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"AMOS AND ANDY"
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Yesterday Madam Queen's attorney, M. Smith, called brother Crawford on the witness stand and was successful in leading a direct examination which made a favorable impression on the jury but during the cross examination by Andy's lawyer, Attorney Collins, the brother-in-law practically admitted that his wife hated Andy and had asked Madam Queen several times not to marry him. This morning the Kingfish's wife took the stand and testified that her New Year's eve party was broken up because Andy told Madam Queen that he could not marry her. As the scene opens now everyone is returning to the court room after an hour's recess. We find Andy and the Kingfish just outside of the court room by themselves talking. Amos has gone out to phone Ruby Taylor the outcome of the testimony given before recess. Collins is also out of the building. Here they are:--

ANDY STARTS

Andy---Well, it's almost time to go back in dere, ain't it Kingfish?

King---Yeh, I guess we ought to be gittin' back in dere soon as yo' lawyer gits heah.

Andy---Come on, let's stand oveh heah---git out de way o' dese people-- I'se sick o' ev'ybody lookin' at me, pointin' dey're fingehts at me sayin' "Dere he is."

King---Stand right heah---dey ain't goin' bother yo' heah.

Andy---You say dat Madam Queen's lawyer had you to come down heah?

King---Yeh, he said dat I had to come heah, an' I talked to my wife about it. She say de best thing fo' me to do was to come down heah 'causde if I didn't come dey'd serve some kind o' paper on me an' make me come. I fo'git whut de paper is.

Andy---Some peanuts----dat's whut de name o' de papeh is.

King---Yeh, I b'lieve dat's whut 'tis---so we figgered dat ain't no use to git in no trouble 'bout it.

Andy---To tell yo' de truth, ev'vy time I staht thinkin' 'bout gittin' on de witness stand, I git shakin' all oveh. De lawyeh keep tellin' me I gotta be smart when I git up dere.

King---Well, he's right Andy. You IS gotta be smart.

Andy---Well, I is smart in bizness. He keep on tellin' me to be smahteh dan I is. A man can't be but SO smaht. His head can't hold but SO many brains. I wondeh where Amos an' de lawyeh is?

King---Amos said dat he was goin' out an' use de telephone, an' if he had a chance he was goin' git a bite to eat somewhere.

Andy---I can't eat nuthin'.

King---I notice dat Madam Queen an' her sister is back in dere.

Andy---It look like ev'ybody's back in dere but us. I wish de lawyeh would come on, an' Amos.

King---De place is pretty well filled up now, ain't it?

Andy---It seem like it's a million people in dere, an' dey'se all lookin' at me.

King---How did yo' like de way my wife acted dis mornin' on de stand?

Andy---Yeh, she was alright. She didn't say a whole lot o' stuff dat was bad.

King---I had a long talk wid her las' night an' I told her to be as easy wid yo' as she could be.

Andy---Yeh, dat's good.

King---Now Andy, yo' know dat I is goin' on de stand in a few minutes an' I know dat yo' want me to be easy wid yo'.

Andy---Yeh, whuteveh you do, don't tell me no mo' dan yo' gotta tell. I got de headache an' ev'ything else.

King---Dat's whut I wanna talk to' yo' 'bout Andy. I'se goin' do you a favor an' be as easy wid yo' as I kin.

Andy---Yeh, dat's whut I want yo' to do.

King---Now, I want yo' to do me a favor---well, I say do ME

one, but I'se really doin' sumpin' else fo' you.

Andy---Boy, I wish Amos an' de lawyeh would come on. I'se gittin' nervous.

King---Heah's whut I wanted you to do---I thought it might he'p you. While you an' Amos is in court all de time I though me an' my wife might run yo' bizness fo' yo'. I could run de taxicab end of it---git somebody to drive it an' she could take care o' de money fo' yo' at de lunch room. Don't fo'git dat she was pretty good to yo' today when she got on de stand.

Andy---Yeh, I know she was.

King---An' I is goin' git on de stand in a few minutes an' I goin' be as nice to yo' as I kin.

Andy---Wait a minute, heah's lawyeh Collins. Yessah Mr. Collins--you 'membah de Kingfish.

Collins--Oh yes.

King---Glad to see yo' Mr. Collins.

Collins--Where is Amos?

Andy---I waitin' heah fo' him now.

Collins--Well, I'm going on in and take a seat, and the minute he gets here, both of you come on in. I'll be in court.

