

## JUDGE, CHUMLEY and WILSON

**WILSON.** Okay—is he here?

**JUDGE.** What? What's this?

**WILSON.** That crackpot with the rabbit. Is he here?

**JUDGE.** No—and who, may I ask, are you?

**WILSON.** (*Stepping into hallway, calling.*) Not here, Doctor—okay—(*To JUDGE.*) Doctor Chumley's comin' in, anyway. What's your name?

**JUDGE.** Chumley—well, well, well—I've got something to say to him! (*Sits.*)

**WILSON.** What's your name? Let's have it.

**JUDGE.** I am Judge Gaffney—where is Chumley?

**WILSON.** The reason I asked your name is the Doctor always likes to know who he's talkin' to. (*Enter CHUMLEY.*) This guy says his name is Judge Gaffney, Doctor.

**JUDGE.** Well, well, Chumley—

**CHUMLEY.** Good evening, Judge. Let's not waste time. Has he been here?

**JUDGE.** Who? Elwood—no—but see here, Doctor—

**WILSON.** Sure he ain't been here? He's wise now. He's hidin'. It'll be an awful job to smoke him out.

**CHUMLEY.** It will be more difficult, but I'll do it. They're sly. They're cunning. But I get them. I always get them. Have you got the list of the places we've been, Wilson?

**WILSON.** (*Pulling paper out of his pocket.*) Right here, Doctor.

**CHUMLEY.** (*Sits.*) Read it.

**WILSON.** (*Crosses to CHUMLEY.*) We've been to seventeen bars, Eddie's Place, Charlie's Place, Bessie's Barn-dance, the Fourth Avenue Firehouse, the Tenth and Twelfth and Ninth Avenue firehouses just to make sure. The Union Station, the grain elevator—say, why does this guy go to a grain elevator?

**JUDGE.** The foreman is a friend of his. He has many friends—many places.

**CHUMLEY.** I have stopped by here to ask Mrs. Simmons if she has any other suggestions as to where we might look for him.

**JUDGE.** Doctor Chumley, I have to inform you that Mrs. Simmons has retained me to file suit against you—

**CHUMLEY.** What?

**JUDGE.** —for what happened to her at the sanitarium this afternoon...

**CHUMLEY.** A suit?

**JUDGE.** And while we're on that subject—

**WILSON.** That's pretty, ain't it, Doctor? After us draggin' your tail all over town trying to find that guy.

**CHUMLEY.** What happened this afternoon was an unfortunate mistake. I've discharged my assistant who made it. And I am prepared to take charge of this man's case personally. It interests me. And my interest in a case is something no amount of money can buy. You can ask any of them.

**JUDGE.** But this business this afternoon, Doctor—

**CHUMLEY.** Water under the dam. The important item now is to get this man and take him out to the sanitarium where he belongs.