

The Tenements from

The Jimmy Plays

Scene one

Maw Jimmy, Jimmy,

no reply!

JIMMY!

Jimmy Whit is it Maw?

Maw Come on in, a want you to go a message fur me

Jimmy Oh maw am playin fitba weah the boys.

Maw Niver mind yur fitba weah the boys Jimmy. This job is mare important.

Jimmy It's a job maw?

Maw Aye it's a job Jimmy!

Jimmy Is there ony money in it fur me?

Maw It depends, there could be!

Jimmy Whut's the job?

Maw It's a job only you can dae Jimmy.

Jimmy AWE MAW! One oh they jobs!

Maw A want you to go doon tae the one eyed blue parrot pub and tell yir fayther tae git his arse up here pronto, and tae bring whit's left o his wage packet!

Jimmy Maw that pub's dangerous, it's a dive. A dinnay feel safe gawin doon there!

Maw JIMMY, yul be awright, the chucker oot is yur big Uncle Boob. Whose gonny bother you when big Boob's there?

Jimmy Oh maw, it's a Rangers pub!

Maw That's awe rite Jimmy, jist don't tell them you support, (Partick-Thistle.)

Jimmy Snow that maw, its jist, ma burds a Celtic fan, if she finds oot a wiz in a blue nose pub, she'll gee me a hellafa time!

Maw Look Jimmy, fureget aboot yir bird for the minute, its mare important you git that auld Fayther oh yours up here weah some money, before he drinks it awe! We've goat tae eat, and av goat tae hiv ma fag money for awe week as well. So git doon there an bring him back and there could be a tenner in it fur you.

Jimmy A TENNER Maw? Don't say anither word, am own ma way.

Maw I, Jimmy's a good wee boy really, yiv jist goat tae know how to work him. A bribe way a little money, always does the trick fur my wee, sweet, Angelic Angel.

The little B##tard.

Scene Two

Jimmy A've goat him Maw, he's only a wee bit drunk.

Maw Thanks Jimmy.

Now father, how much money have you got left?

Fathir Ah Mother gesse a break! Ah work hard oh week, surely am entitled tah a couple ah beers oan a Friday?

Maw I, that's fair enough, but you hiv tah rememeber tah bring yuir wages hame first. No goane doon the pub weah yur pals drinking away ma housekeeping money fur the week?

If it wasnae fur wee Jimmy here, gone doon pub tah get you, we wid still be sittin here without a penny to oor names, because you're doon the pub showin off tah yur pals how good a guy yea are!

Fathir Awe Mother, whit yae worried about? Am here no, ave goat yur money here in ma pocket.

Maw How much have yeah goat left?

Fathir Plenty Mother, a goat a bonus this week, a wis gonnay tell yeah about it when I goat hame!

Maw I, am sure you wur!

Fathir Honest Mother, ah wiz, anither couple a drinks and ah wiz up the road anyway.

Maw Well yur here noo, so show me whit you've left, and I am warning you father, it better be plenty!

Fathir No need to be like that Mother. Honest you'll no be disappointed, wait tah yea coont it.

Maw Three hundred and ninety five, four hundred, four hundred and five pounds, where did you get all this money fither?

Fathir I told you Mother, you widnay be disappointed!

Maw No am no disappointed, but I'm a bit suspicious how you've goat all this money efter bein doon the pub drinking weah yur pals? And still hiv mare money noo, than whit yur full wage are?

Fathir Mother I told you, I goat a bonus, and a bloody good bonus at that.

Maw Well am no gonnae argue weah you, as long as ave goat ma housekeeping money am mare than happy.

Right, am off doon the toon, it's been a while since ave HUD a we bit extra money to spend, and thanks tae yur fathers

bonus am sitting pretty. Jimmy, here's that fiver a promised you.

Jimmy Eh, maw it wiz a tenner yeah promised me.

Maw Oh I that's ight. Silly ME! Here it is. Noo don't you go and waste it oan rubbish, o-right son.

Fathir What about me Mother? Have a no tae get any pocket money?

Maw You've had enough drink fur one day. But because you brought a big bonus home with you, and to show yea am no a bad person, here' twenty quid, that should keep you gawn fur the rest of the day, ok?

Fathir Ok Mother.

Maw Well cheerio; I'll see you when I get back.

Door Slams

Scene Three

Fathir Right Jimmy, am away doon the pub again, yur Mother disnae know it, but ave goat money sittin behind the bar. Ah stashed it there when ah seen you comin in the pub front door.

Jimmy Where did you git awe that money da?

Fathir Don't tell yur maw, but I won six hunner and forty quid on a SIX CROSS on the horses. They awe won, the four romped hame at decent prices.

Jimmy So that story yea telt maw aboot yur bonus wis a lot oh crap?

Fathir I jimmy, a couldnae tell yer mither I wis gambling on the horses, you know whit she's like if a go near a bookie's.

Jimmy Ok da, let's get ready tae go doon the pub.

Fathir Whit dae yae mean us?

Jimmy Well da, yea won awe that money, surly your no gonnae go doon the pub on yur oan without your favourite son?

Fathir Favourite son? Av only goat one son!

Jimmy I that's right da, me, so let's get doon there, before the pub runs dry, aright?

Fathir You canse go doon the pub wae me. Fur a start, yur too young. And awe my pals are much too auld fur you!

Jimmy Oh a see, you dinnae want me doon there messin up yur plans! It wisnae that, oan ma sixteenth birthday when you invited me doon tea the pub, because ah HUD awe ma birthday money in ma pocket, and you wur skint! Noo the shoes on the other foot da, you want to renege!

Fathir Ya wee blackmailing so-an-so, ah shouldnae have telt you about ma winnings!

Jimmy Da, like father like son.

Fathir I, ah suppose yur right. Ok, let's get doon the pub pronto, there's money to be spent, and beer to be drunk. And a good night to be had, just don't let yur Mother find oot ok!

Jimmy Ok da.

Fathir Right ten Jimmy, put awe the lights oot, loak the door behind you and lets do and have a bloody good time.