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How can financial brands stand out through visual storytelling? Our experts break it down! Discover The CollectionExplore our curated galleries of Motorsport Images - from 1895 to today's latest coverage. Learn how financial brands can set themselves apart. Quenlin Blackwell was born on January 17, 2001, in Dallas, Texas. She grew up in a white suburb of Texas after her family relocated from Cincinnati. As a child, her father spent time in prison. Quenlin began creating YouTube content at age eight and posting videos online at nine. She attended Allen High School in Texas before moving to Los Angeles at 17. After Vine's shutdown, she gained popularity on Twitter and YouTube. She posted vlog-style videos on TikTok in 2019 and went viral with a video about crying over a $100k couch purchase. By 2023, she had eight million followers on TikTok and one million subscribers on YouTube. Quenlin starred in an SG Lewis music video, signed with United Talent Agency, and participated in YouTube's Coachella livestream. She was nominated for the Streamy Awards and modeled for Savage X Fenty's lingerie campaign. In 2024, she appeared in Charli XCX's music video and landed a role in an HBO television pilot. Quenlin hosts YouTube's Feeding Starving Celebrities series and has spoken publicly about her struggles with asthma and anorexia. Quenlin Blackwell, also known as Quen, has been gaining attention for her online presence and comedic content. She has appeared in several TV shows and music videos, including The D'Amelio Show and No. 1 Chicken. In 2024, she revealed that her older brother Jairyn was killed in a homicide shooting. Quen has also collaborated with various artists on music projects, such as "360" with Charli XCX and "90s Baby" with JT. She has been featured in several articles and interviews, including profiles in Sennheiser Newsroom and Hypebae. Additionally, Quen has signed with Hollywood agency UTA and appeared in several campaigns for brands like Savage X Fenty. Her rise to fame has been described as an "It Girl explosion" by Vulture. Quen's personal life has also made headlines, including a clarification from Diplo that she was renting a property from him and not in a romantic relationship with him. Quenlin Blackwell Prepares to Embark on 'Bad Bitch Era', Discusses Balance Between Comedy and Beauty At 13, @quensadilla's (Blackwell) Vines on Vine had us in stitches! A natural-born humorist, her videos seamlessly blended relatable and over-the-top moments. Standouts include her impressive dance moves to the Law & Order theme tune, neck-whiplashing while playing guitar with her braids, or unleashing a hose on an unwanted vulture. Born on January 17, 2001, Blackwell grew up in Dallas, Texas, after her father's incarceration. She reflects that this experience taught her how to navigate the entertainment industry and dealt with people having different feelings than they expressed. With a family that gets through life through humor, Blackwell had an incredible upbringing. As a Gen Z girl, she consumed media from various sources like cable, YouTube, and social media. When asked about her childhood media consumption, Blackwell enthusiastically shared her favorites, including cartoons like The Mighty B, SpongeBob, and every Disney Channel show. Hannah Montana was her icon, and Michael Jackson's music played in the background of her childhood. Having two older sisters who often split off, Blackwell found companionship in wreaking havoc with her camera. A cheerleader growing up, her first viral Vine featured a failed cheerleading stunt performed on a chair. Vine was a more carefree era with six-second videos that were mainly humorous and didn't require deep analysis. Blackwell's entertainment embodied the unfiltered spirit of being young, without pretenses or personas. Her connection with fans has contributed to her enduring success. Blackwell's ability to maintain her authenticity and grow as an artist can be attributed to her natural charm and je ne sais quoi. She balances humor, wit, and heart in her interactions, making audiences root for her. Unlike some Vine stars, Blackwell didn't feel the need to create a specific image or persona, as she was already genuine. Her ability to connect with fans from childhood has helped her build a loyal following that has grown alongside her. This organic growth is in contrast to some former child stars who were packaged and managed by adults before entering the industry. Blackwell's transparency and consistency have fostered a sense of familiarity and trust among her audience. She's got millions of fans, but she's not just about the laughs; at 17, she was already living in LA, working in the entertainment industry, and never interested in college unless it was for a career in show business. "I was put on this earth to distract people from their troubles," she says, "to entertain them, make them laugh – no college degree required." Her presence on TikTok came later, but it's not her biggest following; that title belongs to the internet, where everyone loves to joke about her connections. She's got a huge following of eight million and counting, with famous friends like Lil Nas X casually popping up in her videos. Even SZA tweeted a voice note from Blackwell screaming in anticipation of their collab with Phoebe Bridgers. Despite her online fame, this era is a significant shift in Blackwell's career and life. Online she may seem chaotic, but in reality, she's determined to be the best, driven by a fear of being subpar. As the Sag-Aftra strike continues, Blackwell is taking acting classes three times a week so she's ready when Hollywood resumes. Her main trepidation is mediocrity – she won't transition into any other place in her career without mastering the craft first. Blackwell began her ascent to fashion-darling status a few years ago and has since worked with brands like Jean Paul Gaultier, Coach, BOSS, Calvin Klein, and SKIMS. She's always wanted to make herself look like a cartoon character and wants to wear stuff that separates her from the crowd. LA became her playground for stepping into her fashion bag, then halfway through our conversation, another revelation: Blackwell is expecting her first child, a fashion brand called Riquera. As she talks about it, her face lights up. Having been adjacent to the fashion community since she was a teenager, she's built meaningful relationships with industry members and soaked up knowledge around her. For Blackwell, this is her time – "I know how a good garment feels; I know who the good producers are," she says. "Let me see if I can come up with my own thing." Not being meek, I'm not being docile; I'm screaming into the mic. If 'stealth wealth' nourishes your soul, Riquera isn't for you, according to Quenlin Blackwell. The brand is a reflection of her personality – sexy, cute, and considered – designed by her own hand, with favourite artists on board. Despite feeling underappreciated in the industry, Blackwell says she's not defined by one label. "I'm not going to convince you how hard I am," she admits. In today's exhausting 20s, Blackwell has found solace in sobriety, which has given her a newfound clarity and autonomy over her life. A mental health glow-up: side-by-side photos of myself, one at my lowest point and the other thriving, captioned "a mental health glow-up. I'm so proud of myself, dude. I literally LOOK healthier". It went viral! As someone who has been open about their struggles with depression, anxiety, anorexia, and radical self-acceptance is key. "Once you radically accept yourself as you are right now – not the future version of yourself, the present version – everything changes." Wool dress MARNI, leather studded bag MOSCHINO, leather and cotton boots Y/PROJECTPhotography Thibaut Grevet, Styling Georgia Pendlebury With a background in short-form videos, I'm venturing into longer-form content on YouTube and working on a podcast, Public Indecency. Expect celebrity cameos! The conversations will be rooted in F-U-N and the intimacy of our friendships offline. "Let the girls chuckle; let the girls be indecent. We like the class when it comes to treating people right, but I'm not finna change who I am just to be more digestible for you." Quenlin Blackwell's journey from obscurity to fame serves as an inspiring example of perseverance and authenticity. Ten years after appearing on The Ellen DeGeneres show, Blackwell has solidified her position as a beloved figure in the entertainment industry. Through her TikTok video "I was made to make y'all happy," she showcased a nostalgic montage of her classic Vines and YouTube moments, including her iconic drive for a hot pickle. Fans expressed their gratitude for her impact on their childhoods, highlighting her enduring influence.