

Zeezo's F2 Speech

Wew more than two months and we are finally here :’o. First of all, thank you to all the hosts who did a wonderful job running this game and making it a fun experience for me and (hopefully) all the other players too. Thanks for dealing with me being an annoying lil’ shit especially at f4. I’m not sure I could have handled myself nearly as well as you guys did if I was in your shoes. Love you Scott!!! Congratulations to ahrre for making it to f2 as well. It’s an honour sitting in the finals next to you and win or lose, I’m happy we got to experience this together :)

Now onto what I have to say to the jury. I’ll be going through everything week by week and trying my best to explain what I was thinking at each stage of the game and why I made the decisions I made.

Week 1

As a two time returnee, I knew I needed to branch out further and began by working on my social connections with people that I didn’t play with in my original seasons, notably Bobby, Alex, Ahrre and Dean. While I didn’t want to commit to any major alliances early on, Calvin did ask me for an f2 very early on in the game, which I accepted. Ahrre also suggested forming an alliance at this point, but I instead expressed that it could be a good idea further down the line, as I did not wish to commit to another so early. Dean also offered me a final two, but again I didn’t wish to make multiple final two deals; coupled along with my concerns about his final two with Jack... along with him having a potential final two with Alice.

Meanwhile, Stephen had formed an EMBB4 alliance so I felt like I was in a comfortable position in the game early on because I had already formed bonds with people outside of the alliance and also had the EMBB4 alliance (that I felt I could trust and was stable at the time) to fall back on. Therefore, when the HoH came around, I dropped out and voted for Ginga, which our EMBB4 alliance had decided was the best course of action. Ahrre was pushing for Bobby to win HoH though, so I made it seem like I was closer to him by telling him I would probably vote for Bobby unless the majority wasn’t there. In any case, Ginga won HoH and nominated Roxy and Jack. Not feeling in any danger of being the renom, I threw the PoV which Roxy won and Alex was backdoored. At this stage, I was closer to Alex, plus he had also asked for a final three with Ally and myself, so I had some interest in keeping that option open. Unfortunately, a lot of people had started to campaign for Jack to stay, many of whom I was not close to, so I still

voted to save Alex. However the vote didn't end up going that way as he was evicted 8-7. This was unfortunate, but I quickly got to work trying to recover from being in the minority and planned on winning HoH next week.

Week 2

After being caught in the minority the previous week, I knew I needed to try and win HoH in order to protect myself and my allies. Ally had gone behind my back to campaign against Alex whilst lying to me about it, so I knew I couldn't trust her at all. She was undoubtedly my primary target at this point. I also informed Jessy about Ally throwing her under the bus, which resulted in us forming an open line of communication with each other; one that eventually led to me learning, and confirming that Dean was also not on my side. However, Ally's actions (leaking the EMBB4 alliance to Jessy) the previous week had made her more of a target to me at that point, so that cemented her nomination. I already had in mind that I would nominate Claire, and despite her telling me she voted to save Alex, I knew she would have the votes to stay even if I nommed her and as such, the nominations were final

Ally won PoV which was unfortunate; but Dean's actions made him a viable backdoor option. Him having a final two with Ally coupled with the fact he was spilling a lot of information which made it impossible to establish real trust. Jessy had told me that Dean had tried convincing her that I said I was trying to win HoH because I was worried about the possibility of her winning which was completely false. He did come clean to me about it eventually but I had reason to believe that this was only because Ally had told him to and so I nominated him as the replacement. I feel like this week went very well for me as I used my position of power to pick up some important pieces of information, and set myself up well with Dean's eviction. Jessy also offered me an final two at this point, but I was still unwilling to make multiple final two deals, so I also turned her down but made sure to keep my bond strong with her despite this

Week 3

Nothing of note really happened this week. When Ginga won HoH, I was concerned he might go after me, especially after he made a comment about wanting to nominate me for 'going after his friends'. I quickly shot that down and turned him off of it with the help of my allies, namely Jessy. I wasn't in HoH or PoV so I told Stephen to try his best at PoV... other than that, I just chilled. Voting out Roxy was a simple decision. I knew I couldn't rely on her after Week 1.

Week 4

Jessy told me that AJ was possibly going to nominate Stephen, which wouldn't have been good

for me, especially during a double eviction week. I wanted to do something about it, without throwing Jessy under the bus, so I told Stephen that I was worried about AJ nominating him due to rumours Ally spread about him. This influenced Stephen to leak logs of Ally to AJ to save himself from the block.

