

S3 E6 - INITIATIVE

*Act 1: The fish adapt to living with Computer. Production leads the contestants in a **S2-esque Group Session** where Alex must reckon with his actions up to this point, but the contestants ultimately condemn Ian for not bringing as much to the show as Alex does.*

*Act 2: Compounding on the eerie S2 zeitgeist, the sharks patrol for the first time while Binx and Alex begin to probe the topic of Fishtank again. After a “**interesting story**” challenge, the fish proactively scheme and maneuver with one another as the elimination approaches. Ultimately everyone is convinced that Ian must leave, **Ian accepts his fate when he is voted out**, and Alex is shocked to continue on in the game.*

Act 1

Computer “initializes” while the fish gather around the island to cook dinner.²⁵⁷⁶ Burt jumps wildly every time he hears the sound effect. Computer claims it can see things about the fish using its “sensors,” reassures Burt that it will keep Alex safe, and wants to know if Burt will date her, and pressures Burt to ask Alex whether he would come to Vegas. The fish are confused by JJJJJ. Burt demands to know what the deal is with Luke and Mizzy says “it might be against HIPAA.” (British localization: this is the American law that says doctors can’t disclose medical records without permission.)

30 Second Bit: The fish stack things on Ian’s head because he is dead asleep. In confessional, Alex spazzes out laughing because the stack is so high.²⁶⁴⁸

There is a “group” session.²⁶⁵⁸ Burt speaks on Alex’s behalf, saying his intention is to defend Alex and give him the time he needs to redeem himself. Simbal pushes Alex to apologize publicly for his past behavior and La’ron says Simbal is demanding more than he deserves. Simbal scolds Alex for shaking his hand with the wrong hand and they double down on Simbal for being disagreeable. Attention moves to Ian for not doing enough in challenges and they discuss whether him being on disability is a valid excuse. They admit they would rather Ian leave than someone who wants to stay, and all give their answers as to why they would vote for him.²⁶⁶² Ted gets emotional admitting that he wouldn’t want Ian to go. Simbal refuses to answer who he would vote for and then says Smack. Ben gives Ian a pep talk in Den PTZ saying he can still pull through if he’s determined.²⁶⁶⁸

Act 2

Look up mizzy “Do you trust that lock with your life”

Alex and Binx stay up very late talking about this-and-that, building a weird feeling of synchronicity as they are supposedly ignorant of the show but seem to be keying in on uncanny topics.²⁷⁴⁸ Alex says he is guessing that the producer with the “spiky black hair” (Jet)²⁷⁴³ is in charge. Binx asks Alex if he thinks what Luke did is the worst thing that will happen, given the season has only just begun. Binx has odd topics to bring up, telling Alex to stream with her after the show and mentioning Ice Poseidon, and tells a story about a Vegas casino that had a “fish tank” connected to the IOT and got hacked via a connection to the tank, and keeps saying the word “fish tank” over and over in the story.²⁷⁹¹ Burt awakens from a night terror while they are talking and jumps recklessly off the top bunk.²⁷⁵⁵

Ben slams the lights off in their bedroom when it becomes irresponsibly late, and a shark patrols the downstairs, making a mess of their furniture.²⁸⁰¹

I have a weird pitch for this: I think running “The most interesting story” one-after-another will be sort of dry, and so will running all the strategizing in a block. Instead, start with Payton, then waterfall each contestant’s scheming one after another while including their interesting story as they pass through the spotlight.

G introduces “the most interesting story.”²⁹¹¹

Everyone blames Burt for the mess left by the Shark. Payton speaks to him in the den about it.²⁸²⁹

- *The most interesting thing Payton can think of is she has “comfort cutlery.”*²⁹¹¹

TTS sends Burt to disassemble a box fan. Mizzy steals it and Burt loses it at her, saying he has to disassemble it and has no choice but do what TTS says.^{2840, 2841, 2842, 2843, 2844}

- *Burt says he made a man leave his wife and kids to live his life as a gay man and everyone claps.*²⁹¹¹

*Confessional: Mizzy says the other contestants don’t understand anything about the house and aren’t suspicious enough of what they are being told, but all she can do is sit around and drink her Yerba.*²⁹⁴⁶

- *Mizzy tries to talk and G ashes on her. Mizzy says she got into an Uber in Vegas then realized it wasn’t an Uber and got out.*²⁹¹¹

