

Seplo's Jury Speech

Hey you two, congrats on getting this far I think that the both of you should be very proud of yourselves, the cream of the crop.

I think the term villain was tossed around frequently throughout the game, as Ally often self-styled herself. But I think that the only villain in this game was Hayley, being that she was often the target in (not staged) fights, and I think that made Hayley a big target and an ideal cover for a lot of the moves that William made. So I guess that brings me to my first question which is for William and that is how much of your game do you owe to Hayley being the face of your alliance and as you described common objectives?

I know that a few members of the cast were close friends, like Sammy and OLAC / Nikki and Bane so it isn't like you two received special treatment, but as someone who joined the game not knowing anyone outside of a handful of epicmafia games, it kind of seems to me that being casted with two other people that you knew well outside the game is quite the advantage to have. To not have to be skeptical or speculate whether the people in your final three would betray you isn't a benefit that everyone in the game had, and your final three "the asseaters" were shown to be super efficient. I don't want to discount either of your games, but how well do you think you two would have done if you two weren't casted in the same game?

I guess I should talk about how disappointed I am about our final three, I understand that the two of you might have had your own circumstances to deal with but to see you guys put in the least amount of effort in the power of veto competition the week I was nominated indicated to me how important that it was for the two of you that I stayed in the game. Being how little effort that you two put into the final three, did you guys think that calling our alliance a final three was really necessary? Did either of you really have any intentions of honoring that over your final three with Trip?

I wish I had more to say to the two of you but I don't and I think that a couple others have already filled the quota for jurist heckling, talk to yall at the reunion!!

Here are a few more questions that I wanted to reiterate and get an answer for:

William

- How much of your game do you owe to Hayley being the focus for a lot of the other players?
- Do you think that you would have done as well in this game if you Hayley wasn't casted?

Hayley

- Do you think you would have done as well in this game if William wasn't casted?
- Do you think that looking back on the moves and decisions that you made, that you had the wiggle room to play a more honest game?

TheStyleAisle's response:

Hey, Seps! Thanks for the questions.

Alright, I'll get one thing outta the way; if Olive hadn't won that F5 Veto, I would have wanted 100% to keep you. A F4 of Hayley/Trip/You/I was optimal because I felt that was three people taking me to the end. However, Winterbells came out for a Saturday which is one of my work days, plus I was just flat out awful at it. However, I knew that I was also going to be safe; Trip had put You/Olive up, and Hayley was already going to be the replacement nominee in the event one of you went ahead and won Veto. I certainly tried my best for the few hours I got to play, but it certainly wasn't my challenge... ultimately, I wasn't too worried about *having to win it* though. You winning would have been best case, then anyone else other than Olive would have been second best case; but I am certain that I would have not come close to matching Olive's score, even if I didn't have The Distractions Of Life™. He was on *FIYUH*.

Moving on to your bulleted questions, I think it is almost an equal balance in terms of Hayley Focus helping/hurting my game, but I'll tip the scales slightly in favour of 'helped', so there is a definitely something I owe to her. As much as she was a shield, I was the sword that went with her; conversations about Hayley would usually end up being conversations about Hayley and I. Her *vivacious* personality brought attention on her, and as the guy who has hugged her passionately and has photographic proof of that in existence, I thought I would be guilty by association. I always believed that because of arguments, and because she was viewed as ACTUALLY MASTERMINDING THE GAME!!!!, she would always be a target before me, demonstrated by the fact that she actually got nominated... However, at the end of the game, it was the opposite. Olive was one challenge away (after winning two already) from giving me the chop so he could have Hayley for himself **because** she was so polarizing and talked negatively against, and I feel like we both knew we had a better shot against her than each other for that reason.

Finally, if Hayley wasn't casted, I think I would have done pretty damn well regardless, if only because of my prior experience with ORGs. As I explained in my answer to Olive's question, I've played these styles of games before. My naivety was certainly played up to many players here, if only to make people think I wasn't as big of a threat as I am. "Style doesn't know what the fuck he's doing, isn't that adorable?" I have played games before where I had friends in the cast; the 'I have held their hand IRL' kinda friends, so I understood the importance of making as many connections as possible before the moment that's found out, because it always puts the magnifying glass on you. Hayley helped my game. Of course she helped. It was someone to count on 100%. However, I think I demonstrated that I was able to get other people to trust me, and view me as someone who should be trusted; and that includes you, amigo. I think I just have one of those approachable personalities, I can bro down, I can weeb it up, I can flirt (awkwardly) with the menz, I can lend a listening ear to someone who needs it; I think I do well with nearly every personality type but an extreme pessimist, because fuck do they find my cheery personality and whatnot annoying as fuck. That's genuine. That's me. But it certainly helps in a social game environment when you want people to like you and not put ya on a block because they don't wanna see ya go. If

Hayley wasn't casted, perhaps I wouldn't have had to even play as hard because people wouldn't have been threatened by me automatically being partnered off?

