

## Episode 1901 – Just Keep Swimming

After 18 seasons, Stranded is heading to Venezuela with 18 of the most diverse and eager players to date. Ranging from a doctorate of Theology seeking their masters to a young gay college student in rural Michigan who hates religious people. From a Canadian who's first language is not English to a poker who has earned a full time salary from playing online poker. What will happen when these different personalities collide? How will a cast full of virtually new players to the online gaming world react in a new environment? We're about to find out when 18 new players become...

# Stranded in Venezuela

Upon arriving at the beach, the tribes learn that they will have Tribal Council later tonight to determine their tribe leaders, or Tribe Caciques. They are told that the Caciques will play an important role in the tribe and make important decisions.

## Mariche, Day 01

*The Mariche tribe, which will always wear red, consists of:*

**Gabriel** - I will be social, smart, and do whatever it takes to get people to like me. If it means to be really gossipy to one person but really nice to another, I'll do it.

**General** - Of course you're always going into a game with the intention to win. I want to win of course. I'm not arrogant, so I don't think I will win this easily. I'll do my best and I really want to make as far as possible!

**Gina** - The way to stay alive in this game, at least initially, is to play for the team. I know we've got a shrewd group on this tribe, so I'm just going to go with whatever the group really wants.

**John** - John is pretty unmemorable. I won't be. That's all you need to know.

**Patricia** - I want to be in the decision making process without actually making the decisions. The less fingers that point blame to me the better. Of course, I do want SOME enemies because it's never a bad thing, so I may taunt the other tribe somewhat. Single a few people out if I can, maybe even get my hands a little dirty with some tribe mates early on, but that's all theoretical. I've just got to take this round by round and play with these other players at their speed.

**Peter** - There is a very thin, fine line between arrogance and confidence, and that's exactly where I am right now. I really think I have the social skills and Survivor know-how to win this game. But, I know if I go in too cocky, and thinking I'm the best, I will get burnt.

**Sarah** - I'll try to play a decent social game. I want them to notice me but I don't want to be a social threat and I certainly don't want to talk myself into a hole and bring out "Evil Sarah." That's not how I want to present myself during this game. I want to play a great game.

**Sean** - I'm very confident that I can win. I just need to get my footing this round.

**Vecepia** - My strategy is to stay under the radar during the premerge while getting into a good alliance. Then I will try and survive during the merge by not making enemies while taking out threats.

*Sarah and Vecepia are the first to greet each other and they waste no time discussing the one thing that's on everyone's mind: Cacique.*

**Sarah** - Hi Vecepia! I just wanted to say hi before the first event. This is so exciting for me so I hope to hear back soon. Good luck!

**Vecepia** - I'm also excited for the first event.

**Sarah** - Yeah, I'm excited to elect a leader. Who are you thinking for that vote?

**Vecepia** - I don't know. It's too early to tell. What are your thoughts on possible candidates?

**Sarah** - Yeah, it's pretty early but of course we only have an hour and a half to decide. It's so hard to figure this out that fast.

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**CONFESSIOAL – Sarah** - OH MY GOD VECEPIA... I just can't deal with this girl right now. I sent her a nice, friendly message to reach out to her and maybe get a conversation going and she responds with the dullest response I have ever gotten. Ever. EVER. "I am also excited for the first event." WHAT?!?! That's all you have to say? You can't even feign interest in me or excitement for the game? I certainly didn't feel any excitement from your message. That's so dull and boring.

**Vecepia** - What's up. What are your thoughts on the leader vote?

**Gabriel** - Hey Vee! I don't know yet. Any standouts?

**Vecepia** - Sarah seems to be very outgoing.

**Gabriel** - So as of now you would say her? She doesn't seem too bad. Have you asked her if she wants to be? I don't want to vote for someone that doesn't wanna be the leader you know?

*Just as the tribe was getting to know one another and figure out who might be a good candidate for leadership... Jeff makes an announcement to the tribe and it throws a major cog in their plans.*

**Jeff Probst** - ...Just one more thing about tonight's vote: the Cacique (leader) gets Immunity until the merge for as long as they want it.

**CONFESSIOAL – Gabriel** - IMMUNITY UNTIL THE MERGE? Oh my god. Ultimate temptation. AAAH!

**CONFESSIOAL – Sean** - I was definitely interested, I mean how could you not be. But I feel as though it is a double edge sword so I wanted to have someone close that I thought I might trust down the line to have it. Plus it is going to put me in a power position from day 1, and that means target come merge. I'm more of a puppet master pulling the strings behind the defense of my warriors. They can take the hits in battle, but I don't want to start really being noticed as a threat until the merge.

**Gabriel** - Hey there Sean. How are ya?

**Sean** - hey man, I'm pretty good. I was just about to message you haha, had it all typed out, but you got to me first. How are you doing?

**Gabriel** - Oh, my bad! I'm doing really well. Did you see what Probst just sent us?

My jaw dropped

**Sean** - haha its all good. Yea! Big twist, should make things very interesting.

**Gabriel** - It already is! Dude I have no idea what to do right now. Sarah said she would love to have it but so would everyone! BIG DECISION MAN!

**Vecepia** - Hi Sean. Was just about to do the same. What are your thoughts on the upcoming leader vote?

**Sean** - I'm down for voting with whoever feels the most confident in taking on the position, but if no one wants it I'd also be happy to take it on. Still trying to get my bearings on the new blog site though. What are your thoughts?

**Vecepia** - From my first impression of her.... Sarah seems like she could be a good leader. She's outgoing, friendly.

**Sean** - I think she seems pretty strong as well. I'd be down for Sarah. That twist from Jeff makes things a little bit interesting

**General** - So what are you guys thinking about tonight's vote?

**Sarah** - Well, I personally have no qualms about being leader so if you think I'd be a good leader feel free to vote for me. I'll be an active participant in challenges and the tribe boards most of the time so I definitely think I could bring good qualities to that role.

**Vecepia** - I'm all for Sarah being leader.

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**General** - I dont know what the leader really need to bring to this tribe! Its a tough call already

**Sean** - I'd also be for Sarah being leader.

**Gabriel** - If Sarah wants it, i'll vote her! It doesn't matter to me. :)

**Sarah** - I'm indifferent about the whole thing so if someone really wants it and comes forward, that's fantastic. I wanted to put myself out there so maybe we can at least figure out who wants it.

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**Gabriel** - Peter really wanted to make sure we knew he was in!

**Peter** - Well I have no idea why that posted like 7 times.. Sorry everyone. Is that three interested then?

**Sarah** - I mean I'd be okay with being the leader but the whole possibility of negative consequences makes me nervous. If people want me to be the leader, vote for me. If you'd rather Peter or anyone else be the leader, vote for them.

**Peter** - So when is our first challenge?

**Gabriel** - Sunday! It's in the tribal council thread.

**Peter** - Ok thanks Gabe!

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**Sarah** - The host's new PM will shake things up for this for sure.

**Sean** - Oh yea for sure. Should be interesting. Thats a long time to have immunity.

**Sarah** - Right. It'd be nice to have. Maybe i'll put myself out there for it.

**Sean** - I think that you'd be a great leader. You have my support.

**Sarah** - Awww thanks! That's really sweet of you. I'm sure there's a twist behind it but I mean, it can't be that bad, right?

**Sean** - It sure sounds too good to be true. But, hey if immunity is the good then you dont have much to worry about with the bad, at least until the merge.

**General** - I guess i'll see what other people thinks and i'll vote for the person that seems to want it the most

**Sarah** - I'm kind of indifferent about the whole thing. It's sort of scary to think there might be a negative twist to coincide with it but if no one else comes forward I won't be against it.

**General** - Vee already threw you to that role anyway! Haha So I think you might get it xd

**Sarah** - I mean it'd be nice but someone will probably come for it. It'd be nice but I doubt i'll get it.

**General** - Well I can vote for you if you want! Anyway you,re the nicest I talked to so far!

**Sarah** - Awe thanks! That's really sweet. I'm hoping there isn't some negative twist paired with it. I've been excited for this for a week so it'd be kind of upsetti

**General** - It proably have something bad. Who would give a free immunity? Maybe you're losing the right to vote at Tribal or something... Or switching tribe. I dont know....

**Sarah** - I'm all for any sort of twist as long as I'm not screwed over and given no chance in the same.

**CONFESSIOAL – Sarah** - *General is saying the leader might receive some sort of punishment or some negative twist but I mean twists aren't designed to screw players over so how bad can it really be? I'll put myself out there for it but I mean I don't really expect to win it. It'd be nice, sure.*

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*While the tribe seems to be settling on Sarah as the leader, more tribe members arrive and throw their hats into the ring.*

**CONFESSIOAL – John** - My strategy just know is to make it appear like I want Tribe Leader but make sure someone else gets it. That way people know I'm here to play but the burden of leadership ain't on me! Also it might raise my sympathy meter a little bit, which never hurts. In terms of long term approach I really dont know, I'm just gonna roll with the punches and see what happens!

**Sean** - Hi John, Just wanted to say hello since we are on the same tribe :)

**John** - Hey man, how's it going, I'm kinda late to the party tonight but it wont happen again. Yeah good to be working with you bro, hopefully we'll be able to go out there and kick some ass!

**Sean** - sounds good man. Had a chance to read anything yet?

**John** - Yeah just got caught up on everything just now. I put myself forward for the tribe leader position, go big or go home in my opinion lol and I do really want the position and I think I will do it well. So yeah please think about throwing me a vote.

**Sarah** - Haven't heard anything from you so I wanted to say hi before Tribal. What are you thinking for the vote?

**John** - Hey Sarah, just wanted to touch base with you and tell you good luck in the game. Im looking forward to competing with you in the game. As for the tribe leader thing, i've put myself forward and do want the position but I know I cant vote for myself, so if I cant get it I want you to so my vote is going to you.

**Sean** - what are you thinking now that more then one people want it?

**General** - I'm still behind Sarah. First come first serve!

**Sean** - Thats what I'm thinking too. John seemed a little too eager to me :/

**General** - True he is!

## Mariche Cacique Council, Night 01

**Holly Hoffman - HOST** - Welcome Mariche, to your first Tribal Council! But don't worry, no one is leaving us tonight.

As you are aware there is a very big decision to be made, the election of your tribes leader, or Cacique as they will be known. The Caciques will be making some very important decisions for your tribe so choose wisely.

This is going to be a very casual affair, if the tribe is unanimous we can bypass the vote all together and announce the Cacique. If not, we will head for a vote which will be due by 10.30pm Eastern (9.30pm Central).

So to get things started, is the tribe unanimous for tonight? Who has expressed interest in the position?

**Sean** - Have we reached a decision guys? I know we had a few people that we were still discussing.

**Sarah** - There's been interest announced by John, Peter, and I.

**Vecepia** - Yup. It's currently between John, Sarah and Peter.

**General** - So I guess we just vote in our confessional between those 3?

**Gabriel** - i'll announce it to the tribe. My vote tonight is going to Sarah unless she changes her mind.

**John** - Yeah I want the position. However after having spoken to people I think it would be best for me to withdraw my name, in the interests of tribe unity i'll take my name out and back Sarah (sorry Peter, she was here first lol ;p)

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**Sean** - Should we just go to a vote? Or do we want to discuss it more?

**Sarah** - No, I don't think I'll be changing my mind. I'd like the position to be totally honest.

**Gabriel** - I went ahead and voted already. We have time to change it if we need to, right?

**Sarah** - Wait, what do you mean John? What brought on this retraction?

**John** - Basically I know I'm gonna lose lol, but I think its just better that we all agree just now that you (Sarah) be the tribe leader, saves us having to vote haha.

**Vecepia** - My vote will also be going to Sarah.

**Peter** - Yup, looks like this will be a unanimous vote, Sarah it is!

**Sean** - i'll be voting for Sarah as well. :)

**General** - yeah i guess it will be unanimous!

**Holly Hoffman – HOST** - sso we've had John retract his interest here tonight. Peter, are you retracting as well? Sarah, do you feel ready to take on this role?

**Sarah** - I think I'm ready aside from the nerves that there could be a twist to it we're not being made aware of. I definitely hope I won't let my tribe down.

