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With respect to like their identity, we see a lot of addictions, mental health trauma from just identity – “where do I belong?” Right? So, a lot of people will speak of it like, with CFS, like these people don't know where they belong. Well, that could be incorporated for being pushed out of your – your homes and your traditional hunting areas just the same. Like, you're no longer who you are. You're no longer allowed to be what you know. So, it definitely shows the mental – definitely shows the mental, spiritual, emotional impacts that uprooting somebody. And not only for some people who chose not to become Cree, uprooting them and changing everything about them.

But also, for those who now have to identify as a completely different person like, that's like me going and saying now, “I now identify as you know, Australian” or something, right? It's completely different. So, they'd have probably a lot of stress of now I – one minute I'm this, next minute I'm not. So, I’ve definitely seen it and you can see it in compounding issues of what we see today with mental health issues, or addiction issues, people just don't know where they belong. And this definitely plays into it.