

WE ARE WHO WE ARE



Issue 1: Queer individuals personal experiences

Two thirds of LGBTQ
people have
experienced anti-
LGBT violence or
abuse.

At this age I hope to inspire other people - younger or not - to be comfortable with their sexuality/ identity.

I feel more
confident as a gay
man now and not
afraid to be myself.



There's no
other way to
live if not true
to myself.





Through out primary school and the first years of high school I would often be called gay or other derogatory terms. This was before I fully understood what it meant and how to navigate it. I think this lead to lots of delays in my understanding.

SOMETIMES I
SAY I'M BI,

SOMETIMES
JUST QUEER.



Half of LGBT pupils
hear homophobic
slurs frequently or
often at school.

lesbian is not
a ~~dirty~~ word



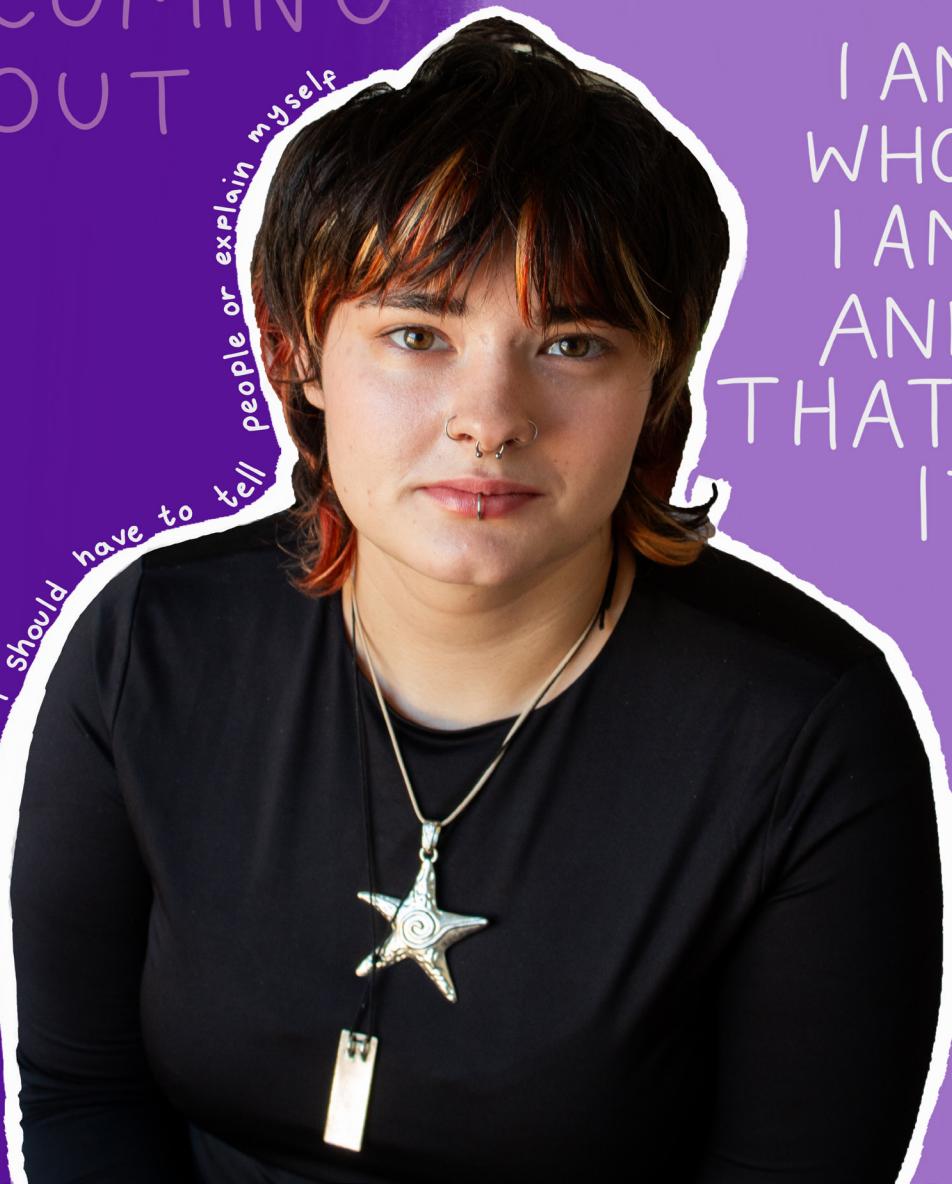
THANK YOU
CHAPPELL ROAN

my lesbian jesus

I DON'T
BELIEVE
REALLY IN
COMING
OUT

I don't think that I should have to tell people or explain myself

I AM
WHO
I AM
AND
THAT'S
IT





*I feel
proud
but
scared.*

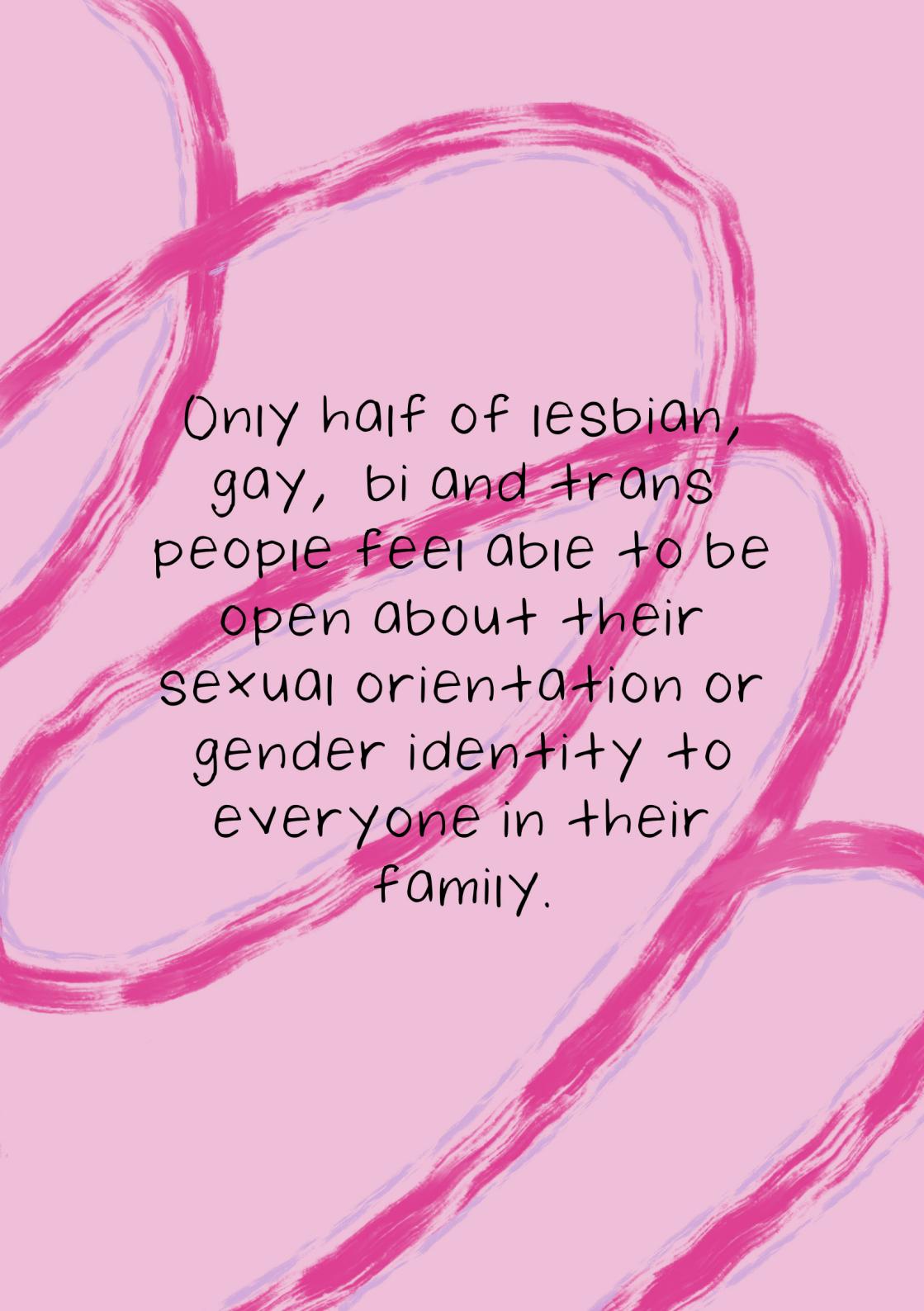
Being visibly gay is



something that brings
me euphoria and a
sense of belonging.

