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"AMOS AND ANDY"
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Due to the fact that the Xmas party did not materialize at the lodge the Kingfish and his wife decided to give a New Year's eve party at their home. The party was given and those present included Amos and Ruby, Andy and Madam Queen, Brother Crawford and his wife, Pop Johnson and his young wife who was formerly Flossie White. Andy had not told Madam Queen of his desire to postpone the wedding, but conceived the idea of breaking the news to her at midnight. Without telling anyone of his intentions he carried out his idea and at the very peak of the party, while bells were ringing and horns were blowing Andy called Madam Queen to one corner of the room and told her of his desire to postpone the wedding. The party immediately ended. As the scene opens now we find Andy seated on the side of his bed at the rooming house with a paper cap on his head which were given as favors at the party. Amos is just entering after taking Ruby home. Here they are:--

Amos---(fading in) Well, of all de dumb tricks dat I ever saw anybody in my life do, you just done it.

Andy---I know it, I know it. I didn't think it was goin' work out dat way.

Amos---Whut did yo' think she was goin' do, jump up an' click her heels together? 'Steado' wishin' her a happy New Year or sumpin', you hit her in de head wid a hammer or sumpin'.

Andy---I know it.

Amos---Some time I look at yo' an' I don't think yo' got a brain in yo' head. Of ALL de things dat you could o' done, you done de worst thing of all.

Andy---Well, I figgeh I would tell her when she was feelin' good. Ev'ybody was blowin' horns, bells was ringin', an' she was laughin', an' I thought I'd tell her den---but I was wrong.

Amos---Well, I done been to a lot o' parties in my life an' I done seed 'em stop quick---I done heerd o' people leavin'

a place when it ketches on fire an' I done heerd o' places resplodin' an' ev'rybody leavin' quick, but I ain't NEVER seed no party break up no quickeh dat one is.

Andy---I know it.

Amos---Andy, I tell yo' whut---I wanted to help yo'---I STILL wanna help yo'.

Andy---I goin' need it.

Amos---If you'd ast anybody in de world when to break de news, ev'ybody would-a told you some other time 'cept at 12 o'clock on New Year's eve.

Andy---I know it---I was wrong. I see it now.

Amos---You couldn't-a been no wronger.

Andy---I knowed I had to tell her an' I figgered dat I would ketch her when it was a lot o' people 'round, ketch her when she was happy an' all dat stuff---I did. Who took her home?

Amos---Brother Crawford an' his wife carried her home. She fainted.

Andy---You know I left.

Amos---Who DIDN'T know it?

Andy---I didn't wanna stay dere an' git mixed up in dis thing.

Amos---Dat's like lightin' a stick o' dynamite an' goin' away, gittin' out de way yo'self an' leavin' ev'ybody else dere.

Andy---Whut happened?

Amos---Well, she screamed an' hollered an' knocked over ev'ything---she went out of her head---sent fo' a doctor down about three or four doors---had to git him---he come up an' said she had a catnip fit.

Andy---I guess dat was a blow to her alright. She didn't know what was comin' 'cause I just told her befo' dat how happy we was goin' be.

Amos---You was sort-a pavin' de way huh?

Andy---Well, I got her told, didn't I?

Amos---Yeh, you not only spoiled New Year's fo' her but yo' spoiled it for ev'ybody else dat was dere. Flossie White went up to her an put her hand on her shoulder an' said "Listen sister, don't let a little thing like dat bother yo'." Madam Queen give her a backhand lick right in de mouth.

Andy---Madam Queen hit Flossie?

Amos---Just sort-a slapped her in de mouth wid de back o' her hand.

Andy---Hard?

Amos---Well, Flossie claimed dat her teeth is loose.

Andy---Whut did Pop Johnson say?

Amos---Whut COULD he say? De only thing he said was "Come on Flossie, let's git out," so Flossie started to Charleston---Charleston'd right out de do'.

Andy---Didn't nobody wanna stay dere late noway.

Amos---Well, dey thought dey would stay till de bells stopped ringin' anyway. Whut in de world did you say to Madam Queen?

Andy---Well---somebody says it's a minute to 12---I stahted thinkin'. 'Fore I knowed it I heerd some bells ringin'---ev'ybody was hollerin' "Goodbye 1930, Hello 1931---Happy New Year," so I whispered in Madam Queen's ear, I say "Sweetheart, come oveh heah in de corneh, I wanna tell yo' sumpin'."

Amos---Of all de tricks you done ever pulled, dat was de worst one.

