

“ I think we all have this deep yearning to locate and express our gift in the world — not our ‘skills’ but the unique thing that we do naturally, that we do even when we’re getting paid to do something else. When that becomes the pivot foot for everything — for our businesses, collaborations and investments — well, then we’re in the game we’re meant to play. ”



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