**Peter** - Yes I am, I would have been willing to take the position, but I think Sarah will do just as well as I would have. Hopefully this tribe will be unified regardless! Mariche strong.

**Holly Hoffman** - Well then I believe we have come to a decision without the need to take to votes.

Congratulations Sarah, you are the Cacique for the Mariche tribe.

**General** - Congrats Sarah :)

**John** - Congratulation Sarah!

**Sarah** - Yay! Thanks for this, guys! :)

**Sean** - Congrats Sarah! You'll do great!

**Gabriel** - You're the bomb, Sarah!

**Jeff Probst** - Sarah, i'll explain more of your duties as team leader in due time.

Everyone else, please meet me back here Sunday night at 8c/9e for your first Immunity Challenge!

*Just as the tribe has made a unanimous and unified decision and Sarah is getting comfortable with her role as leader, the previous notion of a catch is about to come into play.*

**Jeff Probst** - Congratulations Sarah!

You have earned Immunity until the merge by being proclaimed the Leader of your tribe.... As long as you wish to remain Cacique.

This is very important, you are not allowed to divulge what I'm about to tell you next. If you do, you will be immediately disqualified from the game.

In Stranded as in life, nothing comes cheap. You have gained the respect of your tribemates by becoming the tribe Leader, Cacique... And in return for Immunity, you're about to lose all respect that you have gained.

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**Sarah** - Oh my god. I'll try my hardest to keep the bridges burned to an absolute minimum.

**Sarah – CONFSSIONAL** - Alright, day one and I'm the leader of the tribe. By being the leader, I need to complete a task every round which will put me in a predicament at the merge. These tasks are supposedly designed to pit me against my tribe and I won't lie, it's definitely a frightening task. I'm not sure how well I'll be able to keep it a secret and how well I can complete the tasks without making my tribe hate me. I'm not a quitter, I don't want to be the person who quit the second a bump came along the road. I want to be the chameleon, I want to adapt to this little hitch and take it in stride. These tasks won't define my game, I won't let them.

## Tamanaco, Day 01

*The Tamanaco tribe will always wear yellow and consists of:*

**Big Tom** - As long as I can learn the format quickly, and my tribe pulls itself together, I'm fairly confident I can win.

**Clarence** - My confidence level going into the game was quite high, but now, I'm not too sure. Everyone seems to have hit it off faster than I would've expected.

**Diane** - My strategy is to play nobly. I want to make friends and play the game with them. I am here to win of course, but I find that playing the game can be just as fun. And I want to play this game with people I like, not people who are annoying.

**Frank** - These people are in for a challenge to beat me. At the moment it's just the matter of beating the other tribe.

**Kim J** - My tribe, as a whole, all seem very smart and capable. I'm a little worried if being the leader will put a target on my back. Hopefully not. My goal is to be the ultimate ally, and making my name come out in the open by offering to be leader can hopefully give me that edge, and make people approach me for an alliance.

**Kim P** - My strategy is to observe my surroundings and play based on the people around me. I think Kim P is a pretty good representation. She is all about having fun, but also keen on the game.

**Lex** - I want to be likeable but not too likeable, good at challenges but not great at challenges (maybe sandbag) and useful but not too useful that I'm dangerous. In my opinion a lot of the winners are the players who are not the major threats but are often flying right under the radar of the major threats.

**Linda** - Strategy? Take it as it comes, find my place, and run with it.

**Lindsey** - I'm not confident that I can win this at all. Would it be amazing? Yeah, of course it would. I'll play hard for sure but I think the rest of my tribe has more killer instinct than I do.

*The tribe's getting to know each other when Kim J steps up as leader, no one else challenges it. In fact, one tribe member in particular jumps on the opportunity to start the first alliance of Stranded in Venezuela.*

**Frank** - It's always safe to have one person that has your back since Day 1, isn't it? You just kind of have to go with your gut, and I liked how you were the only one that had the courage to step up to the leader position while everyone else diverted the attention towards you, hehe. So, what do you say about a little alliance start-up? I really hate when people just pile on the leader as an easy scape-goat vote early. Love, Frank.

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**Kim J** - Let's do it! I agree, it's great to have an early game team to discuss with. Thanks for the approach. I hope me being leader doesn't change any opinions. We're equals in our alliance. Thoughts so far?

**Frank** - I also approached Kim P after I approached you. She's down for a 3 person core alliance.

**Linda** - You look adorable! It's wonderful to meet you :D

**Lindsey** - Nice to meet you as well, Mother Africa! :) What brings you on Survivor?

**Linda** - I've always loved the show, figured I should try out one of these things for once and then Jeff sent me a message and I'm like "sure, why not?" I'm hoping it's lots of fun :) Yourself?

**Lindsey** - I've always enjoyed this type of thing, but when Jeff approached me, I knew it would be perfect for me due to the anonymous nature of the game. It intrigues me. What do you think of the other people on our tribe so far? Diane seems like a talkative one haha.

**Linda** - The anonymous is definitely a nice touch. It means no one gets an advantage based on who they know. I think it will show us who the true best is. Diane seems very talkative. Tom seems nice. No one else has replied to my messages yet, but they all seem cool on the board. Mama Kim is a badass 😊

**Lindsey** - Agree with all your assessments really. Lil Kim seems enthusiastic and nice. I like that Mama Kim stepped up to the plate to be a leader despite that the role can oftentimes be a bit of a lightning rod for criticism. It says a lot about her character. No one else has really talked to me either, but I agree that none of them seem bad at all - yet. Frank seems kind of no-nonsense though, kinda like the real Frank. I know this is really early but I already feel like we've kinda hit it off a bit, and it seems like we're the only two messaging so far, but would you be open to an alliance with me?

**Linda** - Aye, I think we got a very good group here. It seems everyone's checked I nand we should go far just with that And I'd definitely be open! You seem like a girl with a good head on your shoulders and I think we'd do well together!

**Lindsey** - I decided to gather the whole tribe around and get everyone to open up a little bit about themselves just because I want to start to see how these people think. I wanna see what their motivations are and how I can possibly cater to them. I also wanted to put it out there that I AM a good listener because I want people to think I'm one that they can approach to talk about things. I want to be people's mental dumping ground.

**Frank** - At this point it's just gut feeling, but that's how strong alliances are made in Day 1. My gut is telling me I should stick with the 2 Kims. You seem to be most involved :D So if you can get on board and we get Mama Kim on board we could have a little secret 3 person alliance going. What do you say? Love, Frank.

**Kim P** - I would love that! Seriously us and Mama Kim could control this game!

**Frank** - Ok seems like we're all on board. :D

*From there, the first alliance was born and it did not take long to form.*

**Lindsey** - Hi, I'm Lindsey, it's nice to meet you. 😊 I really think the two of us as the younger girls on this tribe should stick together, don't you? You seem like a really cool gal.

**Kim P** - I was thinking that too. Listen. Right now it is you, me, Mama Kim, and Frank. If you are talking to anyone else we could bring them in and then we could have a solid 5. Young Girls to the end! 🤔

**Lindsey** - Linda and I have been going back and forth and I'd love to bring her in. Have you spoken to Mama Kim and Frank? That sounds like a great group. That'd be a solid alliance IMO.

**Kim P** - Frank told me he wanted to be with the two Kims, and I told him I'd try to bring in two more people. Looks like we have a majority!

**Lindsey** - That seems like a great idea to me! I'm all for it. It's nice to set up a majority so early.

**Kim P** - Exactly! I can now sleep a little easier knowing we have a majority.

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*With the first alliance formed and a vote still to come, it doesn't take long for Frank to start strategizing and coming up with a plan.*

**Frank** - Guys, what do you say we throw some votes at the leader Tribal? Since they are anonymous and Kim J is clearly gonna win anyway, we could throw 2 or 3 votes to someone else to throw some suspicion. I don't know, just a fun idea, let me know what you think.

**Kim P** - I thought Kim J was already made leader?

**Frank** - There will still be a vote tho , everyone will vote her, but throwing a couple of votes at someone else outside of our alliance could instill some chaos into the others.

**Kim P** - Okay thats a good idea. So who should we vote for? Diane, Tom, or Lex?

**Kim J** - Since it was unanimous, I think there won't be a vote.

**Kim J – CONFESSIONAL** - My tribe, as a whole, all seem very smart and capable. I'm a little worried if being the leader will put a target on my back. Hopefully not. My goal is to be the ultimate ally, and making my name come out in the open by offering to be leader can hopefully give me that edge, and make people approach me for an alliance.

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**Linda** - Mama Kim pronounced her interest in the job and we all seemed to find her quite capable. It seems to be unanimous for our resident badass old lady! :D

**Big Tom** - Kim J. Seems to be the choice here

**Kim J** - It looks like I'm going to be the Cacique unanimously

**Lindsey** - It seems like we're all pretty much in agreement. Mama Kim stepped up to the plate and I know that I'd be more than happy to see her lead this tribe, and I haven't seen any naysayers yet.

**Kim P** - Kim J appears to be the consensus so yep! Mama Kim!

**Diane** - Yep, we're all pretty much agreed that Kim J should be the Cacique

**Big Tom** - Last chance anyone who wants to step up! No judgment if you do

**Mia Galeotalanza - HOST** - Kim J, if you're taking on this role, what do you expect you'll have to do to make the best decisions for your tribe?

**Kim J** - I expect that I'm going to have to make selfless, smart, and quick decisions that will help the team.

**Holly Hoffman – HOST** - Well this was easy. Congratulations Kim J. You are the Cacique for the Tamanaco tribe.

**Kim J** - Thank you Holly, and thank you Tribe ^\_^

**Diane** - Congrats Kim J!

**Lindsey** - Yay! Good united start. Congrats Mama Kim. :)

**Kim J** - Thank you :D Hopefully I make some good decisions and prove myself as a leader

**Jeff Probst** - Kim I'll explain more of your duties as team leader in due time. Everyone else, please meet me back here Sunday night at 8c/9e for your first Immunity Challenge!

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**Kim J - CONFESSIONAL-** Holy cow, what a twist. Alright, I of course except the responsibility to be the Cacique. Jeez, what a twist.

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**Gabriel** - Yay! That went so smoothly.

**Sarah** - So, I'm guessing no negative consequences yet. :P

**Gabriel** - Not yet. But you just got a free ride to the merge. :)

**Sarah** - Well, it said as long as I want it so I expect there'll be something to make me not want it. :P

**Gabriel – CONFESSIONAL** - SARAH is my absolute favorite this far. I think she's got a good head on her shoulders and a great personality. The best part of it is, I think that I'm here favorite too. Last night she told me that she'd like for us two to be in the finals together, which I took as really early but I'm completely willing to take whatever offer I can get!

*After electing their new leader, the game is ramped up as alliances start to form on Mariche.*

**Vecepia** - Obviously we'll need to stick together as a tribe to get farther in this game. But we're going to also need alliances to survive within our own tribe. You seem like a pretty logical guy to me. What are you thinking in terms of alliances?

**Sean** - Thanks V. Great idea, I'd love to work with you. I think we should build an alliance of say 6. I think we should bring in Sarah (as leader we can't get rid of her anyways) and she seems level headed. What do you think of Gabe, and the General?

**Vecepia** - You read my mind. We're gonna have to be weary of Sarah though with all the power she has being the leader and all.

**Sean** - Hey man, I was wondering if you'd be interested in working together. You seem really level headed and have a similar personality to myself. I think we'd work well together. Would you be interested?

**Gabriel** - Yeah, man! I think we would work amazingly together. You seem pretty smart and easy to get along with it. So definitely!

**Sean** - Hey Sarah, I was hoping to set up an alliance tonight and really would love to work with you. I know it's early but figure those always work out the best :) Hoping to set up 5 people who work well together, any thoughts (if you're interested that is)

**Sarah** - I'd definitely love to join this alliance! Count me in. :) Maybe you could ask Gabriel, he seems like a pretty cool guy.

**Sean** - Awesome! I was thinking him too. Maybe V as well?

**Sarah** - Yeah, Vecepia seems great.

**Sarah** - So, I really like you. I wanted to approach you and see how you feel about working together. I know Sean is trying to form something and I've asked him to include you but I definitely want to work with you either exclusively or as part of that. :) Let me know what you think.

