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Anna Takada: 00:01 So could we start by, can you state your name and name, age and hometown?

Anne Watanabe: 00:09 Yeah. Um, my name is Anne Noki Watanabe. Um, my, I'm 27 years old and my hometown, I, I don't really feel like I have a hometown because I moved around growing up. I lived in like a bunch of places, like seven years at a time, but I was born in Champagne, Urbana, Illinois. And then I lived in Ottawa for three years, then New Jersey for seven years. And then I went to college in Western Mass.

AT: 00:38 And what if you don't mind me asking, what was the reason for moving around?

AW: 00:45 Um, it was like, I think a combination, like my dad went to grad school and Champagne Urbana, and then when he finished school he, like, it was, I guess it was mostly like employment in school related for my parents. Yeah.

AT: 01:02 And do you have any siblings?

AW: 01:04 I have one brother, actually, no, I have two siblings. I have a brother who's two years older than me, who I grew up with, and then I have a half sister who I've never met. She was adopted in a closed adoption. So, um, I'm planning to look for her, but she won't be able to like look for us until she's 18. So I can't really, I feel like I can't really do anything about it right now.

AT: 01:33 Okay. And so Champagne, Ottawa, New Jersey, Western Mass. Umm. Where of those places do you, do you identify any one is home more than the other?

AW: 01:52 No, I don't really, I have a hard time with that. Like I have a hard time with the concept of home and I think like it is partly about

having this sort of geographically like moved around throughout my childhood. But I think it's also partly about this like pattern of leaving that I feel like my parents were kind of in like they both moved pretty far away from their families of origin. They were the only people in their families of origin to like, you know, leave sort of their hometowns. And so yeah, I feel like I've like internalized something similar about not quite feeling like settled anywhere.

AT: 02:30 And so, so where, where were your parents from?

AW: 02:34 Um, so my mom is from Tokyo. Um, she, yeah, she was born and raised in Japan and she lived there until, I think her late twenties or early thirties. And my dad is from, from Ottawa. I think he grew up between like Toronto and Ottawa. I'm not sure. I think it was mostly an Ottawa. Um, but his whole family is Japanese Canadian and they all live in like either Toronto or Ottawa.

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