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CAST

ATTORNEY DINGS

MRS. DINGS: His wife.

HATTIE: His secretary.

NANCY: A friend and Star Gazette reporter.

Place

*ATTORNEY DINGS' office. HATTIE is at work.*

Time

*Early morning at the office.*

NANCY: *(entering)* Good morning, Hattie. I have heard the weirdest thing. Reports are coming into the paper that some very strange creature is flying through the air. It seems that it has two legs, a body, but no arms or head. Ronnie Smith's boy was hunting rabbits when he saw it and he took a shot at it. He said it just kept going. Isn't that crazy!

HATTIE: Hi, Nancy! No, I haven't heard a thing. I'm waiting for the boss to come in. Gosh, I wonder if it is something from a flying saucer. Did anyone say what color it was?

NANCY: No, but if I hear any more, I'll stop in. I have to get to work. *(exits)*

ATNY. DINGS: *(enters)* Good morning, Hattie! Boy, it's windy out there. These March winds sure can get wild. Remember one time when Jake Jones was cooking booze in his woods and the wind blew his still over? Burned his woods down and almost Jake with it. So what will we start with today?

HATTIE: Well, boss, we got quite a few calls already this morning. You had better talk to Minnie Potts first. She called and was pretty upset. Her Sam is sitting in jail and she does not know for what! And then to top that off, he is in his underwear.

ATNY. DINGS: Oh! Better get her on the phone, and I'll see what it is all about.

HATTIE: O.K. (*dials phone*) Hello, Minnie. Attorney Dings wishes to speak to you. (*hands phone over to ATNY DINGS*)

ATNY. DINGS: Hello, Minnie. I understand we have a problem. Can you tell me what it's all about? (*pause*) Just a minute, Minnie. Get yourself together and start at the beginning. (*pause*) You said you washed Sam's pants once a week, and then hung them outside to dry. Then this morning early you were getting ready to go out to get them off the line. Then what happened? (*pause*) You say Annie Brown's goat charged under the line and made off with them. (*pause*) I see. And Sam was sitting by the window waiting for his pants, in his underwear, when he saw what was happening. (*pause*) I see. He wasn't going to let that goat run off with his only pair of pants, so he ran out and started chasing the goat. And the last you heard of him was that he was sitting in jail. Minnie, just relax! I'll take care of this matter for you.

NANCY: (*sticks her nose in*) Hi, you two! Hear anything else about that strange flying creature?

HATTIE: No, Nancy. We have other things on our mind. (*NANCY exits*)

ATNY. DINGS: What is that all about?

HATTIE: Oh, I don't know. Something flying through the air that no one knows what it is. Now what do you want me to do? Should I call the D.A.?

ATNY. DINGS: Yes, get him on the phone. See what the charges are against Sam.

HATTIE: (*dials phone*) Hello, I would like to speak to the D.A. please. Hello, Jim, this is Attorney Dings' office. We would like to know what the charges are against Sam Potts who is being held in jail. O.K. I'll wait. (*pause*) Four charges. Resisting arrest by an officer, speeding and weaving in and out of traffic endangering the lives of motorists, indecent exposure, and inflicting injury on an innocent animal. O.K. Jim. Well, Boss, did you hear the charges?

ATNY. DINGS: Yes, I did. Did he say who the arresting officer was? I would like to speak to him. Please get him on the phone, Hattie.

HATTIE: Yes, it was Officer Hogan. (*dials phone*) Hello. I would like to speak to Officer Hogan. (*hands the phone over*)

ATNY. DINGS: Hello Dave. This is Art Dings. Say, I understand you arrested Sam Potts. Give me the low down on the whole business. (*pause*) You say someone called you complaining that someone was either streaking down the highway or they were trying to catch a goat that had gotten away. Well, did you check up right away? You did. You say the goat was having trouble seeing because something was wrapped around its head, but was keeping ahead of the person chasing it. When the man would get close to the goat he would yell and kick the goat in the rump. Well, didn't you stop him? (*pause*) Then you finally caught up with him. Did you know it was Sam Potts? And did you know it was his pants that the goat had on his head? Oh, I see. A big blast of wind came and took the pants off the goat and they started flying up and away. No wonder Sam was so mad and swearing. Well, thanks Dave.

HATTIE: Now what was that all about?

ATNY. DINGS: Can you imagine? Sam must weigh about three hundred pounds and he was running sixty-eight miles an hour. Boy, he must have had a good tail wind. He had better go out for the Olympics. Say, Hattie, call Minnie Potts on the phone. Ask her what shape his underwear was in. If he wasn't all covered up he should be considered indecent.

HATTIE: (*dials phone*) Hello, Minnie. Say, did the underwear Sam was wearing have any holes in it. (*pause*) No. Even the trap door in the behind was buttoned up good when he left. Yes, thank you, Minnie. We are working on your case.

ATNY. DINGS: Let's double check that, Hattie. Send a photographer up to the jail and take a picture of Sam, front and back.

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