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00:00:00,270 --> 00:00:07,850
From the Alex Trebek stage at Sony
Picture Studios, this is Inside Jeopardy!
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00:00:08,469 --> 00:00:10,450
Yes, there he is.
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00:00:11,200 --> 00:00:12,579
Johnny on the Axe.
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00:00:13,079 --> 00:00:15,879
What a way to celebrate
your country's independence.
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00:00:16,690 --> 00:00:17,824
That is basically what this is.
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00:00:18,044 --> 00:00:20,855
That's why you kicked us out, in
order to have Johnny on the axe.
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00:00:20,855 --> 00:00:21,334
That's America
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00:00:21,334 --> 00:00:21,834
right there, yeah.
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00:00:21,845 --> 00:00:22,195
In the
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00:00:22,195 --> 00:00:22,665
opening.
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00:00:22,735 --> 00:00:24,935
That's America at the
opening of Inside Jeopardy.
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00:00:24,935 --> 00:00:28,274
Hello, welcome back to our little
podcast, your exclusive and
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00:00:28,275 --> 00:00:31,084 official destination for all things happening in the world of Jeopardy. 14 00:00:31,124 --> 00:00:35,735 I'm Michael Davies, and joining me today, as always, is producer Sarah Foss. 15 00:00:35,835 --> 00:00:36,714 Still here, Michael. 16 00:00:36,725 --> 00:00:38,364 Still here, thank goodness. 17 00:00:38,544 --> 00:00:38,964 Yeah. 18 00:00:39,094 --> 00:00:43,245 We are taping this, we should say, before the July 4th holiday. 19 00:00:43,245 --> 00:00:43,565 Yes. 20 00:00:43,645 --> 00:00:48,100 Um, before the UK elections, which are happening Weirdly, on July 4th. 21 00:00:48,100 --> 00:00:48,420 On July 22 00:00:48,750 --> 00:00:48,810 4th. 23 00:00:48,880 --> 00:00:51,150 I guess they don't really need to celebrate that day, 24 00:00:51,190 --> 00:00:52,220 so they can do other things. 25 00:00:52,600 --> 00:00:55,880

Yeah, I think probably everybody knows by now what a bad idea it 26 00:00:55,880 --> 00:00:59,689 was for, uh, PM Rishi Sunak to call the election on July 4th, but also 27 00:00:59,689 --> 00:01:01,330 a slightly weird date to choose. 28 00:01:01,340 --> 00:01:04,580 You know, July 3rd is a very big day in my life, apart from it 29 00:01:04,589 --> 00:01:06,290 being my sister Rebecca's birthday. 30 00:01:06,610 --> 00:01:12,310 It's also, uh, the traditional home of my annual last day of dependents party. 31 00:01:12,370 --> 00:01:15,220 I throw a big party on July 3rd to celebrate. 32 00:01:15,560 --> 00:01:21,789 The last day of dependence, we celebrate that glorious July 3rd in 1776 where, 33 00:01:21,789 --> 00:01:23,259 where this land was still ours. 34 00:01:23,530 --> 00:01:24,989 And uh, I throw that every year. 35 00:01:24,989 --> 00:01:25,259 248 years 36 00:01:25,259 --> 00:01:25,660 ago. 37 00:01:25,989 --> 00:01:26,319

Yeah. 38 00:01:26,480 --> 00:01:31,419 It's my, uh, very self deprecating tongue in cheek tribute to the, 39 00:01:31,759 --> 00:01:33,439 what was once the British empire. 40 00:01:33,610 --> 00:01:35,809 Will you be having that party this year, Michael? 41 00:01:36,360 --> 00:01:41,179 Uh, yeah, I'm a little late in planning it, but I, uh, I, I believe, I believe 42 00:01:41,179 --> 00:01:44,179 as long as my kids arrive back from Sweden in time, I will be throwing it. 43 00:01:44,554 --> 00:01:45,024 All right. 44 00:01:45,044 --> 00:01:46,235 Well, it sounds like fun. 45 00:01:46,285 --> 00:01:49,404 If I, if I'm ever on the East Coast, I'm not going to miss that party. 46 00:01:49,404 --> 00:01:50,065 That sounds good. 47 00:01:50,235 --> 00:01:51,884 Come to my Dependence Day party. 48 00:01:51,985 --> 00:01:56,725 Well, in your absence, Michael, we've talked a lot about the stamp, as you 49 00:01:56,725 --> 00:02:01,264

know, pre sale underway right now for the Alex Trebek commemorative stamp. 50 00:02:01,725 --> 00:02:05,874 I know you're going to be there for our event here on the Sony lot on July 22nd. 51 00:02:05,894 --> 00:02:10,179 But among the staff and crew, we're really, We're really wanting our 52 00:02:10,179 --> 00:02:12,600 stamp to win if you can win stamps. 53 00:02:12,609 --> 00:02:17,739 So, you know, I checked back in with the USPS and they told me they just kind 54 00:02:17,739 --> 00:02:21,839 of estimate an interest and then they just, they print, you know, one amount 55 00:02:21,880 --> 00:02:26,410 and they estimate it will take about a year to two years for it to sell out. 56 00:02:26,849 --> 00:02:30,549 Now, just so we know what we're going up against, Charles Schultz. 57 00:02:30,885 --> 00:02:33,475 Sold out in less than six months. 58 00:02:33,725 --> 00:02:34,065 Whoa. 59 00:02:34,075 --> 00:02:38,155 So that is the quickest commemorative stamp to ever sell out. 60 00:02:38,155 --> 00:02:39,845 So that's kind of what we're up against.

61 00:02:40,135 --> 00:02:41,975 Elvis also sold out. 62 00:02:42,225 --> 00:02:42,835 Uh, Mr. 63 00:02:42,835 --> 00:02:44,654 Rogers sold out in seven to eight months. 64 00:02:44,654 --> 00:02:47,835 So some big competition, but we've got Alex Trebek. 65 00:02:48,835 --> 00:02:51,625 Yeah, I think we've got a good, I think we've got a good shot. 66 00:02:51,665 --> 00:02:55,864 I mean, I got to tell you, this has given me great credibility at the Bridgehampton 67 00:02:55,875 --> 00:03:00,134 post office, uh, on the eastern end of Long Island, where, you know, I'm, 68 00:03:00,605 --> 00:03:03,974 I don't know that they, they have any particular animosity towards me, but 69 00:03:04,185 --> 00:03:07,795 I'm certainly not treated with a great deal of respect at the post office. 70 00:03:07,815 --> 00:03:13,180 However, I feel like, yes, I feel like now, This stamp is giving me 71 00:03:13,180 --> 00:03:16,300 some real credibility in my post office, and I go to the post office 72 00:03:16,300 --> 00:03:19,250

a lot because we don't have mailbox service in Bridgehampton, so I have to 73 00:03:19,250 --> 00:03:21,280 go to the post office to go to my P. 74 00:03:21,280 --> 00:03:21,380 Ο. 75 00:03:21,380 --> 00:03:23,070 box and open it up. 76 00:03:23,190 --> 00:03:23,940 So we'll see. 77 00:03:23,970 --> 00:03:25,619 We'll see if this raises my standing. 78 00:03:25,980 --> 00:03:26,360 All right. 79 00:03:26,360 --> 00:03:29,469 Well, maybe you want to go to the post office, but if those of you 80 00:03:29,469 --> 00:03:32,800 who are listening just want to order up and pre sale, it's usps. 81 00:03:32,840 --> 00:03:34,220 com forward slash stamps. 82 00:03:34,220 --> 00:03:35,680 You can get them in pre sale. 83 00:03:35,680 --> 00:03:38,529 They will go on sale officially on July 22nd. 84 00:03:38,529 --> 00:03:40,159 That would have been Alex's 84th birthday.

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birthday.
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00:03:40,650 --> 00:03:40,840
Oh,
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00:03:40,990 --> 00:03:41,420
amazing.
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00:03:41,450 --> 00:03:45,390
And can't wait for that event where
we, you know, unveil the stamp.
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00:03:45,390 --> 00:03:46,520
It's very official.
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00:03:46,590 --> 00:03:47,510
It's going to be pretty cool.
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00:03:47,690 --> 00:03:47,920
Yeah.
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00:03:48,060 --> 00:03:48,850
Looking forward to that.
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00:03:48,930 --> 00:03:52,459
Well, Michael, for the first
time in our pod's history, we're
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00:03:52,460 --> 00:03:55,540
going to take a bit of a hiatus.
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So also on July 22nd, the day of the
event, that will be our last podcast
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because of course the show will be on.
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00:04:02,720 --> 00:04:07,130
We'll go into six weeks of reruns where
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we're going to show off JIT and TOC. 98 00:04:07,130 --> 00:04:10,370 I know people want to see that again because that competition was so good. 99 00:04:10,760 --> 00:04:14,739 And then we're going to come back and premiere our podcast along 100 00:04:14,739 --> 00:04:16,460 with the premiere of season 41. 101 00:04:16,470 --> 00:04:18,789 That's all kicking off on September 9th. 102 00:04:19,249 --> 00:04:21,810 And Michael, we're going to have video highlights. 103 00:04:21,810 --> 00:04:24,070 We're going to show off these mugs from now on. 104 00:04:24,290 --> 00:04:27,710 Yeah, I mean, maybe not just video highlights, we might show the entire 105 00:04:27,710 --> 00:04:29,350 videos of the podcast at some point. 106 00:04:29,360 --> 00:04:33,170 That's what we're building towards, a video podcast of our actual show. 107 00:04:33,300 --> 00:04:35,260 Yeah, big dreams, big goals. 108 00:04:35,729 --> 00:04:37,309 And do we want to tease? 109 00:04:37,309 --> 00:04:39,439

Maybe there might be a special Yeah, there 110 00:04:39,450 --> 00:04:40,359 may be. 111 00:04:40,650 --> 00:04:46,650 There probably will be, there almost certainly will be, a new co host of 112 00:04:46,900 --> 00:04:50,620 the Inside Jeopardy podcast who will be, uh, joining, I'm not quitting. 113 00:04:50,780 --> 00:04:51,009 No, no. 114 00:04:51,010 --> 00:04:52,539 Just adding more. 115 00:04:52,639 --> 00:04:53,130 More fun. 116 00:04:53,150 --> 00:04:53,940 But adding more. 117 00:04:54,200 --> 00:04:56,900 We might have a new guest on our podcast, so stay tuned for that. 118 00:04:57,125 --> 00:05:00,315 That's later this summer, but later in today's pod, Sarah will be joined by 119 00:05:00,325 --> 00:05:05,814 seven game champion Drew Basile to discuss his Jeopardy journey and how he will be 120 00:05:05,814 --> 00:05:07,625 preparing for his return for the TOC. 121 00:05:07,854 --> 00:05:08,695 Can't wait for that.

122 00:05:08,934 --> 00:05:12,834 And we ended last week with a three game champ in Isaac Hirsch. 123 00:05:12,835 --> 00:05:14,804 Two of those wins were runaways. 124 00:05:14,815 --> 00:05:17,505 So we're going to get into the highlights of all of last week shortly. 125 00:05:17,784 --> 00:05:20,604 But first let's take a look back at this week in Jeopardy history. 126 00:05:25,554 --> 00:05:28,374 And finally, Tyler, you came in with 22, 000. 127 00:05:28,434 --> 00:05:29,044 What'd you get? 128 00:05:29,425 --> 00:05:31,265 Who are Huey, Dewey, and Louie? 129 00:05:31,295 --> 00:05:32,425 That is correct. 130 00:05:32,555 --> 00:05:33,395 How much did you wager? 131 00:05:33,410 --> 00:05:35,150 8, 000. 132 00:05:35,430 --> 00:05:38,800 That takes you to 30, 000 and you are a Jeopardy! 133 00:05:38,860 --> 00:05:39,120 champion.

