

Continuation of the first French scene: Mr. Webber's cocktail party

In the beginning, the employees are shocked and complain about Mr. Webber's behaviour. They don't know what to do. Everyone defends him-/herself and presents arguments why they should stay with the company. Patricia asks John why he just doesn't want to take early retirement. He says that he needs the money. They start to argue and Patricia confesses that she wants to make a career in the company.

However, everyone thinks that he/she shouldn't leave the company but by the time John, Mark and Karen are willing to find a fair solution, Patricia starts to discriminate the others openly because of their age, their family situation and their education/ qualifications.

Seeing the sad and hurt faces of the others, she suddenly apologizes for her comments and tells them that the reason for her insistence is that she thinks there is a chance to take over the company from Mr. Webber, who is quite old and less able to cope with a heavy workload.

She tries to bribe the others by promising them better positions in the near future. At first they are all shocked but then they realize that it would be a big chance.

Mark is the only one who finally disagrees and wants to talk to Mr. Webber about Patricia's plans. As he opens the door their boss is already standing in front of him. He has been eavesdropping the whole time and can't believe what he has just heard. Patricia denies her plan and tries to blame the others. Webber knows what has happened and decides that Patricia has to go. He finally admits that he has just wanted to test their team-spirit.