**Gabriel** - This is amazing! I was really hoping to work with you but I was a tad nervous to initiate it. Sean asked me to work with him and now I see why. It's been really cool if us three could form a trio, but I'd definitely keep you in the top spot. So it's sort of exclusive, but we'll still be with Sean. This is great news.

**Sarah** - That's fantastic because I really like you!

**Gabriel** - It's mutual! This is a good night!

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*Just as the members of the tribe are settling in and making plans for the future, the two latecomers stir things up with their arrival.*

**Patricia** - The Tardy Two. That's us :P but hopefully they'll get past that. It's a pleasure to meet you Gina! I'm looking forward to many a good chat with you :)

**Gina** - Well if that isn't a great alliance name I don't know what is. Awfully excited for this game to start! What do you think about this leader format? I'm honestly kinda nervous, since they get immunity until the merge. That seems like an awful lot of power.

**Patricia** - Oh thank jeebus you want to talk game straight up :P It's so nerve wracking bringing up things like that early on :P especially when you're late. Not that there's anything wrong with chit-chat :) This game ought to be really good, especially with this Cacique twist. It IS a lot of power but come the merge there's no bigger target. Sarah seems well liked so I suppose everyone will just cozy up to her and she'll pick and choose who she wants to work with though. But as long as we're friendly, amiable, and don't suck in challenge I hope we don't have anything to worry about.

**Gina** - Hah, I'm down to be your sanity rock if you'll be mine. I haven't really talked game with anyone else; like you, it's just been 'rah rah our tribe is great' sort of stuff. I completely agree, but I think the tone will shift when we lose a challenge. That's when we'll really get to know people. And yeah, Sarah's vote will be a powerful one. It doesn't actually really mean too much more, but I think the perception of her as a power player will send a lot of people gravitating towards her. Whether or not it's true is up for debate- but perception is reality.

**Gina – CONFESSIONAL** - Patricia's the only one that's really opened up to me. I have no choice at this point but to trust her. I mean, I'll still vote her out if I have to. But I'll feel a little bad. I'm also wary about the three that volunteered to be leaders. Who was it, Sarah, John and Peter? Those are all people to watch out for. Obviously Sarah is immune until the merge, but I'll be keeping my eye on John and Peter.

## Tamanaco, Night 01

*Diane and Big Tom are quickly becoming friends and are trying to expand upon that.*

**Big Tom** - i havent barley talked to anyone yet, just a few people making small talk, how about you?

**Diane** - Lol, same. Still trying to formulate a strategy. I think right now I'm more into getting to know everyone.

**Big Tom** - That seems pretty important, especially how early it is in the game, i wouldnt mind us sticking together though, a pair can be very powerful you know

**Diane** - Lol that's funny, I was going to ask you the same thing. I figured as the elders of this tribe, if you, me, and MamaKim stick together we can have a solid final three alliance!

**Big Tom** - That is true! have you talked to mamakim yet? i havent gotten around to it

**Diane** - Yep! I'm messaging her right now, already mentioned us as a final 3 to her. She seems really nice, so hopefully she'll be up for it!

**Diane** - Hey! How's it going Kim J! Congrats on being the Cacique! I sent you a PM a few minutes ago but I don't think it got sent, so hopefully this one goes through lol  
So how do you feel about being the Cacique right now?

**Kim J** - No worries! To be completely honest, I didn't plan on being leader for this tribe. I walked into this game with a completely different strategy in mind. Although, it seems to be a very welcomed position, so I can't exactly complain xD

**Diane** - So what was your strategy that you had in mind if you don't mind my asking? I'll be honest with you, as the two older females of the tribe I think we would make a good team. I'm excited to get to know everyone early on, but I think it's good to establish at least one alliance as early as possible. I didn't step

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up to be the tribe leader because I don't feel I'm a good leader, but I know that I can be an extremely helpful number 2! I bet you're glad you stepped up now since you have immunity until merge lol.

**Kim J** - Lmao xD. I wen't out drinking and eating with the family so it may be the booze talking, but I honestly didn't have any plans to being the tribe leader. I just flapped my big mouth and here I am. I deffinatly have a day-by-day strategy working for me, so a duo alliance sounds great!

**Diane** - I think that would be an excellent option for both of us! I'm talking to Big Tom about it since we're the 3 elders. I think if we trust each other and stick together we can have a solid final 3 alliance. What do you think?

**Kim J** - I'm digging that for sure. And sounds good, Big Tom definitely sounded like he knew what he was talking about.

**Diane – CONFESSIONAL** - I'm feeling pretty confidant right now. The first thing I wanted to do was to lobby for a good strong alliance. Mama Kim was my first go to, and luckily she ended up being our Cacique, so that definitely helps! :)The two of us have already signed on for a final 2 alliance and taking each other to the end, so hopefully that will pay off. I trust her completely and don't believe she'll play me. And I also think that she's a smart player who I can work with. I have no intention of stabbing her in the back or using her to my advantage, and I trust that she feels the same. I think I'm going to be her go-to for advice if she runs into trouble and I'm all for lending a hand.

*After the Cacique vote, there are plenty of congratulations thrown Kim's way, but it's one in particular that begins the shape the future of Tamanco.*

**Kim J** - Frank and the Kim's XD sounds fine with me. She deffinatly was intelligent while talking in the discussion. We'll be a strong group.

**Frank** - She brought in Linda and Lindsey so we can have 5 strong. Tribe of 9 so we're good until merge. Let's just get there with numbers. Kim P assures me that its the 3 of us who are core, and I do believe her. You're my number one alliance though, you seem like a smart player.

**Kim J** - Thanks! To be honest, I feel most connected to you as well. I'm not exactly sure if bringing people in left and right without discussing it is a bright idea, so hopefully Kim P has the group in mind when bringing in Linda and Lindsay. If were at five, then theres no real worries untill merge. So long as everyone keeps there word. I don't see a reason why any of them would lie this early. Could I still talk to others to see where everyone's heads are at?

**Frank** - Definitely try to get the others talking. The more we know the better. Kim P just kinda dropped that on me that she has Linda and Lindsey so I didn't have much influence in that. Although, it is a good thing that we have a solid 5. I think we should stick with them until further information is revealed. Do you think its a good idea to get an "alliance" group message started?

**Kim J** - Definitely. If you could set it up, that would be great. To be completely honest, I don't exactly trust Linda all that much. Apparently she's sending out group mails left and right. First opinions can change though, and she's already making up for it with humor.

**Frank** - I know of Linda and Diane to send mass messages getting to know people. I don't necessarily hold that against them as they don't seem to all offer alliances but I am aware they are here to play. Diane seems a bit clueless or she is playing clueless.

**Kim J** - I'm talking to her and have been invited to an alliance with her and Big Tom. Please don't tell anyone else in our alliance for now. First night, I wan't to see if they're trustworthy down the road before I trust information with them. But mainly, it sounds as if Diane is trying to herd Tom and I into a team. I don't mind it, of course ;) And I mean it, I think the two of us could have a long lasting alliance. I like the others, but this is a Final 3 game after all. Plus, it seems like they are a group, the 3 of them. Listen to this - So far, we can get out Clarence, followed by Lex. At that point, we can choose. Either Kim P and her crew or Diane and Tom. We should see who we like more. Either way, we'll be in majority.

**Frank** - That's good, me and you need to keep our options open. I won't divulge anything about that to the rest of our alliance. I think we should see the options, vote out the ones that don't give us options but build up our 5 man alliance.

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**Kim J** - True, true. I don't want to be led to the slaughterhouse by Kim and her 3 though. I don't know who she's more loyal to.

*With this new information, Frank becomes suspicious of Diane and begins turning the tides against her.*

**Frank** - Big Tom is the only one I haven't talked with either. I don't understand why he is making such an obvious mistake. Does he think he has numbers without us? I can't tell for sure but I'm guessing Diane, Lex and Tom are a possible trio.

**Lindsey** - Hm, why do you think Lex/Diane/Tom are together?

**Frank** - Mainly cause Tom and Lex aren't bothering much to snoop around. Diane seems smart enough to have a plan, yet she didn't really make me any offers. They are outside this 5 so its a fair chance to assume they have some sort of alliance forming. My guess is Diane is gonna try and get two of us to flip, or one + Clarence. At the moment she seems like she is "investigating" the situation.

**Lindsey** - Those are some good points. I talked to Lex and he seems pretty cool. I don't doubt that's the case. Diane has been messaging me and just sent me a weird message asking if I've "gotten around to everyone." Stay tuned. I might be the one she approaches.

**Frank** - I think Diane sent that exact message to everyone, trying to fish for information. I don't particularly get a good vibe from her to be honest lol.

**Lindsey** - Omg neither do I AT ALL. Idk why but something about her being so talkative when we were electing our leader put me off and now all this blatant scheming is kinda alienating me haha. I know this is premature but if I had to choose one person to vote off right now... Well, I think you know what I'm getting at.

**Frank** - Yea i know, I feel the same way. When i bounced back to her the whole "Are you getting to know everyone" question, she said she is worried about people flipping at the merge and not being able to Pagong the other tribe. I was like, wait to get to the merge first maybe? It just seemed weird. And the mass identical message really sealed the deal, I mean, at least bother to say something to me like a person not a spam bot.

**Lindsey** - Yeah, that's so true. Blah it kinda bugs me when people think that far ahead. It feels very presumptuous and kinda cocky imo. It's offputting. She's trying really hard to get me to talk to Tom and something about it feels off to me.

**Lindsey – CONFESSIONAL** - I may like the people in my alliance but I'm always willing to change things up. This is an online game. There's nothing at stake here with a win except pride and bragging rights, so I'd much rather be memorable than win honestly. If I can do both? Well, that's just a plus. Mama Kim actually kind of scares me already. She seems like an extremely strong player in all aspects. Plus it says a lot that she was the first one to step up to take the lead. Plus she's the only one I haven't had one-on-one contact with, so... We'll see. If I had to choose one person right now that I'd say I would have the hardest time voting out, it's definitely Linda. The other 3 were together before we came in and Linda just seems very genuine and like she'll be true to me over anyone else.

*Frank starts the group message between the 5 person alliance and does so while not-so-subtly targeting a particular member of the minority.*

**Frank** - To get the discussion started, what do you guys think the other 4 tribe members plans are at this stage? I see Diane trying very hard to fish for information, even sending out a copy pasted message to, I assume, everyone. Tom is a mystery, Lex wasn't online much and Clarence was kinda late to the party.

**Kim P** - I feel like Diane and Clarence are kinda desperate to be in an alliance of some sort so it would probably be smart to eliminate the ones who aren't even trying to fit in like Tom and Lex. What do you guys think?

**Frank** - I do smell the desperation in Diane as well. I think we should hold off the decision on who to eliminate out of them four until we actually lost a challenge. Whoever we do eliminate we have to make

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the others that will be left come merge feel safe, so if any one of you has the chance to make a fake alliance to include them, I'd encourage them to do it. But keep our alliance informed at all times.

**Kim P** - Exactly. Diane's desperation could pay off if we needed her vote. This is getting ridiculous. Look what Diane sent me. LIL KIM!!! LolWhat's up? :) Tell me something about yourself! I really want to get to know everybody. You seem like an honest person. Who would you kick off first if you had the choice?

Frank - She has the social awareness of a concrete brick. Now she's trying some small talk with me.

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**Sarah** - Hey John. Just wanted to say hi. I'm thinking maybe we could start something in the game forum to build tribe morale and keep activity up. Do you have any ideas of stuff we could do?

**John** - Hey Sarah, Yeah I don't, maybe just a getting to know you thread, somewhere where we can tell each other what our favorite movies, music etc? I know that sounds simple but sometimes the simplest things create bonds lol

**Sarah** - Hmm... Something like that might work. Anyway, how are you?

**John** - I'm doing pretty good thanks. You? I feel like this might be a good time to talk a little bit of game but I don't want to come on too strong too soon lol. But hey I guess you only really play once right, So what you thinking just now you got any good feelings/bad feelings about anyone, or have any idea where the game is going anytime soon? I've touched base with everyone but so far with the exception of you I haven't really had much interaction with that many people

**Sarah** - I'm great. I'm really glad to have gotten a good night's sleep. And no, I totally agree. I don't think it's ever too soon to really talk game, I think. I really like the tribe so far, no one has really said or done anything to make me think ill of them yet. How about for you? I've talked to most of the tribe and everyone seems pretty cool.

