



Youspeak Radio Episode 3 – United, We Are Strong – With Karina Samala

Audio transcript

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Youspeak Radio (00:00):

This is Youspeak Radio.

Gabriel DuBransky (00:03):

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Gabriel DuBransky (00:15):

Hi, I'm Gabriel DuBransky. My pronouns are they/them, and I was lucky enough to interview the amazing Karina Samala.

Gabriel DuBransky (00:22):

When I learned who I was going to be interviewing, I was really excited to be able to speak to a trans woman. As I've been navigating my own identity as a trans femme person, I haven't had a lot of role models in my life that I could speak to or learn from.

Gabriel DuBransky (00:34):

So, as I read about Karina and all the things she'd done, I was not only happy to interview someone interesting, but I was also really excited to just get to talk to another trans person, especially an elder in the trans femme community.

Karina Samala (00:46):

Being there for each other. We need to be united as a community. We need to work together. We still... Even with our community, I see this breakout. United, we are strong. And also, the thing that... We must all stand together, proud and empowered, to tell the whole world, in one voice, that we are members also on the human race. Nothing more, nothing less. We're equal.

Gabriel DuBransky (01:16):

I got a little emotional after this interview because it was just such a breath of fresh air to see a trans person so successful and happy. She really is an inspiration to me, and I hope she'll be an inspiration to you, too. Enjoy.

Gabriel DuBransky (01:35):

Content warning. Topics of trans rejection and violence are discussed in this interview. Please listen with your safety in mind.

Gabriel DuBransky (01:43):