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00:00:00,270 --> 00:00:04,680  
From the Alex Trebek stage  
at Sony Picture Studios, this

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00:00:05,140 --> 00:00:05,380  
is

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00:00:06,600 --> 00:00:07,720  
Inside Jeopardy!

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00:00:08,189 --> 00:00:09,580  
Oh, there he is.

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00:00:10,139 --> 00:00:12,999  
The dulcet sounds of  
Johnny Gilbert on the axe.

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00:00:13,009 --> 00:00:14,110  
On the axe.

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00:00:14,910 --> 00:00:16,779  
Sorry guys, it's just me and Buzzy.

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00:00:16,800 --> 00:00:20,150  
But hello and welcome back to Inside  
Jeopardy, your exclusive and official

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00:00:20,150 --> 00:00:23,570  
podcast destination for all things  
happening in the world of Jeopardy.

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00:00:23,990 --> 00:00:26,610  
I'm Sarah Foss, back  
today with Buzzy Cohen.

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00:00:26,659 --> 00:00:27,700  
Thanks for having me, Sarah.

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00:00:27,709 --> 00:00:28,839  
I really, you really tricked me.

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00:00:28,839 --> 00:00:31,220  
I thought that I was doing  
the pod with Michael today.

14  
00:00:31,290 --> 00:00:32,330  
I'm sorry to disappoint you.

15  
00:00:32,519 --> 00:00:33,209  
No, never

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00:00:33,209 --> 00:00:33,769  
a disappointment.

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00:00:33,769 --> 00:00:35,510  
Just me today.

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00:00:35,530 --> 00:00:38,549  
And this is a big day because, you  
know, we've been doing this little

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00:00:38,550 --> 00:00:41,975  
pod that could for, two years now  
and for the first time ever we're

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00:00:41,975 --> 00:00:43,915  
going to take a little hiatus.

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00:00:43,975 --> 00:00:44,475  
I like it.

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00:00:44,535 --> 00:00:49,455  
So we're going out with a bang with  
you on our last episode of the season.

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00:00:49,895 --> 00:00:52,135  
We're going to be back  
though on September 9th.

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00:00:52,165 --> 00:00:55,454  
That is the day that season 41 debuts.

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00:00:55,455 --> 00:00:59,145

So on that Monday we will be  
back with new pod episodes.

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00:00:59,515 --> 00:01:03,215  
We're going to have perhaps a new  
special guest and we will also

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00:01:03,215 --> 00:01:05,854  
recap the final week of season 40.

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00:01:06,115 --> 00:01:08,505  
As we lead into season 41

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00:01:09,315 --> 00:01:13,955  
and September 9th, nine, nine, you  
know, I'm a nine game champion.

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00:01:13,955 --> 00:01:16,875  
We'll be talking about another  
nine game champion today.

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00:01:16,875 --> 00:01:17,315  
Won't we?

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00:01:17,365 --> 00:01:18,985  
We sure are a little later on the pod.

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00:01:18,985 --> 00:01:23,095  
We're going to catch up with Isaac Hirsch  
because of course his impressive nine

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00:01:23,095 --> 00:01:27,995  
game streak, similar to one buzzy Cohen  
came to an end, love talking to Isaac

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00:01:28,175 --> 00:01:30,035  
and he will certainly be a lot of fun.

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00:01:30,035 --> 00:01:31,295  
I'm sure to talk with today.

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00:01:31,685 --> 00:01:33,375

Yeah, there's more going  
on in the Jeopardy!

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00:01:33,425 --> 00:01:34,285  
universe, though.

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00:01:34,465 --> 00:01:35,285  
There really is.

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00:01:35,325 --> 00:01:39,095  
I mean, first of all, happy  
birthday to Alex Trebek today.

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00:01:39,145 --> 00:01:43,014  
This would have been Alex's 84th birthday.

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00:01:43,385 --> 00:01:47,295  
And we are celebrating with a  
very cool event here on the lot.

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00:01:47,315 --> 00:01:52,005  
It's the official unveiling of the  
Alex Trebek commemorative stamp.

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00:01:52,325 --> 00:01:55,785  
So the entire team from the United  
States Postal Office is here.

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00:01:56,095 --> 00:01:57,765  
We're having a big event this afternoon.

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00:01:58,455 --> 00:02:04,035  
Pull down the official curtain to reveal  
the official stamp as all of you know,

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00:02:04,035 --> 00:02:05,505  
because of course we've previewed it.

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00:02:05,515 --> 00:02:11,764  
It is a clue about Alex and it's  
just really a very cool honor

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00:02:12,095 --> 00:02:13,954  
to know that Alex is being.

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00:02:14,180 --> 00:02:15,920  
Commemorated in such a special way.

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00:02:15,970 --> 00:02:16,830  
Yeah, huge.

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00:02:16,970 --> 00:02:17,740  
Really special.

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00:02:17,750 --> 00:02:19,660  
I can't wait to go to the  
post office and buy them.

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00:02:19,870 --> 00:02:23,670  
And the post office put together a very  
cool, they call it a stamp story, and

55  
00:02:23,670 --> 00:02:26,980  
they put one together for each of the  
recipients of the commemorative stamps.

56  
00:02:26,980 --> 00:02:30,770  
So, lots of fun for today,  
and buzzy next month!

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00:02:30,830 --> 00:02:34,330  
You and I are going to be in Detroit city.

58  
00:02:34,370 --> 00:02:34,980  
That's right.

59  
00:02:34,980 --> 00:02:36,250  
We're hitting the motor city.

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00:02:36,400 --> 00:02:39,720  
Even though we're on a hiatus,  
we are not stopping the train.

61  
00:02:39,730 --> 00:02:40,990

Do not slow down.

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00:02:41,389 --> 00:02:43,969

You of course are a  
big part of SporkleCon.

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00:02:43,969 --> 00:02:46,509

I know you have a lot of events  
that you are hosting, including.

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00:02:46,520 --> 00:02:47,109

Very busy.

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00:02:47,305 --> 00:02:50,195

Baby Got Facts, a 90s themed quiz?

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00:02:50,465 --> 00:02:54,295

That's right, and for those of you who  
haven't already purchased my book, and

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00:02:54,305 --> 00:02:56,955

if you're going to SparkleCon, you might  
want to, because you can imagine where

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00:02:56,955 --> 00:03:02,165

I'm pulling the questions for, and you  
can see I'm so smart for having my book.

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00:03:02,205 --> 00:03:03,375

It's like the perfect study guide.

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00:03:03,435 --> 00:03:04,265

Exactly.

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00:03:04,505 --> 00:03:05,805

And a great read at that.

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00:03:06,145 --> 00:03:10,335

We will also be there as part  
of SporkleCon on Friday evening.

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00:03:10,345 --> 00:03:13,935

We're doing Inside Jeopardy live on tour, our second live event.

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00:03:13,944 --> 00:03:16,765

So if you happen to be going to SporkleCon, come

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00:03:16,765 --> 00:03:17,714

to the Friday night event.

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00:03:17,725 --> 00:03:22,465

We'll be there at the Fillmore Detroit, a very historic theater.

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00:03:22,804 --> 00:03:23,885

We're going to host the pod.

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00:03:23,885 --> 00:03:25,565

We're going to host an interactive game.

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00:03:25,565 --> 00:03:28,825

So you know, the summer fun, it just keeps going.

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00:03:29,030 --> 00:03:31,880

And we've got some fun games to talk about, but before we get into

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00:03:31,880 --> 00:03:34,670

the highlights, let's take a look back at This Week in Jeopardy!

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00:03:34,670 --> 00:03:35,160

History.

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00:03:40,170 --> 00:03:41,849

We come now to Celeste DiNucci.

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00:03:42,120 --> 00:03:43,249

She was in second place.

85

00:03:43,260 --> 00:03:44,800

She wrote down something quickly.

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00:03:44,800 --> 00:03:49,290

She wrote down what is Tunis, and you  
add an I A, and you come up with Tunisia.

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00:03:49,290 --> 00:03:52,039

You are correct, and  
you jump up to 23, 000.

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00:03:53,390 --> 00:03:55,900

199 as we come to Matthew, who struggled.

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00:03:56,370 --> 00:03:58,100

And I fear it may have cost him.

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00:03:58,100 --> 00:03:59,470

He came up with Algiers.

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00:03:59,470 --> 00:04:01,900

He was close, but not close enough.

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00:04:01,900 --> 00:04:04,419

He lost 11, 601.

93

00:04:04,420 --> 00:04:07,300

He drops down to 7, 999.

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00:04:07,300 --> 00:04:09,129

And Celeste DiNicci, congratulations.

95

00:04:09,770 --> 00:04:14,180

You are now a five day  
champion with 83, 601.

96

00:04:14,930 --> 00:04:15,880

And you get to play again.

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00:04:16,779 --> 00:04:21,849

It was July 26th, 2006, when  
Celeste Dinucci became a five game



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00:04:21,849 --> 00:04:25,729  
Jeopardy champion, securing her  
spot in the Tournament of Champions.

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00:04:26,150 --> 00:04:30,690  
And then, after advancing to the  
semifinals by a wild card, Celeste went

100

00:04:30,690 --> 00:04:36,070  
on to secure her spot in the finals and  
ended up prevailing as a TOC champion.

101

00:04:36,369 --> 00:04:38,789  
Celeste, at that point, only  
the third female to win.

102

00:04:38,880 --> 00:04:41,750  
TOC winner in all of Jeopardy history.

103

00:04:42,100 --> 00:04:45,090  
Of course, we welcomed Celeste  
back to the JIT this year.

104

00:04:45,110 --> 00:04:46,320  
Great to see her back.

105

00:04:46,350 --> 00:04:46,880  
Absolutely.

106

00:04:47,390 --> 00:04:49,650  
A legacy in Jeopardy history for sure.

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00:04:49,900 --> 00:04:53,190  
Well, we kicked off the week with  
Isaac going for his ninth win.

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00:04:53,200 --> 00:04:54,879  
The buzzy Cohen, as we call it.

109

00:04:55,290 --> 00:04:58,350  
Isaac got out to an early lead, but  
unfortunately missed the first daily

110  
00:04:58,350 --> 00:05:01,520  
double in double Jeopardy, which  
allowed Brenna to close the gap.

111  
00:05:01,850 --> 00:05:06,040  
She found the last daily double and had  
the chance to go all in for the lead.

112  
00:05:06,400 --> 00:05:06,580  
But.

113  
00:05:06,715 --> 00:05:08,495  
Opted for a small wager.

114  
00:05:08,815 --> 00:05:13,165  
Brenna was correct, but it was Isaac who  
maintained the lead heading into final

115  
00:05:13,375 --> 00:05:18,915  
where he was correct and secured the  
win, taking him over the 200, 000 mark.

116  
00:05:18,925 --> 00:05:19,655  
Incredible.

117  
00:05:19,675 --> 00:05:21,515  
So, so impressive.

118  
00:05:21,624 --> 00:05:24,225  
That's averaging over 20 K a game.

119  
00:05:24,225 --> 00:05:25,375  
That is tough to do.

120  
00:05:25,514 --> 00:05:26,585  
That's great money.

121  
00:05:26,585 --> 00:05:26,884  
Yeah.

122

00:05:26,914 --> 00:05:31,855  
We had a category with Glenn Powell  
and Daisy Edgar Jones in this show.

123  
00:05:32,245 --> 00:05:36,094  
And this was fun because we shot  
this category with them on one

124  
00:05:36,094 --> 00:05:37,515  
of their media days for the film.

125  
00:05:37,515 --> 00:05:41,085  
And of course, you know, they did clues  
all about different weather phenomenon.

126  
00:05:41,485 --> 00:05:45,880  
And when I had Glenn reading  
his clue, And it said, Haboob.

127  
00:05:45,930 --> 00:05:48,050  
I mean, he thought we  
were maybe punking him.

128  
00:05:48,640 --> 00:05:48,870  
He couldn't

129  
00:05:48,870 --> 00:05:52,160  
believe that Haboob was a word  
that was in fact a real word.

130  
00:05:52,440 --> 00:05:54,760  
And we were making him say it on Jeopardy.