**John** - Yeah no one has said or done anything that I think is suspect and the tribe is looking pretty good. I hate to use a cliché Survivor term but I think it might not be a bad idea to firm up a kind of "core four" within the tribe. That way if things start to go wrong and we start losing you and I can at least stay safe along with a couple of others. The only person I've spoken to, apart from yourself, that I really feel is trust worthy is Gabriel. Him and I have only exchanged a couple of messages but he seems like a pretty decent and solid guy. Is there anyone else that you think would be good to have on board a core four alliance?

**Sarah** - Yeah, I really like Gabriel and that idea. Maybe you could try and bring in Patricia as well? I like Patricia.

**John** - Yeah, Me, You, Gabe and Pat, if you like the sound of that I'll propose the plan to the two of them and see if we can't get the ball rolling. Hopefully we won't need to worry about anything for a while but I know I'll feel better knowing that we have numbers if something goes wrong.

**Sarah** - Yeah, that'd be fantastic.

**John – CONFESSIONAL** - Right now I'm in the middle of implementing a "core four" alliance with Me, Sarah, Gabe and Pat. My plan was to propose a core four alliance to Sarah, suggest Gabe as a third member and let Sarah pick the fourth. The reason for this is I trust Gabe, I don't know why, I just do. I was hoping that Sarah would propose the General as the fourth member, meaning that I could keep my two biggest perceived threats closest. Alas she did not she proposed Pat and I had to run with it.

*John wastes no time in trying to form his 'core four.'*

**John** - Hey Gabe, Pat! So basically Sarah and I have been talking and we feel that it would be a good idea for us to firm up a "core four" alliance. I proposed Gabe for the alliance as, from the little interaction we've had I think you're a pretty straight and on the level guy. And Sarah proposed you Pat because we both feel that you're a strong presence within the tribe already and just seem like a pretty fun person to have around. So yeah, you two, me and Sarah together and we run with it. I hope you guys are on board and I hope to hear back from you guys soon! Peace

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**Patricia** - Oh lord Jesus there's a fire! Gabe, John. Well I'd be one stupid old lady to say no! This sounds delicious. I'm absolutely on board! I got a good feeling from all of you three anyway so I'm glad that we've got a little sump'm sump'm official now. Like you say, let's hope it doesn't come down to it for a long time but I'm excited about this group of 4 :) Of course, it's not a majority, but I'm sure with Sarah's leadership it won't be hard to convince the couple of extra votes when we need them.

*While agreeing to the alliance, Patricia wastes no time in ratting John out to her tardy friend, Gina.*

**Patricia** - Well things are already paying off in spades 😏 John just messaged me on behalf of Sarah saying that the both of them would like to set up a little kind of deal between them, me and Gabriel. They haven't talked targets yet but I'm sure it'll come up, and you'll be the first person I tell, but even though they didn't include you this could be a good thing. They've only got 4 at the moment, which isn't even a majority so they'll clearly have to talk to one of you, General, Sean, Vee or Peter at some point. If I give you information from the inside, and you can tell me what they're telling the people on the 'outside', then you and I will have all the information and can maneuver as we please 😏

**Gina** - Vee and Peter have thus far been fairly elusive to me, but I am fairly friendly with the General. It'll be harder to bring together Peter, Vee and Sean for some sort of alliance just because they seem to not be on as much. Although it is just the second day, that could change. Honestly though, I think you, me and Gabe could have a pretty good little sub-alliance if I could worm my way into that main group.

**Patricia** - You need to get out of my head! I was literally just confessionaling like "It would be nice if Gabe, Gina and I could hook up on the side". Damn girl.

**Gina** - I'd say you're in a position to make that happen! I mean, as someone in that alliance, you could try and bring me in. Haven't talked much to John, but Gabe, Sarah and I are friendly enough. It would put us all in a good spot for a few rounds at least (barring any huge shakeups).

**Patricia** - There's a chance there could be more pros than cons if you weren't "officially" in the alliance, but of course I'm going to tell them how wonderful you are when the subject of "who else" comes up so whatever happens will happen. There's no point pushing anything this early you know? I definitely don't want to overstep my bounds. John is a bit quiet but it seems that there's at least a couple of people he's quite talkative to. It goes without saying that he and Sarah are close, and Gabe listed John as one of his favorite people to talk to. Still, I imagine he feels pretty comfy with himself for the moment, so might as well let him keep thinking that 😏

**Gina** - I haven't been able to get hardly anything out of him! I could tell he and Sarah were friendly, but that's pretty much all I know about the guy.

**Patricia – CONFSSIONAL** - Gina immediately stood out to me as someone solid who I can confide in. She's the only person who really wanted to talk game and I respect that. A lot of these players are a bit reluctant to make the leap and that's fine, I've been there I get it. It's a good thing I love chit-chat and small talk so hopefully I can foster some real relationships, and I think being an old lady will diminish any "power player" preconceptions.

*Meanwhile, Gabriel and Sarah make sure they are on the same page.*

**Gabriel** - So if we were to go to tribal council, you would rather vote with Patricia and John than General, Sean, and Vee? Also, I never know whether to call General THE General or just General in general. 😏

**Sarah** - That's not what I'm saying.

**Gabriel** - What are you saying? I'm up for whatever you want! Just trying to get an understanding of what's going on.

**Sarah** - I think it's a little too early to decide which alliance we'll side with for the entire game.

**Gabriel** - Fair enough! Just know that I want to stick with you over everyone else. 😏

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*Just as John tries to form a separate 4 person alliance (which Patricia shares with Gina), the other alliance of 5 that Gabriel and Sarah are apart of is beginning to talk turkey.*

**General** - I guess you saw the message (by Sean) of the alliance with Sean, Sarah Gabe and I. What do you think about that?

**Vecepia** - I'm all for the alliance. You guys all seem like genuine trustworthy people.

**General** - Cool any target if we lose the first IC?

**Vecepia** - I think all of us as an alliance of 5 will have to make that decision together. I'm unsure of who it would be. It's gonna be tough to decide.

**General** - I agree! We should take out the weaker one!

**Vecepia** - Just trying to get the collective thoughts on the alliance here: Who do you think we should vote out if we lose the immunity challenge?

**Gabriel** - My first thought is Peter. But it's only because I've talked to him the least. What do you think?

**Vecepia** - I like John and he seems knowledgeable so I don't feel like he should be voted out first. Patricia seems like she knows about the challenges well. I guess it's between Peter or Gina?

**Gabriel** - I think so too. It'll be more obvious if we lose the challenge I think.

*From posting the same thing 5 times to being socially awkward, Peter's name is in every discussion around Mariche.*

**Gabriel** - My first instinct is to say Peter, because I've talked to him the least. But it's not too big of a deal to me. Who are you thinking?

**General** - Yeah he seems kinda out of the loop so far! I dont know who to target!

**Gabriel** - Well, I think that we shouldn't rush ourselves! Let's focus on winning first and then we can target properly.

**General** - So What do you think of our tribe/tribe mates?

**Gina** - I'd say this is a good group. I really like Gabe and you, and I think Sarah is going to be a great leader. How about you? And- There are a few people I haven't communicated much with- particularly Vee, Sean, Peter and John. Have you been able to communicate much with them?

**General** - I've been talking to everybody but some are more talkative then other. I agree that Vee and Peter aren't really talkative. Both just answer like in one line without asking any question. Its kinda weird

**Gina** - Yeah, it's hard to have a dialogue going when the person on the other end is a person of few words. Hopefully they'll open up soon. Peter cracks me up- especially when his reply button doesn't work and it spams the same message 20 times.

**General** - Yeah. He doesnt speak much privatly to me much too lol

**Sean** - Thinking either Gina or peter as neither of them have really talked and Peter has that posting problem. :P

**General** - Yeah Peter is just weird. He isnt that talkative with anyone I think! He seems like not as active as the rest of the tribe.

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**Big Tom** - Im wary of Linda, it seems like she is talking final 3 with a few people, and playing dishonestly

**Diane** - Oh is she? How do you know?

**Big Tom** - After the tribal, everyone was basically messgaing around and saying hi and making small talk, and a few mentioned that linda had messaged them, one or two said she was talking strategy with them

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**Diane** - Interesting, she never talked strategy with me. I guess I'm not in her plans for final 3 😬 LOL, glad that you, Mama Kim and me have a final 3 already set up. Hopefully we won't have to worry about her for a while. But in case we do, are you thinking she should be first to go? Do you know who she had been talking to about making a final 3??

*Meanwhile, as Diane and Big Tom theorize over who may be making alliances, Diane and Kim J receive yet another alliance offer.*

**Diane** - 😊 Hey Clarence! Hope you're doing ok this evening. So what made you drawn to Mama Kim and me to make an alliance with us over everyone else?

**Clarence** - I thought that you two would make great alliance partners because you were so welcoming to me above everyone else and Mama Kim was nice as well and seems to have everyone's support! Less chance of getting blindsided when you're secretly tight with two super popular tribe members who everyone will probably come to with voting ideas x'D!

**Diane** - Oh awesome! That makes me glad that we could make you feel welcome. I don't think you'll have to worry about being the odd man out anymore. Lex has hardly been seen by anyone!

**Diane** - Hey sorry I haven't replied. Been a long busy day! It seems like we have another three person alliance to worry about. Tom said it looks like Frank Linda and Kim P.

**Kim J** - Looks like you were right about Frank. How'd he find out?

**Diane** - Not sure, but that's what I was thinking before he even said it based on their interactions with me.

**Diane – CONFESSIONAL** - My closest ally, Mama Kim, has said that she's been talking to Frank and that she's really getting to know him. That kind of scares me because it's my closest ally and my biggest "?" talking to each other. I could be totally wrong by listening to Tom, and Frank could actually be completely trustworthy! Hopefully Mama Kim is establishing a good relationship with Frank so that he's not a problem later.

*As Kim J is keeping tabs on all aspects of the tribe, the news that Big Tom may have found out about the other alliance is cause for alarm. She immediately informs frank that their secret alliance may not be a secret.*

**Kim J** - Diane found out - somewhat. She told me that she found out you/Linda/Kim P are in an alliance. She says Tom told her. I'd keep an eye out for Lindsey. I couldn't exactly defend you, I just told her that it's logical to pursue you three. If she asks, I'll ask to get rid of Kim P before you, just in case she has the numbers. Be careful who you tell. Someone in our group ousted the information.

**Frank** - That does raise an eyebrow. It's a bit of a weird combination me Linda and Kim P. From what I know Lindsey and Linda are a pair. Maybe Lindsey blabbed something to Tom to get his trust. Let's see if anyone in our group says something. I wouldn't push to find out who dun it, For all we know Diane is bluffing and just made a guess, same way we guess she has Lex and Clarence.

**Kim J** - That's a very good point, although I think she legitimately could have Clarence with her. She said she's going to talk to Lindsey tomorrow to get her with the "majority". And your right, she could be making it up. I talked her into voting out Linda, and she was easily swayed. Maybe she's just happy that I care enough to throw in my opinion. Hopefully thats not the case, cause it has me worried and I don't want to be worried for no reason. I'm gonna talk to Lex. He would be the perfect vote-goat. He hasn't responded yet sadly.

**Frank** - By the way, in case she does have numbers, ask for Linda first. Kim P might still be with us, more than Linda anyway.

**Kim J** - She's gonna go for Linda first.

**Frank** - I think that if we have to vote, Diane should go first. I see no way we could work with her in the future and no way she doesn't flip if shes around at the merge. She's creating too much commotion and she should just..go.



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**Kim J – CONFSSIONAL** - Immediately, Frank and I set up a deal to go to the end. At first, with Kim P. Kim P then brought in Lindsey and Linda almost immediately, which I am slightly worried about. I'm thinking the three of them possibly have a deal going. I've talked to Frank about it, but he seems comfortable with it till merge. Understandable I guess - he's preparing himself for merge. I've been promised merge. Then Diane set up a deal with me, and we're chatting up and such. As time progresses, Diane seems to have talked to EVERYONE, and is rubbing people the wrong way. Me? Not so much. I actually kind of like her. But the enemy of my friend is my enemy, so I'm going to jump on the bandwagon against her. She and I have set up two final three's - one with Big T, the other with Clarence.

