

**The Importance of Being Eldest**

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| **Episode 01 Confessionals** | | |
| **Castaway** | **Old Count** | **New Count** |
| Brian | 1 | - |
| Clay | 1 | - |
| Jan | 3 | - |
| Helen | 6 | 5 (-1) |
| Ted | 3 | - |
| Jake | 5 | - |
| Penny | 3 | - |
| Ken | 1 | - |
| Erin | 1 | - |
| Shii Ann | 3 | - |
| Robb | 5 | 6 (+1) |
| Stephanie | 1 | - |
| Ghandia | 8 | 10 (+2) |
| Jed | 2 | - |
| Tanya | 3 | - |
| John | 7 | 8 (+1) |

Day 1

1. **John (1/8):** All of a sudden, I'm like, *“Okay, wait a minute, this has never happened before, we're separated men and women.”* I should just start thinking, *“Okay, I gotta put my game face on for, you know, how do you-- how do you jive with just all men in a group?”*
2. **Ghandia (1/10):** If we were gonna be an all women tribe, I thought that we were totally going to kick *(chuckles)* the men's ass 'cause women are just better at, like, multitasking, we handle pain better, we're just more logical.
3. **Jan (1/3):** When Jeff said that we were picking the tribes, I really... um, I really did kind of get scared. I was scared 'cause, uh, I'm not really a leader and I was put in the spotlight which kind of frightened me.
4. **Jake (1/5):** They really put you on the spot, you know? The first person I picked was Stephanie and I guarantee you, if you look into that girl's eyes and then you look at her body, you know that this lady is-is ready to take on the world.
5. **John (2/8):** Initially, I'm looking at-- it looks like a pretty strong guy, and it looks like, sort of a weak, elderly lady and I'm thinking, *“Holy Moly, I hope I get on the strong guy's team.”*
6. **Jed (1/2):** Jake's demeanor, I was drawn to, and he picked people I would also be drawn to-- the younger crowd, the athletic crowd. I thought, *“Man, I really want to be on that team.”* And so my heart was pumping when everyone was picking.
7. **Robb (1/6):** I don't wanna be on the little old lady's team. *(shakes head)* Like, after I saw who she started picking, I'm sitting there and it was-- it was her pick and I'm thinking to myself, *“Don't make eye contact, don't make eye contact.”*
8. **Tanya (1/3):** There's a lot of anxiety. I think everybody's sitting there was thinking, you know, you don't wanna look like, you know, that you're the last person picked.
9. **Clay (1/1):** I'm the smallest and oldest one sitting there and I knew I was gonna be last but they gotta, uh, a diamond in the-- in the rough is what they don't know.
10. **Erin (1/1):** You got to be kidding me! I'm the last one?! Rea-- come on! I can't give so much to this tribe! Being picked last is very humbling. I probably needed that experience. *(chuckles)*
11. **Jake (2/5):** I don't know what Jan was thinking when she picked the people that she picked. I like to see athletic looking people, so I based picking the teams on athleticism and just that gleam in their eyes that looks like they've be there for the duration.
12. **Penny (1/3):** I think Jake is in great shape for being sixty. I think we probably have the more best looking guys on our tribe than the other four that are sitting over there. Absolutely.
13. **Ted (1/3):** I was surprised by, uh, Jan's picks. It seems like, most of the tribe members were older members, if you will. The other tribe, they were extremely excited because they think they'll be able to walk over us in challenges, et cetera. They're gonna be surprised.
14. **Helen (1/5):** We figured out quickly as a team, that we needed to turn the boat around and the other team didn't figure that out. The other team is, um, quite a bit younger and they're anxious as kids and they just gotta go paddle up! They were thinking it was a race and we knew it wasn't.