134 00:05:40,760 --> 00:05:45,380 It was July 14th, 2021 when Tyler Vandenberg took the stage for the very 135 00:05:45,380 --> 00:05:47,300 first time and prevailed as a Jeopardy! 136 00:05:47,309 --> 00:05:47,959 champion. 137 00:05:48,429 --> 00:05:52,600 Of course, this was also during George Stephanopoulos run as guest host. 138 00:05:52,600 --> 00:05:53,800 George did so well. 139 00:05:54,210 --> 00:05:57,290 Tyler left us as a two game champ, but of course he came 140 00:05:57,300 --> 00:05:59,110 back for Champions Wild Card. 141 00:05:59,250 --> 00:06:01,060 He made it all the way to the finals. 142 00:06:01,145 --> 00:06:02,965 Ultimately defeated by another Jeopardy! 143 00:06:02,965 --> 00:06:04,284 great, young Shin Wong. 144 00:06:04,854 --> 00:06:09,104 And what's interesting about this time is that it really is when we kicked 145 00:06:09,104 --> 00:06:10,944 off this great streak of Jeopardy! 146 00:06:10,944 --> 00:06:11,504

champions. 147 00:06:11,515 --> 00:06:13,754 So we had kind of had a lull that season. 148 00:06:14,204 --> 00:06:16,994 And then came Courtney Shaw, she won seven. 149 00:06:17,304 --> 00:06:19,264 Then Jen Jaswinski came in. 150 00:06:19,275 --> 00:06:20,265 Then Tim Moon. 151 00:06:20,594 --> 00:06:22,564 Tim then went up against Tyler. 152 00:06:22,879 --> 00:06:26,460 Tyler was brought down by Josh Sack, who then of course faced off 153 00:06:26,479 --> 00:06:28,999 against none other than Matt Amodio. 154 00:06:29,179 --> 00:06:30,030 It was a busy time. 155 00:06:30,099 --> 00:06:31,979 It was an exciting time in Jeopardy history. 156 00:06:31,999 --> 00:06:32,079 Wow. 157 00:06:32,769 --> 00:06:35,829 That was a lot of big Jeopardy names there, Sarah. 158 00:06:36,049 --> 00:06:36,749 A lot of big Jeopardy names.

159 00:06:36,759 --> 00:06:37,009 That was a 160 00:06:37,009 --> 00:06:38,789 deep season 37 cut right there. 161 00:06:39,049 --> 00:06:39,439 Excellent. 162 00:06:39,630 --> 00:06:43,160 All right, well, on Monday, after defeating seven game champion 163 00:06:43,160 --> 00:06:47,380 Drew Basile, Kat Pisacano returned to go for her second win. 164 00:06:47,780 --> 00:06:51,249 Kat and Matt Brooks battled back and forth throughout the game, but it was Kat who 165 00:06:51,249 --> 00:06:52,890 took a small lead heading into final. 166 00:06:53,200 --> 00:06:56,090 Unfortunately, she was unable to come up with the correct response, and 167 00:06:56,090 --> 00:06:58,780 Matt secures a come from behind win. 168 00:06:59,020 --> 00:07:03,849 You know, in the post game chat, Zoe shared that she was 11 years old when Ken 169 00:07:03,849 --> 00:07:09,359 went on his run, and at that age, she took the quiz that Ken created for Microsoft 170 00:07:09,390 --> 00:07:11,849 in Carta, and she got a 3 out of 10.

171 00:07:12,539 --> 00:07:15,239 And then Ken joked, Thank you for supporting me in my 172 00:07:15,239 --> 00:07:17,720 early 2000s in Carta work. 173 00:07:18,710 --> 00:07:22,219 Uh, on Tuesday, Matt returned, hoping for a second win, but 174 00:07:22,219 --> 00:07:25,950 challengers Chris Nichols and Kelly Prew put up a strong fight. 175 00:07:25,950 --> 00:07:29,460 Chris appeared to be in control during Double Jeopardy until he missed back to 176 00:07:29,460 --> 00:07:33,360 back Daily Doubles, that hurts, allowing Kelly to take the lead into Final, 177 00:07:33,360 --> 00:07:35,149 where she was correct to secure the win. 178 00:07:35,159 --> 00:07:38,050 You know, we always think a podcast is a good opportunity for a teaching 179 00:07:38,050 --> 00:07:42,790 moment, so sometimes people get confused about what a true Daily Double is. 180 00:07:43,050 --> 00:07:46,740 So in this game, Matt found the Daily Double on the very first clue. 181 00:07:46,950 --> 00:07:48,360 He had zero dollars. 182 00:07:48,469 --> 00:07:51,240

And he said, let's make it a true daily double. 183 00:07:51,640 --> 00:07:54,340 Ken then clarified, so 1, 000? 184 00:07:54,670 --> 00:07:55,810 You want to bet the maximum? 185 00:07:55,840 --> 00:07:57,390 Because it's not actually a true daily double. 186 00:07:57,390 --> 00:08:00,480 That would have been zero or any amount that he had. 187 00:08:00,480 --> 00:08:03,690 So it's just a good opportunity here to point out. 188 00:08:03,709 --> 00:08:07,069 And then a little later in the week, when we talk about the highlights for Friday, 189 00:08:07,379 --> 00:08:08,460 we're going to get into that even more. 190 00:08:08,965 --> 00:08:12,895 Yeah, as I'm still learning almost three years into this job, uh, the 191 00:08:12,895 --> 00:08:17,684 team at Jeopardy take the nomenclature, uh, very, very, uh, seriously. 192 00:08:17,914 --> 00:08:18,415 You know, 193 00:08:18,425 --> 00:08:19,305 nomenclature. 194

00:08:19,405 --> 00:08:20,524 I don't know how you pronounce that word. 195 00:08:20,825 --> 00:08:21,045 I think with a 196 00:08:21,055 --> 00:08:23,225 British accent, you can say it however you want, Michael, it 197 00:08:23,534 --> 00:08:24,525 sounds good when you say it. 198 00:08:24,985 --> 00:08:26,495 I did love Chris's interview. 199 00:08:26,505 --> 00:08:30,545 You know, he's a proud parent of six year old triplet daughters. 200 00:08:30,970 --> 00:08:35,680 And he likened them to velociraptors from Jurassic Park. 201 00:08:35,730 --> 00:08:38,919 They are smart, but very destructive. 202 00:08:38,919 --> 00:08:41,609 And Ken said, Oh, are they here in the audience? 203 00:08:41,610 --> 00:08:43,010 And he said, Oh God, no. 204 00:08:43,030 --> 00:08:43,870 Could you imagine? 205 00:08:44,410 --> 00:08:46,869 I've only, I, the only thing I'm aware of velociraptors is 206 00:08:46,870 --> 00:08:47,920

the way that they would hunt. 207 00:08:48,380 --> 00:08:51,429 And so I'm terrified of his triplets hunting down. 208 00:08:52,160 --> 00:08:52,219 Humans. 209 00:08:52,219 --> 00:08:52,599 That would be awful. 210 00:08:52,609 --> 00:08:53,370 Dear old dad. 211 00:08:53,479 --> 00:08:53,780 Yeah. 212 00:08:54,189 --> 00:08:57,250 Well, on Wednesday, Kelly returned, hoping for a second win, but 213 00:08:57,300 --> 00:08:59,380 Isaac Hirsch had other plans. 214 00:08:59,510 --> 00:09:03,250 He went on a tear in Double Jeopardy, racking up 16 correct responses. 215 00:09:03,540 --> 00:09:08,640 And despite losing 4, 000 on the final Daily Double, he secured a runaway win. 216 00:09:09,099 --> 00:09:09,430 Yeah. 217 00:09:09,780 --> 00:09:12,269 And even better, he is not dead. 218 00:09:12,590 --> 00:09:17,550 The first member of his, of his, of his line to compete on Jeopardy.

219 00:09:17,550 --> 00:09:21,830 His dad competed on Jeopardy in the 1980s, but lost apparently. 220 00:09:21,830 --> 00:09:24,390 Isaac joked during the interview that he used to play him. 221 00:09:24,630 --> 00:09:26,059 I lost on Jeopardy. 222 00:09:26,100 --> 00:09:27,330 I don't know that I'm allowed to sing that. 223 00:09:27,330 --> 00:09:28,970 Probably I can get away with just that one line 224 00:09:29,409 --> 00:09:29,639 and 225 00:09:29,639 --> 00:09:31,199 say, it's about you, dad. 226 00:09:31,590 --> 00:09:34,490 He said that today we get to find out how real. 227 00:09:34,625 --> 00:09:35,085 Karma is. 228 00:09:35,115 --> 00:09:40,485 I don't know if I get sued on that one by the Greg Kinban or I get sued by Weird Al. 229 00:09:40,745 --> 00:09:41,195 Could be both of them. 230 00:09:41,235 --> 00:09:41,415 Tough

231 00:09:41,415 --> 00:09:41,845 to say. 232 00:09:42,235 --> 00:09:45,744 If you have a chance to go on and take a look at that image, Isaac's dad is 233 00:09:45,745 --> 00:09:48,454 a spitting image of a young Isaac. 234 00:09:49,055 --> 00:09:50,135 It's really, it's 235 00:09:50,145 --> 00:09:51,214 really, it's really good. 236 00:09:51,235 --> 00:09:51,944 He looks amazing. 237 00:09:51,944 --> 00:09:53,045 I'm looking at the photo right now. 238 00:09:53,064 --> 00:09:53,375 Yeah. 239 00:09:53,454 --> 00:09:53,995 Go find it. 240 00:09:53,995 --> 00:09:57,745 I think it's episode 289 if you want to go look that up on the J Archive, everybody. 241 00:09:58,184 --> 00:10:01,965 Well let's hear how Isaac was feeling after becoming a Jeopardy 242 00:10:01,965 --> 00:10:04,065 champion, the first one of the family. 243 00:10:04,605 --> 00:10:06,284

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What will your dad
think about that, Isaac?
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There's a Jeopardy champ in the family.
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00:10:07,914 --> 00:10:10,504
Uh, I hope he'd be proud.
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00:10:10,504 --> 00:10:13,304
I assume he is watching at home right now.
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00:10:13,394 --> 00:10:14,704
Maybe he knew Mary, Queen of Scots.
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00:10:14,704 --> 00:10:15,174
We won't know.
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00:10:15,415 --> 00:10:15,795
We won't ask him.
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00:10:17,365 --> 00:10:19,135
Either way, he should say he did, right?
251
00:10:19,175 --> 00:10:19,755
Oh, he will.
252
00:10:20,755 --> 00:10:23,165
But he's not, like, looking for you
to get your comeuppance for making
253
00:10:23,165 --> 00:10:24,364
fun of him all these years, I hope.
254
00:10:24,395 --> 00:10:25,585
No, we've made amends.
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00:10:25,625 --> 00:10:27,064
I've made amends long ago.
256
00:10:27,064 --> 00:10:29,555
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I, you know, we are on good terms now. 257 00:10:31,374 --> 00:10:35,134 Have you seen his game, or were you just a twinkle in his eye when it aired? 258 00:10:35,484 --> 00:10:37,824 I was not born when it aired, but I did see it. 259 00:10:38,520 --> 00:10:42,240 My grandparents had the videotape of it and he got Final Jeopardy wrong because 260 00:10:42,250 --> 00:10:47,229 it was at the time It was the only actor to win best actor twice in a row. 261 00:10:47,429 --> 00:10:50,656 Tom Hanks did it later and the right answer Spencer 262 00:10:50,656 --> 00:10:51,363 Tracy, 263 00:10:51,363 --> 00:10:53,509 I think that sounds right to me. 264 00:10:53,610 --> 00:10:56,530 I should remember that probably but Glad you were here. 265 00:10:56,550 --> 00:11:01,380 It'd be very funny if you guys got the same Final Jeopardy 38 years apart. 266 00:11:01,390 --> 00:11:01,740 I would say 267 00:11:01,740 --> 00:11:02,100 Tom Hanks. 268

00:11:02,340 --> 00:11:03,460 I would not even risk it 269 00:11:04,830 --> 00:11:07,350 Luckily, we have a new one for you Well, all three of you played 270 00:11:07,350 --> 00:11:09,180 well, uh, you kept him honest. 271 00:11:09,180 --> 00:11:11,600 It was not a foregone conclusion until the very end. 272 00:11:11,600 --> 00:11:14,390 Sadly, Bridal Veil falls with the S. 273 00:11:14,820 --> 00:11:16,699 You know, it turned out nobody knew Mary Queen of Scots, 274 00:11:16,700 --> 00:11:17,650 so it didn't really matter. 275 00:11:17,650 --> 00:11:21,190 I'm glad it didn't hinge on your On my very harsh ruling on the 276 00:11:21,190 --> 00:11:22,819 s. 277 00:11:22,820 --> 00:11:24,650 Isaac, is there now a family goal? 278 00:11:24,660 --> 00:11:27,650 Can you, are you trying to redeem your, your family honor after 279 00:11:27,680 --> 00:11:28,910 your dad's loss in the 80s? 280 00:11:29,260 --> 00:11:29,710

