“Lawl so these confessional things are still just as awkward as always, hah.

Truth be told I actually do feel kinda bad for the Squids. It's a pretty safe bet they're working just as hard (if not more) than us, and they've been shut down twice in a row. We're at the third elimination already, and it's been one of Nan's preferred crew all three times so far- that can't be good for morale, it can't be good for friendships, and it can't be good for their stress levels. Guess we'll find out for sure when Raz reports back.

As much as I like my team, we're certainly going to face the same dilemma eventually. Whether we eliminate all the Squids or lose a challenge, it's the same end result. I have a nasty suspicion that MK and Peter will be first to go, so I'm fairly confident with my odds..... unless an unseen alliance enters the field. I'm watching the Raz/Nin/Brando trio especially.

Got a bad feeling about that, too, I'm pretty sure our overwhelming victory was a mistake now that I've been credited with the win. Of course it wasn't all me, though- Raz, Peter, Brando, and Nin all helped to varying degrees and narrowed down the search a lot- all I really did was organize it. Still, if everyone is going to remember it as my win, they're sure to remember that it'll make me a threat when it becomes every man for himself.

That's an interesting mechanic, and one I had completely overlooked until now. Forces a team to share a challenge's workload more or less evenly, lest one member mark himself as a target later on... Damn. Might need to seriously consider alliances at this point.” ~Venexis

“So, we won, but not for long. I decided that we should probably forfeit, and the rest of the team agreed. My leadership is making me a target, so in the next few challenges I'm gonna be more quiet. I already know who I'm voting in this tribal council.” ~Raz

“I really had no idea about the cheating incident. I did play through the level, both of them in fact, and was aware of the glitch that prompted the action, but assumed from the atmosphere of the topic that we were confident of getting a good mark despite it. It was as much a surprise to me as it was to you, or probably anyone else on our team.

I don't blame either Raz or BY though in the slightest. Survivor is a competitive game, and competition often brings out the worst in people. To be honest, the fact that Raz confessed to it (first in private chat, and then on the topic) went a long way toward my decision to not vote him off. Similarly, I don't hold anything against BY for what was likely an honest mistake, made in a rush to meet the challenge deadline.

If there's one good thing about this, though, it's that teams are on a more equal footing now. Ideally, that would mean less negative feelings toward opposing team members for when the merge takes place (damn, it's only two challenges away), and that opens the chance for a secondary alliance significantly. I wonder how easy it would be to use my reputation and secretly be a part of two alliances post-merge, only openly declaring one over the other when it

became clear which was more beneficial? Perhaps instead of choosing the alliance with best chance of success, it would be easier to side with the underdog, convincing them to pick off the stronger group one by one before eventually overpowering them myself?

It's a lot to think about, but way too early in the game to make any binding decisions. I think I love this game." ~Venexis

Voting Confessionals:

"peter
confirmed" ~Raz

"Vote: MK
Reason: I guess you were maybe too perceptive, this time, Moy. You know exactly why."
~Brando

"brandobrawl.
No grudge whatsoever - the thread was a joke - but he hasn't contributed much and doesn't seem to be too serious about it." ~Emelia Kaylee

"Vote: Emelia Kaylee
Reason:Since there's a chance of Brando going on MK,I figured that by voting for MK will guarantee me a safer position. And besides,that means MK might go for Brando,that's 2 votes that aren't on me. It's all my guess anyways." ~Peter

"Fuck, I really hate doing this at all but I suppose it is our turn, ha. I guess I'm voting Peter for elimination. There are other people who are obviously bigger threats at this point, but it wouldn't do to anger an alliance at this stage in the game, especially when the last challenge proved (in more ways than one) that a victory isn't always a guarantee of keeping all our members."
~Venexis

"I'll vote for Peter as I don't feel any greater connection to him. May seem like a bad reason, but that's how I think about it." ~Blackyoshi

Tribal Council Answers

Raz:

1. Your actions in the challenge prompted penalties for your tribe. What do you think that will mean for you in this tribe?
I'll probably be voted out earlier than expected, but I hope that everyone will forgive me, I only did it for the team.

2. What was your reaction to hearing the twist thrown in with the exile? And do you think nin10mode will activate the swap?
Well my first thought was that it was bad for us, and not for them. I doubt Nin will activate the swap. He has confident in our team.

3. Why Magnen, if you hadn't attended Tribal?
Because she'd the one most likely to not want her team to get seperated and she has confidence in her team.

Venexis:

1. If you had been forced to go to two Tribal Councils tonight, what do you think would have happened?

Well, it would've sucked. If the Squids were anything to judge by back when we had spy priviledges, voting people off is definitely the hardest part of the game. That being said, it would've evened the odds perfectly. I expect it would have been a serious hit to morale- we might have forced the Squids to vote two people off, but that was for two separate challenges. Nobody's lost two members in a single challenge so far, and that would have been quite a blow.

I'm glad we don't have to do that, especially now that our leader is away for the duration of the Council.

2. You seemed the most adverse to attending Tribal Council voluntarily. What do you think of the push to visit that the others prompted?

I don't think I was adverse to it, any more than anyone else. It's a part of the game. We all knew that from the beginning, and we're all still here four challenges in. I think it's normal to be a bit hesitant to eliminate someone, especially on a team composed almost entirely from people you've got to know over the last few years. It sucks, yeah, but we were all aware of the consequences- it's just our turn to face them. No push was really necessary.

I'm pretty sure nobody here would think being voted off is part of a personal vendetta against them, but still.