Andy---Den I say to her---I fo'git zactly whut I DID say, I was kind-a nervous, but I remembeh sayin' sumpin' like "Honey I don't see how we goin' git married tomorrow." She say "Whut yo' mean?" I say "Honey we goin' have to put off de weddin' 'cause mama told me neveh to git married on a odd year like 1931," an' I looked at her an' her eyes was gittin' as big as saucehs. She ast me again if I was foolin' an' I said "Honey to tell you de truth, I just can't git married tomorrow." Den I wished her a happy New Yeah.

Amos---I looked over in de corner an' saw yo' talkin'.

Andy---Den she kind-a backed up lookin' at me, an' while she was lookin' at me I heard her call fo' her sisteh. Dat's when I left.

Amos---Well, whut did yo' run away fo'?

Andy---Well, I wasn't goin' git in no argument wid both of 'em, 'cause if both of 'em jump on me, it was goin' be too bad.

Amos---If you could just see yo'self right now sittin' dere wid dat paper hat on yo' head an' dat red ribbon 'round yo' neck----

Andy---I didn't even know I had de hat on. I left my otheh hat oveh dere.

Amos---Well Andy, I don't know whut's goin' happen to yo' son.

Andy---Oh, sumpin's goin' happen---I kin feel dat in de air.

Amos---You know she fainted---I told yo' dat. After she had dat catnip fit she just fainted right away. We put acrobatic spirits of pneumonia under her nose---dat didn't he'p none so we got a doctor.

Andy---Ain't nuthin' else happened oveh dere, is it?

Amos---When she come to she was callin' "Andy--Ducky Wucky--Andy."

Andy---Dat was de wrong time to tell her alright--I ought to told her last week.

Amos---De Kingfish's wife is mad wid yo' too. She said yo' ruined de party.

Andy---Well, ev'ybody didn't have to git mad wid me. Dey could-a stayed dere an' had a good time.

Amos---How was dey goin' have a good time wid Madam Queen screamin' 'round dere an' ev'ything after you told her dat?

Andy---Well Amos, I was wrong. I done spent a lot o' New Year's eves in my life but I ain't neveh had one like dis one.

Amos---You cert'ny did spoil it fo' ev'ybody.

Andy---Wait a minute---who's dat comin' down de hall?

Amos---I don't know--I hear somebody comin'.

Andy---Listen, dat might be Madam Queen. (fades) I goin' git undeh de bed. Tell 'em I ain't heah.

Knock at door.

Amos---Come in. Well, hello brother Crawford.

John---Hello Amos. I could not help but come over to see Andy, but I see he's not here---an' it's just as well.

Amos---Whut's de matter?

John---Well, I wanted to tell the brainless wonder what I thought of him.

Amos---Well, I guess Andy's a little worried right now, so you kin see him tomorrow.

John---I wanna sit down on the side of the bed though Amos, and tell you a few things about that numbskull.

Amos---Is Madam Queen alright now?

John---She's sick in bed an' we've had to call the doctor, and my wife is gone crazy. She acts like she blames me for it, and it wouldn't surprise me if I would have to spend the night here with you. I don't know I'll be able to sleep at home.

Amos---Well, you better go home though once more an' see if ev'ything's alright 'fore you stay here 'cause dey might wanna see yo'.

John---Well, I could phone home and just stay right here. There's a phone out in the hall, isn't it?

Amos---Dere's a phone in the hall, but the landlord don't like yo' to use it after 12 o'clock at night, so you better go on over dere.

John---Well Amos, I wanna say one thing to you before I go about Andy. I've often said to my wife that I didn't think Andy had a lot of sense. Now I KNOW he doesn't have any sense. He is without a doubt, the biggest blockhead I've ever seen, an' he showed it tonight.

Amos---Well, I guess he was a little nervous.

John---He has spoiled everything for everybody else, and the last thing that Madam Queen said before I left the house was that she would get him for this.

Amos---Well, I guess ev'ything'll work out alright.

John---Well, it wouldn't work out alright if Andy's got anything to do with it. He's made my wife very unhappy, and when I see him I intend to tell him a mouth-full.

Amos---Why don't you git on over to de house and see if ev'ything's alright, Den come back.

John---I might as well take my clothes off right now and go to bed.

Amos---You better go over dere an' see once more though.

John---Well, I'll take your advice and do so. I'll be back in 15 minutes, 'cause I wanna see Andy when he comes in anyway.

Amos---Alright.

John---And you tell that blockhead when he comes in that I'm coming back to tell him that he can't treat my sister-in-law that way. I'll be back in a little while Amos.
(fading) Happy New Year.

Amos---Same to you. I'll be waitin' heah fo' yo'. (pause)
Come on out, he's gone.

Andy---(fading in) Well, dere's a pal fo' yo'. Dat just goes to show yo'.

Amos---An' de funny part of it is dat he's right. A fine start you got on 1931.

Andy---I know it.