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13	LYONS, DOUG PRESTON, JIM RASENBERGER, T.J. STILES, R.L. STINE,	COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND EQUITABLE RELIEF	
14	MONIQUE TRUONG, SCOTT TUROW, NICHOLAS WEINSTOCK, AND STUART		
15	WOODS,		
16	Plaintiffs,		
17	V.		
18	KISS LIBRARY d/b/a KISSLY.NET, WTFFASTSPRING.BID, LIBLY.NET, and CHEAP-LIBRARY.COM, RODION		
19	VYNNYCHENKO, ARTEM		
20	BESSHAPOCHNY, JACK BROWN, and DOES 1-10,		
21	Defendants.		
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23	I. INTRO	DUCTION	
24	1. Amazon Content Services LLC and	Penguin Random House LLC ("PRH")	
25	(together, "Publishers"), and authors Lee Child, Sy	ylvia Day, John Grisham, C.J. Lyons, Doug	
26	Preston, Jim Rasenberger, T.J. Stiles, R.L. Stine, N	Monique Truong, Scott Turow, Nicholas	
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suit to stop Defendants Kiss Library, Rodion Vynnychenko, Artem Besshapochny, Jack Brown, and Does 1-10 (collectively, "Defendants") from illegally copying, distributing, and selling works written or published by Plaintiffs.

- 2. Since opening its virtual doors in 1994 as an online bookstore for print books, Amazon.com, Inc. and its subsidiaries ("Amazon") have invested in making more books by more authors available to more customers in the format of their choice. For example, Amazon launched the Kindle e-reader in 2007 and its own publishing unit called Amazon Publishing ("APub") in 2009. Each day, millions of consumers visit Amazon websites to browse, discover, and purchase a wide range of products, including ebooks published by APub, PRH, and others.
- 3. With a publishing history dating back to the 1800s, PRH is one of America's most prestigious and largest book publishers. PRH's expansive publishing portfolio includes nearly 275 independent publishing imprints and brands on 5 continents and contains books for readers of all ages and every stage of life. PRH publishes approximately 15,000 new titles annually and sells close to 600 million print, audio, and ebooks annually. PRH also works tirelessly to protect its authors' intellectual freedom and properties, giving them access to support and resources that help their works reach readers around the world. PRH's many authors include more than 80 Nobel Laureates and hundreds of the world's most widely read authors.
- 4. The Authors are a collection of some of the most successful authors, both critically and in terms of sales, with millions of copies of their works sold around the world. Because of the Authors' fame and the success of their works, both the Authors and their publishers—who own certain exclusive rights in their protected works—are forced to regularly defend and protect their intellectual properties from infringers.
- **5.** Defendants, who created and operate Kiss Library's various websites, claim to offer a "premium selection" at "unbeatable prices" that "are hard to beat." *See, e.g.*, <a href="https://libly.net/">https://cheap-library.com/</a>. On information and belief, Kiss Library is able to

offer "unbeatable prices" for a simple reason: its catalogs are replete with pirated ebooks, including titles for which Plaintiffs individually own and/or control exclusive copyrights in the United States.

6. Through Kiss Library, Defendants engage in rampant and willful infringement of Plaintiffs' intellectual property rights and divert potential customers to Defendants' sites—where the Plaintiff Authors and Publishers do not receive any royalties for the sales—to purchase and download the unauthorized works.



- 7. As set forth above, Kiss Library has been described as the "[b]iggest pirate book site [the] world has ever seen," which this lawsuit aims to bring down.
- **8.** Plaintiffs bring this lawsuit to stop Defendants' notorious pirating and unlawful copying, display, distribution, and sale of their ebooks in the United States, and to prevent further harm to the Publishers<sup>1</sup> and Authors.

#### II. PARTIES

- **9.** Amazon Content Services LLC is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Seattle, Washington.
- **10.** Penguin Random House LLC is a Delaware corporation with its principle place of business in New York, New York.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Publishers, as used in this Complaint, include all APub imprints and all PRH subsidiaries, affiliates, or imprints.

- 25. On information and belief, Defendant Artem Besshapochny is a Ukrainian national who created, registered, and operates Defendant Kiss Library with other named and unnamed Defendants. Besshapochny personally participates in and has the ability to supervise, direct, and control the wrongful conduct alleged in this Complaint, and derives a direct financial benefit from that wrongful conduct.
- **26.** On information and belief, Defendant Jack Brown is an Australian national and software developer. He is listed as a customer service representative for Kiss Library, responds to email inquiries on behalf of Kiss Library, and on information and belief, aids and abets Defendants Vynnychenko and Besshapochny in the creation and operation of Defendant Kiss Library and the illegal distribution of the copyrighted works for his own financial benefit.
- 27. On information and belief, Defendants Does 1-10 (the "Doe Defendants") are individuals and entities working in active concert with Defendants Vynnychenko, Besshapochny, and Brown in the creation and operation of Defendant Kiss Library and the illegal distribution of Plaintiffs' copyrighted works.