I won. 281 00:11:29,710 --> 00:11:31,279 I'll, everything after is gravy. 282 00:11:31,309 --> 00:11:35,949 I mean, I could, tomorrow could be a disaster and it may well be, but 283 00:11:35,950 --> 00:11:37,359 I'm going to savor it for the moment. 284 00:11:38,360 --> 00:11:39,160 That's a great attitude. 285 00:11:39,160 --> 00:11:40,040 I mean, nobody can ever, 286 00:11:42,120 --> 00:11:43,170 nobody can ever take this away. 2.87 00:11:43,170 --> 00:11:44,330 You are now a Jeopardy! 288 00:11:44,330 --> 00:11:46,599 champion, two or three of you, and all three of you made it on 289 00:11:46,599 --> 00:11:47,750 the show, which is the hard part. 290 00:11:47,955 --> 00:11:51,295 Congratulations to all of you for being here today, and we'll see you tomorrow. 291 00:11:51,305 --> 00:11:51,695 Isaac 292 00:11:52,185 --> 00:11:52,884 looking forward to it. 293

00:11:53,685 --> 00:11:57,055 Okay, on Thursday, Isaac returned and had to pull out all the stops 294 00:11:57,095 --> 00:11:58,895 to defeat challenger Josh Martin. 295 00:11:58,895 --> 00:12:00,765 They traded punches throughout the entire game. 296 00:12:00,785 --> 00:12:04,564 Isaac was building a strong lead in Double Jeopardy, when Josh nearly doubled up on 297 00:12:04,564 --> 00:12:06,714 the last Daily Double to close the gap. 298 00:12:06,725 --> 00:12:10,295 A strong finish to the round gave Isaac the lead heading into Final, 299 00:12:10,375 --> 00:12:14,974 where both players were correct, giving Isaac another well deserved win. 300 00:12:15,295 --> 00:12:20,285 Well, this was the 4th of July show, and so we had to do a little play on 301 00:12:20,285 --> 00:12:22,375 words, you know, with Ken's intro. 302 00:12:22,375 --> 00:12:26,335 So, of course, he said, 4th of July, celebrating the signing of the Declaration 303 00:12:26,335 --> 00:12:29,424 of Independence by the Founding Fathers, and another father who might 304 00:12:29,424 --> 00:12:33,914 be celebrating is Steve Hirsch, the

dad of our new champion, Isaac Hirsch. 305 00:12:34,285 --> 00:12:34,635 Yes. 306 00:12:34,705 --> 00:12:35,115 Wonderful. 307 00:12:35,115 --> 00:12:37,455 July 4th will have a whole new meaning for the Hirsch family. 308 00:12:37,465 --> 00:12:38,025 I think so. 309 00:12:38,635 --> 00:12:42,005 During the break, Ken was actually joking with Isaac about the shirt he 310 00:12:42,005 --> 00:12:44,135 was wearing and he said, I like it. 311 00:12:44,205 --> 00:12:45,025 Big thumbs up. 312 00:12:45,025 --> 00:12:46,945 Is that Burbank vintage? 313 00:12:46,945 --> 00:12:49,264 Because of course, Isaac is from Burbank and Isaac said, 314 00:12:49,285 --> 00:12:50,705 Oh yeah, it's from the 90s. 315 00:12:51,065 --> 00:12:55,225 And I have many more interesting fashion choices if I make it further. 316 00:12:55,225 --> 00:12:57,895 So another reason I want to see Isaac keep winning.

317 00:12:57,905 --> 00:12:58,685 What will he wear next? 318 00:12:58,685 --> 00:12:59,169 We'll see. 319 00:12:59,370 --> 00:13:01,420 Another second chance candidate too, Michael. 320 00:13:01,420 --> 00:13:03,089 We just keep talking about them. 321 00:13:03,209 --> 00:13:06,370 You love the early identification of a second chance candidate. 322 00:13:06,640 --> 00:13:07,010 I do. 323 00:13:07,010 --> 00:13:07,841 I'm building the hype. 324 00:13:07,841 --> 00:13:08,292 How many 325 00:13:08,292 --> 00:13:10,546 people do we have in second chance already this season? 326 00:13:10,546 --> 00:13:10,997 We've got 327 00:13:10,997 --> 00:13:11,674 like 400 people. 328 00:13:11,674 --> 00:13:13,703 Yeah, way more than we have room to feature.

00:13:13,703 --> 00:13:15,180 That's all I can say about it. 330 00:13:15,189 --> 00:13:17,529 But Josh Martin, 14 correct. 331 00:13:17,529 --> 00:13:19,530 You know, he had a 5, 000 daily double. 332 00:13:19,530 --> 00:13:21,709 14, 400 double. 333 00:13:21,709 --> 00:13:22,120 Jeopardy! 334 00:13:22,130 --> 00:13:23,520 score correct in final. 335 00:13:23,699 --> 00:13:24,020 I don't know. 336 00:13:24,199 --> 00:13:24,750 We'll see. 337 00:13:25,395 --> 00:13:28,165 Ken caught up with the players after the game and applauded Josh 338 00:13:28,165 --> 00:13:29,845 on his big Daily Double wager. 339 00:13:29,865 --> 00:13:30,515 Take a listen. 340 00:13:30,755 --> 00:13:32,295 We had some real fireworks in that game. 341 00:13:32,295 --> 00:13:33,115 That was appropriate. 342 00:13:33,115 --> 00:13:36,385

I love the big wager on the Daily Double, Josh, I gotta say. 343 00:13:37,005 --> 00:13:39,835 Yeah, I definitely felt like I had to do something there. 344 00:13:39,894 --> 00:13:40,935 Did you know it was Guam? 345 00:13:40,955 --> 00:13:42,095 Were you pretty confident? 346 00:13:42,125 --> 00:13:43,544 Yeah, I was pretty certain. 347 00:13:43,615 --> 00:13:45,945 I know that Midway is closer to the Hawaiian Islands, and 348 00:13:45,945 --> 00:13:46,975 so I felt pretty good about it. 349 00:13:46,975 --> 00:13:48,955 And geography is a good category too, so. 350 00:13:49,285 --> 00:13:49,835 Is that common 351 00:13:49,835 --> 00:13:50,405 for pilots? 352 00:13:50,405 --> 00:13:50,564 I don't know. 353 00:13:51,834 --> 00:13:55,864 I mean, I do know some that don't know the map very well. 354 00:13:55,874 --> 00:13:56,484 It's kind of scary.

355 00:13:57,505 --> 00:13:58,064 Don't tell me that. 356 00:13:58,064 --> 00:13:59,074 I fly too much. 357 00:13:59,435 --> 00:14:00,344 Well, you played very well. 358 00:14:00,344 --> 00:14:01,015 You both did. 359 00:14:01,295 --> 00:14:05,685 But against a very impressive champ, Isaac, another 28, 000 today. 360 00:14:06,145 --> 00:14:06,765 How's it feeling? 361 00:14:07,444 --> 00:14:08,954 Surreal, definitely. 362 00:14:08,954 --> 00:14:13,694 I mean, you know, this is going better than I could have expected, I would say. 363 00:14:14,225 --> 00:14:16,775 Uh, we just want to avoid geography as much as possible. 364 00:14:16,825 --> 00:14:17,285 I'm not good at it. 365 00:14:17,525 --> 00:14:18,285 Oh, I see. 366 00:14:18,495 --> 00:14:20,685 And yeah, if we get a geography Final Jeopardy, things 367 00:14:20,685 --> 00:14:22,935

might go south very quickly. 368 00:14:23,525 --> 00:14:24,635 South, but you wouldn't know. 369 00:14:24,905 --> 00:14:25,164 I wouldn't get in. 370 00:14:25,175 --> 00:14:26,405 that west, is that north? 371 00:14:27,054 --> 00:14:28,295 It goes some direction, yeah. 372 00:14:28,564 --> 00:14:30,525 Is that why you're not a pilot, for that reason? 373 00:14:30,605 --> 00:14:32,205 There are many reasons I'm not a pilot. 374 00:14:33,775 --> 00:14:35,245 There were some tough clues in that game. 375 00:14:35,245 --> 00:14:37,765 Like that whole, uh, we've never had that response before. 376 00:14:37,765 --> 00:14:40,974 You needed a lot of lateral thinking and inference. 377 00:14:41,144 --> 00:14:43,679 The Red Sea Scrolls, that also requires a little bit of thinking. 378 00:14:44,040 --> 00:14:45,109 Of inference right 379 00:14:45,329 --> 00:14:48,579 lateral thinking we got there It took almost the entire time,

380 00:14:48,579 --> 00:14:51,880 but I figured out what rhymes with dead sea and went from there 381 00:14:52,060 --> 00:14:54,900 So you did get it for you knew kumaran was dead sea scrolls 382 00:14:55,910 --> 00:14:57,869 It was all like ringing a bell. 383 00:14:57,880 --> 00:15:00,259 It wasn't necessarily we wouldn't call it knowledge. 384 00:15:00,260 --> 00:15:04,349 We'd call it like Vibes form vibes vibes is a perfect word for it. 385 00:15:04,349 --> 00:15:06,719 Yeah, I everything I do is off vibes pretty much 386 00:15:07,099 --> 00:15:10,310 I mean it is kind of true you see words in a clue and for whatever reason you 387 00:15:10,310 --> 00:15:13,835 go down some line of thought and Maybe there's connections in your brain 388 00:15:13,835 --> 00:15:15,525 you weren't even aware of, I guess. 389 00:15:15,694 --> 00:15:16,035 Yeah, 390 00:15:16,035 --> 00:15:18,625 yeah, my, my quiz bowl captain in college called it the voice. 391

00:15:18,625 --> 00:15:21,904 You just listen to the voice and the voice is sometimes horribly wrong and 392 00:15:21,904 --> 00:15:25,064 you have a very bad guess, but you gotta listen to the voice no matter what. 393 00:15:25,194 --> 00:15:26,264 Where did you play quiz bowl? 394 00:15:26,355 --> 00:15:27,314 Uh, University of Maryland. 395 00:15:27,425 --> 00:15:30,005 Oh, that's, they were a very good team when I was playing. 396 00:15:30,074 --> 00:15:30,594 I wasn't. 397 00:15:30,755 --> 00:15:31,925 I was, I was on the B team. 398 00:15:32,615 --> 00:15:32,944 The B team? 399 00:15:32,975 --> 00:15:33,205 Yeah. 400 00:15:33,215 --> 00:15:34,045 Well, I mean, they were so good. 401 00:15:34,045 --> 00:15:37,295 The B team, like even the B team wins, look at this, 45, 000 402 00:15:37,295 --> 00:15:38,574 or whatever it is on Jeopardy. 403 00:15:38,944 --> 00:15:40,074 So congratulations.

