boots (not including Aymara ousters), because she was inactive. She certainly did not outwit, outplay, and outlast 6 of you for sure, and even the 4 boots she had a say in (Gervase, Kelly, Jerri, and Kel), other people like Rudy or myself were the ones who dictated those evictions and Sue was just along for the ride. The extent of her “strategy” was pretending to be a moron, staying out of the fray for most of the game, and then riding Rudy and my coattails to the end. We knew it as it was happening, and her plan was transparent to all. She has outlasted you guys, but she certainly hasn’t outplayed or outwitted any of you. I had a hand in just about every boot, except perhaps Kelly’s:

1. I started the Quechua pride going, and with my challenge help, we effectively marginalized Aymara and its strong players like Amber, Alicia, Jerri, and Kel at the merge. Sue was absolutely irrelevant and a distraction in these competitions
2. I persuaded people to switch their votes from Gretchen to Gervase. Sue initially suggested Gretchen as the boot, but I convinced her to keep the actives around
3. I had the double vote against Amber, although I wasn’t necessarily completely for her as the target. I did what I had to do though. Sue wasn’t around to help or hurt this
4. I stepped up and made sure eliminated Gretchen at the IC at great personal risk and was a key supporter in the mutiny against her. Sue wasn’t around to help or hurt this
5. I dictated the Alicia boot and prevented an early Kelly mutiny
6. Greg quit because he feared I didn’t trust him anymore. I think that shows how important I was to him. Sue wasn’t even around to help our 3-man alliance
7. Lost a little control over the Kelly boot, mainly because my supposed allies Jerri, Kel, and Rudy all stabbed me in the back at once, and no one knew what to expect from Sue. But I took notes, and had secured myself enough of a position where I was able to bounce back anyways. I was aware of where the votes were going, so I wasn’t necessarily blindsided either
8. Played swing voter for Jerri/Kel vs. Rudy/Sue, and effectively blindsided Jerri and Kel. I turned Sue against Kel, since she realized he’d lied to her. I also bounced back after having voted AGAINST Jerri the TC before AND being on Exile Island where all my thoughts became public to all
9. I made everyone vote for Kel. I gave him the reward, because I knew it’d be incentive for the others to vote for him, and since I wanted him gone before F3 (he was the biggest jury threat), I decided to prevent the others from getting the reward by giving it to someone who was going to leave shortly. Heck, I even made Kel vote for himself, since his vote was, “Whoever Joel votes for”. Sue wanted to vote for me, but I got immunity, and she couldn’t get her way
10. I won the last immunity challenge and controlled Rudy’s fate by myself. Sue had no say in that

In conclusion, I feel I deserve to win, because I’ve bested Sue in every area of the game—challenges, strategy, persuasiveness, planning, etc. I displayed great versatility by dealing with unexpected adversity like Exile Island, Greg quitting, my allies Rudy and Sue being inactive, GretchenGate, etc. Gretchen did her best to prevent me from making F2, and I did serious damage control and STILL made it here. I juggled 5 alliances at once, which is no easy feat, while others got labeled as double-dealers. I was able to fly under the radar when I needed to, be a voting leader when I had to be, played swing voter, played information broker, and so on. I never turned down an alliance or working relationship, and was willing to work with any and all of you provided you supported my self-interest, whether you were a Quechua or Aymara. If you vote against me to make a personal statement, you are essentially punishing me for being active and playing the game. Don’t be the jury who let an Erika, Katie, Cowboy, etc, win the game (that’d be Sue). A winner should be able to navigate through mental and emotional complexities, and I don’t think Sue has been able to

demonstrate those skills. If I outwitted you, it's because I put in more effort or you let your guard down. I'm not smarter than any of you. Please reward me for my effort, desire, and will in this game

Mark Burnett - Very nice Joel. Short. Sweet. To the point. Sue, you're up!

