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Evan Taylor: I can see you, but I can't hear you.

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Evan Taylor: Same thing.

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Nicki Ward: Very frustrating.

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Evan Taylor: There we go.

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Evan Taylor: Yeah. Can you hear me.

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Nicki Ward: I can indeed technology is a wonderful thing, how are you

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Evan Taylor: Great finally got the scale is one of those funny things that at first year you thinking, okay, this will be all right. And then you press a button and everything changes so amazing what you can do and you start and come back again.

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Nicki Ward: Well, yes. Have you tried turning it on and off again.

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Nicki Ward: So if in this

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Nicki Ward: Also, FYI. I've got quite a fair amount of

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Nicki Ward: camera equipment round here. I'm actually got some good lighting on me here, and I've got a second camera lined up, you'd see

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Nicki Ward: Know, you can see that I've got a second camera lined up over here. So we've got it. We've got redundancy. I thought it might be, you know, since I'm getting it set up a lighting anyway.

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Evan Taylor: Yeah.

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Evan Taylor: No, that's fantastic. I usually do a when we started doing about vanity check with

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Evan Taylor: Folks, and like, okay, do you like are you look through them as a framing setup, but with you. It's perfect lighting is great. I got no I have no tix

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Nicki Ward: Actually if you really want to be goofy about this. I even have a Pantone here for you so that you can actually do a college check

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Evan Taylor: Well, you look fantastic.

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Nicki Ward: Well, thank you. I'm actually not falling. I'm going to do, I'm going to pull this out and see what can be done with it. The

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Nicki Ward: Yeah, I mean, it's one of the, one of the things that I do as a as an artist is various graphic projects and I'm just beginning. Oh, you know what

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Nicki Ward: I promise you this isn't setup. I

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Nicki Ward: I did a graphic. Are you recording now by the way.

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Evan Taylor: Yeah, so as soon as we sign on it records.

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Nicki Ward: Good, because this is all going to be gold and I wrote a an epic poem which I turned into a play called jack is not a real girl and

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Nicki Ward: It's the story of a trans woman who is sent to a man's present, which is, regrettably, a very common thing and it's all based on true true life events and

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Nicki Ward: It started out back in 2004

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Nicki Ward: I ran into a friend of mine who had been sent to a men's prison. And of course, it had a terrible experience. It was just up the road here in on Church Street and

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Nicki Ward: She was dressed in grab mail so dressed as a guy right drabber with the be not a G Yeah, yeah.

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Nicki Ward: The

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Nicki Ward: So she was in really really rough, rough shape. So I said to her, not a real and Jackie. Jackie, you know, when are we going to be seeing Jackie, again, you know, this isn't you like, when are we going to be seeing Jackie.

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Nicki Ward: And she said, quote,

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Nicki Ward: All that stuff was bullshit. It's no. Never mind. It's not like Jackie was a real girl.

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Nicki Ward: Um, and as a writer and as a human being, and I knew I'd heard something profound

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Nicki Ward: And and an awful and tragic and I also knew that I was in a unique position because of my skill set. And just to actually write about that. It took me 10 years before I was at all. No 10 years before I was able to write about it. And ultimately, I turned I turned it into a graphic novel.

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Nicki Ward: So, which I'm now in the process to find a converted into some movie format. Oh, wow. Yeah, so that's hence quite a lot of equipment hands like playing with new toys. And so there's a there's a variety of this and if this yeah anyway. So that's why I'm all about so

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Nicki Ward: I will, I will.

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Nicki Ward: I will just I think maybe it'd be good idea if I set my camera to record what do you think

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Evan Taylor: You know, it can't hurt the more the more reporting is the better these things. Alright.

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Nicki Ward: Okay, alright. So, what I will do for the purposes of my recordings, I might. I might repeat some of the questions, just so that I've got, you know, reference points that separately. Yeah, definitely.

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Nicki Ward: Alright, so I will go, but I also on my side there's construction upstairs.

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Nicki Ward: Okay box. If anybody farts in the building so sweet dog.

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Nicki Ward: And my partner is about to come back in, in shortly so apologies in advance for all of that.

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Evan Taylor: Well, there is something nice when you're doing these recordings about you know it, they're not a sterile environment for a reason, right.

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Evan Taylor: I mean, I need to get a glimpse into people's lives for a minute. So, you know, no worries about the the realities of life. That's kind of kind of particle, we like to get, get on tape, anyway.

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Nicki Ward: Okay, so go ahead. I'll try not to do my usual thing of controlling everything. And I'll let you do your bouncing ball saying

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Evan Taylor: Well, I've done a little bit of an intro and then it will just get to be over to you and whatever direction things end up going and you know I sent you the the sort of outline, but the same time. Sometimes these things become very conversational

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Nicki Ward: And that's

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Evan Taylor: Usually a very good thing. And depending on you know just where where where things go and what for me. A lot of the point, though, is trying to get away from just that.

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Evan Taylor: That that life narrative that we all have as trans folks that's like, you know, and what did your parents think And when did you know and

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Evan Taylor: And all of that stuff. But what we're trying to do is create a record of the good work. The, the activism work the

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Evan Taylor: humanitarian work that the folks have done. Sometimes it's you know people's art right like

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Evan Taylor: That showing up that book. I'm so glad you had it right there because it's just one of those moments that

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Evan Taylor: Now we have that. No, that's that's permanently archived in history now that people will know I can go and look that book up now that's going to be enough in the library somewhere, so it's it's starting to get a

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Evan Taylor: What I'm calling a trans positive trends perspective on trans history which remarkably is not that common.

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Nicki Ward: It's well what I find is that in terms of talking about trans narrative and whatever. What I've tried to focus on my work is that the France experiences is primarily a human experience.

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Nicki Ward: Mm hmm. There's a rather dark joke that we tell around this neck of the woods where about

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Nicki Ward: Going to the doctor, with a broken arm and I didn't coming out as trans and the doctor says, Oh, I'm sorry, I don't know anything about trans issues. Right. Right. But I got a broken arm, you have the same GANG OVER THERE, RIGHT, THE

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Evan Taylor: Exact yeah

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Nicki Ward: The

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Nicki Ward: My activism of which I've been involved since since I came out, you know, so it's hard to say. When did you actually come out because it's a, it's a, it's a messy process but

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Nicki Ward: for my own amusement. I drew a line in the sand on February 29 2000 Sadie Hawkins Day, it just amuse me to do that right. I've been living. I've been cross living long before that. And then I lost access to my children.

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Nicki Ward: Merely for being trans and I lost my job and I lost. I lost a lot last last gain some self respect and authenticity, but at the cost of absolutely everything else in that respect. My story is not is regrettably not unusual.

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Nicki Ward: But the fact that I was my ex was deny me access to my children, despite the fact that I was actually the Supporting. Supporting the family at that stage, I had not yet lost my job and people were still at the novelty stage saying

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Nicki Ward: And I was blessed to be in a in a position where

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Nicki Ward: I don't arrest skill set in terms of language skills coming interpreting between English is so important, very high tech stuff converting that one an engineer's understanding to

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Nicki Ward: Let's say a sales persons understanding and actually bridging that gap for to communicate, which is was still in in in in in enough demand that they could overlook my unusual nature, ultimately, I got fired with the usual story, which was I was Nikki I respect to enormously.

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Nicki Ward: My heart goes out to you and if it were up to, just me. You know, I keep you one, but I have to think about the team as a whole, it's the usual bullshit.

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Nicki Ward: Right, because at that time I was still a supporting factor, but my ex was trying to deny me access to my own children.

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Nicki Ward: And

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Nicki Ward: So I immediately was thrust into advocacy out of self interest. I wanted to participate in my kids lives as best as they could and

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Nicki Ward: And also, at the time, you know it now it is, you know, Orange is the New Black and trans is the new orange right being trans call in here but you know everybody's got a friend who was trans right but

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Nicki Ward: I don't know how long you've been up but as it wasn't always that way. And the most of the early part of of of this century trans people, the very existence was denied, you know, we don't need to do that because there aren't any.

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Nicki Ward: Right. There are a few you know demented folks, wherever. But, so I was thrust into the system. The gender identity clinic up here in Toronto.

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Nicki Ward: Where the evaluation as to whether you were eligible for basic healthcare basic support around transitioning was decided by the same people who did

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Nicki Ward: Forensic Medicine for sex offenders. Right. And it was exactly the same intake form. And again, you get a sense of humor, or you die, but

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Nicki Ward: I always used to joke think to myself, well, I pray like hell that the person I'm sitting next to is a trans person for evaluation and not some homicidal maniac.

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Nicki Ward: Yeah.

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Nicki Ward: There's not the two are mutually exclusive, but

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Nicki Ward: But it was it was a very many was an utterly

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Nicki Ward: It was mad, isn't it was literally it was mad as I was being evaluated for my sanity by people who were demonstrably insane.

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Nicki Ward: The profession itself was determined to try and pathologies me and medical as me as it does to all trans people, when in fact being trans is just a state of being. It's just a variation on on a theme of this wonderful thing to be can be so I was immediately when I was denied.

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Nicki Ward: Service for a while there because I wasn't wearing enough makeup. I didn't look feminine enough. I wasn't wearing a dress well my mom's never wore a dress in our life.

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Nicki Ward: It's just, it's, it's me. And by the way, it's a Canadian winter, you have you do it, you would have to be insane walking around in a miniskirt or

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Nicki Ward: Not to say, I don't have the legs for it, but the

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Evan Taylor: It's just too darn cold.

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Nicki Ward: And. Exactly. So that was on my chart. I actually saw it afterwards that you know wasn't wearing a dress was one of the reasons why it was not considered to be a proper trans person. I mean, utter madness.

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Nicki Ward: As well as the the foul questioning. That's all went into it about you know what my was I was is sexual deviant in some way.

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Nicki Ward: Other than other than usual, of course. No, but I mean it was it was it was quite the evaluation was was was was utterly insane. And in fact,

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Nicki Ward: Anyway, so immediately. Immediately to preserve what little dignity. I had left and to preserve what few relationships I had left. I was thrown into advocacy, not by choice. But because that's the only way I could actually survive in any way that was meeting.

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Nicki Ward: With

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Evan Taylor: Preparation in that isn't there.

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Nicki Ward: Yeah well advocate or die. That's it. Yes.

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Nicki Ward: You ever that's, again, that is also a human shorts ready, we need to advocate for on health care, regardless of our trans status. But anyways,

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Nicki Ward: The sermon Health Center here in Toronto was just starting out to engage in the trans community wonderful fellow by the name of Kyle Scanlon versus old now passed away.

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Nicki Ward: And Anna Travers whose assessment, but as my opinion was qualified for St where

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Nicki Ward: We as we I say we, but established the first intake protocol at Chevron health sense now. It was before there was a thing called the Benjamin standard for care.

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Nicki Ward: Which was an American Standard was a set of tests really that you had to go through before you could access basic medical care.

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Nicki Ward: Not talking about surgery, talking about basic stuff like hormones and things like that. And so there was a move which Kyle and and or engaged in to

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Nicki Ward: Educate local doctors and work with medical professionals and lay people to establish a protocol that was that satisfied.

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Nicki Ward: The moral, ethical or medical requirements, but also worked with dignity. Now this is before a thing called the rainbow Health Network, which you undoubtedly know about this is this predates all of that. So this was the early 2000s.

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Nicki Ward: My background in because of

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Nicki Ward: Translation when you fit well into this and it was really a very stimulating for me because I have a background in medical instrumentation and health insurance and working with healthcare professionals. In fact, I had back in my old days, I had a number of doctors who reported to me.

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Nicki Ward: So very strange to be put in this sort of patriarchal picture. And it was quite literally a row of doctors on one side of the table and a row of bright very, very savvy trans people have different types trans guys transforming people who identify as intersex.

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Nicki Ward: All of us.

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Nicki Ward: Patiently

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Nicki Ward: Joke intended, but trying to communicate to doctors way.

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Nicki Ward: When a doctor says, I'm not comfortable prescribing you hormones. What that's not an acceptable answer.

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Nicki Ward: Sorry, this. I'm not here for your comfort. I'm here for my treatment and having those really really difficult conversations

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Nicki Ward: provided the foundation for intake protocols, not just this year in 2000 2002 maybe I think it was before they really got gussied up and, you know, a huge influx of money.

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Nicki Ward: But and so

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Nicki Ward: The Sherman health center was getting clients from, you know, 568 hundred miles away. People with that. I mean, come down from Thunder Bay Timmons way up north and all of it because the shopping center was the only place that you could go

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Nicki Ward: And so that was

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Nicki Ward: Very difficult, very, very, very difficult. I wrote as a writer as a technical writer in a medical writer and journalist and so I wrote the first

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Nicki Ward: Peer led brochure for what to do about hormones. What to consider and I did it in partnership with with physicians and it was it was it was meaningful and then that became a model that was

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Nicki Ward: At first informally used by St. Michael's Hospital, which has a server is quite close to shove and health center can then over to Women's College Hospital in terms of

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Nicki Ward: Treatment more for trans guys, to be honest, weirdly women's college hospitals was an is still quite unfriendly to trans women like myself.

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Nicki Ward: It still hasn't quite figured out how to unbundle that, but then it is after all a hospital, which is highly gendered and it's naming so there shouldn't be surprising but Mount Sinai.

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Evan Taylor: By a buyer centric in how they how they organize who gets care.

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Nicki Ward: Well yeah, I mean, I actually had a very unfortunate experience there where I was denied care and actually treated as a male, and this was back in 2010 right transition and

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Nicki Ward: It was really quite distressing. This was even after they had said, Oh, we have a good trans policy, but to them. They had their for them that France policy was being accommodating to trans guys

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Nicki Ward: Right, being able to cheat three you know men with uteruses right was there leap. They couldn't quite do the reverse part

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Nicki Ward: And by the way,

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Nicki Ward: The thing that was wrong with me was I had a tumor on my hearts. This is an. Everybody's got one of those

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Nicki Ward: I was subsequently led into Mount Sinai, which I think in Toronto today. And back then still has the most

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Nicki Ward: Not just progressive because being progressive is easy relatively easy. But one of the most humane well administered and really thoughtful healthcare intakes

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Nicki Ward: Anyway that's was the first that really helped me while I was on the one hand, talk to these Mad Men and women at

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Nicki Ward: Camp age the Centre for addiction and mental health really trying to convince me that I wasn't saying that I was somehow broken and malformed, and at the same time, God bless the chevron health center is involved in this really meaningful work, which just saved my life.

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Nicki Ward: I come out of their out of these group sessions that can he just weeping and

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Nicki Ward: And then have this brief moments of pushing back. And of course, I also learned a great deal, because I'd never met trans men before and let trans women, but one of the secrets of survival in the trans community is being solitary avoiding the contact of others, it's like you know the the

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Nicki Ward: comic book series, you know, there can be only one, you know,

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Nicki Ward: being caught as the quality of the UK or being read as trans is is was and still is a dangerous thing for trans women.

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Nicki Ward: And it's what back in the day. The language was different. We used to call about T. Geez, and Gigi.

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Nicki Ward: teachings were trans girls and jujitsu were genetic girls. Right. Okay. And it was, you know, part of the accepted wisdom was that if you hang around with GGS you weren't going to get red you want going to be out

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Nicki Ward: But if you hang around with TVs, you know, the chances of being out at work with greater and therefore your risk of violence was and still is great. So living in isolation is sort of a survival technique for a lot of people who are in other

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Evan Taylor: And then when we, when we know that the eight that isolation breeds suicide breed self annihilation, then, okay, well now we know what happens to people when you with what's been happening. Our community for many years.

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Nicki Ward: Well yeah, I mean when when you were to to sort of reiterate, you're saying that when we're denied access to the human race.

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Nicki Ward: And I think that is true of all humans, you know, solitary confinement is a thing that I touch on in in in in the in the book, but the there's a line in there where

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Nicki Ward: I mean, this was very, very, very difficult to write because it talks about my experience and plus experiences of a lot of dead friends, but this is one of the one of the one of the panels.

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Nicki Ward: Solitary confinement is familiar to us all relatively we get it early on in life and living either side of prison walls.

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Nicki Ward: And walls. Well, thank you, that the

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Nicki Ward: It's

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Nicki Ward: Yeah, it's enforced extending for solitary confinement people walking around in isolation. And again, this is a trans experience, but it's also part of the human experience right

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Nicki Ward: The isolation, you know, paradoxically, we live in these great cities and we're more isolated from each other and we suffer we die faster. I mean system is compromised, etc. Yada, yada, yada. Yeah.

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Nicki Ward: I always feel that trans people and other outliers are that the sentinel stay are the, the, the, the early warning system for the rest of society.

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Nicki Ward: So we die first during the AIDS crisis or the early days of the AIDS epidemic trans women.

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Nicki Ward: Died almost immediately. The first wave was not necessarily those who identified as gay men, of course, that was a large percentage of it, but the trans women working in the sex trade and Toronto will wiped out in a matter of months.

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Evan Taylor: Right.

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Nicki Ward: And so there's an example of where we are an early warning an early detection system. And when I talk to in in the media.

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Nicki Ward: This is the thing I say. Even if you don't care about trans people, you should care about what happens to trans people, because where the canaries in the mine were the early warning system and and so if you care about yourself, you should care about us, because where we go you follow closely.

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Nicki Ward: Yeah. So back in 2004 that was that was, it was still dire work was very hard and

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Nicki Ward: And lots of people didn't make it out to me, bless his soul, Kyle Scanlon didn't make it to. He was a

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Nicki Ward: A casualty.

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Nicki Ward: A casualty along the way.

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Nicki Ward: Figuring out how to be an advocate and as a friend of mine says to give your excess not of your substance is a constant battle. Yeah. And I've seen a lot of really good people, you know,

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Nicki Ward: Take advocacy for the goodness that it is, but then related to the exclusion of all else, and poor pre Kyle.

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Nicki Ward: Did you ever meet him, or do you know him, or you know of him.

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Evan Taylor: I know very I know quite a bit about him. I never met him in person, but he ran that when he was running the, the, the program where they were training trans folks to train shelter workers.

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Nicki Ward: I was part of that program was part of the cost program to train the trainers of the trainers have to plan is awesome. And so I work with him on that with for well as

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Nicki Ward: A significant portion of it after we did the work at the at the shop and health center in the early 2000s, our friendship continued and when an opportunity came up. I was one of the first ways to came in there and subsequently became one of the trainers of the trainers.

