

EPISODE 208: "OWLS AND THEIR PREY"

stranded in ARUBA



OJEDA, NIGHT 15

Both tribes have just merged into the new Ojeda tribe, which will always wear pink. The tribes have merged and old tribe mates reunite for the first time in 7 days. While others are shocked that they have made this milestone.

Jamie - OMG! We all survived. We have LOTS to discuss. Even a potential traitor. 🤔 Me or Morgan might have been gone next if we went to TC.

Judd - Wow, you've got to tell me everything, man. Aras being gone blew my mind.

Jamie - OMG. I was expecting a 3-3 tie. Danielle and Shane were promising RAFE and myself EVERYTHING to boot Morgan. Morgan was the primary target going in. Aras showed up and said he didn't want to go in a tie-break because he assumed it would previous votes and he would go against Morgan if that were the case. Then, Shane and Danielel started begging RAFE to vote out Morgan with them. THEN, Aras out of nowhere said he'd be voting out Danielle. Then Aras explained Danielle's WHOLE treacherous plan. How, she told him via PM that they will only pretend to be with us when we merge, then they join up with the original CAQS to vote us out and that she couldn't wait to get rid of bitchy Morgan. Danielle did great damage control, I give her credit, but Aras exposed her bigtime. So, we were gonna go with Danielle, but then Danielle and Shane said they'd just vote w/ us to take out Aras and that they could at least win challenges. Lots more happened though.

Judd - CONFESSIONAL - So as it turns out, last night marked our early merge, which I did not see coming. I was planning and banking on another IC that I could throw, in order to get Melinda booted. I did *not* want to see her in this merged game whatsoever. She's a walking time bomb, thanks to her allegiances to old Caquetios. I mean, she's the only one that knows how tight Gary/Courtney/Misty/Judd really are. She's the only one that has enough information to wreck my power core. She's the only one with the real potential to cause mayhem amongst the ranks. And that's why I wanted her gone before we ever got to this point, but a twist saved her ass, and now I have to work around the detriment she poses to my game.

Gary - We friggin made it pal!!!!

Judd - Damn right! This game is ours for the taking, man. Divide and conquer time. By the way, if I had to pick now, Danielle's probably our biggest threat, right?

Gary - I'd love to agree, but I don't know how long I'm gonna wanna live with Shane

Judd - Yeah, you've got a point. I guess we'll have to take it day by day. Right now we've gotta feel everyone up, and then come back and confer about where we think people stand. That's how we're going to know how to approach this thing.

Gary - Jamie said "watch what we tell Rafe & Danielle" I knew we shoulda torched him instead of Bri

Judd - Yeah, Jamie's saying Rafe turned, but Rafe's acting like they just lucked out when Aras imploded. Sounds like Rafe wants to play both sides of the fence.

As Arawak reunites with happy news, Caquetios reunites with less enthusiasm.

Melinda - CONFESSIONAL - I am SO happy that we merged, I was praying for this! I wasn't so sure I'd make it here a few days ago, and now I at least have the opportunity to go really far and start fresh! Judd and Gary had the conception that I was apart of the alliance of Cirie/Terry/Dani/Shane tonight, mostly because of the Judd/Cirie vote, but I think tonight I may have managed to convince them that I was never apart of that alliance. I'm doing my best to play dumb when asked some tough questions, and I think it's working out ok. Now it's just figuring people out again, and hoping to find the numbers to go far.

Melinda - Hey Shane, well, things have definitely changed since the switch.... what happened over at Arawak? I'm so glad to have merged before I was booted.

Shane - HEY MEL, GLAD TO SEE U AROUND, ARWAK WAS PRETTY BORING UNTIL WE LOST A CHALLENGE. ARAS WENT INSANE, AND WAS FLOPPING HIS VOTE, SO WE ALL DECIDED TO VOTE HIM OUT, IT WAS A 5-1 VOTE IN FAVOR OF ARAS. WHAT HAPPENED ON CAQ, THINGS OBVIOUSLY DIDNT

HAPPEN HOW SHANE THOUGHT, I THOUGHT WE HAD AN ALLIANCE OF 5, AND WOW WAS THAT PUT DOWN THE DRAIN. WHAT HAPPENED?

Melinda - Courtney flipped and voted with Judd/Gary, it was a 3-3 tie between Cirie and Judd, and the tie was broken by Misty. Terry went right after, and I fought like hell for immunity, because it was my last shot... I am so happy to be merged.

Melinda - Hey Danielle, it's good to see you! Wow, I am so glad to have made it here after all that has happened since the switch.... :-/

Danielle - Can you fill me in on what happened? Shane and I assumed either Courtney and/or you flipped.

Melinda - You guys thought I flipped?? 😞 No, Courtney flipped, it was a 3-3 vote between Judd and Cirie, and Misty got to break the tie... Terry went next, and then I was so happy to have won immunity last time, and now to have merged. What went on over at Arawak?

Danielle - No no! We didn't think you flipped, but we thought, worst case scenerio, you might have flipped. At Arawak Shane and I tried to get Jaime and Rafe to vote out Morgan, but at Tribal Council Aras tried to get me voted out so Shane and I turned it around and it was 5-1 Aras.

Melinda - CONFESSIONAL - I was pretty ticked off when Danielle told me she/Shane assumed that either me/Courtney/both of us flipped. She showed me that her and Shane really didn't trust me that much at all. But she was quick to correct her blunder by offering a final 3 alliance between us, and telling me that we need to vote off Misty. According to Shane, the new Arawak team is pretty solid, and they want to stick together (like our new Caq tribe).

Shane - I THINK MELINDA IS STILL WITH US D.

Danielle - Let us hope she's still with us. By the way, CONGRATULATIONS on making it to the merge!!!11! I never thought we would get here after Terry and Cirie and Aras went.

Shane - CONGRATS D, LETS HOPE WE BOTH MAKE JURY, NO ONE KNOWS WHEN IT STARTS. A BREATH OF FRESH AIR. WE ARE SEMI-AVED! WE DID IT WOOOOOOOOOOOO!

Danielle - I never thought I'd be so excited to see pink all around me. But I am.

Danielle - CONFESSIONAL - Margaret Christ this is confusing. I thought this would be cut and dry and I would be gone, but it looks a little more promising. Melinda is still with us, thankfully, and Rafe and Jaime don't seem to trust Judd and Gary. At the rate that this is going, I might still have a chance in the game. The downside is I have to talk to Misty.

Judd and Jamie continue to scheme.

Judd - it sounds more and more like Rafe jumped on you guys, and is plotting with Danielle. But hey, it's not like we need him in order for Arawak to team back up. Danielle's the biggest threat in the game, and everyone knows that. I think it's time for a revival of Arawakownage (minus Rafe)! What'd you say?

Jamie - I totally agree. But keep buttering up RAFE. We don't need him jumping ship on us. Danielle is selling everything she has to stick around.

Judd - Things is, Danielle doesn't have much. Dude, I can't believe things worked out like this. It's a damn miracle. Everything we planned in the first few days can still play out. It's amazing.

Judd lies to Rafe in order to secure his vote.

Rafe - It's pretty cool that we all managed to make it through the swap.

Judd - It's a damn miracle. We went from the complete underdogs to persevering, and (hopefully) triumphing. It's a pretty awesome story line, I must say.

Rafe - Now we just have to make it through a few merged TC's, lol!

Danielle is on to Judd, but Jamie protects Judd and lies to her.

Danielle - We made it to the merge! 😊

Jamie - EXCITING stuff eh? Have you been approached w/ anything?

