

# CITY VANCOUVER ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

WHERE YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS



MOVE THE WORLD

# WHAT MAKES US SO SPECIAL?

## EDUCATION SINCE 2011

FIRST PRIVATE SCHOOL IN RICHMOND

BC REGISTER #: 03896889

GRADE 9-12, FOUR SEMESTERS

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIP/ STUDY GRANT

AP PROGRAM/AP TEST SITE

The implicit promise of City Vancouver Academy High School has always been a transformative education, rooted in the highest standards of academic excellence, nurtured by Canadian values, and enriched by the opportunity to learn in a fully academic setting recognized by the B.C. Ministry of Education. City Vancouver Academy offers a variety of **Grade 9, 10, 11 and 12** courses necessary for high school graduation with a B.C. dogwood diploma.

City Vancouver Academy High School has two campus locations available for our students. We are a community of learners, where excellence is a shared pursuit. We learn together in a living community where each of us is a valued citizen with important contributions to make.

High School Graduation Rate: **100%**

Overall University Acceptance Rate: **94%**

**SFU: 95%**

**UT: 94%**

**UBC: 86%**



Ministry of Education



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



## PRINCIPAL OF CITY VANCOUVER ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

As the principal of City Vancouver Academy High School, I strive to provide a nurturing and welcoming environment in which our students can flourish. In the bustling competitiveness of our modern age, youth can find themselves lost within the anonymity of a large public school population. City Vancouver Academy High School offers an intimate learning environment where students can thrive through individualized lesson structures and focused one-on-one teacher attention. Moreover, our teachers have had great success in helping international students adapt to the Canadian curriculum. We are proud of the diversity of our school, where each individual has the guidance to broaden their perspective and discover their unique voice. Here, students can grow into passionate, lifelong learners within our close-knit community, developing the core skills and competencies necessary to excel in post-secondary and beyond.



# BE PART OF VANCOUVER'S STORY

## THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE ON EARTH

With its scenic views, mild climate, and friendly people. The city of Vancouver is known around the world as both a popular tourist attraction and one of the best places to live. Vancouver has been consistently ranked as the world's most livable city, which is the perfect place for students to study and succeed.

With the vibrancy of the city and tranquility of the outdoors, Vancouver has, students are encouraged to immerse themselves in various activities after-school, such as golfing, horseback riding, boating, swimming, fishing, hockey, etc. Studying in Vancouver will undoubtedly be an unforgettable experience that you don't want to miss!



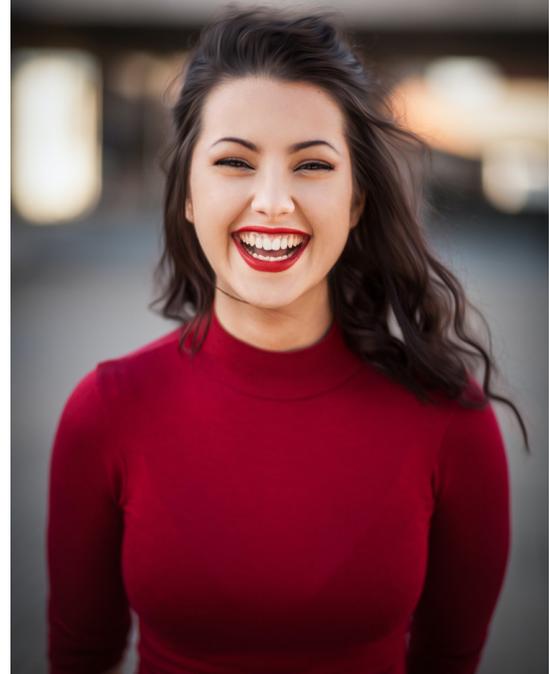
# DIVERSITY COMES FROM INCLUSIVITY



## OUR VALUE

Founded in the Canadian tradition of multiculturalism and rooted in enduring humanistic values, City Vancouver Academy High School welcomes and affirms the dignity of all human beings. The work of strengthening equity and inclusivity requires deep listening with open hearts and open minds. We honour and affirm the experiences of our students, faculty, and staff as critical to building a more inclusive and beloved community. Finally, we take our moral responsibility seriously: to prepare our students to work together as global citizens committed to ongoing civil discourse, to aspire and to transform their worldview.