Brandobrawl:

Debatably you have been the most inactive member of the tribe. What is the reasoning to keep you?
The fact that you haven't even seen my final form. When it comes time to get serious, I will.

Before you were put into tribes, you and EmKay were fighting. The first topic made in this thread was a brief agreement that you would not get along. Do you think that will impact the vote?

Maybe.

Emelia Kaylee

1. What do you think your standing is in this tribe?
a) Low-priority, definitely a bit of a grudge against my presence already taking into account my history in this community.

2. What do you make of the actions that led to you giving up immunity, and afterwards?
b) It was definitely a huge twist managed by one mere element's introduction; seeing as we're calling the shots mainly, however, I'm quite confident it'll work out to our advantage.

Peter

1. You were the last pick for Oerhaos. Do you still feel like an outsider?
2. What are the benefits and drawbacks of a tribal shuffle?

1. An outsider,huh.I don't really feel that way.
2. The Tribal Shuffle can end up in different ways.If the person that's getting shuffled is loyal to his/her team,then it will be an advantage for his/her team;If the person that's getting shuffled isn't loyal to his/her team,then it will be a disadvantage for his/her team.
I figure that everyone knows that.Just stating the obvious here.

BY

1. Your error in the code was what prompted Raz to cheat. Do you feel responsibility for his actions?
2. How will the tribe act differently without nin10mode?

1. I do feel responsibility for that, yeah. If someone should get punished for that it should have been me rather. So, I wouldn't be surprised to get voted out for this last minute issue. Still feeling sorry for Tsu. : (
2. It shouldn't act to different from now. We should be able to survive without a leader for a while, because everyone in our tribe knows each other to some extend and we are a good team after all, imo.

Post-Vote Story:

What is it worth to give away immunity?
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It is a rare occurrence, to either outright throw a challenge or to even give away immunity, but it almost always has to do with who gets voted out afterward. For Boran in Africa, it was to get rid

of a troublemaker who had switched tribes, Silas. For Sook Jai in Thailand, it was to get rid of confrontational and self-centered Jed. For Drake in Pearl Islands, it was to get rid of a looming threat, Burton. For Aitutonga in Cook Islands, it was to get rid of lazy Billy. For Zhan Hu in China, it was to get rid of a member of the opposing tribe they kidnapped, Aaron. For Zapatera in Redemption Island, it was to get rid of a menacing returning player, Russell Hantz.

Nothing beats the the two times where tribes actively gave away immunity, however. For Bikal in Caramoan, it was to have a violent, troubled kid that was destroying their tribe removed from the game after an intense fight that led to all of their food getting thrown out. Manono's intentions from One World were far more sinister. Colton Cumbie, a staunch gay Republican, had obtained potential immunity and used it to scare the rest of his tribe in going to Tribal Council where he would berate and run out a black tribe member over an unaired argument.

Out of the 80-something tribes in the game, eight have given up immunity in some form. Three of those tribes produced a winner. But one thing that always seems to happen afterward is that there is a momentum shift, a change in the air that impacts the rest of the tribal phase.

Whatever the reason may be, Peter was part of the winning tribe one day, gone the next. Now it's just a matter of keeping your head above the water.

Grab your torches, and head back to camp.

Post-Game Interview: 1018Peter

1. You came into this game not knowing many people, and that ultimately worked against you. Do you think that had you lasted longer that the merge would have been easier than the pre-merge?
1. Absolutely not,my Meatshield disasvantage works on either ways.

2. You were dead last, #12 on nin10mode's list. Did you feel closer to the Shadowsquid group daily than the Oerhaos crowd?
2. Not at all.

3. What was it like settling in to a tribe that didn't know you and didn't seem to particularly want you?
3. It's kinda weird,as I instantly realized I'm in a dangerous position of being complete stranger to all of them.

4. Did you try and work with anyone during the game to turn the vote around? What was your communication like with them in general.
4. My general attempt at not getting voted out is to try and not have a tribal council held in our tribe.

5. During the second challenge (the SM63 challenge) your level playing technique was enough to score your tribe the first of several victories. Do you think that your contributions to your tribe were overlooked?
5. My contributions,is like,a crumb of a huge pie,and besides,people cares about the latest things happening,which makes my contribution on the first 2 challenges meaningless.

6. What did you make of nin10mode's protest and not redoing the time trial after his mistakes were pointed out?
6. Er,I was lacking time,you see,uploading a Speedrun takes around one hour for me,and I don't have that much time in non-weekends,that's why I can't redo it.

7. Why did you join the crowd in giving away immunity? Did you suspect that they wanted to vote you out?
7. I suspected that from the very beginning,you see.At the very first Tribal Council,I got 3 votes,which is really close from Slayer's amount of vote,knowing that I'm in a very dangerous position,I knew I wouldn't last long,and when they say they are giving away immunity,that's the ultimate disadvantage for me,as they are in a safe spot,you can say that is a sort of alliance.

8. Raz was revealed to have cheated at the challenge. What is your reaction to that?
8. It's what that leads to my end,Raz strategically turned more votes on me by "announcing" my dangerous position,and got away from the disadvantage he has on his cheating action.

9. Do you feel bitter to have been, in your own words, used as a meatshield?
9. Nah,it's usual,you said to win Survivor,you mustn't be nice,and besides,it's my natural disadvantage,even though if I have ended up in Shadowsquids,it will be easier to survive. (Shadowsquids are full of nice people)

10. Who are you hoping to see win, and what did you think of the interpersonal drama this season?
10. I do hope for BY to win,dunno why,maybe because I admire his abilities of LDing.