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Comment:

I want to act in favor of returning works to the public domain where the original author cannot be found. It is important to remember that ultimately what we produce as artists is the property of the public and for the public use at some point. Given the recent spat of extending copyrights to the length of the average life span, further reducing the public library due to an inability for an author to be found seems bordering on dangerous. Without some fair mechanism for returning works to the public that so desperately needs them, we risk losing the wealth of knowledge gained by our visionaries and artistic leaders. Let us be informed!