City Vancouver Academy High School encourages students to give their perspectives, share their ideas, and learn from their peers. This discussion-based classroom model requires student participation and active listening. It is this development of critical thinking and student agency, coupled with a rigorous and comprehensive curriculum together that sets our students to become outstanding leaders of tomorrow.





# LIFE AT CITY VANCOUVER ACADEMY

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A place where you may broaden your worldview, form lasting relationships, and develop into the person you were always destined to be. Here at our school, you will meet excellent peers who share the same goals and dreams as you, and they can become one of your lifelong best friends, classmates accompanies, or partners in your life journey.

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City Vancouver Academy high school is located in the heart of the city. The school brings students together, fosters camaraderie, and encourages leadership, inclusiveness, and collaboration that may take pupils to new levels outside of the classroom. The school welcomes students with a friendly and supportive learning environment conducive to exploration and creativity.

**"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE;  
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH."**

**– HELEN KELLER –**

Within our diverse community, you'll find that our curiosity and openness are what bring us together. By approaching all parts of life with a purposeful and courageous spirit, City Vancouver Academy high school builds a warm home for every student.



# ACCELERATE YOUR LEARNING

## WE HAVE 4 SEMESTERS

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Winter Semester: **January - April**

Spring Semester: **May -June**

Summer Semester: **July- August**

Fall Semester: **Sept-Dec**

Our program is specially designed for students who want to go the extra miles to achieve higher academic performance.

With our accelerated program, every student will be able to complete all the courses required for graduation in just **20 months**.

### **IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO START**

Even if you miss the application deadline, you can still come to study in Canada through us.

Students can finish **12 courses** in a year

# B.C. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT



The B.C. Certificate of Graduation or "Dogwood Diploma" is awarded to students who successfully complete the provincial graduation requirements. Students must complete a minimum of 80 credits to graduate.

**( 13 Requirement Course + 7 Elective Course = 20 Course/80 Credits )**

## — Minimum of 80 credits

- At least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level.  
( Must include a required Language Arts 12 and Career Life Connections )
- At least 52 credits must be " REQUIRED COURSE"
- At least 28 credits must be " ELECTIVE COURSE"

## — Required Course

Career-Life Education (4 credits)	Career-Life Connections (4 credits)
Science 10 (4 credits)	Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)
Social Studies 10 (4 credits)	Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits)
Math 10 (4 credits)	Math 11 or 12 (4 credits)
Language Arts 10 (4 credits)	Language Arts 11 and 12 (8 credits)
Physical and Health 10 (4 credits)	
Arts Education or Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits)	

## — Graduation Assessment

Students must also complete three graduation assessments:

- The Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment was introduced in 2018
- The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment was introduced in 2019/20
- The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment will be introduced in 2021/22



# UNIVERSITY APPLICATION 2023 GENERAL ENTRANCE REQUIREMENT OVERVIEW

Special Conditions May Apply  
To Specific Institutions \*

## Bachelor of Applied Science (Engineering)

### Grade 11

- English Studies 11
- Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12
- Chemistry 11
- Physics 11
- Language 11

### Grade 12

- English Studies 12
- Pre-Calculus 12
- Chemistry 12
- Physics 12
- Language 12

## Bachelor of Art

### Grade 11

- English Studies 11
- Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12
- Science 11 (Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Geography)
- Science 11 (Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Geography)
- Language 11

### Grade 12

- English Studies 12
- Pre-Calculus 12
- Science 12
- Language 12

## Bachelor of Commerce ( Business Study)

### Grade 11

- English Studies 11
- Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12
- Science 11 (Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Geography)
- Language 11

