

## OK! CAUGHT UP WITH BIG BROTHER<sup>1</sup> WINNER BEN!

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### **Congratulations on your win!**

Oh my God, thank you so much! I can't believe it. This is the most amazing experience that has ever happened to me, and the way that it came out all in all is just thrilling.

### **5 Are you still running on a high?**

I've officially run-out. I love OK! magazine – I'm just like ... oh my God!

### **How did you guys spend your final day in the house? Was it bittersweet?**

- 10 No, I was really quite keen to get out of there. I was ready for the next stage of my life. Whilst I walked around the house and made the most of it and felt privileged to be there, it became a lot harder in the last 48 hours ... I thought, 'Am I going to be the winner, am I going to be the loser?'
- 15 What's going on?' It was scary.



### **How did you feel when you realised that you had won?**

- I hyperventilated! They read out that I was the winner and I literally felt like my head was going to explode – the amount of sweat that poured out of my head when I got on stage! It was just the most amazing experience, it doesn't settle in. It never kicks in when you get told that you're the winner of something like this, there's only one and there was an incredible list of people in there that were trying to win this program. The fact that I got to that stage was quite amazing.
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### **What was it like being left alone in the house after Layla was evicted?**

Once Layla was gone I was terrified. I was like, 'How long am I going to be in here for?', and time stood still. I then felt overwhelmed by the fact that I had won.

### **25 Did you take any mementos from the house for yourself?**

Stacey gave me this Humpty Dumpty<sup>2</sup> set, which was by my bed at night and I took that, but apart from that, I haven't taken anything. I think I'd be in trouble with the big chief – with Big Brother.

**Was it fun exiting the *BB* house with host Sonia Kruger?**

30 When I saw Sonia in there I thought, 'I'm going to lose my mind'. Mainly because for me Sonia is like an Australian icon and I hadn't really had much of a chance to meet her. When I went into the house I only said two words to her and then disappeared. To meet her and then have that one-on-one chat was incredible.

**You wore your Nicole Kidman shirt last night ...**

35 Yes, I wanted to wear it in, but they said to me no I couldn't, and they chose a different outfit for me. I think once you get to the point you're in the final three, you get to have more say in what you wear. Nicole Kidman ... when I was eight years of age, I was obsessed [...]

**So you were a big fan from day one?**

40 Not like a crazy fan ... If she was at a party I was at I wouldn't even walk up to her and talk to her. I'm not some crazy person who wants to be her friend or anything, more I like the way that she speaks and talks about being an Australian and talks about family. I think that she's been quite a strong role model and a good presence in my life. It felt right to wear something like that. It's a signed picture – she signed it for me.

**You said that being part of the final three, with Layla and Estelle, was hard.**

45 I think the reason why the last part was very hard was that I think in lots of ways – while I think Estelle is an incredible person – she jarred on me quite considerably. It was just really hard to be in this environment where you've probably been put in there to clash against someone, the personalities just don't click. She just kept saying things that weren't really what I believe to be true in the last couple of days. It was just hard to be sitting there, the three at the end and feeling like, 'Why am I here when you are making something that's so amazing so difficult'.

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<sup>1</sup> Big Brother: a reality TV game show in which a group of people live together in a large house, isolated from the outside world. To win the final cash prize, a contestant must survive periodic evictions and be the last one remaining.

<sup>2</sup> Humpty Dumpty: egg-man character from the nursery rhyme that begins, "Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall".

- Analyse both the questions and the answers in this interview to show how Ben is presented and how he presents himself.