

Audition Side #1

REISER

Try "Porphyria's Lover" sometime -- if you get the chance. That one seems most like you.

BROWNING

"Poor Ophelia's Lover"? You mean Hamlet?

REISER

So you do know *something* about literature. Good. But no. Not Ophelia. It's pronounced "poor-FEAR-ee-uh."

BROWNING

Whatever. What's the point? Why is this "poor-FEAR-ee-uh" like me?

REISER

Porphyria is the girl, actually. The poem's about a man who kills his lover. He kills Porphyria.

BROWNING

You think I'm a killer?

REISER

Dunno. You can't really tell by looking at someone. (pause) Are you a killer?

BROWNING

Heavens no.

(Reiser points to the chair.)

REISER

So I'm really in no danger if I decide to sit in the chair?

BROWNING

(stiffening) I wouldn't say that.

(Reiser stands up.)

REISER

You wouldn't kill me though.

BROWNING

Only if I had to.

REISER

You are a killer.

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Now wait a second, you can't call me a killer for doing my job.

REISER

I can if your job is killing people.

BROWNING

Who said my job is -- ? You're twisting my words.

REISER

Am I? You said you would kill me.

BROWNING

If I had to.

REISER

Right. You're a killer.

BROWNING

No!