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Evan Taylor: A little bit about that because I only know we we sort of took on that project and did it over here in Vancouver.

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Nicki Ward: And right

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Evan Taylor: The sharp project would be sheltered Housing and Residential program access

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Nicki Ward: Around so so Kyle can vote for you folks.

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Nicki Ward: Well, Kyle was a genius about finding money where there was one, there was no money for anything. But what he got was a deal with the and frankly the training that we used to do with the 519 and Carl scans program was called that.

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Nicki Ward: Largely came about when there had been an incident. I learned over the years after doing hundreds, perhaps hundreds of these presentations.

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Nicki Ward: That I stopped worrying about I didn't believe that there was some sudden rise in consciousness on the part of the place that we were going to there was always an instant that had triggered the event in the shelter system. Here, as elsewhere, it's a dangerous place for trans women.

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Nicki Ward: And at the time, trans women.

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Nicki Ward: When you had Hobson's choice, which was no choice. You, you went in crab to a men's shelter and got the crap beat out of you and raped.

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Nicki Ward: Or you went to a women's shelter and they denied your access or maybe you got in there and somebody having a bad day would beat the hell out of you. You can't win for losing

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Nicki Ward: So the shelter system here in Toronto recognize that they had an issue and a small Fund was set aside to

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Nicki Ward: offset the costs of administering a program and a small stipend paid to trans women like myself, because at this stage.

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Nicki Ward: I was completely unemployed, I had no income at all. And so small honorarium meant the difference between eating and not eating.

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Nicki Ward: I had around 2004 2004 2000 year 2014 2000 yeah would be 2004 yeah yeah I was there for a very long time, ultimately ended up writing a piece that was used by the City of Toronto to frame there on

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Nicki Ward: inclusive workplace inclusion. And so that sort of got translated into policy policy there, but we would go out to shelters, I would go out to shelters, as we

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Nicki Ward: Would call both of us would we do have dog and pony show and saying hey trans people are are great and and and non threatening and wonderful and please stop beating them up and and you know

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Nicki Ward: So it was it was good work, but there was never any long term financing and as

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Nicki Ward: And yeah, Carl's programs call also did a thing called the meal trans program, which was a which still runs, which is a Monday night drop in for trans women to network. There's a lot of this one here. Afterward the 519 Church Street is a lot of

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Nicki Ward: A lot of trans women or girls come to Toronto.

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Nicki Ward: What sex trade and things go bad. From there, Monday night drop in is kind of a place where information is exchanged and there's a BAD DATE network. Okay, so you know some guys have remorse and

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Nicki Ward: After they've had sex with the trans women and there's there's a thing called the gay panic attack mother's a trance panic attack.

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Nicki Ward: They've had sex and then all of a sudden. Oh, your day we work out their own internalized homophobia and internalized trans phobia by beating the hell out of a transplant right so content and the graphic novel.

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Nicki Ward: So there is a Monday night drop in which I helped participate with that it's still very difficult because

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Nicki Ward: That's still a challenge. We consistently have people die in Toronto, people that I know personally on a on a semi regular basis. Usually transforming

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Nicki Ward: And usually their last point of living contact is with the Monday night DROPPING RIGHT NOW. That's not to say there's causal effect, but obviously if you're using this drop in center. You're at greater risk, but there is a that is a challenge because

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Nicki Ward: In the LG be community.

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Nicki Ward: The tea is silence, you know, often

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Nicki Ward: These days it's a very good way to raise funds for an institution. So if your pride, Toronto, or the 519 or any of these other places. And if you've got a trans component. Hey, to tune

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Nicki Ward: Right. But in terms of actually providing meaningful service to trans people, we still suffer here in Toronto.

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Nicki Ward: From a complete absence of trans representation at the decision making process. Right. What happens here is we get a piece of consultation theater.

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Nicki Ward: Where they invite a lot of deeply wounded very grateful very wounded people very vulnerable people who cannot comment freely on the flaws of the system to say, Are we doing good job. Yeah. Can I take some of these home with me this free the sandwiches free

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Nicki Ward: And so how can you because because these women are so beholden so to to them for basic services, there's no there's no real feedback and what's worse is it creates this

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Nicki Ward: This hierarchy this re victimization of trans women.

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Nicki Ward: Which is very subtle but but really powerfully destructive. And so how do we, and that's just not resolvable until we have trans women.

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Nicki Ward: In the decision making level, not being consulted after the fact. Oh, and other ones. Dad, what are we going to do about that. But for God's sakes, you know, I'm

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Nicki Ward: Actually approached this with some degree of professionalism, which is not happening. I subsequently I resigned my position with the 519

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Nicki Ward: Because I was with Kyle I had a presentation to the city of Toronto and the 519 is the city of Toronto.

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Nicki Ward: Community Center and service. It's great. And I was, I was saying this very thing to a bunch of high ranking people, the city of Toronto.

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Nicki Ward: And I said, You know what, even here at the the beloved, the great the wonderful 519 there is not a trans woman on the board of directors, nor has there been

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Nicki Ward: And I had that moment, you know, moment of clarity, you know, if not now, when, if not me, who right and it was it was, but it was it was financially.

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Nicki Ward: Again, nobody made a lot of money at this, but I have to emphasize that at this stage I was and still am physically disabled in part because my immune system was compromised along the way. And so got these yucky tumors. Right, so

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Nicki Ward: And I was not making good money, but it was enough money that I could

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Nicki Ward: The standard of living is so low for trans women. I live today well below the poverty line.

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Nicki Ward: And yeah, I am wealthy compared to other trans women. Mm hmm. So, so making the sacrifices, a few hundred dollars here or there throughout the year was a big deal right but ethically and

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Nicki Ward: It was shortly after that Kyle died and

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Nicki Ward: I

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Nicki Ward: And burnout of people like Kyle.

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Nicki Ward: Was an issue is an issue everywhere.

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Nicki Ward: And

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Nicki Ward: I think I think cause death was preventable.

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Nicki Ward: I think in any other healthcare environment.

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Nicki Ward: There would have been better access and barrier free access to mental health resources.

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Nicki Ward: And more attention to

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Nicki Ward: Burnout and and you know when this peer to be repaired to peer resources. Just, just as you well known.

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Nicki Ward: very emotional demanding beyond words and

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Nicki Ward: One of the things I did subsequently

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Nicki Ward: I, I saw a a resigned my position because I couldn't be a board member and actually make a small amount of money.

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Nicki Ward: Resigned and a year later, I had to go to a huge process. Talk about barriers to entry.

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Nicki Ward: Including financial, of course, because there's a loss of income and I can now no longer x or it could now no longer access

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Nicki Ward: Other services at the 519 like housing and mental health counseling or these other things was big set personal sacrifice but but not i'm not saying that to pat myself on the back. It was just

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Nicki Ward: I had to do it. It was no question to honor my own existence, perhaps, to prevent my own

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Nicki Ward: Death, and certainly to honor the death and Kyle I had to do it. It was not a pleasant experience. But I did push for

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Nicki Ward: Better mental health care facilities for the people who are doing the heavy lifting the work that said

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Evan Taylor: You know there must have been something that you know that when you were there, you must have felt

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Evan Taylor: A calling a reason you know there must been a moment that it came together that you realized I was I was meant to be here in order to make change x, whatever that was. So I'm wondering what those things were that you were able to accomplish that.

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Nicki Ward: I would like to say that I accomplished a lot while I was there, but I mean, realistically, I didn't

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Nicki Ward: Accomplish much of tall. I certainly raised the issue, but since cars passing other trans people who have burnt out of the 519 have either died or fall into other issues. And so then, there is still nobody senior at the at the 519 involved in actually directing

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Nicki Ward: Directing services directing

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Nicki Ward: Healthcare standards. Directing these things, lots of there's a few people who who toe the line who stay on.

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Nicki Ward: So this is the danger of LGBT institutional support, we had the similar similar parallel thing going on with pride, Toronto, which is where the transport comes in.

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Nicki Ward: So again, I'm not trashing the 519 it's been a resource center forever. When I was first coming out back in 2008 was the only place I could take my kids and say, look. Here are other queer spawn.

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Nicki Ward: Right now, and and here's the can be normal. You can play on a screen and you can be. It doesn't always have to be about being trans or whatever.

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Nicki Ward: So there was some many good things about it, but as as a the toll that it takes is huge. And so that was one institutional life so

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Nicki Ward: 2004 with Kyle did a lot of work there. We traveled all over. We designed the program between he and I, we fine tuned it

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Nicki Ward: I had a background in professional training and in other areas. And so I brought my skill set here he taught me an awful lot about facility location in a social environment which you know I'd worked in the private sector very different vibe in the social sector.

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Nicki Ward: And so I learned a lot from him. I saw him on his last day. The last few days. Interestingly, weirdly. It was the same time I started getting these symptoms of massive chest pains.

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Nicki Ward: And I had been having problems with getting healthcare 2010 getting health care through this local General Hospital. I said, all I should talk to you about it. Kyle.

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Nicki Ward: But he looked really down to the dub, he just come back from yet another retraining of a place that we'd gone to 1000 times and he looks so broken coming back and

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Nicki Ward: And yeah, you didn't make it through the weekend. You didn't make it through the weekend was very sad very sad and and and i think preventable.

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Evan Taylor: And I'm really interested in this idea excited again. He was a

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Evan Taylor: Figure for us out here. They're very much somebody that that we looked at, and said, Oh, how can we do the program the way Kyle's doing it. How can we bring that over Vancouver and he was very much on somebody that I never met but I would consider to be a mentor to me in that way.

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Nicki Ward: I would, I would agree. Carl was was a midwife too many programs.

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Nicki Ward: If midwife isn't that's a non gendered state a doula

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Nicki Ward: A doula you know he he he was really inclusive again in 2004 when the rainbow Health Network had a conference in how Quebec know a whole lot about whatever the border there.

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Nicki Ward: Yeah, yeah. In 2004 where there's been some funding that had been behind the rainbow Health Network. And what we're going to do next.

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Nicki Ward: We did.

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Nicki Ward: When I was down there. We did a breakout session for trans people that was

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Nicki Ward: Kind of an impromptu caucus of trans people from across Canada, including many people from Vancouver.

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Nicki Ward: Some of whom I remember their former names. I don't want to name them now. But there are some people who still involved in in the business, who then came here and

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Nicki Ward: Yeah, and so I you know it's it's this kind of a shuttle backwards and forwards between Toronto and Vancouver, I think.

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Nicki Ward: Vancouver because perhaps a smaller population base and different you know politics out there.

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Nicki Ward: They do some good things around funding that kind of bounces back over here, Toronto, because there are so many people. It's the pointy end of the stick right

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Nicki Ward: If things are going to break. They're going to break into one or first. So there's a sort of shuttle backwards or forwards, where there's this learnings to come, East and West, the

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Nicki Ward: So there is some positives to be had. But yes, cause can learn how to bless his soul had a huge part to play, and then again.

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Evan Taylor: When you say about his death being prevented by them. I like that you've met these words come up, couple of times and I hear it in the connection to access to mental health.

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Evan Taylor: I'm also wondering what you saw, maybe systemically or institutionally. What were some of the other other pieces that you're thinking, this could have been in place that would have been that prevention.

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Nicki Ward: Well, again, my background. What, why was there what what systemic issues might have been present them identify that can be tied into this notion of preventive ability

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Nicki Ward: amongst the many things I've done over the years working in the professional sector is risk mitigation right

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Nicki Ward: Health insurance and and how to how to stop health care costs before they become out of control.

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Nicki Ward: Right, so the one of the companies that I worked with used to deal with out of country coverage in a patch. How do you control billing, but also do that in a way that makes sure that your customer doesn't die all through the private sector. So for me, preventable means, if it is predictable.

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Nicki Ward: Then it is preventable. If you can go not with the benefit of hindsight, but with just basic common sense, or at least transferable common sense from other areas.

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Nicki Ward: Stress is a killer.

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Nicki Ward: On the battle for funding car couldn't raise enough money to pay his own salary letter on the salaries of others. And so financial curious lack of acknowledgement, you know, Kyle.

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Nicki Ward: There's a funds to set a Memorial Fund. One of the other things I was involved with was we set up a trans Memorial here in Toronto, I and a few friends, opposite the AIDS memorial. The first name, we put on there was Kyle's

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Nicki Ward: It's not. It's a north wall of the barber whole Park, which is right next to the 519 okay we take the trans symbol in chalk and using some magic sauce that's trapped that's never come off the city of Toronto tried to power wash it off several times.

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Nicki Ward: And we use talk because somebody smart, who shall remain nameless, but is involved in this conversation.

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Nicki Ward: Said that a temporary memorial is protected speech.

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Nicki Ward: And therefore, the city of Toronto anybody else has no right to remove it like ghosts bikes.

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Nicki Ward: Okay, one of my friends who was part of it was also a bike pirates. And so we said okay ghost bikes are protected speech Shana white bike to a lamppost to honor somebody who's passed so we make a temporary or memorial.

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Nicki Ward: Here and nobody can take that away because that is protected speech, which was immediately tested.

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Nicki Ward: Immediately tested the park was dead be read dedicated to Barbara whoring yourself. It's a wonderful advocate for the trans community.

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Nicki Ward: But a city councilor who should have known better directed cities start to clean up the park ahead of time. And one of the things they come up was our memorial.

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Evan Taylor: And what does that snake and there's they're literally trying to wash away like the invisible eyes and the disappearing of trans people in that space.

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Nicki Ward: the very purpose of the memorial has to stop the ratio of trans people. Right. I can tell you that within our community that was mobilized very, very quickly.

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Nicki Ward: I happen to be walking through the park when it happens, as it, my friend, and we responded vigorously. Let's put it that way vigorously.

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Nicki Ward: But we had to protest, even for that small thing.

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Nicki Ward: But that that's still

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Nicki Ward: It gets this been the power wash it off three times each time we go back and rebuild it. But that's where and even I, as a steward of that I'm tired of putting new names on it and I'm tired of the fact that there's no institutional support for that.

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Nicki Ward: Call scan and Memorial Fund partly of that was to lose perhaps to set up a memorial has been dead, how many years now. Not a penny of that money has been spent on a memorial.

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Nicki Ward: It's being held in trust. Now we just kind of truck with this kind of trust. Who needs. You know what, what is betrayal and this is funds being held in trust by an institution not, I'll give you a guess where, you know,

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Nicki Ward: There's a saying you know the the opposition is in front of us, but the enemy is behind me.

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Nicki Ward: You know the opposition to trans rights is out there, but the enemy of the people who are just

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Nicki Ward: Who regard liberty and access to human rights as a as a as a something that is scarce, that if you have human rights, I can't have

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Nicki Ward: That that somehow that if if we have a gay pride parade and we have a trans march somehow the transmits would jeopardize the gay parade, which is exactly why try to want to

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Nicki Ward: Try to stop us from having the first trans marches.

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Nicki Ward: And really the they actively try to block haters literally and figuratively.

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Evan Taylor: And what is this happening.

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Nicki Ward: 2009 and there's pictures of me and Kyle and my lovely partner Jill in the front line of 2009 march down Church Street, where the price you want. I didn't want to jeopardize the the benefit to get from the city of Toronto from the city police right authorizing the march. So a local gal.

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Nicki Ward: Got us all up there at the top of church and blower and then there was this big hurried conference going on and

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Nicki Ward: They said, well, you can march.

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Nicki Ward: On the sidewalk.

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Evan Taylor: That's called walking like pedestrians. That's not marching at all.

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Nicki Ward: I could tell you I responded vigorously to that and

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Nicki Ward: Somebody had brought a very alongside you said trans rights now go on Facebook the pictures of their, their free issue. It's a beautiful thing is a much younger slimmer me there and

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Nicki Ward: I said to him, so that's a pretty big sign there that that might create something of a hazard. If it was unrolled on the sidewalk and

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Nicki Ward: Oh my goodness, I'm blanking out who it was, but it's a picture of him trans guy.

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Nicki Ward: How big is that, and I started walking backwards out into the middle of the street.

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Nicki Ward: With the sun unfurling it's but I don't know 12 feet across, something like that. So now I'm standing in the southbound lane on Church Street with this battle right in the middle of it being, you know, being, I said, Oh, that's a very big battle to apply.

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Nicki Ward: The horns. And I said, I said, and I sort of another friend of mine. I said it give me a hand hold on to this for a second. And I got a lot of people will also held on to the front of the march and I looked at them. We said, This looks after guessing this is going to be the front

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Nicki Ward: And that's how it started. It sounds like. So we went south on Church Street and there's traffic going left and right.

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Nicki Ward: There was a an LGBT liaison officer at the time who was actually pretty good started running down the street.

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Nicki Ward: The former executive director of pride, Toronto, who was subsequently fired was the pastor who had been trying to physically actively stop us.

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Nicki Ward: And we're so we're walking. We're walking south on on church. And if you look at the pictures. We're looking pretty nervous because there's no we just did it.

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Nicki Ward: Will be better.

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Nicki Ward: In terms of walking

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Nicki Ward: And chill.

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Nicki Ward: And links and Alex. Alex. Alex. Alex. Alex. Alex all bloody hell beard, Alex. Alex. Alex sorry Alex wherever you are.

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Nicki Ward: And Jenny and links. And so that's asked us know please. Okay. There's no rolling. Nothing. Just cause it just, we're in the bloody road and this is only Friday night.

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Nicki Ward: So we're going south at the top of church and Wellesley across Wellesley wanting east to west. There was a barricade where the pedestrian area had been established. Right.

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Nicki Ward: But traffic was going east and west across the line. So again, so broad street going south. And then we're also going this way. So,

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Nicki Ward: You look on our faces. I think there is still some video but there's certainly enough photographs of it, including god bless Kyle.

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Nicki Ward: Who as always was not at the front. He was there participating current matters. And that was the gal who helped to the organizing of it. Okay. And, but Carl was there as a participant.

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Nicki Ward: Sorry.

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Evan Taylor: A big memory.

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Nicki Ward: With so many memories, but so we're walking south, and I remember there was a barricade across

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Nicki Ward: Wellesley, which is theoretically you know Haight Ashbury it's the plates, the crosshair

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Nicki Ward: Right ground quiroz right it is the place and there is a

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Nicki Ward: barricade across wealthy Street. We're coming down as tropic bloody everywhere.