Susan - Hello everyone! First let me say I'm thrilled and honored to be sitting here before you as one of the Final 2. I can honestly say that there are people on the jury who probably deserve this spot more than I do because they came into the game and they played full speed from day one. I very much enjoyed playing the game with everyone in those first weeks and was disappointed when I thought the game had been cancelled when the link I had bookmarked went inactive. I would like to thank Jeff for contacting me and informing me that not only was the game still on but I had made the merge and F8 on top of that. Imagine my surprise at that. I was blown away by my alliance keeping me in the game. Now which alliance that was I'm honestly not sure because I had a "girls" alliance with Kelly, Gretchen and Sonja but I also made a side alliance with Greg and Joel so whoever helped keep me in the game THANK YOU SO MUCH!

I wish I had been in the game the entire time because I feel that had I been here some events that took place within our tribe might've been prevented. I'm sorry to anyone I may have let down in my absence. It was never my intention to "ride" into the Final 2 (or even the Final ). I sucked at the challenges and I'll be the first to admit I have limited knowledge of this game (and directions so shut the fuck up Mark). But that doesn't mean I wasn't playing the game the whole time. I think the goal of this game should be twofold, win challenges to ensure your safety and if that fails align yourself with people who can win them and keep you safe. I, unfortunately, had to go with the second choice but I hope that doesn't make it seem I'm less of a player to those who knew what they were doing but still sit on the jury. You're all brilliant players and any one of you would deserve a spot on this Final 2.

My goal coming into this game wasn't to win but rather to have fun and make people laugh. I had fun and I hope I made people laugh, IF I did then I met my goal for sure but I'd still love to win. When it looked like I had a shot at making the finale I was completely stoked, but I knew in order to make it to the final 2 I had to take some action. Upon returning to the game I learned that my tribe mate and one of my alliance partners had been ousted in a most underhanded way. Which was brilliant on Kelly's part no question but it had to be dealt with because if she were willing to do that to Gretchen she'd certainly be willing to do it to me. I feel I set into motion the plan to oust Kelly (sorry Kelly) and I got Rudy and Joel on board. They may disagree with this but Joel was gunning for Jerri at that point but Jerri wasn't my problem then because I didn't feel she was after me, even if I bored you with my ramblings (kind of like I'm doing now I'm sure LOL). I knew Kel wouldn't vote out Jerri so he was a shoe in for a vote for Kelly all I had to do was convince Rudy to go along and he was game so out Kelly went. Next up was Jerri cuz at that point Amayra didn't have the numbers. The rest was pretty obvious. IF Joel were really in control of the game, Jerri and he would've made it to Final 3 as he claims he wanted.

I will say to Rudy I'm sorry that you didn't show up at the final immunity challenge. I made a final 2 deal with Joel because I had a feeling that you were going to throw it and I had to take the chance that Joel knew he couldn't win against you. At least sitting next to Joel I have a 50/50 shot at winning.

My word was always my bond in this game. Joel told me that he didn't care about people's word and IMO that showed in how he had no problem making deals and breaking them left and right. I think I might've been the only person he kept his word to but that was because he felt he could beat me based on his game play v. my game play. My game play consisted of sticking to my word and having a good time. I hope you all appreciate that and vote for me as winner of Survivor Stranded in Bolivia. I always say don't reward a liar for their lies.

Joel - Are we allowed to respond or do we go straight to jury questions?

Mark Burnett - we're going straight to jury questions joel. Sorry. I think you've done enough explaining though. Christ. 😊 Amber, if you're ready, Let's start with you my lovely.

Amber - It's no secret that at the beginning of the game, we had a problem with inactive players. Everyone who made the merge deserved to make the merge for putting forth the effort to show up on time, to try towards winning the challenges, and to make alliances to save themselves from being voted out. That's the integrity of the game. As an Aymara member, It was difficult to see my tribe go down in number, from 8 to 4 because players weren't active enough. Colby, Elisabeth, Rodger and Mike all fell by the wayside because they couldn't or didn't show up on time, and when they did, they couldn't contribute as much to the tribe and the game as they could have. That's why they were all voted off. My questions to you tonight will be about how well you got to know me.