I did find it hard to come to family, and I do think this is due to where I grew up. I have

I
NOW
FEEL
SUPER
COMFORTABLE
BEING OUT



Only half of lesbian, gay, bi and trans people feel able to be open about their sexual orientation or gender identity to everyone in their family.



Overheard my mum saying to my
Sister, that I'm ~~angry~~ calling myself
Bisexual to fit in?

I came out very obnoxiously, as I did with everything at the time.



I FEEL GOOD
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I don't think anyone is really out



Coming out was

it spread round like a

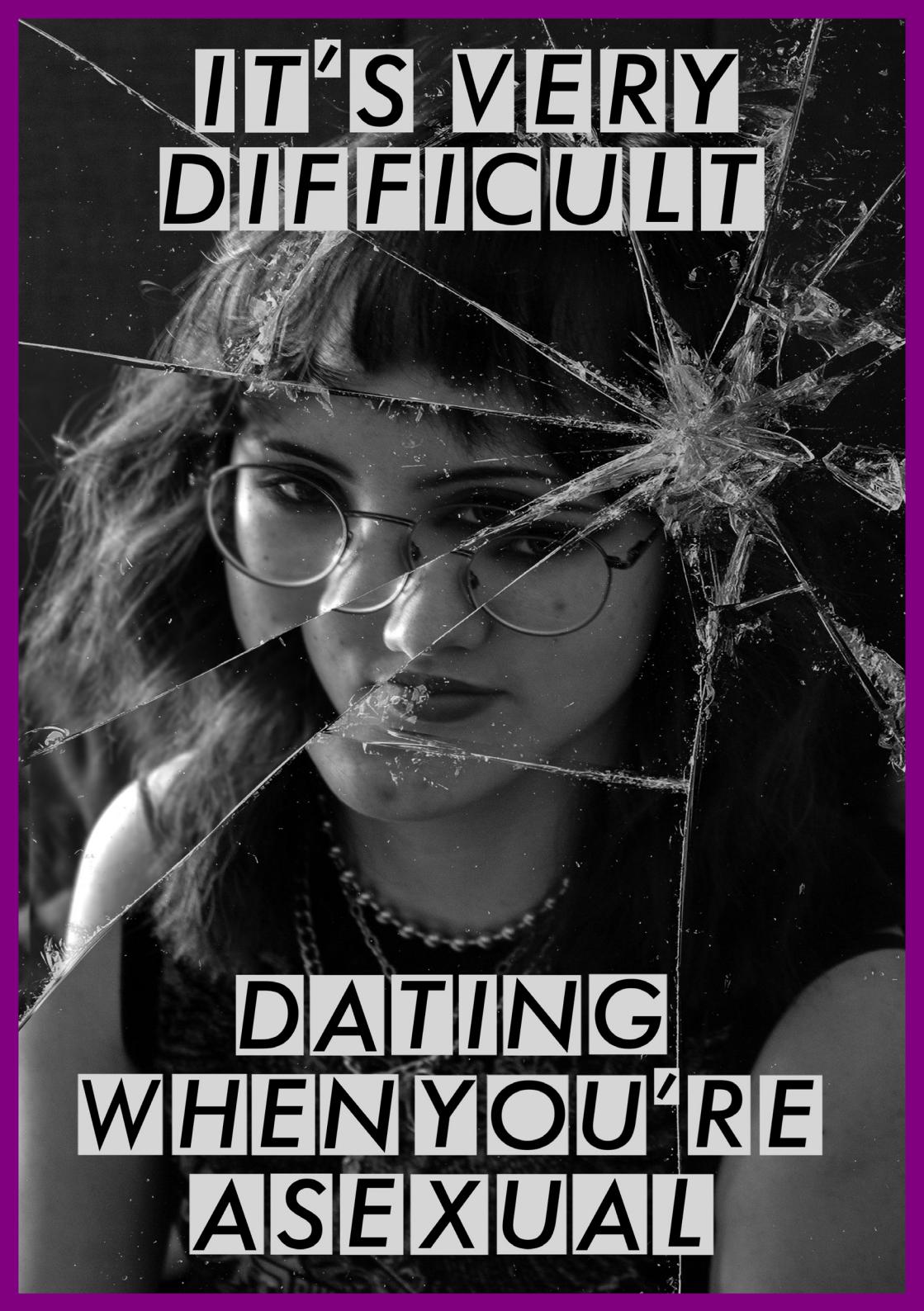
POSITIVE