131  
00:05:55,050 --> 00:05:58,600  
I give him credit because all of  
us were kind of giggling, and he

132  
00:05:58,600 --> 00:06:02,970  
maintained professionalism, and  
only a couple of takes to get

133  
00:06:03,029 --> 00:06:05,800  
the perfect delivery of Haboob.

134  
00:06:05,910 --> 00:06:09,670  
I think you guys should now  
have fake extra clues that you

135  
00:06:09,670 --> 00:06:13,900  
make the clue presenters say  
to make them say funny words.

136  
00:06:14,030 --> 00:06:14,370  
Yeah.

137  
00:06:14,380 --> 00:06:16,659  
It's kind of a fun

138  
00:06:16,740 --> 00:06:18,759  
that maybe no one will want  
to record with us though.

139  
00:06:18,760 --> 00:06:19,150  
I don't know.

140  
00:06:19,250 --> 00:06:21,670  
Oh, well you're like, Oh,  
we need an extra clue.

141  
00:06:21,679 --> 00:06:23,049  
It's about how boobs, I

142  
00:06:23,110 --> 00:06:26,450  
think if we ever have you record any  
clues, I think that's a fun idea for you.

143  
00:06:26,499 --> 00:06:26,929  
Okay.

144  
00:06:26,929 --> 00:06:27,374  
I'll do it.

145  
00:06:27,755 --> 00:06:28,265  
All right.

146

00:06:28,344 --> 00:06:31,155

Yeah, they used to do that to Alex,  
actually, every once in a while.

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00:06:31,175 --> 00:06:35,055

They would kind of come up with a really  
complicated board with all these crazy

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00:06:35,055 --> 00:06:39,244

pronunciations just to see if he would  
say anything and, you know, it was Alex.

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00:06:39,245 --> 00:06:39,594

He didn't.

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00:06:39,594 --> 00:06:41,695

He was like, well, this is,  
this is what the writers have.

151

00:06:41,695 --> 00:06:42,274

I'm going to do it.

152

00:06:42,384 --> 00:06:42,704

Yeah.

153

00:06:42,815 --> 00:06:47,074

I was excited to learn that Isaac  
was hired as a Jeff Goldblum

154

00:06:47,074 --> 00:06:49,184

impersonator for a water ballet.

155

00:06:49,264 --> 00:06:52,764

Like, there are so many words  
in that sentence that, you know,

156

00:06:53,005 --> 00:06:57,755

Individually makes sense, but when  
put together, somehow break my brain.

157

00:06:58,164 --> 00:07:03,304

Yeah, and Isaac said, I can't hope

to capture the raw, strange, and

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00:07:03,304 --> 00:07:06,174  
sexual energy that Jeff Goldblum has.

159

00:07:06,174 --> 00:07:09,924  
And Ken joked, I don't want to  
say too much, but you're coming

160

00:07:09,924 --> 00:07:11,775  
pretty close right now, Isaac.

161

00:07:13,675 --> 00:07:14,425  
Yes, yes, yes.

162

00:07:14,915 --> 00:07:18,305  
Let's hear how Isaac was feeling  
after notching a ninth win.

163

00:07:18,675 --> 00:07:19,695  
That was a great game.

164

00:07:19,844 --> 00:07:23,190  
Brenna, I know a final did not go the  
way you wanted it to, but Once he had

165

00:07:23,190 --> 00:07:27,174  
performative, it was, it was kind of all  
done and you played a very strong game.

166

00:07:27,435 --> 00:07:30,355  
Once you saw the To Kill a Mockingbird  
daily double, how tempted were

167

00:07:30,355 --> 00:07:32,995  
you in that moment to go all in,  
or at least wager for the lead?

168

00:07:33,045 --> 00:07:37,375  
Pretty tempted, but I was, I realized  
we were kind of at the end game too.

169

00:07:37,575 --> 00:07:38,094  
You're right.

170  
00:07:38,564 --> 00:07:41,615  
Did seeing Isaac kind of blow  
the first daily double in the

171  
00:07:41,615 --> 00:07:43,414  
round affect your, uh, judgment?

172  
00:07:43,415 --> 00:07:43,924  
Oh, okay.

173  
00:07:43,925 --> 00:07:45,134  
That's good.

174  
00:07:45,134 --> 00:07:46,755  
It's good to have that  
short memory, I guess.

175  
00:07:47,205 --> 00:07:50,015  
Because that was what,  
up quite a bit right the

176  
00:07:50,015 --> 00:07:57,215  
I was rolling and then ba any  
questions after that was pretty rough.

177  
00:07:57,215 --> 00:07:59,045  
It's ge comfortable every time I

178  
00:08:00,705 --> 00:08:03,880  
what they say about a new It's  
less and less comfortable the more

179  
00:08:04,310 --> 00:08:04,699  
you do it.

180  
00:08:04,700 --> 00:08:05,750  
It really feels that way.

181  
00:08:05,750 --> 00:08:07,900

I don't know, maybe people in the green room are watching me and

182

00:08:07,900 --> 00:08:09,810  
figuring out all my tricks or whatever.

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00:08:09,810 --> 00:08:10,190  
I don't know.

184

00:08:10,190 --> 00:08:10,910  
But, uh, yeah.

185

00:08:10,910 --> 00:08:11,860  
I mean, it was fun.

186

00:08:12,009 --> 00:08:12,710  
It's always fun.

187

00:08:12,990 --> 00:08:13,769  
It's always fun.

188

00:08:13,770 --> 00:08:17,879  
But as fun goes, that was less fun than some of the other games.

189

00:08:18,110 --> 00:08:19,659  
You know, he's had some people put into the test.

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00:08:19,659 --> 00:08:22,960  
They have not all been runaways, but that's as close as anybody has come.

191

00:08:22,960 --> 00:08:26,299  
I want to say 1200 bucks by

192

00:08:26,300 --> 00:08:26,560  
a long shot.

193

00:08:28,369 --> 00:08:30,419  
That was a very, very strong game.



194

00:08:30,449 --> 00:08:32,520  
Well, Isaac, if you're tired,  
you know, you can go home.

195

00:08:33,640 --> 00:08:34,119  
Take a rest.

196

00:08:34,729 --> 00:08:37,299  
Yeah, we've never seen a jeopardy  
player retire undefeated Isaac.

197

00:08:37,299 --> 00:08:37,880  
Now is your chance.

198

00:08:37,929 --> 00:08:38,990  
I could hold the record as the

199

00:08:38,990 --> 00:08:41,250  
only person to never lose  
on jeopardy, but no, I

200

00:08:43,559 --> 00:08:45,780  
I will go down in flames, as is my right.

201

00:08:46,760 --> 00:08:47,040  
Does that mean

202

00:08:47,040 --> 00:08:47,960  
you don't want to come back for

203

00:08:47,960 --> 00:08:49,890  
the TOC, or you're just  
confident you will win?

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00:08:49,910 --> 00:08:52,559  
If I were to retire for some  
reason, I would also decline the

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00:08:52,559 --> 00:08:54,559  
TOC invitation and hold my record.

206

00:08:54,559 --> 00:08:56,909  
But that is a hypothetical, it is  
not, I'm gonna lose here, and I'm

207  
00:08:56,910 --> 00:08:57,980  
gonna lose on the TOC as well.

208  
00:08:57,980 --> 00:08:58,699  
Okay,

209  
00:08:58,700 --> 00:08:59,400  
you've got a plan.

210  
00:08:59,640 --> 00:09:00,409  
Yes, absolutely.

211  
00:09:00,409 --> 00:09:00,500  
At some point.

212  
00:09:01,200 --> 00:09:04,040  
What, you've got over  
200, 000 right now, Isaac.

213  
00:09:04,330 --> 00:09:06,560  
What do you think Jeff  
Goldblum would say about that?

214  
00:09:07,195 --> 00:09:09,435  
Oh, he would, you know,  
he'd just be like, uh huh.

215  
00:09:09,435 --> 00:09:12,654  
Yeah.

216  
00:09:12,655 --> 00:09:12,885  
Very nice.

217  
00:09:13,495 --> 00:09:16,305  
Well, it was a great game, everybody,  
and we'll see what happens tomorrow.

218  
00:09:17,020 --> 00:09:20,550

Well, Isaac returned on Tuesday,  
just one win away from double

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00:09:20,560 --> 00:09:23,020  
digit super champion status.

220

00:09:23,050 --> 00:09:24,170  
Uh, but J.

221

00:09:24,170 --> 00:09:26,400  
Fisher proved to be a tough challenger.

222

00:09:26,660 --> 00:09:29,000  
J formed a big lead heading  
into double jeopardy.

223

00:09:29,000 --> 00:09:32,610  
But Isaac, even after dropping  
5000 on a daily double, managed to

224

00:09:32,610 --> 00:09:36,189  
head into final just 900 behind J.

225

00:09:36,430 --> 00:09:38,040  
Final was a triple stumper.

226

00:09:38,870 --> 00:09:42,860  
Questionable wager from Isaac  
allowed J to take the win.

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00:09:43,120 --> 00:09:47,370  
We will, of course, be talking to  
Isaac a little later in the pod and

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00:09:47,800 --> 00:09:51,999  
I'm sure that he will bring up the  
wager but it was something that, you

229

00:09:51,999 --> 00:09:55,770  
know, immediately after this game,  
he knew that he had miscalculated

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00:09:55,779 --> 00:09:57,890  
and he just had messed up the math.

231  
00:09:57,930 --> 00:09:58,420  
Happens.

232  
00:09:58,439 --> 00:09:59,350  
Happens to the best of us.

233  
00:09:59,389 --> 00:10:01,709  
Especially a great nine game winner.

234  
00:10:01,840 --> 00:10:02,290  
Yeah.

235  
00:10:02,389 --> 00:10:05,380  
Let's hear how Isaac was  
feeling right after that moment.

236  
00:10:06,185 --> 00:10:08,035  
Isaac, you're looking  
at your math right now.

237  
00:10:08,455 --> 00:10:09,385  
I did it wrong.

238  
00:10:11,115 --> 00:10:13,255  
I did my math incorrectly.

239  
00:10:13,265 --> 00:10:13,605  
A math

240  
00:10:13,635 --> 00:10:14,295  
mistake.

241  
00:10:15,325 --> 00:10:18,364  
So you were aware of a situation  
where everybody gets it wrong

242  
00:10:18,364 --> 00:10:19,895  
and you were trying to wager

243  
00:10:20,604 --> 00:10:21,305  
for the win

244  
00:10:21,305 --> 00:10:22,525  
in that situation.

245  
00:10:22,674 --> 00:10:23,644  
Yes.

246  
00:10:24,555 --> 00:10:25,185  
Ouch.

247  
00:10:26,945 --> 00:10:29,265  
I was literally, I was  
like, you got it wrong.

248  
00:10:29,565 --> 00:10:32,274  
Oh my god, I'm going to win with 1, 300.

249  
00:10:32,275 --> 00:10:32,869  
And I looked and I was like.

250  
00:10:33,150 --> 00:10:33,910  
No I'm not!

251  
00:10:34,140 --> 00:10:34,590  
Oh no!

252  
00:10:35,930 --> 00:10:39,940  
This was, I mean, certainly one of  
the worst ways to lose, but also

253  
00:10:39,940 --> 00:10:43,449  
one of the most fitting for me to  
lose, cause I am bad at math so

254  
00:10:43,450 --> 00:10:46,089  
this pretty much fits with who I am.

255  
00:10:46,089 --> 00:10:46,339  
This is

256

00:10:46,339 --> 00:10:47,500  
in character for you?

257

00:10:48,009 --> 00:10:48,449  
Yes.

258

00:10:48,980 --> 00:10:52,420  
If it's any comfort, it has  
happened many times out here before.

259

00:10:52,470 --> 00:10:55,390  
I think I once had the contestant  
coordinators come over and remind

260

00:10:55,390 --> 00:10:57,010  
me I had wagered more than I had.

261

00:10:59,270 --> 00:11:02,549  
I thought I'd unlocked a whole new level  
of jeopardy, but no, you are not allowed

262

00:11:02,550 --> 00:11:04,059  
to wager more than you have, it turns out.

263

00:11:04,059 --> 00:11:06,909  
So, it has happened  
multiple times up here.