### Grade 12

- English Studies 12
- Pre-Calculus 12
- Language 12

## Bachelor of Science

### Grade 11

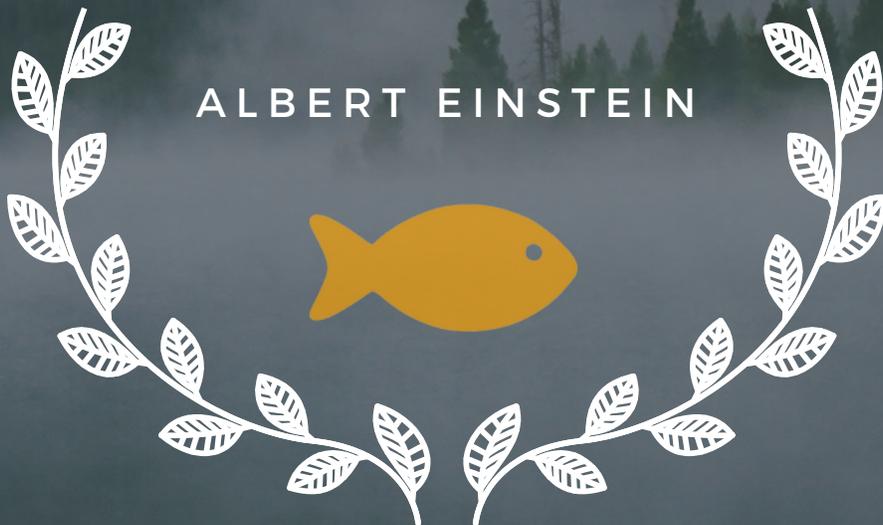
- English Studies 11
- Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12
- Chemistry 11
- Physics 11

### Grade 12

- English Studies 12
- Pre-Calculus 12
- Science 12
- Science 12

**EVERYBODY IS A GENIUS.  
BUT IF YOU JUDGE A FISH BY  
ITS ABILITY TO CLIMB A  
TREE, IT WILL LIVE ITS  
WHOLE LIFE BELIEVING THAT  
IT IS STUPID.**

ALBERT EINSTEIN





# SCHOLARSHIP

Because we know you have the potential to make a difference in the world

**If your dream is to enter the top 15 universities, this opportunity is just for you !!** Our school is dedicated to supporting our outstanding students. In doing so, City Vancouver Academy High School offers access to numerous opportunities inside and outside the classroom that will enrich your secondary school learning experience.

You will join a community of engaged and supportive young leaders and study among the best and the brightest. You and your classmates will enrich your school and the global community with your diverse perspectives, committed involvement, and innovative initiatives.

City Vancouver Academy High School hopes to encourage and empower students to contribute to the betterment of the local community and Canada's broader community. So, take advantage of unique learning opportunities and study with the brightest students in the world. Our students are high academic achievers who have demonstrated exceptional extracurricular activities, desire to create global change, and are dedicated to giving back to their schools and communities.

**Check Out Our School Website For Application Details and Conditions.**



*William Yu* W.Y

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)



# COUNSELLING SERVICE



Because We Care

We strive to implement a welcoming atmosphere that is friendly to all students. We acknowledge that some individuals have faced different barriers due to their country of origin, gender identity and expression, Indigenous identity, race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age, ability, and religion. We make an effort to work in ways that contribute to dismantling these obstacles.

We aim to celebrate diversity and strive to remove prejudice and racism. Additionally, our staff participates in continuous professional development in the areas of cultural competency and humility.

## **Managing Your Emotional Health During the Transition Back to Campus**

As classes and other campus activities resume, many students may experience anxiety about their infection risk, new social expectations, and the transition to school life's daily routines. While these feelings are natural, if you need assistance in dealing with them, there are resources available at CVA to assist you in managing your concerns.

## **Book A Counselling Session with Us**

Many students find that a counselling session can help them move forward in a positive direction. Available to CVA students, counselling session appointments are virtually available as well as in-person, focusing on strengths and identifying helpful perspectives and strategies.

