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"AMOS AND ANDY"
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Andy has made no preparation for his marriage to Madam Queen on January the first. But she has gone ahead with all the arrangements. As the scene opens now, we find Andy talking to Madam Queen on the telephone from his taxicab office just before the Kingfish enters. Here they are:--

ANDY STARTS

Andy---(phone) Hello, honey----whut's dat you say 'bout flowehs?----- yeh, well, I glad yo' got dem ordered.----- whut kind o' ferns?-- ---Oh, to sit around de house?---- Yeh----uh-huh--- TWO little girls?----uh-huh----yeh----- well, you done ordered de flowehs huh?----well, whut do yo' wanna talk to me 'bout?-----Yeh, well, I go oveh an' see de floweh man---yeh, den I'll call YOU up---- alright honey--- -de Kingfish is just comin' in now---

King---Well, hello brother Andy. How is yo'?

Andy---(phone) Alright honey, I'll see yo' lateh....goo'bye. (to King) Well Kingfish. How is yo'?

King---Well, brother Andy, you don't look so good today--- whut's de matter?

Andy---(sad) Zero hour is comin', Kingfish.

King---Whut zero hour?

Andy---12 o'clock noon---Thursday January de fust.

King---Oh yes---yo' weddin' day. Yo' call dat zero hour huh?

Andy---Yeh, dat's just like goin' oveh de top o' de trench to me.

King---Well----yo' called up a while ago an' ast me to come oveh heah. I could tell by yo' voice dat you was kind-a down.

Andy---I IS down. I don't know whut 'tis but dey got me licked again. I just can't stand ev'ything an' I 'bout to give up.

King---Well, brace up Andy.

Andy---I goin' tell you sumpin'. I don't want yo' to say nuthin' 'bout it but dis thing is got me worried so much dat I found myself cryin' a while ago.

King---De Madam's goin' ahead wid all de 'rangements huh?

Andy---She done GONE ahead wid 'em.

King---Well, yo' gotta act quick.

Andy---I KNOW I is. Look like to me ig I kin handle bizness de way I do---run de taxicab bizness an' run de lunch room bizness too, yo' might say. Look like if I is smaht as all dat I ought to be able to handle dis sitchiation, but I can't do it---it's got me.

King---Well, 'member dat we is all brothers in dat great fraternity, de Mystic Knights of de Sea.

Andy---Yeh, dat don't help me none though.

King---Well Andy, I was just thinkin' last night to myself. If you git married to Madam Queen, you kin git in one of de inner clubs at de lodge.

Andy---Whut yo' mean?

King---Well, all de married men dat wants to git in it kin git in it. We meet an' try to brace each other up. It's called de "Unhappy married men's club."

Andy---Whut is it?

King---Well, all de brothers dat is married an' unhappy meet in de lodge hall behind locked doors two nights a month, an' we sit around in groups, try to make each otherfeel better---tell each other it's all fo' de best an' all dat stuff.

Andy---How many membehs is yo' got?

King---Well, 'bout all de married men belongs to it. Course dere's some dat don't. We got in a newlywed de other day. Come right back off his honeymoon an' joined de club.

Andy---Kingfish, I goin' tell yo' ev'ything 'cause yo' might as well know 'bout it.

King---Go ahead. To tell yo' de truth Andy, I'se had so

many brothers to cry on my shoulder dat I don't mind it no more. I just try to help 'em as much as I kin.

Andy---I been goin' 'round heah lately wid Madam Queen while she rented a flat---I argue wid de man an' try to tell him we don't want it while she ain't listenin' but it always ends up by me signin' sumpin' an' givin' de man a two dollah reposit on it.

King---She's goin' right ahead wid ev'ything huh?

Andy---An' you can't stop her.

King---Whut other 'rangements is she done made?

Andy---Well, de last thing she done was to call up a man dat sells flowehs, told him to come oveh early Thursday mornin' an' decolate de house.

King---Fo' de weddin'?

Andy---Fo' de weddin'. She wants ferns sittin' 'round an' all dat stuff---an' flowehs. An' den she tells de floweh man dat I'll be oveh to see him so now I gotta go oveh dere an' make a reposit on de flowehs.

King---You is handlin' de financh end o' dis whole bizness, ain't yo'?

Andy---Well, I just give ev'ybody two dollahs an' promise.

King---Well, if you is signin' orders, dey kin git yo'.

Andy---Well, I is been got already. I figgeh dat I can't git in trouble no mo' dan I is now. If dey don't git me, she will. Den on top o' ev'ything she is gittin' two little girls to throw rose pedals so dat when we walk up to git married, we'll be walkin' on rose pedals, an' she told me to git a lot o' dem.

