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"AMOS AND ANDY"
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Lawyer Snoop, who is representing Andy, informed the boys yesterday that he and Madam Queen's lawyer, M. Smith, are very good friends and he later admitted that he had an application with the law firm of Smith & Smith for a place in their firm. As the scene opens now we find Lawyer Snoop talking to the Kingfish while the two are waiting for Amos and Andy to arrive. The scene of action is the office of the Kingfish. Here they are:--

KINGFISH STARTS

King---Well now brother Snoop, before de boys gits heah, let's me an' you have a little talk an' see if we kin reach some 'greements heah.

Snoop--Well now Kingfish-a, 'course I don't want you to say nuthin' to Amos or Andy 'bout whut we is talkin' oveh 'cause dis matteh's just 'tween de two of us.

King---Oh, dis is just between me an' you, I understand dat---we'll put dis just as big as de secret of de lodge is.

Snoop--You see if de boys thought dat anything was wrong or knowed whut we know why dey would think dat it was not on de up an' up.

King---Well now, let's git down to brass tacks heah---you bein' a bizness man knows dat as de Kingfish of de lodge, I'se gotta git a little heah an' dere from de friends dat I he'p in order to make both ends meet.

Snoop--'Course I want YOU to come out alright but y'know Kingfish dat de ovehhead in de law bizness, an' de detective bizness is pretty heavy an' I can't give yo' de percentage in a case o' dis kind like I did on some of de othel things dat I've done in yeahs gone by.

King---Yeh, but on de other hand brother Snoop, remember if it wasn't fo' me, you wouldn't be gittin' de bizness dat you is gittin' out o' de members o' de lodge. 'Member dat I can't go to de brothers an' ast dem to give me some percent

fo' gittin' YOU.

Snoop--Oh, I'se willin' to go along wid yo' Kingfish, but I can't pay de 50 pu'cent dat I'se been payin' yo' wid de oveh-head dat I'se got now.

King---Well, if I'd-a knowed dat before now I could o' got 'em a lawyer dat maybe could-a paid me 50 percent.

Snoop--By de way, I been figgerin' it up an' I can't come to de price dat I'se goin' charge Andy Brown. How much money is he got?

King---Well, he's kind-a of a four-flusher---got a third of de interest in de lunch room comp'ny an' a half interest in de taxicab comp'ny. De taxicab comp'ny is doin' just fair an' de lunch room is doin' a little better but Andy didn't put up no capital at de beginnin' of it an' de other two pardners in de lunch room is takin' out dey're capital dat dey put up before dey give Andy anything.

Snoop--How much money do you think he got in de bank?

King---Well, if he's got \$10.00 in de bank he's doin' pretty good. De only thing you kin do is git sumpin' dat will pay you out of de money dat dey're GONNA make out of de lunch room an' de taxicab bizness.

Snoop--Is you sho' dat's all de cash he got?

King---Well-a, Amos is got more cash dan Andy's got, an' dat's de reason dat yo' ought kind-a work along wid Amos too 'cause Andy kin git de money from him to pay YOU wid. Yo' see, whut I wants to do is not only show yo' WHERE you kin git bizness but figgers out where you kin git yo' money after you git it. Dat's why I feels dat you ought to be able to take care o' me de same as I would take care o' you if de conditions was vice-versus.

Snoop--Wait a minute---I heah somebody comin'.

King---(confidential) Dat's de boys, I think. (out loud) Lawyer Snoop, you is got to do everything you kin to save Andy from any trouble an' git him out o' dis mess, 'cause I don't want Andy to git in no trouble o' no kind.

Andy---(in distance) You said a mouthful dat time---I heard yo' Kingfish. Dat's de stuff.

Amos---Hello Kingfish---hello Lawyer Snoop.

Snoop--Hello boys---glad to see you. Come in.

King---I didn't know you boys was just outside de door---I didn't heah yo'.

Andy---I heerd YOU alright though. An' that's zackly whut I wanna do is to git out o' dis mess.

King---Well, I was just tellin' brother Snoop heah dat he is gotta do ev'ything he kin to git yo' out of it.

Snoop--Yes, we've been talkin' oveh your case heah an' we're both goin' to do ev'rything we kin to settle dis whole thing as quick as we kin.

Andy---Dat sound good.

Amos---Whut is yo' done found out?

Andy---Yeh, gimme a REpo't on sumpin'.

King---Go ahead lawyer Snoop an' tell Andy 'bout ev'ything.

Snoop--Well-a, as you boys know I told yo' dat in addition to my law bizness I also run a little detective agency an' I have been doing a little detective work myself in de las' 12 hours, an' I found out something that might he'p us.

Amos---Sounds good--whut you done found out?

Snoop--Well boys, I went to Madam Queen's beauty shop, posing as a brush salesman, an' I found dat de beauty shop was closed.

Amos---Yeh, it's BEEN closed.