## **Group Counselling Program**

Group counselling is also as effective as individual counselling sessions for concerns such as stress, anxiety, depression, and more. It can also benefit you in different ways such as being connected with other students who are going through a similar experience.

## **100% Confidentiality**

All CVA health professionals are committed to keeping your visit and concerns completely private and confidential. Information about you and your health can only be shared with your permission, or when safety concerns or legal requirements arise.



WITH TRUST AND CREDIBILITY

# VOLUNTEER PROGRAM & FUN TIMES

Partnership with local communities, government registered foundations and organizations.

Extra-curriculum after-school time is also heavily emphasized at City Vancouver Academy High School because learning is not just about textbooks. With admission to top universities becoming more challenging and competitive, we understand that students need to develop more practical skills and experiences beyond academia.

At City Vancouver Academy High School, students will be given a variety of leadership and volunteer opportunities to shape themselves into competitive university applicants and become the world leaders of tomorrow. There are various goal-directed volunteer opportunities offered for passionate students who wish to contribute to the local community. So go check out our school website for more fun event news.





## ADVANCE PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

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### Get into university

- “AP” on your high school transcript shows universities you’re motivated to succeed, and taking the exam demonstrates your commitment to tackle and complete higher-level work.
- Students who take AP courses send a signal to colleges that they’re serious about their education and that they’re willing to challenge themselves with rigorous coursework.
- 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student’s AP experience favourably impacts admission decisions.

### CVA is an approved AP Test Centre

- CVA Students may take courses with or without exams (students still obtain equivalent course credits without exams)
- CVA Students can book exams at CVA without taking the course at CVA
- Non-CVA Students can book exams at CVA (we can set up an online booking system)

### Build skills and confidence

- AP students learn essential time management, critical thinking, and study skills for university and career success.
- They dig deeper into subjects that interest them and learn to tap their creativity and their problem-solving skills to address course challenges.
- Studying a subject in depth could give you new insights and even lead you to a career.
- Get familiar with university-level coursework –and boost your confidence by tackling it.

# APPLY NOW !

## APPLICATION STEPS:

### STEP 1: MEET WITH OUR COUNSELLOR

**1 on 1 Advising Service.**  
Our school counsellor will have a chance to understand the student's needs and goals to help plan the right courses.

### STEP 2: SUBMIT APPLICATION

**School application form.**  
**Valid personal documents.**  
**Two years transcript.**

### STEP 3: DOCUMENT WILL THEN BE REVIEWED

**Your application will be review by our admission committee and a decision will be made shortly for applicants who meet our entrance requirements.**

### STEP 4: CONDITIONAL OFFER WITH TUITION FEE INVOICE

**The conditional offer will be issued to our valuable applicants. Once applicants have received the conditional offer, our counsellor will make a personal course planning for you. Now, you are ready to pay your tuition.**

### STEP 5: OFFICIAL LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE ISSUANCE

**The school will send out the final offer (Letter of Acceptance-LOA) and tuition receipt for students to apply for a study visa to come to Canada**





## SCHOOL LOCATION

### FIND US HERE!

Campus Address:  
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Richmond, BC V6X 3P7

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A Story To Share With You

# The Animal People Choose a Leader

The story of a leader-choosing process and the lessons learned thereof. The animal people use a race to choose a leader from among five candidates, which are Buffalo, Wolverine, Cougar, Horse, and Rabbit.

BY RICHARD WAGAMESE (OJIBWE)  
CANADIAN INDIGENOUS WRITER

In the Long Ago Time when there was just the Animal People, they decided that they needed to choose a leader. They held a meeting in a great meadow and there was much sage discussion about how this would happen. All members of the animal kingdom were there: birds, reptiles, insects, and all of the four-leggeds. This was in the time when the Animal People could speak to each other with one mind in one common language so even the fish and those that swim could be heard. It was a very solemn occasion.

"A leader must be strong and proud," said Buffalo and the entire circle murmured at his wisdom.

"A leader must carry the medicine power of wisdom," said Wolverine and there was much discussion about his offering.

