

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