

Scene 14 – Jake’s Office

(LIGHT UP on Jake in a spotlight.)

JAKE

I am so glad you called to make an appointment. What would you like to talk about?

(LIGHT UP ON SOPHIA on a different part of stage.)

SOPHIA

Not only did I fall for another hit man, so did my best friend.

(LIGHT UP ON GEORGE on a different part of stage.)

GEORGE

Sophia won’t answer my calls, texts, tweets or carrier pigeons. If she’d just let me explain.

(LIGHT UP ON HEATHER on a different part of stage.)

HEATHER

If she’d just let me explain, I wasn’t trying to steal her guy. I was helping him seal the deal.

(LIGHT UP ON EVERYMAN on a different part of stage.)

EVERYMAN

I just don’t know who I am anymore. I feel like I’m changing minute to minute.

ALL FOUR

What am I going to do?

(Jake who has been listening intently, puts away his note pad)

JAKE

I think I can help.

ENSEMBLE sings “HERE’S MY ADVICE”

SOPHIA

I CAN’T BELIEVE THAT I
FELL FOR THAT OLD BIT

GEORGE

I HAD NO CHOICE
I FEEL LIKE A SHIT

HEATHER

SHE KNOWS I WANT
HER WITH A GOOD MAN

EVERYMAN

I'M BEGGING YOU
JUST TELL ME WHO I AM

ALL BUT JAKE

WHAT'S YOUR ADVICE?
IT'S WORSE THAN YOU KNEW
SEE THE TROUBLES
THAT ARE WAITING FOR YOU
WE NEED SOME CONTROL
THAT'S YOUR EXPERTISE
YOU'RE MY LAST HOPE
SO HELP ME PLEASE

(JAKE crosses to each as he sings after he's "cured" them their lights go out.)

JAKE

NOW I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK
THAT THERE'S AN EASY FIX
I ONLY WANT YOU
TO START WITH THESE TRICKS
TO GET YOURSELF READY
TO WALK THROUGH THE DOOR
A NUDGE AND A PUSH
IT TAKES LITTLE MORE

HERE'S MY ADVICE
IT'S MORE THAN A CLUE
(to EVERYMAN)
SEE ALL THE MEN
WHO WISH THEY WERE YOU
(to HEATHER & GEORGE)
GO GET IN CONTROL
TO DEAL WITH HER STRESS
(to GEORGE)
TALK TO HER MORE
(to HEATHER)
YOU TALK MUCH LESS

(Light should be out on the other people now, leaving Jake alone with Sophia. If possible bring up the lights on the office.)

JAKE

As for you Sophia...
(sings)

YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH
YOU'VE BEEN AROUND THE BLOCK

IT'S TIME TO COUNT UP
IT'S TIME TO TAKE STOCK
YOU CAN REACH OUT
IT ISN'T SO FAR
YOU KNOW THE GUY
WHO WILL BE YOUR STAR

HERE'S MY ADVICE
IT'S MORE THAN A CLUE
THERE IS ONE MAN
WHO IS WAITING FOR YOU
SO GET IN CONTROL
SHOW YOUR "INNER ME"
AND BECOME WHO HE
KNOWS YOU CAN BE

SOPHIA

But he betrayed me.

JAKE

Weren't you trying to do what you thought he was doing?

SOPHIA

After all you taught me, I couldn't go back to those types of guys. It never got that far.

JAKE

Maybe it didn't get that far with George and Heather either. Only one way to find out.

FADE TO BLACK