### III. JURISDICTION & VENUE

- **28.** The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' copyright infringement claims under 17 U.S.C. § 501, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
- 29. The Court has personal jurisdiction over all Defendants because they transacted business and committed tortious acts within and directed at the State of Washington. On information and belief, Defendants also have obtained copyrighted works that are contracted for by Amazon, published by Amazon, and/or distributed by Amazon from Washington, thereby purposefully directing their unlawful conduct at Washington. Additionally, Defendants have committed intentional acts with actual or constructive knowledge that they would cause substantial injury to Amazon and its licensing relationships in Washington.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>https://www.zoominfo.com/p/Jack-Brown/-795646435</u>.

- **30.** Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims occurred in the Western District of Washington, where Amazon is headquartered and resides.
- **31.** Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 3(d), intra-district assignment to the Seattle Division is proper because the claims arose in this Division, where (a) Amazon resides, (b) a substantial part of the injuries giving rise to suit occurred, and (c) Defendants directed their unlawful conduct.

### IV. FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS

- 32. The Authors own registered copyrights in each of the works identified above and have granted certain exclusive copyrights to publishers, including the exclusive right to publish and distribute their works as ebooks in the United States.
- 33. Amazon acquires content through different programs and services, including from APub, other traditional publishers, and self-publishing authors. APub, including its sixteen imprints, is a publisher of commercial and literary fiction, nonfiction, and children's books. In exchange for royalties, authors grant APub the exclusive right to distribute their work.
- **34.** PRH, along with its 250 imprints, is a publisher of commercial and literary fiction, nonfiction, and children's books. In exchange for royalties, authors grant PRH the exclusive right to distribute their work.
- 35. On information and belief, Kiss Library—first located at kisslibrary.com—was established as a website and online ebook marketplace on June 14, 2017, when it was registered to Defendant Vynnychenko in Kiev, Ukraine. Since that initial registration, Defendant Kiss Library and other individual Defendants have also registered or are associated with numerous mirror websites, including kisslibrary.net, kissly.net, wtffastspring.bid, libly.net, and cheap-library.com, as well as others yet uncovered (collectively, the "Mirror Websites").
- **36.** On information and belief, after shifting their offerings from the kisslibrary.com website due to increased negative reviews and assertions of piracy, Defendants began

registering the Mirror Websites to evade detection. As new iterations of Kiss Library attracted the ire of authors and publishers around the world, Defendants simply migrated to a new website and redirected the domains. Despite some minor differences with each site's fictitious address, non-responsive Google phone number, or purported representatives, the Mirror Websites use the same language, phone numbers, and format—in addition to offering substantially the same unauthorized ebooks as the original Kiss Library—as can be seen at libly.net and cheap-library.com today.

- 37. For example, Defendants' Mirror Websites include the same language and format in describing the website and its offerings. They each claim to offer a "[p]remium selection" of books at "unbeatable prices," see Exhibit A (<a href="https://libly.net/">https://cheap-library.com/</a>; <a href="https://kissly.net/">https://kissly.net/</a>; <a href="https://wtffastspring.bid/">https://kissly.net/</a>; <a href="https://wtffastspring.bid/">https://kissly.net/</a>; <a href="https://wtffastspring.bid/">https://kissly.net/</a>; <a href="https://wtffastspring.bid/about/">https://wtffastspring.bid/about/</a>; <a href="https://wtffastspring.bid/about/">https://wtffastspring.bid/about/</a>; <a href="https://wtffastspring.bid/about/">https://wtffastspring.bid/about/</a>; <a href="https://wtffastspring.bid/about/">https://wtffastspring.bid/about/</a>; <a href="https://cheap-library.com/contact/">https://cheap-library.com/contact/</a>; <a href="https://kissly.net/contact/">https://kissly.net/contact/</a>; <a href="https://kissly.net/contact/">https://kissly.net/contact/</a>; <a href="https://kissly.net/contact/">https://kissly.net/contact/</a>; <a href="https://wtffastspring.bid/contact/">https://wtffastspring.bid/contact/</a>).
- **38.** On information and belief, the contact information provided by Defendants on their websites are intentionally misleading and false, intended to obscure their true identities, contact information, and activities. These details include, but are not limited to, the following representations:
  - a. Libly.net: Purportedly operating out of Montréal, Canada, libly.net is an online ebook retailer that omits its owners' purported names, claims it is located at 1341 Avenue du Mont-Royal Est, H2J 3P6, Montréal, QC, Canada, and can be contacted at +1 (213) 394-9806 or +1 (941) 315-8427. *See* Exhibit B; <a href="https://libly.net/about/">https://libly.net/about/</a>. On information and belief, no entities are registered in Québec, Canada under any variant of the Defendant Kiss Library's various names, no one answers the purported contact

telephone phone number provided by libly.net despite multiple attempts during normal business hours, and no commercial or retail spaces exist at libly.net's listed address.