*With Frank on the offensive, it doesn't take long for the tides to turn against Diane.*

**Frank** - As you know Kim J is a bit infiltrated with Diane and she heard Tom told Diane that Me, you and Linda are in an alliance. Bit odd that just the 3 of us. She might be bluffing or guessing, but thought you should know. I don't see any reason to doubt Lindsey and Linda so far, i think they are safely locked with us. What do ya think Diane is doing?

**Kim P** - That is interesting. I don't know why she would assume us three. She probably is just bluffing. I haven't found a reason to not trust Linda yet. Whatever but Diana is seriously annoying me.

**Frank** - Yeah, I'd definitely get her out first if we lose tomorrow.

**Linda** - She is getting kind of annoying. I think she can be sweet deep down but it's wrapped up in obnoxious paranoia. She was actually telling me about how she's always "careful to find a middle ground between not asking at all and not coming on too strong about what people want to do" 😄😄😄

## Mariche, Day 04

*Sarah and Vecepia are on to discuss what happens should they lose the first Immunity Challenge.*

**Sarah** - How are you? We haven't really spoken a lot since Thursday so I was wondering what's up. :) Speak soon!

**Vecepia** - Yeah, I've been fine. I was just wondering about who should be our first target to vote out from the 4 people outside of our alliance. What are your opinions on them?

**Sarah** - I don't know, it's kind of too soon to tell I think. We have no idea what we'll want to base our vote off of.

**Vecepia** - If we lose the immunity challenge, who do we vote out? I like everyone in this tribe so it's such a hard decision.

**John** - Hey, Yeah I really have no idea. I haven't heard any names floating about so that means that either no one is talking about it yet or its me that's going haha! Have you heard any names floating about yet?

**Vecepia** - Yeah, I'm in the same situation as you. BTW sorry for sending you this message 3 times, I thought my inbox was broke.

**John** - haha yeah no worries. And if I hear your name being floated about I'll be sure to let you know

**Vecepia** - Same for me.

*Sean addresses the entire alliance: Sean, Vecepia, Sarah, General and Gabriel.*

**Sean** - Hey Guys, I just wanted to let you know that I sadly wont be at the challenge tomorrow night due to work :( but I know you guys will kill it. Just in case we lost I sent in a pre vote for Peter. Dont feel like you guys have to vote for him, but I thought he was a safe bet. Goodluck!

**Gabriel** - Yeah, we're definitely gonna kill it. Just make sure you let one of the hosts know!

**General** - Fair enough.. He's awfully silent with me so i'm good with that

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### Immunity Challenge, Day 04

*Before the challenge, Jeff Probst approaches each of the Cacique's with their first mission in order to keep Cacique status.*

**Jeff Probst - Host** - For tonight's mission, should you choose to accept it, you will be sabotaging tonight's challenge for your tribe.

#### Cacique Mission #1 - Saboteur

Tonight's challenge will run in stages. As the leader of the tribe, you will of course have the last and most important stage. You are not allowed to reveal to your tribe what the challenge is before hand, nor can you hint at what they should prepare for. Here's where your sabotage comes in. You must wait 45 minutes after your tribe has completed the puzzle before you are allowed to repost the completed puzzle in the challenge thread. Please note that both tribes' Caciques will have this mission and if your tribe finishes their puzzle first, you should be able to win given that you post it 45 minutes after they do. Do you completely and fully understand your mission and are you prepared to complete it?

**Sarah** - Alright, I understand. I think I can do this without upsetting anyone.

**Kim J** - Alright, thanks. I feel so bad P:

**Sarah – CONFSSIONAL** - It's definitely possible these tasks will bring out 'Evil Sarah' because as hard as I try to control the part of me that is outwardly bitchy and manipulative, I tend to fail at it. I don't want to be the villain, I've never wanted to be the bad guy but at the same time I've never considered myself a hero. I don't tend to think of anyone but myself in this. I don't care if they dislike me, I probably dislike them a well, but I really do care about my personal game too much to screw myself over by being the bitch.

**Jeff Probst – HOST** - Welcome Everyone. Here's how today's challenge will work.

I will post 25 puzzle pieces. They will be images so you will need to know how to post them as I'm sure you've been practicing. The first tribe to post their correctly completed 5x5 puzzle in this thread wins Immunity.

Now, to make this more fun, we've divided the duties into 3 parts. The first round will be posting your puzzle pieces in your tribal discussion thread. 3 different tribe members will be in control of this portion of the challenge. They must post repost each individual puzzle piece in its own post in your tribal discussion forum.

The second round will be actually reassembling the puzzle. This must be done using the original image codes ( [img]...jpg[/ img] ) The final round will be completed by your tribe leaders only. They must repost the completed puzzle in this thread. The first tribe to do so wins Immunity.

Are we all clear?

**Peter** - What happens if our leader isn't present?

**Linda** - You get voted out :P

**Jeff Probst – Host** - If the leader isn't present, then the tribe is shit out of luck. When we asked you to vote for the leader, we wanted you to pick the most reliable tribe mate you had. Now you know why.

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*The challenge begins and right out of the gate the puzzle posters are off and running. On Tamanaco, Linda and Lindsey make quick work of posting the puzzle pieces for their tribe. Kim P is struggling.*

**Kim J** - Who got the other pieces?

**Frank** - working on it, might take a minute, there are quite a few pieces

**Lindsey** - Omg where is Kim P

**Linda** - Frank do as much as you can. Hopefully Kim P shows up again..

**Kim J** - I thought 3 people got pieces. Thanks for competing guys. Frank, when your done, post the last picture in here

**Kim P** - Sorry guys my parents were being bitches. Posting them now.

*After the delay, Kim P continues posting the rest of the pieces and Tamanaco begins solving their puzzle. On Mariche, the tribe is reeling even before their puzzle posters begin posting pieces. Sarah has announced to the tribe that she cannot make the challenge because of a very important affair.*

**Sarah** - sorry guys. i'm not going to be able to make it for a while. going swimming. sorry.

**Peter** - Well as Jeff put it.. We are shit out of luck. Sarah isn't here am I right?

**General** - You are right. We lost except if Sarah appears

**Peter** - PLEASE COME BACK FROM SWIMMING SARAH. PLEASE.

**Sarah** - alright, i came back to see the challenge.

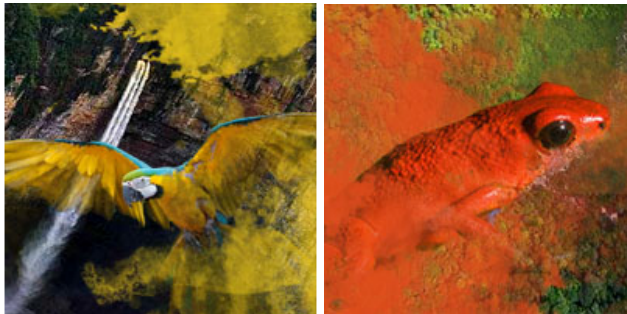
**Vecepia** - Thank God.

**Gabriel** - Sarah, you HAVE to be here for us to win.

**Sarah** - I'll try to be back as soon as I can. I'm not at my house right now and I'm about to leave.

**Gabriel** - Oh my gosh. Can you get on your phone at all? It'll just take a copy and paste from you.

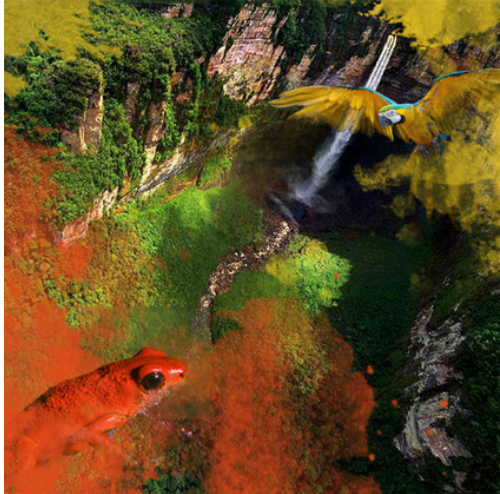
*Despite their leader's absence, the tribe continues to solve the puzzle as best they can and one of them uses some unconventional methods.*



**Gabriel** -

*Peter posts the images of his computer screen to show the tribe that he is completing it on his desktop. Meanwhile on the other tribe, Frank has just completed the puzzle and the tribe is celebrating unaware that Kim J now has to wait 45 minutes before she can post the completed puzzle.*

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**Frank** -

**Kim P** - Amazing Frank!

**Diane** - Good job!!

**Linda** - Kim J are you here?

**Big Tom** - So now Kim has to repost right

**Diane** - Frank, can't you just copy and paste your whole post into a PM for Kim?

**Kim J** - Guys, i'm having a slight family emergency. I'm so sorry. I'll be on my phone to post. I'm really, really sorry. It should work on my phone if I copy paste

**Diane** - It's ok, no worries, family comes first! Just do your best!

**Frank** - Quick Kim J quote my previous post to Probst!!!!

**Lindsey** - GO KIM J GO <3 Frank you are an angel

**Big Tom** - Go kimmey go! :D

**Frank** - the suspense in killing me, Kim???

**Linda** - MAMA KIM YOU GOT THIS!

*10 minutes later, Gabriel on the Mariche tribe has assembled their puzzle and are also unaware that they now have to wait 45 minutes before Sarah is allowed to post the completed puzzle.*

**Gabriel – CONFSSIONAL** - I am so fucking pissed right now. Like, what the heck! IT'S NOT THAT HARD. JUST COPY AND PASTE FROM YOUR PHONE. OH MY GOD.

**Gabriel** - SARAH! QUOTE THAT POST! And post it here: [viewtopic.php?f=11&t=96&start=20](http://viewtopic.php?f=11&t=96&start=20)

**Gabriel** - This is so intense. I just hope Sarah gets on soon. I sent her a PM back at camp.

**Vecepia** - Nice job. Lol I just realized how to make it into a puzzle and was like 2 rows done. It would suck if she doesn't get here in time!

**Peter** - She just needs to copy that quote and post it to the original challenge post and we win??

**Gabriel** - Exactly... and she's online at the moment :D -waves Sarah down!-

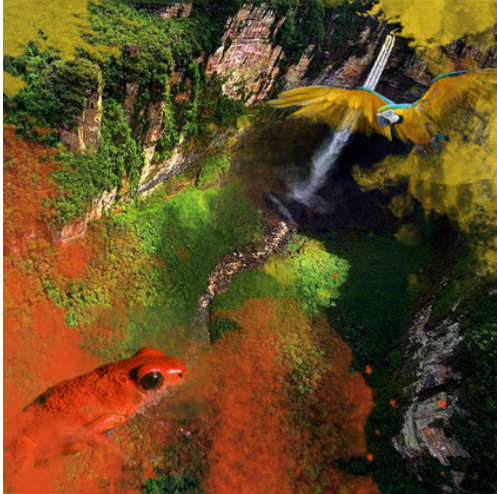
**John** - Good work guys, sorry I couldn't be more help with putting the puzzle together!

**Peter** - Hopefully Sarah will be here soon.. And I hope my picture helped a bit. Great job tribe!

**Kim J – CONFSSIONAL** - 20 minutes. If you have anything to quell my boredom, I'm open.

*After the 45 minutes are up, the Cacique posts the final completed puzzle.*

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**Kim J** -

**Kim J** - That's it! We're done? We good here?

**Gabriel** - ....

**Jeff Probst** - Congratulations Tamanaco, you have won the first Tribal Immunity Challenge. You can go back and celebrate tomorrow. Mariche, unfortunately, you guys failed so solve the puzzle in time, and I will see you at tribal Council tomorrow at 8c/9e.

**Lindsey** - OH MY GOSH I'M DEAD. Love you all. <3

**Gabriel** - Yeah, right, we failed to solve the puzzle! We had it done ages before they posted it. :( Sad times.

**Kim P** - YAY! GREAT TEAMWORK EVERYBODY!!!!

**Frank** - I'm sorry for your leader being absent but ours has been complete for over an hour as well. :P Thankfully our leader came through and saved the day!