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Nicki Ward: Just blocking us from where we are and I felt it everybody who was there felt at White he

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Nicki Ward: It was not long after the G 20 issues here. So,

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Nicki Ward: It was pretty. It was pretty G 20 was a period in Tijuana were put to our police did not well played well but the rest of the body gangsters that they brought in for the cops that they got from out of town were all bloody hooligans.

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Nicki Ward: They should have all have lost their job. But anyhow, so it wasn't long after that. So we're like are these guys going to beat us up probably not means of January LGBT we didn't know

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Nicki Ward: Right, I, I remember looking and saying, You know what, I am so white hot with rage. I'm going to burn through the barricade and there was will be

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Nicki Ward: The going to burn through that barricade and this past coming left and right, and we just came up and it was this close and at the very last minute the cops pulled the barricades is back.

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Nicki Ward: And the rest of us just went down and this is everybody came out of all the restaurants departments crappy was wonderful.

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Nicki Ward: It was reclaiming our home. But the people who put the barricades up was people in institutions that have done that. And so we thought 2009 great

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Nicki Ward: Next year we'll take it to a young screen, which is the big interest the long road you know where demonstrations a demonstration down Church Street isn't a demonstration, it's it's worked for us it was. But the notion that we had a voice there.

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Nicki Ward: 2010

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Nicki Ward: I got involved this thing called the community advisory panel, which was an attempt to reform pride I got involved with trying to find a solution.

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Evan Taylor: Right.

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Nicki Ward: Which included providing support for trans trans march and I did nothing. There was no, there was a

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Nicki Ward: There was no we said, well, we can't do it just yet. This way, because we have so many competing needs and we don't want to piss off the police and lose our funding 2010 2011 2012 2013 I and a couple of other troublemakers said, You know what, forget this.

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Nicki Ward: Handful of US trans women actually regrettably, we couldn't find any trans men to help us.

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Nicki Ward: Some join in later.

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Nicki Ward: But the path. And so, you know, for trans trans women is very different physically transitioning from female to male the mechanics of it, the hormonal mechanics is such that many of them, the mark is like facial hair metal patent bar upper body. See these coming relatively quickly.

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Nicki Ward: Right. As for the other way around. I am six foot tall. I can't be less than six. All right, you guys maybe a short transcript. Not always, but presents and therefore passes very quickly. And since, as it you're going from an underclass which is the underclass of being a woman.

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Nicki Ward: To the overclass of being a man who the hell without themselves out of that right. Why would you voluntarily disclose if you don't have to. And so that's the case, whereas for us. We just need to stop and what we've got 2013

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Nicki Ward: Again with direct opposition from prior to honor, despite the fact that they continuously try to rewrite history on this. There was direct opposition in 2009 2010 2011 2012 and 2013 and even down to 2014

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Nicki Ward: The 2013 I went to

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Nicki Ward: My name is on the document there. It's all provable. I said, Well, how do you get a permit for a march or play

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Nicki Ward: So I went to. I went live believe in going face to face. So I went to a coffee shop up in I don't know North Toronto and I sit them.

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Nicki Ward: Said, What, what's, what's required to get a you know a permit for a parade I somebody's got to do this, you gotta do this, and you've got to do this.

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Nicki Ward: I said, Oh, Jesus. Sounds like a lot of work and then just a passing comment the cop said well you know if it's, if it's a if it's a march. You just need to file a demonstration. Notice of Intent of demonstration.

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Nicki Ward: Right, right. I said, I said, you just follow and said, I said, is there a fee for that. I said, No, this was the paperwork. Yeah, using one of these, what, what do I do it here filled in it.

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Nicki Ward: I filled in the date.

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Nicki Ward: Notice of demonstration for the Friday before and I said, and where's it going to start. I said, it's going to start on on young Street, and it's going to work down to down your street and then turn left East on to Carlton and end up in Allen God's right so I signed it as and

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Nicki Ward: As did divina Hayden, who is a name that is a wonderful woman a videographer who maybe was talking to in the future you sit around

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Evan Taylor: At that name is

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Nicki Ward: da di na H at still a great lover to pieces, really at a real tough broad, we're just, we're all tough right

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Evan Taylor: Have to be

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Nicki Ward: You don't make the other

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Nicki Ward: ones don't make it and even some of them are still don't like it. Anyway, so, um, but it was deleted two names and I kind of wanted somebody else on it, just in case I don't know but

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Nicki Ward: I can tell you that I still have a copy of that piece of paper because always after the fact, people trying to rewrite history, you know, Rivera, they try and rewrite who's who did what, and getting in it and writing the layover from my old insurance days, you know,

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Nicki Ward: So there's a piece of paper with a demonstration too much.

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Nicki Ward: So you would think that people would be well on board with this. So we started in a little set of like Park space in the in the north on the floor suite and we're going to walk south and what have you.

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Nicki Ward: We got no money, no support active objection from prior to answer. We went to the city council of for the area myself and a friend of mine.

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Nicki Ward: Melissa Hudson me L is as a Hudson HQ DSL when by Park, who was also involved in the transform or with me another very bright woman. And so we went to the City Council who not only called me, Cindy. For some reason, which I still think it's hilarious. How many things, but a Cindy, I am not.

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Nicki Ward: But But see, Deb named Melissa.

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Nicki Ward: In the middle, what we're talking about. Can you please intervene on our behalf with pride to one. So, too, so that we're not working in opposition to that we have to be opposed to you know

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00:55:42.390 --> 00:55:55.230

Nicki Ward: This is, I mean, this is unconscionable. I promise you this is this is documented very well documented because it sounds. It sounds insane but it, it was the reality. So we're at the place and we say, well, we're going to start here and this park.

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Nicki Ward: Called

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Nicki Ward: Norman Norman juicing part and we're going to wait up in Allen guidance. Well, says the counselor, you're going to need a city permit a city park permit.

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Nicki Ward: You know, a license for the to the city park. How much is that more money than we are putting forth between a lot of us.

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Nicki Ward: And by the way, you have to get your permission for me and I'm not sure that this is a good idea. So we were denied Commission to use public parks pics. So once again, here's what we did. If you look

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Nicki Ward: This is, this is the. All you need is love was what we came up with is the logo. I got this stuff everywhere.

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Nicki Ward: But if you look at one of the maps of the it's actually doesn't start in the park. It starts in this on the sidewalk, just outside the park and

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Evan Taylor: I'm like, anyway. So there you go.

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Nicki Ward: So we don't start in the park. If you will assemble in the park to business right also does not finish at the park it finishes at a parking meter just opposite the end of mutual Street.

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Evan Taylor: Just outside

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Nicki Ward: Or just outside the park. So we have to do. So we did this. So the day are there is only a handful of us 567 the bike pirates who are local advocates and wonderful people.

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Nicki Ward: Really came through. They provided the barricading of it. We didn't the pride Tijuana, and others were saying we can't guarantee the safety of attendees. Great.

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Evan Taylor: That's its own Fred, isn't it.

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Nicki Ward: It's what it's a threat that they repeated several times, we had a huge range of overnight was like the whole Park was modeled our God wanted to do.

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Nicki Ward: At the last minute pride to want to show it up with a

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Nicki Ward: Oh yeah, they said they wanted to honor said they wanted to do a march at the same time as us.

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Nicki Ward: Exactly.

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Nicki Ward: At the last minute they turned up with a contingent of system, the people who they'd Russell together out of their volunteer base.

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Nicki Ward: Who elbowed the way to the front of our march with science and said, pride, Toronto and

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Nicki Ward: Fundraising. We are going to nickel. We can didn't give us a nickel. Nothing, nothing at all. And they're out there.

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Nicki Ward: Raising money pretending that they had something to do with this. So there at the front and they tried to go to the front.

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Nicki Ward: And some of us bigger asleep vigorously.

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Nicki Ward: Said,

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Nicki Ward: You're not part of this march, you want to promise as an individual. You're welcome. But you take that institutional sign and go to the back unit. Welcome. Yeah.

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Evan Taylor: Thank you.

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Nicki Ward: Exactly. So, um, and we have had a slight RAIN OVERNIGHT in the park had this sort of walkway through it and we think of how the hell are we going to marshal a few hundred people.

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Nicki Ward: It turned out. Nobody wants to stand in a month. So everybody

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Nicki Ward: Sort of snake and partners. Beautiful.

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Nicki Ward: So we start walking out and the cops say, All right, well, how do you down one lane of traffic Melissa Hudson divina Haider trying to enter all Rachel. Rachel. Rachel Lewis. Yeah, I mean, principally done by a half handful, half dozen trans women.

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Nicki Ward: We said, Yeah, sure.

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Nicki Ward: So we go out of the side street.

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Nicki Ward: going west and then our two young speech and the cop say

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Nicki Ward: Well, you're going to be ongoing and southbound traffic. So it will be letting other cars come you either way. Okay, no problem.

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Nicki Ward: So I'm too young Street, and then we say, Oh, you mean the other lane and Melissa debater and I, we can snakes it onto the wrong side of, oh, you

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Nicki Ward: Can't go outside in spring your pocket traffic all sorry. And so we snake back again. So like, meanwhile, of course, or equal by this

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Nicki Ward: And then because nobody knows what's going on, but actually spread out and taken up both lanes of the of the road. So we got both lanes by got by with us.

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Nicki Ward: And then we came back again.

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Evan Taylor: We just had no idea where we were going.

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Nicki Ward: Sorry, so we we got down now get confused between 2013 2014 I think this happened in 2000

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Nicki Ward: I tell the 2014 sec. So we go down there and we no idea what's going on with flying by the seat of the pants.

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Nicki Ward: And we really don't want anybody to get hurt really concerned about that bike paths for ages are great. They started what they call corking they blockade.

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Nicki Ward: cockiness where they block off the traffic lights they use a row of bicycles to stop cars as going through it was all done by the quote unquote private sector, God bless these anarchists right

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Nicki Ward: We went down to some going south to College Street and coach Carlton is this of the junction there. And then we're going to go east on Carlton.

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Nicki Ward: Which point, the first time we've got to stop and Jill my partner and the lesson when I was stopped. And then we looked up the on screen several blocks and it was for

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Nicki Ward: It was for. We thought we might get a few hundred times. I've got close to 5000

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Evan Taylor: What did that feel like in that moment that must have been huge.

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Nicki Ward: I can imagine we can't even describe the feeling of it and you feel it.

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Nicki Ward: Where do they come from what had happened was we kind of out and people kind of joined up the back and join up the back and join up the back and join up the back

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Nicki Ward: And then we just kept feeding itself and stuck. They're just people came by and the street cars again. People were so beautiful about it.

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Nicki Ward: Because unlike the terrain and all the commercials and just had so much heart to it so

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Nicki Ward: Obvious sincerity and authenticity. I remember there's a teaching see a street car driver their big grin on his face and the cops were having a good time, because we played it smart, you know, we said great, and we said only bicycle cops rest of them. You can go spit in their hat. Right.

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Nicki Ward: So we go down this. And at that point, once we made the corner to the going to the park. He was I didn't care. They can carry on going east until they hit the Maritimes all I care. We did our path we're going down young Street.

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Nicki Ward: The biggest ever by by an order of magnitude with maybe a handful. A couple of thousand thousands and just watching it and just going this is brilliant.

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Nicki Ward: And then we got down to zero. Remember the park. What are stopping point was the parking meter, because we weren't going because the counselor threatens that if there was any mess left in the in the

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Nicki Ward: In the park that we would be responsible for the thousands of dollars associated with cleanup.

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Evan Taylor: Right, okay. I

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Nicki Ward: Couldn't be more but I mean really just the other. So we decided we're going to stop at the parking meter.

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Nicki Ward: And Melissa and I'll talk to the cop car cinema was king biscuit. She was a bicycle car was the officer in charge. And he said, he said, all right.

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Nicki Ward: So, so what's happening here. Well we stopped at the parking meter and then this is the cops. They said, well, what

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Nicki Ward: That is, yeah, we stopped on the road here. We couldn't get permission to go into the park counselor said we couldn't do it. So we're just going to stop. We're just gonna leave it there because if you can't do that. You can leave 5000

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Evan Taylor: People around the fact

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Nicki Ward: That had to do with us if they go and they told us if we go in there. We could be responsible for the cleaner and of course they didn't make any mess but we said we're not going to clear by this time, we obviously have a good summer enjoying the process. Yeah. I said, So anyway.

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Nicki Ward: All around the world that we did our part, we did all we did was start the market your job to finish it.

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Nicki Ward: And there was a pretty salty language came out of the cop smell but but with good humor. They said, well, we will, you'll be got one in the park. That's what we'll be doing

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Nicki Ward: Everybody followed the park and it was just no we just that was, that was the beginning 2013. That was the first one on young sweet 5000

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Nicki Ward: You'd think the price, right, it would get their act together know they try to take it over again and then 2014 I just back to 2014 2015 they put up competing

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Nicki Ward: This was always a grassroots event and pride to want to try to do their own sponsored parade. Right. One of the things we have always resetting the trans community as one of one of the gals. I know quite quite carefully, you said

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Nicki Ward: She said, and she is quite salty language.

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Nicki Ward: She said,

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Nicki Ward: We'll have a parade where we've got something to fucking celebrate I'm

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Nicki Ward: Like now we need a much

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Nicki Ward: Right as strong words.

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Nicki Ward: And

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Nicki Ward: So yeah, then we had one year the there was there was prior to want to try to take it there. They saw this huge the pathos associated with this and money.

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Nicki Ward: They took it away from the people would actually started now. I didn't care whether I was involved. What a carrier is that

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Nicki Ward: Doing the market is not just about changing people's mind and say, here we are, get, you know, Donna racist, but also the sense of empowerment. What was great to me. I see a lot of trans woman walking with the head down and avoiding eye contact. Right.

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Nicki Ward: Everybody standing straight everybody smile make people just there's

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Nicki Ward: Weirdly, one of the allies of our you find allies in strange places. There's a place called northbound leather on the street and which is an old guard leather leather guide subculture of gay community, you know, BSF those guys and gals all came out in mass to support from the sidelines.

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Nicki Ward: That was, that was great. They've always be huge supporters of

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Nicki Ward: There has been a really good kind of openness to gender dynamics in the Video sam community. It's really not been in the quote unquote mainstream gay or lesbian

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Nicki Ward: I will tell you that my first experience of the pride quote unquote parade was being spat on by somebody from the LG community for trying to participate. And it was it was it was the date much something is bad on me for not being a real woman. I wasn't allowed to march and like

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Evan Taylor: I was getting I was gonna bring up the date march because, I mean, it's not like pride Toronto hasn't been very supportive of marches.

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Nicki Ward: That's not true. At least, they've been completely objective, they have there have been multiple occasions where the grassroots community has had been forced take back the deck was back in 2010 ish was

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Nicki Ward: a concerted effort to remove the the the Daikon march from the clutches of pride to water the festival organizers.

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Evan Taylor: Oh really,

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Nicki Ward: Oh my goodness, they're not being the least bit supportive over the years. They have a history.

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Nicki Ward: Of of feeding to the mainstream because there's so many so much money involved every couple of years ago, through the same cycle and doing it again.

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Nicki Ward: Where they forget that the gay March the gay pride demonstration. You can call it a parade, but it began as a take back the streets movement. That's the roots, whether you're talking about

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Nicki Ward: Stonewall, which was a riot participated in by a number of gender fluid people there's debate over that one of those things. Everybody was there, right.

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Nicki Ward: Right. And I can tell you that I find it very easy to believe that it was a trans woman who fought back. First, I can find that

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Nicki Ward: My lived experience tells me that you know when students, things start flying

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Nicki Ward: Ya know,

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Nicki Ward: Yeah, I don't. It's just, it's very plausible to me.

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Nicki Ward: And it's not plausible to me that a bunch of very comfortable deeply closeted gay men initiated a right that's not plausible to me in the least i don't i don't

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Evan Taylor: Drink trans women of color and street youth. That's what we know now.

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Nicki Ward: It's, it's the outliers, who, who, who fight that's just the way of the world.

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Evan Taylor: Frank five is not always a corporate handing out Frisbees branded with RBC logos, like a that was not its roots, by any means.

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Nicki Ward: Well, and it keeps it's there's there's even today. We've lost yet another game. I mean, I have outlived five or six executive directors and

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Nicki Ward: I have been proud to participate in the removal of some of those because they forget this is not a festival. This is not a celebration of how far we've come. This is a reminder that if we don't take the streets, we will be removed from them and the two, you know,

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Nicki Ward: Liberty. He who would sacrifice comfort of a liberty deserves neither. Right. That's a revolutionary idea so

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Nicki Ward: Back to the continuous out of the transport 2014 to 28 2015

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Nicki Ward: It's not the first election accounts. It's the second one that participated in the second one, where they tried to do a competing march and once again. They did everything prepped, are they in the first

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Nicki Ward: They we had our

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Nicki Ward: The bike parts did screen printing of the original T shirts.

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Nicki Ward: One of which I I still have I should probably donate it to the archives

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Nicki Ward: But I did all the graphic design and the I remember that. All you need is love thing I was it. Oh, yeah. All you need is love thing.

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Nicki Ward: I didn't even know what this symbol meant

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Nicki Ward: What's that it's not a symbol for Prince, you know, as the other way around. Right.

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Nicki Ward: So 2014 late. They established a pride trans march fully sponsor before works and we say, what now you want it.

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Nicki Ward: So we had our own much they said a competing much how how the grassroots could compete with pride to one is beyond me. But we had this weird situation where we had to

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Nicki Ward: One trans march and one pride Toronto event. And we had them starting at roughly the same place. They said we couldn't guarantee the safety now.

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Nicki Ward: Picture the Madison this, if you will, or it so we're on the east west concourses blows Friedman is us to the south in our traditional style place at the moment.

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Nicki Ward: Just pop

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Nicki Ward: So we're heading west, and there's a set of lights, there they are going to start and to head west, and then a one one block North West and then go south we said we're going first.

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Nicki Ward: So we got our starting at this is me. This is like something out of it. And since it's bizarre right so we're coming out of this and they because they are Matt had had huge police presence because they were concerned about violence from us. Is it okay yeah that unbundled that

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Nicki Ward: How can we are the threat.

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It's

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Evan Taylor: Like really

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Nicki Ward: Well and desktops and against prior to one. And now I love last step, but so they have a motorcade of cops with the book will look, I have to tell you that a police siren is not a comforting sound to a trans woman.

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Nicki Ward: And so we're there with our buddies from the last year inspector biscuit and the bicycle crew and there's all the big ass cops with their, you know, extensions between their legs.

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Nicki Ward: Exactly right. And so we start our we start ours, and we've got a strategy.