"Leaders must have a powerful presence. One that commands respect," said Wolf and all nodded in agreement.



Around and around the discussion went. There were many admirable suggestions about the attribute of leadership but no one could come up with a process for choosing.

The Animal People lived in harmony and the idea of creating a hierarchy, of elevating one over the other, was beyond them.

As the talk continued, they became discouraged and wondered if there was a respectful and honourable way to choose a leader. The day lengthened and evening started to slide across the sky, and still there was no consensus.

Then a small voice spoke. Everyone strained to hear, and when the voice was located, the Animal People separated and made way for the speaker to come forward. A small squirrel, Ajidimo, hopped slowly to the front of the throng and stood in the middle of the great circle of her peers.

"There should be a race," Ajidimo said. "A race would show who exemplifies the qualities of leadership. A race requires perseverance, fortitude, strength, and a powerful will."

The circle of animals launched into a babble of discussion. Everyone was excited by this new possibility and, of course, many of the animals came forward to enter the race.

"It will be me," said Horse. "With my fleetness and strength, I will overcome any challenge and I will emerge the leader."

You think too highly of yourself, my brother," said Buffalo. "It will be I who emerges victorious for no one has more stamina."

"What's needed is a discerning manner," said Cougar. "Your power is no match for my ability to cover territory with stealth. I will emerge as the leader because of my gift of patience."

"None can match my stealth," said Wolverine. "No one knows how to move secretly as much as I."

When no one else came forward, Eagle (who declined to enter the race because of his role as Messenger, carrying all prayers to Creator) called for quiet. He flapped down from the topmost branches of the tree he sat in and conferred with Mukwa the bear and Myeengun the wolf. They talked a long while. Finally, Eagle hopped into the center of the circle and addressed the throng.

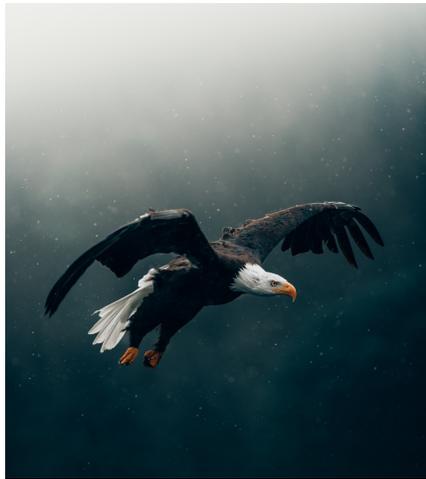
"There is a lake set between a circle of steep hills," Eagle said.

"I have flown over it many times and it forms a perfect circle. The terrain is challenging: rocky, steep with thick woods around it. The race will be four times around that lake. This will demand the utmost of the contestants, and the winner will indeed be the hardest and most qualified to lead us."

The Animal People concurred that this was a remarkable plan. There was much excited talk about who of the four would emerge victorious. The Eagles spoke again.

"Are there any other challengers?" Is there anymore else who would like to contest for the right to lead us?"

"I would," said Wapoose, the rabbit. She hopped out of the crowd and sat looking at Eagle.



"You are small, my sister. Are you certain?" Eagle asked.'

'Yes,"Wapoose said. "It would be an honour to contest with such magnificent beings."

The animals worried that Wapoose was asking too much of herself, but she was determined so the five contestants headed for the lake with Eagle flying overhead as their guide.

When they reached the lake, Eagle lined them up on the rocky shore. "Be careful," Eagle said. "I have never seen any of us try to navigate this lake before. The terrain is so difficult."

The bigger animals stamped hooves and clawed at the shore impatiently. Wapoose merely wriggled her nose and watched them. At a signal from Eagle, the race was on. Horse neighed and reared up on his hind legs and then galloped off into the trees.



Buffalo was right at his tail, and the others could hear them crashing through the trees. Wolverine scurried forward with his nose close to the ground and vanished like a shadow into the trees. Cougar loped easily after him and disappeared as well into the thick cover of the bush. Wapoose sat on her haunches and watched them leave, and, when she was ready, hopped off slowly into the trees. Eagle flapped up onto a ridge of rock to count the laps as they passed.

