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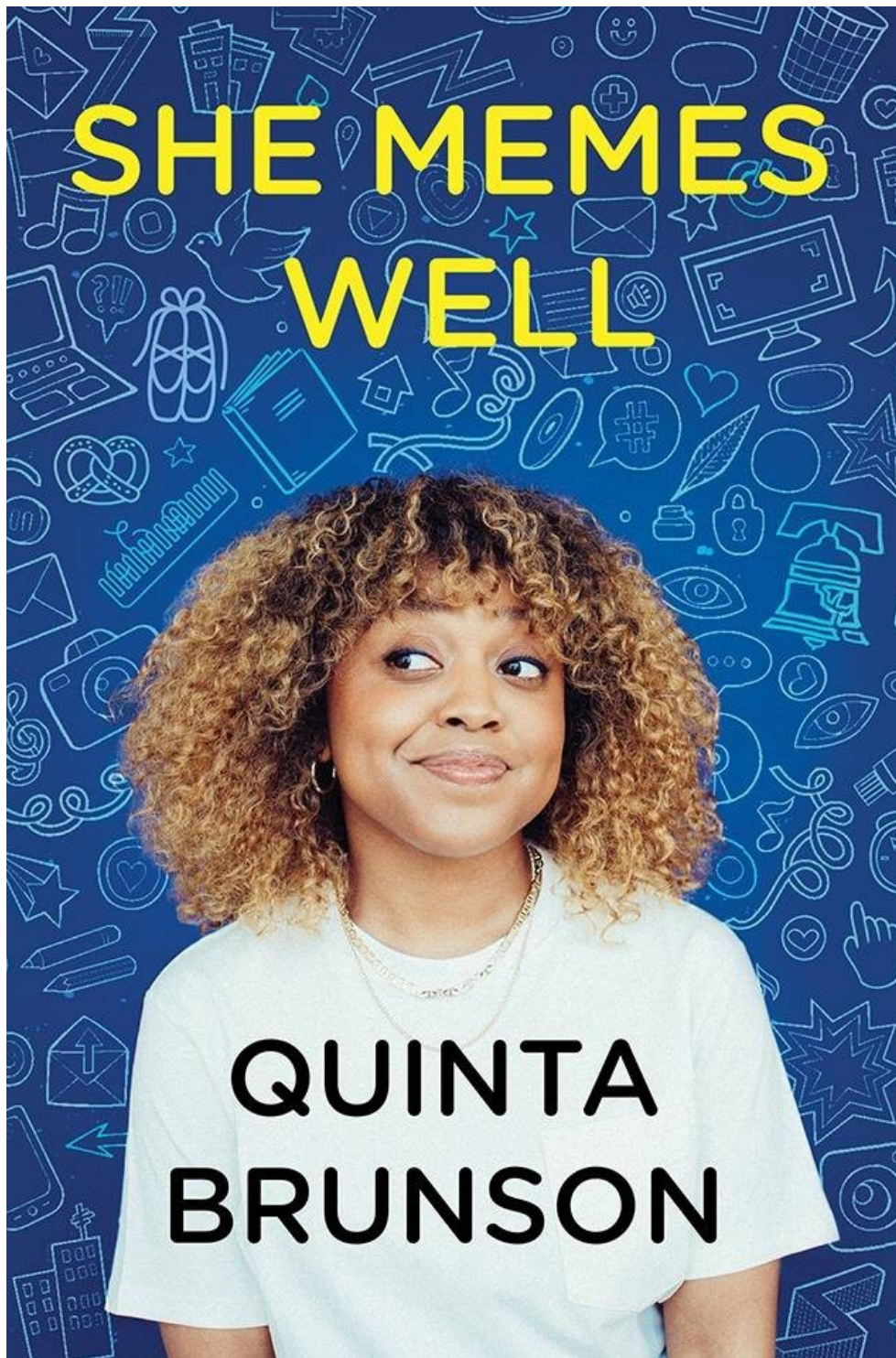
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The Blonds "Gold Laminated Denim Moto" jacket, Rag & Bone "Ankle Cigarette in Bilbury" jeans and Larulcci "Sahara" earrings. »

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Opening page:
DeWanda wears a
Victoria Hayes
"Mackie" dress,
Erickson Beamon
"The Shinning"
necklace and "Metal
Harness" body piece.

