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"AMOS AND ANDY"
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Through the efforts of the Kingfish Andy has found a man who claims to be an expert lawyer. Andy's attorney is a brother in the lodge and is vouched for by the Kingfish. As the scene opens now we find Andy in the taxicab office waiting for the lawyer to arrive just as Amos enters. Here they are:--

Amos---Well, I'se a little late but I had a man in de taxicab I had to take all de way down town. Is de lawyer been in heah yet?

Andy---No, I waitin' fo' him now.

Amos---Well, yo' got ev'ything ready to tell him?

Andy---Yeh, I got ev'ything heah all lined up. I usin' a system on it so I kin tell him ev'ything right from de beginnin'.

Amos---You ain't heard no more from Madam Queen or brother Crawford since de market got de flowers an' de cabbages mixed up, did yo'?

Andy---No de only thing I heahs is dat I'se done resulted de whole fam'ly. Dat was de craziest thing fo' dat man to do.

Amos---You can't blame Madam Queen fo' gittin' mad 'bout it.

Andy---Dey say down at de lunch room de otheh day dat dey wanted to have some slaw so I go down an' order 2 cabbages--den I ordeh some flowehs fo' Madam Queen from de same man, den I write on a card to go wid de flowehs "Dese remind me of you," an' dat crazy man sends de card an' de cabbages to Madam Queen an' sends de flowehs oveh to de lunch room. Now, dat's bizness fo' yo'.

Amos---Yeh, dat's bad alright.

Andy---An' now Madam Queen think dat I is tryin' to be funny an' send her 2 cabbages an' tell her dat dey look like her or sumpin'.

Amos---Dat lawyeh was heah yo' 'member when yo' found dat out, an' de lawyer say dat dat's a case in itself right dere.

Andy---Listen Amos, just between me an' you, do you think dat's a good lawyeh dat de Kingfish done brought oveh heah--dat brotheh Snoop?

Amos---I don't know Andy---he might be alright. Dey say some o' de craziest lookin' lawyers is de best ones. 'Cordin' to dat, he ought to be a knockout.

Andy---I don't like his name---Snoop. Whut do Snoop mean?

Amos---Well, snoop means---let's see---snoop means---I don't know whut snoop means but I know whut snoopin' means--snoopin' means yo' always snoopin' 'round.

Andy---Yo' ain't told me nuthin' yet.

Amos---Well, you done heerd de respression, "somebody snoopin' 'round."

Andy---I done heerd it, but whut does it mean?

Amos---I don't know zackly whut it DO mean---sumpin' 'bout snoopin'.

Andy---Dat's cert'ny 'splainin' it to me alright---I ast yo' whut snoopin' means an' you say sumpin' 'bout snoopin'. Dere you is.

Amos---Well, ast de man whut it means---dat's his name---brother Snoop.

Andy---He told me, 'stead o' callin' him brotheh Snoop to call him Lawyeh Snoop.

Amos---Why?

Andy---Well, I don't know---he just say Lawyeh Snoop, dat's whut he wanna be called.

Amos---Maybe he figgered dat if you say dat word "lawyer" enough, you'll begin to believe he IS one.

Andy---I guess he's alright, I don't---I ast him if he want me to come oveh to his office---he say No, he'll come oveh heah.

Amos---I don't believe he got a office.

Andy---He carries dat little black bag wid him---dat little thin thing- --he call it his port-foly---he say he goin' git in his port- foly---he goin' open dat up.

Amos---Maybe dat's his office---he carry it right wid him

Andy---Trouble is I ain't made no 'rangements 'bout payin' him yet, an' dat's whut he wants to know 'bout.

Amos---You goin' git him to see Smith of Smith & Smith, huh?---let him handle de whole bizness.

Andy---Whut I wanna do is remiss de whole thing from my head---I don't wanna heah no mo' 'bout it. I want Lawyeh Snoop to take charge o' ev'ything, so dat I kin fo'git about it, an' if he do dat job good, I'll keep him wid me all de time so as fast as anything go wrong, I just give it to him.

Amos---You need somebody to take care of yo'.

Andy---I wondeh if de Kingfish is in pardnehs wid Lawyeh Snoop.

Amos---Dey is old friends----yo' better look out.

Andy---Well, if he kin git me out o' de mess I'se in, I don't care WHO he in pardnehs wid.

Amos---Wait a minute, wait a minute---heah he come now.

Andy---Yeh, he got his port-foly wid him--look at him---Well, come in Broth---Lawyeh Snoop.

Amos---Hello Lawyer Snoop.

Snoop--Hello Amos---hello client.

Andy---Who?

Snoop--I always calls de man I'm workin' fo' client.