Andy---Yessah, yessah.

King---He look like he's worried.

Andy---Well, who ain't?

King---Now Andy, when I git on de witness stand I goin' to do ev'ything I kin fo' yo' widout gittin' yo' in no trouble.

Andy---Yeh, dat be good.

King---Now, gittin' back to de lunch room an' de taxicab bizness---my wife could handle de money over dere an' keep ev'ything straight fo' yo' 'cause Lightnin's goin' have to come in Court too an' dat ain't goin' leave nobody dere.

Andy---Dat sound good alright---de only thing is, I'd like to talk to Amos 'bout it. Him an' de brotheh-in-law got

some kind o' 'rangement now 'bout one of 'em stayin' dere but I don't want Amos to leave me in de cou't by myself. Wait a minute--heah he come now. (to Amos) Where is you been?

Amos---I ain't late--I'se right on time. Hello Kingfish.

King---Hello Amos---I was just havin' a little talk wid Andy 'bout me an' my wife runnin' de lunch room an' de taxicab comp'ny fo' yo' while you boys was messed up in Court.

Amos---We ain't got no time to talk about nuthin' like dat now Kingfish---come on, we gotta git in Court Andy--come on.

King---I'll go in wid yo'.

Amos---Come on Andy.

Andy---I'se wid yo'.

King---I don't sit where you boys sits so I'll see yo' later.

Andy---So long.

Amos---(quietly) We'se just in time too, ain't we?

Andy---(quietly) I'se rebarrased.

Amos---Dere's Mr. Collins dere now. (pause) Hello Mr. Collins.

Collins--Hello Amos--sit down. Sit down Andy.

Andy---Yessah.

Amos---How long is de judge been back?

Collins--He just sat down.

Andy---Mr. Collins, yo' think I goin' git out o' dis alright?

Collins--Quiet.

Judge--(ffg) (raps in distance) Are you ready to go ahead Mr. Smith?

Smith--(ffg) Yes your honor.

Judge--(ffg) Call your witness. Quiet in the courtroom please.

Smith--(ffg) George Stevens, take the witness stand please.

Bailiff--(in distance) George Stevens.

King---(fading in) Yessah, comin' up, comin' up---I'se heah.

Andy---(soft) De Kingfish is goin' be alright.

Amos---(soft) I wouldn't trust de Kingfish 'round de corner.

Bailiff--(cjc) (in distance) Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give in this case is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

King---Yessah, I do.

Smith--(ffg) What is your name?

King---George Stevens.

Smith--(ffg) What is your occupation?

King---I'm de Kingfish of de Mystic Knights of de Sea, a fraternal orgarization.

Smith--(ffg) Does the defendant in this case belong to the Mystic Knights of the Sea?

King---Oh yeh, Andy is one of our regular members, an' was de chairman of de financh committee till dat committee was \$160 short---den de brothers resigned him.

Collins--(cjc) I object.

Judge--(ffg) Objection sustained.

Smith--(ffg) Did you hear the defendant in this case ever say that he intended to marry Madam Queen?

King---I---is heard him say dat.

Smith--(ffg) Did you ever hear him tell you that he expect to marry Madam Queen?

King---Oh yeh, he is told me dat a lot o' times.

Smith--(ffg) You were present at the party on New Year's

eve when he told her that he would not marry her.

King---Oh yeh, I was dere---an' I told him he was crazy fo' tellin' her dat.

Andy---(soft) He's a pal.

Smith--(ffg) Cross examine.

Andy---(soft) Whut you goin' do Mr. Collins?

Amos---Shut up Andy, will yo'?

Collins--I understand that you are the Kingfish of the Mystic Knights of the Sea.

King---Yessah, I is de high officer.

Collins--And that was your wife that testified this morning and you support your wife.

King---Yessah.

Collins--Do you receive a salary or any money from the Mystic Knights o f the Sea?

King---NO--SIR!!

Collins--Then how do you receive money to support your wife and self?

King---Well, yo' see-a-----yo' see-a----well-a----

Smith--(ffg) I object, your honor. This man is not the defendant in this case---he is merely a witness.

Judge--(ffg) Objection sustained.

Collins--(cjc) Alright your honor---Stevens, did you ever hear that the plaintiff in this case, Madam Queen, had been married three times?

King---Yessah, I believe I IS heerd dat.

Collins--That's all, your honor.

Judge--(ffg)(raps) Quiet in the court room please---- there'll be no talking in here.----