**Sarah** - Oh my God guys! I am so sorry. I just got back.

**General – CONFSSIONAL** - Thanks but no thanks Sarah... I hope swimming was fun ... T\_T

**Sarah – CONFSSIONAL** - I hate feeling like I'm letting them down and that's very hard. They just lost the challenge because I wanted immunity. I'm going to keep fighting for the immunity but I don't like feeling like they hate me. I can handle it but I do feel bad because I feel like eventually a task will come along that is incredibly hard to complete and this will all be for nothing.

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*After their first Immunity win, all seems to have been forgiven about Kim J's 45 minute delay. The alliance of 5: Linda, Lindsey, Kim J, Frank and Kim P have gone from confident to arrogant as they celebrate.*

**Kim J – CONFSSIONAL** - Going forward, these Cacique missions (so far) have perfectly been made to get me to lie to my tribe mates and try to sabotage them for personal immunity. My main worry is that the missions will cause me to detach from my alliance. These missions are a tad stressful, as I have to play "ground control" to clear my name afterwards. I created a lie about the last challenge, and I'm unsure if I can keep on crafting lies to protect my Cacique title. It's still very fun, I just had a few moments of worry. Especially minutes before I submitted my post. I was scared that the other tribe would submit their post and I would just look like I lost the game. I can't imagine what Sarah is going through.

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**Linda** - So I think tonight means we will send Lex home for being inactive when the time comes?

**Lindsey** - That's kinda what I was thinking too. I'm shocked how well we all worked on this challenge! Frank, you kicked ass, seriously.

**Frank** - Thanks guys. Well yea, if we have to vote someone I think Lex takes priority because he basically isn't even participating. I doubt we will get to Tribal any time soon though, the other tribe's leader wasn't here today lol

**Linda** - Gabriel needs to stop whining. I don't like him

**Kim P** - You all did great! So if we had lost would we have booted Lex?

**Lindsey** - The only one outside this group I've really talked to is Diane. She won't leave me alone tbh 😊

**Kim J** - I still make my rounds with Diane, Clarence, and occasionally Big Tom. I'm gonna try to talk to Clarence a bit more though, starting tonight. Of all of them, I think I can persuade Clarence to flip. He seems very wishy-washy. That might be bad for merge, though.

**Kim P** - Diane won't leave me alone either. Clarence and I have exchanged a few friendly words. Lex and Tom haven't reached out at all so, naturally, I have no desire to talk to them. 😞

**Frank** - I haven't heard from outside our alliance, they haven't tried to contact me for anything. I guess they are pretty sure I am allied with some of you and won't flip. How many of you they know about, I don't know. They seem to not have snooped out that Mama Kim is with us.

**Linda** - I don't think Diane leaves anyone alone

**Kim P** - Yeah, its Stalker 101 when it comes to Diane 😏

**Kim J** - I feel bad for her. She tries so hard, yet she's blissfully unaware that all her effort is eventually for nothing.

**Kim P** - I know! She is so nice but also so rolls eyes If I had to pick our 6th person it would be Clarence.

**Kim J** - I have an idea, how about I talk to Diane and tell her that Lex is with you guys. That way, she's not as inclined so keep him safe and voting him out won't ruffle any feathers. The longer we keep every Tamanaco tied down, the better. No matter how many of our people make merge, we could still lose if they feel un-included.

**Kim P** - Honestly are we sure we don't want Diane out first? I mean yes Lex wasn't even online, but from what I saw Diane didn't contribute anything except a few words of encouragement. And likely the other three would be blind without their leader and come crawling to us.

*Meanwhile, as the Big Five are making fun of Diane's naivety, Clarence proposes an alliance of Diane and Mama Kim.*

**Clarence** - Mama Kim!! Tonight revealed so many things about the tribe! So many people subtly complaining lol. Lex is an easy boot. Tom screwed up in the beginning and went all over the place. lol just like a Big Tom would. Kim P took forever in round one lol. And the tribe, based on their reactions about the other teams leader, seem ready to pounce on you if we ever do go to tribal council! They were so aggro. My thoughts, the easy first boot that everyone will push for when we go to tribal in the future will be Lex. I think that's a bad idea for you, me, and Diane, but great for everyone else.

**Kim J** - Very good points. I'm more worried if we fail to vote out Lex, then they might know we're a team and could pick us off. More-so, If we DO succeed in voting out someone other than Lex, the remaining people might retaliate at a tribe swap/merge. We got to keep the people calm for as long as possible, untill they can't do anything about the votes. Thoughts?

**Diane** - Great points, but like Mama Kim said, they would easily see that we were a team. Also, Frank was pretty good in the challenge tonight, and keeping him around for future challenges would be beneficial to us. Also, Clarence, you do know that Mama Kim has immunity until the merge right?

**Clarence** - So true!! We'll see how it goes this week! =D

**Kim J – CONFESSIONAL** - I like, but others don't. She would easily be my first-pick ally if she wasn't on the bottom of the totem pole. It's painful talking to her sometimes, because she doesn't even

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know that she's so disliked by certain people - namely, Kim P, Frank, and Lindsey. Still, Survivor is a group-dynamic kind of game. And if the group dislikes her, who am I to disagree?

*Mama Kim exploits this information by using it for the Big Five's gain, but is beginning to struggle with outwardly lying to Diane.*

**Kim J** - Literally just 10 seconds ago, Clarence sent me and Diane a massive mail entailing his opinions of the tribe and such. If he's sharing this information with Diane, then no-doubt she's his closest ally. Here's the cool part: He's also sharing this information with me. I think it might be better for me to do some talking, as it seems that he is fairly open to me. Also, if I mess up, I'm immune. If I take the fall, nothing happens. I might as well embrace my immunity.

**Linda** - You are definitely the opening Kim J. Milk this. Because your immunity grants you such power here. I am curious as to what they have said 😊

**Kim J** - I'd feel kind of dirty posting it in here, but I can if you guys wan't. It's just his opinion on who did what at the challenge, and who to vote out.

**Frank** - Well now you made us curious Kim. Share the info 😊 It is interesting that Clarence confides in you. What if I suggest him a secret alliance and tell him that say, Linda, is my other key ally, then see if he shares that info with you? I don't think that has any downsides.

**Frank – CONFSSIONAL** - Diane got on everyone's nerves as she is basically scrambling on day one. Some people see her as a threat, I don't. She has the social ability of a concrete brick. Lex seems absent, Tom seems in Diane's pocket and Clarence is a wildcard.

*Mama Kim then reposts the message Clarence sent to her.*

**Frank** - Haha that's good, he's so out of the realm of what is happening. First of all, did he not get the memo that the tribe leader has immunity? If he thinks we'd wanna get you out, that's brilliant, that means they are sure you are with them.

**Lindsey** - Oh my gosh 🙄 <3 that was beautiful. You have Clarence hook, line & sinker. GJ Mama Kim love you boo They are right tho, I was quite aggro. But I would never jump on you like that. I'm just promoting tribe spirit in the best way possible: shit talking the other tribe lol 😊 Well, you guys were right. My patience (aka half an hour of waiting LOL) paid off! Diane sent me a PM titled "Strategy" where she said that she wanted to talk strategy and alliances with me because "It seems like some people have already started talking alliances within the tribe." I'mma play dumb and worm my way into her <3

*Without missing a beat, Frank uses this new information to his advantage and makes a move outside of the Big Five alliance.*

**Frank** - Remember how I told you on Day One I'd watch your back if you watch mine? I'm cool with us not being openly allied and just having a secret alliance of sorts. No matter how numbers fall if we do have to vote, let's make sure both of us make the merge so we can work together then? I have Linda for 100% sure but I'm not sure about anyone else, what's your position? I won't tell anyone that we are talking by the way, hope you don't as well.

**Clarence** - Alright! Sounds good to me. I'm friendly with Linda as well. So far everyone I've talked to thinks Lex is going to go first from our tribe.

**Frank** - Everyone does seem to want to take out Lex for obvious reasons. But that can also be used as a diversion for something else. What do you think? Who would you wanna vote out that is not Lex? What if Kim J doesn't use her immunity? Should we vote for her?

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*While some members of the alliance are making side deals to further their position in the tribe, others are doing it for pure entertainment. The group think spins out of control and the name calling begins.*

**Lindsey** - I think I'm totally 100% good with Diane. <3 Gosh I can't wait to see this slimy ho's face when she gets pwned at the first TC or something.

**Kim J** - If we win often, we should send Lex home first. Mostly for unity. But yeah. When she leaves, and is really surprised, it'll be insanely hilarious.

**Frank** - Pretty much Diane thinks it's just you me and Kim P. So we can't really get anywhere with her. Our agents will be Kim J and Lindsey.

**Linda** - So should I just out and out lie to her then? :)

**Frank** - Just pretend like you are not in an alliance, Linda, she knows it's a lie but if you don't lie she will be suspicious.

## Mariche, Night 04

*As tension in the challenge built, both tribes became annoyed with their newly appointed leaders. Kim J's approach seemed to have worked better in placifying her tribe, and winning the challenge didn't hurt either. Sarah's excuse on the other hand isn't proving to be as effective.*

**Gina** - Hey great job in the challenge today! You killed it.

**Gabriel** - Thanks, Gina! You did too. Admittedly, I'm upset that we worked so hard to lose because Sarah isn't here.

**Gina** - Yeah, it's pretty frustrating to know that we came together as a team in a big way and we could still potentially lose because of one person. I think there's gonna be some ill will towards Sarah. Especially from whoever gets voted out.

**Gabriel** - I have ill will. At least for now. I'm really annoyed. We need to make sure every pool in the nation is drained soon. That way Sarah can't go swimming!

**Gina** - I'm packing my water drainage equipment now.....

**Gabriel** - Just finished packing mine. NOW WHICH POOL IS FIRST! Really though... I don't know how to take it. I'm sure someone or another will want to vote her out.

**Gina** - She's immune until the merge though, I believe. So it's a moot point. I guess the question is, who's on your mind as the first boot? I'd like to think it's neither you nor I- we've both been active on the board and partook in the challenge.

**Gabriel** - The leader posts said that she COULD have immunity until the merge. That being said, you could take it as simply as you have to win immunity until the merge, or she is immune until the merge. I don't know. She was the person that cost us the challenge.

*As the tribe is venting about Sarah blowing the challenge for them, it prompts John to start a 3 way alliance with Peter and Gabriel.*

**Peter** - Well this blows.

**John** - I know right! And between you and I it more than kinda sucks that the one person that was almost completely responsible for our failure can't be voted out lol. What are you thinking for the vote? Are we just going to go for the weakest player so far?

**Peter** - That is definitely one way to go. But like, what about Sean? I haven't seen him at all to judge if he is a weak player or an amazing one that happened to be gone tonight..

**Gabriel** - Admittedly, every conversation I've had with Sean has been really short. He's not much of a talker.

**John** - I'm thinking exactly the same as you, Sean, I've had almost 0 contact with him so....



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**Peter** - Ok so we are all three on for Sean. But with a tribe of 8, we need more than three votes. Who else do you guys think we should pull in with us?

*John begins looking for other members to solidify the vote against Sean.*

**John** - Do you have a name in mind for the vote tomorrow?

**Gina** - It's hard to say. I don't want to lose anyone. My vote will probably be based on who has participated the least and who I've communicated with the least. Now I've just got to figure out who that is. However, if there is a tribe consensus I'll vote that way. I think it would be good for us to vote as a unit and stay united.

**John** - Yeah I hear you. Between you and I, I'm thinking Sean just now, he and I have barley talked so for me his participation has been pretty much 0

**Gina** - Honestly, that's what I was thinking. I've heard about two words outta the guy and he wasn't present at the challenge. I'm guessing most of the tribe's experience has been similar regarding him.

**John** - Yeah, I think I'm pretty set on putting Sean's name down. If I hear anything different I'll let you know.

**Gina** - Alrighty. Ditto.

**Gina – CONFESSIONAL** - Can we talk about how much John irritates me? Even if I didn't know he was secretly in a majority alliance, I'd be able to tell just from the way he talks to me. He acts like some god on a golden pedestal who will down information to me when he pleases. He's totally smarmy. It's a shame he's probably in the most powerful position on our tribe right now, but at least he's pretty transparent. I'll enjoy voting him out.

**John** - I just spoke to Gina and she's on board to take out Sean so we have four. We only need one more to make it official.