AJ had also told me that she wouldn't nominate me and I was informed that Ginga would be the backdoor, so I happily threw PoV since I didn't have a vested interest in saving any of the nominees. Jessy had been asking me about making a final two for a while, so I finally accepted her offer; she then informed me about her final two deal with Ginga and that she was also planning to offer AJ an f2 this week. Jessy had connections to people that would further me in the game and could help protect me from them, and I also felt like we had built a good amount of trust, which was ultimately the reason I accepted Jessy's offer, besides believing that multi f2ing was worth it at this stage in the game.

After Jessy told me that the rest of the Jack/Ally/Tucker/Ginga alliance had turned on Ginga, it made me feel uncomfortable with Ginga being evicted and seeing myself as a likely next target for Jack/Ally/Tucker/AJ, I tried to campaign to have Ginga saved, but it didn't work out as Claire had flipped. Realizing we didn't have the majority, Calvin and Ultra also couldn't save him. Despite this, my vote did lead me to being added to the Revolution Alliance with Claire, Ultra and Stephen. While the vote didn't go my way, I did feel like I was in a better position overall with the alliances I was in. At this point, Bobby also informed me that he had leaked the Part Flops F3 to another alliance with Stephen in it. I decided to tell Stephen about it myself to gain some more trust with him and resulted in a new alliance with that F3 + Stephen.

Week 5

The Revolution alliance went hard for HoH after Claire's advice and I recommended Ally and Tucker as noms to Stephen. After final noms were announced Jessy, Calvin, and Bobby all wanted Tucker out and I decided my best course of action was to vote with them since Stephen wouldn't really mind if either got evicted, and Tucker was in a better position than Ally.

Unfortunately our plan on getting Tucker out faltered after Jack informed Calvin that he was voting out Ally. This resulted in a last ditch attempt at Jessy trying to convince Stephen to break the tie on Tucker. Sadly, he told us last minute that he was voting out Ally so it would be pointless to save her. And so I decided to vote her out too, to try to stay on good terms with Ultra and Claire since Ally leaving wasn't too bad for my game either because of our prior distrust in each other and the fact that we were very publicly against each other in the game.

Week 6

Bobby won HoH so I knew I would be safe. He decided to nom Ultra and AJ. I won PoV and saved Ultra to stay in the Revolution Alliance's good graces, while Bobby was also slightly afraid that Ultra would have been evicted had noms remained the same. Unfortunately this decision upset Jessy so I decided to talk to Bobby and tell him it wasn't a good idea to target AJ this week and that he should change his mind, deciding that keeping Jessy on my side was very important, knowing she could well go after my other allies if I didn't try to remedy the situation.

Bobby finally agreed and made amends with Jessy and AJ. I suggested Tucker as the renom, but unfortunately Bobby was not willing to pursue this option and said he wanted to pick between Jack and ahrre. I slightly pushed against Bobby nominating Jack but wasn't overly concerned with the renom leading to the final noms of Jack and AJ. While AJ was more of a threat to myself, trying to save Jack wasn't worth upsetting my allies and a better long-term decision for myself because it allowed me to keep my allies happy, and also kept me in the majority.

Week 7

I decided to try and win HoH this week. I already had Tucker/Tara noms in mind since I wasn't close to, nor comfortable with Tucker sticking around and Jessy and I had already discussed how we were worried about a possible Bobby/Tara final two. Unfortunately Tara ended up cheating and getting auto-evicted (lol flop) and I had to switch up my noms. I told everyone that I was thinking of nomming Jessy to make people believe we weren't close. I also informed AJ of this and told Jessy that I had done so. Jessy, apparently upset that AJ hadn't told her about this, gave me permission to nom her next to Tucker.

I decided to go with an AJ nom since if she wasn't nommed I could see her winning PoV and taking Tucker off the block, ruining my plans for the week. After Jessy took AJ off the block I brought up the idea of using Claire as a pawn but unfortunately Claire and Ultra would NOT agree!!! So in the end I decided to renom ahrre knowing that even if Ultra and Claire flipped, with Jessy I 100% had the votes so I decided it was better to keep Ultra and Claire happy by not using Claire as a pawn. Things ended up working out how I wanted except I put Jessy in a tough position ;-; (sorry!!) At this point, I was also starting to worry about Ultra and Claire after Claire told me why they flipped, which didn't feel quite right. Claire had told me Ultra decided to flip after she had 'ranted to him about her worries' which made me think she had tried talking to him about turning on Stephen and I. And so I almost completely lost faith in the Revolution

alliance and realized there were major cracks in it. All in all, my HoH got someone evicted who I didn't have trust in, and also revealed fracturing within the bonds I had with people, leaving me in a better spot because I was more aware of Ultra and Claire's hand.