404 00:15:40,150 --> 00:15:41,660 But all three of you played well in that game. 405 00:15:41,660 --> 00:15:42,329 It was a pleasure. 406 00:15:42,329 --> 00:15:43,260 I hope you had a good time. 407 00:15:43,459 --> 00:15:45,430 And, uh, Isaac, you're back for game three tomorrow. 408 00:15:46,119 --> 00:15:46,439 Good luck. 409 00:15:46,589 --> 00:15:47,050 Looking forward to it. 410 00:15:47,489 --> 00:15:47,899 All right. 411 00:15:47,899 --> 00:15:51,129 Well, we closed out the week with a dominant performance by Isaac. 412 00:15:51,129 --> 00:15:56,289 33 correct responses, two correct daily doubles, and a double Jeopardy! 413 00:15:56,300 --> 00:15:59,049 score of over 26, 000. 414 00:15:59,050 --> 00:16:02,719 This earned him a no doubt runaway win heading into the weekend. 415 00:16:03,315 --> 00:16:08,405 You know, just last week we were talking about how Drew Basile had set a new record

416 00:16:08,405 --> 00:16:12,575 of 33 correct responses, the highest we had seen all season, whether that be TOC, 417 00:16:12,784 --> 00:16:16,174 Masters, or JIT, and here comes Isaac. 418 00:16:16,174 --> 00:16:18,935 He's now tied with Drew for that season record. 419 00:16:19,605 --> 00:16:20,405 Wonderful player. 420 00:16:20,630 --> 00:16:22,730 And Alex gave us a perfect example. 421 00:16:22,730 --> 00:16:25,310 I said we would circle back to these teachable moments. 422 00:16:25,380 --> 00:16:27,830 Perfect example of a true Daily Double. 423 00:16:27,880 --> 00:16:29,250 He found the first Daily Double. 424 00:16:29,340 --> 00:16:30,730 He had 600. 425 00:16:30,750 --> 00:16:35,720 He said confidently, let's make it a true Daily Double for 600, please. 426 00:16:35,870 --> 00:16:36,299 Oh, you love it. 427 00:16:36,370 --> 00:16:38,899 And everybody on the producer's table gave a little golf clap.

428 00:16:39,009 --> 00:16:39,479 Yeah. 429 00:16:39,609 --> 00:16:39,859 At that point. 430 00:16:39,860 --> 00:16:42,010 Because he got it right. 431 00:16:42,290 --> 00:16:42,379 Absolutely. 432 00:16:42,379 --> 00:16:42,719 There you go. 433 00:16:43,140 --> 00:16:43,650 Wonderful. 434 00:16:43,790 --> 00:16:48,249 We also learned that Isaac's car was featured on Brooklyn Nine Nine. 435 00:16:48,250 --> 00:16:49,209 Love that show. 436 00:16:49,209 --> 00:16:49,529 And 437 00:16:49,530 --> 00:16:54,510 Isaac joked, I'm basically famous, um, that his car did so great. 438 00:16:54,539 --> 00:16:55,529 It looked the part. 439 00:16:55,550 --> 00:16:58,540 It looked beat up and old, which it is. 440 00:16:58,930 --> 00:17:01,689 And then in the postgame, Ken had to ask Isaac, you know,

441 00:17:01,699 --> 00:17:03,520 now you've earned over 70, 000. 442 00:17:03,569 --> 00:17:06,390 Will you be replacing the Brooklyn Nine Nine car? 443 00:17:06,410 --> 00:17:11,280 And Isaac responded, I'm going to keep that car until it literally falls apart. 444 00:17:11,649 --> 00:17:14,109 But you know, I work customer support. 445 00:17:14,119 --> 00:17:18,459 So 70, 000 is life changing money. 446 00:17:18,470 --> 00:17:23,579 And that's just so cool to hear for these contestants that he comes on and in a 447 00:17:23,579 --> 00:17:28,760 day's work, he's got 70, 000 because of the that he has inside his brain. 448 00:17:30,440 --> 00:17:31,170 Well there you have it. 449 00:17:31,220 --> 00:17:34,660 Isaac is now a three game Jeopardy champion. 450 00:17:34,950 --> 00:17:36,910 Let's hear how he was feeling after the game. 451 00:17:37,389 --> 00:17:38,210 Congratulations. 452 00:17:38,679 --> 00:17:38,820 Thank you.

453 00:17:38,820 --> 00:17:42,069 I could see you two both buzzing in frantically, but uh, Isaac 454 00:17:42,069 --> 00:17:43,190 was kind of dialed in today. 455 00:17:43,250 --> 00:17:44,600 How's the signaling device been treating you? 456 00:17:45,050 --> 00:17:45,970 Seemingly very well. 457 00:17:46,020 --> 00:17:48,830 Uh, you know, finally years of just playing video games 458 00:17:48,830 --> 00:17:50,350 has amounted to something. 459 00:17:50,750 --> 00:17:51,700 Do you think that's what it is? 460 00:17:51,760 --> 00:17:52,450 I think so. 461 00:17:52,460 --> 00:17:56,710 I mean, I play a lot of video games, so it had to come in handy somehow. 462 00:17:56,840 --> 00:18:00,069 Victoria Gross and Masters was saying she played a lot of, like, rhythm based games, 463 00:18:00,079 --> 00:18:02,700 like Rock Band or Dance Dance Revolution. 464 00:18:02,710 --> 00:18:04,170 Like, that kind of thing she thought was good for her.

465 00:18:04,649 --> 00:18:08,030 I was impressed with John Updike only on X Basketball Star. 466 00:18:08,030 --> 00:18:09,149 Like, is that what you got it off of? 467 00:18:09,149 --> 00:18:09,830 Yeah, Rabbit. 468 00:18:09,850 --> 00:18:10,510 He's a basketball 469 00:18:10,510 --> 00:18:10,879 player. 470 00:18:10,879 --> 00:18:11,470 I know that. 471 00:18:11,840 --> 00:18:14,010 That's almost all I know, but I knew that. 472 00:18:14,280 --> 00:18:15,350 Is that Quiz Bowl stuff? 473 00:18:15,399 --> 00:18:15,809 Yeah. 474 00:18:16,419 --> 00:18:17,269 It came up before. 475 00:18:17,269 --> 00:18:21,249 I was a literature guy in Quiz Bowl, so I'm hunting the literature categories. 476 00:18:21,250 --> 00:18:24,179 And as we said, we're avoiding anything about geography or the world. 477 00:18:24,179 --> 00:18:28,320

I knew not to wager very much on this Final Jeopardy because I'm kind 478 00:18:28,320 --> 00:18:30,610 of clueless about the larger world. 479 00:18:31,139 --> 00:18:34,600 Well, you did have that Daily Double about the Russo Japanese War. 480 00:18:34,620 --> 00:18:35,899 Yeah, but And you were 481 00:18:35,899 --> 00:18:37,919 in a position where you didn't have to bet that much, I guess. 482 00:18:37,929 --> 00:18:38,560 Yeah, yeah. 483 00:18:38,560 --> 00:18:39,420 Teddy Roosevelt. 484 00:18:39,509 --> 00:18:42,170 I knew that he negotiated that, and I remembered that was a war. 485 00:18:42,170 --> 00:18:43,310 And, you know, again, vibes. 486 00:18:43,360 --> 00:18:44,270 All about vibes here. 487 00:18:44,270 --> 00:18:46,504 We're just sort of putting things together and hoping for the best. 488 00:18:47,014 --> 00:18:49,864 Is that the, uh, like the millennial approach to Jeopardy, I guess? 489 00:18:49,915 --> 00:18:51,925

Yeah, knowing stuff is overrated. 490 00:18:52,014 --> 00:18:53,685 Kind of knowing stuff is where it's at. 491 00:18:55,195 --> 00:18:58,225 That's what I, uh, that's what I've come to gather about America today. 492 00:18:58,415 --> 00:18:59,955 Thanks all three of you for being here today. 493 00:18:59,974 --> 00:19:00,715 It was a fun game. 494 00:19:00,764 --> 00:19:03,684 And Isaac, you're going to be back next week looking for win number four. 495 00:19:03,995 --> 00:19:05,914 And now, a quick word from our sponsor. 496 00:19:06,459 --> 00:19:09,259 Selling a little or a lot. 497 00:19:10,429 --> 00:19:12,070 Shopify helps you do your thing. 498 00:19:12,100 --> 00:19:13,350 However, you cha ching. 499 00:19:13,389 --> 00:19:17,649 Shopify is the global commerce platform that helps you sell at every stage of 500 00:19:17,649 --> 00:19:21,969 your business from the launcher online shop stage to the first real life 501 00:19:21,969 --> 00:19:26,169 store stage, all the way to the, did

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00:20:32,249 --> 00:20:33,789 Look how everybody just nods, like, yes. 526 00:20:34,590 --> 00:20:36,929 Like, we're all in the cult of Back to the Future is a perfect movie. 527 00:20:37,589 --> 00:20:39,909 Um, sometimes I say Hard Day's Night, like the first Beatles 528 00:20:39,909 --> 00:20:40,870 movie, it really holds up. 529 00:20:40,870 --> 00:20:44,800 It's, like, super energetic and fun, and they're very surprisingly funny, 530 00:20:44,800 --> 00:20:46,490 but It just depends on the day. 531 00:20:46,900 --> 00:20:51,379 You know, Alex got asked this question all the time as well, to where Alex's 532 00:20:51,379 --> 00:20:53,140 favorite movie almost felt like mine. 533 00:20:53,240 --> 00:20:57,730 It is, uh, How Green Was My Valley, Alex's very favorite movie, and it was 534 00:20:57,730 --> 00:21:02,059 probably the most asked question that people wanted to know year after year. 535 00:21:02,059 --> 00:21:06,589 So, Ken is falling in line, and Back to the Future, it's a pretty good choice. 536 00:21:06,999 --> 00:21:11,139 I actually screened my favorite movie for, uh, my kids the other night.

537 00:21:11,534 --> 00:21:15,175 As you know, one of my daughters is going to University of Edinburgh in the 538 00:21:15,175 --> 00:21:16,455 fall, which is where I went to school. 539 00:21:16,455 --> 00:21:17,314 So I'm very excited. 540 00:21:17,314 --> 00:21:21,014 And so I'm, I'm having a lot of emotion about, uh, my mother's home nation 541 00:21:21,014 --> 00:21:25,014 of Scotland right now, despite their terrible performance at Euro 2024. 542 00:21:25,014 --> 00:21:26,974 I know that you can't stop thinking about that. 543 00:21:27,054 --> 00:21:29,885 I can't, I can't get it out of my favorite film of all time, it's 544 00:21:29,885 --> 00:21:34,264 a Scottish film, it's Local Hero, brilliant film to still It's really cool. 545 00:21:34,485 --> 00:21:37,115 You know, I find so much in it every single time I watch it, and 546 00:21:37,115 --> 00:21:38,975 I've watched it so many, uh, times. 547 00:21:38,975 --> 00:21:43,595 It's about a, a Houston oil man who goes off to the, you know, the, the

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00:21:43,745 --> 00:21:47,685 west of Scotland on behalf of his oil refinery to try and shut down 549 00:21:47,685 --> 00:21:49,285 and, and buy an entire village. 550 00:21:49,285 --> 00:21:53,875 And he gets sort of stopped in his tracks by one old man who lives on the beach, old 551 00:21:53,895 --> 00:21:57,504 Ben who lives on the beach and, and won't, won't, won't sell that beach to them. 552 00:21:57,825 --> 00:21:58,945 But it's just a great film. 553 00:21:58,945 --> 00:21:59,504 I really love it. 554 00:21:59,820 --> 00:22:01,470 And, uh, I was watching it. 555 00:22:01,520 --> 00:22:02,389 I was so excited. 556 00:22:02,419 --> 00:22:04,579 I mean, I was like 45 minutes in and really enjoying it. 557 00:22:04,579 --> 00:22:07,620 And I turned to all of my three children who were all fast asleep. 558 00:22:07,840 --> 00:22:08,820 They were all fast asleep. 559 00:22:08,850 --> 00:22:09,739 I was afraid this is where 560 00:22:09,740 --> 00:22:10,720

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that story was going.
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00:22:11,269 --> 00:22:11,700
They had
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00:22:11,750 --> 00:22:14,970
absolutely zero interest in
my, in my favorite movie.
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00:22:15,420 --> 00:22:15,750
Yeah.
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00:22:15,760 --> 00:22:18,590
Well, they're really going to enjoy
the July 3rd party though, I bet.
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00:22:18,700 --> 00:22:19,490
Yeah, they will.
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00:22:19,520 --> 00:22:20,540
The last day of dependence.
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00:22:20,610 --> 00:22:21,030
Very good.
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00:22:21,200 --> 00:22:24,510
Well, I know you have to run, Michael,
so we will see you back here next
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00:22:24,510 --> 00:22:29,209
week on the pod, but now it's time
to welcome seven game champion
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and survivor star Drew Basile.
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What's going on?
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573 00:22:33,029 --> 00:22:33,999 It's great to be here. 574 00:22:34,040 --> 00:22:36,180 I mean, number one, it's great to be a seven game champ. 575 00:22:36,210 --> 00:22:36,774 So that, that's, that's great. 576 00:22:37,034 --> 00:22:37,754 That's most of it. 577 00:22:37,774 --> 00:22:41,155 But I'm also happy to recap, you know, relive my days of glory and, 578 00:22:41,165 --> 00:22:42,495 you know, sadly one day of defeat. 579 00:22:42,695 --> 00:22:43,094 Yeah. 580 00:22:43,124 --> 00:22:44,764 I see you're wearing a Jeopardy shirt. 581 00:22:44,965 --> 00:22:45,554 I am. 582 00:22:45,584 --> 00:22:47,604 I think this is back from like the 90s. 583 00:22:47,614 --> 00:22:49,841 You guys sponsored an Olympics in maybe 92, 94. 584 00:22:49,841 --> 00:22:50,164 Yeah, that's 585 00:22:50,164 --> 00:22:51,175 like retro.