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Nicki Ward: So we start off with our bicycles non motorized vehicle.

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Nicki Ward: And I don't know whether I should say, but you really need to talk with Melissa has she's very funny very bright and beautifully very honorable but also very disruptive.

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Nicki Ward: So we said, what are we going to do about this and she said those bikes that she knows a thing or two about a thing three, she says those bikes over here if they go too slow.

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Evan Taylor: Well,

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Nicki Ward: So we came in front of that the of the Pride Parade nada mas decorate our march right and they start coming to whoo, whoo, whoo, whoo.

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Nicki Ward: Or the system. The cops waving their things around and we slow it down to a dead.

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Nicki Ward: Crew.

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Nicki Ward: Dead crawl. At one point, because one of us one of us who has maybe a sense of humor. Stopped. Stopped the entire march and ask for directions.

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Nicki Ward: I want to say right oh you should stop right now, just check

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Evan Taylor: Didn't want to go off the the wrong way. Like, you know, look back and win lose your yeah

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Nicki Ward: That would be terrible. So we can all this heat and what that cops. They do motorcycles, but we've kind of because the bicycle cops. I kinda decent we had the relationship. They kind of knew what we were doing. And it's like that bicycles not going to overheat. Is it. No. Yes.

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Nicki Ward: Yes No love between bicycle cops in motorcycle cost. I see.

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Nicki Ward: So awaken awaken things from

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Nicki Ward: You know, talking to the into the anyway. Eventually, there's this huge screen and all the motorcycle cops come single file so but creating a space and come Terry through our part of the march, because all of them motorbikes have over a great

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Nicki Ward: So we get down to. So let's get down to Wellesley, which is halfway through the the run over. That was why

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Nicki Ward: We said we wanted the march. That's why we wanted to Mr. Allen God's that's a safe space for trans people pray Toronto wanted to take it down to Dundas square where they had a beer garden.

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Nicki Ward: interceding years

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Nicki Ward: Before I moved to young street they had done exactly that they'd had the the their version of the trans previous one trans parade got there was not a youngster. He ended up literally in a cattle chute.

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Nicki Ward: Where people were pushed into a beer garden where God bless you. They were vigorously ID.

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Nicki Ward: Know, is this gender security people because it's a beer garden.

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Nicki Ward: Exactly. And there was in the previous year. They're quite rightly, people would be thinking of a part of a marsh got to this this this cattle gate and stopped.

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Nicki Ward: And then started backing up created a huge that's very dangerous. So we said, Alan gardens is safe Dundas square to the south is not safe. It's not traditionally

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Nicki Ward: An LGBT positive area and we're gonna have a bunch of people down there. Once the celebrations of died down. We're going to find themselves in sis gender territory.

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Nicki Ward: Know trans land.

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Nicki Ward: Somewhere right

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Nicki Ward: And that's exactly what happened. They replied to one of us did not adequately take care of that. And a lot of trans women. We thought it was safe ultimately ended up going down there so we turned to the left to go down to our guns as we have done through this year.

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Nicki Ward: So that was another reason why there was sit there was this break pride Toronto refused to

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Nicki Ward: Just ended in our gardens, as we asked them to. And that's why we had to have this other separate thing wasn't just spite or because we, you know, we didn't like them wanting to have it is because the the end point.

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Nicki Ward: Was non negotiable. It wasn't safe in subsequent years, guess where they moved it to own guns because that makes sense. And that doesn't

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Nicki Ward: One sidebar bit of humor in this as we're coming down Wellesley on the side that we were, I think we were on

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Nicki Ward: I think we're to one side, there was we had quite occupied both sides of the street at that stage. In fact, it's true because the first year we did because we just did this thing.

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Nicki Ward: There was somebody on the sidelines with a big sign with a fundamental so called Christian sign saying, you know, you're going to hell. Right.

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Nicki Ward: Well, the front line as is proper was filled with a bunch of transforming vigorous, like myself, including

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Nicki Ward: One gal Monica forest there is a tough. This is a good anyway this is

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Nicki Ward: This is crazy, because it will protect you from this as a new, new, new, new, new you've got that one backwards. So we're at the front of me. But here's the decide how you're going to help

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Nicki Ward: The whole front row. When

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Nicki Ward: They never mind turning a college trick. Everybody went blue Monica. The rest of the girls, they say, Well, what's

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Nicki Ward: This

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Nicki Ward: A couple of thousand our buddies behind it. So it was great, very invigorating

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Nicki Ward: And where are we at now. And so that broke up that was that was 2014 on a long time ago. It's still hasn't fixed

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Nicki Ward: Right now, there's no they want. They probably wants it both ways. They want to be seen as being trans supportive, but they don't know how to, you know,

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Nicki Ward: Enable to build capacity rate capacity. It's not all. We will do this free will do this for you know I want more better organized trans women right Rising Tide Floats all boats.

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Nicki Ward: I want the performance to be trans women and men and gender fluid people from our community getting paid. I pray Toronto and not importing some overpriced drag queens is a totally different thing.

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Nicki Ward: Right in when I was doing the review of pride to want to back in 2010 through cap. They said we spend lots of we stay sick. We spend lots of money on trans issues we've got report for God's sakes.

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Nicki Ward: To further for the viewers at home rupal is a drag queen, a man who makes no potential for anything other than a man who capitalizes on on on

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Nicki Ward: Who may argue is is built an empire on being on deep an unapologetic misogyny and huge trauma surgeon, both of which jeopardize the physical safety of trans women.

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Evan Taylor: Trans women.

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Evan Taylor: In his programming well

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Nicki Ward: There we go. So it's not that he just doesn't include in a programming. It's that when you you present women as as

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Nicki Ward: Either invisible or exotic is this great grand creations and you suggest that that's why I am not a proper woman because I don't wear makeup. He was, I'm sorry. I've seen it in our community here where

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Nicki Ward: Drag done, Daddy, I grew up in England. We had great track where you actually had to saying that it was witty and cloudy and genuinely and genuinely transgressive really good way. Right. Mm hmm. And

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Nicki Ward: That's not what we have here what we have is a freak shows, right, that, that, that in danger trans women. I see it all the time. Mm hmm. Yeah. So, um, so these claims that they were spending money on trans issues by all of the money they spent on track.

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Nicki Ward: We spent over \$100,000 and drag you spent nothing. Again, all of this is documented photographs online. We they had an organizing session. They organized the session and got, you know, there's no name yellow brand.

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Nicki Ward: Yeah. Things couple of yellow brand potato chips and some yellow, brown soda pop that was their open house to welcome the trans community.

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Nicki Ward: When I did the cap the cap community advisory panel report, which I wrote, which provided a policy document which they subsequently ignored thick, thick document that says you need to remedy this you need to remedy this you need to remedy this

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Nicki Ward: One of the quotes in there was from a trans woman. And I remember taking some of my fellow panel members that many of them would never actually met on the panel was a great people, Brent hawks, of course, famously famous sir troublemaker in his own right.

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Nicki Ward: I'm blanking out

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Nicki Ward: Ah Elliot's Elliot's Elliot, Elliot, Elliot.

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Nicki Ward: The lawyer who who prosecute Douglas. Douglas. Douglas Elliot, and my co chairs and dog Elliot and Brett hawks and I all became quite close, and one of Doug Elliott Smith.

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Nicki Ward: argued the case for gay marriage successfully is the Supreme Court level so

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Nicki Ward: An important guy or anything. He said, Nikki that I never realized why trans women were so angry all the time. Now I know

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Nicki Ward: That was a huge have such a hard thing. I had a bit of a break now partway through that but I made sure all my fellow panel members one of who was a Human Rights Commission right who served on the barber Hall. It was hidden work didn't work, but but but meaningful and

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Nicki Ward: I took them to a session see trans people are so used to consultation theater where they get paid an honorary shut the hell up, eat sandwiches and agree, whoever set the stage. Right. Yes. Yeah, because

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Nicki Ward: I think of the trust that I

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Nicki Ward: Treasure. And then I've earned. If I say we're going to have a meeting people will say, all right, probably going to be at least worth a shot. So I set up some standalone small sessions with trans women who want on anybody's radar right

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Nicki Ward: One of them who said, you know, we'll have a parade when we've got something to celebrate

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Nicki Ward: Another quote I think it's one of my quotes was that don't ask me to don't ask me to be grateful.

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Nicki Ward: For basic human rights, yes. Don't expect me to say that, why are you someone grateful he was a you expect me to be grateful for basic human rights when you give me

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Nicki Ward: Some ice Aquarius. When you give me more than I deserve. Then I'll be grateful. Right. But you're not even given me the basics here. So I remember Stephanie. Stephanie was

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Nicki Ward: Was so he was sitting there and we had a bunch of these very high powered high earning, you know, thousand dollar an hour or more noise sitting down and they said, What can we do

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Nicki Ward: All Jesus Christ.

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Nicki Ward: Lord

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Nicki Ward: Lord

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freezing up there. Maybe that's purposeful.

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Nicki Ward: Oh, Lord.

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Nicki Ward: Hey there, yeah.

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Evan Taylor: I'm here you there.

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Nicki Ward: Yes, sorry my, this has been on my, oh my god, this can cost a fortune. This has been on my data plan.

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Nicki Ward: I thought I was connected to the wireless thing here.

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Evan Taylor: I see.

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Evan Taylor: Oh, he switched over now.

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Nicki Ward: I just have

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Evan Taylor: Okay, good. Okay, good. Yeah, froze up for a second. It's like, I think this might be purposeful. I don't know what's happening, but

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Nicki Ward: Okay, no, no, no, I'm going to get a really nasty mobile phone bill so my mobile phone.

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Evan Taylor: Well, if it's

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Evan Taylor: If it's if it's terrible. And there's we have certain expenses we can probably expand a little bit so

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Nicki Ward: Let me know that I don't know. It just gave me. It gave me a data warning.

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Nicki Ward: And I was like, Oh, dear.

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Evan Taylor: At least give you a warning.

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Nicki Ward: Okay, well, we will see

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Nicki Ward: The so

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Nicki Ward: We had this meeting and this high priced noise. We've got great people, wonderful people your rights commission. The same. What can we do to help the transfer you to have the fans March.

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Nicki Ward: And Stephanie said

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Nicki Ward: This, I thought you said

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Nicki Ward: We

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Nicki Ward: It was pretty hot last year.

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Nicki Ward: So we could use

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Nicki Ward: A case of water.

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Nicki Ward: And one

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Nicki Ward: two pizzas.

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Nicki Ward: She wasn't joking.

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Nicki Ward: She wasn't joking.

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Nicki Ward: Okay so bottled water in two pizzas. That's all she was asking for all

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Nicki Ward: Mean if that doesn't make you desperately

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Evan Taylor: How did they respond

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Nicki Ward: With great humanity and those people are now great allies of the trans community, but ultimately unaware of how desperate. The need is and still it's abject poverty and human and genuine humility.

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Evan Taylor: Like this is generally all this person is asking for

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Nicki Ward: For on behalf of the trans community for all the transmitter oil asking for is a case of water one. And I remember this one. No, I didn't make it to pieces.

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Nicki Ward: I mean, come on, come on. This is not yeah this was this was in 2010 before we took it to young Street. I'm going back in time a little bit, but this was during the cap community advisory panel the community consultation had no idea. Yeah. And it wasn't that

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Nicki Ward: Again, trans women are so beaten still so beat down that I remember one of the quotes. I've got a lot of quotes from the report that we did thousands of hours of discussion.

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Nicki Ward: I remember another quote that I heard more than once was. Oh, they've added the t to the

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Nicki Ward: Pride Parade. Great. It's really nice that they let us come

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Nicki Ward: Really, really well. You laugh, but it's actually said with sincerity. What's really nice if they let us come. Yeah.

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Evan Taylor: This is the thing. Like, it's not just invisible. Sometimes it's actually used to promote the interests that are actually not the interest of our community at all.

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Nicki Ward: The preamble to all of this, this incredibly long set of paragraphs that have been saying is that the opposition is in front of us, but the enemy. God help us is behind

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Nicki Ward: The complacency and this notion that that liberty and human rights are a scarce resource is and that can only be divided so many ways is the death of a soul and

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Nicki Ward: You know,

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Nicki Ward: So,

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Nicki Ward: Along the way I've in addition to doing these things that I've described to you in 2006 I ran for city councilor in in Milton

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Nicki Ward: Ontario, as I transition to an openly Milton Old Town small

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Nicki Ward: Town in the in the outskirts

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Evan Taylor: You know, around the point is

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Evan Taylor: Yes. Yeah, I lived. I grew up just just around the corner.

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Nicki Ward: rattlesnake point is, yes, I've used to when I was there was before it got beggars town of 25,000 people and I was the only guy in the village. They were was but the and so I transitioned. I bought forgive the Jetta term I bought it out.

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Nicki Ward: I double dog dare them to make it an issue and not one of them made it. I ran on issues about housing and accessibility and the rest of it. I had

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Nicki Ward: I did not. I didn't hide being trans. It's very plain I transitioned in the small town right but I didn't want to come up. I did not run as a trans Canada, very important to me that that was the case.

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Nicki Ward: I see everywhere else. Oh, I'm you know that this is the danger of identity politics right everything that I've done.

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Nicki Ward: Has been to show how human. I am not how trans on it. And that means being breathtakingly Norman's and doll. In some cases, it's not glamorous, but it's where the real heavy lifting of advocacy comes I'm convinced of that.

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Evan Taylor: Mm hmm.

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Nicki Ward: So 2006 I ran for city council in Milton subsequently moved to Toronto I couple of years later 2000

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Nicki Ward: It confused. I ran for city council here in Toronto in now in this area where we live right now, which is the gay ghetto right it was 16 candidates.

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Nicki Ward: All of whom identified as gay one riding over as the as the flow cried as the crow flies after 100 yards to the west of here, not a single gay candidate.

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Nicki Ward: So guess what logins here. I ran that I was eligible is right on the boundary. And I said, no, I'm going to want to hear what everybody said why don't you run in the gay neighborhood, because I want to be a counselor and I want to do what's right for the city.

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Nicki Ward: I also have this other history. And so during that I did lose, but I got, you know, I think.

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Nicki Ward: 15% of the vote to change.

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Yeah. For a first time.

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Nicki Ward: Well, also running against incumbent in the inner city council, there's very little movement.

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Nicki Ward: But the, you know, I learned this when I was doing the community advisory panel. Go back to 2010

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Nicki Ward: I learned that the way for me to survive was to have a long game a long arc

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Nicki Ward: Yes, I need to fight for the things important the trip the transmission 2014 transmission 2014 I haven't even talked about

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Nicki Ward: My work with the federal government and getting the identity, gender identity Bill C 389 279 possibly see 16 those things over there. So guess target place but having a long are and and the most recently I ran as a federal candidate for the Green Party of Canada.

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Nicki Ward: In a very, very, very difficult, very rough riding with a lot of gang bangers and I ran as an openly trans candidate and eyeball to eyeball and I had some gangbangers who size me up and then signed my papers, easy to get that number signatures. Come on, as a candidate right and

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Nicki Ward: If it was important to me to do that again running against a liberal cabinet minister, I'm

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Nicki Ward: Not gonna win that battle but i want i won the battle. I went toe to toe with him in the debates I kicked his ass to the curb.

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Nicki Ward: Because he's not a good politician and he's not good for the area and I fought and my identity did not come up once double dog dare them to do it.

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Nicki Ward: Right, and that's why it's important. I ran a place. So that's that sprinter sounds big head here, but we are just talking about me for non stop.

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Evan Taylor: This, this is the this is all about you. That's the whole point.

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Nicki Ward: So, so I'm still politically engaged my art my writing is part of my politics. It's all about moving the ball forward a project I'm working on right now, which is turning a

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Nicki Ward: graphic novel, which I did by mail bootstraps into a movie, which I'm doing on bootstraps is all about that kind of advocacy. I kind of like to just touch on the path for getting gender identity.

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Nicki Ward: Covered and

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Evan Taylor: Yeah, very much. As soon as you brought up the data. So let's make let's make sure we do touch on that before we, you know,

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Nicki Ward: Look, I'm not. I'm going all over the map here. So this is Toronto based but

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Nicki Ward: For those who don't know, up until 2004 you could lose access to your children merely for being transgender. That was enough.

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Nicki Ward: Just being a trans person was enough to say feminine quarter say no to you can have access your deviant.

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Nicki Ward: Because of the time you're transgender. The difference between transgender and friends sex one sexualization of what is a state of being, and very high, it still happens in family court outside of the metropolitan areas. Boy, you're one of these sexual deviance. Right.

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Nicki Ward: Up until 2016 the federal so 2000 so there's a city of Toronto policy which has got my DNA on it right because of what we call Scanlon 519 as a city agency drove the drove the bus.

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Nicki Ward: The province of Ontario Toby's Act, which is the Ontario gender identity rule has some of my DNA on it as well as there were there were a lot of shoulders.

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Nicki Ward: And then the federal level, which is the final one, the Charter rights of trans people. I was been involved in that, over three iterations from when it was Bill

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Nicki Ward: The higher the number, the less chance. It has a policy see 389 C 279 and see 60 seen, frankly, there's a there's a movie about all of that. But the highlights. There's a couple of highlights here.

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Nicki Ward: See 389 was a gesture.

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Nicki Ward: There's never going to happen is a private member's bill to 79 had a shot. But, and we've got it all the way through the lower house and then when it came to the Senate, you need to have a bill somebody to sponsor the bill at the Senate.

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Nicki Ward: And I remember was a Friday night. And we said, yeah, we wanted, we got enough votes to move it up to the Senate and somebody said, Well, all we need to do now is find a senator

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Nicki Ward: Was at the

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Nicki Ward: I said,

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Nicki Ward: What you don't have a cemetery responsive is bill.

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Nicki Ward: There's nobody around.

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Nicki Ward: I got straight on the phone of. Firstly, I said somebody go down to the one of the bars down here, there's going to be a gay senate and somewhere. Okay.

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Nicki Ward: Lisa. Are you some very, very, very, very, very strong language. How could you get it that way.

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Nicki Ward: We and the team of us with some help from a gal, by the way, a gal Canada little gal really focus more on the gay marriage thing, but they did do a little, little to help with the gender identity ball.

