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"AMOS AND ANDY" by Correll & Gosden No. 884

The Kingfish is trying to get Andy to give his friend Lawyer Snoop \$50.00 for services rendered in as much as Andy has dismissed him from the scene. As the scene opens now we find Amos and Andy enroute to see a lawyer who Andy hopes to secure as his attorney. Here they are:--

Amos---Now dis man dat we goin' down to see heah is 'sposed to be a good lawyer. He might not wave his hands around an' shout but dat ain't de kind o' lawyer you need right now. You need a lawyer dat kin do a little thinkin' fo' yo'.

Andy---I gotta talk to de man 'bout money too.

Amos---Dat would be de first thing I'd talk to him 'bout after you tell him whut you want him to do. Den I'd tell him how much you kin pay him an' HOW you kin pay him.

Andy---Look like to me if I could git ahold of somebody dat could go an' talk to Madam Queen an' git her to cut out all dis foolishness, I would be betteh off dan I is been.

Amos---Well, maybe dis lawyer will wanna do dat, but let him make up HIS mind whut to do.

Andy---Is you even see anybody in yo' life git messed mo' dan I gits?

Amos---Oh, I have to hand it to yo' alright---you kin git in more jams dan anybody I know.

Andy---When dere's even a mess floatin' 'round, don't know where to light, it always lights on me.

Amos---You don't git out de way when one starts comin' at yo'.

Andy---Heah I is, wastin' my time runnin' 'round lookin' fo' lawyehs when I ought to be tendin' to bizness.

Amos---You cert'ny said a mouthful dat time, an' boy, if you git out o' dis, I mean you gotta 'tend to a lot o' bizness.

Andy---You know where dis place is dat we goin' to, don't

Amos---Yeh, I done been over heah an' talked to de man.

Andy---I can't help but think Amos of de time when I went in to git dat fust manana-cure. She looked up at me, an' smiled, an' just as she finished doin' de second hand, she patted me on top o' de hand, an' say "Dere you is," an' dere I was---an' heah I is.

Amos---Boy, dat manana-cure cost you plenty worry, ain't it?

Andy---Yeh, dat was bad. I made de mistake. Dem fingeh nails wasn't too long.

Amos---Yeh, you kin think back right from de beginnin' alright---see where you was wrong.

Andy---Den I started goin' dere ev'ry week to git dem manana-cures. I used to git up in de mornin' an' dress all up de day dat I was goin' git one, try to make a imprint on her.

Amos---Now she's tryin' to make one on you.

Andy---She used to look at me like a sick cow, an' I told her dat she had love in her eyes. Come to find out she had grease on de eye- lids an' NO love in de eyes.

Amos---You been goin' wid her fo' a long time though.

Andy---Yeh, I neveh will fo'git de day I told her I loved her. I didn't lose no time tellin' her dat---I told her dat 'bout de third time I got de manana-cure.

Amos---She was goin' wid dat travelin' man den, wasn't she?

Andy---She had herself a cornet playeh when I fust met her. He was crazy 'bout her. She told me dat cornet drove her crazy. He used to bring his cornet oveh an' blow. Oh yeh, we is been togehteh a long time alright.

Amos---You give her a piano one Christmas, didn't yo'?

Andy---Yeh, an' she was playin' "Come, Come, I Love You Only" on it an' broke half de keys.

Amos---She say she claims dat she done give up ev'ybody fo' you.

Andy---Ain't I done de same thing?

Amos---Yeh, but 'cordin' to de law, if you tell a gal you goin' marry her an' she makes all 'rangements to git married an' give up ev'ything, den you gotta marry dat gal or she kin git yo'.

Andy---She was de one dat was always talkin' 'bout gittin' married. I neveh said nuthin' to her 'bout it 'till <u>she</u> stahted dat argument.

Amos---Yeh, but you told her dat it was alright, an' YOU talked about it too, didn't yo'?

Andy---She said dat she wanted to have a little home---I say "dat be fine"---den she say her gram'ma want her to git married. I don't know how we DID git talkin' 'bout dat, but I know I O. K.'d it.

Amos---You writ her enough letters.

Andy---Listen, don't neveh write no gal no letteh.

Amos---Don't yo' worry 'bout me---you worry 'bout yo'self. YOU is de one dat writ her.

Andy---Oh, yo' know who called me up dis mornin'?

Amos---Who done called yo' up now?

