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"AMOS AND ANDY"  
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Since Andy informed Madam Queen that he did not want to get married he has not left his room. The worry and strain is beginning to tell and he is trying to muster up sufficient courage to go out and face the world after refusing to get married and informing his fiancée to that effect 12 hours before the ceremony was scheduled to take place. He has received several letters reprimanding him for his attitude. As the scene opens now we find him walking up and down his room with his hands behind him looking at the floor just before Amos enters. Here they are:--

Andy---(to himself) Oh me---if I eveh git out o' dis mess.  
Um--um--um.

Knock at door.

Andy---Who is it?

Amos---(in distance) It's me.

Andy---Just a second. Alright, come on in.

Amos---Whut yo' doin'?

Andy---I ain't doin' nuthin'. Whut KIN I do?

Amos---Had anything to eat?

Andy---De lan'lord's wife gimme a plate o' bean soup a while ago. I'se still hongry though.

Amos---Well, de beauty shop is closed again today, an' brother Crawford says dat Madam Queen is still in bed.

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

Amos---He told me what was de matter wid her---lemme see---she had a doctor---'cordin' to de doctor I b'lieve he say she's mortified.

Andy---I hope dat ain't nuthin' like petrified.

Amos---I don't know whut it is.

Andy---Is she still havin' dat catnip fit?

Amos---Brother Crawford say dat ev'vy now an' den she screams.

Andy---I feel like doin' de same thing too. If I gotta stay in dis room much longeh, I goin' staht screamin' myself. I done walked up an' down dis flo' a thousan' times.

Amos---Well Andy, I know it ain't, but I cert'ny do hope dis is goin' to be a lesson to yo'.

Andy---Amos, dis is goin' be de greatest lesson dat any man in de world eveh had. I been gittin' lettehs heah today too, by de way, an' if I ain't wrong an' if dese words in de lettehs is whut I think dey is, people is callin' me names.

Amos---Did you git all dem letters today?

Andy---Sit down heah. I wanna read yo' some. Heah's one from somebody dat I ain't neveh heard of---don't know who 'tis but heah's whut dey say.

Amos---Read it to me.

Andy---Stahts out heah says---"Nobody."

Amos---Dey call you nobody?

Andy---Dey don't call me nuthin'---dey just staht out de letteh---dey don't even gimme dat "dear sir" stuff, an' 'cordin' to de lettehs I IS got dey always call yo' dat no matteh whut dey think of yo'.

Amos---Well, read de thing.

Andy---Starts out heah say---"Nobody---but a big bum would do a trick like you did to Madam Queen an' if I was in her place I would git myself a club an' run you out o' town."

Amos---Who is dat from?

Andy---Listen to de rest of it. Den dey say heah "I always though dat you was de kind dat you turned out to be an' you is showed whut you is. Just a big bum. Yo's truly---signed A Friend of Madam Queen's." Amos, don't neveh fall in love wid NOBODY.

Amos---Boy, dat was kind of a hot letter yo' got dere, wasn't it?

Andy---Wait a minute, somebody comin' down de hall.

Amos---Well, if it's Madam Queen, I'm hoppin'.

Knock on door.

Amos---Who is it?

John---(in distance) It's me Amos--brother Crawford.

Amos---(to Andy) Brother Crawford.

Andy---I b'lieve I'll hop.

Amos---Wait a minute--don't you jump out dat window. (to John) Just a second. Alright, come in.

John---Hello Amos-----Well, there is the man that left his bride standing at the church.

Andy---Hello brotheh Crawford.

John---Amos, I just came to tell you that my wife called me to come home on account of Madam Queen being hysterical, an' you better go over to the lunch room in the next 5 or 10 minutes an' help Lightning.

Amos---Alright brother Crawford, I'll be over there in 'bout 5 minutes.

John---An' Andy, I wanna say one thing to you before I go.

Andy---Whut's de matteh?

John---That is a fine question for you to ask anyone. "Whut's the matter?" You, above everyone else that I know ought to ask "What's the matter?" Maybe some day you will find out.

Amos---Well brother Crawford, I'll be over to the lunch room in 5 or 10 minutes.

John---I knew you would Amos, but I want to tell Andy just one little thing and then I'll go. After all Andy, I've heard several people in the last day or two call you a good-for-nothing. I have told them that they are wrong, that you are NOT a good-for- nothing.

Andy---Thank yo'.

