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**The Merger**

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| **Episode 07 Confessionals** | | |
| **Castaway** | **Old Count** | **New Count** |
| Richard | 8 | - |
| Kelly | 4 | 5 (+1) |
| Rudy | 7 | - |
| Susan | 5 | - |
| Sean | 5 | - |
| Colleen | 5 | - |
| Gervase | 4 | - |
| Jenna | 10 | - |
| Greg | 8 | 7 (-1) |
| Gretchen | 5 | - |

Day 19

1. **Richard (1/8):** Our camp's way better than theirs just from talking to them. They don't have a living room with benches, never mind a decent kitchen. I think our house is better from what they've described. We have fish.
2. **Susan (1/5):** As far as somebody coming here from Pagong today, it's going to be fun. We like having company over at camp, even though we don't have a whole lot to offer for lunch. I'm hoping... I think the kicker of it all will be if Rich gets fish and we have fish for lunch. I think they'll be here.
3. **Gretchen (1/5):** I'm excited about it being a big group, because right now there's not a lot of personalities going on and it's quiet and we've seen every inch of this little place here, and I'm excited to meet new people, and even if it's some good, some bad, or whatever, at least, it's something. It's a mix and so it'll be more interesting than it is right now.
4. **Richard (2/8):** Yeah, when we merge tonight, I think it'll be interesting. I think, uh, it'll set up a whole 'nother set of interpersonal dynamics that'll be fun for me to watch.
5. **Susan (2/5):** The alliance that we have going on is Rich, Rudy, Kelly and me. We'll vote four people strong, and if we can make it through the first two votes, getting somebody off of their team off... *(chuckles)* we should be able to slide into home plate.
6. **Rudy (1/7):** Six days ago, I was 180 out, but, uh, I seen the light. It's… *(chuckles)* If you want to win this money, you got to get a little dirty.
7. **Susan (3/5):** The reason Sean's not in the alliance because... Sean... is dumb.
8. **Richard (3/8):** Sean's ethically against any kind of alliance and I hear Gretchen is similar on the other side and, um... I don't get it. You know, I-I consider myself extraordinarily ethical and moral and, uh, this has absolutely nothing to do with this. I... it sounds like sheer stupidity to me when somebody says *"Oh, no, I'm not going to build an alliance, and I hope they wouldn't do that either."* Uh, you know, I giggle and think, *"okay." (laughing)*
9. **Gervase (1/4):** Sean's cool. Sean's a nice guy. He had a lot of stories to tell, and... I mean, he... he was just, like, a genuine, honest guy-- you know, what he said, you just believed what he said. You can just tell he wants to have some fun. He hasn't had fun yet, so, uh... we'll bring lots of fun his way. We'll keep him entertained.
10. **Rudy (2/7):** Jenna and Sean are going to have a good time talking. I don't know which one talks the most. She ain't shut up since she's been here.
11. **Jenna (1/10):** I immediately saw the table set up with... it was like a romantic dinner. It was like this table all set up with everything, two beds off to the right single, like, really nice sheets and pillows and blankets, and, uh... like, a stump, we had a bedside table, we had lanterns everywhere, tiki torches, and the first thing I thought was... *"Oh, man, they're so setting this up for it to be romantic with Sean"* and there's just... there's not a spark there.
12. **Sean (1/5):** But I often give a bad first impression sometimes. (12:59 → 13:08 = 9s) They wanted it to be more romantic than it was ever going to be, but, uh... you know, from either end of us, but we really had an exceptional time, and we tied one on, you know, uh, finished the bottles of wine, and we ate like kings and queens, and, uh, it was fantastic.
13. **Jenna (2/10):** Uh, we saw Pagong's fire was still lit so I was like, *"Oh, I want to call home. They're probably worried."* And, uh, so we threw a bunch of kerosene on our fire to make it whoosh, and they said they saw that, so I… I hoped that they would figure that I was still there, that I was okay.
14. **Jenna (3/10):** We talked all night. It-it helped that they had four bottles of wine there. So we drank them all and, uh, we were both pretty drunk.

