

**The Merge**

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| **Episode 07 Confessionals** | | |
| **Castaway** | **Old Count** | **New Count** |
| Tina | 7 | - |
| Colby | 7 | - |
| Keith | 5 | 6 (+1) |
| Elisabeth | 3 | - |
| Rodger | 4 | - |
| Amber | 1 | - |
| Nick | 3 | - |
| Jerri | 7 | - |
| Alicia | 5 | 4 (-1) |
| Jeff | 8 | 9 (+1) |

Day 18

1. **Jeff (1/9):** For the last three weeks, we've been competing with another tribe. At this point, we get down to ten total people, and we come together and merge into one tribe. We've talked about strategy and how we were going to merge with this other team ever since Mike got hurt, because the last thing that he said to us, as he left, was that somebody from Kucha needs to take this money. And regardless of what happens, we need to eat 'em up and spit 'em out.
2. **Jeff (2/9):** We were just trying to figure out who probably is Ogakor's weak link, and maybe we can convince them to come over and vote on our side.
3. **Jeff (3/9):** We're anticipating a five to five tie in the first vote. And in the rules, when there's a deadlock tie, the person with the most votes accumulated to that point is the one to leave.

Day 19

1. **Colby (1/7):** Yesterday, everything was canceled because of the accident with Kucha. You know, you're just left with days that seem like there's at least 19 to 20 hours of daylight.
2. **Colby (2/7):** We don't know anything. We don't know when we're merging, we don't know the condition of, uh, Kucha's member who's been in an accident. Uh, we don't know very much at all.
3. **Keith (1/6):** The merge is when the two teams come together to make one team, and the game becomes one against one, instead of team against team.
4. **Tina (1/7):** You go to one camp or the other, and I'm not sure how that decision is going to be made at this point. It's important for us to get information right now about who's had votes cast against them, because it's probably going to come down to a tie-breaker vote.
5. **Jerri (1/7):** The only thing to break the tie is past votes for the person who is voted for. If they were to vote for myself or Keith... we'd be out.
6. **Jeff (4/9):** We knew that the merger was going to start today. We just weren't sure exactly how. So, we got this note, and our girls are going to them, and their chicks are coming to us, and we're entertaining them and swooning them and somehow convincing them that this is the place to live-- Kucha Beach.
7. **Nick (1/3):** I think we have a really nice camp, and nobody really wants to move to a new place and, you know, where everything's real strange. And it would, you know, kind of be our home field, our home-turf advantage.
8. **Elisabeth (1/3):** As much as it stinks that Alicia and I aren't going to get to join in our last chicken, we know that it's for the betterment of the whole group to leave and go eat plain rice with Keith and Colby.
9. **Alicia (1/4):** Elisabeth and I felt really strange walking away from camp, just us two. It was really kind of cool, an adventure that's going to change this game. It's a big open book, and-and we got to write the rest of the pages that go in it.
10. **Colby (3/7):** I'm very curious as to how they've been living the last 19 days. With their shelter, with their eating, you know, there's a lot of things I want to know to see if that's where we want to be.
11. **Elisabeth (2/3):** It was good to hear that they were worried and hoping everything, and praying everything was okay with Mike.
12. **Tina (2/7):** Glad to know it's not one of those things that's life-threatening. I felt a lot of relief.
13. **Jerri (2/7):** When we first found out yesterday that we were merging with all five of us, after the accident over at Kucha... we didn't really know whether to celebrate or feel bad.
14. **Tina (3/7):** The importance at this point in at five and five, had a huge impact on the Ogakor tribes. If we had gone in at six and four, we would have been picked off one by one, no doubt about it. We're starting off the second half of the game on equal ground. It's a tie ballgame, we're going into overtime.
15. **Colby (4/7):** When Keith and I showed up, they couldn't have been more disappointed. They were ready to wine and dine the women of Ogakor, and Keith and I come strolling in.
16. **Keith (2/6):** Colby and I were actually kinda hoping it was going to be kinda the girls cooking for the guys, but we had a good time, great camaraderie, you know, it was kind of like soldiers in the field that are putting their weapons down for a little while.
17. **Jeff (5/9):** All I saw from Colby were teeth-- big smile, *"How's it going?"* Whatever. He just seemed very cheery and very happy, and Keith seemed like a little puppy tailing behind him.
18. **Keith (3/6):** They saved a chicken for us. So they killed their last chicken and cooked it, which just, which was just a real gentleman thing to do for us.
19. **Jeff (6/9):** You know, there's a Survivor twist to everything, and they got us again. I was expecting women, you know. We were going to lather them up and go pick them flowers, and now we're going to have to shift gears. They're nice, you know? They're nice guys. I knew they would be, but I get the feeling that Keith is, is an outsider. So far, they're exactly what I expected. They seem to have a good relationship together, which I didn't expect. I figured that, um, Keith would sort of be off on his own, and he could be, you know? They may be working us here, but... (14:16 → 14:25 = 9s) It was good chicken, and it was good to be able to provide them with chicken, 'cause they obviously had not been eating.
20. **Keith (4/6):** That was a huge thing for us. We really enjoyed that a lot. You know, I think as the days go on, this game is going to be difficult. It is for me personally exciting. I get caught up in the friendship thing quite easily.
21. **Rodger (1/4):** I know everybody is nicey-nicey now, but I imagine that'll change. I think it'll be even more interesting once all ten of us, with the women and everybody, is in the big hut. There'll be some times, I'm sure, when things won't be so nice around here.
22. **Jerri (3/7):** I don't want to talk about Keith in front of our guests. If I voice my opinions about how I really feel about him, they're going to figure out that votes have been placed against him.
23. **Tina (4/7):** I don't think it was a deliberate thing where he said, *"I'm going to take my matches with me so the girls won't have it."* He would not do that under any circumstances. It's in Jerri's best interest not to show a real hateful side.
24. **Jerri (4/7):** We decided that-that I was going to make my famous tortilla, and we opened a can of whole, peeled tomatoes.
25. **Amber (1/1):** This is definitely difficult for us. I mean, we wish we had so much more to offer them. It's upsetting that we can't give them as much as they can give us.
26. **Alicia (2/4):** When you don't have a lot of food and you open up a can, that's like... that's big-time. So, we were really honored that they did that. I feel like I can't wait to get them back to our camp to give them something to eat, you know, and I never thought that I would feel that way. I really thought I would be thinking, *"I'm not sharing anything with them."* (17:12 → 17:25 = 13s)
27. **Alicia (3/4):** Out of 20 hours of being here, we've talked about food 19 of those 20. *(laughs)*
28. **Elisabeth (3/3):** We're torturing ourselves. We are absolutely torturing ourselves.

