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Comment:

I don't understand why this is even being debated.

Copyright law exists to encourage authors and other creative individuals to produce and share their work with the public. We accept restrictions on our ability to copy and reproduce to make sure they have the correct incentive to make more works.

If there is no one available to pay no encouragement is being made by not allowing someone to use to work.

Quite simply allowing orphan works to be thrown into the public domain or at least used is a win-win situation for everyone.