

The Peale, Baltimore

Out of the Blocks Storytelling Series

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Speaker 1 ([00:00](#)):

What color?

Speaker 2 ([00:03](#)):

I'll try that.

Speaker 1 ([00:04](#)):

The pink glitter? You like this one?

Speaker 2 ([00:04](#)):

Yeah. Thank you.

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Speaker 1 ([00:08](#)):

Every time when you got a manicure or pedicure done, after that you feel different, you feel clean. Yeah, happy with that. Peter [inaudible 00:00:20] 2126 East Monument Street, Baltimore, Maryland. I from Vietnam, I come to US 1991. I went here when I'm 23 years old. My father is American soldier. He went to Vietnam war and then US government, they had the option for the family of the American soldier, we can come back home, so that's why I followed him.

Speaker 3 ([00:55](#)):

So your dad was a US soldier in Vietnam. Is that what you're saying?

Speaker 1 ([00:58](#)):

That correct, sir.

Speaker 3 ([01:00](#)):

Were your mom and dad together when you were growing up or... Help me understand how your parents worked out.

Speaker 1 ([01:05](#)):

When my mom got me, I just almost one years old and she passed away. So I live with my grandma, with my aunt, my uncle.

Speaker 3 ([01:18](#)):

What do you know about your mom? You don't have any memories of her, obviously.

Speaker 1 ([01:22](#)):

Not at all. I just have to see her by the picture.

Speaker 3 ([01:28](#)):

Are you close to your dad?

Speaker 1 ([01:30](#)):

No, I don't know my dad at all, because after my mom passed away and my dad, they have to go back to United state. So we don't know each other.

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Speaker 3 ([01:46](#)):

Are you still curious about who your dad is? Would you like to meet him someday?

Speaker 1 ([01:52](#)):

When I'm younger, I have to think about that, but now is 40 something years ago. So, I'm fine.

Speaker 3 ([02:03](#)):

If you ever did meet your dad, what would you say to him?

Speaker 1 ([02:13](#)):

I actually want to ask, why he leave me alone like that?