Week 8

I immediately leaked the Revolution alliances weapons to Jessy and Calvin except I asked Calvin to switch Ultra's and Claire's items in case they were lying about them to ensure that one of Jessy and Calvin would win HoH and I would be safe for the week. This allowed Jessy to win by getting the fastest time on the HoH. Leaking the Revolution alliance weapons basically guaranteed us HOH, and by making this move I kept the power in our hands and away from Ultra/Claire, who I was still worried about. Jessy informed me about Ultra wanting to target Stephen and I together, and wanting to use the DPOV to put me on the block.

Of course, I was already worried about Claire and Ultra trying to break Stephen and myself up, seeing us as a final two, so this just set in stone that they were against me. While Jessy told me she wanted to target Stephen, I wasn't comfortable with that and told her as such and in the end, she decided to help me win PoV so that I could save Stephen. However, Claire leaked the PoV plans to Stephen which allowed him to win PoV and remove himself from the block. After voicing my concerns to Jessy about Claire possibly leaking the PoV plan to Stephen, she eventually agreed with me and also brought up a potential worry about a Stephen/Claire F2.

After the finals noms of ahrre vs Claire were announced I knew I would be the swing and had to play my cards accordingly. I preferred Claire out but I needed Jessy to be on board with that as she had the tie-breaking vote. Claire had already put my safety in jeopardy over the course of the week and had asked Jessy to nominate me. Claire did end up leaking information from the 'other side' during the vote but I was concerned she had already done so because Stephen had asked her to. I leaked my conversation with Claire to Jessy, and she also started to lean towards evicting Claire with the worry of a Stephen/Claire F2 growing larger. When I told Stephen I might vote for Claire, he told me about Claire leaking the other side's plan to him; which after telling Jessy about this, locked her vote in for Claire and allowed me to vote to evict her.

After the vote, Jessy and I tried to make people think that ahrre/Bobby were responsible for her flipping to vote, to make sure that suspicion wouldn't be cast on me.

Week 9

ahrre won HoH and I knew I was probably safe this week because I felt secure with him in power. I nominated him in the past, but I made sure to keep my relationship with him positive, plus I had just voted to save him, so when he came into power I felt confident I wouldn't be in trouble. I suggested Ultra and AJ as noms and knowing that Ultra was going to nom Bobby, asked ahrre to nominate Ultra so that they would have to use the DPOV, resulting in Jessy going on the block, to further make people think that Jessy and I weren't close at all. For some reason ahrre decided to go with an Ultra/Stephen nom and after Ultra DPOV'd Bobby onto the block, I had to decide between two allies. I was worried about Stephen turning on me and the rest of the gay alliance (LOL, me, calvin, bobby, ahrre, Stephen) since he was already telling AJ and Jessy that he would nominate Calvin and ahrre if he won HoH, while he didn't straight up give me a name when I had asked him. Therefore, I decided to vote Stephen since I decided that him turning on me in the future would be a bigger possibility than Bobby turning on me, plus I felt that Bobby would always be a larger threat than myself. I tried not to influence this vote since it was against someone I considered a close friend, but I knew I had a lot of sway over Jessy's vote in the past and likely had an influence on her voting Stephen.

Week 10

This was the week that marked the end of my final two with Jessy. Upset that she had pushed me to win PoV by promising that she would save Bobby, I told her our final two was over and said some other stuff too oops. But after cooling down a bit, I realized this was a good opportunity and reason to turn on her. She had told me about Ultra asking her to final two which meant she was final two with HALF the cast at that point so I viewed her as a huge threat. As for the vote, Jessy and I had been exchanging notes for a while and figured out that Bobby had been saying very similar things to both of us. I also found out this week he had been saying the same things to ahrre. Regardless, I voted to save him as I figured I needed a bigger target for Ultra and he would target me even more once Bobby was gone. I also believed that with ahrre gone, Bobby would be more loyal to me than he would be to the other people left in the game. Unfortunately as expected the vote did not turn out that way and Bobby left with Ultra casting a tiebreaker vote on him.

Week 11

I got nommed next to Calvin during FF week kms. Fortunately ahrre took me off the block giving us the opportunity to vote ultra out

Week 12

With the breakdown in my relationship with Jessy, I decided I needed to ensure that ahrre stuck with Calvin/me over AJ/Jessy so I approached him and offered him a deal that if we were in f3 together, we would both take each other. This was easy for me to do since if I was in f3 with him and Calvin I could just throw and if I was in f3 with AJ/Jessy and him I would have taken him to f2 anyway. Knowing that AJ and Jessy probably would have approached ahrre too, I knew I needed to win HoH and brought out the sketchpad!!! Nominating AJ and Jessy together was a simple decision. They were f2 and going after Calvin and I. Unfortunately my target, AJ, won PoV and I was forced to renom ahrre. Jessy fought hard for me to save her with my tiebreaker, and I considered all angles before making my decision. In the end, I decided I could trust ahrre more and that saving ahrre was a better bet at me reaching f2, especially with AJ posing a much larger challenge threat that taking out her closest ally was definitely the best thing for my game. Ahrre and I also made a deal by the end of the week that we would save each other over anyone - another deal that was easy for me to keep

