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I have been on a journey of self discovery for the past eight years. I have always felt like I was made for greatness, and hope to prove to myself that I can achieve whatever it is I put my mind to. I hope to find my next direction and charge forward.

Vanessa Jack

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I come from a small town in Northern British Columbia called Burns Lake. There is a rich history in this area, of perseverance and resilience. I was born and raised in this little town and have no urgency to leave. These are my territories and I want to enrich my life, as well as those around me, in the beauty and natural abundance that is our homelands.

I am very passionate about using my voice. I found my voice later on in life and feel it is monumental to show the youth and children that their voices need to be heard. I truly believe that teaching someone to advocate for themselves teaches them to act with courage. I believe in my heart of hearts that a child who grows up being able to speak their truths will grow into a more grounded and wise adult.

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