**Peter** - I have been talking to Sarah a lot lately, I bet I could bring her in. Does that sound good?

**John** - Yeah that sounds like a pretty good plan to me!

**Gabriel** - Sounds really good! We'll need to playfully scold her though. Do you guys want the honest truth?

**John** - haha always

**Gabriel** - Around night 1, Sean asked me for an alliance with Vecepia, Sarah, and the General. I said yes, because of course it's the first night and I want to feel secure... that being said, I'd much rather work with you two.

**Peter** - No way! Really wish I wouldn't have sent that message to Sarah then.. Darn. Who does that leave us to pick up with us then?

**John** - Wow, interesting! Ok I'm willing to disregard all other deals that I've made with people in order to solidify us three as a proper all out alliance.

*Gabriel begins playing both sides as he reveals his alliance to John and Peter, but continues to put up a front with Vecepia.*

**Vecepia** - What's your thoughts on the vote tomorrow. This sucks.

**Gabriel** - I don't even want to think about it right now. I'm really sort of annoyed. I'll get over it in a few minutes.

**Vecepia** - Me too man.

**Gabriel** - Oh, definitely. Who could you see us losing and still be a strong tribe?

**Vecepia** - Well John made the whole template. Gina put it into code but didn't communicate much. Patricia wasn't here and Peter helped so it's a hard decision. Either Peter Gina or Pat.

**Gabriel** - Yeah. John definitely shouldn't be the first to go. It'll come down to the other members of the alliance.

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**Patricia** - Well the game gets thrust upon us due to bullshittery of the highest order. "challenges are optional" my ass. I'm just glad I was able to help by my massive stroke of luck guess on the challenge! What are you thinking on this coming vote?

**John** - I'm not really that sure. I'm thinking Sean right now just because I haven't really spoken to him. What are you thinking?

**Patricia** - I was thinking Vecepia because she hasn't said 2 words to me. Sean and I have actually had a good conversation! Talked about E3 for like, 6 PMs 🤔 But then again, she showed for the challenge so it's a toss up.

**John** - Yeah, I'm open to other ideas, if I think the majority is voting Vee I'll vote that way too lol. I'm heading to bed soon but if you hear anything let me know and I'll do likewise.

**Patricia** - Will do John! I feel fairly strongly of Sean staying over Vecepia because from what I've seen he's far and away more active and I think we need that. But still, at this point there's no reason to push too hard so I'll do whatever it is that's the popular move. Still, will chat tomorrow hon

**John – CONFESSIONAL** - I will flip on my four if I need to. The fact that Pat is now showing signs of weakness makes me think that if I need to vote her out at the first tribal I will. Right now I've just firmed up a "you watch my back and I'll watch yours" alliance with the General, although i still don't really trust him (but keep your friends close and all that...)

*When Patricia arrives later in the day, she begins to turn the tribe consensus around.*

**Gina** - Anyway, so, I'll catch you up since you were sick. We kicked ass at the challenge, beat them by like 20 minutes at least, and Sarah didn't show up to post the puzzle so we lost. So... I figure we ought to talk strategy now. I don't know what anyone else is thinking, but I'll say I'm thinking Sean. I've communicated with him the least and he wasn't at the challenge. I don't think that would ruffle any feathers. What are you thinking?

**Patricia** - That's absolutely bullshit though. "Challenges are optional" my tits. Sean actually talks a lot to me! we had a decent convo about E3. I've sent a handful of messages to Vecepia with no response so i'd be leaning her personally. Her and John are two who just really don't talk 🤔 I guess gage the reaction of everyone and see who's thinking what before pushing for anyone though.

**Gina** - I've talked to John and Gabe, and they both seem on board for Sean. I heard from one of them that Peter is also on board for Sean. Before this challenge I would have said been inclined to say Vecepia, actually- but she did great work in the challenge. I'm still open to the possibility of voting her out, but I think the tribe is generally leaning towards Sean. Especially John, who is probably the most outspoken person in this group.

**Patricia** - I too have heard Sean from John. I'm putting a feeler out there for Vee though but whatever happens will happen. It'll be sad if Sean goes because he doesn't deserve to. Lex on the other tribe with all of 5 posts deserves to go ~~consensus~~ 🤔 But yeah, it's definitely looking like Sean at the moment. John seems to only talk about the game. He's definitely one to look out for.

**Gina** - yeah, I've got my eye on John. He's going to be a very aggressive player. Glad we're on the same page regarding him. For now, though, we need him.

**Patricia** - Well, now some enemies have gotta be made. I still think it's bullshit because in the rules it says 'Challenges are optional' and I don't see why everyone should have to suffer because Sarah decided to actually have a life outside of the internet. The quietest people to me have been John and Vecepia, and since John's in our alliance I guess Vee's where I'm kind of feeling right now? Have you heard much of anything?

**Gabriel** - I've heard that John, Peter, and Gina are all up for voting Sean. Considering Sean wasn't here and he's not really the greatest communicator, I'd probably say that's the best and easiest bet for now.

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**Patricia** - I'm hearing much the same. It's a shame because he and I actually had a really decent talk but with the lack of participation... ugh. Voting seems so unfair once you have to do it yourself.

**Patricia – CONFESSIONAL** - It's between Vee and Sean. And I seem to be the only person vying for Seas 😬 I'm hoping to switch it but it's not that necessary. Sean's probably my third favourite person here at this point.

*Patricia continues pushing to get Sean back in the game.*

**Patricia** - Dude, people have got it out for you this first vote 🙄 🙄 I'm trying to keep Vecepia's name in the mix but she did well in the challenge. You need to sell your soul because I like you kid and I want you around. Please try and sway these people! John's the biggest advocate for you so try and sway General, Gina, Peter, Gabe or Sarah.

**Sean** - Hey, I'm here. Sorry for my absence as I had to work. Is Tribal over. Thanks for pushing for me to stay. Means a lot.

**Patricia** - The challenge is over, TC is tomorrow so you've got until then to pull something. But it's going to be a tough slug man, everyone's kinda leaning towards voting for you. Let me know if anyone seems open to something.

**Sean** - Yikes, looks like I got my work cut out for myself. I'll pull something off. Have you heard any other names. And who have you heard is voting for me so far?

**Patricia** - tbh dude... just about everyone. the only other name was Vee and that was me pushing it. I'm trying to think of a last ditch effort... it'd be crazy difficult but see if you can spread some paranoia. tell people that John was super close to you. I think your only shot is if you can convince people that John's Russell Hantzing this tribe (which tbh he sort of is)

**Sean** - theres 9 of us right? So I need 5. Gina told me she doesnt want me to go. Vee also informed me that i was on the chopping block so thats 4 including you and myself. maybe we could swing something.

*When Vecepia catches wind of Gabriel wanting to vote for Sean, she immediately feels threatened.*

**Vecepia** - So I was talking to members outside of our alliance of 5 and they seem to be gunning for Sean because he wasn't at the challenge today. Someone also included your name saying that you wanted to vote him out. Is our alliance still on?

**Gabriel** - Alright, I'll be honest. OUR alliance, as in you and I, is still on. I want it to be. It's just that Sean to me is really really short and participation too is reason enough for me to want him out. I don't want to lie to anyone.

**Vecepia** - Wait I'm confused by how you phrased that. I'm being honest with you too.

**Gabriel** - I know! I was just saying. I like you, I'm honest with you. I just don't want you to throw me under the bus or anything. I don't think you will which is why I was telling you I wanted to vote for Sean and stuff. I didn't mean anything bad!

*Suddenly, it's the last two tribe mates to arrive that are the most influential.*

**Gina** - Alrighty, sounds like it's Sean. Regarding the General, I feel a certain level of affection towards him. He's good people. General's nice, but he seems kinda... dopey. Like, 'report every conversation I have to John' kinda dopey. And John's the kinda guy who would target someone just for strategizing without him.

**Patricia** - I really do feel for General as well 😊 it's clear English isn't his first language And if what you're saying is true and he is just being John's slave then that's bad news bears for us... I've got such a bad feeling about John.... especially now that you've said that. You know... and this is just a complete "what-if" idea but we could always boot him first? I mean, you say we need him but... why?! so he can keep his chickens in a row? He only talks game and it's clear he's only in for his own since he buddied up straight to

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the leader who nobody's going to touch. Theoretically: you, me, Sean, and there's every chance we could convince Gabe. we'd only need one more.

**Gina** - I'm glad you brought it up. I was just thinking this, actually. It's clear John and Sarah are tight- and I'm all for cutting Sarah's power down to zero. That immunity is power enough already. Sean will definitely vote with us. And if you think Gabe would vote with us, I trust you. You know him better than I do.

**Patricia** - I'm so glad you agree. Let's make this happen.

**Sean** - I'm worried cause i know my name has been thrown into the mix and I really dont want to leave.

**Gina** - I won't lie to you, it has. But I really don't want to see you go- especially considering some of the other people on our tribe. I'd hate to see you voted out first for no real reason.

**Sean** - Thanks Gina. I feel horrible i couldn't make it tonight and suspected taht I would be an easy vote if we lost. I'm hoping to fight to stay. I think i'd be a real asset if i was given the opportunity to prove myself. Who else would you like to see go. I'm up for any ideas. I really really dont want to go. :(

**Gina** - Basically, it's John. He's a gamebot and really, really intelligent. I'm fairly certain he's got side deals on side deals on side deals. He's running the show. If you're gonna stay in this game, it's gotta be him. I'm not sure we have a majority, but it's very, VERY possible we can have one with a little convincing.

**Sean** - I think right now Particia and Vee feel the same way as thats what they want to do. No one else is really messaging me back though besides you three. but with all of us that is 4. With one more flipped we can change the game and take John out.

**Gina** - OK, so, what have you heard regarding the next boot? I've heard names flying all around, and some people seem set on Sean. Personally, I don't want to see the guy go. What are your thoughts?

**Vecepia** - Yeah, I've also heard Sean from the others. I feel like their are others we could vote out besides him. Just because he wasn't at one challenge doesn't mean he won't participate. I feel like he's more of an asset than some others on the tribe.

**Gina** - I agree wholeheartedly. I think people are jumping the gun and voting him out. Who would you eliminate? I will level with you. I don't trust John. He's really shrewd and pretty forceful- to me that is a dangerous combination in this game. And if we don't eliminate him when we have the chance, we may regret it. I dunno, that's just a thought. Who do you think?

**Vecepia** - Yeah I'll agree with you about John. I don't think many people are willing to vote him out though because of his challenge performance.

**Gina** - I think it would be more than you'd think. A majority, actually, if you help us. Personally, now that I think we've got the hang of challenges, we'll do great. We can take his ideas and move forward. I just think that if we don't do something now we'll regret it later. I know your name was tossed around as a boot option a little bit, and I'm fairly certain mine was as well. And personally I'd like to see us stay in the game a little longer than 17th and 16th place...

**Sean** - Hey Guys, I figured i'd build this thread so the four of us could talk and hopefully get John out of here this tribal. I'm very appreciative of you all supporting me. It appears the key to be Gabe and the General. If we can work on getting one of the two of them we'll be golden. I think we can get Gabe but if we can get the general too that would be awesome.

**Vecepia** - Yeah, John seems like he would turn against you in a second. We just need enough people for the vote. I'd also try and talk to Sarah.

**Sean** - For sure, lets hit up every avenue we can.

**Patricia** - Do any of you guys have any idea wtf is up with Peter? It's kinda hilarious.

**Gina** - Peter is a mystery to me. I'm not even gonna bother with him right now because he's just so odd. He's totally unpredictable. And I think I accidentally only sent a message to Sean last time. I really don't think we should talk with Sarah- I think she's really close with John and he may get tipped off and damage control like crazy. He wants to be here badly.

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**Patricia** - Agreed. So it seems like we've all got our jobs to do, and hopefully one of us will strike gold! I'm really happy with you guys. Much happier than I was before when it seemed like John/Sarah were going to control everything.

*Patricia gains Gabriel's trust by creating a lie about John.*

**Patricia – CONFESSIONAL** - Fuck it I'm going for it. I don't trust John and I like Sean. Go hard or go home. One of those two will happen to me or John. Gabe's close with John/Peter so there's something. I think my best bet, is Gina/Pat/Sean and then it's down to Gabe. if I can get him to doubt John, then he might be able to convince Peter alongside. Vecepia's a wild-card and General is apparently completely up John's Arse. If the move isn't made now, then John's got everyone under his thumb.