264

00:11:07,079 --> 00:11:08,360  
At least you had the right strategy.

265

00:11:08,390 --> 00:11:11,750  
You knew what you wanted to do, you  
just went a little, a little too heavy.

266

00:11:11,780 --> 00:11:15,444  
Yeah, and I thought I calculated, like,  
the right balance, and I just did it.

267

00:11:15,445 --> 00:11:16,055  
Did not.

268

00:11:16,055 --> 00:11:17,085

I just did it wrong.

269

00:11:17,085 --> 00:11:18,935

And boy, I don't want to  
talk about this anymore.

270

00:11:18,935 --> 00:11:21,364

I

271

00:11:21,365 --> 00:11:21,815

understand.

272

00:11:21,865 --> 00:11:24,885

Like, it's a tough moment, but listen,  
uh, Isaac, I hope you could celebrate.

273

00:11:24,914 --> 00:11:26,645

You're going to be in the  
tournament of champions.

274

00:11:26,815 --> 00:11:29,034

You're a nine game winner over 200, 000.

275

00:11:29,035 --> 00:11:29,575

Congratulations.

276

00:11:33,575 --> 00:11:35,835

But Jay, like not just an asterisk.

277

00:11:35,835 --> 00:11:38,715

I mean, it's true that you won 1, 799.

278

00:11:40,770 --> 00:11:44,880

You defeated the nine game champion  
by having the lead in Final Jeopardy.

279

00:11:44,890 --> 00:11:45,319

So that was good.

280

00:11:45,319 --> 00:11:48,510  
I think that, uh, being Jeopardy's  
champion might usurp my 22 hours as

281  
00:11:48,589 --> 00:11:50,529  
a state senator in my obituary, so.

282  
00:11:51,729 --> 00:11:53,050  
Well, here's the thing about Jeopardy.

283  
00:11:53,069 --> 00:11:55,199  
The shows air 23 and a half hours apart.

284  
00:11:55,229 --> 00:11:55,559  
Yes.

285  
00:11:55,839 --> 00:11:59,323  
You're guaranteed to be a Jeopardy champ  
longer than you are a state senator.

286  
00:11:59,323 --> 00:11:59,946  
By

287  
00:11:59,946 --> 00:12:02,437  
at least an hour

288  
00:12:02,437 --> 00:12:05,310  
and a half, if not more.

289  
00:12:05,310 --> 00:12:08,099  
If not, if not weeks, we don't know.

290  
00:12:08,099 --> 00:12:09,569  
Are you ready for game two?

291  
00:12:09,920 --> 00:12:11,540  
J of your streak tomorrow.

292  
00:12:11,660 --> 00:12:12,490  
I am ready.

293



00:12:12,500 --> 00:12:12,980  
You're ready.

294  
00:12:13,000 --> 00:12:14,270  
Maybe Isaac will be rooting for you.

295  
00:12:14,310 --> 00:12:16,250  
Maybe he wants to rematch in the TOC.

296  
00:12:16,380 --> 00:12:17,030  
Absolutely.

297  
00:12:17,030 --> 00:12:17,370  
Of course.

298  
00:12:17,400 --> 00:12:19,110  
I want you to win nine games.

299  
00:12:19,110 --> 00:12:19,390  
Do it.

300  
00:12:19,660 --> 00:12:20,100  
Thank you.

301  
00:12:20,790 --> 00:12:23,679  
Well, congratulations to both of you  
on the streak and for the big win.

302  
00:12:23,710 --> 00:12:24,039  
Well done.

303  
00:12:24,815 --> 00:12:26,275  
Can we wrap up Isaac's stats?

304  
00:12:26,295 --> 00:12:27,405  
Oh, let's do it.

305  
00:12:27,435 --> 00:12:29,835  
I love a little stat wrap up.

306  
00:12:30,025 --> 00:12:32,348

Total winnings 215, 390.

307

00:12:32,348 --> 00:12:38,305

Averaging 21, 669 per game.

308

00:12:38,665 --> 00:12:39,784

Four runaways.

309

00:12:40,145 --> 00:12:42,395

Seven for ten in Final Jeopardy.

310

00:12:42,404 --> 00:12:43,385

Pretty impressive.

311

00:12:43,394 --> 00:12:43,654

Very impressive.

312

00:12:43,654 --> 00:12:47,095

Stats only surpassed by  
Adriana Harmeyer, I think.

313

00:12:47,870 --> 00:12:54,390

265 correct responses, averaging a  
very, very impressive 27 per game.

314

00:12:54,490 --> 00:12:54,970

That's good.

315

00:12:55,040 --> 00:12:59,269

And 14 for 20 in daily  
doubles of the 30 available.

316

00:12:59,280 --> 00:13:00,490

So he found a lot of

317

00:13:00,930 --> 00:13:00,960

them.

318

00:13:01,070 --> 00:13:01,550

Yeah.

319

00:13:01,600 --> 00:13:01,760  
Wow.

320  
00:13:01,760 --> 00:13:01,980  
And

321  
00:13:01,980 --> 00:13:03,360  
was correct on more than half of them.

322  
00:13:03,400 --> 00:13:06,100  
I always say that the,  
the real daily double is.

323  
00:13:06,380 --> 00:13:10,460  
Importance as how many of the 30  
you find, because that really says

324  
00:13:10,810 --> 00:13:14,400  
who's controlling, if that you're  
controlling the board when it matters.

325  
00:13:14,650 --> 00:13:14,970  
So that

326  
00:13:15,429 --> 00:13:19,350  
is, you know, the 14 is impressive  
and the 20 is just as, if

327  
00:13:19,350 --> 00:13:20,400  
not more impressive to me.

328  
00:13:20,694 --> 00:13:24,485  
And on Wednesday, Jay was feeling  
pretty impressive as well.

329  
00:13:24,485 --> 00:13:29,264  
After defeating a nine game champion,  
he came back and put on a strong

330  
00:13:29,264 --> 00:13:34,035  
performance, finding both daily doubles  
in double jeopardy, adding 6, 500 to a

331  
00:13:34,035 --> 00:13:36,795  
score and cruising into a runaway win.

332  
00:13:36,804 --> 00:13:41,724  
I have to point out, this was a tough  
game, not a stat we want to talk about

333  
00:13:41,724 --> 00:13:47,435  
often, and that is 21 triple stumpers  
in this game, four triple stumpers.

334  
00:13:47,615 --> 00:13:52,635  
In the category of opera heroines  
alone, you know, I think this is where

335  
00:13:52,635 --> 00:13:57,304  
the writers first coined the term the  
dreaded dreaded opera category, because

336  
00:13:57,304 --> 00:13:59,035  
I think for these three, it certainly was

337  
00:13:59,054 --> 00:14:00,405  
never want to see a stat like that.

338  
00:14:00,405 --> 00:14:04,404  
And sometimes it's just a case of,  
you know, that particular board just

339  
00:14:04,404 --> 00:14:08,105  
hits the weak spots of all three  
contestants doesn't happen a lot.

340  
00:14:08,420 --> 00:14:10,240  
Thankfully, we have very  
bright contestants, but

341  
00:14:10,240 --> 00:14:11,330  
when it happens, it happens.

342  
00:14:11,680 --> 00:14:15,820  
Well, Jay pulls off that win to head

into Thursday, facing off against

343

00:14:15,830 --> 00:14:19,790  
two new worthy opponents in Micah  
Rontemeyer and Meredith Miller.

344

00:14:19,790 --> 00:14:23,470  
All three players neck and neck throughout  
the entire game, but it was Micah who was

345

00:14:23,480 --> 00:14:25,399  
able to pull into a small lead and win.

346

00:14:25,410 --> 00:14:28,780  
Heading into final, this was  
unfamiliar territory for Jay.

347

00:14:28,780 --> 00:14:32,180  
He had always been in the lead heading  
into final, but he was the only one

348

00:14:32,190 --> 00:14:35,610  
who was able to come up with the  
correct response in final and pulls

349

00:14:35,610 --> 00:14:37,210  
off an exciting come from behind win.

350

00:14:37,260 --> 00:14:37,510  
Yeah.

351

00:14:37,510 --> 00:14:39,640  
I'm a big talking heads fan.

352

00:14:39,640 --> 00:14:42,349  
So that final jeopardy,  
I was all about it.

353

00:14:42,400 --> 00:14:46,400  
Uh, in the category showbiz marriages  
married since 1977, the year of

354

00:14:46,400 --> 00:14:50,460  
this band's first album, two members  
referenced another album with

355

00:14:50,460 --> 00:14:53,799  
their 2023 remain in love tour.

356

00:14:54,090 --> 00:14:56,920  
That would, of course, be Remain  
in Light, the Talking Heads,

357

00:14:56,920 --> 00:14:58,020  
great Talking Heads album.

358

00:14:58,140 --> 00:14:59,560  
That's a successful couple right there.

359

00:14:59,640 --> 00:15:00,640  
Very successful.

360

00:15:00,640 --> 00:15:02,980  
That would be Tina  
Weymouth and Chris Franz.

361

00:15:03,020 --> 00:15:07,929  
Well, another fun moment in this game  
was the fact that Jay talked about how

362

00:15:07,929 --> 00:15:11,959  
his two sons went to Naperville North  
High School in Illinois, of course.

363

00:15:11,959 --> 00:15:12,635  
That name rings a

364

00:15:12,635 --> 00:15:13,100  
bell.

365

00:15:13,270 --> 00:15:18,060  
Alma mater of none other than James  
Holzhauer and Jay said that his kids

366

00:15:18,060 --> 00:15:22,179  
were probably pretty disappointed when  
he didn't do the all in Holzhauser push,

367  
00:15:22,460 --> 00:15:23,930  
you know, when he got the daily double.

368  
00:15:24,290 --> 00:15:26,919  
The cool thing was both of  
his sons were in the audience.

369  
00:15:26,980 --> 00:15:30,899  
So they got to see dad succeed  
with or without the all in.

370  
00:15:30,919 --> 00:15:33,950  
Well, he got another chance for  
that all in on Friday, didn't he?

371  
00:15:33,960 --> 00:15:34,710  
He sure did.

372  
00:15:34,710 --> 00:15:36,659  
We closed out the week with  
Jay going for a full time job.

373  
00:15:36,660 --> 00:15:40,850  
Fourth win, but he ran into a buzzsaw.

374  
00:15:40,880 --> 00:15:46,589  
That was Nilesh Vinjamuri, scored 19  
correct responses, was correct on a

375  
00:15:46,589 --> 00:15:49,200  
daily double, ends up with a runaway win.

376  
00:15:49,210 --> 00:15:50,669  
Congratulations, Nilesh.

377  
00:15:50,700 --> 00:15:53,729  
Jay, congratulations on a great  
couple of games, finishing out

378  
00:15:53,730 --> 00:15:55,039  
with a correct response in final.

379  
00:15:55,529 --> 00:15:57,649  
I don't know if that's a good  
way to go out or a bad way to

380  
00:15:57,649 --> 00:15:59,250  
go out, but Jay, well done.

381  
00:15:59,490 --> 00:16:00,450  
A win is a win.

382  
00:16:00,450 --> 00:16:02,410  
I think just getting final is a win.

383  
00:16:02,810 --> 00:16:03,330  
Exactly.

384  
00:16:03,339 --> 00:16:04,700  
You know, I think that's a good thing.

385  
00:16:05,275 --> 00:16:08,515  
We may not have talked about his  
gameplay, but Dave Gutierrez,

386  
00:16:08,735 --> 00:16:10,185  
gotta talk about his fashion.

387  
00:16:10,194 --> 00:16:13,604  
He had on a very cool pink button  
down shirt, but what you didn't

388  
00:16:13,605 --> 00:16:17,734  
see above the podium is what was  
happening behind it, and that is

389  
00:16:17,734 --> 00:16:20,305  
some very flashy hot pink shoes.

390  
00:16:20,765 --> 00:16:25,405



After the game, Ken said, you know,  
I gotta ask about these shoes, Dave.

391

00:16:25,435 --> 00:16:29,235  
And Dave said, I have an awesome  
friend who had surgery on his foot and

392

00:16:29,235 --> 00:16:30,825  
he couldn't keep the shoes anymore.

