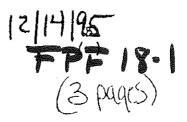
LAURIE HART AUDITION SCENE



INT. FELICIA'S OFFICE - DAY

FELICIA IS HANDING SOME CLOTHING TO LAURIE, WHO'S JUGGLING A NOTEPAD.

FELICIA

Now, Laurie, honey, you're sure you can handle all this?

LAURIE

(MS. POSITIVE) Of course.

Absolutely. You bet. (REFERKING TO LIST) I'll go to the cleaners, then the drug store, then the post office—no wait, the drug store's closer, so I'll start there... unless I should go to the post office first before the crowds yes, that's good—no, wait, that's stupid. I can't drag these beautiful clothes all over midtown. What if I dropped one, or lost one—

FELICIA

Or were mugged by some demented cross dresser just waiting for someone to walk by carrying a pile of size nine Donna Karan separates?

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LAURIE

Oh my god, I never even thought of that!

FELICIA

Well I'm sure you would have gotten to it eventually.

LAURIE

I'm sorry, Ms. Lee. I know I get discombobulated sometimes, but it's just because I want to do a good job. No woman from my family has ever had a career, except for my Aunt June, and I'm not sure if being a groupie for k.d. Lang really counts. But when I left Terre Haute I swore I'd make it. And I will. Because I'm smart, I'm hard working and I believe in myself.

FELICIA

Laurie--

LAURIE

Oh my god, you're going to fire me.

FELICIA

I'm not going to fire you. I think the world of you.

LAURIE

You do? Oh, Ms. Lee, that means so much to me.

FELICIA

(LIGHTLY) Will you stop calling me Ms. Lce? It makes me feel like your mother. And that's ridiculous. We're only a couple of years apart.

LAURIE LAUGHS.

LAURIE

You have such a wonderful sense of humor.

FELICIA'S FACE FREEZES.

LAURIE (CONT'D)

(SICK) You weren't joking, were you?

PELICIA

(TIGHT) Just take the clothes.

LAURIE

I'll take the clothes.