

The camera continues to pan out until we see now an ADULT ROXY. She stares into space as HER FRIEND **ANDREA**, MID 20'S, ETHNICALLY AMBIGUOUS, and very beautiful calls on her.

ANDREA
Roxanne?! Roxanne?! Roxy!!!

Roxy snaps out of her trance and looks down. She is now an adult. She has a small scar on her neck from her stepfather's cut and she wears her mother's gemstone ring. She is wearing a white lab coat and goggles. She is pouring from a beaker into a heating flasks. The liquids are overflowing. Roxy quickly stops pouring and turns down the heat under the flask.

ROXY
Shit! Shit! Shit!

Andrea runs over to help clean up the mess.

ANDREA
Where were you just now?

Roxy grabs some towels and wipes up the mess.

ROXY
I don't know. My mind was just...elsewhere.

ANDREA
Yeah I can see that. Are you nervous about the presentation today or something?

ROXY
I...

Just as Roxy is about to answer, a GROUP OF FOUR PEOPLE walk in. Her LAB MANAGER **SAMANTHA** walks in with her lab coat on, sporting dark shades while leading in two men and a woman with suits on, all seemed ready for serious business.

SAMANTHA
And here is my genius scientist, Roxanne Jekyll and her partner Andrea Simms. Roxanne will be leading the presentation today.

One of the men notice Roxy and Andrea cleaning up the mess as they turn to shake hands.

MAN #1

Did we come at a bad time?

Samantha just notices the mess. She shoots Roxy a concerned look.

ROXY

No, this is the perfect time. We just had a little over heating.

Roxy and Andrea nervously laugh as everyone shoots them an awkward smile. Then...

Man #1 walks over to the corner where he spots two cages of rabbits with 3 rabbits in each.

MAN #1

Are these the beautiful test subjects?

Roxy throws down her towel and walks over to the cages.

ROXY

Uh...yes. Yes. This rabbit right here, Is my favorite and the main test subject, Ms. Hyde.

The man looks down and sees the nameplate on the cage that reads the name Ms.Hyde.

MAN #1

Ms. Hyde? How did you come up with that name for the rabbit?

ROXY

She's the shy one out of the whole bunch. She tends to hide when people get near her. Since the rabbit is female, I named her Ms.Hyde

The man sees Ms. Hyde hiding in her cage, the man slaps his PEN across the cage causing the rabbit to stay in hiding.

Roxy points to Ms. Hyde in the cage.

ROXY

She is the winner, winner chicken dinner.

Roxy's "joke" falls flat across the room.

SAMANTHA

Right. Well, Roxy, Andrea...the X
Pharmaceutical Team can't wait for
your presentation. They just wanted to
take a look at the lab where the magic
happens. We'll see you in 20 minutes.

ROXY

Looking forward to it!

Roxy shoots everyone a forced smile. Samantha lets the
members of the pharmaceutical company walk out first. She
turns to Roxy and Andrea before leaving. She whispers...

SAMANTHA

Get it together!

Samantha leaves the room. As soon as the door shuts, Roxy and
Andrea let out a sigh of relief.

ANDREA

I'm glad nothing caught on fire again
or we would have really been screwed!

ROXY

I know. Tell me about it. I'm sorry.

ANDREA

Hey, just kill this presentation so we
can get this money.

ROXY

Ms. Hyde and I are going to kill it. I
promise.

Roxy looks in the cage and smiles at Ms. Hyde.