Horse and Buffalo were immensely strong and they made it back to the rocky shore in a virtual tie. They were scratched and cut from thrashing their way through the dense cover. They stopped to drink, and Cougar and Wolverine bounded out of the trees. They all drank and caught their breath and stared at each other to determine who might be wearied or weakened, or want to drop out. None of them did and they raced off on the second lap. Eagle stared back in the direction they'd come and worried about the tiny rabbit who still could not be seen. The larger animals had returned from their second lap and then raced off again before Wapoose hopped slowly from the trees.

"Oh, the land is so lovely," Wapoose said. " There is so much to see and the feeling of being on it is beautiful."

"You are far behind," Eagle said. " There is no way for you to ever catch up."

" Don't worry about me. I'm here to enjoy the challenge," Wapoose said. Then she took a small drink and continued on her way.

Eagle waited a long time for that third lap to conclude. It was Buffalo who emerged first but even his proud steps were plodding. The great animal slumped to the shore and drank thirstily, his breath between slurps coming hard and heaving. When he finished, Horse walked out of the trees. He too was worn out. They stood side by side at the water's edge while Wolverine and Cougar emerged from the dense cover together. They took sidelong glances at each other but both were far too wearied to comment or challenge the other. Instead, they stood beside the other two animals and drank slowly. When they were finished, none of the great creatures seemed too eager to continue the race. They stared at the trees blankly. It was finally Horse who stepped out first. The others watched him go and only when he'd vanished into the bush did they move to follow. Eagle could only peer back wondering how Wapoose was doing on her second lap.

The others had been gone almost an hour before Wapoose hopped out of the trees. She was bright-eyed and energetic, and none of her fur had marks of struggle like the others. Again, she took a few small sips of water and sat on the shore admiring the look of the sun on the lake's surface.

"There is no way for you to win, my sister," Eagle said. "The others are on their final lap already. Perhaps it's best if you concede and stay here and wait to greet the winner along with me."

Wapoose nodded solemnly and continued to stare out at the lake. "It is not honouring the challenge if I should stop," she said. "It is a noble pursuit and it asks everything I have. So I will continue if that's all right with you."



"Certainly," Eagle said. "I only meant to spare you unnecessary struggle."

"It can never be struggle to engage in a noble cause," Wapoose said.

She hopped off after the other creatures. Eagle flapped his great wings and settled more firmly on the branch. He admired Wapoose. The rabbit was brave and respectful and carried a very humble way of looking at the world. She would have made a remarkable leader.

As Eagle sat in the tree, Wapoose ran nimbly along under the snags and tangles that hampered the bigger creatures. When she came to huge boulders, she sat and sniffed at the wind and found the air currents that told her the easiest path to follow. Where the way seemed impassable for someone of her size, she merely sat up on her haunches and eyed the territory until she found a pathway. She'd established a route on her first two passes that allowed her to pick up speed. She blazed through open stretches and hopped boldly along the edge of chasms that seemed impossible for a creature so small.

But she also took time to stop and admire the geography she passed through. She sat and gazed around at the magnificent sweep of the country and inhaled the crystalline air deeply into her, and she admired the interplay of shadow and light that was thrown everywhere around her. Then she would wriggle her nose and continue on her journey.

She hadn't gone far on her third lap when she encountered Wolverine. He was snagged in a crevice of rock where he'd been trying to take a shortcut over a ridge. He was furious, and Wapoose could hear him snarling and raging and tearing away at the rock with his long claws. But he was also very tired and he had to stop and catch his breath. During a lull, the rabbit spoke to him.

"Let go," Wapoose said.

"All you have to do is let go and stop struggling. When you do, you will slide back down and you can begin again."

"What do you know, little one?" Wolverine snarled.

"I am strong enough to claw my way out of here."

