

BOILER-ROOM TONY /1/ MY MOTHER AND I

why did you change your last name?

I **admit** it's a bit unusual **for someone to** change their last name but **at the** time I **felt I had to**. it's no secret that **my mother and I** don't like each other. I **simply** didn't **want us to** share the same name **anymore**.

why do you and your mother not get along?

she was a **big shot** under communism. I don't think she really believed the idea, but she **didn't mind profiting** from **other people's misfortune**. when I told her **I thought what** she was doing was low, she threw me out of the house. **by then I was happy to go**. I **was sick of listening to** her all the time.

have you made up?

we **haven't** and I **don't think we ever will**. we **haven't seen** each other **in years** and **if we met** we **would probably have** nothing to talk about. **there would only be** silence, or **a fight would start** soon. I don't **want her to be** part of my life.

what did you do after she threw you out?

I **wasn't allowed to** do anything I really wanted to do. the secret police knew about me and they **made sure** I couldn't get a job that I would **enjoy doing**. so I **ended up working** in the boiler room of a swimming pool.

how long did you stay in that job?

I was actually fired **after working** there **for** two or three years. **you'd think** you **can't get fired** from a job **like that** but **after what I did** they basically had to fire me.