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What You Can't Say to Another Woman
by Brittany Cheok

She says she wants to look like
two models in the magazine—
with ribs I could play
like xylophones and
hips that break the skin.

I want to tell her that
I like her curves; I like
how hip slides into thigh
and down to calves that
don't fit most boots. And
I want her to know that I like
her round, want to cup her flesh
and mold my fingers around pieces
of her, then press my face to her warm belly
and feel the life that radiates from the warm drum.

To submit a creative piece for the Zine's
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Coalition for Gender and
Racial Equality Now and
After Graduation

Western Kentucky
University
The weekend of April 14, 2012 texts were sent out concerning robbery on campus and shooting at the Lava Lounge. We were quickly told that the suspects were black males.

When I returned to campus, I got on my computer, but more specifically my twitter account, only to see that the few messages from the Campus had caused an uproar that seemed a bit like racial backlash. Many students responded with the idea that blacks were synonymous with the "ghetto" and claimed that western was turning ghetto or that PFT was "ghetto." But newsflash both shootings and robberies happen everywhere! Also the origin of the ghetto began in the Holocaust with Jews and since has been a symbol of systemic oppression of social minorities. The fact that the students were African-American seemed to pose a larger problem. The campus let it be known that a black student - more specifically a black male student - is to be feared, when white males have an equally, if not more of a violent history with sexual assaults as well as serial killers and white collar crimes. Our society helps perpetuate these biases we have about certain people. Our job is to nip these biases in the bud, or they will turn to stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination. As I said in the last Zine, neither Trayvon Martin nor any black male should be feared. Do not hold the few criminals of a race as a representative for the entire race. Be wary but not racist.