

**STRANGER THAN FICTION**  
A one-minute play by Jake Lewis

*Two brothers on their couch. ONE is reading the Stephen King book *The Stand*.*

ONE: Dude.

TWO: Hmm?

ONE: I figured it out.

TWO: Figured what out?

ONE: Stephen King is God.

TWO: Yeah, I know how much you like him.

ONE: No, I mean, seriously. We're characters in one of his books.

TWO: Yeah, ok.

ONE: Think of our president.

TWO: Do I have to?

ONE: He's just like Greg Stillson, the politician from *The Dead Zone*.

TWO: That's just a coincidence.

ONE: Ok, but what about the Captain Tripps virus in *The Stand* that kills almost everyone? That's exactly like what is happening now!

TWO: Stephen King is not the first author to write about a global pandemic. I mean, Dean Koontz--

ONE: He doesn't count. Alright, *Under the Dome*. If that's not social distancing, I don't know what is.

TWO: Ok, dude. I think this being stuck in the house for a week has made you a bit crazy. Maybe you need to take a break from reading. Don't you need to get to work, anyway?

ONE: Yeah, but I wish I had never taken the job at the grocery store. It's been insane there. *(Puts on an apron or store outfit and leaves.)*

TWO: *(Calling after him.)* Drive safely! I heard there's a heavy mist coming in!

*The End*

