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Masculine Mystique

The term ‘male mystique’ or ‘masculine mystique’ is essentially a paradox of feminist movements within post-war America that deeply overanalyzes the traditional ideas of masculinity and societal-bred gender constructs. Masculinity and gender in general are becoming an ever evolving spectrum—this is what I have chosen to highlight in my series. I took direct influence and ideas from hegemonic masculinity tropes and attempted to entirely reverse the narrative. The goal of the series was to use common archetypes of masculinity, while directly and indirectly portraying the mental grasp they have on individuals today.

Ocean Aesthetic

Aesthetic is defined as the appreciation of beauty. I have always been intrigued by the ocean and the light reflected on the environment around during sunset. These photos capture the nature in pure form producing a blissful effect. Images taken at Shell Beach, Pismo, CA

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