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Comment:

Please help keep copyrights a positive influence in our society. Copyrighted works for which the copyright holders are no longer present to represent their works, are a body of work whose legacy should add value to our culture and our society, and the best way to do that is for artists to be free to use these types of work. Otherwise it is needlessly shackled and cast into the abyss of legal minutiae, never to see the light of an artistic endeavor, ever again. Our forefathers drafted the copyrights section of our Constitution with the intention of promoting and fostering positive growth of artistic materials and its use in our society. Over two hundred years later, those goals are as important as ever, and common sense shows us a clear path when directing policy for this issue. Please help keep our society and the American culture enriched and robust by freeing orphaned copyright.