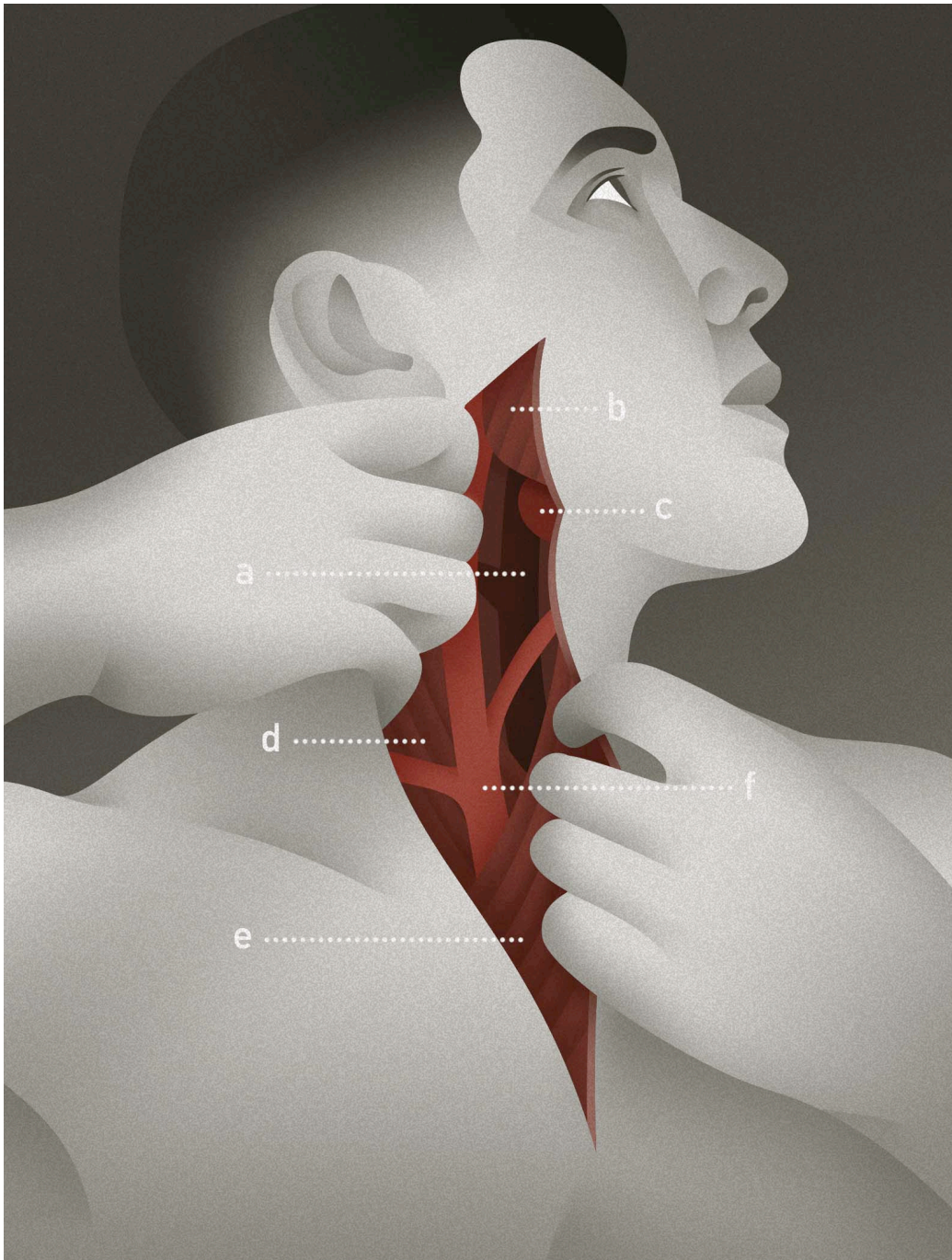


Inside

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Ryan Brewster is a second year MD candidate at the Stanford University School of Medicine. Among his professional interests include medical illustration, data visualization and more broadly, communicating the human experience of health and disease through storytelling and the visual arts. "Inside" is a self-portrait challenging the emotional detachment that pervades medical training and practice. "As a self-defense mechanism, I often distance myself from the patient before me. This, however, comes at the expense of embracing my own vulnerability, insecurity and humanity - the heart of my calling to medicine."