King---Where yo' goin' git de rose pedals?

Andy---Well, I goin' oveh to some floweh sto' an' tell 'em when dey sweep up to gimme de sweepin's. Maybe she'll be walkin' on old leaves instead 'o rose pedals.

King---Well Andy, ain't nuthin' fo' yo' to do but join our "Unhappy married men's club."

Andy---I'd like to git in it. I don't know whut I goin' to do. Tell me dis Kingfish, I is a membeh of de lodge an' you

is always talkin' 'bout de lodge is goin' he'p a brotheh. If I eveh needed he'p, I need it now---ain't it sumpin' de lodge kin do 'bout it?

King---Brother Andy, dat is beyond de jurisdictionary of de lodge.

Andy---'Tis huh?

King---Don't you know dat if we could do sumpin' fo' de brothers dat de officers would do sumpin' fo demselfs first? Dey is just as he'pless as you is, an' maybe he'pless. An' de nice part of YO' case is---

Andy---Wait a minute--ain't no nice part to it---don't try to tell me dat, even if I IS a brotheh.

King---Well, I was gonna say dat de nice part o' yo' case is dat you ain't married yet.

Andy---Yeh, but I IS goin' be 'cordin' to ev'ything on January de fust an' time is flyin'. Dis is de fust time in my life dat I kin look at a clock an' see de minute hand turnin' 'round like de second hand used to.

King---Well, here come Amos 'cross de street.

Andy---Whut he doin' wid de taxicab parked across de street?

King---Can't Amos he'p yo'?

Andy---No.

King---(to Amos) Well brother Amos, come in.

Andy---Hello Amos.

Amos---Well, hello dere Kingfish---whut yo' doin' over heah?

King---Remergency call from Andy.

Andy---Whut you doin' wid de car parked 'cross de street?

Amos---Well, I left de lunch room wid dem curtains dat brother Crawford's wife was goin' fix so I took 'em oveh to let her fix 'em. Madam Queen told me dat she just talked to you on de telephone an' you was goin' git some rose pedals. Old rose pedals Andy.

Andy---Don't come 'round heah wid none o' dat stuff.

Amos---Well Kingfish, Andy is gonna leave me--he's gonna git married an' leave me cold.

King---Well, I was just talkin' over ev'ything with Andy heah.

Andy---Yo' know, I was just thinkin'----when I put de weddin' off from Novembeh de fust to DEcembeh de fust, I thought I done sumpin'. Den I put it off till January de fust thinkin' dat would neveh git heah. an' heah it comes.

King---By de way, whut is you boys goin' do New Yeah's eve?

Andy---I'm goin' cry.

Amos---Dat'll be yo' last chance to spend de old yeah out and de new yeah in as a single man.

Andy---Madam Queen wants to go to a party.

King---'Membeh las' yeah we had de pageant on New Yeah's showin' de passin' o' time.

Amos---Yeh, I 'membeh dat. Dis year cert'ny did go by quick, didn't it?

Andy---I remembeh dat pageant. I had on dem whiskehs, dressed up like Fatheh Time.

Amos---An' I was 'sposed to blow de cornet---'member yo' couldn't git a cornet an' yo' got me dat big bass tuba.

Andy---I had a 'larm clock hangin' on my side---somebody set de 'larm on it an' dat went off when I got up on de stage---an' Amos got all de words balled up.

Amos---An' we had dat little girl dressed up like 1930 showin' de New Year. She started cryin'.

Andy---Dat was a mess.

King---De old lady was tellin' me dat she thought it'd be a good idea to give a party at de house dis yeah on New Year's eve. Maybe we kin git up a little party an' have some fun.

Andy---Dat's goin' be too near de zero hour to have no fun.

Amos---Old rose pedals Andy'll be worried 'bout dat time.

King---Well Andy, is yo' goin' through wid it?

Andy---Well, I goin' tell both of yo' sumpin'.

Amos---Dis ought to be good Kingfish.

King---Well, whut's on yo' mind Andy?

Andy---I know a man dat's got a lot o' sense. I talked to him a while ago, an' he say to see him tomorrow.

Amos---'Bout whut?

Andy---Tomorrow night, I is goin to make up my mind whut I goin' to do, an' I goin' tell ev'ybody an' right or wrong, I goin' do it.

King---I'd kind-a like to heah dat myself.

Amos---I'd like to know whut 'tis. Um--um--I bet dat's goin' be sumpin'.