393

00:16:30,825 --> 00:16:33,349  
And I thought, Well,

394

00:16:33,610 --> 00:16:36,350  
uh, this is what the  
internet content of Jeopardy!

395

00:16:36,350 --> 00:16:39,819  
is for because it doesn't make it  
onto our syndicated show, but people

396

00:16:39,819 --> 00:16:41,390  
out there need to see Dave's shoes.

397

00:16:41,410 --> 00:16:43,180  
Yeah, we gotta, you gotta see these shoes.

398

00:16:43,219 --> 00:16:44,569  
They were impressive.

399

00:16:44,839 --> 00:16:48,369  
Of course, we still have one more  
week of games to close out Season

400

00:16:48,369 --> 00:16:52,443  
40, so we're gonna be sure to share  
those highlights at the top of our

401

00:16:52,443 --> 00:16:53,859  
first episode on September 9th.

402

00:16:53,860 --> 00:16:56,780

But before we head into our host chat, let's take a look at where

403  
00:16:56,780 --> 00:16:59,500  
the TOC tracker stands as of now.

404  
00:17:00,030 --> 00:17:05,480  
First off, our first qualifier, Lisa Ann Walter, our Celebrity Jeopardy champion.

405  
00:17:05,819 --> 00:17:07,490  
We talked to her earlier in the season.

406  
00:17:07,490 --> 00:17:08,400  
We know she is ready.

407  
00:17:08,400 --> 00:17:09,240  
She's preparing.

408  
00:17:09,240 --> 00:17:14,010  
She's got Ike Barinholtz as a goal of how well a celebrity can do in the TOC.

409  
00:17:14,740 --> 00:17:19,830  
First off, in terms of our regular champions, we've got Adriana Harmeyer.

410  
00:17:19,840 --> 00:17:23,030  
She's at 15 wins right behind her.

411  
00:17:23,530 --> 00:17:24,440  
Isaac Hirsch.

412  
00:17:24,500 --> 00:17:25,140  
You love him.

413  
00:17:25,180 --> 00:17:25,740  
You know him.

414  
00:17:25,740 --> 00:17:26,859  
We're going to be talking to him soon.

415

00:17:26,869 --> 00:17:31,330  
He's got nine wins, followed  
by Drew Basile, our giant,

416

00:17:31,340 --> 00:17:33,639  
giant killer, with seven wins.

417

00:17:34,050 --> 00:17:35,699  
Allison Betts with five wins.

418

00:17:35,780 --> 00:17:37,249  
Amy Hummel with five wins.

419

00:17:37,250 --> 00:17:39,620  
Grant DeYoung, four wins.

420

00:17:39,649 --> 00:17:43,650  
Now, not an automatic qualifier,  
but oftentimes we see those four

421

00:17:43,650 --> 00:17:45,790  
game champions make it into the TOC.

422

00:17:46,270 --> 00:17:50,150  
And also, Amr Kakirdi  
with four wins as well.

423

00:17:50,775 --> 00:17:57,085  
Now we will be extending the cutoff  
period for the TOC into season 41, so

424

00:17:57,085 --> 00:18:00,745  
we'll let you know ahead of time, you  
know, when that cutoff is going to be.

425

00:18:01,135 --> 00:18:03,675  
We want to make sure that we have  
a full field, but we also want

426

00:18:03,675 --> 00:18:07,075  
to keep a lot of contestants in  
the pool for next year's TOC.

427  
00:18:07,525 --> 00:18:12,955  
for season 42, so a lot to consider, but  
that's where the TOC stands as of now.

428  
00:18:12,985 --> 00:18:13,505  
Shaping

429  
00:18:13,505 --> 00:18:14,615  
up to be quite a field.

430  
00:18:14,665 --> 00:18:15,545  
It really is.

431  
00:18:15,575 --> 00:18:18,324  
I'm very excited about all  
of the names on that list.

432  
00:18:18,715 --> 00:18:22,374  
Well, now it is time for this week's  
final host chat of the podcast season.

433  
00:18:22,404 --> 00:18:26,574  
An audience member asked Ken, what does  
a tape day look like for contestants?

434  
00:18:27,135 --> 00:18:29,125  
As you now know, we do  
five shows in a day.

435  
00:18:29,125 --> 00:18:32,685  
So contestants show up very early to  
get in hair and makeup and have an

436  
00:18:32,875 --> 00:18:36,695  
orientation about the rules of the  
show and then a full onstage rehearsal.

437  
00:18:36,945 --> 00:18:39,915  
They all get a shot at playing the  
game with real life buzzers and gaming

438

00:18:39,915 --> 00:18:41,354  
conditions so they can get used to it.

439  
00:18:41,804 --> 00:18:43,594  
And we start around 11.

440  
00:18:43,594 --> 00:18:45,955  
15, and they don't know  
when they're gonna play.

441  
00:18:46,014 --> 00:18:50,154  
We draw new names, we choose new names at  
the beginning of each new game, and I was

442  
00:18:50,155 --> 00:18:53,884  
always very, I was relieved in my first  
day when I got called up, because I was

443  
00:18:53,884 --> 00:18:56,674  
just tired of the suspense of waiting.

444  
00:18:56,804 --> 00:18:59,294  
But then, if you win, you gotta suddenly  
realize you gotta play again, and

445  
00:18:59,294 --> 00:19:02,104  
that's also kind of stressful in its  
own way, because you were probably

446  
00:19:02,104 --> 00:19:03,544  
giving it all out in that first game.

447  
00:19:03,980 --> 00:19:05,220  
That is a great question.

448  
00:19:05,220 --> 00:19:08,540  
And for those of you who are interested  
in diving more into a day in the

449  
00:19:08,540 --> 00:19:12,830  
life at jeopardy, we on the, this  
is jeopardy podcast did kind of

450  
00:19:12,840 --> 00:19:15,799  
the same tape day from a couple of  
different perspectives, followed Ken

451  
00:19:15,800 --> 00:19:17,300  
around, followed a contestant around.

452  
00:19:17,590 --> 00:19:20,770  
So if you are into that,  
check out, this is jeopardy.

453  
00:19:21,145 --> 00:19:22,445  
And what's your feeling on this?

454  
00:19:22,445 --> 00:19:24,074  
Do you like to be called first?

455  
00:19:24,235 --> 00:19:27,135  
Would you want to hang around  
and watch how the days go?

456  
00:19:27,185 --> 00:19:27,245  
First.

457  
00:19:27,265 --> 00:19:27,335  
I

458  
00:19:27,335 --> 00:19:28,195  
want to play first.

459  
00:19:28,255 --> 00:19:29,035  
Alright, just like Ken.

460  
00:19:29,045 --> 00:19:29,485  
I don't want to

461  
00:19:29,485 --> 00:19:30,295  
sit around, yeah.

462  
00:19:30,615 --> 00:19:34,745  
I was lucky, um, not only did I

play the Monday game on my original

463

00:19:34,745 --> 00:19:37,934  
tape day, but also in the TOC, I  
was in the first quarter final.

464

00:19:37,934 --> 00:19:40,335  
So I just got it out of the  
way, got to watch the games,

465

00:19:40,915 --> 00:19:41,145  
chilled out.

466

00:19:41,145 --> 00:19:42,555  
Went on to win it all.

467

00:19:42,585 --> 00:19:47,095  
This was also the era of the  
sequestration because of wild cards.

468

00:19:47,275 --> 00:19:47,295  
Yeah.

469

00:19:47,315 --> 00:19:48,735  
If you weren't playing.

470

00:19:49,430 --> 00:19:53,010  
In one of those first games, you  
were watching planes, trains,

471

00:19:53,010 --> 00:19:56,940  
and automobiles and playing  
knockoff Jenga in the green room.

472

00:19:56,940 --> 00:19:57,450  
That's true.

473

00:19:57,600 --> 00:19:58,220  
Those days.

474

00:19:58,220 --> 00:20:00,170  
Tumbling Towers, I believe, was the name.

475  
00:20:00,350 --> 00:20:00,690  
Really?

476  
00:20:00,779 --> 00:20:01,159  
Yeah.

477  
00:20:01,560 --> 00:20:02,060  
Wow.

478  
00:20:02,200 --> 00:20:03,670  
We can't spring for the real Jenga.

479  
00:20:03,759 --> 00:20:05,019  
Uh, talk to the contestant

480  
00:20:05,020 --> 00:20:05,250  
team.

481  
00:20:05,395 --> 00:20:06,225  
Who knew?

482  
00:20:07,035 --> 00:20:08,045  
All right, Buzzy.

483  
00:20:08,135 --> 00:20:12,515  
And now for our last interview of  
the season, let's welcome to the pod

484  
00:20:12,515 --> 00:20:15,034  
nine game champion, Isaac Hirsch.

485  
00:20:15,065 --> 00:20:16,285  
Isaac, welcome.

486  
00:20:16,395 --> 00:20:16,875  
Thank you.

487  
00:20:16,995 --> 00:20:18,104  
Thank you so much for having me.



488

00:20:18,175 --> 00:20:20,345

I don't know if you  
know this guy beside me.

489

00:20:20,345 --> 00:20:21,755

I feel like you guys  
might know each other.

490

00:20:22,174 --> 00:20:22,724

Hi,

491

00:20:23,235 --> 00:20:23,484

we have

492

00:20:23,825 --> 00:20:26,935  
technically met and even though  
we never really directly spoke

493

00:20:26,935 --> 00:20:28,435  
to one another, but hello, Buzzy.

494

00:20:28,435 --> 00:20:29,115

It's good to see you.

495

00:20:29,115 --> 00:20:29,775

Hi.

496

00:20:29,815 --> 00:20:30,255

Yes.

497

00:20:30,275 --> 00:20:33,884

Well, let me be the first  
to congratulate you again.

498

00:20:34,659 --> 00:20:36,760  
You just love winning money on television.

499

00:20:36,850 --> 00:20:39,169

It's, it's some of the  
only ways I can make money.

500

00:20:39,169 --> 00:20:42,669  
It seems like, so I'm  
glad I have a skill set.

501  
00:20:43,840 --> 00:20:49,260  
And for those of you who didn't see Isaac  
and his team did in fact defeat Buzzy on

502  
00:20:49,340 --> 00:20:50,020  
The Stunner.

503  
00:20:50,625 --> 00:20:52,481  
They didn't defeat Buzzy,  
they defeated the Stunner.

504  
00:20:52,481 --> 00:20:52,775  
Oh,

505  
00:20:52,775 --> 00:20:53,068  
sorry.

506  
00:20:53,068 --> 00:20:57,545  
This alter ego, the Stunner, was  
taken down by Isaac and team.

507  
00:20:58,185 --> 00:21:01,164  
So, I know a lot of people have  
commented, when they saw you on

508  
00:21:01,164 --> 00:21:04,985  
Jeopardy, that, you know, this is not  
the first time they've seen Isaac.

509  
00:21:04,985 --> 00:21:06,765  
So people were pulling  
up those chase clips.

510  
00:21:07,055 --> 00:21:10,734  
Yeah, I mean, it was, it was  
a really weird experience.

511  
00:21:10,734 --> 00:21:13,225  
I keep saying everything was a

surreal experience, I guess, you

512

00:21:13,225 --> 00:21:16,979  
know, Being on television is a surreal  
experience compared to everyday life.

513

00:21:17,000 --> 00:21:18,879  
So it was a surreal experience.

514

00:21:18,899 --> 00:21:23,179  
I remember when we taped that,  
we were the first people to go.

515

00:21:23,179 --> 00:21:25,139  
I was the first person  
on the first taping.

516

00:21:25,139 --> 00:21:27,080  
So I had, I didn't get to watch anything.

517

00:21:27,399 --> 00:21:29,290  
I didn't get to like relax or settle in.

518

00:21:29,290 --> 00:21:31,289  
I just had to go up there  
and immediately do it.

519

00:21:31,600 --> 00:21:33,139  
And I was very nervous.

520

00:21:33,149 --> 00:21:34,959  
And there was, there  
was a lot of flubbing.