Day 20

1. **Gretchen (2/5):** We're just waiting 'cause no one's given us any information. So, I mean, last night we were wondering where she was. And then somebody said *"Well, she can't come back until the negotiations are over."* But there's really nothing to negotiate. We could have made a shelter in that time. We could have made-- whatever they're negotiating for, we could have moved our whole camp-- been done in that time. So I don't, I don't know what the whole process is about.
2. **Gervase (2/4):** We miss Jenna. We haven't seen Jenna at all since she's left, and we were kind of worried about her last night when it got dark and she wasn't here.
3. **Greg (1/7):** I'd be wasting my time and energy to, uh, guess what's happening. So I don't even bother. What's going on? It's a beautiful day. The sun's nice. You can see, uh, Mount Kinabalu and, uh, we're going to go fishing.
4. **Richard (4/8):** They talked about some kind of a negotiation, and I would imagine if the two parties had opposing views as to what camp they should move to that the negotiation might go on-- or might be interesting. But since both parties, as far as we know, want to move to this camp, I can't imagine what's going on on the sand spit.
5. **Susan (4/5):** We're not sure yet, because Sean has been gone almost 24 hours now since we sent him off on the messenger thing. So the anticipation of waiting for Sean is just actually starting to drive us wild.
6. **Sean (2/5):** And we told Pagong the unfortunate news that they had five minutes to pack their things-- get their luxury item and choose three items, uh, which we decided were the wool blanket that they have, the mosquito netting, so we could sleep under the mosquito netting, and the, um, cooking pot.
7. **Jenna (4/10):** Actually, Sean let me do almost all of the deciding. I came up with the name, he added an "a" on the end.
8. **Sean (3/5):** Jenna came up with the name. It had to be, uh, something that was indigenous to the island and, you know, we have a lot of rattan wood here. And, uh, we just added an "a" to make it sound more exotic. That was my idea. You know, give it a little flair, a little pizzazz.
9. **Greg (2/7):** You know, they come back having had a great night and *"Oh, my God, I can't wait to tell you guys how much we've eaten."* And that's wonderful. That's how ambassadors should be treated. But, you know, of course, when you're on an island surviving on white rice and the occasional fish... Hey, tell me a little bit more about it. I'd love to hear about butter sauce. Like... thanks!
10. **Gervase (3/4):** I mean, it just makes more sense to go to their side. I mean, I think that's what everybody wanted to do anyway. Everybody wanted to get out of this section just for a new change of scenery. I mean, we've been here for 20 days. We've seen it. We know it. So it was just like, you know, let's try something new.
11. **Colleen (1/5):** Sean was even saying there's enough room for us in the hutch because enough people sleep outside, so... It's going to go quick. God, I hope it goes quick from here on out, you know. Really.
12. **Gretchen (3/5):** When I first got here, I... you know, I think maybe I would have been more comfortable on the other team, because I, you know, from what I understand, they like pulled their camp together, they got their stuff hanging up, which is, like, something that's been bothering me since the day we got here, and... but I think it was good for me to be with this tribe because, um, you don't have to work all the time and you don't have to be busting butt. It's nice to... you know, we’re, we're healthy and we're happy and we spend a lot of time having fun. So I think it taught me something, too. You can be, you know, very comfortable and I don't feel like I need to bust butt all the time, and I've had a good time while I'm here. So I’m glad, you know, I'll be glad to go with the other tribe and I was glad to be with this tribe.
13. **Greg (3/7):** It's like starting over. We've left behind a lot of things-- a lot of material possessions. Um, metaphysically, we've also left behind a lot of emotional issues. Um... there was a lot of baggage that we left on that... on that Pagong Beach.
14. **Jenna (5/10):** I did feel sadness when we left Pagong. Like looking back, that was where we rode to the first day when we were shipwrecked. It was where I'd formed a bond with eight... seven other people, so... it was sad. But it was like a new beginning for me-- a whole 'nother tribe.
15. **Colleen (2/5):** So Rich came out, it was like *"Hey, how are you?"* You know, he swam out, which was really nice.
16. **Jenna (6/10):** They welcomed us with open arms. We got along really well.
17. **Richard (5/8):** So, what they were really doing was coming to the beach and, uh, were moving in with what things they could have gotten together in the five minutes that they had to get together, I guess. I was glad to see that.
18. **Greg (4/7):** A boy named Sue. Strong, loud, with an accent that'll drive you up the wall!
19. **Jenna (7/10):** I think, uh, Rudy's very set in his ways, so having, you know, five new people move in, it scared him a lot, so he was just sitting back and he was assessing the situation, I think.
20. **Rudy (3/7):** All of a sudden, we doubled our population. Uh, the-the house got smaller, the pots got smaller, and, uh... personally, it's a pain in the ass.
21. **Kelly (1/5):** It's almost too good. Like, everybody's too... Like, *"Oh, you go first." "No, you go first,"* oh, you know, everybody's being real, real super polite, you know, which is cool.
22. **Colleen (3/5):** Sean is very intelligent. Sometimes he says interesting things. Sometimes you tune out for a while, and then he hits on something so you tune back in, you know. I mean, he's always going.
23. **Greg (5/7):** Rich is clever and, uh... I mean we'll start being honest now. I think Rich thinks he's very clever. He is, uh, relatively sharp, and, uh... he has a lot of things going on in his mind that he, uh... selectively decides, uh, what he will share and with whom. Rich is playing a big game, which is very fun, so he's awfully entertaining.
24. **Kelly (2/5):** That... it was suggested... that we should, you know, "beef up" the supports and everything. Okay, which, you know, I don't know, I don't know anything about shingles and roofing, and I just know how to tie knots, that's pretty much all I know how to do.
25. **Kelly (3/5):** And, bam, shingles break, the whole roof comes crashing down. Felt like such an idiot.
26. **Sean (4/5):** It figures that the day that everyone shows up the whole roof caves in while they're repairing it.
27. **Susan (5/5):** Yeah, it's the same as it is back home, ladies, here in the jungle. The women are doing all the work and the guys are just hanging out and b.s.'ing, yeah.
28. **Sean (5/5):** The guys are kind of bumming around, but I think that's good 'cause I think all the guys got to get to know each other.
29. **Colleen (4/5):** It's how men and women relate, you know. The women-- we work together and we... it's a little... women are always a little bit competitive in everything we do, you know, so it's like when you're working together you're seeing what the other person can do, and you're proving each other at the same time. Men can sit down and talk for hours and walk away friends.
30. **Richard (6/8):** Gervase was great. I beat the hell out of him in a number of games that I've never played before, and he's, uh, he's good at cards. I think he could have been letting me win. Uh, who knows? He could be playing the odds, too.
31. **Gervase (4/4):** It's natural to me. What I do, I don't think I'm doing anything special. I'm just being myself. But other people always say, like, *"You're a charmer." "You're a smooth talker."*
32. **Richard (7/8):** Greg's an interesting character. He's young, too. He's 24, and he was, uh, pretty cocky. He was thinking he could go out and get something, came back in with a sea urchin. *(derisive chuckling)* But that was good, that shows people that he who thought he was a spearfishing person could go out there, no problem, comes from the other tribe and came back in, telling everybody just how difficult it is-- that ups my value even more.
33. **Jenna (8/10):** First night as one tribe we sat around the campfire, told stories-- very, very, very revealing stories.
34. **Kelly (4/5):** Gretchen said she drank a fifth of whiskey in two minutes when she was fourteen and that-that’s... I would have never guessed that about her, you know? Sounds like we kind of have a similar past. *(laughs)*
35. **Greg (6/7):** This new group is, like, it's like a banquet. It's like a banquet of stories and excitement.
36. **Rudy (4/7):** Some of the stuff they talk about don't interest me and I don't want to hear it. I don't know. They talk, uh... about a lot of sex stuff.

