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Comment:

There's a game for the Mac OS, back from System 7, called Lunatic Fringe. It was written by Ben Haller for the After Dark screensaver module. After Dark, owned by Berkeley Systems, bought the module. Berkeley was then bought out by Sierra. Sierra has since stopped providing support for the After Dark line, as they're not sure if they own the rights to it. Ben Haller likely still has the source, but since he's unsure if he's permitted to release it without fear of lawsuits, he can't.

A simple copyright law requiring holders to pay \$1 every five years would allow software like Lunatic Fringe to fall into the public domain. No one is making any money on Lunatic Fringe, because no one's sure if they can, and no one wants to. The game needs to be freed, and a new copyright law will accomplish just that.