

FADE IN:

CORPORATION RECEPTION AREA - DAY

Weighed down by a heavy backpack, CONSTANCE FAIRCHILD (18) staggers out of an elevator and a hundred voices shout "surprise".

Many office workers and executives are present. Constance looks terrified and about to flee.

Olive-skinned ANGELA PAPPAS (26) takes Constance's hand, and the Jamaican MATILDA APPLEBY (35) wheels out a huge sheet-cake.

ANGELA PAPPAS
(taking Constance's
backpack)
I'll put it in your office.

Angela disappears into the crowd. Constance blows out the candles. The crowd grows silent. Wearing a yarmulke and glasses, ABE COHEN(68) speaks into a wireless mike.

ABE COHEN
To the new people who have spotted
this young lady around the office,
I give you the now 18-year old
Constance.

Applause.

Constance grins and briefly covers her face.

CONSTANCE
(waving shyly)
Hi!

ABE COHEN
This is not as dramatic as the
first time I met her. I was the
director of Revenue Accounting.

CONSTANCE
That story again!

ABE COHEN
She fainted from hunger in front of
my office, so I gave her my lunch.

CONSTANCE
A Jewish father!