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Nicki Ward: Forward. Not as much frankly as I would have preferred but but they paid for my train ticket, amongst other things, to go to Toronto to Ottawa to pitch to

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Nicki Ward: Then very young, Pierre Pierre and Justin Trudeau and Dr. Eddie fried, we can build see to 79. So we've got it all the way through. Got the votes to get it through the lower house and nobody had gone to

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Nicki Ward: A SENATOR on

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Nicki Ward: So I swore like like a small like nobody's business and got on the phone to Doug Elliott.

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Nicki Ward: Who I'd known from the other and dog got it sorted out in no time flat, it was still too late to do anything. But the point was it needed us to get into the Senate, you know, for us it's like we push and push and push

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Nicki Ward: One of the best things about they'll see to 79 is that, amongst other things, to this translation. I'm bilingual

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Nicki Ward: And we couldn't figure out why the party Quebecois was voting against trans rights pretty you know pretty lefty. Now, we couldn't. And I was having a chat with

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Nicki Ward: Some friends and we realized

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Nicki Ward: That the bill as a hippie will see to 79 as it'd be preliminary drafted, we read the French one.

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Nicki Ward: And in English it says gender identity and it French. It says he don't need a sexy well

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Nicki Ward: Oh, sexual identity.

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Nicki Ward: Which is mechanically correct but really bloody confusing.

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Right.

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Nicki Ward: French do not actually have a word for gender, gender is a social construct sex is biological
gender is a social construct

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Nicki Ward: And so

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Nicki Ward: I saw this and oh my goodness, I wish and

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Nicki Ward: I'm the person that I'm thinking of may not want to be identified, but I had a friend who was a French translator and trance and

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Nicki Ward: And we said, oh my god, Bill C 279 has got this

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Nicki Ward: That's why they've been fighting it down because they say said, I'm not sure it's, it's the same their argument is, there is no need for gender identity legislation because there is already

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Nicki Ward: A lawyer and test your sexual sexual orientation is already well established. So the French, the description so called sex a quote unquote long intestinal sexy well and then saying, and now we need to add. You don't need a sexy. Well, it's like it's redundant.

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Evan Taylor: Right.

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Nicki Ward: Like that.

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Nicki Ward: Of course, so I thought that was pretty good, too. So I said, what the heck. Didn't say heck

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Nicki Ward: I said we're going to do this.

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Nicki Ward: They'll see to 79 April 1 draft it already passed a reading it may have may or may not have passed the first week I'm going to be deliberately fuzzy with the timing on this one.

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Evan Taylor: All right, I'll let I'll let the fuzziness fly.

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Exactly.

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Nicki Ward: But the first sentence we looked at an X Ray I dropped the x and we said

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Nicki Ward: So,

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Nicki Ward: What we did

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Nicki Ward: was awful. What we did was we somebody was going to have a conversation with the, the, the level of it to change the language of an act is impossible.

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Nicki Ward: To modify a slightly inaccurate translation.

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Nicki Ward: Some something different. So what we myself and a few other people on the downloaded through mutual connections that said, I think as a as a small type of graph is it's a clerical error or administrative error.

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Evan Taylor: Right, right.

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Nicki Ward: On the document. It should be legal today did genre right now. JOHN has is not gender is not correct, but it's understood in European French to mean you don't need a new genre is understood to mean gender identity.

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Evan Taylor: Right.

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Nicki Ward: The word does not exist and come back in French.

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Nicki Ward: So we had to rely on somebody who spoke French, French know Canadian French and to do it on the downloads through connections and just get it done as a group.

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Nicki Ward: Set up something else. It

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Nicki Ward: Is it

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Evan Taylor: Is yeah

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Nicki Ward: Exactly. And that is why we've got the French their party cubic wild votes for Bill C 279 to push it along to get up into the Senate.

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Evan Taylor: If suddenly they were able to see it and say, oh, this makes sense to us now we know what you're getting at. And since you said it correctly, we, we can now support it because we know we don't get what you're asking for.

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Nicki Ward: Except, like a good magic trick.

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Nicki Ward: Nothing happens.

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Evan Taylor: Right.

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Nicki Ward: You can't see it, but I promise you. Well, I know, isn't it, I'm sure it'd be fine. Matt flow.

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Nicki Ward: Was, was he and I talked about that transcribed really bright really good translator talks about that.

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Nicki Ward: He didn't do anything out of sorts. But he, you know, was part of that. That's a story, nobody else knows there's just, he couldn't publicize it at the time. And now, then later we came to go to the next bill see 16 and then passed and

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Nicki Ward: Actually have a signed copy of it is somewhat

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Nicki Ward: The same copy of it signed by a Deputy Prime Minister so cool graduations, cool. So, um, and that's that that's a 12 year arc

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Nicki Ward: And the trials and tribulations along the way and then that's just, that's just a practice this is I'm showing you now just stuff. I can remember there's I'm sure there's more. I just the

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Evan Taylor: Things I want to ask you about them. It's a little bit too personal. That's totally fine. But I was interested in when you know

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Evan Taylor: Around 2000 you know when you were talking about, you know, I lost the kids. I lost my, my partner and and what was the The, there must be some legal stuff that you were doing at that time that was probably pretty new. I'm guessing.

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Nicki Ward: What everything was no I mean

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Nicki Ward: I remember I got my driver's license changed in Milton, by the way, I never went for I refuse to go for a name change.

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Nicki Ward: The, the time

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Nicki Ward: First, everybody was being do see about it.

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Nicki Ward: This province of Ontario was charging you money asking asking in person and questions.

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Nicki Ward: Yeah, none of the damn business and again I family come from a family. I've got no formal education but I but I've worked in the field where an understanding of the law was required and technical writing staying within legal compliance.

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Nicki Ward: And I come from a family of lawyers.

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Nicki Ward: So I understand common law and it's objectionable to me I have to write this thing called autonomy, which literally means the right to name yourself.

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Nicki Ward: The difference between a free person and a slave Malcolm X said his last name was not his own

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Nicki Ward: Because he had been denied the right to name himself ready profound message I've learned a lot from other people's struggles and that's one of those that was to me. That's right.

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Nicki Ward: I have a right to name myself. And if I acquiesce if you've been if I if I say you have a right to that, then I've listened myself and giving up some important personal liberty. So I refused to do anything to comply with the government's right for me to identify myself as a result.

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Nicki Ward: As a result,

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Nicki Ward: As a result,

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Nicki Ward: I had to come through a fairly unorthodox.

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Nicki Ward: Method legal but somewhat unorthodox.

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Nicki Ward: I ended up. This is a partial collection of the various driver's licenses that I've had.

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Nicki Ward: So over the years I had to correct a series of clerical errors.

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Nicki Ward: One letter at a time.

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Evan Taylor: I was I was, I was wondering when I when I saw your, your whole name. I was wondering, was there ever an s there.

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Nicki Ward: Was a clerical error that had to be sorted out.

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Evan Taylor: Of course, I mean, you don't have to pay \$57 or whatever it is to have a whole new license, just because they decide to accidentally put an extra letter on there, they

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Nicki Ward: Have had that when I when I did the question. So for you guys folks out there again here, this question is the gender marker. Interestingly enough, when I ran for the Federal

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Nicki Ward: Election I had huge houses behind the scenes. So another reason for doing these things challenging the paperwork. Actually it's weird way, does a huge amount to effect change. Absolutely. When I went for the an arts council rock for this.

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Nicki Ward: Some of it didn't even cost. It took way too long, but

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Nicki Ward: I challenged the Ontario Arts Council and said, why do you need to know my agenda in order to quote for my qualification, right, he said, you have a good point. And now the form is changed to have a tea on it.

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Nicki Ward: Fit. Yeah, not a perfect solution, but at least it'll do right. The point is that that is liberating to somebody else who sees a little bit of paperwork and says, ah, mm hmm is possible.

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Evan Taylor: Right.

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Nicki Ward: I did some work with Kyle and subsequent iterations, with the banks here who are not necessarily the villains of this piece. Granted, they're very visible at these praise, but weirdly

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Nicki Ward: The big banks in Canada would much rather have see a grassroots festival with full engagement.

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Nicki Ward: Than this corporate access which any reasonable and thoughtful and intelligent person, of which there are many in the banking business realized is a bunch of crap, right. It's only middle management hacks.

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Nicki Ward: Who are typically making who have made decisions prior to one of the things that this is what they want. It's not what they want.

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Nicki Ward: When they still work in the insurance business. There's a thing called affinity markets, which means groups of people like the Canadian Association of Retired Persons Canadian snowbirds Association.

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Nicki Ward: bundling stuff together to sell to them and affinity marketing, which I became something an expert in is North

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Nicki Ward: East subtle. You want to capitalize on the relationship that people have, and so that there's a sense of belonging. I don't buy this back

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Nicki Ward: To this bank who doesn't speak because I want to be part of this group right in my previous existence. I designed the affinity program for the Canadian Association of Retired Persons

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Nicki Ward: And when I say designed and the health benefit the insurance component, the marketing campaign everything soup to nuts. Big deal.

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Nicki Ward: Big multimillion dollar launch biggest thing of its kind. I know what affinity markets about and it's not this bullshit. It's not this push backs don't want that.

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Nicki Ward: So I did some some presentations to backs of LGBT banking, what have you. And at the time, years ago people were talking about the pink dollar

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Nicki Ward: Rate is nonsense doesn't exist. And if there's a pink gay man's dollar it's offset by the lesbian woman's 25 cents. Right. And so it's nonsense exactly the reason

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Nicki Ward: The reason you want to have a relationship with LGBT people is not because 10% of this, the person responsible for that making decision is not the top of a bank. I've spoken to the top level brass at Pride at banks.

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Nicki Ward: They do it for all the right reasons. And number one reason why TD gets involved in some great stories about that, that it's got inside scoop on

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Nicki Ward: Wants to get into wanted to get into the, the, the, the LGBT spectrum was in part is that a significant number of their executives who they take care of very, very well.

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Nicki Ward: Were closeted at work right. If you're paying someone half a million dollars to show up. You want all of them to show up at work, not half of them were there second guessing the gender of the month. I was out with my partner, the other day, you know, right.

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Nicki Ward: So they're in it for the right reasons. And this bullshit is not what they're that's not what they want and it doesn't work. It doesn't sell it doesn't sell banks, it doesn't sell hats. It barely sells beer. So

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Nicki Ward: Golf on a bit of a bit of a tangent. So I did a presentation for banks and lunchtime breakfast. First thing in the morning, some pain breakfast, whatever really

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Nicki Ward: Juicy thing.

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Nicki Ward: And I said, here's the deal.

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Nicki Ward: You know what the biggest thing you can do right now if you leave here we go back to the office is the biggest thing even to

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Nicki Ward: Change the application on your, your credit application for opening a bank account.

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Nicki Ward: And put in. Squeeze in. If you have to one box between m&s and put the letter T in it. That's it. You don't have to change policy. You don't have to just put that little we box.

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Nicki Ward: And that, you know,

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Nicki Ward: Seamless

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Nicki Ward: I've noticed things Archimedes. Give me a lever long enough and a place to set it and I will change the world.

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Nicki Ward: Right. That's a leverage point because think about what's happening for that little tee box, who's going to argue against it. It's innocuous right

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Nicki Ward: Who's going to place whether it gets funded, but everybody now picks up that paper says, oh, I guess where I guess when given mortgages to trans people. Now, or if you're a trans person say I guess it's okay to be trans it's valid it's validation. It's a big bloody deal

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Nicki Ward: I'm in the process right now renew my passport and it's a tricky one.

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Nicki Ward: Because now, this, this had a little bit of a connection with this x marketing male, female ex smoker.

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Nicki Ward: I'm actually a little conflicted on. I don't think we should have gender on passports at all. I think actually having an X marker. It's like putting a star David on it and saying, oh, it's good for Jewish people. Right.

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Nicki Ward: You know I'm saying

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Nicki Ward: Yeah, if I travel in a

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Evan Taylor: positive direction where Mike that that attention might not be helpful attention in any way.

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Nicki Ward: Yeah, and but some, but I was on the pointy end of the still doing that at the bank. And that changed a lot of things that little point of leverage you go to you get it, you get one shot to do it. I remember

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Evan Taylor: There's a group of folks who might be interested in that other folks in Vancouver, that's been working on that. They're called did they, I don't know what the

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Evan Taylor: If you just Google gender free ID, you've come up with. And there's been a group of folks are looking at getting it off passports, getting it off birth certificates getting off driver's licenses saying it does absolutely no good for anybody really

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Nicki Ward: And it is not possible. People don't use it for identification purposes.

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Nicki Ward: I did a presentation for the

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Nicki Ward: It's now no longer on our health cards.

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Nicki Ward: I did a presentation for the, I think it's no longer on our

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Nicki Ward: See Islam or driver's licenses and I went to where

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Nicki Ward: The way I pitched that one to the, the provincial bodies would be. I said, now here's the deal. So here's my

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Nicki Ward: My driver's license and it says whatever it says, Therefore, it doesn't matter right as it now. I took my driving test back in 1976 and they told me to put both hands at 10 and two

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Nicki Ward: Now we candidates do we have to use something else to drive as well, or is that sufficient

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01:51:58.740 --> 01:52:05.160

Nicki Ward: Because I can see only reason I can think of. You want to know my genitalium is it 10 two and six o'clock now.

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01:52:05.490 --> 01:52:05.760

Yeah.

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01:52:08.760 --> 01:52:09.930

Nicki Ward: It got a big laugh.

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01:52:11.400 --> 01:52:16.080

Nicki Ward: Hopefully, whoever you are, you are a big laugh too, but you're gonna laugh at me to point the absurdity madness.

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01:52:16.800 --> 01:52:32.220

Nicki Ward: I also put it up towards a public library had a will you pride used to reply for a library card male or female, this is this is a vestigial left over from when women one or two with certain kinds of books and women weren't allowed to

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01:52:35.550 --> 01:52:45.420

Nicki Ward: drive cars when women weren't allowed to vote still is still that message is still in the electoral system right now, right, and they try to give me

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01:52:47.700 --> 01:52:53.700

Nicki Ward: Well, they tried to give me a hard time about it. But as you probably gathered from now that's that's not easy. That's not easy to get away with.

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01:52:54.780 --> 01:53:00.270

Evan Taylor: Exactly. Well, it's also, it's all the things that they always say, right. Oh, that's because of funding.

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Evan Taylor: You know, we need to know for funding, like, then your funding is being applied completely inaccurately. And it's also very terribly completely invisible is going to racing trans people to population so

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01:53:13.380 --> 01:53:22.140

Nicki Ward: Well, no, I started going back to funding as a resource is as stupid is always stupid. It doesn't matter what the funding is stupid. It's stupid.

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01:53:23.790 --> 01:53:26.190

Nicki Ward: It's independent of the money supply.

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Nicki Ward: Right, I can tell you as somebody with some actuarial experience of mortality and morbidity rate and a host of other boring, dull things right that

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01:53:36.810 --> 01:53:51.780

Nicki Ward: That the markers for, you know, healthcare outcomes precious little to do with the m&m and if you're stuck. The worst thing is you start collecting data that you don't need. And then you confuse correlation with causation. It's not the same thing. Exactly.

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Nicki Ward: The it's a car. It's a con job that is very easy to fall into because you because what happens is when the pushback comes as well. We need these things for funding or better still, we need funding to study the issue to see whether this is going to affect our funding.

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Nicki Ward: Right, these are, these are all stalling tactics. Right. Why is it still the case where is it still the same. I can show you my

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01:54:15.480 --> 01:54:32.430

Nicki Ward: Forms left over from there. When I ran as a federal candidate why as a federal candidate must I state my agenda, why we have the person's act in 1920 whatever it was right and then a person, why is it still in there. Mm hmm. Why is it not not usual. Why is it, you tell me why it's in there.

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01:54:33.870 --> 01:54:35.820

Evan Taylor: Yeah, what do we really keeping track of here.

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01:54:37.410 --> 01:54:38.040

Nicki Ward: You know what

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01:54:39.270 --> 01:54:42.570

Nicki Ward: Again, at the risk of crowding out, you know,

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01:54:43.620 --> 01:54:50.310

Nicki Ward: Idioms you know for evil to exist. All of this required is for good people to do nothing.

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01:54:51.930 --> 01:54:53.820

Nicki Ward: And Eli was, you know, Wesley.

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Nicki Ward: Said the opposite of hate of love is not hate

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01:55:00.240 --> 01:55:12.180

Nicki Ward: It's indifference. Right. And the big enemy of social change is not hate. It's not. It just isn't the big enemy of changes in difference right why, but why bother. Why change. Yeah.

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Nicki Ward: No corporate around here. We don't have any. Mm hmm. When you actually talk one on one on people. I remember when I finally did get my agenda market changed on

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01:55:22.890 --> 01:55:33.720

Nicki Ward: On my driver's license and those criminals that to get to the gender identity clinic, who is it tradition of spitting on the ground. Every time you say that

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01:55:36.360 --> 01:55:47.340

Nicki Ward: Gave me a piece of paper. Finally, oh, by the way, his funny every five years, I go back to reopen my case just to piss them off and I am still not approved.

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01:55:48.660 --> 01:55:50.250

Nicki Ward: By the agenda identical

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Nicki Ward: Because I've been living there for 20 years but I go up once in a while. Just to stick my finger in and just show them how crazy that is

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Evan Taylor: What how. What is the reasoning for not approving it

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Nicki Ward: I actually just recently threw out a lot of their reason. One of the things they required was the real life test.

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Nicki Ward: And

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Nicki Ward: Oh, here we go. The out in the electable

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01:56:17.880 --> 01:56:18.150

Nicki Ward: But

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Nicki Ward: It's me from the candidate wonderful newspaper, the, the Canadian champion know that remember the champion from Milton

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01:56:27.480 --> 01:56:32.190

Evan Taylor: Yes, yes, I forgot about it all together. But now, as soon as I see it, I'm like, oh yeah.

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01:56:32.760 --> 01:56:33.090

Nicki Ward: That was

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01:56:33.360 --> 01:56:38.790

Nicki Ward: That was me it wasn't, I wasn't out Canada wants to shake things up a little at Council.

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01:56:39.810 --> 01:56:47.280

Nicki Ward: If we don't manage the change. The change will manage us as a statement local resident Nikki ward has adopted in her bed for the blah, blah, blah.

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01:56:49.380 --> 01:57:03.720

Nicki Ward: I also did as one of my jokes within that campaign was saying, you know, because Milton was going through this huge transformation. I said, if there's one person that knows hand how to paddle radical change. It's me.