Andy---Sadie Blake called me---wanted to know why I aint called her up. I told her I had so much bizness on my mind I ain't had time to do NONE o' dat callin' up bizness.

Amos---If I was you I wouldn't start callin' up Sadie Blake or nobody else till yo' git out de jam yo' in now.

Andy---Is dis heah de place we goin'?

Amos---Yeh, heah's de place. It's upstairs on de 3rd floor.

Andy---An' yo' gotta walk up huh? Boy, my feets hurt me today.

Amos---Listen now---When yo' git up dere, de man's name is Collins.

Andy---An' you done talked to him.

Amos---Yeh, he knows dat we's comin' over heah, an' ev'ything.

Andy---One mo' flight?

Amos---Yeh, it's on de 3rd floor.

Andy---Is you done told him whut ev'ything is up to now?

Amos---Well, I just told him a little 'bout it.

Andy---I gotta tell him dat I ain't got a lot o' money to be spendin'.

Amos---Well, dat's whut I want yo' to tell him. Heah's his place right heah.

Andy---Just walk in, huh?

Amos---Yeh, some man is in heah dat sits at a desk.

Voice--(fading in) Do you want to see Mr. Collins?

Amos---Yessah, if yo' don't mind----he know we comin'----tell him Amos Jones an' Andy Brown.

Andy---All lawyehs have two offices, don't dey? Dat's whut we ought to have, yo' know it?

Amos---Wait a minute.

Voice--Alright, step right in his office.

Andy---You lead de way Amos.

Amos---Well, come on. (pause) Well, hello Mr. Collins.

Collins--How are you today.

Amos---Mr. Collins, dis heah is de boy I been tellin' yo'bout. Dis heah's Andy Brown.

Collins -- Glad to know you.

Andy---Please to make yo' requaintance.

Collins--Well, sit down boys---make yourself at home. Been a little busy working on some income tax.

Amos---Yo' is, huh?

Andy---I gotta fix mine up pretty soon too.

Amos---Last year we got all messed up on it---we didn't know whut to do so we sent de gov'ment two dollars or sumpin', an' dey sent it back to us.

Collins--Well Andy, it looks like you are on the verge of getting in a little trouble.

Andy---Yeh, it DO look dat way, don't it.

Amos---I told Mr. Collins heah dat you done been over to see Smith an' all dat bizness, an' dat Madam Queen was goin' sue yo' fo' breach o' promise. But 'fore we go into dat I thought we'd make some kind o' financh arrangement. Yo' see, Mr. Collins, Andy ain't got a lot o' money.

Collins--Well, I hardly know what to charge you for a thing of this kind. It's going to take a good deal of my time. Unless we can get the plaintiff to withdraw her suit, or compromise in some way out of Court, it's going to take some time to go through with it.

Andy---Yessah, I guess it IS goin' be kind-a tough.

Amos---We'll lay de cards right on de table. You know whut I told yo' de other day 'bout our work----we got a lunch room, we make a little money dere---den we got a taxicab comp'ny.

Collins--Well, I'll tell you what I'll do Andy, I can't tell you definitely what a thing of this kind is going to cost now, but I promise to be fair with you and I'll charge you according to the work I do, and I promise to be reasonable with you, and if you don't have sufficient cast to pay your bill all at once, why you can pay me so much a week until you get it paid.

Amos---Well, dat cert'ny is fair enough.

Andy---Oh sho, dat's good.

Collins--Well, let's get right down to business.

Amos---Yeh, let's see if we can't git dis thing out de way, one way or de other, or sumpin'.

Andy---You just ast me whut yo' wanna know an' I'll tell yo' ev'ything I know up to now.

Collins--Well, I might as well ask you first of all---do you still want to marry the plaintiff?

Andy---Who?

Amos---You mean Madam Queen, don't yo'?

Collins--Yes, that's right. Do you still want to marry her Andy?

Andy---To tell yo' de truth, I ain't neveh wanted to marry her.

Collins--Well, apparently you've asked her to become your wife. Is that correct?

Andy---Yessah, I is say to her once or twice sumpin' 'bout it, but I was kind-a jokin' wid her, yo' see.

Amos---Yo' can't joke 'bout dem things though, kin yo' Mr. Collins?

Collins--Well, I tell you what we'll do. You give me all the facts you have and I'll go over to see her lawyer, see if we can't settle this thing out of Court.

Andy---Hot dog.

Amos---Dat cert'ny would be nice if yo' COULD do dat.