

# out of place

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**It's common to** feel as if we don't belong. We all have that persistent voice looming in the back of our minds telling us that we're not good enough. No matter how hard we try, we can never escape that uncomfortable feeling of being unequivocally unlike everyone around us. But we encourage you to leap into what you fear the most — the thrill of unpredictability catches you. Take advantage of your individuality. Own your uniqueness. Have faith in what makes you utterly different from everyone else. You don't need to waste your most important qualities on the idiocy of others. It's your choice to challenge what is expected, and you can relish in these moments. Being explicitly who you want to be is a trait that comes with time. Feeling like you are out of place might just be the starting point that gets you there.