586 00:22:51,244 --> 00:22:51,554 I know. 587 00:22:51,554 --> 00:22:52,435 I went on Depop. 588 00:22:52,445 --> 00:22:55,014 I had to, I had to get some merchandise for the watch parties in 589 00:22:55,014 --> 00:22:58,225 Philadelphia and Detroit, you know, so I, uh, did some, did some trawling. 590 00:22:58,405 --> 00:23:01,554 Yeah, we have to know, because we saw that you did have one in Michigan 591 00:23:01,554 --> 00:23:02,854 and also one in Philadelphia. 592 00:23:02,854 --> 00:23:05,215 What's the Philadelphia connection for the watch party? 593 00:23:05,594 --> 00:23:06,175 Absolutely. 594 00:23:06,175 --> 00:23:08,754 So I went to, uh, college at the University of Pennsylvania. 595 00:23:08,814 --> 00:23:11,594 But, uh, you know, close to my heart, my girlfriend lives down here. 596 00:23:11,625 --> 00:23:13,445 So obviously I gotta come see her and celebrate with her. 597 00:23:13,804 --> 00:23:16,504

She brought everyone she knew for the Philadelphia watch party and then 598 00:23:16,504 --> 00:23:18,465 the Detroit one was more my my crowd 599 00:23:18,594 --> 00:23:18,935 All right. 600 00:23:18,935 --> 00:23:21,554 So who parties better at a watch party? 601 00:23:21,674 --> 00:23:22,655 Is it Philly? 602 00:23:22,935 --> 00:23:23,964 Is it Michigan? 603 00:23:25,395 --> 00:23:27,784 You know, it's very different cuz it's like in Philly. 604 00:23:27,784 --> 00:23:30,264 It's all my college friends, you know, it's young people You know, 605 00:23:30,274 --> 00:23:32,175 we went to this bar in Michigan. 606 00:23:32,175 --> 00:23:35,804 It's like my family my grandparents, you know, it's two different very different 607 00:23:35,804 --> 00:23:39,075 vibes I gotta I had to wear the collared shirt for Michigan, best behavior. 608 00:23:39,235 --> 00:23:40,915 Philly was, Philly was a little bit more fun. 609 00:23:41,014 --> 00:23:42,754

Plus, of course, I mean, that's my first game. 610 00:23:42,805 --> 00:23:43,405 That's a big game. 611 00:23:43,545 --> 00:23:44,585 Definitely one to celebrate. 612 00:23:44,685 --> 00:23:45,115 Yeah. 613 00:23:45,115 --> 00:23:45,485 Okay. 614 00:23:45,485 --> 00:23:46,774 Let's just go back for a minute. 615 00:23:46,794 --> 00:23:49,964 Cause yeah, it's a big game because it's the first time you become a 616 00:23:49,975 --> 00:23:54,024 Jeopardy champion, but you're also up against someone who at this point, a 617 00:23:54,025 --> 00:23:58,375 lot of people had been tuning in to watch Adriana going on quite a run. 618 00:23:58,695 --> 00:24:02,485 She's coming back to make it 16 wins and she comes up against. 619 00:24:02,885 --> 00:24:05,735 You've heard me say it once, our giant, giant killer. 620 00:24:05,885 --> 00:24:09,585 Talk me through that day, that game, just tell me the story.

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00:24:09,695 --> 00:24:10,465
For sure.
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Uh, now I, you know, our listeners
probably know this, but when
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00:24:13,685 --> 00:24:16,065
you're waiting to play Jeopardy!,
you're sitting in a green room.
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00:24:16,065 --> 00:24:18,395
You don't just arrive at the studio
and instantly get on the stage,
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00:24:18,425 --> 00:24:19,785
but you get to watch the games.
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00:24:20,055 --> 00:24:21,784
So we're all sitting
there, we're very nervous.
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00:24:21,905 --> 00:24:24,834
I had a little bit of reality TV
experience previously, so I was,
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00:24:25,084 --> 00:24:28,415
I was priding myself on being less
nervous, but still very nervous.
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00:24:28,435 --> 00:24:28,545
Yeah.
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00:24:28,885 --> 00:24:32,424
And we watched Adriana just
dominate the first two games.
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00:24:32,630 --> 00:24:33,520
They're tight games.
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00:24:33,520 --> 00:24:34,460
She's composed.
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633 00:24:34,470 --> 00:24:35,850 She doesn't make mistakes. 634 00:24:36,190 --> 00:24:40,540 And not only that, but we know that there's like 13 games of, of history where 635 00:24:40,540 --> 00:24:41,910 that she's done the same exact thing. 636 00:24:41,939 --> 00:24:42,909 So she's like a machine. 637 00:24:43,530 --> 00:24:44,720 So I'm feeling pretty grim. 638 00:24:44,720 --> 00:24:47,330 I'm getting up there on the stage with Tecla, who was great. 639 00:24:47,659 --> 00:24:50,719 One of my favorite friends I made that day, but getting up to the stage, just 640 00:24:50,720 --> 00:24:52,000 thinking, all right, second would be good. 641 00:24:52,100 --> 00:24:55,300 You know, let's just, let's just make myself proud, a good showing. 642 00:24:55,679 --> 00:24:58,360 Um, and the first categories come on and they're good for me. 643 00:24:58,360 --> 00:24:59,659 You know, there's some literature in there. 644 00:24:59,659 --> 00:25:00,359 There's some history.

645 00:25:00,360 --> 00:25:03,195 Those are, Those are my strong points and I'm buzzing and I'm 646 00:25:03,195 --> 00:25:06,474 competitive and I'm realizing, Oh my God, maybe, maybe she is beatable. 647 00:25:06,475 --> 00:25:08,914 I mean, it's going to be tough, but maybe she is beautiful. 648 00:25:09,134 --> 00:25:11,215 I mean, so that was kind of like a real pulling up of the 649 00:25:11,215 --> 00:25:12,834 morale once the game started. 650 00:25:12,955 --> 00:25:15,995 And then comes that daily double moment. 651 00:25:16,084 --> 00:25:17,024 Absolutely. 652 00:25:17,034 --> 00:25:18,134 You know, I don't know. 653 00:25:18,164 --> 00:25:20,574 I'm sure you guys have some great episodes to come, but, but top 654 00:25:21,034 --> 00:25:23,364 moment for the season, I like to think some real drama in it. 655 00:25:23,715 --> 00:25:24,264 I think so. 656 00:25:24,665 --> 00:25:26,135 Very Masters esque, Drew.

657 00:25:26,205 --> 00:25:26,284 Oh, 6.5.8 00:25:26,915 --> 00:25:27,605 fingers crossed. 659 00:25:27,605 --> 00:25:30,675 I gotta win Tournament of Champions first, but we'll see. 660 00:25:30,804 --> 00:25:32,044 Someday down the road. 661 00:25:32,244 --> 00:25:34,614 No, but the Daily Double comes up, and at that point, it's 662 00:25:34,614 --> 00:25:35,774 been pretty back and forth. 663 00:25:35,784 --> 00:25:40,294 I think that she had the lead coming into Double Jeopardy pretty conclusively, and 664 00:25:40,294 --> 00:25:41,804 then I had battled back a little bit. 665 00:25:42,095 --> 00:25:44,065 And I just was standing there at the podium, and I was gonna make a 666 00:25:44,065 --> 00:25:48,245 conservative bet, and I thought to myself, like, If I, if I do this 667 00:25:48,245 --> 00:25:51,055 conservative bet, win or lose, it's still going to be a slog. 668 00:25:51,065 --> 00:25:51,805 It's going to be a battle.

669 00:25:51,805 --> 00:25:53,025 It's gonna be back and forth. 670 00:25:53,045 --> 00:25:54,455 Who knows how it will turn out. 671 00:25:54,465 --> 00:25:56,595 I mean, you know, she's got a lot more experience than I do. 672 00:25:56,995 --> 00:25:58,725 I just thought, why not decide it right here? 673 00:25:58,795 --> 00:26:00,495 Like, why not just lay the cards on the table? 674 00:26:00,504 --> 00:26:01,945 Let's just decide in one moment. 675 00:26:02,015 --> 00:26:02,955 I hate waiting. 676 00:26:03,004 --> 00:26:03,725 That's the thing about me. 677 00:26:03,725 --> 00:26:04,535 I don't like lines. 678 00:26:04,535 --> 00:26:07,045 I don't like having to, you know, wait for the movie to come out. 679 00:26:07,045 --> 00:26:07,795 I just want to know. 680 00:26:08,025 --> 00:26:09,455 So I just figured let's decide. 681 00:26:09,504 --> 00:26:12,845

And thank God it was a question that, uh, you know, I wasn't out to sea on. 682 00:26:13,115 --> 00:26:15,285 Um, it was a Naval question. 683 00:26:15,305 --> 00:26:16,135 And I think that. 684 00:26:16,475 --> 00:26:19,435 Once I composed myself enough to think through the answers, you know, 685 00:26:19,735 --> 00:26:22,205 just based on Pacific war battles, I was able to come up with something 686 00:26:22,205 --> 00:26:23,685 plausible and it turned out to be right. 687 00:26:23,695 --> 00:26:26,414 And I think that, uh, I mean, there was game to go, of course, 688 00:26:26,414 --> 00:26:27,505 but that was pretty definitive. 689 00:26:27,664 --> 00:26:27,964 Yeah. 690 00:26:27,965 --> 00:26:32,505 That had to be such a relief because, you know, when you put it all on the line like 691 00:26:32,505 --> 00:26:36,150 that, yes, you're willing to have it go either way, but wow, when it goes your 692 00:26:36,150 --> 00:26:37,935 way, that has to just feel incredible. 693 00:26:38,325 --> 00:26:41,855

It's like, uh, going to the casino, you know, it's a, it's a heck of a rush. 694 00:26:42,025 --> 00:26:44,450 I mean, This is something I personally feel. 695 00:26:44,740 --> 00:26:47,500 We work for a lot of things in life and we work really hard to achieve them. 696 00:26:47,500 --> 00:26:49,840 There's so much anticipation that when you get it, it's just kind of like, 697 00:26:49,850 --> 00:26:51,920 you know, it's there and it's a relief. 698 00:26:52,295 --> 00:26:55,555 But when you get something out of the jaws of defeat, when it's luck, when 699 00:26:55,555 --> 00:26:58,415 it's a fluke, when it's really on the line and it comes down to a single 700 00:26:58,415 --> 00:27:00,824 moment, it's just an inimitable rush. 701 00:27:01,134 --> 00:27:04,935 Um, and so I was blown away and in a way that kind of worked to my detriment 702 00:27:04,935 --> 00:27:08,325 because like the game's not over, there's another daily double out there. 703 00:27:08,335 --> 00:27:10,124 You gotta like pull yourself back together. 704 00:27:10,425 --> 00:27:14,015 I can, uh, I can remember watching

in Philly in the next, One of the 705 00:27:14,055 --> 00:27:17,355 next questions was this Mutiny of the Bounty question, and that's like, 706 00:27:17,365 --> 00:27:20,505 that's like something I know, and I was shocked on TV that I didn't, I 707 00:27:20,505 --> 00:27:23,624 didn't even buzz in, you know, because like, that, that, that's a no brainer. 708 00:27:23,625 --> 00:27:26,085 I think I was just so stunned that I was, I was somewhere else, you 709 00:27:26,085 --> 00:27:28,594 know, I was sitting at the stands watching, uh, after that big moment. 710 00:27:28,734 --> 00:27:32,805 Yeah, well, I referred to Masters because it became so common, you 711 00:27:32,805 --> 00:27:35,465 know, all of our Masters, they were doing True Daily Doubles. 712 00:27:35,635 --> 00:27:35,855 Mm hmm. 713 00:27:35,950 --> 00:27:40,470 Betting five figures like it's nothing, but it rarely happens in syndication. 714 00:27:40,480 --> 00:27:42,570 So I just have to ask coming in. 715 00:27:42,580 --> 00:27:48,300 Did you know you'd be willing to make those Holtz Howery and betting numbers?

