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Dear copyright enforcers:

Copyright was originally envisioned as a way to protect small publishers from having their information stolen by large corporations. Today, the opposite seems to be taking place. Large news organizations take stories from blogs without credit, while threatening cease and desist letters for even incidental use of their own product on blogs which cannot afford the legal fees. Nuisance cease and desist letters should have a consequence. Disney wants to protect Mickey Mouse while stealing The Little Mermaid from Hans Christian Andersen. The NFL claims trademark on "Who Dat!" which a second on Google will teach you was in use long before the Saints. Yes, trademark is not copyright, but the principal is the same. The law must be written and enforced in a manner that protects the rights of the small against the deeper pockets of the privileged. This principle seems to have been lost in American jurisprudence, allow me in the strongest terms to advocate for its return.

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