Sue: As far as I know, in the beginning of the game, your presence wasn't felt that often. (In the beginning, I was fairly sure that Greg and Gretchen would be a "power couple" in this game! First impressions can be wrong, of course.) Why do you deserve to be in the Final 2?

Joel: I knew I was outnumbered when we merged - and in a game, you adapt to the situation in which you find yourself. I was considering going to you with a deal as part of our "Showmance", but I was voted out before I could approach you about it.

I'm an Aymara member, and I have to choose between two Quechuas who pretty much pagonged us. Are you the lesser of two evils for whom I must vote? Congratulations to both of you, and I'll see you both at the afterparty. 😊

Susan - Amber thanks for the congrats! I will say 100% honestly that I don't deserve to be in the final 2 IF you base it on winning challenges or being inactive for a period of time. I went inactive through no fault of my own because up to that point I attended every challenge and worked in unison with Greg to mess with you emotionally by giving you shit. My goal was to be a pain in the ass and entertain not only myself but everyone else. It seemed to work since almost everyone said how hysterical I was. maybe they felt sorry for me 😊 LOL j/k I do deserve to be here IF you base it on good strategic game play wherein I aligned myself with people who had the ability to keep me safe. That's not the way I wanted to play it and i tried at every challenge to win, I'm just a dumbass when it comes to directions, sorry. I hope that answered your question

Joel - I suppose it depends what you mean by "evil". If evil refers to "undeserving winner," then I'm absolutely the lesser of 2 evils. I played the game hard, and contrary to what it may have seemed like, my original intention was NOT necessarily to Pagong Aymara. As I'm hoping you read in my PM updates, I had a secret F2 alliance with Rudy. The plan was to pit Aymara and Quechua against one another and bounce back and forth with the power, appearing to float with the majority, while really deciding each and every boot. After cutting a Quechua, we'd cut an Aymara, and so on and so forth, until it was Jerri, Rudy, and myself. I had to adapt and change my plans due to several unforeseen circumstances however:

- A. Greg quit
- B. Sue came back
- C. Jerri didn't want to work with me (somewhat expected)
- D. Rudy wasn't completely working in my self-interest (somewhat expected)

As a result, I knew I had to gang up against Aymara with Rudy and Sue, because they were the clear underdogs and biggest jury threat. I literally decided that F4, since I was the swing voter between those 2 groups, so getting to the F2 the way it went down was a conscious, well-thought out plan on my part I absolutely deserve to win this game. Sue rode coat-tails. Don't reward her for her inability to figure out that there was a merge (which everyone else managed to do)

Mark Burnett - Very nice guys. Alicia, Youre up sistah friend.

Alicia - Thanks Mark and Jeff for hosting a fun game.

Sue, tell me how many times we spoke.

Joel, :wink How U doing hottie? Im glad someone who actually played the game made it to the final. NO BS here, (wags finger) ok, I sense any and my vote for you goes to Sue.

Did you enjoy voting Gretchen off?

Susan - Hi Alicia, you and I never PMd. I never PMd with any member of your tribe with the exception of Kel and he initiated that conversation. I felt it would be a betrayal to my original tribe to form alliances with your side.

Joel - Absolutely. Her reaction was hilarious. She didn't even react, because she was so shocked. Gretchen is an absolute hypocrite, and it was awesome setting her up to take the fall. It was glorious and 1 of my proudest moments in the game. I played a key component in that ouster, and that's why she hates me, but oh the fuck well. Don't play this type of game if you can't handle it right? She had no idea what was going on in the game and she was a total tool

Mark Burnett - Thanks for your answers guys. Next up is... Kelly.

Kelly - First of all congratulations to the both of you for making it to the final 2 This was indeed an extremely tricky game to play and I applaud you guys for making it all the way here. Now the question that I want to ask the both of you is...ok Joel, why should I vote for Susan tonight? and Susan, why should I vote for Joel? oh and Susan, if I ever saw you stranded on a desert, starving and dying of thirst.. <wink>

Susan - You should vote for Joel because he kicked ass in the challenges and was willing to backstab anyone and everyone to make it to the finale, that's unfortunately how this game is played.