716 00:27:48,490 --> 00:27:50,079 No, listen, I'm, I'm a competitor. 717 00:27:50,120 --> 00:27:52,409 My strategy, I don't want to give away too much of the strategy 718 00:27:52,409 --> 00:27:53,519 because it's one I'll repeat, but 719 00:27:53,530 --> 00:27:54,330 I, 720 00:27:54,430 --> 00:27:58,810 I, I want to kind of decide games, uh, win or lose in, in. 721 00:27:59,325 --> 00:28:00,014 The double jeopardy. 722 00:28:00,165 --> 00:28:01,784 That's when games are chosen for me. 723 00:28:01,784 --> 00:28:04,304 I want to try and run away with it if possible. 724 00:28:04,605 --> 00:28:08,254 And so those daily double calculations boil down to like, how much money do 725 00:28:08,254 --> 00:28:10,705 I need to decide it in double, right? 726 00:28:10,895 --> 00:28:14,125 Obviously in masters, those guys are so good that there's no, I mean, 727 00:28:14,444 --> 00:28:17,105 there's no deciding until the very last moment and it makes for awesome TV.

728 00:28:17,294 --> 00:28:19,780 And then you've got to consider the fact too, that It's not one 729 00:28:19,780 --> 00:28:22,030 and done, you know, they have another game and a game after that. 730 00:28:22,300 --> 00:28:22,750 Right. 731 00:28:22,820 --> 00:28:25,280 So they can afford to take those huge, huge wagers. 732 00:28:25,459 --> 00:28:29,010 I couldn't, you know, it's, it's do or die for me, but I think psychologically 733 00:28:29,010 --> 00:28:32,679 perhaps watching just, you know, that prowess of, of Holzhauer and 734 00:28:32,679 --> 00:28:38,130 Victoria and Yogesh on, on, uh, on TV, maybe, maybe, maybe psychologically 735 00:28:38,130 --> 00:28:39,950 primed me to make a big move. 736 00:28:40,060 --> 00:28:41,150 And so, yeah, I was good. 737 00:28:41,150 --> 00:28:41,680 I watched. 738 00:28:41,750 --> 00:28:46,990 So when you look back at your seven game winning streak, is there a highlight? 739 00:28:47,020 --> 00:28:48,730

Does that moment stand out? 740 00:28:48,770 --> 00:28:50,910 Is it becoming a champion for the first time? 741 00:28:50,910 --> 00:28:53,660 I just would love to know when you look back at the whole thing, what's 742 00:28:53,660 --> 00:28:56,329 the moment that you say, wow, that's, that's going to be my highlight. 743 00:28:56,379 --> 00:28:57,889 There's a couple of real top moments. 744 00:28:57,889 --> 00:28:59,799 I mean, number one, winning that first game. 745 00:29:00,050 --> 00:29:00,880 Elation. 746 00:29:00,930 --> 00:29:02,430 It was so, I was so pleased. 747 00:29:02,720 --> 00:29:06,750 Um, number two, it's gotta be, uh, the Jeff Probst shout out, which 748 00:29:07,250 --> 00:29:08,389 I mean, really touched my heart. 749 00:29:08,390 --> 00:29:10,850 I'll tell you, I had been a big fan of both of those shows for a long, long 750 00:29:10,850 --> 00:29:15,530 time and so to just so suddenly and I, I, I really, you know, bold me over.

00:29:15,530 --> 00:29:16,069 I'm a softie. 752 00:29:16,069 --> 00:29:17,459 I'm a big, uh, big sentimentalist. 753 00:29:17,460 --> 00:29:19,740 So, I, I, you know, I had to kinda dab my eyes a little bit. 7.54 00:29:19,880 --> 00:29:22,860 That was a highlight and then, of course, a big highlight would 755 00:29:22,870 --> 00:29:24,120 be becoming a five day champ. 756 00:29:24,320 --> 00:29:27,340 For me personally, I didn't have the highest expectations going in, you 757 00:29:27,340 --> 00:29:28,570 know, I played trivia in high school. 758 00:29:28,570 --> 00:29:29,380 I'd been a long time. 759 00:29:29,380 --> 00:29:30,340 I don't really do bar trivia. 760 00:29:30,340 --> 00:29:32,870 I'm not actually particularly good at bar trivia because all that pop culture stuff. 761 00:29:32,870 --> 00:29:35,669 I don't know that, but I just figured let's go up. 762 00:29:35,679 --> 00:29:38,050 Let's, let's maybe win a game and sort of one more than a game.

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00:29:38,059 --> 00:29:40,819 You know, that kind of, those kind of felt like bonuses, but then you 764 00:29:40,820 --> 00:29:44,499 get to the fifth round and the fifth round, again, like in addition to the. 765 00:29:44,810 --> 00:29:45,850 Copious amounts of money. 766 00:29:45,850 --> 00:29:48,530 There is something to play for, which is like tournament champions. 767 00:29:48,930 --> 00:29:50,730 And I, you know, found out later. 768 00:29:50,760 --> 00:29:52,660 And as I was watching too, that a lot of people have kind 769 00:29:52,660 --> 00:29:53,889 of fallen short this season. 770 00:29:53,889 --> 00:29:54,029 Yeah. 771 00:29:54,030 --> 00:29:56,700 We've had a number of promising four time champions 772 00:29:56,759 --> 00:29:57,929 and three game winners. 773 00:29:57,929 --> 00:29:58,619 Yeah. 774 00:29:58,710 --> 00:30:01,399 I wasn't aware of that at the time, but I really did feel that mentality

00:30:01,400 --> 00:30:04,409 that like, Oh my God, like, you know, here we are, like, it's all. 776 00:30:04,790 --> 00:30:06,190 You know, you've got something to prove again. 777 00:30:06,710 --> 00:30:10,090 Um, and so then that was really stressful and to be able to come up on 778 00:30:10,100 --> 00:30:13,250 the final jeopardy, um, which is not something I needed to do a ton, um, 779 00:30:13,250 --> 00:30:15,220 that was again, uh, extremely rewarding. 780 00:30:15,400 --> 00:30:17,870 So you mentioned that moment with Jeff probes. 781 00:30:17,909 --> 00:30:20,920 I've said it here on the podcast, our co executive producer, Lisa 782 00:30:20,920 --> 00:30:23,459 Brothman, big survivor fan. 783 00:30:24,005 --> 00:30:27,325 Long time friend of Jeff Probst, and she called him. 784 00:30:27,335 --> 00:30:31,305 She's the one that said, Hey, you gotta know that Drew from season 785 00:30:31,595 --> 00:30:33,084 45, he's doing great on Jeopardy. 786 00:30:33,084 --> 00:30:34,515 He's a five game champion.

787 00:30:34,515 --> 00:30:35,754 And he said, that's so cool. 788 00:30:35,975 --> 00:30:36,805 That's so awesome. 789 00:30:36,805 --> 00:30:37,605 I love that guy. 790 00:30:37,874 --> 00:30:40,834 So that was an authentic moment that happens because obviously 791 00:30:40,834 --> 00:30:42,385 we do multiple shows in a day. 792 00:30:42,385 --> 00:30:42,605 Okay. 793 00:30:42,625 --> 00:30:43,845 That that call could be made. 794 00:30:43,845 --> 00:30:46,475 And then I could say, Hey, Ken, make sure to tell Drew that like, 795 00:30:46,495 --> 00:30:48,235 Jeff knows he's winning on Jeopardy. 796 00:30:48,675 --> 00:30:52,554 Oh, I mean, like Jeff probably doesn't think of me this way, but for years I 797 00:30:52,554 --> 00:30:56,424 watched Jeff on TV, like the same way with Alex, you know, and now with Ken. 798 00:30:56,434 --> 00:30:57,094 He's great.

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00:30:57,094 --> 00:31:00,894 He's got a long future to go, but you know, they're a part of your ritual. 800 00:31:00,904 --> 00:31:03,915 They're a part of your life in a non, in a, you know, tangible sense. 801 00:31:04,185 --> 00:31:06,775 I mean, getting to play on Survivor, obviously it's like meeting your heroes. 802 00:31:06,775 --> 00:31:09,885 And I'll tell you, Jeff, even in real life is a pretty statuesque guy. 803 00:31:09,915 --> 00:31:10,695 You know, he's a. 804 00:31:10,835 --> 00:31:12,405 He's a force to behold. 805 00:31:12,615 --> 00:31:13,705 I felt that way about cat. 806 00:31:13,715 --> 00:31:16,215 I mean, cat has a real majesty out there, like. 807 00:31:16,500 --> 00:31:17,020 On stage. 808 00:31:17,020 --> 00:31:17,760 He's so witty. 809 00:31:17,770 --> 00:31:18,740 He's so charming. 810 00:31:19,130 --> 00:31:21,810 So they say, don't meet your heroes, meet your heroes. 811

00:31:21,810 --> 00:31:24,410 I've had a great time, um, apply to jeopardy. 812 00:31:24,549 --> 00:31:29,000 But the point is, is that, uh, getting to hear from Jeff at a moment where like, 813 00:31:29,000 --> 00:31:30,310 let's be honest, you need the support. 814 00:31:30,339 --> 00:31:31,910 I mean, people bring their loved ones for a reason. 815 00:31:31,910 --> 00:31:32,740 It's very stressful. 816 00:31:33,140 --> 00:31:35,960 It had my heart beating twice and I really appreciated it. 817 00:31:36,100 --> 00:31:39,920 Well, I mentioned Lisa because not only does she love Survivor, 818 00:31:40,090 --> 00:31:41,470 she was a big Drew fan. 819 00:31:41,960 --> 00:31:44,480 She said she was rooting for you to win the whole season. 820 00:31:44,870 --> 00:31:46,419 She loved watching you on the show. 821 00:31:46,429 --> 00:31:46,629 Me 822 00:31:46,630 --> 00:31:46,820 too. 823

00:31:47,059 --> 00:31:47,899 I don't know what happened. 824 00:31:48,019 --> 00:31:49,130 I'm sorry, Lisa. 825 00:31:49,130 --> 00:31:52,520 You know, I got pretty close, but I really appreciate that. 826 00:31:52,550 --> 00:31:55,510 Honestly, it's such a blessing to me, you know, to fans or to hear that I 827 00:31:55,510 --> 00:31:57,690 could, I can make people's Wednesday nights just a little bit brighter. 828 00:31:57,930 --> 00:32:01,480 So which dream was longer in the making? 829 00:32:01,500 --> 00:32:03,900 Being on Jeopardy or being on Survivor? 830 00:32:04,150 --> 00:32:06,760 Well, they were very different kinds of, of dreams. 831 00:32:07,030 --> 00:32:07,290 No, you 832 00:32:07,290 --> 00:32:07,800 don't say. 833 00:32:07,820 --> 00:32:08,120 Well, no, no, 834 00:32:08,120 --> 00:32:10,509 no, but they were because I'd always thought of Survivor as 835 00:32:10,509 --> 00:32:14,649

this, this kind of test to see like how I've grown as a person. 836 00:32:14,649 --> 00:32:17,319 Cause I, you know, I'm kind of an awkward guy and I've made steps to, you know, 837 00:32:17,329 --> 00:32:18,929 be more outgoing and things like that. 8.38 00:32:19,149 --> 00:32:20,349 And that's how I thought of Survivor. 839 00:32:20,350 --> 00:32:21,520 And it was something I had grown up with. 840 00:32:21,810 --> 00:32:24,610 Jeopardy, I always knew I'm a smart guy. 841 00:32:24,650 --> 00:32:26,009 I was great at trivia in high school. 842 00:32:26,009 --> 00:32:27,220 Those skills would translate. 843 00:32:27,375 --> 00:32:28,655 Jeopardy was like business. 844 00:32:28,695 --> 00:32:29,305 You know what I mean? 845 00:32:29,495 --> 00:32:32,105 Like if I was going on survivor and it's this kind of like vacation of 846 00:32:32,105 --> 00:32:35,645 social, it's like a retreat jeopardy is, you know, we're here to make some 847 00:32:35,645 --> 00:32:37,895 money, etch my name in the history book.