This page:
Alice + Olivia by
Stacey Bendet "Nat"
dress and "Willa"
shirt, **SunniBlake**
Accessories "Star
Crossed" earrings
and **Christian**
Louboutin "La
Valois" heels.

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Manish Arora
embroidered stars
dress, (on left ear)
Sanni Blake
Accessories "Star
Crossed" earring and
(on right ear) Larucci
"Tempest" earring.
For details, see
Where to Buy.

DeWanda Wise is the type of gal who gets excited when you propose covering her in the most dazzling clothes you can find.

Sequin, rucks, and rhinestone leather jackets might be a far cry from the starlet's relaxed day-to-day wardrobe (which she hilariously describes as "Uncle Denzel"), but they are also the perfect metaphor for how she lights up the screen.

Wise's portrayal of Nola Darling in the Netflix revival of Spike Lee's *She's Gotta Have It* was a certified hit and thrust her into the Hollywood spotlight—one that we believe will only get increasingly brighter. The 34-year-old prefers to use the word *delicious* to explain how she feels about her success. "Think of your favorite meal at your favorite restaurant, add in some great company, mood music and your cocktail of choice, and that was my year," Wise says. "Between *Shots Fired*, *Underground* and my first lead with *She's Gotta Have It*, I felt full and satisfied enough to last for quite a while."

But she's wasting no time grabbing her next meal—er, project, in the upcoming year. Wise is switching gears and tackling comedy by starring in the films *The Weekend* and *Someone, Great*. That spirit of versatility also makes the New York City-based beauty such an alluring style star. While Wise doesn't consider herself a fashionista, she does have a unique sartorial flair on the red carpet. The Maryland native often rocks simple silhouettes in bold colors and prints that are beautifully complemented by her light brown eyes and ever-changing coil. "I thrive with juxtaposition as well," says Wise, who used to design her own dresses for high school homecomings and proms. "If I go with an option that is characteristically conservative, I find a way to rebel and edge it up a little bit."

And when it comes to Wise's personal approach to fashion, she loves the fact that there's go, one in particular, who inspires her style. "I feel like we've evolved to a place where we have so many more options and icons to choose from," she says. "When you add in the number of stunners on Instagram, the lines really begin to blur on the source of inspiration for any one look or vibe."
Well put. Shine on, sis. —J.W. 2

Hair: Randy Blodgett using L'Oréal Paris
Beauty: Makeup: Bethany Garita using Kevin
Auryn/Kevyn Aucoin's **Manicure** Single-
Step Crayon; Hair: Verónica Ojeda Beauty; **Set**
Design: Walter Bonetto/Ojeda Beauty