521

00:21:35,500 --> 00:21:39,580  
And, uh, missed questions that, in  
retrospect, I probably could have gotten,

522

00:21:39,580 --> 00:21:43,190  
but I'm sure, you know, Buzzy probably  
feels the same way, and you have more

523

00:21:43,190 --> 00:21:45,140  
experience than I do at this point.

524  
00:21:45,549 --> 00:21:49,949  
You know, it's, the metaphor I like to use  
is that when you're on a game show, your

525  
00:21:49,950 --> 00:21:54,429  
brain is kind of on low power mode, where  
you're not fully thinking about things.

526  
00:21:54,449 --> 00:21:57,310  
Like, you can, like, make very  
basic connections, but you can't,

527  
00:21:57,320 --> 00:22:00,400  
like, do, like, complex reasoning,  
because it's just too fast paced.

528  
00:22:00,410 --> 00:22:02,805  
And There's stress and pressure.

529  
00:22:03,175 --> 00:22:06,255  
So you're almost just kind of doing  
word association a little bit.

530  
00:22:06,255 --> 00:22:09,705  
And so with the benefit of hindsight,  
watching it back, I'm like, Oh,

531  
00:22:09,705 --> 00:22:12,515  
I should have got, I know what  
Bob Dylan's desolation row is or

532  
00:22:12,515 --> 00:22:16,645  
whatever, but you know, it's just  
a, the brain isn't fully a hundred

533  
00:22:16,645 --> 00:22:18,015  
percent when you're, you're up there.

534  
00:22:18,114 --> 00:22:19,284  
Yeah, a hundred percent.

535

00:22:19,284 --> 00:22:23,295

But what I will say is you made a,  
clearly made a big impression on people

536

00:22:23,295 --> 00:22:25,955

because, uh, your look, your style, your.

537

00:22:26,314 --> 00:22:27,814

Your je ne sais quoi

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00:22:28,355 --> 00:22:28,905

landed

539

00:22:28,905 --> 00:22:29,935

in the public consciousness.

540

00:22:29,945 --> 00:22:33,185

So when you appeared on the Alex Trebek  
stage, everyone immediately said,

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00:22:33,534 --> 00:22:35,814

I have seen this brainiac before.

542

00:22:36,550 --> 00:22:38,020

It's the mustache, I think.

543

00:22:39,410 --> 00:22:43,360

I think it is the vintage Burbank,  
as we have been calling it.

544

00:22:43,370 --> 00:22:43,800

The look.

545

00:22:43,810 --> 00:22:44,710

That's pretty good, too.

546

00:22:44,730 --> 00:22:49,230

Yeah, it was funny because after the  
first taping, where I taped the first

547

00:22:49,230 --> 00:22:52,949  
three games, there was a weekend break,  
and I went to a wedding, and then

548  
00:22:52,950 --> 00:22:56,110  
on that Sunday we went to a bunch of  
vintage shops in Burbank, and I bought

549  
00:22:56,125 --> 00:23:00,275  
The shirt that I wear in game four that  
weekend because I was like, I need more

550  
00:23:00,295 --> 00:23:04,035  
vintage wardrobe that may get approved  
by Jeopardy's wardrobe department because

551  
00:23:04,035 --> 00:23:07,985  
they kept turning down all my stuff for  
having stripes and polka dots and stuff.

552  
00:23:07,985 --> 00:23:09,905  
So thankfully they approved that one.

553  
00:23:09,905 --> 00:23:11,925  
But yeah, I just, I like Columbo a lot.

554  
00:23:11,935 --> 00:23:13,925  
That's what got me into  
men's seventies fashion.

555  
00:23:14,885 --> 00:23:16,579  
Well, just, just one more thing.

556  
00:23:17,520 --> 00:23:20,629  
You know, it turns out your dad,  
you are not the first of your family

557  
00:23:20,629 --> 00:23:23,030  
to appear on the Alex Trebek stage.

558  
00:23:23,210 --> 00:23:26,710  
Did you ever think about  
maybe wearing what he wore?

559

00:23:26,870 --> 00:23:30,039

Yeah, people have, have  
actually repeatedly assumed

560

00:23:30,049 --> 00:23:31,319

I am wearing what he wore.

561

00:23:31,659 --> 00:23:33,369

Uh, they're just like,  
that's his dad's clothing.

562

00:23:33,369 --> 00:23:34,980

And it's not, none of it is my dad's.

563

00:23:35,010 --> 00:23:39,850

I have a suit of his that I, Thought  
about bringing, but I thought it

564

00:23:39,850 --> 00:23:41,760

was, it just didn't really work.

565

00:23:41,800 --> 00:23:42,630

Didn't look that good.

566

00:23:42,640 --> 00:23:46,420

So I did not wear any of my  
dad's pieces, uh, unfortunately.

567

00:23:46,630 --> 00:23:47,660

Well, and let's be honest.

568

00:23:47,660 --> 00:23:49,620

You didn't know if those  
were necessarily good luck,

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00:23:49,710 --> 00:23:50,129

but true.

570

00:23:50,520 --> 00:23:54,420

Unlike you, your dad did not go  
on to be a Jeopardy champion.

571  
00:23:54,790 --> 00:23:58,000  
One of the things that amazed me  
the most was that even after you

572  
00:23:58,000 --> 00:24:00,920  
had been winning and winning, you  
said you weren't going to tell him.

573  
00:24:00,920 --> 00:24:03,590  
And then in fact, when you called  
him, he said, I don't want to know.

574  
00:24:03,610 --> 00:24:05,130  
So how did that all go down?

575  
00:24:05,405 --> 00:24:07,515  
Once, it actually turned  
out that you did win.

576  
00:24:07,515 --> 00:24:09,155  
In fact, you won nine games.

577  
00:24:09,205 --> 00:24:11,175  
Yeah, he was, yeah, he  
didn't want to know.

578  
00:24:11,175 --> 00:24:12,425  
My mom and dad did not know.

579  
00:24:12,425 --> 00:24:14,695  
They found out with the rest  
of the world when it aired and

580  
00:24:14,705 --> 00:24:16,925  
my dad's just been so stoked.

581  
00:24:16,935 --> 00:24:21,224  
He's been so, they've been so  
excited to see everything happen.

582  
00:24:21,265 --> 00:24:24,675



Uh, it's been really cool and I,  
on some level I'm glad I didn't

583

00:24:24,675 --> 00:24:27,145  
tell them because it's very fun  
to watch their, like, genuine

584

00:24:27,145 --> 00:24:28,705  
reactions to each game as it happens.

585

00:24:28,879 --> 00:24:30,010  
Yeah, I can't imagine.

586

00:24:30,020 --> 00:24:34,139  
I mean, we talk about proud parents,  
but for your dad in particular, like

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00:24:34,139 --> 00:24:38,329  
he knows just what it takes to, to  
make it to Jeopardy, certainly to win a

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00:24:38,329 --> 00:24:42,159  
single game and then to go on on such a  
streak, it just has to be the gift that

589

00:24:42,159 --> 00:24:43,679  
keeps on giving for him to watch you.

590

00:24:43,730 --> 00:24:44,910  
Yeah, I think so.

591

00:24:44,930 --> 00:24:47,389  
So, you know, I, it's, it's  
been, it's been really great.

592

00:24:47,560 --> 00:24:50,490  
to have them experience it as a new thing.

593

00:24:50,570 --> 00:24:54,050  
Uh, and you know, when you're  
up there, it also goes so fast

594

00:24:54,050 --> 00:24:55,200  
that like watching it back.

595  
00:24:55,200 --> 00:24:56,840  
Some of it feels like  
a new thing to me too.

596  
00:24:56,840 --> 00:24:59,700  
There, there have been games where I'm  
like, well, I barely remember what happens

597  
00:24:59,720 --> 00:25:02,080  
in this one until I watched it again.

598  
00:25:02,120 --> 00:25:05,720  
I think one of the things that is so  
impressive is that even though, you know,

599  
00:25:05,720 --> 00:25:07,979  
you're in this really intense competition.

600  
00:25:08,340 --> 00:25:12,149  
During the interview segments, that's one  
thing that people have really commented

601  
00:25:12,149 --> 00:25:16,030  
on is just how much they've enjoyed  
your stories and your interactions and

602  
00:25:16,030 --> 00:25:20,579  
just how comfortable you are up there  
telling jokes, telling your story.

603  
00:25:20,589 --> 00:25:24,309  
Was that something that you thought about  
or did it just come naturally for you?

604  
00:25:24,410 --> 00:25:26,400  
I practiced the first anecdote.

605  
00:25:26,980 --> 00:25:30,540  
I had thought about what the first  
anecdote was going to be, and I had

606

00:25:30,540 --> 00:25:34,660  
some vague ideas for like, the next  
two, and then once we were past game

607

00:25:34,660 --> 00:25:39,250  
three, I'm like, uh, I don't have any,  
I have no more practiced, polished

608

00:25:39,320 --> 00:25:41,099  
anecdotes I've thought about at all.

609

00:25:41,100 --> 00:25:45,115  
I had to, after game eight, there  
was another, uh, You know, that

610

00:25:45,115 --> 00:25:46,254  
was the end of another taping.

611

00:25:46,575 --> 00:25:49,065  
And I went home and I just asked  
my girlfriend, like, Do you know

612

00:25:49,065 --> 00:25:50,475  
any other good stories about me?

613

00:25:50,504 --> 00:25:52,974  
She's like, weren't you Jeff Goldblum  
in a water ballet in Baltimore?

614

00:25:52,974 --> 00:25:54,465  
I'm like, oh yeah, I forgot about that.

615

00:25:54,474 --> 00:25:57,284  
So that ended up being Game 9's anecdote.

616

00:25:57,415 --> 00:25:57,865  
How could

617

00:25:57,865 --> 00:25:59,254  
you forget that, of all things?

618

00:25:59,325 --> 00:25:59,435

I

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00:25:59,435 --> 00:26:02,764

have, I have, I have a terrible memory  
for things that have happened to me.

620

00:26:02,764 --> 00:26:05,225

Great memory for, like, facts  
and figures and stuff, and then

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00:26:05,305 --> 00:26:08,345

whatever has happened in my life  
I forget about almost instantly.

622

00:26:08,425 --> 00:26:11,455

Well, I also loved that you didn't  
really want to let on to the fact

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00:26:11,455 --> 00:26:16,045

that you are a comedian until very far  
along in your run because you said,

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00:26:16,045 --> 00:26:18,914

I'm funny, but I'm not like, you know,  
if you say you're a comedian, the

625

00:26:18,914 --> 00:26:20,324

people want you to be really funny.

626

00:26:20,365 --> 00:26:22,485

Yeah, I didn't want to  
set expectations too high.

627

00:26:22,565 --> 00:26:26,535

I like that people find out very  
late in the game that I did stand

628

00:26:26,535 --> 00:26:28,985

up and it's like, cause almost it  
feels like cheating a little bit

629

00:26:28,985 --> 00:26:29,795  
where you're like, Oh, well, he's.

630  
00:26:29,810 --> 00:26:30,770  
done this before.

631  
00:26:30,770 --> 00:26:33,930  
He should be, he should do good anecdotes  
and I don't want them to think that.

632  
00:26:33,930 --> 00:26:37,090  
I want them to be like, wow, that  
nerd really has a way with words.

633  
00:26:37,090 --> 00:26:40,800  
He's so charming and then find  
out later that I did stand up for

634  
00:26:40,800 --> 00:26:43,590  
a decade and I should know how  
to say words in front of people.

635  
00:26:44,120 --> 00:26:46,879  
Well, and we talked about, you  
know, obviously the TOC you're

636  
00:26:46,880 --> 00:26:49,640  
going to go up against, we don't  
know if in the same game, but

637  
00:26:49,640 --> 00:26:53,990  
certainly in the same competition,  
Lisa Ann Walter, a fellow comedian.

638  
00:26:53,990 --> 00:26:55,220  
How's that sound?

639  
00:26:55,980 --> 00:26:59,180  
I mean, I expect her to crush me  
in the anecdote portion, for sure.

640  
00:27:01,510 --> 00:27:02,020  
But yeah,

641

00:27:02,020 --> 00:27:03,410  
you've got her in the swimsuit.

642

00:27:05,199 --> 00:27:07,199  
Yeah, she, it'll be, it'll be fun.

