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# David Accuses Joe Of Being A 'Bully': 'There Is A Lot That Isn't Being Shown'

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Does Survivor island have its own Michael Corleone? David Kinne, the stuntman from California, seems to think so and he isn't alone. Chrissy Sarnowsky had the same perception when [we spoke to her last week](#). Unlike Chrissy though, David feels that Joe and his other allies did betray him when they blindsided him on last night's show.

John Powell: Good morning. How are you?

David Kinne: I'm doing well, John, how about yourself?

John Powell: Fine, thank you. You were obviously blindsided at tribal council and you had that death stare right at Joe. What was going through your mind?

David Kinne: Well, you know, because Joe was the guy that went back on his word. He did. He promised me that he would stick to his word. He promised me that he would even when the other two were pushing back against Kamilla. I predicted that they would, that he would stand his ground, and he didn't. I felt betrayed.

I obviously felt betrayed before I got voted out and then when I did, I knew it was Joe because Joe is the one that pretty much everybody's going to listen to. He's sort of like The Godfather. When I called him out on that it was like: 'Hey man, you clearly don't see me as an equal. You think you're the leader of this group and that's a problem.' So when I got voted out I looked him in the eye. I was thinking that I thought he was different, man. I truly thought he was different but it just turns out he was just like everyone else, playing Survivor.

John Powell: You did have that conversation where you accused him of going back on his word. His back got up and he got really upset about that. Was that surprising to you?



Eva Erickson, David Kinne and Mary Zheng. Photo: Robert Voets/CBS.

David Kinne: To me, it was half strategy, because if he gets offended, if he gets offended by that, it's insecurity speaking. Insecurities tell me a lot in that game, right? That's information that I like to have. So, it was sort of like me being man-to-man: "Man, respectfully, you f---d up, right? Sorry, but you got it wrong and in addition to that if you think that you are incapable of going back on your word and then hours later voting me out after you just swore on your kids you wouldn't then what do you? What do you? What do you want from me?". Of course, I'm going to react a certain way but to affect a weak man all you have to do is tell them the truth.

John Powell: You brought the link between Kamilla and Kyle to the tribes attention again and again. Why didn't they listen to your warning?

David Kinne: I had a great read on everything. In addition to that, you look at what happens on the new Vula after the swap. How do you not assume that Kamilla and Kyle are working together. Not only that, but then you have two people, Mary and myself, saying: 'Hey, something's going on.' There's only one way to describe that: horrible gameplay. That's why they didn't get it right.

John Powell: When I spoke to Chrissy she called Joe "The Godfather" too. What was your perception of his gameplay?

David Kinne: Everybody my cast is an incredible person. Joe is an incredible man. He's an incredible father. I have a lot of respect for the man, truly, especially outside of the game. In the game, however, he was very much like an aggressive player, sort of a bully. And again, that's Survivor, right? If he's doing that intentionally, great! However, it seems to me as if he wasn't aware, he wasn't self-aware of his place in the game but unfortunately I was in a position where people were almost scared of him in a way but I don't even think he realizes that he was doing it so he can't even really take credit for that. I think that's what Chrissy was talking about. It was his way or the highway? Which is the ironic part of him voting me out, thinking that I was trying to push so hard against Kamilla.

John Powell: What are some of the things you saw that would give you the perception he was playing that kind of game?



David Kinne. Photo: Robert Voets/CBS.

David Kinne: You know, it's, I don't want to take away from the integrity of the game. It's hard to answer that question. I think I'll just have to fall back on what I said, truly not to withhold information from you. Joe is an incredible person, an incredible man and I don't want to take that away from him at all. I don't want to sit here and drag the guy because he I truly do have a lot of respect for him. The best I can say is there is a lot that isn't being shown and in reality people are saying I was being aggressive towards Kyle but I was not nearly the most aggressive person on the beach.

John Powell: We saw many people this and last episode saying you had changed as a person in the last few days. Did you feel that you had at the time?

David Kinne: I felt I had a pretty good read on the game. I really did. I feel like I knew what people's thoughts were and how they perceived me so when I was voted out I wasn't really surprised at all. I knew I was on the chopping block and I could see people slipping away from how they felt with me. I had a really good relationship with pretty much everybody out there. When people are behaving differently towards me then obviously that's a telling sign.

Even talking to Joe at the hammock in that scene, I'm being as monotone and I'm not yelling, I'm being as passive as I can be while confronting the Godfather...I knew that the strong five were at risk. Of course, I'm not just going to lay over and play dead. I'm going to do something about it and my demeanour being different, it's probably just

Kyle and Shauhin saying those things and that was gameplay with them telling Joe and Eva that I am being different and something's going on. He's being paranoid. I'm not being paranoid whatsoever. I'm 100% right on my reads. That's not paranoia.

John Powell: It isn't being paranoid if people are really aligning against you.

