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TITLE	Baby Boom
DIRECTOR	Charles Shyer
YEAR AND COUNTRY	1987 USA
GENRE	Comedy
ACTORS	Diane Keaton, Sam Shepard, Harold Ramis, Sam Wanamaker

PLOT

J.C. Wiatt (Diane Keaton) is a Harvard M.B.A. who is on the fast track as a management consultant for a top New York corporation, she has a well-paying position, the respect of her co-workers and the company of an equally work-obsessed boyfriend (Harold Ramis), All this changes when she inherits a 14-month-old baby from a deceased distant relative. Once she realizes that she can't maintain her high powered Manhattan career and be supermom at the same time, J.C. quits her job and on an impulse purchases a 62-acre country home in Vermont. After months of loneliness and frustration her life changes for the better when she develops, with baby Elisabeth's help, a new brand of baby food, which soon becomes a huge success.

LANGUAGE

The movie satirizes the excesses of the "Yuppie lifestyle" of the eighties (Yuppie is the acronym for "Young Urban Professional"). The language the workaholic executive "tiger lady" uses is: "I want you to get me the CEO of IBC ASAP", "I need the P&Ls on the Atlantic Overseas and the latest ZBBs", "I should report you to the AMA, or the AVA or the VMA".

CEO: Chief Executive Officer: amministratore delegato

ASAP: As soon as possible

The business world:

J.C. makes six figures a year: guadagna una somma da 6 cifre all'anno

they co-own their co-op: sono comproprietari del condominio

IRA accounts: Individual Retirement Account: Conto previdenziale individuale

to streamline the organization: ottimizzare, snellire l'organico

to move up: salire di grado, essere promosso

I've got this company grossing \$ 200 m a year (to gross: (v)incassare, (s) lordo)

let's give it a whirl: proviamoci, facciamo un tentativo

a savvy business woman: un'astuta donna d'affari

to get to the nitty-gritty: venire al dunque, arrivare al nocciolo

to bow out of negotiations: ritirarsi dalle trattative

I retain your services as Chief Operating Officer: ti faccio rimanere come COO

perks: abbr. di perquisites: compensi extra, gratifiche: ex. vacation, golden parachute clause:(clausola di buona uscita), pension plan, use of the company jet.

the rat race:(concorrenza accanita) is gonna have to survive without one less rat

VOCABULARY

a cinch: an easy task	nibble: to show a slight interest in an offer or idea
countermand: to cancel a command, to retreat	orchard: an area of land where fruit trees are grown
dilapidated shack: an old building, in bad condition usually made of wood or metal	out clause: clausola di recesso
fat chance: unlikely to happen	quarrelsome: tending to argue with people
feisty: full of energy and lively determination	return: a profit on money you have invested
gully: a long narrow hole in rock or earth, usually made by water flowing along it	to pan out: succeed
I'm going nuts: I'm becoming mad	to recruit: to get someone to work in a company or join an organization
kiddo: (am. spoken) used for talking to a friend	to stock up: to fill a place with things that you will need