

WEEK TWO

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*Lauren is standing center stage, facing the audience. Everyone else sits downstage, facing Lauren.*

LAUREN. Hi.

My name is Schultz.

I'm a carpenter.

And I don't just ... I mean, I do regular carpenter things but I also make these amazing chairs that are like ... this one chair has, like ... like the headrest is the sun and the whole thing is gold?

*(Lauren looks nervously at Schultz.)*

It's kind of hard to explain.

There's this other chair that looks like a cloud.

Um ... I'm forty-eight years old.

I grew up in Maryland and my mom died when I was really little. She was an elementary school teacher. I always wanted to be a baseball player.

Um ...

I'm really nice to everyone.

*(Pause.)*

I met my wife Becky right out of college and we ...

*(Schultz is saying something we can't hear.)*

Yeah. I know. I was gonna —

We just separated. Divorced.

I'm in a lot of pain about it.

But, um, to look on the bright side, I have more time now to work on my chairs and maybe find a way for them to um, spread out to um, more people.

*(Pause.)*

I am an artist.

I am a really good artist.

*(Blackout.)*