A portrait of a young person with dark hair and a nose piercing, wearing a colorful striped sweater. The background is a repeating text pattern of "I feel good proud and confident" in orange.

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COUNTRIES
CRIMINALISE
SAME-SEX
RELATIONSHIPS.

IT'S VERY
DIFFICULT



DATING
WHEN YOU'RE
ASEXUAL

I have thought if I am pansexual in the past, as I don't care about a person's gender.



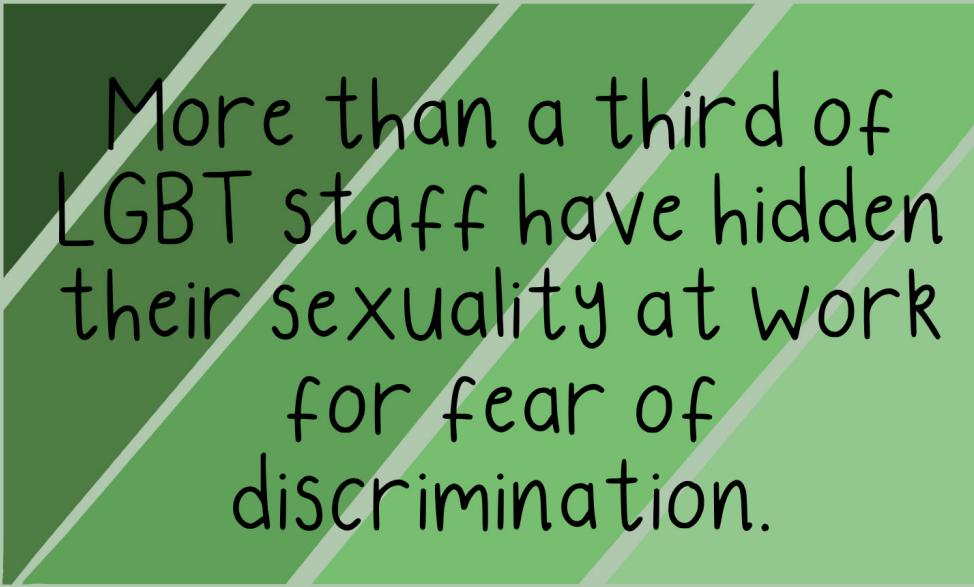
If you're hot,
you're hot

Growing up bi was hard to realise
because I still had crushes on boys so I
feel like the part of me that liked girls
was hid really
I just didn't
see it as
an
option.

Well.
see it as
option.



