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HELLO! FABULOUS BEINGS!

Welcome to the very first issue of
Dharma Kueen.

Here, we're spilling the Dharma tea through a queer lens. Buddhism isn't just robes, incense, and chanting — it's also drag, glitter, and living your truth. This issue asks: **What has my queerness got to do with Buddhism?**

The answer?

Everything!!!

YOUR QUEERNESS IS NOT A MISTAKE — IT'S A MANTRA. THE DHARMA IS NOT SEPARATE FROM YOUR GLITTER — IT'S GLOWING THROUGH IT. THIS ZINE IS YOUR INVITATION TO LIVE LOUD, LIVE KIND, AND LIVE WOKE.



★ **NEXT ISSUE IN 3 MONTHS!**
TILL THEN, STAY FABULOUS, STAY KIND, STAY GLITTRY ✨

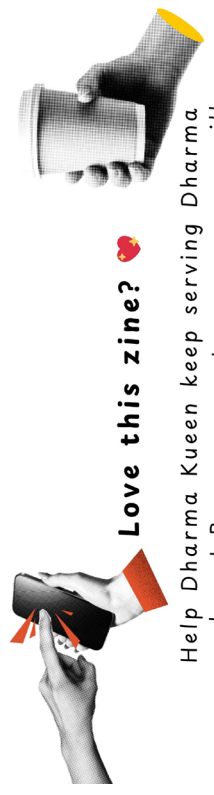
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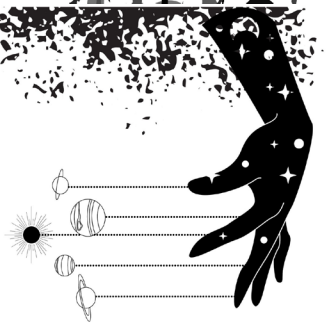
INTERBEING

Honey, we're all connected.

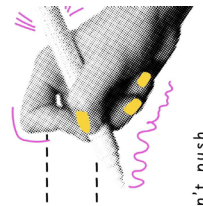
Thích Nhất Hạnh calls it interbeing, but your queer auntie calls it chosen fam.

The food you eat? Thousands of hands touched it. The shirt you're wearing? Made through countless lives. And yes, boo — some of those hands were LGBTQ+. We're stitched into the fabric of existence.

I know it's hard sometimes to accept your own fabulous existence — but remember, your sparkle is not separate. We are all interconnected, babes. Your queerness isn't outside the Dharma — it IS the Dharma, glitter and all.



Visit www.dharmakueen.com to find out more about this fabulous endeavor!



Queer • Dharma Tip:

When negative emotions sashay into your mind, don't push them off the stage. Acknowledge them, bow to them, and let them speak. Then, serve them Dharma realness: remember that feelings are not permanent — they come, they go, they dissolve. With insight, you can transform even your fiercest emotions into a deeper understanding of yourself. That's not weakness, darling — that's wisdom in heels. ✨

TODAY, I'M GRATEFUL FOR:

I'M FEELING:

RIGHT NOW, I'M A

START WHERE YOU ARE, DARLING

MIND YOUR EXERCISE



MINI PRACTICE FABULOUS INTERBEING MEDITATION

Take a breath, honey — in through the nose, out through the sass. 🙏🏽

Whisper to yourself: "My fabulous is not mine alone — it shines with countless lives."



Feel the food, the hands, the love, the struggles, the glitter — all flowing through you.

Exhale and say: "We are all connected, and I belong." 🌈



POETRY

TOO FABULOUS TO HATE

When shade is thrown my way
I shimmer instead of snap
Anger? Not today, honey
Compassion is my clapback
The Dharma keeps me glowing
Like highlighter on my cheek
No hate can dim this glitter
My fabulous is unique



These aren't just cute slogans — they're the birthright of every queer soul. They remind us that no matter our gender, sexuality, or pronouns, the Dharma holds space for us to be fully awakened and fully ourselves.

EQUANIMITY (UPEKKHA)
MAY ALL BEINGS TREAT EVERYONE EQUALLY AND WITH RESPECT—NO MATTER HOW DIFFERENT WE ARE IN SKIN, BODY, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

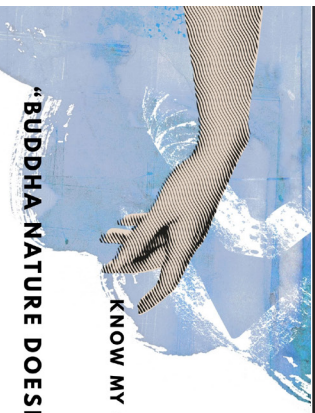
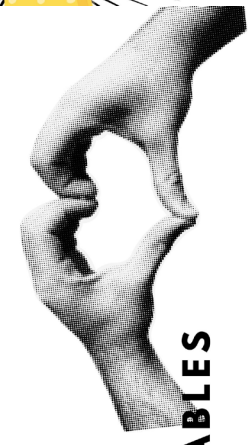
SYMPATHETIC JOY (MUDITA)
MAY WE CHEER EACH OTHER ON, CLAPPING FOR EVERYONE'S GLOW-UP, NOT JUST OUR OWN. ✨

COMPASSION (KARUNA)
MAY ALL BEINGS SASHAY AWAY FROM SUFFERING WITH DIGNITY AND GLITTER. ✨

METTA (LOVING KINDNESS)
MAY ALL BEINGS BE ABLE TO SEND LOVING-KINDNESS TO THEMSELVES AND OTHERS, SO WE CAN STAY DRAMA-FREE, BALANCED, AND UNBOOTHERED. ✨

THE FOUR IMMEASURABLES

FOUR BRAHMA VIHARAS



"BUDDHA NATURE DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE."



The Buddha spilled the original tea: we all have Buddha nature. That means you, me, drag queens, trans fam, leather daddies, femmes, butches — every single one of us can wake up to our fabulous, awakened nature.

The Buddha taught us a timeless practice — the Four Immeasurables — and every Buddhist babe is invited to splay with them. But what are they? Honey, think of them as the Dharma's house rules for living your best life