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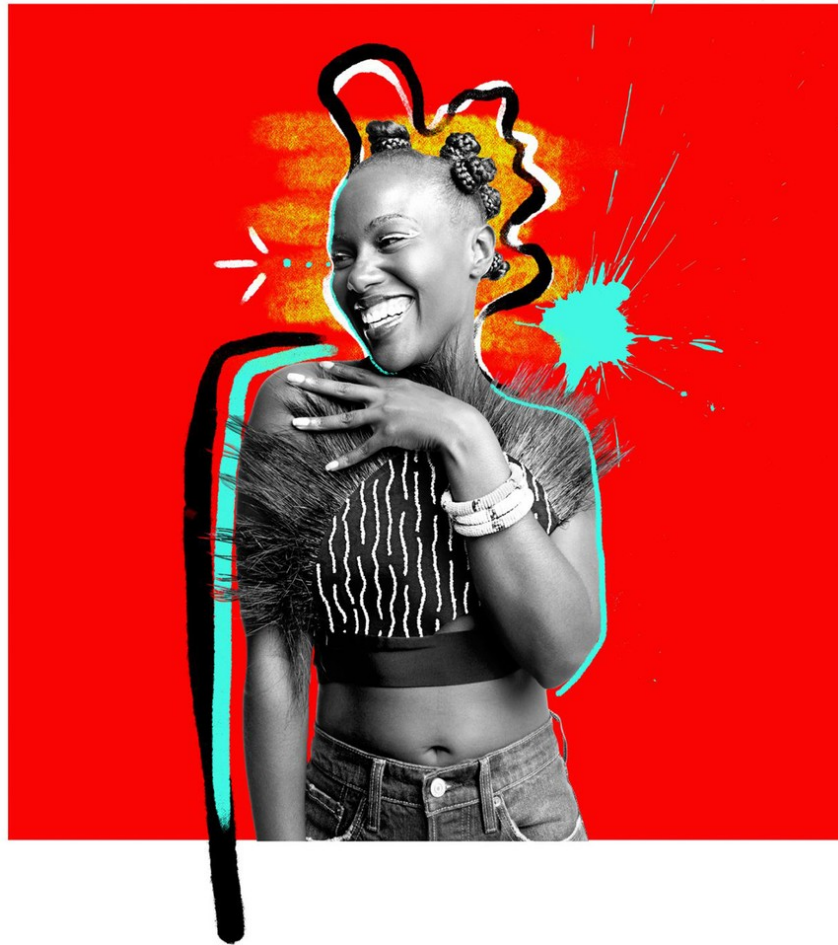
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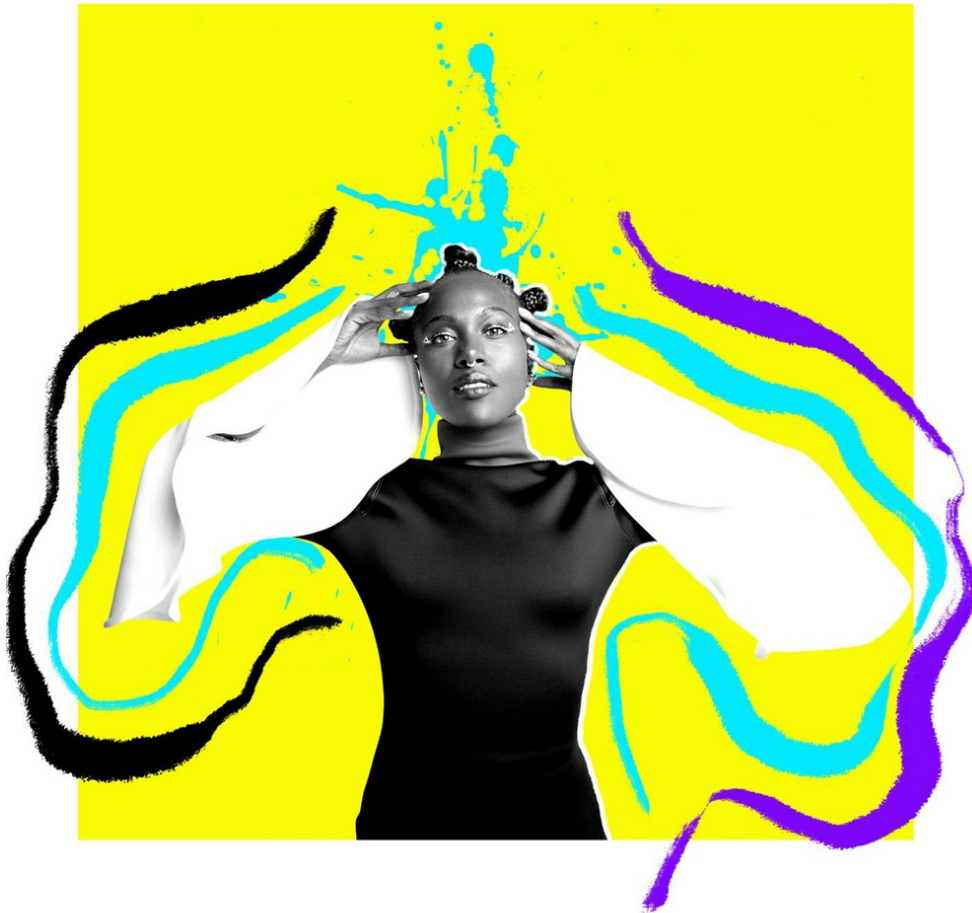
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