Danielle - I've been approached by everyone except Judd. Not about real stuff but just "Looking forward to playing with you."

Jamie - Ditto. Same w/ me.

Danielle - Guess you were right about Judd. And apparently Misty and Judd make a "new Caq" plan to take New Caq far. 😬 Please don't tell anyone I told you.

Jamie - First news to me. I haven't heard that at all. But it makes sense. Judd can steamroll those girls in challenges at the end.

Danielle - CONFESSIONAL - I wish I knew what I had with Jaime. It's not a friendship. It's not really an alliance. It's more of a tense companionship. He'd turn on me in a heartbeat if it meant he could get farther in the game and I have to say that I'd do the same. But as of right now, we need each other whether we like it or not. He saved me from Arawak's Tribal Council and voted Aras out, so I feel like I owe him this one. Still, I have no idea where he's coming from. For all I know, he could have a final 2 alliance with Courtney! The guy is unpredictable, which makes me really uncomfortable. He says that he doesn't have any true loyalty to the original Arawak, but I think that's bullshit. If they had the clear majority, he would have already flipped to their side

Players who have never met get to know each other for the first time.

Gary - well, well I finally get to meet the enchanting Danielle. It's a pleasure 😊

Danielle - Hey there! 😊

Gary - I look forward to playing with you!!!

Danielle - That sounds so dirty.

Gary - I ment the game of course...always the game, unless?

Danielle - So am I next on the chopping block or what?

Gary - Like I'm in charge. But, hey I don't want you to be

Danielle - You obviously are in charge, otherwise Terry and Cirie would be here. I'm not blaming you for it, but that obviously took a lot of power.

Gary - Terry & Cirie talked alot of shit, and needed to go away. It's all in how you play the game my dear, I'd I kinda wanna see how you play.

Danielle - *puts on dueling glove

Gary - dueling glove? I'm not calling you out sweetheart. I get an interesting vibe from you and I'm curious to get to know you. Put down the sword.

Danielle - I get an interesting vibe from you as well, but I hope you understand that whatever strategy I did have was crushed when there was a switch. So that's why I'm not giving you any interesting shit for you to go back and tell Judd.

Rafe - I'm so glad to have some more people to chat with! What's up?

Melinda - Hey Rafe! It's good to finally meet you! 😊 I never thought I'd actually make it to the merge, it's exciting! How's everything with you?

Rafe - Not bad at all. I've been sick for a while, but I think I'm finally getting better, so I can actually take part in the scheming, lol! I got paranoid not being around much.

As with Caquetios and later Arawak, the Misty bashing is continued into the new Ojeda tribe.

Danielle - Did Misty PM you. 😬 Cause I got one from her.

Shane - OF COURSE, SO MUCH ANGER SHANE HAS THAT HE CANNOT SPEW! AHHHHHH!

Danielle - LOLOMG Danielle i lyke nvr thot this wuld happn 😊😊😊😊😊

Shane - HAHHAHA MAKES ME SICK!

Suddenly Melinda is caught between two alliances as the old Caquetios and the new Caquetios battle for her loyalty.

Shane - I AM SUSPECTING THAT U HATE THE FORMER CAQS, BECAUSE U VOTED OUT CIRIE IN THAT 3 ON 3 VOTE, SHANE HAS NO IDEA OF WHAT WENT ON DOWN THERE.

Melinda - What are you talking about? I didn't vote for Cirie, I voted for Judd, which made it a 3-3 tie.

Shane - I KNOW, BUT U BROKE THE TIE AND VOTED OUT CIRIE FROM WHAT SHANE HEARD. SO U HOLD NO RESINTMENT TOWARDS THE CAQS? U KNOW SHANE DIDNT WANT TO VOTE U OFF BUT HAD TO. I WANTED ARAS GONE THEN, AND I GOT MY REVENGE ON HIM AT THE FIRST TC AT ARAWAK, WHERE IT WAS A 5-1 VOTE OUT OF ARAS.

Melinda - Shane, I think you think you're talking to Misty... This is Melinda 😊 And if she asks where you heard about the tie from, don't tell her I told you!

Jamie - Melinda is w/ you guys too, no?

Danielle - Possibly. I get the feeling that she still flipped though. 😊 At this point I'd say she's probably with us.

Jamie - Why would she be w/ them? She voted against Judd in that 1st new CAQ TC. It was Courtney who flipped on everyone BTW

Danielle - How do you know she voted against Judd????? That makes me feel better knowing that, and yeah, I knew Courtney flipped regardless.

Jamie - Well they told me that it was a tie vote. MEL/CIR/TERRY voted for Judd and COURT/GARY/JUDD voted for Cirie.

Danielle - And Misty broke the tie. That makes sense.

After having spoken to Danielle, Jamie runs back to Judd in order to plot her demise.

Jamie - So, are we going with Danielle first?

Judd - I think that's the best move, for sure. Talking to Melinda, she had that initial alliance with Shane/Danielle, so I'm really thinking she's going to start stirring shit up to save her old allies. I wouldn't be surprised if she targeted the two Outcasts and Rafe to pull to her side. Hell, she might even try to rope in you and Morgan, I dunno. We've got to make sure we hold onto more

numbers than her. We have 4, guaranteed. If we can keep two of Courtney/Bobby/Misty, we should be okay. But we have to be cautious.

Jamie - Was Melinda a savvy person over on NEW CAQ. Danielle won't go down easily let me tell you that.

Judd - Yeah, Danielle will fight, and that's why I think Mel might side with her and start causing trouble. I never saw Melinda as a savvy player, but she knows she needs numbers to team up with her old group, and she'll make up lies to get them, I assure you.

Judd - Basically, here's what I've been doing. I snatched up Jamie and Morgan under the guise of old Arawak loyalty. They bought it hook, line, and sinker, as they have every reason to. I told them that we needed to divide and conquer, and pull in extraneous numbers so that we can waltz into the F4 together (with Gary).

Jeff Probst informs Misty and Bob Dawg that they must now begin to decide who they will give their Hidden Immunity Idols to.

Jeff Probst - Okay Misty and Bob Dawg, as you know you were told that you would have to choose someone to give a HII to once you reentered the game. It cannot be yourself nor the other outcast. **You must not tell anyone that an idol exists or who you gave it to, not even to each other.** Do you understand?

Misty - I understand.

Bob Dawg - I have decided to give my hidden immunity idol to...Rafe I have decided to give it to Rafe as he is a swing vote and I want him to join my alliance. I believe he is emotional and unstrategic, and will be of good use to me.

Jeff Probst - Thank you bobby, when you and he are out of the challenge, be sure to copy and paste the message above to him. Thanks.

Bob Dawg - CONFESSIONAL - It appears I'm still on the outside of my alliance, but hopefully giving Rafe the idol can be used to create confusion. Chaos=good for me, so in essence I'm a war profiteer. I hope Shane doesn't go next, hes chaotic, entertaining;both things that appeal to me for opposed reasons

Bob Dawg - So, who were you thinking about trying to vote off at TC?

Rafe - I'm really not sure, I don't hate anybody. I've had no interaction with Courtney at all, so I would have no problem voting her out. Seems like it wouldn't be a problem getting people to vote Danielle either, but I think she knows she's in danger and will try like hell to win this IC. Any particular reason you want Courtney gone, or just because it has to be someone?

Bob Dawg - yeah, just because Courtneys a number and won't be of any use

Rafe - I'm fine with getting rid of her, if enough other people will vote her out.

