### PANIC DISORDER

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#### Diagnostic criteria A

- Recurrent unexpected panic attacks. A panic attack is an abrupt surge of intense fear or intense discomfort that reaches a peak within minutes, and during which time four (or more) of the following symptoms occur:
- Note: The abrupt surge can occur from a calm state or an anxious state.
- 1 . Palpitations, pounding heart, or accelerated heart rate.
- 2. Sweating.
- 3. Trembling or shaking.
- 4. Sensations of shortness of breath or smothering.

- 5. Feelings of choking.
- 6. Chest pain or discomfort.
- 7. Nausea or abdominal distress.
- 8. Feeling dizzy, unsteady, light-headed, or faint.
- 9. Chills or heat sensations.
- 10. Paresthesias (numbness or tingling sensations).
- 11. Derealization (feelings of unreality) or depersonalization (being detached from one-self).
- 1 2. Fear of losing control or "going crazy."
- 13. Fear of dying.
- ..."(American Psychiatric Association, 2013)

#### Diagnostic criteria B

- At least one of the attacks has been followed by 1 month (or more) of one or both of the following:
- 1. Persistent concern or worry about additional panic attacks or their consequences (e.g., losing control, having a heart attack, "going crazy").
- 2. A significant maladaptive change in behavior related to the attacks (e.g., behaviors designed to avoid having panic attacks, such as avoidance of exercise or unfamiliar situations).
- …"(American Psychiatric Association, 2013)

#### Diagnostic criteria C

• The disturbance is not attributable to the physiological effects of a substance (e.g., a drug of abuse, a medication) or another medical condition (e.g., hyperthyroidism, car- diopulmonary disorders).

..." (American Psychiatric Association, 2013)

#### Diagnostic criteria D

- The disturbance is not better explained by another mental disorder (e.g., the panic at- tacks do not occur only in response to feared social situations, as in social anxiety dis- order; in response to circumscribed phobic objects or situations, as in specific phobia; in response to obsessions, as in obsessive-compulsive disorder; in response to reminders of traumatic events, as in posttraumatic stress disorder; or in response to sep- aration from attachment figures, as in separation anxiety disorder).
- ..."(American Psychiatric Association, 2013)

#### MEDIUM

- Procreate on the iPad
- Mixed media piece
- Ability to quickly and swiftly switch between colors, mediums and textures. I chose to use a variety of materials including paint, micron, pencil, photograph...ext
- Not a tactile and physical piece a person can touch.

#### Criterion A – Artistic choices

- Trembling/ shaking- creating a light blur to the lines
- Chills/ heat sensation- using cool and warm tones
- Derealization- illustrating phantom like bodies creeping in.
- Paresthesia- creating a haze/ grain screen over the entire piece.



#### Criterion A – Artistic choices

- Sweating- dripping like "paint" or droplets will be coming off countertops and walls
- Sensations of shortness of breath or smothering- the edges of the picture will be darkened to demonstrate suffocating and closing in
- Feelings of choking- the edges of furniture and of the picture will be faded as if loosing consciousness



#### Criterion A – artistic choices

- Chest pain or discomfort- sharp line designs to emanate pain
- Nausea or abdominal distressgreen droplets/ puddles will be drawn on the floor
- Fear of losing control or "going crazy." Little phantom men will be present in the picture looking over with words like "we will be back"
- Fear of dying. The phantom men will also have words like "we are coming for you"



# Criterion B artistic choices

- The subject has changed his behavior in fear of having another panic attack
- Isolation

## Criteria CC&D

Didn't include substances or symptoms of another disorder

#### THEME

- CHAOS-
  - many mediums, colors, Multiple focal points in the composition
  - Overlapping elements
- LONELINESS-
  - Isolated subject in the center of the composition