Alex B and Burt do a scene (Brothers for Life) where Alex feels he is close to being eliminated and says being on the show is his dream. TTS interrupts him and fucks up his blatant acting.²⁹⁵⁷

- *Production explains that computer can honk now. Alex talks about his friend Wes who died in a car accident after saying “I wanna go fast like Ricky Bobby”. TTS says “ouch” and then plays a honk noise.*²⁹¹¹

TTS accuses Alex of falling in love with Binx and he complains it’s not true, and mouths, “what the fuck are you doing, fuck, come on” at the computer, and then laughs and gives it a thumbs-up.²⁸⁸⁴ TTS tells Binx that she has a “bella and edward vibe” with Alex and they go through the motions of a romantic scene from Twilight.²⁸⁹¹

- **Binx** got a prize at a fair by hitting a rubber chicken with a mallet²⁹¹¹

Simbal approaches **La'ron** and says they should target Binx.²⁹⁰² **La'ron** tells **Simbal** he is the cause of his own strategic problems. Word gets around (check, how) to **Binx**, who does a scene with **Simbal**, accusing him of “trying to be the bad guy because that’s his character,” and that he “plants seeds, and watches how they grow,” and that his actions do not bother her, she just has to play in response to him. **Simbal** says he’s here to play the game and warns her not to cross the line with him, she responds that he will cross any line he draws.²⁹⁶⁷

- **Simbal** talks about his sick younger brother, cries, and leaves.²⁹¹¹

Confessional: **Ted** talks to **Binx** saying he doesn’t want to vote for anyone who is at risk of elimination. He gets her permission to throw his vote away on her because she is not a target, but she warns him not to tell anyone or she could be eliminated by opportunists.²⁸¹⁸

- *Interesting Story:* **Ted** got hit by a car and **Ben** relates that to the Office²⁹¹¹

Ian explains to **Alex** and **Binx** the details of how he can’t be on the show due to his disability.²⁹⁵² **Ted** enters the conversation and blurts out that he has secretly agreed to throw away his vote on Binx and she tells him that he now cannot, because Ian and Alex could decide to vote for her.²⁹⁵⁵ *Confessional:* **Ted** cries and blames Alex, somehow, saying he is not playing fairly by asking everyone not to vote for him. (???retard) He begs **Ian**’s forgiveness that Ian’s elimination seems inevitable.²⁹⁶⁵

- *Interesting Story:* **Ian** says when he was a nurse an elderly patient pooped on him but **Alexis** and **Payton** are crying about what **La'ron** said so it looks really funny like she is crying that **Ian** got shit on him²⁹¹¹

Ian is asked to do a goodbye scene. He asks **La'ron** to join him for it.²⁸⁷⁵

- **La'ron** says he is a dream prophet and baby psychic, G does a spit-take and flees to the hallway bathroom to laugh. **La'ron** does a reading for **Alexis** and she cries²⁹¹²

The Elimination officially starts.²⁹⁹⁵ In the mail room, the fish announce their votes along with an explanation. Alexis notably stops to check how to spell “Ian”.²⁹⁹⁸ Hold off on showing the x number of voters so that it still seems possible for Alex to lose. Ian and Alex are narrowed down to the final two options and are asked to pack.³⁰²¹ G builds up tension, asking Alex to pretend to cry. He smirks while taking his sunglasses off when G turns away. Show the final votes: Alex collapses when Ian is announced to have lost.³⁰²⁴ The countdown to remove him from the house is extremely fast. Alexis cries that the ceremony was “so mean” and Burt says it was “sadistic.” Alex celebrates in bedroom 3, pretending to be sad but revealing he is tired of being a good boy.³⁰⁴²

La'ron tries to do a confessional and gets honked out of the room. **Smack** tries to relate the experience to being in foster care and is also honked out of the room.³⁰⁷⁰ **Laron** exits confessional and he, **Payton**, and **Ted** complain immediately outside in the Den that they are not getting any TTses at all.

Mizzy tells Alex she noticed they can both cry on command and tells him about "Life is Mizzy." She asks him if he is missing his wife - she works out he is in his thirties because of the ages he is giving and he denies it and she gives up and says "I'm not good with math."³⁰⁶⁶ TTS prompts her to kiss him and she does.³⁰⁷⁷