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"AMOS AND ANDY"
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Lawyer Snoop has been dismissed as Andy's attorney and Amos was forced to do the dismissing. As the scene opens now we find Amos seated in the taxicab office talking to his sweetheart Ruby Taylor over the telephone. Andy has gone to the lodge hall in response to a telephone call from the Kingfish and is due back most any minute.

Amos---(phone) Well listen honey, I'm just waitin' heah fo' Andy to come back---uh-huh, he went over to de Kingfish's office 'bout a hour ago---de Kingfish phoned fo' him---well, he's gettin' 'long pretty good---yeh, I 'grees wid yo', it cert'ny is a mess, ain't it?-----me an' you ain't never goin' to have no trouble like dat, is we honey?-----well, dat's sweet-----I even hate to see Andy git in a mess like dis-----But, just like we was talkin' de other day, dat's de best thing dat ever happened to him not to marry Madam Queen-----Whut's dat?-----Her lawyer done been over to see yo' again huh?----whut he want yo' to do, sign some paper?-----uh-huh----uh-huh----well, I glad yo' didn't sign nuthin' honey----well, whut did yo' tell him?-----well, I don't blame yo', an' don't you git mixed up in it neither---well, to tell yo' de truth honey, I don't think Andy knows how serious de thing is.-----Well, he knows dat she's suin' him, or goin' to sue him or sumpin', but he think if he kin git by one day widout sumpin' happenin', he's well off, he fo'gits dat he's li'ble to wake up tomorrow wid a policeman standin' by de bed----well, I goin' stick wid him though, see if I can't git him out of it---- -well listen honey I goin' see yo' tonight, ain't I?-----uh-huh---wait a minute, heah come Andy now--an' de Kingfish---well, I'll see yo' tonight honey----

King---(fading in) Well, hello brother Amos.

Andy---Who you talkin' to?

Amos---(phone) Well alright honey---goodbye.

Andy---Oh yeh---Ruby Taylor. Look like to me you could see de mess I is in an' fo'git about women, can't yo' do dat?

Amos---How is yo' Kingfish?

King---Well, I'se kind-a upset right now Amos---I just heard de news an' dat's why I phoned fo' Andy an' ast him to come over to de office.

Andy---Den we got to arguin' oveh dere so I told him to come back oveh heah where YOU was---I wanted YOU to heah it.

Amos---Whut's de matter?

King---Well, I was sittin' down at my desk dis mornin', goin' over de list o' members, seein' if it was anything I could do fo' de brothers---de telephone rung---it was Lawyer Snoop, wanted a remergency repointment.

Andy---Whut did he want?

King---Said he wanted to see me, an' see me right away. Gimme de distress signal over de telephone so I told him to come on over.

Amos---Well, I glad dat YOU gotta see him not me.

Andy---Go ahead Kingfish, tell Amos whut Lawyer Snoop say.

King---Well-a, in 'bout 10 or 15 minutes Lawyer Snoop walked in, an' he was all broke up 'bout Andy tellin' him dat he didn't need him no longer on de case.

Amos---Well, whut is I gotta do wid it?

King---Well, Andy tells me dat he ain't de one dat told him dat he didn't need him no more---dat YOU was de one.

Amos---Did you say dat Andy? Don't light dat seegar, now look at me an' answer dat question.

King---Dat's whut you told me, ain't it Andy?

Andy---Well-a---whut I mean is dat Amos is de one dat spoke up an'-a Amos is de one dat-a---

Amos---Now, wait a minute.

King---'Course I don't want you boys to have no argument 'bout dis.

Andy---Well, yo' see----

Amos---See nuthin'. Now, let's git dis thing settled fo' once an' fo' all.

Andy---Ain't no use gittin' mad.

Amos---I ain't gittin' mad.

King---Well anyway, Lawyer Snoop say dat he was through wid de case.

Andy---Dat's de whole thing in a couple o' nutshells.

Amos---Yeh, dat might be de whole thing in a couple o' nutshells, but I wanna tell yo' one thing right now in front o' Andy--dat Andy didn't want de lawyer an' he knowed dat Lawyer Snoop wasn't doin' no good, an' Andy wanted to let him go an' he didn't have enough nerve to tell him, so I had to tell him. Is dat right Andy?

Andy---Well, dat's close.

King---Don't fo'git boys wid dat Lawyer Snoop, you was gittin' double action.

Andy---We was huh?

