

# Mister Jones

## Characters

Office worker (female)

Mister Jones 1

Mister Jones 2

Mister Jones 3

## Scene

An Office. The office worker is sitting at a desk. There are three chairs next to her desk. Two men are sitting there.

*Mister Jones 1 enters*

**Mister Jones** Good afternoon.

**Office worker** Good afternoon.

**Mister Jones 1** My name's Jones. Charles Jones. I come from Wales, from Cardiff. I saw an advertisement in the newspaper. It said: 'Charles Jones. Money. Four o'clock. Tuesday afternoon.' And it gave this address.

**Office worker** Ah yes. Wait in here please sit down, Mister Jones.

*Mister Jones 1 sits down*

**Mister Jones 1** Thank you.

**Office worker** With these two gentlemen.

**Mister Jones** Oh, thank you.

*The Office worker exits*

**Mister Jones 1** Good afternoon.

**Mister Jones 2** Good afternoon.

**Mister Jones 1** Good afternoon.

**Mister Jones 3** Good afternoon.

**Mister Jones 1** Nice day, isn't it?

**Mister Jones 2** Yes.

**Mister Jones 3** Yes, it is.

***The Office worker re-enters***

**Office worker** Now – Mister Jones?

**Mister Jones 1**

**Mister Jones 2** Yes?

**Mister Jones 3**

**Office worker** Mister *Jones*.

**Mister Jones 1**

**Mister Jones 2** Yes?

**Mister Jones 3**

**Office worker** Which one of you is Mister Jones?

**Mister Jones 1** I am.

**Mister Jones 2** So am I.

**Mister Jones 3** So am I.

**Mister Jones 1** No, my name's Jones.

**Mister Jones 2** So is mine.

**Mister Jones 3** So is mine.

**Office worker** I want to speak to Mister *Charles* Jones.

**Mister Jones 1** Charles Jones! That's me!

**Mister Jones 2** No, *I'm* Charles Jones.

**Mister Jones 3** That's my name, too.

**Office worker** Charles *Edward* Jones

**Mister Jones 1** Yes! My name's Charles Edward Jones.

**Mister Jones 2** So's mine.

**Mister Jones 3** Mine is, too!

**Office worker** I want to speak to Mister Charles Edward Jones from Cardiff.

**Mister Jones 1** That's right. *I* come from Cardiff.

**Mister Jones 2** So do I.

**Mister Jones 3** So do I.

**Office worker** The Mister Jones I want to see has got three children.

**Mister Jones 1** Yes, that's me! I've got three children.

**Mister Jones 3** So have I.

***Mister Jones 3 hesitates***

**Office worker** *(To Mister Jones3)* What about you?

**Mister Jones 2** I've got three children.

**Mister Jones 1** You haven't! What are they called?

**Mister Jones 2** What are yours called?

**Mister Jones 1** Alan, Bronwyn and David.

**Mister Jones 2** So are mine.

**Mister Jones 3** What a coincidence! So are mine.

**Office worker** So you *all* say you're Mister Charles Jones?

**Mister Jones 1**

**Mister Jones 2** Yes.

**Mister Jones 3**

**Office worker** And you *all* saw the advertisement in the newspaper.

**Mister Jones 1**

**Mister Jones 2** Yes.

**Mister Jones 3**

**Office worker.** Well, Mister Charles Edward Jones, who lives in Cardiff, and has three children, hasn't paid any tax for the last five years. He must pay the government *five thousand pounds*.

***There is a pause***

**Mister Jones 2** Er...actually, my name *isn't* Jones.

**Mister Jones 3** Nor is mine, and I don't live in Cardiff, either.

**Mister Jones 2** Nor do I. I live in...Edinburgh, as a matter of fact. I didn't understand the advertisement.

**Mister Jones 3** Nor did I. I didn't realise it meant Charles *Edward* Jones.

**Mister Jones 2** Nor did I. My name isn't Charles Edward Jones.

**Mister Jones 3** Nor is mine. (***Points at Mister Jones 1***) *He's* the man you're looking for.

**Mister Jones 2** Yes, of course he is! Sorry to have troubled you. Goodbye.

**Mister Jones 3** Yes, sorry to have troubled you. Goodbye.

***Mister Jones 2 and Mister Jones 3 exeunt***

**Office worker** (***To Mister Jones 1***) So you're Charles Edward Jones.

**Mister Jones 1** (***Sadly***) Yes.

**Office worker** Congratulations!

**Mister Jones 1** Eh?

**Office worker** You're a rich man.

**Mister Jones 1** I'm not!

**Office worker** Yes, you are. You've got a lot of money!

**Mister Jones 1** I haven't. I can't pay that tax.

**Office worker** There isn't any tax!

**Mister Jones 1** No tax?

**Office worker** No. That was just a story. I had to find the *real* Mister Jones.

**Mister Jones 1** Why?

**Office worker** Because the real Mister Jones is a very rich man.

**Mister Jones 1** I don't understand.

**Office worker** Mister Jones – Charlie – Your great-uncle Max died last week.

**Mister Jones 1** Oh, no...

**Office worker** And his money goes to you!

**Mister Jones 1** To me? But great-uncle Max was a millionaire!

**Office worker** That's right.

**Mister Jones 1** So now *I'm* a millionaire?

**Office worker** Er...no.

**Mister Jones 1** Oh.

**Office worker** You're *half* a millionaire.

**Mister Jones 1** Half a millionaire? Which half? The top half or the bottom half?

**Office worker** No, no, no. You share the money with one other relation.

**Mister Jones 1** Half a millionaire! Who do I share the money with?

**Office worker** Your cousin Jane!

**Mister Jones 1** Really? I haven't seen my cousin Jane for twenty years. Do you know where she is?

**Office worker** Yes, I do.

**Mister Jones 1** Where?

**Office worker** Here?

**Mister Jones 1** Here?

**Office worker** Yes. It's me. I'm your cousin Jane.

**Mister Jones 1** Really? *You've* grown up!

**Office worker** So have you.

**Mister Jones 1** And now you're half a millionaire.

**Office worker** And so are you!

**Mister Jones 1** What are you going to do with the money?

**Office worker** I'm going to go round the world. What about you?

**Mister Jones 1** Oh, I'm think I'm going to have a cup of tea.

**Office worker** A cup of tea? Is that all? Y9u can have whatever you want.

**Mister Jones 1** You're right. I'm going to have a cup of tea — and a piece of cake!