Bob Dawg - Hey Rafe, I have a present for you: Congratulations! I have decided to give my Hidden Immunity Idol to you, I was informed that I would have to give one away once I rejoined the game, but was not to tell anyone. No one knows about the existence of a Hidden Immunity Idol, nor do they know whom I have given it to. I am forbidden to tell anyone other than you about the idol. You however, may tell whomever you'd like to.

If you wish to use the idol, you must do so once Jeff says, "I'll go tally the votes" at Tribal Council. If you cannot attend council and wish to use it, you can specify so in your confessional

thread, but once you specify you will be using it, it will be used no exceptions. Also, if you wish to give it away, you must specify to whom in your confessionals, and must send the rules and details of the idol to that person.

Rafe - Holy shit, really? Yay! I love you Bobby. But not in a homosexual way, that's for sure. I totally owe you now!

Bob Dawg - awesome, i hope you can trust me now

Rafe - I hope so too, lol! J/K, we're cool.

Rafe - CONFESSIONAL - I was really surprised when Bobby gave me the II. It does make me trust him more, I thought he seemed like he was with us, but you never know, especially when he had no risk for a while. I feel like I owe him to an extent, but I'm not going to do something that would mess up my game to repay him. I'm pretty psyched about it, if not many people know about it, it could be very beneficial if I end up being on the minority side of a vote.

Misty and Bob Dawg decide their next move as outcasts. Misty pushes for Rafe, an original Arawak, to go home over Danielle, an original Caquetios. Misty does not know that Bob Dawg has already given his idol to Rafe.

Bob Dawg - Aras all of a sudden wanted to switch over to Arawak(jamie, rafe and morgan) without conferring anyone previously. But that interrupted with his original plan to vote out Rafe due to previous votes. Then he went on a bitch about how undeserving the two of us are

Misty - Well, well, well. That sucks for him. Terry and Cirie left because they tried to throw the challenges to protect Danielle and Shane. I'm guessing you won't have any problem if Rafe goes? Anyone else you don't feel good about?

Bob Dawg - I would like it if Danille went. btw, I have an alliance with Jamie and Morgan, and making inroads with Shane.

Misty - I'm on pretty good terms with everyone from new Caquetios so I think we have both sides covered. We'll still have to be careful in case anyone tries something. What about Rafe?

Bob Dawg - I don't want Rafe to go, why do want him to go?

Misty - I didn't say I wanted him to go. I was asking why you left him out when you said the people you were working to get close to.

Bob Dawg - Oh, well hes kind of emotional, I think I can allie with him though

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Jeff Probst - Come on in guys

Gary - Damn, I didn't get to answer that last pm. oh well, I'll do it here FOR THE LAST TIME RAFE, NO!!!!!! I DON'T WANNA MAKE OUT WITH YOU.

Rafe - Come on Gary! Everyone else is doing it!

Jeff Probst - Today's challenge is endurance, so get ready cuz this may go alllll night. Along the way there will be some temptations, but for now let's explain how it works. Each minute on the minute you will post a number, beginning with the number 001. We will count as long as possible up until 999, and if we reach that (let's hope we dont) we will begin to count backwards. The last person standing, or the last person standing who didn't make a mistake, will win Immunity. Pretty simple, right guys?

Misty - So 998, 999 and then 998 again?

Jeff Probst - yes, rocket scientist misty. We will start at 8:10 on the dot.

The castaways begin counting and right away Bob Dawg, Jamie, Morgan, and Courtney are out.

After 25 minutes, Melinda, Rafe, Gary, Danielle, Judd, Shane and Misty all remain in the game, but Gary notices something odd.

Gary - hate to be a jerk, but I'm pretty sure I saw a late post for 21

Judd - I think Gary's right, by the way. Melinda's out, unfortunately. 😞 But you can keep posting numbers with us losers if you'd like.

Melinda - I didn't post late

Judd - I was just going by the boards time, Mel.

Danielle - It's probably a trick Melinda.

Judd - No trick. Just trying to save her wasted time.

Jeff Probst - Melinda, I'm sorry, but according to the time, you have been eliminated from this challenge. I will double check everyone's numbers after the challenge is over, so when in doubt it's better to count!

Melinda - That's bullshit... i posted right away, and the board fucked up and took forever to post it

Rafe - Your 21 is showing as late for me too, Melinda. 😞

Melinda - Great, I'm glad I lose because of this shitty board

34 minutes have elapsed and Melinda continues to count along with Gary, Danielle, Rafe, Judd, Shane and Misty until Jeff makes an announcement.

Jeff Probst - First person remaining in the challenge to post "ADVANTAGE" will receive an advantage in tomorrow's immunity challenge. However, you will be out of today's.

Rafe - 034 advantage

Gary - ADVANTAGE

Jeff Probst - Rafe! you have opted for the Advantage and are therefore out of today's challenge. Gary, continue playing.

Rafe - Good luck everyone!

Another 6 minutes pass bringing the total time in the challenge to 40 minutes when Misty makes an error and posts a number too early.

And with that Gary, Shane, Danielle and Judd are the only players remaining in the challenge.

At 54 minutes in, Gary makes a mistake and posts 55 instead of 54. Danielle also makes a mistake.

Gary - oh darn, guess I'm out shucks!

Danielle - I responded with 052, got an error, went back and responded again only to find it had gone through the first time, just not to the confirmation page. 055 ???

Jeff Probst - Danielle, you are out. Gary you are out.

Danielle - Shane, can you put the internal server on your shit bitch list?

Shane - ME AND U JUDD, IM GONNA BE HERE ALL NIGHT, U R PROB TOO GOOD LUCK.

Rafe - Down to two already?! Damn.

Judd - I dunno, Shane, I might have to hit the sack before long. 😞

It's sixty minutes in and the only players remaining are Judd and Shane, Jeff Probst makes another announcement.

Jeff Probst - Temptation: First person remaining, either Judd or Shane to post "EXCLUSION" gets to exclude someone from tonight's tribal council.

Shane - NOPE NO TEMPTATIONS HERE PROBST, IM WINNING IMMUNITY, ILL BE HERE ALL NIGHT.

Another hour passes; It's 2 hours into the challenge and Judd and Shane are still battling it out for Immunity when Jeff Probst announces the final temptation.

Jeff Probst - Final Temptation: If you take it, you're out. It is an extra vote that you may use at any time between now and final 4. First person to post "EXTRA VOTE" gets it.

The castaways continue the challenge for another 2 minutes before someone pipes up and decides to take the temptation.

Shane - NOT TAKING IT JEFF, SHANE IS HERE TO WIN IMMUNITY, EVEN IF IT TAKES TILL TOMORROW AT THIS TIME.

Judd - I'll take the extra vote, Probst.

Jeff Probst - Okay Judd, you have opted to take the temptation rather than continue with the challenge. Shane, congratulations, you have won the first individual immunity challenge of Aruba.

Judd - Congratulations, Shane. I knew you would be up here all night, and there's no way I could last that long. Good job, man.

Shane - THANKS, AND JUDD, U DID AMAZING, REALLY, I GOTTA GIVE IT TO YOU, U R AMAZING!

Danielle - Good job Shane! My Margaret that was a long challenge.

Shane - CONFESSIONAL - FEELS GREAT TO WIN THE FIRST IMMUNITY CHALLENGE AND WEAR THIS NECKLACE. SHANE LOVES IT! I THINK IT WAS IMPORTANT TO WIN IT TO TRY AND SECURE A JURY POSITION, IM JUST HOPING IM NOT SEEN AS A THREAT NOW.

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Back at camp, the challenge and temptations are on every one's mind.