John---I told them that you are good for one thing, an' that is, doing a mean trick, an' that's what you have done

to Madam Queen. After all she's my wife's sister, an' I won't stand for it. You have made my wife very unhappy. An' when my wife is unhappy, I am unhappy. I am not surprised at you Andy. My wife told me all along that you were the type that would do something like that. You have made my whole fam'ly feel humilli---you have made my whole fam'ly feel humilli---humilli---dey're all ashamed. An' mark my word you will pay for this. Goodbye Amos.

Amos---So long.

(pause)

Andy---Amos, don't neveh fall in love wid no gal. Don't believe NONE of 'em, an' don't neveh tell none of 'em nothin', an' don't neveh think none of 'em is sweet, 'cause you is wrong.

Amos---Well, brother Crawford told you a mouthful, didn't he>

Andy---I felt like walkin' up to him an' hittin' him in de mouth wid de back o' my mind an' knockin' him oveh. Come 'round heah tellin' me his whole fam'ly was humilli--. I heard him de fust time, he didn't have to tell me dey was humilly three times.

Amos---He said Madam Queen is still sick in bed an' dey done phoned fo' him.

Andy---He say she got HY-stericks, huh? All I gotta do is to spend one mo' day in dis room, an' I'll have 'em wid her. I was just thinkin'---how would it be if I would send her two dollahs worth o' flowehs or sumpin'?

Amos---She needs acrobatic spirits of pneumonia worse dan she do flowers.

Andy---How long is dey gonna keep de beauty shop closed?

Amos---I don't know.

Andy---Yo' know, I would go out de house, 'cause I know she's in bed--- ain't no chance to run into her but I feel like ev'ybody goin' point dey're finge at me an' say "Dere he goes, de big heart breakeh." Den I'll feel cheap.

Amos---You ought to.

Andy---Amos, don't neveh fall in love wid nobody. Boy, I'se goin' fo'git about gals fo' de rest o' my life.

Amos---Read me some more o' dem letters you got.

Andy---Heah's one from Madam Queen's Gram'ma. Starts out, "You good- fo'-nuthin'-no-count nobody---You have showed me an' my grand- daughteh Madam Queen whut you is, an' as soon as I have a chance to see you, I'm gonna tell you whut I think of you. Madam Queen tried to tell me that you were alright but I knowed all along dat you was just what you showed you is. Signed Mrs. Carnation James."

Amos---Well, she showed you.

Andy---Amos, de reason I is readin' you all dese lettehs is so dat it'll be a lesson to yo'. Don't NEVEH say nuthin' sweet BOUT no gal, TO no gal, or so no gal kin heah yo' or nuthin' else.

Amos---You worry 'bout yo'self.

Andy---Boy, dis is been a lesson fo' me dat I ain't NEVEH goin' fo'git, an' if I see a gal comin' down DIS side o' de street, I'm goin' oveh on de otheh side o' de street. Far as I is concerned, all de women kin git out o' de world if dey wanna.

Amos---Maybe dey feel de same way 'bout you.

Andy---Brotheh Crawford come in heah an' talk to me like dat. It all started Amos a long time ago when I went oveh dere to git dat manana-cure. But heahafteh son, I'm goin' git a file an' a pair o' scissors myself. Women---dey is sumpin'.

Amos---Whut other lettehs yo' got dere.

Andy---Oh yeh, heah's one I wanna read yo'.

Amos---Whut's dis?

Andy---Listen to dis. "My dear Andy"---dat's betteh.

Amos---Well, read de letter.

Andy---"When I heard dat you an' M. Q."---she's 'brevilatin', yo' see---dat's "Madam Queen"---"had busted up, it made me feel like life was worth livin'."

Amos---Who is dis?

Andy---Just listen---"I was so happy dat I cried an' I want to see you so you kin tell me ev'ything. I know dat you did

it fo' me and I want you to know dat I am happy."

Amos---I think I know who writ dat.

Andy---Den she say "I still feel de way I always did about you, an' I want to see you as soon as I kin. Lovin'ly -- Sadie Blake."

Amos---Sadie Blake? Dat's de gal dat worked fo' Madam Queen when she went away huh, an' you had dem dates wid.

Andy---Amos, dere is de sweetest gal in de world--boy, whut a gal.

Amos---Well, Andy, if you ain't sumpin' I don't know. I feel like hittin' you in de head myself.