

2. MAN — From “This Hurts” [Male Identifying Auditioners]

(A man and a woman are in a laundry room in their apartment building. They do not know each other. Just before this segment, the man has, unmaliciously, hit the woman in the head with an ironing board. They now are talking about that incident and the misunderstanding.)

WOMAN: What are you talkin' about?

MAN: I have a list of things that can hurt you, my brother Paul is helping me make it, and ironing boards aren't on it.

WOMAN: Well that ironing board hurt me.

MAN: yeah.

WOMAN: So you should add it to your list.

MAN: Yeah Should I be *afraid* of ironing boards?

WOMAN: Well, if someone swings it at your head and wallops you with it, yes ...

MAN: Well, it's not — I have a list of things to be afraid of, too — and ironing boards are not on this list either.

WOMAN: Well they shouldn't be, really.

MAN: No?

WOMAN: No, you shouldn't be *afraid* of ironing boards.

MAN: No?

WOMAN: No.

MAN: But they can *hurt* you.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MAN: So I should be *afraid* of them.

WOMAN: No.

MAN: I *shouldn't* be afraid of them?

WOMAN: Right.

MAN: But they can *hurt* me.

WOMAN: Well, if they're used the way you used it, yeah.

MAN: Oh-oh-oh! So they're kind of like the opposite of God!

WOMAN: What?

MAN: Well, ironing boards can *hurt* me, but I shouldn't be *afraid* of them, but God, my brother Paul says, God *won't* hurt me, but I should *fear* him.

WOMAN: I guess.

MAN: Boy this is getting very complicated.

WOMAN: What is?

MAN: This business of learning what hurts, what doesn't hurt, what to be afraid of, what not to be afraid of.

WOMAN: Are you sure you're okay?.... You're just goin' on about crazy stuff — **MAN: Oh,**

yeah, yeah, see, I have congenital analgesia, he thinks Some people — WOMAN:

What?

MAN: Congenital analgesia

WOMAN: Who thinks?

MAN: My brother Paul. Some people call it hereditary sensory neuropathy type four, but ... it just means I can't feel pain. You can hit me if you want to ... to see!