Day 20

1. **Jerri (5/7):** We were ready to pack up and move to Camp Kucha. When we looked at the map, it was a completely different spot. A spot that was untouched, where we would have to build everything again from scratch.
2. **Rodger (2/4):** We were a little... a little angry about it.
3. **Keith (5/6):** I was really frustrated with it. I just didn't want to leave there. Just, you know, we were there, we were comfortable. It was a real pain.
4. **Nick (2/3):** We opened the box, and people just start diving their hands in, which pissed me off, because I'm thinking let's at least make sure we're getting equal amounts, but Jerri and Amber and Elisabeth and Alicia just start yapping and screaming, and I was like, oh, I had to back up.
5. **Jerri (6/7):** I swear, I haven't been that excited since I was little, and so just completely overwhelmed with the fact that you've been starving and the fact that you're in the middle of nowhere, and there's this spread in front of you.
6. **Tina (5/7):** It's nice, starting all over, starting on equal ground. And it was important to listen more than you talk, find out what you're up against.
7. **Alicia (4/4):** You know, it was really kind of interesting, because in the middle of all this celebrating, this game is still being played, every minute of every day.
8. **Jeff (7/9):** They seemed to be very nice, and I thought that it was all legitimate, and then I saw Colby and Jerri sort of sneak off and whispering, and then I saw Colby walk over to Keith, and then they start whispering, and they're, like, pointing at us and counting fingers, like, *"She's going to go first,"* and *"He's going to go second,"* and it started. We weren't together 15 minutes, and it started.

Day 21

1. **Colby (5/7):** Sometimes you run into a situation where there's too many chiefs and not enough Indians, so I'm just going to stand back. I don't want to ruffle any feathers at this point.
2. **Rodger (3/4):** My idea was to originally build the, uh, hut up in the trees where you got some good anchors, and then the girls said they would like to stay down on the sand 'cause it sleeps better.
3. **Jerri (7/7):** We're called the Barramundi tribe. It's a great name for our new tribe, 'cause this is when things get slippery and sneaky, and it's hard to catch people.
4. **Keith (6/6):** You know, the honeymoon stage is going to end quickly. We're going to have to go into an Immunity Challenge, and it's going to be obvious that we're kind of two teams living as one tribe.
5. **Nick (3/3):** I've been sick the last couple days, and I got up there, felt a little dizzy, knew I wasn't going to win and jumped off, and got a good hour of rest. So that made much more sense to me than standing up on that block and getting tired.
6. **Colby (6/7):** My strategy was to make the Kucha guys mad, to convince them that I'm the man to vote for. If I can draw some attention away from Keith and Jerri, who both have several votes for them, we really need one of those guys to win immunity and the other one to be camouflaged. Because if the Kucha members vote for either Jerri or Keith, we're going down.
7. **Jeff (8/9):** Maybe they feel vulnerable. Maybe those are the four people that feel the most vulnerable. I felt vulnerable, but, you know, I couldn't do it. I knew I couldn't do it.
8. **Rodger (4/4):** Tina out there, she has not had anything to eat all day long. She-she didn't eat any breakfast this morning. The rest of us all had about a little bit over a half a cup of rice. And I know they're getting cold, too.
9. **Colby (7/7):** These four are pretty damn determined. I've never seen anything like it. I had no idea it would last this long. There's no telling how long those four are gonna stay out there. Another fun day for Club Barramundi.
10. **Jeff (9/9):** I think they've been out there over ten hours now. I know that Alicia is concerned she's being voted for tonight, so I think she's going to stay. These people are crazy.
11. **Tina (6/7):** I looked over at Keith and Keith said, *"Tina, I need this one."* In his heart he must have really thought that he was going to get the votes cast against him. (32:53 → 33:03 = 10s)
12. **Tina (7/7):** It's the hardest thing I've ever done to come in. Much harder to come in than stay out there, because I've been out there ten hours. I knew for our team that we... I needed to make that decision. So I stepped down and let him have it.