848 00:32:38,295 --> 00:32:40,494 We're here to make tournament champions. 849 00:32:41,025 --> 00:32:42,945 You know, that, that was, that was the rationale. 850 00:32:42,985 --> 00:32:45,765 I, you know, I came in in the suit and then again, seeing Adriana there, 851 00:32:45,765 --> 00:32:47,415 I had to do some, some recalculation. 852 00:32:47,415 --> 00:32:50,245 I was like, okay, maybe I'll, you know, settle for the consolation prize, but 853 00:32:50,245 --> 00:32:53,535 no, thank God, both dreams were able to come true and I'm very grateful. 854 00:32:53,950 --> 00:32:56,210 They obviously are both very challenging. 855 00:32:56,670 --> 00:33:03,000 Describe the difference in terms of mental challenge between the two experiences. 856 00:33:03,370 --> 00:33:08,089 One of the things about Jeopardy is that, as anyone who loses Jeopardy will 857 00:33:08,089 --> 00:33:10,759 tell you, there's no latency, right? 858 00:33:11,050 --> 00:33:12,479 You have to come up with an answer. 859 00:33:12,860 --> 00:33:14,410 In half a second.

860 00:33:14,550 --> 00:33:16,710 Like that's, that's how much time you have to probably figure it out. 861 00:33:16,710 --> 00:33:18,930 Prepare yourself to buzz by the time you've imbibed the clue. 862 00:33:19,170 --> 00:33:20,410 So it is immediate. 863 00:33:20,920 --> 00:33:24,489 Whereas survivor mentally, it's actually a very different task because like, I mean, 864 00:33:24,489 --> 00:33:26,519 the comp, the calculations are complex. 865 00:33:26,520 --> 00:33:29,169 There's a lot of information out there and there's a lot of unknowns in a way 866 00:33:29,169 --> 00:33:30,799 that we're jeopardy, maybe there are less. 867 00:33:31,210 --> 00:33:33,830 Um, and so the mental test on survivor is. 868 00:33:34,125 --> 00:33:37,695 Can I continue performing these long calculations with days 869 00:33:37,695 --> 00:33:41,435 of changing data when I'm in a mentally depleted state, right? 870 00:33:41,495 --> 00:33:45,005 When I don't have food as a different test, I will say though, as you get 871 00:33:45,005 --> 00:33:49,115 to the end of that five day taping a

jeopardy, I mean, the physical, uh, 872 00:33:49,175 --> 00:33:50,895 the physical effects are non trivial. 873 00:33:51,190 --> 00:33:51,600 Right. 874 00:33:51,600 --> 00:33:52,790 Like I'm a tall guy. 875 00:33:52,900 --> 00:33:54,170 My back is starting to hurt. 876 00:33:54,170 --> 00:33:55,280 My eyesight is terrible. 877 00:33:55,390 --> 00:33:55,530 I don't know. 878 00:33:55,620 --> 00:33:56,450 You can watch it on TV. 879 00:33:56,450 --> 00:33:58,520 I'm like squinting every time I get a daily double. 880 00:33:59,020 --> 00:34:01,460 Uh, you know, even at the time I was like embarrassed. 881 00:34:01,460 --> 00:34:03,770 I can remember we were doing like the final jeopardy thing and somebody, 882 00:34:03,780 --> 00:34:07,579 someone in the crew kindly reminds me of my posture and I'm like, Oh my goodness. 883 00:34:07,810 --> 00:34:10,790 We might have asked you to rewrite your wager a few times, you know,

884 00:34:10,790 --> 00:34:12,140 those zeros got a little wonky. 885 00:34:12,450 --> 00:34:12,650 Ah, 886 00:34:12,650 --> 00:34:13,950 yeah, I was, I was, uh, It's hard work up 887 00:34:13,970 --> 00:34:14,260 there. 888 00:34:14,270 --> 00:34:16,130 I was squirming, for sure, it is hard work. 889 00:34:16,200 --> 00:34:18,480 The physical side of Jeopardy, not to be discounted. 890 00:34:18,490 --> 00:34:20,700 Get up, practice standing for a while, you know, at home. 891 00:34:20,709 --> 00:34:21,769 Buzz along, stand up. 892 00:34:21,780 --> 00:34:23,640 You gotta, you gotta prepare yourself for these things. 893 00:34:23,830 --> 00:34:26,459 And this is coming from a survivor survivor. 894 00:34:26,459 --> 00:34:28,900 I mean, you were out there for what, 28 days or something? 895 00:34:29,210 --> 00:34:29,440 Yeah, 23.

896 00:34:29,440 --> 00:34:31,250 So, uh, three days shy of the end. 897 00:34:31,250 --> 00:34:33,240 Yeah, it was a while, it was a while. 898 00:34:33,455 --> 00:34:33,965 It's a lot. 899 00:34:33,995 --> 00:34:35,825 And this is what you're saying after two tape days. 900 00:34:35,835 --> 00:34:39,925 So I just, I like that people are getting some perspective out there about just 901 00:34:39,965 --> 00:34:44,134 all that you have to bring mentally and physically to the Alex Trebek stage. 902 00:34:44,165 --> 00:34:44,735 Absolutely. 903 00:34:44,745 --> 00:34:45,454 It's a gauntlet. 904 00:34:45,605 --> 00:34:47,615 Well, we talk about the TOC. 905 00:34:47,645 --> 00:34:51,354 So now you're in, first off, how did you like your hero pose? 906 00:34:51,354 --> 00:34:55,485 They put up on social, you know, Arms up, little Drew Basile. 907 00:34:55,515 --> 00:34:57,245 Welcome to the tournament of champions.

908 00:34:57,335 --> 00:34:58,585 Well, I liked it. 909 00:34:58,735 --> 00:35:02,155 And the thing about Jeopardy is that you guys are so, you're so classy, you 910 00:35:02,155 --> 00:35:05,834 know, in England, we might say, you know, where I study, I might say posh, right? 911 00:35:05,834 --> 00:35:07,324 Everybody is very well behaved. 912 00:35:07,324 --> 00:35:08,015 They're well dressed. 913 00:35:08,465 --> 00:35:11,655 They're a little bit older, you know, and I'm kind of a young guy. 914 00:35:12,234 --> 00:35:13,055 No, no, no, no, I don't know. 915 00:35:13,055 --> 00:35:14,175 I don't want to be there. 916 00:35:14,195 --> 00:35:14,925 They're older than me. 917 00:35:15,335 --> 00:35:19,040 I, you know, anyways, the point is, is that like, If I'm, if I'm younger, 918 00:35:19,040 --> 00:35:21,920 might as well play it up, you know, I got, I got something to prove, 919 00:35:21,920 --> 00:35:23,830 might as well, uh, lean into it.

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00:35:23,830 --> 00:35:25,180 So I was very happy with the pose. 921 00:35:25,190 --> 00:35:27,440 They, they were some worse ones even they could have chosen. 922 00:35:27,640 --> 00:35:30,580 And, uh, I think, I think it's emblematic of who I am as a person, 923 00:35:30,610 --> 00:35:31,959 which is like, yeah, I'm serious. 924 00:35:31,960 --> 00:35:35,049 Yeah, I'm a smart, smart enough guy to win a couple of games in Jeopardy, 925 00:35:35,050 --> 00:35:36,760 but like still a goober at heart. 926 00:35:36,920 --> 00:35:37,500 I love it. 927 00:35:37,560 --> 00:35:38,370 I love it all. 928 00:35:38,740 --> 00:35:41,440 Looking ahead to the Tournament of Champions. 929 00:35:41,750 --> 00:35:46,090 poses aside, you know, we kind of identified maybe Final Jeopardy is 930 00:35:46,090 --> 00:35:48,870 an area, you know, here on the pod, we identified that maybe you're going 931 00:35:48,870 --> 00:35:52,539 to want to dive into because three for eight on those very critical

932 00:35:52,780 --> 00:35:54,859 final clues when it's a runaway. 933 00:35:54,970 --> 00:35:56,500 Lucky for you, you had some of those. 934 00:35:56,510 --> 00:35:59,020 It didn't matter, but certainly something you might want to 935 00:35:59,059 --> 00:36:00,050 take a look at for the TOC. 936 00:36:00,450 --> 00:36:01,190 Absolutely. 937 00:36:01,470 --> 00:36:03,675 I think that You guys are absolutely right. 938 00:36:03,705 --> 00:36:05,775 And if you have any more notes by all means, like I'll take them. 939 00:36:06,015 --> 00:36:08,125 But, uh, Final Jeopardy is my weak spot. 940 00:36:08,125 --> 00:36:11,925 And something I knew was going to be my weak spot because there's a kind of 941 00:36:11,925 --> 00:36:14,765 grammar to Jeopardy, you know, there's a way the questions are written. 942 00:36:15,045 --> 00:36:18,115 Um, and especially a question like Final Jeopardy, which is 943 00:36:18,154 --> 00:36:19,964 a moment of protracted focus.

944 00:36:20,255 --> 00:36:21,605 You have to learn to approach them. 945 00:36:21,885 --> 00:36:25,135 Now living in a, in Europe, I mean, Jeopardy, I love you guys, 946 00:36:25,135 --> 00:36:27,655 but syndication hasn't quite made it out across the pond yet. 947 00:36:27,815 --> 00:36:29,295 So it's sometimes it's difficult for me to. 948 00:36:29,550 --> 00:36:30,150 For me to tune 949 00:36:30,150 --> 00:36:33,010 in because you're studying at Oxford for those who don't know, 950 00:36:33,030 --> 00:36:33,640 that's right. 951 00:36:33,640 --> 00:36:33,930 Yeah. 952 00:36:33,930 --> 00:36:36,470 I'm studying at Oxford, which helps me in some ways, but in terms 953 00:36:36,470 --> 00:36:38,390 of final Jeopardy, uh, did not. 954 00:36:38,400 --> 00:36:40,159 And I don't even think I got that very 955 00:36:40,159 --> 00:36:41,489 posh, but you know,

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00:36:41,540 --> 00:36:42,320 yeah, yeah, yeah. 957 00:36:42,369 --> 00:36:43,420 So absolutely. 958 00:36:43,460 --> 00:36:46,370 I think that, uh, final Jeopardy is something I'm gonna take seriously for 959 00:36:46,410 --> 00:36:49,920 tournament champions and tournament champions is like my project. 960 00:36:49,930 --> 00:36:51,450 You know, I'm really going to study. 961 00:36:51,760 --> 00:36:52,580 I think what I want. 962 00:36:52,580 --> 00:36:54,780 I was kind of joking around about it because like, you know, I had 963 00:36:54,780 --> 00:36:55,849 just been working hard all day. 964 00:36:55,850 --> 00:36:57,199 I was ready to take a break. 965 00:36:57,199 --> 00:36:57,989 It was short sighted. 966 00:36:58,000 --> 00:36:58,250 Bye. 967 00:36:59,175 --> 00:37:02,565 I'm looking at the future and I think tournament champions, pop music, 968 00:37:02,765 --> 00:37:06,465 musicals, things like that are, are,

you know, I'm going to spend a solid 969 00:37:06,485 --> 00:37:10,424 five or six months just nailing down and uh, maybe, maybe they'll, I'll 970 00:37:10,424 --> 00:37:11,665 start missing history questions. 971 00:37:11,805 --> 00:37:12,415 There you go. 972 00:37:12,455 --> 00:37:15,234 Well, I think what has to feel good for you is that you even had 973 00:37:15,234 --> 00:37:18,705 mentioned to me that, you know, you studied the month coming. 974 00:37:18,940 --> 00:37:22,800 Into when you were going to be playing and there were clues that came up that 975 00:37:22,800 --> 00:37:25,710 you knew because of your studying So it has to give you confidence that 976 00:37:25,710 --> 00:37:30,020 you can really make an impact on how prepared you will be coming into the TOC 977 00:37:30,070 --> 00:37:30,810 Absolutely. 978 00:37:30,850 --> 00:37:35,169 I mean like Toby Keith that was something I didn't know the the monitor sank off the 979 00:37:35,169 --> 00:37:40,405 coast of Cape Hatteras I didn't know that until I studied one of my strengths And

## 980 00:37:40,445 --> 00:37:43,325 actually it's worked to my detriment at some points in my life because it's made 981 00:37:43,325 --> 00:37:45,155 me so lazy, but I have a great memory. 982 00:37:45,225 --> 00:37:47,315 Like my retention is really, really strong. 983 00:37:47,765 --> 00:37:50,744 So studying, I mean, a lot of people like, how do you even begin? 984 00:37:50,825 --> 00:37:52,914 You know, I can just, I can read it once and I can retain it. 985 00:37:53,255 --> 00:37:54,515 So that's been very fortunate. 986 00:37:54,565 --> 00:37:57,615 Um, and I think that actually maybe that's kind of the downside of final jeopardy 987 00:37:57,654 --> 00:38:00,575 because it's like, you spend so much time consuming the information that you don't, 988 00:38:00,595 --> 00:38:04,865 you know, Figure out the kind of minutiae or riddle like quality of Final Jeopardy. 989 00:38:05,245 --> 00:38:08,895 So again, with some, with some recalculations, I really do plan to prep. 990 00:38:08,935 --> 00:38:12,045 And my, my initial run is kind of living proof that like prep does work.