Joel - The only reason I could see you voting for Sue is if you don't respect my gameplay in terms of lying, backstabbing, BSing, and manipulating. Sue did those things, but obviously in less quantities than I did (because she wasn't around not because she's such a good person)

Mark Burnett - Okay, thank you Kelly. Jerri is up.

Jeff Probst - Jerri's not here tonight.. so I'll post her questions on her behalf: "Ask Susan where the fuck she went and ask Joel why he bothered typing up all that junk." short and tart.

Joel - I wanted people to know what happened and my thought process, but apparently people don't care 😞

Alicia - <3 Jerri

Gretchen - <3 Jerri 2

Kel - <3 jerri THREESOME!!!

Alicia - <3 Jerri foursome. 😊

Mark Burnett - ::puke::

Susan - Jerri, I was here almost right up to the merge. The last challenge I attended was the double immunity where you guys lost and had to vote two people out. The next time I clicked the link to play, which was probably a day or so later the link said the forum no longer existed. With all the charges of rigging and crying by Jeff I honestly thought the game had been cancelled. So I didn't think much of it...thought wow that was fun while it lasted and went about my business. Then Jeff PMd me and said I made the merge AND the Final 8 and I asked for the link and have been here for every challenge since that time. The only votes I missed were Amber, Alicia and Gretchen's and the only one that might've turned out differently had I been here was Gretchen's.

Mark Burnett - Very nice guys. Kel, youre up!

Kel - hey guys. y'all look beautiful as always but will you fricken LOOK UP AT US!?! Susan: how naive ARE you to come to play an online Survivor game, admit to having never watched Survivor, and then try to play "honestly" with a group culled from the Survivor SUCKS message board?!? why would you choose a straight game over an intelligent one? although not being able to find the message board for a week when ALL THE REST OF US DID does make me question your intelligence.

okay here's a softball: what Survivor winner do you feel your game models the most?

Joel: after reading your explanations and the amount of time/effort you have put into this game, i have this question: do you HAVE a real life? 😊

okay, i also have other questions:

- What do you know about why Greg left?
- who is your favorite TAR forum Sucks poster?
- what Survivor winner do you feel your gameplay is modeled after the most (just pick one, i know you mentioned like 10 of them in your diatribe. . .)

Joel - 1. As far as I know (from what he told me in his final PMs), Greg quit because I hadn't PM'd him much the day he left. As a result, he felt I was distancing myself from him (which wasn't completely untrue). At the challenge, he started asking me questions about GretchenGate, so I told him that I preferred to discuss things with him AFTER the IC, because I wanted to focus. This seemed like a potentially important IC. In the meantime, apparently, he had sent me more PMs and thought I was ignoring him. He took that as a sign that I had abandoned him as an ally and said he was going to quit if I didn't answer. I looked at my PMs after the challenge, but by then he'd quit in the early part of it

2. I'm not much of a TAR forum Sucks poster Kel, so I don't think I'm who you think I am. I first heard of Izad from the TAR forum in the Charla/Mirna thread during ASS, so I'll go with Izad

3. Ooh, I might go with Earl the way I cut Rudy at the end like how he let Yau-Man go, and sort of balancing subtle and overt gameplay

Susan - LMAO Kel... I know it's odd to think that someone who is regular poster on a board called SURVIVOR sucks wouldn't know shit about the game huh? But I was invited to play, they didn't say I had to have extensive knowledge of the game and I guess I answered their questions to their satisfaction because, well here I am. I chose a straight game, which to me equaled an intelligent game, because I don't really know how to lie that well. I'd get them all fucked up and I'd have been out really early. I knew to stay in and survive I had to be honest otherwise I'd be fucked, sorry gretch and Kelly, you are prime examples of what double dealing in this game get you. I didn't have the game knowledge OR the challenge skills to shit talk my way into the Final 2 so I had to make alliances and have them know 100% that I was true to my word. If that makes me stupid, okay.

