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"AMOS AND ANDY"  
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Up to the present time Andy's lawyer has been of no assistance to him and has proven to be Andy's greatest worry. Amos has insisted that Andy get another lawyer and now Andy is confronted with the job of dismissing Attorney Snoop. As the scene opens we find the boys in the office of the taxicab company waiting for Attorney Snoop to arrive. Here they are:--

Amos---Well, he's yo' lawyer---fire him. He ain't nuthin' to me.

Andy---Amos, dat is a hard thing to do. Whut is I goin' tell him?

Amos---Well, jus' tell him dat you been thinkin' over ev'ything an' you done found out dat yo' don't need him.

Andy---Dat's goin' make de Kingfish mad.

Amos---Well, let de Kingfish git mad. Whut bizness is it of de Kingfish's?

Andy---Well, yo' know, de Kingfish introduced us to Lawyeh Snoop.

Amos---Yeh, but iff you git in trouble 'cause you ain't got de right kind o' lawyer de Kingfish ain't goin' do nuthin' 'bout it, is he?

Andy---No, I don't guess he would do nuthin' if I got in trouble.

Amos---De thing YOU gotta do is look out fo' yo'self.

Andy---An' dis lawyeh dat you kin git fo' me is a good lawyeh huh.

Amos---Yeh, he's a good regular lawyer, an' dat's more dan you know 'bout Snoop.

Andy---Yo' see, Snoop is a DETective too---dat's two in one.

Amos---Listen Andy, if you need a DETective, git a reg'lar

detective--- don't try to git somebody dat is a DEtective an' a lawyer an' ev'ything else, an' maybe run a hamburger stand on de side or sumpin'.

Andy---Well now listen Amos, he's on his way oveh heah now--when he gits heah we'll tell him.

Amos---Whut yo' mean WE'LL tell him? Why can't YOU tell him, he's YO' lawyer.

Andy---Well, it's yo' fault though dat I'se changin' lawyehs, ain't it? You is gittin' me anotheh lawyeh so de littlest you could do would be to fire de one I got, or sumpin'.

Amos---Andy, some time I git so mad wid yo' I don't know whut to do. I tell yo' whut I'll do---I'll keep my nose out o' dis---I won't GIT yo' no lawyer---go ahead, keep Snoop, an' I won't have nuthin' to do wid it.

Andy---No, dat's alright, I'LL fire him. You stick wid me.

Amos---He wants you to go over an' argue wid M. Smith. 'Stead o' goin' over dere hissself, he say he don't wanna git in no argument.

Andy---Yeh, you right. I'll fire him.

Amos---Den tomorrow we'll go down an' see dis otheh lawyer. He ain't goin' start runnin' up heah to see you ev'vy minute---you gotta go down an' see him.

Andy---Whut he goin' charge?

Amos---I don't know nuthin' 'bout it, but I think he goin' be fair wid yo', as far as you could git anybody to be.

Andy---Dat's all I want---if dey is fair wid me, I is fair wid dem. I is a man whut's 50-50 wid ev'ybody.

Amos---I'm goin' tell yo' sumpin' else dat's pretty nice dat you is done had happen to yo'.

Andy---Whut's dat?

Amos---She didn't want me to tell yo' dis either.

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

Amos---Well, somebody called up Ruby Taylor while she was workin' an' ast her to come down dere to see her an' Ruby

say "who is it?" an' de man say dat he was wid de law firm of Smith & Smith.

Andy---Whut's de matteh wid Ruby?

Amos---Well, de man come over dere an' talked to her an' wanted her to go in Court as a witness or sumpin' fo' Madam Queen, an' de man had a nice little letter from Madam Queen to Ruby sayin' dat Madam Queen would 'preciate Ruby goin' into Court as her witness.

Andy---You ain't foolin' me, is yo'?

Amos---No, I ain't foolin' yo'---dat's de truth---Ruby didn't want me to tell yo' nuthin' 'bout it.

Andy---Whut is Ruby goin' do?

Amos---She told him she was sorry but dat she couldn't do it---an' I thought dat was nice of her too.

Andy---She ain't goin' do it huh?

Amos---No, she told de lawyer, or whoever de man was dat M. Smith sent over dere---she told him dat she was sorry, but dat she didn't wanna git in it. Den de man had a lot o' papers dere----

Andy---Whut kind o' papehs?

Amos---He wanted her to sign some papers sayin' dat she knowed dat you an' Madam Queen was 'sposed to git married but Ruby told de man dat she wouldn't sign nuthin'. She say she wanted to keep out of it 'cause she was a friend o' both of us.

