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"AMOS AND ANDY"
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Yesterday a man walked into the office of the Fresh Air Taxicab Company and handed Andy a Supreme Court summons with notice stating that Madam Queen, the plaintiff, had started action against Andrew Brown, the defendant. A notice was given that upon the defendant's failure to appear or answer the summons judgement would be taken against him for the sum of \$25,000.00. Andy spent a sleepless night due to the fact that he was unable to get ahold of his lawyer. As the scene opens now we find Andy just entering the taxicab office, having just left his attorney. Amos is sweeping the floor as Andy enters. Here they are:--

Amos---Well, whut's de matter wid yo'? Come on in heah.

Andy---(down) Hello Amos.

Amos---Andy, if I don't git down in de dumps, you goin' git me down in dere de way you actin'. You come walkin' in heah wid yo' head hangin' down---act like yo' ain't got a friend in de world.

Andy---I ain't.

Amos---Whut yo' think I is?

Andy---'Cept you.

Amos---Well, sit down an' tell me whut's de matter now? All I gotta do is to see you an' I know sumpin's de matter, an' I ain't never seed yo' when it ain't sumpin' de matter, so if I wanna find somebody dat's in trouble, all I gotta do is look fo' you an' I done found somebody dat's ALWAYS in trouble.

Andy---Alright Amos.

Amos---Well, whut is de matter wid yo' Andy?

Andy---Did you eveh go to a circus when dey had 5 or 6 o' dem mens yo' call A-rabs---got dem rags tied 'round dey're head, an' dey tumble an' turn oveh an' all dat stuff?

Amos---Yeh, but whut's dat gotta do wid it?

Andy---Did yo' eveh see de best one of de bunch keep turnin' oveh an' oveh an' oveh 'bout 75 times?

Amos---Well, whut about it?

Andy---Well, dat's whut my stomach thinks I'm doin'.

Amos---Well, whut is done happened?

Andy---Whut is done happened? You ast me dat huh? YOU, my pal, an' you was heah when dat man come in from de Cou't house an' gimme dat summons. YOU wanna know whut's de matteh.

Amos---Well, I know you got a summons.

Andy---You seed \$25,000 down on de bottom of it didn't yo'?

Amos---Yeh, down de bottom it said sumpin' 'bout notice-- \$25,000.

Andy---Well, while I was waitin' in de outh office to git in Lawyeh Collins' office, me an' his office boy figgered it up wid a pencil an' two-three pieces o' papeh, dat if I gotta got to jail on de basin of a dollah a yeah, dat's gonna run up around 65 yeahs, an' I ain't neveh goin' be able to make dat.

Amos---Dat whut it figger out?

Andy---'Cordin' to de way I 'splained it to de office boy, comes out around 65 yeahs at a dollah a day, or sumpin'.

Amos---Well, you ain't plannin' to go to jail fo' 65 years, is yo'?

Andy---Well, I gotta do SUMPIN', ain't I?

Amos---Cert'ny yo' gotta do sumpin'.

Andy---Well, I tell yo' one thing I goin' do.

Amos---Whut's dat?

Andy---If a policeman walk in heah, I ain't goin' say nuthin', I just goin' put my two wrists right together, let him put de handcuffs on me an' say "Heah I is."

Amos---Well, whut did lawyer Collins say?

Andy---He ain't got no heart in him. When I showed him dis thing, I rushed into his office (fast) I say "Look heah whut I done got-- look--look--look!" Den I showed him de summons an' 'stead o' him feelin' sorry fo' me or sumpin' he took de thing, layed it oveh on de side of his desk an' say "Sit down." He ain't even worried 'bout it.

Amos---Well, whut good is it goin' do fo' HIM to worry? He gotta keep his head straight.

Andy---I ast him whut it was an' he say "well, it was a summons" so I den I say "Whut happens," so den he say dat he will send Madam Queen's lawyeh "notice of appearance" fo' me, an' I fo'git to ast him, an' on de way home I just happened to think, I wondeh if he's havin' my appearance in jail?

Amos---Well, did yo' ast him 'bout it?

Andy---I ast him to git me a happus cappus---he told me to fo'git about de happus cappus. Now, dere's a lawyeh fo' yo'.

Amos---Well, whut good is a happus cappus goin' do yo'?

Andy---Well, I been readin' in de newspapehs eveh since I been in New York, somebody git in trouble, git hisself a happus cappus an' git right out.

Amos---Well, if yo' need a happus cappus, he'd git yo' one, wouldn't he?

Andy---Yeh, but de man tells me I'se goin' to Cou't an' have a lawsuit wid Madam Queen, an' he ain't worryin' 'bout it or nuthin'. I go in dere, I got tears in my eyes. While I was standin' dere talkin' to him, de telephone rung an' he answered it, an' he stahted jokin' wid some man oveh de telephone like dey ain't nuthin' wrong.