Andy---I could-a told yo' dat--- dey got a sign up on de front sayin' it's closed.

King---Didn't you see de sign, brother Snoop?

Snoop--Yes, but brothers, I wanna tell yo' dat when yo' been in de detective business as long as I have, you'll learn not to believe in signs.

Amos---So yo' done found out it's closed huh?

Snoop--Yes, I didn't wanna believe in de sign so I found out fo' myself.

King---Whut else yo' found out?

Snoop--Well, I went in de house, posing as a telephone man, to fix de telephone an' I think Madam Queen is sick in bed.

Amos---You THINK she is?

Andy---I could-a told yo' dat too. You ain't sho' of it though, is yo'?

Snoop--Well, I wanted to see fo' myself but dey wouldn't let me in de house---dey told me dat de telephone was alright an' dey didn't want anyone to mess wid it.

Amos---Den you didn't get in to see if she was really sick in bed or not?

Snoop--No, I didn't git in, but I've got anotheh plan.

Andy---Whut's dat?

Snoop--Well, I have some cards printed with my home telephone numbeh on 'em, as an expert plumbeh.

Amos---A plumber?

Snoop--Oh yes, I pose as a plumbeh sometimes too, an' I'm goin' to mail Madam Queen one of my cards in case de pipes eveh freeze up on her, she kin call me an' I kin go in an' pose as a plumbeh, pretend to fix de pipes an' find out a lot o' things.

King---Now boys, I ain't said much to yo'. I been lettin' Lawyer Snoop do all de talkin', but I wanna tell yo' it's a good thing to have a lawyer dat kin do detective work at de same time.

Andy---Oh, I 'grees WID yo'.

Amos---Well, I 'grees wid yo' too--de only thing is, whut you done found out so far we could-a told yo' ourself.

Snoop--Yo' see boys, if I kin pose as a plumbeh, I could git right in de house dere an' heah whut dey're talkin' 'bout an' ev'ything else.

Amos---You wanna pose as a plumber.

King---Yo' see Amos, if lawyer Snoop dresses up like a plumber an' gits some tools an' go over dere an' git in de house, he's goin' heah Madam Queen talk an' he's goin' heah her sister talk an ev'ything an' dat's goin' he'p him find out whut he's up against.

Andy---I might be wrong but sumpin' tells me you is up against a tough one when you is up against Madam Queen.

Amos---Well, whut is we goin' recide now?

Snoop--I think one of de fust things dat we ought to talk oveh is how we is gonna handle de money.

Andy---Whut money?

King---De money dat you is goin' pay lawyer Snoop fo' his work.

Andy---O-o-oh, DAT money. Well, I ain't figgehed out nuthin' yet.

Amos---Tell me dis lawyer Snoop, if Andy ain't got nuthin' in cash, or nuthin' else dat's worth nuthin', an' Madam Queen sue him fo' some money, kin she git sumpin'?

Snoop--Well now, 'cordin' to de law, an' de constitution, an' all dem things, Andy is in de lunch room bizness, an' I understand dat's makin' a little money.

Amos---Yeh, dat's makin' a little money.

King---Well, go ahead brother Snoop, whut was you goin' say?

Snoop--Well, I was gonna say dis to de boys, dat if Madam Queen sues, while dey might not git de cash, dey could git a lien on de lunch room.

Andy---Dey kin lean on dat if dey wanna---dey kin lay down on it.

Amos---Dat whut you mean---lean up against it?

Snoop--No, no, I mean dat dey kin git some kind o' Cou't judgement dat will make dem have de right to take Andy's profit from de lunch room, but I don't wanna see dem do dat.

Andy---Neitheh do I.

Amos---No, don't let 'em do dat.

Snoop--Yo' see boys, if you haven't got any ready cash to pay me, I would like to take a lien on de lunch room myself.

King---Yo' see boys, a lawyer is just like a banker----he's

gotta be paid, dat's de law. You can't draw money out of a bank 'less yo' pay it in dere, an' de same thing applies to a lawyer--you can't draw de lawyer's work out of a lawyer 'less you pay him.

Andy---Well, to tell yo' de truth, whut I wanna do with a lawyeh, was to git him to work fo' me, so dat I wouldn't have nuthin' to worry 'bout, but to tell yo' de truth de way I is goin' now, I is worryin' more dan YOU is, lawyeh Snoop.

King---I got a little idea heah. Lawyer Snoop, 'spose me an' you step into de anteroom heah an' lemme talk over sumpin' wid you from de law angle.

Snoop--Alright---'scuse us a minute boys---we'll be back.

Amos---Alright, we'll wait heah.

Andy---Oh me. He got some funny ideas. He wanted to git in de house an' pose as a plumbeh.

Amos---Well, I bet-cha one thing.

Andy---Whut's dat?

Amos---I bet he's a better plumber dan he is a lawyer.

Andy---I checks wid yo' on dat. It's always sumpin', ain't it?