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Alan's Confectionery
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"Some folks can snatch the sweetness out of the cake and never crack the crust"

Characters

Alan, Callie, Junior, Mama Helen, Carolyn, Louise, Georgia, Ida Mae, Lenny, Jimmy, Sidney, Charles

Setting

SETTING

St. Louis, Missouri. Alan's Confectionery is a small family owned store front selling African American newspapers and publications, candy, meats, fried chicken, soda.

LOCATIONS

St. Louis Street
Ida Mae's Apartment
Alan's Confectionery
St. Louis bus station
Floyd's Bar
Callie's Apartment
Jimmy's Car
Forest Park bench
Georgia's Apartment
Kansas City Hospital

TIME

1934-1948.

Act 1

Opening Number 1934

St. Louis street. Chorus sings 'Make Something Happen (1934)', a song of determination, ambition and hope in the height of the great depression in St. Louis. The year is 1934.

ACT 1 scene 1

Callie gives birth to baby Carolyn at the apartment belonging to her mother, Ida

Mae. Georgia is the midwife. Callie recalls the rise and fall of her marriage with Alan. Ida Mae tells Georgia that she plans to give Callie's kids to Helen.

ACT 1 scene 2

Introducing Alan's Confectionery. Introducing Helen, Alan, Lenny. Two of Alan's kids now live above the Confectionery. Alan learns about baby Carolyn's whereabouts.

ACT 1 scene 3

Alan returns to the confectionery with Carolyn. Alan, Helen, Georgia vow to care for Alan's 3 children. Sing a song of Family. Alan accuses Callie of desertion and infidelity and vows to deny Callie access to her children.

ACT 1 scene 4

Bus station. Angry at her mother and Alan, with nowhere else to go, Callie catches a bus back to Memphis. Georgia sees her off. Callie sings 'Go home Callie'

Act 2

Opening Number 1948

St. Louis street. Chorus sings 'Make Something Happen (1948)', a song of post WWII prosperity

ACT 2 scene 1

Alan's Confectionery. This scene introduces children Junior, Louise, Carolyn in the year 1948. It also introduces the confectionery as a thriving business in 1948. Helen and Georgia discuss Callie's return to St. Louis. Junior overhears and learns of his mother's return.

ACT 2 scene 2

Alan's Confectionery. Introducing Mister Sidney, Helens husband, playing poker with Alan and Lenny. Lenny sings about the success of his scandal sheet newspaper, The St. Louis Spin. Alan laments his failed music career.

ACT 2 scene 3

Floyd's Bar. Callie sings of her failure to build a home for her children. Junior and his friend, Jimmy, come looking for Callie based on lead overheard by Junior. Junior doesn't recognize Callie. Callie recognizes Junior but does not let him know

ACT 2 scene 4

Alan's Confectionery. Mister Sidney becomes alarmed by an article he reads in the St. Louis Spin. Carolyn becomes ill.

ACT 2 scene 5

Callie's apartment. She is drinking her blues away over her encounter with Junior when she learns of Carolyn's illness. Frustrated that she can't help she reaches out for help of her own.

Act 3

ACT 3 scene 1

Alan's Confectionery. Carolyn's illness is a mystery. Jimmy and Louise act on their mutual attraction; sing a duet. Mister Sidney learns of the death of his friend in the St. Louis Spin

ACT 3 scene 2

Callie's Apartment. Callie's brother, Dr. Charles Williams MD, arrives to help Callie recovery from alcohol poisoning. He offers to help diagnose Carolyn's illness.

ACT 3 scene 3

St. Louis street. Jimmy and Louise fall in love; sing a duet 'What a Surprise'. Ida plots Lenny's murder sings 'That Man Needs to Die'

ACT 3 scene 4

Georgia's apartment. Georgia informs Junior about Callie's past and her present location.

ACT 3 scene 5

Louise discuss her College plans with Alan. They argue. Lenny reports vandalism of Spin news stands to Alan. Mister Sidney confronts Lenny about the death of his friend, Carlota. A fist fight results (almost). Lenny sings 'Don't Shoot the Messenger'

ACT 3 scene 6

Jimmy and Louise elope

ACT 3 scene 7

Forest Park. Callie and Junior are reunited. Sing a duet 'I did not desert you'

ACT 3 scene 8

Kansas City hospital. Dr. Charles Williams diagnoses Carolyn's illness. Alan learns that this doctor is Callie's brother.

ACT 3 scene 9

Alan's Confectionery. Alan returns from KC with a plan for Carolyn's recovery. Alan reveals his discovery of Callie's brother. He also now knows Lenny's role in spreading the lies that broke-up his marriage to Callie. We learn that Lenny's office has been free bombed. Ida Mae is a suspect. Lenny survives but is indicted for tax fraud. We learn of Jimmy and Louise's marriage. Just as family is about to celebrate the marriage and recovery, Junior arrives with Callie. The family is reunited.