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"AMOS AND ANDY"  
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Andy appealed to the Kingfish for assistance in securing for him a lawyer to defend him against the proceedings which were recently started by Madam Queen. As the scene opens now we find Amos and Andy in their taxicab office waiting for the Kingfish to arrive with the lawyer. Here they are:--

Amos---Dat was de funniest thing dat happened yesterday dat I ever heerd of.

Andy---Whut yo' talkin' 'bout?

Amos---De Kingfish come 'round heah sayin' dat he knowed just de lawyer to git fo' yo'. De greatest lawyer in de world---always wins his case---never misses. Den when yo' ast him his name de Kingfish told yo' dat his name was M. Smith, and dat's de man dat Madam Queen is already GOT.

Andy---Well, de Kingfish say he goin' dig me up a lawyeh an' have him heah---well, he's due back heah now wid him.

Amos---Who is de lawyeh he's gittin' fo' yo', yo' know?

Andy---No, I don't know but de Kingfish say he goin' git a old friend o' his.

Amos---I hope he ain't TOO old of a friend.

Andy---Well, I kin find out if he knows law afteh I talk to him fo' 5 or 10 minutes.

Amos---Well, I hope he know more law dan you do. If he don't, you better not mess wid him.

Andy---Madam Queen's beauty shop is still closed. De brotheh-in-law say she's still sick in bef---say las' night she stahted screamin' in de middle o' de night---had dem HY-sterics again. I'm 'bout to have 'em myself---HY-stericks and LOW-stericks both.

Amos---Yeh, it's a mess alright.

Andy---All I want is dis lawyeh to do is git me one o' dem happus cappuses dat's writ on, or sumpin' 'bout a writ. Git

me out o' dis mess so I kin git back to work.

Amos---I might be wrong, an' I hope I is, but looks like to me it's a bigger mess dan you think it is.

Andy---Well listen son, ain't nobody goin' tell me whut I GOTTA do--- afteh all I is oveh 21 yeahs old.

Amos---Yeh, don't fo'git though, de law.

Andy---I listen to de law---I do whut de law say---I don't mess 'round wid de law.

Amos---Well, 'cordin' to dat lawyer M. Smith, it's some kind o' law dat say you can't tell no girl you goin' marry her, an' den tell her you ain't, 'less you pay her some money or sumpin'.

Andy---Dat's de alimony. Dat's afteh you IS married.

Amos---No, I talkin' 'bout 'cause you ain't GOT married.

Andy---Well, dey ain't goin' do nuthin' like dat to me. I'll just tell 'em dat I just don't wanna mess wid it, dat's all.

Amos---You might think dat you is runnin' de taxicab comp'ny an' de lunch room comp'ny son, but you ain't goin' run de Gov'ment, or de laws---an' just between de two of us, you ain't doin' such a good job o' runnin' whut you IS tryin' to run.

Andy---Well, I said to myself on de fust of de yeah, I goin' turn oveh a new leaf---den I staht thinkin' an' I figgeded dat one leaf ain't goin' be enough---dat I was goin' turn oveh two--three leafs on ev'ything---an' when you turn oveh a new leaf in a book Amos, when you is done writ on one side, you turn it oveh an' you 'spect to find a clean piece o' papeh, but when I turned oveh my new leaf, 'stead o' findin' a clean piece o' papeh to staht out all oveh again, I find one wid a lawyeh an' a policeman, an' ev'ything else on it---so whut is I goin' do?

Amos---Well Andy, ev'vy now an' den, ev'vybody gits down in de dumps. De only thing yo' gotta do is staht to work on it an' straighten it out.

Andy---Why is Madam Queen gotta close up her beauty shop? Why can't she git Sadie Blake or somebody else to take care of it while she's sick?

Amos---Did yo' do whut I told yo' to do?

Andy---Whut's dat?

Amos---Well, when yo' was goin' down to de market dis mornin', I told you to send her some flowers.

Andy---Oh yeh, I took care o' dat.

Amos---Well, I glad yo' done dat. Yo' sure yo' took care of it.

Andy---Cert'ny I is. I bought de flowehs from dat man down dere dat sells veg'tables an' flowers an' all dat stuff. He said he'd gave some nice flowers dere, an' on account o' buyin' some otheh stuff from him, he lemme have de flowehs wid de re-discount of two off ten net sixty, or sumpin'.

Amos---Well, I glad yo' sent her some flowers 'cause dat shows dat yo' kind-a feel sorry fo' her or sumpin'.

Andy---Oh yeh---an' pretty flowehs. I had two roses in de bunch.

Amos---Well, de thing you gotta do is not to act hard-boiled 'bout nuthin' but to take care o' ev'ything de best you kin an' try to be nice about it an' if Madam Queen git de idea dat you is willin' to be nice, she might tell her lawyer to fo'git about ev'ything.

Andy---No, I know she ain't goin' tell him dat 'cause she been talkin' to her sisteh an' her sisteh is been talkin' to de Kingfish's wife, an' de Kingfish's wife told him an' he told me.

