Henry Pope III

6317 forest park drive• North Ridgeville, Ohio, 44039• Phone: 4403417069
E-Mail: animalnation@pinkandnanook.com Web: www.pinkandnanook.com

Date: July 20th 2015

U.S. Copyright
Orphan Works

To Whom it may Concern:

Sir or Madame, if you may grant me a moment of your time, I want to make my voice heard on the proposed Orphan Works Act that will destroy my life as a independent comic artist and illustrator.

I am a comic book creator. I currently produce a web comic and have big dreams of turning it into a profitable business. I am a traditional thinking business person and believe in starting small, within my abilities to manage my time, workflow. I currently work two jobs and run my online business all other times. I pay for my own equipment, expenses, products to sell and then save or spend any business profits back for future business growth. I have been growing slowly, but steadily the last two years and look forward to a bright future doing what I love with my own creation. In a bleak job market and economy, creating my own business, my own job, my own product is the most logical thing any American who wants an independent life to do.

The current copyright laws barely allow me to protect the work I spend 100's of hours creating, let along grant me usage as the sole proprietary owner and grant me legal power to stop anyone, of my knowledge from using, profiting and/or distribution of any of my work without my written or expressed permission. Removing these ethical laws to allow larger business to in turn claim ownership, without work, payment or expressed contract of reciprocation is simply disgusting!

This is a dangerous precedent that could be set if the Orphan Works is allowed to happen. So much in this country was created by dreamers, artists and inventors in their basements and garages, the real birthplaces of innovation, art and industry in the country. To now take that away from every ordinary citizen and allow rooms full of CEO's and stock brokers and powerful investors to just take what they will, with no compensation to those who put in the manned hours of labor, skill and education. Is quiet frankly. Un-American.

But maybe that is just it, Maybe the American dream is dead, or truly dying. I tell you what, if this act passes. This illustrator will hang up his pencils and creativity and just be another slave laborer for the powerful. What is the point of trying to do better, to make a better life and follow your dreams when some room full of so called lawyers and defenders of freedom see no reason to protect those who cannot afford to pay for their services.

Sincerely,

Henry Pope III
Creator/Owner of Pink & Nanook Ink