

“The Last Thing He Would Eat”

2011. 30" H X 36" W Mixed media painting

Collaboration between David Feinberg and Chris Kibarian, storyteller, with contributions from Chris Charbonneau, Joni Christenson, Bonnie Brabson, Sarah Hiatt, Rowan Pope, Nicole Rodriguez, Mike Zittlow, and Daliya Jokondo.

Chris Kibarian told us a story of his great-grandfather, who was about to be taken away and executed during the Armenian Genocide. Knowing that her father was going to his death, Chris's grandmother went to kiss her father, and spit a cherry into his mouth. It was the last thing he would ever eat.

Chris reacted very emotionally when he told this story, and when Chris's dad told this story he would also get emotional. He would also get upset when he told the story of the last photograph taken of Chris' entire family; upon viewing this photograph, Chris's grandmother said: "Look at all I've created."