## PORTFOLIO BILDREDAKTION -

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## Francesca Bergamini Beauty is a Currency

Environmental degradation and the climate crisis are a lived reality for Donna Collins-Smith, Rebecca Genia, Danielle Hopson-Begun, Darlene Troge, Tela Troge, and Waban Tarrant. In Shinnecock Bay, Long Island, these six indigenous women are working to help restore the Bay's water quality through sugar kelp farming.

Due to decades of human development and nitrogen pollution, harmful algae blooms, and declining fish, clam, and oyster populations are challenging the health of the Bay. Climate change effects such as coastal erosion, saltwater intrusion, and flooding rapidly reshape the landscape. Finally, sea level rise threatens the future of the Shinnecock Reservation, which is home to up to 700 people, according to the 2019 Shinnecock Indian Nation Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Action Plan.

This is the story of six women working to help protect their waters in the face of the climate crisis and environmental challenges.

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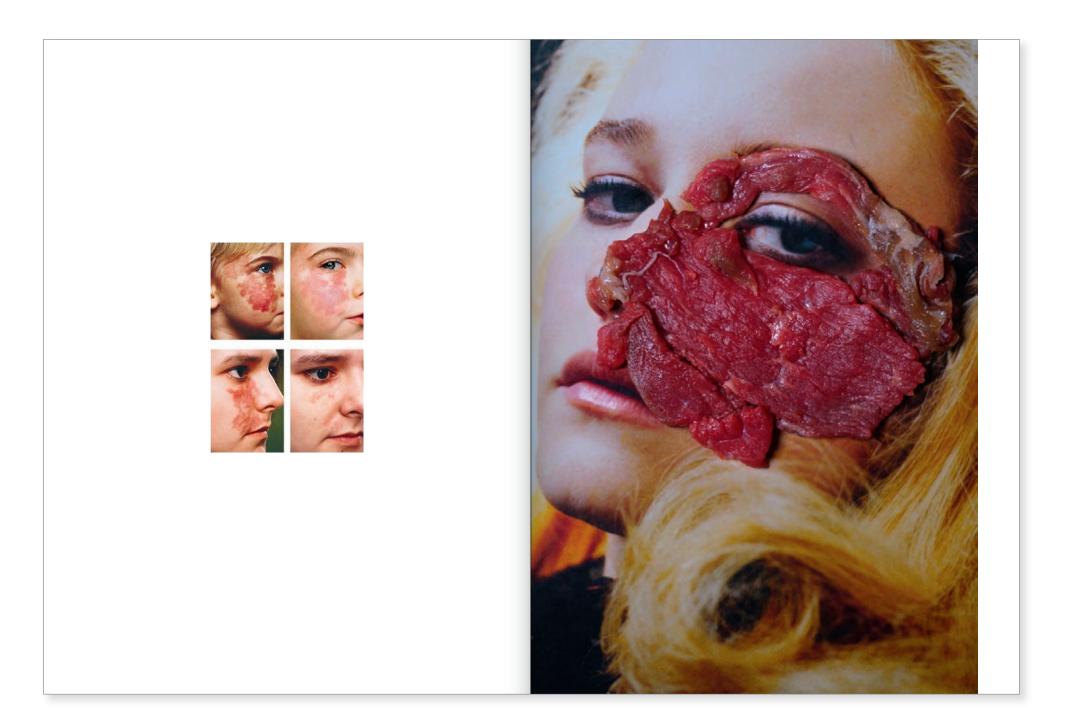










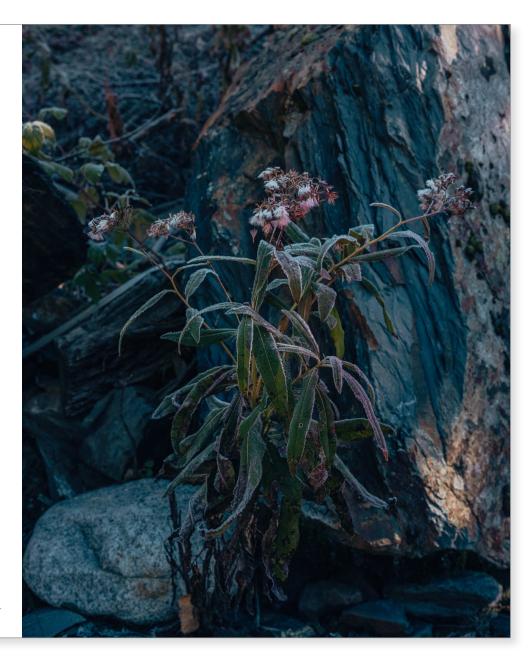












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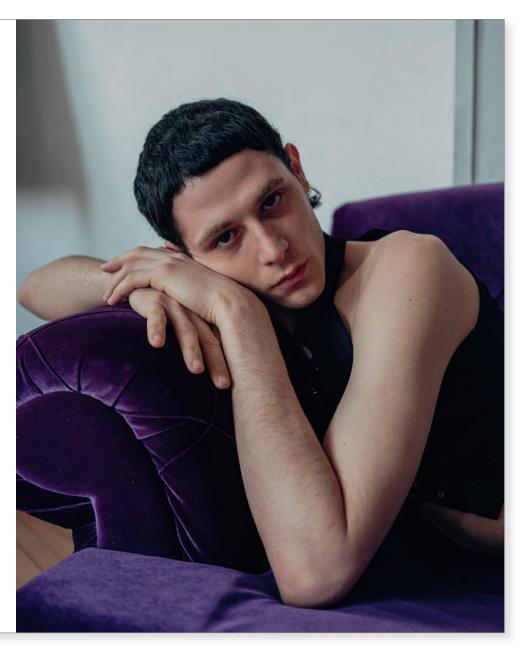


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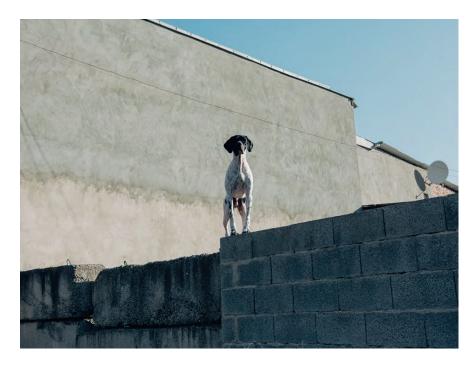






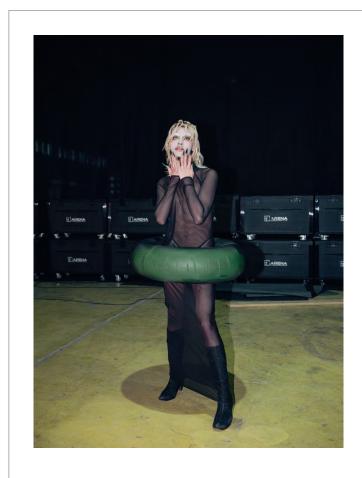














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