00:38:12,055 --> 00:38:15,284 If you are fortunate enough like me to be in school full time, 992 00:38:15,285 --> 00:38:16,524 which means learning is your job. 993 00:38:17,085 --> 00:38:20,515 Um, you know, I, I've got, I've got, I've got hours at the 994 00:38:20,515 --> 00:38:21,835 office to devote for Jeopardy. 995 00:38:21,915 --> 00:38:24,045 When does school start back up again for you? 996 00:38:24,555 --> 00:38:28,355 Yeah, so I'm going back to Oxford to finish my second year scholarship. 997 00:38:28,355 --> 00:38:30,814 I'm doing another master's and that happens in October. 998 00:38:31,265 --> 00:38:35,104 Now, you know, I, I've kind of been, uh, reading, reading the stars a little bit. 999 00:38:35,104 --> 00:38:39,955 When a tournament champions might happen, I think it's going to be Early in 2025. 1000 00:38:39,955 --> 00:38:40,245 I don't know. 1001 00:38:40,245 --> 00:38:41,165 That's what I'm predicting. 1002 00:38:41,385 --> 00:38:45,115 So I've got all summer, no schoolwork distraction to begin to prep.

1003 00:38:45,115 --> 00:38:47,455 And I actually just started today going through it. 1004 00:38:47,895 --> 00:38:50,515 And then, you know, school, obviously I'll have to, you know, 1005 00:38:50,515 --> 00:38:52,295 share custody of my time with that. 1006 00:38:52,644 --> 00:38:54,024 Um, but, but again, 1007 00:38:54,174 --> 00:38:55,354 important, very, 1008 00:38:55,354 --> 00:38:56,035 very important. 1009 00:38:56,035 --> 00:38:59,295 I mean, I do say my worst moments, I'm thinking, Oh, I already have one masters. 1010 00:38:59,295 --> 00:39:01,715 You know, why do I need another, let's just, let's just jeopardy, but no, 1011 00:39:01,715 --> 00:39:02,685 no, no, we got to get another one. 1012 00:39:02,905 --> 00:39:05,815 But yeah, the studying will all take place during that period. 1013 00:39:06,025 --> 00:39:06,315 All right. 1014 00:39:06,315 --> 00:39:07,895 I'm looking ahead in my schedule.

1015 00:39:08,035 --> 00:39:11,625 Can't confirm or deny anything about when we're taping TLC, but I do 1016 00:39:11,625 --> 00:39:16,684 know August 16th, Inside Jeopardy is going to be in Detroit for a 1017 00:39:16,684 --> 00:39:19,894 live event on Friday at SporkleCon. 1018 00:39:19,895 --> 00:39:22,574 And I would love for you to come join us as a guest. 1019 00:39:22,625 --> 00:39:23,085 Yeah, I'll be there. 1020 00:39:23,085 --> 00:39:24,154 A hundred percent. 1021 00:39:24,254 --> 00:39:24,795 All right. 1022 00:39:24,855 --> 00:39:25,235 Yeah. 1023 00:39:25,314 --> 00:39:27,585 I mean, this is a live moment, you know, just like Jeff Probst. 1024 00:39:27,655 --> 00:39:28,545 I didn't know this was coming. 1025 00:39:28,615 --> 00:39:29,935 I'm happy to make it there. 1026 00:39:30,025 --> 00:39:31,015 This was not rehearsed. 1027 00:39:31,055 --> 00:39:33,054

I was just going to ask you, will you be in Oxford? 1028 00:39:33,054 --> 00:39:34,055 Might you be in Michigan? 1029 00:39:34,900 --> 00:39:36,464 What do I have to prepare? 1030 00:39:36,464 --> 00:39:37,610 Maybe I gotta study other stuff. 1031 00:39:37,610 --> 00:39:37,965 No. 1032 00:39:37,965 --> 00:39:38,470 No, no. 1033 00:39:39,010 --> 00:39:40,250 This is just going to be for fun. 1034 00:39:40,250 --> 00:39:42,050 We will be playing an interactive game. 1035 00:39:42,060 --> 00:39:45,500 You can join along, test your skills, but really we just want you to come on 1036 00:39:45,500 --> 00:39:49,529 the podcast and you know, at that point you can talk about how life has been as 1037 00:39:49,529 --> 00:39:51,860 a seven game champion for a few months. 1038 00:39:51,920 --> 00:39:52,659 I would be thrilled. 1039 00:39:52,750 --> 00:39:53,310 I would be thrilled. 1040

00:39:53,320 --> 00:39:54,470 That sounds like a great time. 1041 00:39:54,710 --> 00:39:56,280 Smore Uncle Con, I hear so much about it. 1042 00:39:56,290 --> 00:39:57,950 So, you know, put me in your calendar. 1043 00:39:58,135 --> 00:39:58,715 I love it. 1044 00:39:58,985 --> 00:40:03,575 One of my favorite quotes that I read on Reddit after your run, which we talked 1045 00:40:03,575 --> 00:40:04,975 about, well, no, there was so much good. 1046 00:40:05,415 --> 00:40:09,235 But one person said, you know, people wait their whole lifetimes 1047 00:40:09,235 --> 00:40:13,384 to get on either of these shows and he got on both in one year. 1048 00:40:14,194 --> 00:40:15,024 I saw that. 1049 00:40:16,055 --> 00:40:20,715 Well, you know, what's funny with you guys is that, um, I had done the, the audition 1050 00:40:20,725 --> 00:40:24,225 online audition when it first came up as an option years ago, you know, two, 1051 00:40:24,235 --> 00:40:25,705 maybe two years ago, it had been a while. 1052 00:40:26,185 --> 00:40:31,285

And I remember my final audition was on zoom and it was horrible timing because 1053 00:40:31,285 --> 00:40:33,024 I had just, I would be studying abroad. 1054 00:40:33,425 --> 00:40:37,215 And I had been living in Belgium for my studies abroad and I had to fly in 1055 00:40:37,225 --> 00:40:40,955 that morning at four in the morning from from somewhere else that I was living 1056 00:40:41,135 --> 00:40:42,654 and I had to move out of this apartment. 1057 00:40:42,654 --> 00:40:43,834 I did lug everything out. 1058 00:40:43,995 --> 00:40:46,565 And at the end of the day, and you know, it was in Europe, so 1059 00:40:46,565 --> 00:40:47,705 it was like eight or nine p. 1060 00:40:47,705 --> 00:40:47,945 m. 1061 00:40:48,095 --> 00:40:49,905 I had to do my final Jeopardy audition. 1062 00:40:50,014 --> 00:40:53,055 You know, when I was, I was buzzing in, but I was not the epitome of charm. 1063 00:40:53,075 --> 00:40:55,685 And I thought to myself, Ah, well, you know, I gave it a good run. 1064 00:40:56,045 --> 00:40:58,875

You know, and so then I, then I just assumed I was in the system. 1065 00:40:58,875 --> 00:40:59,705 I wasn't getting picked. 1066 00:40:59,705 --> 00:41:03,685 I had time to burn and survivor came up very suddenly in another Avenue. 1067 00:41:03,685 --> 00:41:04,635 And so I was doing that. 1068 00:41:04,835 --> 00:41:06,565 And then you guys sent me a text message. 1069 00:41:06,565 --> 00:41:07,505 I couldn't even believe it. 1070 00:41:07,815 --> 00:41:09,534 You know, and I was like, I just have to alert you. 1071 00:41:09,534 --> 00:41:12,954 Like, like, obviously I'm, I'm overjoyed, but I just did survivor. 1072 00:41:12,955 --> 00:41:15,005 And, you know, it's like, it's all, you know, we're going to see. 1073 00:41:15,365 --> 00:41:17,185 And even then I didn't really think it was going to happen. 1074 00:41:17,185 --> 00:41:19,515 I was like, okay, well, you know, and then it did. 1075 00:41:19,515 --> 00:41:22,285 And he pulled through and I had about a month to prep, but it was such a shock.

1076 00:41:22,565 --> 00:41:25,325 I really think that one of the advantages to like. 1077 00:41:25,735 --> 00:41:29,405 Being young is that I don't really have like life experience about like here we 1078 00:41:29,545 --> 00:41:30,605 go again with the young. 1079 00:41:30,795 --> 00:41:31,205 I'm sorry. 1080 00:41:31,205 --> 00:41:32,095 I'm sorry Well, you know, 1081 00:41:32,305 --> 00:41:34,184 it's uh, it's a it for better or worse. 1082 00:41:34,184 --> 00:41:35,185 It's a it's a distinctive. 1083 00:41:35,505 --> 00:41:36,285 It's a distinctive part. 1084 00:41:36,285 --> 00:41:39,855 I like it I like what um point is I didn't I didn't really have maybe the 1085 00:41:39,865 --> 00:41:42,635 appreciation how difficult it is to do these things So I just kind of threw 1086 00:41:42,635 --> 00:41:45,904 myself at him And I think that's kind of a lesson for the you know, the 1087 00:41:45,905 --> 00:41:49,415 Redditors you're like, oh, it's my dream to do both Have you been applying?

1088 00:41:49,485 --> 00:41:51,575 You know, have you been uh, you're taking the tests? 1089 00:41:51,575 --> 00:41:52,195 Are you studying? 1090 00:41:52,195 --> 00:41:52,815 Are you prepping? 1091 00:41:53,095 --> 00:41:55,980 Because you know As I'm living proof, you know, I'm not an exceptional 1092 00:41:55,980 --> 00:41:57,350 guy, they are very attainable dreams. 1093 00:41:57,590 --> 00:41:58,260 I love this. 1094 00:41:58,300 --> 00:42:00,900 Well, I think you are a pretty exceptional guy, Drew. 1095 00:42:01,300 --> 00:42:03,479 I'm very excited to see you in Detroit. 1096 00:42:03,520 --> 00:42:07,410 I'm certainly excited to see you back for the TOC, whenever that will be. 1097 00:42:07,790 --> 00:42:11,459 And it's just been a joy to have you on the Alex Trebek stage. 1098 00:42:11,480 --> 00:42:12,320 You're part of the Jeopardy! 1099 00:42:12,320 --> 00:42:13,160 family now, Drew. 1100

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Welcome.
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It feels like a family.
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Everyone has been so kind.
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The alumni, you know, you
guys over in production.
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I really appreciate it.
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00:42:19,639 --> 00:42:21,650
I can't wait to see you
in August at SporacleCon.
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00:42:21,759 --> 00:42:22,199
It's been a pleasure.
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00:42:23,100 --> 00:42:25,780
And that wraps up another
episode of Inside Jeopardy!
1108
00:42:25,800 --> 00:42:29,620
Join us next Monday as we cover
another great week of games, and we'll
1109
00:42:29,620 --> 00:42:31,960
see if Isaac can notch a fourth win.
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00:42:32,420 --> 00:42:32,859
See you then!
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