643

00:27:07,230 --> 00:27:08,690  
I mean, it'll be cool to meet her.

644

00:27:08,710 --> 00:27:10,150  
My girlfriend's really excited for that.

645

00:27:10,150 --> 00:27:10,520  
So.

646

00:27:10,830 --> 00:27:13,060  
Yeah, that should be a  
real, a real cool thing.

647

00:27:13,220 --> 00:27:16,699  
Well, along the way, you know,  
we kept talking about the money

648

00:27:16,699 --> 00:27:20,899  
that you were earning and you  
end up earning over 200, 000.

649

00:27:20,899 --> 00:27:24,229  
And you said, you know, in your line  
of work, that's, that's big money.

650

00:27:24,240 --> 00:27:26,369  
So what's that been like to just.

651

00:27:26,500 --> 00:27:30,320  
I think, based on my knowledge,  
I just earned a pretty good six

652

00:27:30,320 --> 00:27:32,100  
figure salary for a nine days work.

653

00:27:32,110 --> 00:27:32,460

Yeah.

654

00:27:32,520 --> 00:27:34,379

Or actually, for a three days work.

655

00:27:34,610 --> 00:27:35,820

Yeah, no, for sure.

656

00:27:35,820 --> 00:27:40,010

I mean, it was, it was, uh, gosh,

I'm gonna say surreal again.

657

00:27:40,010 --> 00:27:42,139

I gotta, I gotta get a thesaurus, I guess.

658

00:27:42,260 --> 00:27:43,779

Uh, it's been great.

659

00:27:43,800 --> 00:27:46,645

I mean, It's, it could not

have come at a better time.

660

00:27:46,645 --> 00:27:48,225

My girlfriend's been

out of work since April.

661

00:27:48,225 --> 00:27:53,165

So like, I mean, it's not like we

need 200, 000 immediately, but like, I

662

00:27:53,165 --> 00:27:56,684

want to get married, you know, we live

in California, it's expensive here.

663

00:27:56,685 --> 00:28:00,845

So like, you know, it's been really, it's

been such a blessing in a lot of ways.

664

00:28:01,365 --> 00:28:02,255

I got a great venue.

665  
00:28:02,255 --> 00:28:04,195  
It's called the Alex Trebek stage.

666  
00:28:04,235 --> 00:28:05,655  
I mean, it's been done before, Isaac.

667  
00:28:05,655 --> 00:28:06,365  
I'm just saying.

668  
00:28:06,465 --> 00:28:06,995  
I,

669  
00:28:07,065 --> 00:28:10,794  
I asked her, I was like, do you want  
me to propose to you on Jeopardy?

670  
00:28:10,795 --> 00:28:12,485  
And she said, absolutely not.

671  
00:28:18,725 --> 00:28:20,284  
Walk down the stage.

672  
00:28:20,284 --> 00:28:21,334  
Who needs an aisle?

673  
00:28:21,334 --> 00:28:23,454  
You know, you can exchange buzzers.

674  
00:28:23,465 --> 00:28:24,025  
Who knows?

675  
00:28:24,025 --> 00:28:24,354  
I don't know.

676  
00:28:24,355 --> 00:28:25,164  
I can see it happening.

677  
00:28:25,175 --> 00:28:26,285  
Possibilities are endless.

678



00:28:26,285 --> 00:28:26,535  
It's a good

679  
00:28:26,535 --> 00:28:28,155  
thing you asked her about  
the proposal though.

680  
00:28:28,155 --> 00:28:30,465  
I'm glad that you didn't like  
just go for that, you know, in the

681  
00:28:30,465 --> 00:28:32,005  
TOC and have her be like, what?

682  
00:28:32,834 --> 00:28:33,219  
You do

683  
00:28:33,219 --> 00:28:33,895  
not know me at all.

684  
00:28:34,285 --> 00:28:35,215  
That would be a very.

685  
00:28:35,505 --> 00:28:36,675  
Unwise move, I think.

686  
00:28:36,685 --> 00:28:39,075  
Yeah, no, I, I'm just trying  
to convince her to do Jeopardy.

687  
00:28:39,075 --> 00:28:40,665  
I'm like, we're going to train you.

688  
00:28:40,815 --> 00:28:42,225  
We're going to train you to win 10 games.

689  
00:28:42,235 --> 00:28:43,425  
I'm, I'm really into it.

690  
00:28:43,425 --> 00:28:44,335  
And she's like, I don't know.

691  
00:28:45,975 --> 00:28:46,664  
That's your thing.

692  
00:28:47,005 --> 00:28:48,754  
How does she feel about  
pop culture, Jeopardy?

693  
00:28:48,765 --> 00:28:49,834  
You guys could be on a team.

694  
00:28:49,855 --> 00:28:52,464  
She's done some like pop culture  
trivia events with me before.

695  
00:28:52,484 --> 00:28:53,915  
We've, I, we thought about it.

696  
00:28:53,915 --> 00:28:57,685  
I personally, I'm like, I don't think  
I should be on your pop culture team.

697  
00:28:57,695 --> 00:28:59,925  
I'm not good enough to be on  
your pop culture Jeopardy team.

698  
00:29:00,085 --> 00:29:00,595  
Okay.

699  
00:29:00,755 --> 00:29:04,555  
Well, as a fellow nine game  
champion, I think you have a pretty

700  
00:29:04,565 --> 00:29:07,135  
good, Odds of winning this TOC.

701  
00:29:07,365 --> 00:29:11,605  
What are you feeling like you want to do  
different, the same, like, what did you

702  
00:29:11,605 --> 00:29:15,475  
learn from your three days on the Alex  
Trebek stage that you're going to bring to

703  
00:29:15,475 --> 00:29:17,495  
bear in this next tournament of champions?

704  
00:29:17,704 --> 00:29:21,664  
Well, I mean, you know, I, I didn't  
have a lot of time to prepare to be

705  
00:29:21,664 --> 00:29:24,414  
on jeopardy other than my whole life,  
obviously, but like, I found out

706  
00:29:24,414 --> 00:29:26,985  
I was going to be on the show like  
two and a half weeks before I taped.

707  
00:29:27,015 --> 00:29:30,595  
And so pretty quickly I  
was like, it is what it is.

708  
00:29:30,635 --> 00:29:33,305  
I'm not going to put a ton of pressure  
on myself to like learn geography

709  
00:29:33,305 --> 00:29:35,385  
in two and a half weeks, because  
that's just not going to happen.

710  
00:29:35,835 --> 00:29:39,195  
And I'm just going to try to focus on  
relearning things I've forgotten and try

711  
00:29:39,195 --> 00:29:42,085  
to get good at the format of Jeopardy  
and like really drill down on like

712  
00:29:42,095 --> 00:29:45,265  
wagering and stuff, which obviously  
I didn't do that great a job on, but,

713  
00:29:46,165 --> 00:29:48,045  
uh, that was, that was the preparation.

714  
00:29:48,125 --> 00:29:48,185  
You brought

715  
00:29:48,185 --> 00:29:49,445  
it up, Isaac, not us!

716  
00:29:50,485 --> 00:29:51,895  
That was the preparation.

717  
00:29:51,960 --> 00:29:55,510  
That I did for two and a half weeks, but  
for this, I have more advanced notice.

718  
00:29:55,510 --> 00:29:57,450  
So like I'm doing everything.

719  
00:29:57,450 --> 00:29:59,210  
I'm, I looked at what Victoria Gross said.

720  
00:29:59,210 --> 00:30:00,130  
She does flashcards.

721  
00:30:00,170 --> 00:30:00,520  
Okay.

722  
00:30:00,520 --> 00:30:01,570  
I'm doing flashcards.

723  
00:30:01,580 --> 00:30:02,830  
I'm trying to learn geography.

724  
00:30:02,830 --> 00:30:07,340  
I'm, I'm trying to really study for  
this because I feel like I have a lot to

725  
00:30:07,340 --> 00:30:11,100  
prove going to the tournament champions  
that I can do simple arithmetic, that

726  
00:30:11,100 --> 00:30:16,320  
I can, Win high pressure games, you

know, I, that I, I don't just, I, you

727

00:30:16,320 --> 00:30:18,690

know, against good competition, I'm  
not just going to cruise to victory.

728

00:30:18,690 --> 00:30:21,730

I'm going to have to really fight  
for it and wager not conservatively.

729

00:30:21,730 --> 00:30:24,450

So I'm trying to mentally  
prepare for all of that.

730

00:30:24,510 --> 00:30:24,940

I love it.

731

00:30:25,350 --> 00:30:28,930

Well, you did bring it up, I didn't  
want to talk about it, but you

732

00:30:28,930 --> 00:30:30,430

know, I have to talk about it.

733

00:30:30,430 --> 00:30:36,410

You've had a little time now to, to  
digest that final, final and the wager.

734

00:30:36,480 --> 00:30:38,940

And right after the game,  
I heard you say to Ken.

735

00:30:39,475 --> 00:30:40,785

I did the math wrong.

736

00:30:41,075 --> 00:30:46,315

So just what happens in those brief  
seconds that I'm sure felt like

737

00:30:46,325 --> 00:30:50,675

an eternity for you knowing that  
you really would have been a 10

738  
00:30:50,685 --> 00:30:54,645  
game champion and who knows how  
many more if not for a math error?

739  
00:30:54,695 --> 00:30:57,225  
Oh man, I'm so glad they don't  
show my face when they're,

740  
00:30:57,225 --> 00:30:59,854  
they're showing Jay's reveal.

741  
00:30:59,855 --> 00:30:59,875  
We

742  
00:30:59,875 --> 00:31:01,065  
do have that shot somewhere.

743  
00:31:01,065 --> 00:31:01,345  
We can probably show that.

744  
00:31:01,355 --> 00:31:02,195  
Oh my gosh,

745  
00:31:02,215 --> 00:31:05,475  
because literally when it's, when  
his says, who is Charles Manson?

746  
00:31:05,475 --> 00:31:07,355  
And I'm like, Oh, my God, I just won.

747  
00:31:07,365 --> 00:31:09,935  
And then they showed his  
wager and then his total.

748  
00:31:09,935 --> 00:31:12,645  
And I was like, huh,  
that's higher than mine.

749  
00:31:12,695 --> 00:31:13,775  
That can't be right.

750

00:31:14,505 --> 00:31:16,015  
And then I looked at it.

751  
00:31:16,025 --> 00:31:18,645  
I mean, you know, again, in the interview  
portion, I think I spent the first

752  
00:31:18,645 --> 00:31:20,995  
like minute of the interview, just  
sort of looking at my scratch paper

753  
00:31:20,995 --> 00:31:24,295  
that I did the math on where I'm like,  
what did I, how did I do this wrong?

754  
00:31:24,625 --> 00:31:25,025  
Because.

755  
00:31:25,705 --> 00:31:28,855  
Yes, on some level you could argue  
it was like a strategic error, but I

756  
00:31:28,865 --> 00:31:31,405  
was just trying to thread the needle  
at Wager as much as possible while

757  
00:31:31,405 --> 00:31:34,315  
still having one dollar more than  
him if we both got Final Jeopardy!

758  
00:31:34,315 --> 00:31:34,605  
wrong.

759  
00:31:34,645 --> 00:31:36,355  
I just did the math wrong on that.

760  
00:31:36,395 --> 00:31:42,265  
I just, I, I put 2 minus 4 and I  
put a 2 under that instead of a,

761  
00:31:42,275 --> 00:31:43,675  
uh, an 8, which it should have been.

762

00:31:44,405 --> 00:31:49,825

And, uh, yeah, I mean, it was, I have a lot of excuses that I could give in that

763

00:31:49,835 --> 00:31:53,245

I was very tired, my dinner the night before didn't agree with me, I didn't

764

00:31:53,245 --> 00:31:57,365

sleep very well, and also, you know, there's just a mental fatigue to playing

765

00:31:57,365 --> 00:32:01,605

nine games of Jeopardy in a row in a very short succession, and I felt like I was

766

00:32:01,605 --> 00:32:06,855

just mentally slowing down each game, I was getting slower on the buzzer, my

767

00:32:06,855 --> 00:32:11,600

brain just wasn't, I got that daily double in the last game where it's like he,

768

00:32:11,640 --> 00:32:14,900

you know, he's named after the explorer Amundsen and all I could think of was

769

00:32:14,960 --> 00:32:18,940

NBA journeyman center, Lou Amundsen, who is not related to the question at all.