Andy---You betteh call me Andy so I'll know who you talkin' 'bout.

Amos---Got anything new to tell us?

Snoop--Well now boys, whut I wanna do is to review ev'ything wid yo' now an' I WAS goin' talk about de finances but I had a long talk wid Brother Kingfish an' he wants to be present when we talk oveh the finance arrangement.

Amos---Whut's he gotta do wid it?

Snoop--Well, yo' see, we'se lifelong friends, an' he he'ps me wid some things an' he he'p me wid othehs. I might as well git into de portfolio now. Kin I put dis book right heah on de desk?

Andy---Yeah, lay it right down dere.

Amos---Dat's a thick book now, ain't it?

Andy---Yeh, dat IS big---lookit dere-----S-t-a-n-d-a-r-d---
---d-i-c-t- i-o-n-a-r-y. Law books is sumpin' alright.

Amos---Yeh, law books is thick, an' big.

Snoop--Well, I use dis book as my dictionary in case the plaintiff says something that has to be looked up. This is a dictionary.

Andy---I could use it right now to find out whut de plaintiff is.

Amos---You got a lot o' pencils an' paper dere, ain't yo'?

Snoop--Oh yes, a smart lawyeh always has lots o' pencils. Now boys, befo' we git down to de case, I want to tell you of my own peculiarities.

Amos---You owns whut, you say?

Snoop--Peculiarities----I like the law bizness with de exception o' one thing an' my wife has always told me dat I have no bizness ever getting into an argument with anyone, so if we can go through the law suit widout any arguments dat will suit me, because I don't like to argue wid anybody.

Amos---I don't know how yo' goin' keep out o' havin' a argument but I guess yo' kin.

Andy---I 'gree wid Lawyeh Snoop----I don't like no argument neitheh. By de way, yo' name is Snoop, ain't it?

Snoop--Well-a, I must tell you about dat---my real name is Washington, but in addition to being a lawyeh, I also run a detective agency which will be a great he'p to you in this case.

Amos---You a DEtective too, huh?

Snoop--Oh yes, I run the detective comp'ny an' when we was thinkin' of a name for it, my wife thought of the idea of callin' it de Snoop Detective Agency so I just call myself Snoop fo' both de law comp'ny an' de detective comp'ny. Snoop de lawyeh---an' Snoop de detective.

Amos---I thought snoop meant sumpin' 'bout snoopin' 'round.

Snoop--Oh yes, when anybody thinks of a detective, they think of Snoop.

Andy---Dat come pretty near bein' soup, didn't it? A good bowl o' soup would be nice right now.

Amos---You a detective too, is yo' brother Snoop?

Snoop--Oh yes, I have on my detective shoes today---lookit dere--- rubbeh soles.

Amos---Den you handle both ends of de thing.

Snoop--Yes, when I'm dressed up as a detective, you'd neveh know me. I have a different suit of clothes an' so dat no one will suspect me, I wear a black hat. I got the idea at a masquerade party once. A man said t me dat I ought to be a detective I was made up so good, so I turned out to be one, wid de law as a sideline. Yo' see, it works hand in hand---I kin ketch 'em an' prosecute 'em.

Amos---Well, let's git busy on dis Andy.

Snoop--Yes, because I will probably want an affadavit.

Andy---Afteh who?

Amos---David.

Snoop--So we will wait for the Kingfish befo' talkin' oveh de money an' start right now from de beginnin' of de case.

Andy---Well, I'll staht out. It all happened on account o' me goin' oveh dere one day a long time ago an' gittin' a manana-cure.

Amos---He don't care nuthin' 'bout dat.

Andy---Who's in trouble, me or you? Well anyway, heah's de fust thing dat happened not long ago. I got dis letteh--- dis is de second one I got from a lawyeh, an' heah's de envelope right heah.

Snoop--Oh yes, a registered letteh.

Amos---Dat's whut 'tis?

Snoop--Oh yes, see de rubber stamp on dere an' all of de extry postage- --dere is 10--15---18---20 cents.

Andy---I thought dem was air mail stamps. Well, dis letteh's from Mr. Smith.

Amos---Of de law comp'ny of Smith & Smith.

Andy---Whut is you smilin' 'bout?

Snoop--Well, it's a funny thing. I know Mr. Smith, an' I have my application in for a job with his law firm.

Andy---Now wait a minute----

Amos---Yeh, you don't wanna go to work fo' him an' be fightin' against him too--

Snoop--Well, we're very dear friends but dat doesn't matteh in de law bizness.

Andy---Oh me--it's always sumpin'. Tell me dis Lawyeh Snoop---you ain't no kin to Madam Queen, is yo'?

Amos---If dis ain't a mess----