

CHRIS

Yeah, I'll be there at 7 30. Yep, I'll see you then. Done. Samantha?

SAMMY
Christos?

CHRIS & SAMMY
Chris!

CHRIS
Wow! What a surprise!

SAMMY
Oh my God.

CHRIS
Good to see you.

SAMMY
It's lovely to see you, too.

CHRIS
Lovely to see you, too? What the?
The accent? I was told that
Samantha Burbeck was waiting to see me. I didn't
know it was you, Sammy Cooper.

SAMMY
Yes. Well I, I didn't realize this interview was with
you. You've, you've also changed your name.

CHRIS
Yeah well, Christos Georgiatus kept losing elections.
Chris George? Won by a landslide. So, I heard you were never coming
back. You were leaving in London,
married to an English guy, a real
high-flyer.

SAMMY
Yeah. (beat) Oh, he's dead.

CHRIS

Sorry. So, you back here for
good or what?

SAMMY

Well, just until the estate is
settled. You know, we had all sorts of complications.

CHRIS

I'm confused. You're loaded,
And this job pays loose change to someone like you.

SAMMY

Yes, well, I mean it's not just
about the money. Since Nick died, I've
really needed to get out of myself
and have responsibilities. Be part
of a vibrant, bustling office.

CHRIS

Right. Tell me your qualifications.

SAMMY

Well, I was head of the parents
association at my son and daughters school.

CHRIS

I've got two boys.

SAMMY

Oh, lovely.

CHRIS

Now I've had a vasectomy.

SAMMY

Oh. What else? Oh, I project-manage building works. Often, builders source
the wrong materials, and I had an incident recently. I'd ordered marble from Austria for the
bathroom and the electrician promised

CHRIS

Wait, wait, wait wait... So you
project-manage home renovations on your own home?

SAMMY

Yes, I have a real eye for interior décor.

CHRIS

Can you type?

Sammy

Yes.

CHRIS

Quickly and accurately?

SAMMY

No.

CHRIS

You know when was the last time I saw you?

A party at Ruth Milligan's house .

SAMMY

Yes, I remember her. Fat girl that
had thrush all the time .

CHRIS

We're married.

SAMMY

Oh. Is that her? She's , she's
really turned it around.

CHRIS

No, that's my sister.

SAMMY

What?

CHRIS

You know, I spent most of that party trying to talk to you.
Yeah. You and Dan Atkins had a fight, he stormed out,
and I brought you a drink, and I tried to talk to.

SAMMY

I don't remember that.

CHRIS

I do. You see, girls like you
didn't talk to guys like me. You thought
you were so much better than everyone else.

SAMMY

Ahh...

CHRIS

I'm just kidding with you Sammy.

SAMMY

Oh.

CHRIS

That was priceless. You should have
seen your face.

SAMMY

That was awful. I thought you were
serious.

CHRIS

Anyway, here we are.

SAMMY

Yeah.

CHRIS

I'm a member
of Parliament,

SAMMY

Yeah.

CHRIS

and you're sitting in
front of me in fancy dress, with no discernible
qualifications, asking me for a job. Isn't life funny?

SAMMY

It's hilarious.

CHRIS
Can you make coffee?

SAMMY
Yes.

CHRIS
Black, three sugars.

SAMMY
Oh,
Sammy leaves the office to make coffee. She comes back, puts coffee on the desk and accidentally spills it.

CHRIS
Oh, Jesus Christ!

SAMMY
Oh, God. I'm so sorry.

CHRIS
Just leave it. Sit.

CHRIS
Look, it's the end of the day. Let me give you a lift home.

SAMMY
That's very kind of you, but

CHRIS
Come on, we can talk about work on the way. Where are you staying?

SAMMY
I think I'd actually prefer to walk.

CHRIS
It's 34 degrees. Where are you staying?

SAM
I'm staying at Mum's.

CHRIS
Oh.

SAMMY

Yeah, it's not exactly what I'm used to, but I felt the children will benefit from being around family at this difficult time.

CHRIS

Yeah, right. Makes total sense.