Amos---De only double action we was gittin' out o' him was dat Andy was goin' backwards faster dan he was ahead.

Andy---Yeh.

King---I mean, you was gittin' a lawyer AN' a detective.

Amos---Well, it's just like I told Andy Kingfish---if he need a detective, let him git a reg'lar detective---not somebody dat's a lawyer an' a detective an' four-five other things at de same time.

Andy---Yo' see Kingfish, I wanna git out o' dis thing as quick as I kin widout no trouble.

Amos---An' you'll never git out of it wid Lawyer Snoop.

King---Now brother Amos, dat's where you is wrong. Lawyer Snoop is one of de old members of de lodge---he is one of de charter members. He is one of de brothers dat when he can't pay his dues, he pays half of it.

Amos---Well, whut's dat got to do wid him bein' a lawyer?

Andy---Yeh.

King---Well Amos, yo' know dat we is gotta stick by de brothers--- special when a brother sticks by you. Lawyer Snoop had another big case comin' up dat he had to give up

so he could handle Andy's case an' den when Andy let him go dat broke him all up.

Amos---Tell me dis Kingfish, do you think he's a good lawyer?

King---Well Amos, I'll tell yo' de whole story 'bout brother Snoop. He is a good lawyer in some ways, an' some ways he ain't as good as he is in other ways. He is a better counsel dan he is a lawyer.

Amos---Whut's dat?

Andy---You heard him---counsel.

Amos---Well, whut is it?

King---Well, he's a better counsel dan he is a lawyer. Well anyway boys, I would like to see yo' take him back.

Amos---Whut yo' lookin at me fo' Andy?

Andy---I just glanced oveh dat way.

King---Whut do yo' say Andy?

Andy---'Bout whut?

King---'Bout takin' him back.

Andy---Oo-o-h, 'bout takin' him back. Well, whut is de propolition?

King---I wanna put it up to yo' as a brother in de lodge. I want you to 'member de by-laws o' de lodge---once a brother, always a brother, an' when you is lettin' him go, I want you to know dat you is lettin' a brother go, an' if things was vice-versus, how would you like fo' him to let YOU go?

(pause)

Amos---Well Andy, whut yo' keep lookin' at me fo'?

Andy---I'se just glancin' oveh dere, I told yo'.

Amos---Well, say whut yo' wanna do.

King---Brother Andy, you got a heart de same as all of us is got.

Andy---Oh sho'.

King---An' yo' know dat brother Snoop is put a lot o' time on de case.

Andy---Yeh, he done worked on it, ain't he?

King---Oh, he put all kind o' time on de case.

Amos---If Andy don't look out, he goin' put some time somewhere hisself, or DO some time.

Andy---Dat's right, ain't it?

Amos---Well, say sumpin'---don't just stand dere an' look at me, an' den look at de Kingfish.

Andy---De thing dat gives me mo' trouble dan anything else is worry, an' right now my stomach is just turnin' oveh worryin'. Look like ev'ybody is afteh me to do sumpin'. I wanna do de right thing so we left Lawyeh Snoop go---now Kingfish, you want me to take him back--Amos want me to let him go.

King---Well Andy, don't fo'git dat you is a brother in de lodge.

Amos---We is ALL brothers in de lodge, but if Andy goes to jail, whut is de lodge goin' do 'cept git up at some meetin' an' say dat one of our brothers is locked up, an' dey put dat down in de minutes an' dat's de last yo' heah of it.

Andy---Yeh, how 'bout dat?

King---If you boys will look at the by-laws of dis lodge, you will see dat we sticks together----

Amos---'Till somebody gits in trouble.

Andy---Oh me.

King---Well boys, I ain't heah to argue wid yo' 'bout nuthin'. I come over heah as de Kingfish of de lodge, AN' if you feel dat you don't wanna take brother Snoop back as yo' lawyer, den I'se got another deal to put up to yo'.

Andy---Whut is de otheh deal?

Amos---Yo' worryin' enough now Andy, widout worryin' 'bout another deal.

King---I just wanna say dis, dat if you is lettin' Lawyer

Snoop go, I might as well tell yo' dat I is his financh
revisor, an' you is gotta settle wid HIM fo' de work dat he
is already done.

Andy---Whut yo' mean?

King---He wants \$50.00.

Amos---Who don't?

King---You kin kick a brother out, but you can't knock him
down.

Andy---Afteh thinkin' oveh ev'ything, I b'lieve I'd be
betteh off if I'd marry Madam Queen---I'se regusted.