I'd say the survivor I modeled my game play after most was Michele from the survivor with Ozzie and Yul. She wasn't particularly great at challenges but she was loyal to her alliance and she served the purpose of being someone they could talk to but who wouldn't betray them.

as for not finding the board, well unlike Joel, I DO have a life and when I clicked the link and it was gone, I wasn't inclined to turn myself inside out trying to find it because I have a daughter whom this game has taken time away from and actually in that week she honed her skills at scrabble and is now kickin my ass on the regular LOL. sorry for the novel. and joel I never lied to anyone

Mark Burnett - Okay thank you guys for your responses. Next up: Rudy. Although rudy could not make it, he did leave questions in his confessionals. Probst will post those now.

Jeff Probst - posting of Rudy's behalf

“Sue: How is it that someone [me] who didn't play the first freaking half of the game is considered a bigger jury threat than yourself? Give me 3 reason why you deserve the prize over me, let alone Joel...”

Joel: Seeing as I was really loyal to you Joel (your time on exile island was a perfect excuse

for me to jump ship), how do you think you would have won if I was the ruthless, backstabbing, and cunning bastard that so many players are?"

Susan - I'd never presume to say I "deserve" the prize over ANYONE who took the time and put in the effort to play this game. You deserved to be here and had you actually PLAYED the final immunity challenge instead of throwing it think you had TWO people who would automatically take you, then you'd probably be sitting here and not me OR you'd be WITH me. one will never know though cuz you didn't even try. I might've sucked at these challenges but at least I showed up and gave it my all.

Joel - I had devised a back-up plan in case I didn't win immunity or felt I was on the chopping block at F5 and F4. I tried to think of how Exile Island could be used to my advantage. I think a lot of people associate Exile Island with Hll. So if I had to, I'd lie about finding a Hll on Exile (because no one else was there to verify whether this was true) and tell everybody to ensure that they'd target someone else out of self-preservation. Most people don't doubt what they see with their own eyes. Also, Kel, Sue, and yourself had given me a lot of information from which I could constantly make everybody doubt one another. That's sort of how I tried to ensure Sue would vote against Jerri, once I made her realize Jerri and Kel were plotting against her using what they had told me. I was going to make moves no one has ever done before or go down in blazing fire of glory if need be (posting everyone's PMs in public)

Mark Burnett - Okay, Thank you final 2 for answering in depth and putting up with the jury. Thank you jury for putting time into your questions and putting up with us hosts. I will now tally the votes and declare the first winner of Stranded.

Gretchen - hey!! I didn't get my final words, Mark!!!

Susan - yeah what about Gretchen's questions?

Gretchen - fucker!

Mark Burnett - Oh yea, i forgot about you. I suppose you can go. 🙄

Susan - 😏Mark you're a lil fuck monkey...

Gretchen - Don't go there Mark. Seriously dude, don't go there. (and what's with all these double posts?)

Mark Burnett - Thank you for your question gretchen. I will now tally the votes. Kidding... hurry up bitchen!!!

Gretchen - I have no questions for either of you, just some statements.

We've heard it over and over again: an important part of playing this game and being successful at the end is the way you vote people out. Joel? You sucked at that part.

You took advantage of and stepped on every single person you promised a final two with and every person who was willing to help you out. How many alliances exactly did you have, if you can call them that since you've turned on everyone and broken all your promises? (that's a rhetorical question - no answer required). You bragged about how you and Rudy were F2 from the start, almost immediately after you'd tossed me out. Then you voted people out for doing or trying to do the exact same thing you've been doing this whole game, yet calling them turds for doing so and acting self-righteous in the process. You called me a liar and for that reason you threw me under the bus. What was the Big Lie, in your mind? I said I hadn't met Rudy yet, but you believed I had. Newsflash big guy - sending a message that doesn't get a response is not "meeting someone". If you'd asked me if I sent him a message, I would have said yes. Aside from that Big Lie you think I told, you also justified your actions because I neglected to tell you about the women's alliance. Sorry big guy. You don't get to be irate about another alliance when you never revealed your own. Here's another newsflash: not only did YOU not tell ME about your various alliances (Pot. Kettle. Black.), I kept your secret. Yes dickhead, I never told anyone that you and I were supposed to be working together. Which brings us to another one of your lies. That you never had anything going with Kelly. You think so highly of yourself that you just had to send everyone all kinds of PMs bragging on your gameplay, and all your diaries and timelines, blah blah blah. So I happened to notice amongst the endless details you provided that you'd also had an alliance with Kelly. From the beginning. So don't you dare tell me that I neglected to tell you about the mouse when you

were hiding the elephant.