770

00:32:19,680 --> 00:32:20,830

I was exhausted.

771

00:32:21,030 --> 00:32:24,730

All of that said, you know, I should have done the math.

772

00:32:26,340 --> 00:32:30,820

You know, I, I'm petitioning for, uh, actually a national law that



773

00:32:30,820 --> 00:32:33,710  
says you do not, you cannot make  
someone do math on television

774

00:32:34,280 --> 00:32:36,250  
because I have fallen victim to this.

775

00:32:37,275 --> 00:32:40,775  
A few times, a few times on the  
chase, a few times on Jeopardy.

776

00:32:41,075 --> 00:32:45,364  
It is, it, I, it is cruel, you know,  
it is cruel to have to do the math.

777

00:32:45,365 --> 00:32:45,645  
And as

778

00:32:45,645 --> 00:32:49,795  
a producer, and I see, you know,  
I can see all of the telestrators.

779

00:32:49,835 --> 00:32:51,555  
I can see all three wagers.

780

00:32:51,595 --> 00:32:56,005  
And in that moment, I'm actually hoping  
that it's not a triple stumper because

781

00:32:56,015 --> 00:32:57,815  
it will be so much less painful, right?

782

00:32:57,825 --> 00:32:58,115  
Yeah.

783

00:32:58,715 --> 00:32:59,815  
Jay gets it right.

784

00:32:59,825 --> 00:33:00,905  
Like it doesn't matter.

785

00:33:00,905 --> 00:33:03,704  
And then I went, Oh no, Oh no.

786  
00:33:03,705 --> 00:33:04,135  
And you can

787  
00:33:04,135 --> 00:33:06,975  
see them writing their responses as well.

788  
00:33:07,005 --> 00:33:07,435  
So you're

789  
00:33:08,625 --> 00:33:09,325  
in slow

790  
00:33:09,325 --> 00:33:09,805  
motion.

791  
00:33:11,035 --> 00:33:12,605  
I've been with the show for how long?

792  
00:33:12,885 --> 00:33:16,585  
You still think that maybe there's a  
do over, it really isn't happening.

793  
00:33:16,585 --> 00:33:16,805  
Right.

794  
00:33:16,805 --> 00:33:17,495  
You know, like, Nope.

795  
00:33:17,695 --> 00:33:18,265  
Maybe when

796  
00:33:18,315 --> 00:33:19,705  
Ken reads it, something will be different.

797  
00:33:19,945 --> 00:33:20,095  
It's

798  
00:33:20,095 --> 00:33:20,715

going to change.

799

00:33:20,765 --> 00:33:23,365

Maybe with the wager I saw, you know, they've taken the wagers away.

800

00:33:23,365 --> 00:33:24,355

Maybe I wrote it down.

801

00:33:26,335 --> 00:33:28,535

I'm the one who's wrong, but yeah, that was a.

802

00:33:29,105 --> 00:33:33,725

That was a painful moment, but so many great moments along your streak.

803

00:33:33,745 --> 00:33:37,145

I will say, you know, in your third game, 33 correct responses,

804

00:33:37,145 --> 00:33:39,765

which tied you with Drew Basile.

805

00:33:39,795 --> 00:33:40,985

You may know him as well.

806

00:33:40,985 --> 00:33:44,235

You guys were kind of back to back in the, uh, the public eye.

807

00:33:44,235 --> 00:33:46,795

He'll be there in the TOC, but 33 correct responses.

808

00:33:46,795 --> 00:33:47,655

That's huge.

809

00:33:47,695 --> 00:33:50,065

And that's the most we saw all season.

810

00:33:50,075 --> 00:33:51,475

And we're including Masters.

811  
00:33:51,475 --> 00:33:52,515  
We're including TOC.

812  
00:33:52,535 --> 00:33:53,335  
We're including JIT.

813  
00:33:53,355 --> 00:33:53,885  
So that is.

814  
00:33:53,940 --> 00:33:56,269  
Legit stats.

815  
00:33:56,270 --> 00:33:56,960  
Legit stats right there.

816  
00:33:57,160 --> 00:33:57,580  
Yes.

817  
00:33:57,610 --> 00:34:03,440  
And then in your fourth game, 18 correct responses just in a single round.

818  
00:34:03,540 --> 00:34:04,820  
In the Jeopardy round.

819  
00:34:04,830 --> 00:34:04,850  
Wow.

820  
00:34:05,100 --> 00:34:09,670  
Tied with, uh, WakeyEye, who didn't make the TOC, but Adrianna Harmeyer, who did.

821  
00:34:09,670 --> 00:34:14,790  
So, I just want you to know, like, you are stacking up against the best, and it

822  
00:34:14,790 --> 00:34:16,680  
really does bode well for you in the TOC.

823

00:34:16,780 --> 00:34:17,660  
I, I hope so.

824  
00:34:17,660 --> 00:34:19,990  
Yeah, I mean, it's, one thing  
that's been really nice about this

825  
00:34:20,000 --> 00:34:23,260  
is that, as I said, the experience  
of taping it was kind of a blur.

826  
00:34:23,430 --> 00:34:26,410  
To the point where, like, I barely  
remembered what happened in certain games.

827  
00:34:26,670 --> 00:34:28,890  
But I remembered everything  
about the game I lost.

828  
00:34:28,890 --> 00:34:31,020  
I could, I remembered the whole thing.

829  
00:34:31,760 --> 00:34:35,500  
So it's been really nice having  
them spaced out, day by day, airing

830  
00:34:35,500 --> 00:34:36,960  
where I'm like, Oh, this is so much.

831  
00:34:36,980 --> 00:34:41,190  
And just enjoying the experience of being  
a nine day Jeopardy champion, stuff like

832  
00:34:41,190 --> 00:34:43,400  
that is, it's been really, really great.

833  
00:34:43,450 --> 00:34:44,810  
This has been a wonderful experience.

834  
00:34:44,810 --> 00:34:45,770  
I have no complaints.

835

00:34:45,800 --> 00:34:48,710  
I'm sure I'm going to get yelled at  
online for not being able to do math.

836  
00:34:48,830 --> 00:34:49,790  
Story of my life.

837  
00:34:49,790 --> 00:34:51,270  
I couldn't do math in school either.

838  
00:34:51,625 --> 00:34:52,755  
But I, I don't care.

839  
00:34:52,755 --> 00:34:54,105  
It's been, it's been really great.

840  
00:34:54,115 --> 00:34:56,945  
And I should say also, all credit  
to Jay, who played a fantastic game.

841  
00:34:56,945 --> 00:34:58,605  
I said this in the interview  
after the game as well.

842  
00:34:58,615 --> 00:35:00,035  
You know, he deserved to win that game.

843  
00:35:00,035 --> 00:35:01,905  
He was ahead going into Final Jeopardy.

844  
00:35:02,470 --> 00:35:05,830  
He played a great game, but, uh, yeah,  
it's been just a great experience.

845  
00:35:05,830 --> 00:35:09,380  
I met so many great people and, you  
know, the playing Jeopardy is really fun.

846  
00:35:09,380 --> 00:35:10,480  
And I'm glad I get to do it again.

847  
00:35:10,540 --> 00:35:14,080

I want to call out your four runaway wins, you know, then

848

00:35:14,080 --> 00:35:15,540  
you don't have to do the math.

849

00:35:15,610 --> 00:35:19,540  
Uh, were you kind of like, was that what was on your bucket list?

850

00:35:19,550 --> 00:35:23,160  
Was that part of like what you really wanted to see where there are a couple

851

00:35:23,170 --> 00:35:25,850  
things, true daily doubles, like a lot of people show up with like, if

852

00:35:25,850 --> 00:35:27,920  
I have the chance, I want X, Y, or Z.

853

00:35:28,070 --> 00:35:28,800  
What was on your list?

854

00:35:28,830 --> 00:35:29,130  
Yeah.

855

00:35:29,130 --> 00:35:32,815  
I mean, I was trying to Think strategically with my, you know, I'm

856

00:35:32,815 --> 00:35:36,505  
not the best strategist, but I was like, all right, I wanna, I wanna make as

857

00:35:36,505 --> 00:35:40,015  
many runaways as possible because then I don't have to worry about final jeopardy.

858

00:35:40,075 --> 00:35:41,785  
I'm not fantastic at final jeopardy.

859

00:35:41,790 --> 00:35:44,185  
I know, like, Adriana got  
like 11 in a row, right?

860  
00:35:44,485 --> 00:35:45,655  
Not gonna happen with me.

861  
00:35:45,655 --> 00:35:45,715  
Yeah.

862  
00:35:45,715 --> 00:35:45,790  
And say

863  
00:35:45,790 --> 00:35:46,990  
details, details, uh, I'm

864  
00:35:46,990 --> 00:35:50,125  
not, you know, I'm not that good at the,  
the thinking that final Jeopardy requires.

865  
00:35:50,125 --> 00:35:52,615  
I'm like, great, if I don't have to  
worry about final jeopardy, that's fan.

866  
00:35:52,675 --> 00:35:53,605  
We, that's the goal.

867  
00:35:53,665 --> 00:35:56,725  
Like, I want to put as many of these  
into runaways as I can, and so I

868  
00:35:56,725 --> 00:36:01,055  
tried to wager roughly to that effect  
on daily doubles when I found them.

869  
00:36:01,265 --> 00:36:03,845  
I know people are saying I was not  
nearly aggressive enough, but I

870  
00:36:03,845 --> 00:36:06,525  
didn't want to also jeopardize the  
possibility of being in the lead.



871  
00:36:06,595 --> 00:36:09,345  
Like, I'm not James Haltzauer, I  
don't think I'm going to get every

872  
00:36:09,345 --> 00:36:10,535  
daily double right, and I didn't.

873  
00:36:10,575 --> 00:36:12,955  
So I didn't want to be  
crazy with the wagers.

874  
00:36:12,955 --> 00:36:13,624  
I didn't.

875  
00:36:13,625 --> 00:36:16,455  
Definitely got a few true Daily  
Devils wrong and in single Jeopardy

876  
00:36:16,455 --> 00:36:18,705  
as well, which hurt for sure.

877  
00:36:19,135 --> 00:36:21,645  
So that's, that's the thing about  
wagering aggressively is that if

878  
00:36:21,645 --> 00:36:23,505  
it goes wrong, it goes very wrong.

879  
00:36:23,945 --> 00:36:25,875  
So I tried to avoid that  
as much as possible.

880  
00:36:26,085 --> 00:36:28,565  
Jeopardy round is certainly  
the time to be wrong.

881  
00:36:28,925 --> 00:36:30,345  
True Daily Devil is what I would say.

882  
00:36:30,765 --> 00:36:34,390  
Um, Sarah just pointed out  
some of your amazing stats.

883

00:36:34,450 --> 00:36:37,100

I would like to ask the  
real hard hitting question.

884

00:36:37,340 --> 00:36:39,080

We haven't had this in a while.

885

00:36:39,080 --> 00:36:39,680

I've been, yeah.

886

00:36:40,210 --> 00:36:43,060

What is your lunch order  
at the Sony commissary?

887

00:36:43,480 --> 00:36:44,450

I couldn't eat.

888

00:36:44,550 --> 00:36:47,080

Uh, like, I mean, I, I, I did order stuff.

889

00:36:47,120 --> 00:36:49,680

Like I'm going to, I'm not going to  
turn down a free lunch, but like, I'd

890

00:36:49,680 --> 00:36:52,570

take like three bites of it and like  
not be able to eat the rest of it.

891

00:36:52,580 --> 00:36:54,580

Cause I was just so nervous and burpy.

892

00:36:54,580 --> 00:36:59,440

I mean, I am a very gastrointestinally  
challenged man to the point

893

00:36:59,440 --> 00:37:00,610

that like I was repeatedly.

894

00:37:00,955 --> 00:37:03,155

Apologizing to the sound guys,  
because I'm like, I'm sure you're

895

00:37:03,155 --> 00:37:08,375  
picking up every burp and gas  
noise I'm making and I'm so sorry.