Danielle - There was just an exclusion temptation, I was hoping Shane would take it.

Jamie - Take it and exclude you?

Danielle - I can't tell what it means. I thought it was excluding someone else's vote, which I would have taken if I were still in the challenge if the server wasn't shit.

Jamie - Yep. Same thing. Basically, someone wouldn't be able to vote at TC.

Danielle - Which would be a pretty powerful thing to have considering the circumstances. Pardon me, I'm just so mad right now.

Jamie - Yeah, I understand. I would have used that power if I were Shane though.

Danielle - If I were still in the game, I would have taken it. It sucks so bad because I would have lasted up to that point, obviously. calm blue ocean, calm blue ocean I don't want to turn into Gretchen.

Jamie - LOLLOL. BTW, Have you been talking to Melinda. What's she saying?

Danielle - Melinda Pmed me and said hey. I asked her what happened at TC. She said courtney agreed to vote out Cirie and Terry because they were throwing challenges. This is only half true since Courtney was on the outs from Day 1 in the old Caquetios. She also said she would have been next if there had been no merge.

Jamie - Yeah, I was wondering which way she'd vote.

Danielle - I think she'd vote Misty, seeing as she was friends with Cirie and Terry.

The devious duo, Jamie and Judd are beginning to wonder just how real the Misty/Danielle feud actually is.

Jamie - MISTY and DANIELLE Apparently, they seem to be getting along QUITE nicely. I can already see Danielle pushing the ALL CAQ sticking together spiel and promising misty everything in the book.

Judd - Well, we'll have to counter that, and counter it hard.

Jamie - YES. So, are we going with Danielle still?

Judd - I would guess Danielle still, but if we need to let somebody else make the call so that they stick with us (like Misty or whoever), we should do that, so we don't risk forcing the numbers against us.

Jamie - And Danielle has been plotting bigtime. Before, she was telling me how bad she wanted MISTY gone, even though it was strictly PERSONAL. I guess the more strategic side came through. Remember, original CAQS have the majority.

Judd - Well, feel free to tell Misty exactly what Danielle told you about her. I can't see Courtney and Bobby siding with them, can you? I mean, if need be, I can always use my extra vote from the challenge for our side.

Jamie - Bobby is with Misty though and will do as told. I am not sure but I thought that BOB DAWG and MISTY could still communicate with each other even while separated, but they weren't allowed to talk about it. So who knows about Bobby. He'll go where the numbers are at.

Judd - Yeah, I was a bit worried with Bobby to begin with. Damn, we'll have to push on all of them as hard as possible. Feel free to make it sound like I'm going to use my extra vote no matter what, so they're more inclined to side with the majority. And make sure they all remember the original Caquetios alliance that will lead to Shane/Danielle/Melinda ruling that group.

Judd - CONFESSIONAL - As it turned out, less than two hours in, that last deal came, and I took it, securing myself an extra vote that I can use at any point up until the F4. Now, I'm well aware that this is a double-edged sword. On one hand, it could be a huge boon to my game. If I can save it to the end game, it could give me that extra vote I might need to ensure my safety with dwindling numbers. I mean, an extra vote at F5 or F4 could practically give me a free ride to the final challenge. But I also knew that it marked me as a threat, because the longer I hung onto it, the more people would be threatened by me. A double vote makes you twice as powerful as any other player in the game, and for that reason, I might have to blow it earlier than I'd like just to avoid the targeting that might result from me having it.

Meanwhile, Rafe and Danielle commiserate together. It becomes very clear they are both on the outs.

Danielle - Congrats on getting to the merge! Personally, I never thought I'd make it.

Rafe - I didn't think I would either! Hopefully we'll both make it past TC tomorrow night!

Danielle - I have my fingers crossed. I'm just pissed that I was eliminated from the comp because of the server. 😡

Rafe - Yeah, that sucks. I was wondering if that would come up and cause a problem and it did. I would be pissed too.

Danielle - Tomorrow's TC should be insane.

Rafe - I know. I can't wait to see what the other tribe is like at TC. Maybe someone will flip out and Jeff won't have to ask any questions again, lol!

Danielle - That can be your job.

Rafe - I don't know if I have it in me to be that loopy. I'm just not that creative.

Danielle - Do you have any idea who to vote for? I was thinking Misty but idk.

Rafe - I'm not sure either, it sucks not knowing who Caqs may want to get rid of.

Danielle - I'm so out of the loop I can't even say anything. I don't know if you, Morgan or Jaime want to team up with Judd and Gary or any combination of you three. But I have heard Judd and Gary want to take "New Caqs" to the end (most likely to beat them at comps easily at the end).

Rafe - I was wondering about Judd and Gary. neither one of them would really tell me much about how they managed to not get voted off, which kind of made me suspicious. Just some vague "Oh, we got lucky" stuff.

Danielle - Courtney voted for Cirie because she was on the outs at Old Caq and Misty broke the tie. Why wouldn't they be able to tell you that?

Rafe - Lol, I have no idea! Makes me wonder what's going on.

With her best friend in the game winning individual immunity, Danielle is pleased with the outcome; however she knows that this increases her chances of leaving the game.

Danielle - You won! 😁😁😁 I'm still kind of pissed though. If it weren't for the internal server, I would have stayed in, taken the extra vote (I knew it was coming) and we would have had a whole lot of control.

Shane - YEAH, U GOT SCREWED REALLY. SUCKS. I WAS IN THERE FOR ALMOST 2 HOURS, AND HOLY SHIT, I WAS SOOOO FUCKING BORED! DAMMIT I WISH U COULD OF STAYED IN AND GOT THAT VOTE.

Danielle - Me too, but I'm just happy that Melinda is with us and, so far, it doesn't look like Jaime and Rafe trust Judd and Gary. Too bad Judd has the fucking extra vote.

Shane - THINK OF IT THIS WAY. US 5, AND MELINDA AND BOB DAWG SAID HE WOULD VOTE WITH US. THATS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO BOOT MISTY. BUT JUDD MAY BE THE BIGGER THREAT, AND I THINK ID RATHER HIM GONE AT THIS POINT.

Danielle - I think getting Judd out is a whoole different story. We might want to make absolutely sure we have the numbers before we try that. And BD might be lying. He and Misty must have SOME sort of bond from being outcasts.

The castaways are beginning to look at Judd as a serious option for Tribal Council after his newly found power.

Jamie - Congratulations SHANE!!!! Well deserved man!! Such a fighter.

Shane - THANKS JAMERS. I APPRECIATE IT. LONG CHALLENGE, VERY BORING.

Jamie - I have NO idea what's going on though.

Shane - WELL PUT IT THIS WAY. WE CAN GET MISTY OUT(IF THATS WHAT WE WANT TO DO). ITS US 5, THEN MELINDA WANTS MISTY OUT, AND BOB DAWG SAID HE WOULD VOTE WITH US. ITS THATS SIMPLE. WE KNOW WE HAVE THE VOTES TO DO WHAT WE WANT, BUT IF JUDD ISNT COMMING

WITH US, HE IS THE BIGGER THREAT THAN MISTY, AND HE HAS AN EXTRA VOTE WHICH IS A HUGE ADVANTAGE. EITHER ONE IS FINE WITH ME, WHATEVER U WANT TO DO MAN.

Jamie - Are you sure we have the votes? Danielle isn't even talking about voting Misty out anymore.