But for some reason, in your mind, it's ok to hide all of your secret F2 alliances, then flip out when someone admits they had one with someone else. What a freaking hypocrite!! The funniest part about that is that you don't see the hypocrisy in your actions! How many details did you conceal? How many F2 partnerships did you have? How many times did you tell someone one thing while planning to put the knife in full hilt? (again, all rhetorical questions).

You are the biggest hypocrite of this entire game.

And Susan, somehow, without bothering to show up most of the time or win jack shit, you've managed to make it to the final 2. But you know what? At least you didn't make promises you didn't keep, and vote against your own when you'd promised over and over again that you would never betray a Quecha, something that Joel is quite familiar with, and you didn't send a bunch of messages patting yourself on the back over every little detail of the game after the fact. For that, I thank you.

Gretchen - ok Mark, now you can tally the votes.

Joel - I'd be a hypocrite if I didn't know what I did in the game. I called you a liar and villainized you during the game, because I had to get you out, and I was playing dirty yes. But I was aware I was doing the same thing as you, and I fully admit it. I'm not a hypocrite, because I can own up to it. As I already said in my PMs, everyone was an opponent to me first and foremost. I was a floater first and foremost. So there is no contradiction in my game mentality and actions. Of course, I wasn't gonna TELL people that DURING the game

Gretchen - Can the hosts delete Joel's post? I CLEARLY said no responses! ok summary: Joel, you're a shithhead hypocrite. Sue - you were never here, but you didn't bore me with 8,000 pms detailing your gameplay. Thank you.

Mark Burnett - Yea, whatever bitchen wants. 😊 Okay I'm going to tally the votes. Thank you for your insight Gretchen. Joel and Susan, you're welcome to make closing statements on the game before I read the votes, but I now have all the votes and will tally them.

Joel - Just wanted to say that I decided from the start that I'd rather play a hard, tough game than a soft one. If I got hated for my gameplay or ridiculed for my decisions, I wanted to deserve it. Believe it or not, I understand your argument about emotional management Gretchen. I didn't do a good job making you WANT to vote for me. But I mean, I felt that you'd at least recognize that I went to bat for you when Sue wanted you out. Now that I know you're a moralizing hypocrite, I feel even better about cutting you. I didn't want to be that person (Sue) talking about how I played the game with integrity (and yes, Sue you lied and broke your F2 promise to Rudy by making one with me, and I totally goaded you into doing it, because you were scared I'd vote you out instead of Kel at F4). If I lost, it was because people were mad at me for betraying them, not for being a coattail-riding goat or a non-player. I'd rather be a Fairplay than a Katie or Cowboy. Thanks for everything, and see you guys after all this at the unraveling

Susan - You know watching Joel make his case for why he should win this game, I really wanted to respond and offer rebuttals to some of the outlandish things he was saying but the truth is he is who he is. He's a grandstander and that's fine. I know how I played this game and while it might not have been brilliant or even particularly interesting for anyone besides myself, I'm here at Final 2 so I gotta think I did something right. Thanks to everyone who took the time to play this game, it's been a blast!

Mark Burnett - Okay guys, before we reveal the winner, We're going to do a reunion special where we'll ask some questions and get to the bottom of the games biggest controversies.

Then after that we'll reveal the winner. Then after that we're going to do a live reveal of the players in the game and you guys can have an open discussion of what went down. But for the reunion special, I'd like it if we could keep it organized and give everyone the chance to

answer questions one at a time like we did in the final tribal council. Then you'll have your chance to all shout at eachother and us hosts at the live reveal. Sound good?

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