15. **John (3/8):** I found it interesting to know-- to realize that none of our team understood how to paddle the boat. You paddle on the right you go left, you paddle on the left you go right. I mean, we're turning into a big right hand circle here and, you know, people on the right are just powering away.
16. **Tanya (2/3):** On the way over here, you could see who's wanting to take leadership roles, to tell you what to do and-and John in particular, he wanted to get here as fast as we could. This team, you know, we have a lot of the older group and, um, I'm the youngest one here and I was hoping I'd be on the other tribe, actually. I got stuck with the group that I didn't really think I could relate to.
17. **Jake (3/5):** We didn't realize that we were paddling the boat backwards. *(laughs)* I was steering the boat from the foredeck. *(laughs)*
18. **Robb (2/6):** And I'm like, *“Our boat is backwards,”* and we all started laughing and we're like, *“Who cares?”* I think the thing went faster backwards than it did forward.
19. **Shii Ann (1/3):** In an ideal situation, what should've happened is we should've landed, we should've hugged and we would've immediately drawn up the plans for shelter and started dispatching people to do... whatever. But instead, we all went, you know, wild.
20. **Jake (4/5):** Robb is a real case. I mean, the boy has got more enthusiasm and energy than anybody I've ever seen. You know, I got a crew that's totally enthusiastic and ready to go but they know nothing.
21. **Ghandia (2/10):** Then we kind of passed that banner and we saw the orange on the island, I was like, *“Oh, my God! This is my tribe, this is my home!”*
22. **Brian (1/1):** We all kind of just enjoyed each other's company. We're trying to figure everybody out. I'm having a good time doing it. But at the same time, it's, uh, it's-- this is, uh, a business trip as I like to say.
23. **Ted (2/3):** The good thing that we noticed, right off the bat, was that there were caves. So, that means our first element is basically covered if the caves were safe.
24. **Ghandia (3/10):** I think my whole tribe was relieved when we saw the cave. We were like, we don't really have to build anything to cover us. We can kind of just chill out in the cave which was a big advantage.
25. **Ted (3/3):** When we found our shelter and then on-- along the way, we saw food, coconuts-- coconut plants scattered about. We also saw oysters and clams, et cetera, that we could pick off.
26. **Jan (2/3):** We were all out there and catch 'em with our finger and pick 'em up and pull off the large chompers and put 'em in the pot. So we just all went out waiting and having a ball.
27. **Robb (3/6):** The first night, we were so thankful the way that Jake picked and so excited about the team that we ended up with, we all decided to come down to the beach and just check it out. Some people went swimming in with their clothes. Stephanie even got naked. She got in the water cruising around nude. I never met a girl that independent and like, secure with her sexuality.
28. **Stephanie (1/1):** I went skinny dipping last night. Just kind of waited out there a little bit and dipped down.
29. **Shii Ann (2/3):** Oh, my God! She's wild, she's crazy. I mean, don't get me wrong, going skinny dipping, everyone should do it, but you will not see my tatas.
30. **Jake (5/5):** After we kind of calmed down a little bit, we knew that we had to get something, uh, some form of a shelter. We built, uh, kind of a halfway shelter and we knew we were going to tear it down and rebuild. Nobody was proud of it.

