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Karen Thompson and
Sharon Kowalski
are reunited
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Roberto Reyes-Colón, gives us a window to his past and his heritage in his article "Gay, brown and proud" on page 12.

Voices within speak out

Lesbians and gay men from a variety of ethnic, cultural and racial backgrounds live everyday with the necessity of coalition, and coalition begins within. Many gay and lesbian people of color feel more support from their cultures of origin than they do from other lesbians and gay men. As Lynn Nakamoto says in her article *Yearning for Inclusiveness*, "all of my communities can benefit from more people, more views and more support." "I am still searching for where I feel most at home," shares Eileen Kaady.

For many queers who belong to an oppressed ethnic group, dealing with racism and anti-semitism have been training grounds for dealing with homophobia. "Those feelings of being on the outside, not fitting into this Christian world, made it easier to accept being gay in a straight, homophobic world," writes Howie Bierbaum.

Ten gay men and lesbians from a broader spectrum, under-represented in *Just Out* and many other newspapers, share their feelings and their realities. They expose themselves once more, hopefully to support, understanding and an audience willing to listen.

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