With that, Wolverine attacked the face of the crevice again. There was an awesome sound of claws on granite and his hard spit and snarl. But it was to no avail. He was trapped.

"Let go," Wapoose said again. "It may require all your strength to do that but it is your struggle itself that traps you."

Wolverine huffed. His breath was ragged. He peered down at Wapoose, who seemed so small at the foot of the drop. It was a long way down. He gazed up at the thin poke of blue sky at the head of the crevice, and he could feel the burning desire in him to breach it and continue the race. But he was exhausted. He took another look at Wapoose, and she seemed so calm and assured that he relaxed and quit fighting. Sure enough, Wolverine slid slowly back down the crevice and landed in the gravel and stone beside Wapoose. He flopped down on his belly and stretched his paws out.

"Thank you," was all he had breath for. Wapoose sat and waited while he regained his strength.

Eventually Wolverine sat up. "It is lost," he said. "I am too tired to continue. I will not be the leader. I do not have what is required."

"The way I have found is easier," Wapoose said. "It takes longer but I make it all the way around without a struggle. I would be very happy if you accompanied me."

With that, Wolverine and Wapoose began to make their way. They hadn't traveled very far when they heard a great stamping and snorting in the trees. They followed the sound and came upon Horse tangled in a thicket of blackberry bushes. The thorns were cutting into his flesh, and the pain drove him to kick and buck relentlessly. He was covered in sweat. Again, when Horse had ceased his immense struggle and calmed some, Wapoose spoke.



"The branches are individual," she said to Horse. "If you pass through them one at a time, there is less resistance. Taken together, they are a strong barrier."

"What do you know?" Horse asked.

"You are not even in contention in this race. "

"That is true but I know that barriers such as this are built of many parts," Wapoose said.

"When I hop through them, I learned to be patient and push against one piece at a time. We will show you."

Wapoose led Wolverine to the edge of the thicket. She paused and directed Wolverine to place his paw against one slim branch. A line of blackberry shoots fell forward. Then she hopped a few steps further and showed Wolverine where to place another paw. More of a pathway opened up. Eventually they worked their way right up to Horse who neighed in relief and followed them back out the opening.

When they stood in the clear again, Wapoose and Wolverine could see how many cuts Horse had inflicted on himself in the thicket.

"Buffalo and Cougar went by me and did not stop to help," Horse said. "That angered me. I fought against the bushes, but they would not relent."

"Things bend any number of ways," Wapoose said. "You learn this when you spend time close to the Earth as I do."

"Thank you," Horse said.

"We are travelling together now," Wapoose said.

"The way I found is easier to navigate but takes more time. You're welcome to join us, of course."

"I'd like that," Horse said. "I'm very tired."

The three of them ventured off, with Wapoose hopping casually in the lead. She led them on a path that wound its way gently around and through many barriers. They were grateful for the respite. But they hadn't gone far when they could hear Buffalo snorting angrily. They followed the sound and came upon him belly deep in bog. Buffalo kicked and thrashed, but his efforts only sank him deeper into the slick, oily muck. When he saw them on the edge of the bog, he stopped and looked at them.

"How did you come to be in there?" Horse asked.

"I thought it was a shortcut," Buffalo said. "Cougar was bounding ahead of me and I thought that I could save time by cutting through a gap. I was belly deep before I knew it."

"Can you stand?" Wapoose asked.

"Yes," Buffalo said. "Why?"

"Are you certain?" Buffalo asked. "I feel the bog pull at me even now."

"I am not certain," Wapoose said. "But trust does not require certainty."

"With that, she hopped to a clutch of cedar trees and worked her way among them. Horse and Wolverine followed her and watched while she searched about. She came to a tree that had a root showing through the soil. Wapoose chewed at the root, and when she'd eaten through it, she asked Wolverine to come at it with his great claws. He pawed at the soil and exposed a good length of root. Then Wapoose directed Horse to take the exposed root in his teeth and back up slowly to pull it from the ground. When he did this, they could see that there was enough root to reach out to where Buffalo stood mired in the muck.

