I don’t consider myself a ‘Professional’ artist by any means, I make the artwork that I do because I love to create it. It has been my preferred hobby since I was a child.
When I heard about the Orphan Works, it put me in a lot of distress. I take pride in the art that I make, even if I don’t make a penny off of it. And it worries me that, by some random chance, I could see my art being used without my knowledge or permission because of this.
I do hope to one day create art professionally, and I fear that many other people like myself, and with the same aspirations, would be scared to share the artwork they worked so hard on; only to have it be taken and used without their permission and/or knowledge. And thus would be afraid to pursue their dreams as a result.