Amos---Well, whut yo' want HIM to do, start cryin'?

Andy---Well, it look like to me dat he would feel sorry fo' me or sumpin'.

Amos---De trouble wid you is, you need somebody to stand behind you all de time hittin' you on de back sayin' "dat-a-boy, you is right"--dat's whut you ought to have.

Andy---Alright Amos.

Amos---Well now, don't git mad wid me.

Andy---Oh--oh--heah come de Kingfish.

Amos---Hello Kingfish, come in.

Andy---Hello Kingfish.

King---Hello boys, how is yo'? How is my good brothers today?

Andy---One of 'em is bad, an' dat's me.

Amos---Old rose pedals Andy is down in de dumps. Old ducky wucky ain't feelin' so good, IS you ducky wucky?

Andy---I goin' down de drug sto' an' git myself a sas-parilla or sumpin'---or a bottle o' red soda. I needs de air.

King---Just a minute Andy, 'fore you go---yo' told me yesterday dat yo' wanted to think it oveh 'till today.

Andy---Think whut oveh?

King---'Bout Lawyer Snoop.

Andy---Oh.

Amos---Well, I kin tell yo' now he ain't had time to think about nuthin'. He started out de house wid one shoe on an' got out to de front porch an' his foot got cold. Dat's how much he thinkin'.

Andy---I'm goin' let de sas-parilla an' de red soda go, an' git some headache pills in place of 'em.

Amos---He ain't no good today KIngfish. Ducky wucky is all upset.

King---Well Andy, as de Kingfish of de lodge----

Andy---Just a minute---hold dat brotheh stuff will yo' till I git back wid de pills. (fade) I'll be back in just a minute.

King---I'll wait.

Amos---Hurry back.

King---Whut is de matter wid Andy today Amos?

Amos---Well, he's scared.

King---Is he been thinkin' over de idea of takin' back Lawyer Snoop?

Amos---Yeh, to tell yo' de truth Kingfish, we better fo'git about Lawyer Snoop.

King---Well 'course I don't wanna do sumpin' dat you boys don't want, but on de other hand, as I told yo' yesterday, we is all brothers.

Amos---Yeh, dat sound good Kingfish but Andy's kind-a down now. Madam Queen's goin' sue him or' sumpin' for \$25,000. He done figgered it up dat at a dollar a day he gotta stay in jail 65 years or sumpin'.

King---Well, Andy ain't got no money like dat is he?

Amos---No, but de way he talked, dey kin take de lunch room bizness an' de taxicab bizness away from him, an' all dat stuff. Look like he goin' have to go to Cou't.

King---My old lady done sumpin' dat I don't know if it's good or bad, but she done it 'fore I had a chance to see it.

Amos---Whut was it?

King---Well, she had some man to come over to see here dere 'bout her New Year's eve party.

Amos---Whut about it?

King---Well, dis man wanted to know if she had a New Year's eve party, she say "yeh"--

Amos---Uh-huh--

King---Den she got to talkin' 'bout it an' wanted to know whut happened dere, so she started from de beginnin' sayin' dat so-an'-so was at de party an' ev'ything was goin' along fine an' dat Madam Queen an' Andy was dere. Den she told him dat ev'ybody looked like dey was havin' a good time when all of a sudden it was 12 o'clock an' at 12 o'clock sharp she say dat Andy told Madam Queen dat he wasn't goin' marry her, an' dat she screamed an' all dat bizness, so den de lawyer ast my wife to sign a paper, an' she did.

Amos---She done signed a paper huh?

King---Yeh, she done signed de paper----I told her dat she didn't have no bizness doin' it but she done it.

Amos---Well, to tell yo' de truth Kingfish, can't nuthin' no worse dan is done happened happen, so I ain't goin' worry no more. I goin' start laughin' 'bout it.

King---(excited) Well, look heah---whut's de matter?

Andy---(excited) Oh Amos---Amos! Amos--lemme sit down.

Amos---Whut is de matter wid yo' Andy?

Andy---Look at my head.

Amos---Well, whut's de matter wid yo' head---I can't see nuthin'.

King---Yo' mean dat bump on yo' head Andy--whut's de matter wid it? Did yo' fall down?

Andy---I walked out o' heah an' I was walkin' down de street an' I run into Madam Queen's sister, an' she had a Umbrella in her hand, an' she walked over to me an' cracked me right in de head wid de handle of de Umbrella.

Amos---No foolin'---did she sure enough?

King---She hit yo' wid a Umbrella huh?

Andy---She cracked me RIGHT on de head wide de Umbrella an' walked right away from me. Dat's right Amos---sit dere an' laugh.

Amos---I ain't laughin'.

King---Dat knot is comin' up dere on' yo' head alright.

Andy---Lookit dere! Look at it! It's big as a hen egg already.

Amos---(sings) Madam Queen's sister give Andy sumpin' to remember her by---da-da-da-da---etc.