

Inspired by “Requiem for a Dream”, directed by Darron Aronofsky, I made this painting to capture the result of drug addiction. I wanted to create a surrealist scene depicting the characters in the movie, and any other person who struggles with addiction. The figure in the chair represents the mother in the movie, who struggles with her body image, which eventually leads to the addiction of not only drugs, but getting skinnier. I painted her son in the fridge, representing the illusion of his good health, and of hers.

“Delusion” was created using oil paints and pastels on wood. I first outlined a sketch of my vision, then blocked it in with paint. I used the oil pastels for the detailed highlights and shadows, and did a light green wash over that.

To invigorate the feeling of delirium, I used as many colors and values as I could. The melting figures and furniture create a physical representation of the feeling of being trapped inside your own head; in your own personal delusion.

DELUSION

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