The Sam & Jesse Radio Show

Week 23, Episode 2: They’re Makin’ Great Uncle Alex Leave the Home

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| 00:00 |  | They’re makin’ Great Uncle Alex leave the home. |
| 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. |
| 00:24 |  | [music fades out, then repeats] |
| 00:34 | Leon | [door slams] Hey, Sam! I-is Mr. Jesse here? |
| 00:38 | Sam | Oh, hey there, uh- Leon! No, no, he’ll be back in a minute, now. You need to seem him? |
| 00:43 | Leon | Yeah, I do. Uh- reckon he’ll let you borrow his pick-up? |
| 00:46 | Sam | Borrow his pick-up?! That pick-ups partly mine. Yeah, we can get it, Leon. |
| 00:50 | Leon | Oh, uh, uh- I-I forgot to ask you. Uh, uh- will you do me and momma a big favor? |
| 00:55 | Sam | Oh, yeah. What do you want? |
| 00:57 | Leon | Uh, well. We got a real problem. Y-you’ve heard me talk ‘bout my Great Uncle Alexander? |
| 01:03 | Sam | Nah, I don’t remember him, I don’t think. [overlap] |
| 01:05 | Leon | [overlap] Well, uh-uh, he-he was married to my granddaddy’s sister. Uh, ain’t really blood-kin. You musta heard me talk about him. Oh, he was an inventor. Pr-pretty famous, too. He-he invented them little metal tips that go on the end of shoe strangs [sic]. |
| 01:19 | Sam | Oh, yeah! I remember now. Ain’t he the one that invented the tie tack, too? |
| 01:24 | Leon | Oh, uh- Nah. Nah. That was my granddaddy that done that. He got the idea one night when grandma hit him in the chest with a dart. |
| 01:32 | Sam | Well, now what’s the favor you want from me? |
| 01:34 | Leon | [overlap] What-what favor? |
| 01:36 | Sam | The one you need the truck for! |
| 01:38 | Leon | Oh! Yeah. I-I need you to go get Uncle Alex. |
| 01:42 | Sam | Where is he?! |
| 01:43 | Leon | Uh- he’s been in nursing home up there at Arkadelphia since ‘bout sixty-five. He ninety-six years old. |
| 01:50 | Sam | Well, if he’s in the nursin’ home why do you want to go get him? Wh-why you gonna bother him? |
| 01:54 | Leon | Well, they ain’t gonna let him stay there no more. |
| 01:56 | Sam | [door slams] Hey there, Jesse. Uh- Leon wants-wants me to take the pick-up. He’s got to go get his great uncle, you know. |
| 02:04 | Jesse | Oh. You takin’ him out of the home, Leon? |
| 02:06 | Leon | Well, nah, Mr. Jesse. Th-they, they, they gone make him leave. |
| 02:10 | Jesse | Whose makin’ him leave? |
| 02:11 | Leon | People that runs it. Uh- momma a-and Uncle Seedy’s the only close kin around here and Uncle Seedy can’t help right now. Y-you know he got that cow up on the roof, and, so-so, me and momma, we got to get him some way. |
| 02:24 | Jesse | Now, wait a minute! They-they don’t kick you out of a nursin’ home. Wh-what happened, now? Ya’ll behind on the bill or somethin’? |
| 02:30 | Leon | Nah. Said he was causin’ too much trouble. All started last year. Uh-, think Uncle Alex was just getting’ bored, b-but he started funnyin’ people. J-just jokin’ them, you know. |
| 02:41 | Sam | Funnyin’ people? Like-like what, Leon? What-what was he doin’? [overlap] |
| 02:43 | Leon | [overlap] First-first thing he done. Uh- h-he took over Mrs. Taylor’s walkin’ cane, uh- took rubber tip off a-a-and pulled about an eighth of an inch off every night ‘cause she was sleep a-and he put tip back on. He done that every night for-for almost three months. |
| 02:59 | Sam | Well, what was that all about! W-W-Well, why’d he do that? |
| 03:02 | Leon | Well, he just funnyin’ her. Doctor couldn’t figure out why she was so bent over. Treated her for back troubles for two months. He couldn’t figure out why she was gettin’ closer to ground every day. Uncle Alex sure thought it was funny ‘til the nurses caught him widdlin’ one night. Wouldn’t let him play bingo for six weeks. [music overlap] |
| 03:19 |  | [music] |
| 03:29 |  | [music fades out, then repeats] |
| 03:40 | Jesse | That don’t seem bad enough to me to make him leave. |
| 03:43 | Sam | Why not?! It’s pretty funny to me. [inaudible overlap] |
| 03:44 | Leon | [inaudible overlap] Well, it’s his-it’s his last stunt that done it, I think. He used that blankin’ floor ramp, but [walkin’ both ways?] and-and cracked his chin. |
| 03:53 | Jesse | Mercy! What in the world did he do? |
| 03:55 | Leon | Oh, he’d been watchin’ the Wide World of Sports and he tried to jump thirteen bed pans with his wheel chair. |
| 04:01 |  | [music] |