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Shirin Neshat finds inspiration in the legendary Iranian poem, the Shahnameh (Book of Kings)

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A series of striking photographic portraits by the Iranian artist Shirin Neshat, available at Leila Heller Gallery at Art Dubai, show a series of Iranian and Arab individuals adorned with calligraphic texts and drawings. These texts and illustrations are drawn from the epic Shahnameh as well as from contemporary poetry by Iranian writers. Sherief (Villains) from the Book of Kings Series (2012, above) has been sold to a Southeast Asian museum (\$120,000). G.H.