"Take this in your teeth and swim out to Buffalo," Wapoose said to Wolverine.

"Have him take it in his teeth and climb up on his back. Horse will pull you both out."

"But I might sink before I reach him," Wolverine said.

"Perhaps," said Wapoose.

"But everything asks sacrifice of us. You must sacrifice your doubt now to help your brother."



"Are you sure?" Wolverine asked.

"No," Wapoose said. "But I am not the one who has to be."

Wolverine took the root in his jaws and waded into the mud. He felt it clutch at him but he worked his way slowly to Buffalo, and, while the great beast took the root in his mouth, Wolverine climbed onto his back. Slowly, Horse backed away from the edge of the bog. Horse and Wapoose could see the two of them come closer and closer to safety. Finally Buffalo's hooves caught. He struggled but walked out of the bog and stood glistening with muck. Wolverine hopped from his back and did a celebratory dance around his bigger brother.

"How did you know to find the root?" Buffalo asked.

"You discover much when you learn to look at things," Wapoose said.

Buffalo nodded. "I suppose Cougar has finished the last lap. He will be our leader now. I'm exhausted. I don't know if I can make it back."

"We have been making our way around together on the route that Wapoose found,"

Wolverine said. "It is longer, but less arduous than the one we found. You're welcome to join us as well."

Buffalo agreed and the four friends resumed their loop around the lake. They came upon Cougar flopped on a large flat boulder, clearly exhausted. He lay on his side with his tongue lolling out and his breath coming in slow, shallow pants. His fur was matted and torn from negotiating his way through the territory, and his eyes were half closed.

"I'm spent," Cougar said when they approached him. "I went too fast for too long and the effort has robbed me of all my strength. I don't know if I have energy to stand, let alone make it to the finish line. I've failed."

"There is no failure when judgment does not exist," Wapoose said softly.

"What do you mean?" Cougar asked.

"I mean that we do not judge you. We contested with you and we have no judgment. Neither does Creator. So it is not possible for you to have failed."

"But I did not complete the journey."

"Yet," Wapoose said. "We will carry you."

Buffalo stepped up to the rock and Cougar eased onto his broad back. The five of them continued their walk around the lake. Wapoose led them along and they marvelled at the leisure they found in the route she had discovered. When Buffalo's energy flagged, he moved beside another high boulder and Horse allowed Cougar to climb onto his back. Eventually, even Wolverine was near collapse and Buffalo carried him while he rested his head on his brother's great hump. Wapoose hopped nimbly along ahead of them. Together the five contestants made their way slowly back to the shore where Eagle waited. When he saw them, he flapped his great wings in celebration. They crossed the finish line together.

"It is a great day," Eagle said when told of Wapoose's direction.

"But we do not have a leader," Wolverine said.

"I think we do," Eagle said and they all looked at Wapoose.

"Oh, I do not want to be the leader," Wapoose said.

"But you entered the contest," Buffalo said.

"I entered to learn what I did not know," said Wapoose. "I did not enter to contend."

"What was it you sought to learn?" Horse asked.

"I understood the meaning of leader," Wapoose said. "But I did not understand the territory."

"And now?" Eagle asked.

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"You are wise," said Eagle.

"I am Wapoose," she said. "This is all I know for certain."

"Then truly you are wise," Eagle said, and the others murmured their agreement.



Wapoose hopped off a few steps toward the line of forest at the end of the beach.

"Where are you going?" they all yelled together.

"To complete the journey," Wapoose said. "I have one more lap to go."

"But there is no need," Buffalo said.

"But there is much I have not seen or learned," Wapoose said.

"It is in the journey that one comes to understand the territory. It is in the journey that one becomes wise and I have one more lap to go."

They watched her disappear and after they had drank their fill and rested, they stood at the break in the trees and waited while Wapoose completed her trek around the lake.

When she returned, they welcomed her. Eagle scooped her up in his strong talons and placed her on Buffalo's back, and together they walked back to the Animal People bearing a great story and a great teaching.





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