Day 21

1. **Gretchen (4/5):** It rained again last night and we had to, um, rebuild the roof of their shelter yesterday and I think half of it is leak-proof and half of it doesn't have a roof, and so a lot of us got very wet. And it's frustrating because we had just moved from a shelter that we had worked out all the bugs in and kept us 90% dry.
2. **Rudy (5/7):** I was in there last night and, uh, when the rain came all them women eased down our way and I had about five women in my lap all of a sudden.
3. **Colleen (5/5):** Rudy was kicking me in the head. He doesn't care.
4. **Jenna (9/10):** Oh, yeah, people were getting kicked in the head all night long because he got out like, three times and he would just barrel through people.
5. **Rudy (6/7):** I mean, the pillows were right across me, and I had to get up and go to the head and I couldn't.
6. **Gretchen (5/5):** I don't know. Rudy kicked me in the head, like, three times last night and I said, *"Rudy, that's my head,"* and he said, *"Well this is my space, so..." (laughs)*
7. **Rudy (7/7):** Hey, I'm the old guy, don't forget. Them young guys might have liked it. It's a pain in the ass to me.
8. **Richard (8/8):** But even though we aren't any longer two different teams, I still have a team. It's going to be interesting because we're not solid. We're solid with one another, but we're not solidly unbeatable yet just by circumstance, because there are only four of us and there are ten people still left on the island.
9. **Kelly (5/5):** When you get in that Tribal Council and you walk up and you see that little piece of paper and the thing that you put the vote in-- it's all different. You know, you might... you might have a thought and say, *"Hey, I really don't want to vote this person off."* It's easier said than done. An alliance is easier said than done.
10. **Greg (7/7):** If people are fear- and self-preservation-motivated they'll band together, they'll form alliances, they'll start beating people out to try and get rid of the strong ones and get rid of this and get rid of that, and, uh, you know, if that happens I hope they vote me off really soon because, uh, that to me is-- whoa, cool flying fish-- that to me is really boring.
11. **Jenna (10/10):** Coming into this merger, I consider it a brand-new tribe. I want a vote based on people's merits. I don't want a vote based on, uh, *"Let's get rid of each of them first and then come back to our tribe."* I... I want a vote based on, uh, who I really think should go, whether it be a member of our tribe or a member of theirs.