Shane - GUARANTEED. I SPOKE TO BOB DAWG, HE SAID HE WOULD DO WHAT HE WANTS, AND MELINDA WAS WAITING TILL MERGE TO COME BACK TO US. WE HAVE 7 VOTES, AND THAT IS ENOUGH, EVEN WITH JUDDS 2 VOTES, WE HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH, TO VOTE OUT WHOEVER. RAFE SAID JUDD MAKES HIM NERVOUS SO THATS WHY I FIGURED MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO GET HIM FIRST. DANIELLE I GUARANTEE IS WILLING TO VOTE WITH US NO MATTER WHAT.

Jamie - Let me see what everyone else thinks and I'll get back to you. 😊

On their quest to take down Danielle, Judd and Jamie begin to take underhanded measures as Jamie spills the conversation he had with Shane.

Judd - I'm going to make some deals with Courtney and Misty, to get them on our side. I'm trying to make them think there's no real "old Arawak" thing.

Jamie - Well, Shane just told me that Melinda told him that she was waiting for the merge to jump back to them. (Shane and Danielle) Shane also said that Rafe said that YOU make him nervous.

Judd - Yeah, I really doubt Melinda's with anyone *but* Shane/Danielle. I still don't get what shit Rafe is smoking, but whatever, it's his loss. We made a deal with him early on, and he's gone back on that, so he'll lose out because of it.

Jamie - Okay. Apparently you're the new target now somewhat. I dol you that personal BS would be thrown out the door.

Judd - Who's telling you that?

Jamie - SHANE.

Judd - Ah, well, of course he is. Is he trying to get you on his side, or scaring you, or what? I think if he thought he had numbers, he wouldn't tell you anything at all, and try to keep you in the dark for the vote, so you don't scramble to steal his votes.

Jamie - He's trying to get me on his side.

Judd - Danielle brought up Misty and Bob Dawg's names as "undeserving." I promptly told Misty that. I would tell Bob Dawg, but I don't have a strong relationship with him, so it might be better if you approach him with that stuff, instead of me.

Jamie - Yeah, I'll be sure to tell him that. He isn't a big fan of Danielle anyway. Danielle is about to get a taste of her own medicine. She thought she was in full control.

As most players head off to sleep and the night owls: Misty, Courtney and Melinda stay up, they continue to bond. With all the chaos of the day and players deciding which alliance is the best for them, who the biggest threat is and what the future has in store for them; they use this time to reflect on the game.

Melinda - things are pretty crazy! Courtney is sure missing out! I guess I'm still kind of unsure of things... I hope Judd really has Morgan/Jamie! I think sticking to the plan of voting out Danielle is a good one, and I hope it works! I just worry that if we go to the final 7 that Judd/Gary would stick with Morgan/Jamie. But for now I don't think we should worry about it. I think we should play things by ear and if we think that's what's happening, we can maybe pull someone else in at the final 8 or 9. I hope our (new) Caq team sticks together though. It seems like Shane and Danielle are fighting pretty hard...

Misty - They are. At the same time, it's also hard to trust them after what they've been doing. Believe me, I am very aware of how sensitive our position is. We need to find a balance that

won't give too much power over to any single group of people. Judd/Gary/Morgan/Jamie is definitely something we have to keep our eye on. And apparently Danielle/Shane/Rafe is another we have to watch, so losing Danielle is not such a bad thing. We'll be down to 10 after this vote. And the pressure is never going to let up.

Melinda - Yep I definitely agree. That's interesting that Rafe/Danielle/Shane are together... how'd you find that out? We'll hopefully have more to go on as time goes on, and as groups start to crumble, we could potentially find help from loners if we think one of us is threatened. I'm so glad we're working together 😊

Misty - I know. I'm glad we're working together on this too. 😊 I'm actually not sure how true the thing about Rafe is. Jamie said he had the feeling Rafe might have had something with Danielle and Shane but I don't think we can make any assumptions about that yet. It's just a guess for now. Anything that you've heard that might shed some light on things?

Melinda - Nope, nobody tells me anything about who they're with, but I guess I'm not being very aggressive in questioning people. I've gotten most of my info from what Judd and you have told me. I sure hope Courtney is around tomorrow, I'm starting to worry about her!

Misty - Yeah. I can only assume something must have come up. 😊 What about Danielle and Shane? Did you get anything from them when you talked with them? I talked to them a bit about what's happened on both sides but obviously they were trying other things with others.

Melinda - Ok, I was just looking through some of my messages from earlier tonight, and I guess Danielle did say some things that I just didn't even really think about I guess when I first read them... She also mentioned that Jamie told her to "beware of Judd" Let me look through my messages from Shane from earlier again....

Misty - Interesting... So Jamie might not be so close to Judd after all. Funny that Jamie left himself out of the picture when talking about Rafe, Danielle and Shane. I wonder what specifically the warning was about

Melinda - I'm going to ask her why she thinks Jamie said that. I didn't think about it earlier... probably because I didn't know about Jamie/Morgan working with Judd... who knows what to believe though! Shane basically told me that things were pretty civil at Arawak, that they all got along pretty well...

Misty - That's what Rafe said as well. That things were civil until tribal when Aras went nuts. I think we have to be very careful with Jamie. It sounds like he's playing all different sides and telling different stories. We're definitely going to need to find out what was the deal at Arawak from Danielle or Shane. I'm not sure if they will tell me but you can check with them.

Melinda - Yeah, I'm definitely going to ask them more about things tomorrow when they're on... I guess you and me are the only night owls! I thought for sure that when we merged that it would be more than just you and me! Oh well, I enjoy your company

Misty - I know! Same here! At least we have our own private time to plot and scheme...

Melinda - CONFESSIONAL - I haven't quite figured out the dynamics of the new tribe 100%. What I've realized in the past few days is that I am actually a lot more excited about working with Misty. Especially tonight she has opened up to me a lot, and she has mentioned that she thinks we may at some point need to get rid of Judd/Gary. She realizes that we can't trust them 100%. So that makes me feel a lot better, Danielle and Shane have also talked to me about reuniting the alliance we had at the beginning of the game.

OJEDA, DAY 16

It's the day of Tribal Council and Morgan arrives early and attempts to get on Misty's good side.

Morgan - Lol, my head, was going to cave in xD I heard there your first pick to get out but between me and you. that is not flying with me 😊 I like you 😊

Misty - We're cool then. 😊 So who are the ones who brought up my name?

Morgan - Bit obvious but Shane, Rafe and Danielle.

Misty - I had a feeling about them. So Rafe is now with them? Why? 😊 Also, how do things stand with Jamie? I take it he's with you.

Morgan - Oh i love Jamie, well I have no idea Rafe tells everyone that he doesn't trust anyone, so I have no understanding where he stands, but I have been told to vote for Danielle, and considering she wants my new friend Misty out hmm no. aha. I don't like her too much soyeah, where do you stand with everyone?

Misty - I think I've gotten on quite well with everyone besides those three. I managed to talk to Jamie tonight and he seems pretty cool. Judd said Jamie and you would vote with us so I'm down with that. Will be staying up? We could talk more if you're not too tired after work.

Morgan - Oh I can be on for many hours haha. Im perfectly fine, yes lets talk some strategy, yeah so I have heard it is, me, you, Judd, Jamie, Gary and they say they have Courtney? possibly Bob Dawg? Jamie is a sweetheart 😊 (L) Ofcourse, I would never vote with Shane and Danielle considering I have had my arch rivalry with them since day 01

Misty - Courtney should be with us I think. Bobby said he wanted Danielle out so I guess he's with us. Melinda probably will go with the majority. I hope we both make it far... I like you a lot already. 😊

Courtney finally arrives and receives a welcoming gift. Misty has decided to hand her Hidden Immunity Idol over to her longtime friend, Courtney.