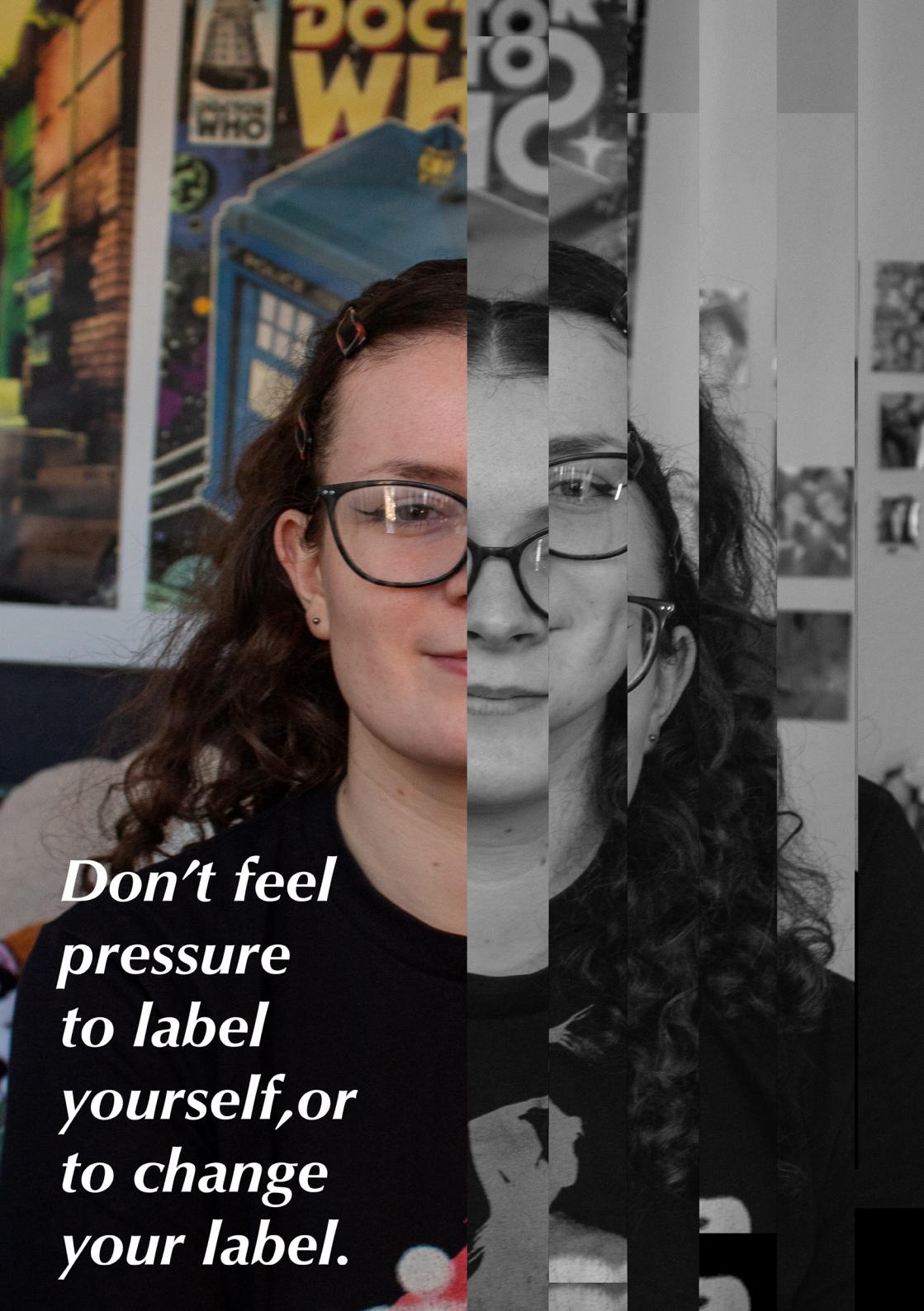
I FEEL
INADEQUATE
IN MY
QUEERNESS



More than a third of
LGBT staff have hidden
their sexuality at work
for fear of
discrimination.



Two in five LGBT
pupils are never
taught anything
about LBGT issues
at school.



*Don't feel
pressure
to label
yourself, or
to change
your label.*

‘I don’t care about
people’s sexuality-
maybe we should
stop assuming all are
straight until said:
- Anonymous

I WAS OUTED WHEN I WAS
YOUNGER.
IT TOOK AWAY MY CONTROL.



I WOULDN'T CHANGE IT, AS IT
MEANT FINDING A SAFE
COMMUNITY.

The background of the image is a vibrant, abstract marbled pattern. It features swirling, organic shapes in shades of pink, magenta, and blue. The pink areas are more saturated and cover the upper half, while the blue areas are more prominent in the lower half, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall effect is reminiscent of liquid or smoke.

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