

COMEDY SCENE - ADULT MALE & FEMALE

INT. DAVE'S OFFICE

Felicity enters to see Dave lying on the couch, head in hands.

FELICITY

Please tell me this is something small-- like someone found out your diet pill is a placebo.

DAVE

(beat, deep breath)
Sarah wants a divorce.

FELICITY

Oh my God.

DAVE

It's over. What am I gonna do?

FELICITY

Well, it's not over yet. Just because she says she wants a divorce doesn't mean she'll go through with it. Maybe you can work things out.

DAVE

I meant, what am I gonna do about the show. No one's gonna watch a self-help host whose own life is falling apart.

FELICITY

I don't know... I thought your on-air panic attack was one of our better shows. (beat, then) Wait. Who cares about the show? You should be talking about your wife-- or to your wife.

DAVE

You don't think I've tried. She knows I can't do this without her. She's my rock. But there's a lot of seriously screwed up people in southern Wisconsin and they need me, too. Sarah wants me to choose between her and the show and I can't do that.

FELICITY

And what about Michael?

DAVE

Please, my son was the first thing I thought of. His daddy's his hero, he can't see me fail.

FELICITY

Getting divorced is not failing.

DAVE

Again, I'm talking about the show. It's not like I'm some \$30,000 a year math teacher getting laid off. What I do affects people's lives.

FELICITY

That's true. You've ruined mine. (then) Do you know what you'd tell yourself if you were a guest on your show?

DAVE

I wrote my book, Felicity, I don't need to read it.

FELICITY

You'd say, "Communicate with each other!" How does that not apply to you?

DAVE

Because, I'm a professional psychologist. That advice is over-the-counter. I need prescription.

FELICITY

You know, you don't want my advice, fine. I have a staff to take care of, a show to produce and a career choice to regret. Just be on set in an hour.

Felicity storms out.