

= Somebody to Love (30 Rock) =

" Somebody to Love " is the sixth episode of the second season of 30 Rock , and the twenty @-@ seventh episode overall . It was written by Kay Cannon and the series ' creator , Tina Fey , and was directed by Beth McCarthy . The episode first aired on November 15 , 2007 on the NBC network in the United States . Guest stars in this episode include Hamza Ahmed , Fred Armisen , Kevin Brown , Chris Caniglia , Grizz Chapman , Matthieu Cornillon , Michael Devine , Edie Falco , John Lutz , Maulik Pancholy , Christianne Tisdale and Kristen Wiig .

The episode focuses on Jack Donaghy 's (Alec Baldwin) first meeting with Celeste " C.C. " Cunningham (Edie Falco) ; Liz Lemon (Tina Fey) believes that her new neighbor , Raheem Haddad (Fred Armisen) , is a terrorist ; and Kenneth Parcell (Jack McBrayer) accidentally loses a pair of Jack 's trousers .

= = Plot = =

At a party in honor of Robert Novak , which is being thrown by John McCain and Jack Bauer , Jack Donaghy meets C.C. , the Democratic congresswoman for Vermont . After the party , Jack and C.C. go back to Jack 's apartment and have sex together . The following morning , Jack discovers that C.C. is suing the Sheinhardt Wig Company , the fictional subsidiary of General Electric (GE) and owner of NBC , the company that Jack works for . This is because the company is allegedly leaking Auburn Fantasy Dye Number 260 into the Chicktaugua River , causing the children of Chickataugua to turn orange . After discovering that Jack works for GE , C.C. leaves and goes to work at Bill Clinton 's office in Harlem . Jack and Tracy Jordan (Tracy Morgan) , follow her there and Jack and C.C. decide to carry on their relationship in secret . Liz is worried when she smells maple syrup in her apartment and Jack tells her that it could be the chemical agent Northrax . She suspects that her new neighbour , Raheem (Fred Armisen) , is a terrorist because he has maps in his apartment and she has seen him and his brother , Hakeem (Hamza Ahmed) , on an agility course in the park . Liz is shocked to discover that the pair are auditioning for The Amazing Race and , in fact , not terrorists .

After bringing Jack 's suit back from the dry cleaners , Kenneth discovers that he has lost the suit 's trousers . Frank Rossitano (Judah Friedlander) , James " Toofer " Spurlock (Keith Powell) and Josh Girard (Lonny Ross) pay him to complete various dares so that he can pay for a new pair of trousers .

= = Production = =

Fred Armisen and Kristen Wiig , who play Raheem and Candace Van der Shark in the episode , have both appeared in the main cast of Saturday Night Live , a weekly sketch comedy series which airs on NBC in the United States . Tina Fey was the head writer on Saturday Night Live from 1999 until 2006 . Various other cast members of Saturday Night Live have appeared on 30 Rock , including Rachel Dratch , Will Forte , Jason Sudeikis , Molly Shannon and Chris Parnell . Tina Fey and Tracy Morgan have both been part of the main cast of Saturday Night Live . Alec Baldwin has also hosted Saturday Night Live fifteen times , the highest amount of episodes of any host of the series .

This episode was the second episode , after " Greenzo " , to air since the start of the 2007 ? 2008 Writers Guild of America strike , which began on November 5 , 2007 and ended on February 12 , 2008 , 100 days later . This episode was the first to contain reference to the strike . The reference occurs when C.C. is being interviewed on MSNBC and the news crawl below reads " News crawl affected by writers strike . Using repeat text from previous season . " This episode was filmed in early October , 2007 . This was the ninth episode written by Tina Fey and the second written by Kay Cannon . It was the third episode directed by Beth McCarthy .

= = Reception = =

" Somebody to Love " brought in an average of 6 @. @ 4 million viewers . The episode also achieved a 3 @. @ 2 / 8 in the key 18- to 49 @- @ year @- @ old demographic , the highest result in that demographic since the episode " SeinfeldVision " aired on October 4 , 2007 . The 3 @. @ 2 refers to 3 @. @ 2 % of all 18- to 49 @- @ year @- @ olds in the U.S. , and the 8 refers to 8 % of all 18- to 49 @- @ year @- @ olds watching television at the time of the broadcast in the U.S .. 30 Rock ranked in first place in the male 18 ? 34 demographic , for its 8 : 30 p.m ? 9 : 00 pm timeslot .

Robert Canning of IGN thought that the episode " was 30 Rock ? s best episode of the season [so far] , if not the best episode ever from this young series . " Canning also said that " this was just a fantastic , funny episode of 30 Rock . It was also an episode that once again proved the character of Jenna Maroney (Jane Krakowski) , who was completely absent from this half @- @ hour , simply isn 't necessary when you 've got Tracy Jordan talking to a pigeon on a trash can . " Canning rated this episode " 9 @. @ 5 out of 10 . " Matt Webb Mitovich of TV Guide wrote that " it 's not surprising that ? in my opinion , at least ? it fell juuuuuust [sic] a bit short . It 's almost as if the funniest parts of the Edie Falco story were played by [Kristen] Wiig in the Lifetime movie . " He thought that " the ' Liz suspects the neighbor is a terrorist ' story played out rather well . " Jeff Labrecque of Entertainment Weekly wrote that " Overall , [this was] another splendid [episode] . My only beef was with the Verizon bit . 30 Rock normally does a splendid job of balancing the corporate elements of television , often utilizing it for comic fodder . But the winking cell phone banter lacked subtlety , and it seemed to me like the show was trying to have its cake and eat it , too . "

Beth McCarthy , the director of this episode , was nominated for the Directors Guild of America Award for Outstanding Directing ? Comedy Series .