Week 13

Not knowing that Jessy had told AJ everything about my conversation with her about why I was voting her out and my deals with ahrre, I practiced with ahrre for quite some time for HoH since I wanted to make sure he would win. I believed that this way even if AJ won PoV she would be more inclined to save me over Calvin rather than Ahrre and also that ahrre could influence her to save me. Fortunately I didn't have to think about that outcome since I won PoV and voted AJ out knowing that an f3 of Calvin and ahrre ensured that I would reach f2

Ok so since this is going to be brought up anyway I might as well talk about it now. Yes, I did try self evicting this week but I'd like to explain my reasons now because I don't think I explained them to anyone other than the hosts.

After Bobby's eviction Calvin had told AJ that he had known about my f2 with Jessy all along and had been guiding me on what to say. This ended up upsetting Jessy and she started to ignore me whenever I tried talking to her. After I won HoH the previous week I finally told her that Calvin had lied about that because I was sad that it was affecting our friendship and asked her not to tell anyone.

In the beginning of my HoH during the last week, I didn't trust Jessy enough to not leak everything I said to her so I refused to tell her why I wanted to save ahrre and why I trusted him. But in the end I decided I should tell her everything after taking precautions to make sure she wouldn't leak. She wrote a whole contract and signed it promising not to leak. She even gave

me 'tea' on her friend and said I could tell them she told me if she ended up leaking anything I said to her right now in order to get me to tell her why I was evicting her. Jessy and I had basically talked for hours every single night ever since week 2 and I felt like I owed it to her on a personal level to tell her why I was evicting her and so I told her about my deals with ahrre etc and she promised not to leak.

EEK now onto the self eviction itself. Right after ahrre won HoH, AJ posted the logs of everything I had said to Jessy and everything that she had promised not to leak. Yes, I did tell the hosts I was self evicting but I was extremely upset and felt betrayed by someone who I had tried to do a nice thing for and considered my friend. I felt as if this wasn't about the game because she had no reason to tell AJ everything after she had learned about getting evicted and felt as if it was done just to spite me. It was a spur of the moment decision. I was very very upset on a personal level.

I did end up getting talked out of self evicting by ahrre, Calvin and the hosts and despite how upset I was, I came out stronger in the end, having won PoV to secure myself in the final 3, and having strengthened both my in game relationship with ahrre and Calvin and my friendship with them <3

Please understand that this wasn't about me 'not caring about the game' or anything but it was because my emotions did get a hold of me and I felt like the game wasn't worth it at this point. I understand if this puts a sour taste in your mouths but I hope you all at least consider why I thought about self evicting and why this one mistake shouldn't cost me your votes.

Week 14

Due to my deals with Calvin and Ahrre, I decided that it wasn't worth winning the final HoH, believing they would both take me to the end. Calvin was my day 1 f2 and had always proved his loyalty to me while ahrre had already shown how much he honoured promises in this game. I was careful to not ever mention what was going on between ahrre and I to Calvin to make sure that information wouldn't be used against me in f3 so as expected ahrre took me to f2 and here we are!

Conclusion

I had many ups and many downs throughout this season, but I believe that we all did. My downs may have been lower than some of yours, but it doesn't mean that I deserve to lose just because I took what happened in this game to heart. I stand by the game that I've played, and I

hope that my speech has helped you see why. I was never nominated (player with the longest time spent unnommed other than Jessy) until the fast forward, and even then my ally saved me with PoV, demonstrating that my social game was strong. I was never a final nominee this whole game, other than final three, which was intentional. I do not have a single eviction vote against me, and I was never truly in danger, which is a testament to the bonds that I formed with people. I managed to secure myself a final two spot as early as final four after winning final four PoV. I won the most competitions this season, and I believe that every time I won something, I used it to benefit my game, and there was strategy behind every decision that I made. As for the f3 HoH, while I felt like I would have a better shot at beating Calvin, I did feel like I still had a good shot at beating Ahrre as I felt like I had played a strong, well-rounded game. I was in full control of my game for the majority of it, due to the social connections I formed and the strategic decisions I made. I am grateful for all of you for reading this, for the hosts for listening to me and being supportive of me, and to ahrre, whom I'm lucky to be sitting next to. I'm prepared to answer all of your questions, and hopefully not get dragged too hard ;-;!!!