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Nicki Ward: Got a big laugh and got some thoughts. Yeah, the

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01:57:11.220 --> 01:57:27.780

Nicki Ward: So, but yeah they finally gave me the piece of paper that's said I was a freelance writers at work. I could get waiting for the Toronto Star feature articles for health insurance medical stuff will say stuff that was you know 25 cents a word. It's a tough way to make a living.

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Nicki Ward: But I had by lines and and they took a picture of me and I had pictures in my balance. I went to the doctor who said

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Nicki Ward: Well, it's not it's not really a proper newspaper is it Nikki I think it wasn't sufficient that I was a published

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Nicki Ward: Paid writer in a Tor. Tor star publication wasn't considered sufficient to satisfy the real life test that son of a gun is is in there to the name was changed to protect the not so innocent.

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Nicki Ward: So I remember I'm bouncing around here.

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Nicki Ward: Every part of this is ridiculous. Every part of this is mad. It is mad that there was a there is agenda Marco and apostolic his back, he's quite literally mad. We might just as well as people, whether they're left handed or not, it's just, it's got as much work. Yeah.

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Nicki Ward: Perhaps, perhaps even more so. And yet we can send you to do these objectionable and things that that eat away liberty women.

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Nicki Ward: And so what I've tried to do in my role over the years is to set my point where the leverage can do the most good right there are very, very, very few

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Nicki Ward: Functioning relatively well functioning trans women out there.

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Nicki Ward: Smoking smart ones, and I'm not one of them, the smart ones up for cover just stay out of sight.

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Nicki Ward: The dumb one. Some of the dumb ones like me just, just keep on reading with the chin, but the truth is that even within

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Nicki Ward: The Trans trans women that I know the vast majority of us, and I would include myself in this are so profoundly wounded so profoundly traumatized.

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01:59:16.770 --> 01:59:34.650

Nicki Ward: That it's a miracle that we can do any good at all. Yeah, I have some skills, but I became almost fatally ill, because my immune system back in 2010 have been high functioning like I'm with you and laughing and joking or my system just said, Nikki, you can't do this anymore. Yeah, and

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Nicki Ward: But I still, you know, I still get to pull them because even as just recently we had because trans women keep on dying.

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Nicki Ward: For preventable reasons preventable predictable is therefore preventable.

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Nicki Ward: I

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Evan Taylor: Really appreciated that I wrote that down that when he said that that

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Evan Taylor: It's predictable preventable. And I thought that was so key. One of the things when when Kyle died. And then of course there was a lot of reverberation out here and then this community and. And one of the things, there was a

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Evan Taylor: Very helpful.

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Evan Taylor: Sis ally, but

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Evan Taylor: Still a wonderful, wonderful ally in the community named Vicki Reynolds and Vicki talked about

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Evan Taylor: Saying you know trans people, especially people like Kyle didn't die by suicide. They were murdered by trans phobia.

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Nicki Ward: And hungry.

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Evan Taylor: And me was so resonant about that.

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Nicki Ward: I should possibly, this, this, this was a monologue in here.

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Nicki Ward: With with social

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Nicki Ward: Okay, talks about

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Nicki Ward: About the line of how people die most girls.

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Nicki Ward: Most girls detect that line. The last the first half the half life knowing girls are really shot that isn't how they usually die, they're over killed up close and personal

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Nicki Ward: strangled, and then stabbed a dozen times killed and then decapitated yes girls get killed all the time, but only one in 12 of us gets murdered only one in 12 gets counted as a real murder.

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Nicki Ward: Only one in 12 is stated homicide more seek suicide, but only four and 12 succeed only 1312 died with a news or pills or guns discovered by the site owners boring 12 that's counting suicide.

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Nicki Ward: Only suicide and four plus murdered one you some to reinforce only five and 12 have died outside the norm.

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Nicki Ward: And to those five, you really should add magic side some die performing surgery upon themselves cutting up a body part. Their souls reject, but many more like little Coco Loco just die from simple medical

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02:02:18.990 --> 02:02:19.860

Nicki Ward: Neglect

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02:02:22.200 --> 02:02:34.230

Nicki Ward: Boy doing is air girls who die from prostate cancer, though. Yes, another boy and girl has died because of faulty medicine and pride, only two in 12 discovering medicine.

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02:02:35.100 --> 02:02:56.130

Nicki Ward: Five plus two in 12 have died new some only seven in 12 have died due to some damn transgender side, but the sun's not done the fakes roll dice catch another one. Those few alive, those who remain are clumsy to an unusual degree.

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Nicki Ward: prone to accidents like falling down steep stairs, while in police custody.

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Nicki Ward: Slipping in front of subway trains drinking things originally intended for cleaning drains drowning in bathtubs choking on pure one more rebuke, which brings our total up to eight fates placing eight behind the eight ball. Surely that's all they can't be more

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Nicki Ward: Oh no there's more before we hit the bottom floor. We now have maybe 1232 drinking drugging AIDS and HIV that finally closes out the score of those who leave their for their time.

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Nicki Ward: Everyone goes to hell or heaven some damn time but that's how 11 out of 12 girls go offline 1111 leading one behind

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Nicki Ward: Small wonder that the one and only the lonely ONE THAT THE ONLY ONE AND ONLY lonely one, the one in 12 that's left bereft of friends can sometimes get a little

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02:04:04.320 --> 02:04:05.100

Nicki Ward: Depressed.

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Nicki Ward: Exhausted too tired to rage at those steps odds 12 to one against that miracle dying of old age.

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02:04:19.680 --> 02:04:22.140

Evan Taylor: You before. Wow, that's that.

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02:04:23.460 --> 02:04:30.120

Evan Taylor: That is going to be a beautiful piece of history that we, the, the two minutes that people are watching this entire two hours for right there, you know,

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02:04:30.270 --> 02:04:31.950

Nicki Ward: I guess so. I don't know. I don't know what

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Nicki Ward: The point is an advocate for me. I was blessed with some gifts of communication and advocate is someone who gives voice McCarty, you know, vocalizing we were so many and I have gone through two hours about scoring, but there are so many good on heard on spoken of people I know.

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Nicki Ward: Somebody somebody's going to speak for for the dead.

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Nicki Ward: Did you

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Evan Taylor: Know I'm genuinely Hamilton.

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Nicki Ward: Not sure.

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Evan Taylor: She's a trans woman sex worker advocate out here and defending Hoover.

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Nicki Ward: Was

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Evan Taylor: Just that her her Memorial on Saturday, she she died on the 23rd and she was 64 and she died of cancer. And one of the things I'm Vivian Damascus from

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Evan Taylor: From a little bit farther out east there so Vivian sent sent a can't be there, but here's my words sort of peace and she wrote. How wonderful it is that we should be celebrated that she made it to 64 that

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Evan Taylor: And any other either be we would be going all she got a lot of life left. So she was so young, in our community. We're looking at this saying a trans woman died of cancer at 64

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02:05:43.380 --> 02:05:45.570

Evan Taylor: That's Oculus like

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02:05:45.660 --> 02:05:50.370

Nicki Ward: Yeah, the ball is the bar is set very low for exactly

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02:05:50.430 --> 02:05:55.860

Nicki Ward: Exactly what cancer is an opportunistic. There's a lot of cancels out there, but oftentimes is because of

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Nicki Ward: You know,

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02:05:58.290 --> 02:06:11.910

Nicki Ward: The auto immune system rearing against you know acting up against itself, but you're at 64 I'm currently as of this writing 57 years old and I am very, very, very, very old among

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02:06:12.570 --> 02:06:13.230

Absolutely.

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Evan Taylor: Maybe instead is no

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02:06:15.330 --> 02:06:21.990

Evan Taylor: In we in our late teens and 20s, especially for trans women and in our late teens and 20s were killed on the street.

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Evan Taylor: If we're still alive in our 30s were doing, you know, drugs and overdose and you know on the street and if we get to our 40s were so depressed and so hurt that we kill ourselves.

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02:06:35.010 --> 02:06:40.920

Nicki Ward: Well, I'll have long as of this writing talking I have long term sobriety.

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Nicki Ward: 15 years clean and sober.

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02:06:44.070 --> 02:07:01.350

Nicki Ward: Plus populations. Well, thank you for the congratulations. But there is one of the other things that I've done is trying to work in the recovery community and and push back against the the lie of a harm reduction in the trans community.

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02:07:02.610 --> 02:07:10.140

Nicki Ward: Poverty abject poverty and the necessary a nice the ties ation that comes with it by taking whatever

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02:07:10.710 --> 02:07:32.040

Nicki Ward: Will give you will relieve the pain and suffering. The real existential pain. Oh, continued existence is understandable, suggesting that there are manageable levels of crack and Matthews is a lie list in this community and for my lived experience right and if it makes me. It's when I

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Nicki Ward: didn't decide to get. I will tell you.

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Nicki Ward: August 31 2004 somewhere in this arc. I was working before to try and make things better, but I was broken in August 31 2004 was a Monday was a Tuesday.

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Nicki Ward: And blackout drunk again. And the problem was that the booze wasn't helping anymore. I couldn't stay any I couldn't get drunk. I couldn't get drunk. I just, I just didn't work anymore. Right. And I was, I was some

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Nicki Ward: 6070 pounds lighter than I am now. I was vomiting and pulling our blood on a daily basis. And you know teeth will lose fair for you at all things.

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02:08:23.160 --> 02:08:25.050

Nicki Ward: Pretty good. But I look right. I did.

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Nicki Ward: I went to

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Nicki Ward: I tried to stay sober before he couldn't do it.

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Nicki Ward: And I went there were no, there were no LGBT meetings from, you know, 12 step recovery groups in Melton I hitchhiked to Toronto.

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Nicki Ward: And I found a place in that and I stayed sober for 24 hours and I watch the clock for the right and then I went through the DT delirious treatments.

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Nicki Ward: Now heroin. What makes you feel sick. You feel like you're going to die when you come off alcohol, you will die. Yeah, ripping sake yourself into such a statement today.

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Nicki Ward: I decided that I was going to go through the DTS on my own, because there was no hospital that would take me. Yikes.

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Nicki Ward: And I was cognizant and it was a nightmare. Couple of days things calling around, why didn't get into that.

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Nicki Ward: Friday I was still broken Saturday I had a gig. I was doing a presentation in Toronto on Saturday.

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Nicki Ward: And

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Nicki Ward: A better remember today. I just kind of been through. But one thing that happened to me on Saturday was that I ran into Jackie.

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Nicki Ward: When I heard

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That

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Nicki Ward: I was broken. I couldn't I'd actually because of drug and alcohol use, I'd lost the ability to read, let alone right and no short term memory broken wet brain, they call it. I couldn't read, I could not read

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Nicki Ward: What I knew I had heard something and

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Nicki Ward: Desperately sad but but divinely inspired

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Nicki Ward: And I didn't contact. I know I backed up and change things overnight. I then went through the hell of recovery. There are no I went to

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Nicki Ward: In Milton, there was a woman's treatment center that threaten to have me arrested for going to an a, a meeting there.

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Nicki Ward: Because I know there's real

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Nicki Ward: So, and again, God works in mysterious I believe I'm a person of faith and I'm not religious, in any way, but I am a person of faith and like to think that God gave me the perfect thing to fight back against that woman's treatment center.

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Nicki Ward: And I didn't fight back with the law, which I could have done. I thought that were compassionate humility and humanity.

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Nicki Ward: And

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Nicki Ward: About a year or so later by me back as a guest speaker may paint, not an honorary member

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Nicki Ward: It's terrible.

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Evan Taylor: And what did you say to them.

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Nicki Ward: How I lived. I lived my humanity. I lived. I said, All I want is to help. I want us to recover. I promise to behave

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02:11:26.160 --> 02:11:36.120

Nicki Ward: Please let me and not it's unfair. You're right. Please, please, please, the executive director there who was herself a lesbian.

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Nicki Ward: Said that I would be represent a threat to the other places.

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Nicki Ward: To this day, there are treatment centers. There are now as a high level of education, which I have a part at a part to play in like if you want to find recovery in your trans woman.

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Nicki Ward: Submit basic health care basic stuff broken arms people dive simple stuff and and and the drugs are part of the

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02:12:14.160 --> 02:12:15.720

Nicki Ward: I believe the thing it says

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02:12:16.890 --> 02:12:21.570

Nicki Ward: I did a bit of that rant there about 12 and just the the flip side of it.

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Nicki Ward: Where the character here.

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Nicki Ward: Talks about, you know, 12 divulges age and I don't go to 64 is very old days, and I don't regard dying of cancer died of old age, but there we go.

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Nicki Ward: How to decide Homicide, suicide medicine pesticide

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Nicki Ward: Just different ways of taking sides. See when stating death. It's all the relationships all about the relationship between the killer and Achille

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Nicki Ward: Picture roughly the cop Miss checking the power play of he and she see it is who is who. That governs why some tests are justified or sure judges may decrease such cases as Sam means an awful.

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Nicki Ward: It's still they decide not based on what is moral or is lawful

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02:13:26.190 --> 02:13:27.720

Nicki Ward: Some point about

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Nicki Ward: Could you regard Kyle's death, and not only predictable preventable, perhaps, but at the very least assisted suicide if you're being kind him flat out homicide, if you'd be perhaps a little more brutal about something not

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Evan Taylor: Yet exact absolutely

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Nicki Ward: Doesn't make any difference as suicide still dead so that and I'd sell people see dying needless ugly.

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02:13:56.190 --> 02:13:57.360

Nicki Ward: Ugly place. Alright.

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Nicki Ward: Guys.

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Nicki Ward: Well that makes sense.

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Evan Taylor: Absolutely. So part of what I think is so important about these about these interviews and is that it's not just that we're, you know,

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Evan Taylor: Gathering history and which is important, but it's also an inherently I think and I try to talk about this with everyone that I talked to

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Evan Taylor: I think it's an inherently intergenerational process. You are never going to have 20 year olds interviewing other 20 year olds out there oral histories

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Evan Taylor: It's always going to be that that intergenerational. And so for me, as somebody. And so, as more in 1981. And so it's important for me to look at somebody like you and say,

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Evan Taylor: There's there's people who the generation before me right they they blazed a certain trail they they dealt with things I didn't have to deal with. And, you know, like those simple things like you know

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Evan Taylor: At on a forum or, you know, I will never have to like I you know I grew up in a place where gay marriage, you know, was that the next big holy grail.

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Evan Taylor: But certainly the generation behind me. It's always been there. And so I think that the next as we talk this interview becomes more and more useful over time.

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Evan Taylor: So two or three generations from now, people will be listening to this and going, oh my goodness, I didn't realize or I never thought about, you know,

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Nicki Ward: What you raise a good point about intergenerational intergenerational

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Nicki Ward: Stuff here. The big challenge with this intergenerational thing is that if you look at the arc of history.

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Nicki Ward: In a broader a longer period of time in the 1100s gay marriages were formalized in Europe.

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Nicki Ward: They were the word is the criminalization of homosexuality occur in the last quarter of the Victorian Age of 1880s. Before that it was just a thing.

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Nicki Ward: And it wasn't a big thing. I didn't even have a name for it. Right. Not even craft Evan came along. So the it was criminalized, and then medicalized in in northern Europe by the Brits, of course, on one level but elsewhere as well. And by the emerging medical and

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Nicki Ward: Psycho social professions and the dangerous. This is thinking that that was then that's how it used to be.

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Nicki Ward: The table truth is that we have had periods of liberty and enlightenment where being different was

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Nicki Ward: If not celebrated at least it just wasn't a thing. There was no word for what it was because you don't need a word, unless you're trying to put people in a bucket. You don't need a way to distinguish people if it's not a big deal.

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Mm hmm.

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Nicki Ward: I this is not permanent. What what little I've done along the way is not permanent, it's pushed it forward.

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Nicki Ward: But this is but but even today in this climate, I received a regressive motion in this neighborhood where I moved into because it was only place that would rent. To me, this neighborhood.

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Nicki Ward: We've got swastikas painted on our sidewalks. The Trans Memorial, which I helped set up with some friends because there was no place to put their names.

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Nicki Ward: Because when trans women died. Their bodies were reclaimed by the former family and they were buried trans women were buried as men and rainy Invisalign so we put this on the wall. So we went there. I don't know.

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Nicki Ward: But somebody vandalized that spray paint on it right now.

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Nicki Ward: And I don't have the heart to go out and I guess instead of the juice. Yeah, the end, you know,

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Nicki Ward: To the invisible you was watching this

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Nicki Ward: If not now, when, if not you who

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Nicki Ward: Does nothing what spectacular about people will affect changes to just their refusal to accept what is considered right

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Nicki Ward: As know you this. This fight is never over and the attrition people trying to homogenize and trying to oppress is not a function of colonialism. It's a function of

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Nicki Ward: People are struggling to get more in a world where they perceive, there is less scarcity and so the danger is saying, Thank god of talkers like me were around to fight the fights. But you know what, there's no we need new focus, you can't. This can rest.

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Nicki Ward: For evil to exist all this requires for good people to do nothing. And that is a quote that comes from a generation before me. Yeah, you know, so this stuff never goes away. I'm very grateful for this year, but you're, you're right, it's not. It's almost like a

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Nicki Ward: Time Capsule, not just for the next generation to generation to generation, generation, sadly, you know, some. Oh my goodness. There was a time when it was okay to be, you know, weird in this wonderful way. Uh huh.

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Evan Taylor: What do you think is going to change for. I mean, maybe, maybe not just the next 20 years maybe 4050. What do you see is going to be the challenges of those generations to address.

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Nicki Ward: We have to figure out how to be work in ways of surface social justice that aren't capital S capital jack right I ran as a member of the Green Party was I've been an environment was from way back

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Nicki Ward: But the challenge is that politics is a full contact sport bloodsport

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Nicki Ward: And you can't change the world. If you can't get elected. And what I see too much. What I see invariably is there's a saying you don't have to put a lid on a bucket of crabs verte this

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Nicki Ward: You've heard the phrase book if you don't have to put a lid on a bucket of crabs. Because when one crab tries to climb out

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Nicki Ward: The other crabs will hold on and pulling back and that that that's how it works, seems to be working in social justice. This is there is this

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Nicki Ward: The oppression Olympics, where people seek multiple to identify with multiple levels of intersectionality to achieve social status within this group because there is no status for them elsewhere.

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Evan Taylor: Right, right.

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Nicki Ward: Now I just notion of honor and privilege is not helpful because who scores more points on the underprivileged somebody with myself with a disability.