Amos---Whut?

Andy---Dat Madam Queen say dat she neveh wanna lay her eyes on me again as long as she live---dat I was a good-for-nuthin' dis an' a good-for-nuthin' dat, an' dat I'll pay fo' dis, an' I'll pay fo' dat.

Amos---You'll pay fo' it, huh?

Andy---Dat's whut she claim. If she's talkin' 'bout doctor bills, she's runnin' dem up too high fo' me already.

Amos---By de way, whut did yo' put on de card dat yo' sent wid de flowers?

Andy---Well, I tried to write sumpin' sweet, so I put on

dere, "Dese remind me of you."

Amos---Well, dat's kind-a sweet. Dat's 'bout de nicest thing yo' done ever done. Who told yo' to do dat?

Andy---Well, I figged dis way Amos---it would be kind-a smaht as long as I was sendin' her flowehs to say sumpin' sweet---so I writ on dere wid pen an' ink too---I just say on de card "Dese remind me of you"---signed it Andy.

Amos---Well, dat'll help some.

Andy---Den I put on de otheh side of de card "To Madam Queen."

Amos---Well, dat's de sweetest thing yo' done ever writ--- dese remind me of you. I think you got a little love in yo' heart after all, yo' know it?

Andy---You know dat man where I bought dem flowers from is a pretty good fellow. He picked me out some nice flowehs 'cause I buy a lot o' stuff down dere from him fo' de lunch room, yo' know.

Amos---Wait a minute, heah come de Kingfish an' de lawyeh.

Andy---Oh--oh.

Amos---Well, come in Kingfish.

Andy---Well, hello brotheh Kingfish.

King---Hello boys, how is yo'?

Andy---We fine---come in, sit down dere. Git up Amos!

King---Boys-a---I want yo' to meet my dear friend an' college, brother Snoop. Dis is Andrew Brown.

Snoop--Glad to know you brotheh Brown.

Andy---Pleased to make yo' requaintance.

King---An' dis, brother Snoop, is Amos Jones, Andy's partner.

Snoop--Glat to know you brotheh Jones.

Amos---I glad to know you too. Sit down heah. We a little short on chairs nowdays---we just use dis fo' kind-a de headquarters fo' de taxicab comp'ny.

Andy---Sorry I ain't got no seegars Kingfish---I'se just fresh out of 'em.

King---Dat's alright--I got some heah myself. Have a seegar brother Snoop?

Snoop--Thank yo' Kingfish.

(pause)

Andy---Yo' ain't got anotheh one o' dem, is yo'?

King---Dis is de last one I got Andy.

Andy---Dat's alright.

Amos---Well, how is ev'ything Kingfish?

King---Well boys, we might as well git down to brass tacks heah now. Brother Snoop heah is one o' de great lawyers dat I know---dat might be able to handle de case fo' yo' Andy.

Andy---Good. I need he'p.

King---Well, go ahead brother Snoop.

Snoop--Well Kingfish, I want to git a lot of-a---facts from Andy---of de case so dat I kin make a fac-simily fo' ev'ybody. But befo' goin' into de stenographic department of de case---dat's just a legal phrase I use---don't let scare yo'. As I say, befo' gettin' into dat, 'spose you tell 'em whut has expired between us---up to now.

King---Well-a---I is told brother Snoop heah all about yo' case as much as I know Andy from whut you is done told me, an' I couldn't tell him too much because I didn't know ev'ything. Whut he wants to do today is to figgeh out de finances wid yo' an' see if he kin handle de case.

Snoop--Well, it's one thing dat I would like to know now brotheh Brown- --I would like to know if you an' de plaintiff----

Andy---Who's dat?

Snoop--Dat's Madam Queen--are on friendly terms.

Amos---Well, dey ain't laughin' an' jokin' together.

Andy---But I just done a pretty good thing when I went to de market dis mornin', dat Amos told me to do.

Amos---Yeh, tell 'em whut yo' done---dat might be good fo' brother Snoop to know.

Andy---Well, while I was down buyin' de stuff dis mornin' fo' de lunch room I ordered some flowehs fo' Madam Queen an' writ on a card "Dese remind me of you" just to let her know dat I think she's nice.

King---Good move Andy, good move.

Snoop--Very thoughtful.

King---Well now, do you wanna go ahead brother Snoop?

Amos---Maybe brother Snoop ought to tell Andy ev'ything.

Telephone rings.

Andy---Rescuse me----(phone) Fresh Air taxicab comp'ny-- president speakin'---oh hello brotheh Crawford---where is you now?----at de beauty shop?----whut's dat----a insult to de whole fam'ly--- NO????---well now, wait a minute----well now, wait a minute, sumpin's wrong----well dat ain't me--- hello---hello----(to others) He done hung up. I is in it now.

Amos---Whut's de matter?

Andy---Dis mornin' when I went to market to ordeh dem flowehs fo' Madam Queen, I ordered two cabbages fo' de lunch room an' dey sent de flowehs to de lunch room an' sent Madam Queen de two cabbages.

Amos---Awa---awa---