896

00:37:08,375 --> 00:37:09,215  
I'm sure it's gross.

897

00:37:09,455 --> 00:37:12,865  
I'm really, especially the last  
day because I, again, I did, my

898

00:37:12,865 --> 00:37:13,965  
dinner did not agree with me.

899

00:37:13,965 --> 00:37:16,275  
So I was just like burping  
through the first game, burping

900

00:37:16,275 --> 00:37:17,335  
through the second game.

901

00:37:17,895 --> 00:37:19,855  
Like I could not eat.

902

00:37:21,015 --> 00:37:24,705  
I would drink a Coke, I would have like  
three bites of a sandwich, I would always

903

00:37:24,705 --> 00:37:27,635  
get one of the sandwiches at the Sony  
commissary, and then I'd be like, nope,

904

00:37:27,715 --> 00:37:29,085  
can't finish this, no way, not happening.

905

00:37:30,085 --> 00:37:34,925  
I gotta say, this was not the response I  
expected, and I'm so glad I asked, because

906

00:37:34,935 --> 00:37:39,415  
that is just, that's the kind of inside

Jeopardy look that you don't get at home.

907

00:37:39,415 --> 00:37:42,659

I mean, no wonder you couldn't  
do the math, the man wasn't

908

00:37:42,659 --> 00:37:42,929

here!

909

00:37:43,060 --> 00:37:45,560

Yeah, I, I recommend, I guess  
people are like, what does it

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00:37:45,560 --> 00:37:46,480

take to succeed on Jeopardy?

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00:37:46,480 --> 00:37:48,170

I'm like, don't eat anything, ever.

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00:37:48,240 --> 00:37:51,250

Just the whole time, eat like  
a gorilla bar and that's it.

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00:37:51,250 --> 00:37:54,770

And drink two Cokes over the course of  
the day for the little caffeine boost.

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00:37:54,780 --> 00:37:57,860

That's, that was my recipe  
for success until it wasn't.

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00:37:58,730 --> 00:37:59,340

There you go.

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00:37:59,420 --> 00:38:00,710

Worked for nine games.

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00:38:01,300 --> 00:38:04,600

So, I have to ask, obviously,  
you knew your whole life about

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00:38:04,600 --> 00:38:06,250

Jeopardy because of your dad.

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00:38:06,310 --> 00:38:08,890

And then, you know, we didn't even mention you've been on Who Wants to Be

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00:38:08,890 --> 00:38:10,290

a Millionaire, you've been on The Chase.

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00:38:10,290 --> 00:38:12,185

You actually, like Saved Jeopardy!

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00:38:12,185 --> 00:38:12,785

for last.

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00:38:12,785 --> 00:38:14,365

Was that in the plans?

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00:38:14,365 --> 00:38:15,945

Have you been trying to get on Jeopardy!

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00:38:15,945 --> 00:38:16,525

for a while?

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00:38:16,525 --> 00:38:17,885

Tell me about your, your Jeopardy!

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00:38:17,885 --> 00:38:18,225

journey.

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00:38:18,225 --> 00:38:18,555

Yeah,

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00:38:18,555 --> 00:38:21,885

I auditioned, I did one in person audition for Jeopardy!

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00:38:21,915 --> 00:38:25,245

when I was in college at a hotel in Baltimore, when they were still

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00:38:25,245 --> 00:38:26,735  
doing the in person auditions there.

932  
00:38:26,955 --> 00:38:28,735  
And I auditioned for adult Jeopardy!

933  
00:38:28,735 --> 00:38:32,240  
as like a sophomore in college, which,  
Really glad you guys didn't take

934  
00:38:32,240 --> 00:38:33,050  
me because it wouldn't have gone.

935  
00:38:33,100 --> 00:38:33,930  
It would not have gone.

936  
00:38:33,930 --> 00:38:37,260  
Well, like I would I don't know  
what I was thinking I literally

937  
00:38:37,260 --> 00:38:40,010  
in my stupid cocky college brain.

938  
00:38:40,010 --> 00:38:44,020  
I was like you can win on adult Jeopardy  
forever So that's more than you'd win on

939  
00:38:44,020 --> 00:38:48,669  
college Jeopardy, which yeah, but I didn't  
know anything So like why would I do that?

940  
00:38:48,670 --> 00:38:53,320  
Like I'm so glad that I didn't  
Make it through on that initial

941  
00:38:53,340 --> 00:38:54,190  
eligibility

942  
00:38:54,440 --> 00:38:54,940  
audition.

943  
00:38:54,940 --> 00:38:57,780

Yeah, I saved my eligibility I remember that the local news came and did a

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00:38:57,780 --> 00:38:59,980  
story about the Jeopardy auditions and the entire time I was just sitting

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00:38:59,980 --> 00:39:01,260  
there like why didn't they take me?

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00:39:01,300 --> 00:39:05,440  
Why didn't I get on Jeopardy and they there was one second of me where they

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00:39:05,440 --> 00:39:08,635  
were doing the buzzer test Of like, everyone's trying to line up the buzzers.

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00:39:08,665 --> 00:39:12,115  
I did like a cocky little head twitch, and that was the only video footage

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00:39:12,115 --> 00:39:13,195  
I saw of me auditioning for Jeopardy.

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00:39:13,195 --> 00:39:14,105  
I'm like, I get it now.

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00:39:14,105 --> 00:39:15,375  
I know why they didn't take me.

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00:39:15,385 --> 00:39:19,115  
Like, I looked, I looked like such a smug little teenager there.

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00:39:19,115 --> 00:39:23,015  
I'm glad that I didn't get taken when I was a 20 year old to go on Adult Jeopardy.

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00:39:23,015 --> 00:39:25,195  
But I've been trying periodically ever since then.

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00:39:25,805 --> 00:39:29,865

I remember I did the audition for this, the one I got chosen for.

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00:39:30,190 --> 00:39:35,850

May or June of 2022 I want to say and I had just taped the chase the

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00:39:35,850 --> 00:39:39,700

month before I was like this stinks I got the email about I was like this.

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00:39:39,770 --> 00:39:43,080

This is so bad I finally got back Jeopardy came back to me I'm gonna be

959

00:39:43,080 --> 00:39:48,720

on TV and I I can't be on TV within a year of another TV thing And so I was

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00:39:48,720 --> 00:39:52,105

really worried that I wasn't gonna get taken so That was also the other reason

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00:39:52,105 --> 00:39:54,755

I hadn't been preparing for Jeopardy is because I thought I was out of the

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00:39:54,755 --> 00:39:56,405

pool and I wasn't eligible anymore.

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00:39:56,405 --> 00:39:58,815

I'm like, great, I can study geography and then I'll take the

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00:39:58,825 --> 00:40:00,825

anytime test again when I'm ready.

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00:40:01,085 --> 00:40:02,315

And then I just got a text one morning.

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00:40:02,315 --> 00:40:04,015



It's like, Hey, you're going to be on Jeopardy in two weeks.

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00:40:04,015 --> 00:40:09,495  
I'm like, that's good, but I really, I was hoping to prepare more for this.

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00:40:09,575 --> 00:40:10,725  
Wow, well this is you Good

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00:40:10,725 --> 00:40:11,805  
problems to have.

970

00:40:11,825 --> 00:40:12,665  
Yeah, this is you

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00:40:12,665 --> 00:40:13,735  
without preparing.

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00:40:14,035 --> 00:40:15,465  
I mean, watch out T.

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00:40:15,465 --> 00:40:15,555  
O.

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00:40:15,555 --> 00:40:15,785  
C.

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00:40:15,785 --> 00:40:16,345  
Field.

976

00:40:16,735 --> 00:40:18,785  
Oh, I mean, I'm I'm lazy, so don't T.

977

00:40:18,785 --> 00:40:18,845  
O.

978

00:40:18,845 --> 00:40:19,015  
C.

979

00:40:19,015 --> 00:40:21,305

Field doesn't have that much to worry  
I'm like gonna try to prepare, but I

980  
00:40:21,305 --> 00:40:22,515  
won't probably do a good job of it, so

981  
00:40:22,575 --> 00:40:24,345  
Old Isaac was lazy.

982  
00:40:24,825 --> 00:40:26,025  
I got too much riding on this.

983  
00:40:26,635 --> 00:40:27,995  
I'm emotionally invested, Isaac.

984  
00:40:28,165 --> 00:40:31,325  
Yeah, and nowadays, you know, you  
don't even have to set just the T.

985  
00:40:31,325 --> 00:40:31,415  
O.

986  
00:40:31,415 --> 00:40:31,715  
C.

987  
00:40:31,715 --> 00:40:32,325  
in your sights.

988  
00:40:32,325 --> 00:40:34,525  
You've got Masters on  
the other side of that.

989  
00:40:34,535 --> 00:40:36,935  
So, I mean, it's big money, Isaac.

990  
00:40:36,935 --> 00:40:38,215  
This is wedding money.

991  
00:40:38,225 --> 00:40:40,145  
If I, if I somehow win T.

992

00:40:40,145 --> 00:40:40,245  
O.

993  
00:40:40,245 --> 00:40:40,535  
C.

994  
00:40:40,545 --> 00:40:42,145  
and I have to, if I do Jeopardy!

995  
00:40:42,145 --> 00:40:45,155  
Masters, you know that meme where  
it's like a bunch of soldiers?

996  
00:40:45,330 --> 00:40:48,680  
Like, around a wall holding guns and  
there's one guy in a clown costume.

997  
00:40:48,690 --> 00:40:50,850  
I'm gonna be the guy in the  
clown costume at Jeopardy!

998  
00:40:50,850 --> 00:40:51,330  
Masters.

999  
00:40:51,330 --> 00:40:53,590  
I'm gonna be a little  
out of place, I think.

1000  
00:40:54,050 --> 00:40:55,900  
With the best of the best.

1001  
00:40:56,220 --> 00:40:58,530  
You know, that makes Masters great.

1002  
00:40:58,560 --> 00:40:59,950  
We love all, all types.

1003  
00:41:00,240 --> 00:41:01,000  
All types.

1004  
00:41:01,635 --> 00:41:05,265  
Well, it has been a joy to watch

you on the Alex Trebek stage.

1005

00:41:05,295 --> 00:41:07,945

I am so glad that we  
will see you play again.

1006

00:41:08,305 --> 00:41:10,545

Hope you get to enjoy  
the rest of your summer.

1007

00:41:10,755 --> 00:41:12,545

Go out and get your  
Alex Trebek stamp today.

1008

00:41:12,565 --> 00:41:16,395

Cause that just went on sale and, uh,  
we're going to see you for the TOC.

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00:41:17,195 --> 00:41:17,905

I can't wait.

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00:41:17,955 --> 00:41:20,215

I mean, you know, not too soon,  
cause I do need you to learn

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00:41:20,215 --> 00:41:21,205

geography, but I can't wait.

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00:41:21,565 --> 00:41:21,975

Okay.

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00:41:22,075 --> 00:41:22,315

All right.

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00:41:22,315 --> 00:41:23,865

Congratulations and good luck.

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00:41:23,875 --> 00:41:24,445

Thanks guys.

1016

00:41:24,535 --> 00:41:25,145

Bye.

1017  
00:41:25,950 --> 00:41:27,550  
Excited for him.

1018  
00:41:27,630 --> 00:41:29,270  
Excited for us to get  
to see him play again.

1019  
00:41:29,410 --> 00:41:30,130  
Definitely.

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00:41:30,300 --> 00:41:34,820  
Well, that brings us to the end of the  
show and this season of Inside Jeopardy.

1021  
00:41:34,830 --> 00:41:38,250  
Thank you for tuning in each week to  
hear us discuss all things Jeopardy.

1022  
00:41:38,570 --> 00:41:41,720  
I hope you join us back here  
on September 9th to celebrate

1023  
00:41:41,720 --> 00:41:43,840  
the premiere of season 41.

1024  
00:41:44,160 --> 00:41:46,630  
Plus we're going to have some  
very special surprises for you.

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00:41:46,630 --> 00:41:47,400  
You won't want to miss it.

1026  
00:41:47,700 --> 00:41:49,550  
Have a great rest of the  
summer and we'll see you then.