TheTigress' response:

Hey Seplo, thanks for your speech and questions.

It would actually be interesting to see how we would have done without each other. Yes we came into this game friends, but I actually found myself building really strong bonds during this game (one of them being with you) so I don't think it would have been like "Wah there's no one I can trust, I have no alliances, my game succ". My alliances would likely have been similar because those really and truly were and are the people I trusted the most in the game. I believe I would have just channeled the remainder of my trust elsewhere. I would have played the same way because that's my style (forgive the pun, not intentional) and I really do feel I had a ton of trust in several other people and they had it with me as well. I have a pretty strong understanding of Big Brother as a fan, of course that is not the same as actually playing it. But I know what I like to see happen as a fan, and I believe I put that into my game. It's difficult to say how different my game would have been, but I can say with complete honesty I would have played the same way with or without William present, albeit results may have differed. Totally hear you on the whole 'not knowing anyone' thing though. I feel for you. There were a few people who came into this game with pretty good bonds already, so I imagine it would be significantly harder being with strictly strangers. That being said, it became a huge focal point week 1 that William and I were friends, along with Trip. People had the same amount of chances to get us out as anyone else. We definitely weren't the only friend group, and I think the fact that we got hassled about it almost immediately and still made it to the end together is pretty neat. And like I said already, William and Trip are not the only people I worked closely with whatsoever.

I do apologize for this. I'm sorry that I had to abstain when your game was on the line. I'll take responsibility for it, I went to the doctor and didn't find out until shortly before that I wouldn't make it home in time to submit a score for the comp. I really apologize, I can definitely see why that would make it look like I put no effort in. I understand it's said and done, but I hope you know my score in this instance did not reflect my desire to have you in this game longer. It was just awful timing. Again I am truly sorry.

EaTAE was created at the very beginning of this game, we built up a lot of trust in each other and fully planned to take that to the end. That being said, it's Big Brother and anything can happen, and for me personally, you were a person I wanted to see make it as far as possible. If for some reason we were put in a situation where we couldn't save Trip, you would be the next person I would want to have by my side or be able to help push forward, and vice versa. That's the reason why I wanted to make the f3 with you. I liked the way you played, you had proven to me time and time again that I could trust you, I thought you deserved the long haul. For me, it was one of those "if this one flunks, still got this one" kinda things. I had a lot of faith in both f3s, I knew I would likely have to make a decision at some point, but I felt both you and Trip deserved to go far. It was just a matter of where each of us ended up and when.

I actually feel like my game was way more honest than not. I wish I had an example (a lie) to talk about here. I would say I did some 'sneaky' things, for sure. An example of that is getting into f2 with both William and Olive. Like I said in my speech, I did that to secure my spot. If I didn't have f2 with Olive and he won the HoH, I would have no sense of safety whatsoever. I was very careful with my wording about things, so I think a lot of that may have lead to people thinking I was lying, but in reality I just watched what I said so it wouldn't come back to bite me. There were definitely moments in this game where I felt confident about where I stood, but never did I feel completely safe or like I could do whatever I wanted and come out alive. I was honest about how I was voting. I was honest about who was a pawn and who was not. I was very upfront about my targets each week. Any f3 I took part in, I did so because I believed it could make it that far and I would be willing to help with that. I can see why PBRT would come off as BS when EaTAE existed from the start, but as I said before, I was covering all angles and you were absolutely someone I would pull for and fight for. It was never "oh I'll make this f3 with Seplo just to screw him over", I loved working with you, I had absolute trust in you, and would have been ecstatic to see you make it all the way. I also completely understand that some people think my remorse and apologies are not legitimate, but if there is one thing I can say for myself, it's that I would not apologize if it wasn't sincere, and there are more times than I can count where I had a hard time making a move because of how it might make someone feel. I can also promise you that any time I told a white lie in this game, I did so because I had to. Hopefully it all makes sense in the long run!