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Nicki Ward: Who is trans, which is a subclass of a subclass, it's you. You're such a woman. You're a subclass, and you're not a real woman so subclass of that.

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Nicki Ward: And then somebody with a mental health issues and recovering from addiction and and somebody who's lived in in in poverty for for decades. So what's my score.

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Nicki Ward: And what's the score of somebody else who maybe is more mobile than I am, or doesn't have a disability, but has a hearing impairment is, you know, definitely. And in the debate as to who is more oppressed and that's the sight of the fact is that liberty is abundant and everywhere.

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Nicki Ward: It don't feel that way because because part of it is is depression. It's not enough to have a rabbit. Actually, there's plenty of liberty to go around.

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Nicki Ward: And social justice warriors who you know what people have had a go at me and said, I don't deserve to speak because I don't score on these particular points.

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Nicki Ward: There are some things I want to speak about because there are other people who are articulate who have lived experience and of cultural competence about that, who are better qualified

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Nicki Ward: But I am qualified to speak about oppression. I am qualified to speak about gender and it I can speak ably about gender issues in general.

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Nicki Ward: But I would not. I can speak about, for example, trans masculine issues, I can speak about them with an authoritative.

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Nicki Ward: But I don't have enough experience as acknowledge that I'm okay. I think right this is not the example I'm giving you, but I have been because I'm articulate because it'll put up with crap because I can argue my case forcibly

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Nicki Ward: I've had people trying to pull me back into the bucket. And since, you know what, there's lots of room at the top. It's the bottom that's crowded. Come on, are rising tide Floats all boats.

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Nicki Ward: I've made part of my conscious decision kudos to you for finding me by the way.

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Nicki Ward: Thank

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Nicki Ward: Well, the fact of the matter is,

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Nicki Ward: You remember Forrest Gump that movie with the first guy, he's showing up at all of these places right now been in a lot of places. But one of the sacrifices. I've made along the way is to

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Nicki Ward: Either share that credit as gracefully as I can, or in the case of the trans memorial. I'm not told anybody about my involvement in that

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Nicki Ward: There's a transform or a website, we've got it on Google, by the way, we've got it on Google. Google Sites as a as a religious sexual as a spiritual sanctuary.

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Nicki Ward: It's on Google Maps.

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Nicki Ward: Cute. Yeah, always thinking right so

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Evan Taylor: That's how people are going to find it so

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Nicki Ward: Well, the book was about more has no street address those that was tougher than it sounds.

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Nicki Ward: Course, yeah.

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Evan Taylor: So you have to do like didn't drop a pin in place and then request that they added it to the maps.

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Nicki Ward: This process that's all I'm gonna say is there's process. And maybe there may be a need for some clerical collection along the way.

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Okay.

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Nicki Ward: We have found brick wall which now has do is now has a GPS location, a brick brick wall.

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Nicki Ward: Yeah, so, um, but the

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Nicki Ward: There are one of the other challenges is that

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Nicki Ward: You know the currency in political change is sometimes recognition right be glad to share some of the funny stories about behind the scenes with Bill

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Nicki Ward: But in order for it to pass.

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Nicki Ward: And it's bittersweet you know

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Nicki Ward: I've had to

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Nicki Ward: not receive any recognition for that.

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Nicki Ward: Sometimes that's things a little

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Nicki Ward: But, but it wouldn't have happened, unless you know other people got to take credit for some other things right. I will say that another barrier to growth for us is the reverse.

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Nicki Ward: When you're a member of an outline group in your invisible.

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Nicki Ward: Then

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Nicki Ward: Say this carefully.

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Nicki Ward: The t should not in trance should not stand for tokenism. Right.

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Nicki Ward: I have been kicked off as may have my good good friends and brilliant advocates have been kicked off many boards Melissa was removed almost physically from the Toronto Police Services advisory board when she told the Toronto Police Services.

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Nicki Ward: Some very uncomfortable truths about their approach to the policing of trans when I'll give you one example that I was involved with. I was invited by a police officer to attend a

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Nicki Ward: Breakthrough in new trans communication.

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Nicki Ward: spend your summer got a new brochure this coming up my partner's company. Hang on a second.

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Nicki Ward: Hey, Joe. How you doing, I'm just on the thing here with the thing

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Nicki Ward: Either

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Nicki Ward: The so we go to this the thing at the 519 and the police making a big deal about

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Nicki Ward: This new brochure special for trans people.

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Nicki Ward: What do you think

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Nicki Ward: Look at it, and on the cover. It says

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Nicki Ward: What to do when you get arrested.

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Nicki Ward: Can't make this shit up.

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Nicki Ward: And I'm saying, well, that's very helpful.

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Evan Taylor: Thank you. Yeah.

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Nicki Ward: Any part of this that says how we can report a crime when we've been assaulted.

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Nicki Ward: And then, and then some serious constantly more people need to feel more comfortable talking to please. It's not a confidence issue safety issue sweat is real and the safety. Safety is present, the lack of safety is President dangerous is present.

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Evan Taylor: What to say when you were arrested by a very transport copper be slightly more helpful.

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Nicki Ward: Oh, well, we know no one. Oh my goodness. Boy, boy, Kodak

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Nicki Ward: Kodak successfully sued the two or three services for he was a transcribed.

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Nicki Ward: BYD Kodak or Kodiak AR D is

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Nicki Ward: He successfully sued them, for they

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Nicki Ward: arrested him treated him just abominably and of course the police being what they are took that as an opportunity to secure more funding so they could do another one of these consultations theatre education and action.

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Nicki Ward: Right, so. But anyway, back to this thing where they said this, what to do when you're arrested.

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Nicki Ward: Right. So here's the one thing they were high ranking police officials in the room didn't want to hear this. I said this.

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Nicki Ward: There is no such thing as a rape kit for trans women into water.

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Evan Taylor: And they didn't realize this.

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Nicki Ward: Well, there aren't that's unlikely that doesn't want to Vancouver either fact of the matter is that red kids are tricky hyper sensitive areas on any level right fact that there is no mechanism. See

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Nicki Ward: If not worth of when, not if a working trans woman ONE OF THIS MONDAY NIGHT dropping I heard a phrase again illustrates the horror of this, how to transform and talking. And one of them said to the other one.

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Nicki Ward: Or had

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Nicki Ward: got raped on Tuesday. Oh yeah, yeah, it's a bit and it was a bad one.

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Nicki Ward: Right now, what kind of brutality blue life is that we say it was a bad. Yeah. So the point is that if you've already been raped or sexually assaulted.

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Nicki Ward: And then you have to go to A Woman's Hospital. It doesn't treat you like a proper woman because they haven't quite figured out how to navigate all of this and then you have to take evidence from a cavity that may not align with the gender on your

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Nicki Ward: You know who's going to do that you've been raped for God's sakes. Why would you do. And so that is why

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Nicki Ward: So it's not about comfort with the police. It's about the absolute complete absence of systems to deal with it and therefore

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Nicki Ward: Predictably, and therefore preventively we get these outcomes. Eric Melissa and children, because Mr. Hudson was invited to sit on the board very bright woman background and in various areas not a lawyer, but but has legal understanding

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Nicki Ward: Not invited back

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Nicki Ward: To to consult with the Toronto Police Services.

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Nicki Ward: Nikki ward not invited back to these other various we've been kicked off more boards and we've had dinners. By contrast,

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Nicki Ward: If you want to play the game. There's lots of place for a token to show up and say, oh, we've got it you know to sell the rest of the trans community out for pat on the back and a half inch and a half and half a ham sandwich.

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Nicki Ward: Yeah, that is really

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Nicki Ward: Is not an immoral. It is regressive in the worst way.

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Nicki Ward: What I've suggested to other trans people. Is that why you know when you accept you. Not whoever you are, you accept less than right

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Nicki Ward: You are not accepting less than on your behalf, you're accepting less than on my mouth right when you put up with that crap.

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Nicki Ward: You're affecting me. You're right. It's think this is related to that you're right to shake your fist ends up my nose. You don't have the right to upset, less than because that messes it up for the rest of us. So there is no closet for this and there is and the the the

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Nicki Ward: And it's easy to be token is it's happened to me where I have been given a ham sandwich and a pat on the back. And I think, oh, look at me speaking up and wait, wait a minute.

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Nicki Ward: No, I'm I've been a puppet on a string I tragedy monkey that somebody can shake one hand while they asked for contributions, with the other

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Nicki Ward: And I experienced that with Kyle. We had a lot of talks about how to do this. How to tell a narrative in a way that affected change.

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Nicki Ward: But that didn't really victimize us or as importantly we victimize other people. Right. I remember one time I went to a rape crisis center in outside of Toronto.

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Nicki Ward: And one of the women in the audience said, oh, it must be really hard for you, transitioning. I bet you've got some really sad stories, how that must have been awful.

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Nicki Ward: And I was thinking about as, like, you know what, fuck you, Todd. Thank you. I'm not crying to entertain you know i'm not going to be your tragedy puppet.

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Nicki Ward: I'm not going to be in here so you can be like a tragedy vampires suffer always an attack or we had, we had a trans. We had one of them in today. And it was just awful. The story she told

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Nicki Ward: So Brave. I'm not going to do a bloody thing tomorrow, any different, but all they try and there was thing, and this was like no no no no no no no car got caught out on that more than one occasion, and when we had new kids come in which we trained try to tell them look

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Nicki Ward: There is this vicarious trauma that comes from reliving ever more dramatic narrative that focuses on your pain and agony. These we injuring yourself and harmful.

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Evan Taylor: Yes.

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Nicki Ward: It's it's it's a degree of nuance that is not really present in a lot of the work that we see out there, but it's if perilously dangerous so

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Nicki Ward: That's part of

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Nicki Ward: Part of you will notice a new smart guy.

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Nicki Ward: You know, and if you have is watching you know you know that I have enough tales of Mark, you know, a 24 month period that would make you cry until the end of the year, there's plenty of tragedy.

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Nicki Ward: I've gotten rid of some of it in here. But there's enough in the past week that could that could make you weep and I won't

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Nicki Ward: Have it. Don't you dare whoever's watching this. Don't you dare feel pity for me. Not a damn or any of my friends. Mm hmm. Get angry get mad, but don't feel pity. Yeah.

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Nicki Ward: I get very when, when will I see suicides, I get very, very angry about that I get angry because suicide is the completion the it's like finishing somebody else's job somebody else. Somebody else loaded the gun and you went ahead and pulled the bullet

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Nicki Ward: Like yeah least make them do the hard work.

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Nicki Ward: The other thing that makes me angry. Is that that is rude, you're leaving just more work for us. You're just

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Nicki Ward: You're the only people that suicide damages are the people who actually give a shit. Yeah. So if you think about you. I know you but you you're thinking about suicide. Fuck you. Fuck you, you only people that people that actually care of people that

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Nicki Ward: won't give it didn't give a shit. Then, and they don't give a shit now. So do something at the very, you know,

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Evan Taylor: When you're when you're talking about this vicarious

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Evan Taylor: Trauma I really, I was thinking about when when we did these trainings, I would feel that that you know because we took about that exact piece of work that you folks have joined him we sort of did it.

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Evan Taylor: And and I was one of the people went out and did the trainings and and when we did them. There was a very explicit agreement, I think we did about 75 workshops. In the end, but

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Evan Taylor: A lot and and there's explicit agreement. The, the partner, I was working with was a

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Evan Taylor: Syllable and ally and we had a place in the presentation where we call it the social status of trans people, and it was the depressing part of the presentation right all the awful stats and

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Evan Taylor: What we did is because I would when I did these I would feel so just depleted afterwards, like I couldn't do it. So agreement that

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Evan Taylor: My partner. And then, you know, in the workshops. She went my colleague, would she would do that.

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Evan Taylor: And she would do that portion and then I would get to do the next portion which we specifically did a strength and resiliency specifically that you get by being trans that other people don't have

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Evan Taylor: And it was a specific piece on our strength and resiliency and then I got to do that portion and then doing the trainings, I made sure that people knew

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Evan Taylor: Why we did that this way. And I said, Nikki, you just did this. I'm going to do this piece right and we did this sort of back and forth. And because it was it was an agreement on as a way to stop that burnout from being on my shoulders, all the time.

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Nicki Ward: It's, it's, it's very wise it getting that balance between Honoring one's pain.

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Nicki Ward: And reveling it in the balance between being truthful and being

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Nicki Ward: The word not in melodramatic it's

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Nicki Ward: Probably just kind of, kind of, it's a sort of

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Nicki Ward: Rather yes period is an old fashioned word, but sort of that you know all how awful. Was it how awful was obviously there was bad. How bad was it and and it's not just for those of us who do trainings. It's on so called social media.

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Nicki Ward: Absolutely to live in a two words sentence. It's not social and it's not media right

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Nicki Ward: We have it all the time when another trans woman goes down and people you know relapse into this or why new here. I knew her better and everybody gets those with a reason why there's a another yet another

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Nicki Ward: Memorial coming up and just tired of it you know and and here's the other thing, a new generation of people who have not yet.

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Nicki Ward: To have an intergenerational it if you're 20 years old, you probably never had a close friend died before and

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Nicki Ward: I get to experience this dis they try to where I'm the center of attention I post on Sunday all great. And the first one to post on social media, everyone will offer me condolences. It's really, really insidious and very evil back to in what we have here in

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Nicki Ward: In what we have here is we have

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Nicki Ward: Some usual suspects who can be relied upon to endorse the status quo right who are who have profile and very sharp elbows and that's a special kind of

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Nicki Ward: Well, I don't know if I believe in evil, but it's certainly incredibly unhelpful.

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Nicki Ward: And and yet.

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Nicki Ward: In 12 step programs this this principle of anonymity. The idea that the purpose of anonymity is not just to protect people against stigma, but to

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Nicki Ward: Really show that when we all grow together, it should never be about one person should be about mutual support that mutuality is quite it's quite a noble idea, you know, money's example in detail.

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Nicki Ward: But boy is it ever hard when you see people take credit for work that they had no part in whatsoever. And in fact, there were trans people who were working for pride Toronto while pride Toronto was blockading the trans march right

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Evan Taylor: Yeah.

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Nicki Ward: That's and I understand. I understand why. Because if you're so desperate part of

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Nicki Ward: You know the mad because of that the horror being transits I know what I am, and yet there was apparently physical evidence to the opposite, right. I know I'm

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Nicki Ward: I knew I was not a boy and you very very early on, and yet there was all this

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Nicki Ward: evidence that suggests that I was wrong. Right. So being seen as as me with is a human thing that's a human. Everybody wants to be of knowledge for who and what the everybody needs to be seen.

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Nicki Ward: But if you're trying to see them greatest like I don't even exist and for the small and so the tiniest bit of acknowledgment, even if it's toxic, even if it's tokenism. Even if it's at the expense of your, your fellow travelers.

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Nicki Ward: I can see why it is

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Nicki Ward: An addictive drug

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Nicki Ward: Yes, I can see why it is I can see it. I it's appealing. Gosh, the recognition would be nice.

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Yeah.

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Nicki Ward: But it's, it's no less toxic and no less dangerous, you know,

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Evan Taylor: Fighting on the table for scraps.

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Nicki Ward: I suspect except. No, I think it's actually one dog fighting for all the scraps and not letting any of the other dogs in the room.

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Nicki Ward: Right, it's not it's not too, too. It is it is in equity of the worst sort it was not asked me when the thing. The so the interesting people and the people who actually get shit done are often the people who are not immediately obvious circling back kudos to you for actually

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Nicki Ward: Thought of me, but there's there's some good people out there, just get it done and Don't. And Don't push others away for who are generous generous with their, their

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Nicki Ward: Their support.

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Nicki Ward: If Melissa will talk to you and and

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Nicki Ward: She would be a very good person to talk to us, tell us a huge amount of work around electoral reform behind the scenes.

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Nicki Ward: Because the electoral register has been monkey with by successive governments, a lot of behind the scenes work that she had a part to play in there.

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Nicki Ward: She was a significant participant in the transfer Morrow significant part in the of the of the trans marches in the pool and add a liaison within the bike pirates and just been wonderful real real allies.

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Evan Taylor: I will, I will send you an email. Afterwards, we won't do it on tape right now, but I'll send you an email afterwards if you possibly have an email address. You can follow

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Along to me were

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Evan Taylor: Great. Yeah.

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Nicki Ward: No, no worries.

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Nicki Ward: So,

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Nicki Ward: Yeah.

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Nicki Ward: So, um, I have

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Evan Taylor: One last question that I asked.

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Evan Taylor: Everybody in your case, it might be, it might be a little premature certainly age wise, but you know, you never know everyone you could get hit by a boss who knows. So the question I have to ask you is

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Evan Taylor: What what legacy activist or otherwise. And would you like to be remembered for and all the work that you've done, and all the approaches, you've taken and you know what both the legacy you'd like to leave behind for another generation.

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Oh,

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Nicki Ward: No, you're young and pretty, you don't need any what you just do have to buy a drink for God's sake, if we change it to meet you don't deserve anything

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Nicki Ward: you're young, you're pretty you're out on the town if you break a leg and heels in, like 10 bloody minutes like

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Nicki Ward: Already the so I am

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Nicki Ward: I am not an activist I disliked the term intensely. It's a way to categorize someone and to dismiss them. I am proud honored

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Nicki Ward: To be an advocate and I'm proud of the voice, the voice that I have given to and proud of.

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Nicki Ward: An orange ever had the gifts. I'm honored that I had that horrific moment jack is dead. Now, of course, the original Jackie.

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Nicki Ward: But I'm honored that I had that moment of the cheek between the clouds, a little bit of light.

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Evan Taylor: Right and

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Nicki Ward: And that I've been able to give us some voice to that and I'm honored

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Nicki Ward: And so I wouldn't mind being thought of as an advocate as a voice.

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Nicki Ward: It would be nice. I mean, I've done a fair. I've done a lot of writing of the list. I made a living as a technical and medical writer.

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Nicki Ward: But subsequently as a as a as a creative writer and this is one many our projects that I've done, and I've been able to and I right now, not

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Nicki Ward: I write some of this stuff is about the trans experience but I write about what it is to be human. And some of those things that

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Nicki Ward: Have phrased in ways that are resonate well for people. And I'd like a few of those lines to be remembered and

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Nicki Ward: I think what I've discovered along the way is that the most tangible things most rewarding things in notice as you're trans or not, are, are

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Nicki Ward: Not tangible at all that these you know these things. The meaningless, the most meaningful things that happen, our interactions with people like this where you share

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Nicki Ward: You share humanity and you realize that we're not alone in the universe. And there are kindred spirits and not everybody is a banker and there are some people get up in the morning and don't do good and nice things.

