



## Cover Art—“Ancestry”

Elexus Greene, Advertising\*

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Ancestry is a representation of being torn between wisdom and desire, where her youth screams for her to be hip, urban, and carefree while her inheritance keeps her grounded and resilient. Her vision has been replaced by the strength of her ancestors, and she is hypnotized by their ancient tongues guiding her through her wrapped hair. This highlights the role heritage, unconsciously, plays in our everyday lives. The uniqueness of the fabric background and her attire unveils the beauty found within cultural inheritance on all scales. Her inherited wisdom helps her prevail, and make sure she never fails.

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\* Although born and raised in San Francisco, painter and digital artist Elexus Greene is a Vallejo native. Her art mixes Black heritage with urban elements to create visuals of inherited history seen amongst millennials today. When Elexus started the Gateway to Media sequence in the School of Journalism and Communication, she became obsessed with creating and publishing her own passion projects. As she transitions into her senior year of college, she is a student by day and a creator by night. She is learning the essentials of balancing academics, work, and artistry. In the future, Elexus plans to use her Advertising degree and skill to push her growing entrepreneurship and brand i-AMbitious, as well as to spark a career in creative directing.