Day 2

1. **John (4/8):** Tanya got a little sick. I-I think what it is that she just got dehydrated.
2. **Ghandia (4/10):** We need to stay hydrated because water is one of the most important things out here with the heat. So we decided we would all go to find the water source. We had just got in the water and started trekking and John, he came to this crevice and he's like, *“Well, let's climb up in here.”*
3. **Jan (3/3):** We don't need to be separating like that, but some people get eager and say, *“Well, we don't need to stay, we want to go on and check it out.”*
4. **Helen (2/5):** So we thought we had the map figured out and we thought, *“Well, alright, it’s dumping us off in the middle of the jungle here. I guess we're going to start scaling cliffs.”*
5. **Ghandia (5/10):** We came downhill and then when we got back to the-- down to the bottom, here comes John. He's back now.
6. **John (5/8):** About the time I got there, I said, *“Hey, let me take a look at the map.”* I looked at the map and I'm like, *“Okay, you know what? I think maybe we can go around this other bend over here.”* And so Helen and I, and Tanya, took the boat over there.
7. **Helen (3/5):** Everybody else decided they would follow but by this time the water had come in, so they decided to come in swimming.
8. **Ghandia (6/10):** So we swam, I think, maybe, it seemed like a mile.
9. **John (6/8):** At first, we came in and we saw this big ugly pool of brackish water that had been stagnant and sitting there and we're like, *“Oh, my goodness.”* (22:30 → 22:41 = 11s)
10. **John (7/8):** We went around looking for other spots just a few feet off the trail, there was a big round piece of wood that indicated our water source.
11. **Ghandia (7/10):** And when we got in eyesight of John and Tanya and Helen, I was kind of wondering why John or Helen didn't come out and get us with the canoe. (23:26 → 23:36 = 10s)
12. **Ghandia (8/10):** And then when we got there, John decides that it would be funny to play a joke on us.
13. **Ghandia (9/10):** I was happy and I was telling him, *“You know, that was really... that was a good joke, heh heh.”* But then on my mind I'm thinking, *“That's-- it wasn't really a time to joke about that just then.”*
14. **Ken (1/1):** Thankfully, the waterhole we had found today was very close by, maybe a hundred yards away. The water looks clear even though we definitely have to boil it, but it-it looks like it'll help us out.
15. **Penny (2/3):** We spend a lot of time building the foundation for what's going to be our final shelter.
16. **Jed (2/2):** My tribe's priorities right now are kind of getting out of whack. The priorities are shelter and no one is thinking about anything else. I mentioned food and everyone's like, *“Ah, I want a floor.”* I mean, come on, people are going to get really hungry and you gotta just split work up or it's not going to get done.
17. **Robb (4/6):** Jed, he likes to kind of do, I guess whatever he wants. Like, he went fishing, which hasn't produced anything yet, but, um, we really needed strength, like when it comes to building a shelter.
18. **Robb (5/6):** The way I look at it, we're just spinning our wheels. So many people are going in so many directions and doing stuff and it's-- they're not producing anything.
19. **Shii Ann (3/3):** He is messing with the wrong girl. You do not mess with the Shii Devil and not get the horns, okay.

Day 3

1. **Penny (3/3):** So far, priority has been shelter, so we have not eaten and I think it's starting to take a toll on us, even though we say that it's not.
2. **Robb (6/6):** That other team, they're definitely inferior to our youth and our strength. We definitely got all the hot chicks... or most of them, and we definitely *(chuckles)* got the young, strong guys, which is huge.
3. **Ghandia (10/10):** I'm a legal secretary, I work with facts. The fact is that we had a great lead and the lead was lessened because I took too long to figure out the puzzle. So now I'm feeling like, that it's time for a sister to go.
4. **John (8/8):** Who's to say who's here is the most vulnerable? Uh, but I know that, uh, you know, I think everybody is pretty much thinking, you know, we need a strong team. You know, Ghandia, physical challenges aren't going to be her thing. Obviously, mental challenges aren't going to be her thing. Sorry to think, you know, Ghandia, but somebody's gotta go, might as well be you.
5. **Helen (4/5):** Tanya unfortunately, has-has a shot of being voted off and I only think that because she's had a tough time out here. If everybody voted her off tonight, it would be because they feel sorry for her.
6. **Tanya (3/3):** I feel a little vulnerable, you know? I have been sick, but I can't control what my body does. I'm still gonna try. My vote will probably be for John. From the first day, a lot of the people were upset with John because he was saying, *“You're not running hard enough,”* or *“You need to do this.”* A lot of people are starting to get annoyed because he was taking a leadership role.
7. **Helen (5/5):** Tonight we're going to Tribal Council. I gotta vote somebody out. I-I-- I'm sick about it. I don't wanna think about it. That's like voting somebody out of your family.