**Patricia** - I check my phone 5 minutes later and crazy stuff happens 😬 Apparently John was mentioning you as an alternative to Sean going? I mean, we both know that he wants Sean gone but why would he throw your name around as the 'alternate'?

**Gabriel** - I seriously have no idea. I was the first one to post the finished puzzle, whilst working REALLY hard and getting stuff together while he was doing the template. And he messaged me for an alliance on like, Day 2. That really annoys me. I want him out!

## Mariche, Day 05

*Sean approaches Sarah about the vote only to find out that she is not going along with anyone's plan and voting based completely on personal preference.*

**Sean** - Hey Sarah , Glad I caught you before tribal tonight. So whats the plan for the vote? I heard my name floating around so I'm really really nervous.

**Sarah** - I'm going with Gina personally. She hasn't spoken to me at all and I don't see where she helped at the challenge.

**Sean** - Thanks Sarah. I'm really down for voting whichever way. I'm just not ready to go.

**Sarah** - Sean, we're good. I'm going to vote Gina, I don't have anyone else but if you want to help me out you're more than welcome to.

**Sean** - I'll see what I can do :)

**Sarah** - Alright, awesome.

**Sarah – CONFESSIONAL** - I've decided I'm going to throw a vote to Gina. She doesn't even talk to me and I don't see where she did a good job in the challenge. I don't have to vote in the majority and I'm happy for that. If I was vulnerable I probably would have gone with a safer choice like Sean but I don't have to do anything. I'm not leaving, they can't vote for me, it's all good. By the way I might have forgotten to mention this but Gabriel and I got a side alliance with Pat and John.

*When approached by other members of the tribe, Sarah is sticking to her guns.*

**Vecepia** - Peter hasn't been talking much.

**Sarah** - I disagree. Peter is a help in challenges.

**Vecepia** - I know. Have you talked to John or Peter. I haven't heard what they've said.

*Sarah isn't the only one voting with their gut. The General is proving to be a hard sell.*

**Vecepia** - We have a couple options open. Some people think John is dishonest.

**General** - I don't really understand why everyone thinks this way of John. And he's been useful in that challenge. Anyway, I think I'll go with the majority and hope the vote will be unanimous.

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**John** - I'm not really sure what we should do, the name I keep hearing is Sean so I think that is how I will go. I like the guy but I guess his absence has annoyed a few people which makes it an easy vote I guess

**General** - Yeah I did hear his name. I just want to make this vote unanimous and I'll doubt it's gonna be. I've heard your name and Gina thrown around. I've got no idea what will happen yet.

**General** - It sucks for last night. Finally you are NOT optional for challenge I guess :/ What do you think we should do? What name did you hear? So far I've only heard Gina targeting John. So do you have any idea?

**Sarah** - I'm thinking Gina personally. She doesn't talk to me and I don't think she's helpful at all.

**General** - I've heard John and Sean name. You're actually the first that is bringing up Gina. I just want this to be unanimous.

**Sarah** - I'm voting Gina regardless.

**Gabriel** - We haven't talked about the vote yet! Not sure if you've been busy or not so I was waiting until you sent me one. Tribal is sooner now than later though so I decided to shoot you one instead. What are you thinking?

**Sarah** - I'm voting Gina personally. I don't know about anyone else.

**Gabriel** - Oh, really? Have you talked with many people?

**Sarah** - Well, most of the tribe knows the way I'm voting. They are welcome to vote in their own majority.

**Gabriel** - Alright. Why are you voting that way?

*With members of the tribe going rogue the vote is further complicated when the alliance that John has formed continues to push for a Sean boot.*

**Peter** - Ok everyone, if we all 5 stay with Sean, everyone who participated in the challenge and have been adding to our tribe will stay. I can say that Sarah and General have thrown out John.. So we really need you Pat and Gina! Let's keep this tribe strong with people who want to win and help this tribe

grow. Cheers 🤔

**Gabriel** - Good pep talk!

**Peter** - Thanks! Another curve ball.. I just saw Gina's name pulled up. So we just need to make sure us 5 are strong and it doesn't matter what else happens!

*Just as the alliance against Sean strengthens, the alliance against John is starting to weaken.*

**Vecepia** - So, can anyone explain why exactly we are voting out John. You guys are saying he is dishonest and cunning. I haven't talked to him enough to get this vibe from him so can you guys please elaborate?

**Sean** - I selected John as he was gunning for me hardcore and lying to me about it. I understand he may be strong but he seems to have an overbearing personality. Those are my personal reasons that I wanted to vote him. Did you have something else in mind Vecepia?

**Vecepia** - I just wanted the reasoning behind the vote. I was also thinking someone like Peter but he seems like you could vote him out any other time.

**Sean** - Yea, Peter wouldn't be a bad choice. but like you said we could probably pick him off any other time we chose. Gina won't be here and she's already sent in her pre-vote. I don't know what you guys think? I'm all for taking out John but if you feel more comfortable with Peter and we can get another vote maybe we can sway that way.

**Gina** - What in the sam hill is going on around here. Is everyone still good on John? This is nuts.

**Patricia** - Ok Peter's seriously weird. I just got a message from Sarah saying they're voting for you now?! wtf?

**Gina** - Um, was there a reason given why? And who exactly?

**Patricia** - Peter is fucking 'tarded?! I asked Sarah I was like "Peter said you wanted John gone?" and she was like "No. Gina." that was the entire message. Then she followed up later with "Gina's a quiet player

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and not a physical asset." From what I can tell Peter/John/Sarah are a tight 3 that need to be broken up. And you, me, Sean need to pray that Gabe, Vecepia and General are telling the truth and voting with us.

**Patricia** - Well Peter just mentioned that he's heard Sarah and General both wanting John out as well 🤔🤔🤔 What the lol is going on? Also what's with Vee suddenly questioning things? Yeah Vee's definitely working something.

**Sean** - People from the other side haven't really been giving me much info on what's happening because of obvious reasons.

**Patricia** – We need to stand strong.

**Sean** - Yikes. Got butterflies in my stomach for this tribal.

*Heading into Tribal Council, there are alliances everywhere, rogue voters and several power players colliding. There's an alliance with John against Sean, an alliance with Sean against John, and everyone is doubting their position in the game and the reasons they are voting for who they are supposed to.*

## Mariche Tribal Council #1, Night 05

**Jeff Probst – HOST** - Welcome Mariche to your first Tribal Council as a new tribe.

Tonight and at every tribal council, votes will be due 30 minutes after the starting time. Tonight they will be due at 8:30c/9:30e. Any vote cast after that time will not count. You can change your vote at any time until then.

Sarah, as the tribe Cacique, you have Individual Immunity at tonight's council and any future council in which you remain the Cacique. One of your other 8 tribemates will not be so lucky.

**Jeff Probst – HOST** – Has Sarah been a good leader thus far?

**Patricia** - I wasn't there but I think you know exactly how she did. Neither Cacique was there and so it was more of which came online first rather than which tribe worked together better.

**Sarah** - I'm going to say it now, you guys need to stop telling people I'm voting with you when I have made it no secret who I'm voting for.

**Sean** - Unfortunately I was not here last night when everything went down. I think Sarah did a good job overall. She stepped up as the leader not knowing what to expect. She been great rolling with everything and is a very optimistic leader.

**Jeff Probst** - Patricia, you showed up later than most of your tribemates on that first night, are you still playing catch up?

**Patricia** - I certainly hope not. My tribe-mates reassured me that I had not missed anything vitally important apart from Sarah's election, and luckily I was able to help my tribe in the challenge with that guide for image posting despite not being able to attend myself.

**Gina** - Well, Sarah ruffled some feathers by missing the challenge and causing us to lose. She's personable enough and I'm confident she'll be fine in the future, but this first tribal council someone is leaving because of her. End of story.

Personally, her and I haven't been that talkative. Moving forward, I'd like to forge a better bond with her because I do like her and think she has a lot of potential.

**Vecepia** - I think Sarah has done well as Tribe leader. She may have missed the challenge, but so did the other leader. She is holding the tribe together and that is important.

**Jeff Probst - HOST** - Sean, do you feel relatively safe tonight?

**Sean** - I feel like you should never feel safe at tribal council because you never know when you are going to go. It could be just when you feel the safest.

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I don't feel safe at all tonight unfortunately. I know my name has been brought up, and some messages I sent were never replied to which puts that sinking feeling in your stomach.

**Peter** - When it comes down to it, if any of us were voted as leader, we may end up missing a challenge along time in the game. It was very unfortunate for it being the first challenge and all, but everyone here is human and has their own lives.

**Sarah** - Alright, I'm going to be honest. Gina, my vote is going to you tonight. I feel like we haven't spoken as much as I'd like and that makes me uncomfortable. I honestly don't care if you stay tonight, I think you need this warning shot to be honest. Step it up.

**Jeff Probst – HOST** - Sarah, are you okay with sharing who you are voting for tonight or is it generally well known?

**Sarah** - I'm pretty sure the whole tribe knows by now and Gina probably knows by now. It doesn't bother me and I'm not ashamed of it.

**Patricia** - To be perfectly honest Sarah, I'd also wager that your immunity gives you more freedom than the rest of us to proclaim our intentions.

**Sarah** - Oh, it does.

**Mia Galeotalanza – HOST** - Gina- How do you respond to Sarah telling you that she's voting for you? How do you make a case to stay over someone else?

**Gina** - Sarah- to be fair, we've put in the same level of communication to each other. If I survive the vote I hope we can build rapport and friendship, but don't act like this is a one way street.

**Sarah** - I wasn't saying that in the first place. I didn't come into this vote thinking you were going home, as far as I know I'm alone coming here. This vote is exactly what I said it was.

**Gina** - That's fair, Sarah. I'm totally open to mending this relationship.

**Jeff Probst** - You have 15 minutes to change your vote should you want to, or if you haven't already, you have 15 minutes to get your votes in.

**Peter** - Do we cast our votes out loud here? Or where at?

**Jeff Probst** - You can cast your vote here if you want, but if you prefer to do so in private you can do it in your confessionals under the voting thread.

**General** - 😊 in your confessional Peter!

**Mia Galeotalanza** - Sean: Let's get back to Sarah's leadership role. What happens if Sarah ~ISN'T~ the leader you all hoped for?

**Sean** - I feel like she is the leader that we wanted. There was a confidence in her that first night and I'm sure we're going to see it on the next challenge. Personally I don't think we made any mistake electing her.

**Jeff Probst** - Alright Mariche, at this time all votes are final.

I'll go tally the votes.

**Sean** - \*heart racing\*

**Patricia** - I've got my tray table up, and my seat back in the full upright position.

**Jeff Probst** - I have the votes. Once the votes have been read, the person voted off will be asked to leave the tribal council area immediately.

I'll read the votes.

First Vote:

"I'm voting for you because you don't talk much and I'm so sorry. I hope we can be friends after this!"

**Gina**

Second Vote:

"I heard that you said my name. I don't like that you said my name. Seeya!, dude."



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**John**

Third Vote:

"Your a Snake and cannot be trusted"

**John**

That's 2 votes **John**, 1 vote **Gina**.

Fourth Vote:

"I'm voting for you because sadly, I had to vote for someone tonight. First vote sucks, but I'm in it to win it with John and you were the other choice. Good luck dude. Cheers!"

**Sean**

Fifth Vote:

**Sean**

That's 2 votes **John**, 2 votes **Sean**, 1 vote **Gina**.

Fifth Vote:

"Duces."

**John**

Sixth Vote:

"You know nothing John Snow"

**John**

Seventh Vote:

"You played one hell of a game in your five days here.."

**John**

**John, you received 6 votes,**

**The tribe has spoken.**

**John** - Haha, good game guys, see ya'll later!

**Sarah** - oh my god... I am laughing so hard at whoever outed their alliance with John...

**Peter** - Yup. Laughing at myself a bit too. Bummer.

**Gina** - Great game buddy.

**Sean** - Bye John. Sad we didnt get a chance to talk much. Best of luck with everything.