Andy---Boy, dat cert'ny was sweet o' Ruby.

Amos---I tell yo' whut I want yo' to do too---if yo' git a chance I want yo' to thank her fo' dat.

Andy---Wait a minute---heah comes Snoop.

Amos---Now, don't fo'git to tell him dat yo' don't need him now.

Andy---Hello Lawyeh Snoop---come in.

Amos---Hello dere.

Snoop--Hello boys---a little late but I got anotheh big case dat I'm workin' on an' I had to go oveh an' see DAT

man.

Amos---Yo' workin' on another one huh?

Snoop--Andy, I wanna tell yo' whut I did fo' you. Dis otheh case dat I had is a very big one but I just went over an' told de man dat on account of your case dat I didn't have time to handle him too, so I've given that up all for you so dat we kin handle dis in great shape.

Amos---Andy don't want yo' to give up nuthin' though.

Andy---No, you done give it up already huh?

Snoop--Yes, I told my wife today that nuthing would stop me now from victory and as I went out of the house this mornin', I had my dictionary in one hand, an' de fact-simily in de otheh hand an' I said "Forward March." I'm startin' my march to victory.

Andy---Where is yo' gonna march?

Amos---He mean dat he goin' ahead an' win ev'ything.

Andy---O-o-oh---sho'.

Amos---Go ahead, tell him.

Andy---How's ev'ything?

Amos---Ev'ything is going along great, an' on account o' me givin' up all my otheh work now, I kin put in a lot o' time on dis.

Andy---Yo' think ev'ything goin' be alright?

Snoop--Well, if you gimme yo' he'p why I think we kin come out wid flyin' colors.

Andy---Flyin' colors? I don't want no black stripes 'round me.

Amos---I don't know 'bout de colors but it look like to me he goin' to be flyin'---wid a policeman right after him.

Andy---I got dat same hunch.

Snoop--Now Andy I want you to sign some after-davits.

Andy---Tell me dis---why is ev'ybody afteh David? Ev'ywhere I go I heah dat.

Amos---Dat's whut de man wanted Ruby Taylor to sign.

Andy---Is he afteh him too?

Amos---Whut's dat you want Andy to sign? Whut is it about?

Andy---Lemme yo' fountain pen, brotheh Snoop---I'se just fresh out o' ink.

Amos---Wait a minute---see whut yo' signin'.

Andy---Well, he done already told me dat dey is afteh-david.

Amos---Well now, wait a minute. Go ahead, tell brother Snoop whut yo' GOIN' tell him.

Snoop--Well now, befo' yo' tell me anything Andy, I wanna ast you a lot o' questions unless you have something important.

Andy---Oh, dis kin wait.

Amos---No, it can't wait.

Andy---Well Amos, whut's de use o' tellin' him a lot o' things now if he ain't ready to heah it---dat's 'bout de las' thing he wanna heah. so I'll wait till de las' thing to tell him.

Amos---Well, it look like to me---

Snoop--By de way Amos, did Andy tell you de new arrangement he made wid me dis mornin'?

Amos---No, he ain't told me.

Andy---(very soft) Oh--oh.

Amos---Whut is it?

Snoop--Well, we were talkin' dis mornin' an' he told me he wanted to win de case an' afteh dis was oveh he was goin' put me on a retaineh's fee of \$10 a week an' have me look afteh his interest in de lunch room an' de taxicab bizness.

Amos---Dat's whut he told yo' huh?

Snoop--Dat's right, isn't it Andy?

Andy---Yeh, dat's whut I said, ain't it?

Amos---Well Andy done changed his mind 'bout a lot o' things. Go ahead Andy, tell him now.

Andy---Amos, why is yo' gotta stick yo' nose in ev'ything?

Amos---Listen lawyer Snoop, you don't wanna go over an' argue wid M. Smith---you want Andy to go over dere---an' you say you WON'T go over dere, an' Andy's gotta git hisself somebody dat IS goin' go over dere, so to put de whole thing in a nutshell right quick, Andy gotta git hisself another lawyer.

Snoop--You mean, to work with me?

Amos---No, I mean another lawyer dat kin handle dis whole bizness.

Snoop--Well now, just a minute---you can't do a thing like dat---

Andy---Will you folks 'scuse me just a minute---I goin' down to de drug sto' to git some headache pills.

Amos---You ain't goin' nowhere.