Courtney - CONFESSIOAL - I made the merge!!! Yay! And omg omg omg Misty gave me a HII!!! Now I have to figure out who has Bobby's...It is probably Jamie or Morgan from wat Misty told me...This merge is crazy! Misty is giving me so much good information and it seems like their are alliances and scheming all over the place! I am scared but I am staying with my strategy. I think having the idols around is going to really complicate things tho...I do not kno if it was a good thing to have them or not...

Courtney - omg omg omg!!! Thank you for the hidden immunity idol! Hey we may not be that bad off after all! Thank you so much Misty! The only problem is that we have to figure out who Bobby is giving his immunity idol to...It is probably Morgan or Jamie and they will probably tell people that you gave me the idol since it is common sense...So mayb I should just tell our alliance that I have it? Wat do you think?

Misty - Bobby can't tell anyone there's an immunity idol. The person who got it will be the only other person who knows another one exists. So it's not entirely common knowledge. Just don't talk about it and see if anyone else starts hinting about it. And you can still transfer it too so it might be of use even if you aren't the target. I agree it's probably Morgan or Jamie...

Courtney - Yea good idea! I am thinking that if Jamie or Morgan are super close to Judd and Gary that they will tell them about the idols...So mayb we can get in closer with Judd and Gary if we tell them I have the idol first so that they realize that hey Jamie/Morgan didn't tell us about the other hidden immunity idol! Then mayb we can all blindside that person so that they do not have

the idol anymore...That is risky tho becuz they may just all choose to blindside me. I will stay quiet about it for now like you said but we may want to tell them about the idol at some time to make sure they get rid of Morgan or Jamie when the numbers start dwindling...

Trying to just have fun with the game instead of all the intense strategic approach that the others are taking, Gary and Morgan take the time to have a chat.

Gary - hey girly, whats new?

Morgan - not much 😊 finished work now chillin in undies and my pink buff haha you?

Gary - same diff! ah the industry life

Morgan - lol. im so bored help me 😊 so who we voting for? danielle yes please or rafe? XD

Gary - ah Rafe, funny how that kinda bit us in the ass told ya we shoulda kept Bri lol

Shane and Danielle get to work as Jamie continues to play both sides of the fence.

Danielle - Are we sticking with the plan and voting out Misty or someone else??? What's going on tonight?

Jamie - Well, I have bad news. But I PROMISE I will vote w/ you if we can get the votes.

Danielle - What's the bad news?

Jamie - The bad news is that i have no news. I have not confirmed anything with BD or RAFE or even Morgan for that matter. I defo know that Misty will be voting for you though. I haven't gotten any confirmations from anyone which is why I am on now trying to find out what is going on. ANYTHING?

Danielle - Well, I'll try my hardest to get the votes. I really don't want to go. I don't think there's going to be a lot of sympathy for the outcasts, so hopefully Misty's plan will fall apart.

Jamie - Yeah, I don't want you to go either. There might not be sympathy for the outcasts but some people may STILL think they could use them and they would be easier to beat in the F2 or F3.

Danielle - Well, I'm going to try my hardest to get the votes. Hell, I'll even talk to Judd, if I'm leaving this week it might as well be kicking and screaming. And I got to see Margaret post!

Meanwhile, Melinda is stuck in-between two groups vying for her vote.

Shane - OK HERES THE SCOOP. I TALKED WITH OTHERS, AND THE VOTE IS GONNA BE FOR MISTY TONIGHT. WE HAVE MORE THAN THE MAJORITY, SO MEL, YOU OK FOR VOTING OUT MISTY TONIGHT WITH US? SINCE WE ARE STILL ALLIED, I THINK ITS THE BEST TO DO TO SAVE US AND GET REVENGE FOR TERRY AND CIRIE.

Melinda - Ok sounds good... who do you guys have?

Shane - THE VOTE TONIGHT IS SHANE MELINDA DANIELLE JAMIE MORGAN RAFE BD IF ANY OF THEM PM TO MAKE SURE U R VOTING OUT MISTY WITH US JUST REASSURE THEM.

Shane - DID MISTY OR THEM TRY TO RECRUIT U YET SINCE THE MERGE? EVEN THOUGH U WERE NEXT AT CAQ, ANYONE SAY ANTHING? AND U R 100% VOTING MISTY OUT WITH US NO MATTER OTHER OFFERS RIGHT? JUST MAKING SURE, CAUSE NO ONE IS SAYING ANYTHING.

Melinda - Yeah, and I've heard Dani's name as the target. Yes, I am with you guys! You're sure that you have the numbers?

Shane - YES GUARANTEED US 7 HAVE THE NUMBERS U CAN ASK ANY OF US. WHO DID U HEAR GIVING HER NAME, DONT WORRY SHANE WONT SAY A THING.

Melinda - Misty

Shane - FIGURED AS MUCH. O WELL MISTY WILL BE GONE THIS TIME ANYWAY.

As Tribal Council nears Danielle scrambles for votes and approaches Judd. Judd takes it upon himself to tell Danielle that she is going home.

Danielle - Judd, if you could help me save myself this week, I would make sure to keep you safe in the coming weeks. I know we haven't talked game really at all, and you have no reason to trust me, but I want to stay this week and I know you do too.

Judd - I'll take the compliment and return the favor, but the fact that we never got to work together until this point could hurt us, I think. I'll tell you this much: there are some people here who are trying to play everyone, I think, and they're the ones we need to be most wary of, in my opinion. I don't think many other players see things that way, but it's the truth, because all the big threats will fall while those guys scurry around currying favors. I really don't want that to happen.

Danielle - I agree, but this really sucks because neither of us can name names, for fear of being ratted on. *sighs* I just hope it's not me tonight. I want to last longer than a few people in this game who don't really deserve to be here.

Judd - Alright, I'll be honest with you, I think everyone has, at some point, brought your name up to me. What I don't know for sure is which ones are feeding me a name to make me think I know what's going on, and which ones honestly want to see you gone. We both want to try to find out where the rest of these guys stand, but neither of us wants to risk screwing our games.

Danielle - I'm guessing you have an alliance with Misty, since she helped you out, but she has to be one of the instigators of trying to get me out.

Judd - And here I was guessing *you* had an alliance with Misty...

Danielle - There's no fucking way. Since I'm probably going tonight, I might as well tell you. I'd like Misty to go tonight. I don't care who you tell, I just want her gone. But looks more like I'm toast.

Judd - What about the middle men, the Rafes of the group? Have they promised you anything? Because they're the ones that could easily go either way, in my mind. Also, what has Melinda been telling you? Because she's doing everything she can to float, and avoid taking a side in this vote, I think, until she figures things out for her best potential game move.

Danielle - The Rafes of the group have been friendly towards me, but it wouldn't surprise me at all if they flipped on me tonight. I think Melinda is with me, like I said, I'm not totally sure but I think she is. She's been friendly, but not talking strategy, just like the others.

Judd - Hmm. Well, to be honest, everyone besides Shane has told me you tonight. I don't know what that means about their truthfulness, but it's what they've said. Those same people could easily turn around at the next TC and decide it's me. So it's hard for me to make a call, here.

Danielle - Well then, I'll be at your service for the rest of the game if you can somehow save me tonight. I know it's asking a lot, but I'd really like to stay in the game.