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Nicki Ward: And the energy flows where attention goes in with those old but that that the world is essentially at worst, it's neutral at best pretty positive. My experience has been in variable a member. I'm talking about someone who you're talking to someone who

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Nicki Ward: Two, three months ago, we had a general election. I'm talking one on one with gangbangers I won't say which gang, but they will they will call us.

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Nicki Ward: And that person has given me the eye and I've been on the speaking with the idea, you know what, at the end when

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Nicki Ward: You know that little head. Not that moment of you are right, you stand for what you, you know, yeah.

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Nicki Ward: And

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Nicki Ward: Yeah so connecting with these are the tangible things the stories we tell that live on afterwards and the stories that we tell ourselves that they want afterwards, D.

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Nicki Ward: How we conduct ourselves during the day matters how to conduct matters. It affects us out and other ripples other in important ways and the cumulative effects.

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Nicki Ward: The

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Nicki Ward: Path by standing by being bloody money by being funny by be accessible by being human, by being pretty decent kinds of animals.

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Nicki Ward: I think able to do so much participate in so much good. And so how you whoever you are, go through the day makes a different effect and communicate that to you if not forever, at least until you run into the next day to get

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Evan Taylor: Well, is there anything that I haven't asked you about that. You want to make sure I got on got on the recording or stories that you didn't quite get to that we want to make sure to include

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Nicki Ward: Know there's more stories, right.

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Evan Taylor: You know, there's more stories.

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Nicki Ward: No, there's no stories.

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Nicki Ward: The

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Nicki Ward: Let's see. Now what I'm thinking about the advocacy thing i i'd really like I think the work that you're doing here is terribly important.

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Nicki Ward: Because

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Nicki Ward: Outlier history is is very quickly last year.

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Nicki Ward: I have. I still have my clippings from my original ride in 2006

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Nicki Ward: I've got so many

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Nicki Ward: firsts right you know I'm not the first left handed bicyclist to music real between Avenue road and batters there's not that kind of first. I always the first I was one of the things I did along the way it was.

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Nicki Ward: Re engineer my insurance license. I had an insurance license. So that had to be rejected and there was no mechanism for doing that. So I had to do reform with the Insurance Act.

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Nicki Ward: Because

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Nicki Ward: I had to help her phone and shortened second I was like, because, because, of course, nothing's ever bloody easy. You know, so

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Nicki Ward: And these things, you know, there's proof of stuff in this up until recently, no place to put them, they

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Nicki Ward: Would like I've got all signs left over. I think, you know, I should probably keep these, but where are they going to go or the photographs and the transformer or the story. So I like the fact that there's going to be some stuff.

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Nicki Ward: That people can see

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Nicki Ward: Here.

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Evan Taylor: As well and I'll send you a thank you package and in it. Let me see if I have one sitting around here.

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Evan Taylor: I can't see them right now, but I have these. There we go. I had these stickers that we have from the archives and I'll send you a bunch of these because this is what you're going to want to do with them.

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Nicki Ward: So,

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Evan Taylor: These stickers say I want to say a half and I can't find them and but what they say on them if they have the the logo for the

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Evan Taylor: Yeah, they are. So they have the logo for the trans archives and you probably can't read up here to kind of small, is it says do not destroy this material is not junk. It has historical value and then it has all the contact information for the trans archives, so

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Nicki Ward: Very good.

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Evan Taylor: So you can get these stickers and if you have a you know a box of all posters or if it's old records that legal stuff that

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Evan Taylor: If you buy a bossa nova know what to do with it. You throw that sticker on it.

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Evan Taylor: And then if anything ever happens

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Evan Taylor: You know, at whatever random point before you have opportunity to go through it yourself and donate it someone knows what to do with it and it'll be it'll be

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Nicki Ward: Preserved

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Nicki Ward: If you've got an extra sticker that says this is not john please preserve it just get one got one my size.

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Nicki Ward: I will say that what was refreshing and what encouraged me to actually follow up with you because

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Nicki Ward: Was

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Nicki Ward: One of the many difficulties we have here in Toronto is we have the Canadian lesbian and gay archives

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Right.

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Nicki Ward: And I don't care what you say.

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Nicki Ward: Until and unless it's something that includes trans people. I'm not putting my stuff there.

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Evan Taylor: And so, you know, that's changed now.

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Nicki Ward: I don't know that to be changed.

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Evan Taylor: So I will, I will.

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Evan Taylor: Yeah.

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Nicki Ward: I saw that. But bear in mind. I also live here and I walk alone. ISABELLA street on a regular basis. And I look at that sign and have done for the past 1015 years that does not say anything other than Canadian lesbian again.

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Evan Taylor: Sign hasn't been changed.

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Nicki Ward: Well, my point is made that it was I saw something that appeared to be promising in terms of moving the right direction.

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Evan Taylor: Is an interesting well

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Evan Taylor: Dr. Brown, who's the one of the P is for the project. Or is that really the head of this project and

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Evan Taylor: Who they are basically signs my paychecks. Right. So Dr. Brown is on the board there and has been doing some work around this. So I will very, very happily refer to this exact moment in the video and say, you might want to take a look at this.

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Because nothing

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Nicki Ward: Okay, in terms of where to press elite okay this is add this to the long list of shit that I just don't have time for. Right. And in terms of pressing a lever about it. It's just it just it's it's a 1001 annoyances and it's an examples of institutional ignorance and the kind of tokenism.

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Nicki Ward: very fact of the matter is that you who are three, four or five time zones away several thousand miles somehow came across my name is something that might actually have had

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Nicki Ward: At least a small part to play in trends developed that you have you took the trouble of writing an email writing it gone through backwards and forwards and and I did my homework on you, before I got involved.

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Nicki Ward: Now, I haven't moved in the past 15 years and I have never received even

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Nicki Ward: A person conversation from any of the present or former directors or executive and I haven't fact physically going into that building on more than one occasion.

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Nicki Ward: Now, part of that is, is, you know, and you know profit is never recognizing their own land and all the rest of it.

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Nicki Ward: But part of it points to a deeper institutional blindness around this tokenism say there are many trans women who have done enormous work but aren't relentless hounds for attention.

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Nicki Ward: Right. And the fact is I say to you, genuine curiosity for finding me by whatever means accidental means you did.

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Evan Taylor: Oh no, very purposeful.

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Nicki Ward: But, but, kudos to you for that, but also and and we're also, it begs the question,

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Nicki Ward: The fact that I'm alive right now is more luck than good judge

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Nicki Ward: Right, it begs the question, when it comes to the Toronto.

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Nicki Ward: phallogentric Homo centric I Homer and my mother was a hollowed out Homer. Homer always say almost maps or

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Nicki Ward: Hormones centric. I mean, you know,

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Nicki Ward: It is a there is a

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Nicki Ward: And it's not because I'm

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Nicki Ward: This, this is, this is something I wrestle with.

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Nicki Ward: You know how I will do my part, but

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Nicki Ward: It is it is kudos to you and I'm grateful that this is work that you're doing. But to be frank, I'd rather ship my stuff to you guys out in Vancouver and to give it to these

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Nicki Ward: Folks up the road because I don't know who they are. But more importantly, they don't know who I am and the fact that they don't is more than problematic.

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Nicki Ward: They may have heard me. I don't know. Let me say hi I'm certain that have high poverty in there but you get the point. Yeah.

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Nicki Ward: And

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Nicki Ward: Yeah, so I'm very glad that you're doing this and

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Nicki Ward: You are that most dangerous of things and attentive listener.

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Evan Taylor: Thank you.

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Nicki Ward: I like to

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Evan Taylor: Think I'd like to think I borrow a little bit in my own my own approach from from from yours in that sense of I don't want to be the the the attention person the, you know, I don't need to be the lightning rod for the situation.

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Evan Taylor: I'd rather be that thing that

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Evan Taylor: bores in really really quietly, but effectively underneath.

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Nicki Ward: And then because I'm a designer.

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Nicki Ward: Sneaky. Yes.

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Evan Taylor: Exactly.

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Evan Taylor: So thank you so much for this. I really

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Evan Taylor: Have to say it just, you know, just the, the, you know, a couple hours been sitting together chatting. I feel like I'm, you know, talking to talking to an old friend.

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Evan Taylor: If and when I end up end up in Toronto. At some point, and I'll send you a line. Let's keep in touch.

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Nicki Ward: Certainly show for still no one

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Evan Taylor: No one knows no one knows about that trajectory of Milton like anyone who was there at the time, so

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Nicki Ward: You know, I was there for the first one they raised the price for the first time it's Milton Township.

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Evan Taylor: Well, congratulations. I

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Nicki Ward: Used to live on Robert street by the fairgrounds facie evidence and thereby the jail house.

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Evan Taylor: On the mountain air. Wow. It's been so long I haven't been there and

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Nicki Ward: I looked opposite with that steam engines going off at eight in the morning. It's wonderful place to

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Nicki Ward: But then he was also on I didn't go back for this one. They also there is a really good stuff there is a gay pride parade in Milton now.

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Evan Taylor: That's fantastic.

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Nicki Ward: Yeah, well, you know what, and afterwards bosses and go home and have a cup of tea, but

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Nicki Ward: It's actually thing is even, of course, probably even when you were back there was Gordy, what's his name now Cody.

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Nicki Ward: Cody.

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Nicki Ward: Cody whenever the mayor is be recording tab. And if it's not America, been there for 1000 years it was the same error, you know, now is it was 50 years ago.

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Evan Taylor: Oh, wow. Wow.

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Evan Taylor: Yeah, I was. I was too young to pay attention to politics quaint that that closely at that time.

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Evan Taylor: Yeah.

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Nicki Ward: But it's been it's been a delight stay in touch. Watch this space. I'm probably going to do something naughty in the not too distant future. So

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Nicki Ward: I don't know what it might be. But yeah, stay in touch and and kudos to you for your work and and and for, you know, also kudos for what you do. There is backwards and forwards between BC, I think, I think it's some, I think it's

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Nicki Ward: I think one of the good things about the rainbow Health Network, which was not aware of. So dating bridging that west central

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Nicki Ward: And then Eastern sensibility. I think there's a bit of a hole there now. I think we were we we we have technology like this that narrows the gap. There's some synergies to be had by sharing stuff.

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Nicki Ward: In ways that are different. I don't know what that might be. But I do remember coming away from that conference in 2000 the end of 2000 2004

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Nicki Ward: With a sense of purpose and connection to people that I didn't know I hadn't I hadn't even met yet so that's

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Evan Taylor: Well that's I think the important part of like what we got to do here that's, you know, this particular project. There's other trans oral history projects happening this dates but we're the only folks who were doing this in Canada.

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Evan Taylor: And that's why it was important to me. I didn't get a little bit, you know, online research, just to find the Canadians were doing this work, because otherwise we don't talk to you now.

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Evan Taylor: Then we don't you know will lose all of our, our own history.

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Nicki Ward: Well, there's an interesting. There's an interesting subject stairs to the American involvement in the in the gender identities. Throw a good candidate has really been pushing has been

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Nicki Ward: pushing the boundaries and the comfort levels of those in United States. And there's been pushed back and direct

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Nicki Ward: Never mind the Russians being involved in the American elections, the Americans have been deeply involved in, and in push back against this. There's a whole fundamentalist Christian thing. And there's a really interesting sub texts or subreddit now probably date as a term.

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Nicki Ward: But about where gender identity and gender expression feeling quite controversial because whether does adding gender expression strengthened or weaken

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Nicki Ward: The language of charter rights around gender identity.

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Nicki Ward: And interestingly, this is one of those things where it's a bit counterintuitive.

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Nicki Ward: The notion of gender identity.

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Nicki Ward: Does identity exist without its expression which is the foot, which is an American idea this gender identity general expressions thing originated the United States, it's not

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Nicki Ward: It's not Canadian language and that came out of its roots was because of the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy of the American army right

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Nicki Ward: And so the question is, you can have a gender identity that differs from quote unquote the norm, so long as you're quiet about

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Nicki Ward: That the second part of that is if you don't express that gender identity. Do you in fact have a gender identity, it's a double edged sword and

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Nicki Ward: And it was one of those things where the, the language was considerable to debate amongst hasn't really been tested yet in the court, so we'll have to see but

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Nicki Ward: There are some people who think that gender identity on its own has more weight to it in legal argument and gender identity and gender expression because gender identity is always there, whether it's expressed or not.

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Nicki Ward: Whereas if you include the term gender expression you have a kind of a bit of a weasel clause. Perhaps it could be used in it.

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Nicki Ward: To say, well, you don't express your gender identity and therefore you don't have one. And therefore, you know, we're not going to serve the wedding cake. It's an interesting. It's super nerdy but anyway.

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Nicki Ward: Onwards and upwards I she'll send you a copy of my phone or my work, but

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Nicki Ward: I

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Evan Taylor: I would love a copy of anything that we've talked about, because you know at this point, I'm a history nerd is really interested in it and so

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Evan Taylor: Maybe like to slap a sticker on for later on the archives will I'll send you a bunch of them.

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Nicki Ward: That way. Okay. Well, there's some good stuff online to the constant moral has a Facebook page, which is anonymously. Yeah.

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Evan Taylor: Monitoring and curated

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Nicki Ward: Moderately not so anonymously, but it has some really great archival photographs of their, where do we put it up. I made sure the photographs were taken when it was put up

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Nicki Ward: And the names and added. So that's a good one. There's some good stuff around the transmits as well and and I do have a copy of that original

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Nicki Ward: Document somewhere that is that the trans march documentation.

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Nicki Ward: Yeah, well,

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Nicki Ward: I was an awkward. Yeah. The you take the rest of the day off.

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Evan Taylor: Thank you so much. I have thoroughly enjoyed myself and I'm absolutely sure that the entire story that you've told around the trajectory of getting the trans march even happening at all, I think, be hugely interesting to people for hundreds of years.

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Nicki Ward: I wrote an article from advice. It's searchable. It's got some pretty prior to when I was not happy about it. But I wrote an article from Vice that sort of outlines the story and timelines on it. So that's out there somewhere.

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Evan Taylor: Beautiful. I'm going to look that up as soon as I get

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Nicki Ward: Home, you know,

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Nicki Ward: Yeah, it's all there so angry. I actually had know board member come up to me and said, you know, you have no way to say that yes what turns out to do, actually.

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Evan Taylor: Yeah, actually, it turns out

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Nicki Ward: Turns out, turns out you're on the wrong side of history, you're kind of pissed about that, but that's okay. Exactly. You get to this thing, you get to be not wrong afterwards. Why you doubling down on a bad bet you know you lost it was stupid. We were all stupid one

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Nicki Ward: I will blue eye shadow. It was a terrible

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Nicki Ward: But I don't do it anymore. See, this is what changes all the

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Evan Taylor: Changes.

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Evan Taylor: No more shoulder pads in business suits, we're okay with that nowadays.

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Nicki Ward: My daughter, my daughter, my daughter was born in the 90s and I told

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Nicki Ward: Receive 29 we got a great relationship. I said, You do realize that you are you're 80% shoulder pad.

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Evan Taylor: And center firm. Yeah.

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Nicki Ward: Alright.

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Evan Taylor: Thanks so much, Nikki, you have a. Have a great day and I'll be in touch. I'll send you the

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Nicki Ward: We just have to say how are you to say the dog.

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Nicki Ward: Oh,

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Evan Taylor: We're both Siri. No idea. No, no idea that there are any sort of recording right now.

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Nicki Ward: Absolutely. Do you want to go out for a walk. What do you think, do you want to go up for a walk. Yeah, of course.

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Nicki Ward: Alright wearables now immortalized

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Nicki Ward: Perfect nice as well. Now, my partner says no.

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Nicki Ward: No, okay, lovely picture is

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Nicki Ward: A picture of both of those holes in the trance March.

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Nicki Ward: 2009 any other stories I should tell what about you.

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Nicki Ward: Oh my goodness.

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Nicki Ward: That's the thing. Oh, sorry. Can you cut this out. Okay.

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Evan Taylor: I can do what I can do just possible

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Nicki Ward: I mean, I didn't own to the button to my side.

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Evan Taylor: I cut it in

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Nicki Ward: A

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Nicki Ward: One of the greatest things I didn't freeze there. I just had to, if

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Evan Taylor: I can tell, I can still remember

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Nicki Ward: One of the terrible things about being an outlier is the false notion that you are not beautiful and not lovable.

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Nicki Ward: And there's no part of the work that I could have done.

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Nicki Ward: Without

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Nicki Ward: The best hour just not just a great, great job. But an amazing partner who

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Nicki Ward: Is just

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Nicki Ward: Makes me feel beautiful and loved and this allows gives me the strength to convince other people that I'm lovable and it was a monstrous was an insane idea.

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Nicki Ward: Growing up as a child that anybody could find me in my state as as as worthy of

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Nicki Ward: affection and love and honor and the fact that I have been there is no part of my job and no part of any success that I enjoy today that isn't directly attributable to my my beautiful honorable humble non camera shy partner and

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Nicki Ward: That's the only thing that makes this possible is is is that it's and to those out there who seek it. Everybody sees it it's it's it's a it's a beautiful thing. It's a beautiful thing. So thank you. I love you. Thank you. You deserve.

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Evan Taylor: It. Thank you. Thank you all for being somebody who's been

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Nicki Ward: Doing this work.

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Nicki Ward: Those provide

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Nicki Ward: All right, I think.

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Nicki Ward: I think I might be. I think I might get lucky money. Sure.

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Evan Taylor: Well, I'll let you go and enjoy back

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Nicki Ward: To you and to and to your friends out there.

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Nicki Ward: And yeah.

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Evan Taylor: Both of you as well and and I sincerely mean that when I think you and I also sincerely mean that when I think jealous. Well, because the this work is always, you know, it's always to who do this really

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Nicki Ward: Oh my god, this is just the ID, if I if number of times I would have given up or got involved in stupid arguments with the Canadian lesbian, gay archives

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Evan Taylor: Well, you're gonna have your own back now, because this is your video.

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Nicki Ward: Bad. Sorry. You know what outlive your enemies, that's the best we can hope for all right tip. Ciao.

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Evan Taylor: Alright, thanks so much.

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Nicki Ward: We'll talk to you again soon see that. Bye bye.