David Kinne: If look you look up the definition of paranoia it's 'unjustified'. Everything that I was feeling and doing was 100% justified. So by definition, I'm not paranoid whatsoever. They are the ones being paranoid and they got it wrong. I was correct in all my reads. I had my finger on the pulse of the game and unfortunately it doesn't matter sometimes. You can argue that maybe I pushed too much, maybe I didn't push enough, maybe I struggled with my social game in the last episode or two, but again, the problem is that Kyle and Shauhin did a good job manipulating Joe and Eva. It was like beating my head against a wall trying to convince them.

John Powell: Here's another thing, if Joe and Eva are running the game why isn't anyone targeting them? Because

David Kinne: Because I didn't want it to happen. Seriously though we created this alliance of strong five and Kyle, I had been running the show before and we were keeping the two separate for as long as we could before they started targeting one another. When they did want to target one another that's when the conversation you saw in episode eight happened where I told Kyle, it has to be tonight. What I'm referring to is we have to choose which alliance we're going to go to the end with. From day one I want to be the strong five.

John Powell: Now that you have been able to watch everything back, even conversations you didn't see, what has surprised you the most?

David Kinne: Nothing. I mean, honestly, I knew the conversations that were happening. I knew Shauhin and his plays. I knew Camilla's plays. I knew Kyle's plays. I knew when I started to lose Joe and Eva. Nothing really surprised me, honestly. That might sound a little egotistical to say but that's the honest truth. I knew everybody's position. I knew what they were doing. Nothing really surprised me.

John Powell: Is there anything about your journey that you wished they had shown?

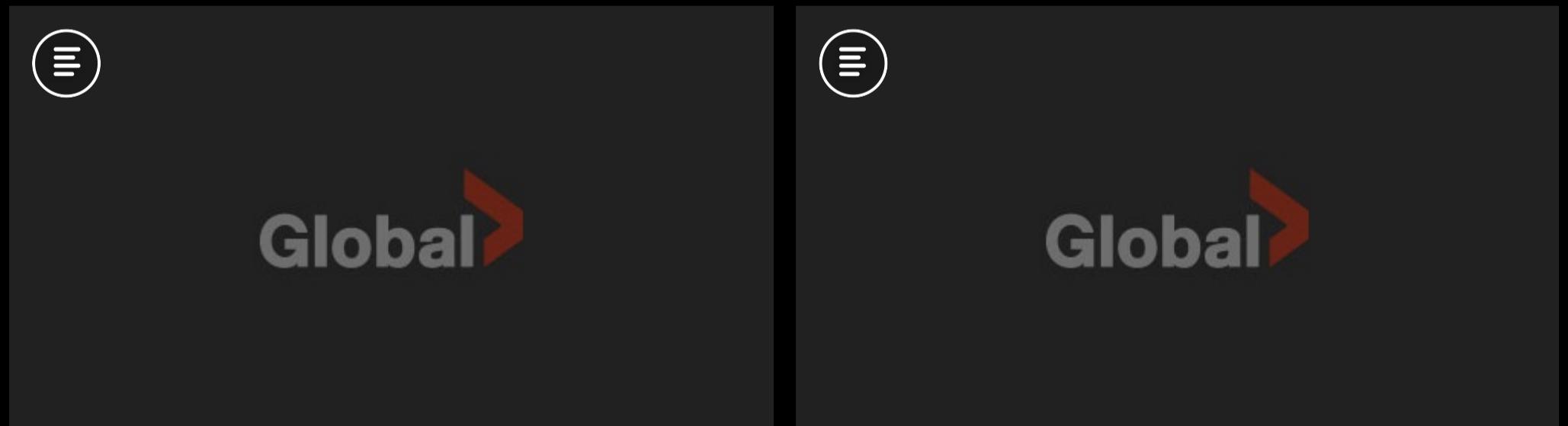
David Kinne: Star and I had a really good relationship. I love Star and I had a good relationship with pretty much everybody. I really did. I connected with people on a level of which I did not expect but I was just being myself out there and I think that really is what made people sort of gravitate towards me. That's because you're playing a game in which most people aren't. They aren't being sincere. They aren't being themselves and the ones that aren't sort of 'out' themselves.

There was one moment on the reward with Eva, Joe and Mary where I told them exactly what was going to happen and this is why I became a little frustrated. Kamilla, I guarantee you something's going on here. They're going to not like it. They're going to visibly not like it when you first tell them but they're going to go along with it because they don't want to push too hard. Then, we're going to make the vote Kamilla and then at the very end before tribal council, Shauhin or Kyle or both, is going to come to you and say: 'Hey, this is b---t. Why is it Kamilla. It should be Chrissy. You need to stand your ground and you need to promise me that you will and Joe did. My prediction 100% came true. They fell right into my trap. I gave Kamilla, Shauhin on a silver platter to Eva and Joe. They didn't take it. I felt absolutely betrayed so of course I'm going to be frustrated.

John Powell: What were some of the things you were looking for in a winner?

David Kinne: I'm a gamer. I've been a PvP gamer. I like Dungeon and Dragons. I've done my fair share of campaigns. Even though I might not look like it I'm a nerd. I'm a nerd and I appreciate the game. I did the best I could to take a step back and remove any sort of bias, any sort of resentment, and ask myself, who played the best game? Because as a gamer that to me matters a lot. I did truly want to vote for the person I think played the best game.

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