Judd - Listen, I'm going to talk to people. I'll pull the strings I can without getting myself caught up in all of it. Maybe, just maybe, there will be some pre-TC scrambling that might position things better for you. I can only do so much without getting my ass sent packing, but I'll see what's possible. You certainly don't deserve to leave, and if you do, you're nothing more than a victim of circumstances, as much as that sucks.

Danielle approaches Rafe and finds out just how big of a player Judd is.

Danielle - I know it could be me tonight, but I really want to try to get Misty out. I guess I'm asking where you stand in all of this.

Rafe - I have no problem voting Misty. I talked to her a little last night, but there was nothing said that would make me think there's any good reason not to vote her out. Shane said that Bobby and Melinda said they'd vote Misty, and that Jamie would too. I'm going to talk to Jamie and Morgan and see if they agree to it when I ask them. Hopefully they show up a while before TC so we have time to plan stuff. I'm talking to Judd, and he hasn't said that he's voting you off, but I think he's leaning that way. I'll keep talking to him and see if I can sway him, but I think he may have a deal with Misty. Him having an extra vote could really fuck us up if he decides to go with them. We'll see, don't give up!

Danielle - Judd said everyone except Shane has brought my name up for voting out tonight. 😊

Rafe - I just got another PM from him saying how you're a threat an a great gamer or something like that and that he thinks you're just trying to get rid of the floaters so you can rally old Caq back together. That makes me pretty sure he won't be with us. I wish more people were around, I don't want to have to try to figure something out 5 minutes before TC.

After promising to help Danielle in whatever way he could, Judd tells Courtney that Danielle is targeting her and must go tonight.

Judd - Well, everyone's except Danielle and Shane have said Danielle's a goner. Danielle's been targeting the Outcasts and the players she says don't "deserve" to be here, like you and Melinda. Which is complete bullshit, because she doesn't deserve it any more than you do, for sure. Anyway, I think she's a goner tonight, so we should be good to go. I'll throw my extra vote out there if need be, just so that there'll be no worries.

Courtney - Ok that sounds good to me! I am going to go ahead and vote for her. Rafe is asking me who I have heard for the vote so I will just go ahead and tell him Danielle...That is ok right?

Judd - Sure, go ahead. I think Rafe will just swing to the majority anyway. Little do they know, CMJG is running things. Mwahaha!

Melinda is still stuck in the middle not sure if she should go with her original alliance from Caquetios or her new alliance with Misty/Courtney.

Melinda - I hate going to tribal.

Morgan - Oh me too, so I guess we can sit next to each other and hold each others hands 😊

Melinda - Sounds good to me 😊 Us blondes have to stick together

Morgan - haha agreed. So your voting [___insert name here___]

Melinda - Well I've heard from most people that they're voting for Danielle... I don't really know, I HATE having to vote people out 😞 I've heard Misty and Danielle as targets, but for all I know it could be me! What are you thinking?

Morgan - I am voting for Danielle, like everyone else is. haha. Don't worry you are safe for sure 😊 I haven't heard your name once, all I have heard is Danielle, Misty and Courtney like once haha.

Courtney - Well hopefully everything goes off without a hitch tonight...I am so tired of Danielle's fakeness. she used to act like she was so out of it and no one talked to her and then Terry admits that she was the leader of the whole alliance. Ugh

Judd - Yeah, she's pretty good at putting up a front like that. She definitely knows what she's doing; eliminating her tonight takes a major threat out of the game.

Courtney - I hope she has not pulled off something crazy that is all. I would hate to have her win the game or something...

Judd - I really doubt Danielle will pull something crazy. It would just be so difficult for her to do.

Ever the sympathetic player, Gary reaches out to Danielle and offers her a lifeline.

Gary - You're a helluva player and I'd like to continue to have you here. If you're to stay we'd have to vote out someone who doesn't deserve to be here. Now, who would that be?

Danielle - Um, you might be hinting towards Melinda, Bob Dawg, Courtney or Rafe. I seriously can't tell which.

Gary - well, you are in fact Right About Finding Expendible options

Danielle - Got it. Should I tell Shane?

Gary - If you like, this is your option Danielle

Danielle - Thanks Gary. If this actually goes through and I stay, I'm going to owe you BIG time.

Gary - if anything changes, I'll let you know

Danielle - Thanks Gary. 😊

Gary - what can I say? I kinda like ya

Danielle - Thank you. I have to say right now that I kinda like you too. 😊 I had already mentally packed my bags.

Gary - nothing is ever carved in stone my dear

Danielle - I know, I know, but to me it sure seemed like I was doomed. I was just kind of upset that I would be leaving before some of the people who just hid under a rock the entire game and didn't have to do anything.

When Danielle gets back to Shane with the new information from Gary, there is a slight hiccup in the plan.

Danielle - I'm voting Rafe tonight. It's my only chance at staying, as Gary is trying to get him out (don't tell him I told you).

Shane - DANIELLE, EVERYONE ELSE TOLD ME THEY ARE VOTING MISTY THATS IN OUR ALLIANCE. RAPE JUST PRE VOTED MISTY.

Danielle - But how do we know they're telling the truth? I guess if you're sure, I'll vote Misty, but I'm really not sure. Did you talk to them about it?

Shane - DANIELLE, I AM POSITIVE THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE, U HAVE TO VOTE MISTY. RAPE ALREADY PRE-VOTED HER, AND ALL THE OTHERS ARE TOO, THE 7 OF US WILL VOTE OUT MISTY TONIGHT, THERE IS NO CHANCE RAPE WIL LEAVE INSTEAD OF U. PLEASE, MISTY IS OUR ONLY CHANCE.

Danielle - Ok, I'll vote Misty, but I'm hoping Gary won't catch on and he'll end up voting Rafe anyways. I hope our alliance is loyal because I'm really nervous.

Shane - DANIELLE U R MY BEST FRIEND OUT HERE. I WORKED ALL DAY TO GET MISTY OUT, AND I THINK IT WILL HAPPEN. JUST TRUST ME.

Danielle - Damn, Shane. I owe you one like big time. If your name ever comes up in the coming weeks I'll make sure you don't leave. The weird thing is, when I'm SURE something will happen, it doesn't. When I'm unsure, it does.

Shane - WELL SINCE U R UNSURE IT MEANS IT WILL HAPPEN THEN. DONT WORRY I DID ALOT OF WORK, HOURS WORTH, AND I THINK IT WORKED OUT, I WONT LET U LEAVE, WE HAVE COME TOO FAR.

Shane - CONFESSONAL - SHANE IS GOING TO TURN THIS GAME AROUND AND GET MISTY VOTED OUT TONIGHT, EVEN IF IT KILLS ME TO DO IT! SHE SCREWED THE ENTIRE GAME UP ON ME

AND DANIELLE, AND I PLAN TO GET MY REVENGE ON HER FOR IT. THIS IS FOR CIRIE, THIS IS FOR TERRY. I VOTED OUT MISTY ONCE, AND I PLAN TO DO IT AGAIN.

Meanwhile, Courtney reaches out to Gary and he makes a play for ousting Rafe.

Courtney - Hi Gary! My day has been ok. How about yours? I have just been talking with people here and trying to see what is going on with the vote. Judd is confident that Danielle is going. I really hope so! Rafe is saying it is between Misty or her...Shane is saying he will not vote for Danielle...

Gary - Misty, is not going home. Rafe will go home before her

Courtney - Yea I hope so! I am starting to hear this Rafe thing now. Where is this coming from? Something like him being with Shane and Danielle.

