

The Sam & Jesse Radio Show

Week 33, Episode 4: Deceased Baboons and Other Stories

00:00	Mr. Buddy	Deceased baboons and other stories.
00:02		[music]
00:10	Narrator	[over music] It's time now for another day in the life of Sam and Jesse. Gum Springs, Arkansas.
00:29		[music fades out, then repeats]
00:36	Mr. Buddy	[music overlaps] Hey, Leon, where is everybody?
00:38	Leon	[music overlap] Hey-hey, Mr. Buddy. Sam's gone over to Mr. Jesse's house. H-he bought a new icebox and Sam's helpin' him move it in. Th-they give me a Mr. Pibb an-and credit on two more to watch the station. I-I-I didn't hear you drive up.
00:51	Mr. Buddy	No, no, I didn't drive. I just walked over here. My wife's got the car. You know her artsy-craftsy group meets today.
00:57	Leon	Oh, uh, w-what kind of group is that?
01:00	Mr. Buddy	Oh, well, you know, you know, they make all that stuff like needlework and, you know, fake flowers, macramé and such as that. Man, I wish they'd find something to make that you don't have to hang on the wall. I bet we don't have three square feet of wall left in my house that doesn't have somethin' hangin' on it.
01:16	Leon	I bet it's real pretty, though.
01:18	Mr. Buddy	Hmm. Well, I suppose if you like thread.
01:20	Leon	Well, I- you know, I'm-I'm glad you come by. It sure gets lonesome out here. I see you got your joggin' stuff on. You still doin' that?
01:27	Mr. Buddy	O-oh, yeah, man. That's great stuff. Great stuff. You know, out there on the road all alone just runnin'. You see all kind of interestin' things, too, along the road. You know, you wouldn't believe the weird stuff that people toss out of cars. You know, you wouldn't believe what I see along this road. I found a cuckoo clock yesterday. The bird was gone, but the-[overlap]
01:45	Leon	[overlap] Hey, my-my neighbor found a baboon o-on the side of the road.
01:49	Mr. Buddy	[while laughing] Oh, come on now, Leon. You sure?

01:51	Leon	Yeah, a li-little ole carnival was comin' through one night. Th-they had to cut across through Joanne on Farm Road 941, you know.
01:58	Mr. Buddy	Yeah, yeah.
01:59	Leon	A-and their baboon died.
02:01	Mr. Buddy	My word, that's terrible.
02:02	Leon	Well, i-it's just a baboon.
02:04	Mr. Buddy	Well, I guess, but you know, still seems like a bad time to go drivin' through Joanne, that is. Man, if a baboon had passed away durin' his act or somethin' like that. What'd-what'd- what'd they do?
02:16	Leon	Nothin'. Th-they didn't even slow down. They-they chunked him out of the truck over there in the bar ditch.
02:21	Mr. Buddy	Oh, that's sad.
02:22	Leon	Yeah, we-well, the next mornin', old Jim Pritchard's come by in his pickup truck, a-and he seen that baboon layin' over there, a-and he stopped and looked a minute, and was afraid to go down there in the ditch. Didn't know if it was dead or asleep. W-well, he got him a long tree limb and poked at it for a while.
02:39	Mr. Buddy	Scared of it, was he?
02:40	Leon	Oh, yeah, bu-but he finally figured out it was dead. H-he just couldn't figure out what it was.
02:44	Mr. Buddy	You mean he didn't know?
02:46	Leon	Oh, no. H-he ain't never seen one before. Finally, he got two poles and loaded that thing back to his pickup.
02:52	Mr. Buddy	Well, why would he want it?
02:54	Leon	Oh, h-he didn't want it. H-he just wanted to find out what it was. Well, h-he come on to Arkadelphia a-and stopped there at that fillin' station, bait shop right there at the end of the bridge.
03:04	Mr. Buddy	Yeah, yeah.
03:04	Leon	There's lots of setters out front. We-well, they all commenced to look at baboon, w-walkin' around it and studyin' it hard uh-uh, but nobody knew what it was. Finally, one of them said, "Let's get old man Johnny Long. H-he's 94 years old, and if any man know what this here thing is, he will."

03:23	Mr. Buddy	Yeah, I know Johnny Long. I know him.
03:25	Leon	Well, they went and got him, a-and he studied it for a long time. E-everybody watchin' him real quiet like. Well, Uncle Johnny straightened up, tapped the tailgate with his walkin' stick and said, "Boys, by-by the looks of the expression on his face, by the slope of his shoulders a-a-and shape of his bottom, uh boys, I-I think you found an old dead domino plate.
03:48		[music]
03:56		[music fades out, then repeats]
04:00	Mr. Buddy	[music overlap] Oh, man, that's funny, Leon.
04:02	Leon	Yeah, ain't baboon funny lookin' fellers? I-I wonder why good Lord made such funny lookin' creatures.
04:08	Mr. Buddy	Well, I got a theological theory about that, personally.
04:11	Leon	Figured you might.
04:12	Mr. Buddy	Yeah, yeah, Leon. Now, I really think the good Lord had actually planned to make Adam that day, but after he got started, he got tickled.
04:19	Leon	Well, that'd sure explain it.
04:21		[music]