Before Gary can respond, conversations have ceased as Tribal Council is set to begin. Will Danielle's plea be enough to save her? Did Gary's tip help her cause? Is Judd's arrogance warranted? Will Misty and Courtney finally be justified? All these questions and more will be answered as the first Ojeda Tribal Council begins.

TRIBAL COUNCIL, NIGHT 16

Jeff Probst - Welcome one and all to the first Tribal Council for Ojeda.

Judd - Judd is so excited!

Jeff Probst - First things first, I'd like to welcome Bob Dawg and Misty back into the game and announce that they can now vote and be voted off. Also, Shane... You'd you be willing to give up immunity tonight?

Shane - NOT TONIGHT JEFFY POO

Morgan - *morgan slots torch in place* and sits next to Melinda.

Jeff Probst - Alright, we only got an hour so let's get to it. Last 2 councils on both tribes were rather shocking. Shane, how did that council change the game for you?

Shane - MADE SHANE REALIZE HOW MUCH OF A LITTE PUNK ASS ARAS WAS, AND MADE ME REALIZE NOT EVERYONE IS LIKE THEY SEEM.

Morgan - You only voted for him in the end when you found out nobody else was going to vote for me, you were quick to jump ships with majority.

Shane - HEY I THOUGHT WE HAD THIS DISCUSSION, THAT I THOUGHT IT WAS MY ONLY WAY TO SURVIE, BUT WHEN I FOUND IT WASNT I VOTED HIM OFF

Jeff Probst - Melinda, are the outcasts viewed as easy targets or opportunities?

Bob Dawg - what are you implying?

Melinda - I think that depends who you ask, Jeff... Fact of the matter is they are here, and whether they go early or make it to the end... that's up to how everyone decides to play this game.

Jeff Probst - Rafe, you seem to joke around a lot, do you use humor to deflect targets off of you?

Judd - Yes, Rafe, why can't you ever be serious at Tribal Council, hmm?!?!?!?

Rafe - Not really. I'm just a humorous kind of guy. When it comes down to it, it's only a game, and not worth getting too stressed or losing sleep over. Not for me, anyways.

Jeff Probst - Danielle, is it fair that the outcasts got a free pass to the merger?

Danielle - I don't think you can really say what's fair and not fair in Survivor. The fact is they're here and they're playing. I think getting a free ride to the merger has both its advantages and disadvantages.

Jeff Probst - Morgan, how has living with Shane, your sworn enemy, been?

Morgan - Fine I guess, I mean at first he was a little creepy, I mean he still is, but things have changed he has a different personality, something I didn't expect to see in someone like Shane.

Jeff Probst - Would everyone drop the bullshit... I'm not buying these PC answers. Bob Dawg, which of these players do you think has the weakest will power?

Bob Dawg - Judd, hes constantly dropping his Jersey exterior and asking for gay sex

Misty - I'm not buying it either, Jeff. Despite all this joking around, we're all still here for serious business.

Melinda - You're right, Misty... A Fake Check for ONE MILLION DOLLARS!! 😊

Jeff Probst - So what you're saying Melinda, is that you'd be okay with going home tonight?

Melinda - No, I'm just joking. Quit trying to put words in my mouth, Probst!

Morgan - Maybe if you asked us deep down rooted questions I am sure we would hag on one another.

Jeff Probst - ok Morgan, do you feel a deeper loyalty to the original Arawak or the new Arawak?

Morgan - You know it's hard to say I trust all orgi Arawak ofcourse, I have been with them since day 01, but there is a certain someone, who is making me concerned, but yet trust is a big word, I'd like to say I have friendships with MOST of the tribe bar the few who haven't made effort, but I love the new Caqs who I haven't met before and meeting Misty. It's been great.

Rafe - He just wants us to be all psycho so he can have another naptime like he did last TC.

Jeff Probst - Is this a joke to you Rafe? Someone's going tonight... Maybe you're so confident that it's not to be taken seriously?

Judd - Why have I not been hit with this bullet yet? By the way, in case I am, a game's a game. If you don't keep a light-hearted attitude, it gets pretty nasty. I'd rather everyone have a good time, and enjoy the game for what it is.

Rafe - Not really. I'm just a humorous kind of guy. When it comes down to it, it's only a game, and not worth getting too stressed or losing sleep over. Not for me, anyways.

Jeff Probst - Well I am just saying... this is a serious thing, one of you is leaving the game and the experience is over, and you're treating this like it's friday night at the Apollo and it's rather disrespectful to the person going home.

Judd - Well, I mean, there's nobody here I think we actually dislike, Jeff. We all seem to get along really well, and we all know that at the end of the day, we'll be okay with how things went down and we'll be able to say we had fun playing the game. If there was real dissension here or people that really couldn't stand each other, things would be a different story, but without that tension, we're just going to be playing with each other and getting along.

Bob Dawg - this isn't like Bolivia, we're cool with eachother

Morgan - Bolivia, good season 😊

Bob Dawg - ravurules(joel) was the only one who knew how to play

Judd - And even then, the guy was borderline obnoxious with his strategy at times.

Rafe - Borderline?

Bob Dawg - he was the Richard Hatch. Bolivia=Borneo Aruba=PearlIslands We're serious fucking players Jeff, I assure you

Jeff Probst - Shane, do you think that Judd, Melinda, Rafe, and other's light hearted conversations reflect their security in this game?

Shane - OF COURSE, THEY ARE SECURE, THEY KNOW WHO IS LEAVING, AND ARE HAPPY. AND PERSONALITY IT PISSES SHANE OFF HOW COCKY AND NON CARING SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO BE HERE IS VOTED OUT IN A FEW MINUTES.

Judd - Oh, come now, Shane. I think the only time anyone in this game displayed cockiness was back at the shuffle, when a certain tribe had the upper hand. Since then, we've integrated pretty well, and I think we all know that anything could happen, and a light-hearted attitude is a good way to deal with that intensity of the game.

Melinda - Jeff, I think if you get too stressed out in this game, it actually works against you. Having a light-hearted, fun attitude is just a lot more attractive. I could easily be going home tonight, but I don't think giving you deep, extremely intellectual answers to questions that are designed to get me to take hard stances on issues is going to change that. So why not enjoy the experience as much as possible?

Shane - TO BE HONEST, I THINK U CAN BE LIGHT HEARTED FOR 23 HOURS ON THIS FORUM, BUT WHEN THE HOST ASKS U FOR 1 HOUR OUT OF 24 IN A DAY TO BE SERIOUS, I TRY TO REPESECT HIS WISH.

Jeff Probst - Danielle, if it's you tonight...

Danielle - Then I guess I'd be glad that I got this far in the game, but I'd be a little disappointed. I've really been trying to play this game to my best ability, so it would be kind of sucky to go out now.

Jeff Probst - Do you feel vulnerable?

Danielle - Yes, I do Jeff.

Jeff Probst - Danielle, does it feel uneasy having this Tribal Council being made into a joke, when it could be you going home?

Gary - people should be a little more careful about how they carry themselves always!

Danielle - Not especially. Everyone here is a really awesome person, and if it's me tonight then I'd rather go out in a fun TC than a dead serious hard hitting one.

Jeff Probst - I'll read the votes:

<http://strandedgaming.com/episodes/aruba/tc8.html>

[SPOILER ALERT] View the next page to see the player who was voted off give their final words.

Danielle - FINAL WORDS - I guess I could say I got screwed by a twist, or by the forum, but the truth is that Ojeda outplayed me. I wasn't able to read anybody and, in the end, that came back to hurt me. I wish everyone the best of luck, but especially Shane, he deserves this. I had an amazingly fun time playing and I can't wait to see what happens.