- b. Cheap-library.com: Purportedly operating out of Sofia, Bulgaria, cheap-library.com is an online ebook retailer that omits its owners' purported names, claims it is located at "Bulgaria, ul. Sofia, Sofia Center, 1202, 'Rodopi' 38," and can be contacted at +1 (800) 712-4214. *See* Exhibit B; <a href="https://cheap-library.com/about/">https://cheap-library.com/about/</a>. On information and belief, no entities are registered in Sofia, Bulgaria under any variant of the Defendant Kiss Library's various names, no one answers the purported contact telephone phone number provided by cheap-library.com despite multiple attempts during normal business hours, and no commercial or retail spaces exist at cheap-library.com's listed address.
- c. Kissly.net: Purportedly operating out of Alberta, Canada, kissly.net was an online ebook retailer that claimed it was "[o]riginally founded in 2015 by Jack Comstock and Nikolay Korolev," was located at 2510 Centre St S Calgary, AB T2G 5A6, and could be contacted at +1 (213) 394-9806. *See* Exhibit B. On information and belief, no entities were registered in Alberta, Canada under any variant of the Defendant Kiss Library's various names, nobody by the names Jack Comstock or Nikolay Korolev is associated with Kiss Library, no one answered the purported contact telephone phone number provided by kissly.net despite multiple attempts during normal business hours, and no commercial or retail spaces existed at kissly.net's listed address. After operating as the primary Mirror Website following the shutdown of kisslibrary.net, this Mirror Website began redirecting to libly.net as the primary website in June 2020.
- **d. Wtffastspring.bid**: Purportedly operating out of Alberta, Canada, wtffastspring.bid was an online ebook retailer that claimed it was "[o]riginally founded in 2015 by Jack Comstock and Nikolay Korolev," was located at 2510 Centre St S Calgary, AB T2G 5A6, and can be contacted at +1 (213) 394-9806. *See* Exhibit B. On information and belief, no entities were registered in Alberta, Canada under any variant

of the Defendant Kiss Library's various names, nobody by the names Jack Comstock or Nikolay Korolev are associated with Kiss Library, no one answered the purported contact telephone phone number provided by kissly.net despite multiple attempts during normal business hours, and no commercial or retail spaces existed at wtffastspring.bid's listed address. On information and belief, this Mirror Website was created in response to problems with Kiss Library's payment processor, FastSpring. It went down for "maintenance" in June 2020, approximately the same time kissly net began redirecting its traffic to libly.net, apparently as part of Defendants' coordinated effort to again migrate to new sites.

- **39.** On information and belief. Defendants also maintained the website www.kisslibraryemails.com, a website that previously automatically redirected the user to kissly.net until that Mirror Website's own traffic began redirecting to libly.net.
- **40.** Defendants, through these and other known and unknown Kiss Library websites, engage in the rampant, illegal copying, display, and distribution of copyright-protected ebooks for their direct financial benefit, including works written by the Authors and exclusively published or distributed by the Publishers.
- 41. Examples of works infringed by Defendants for which the Authors have registered copyrights and/or in which the Publishers control exclusive distribution rights (the "Works') include but are not limited to:
  - A Dark Mind, authored by T. R. Ragan, with exclusive publication and distribution rights held by Amazon (copyright number TX0007728631), is or was sold by Defendants without license on the Mirror Websites. See, e.g.,

https://kissly.net/book/77131c36d643ec519ca7 (Exhibit D);<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> On information and belief, Defendants have repeatedly migrated sites to hide evidence of their misconduct and avoid accountability for their piracy. Although the kissly net site was recently disabled for those purposes, the Works were sold on that site and other works by the Authors and Publishers are currently being sold on other Mirror Websites as well. See Exhibit D.

- **b.** *Abducted*, authored by T. R. Ragan, with exclusive publication and distribution rights held by Amazon (copyright number TX0007670441), is or was sold by Defendants without license on the Mirror Websites. *See, e.g.*, <a href="https://kissly.net/book/26496177a96ffafedb29">https://kissly.net/book/26496177a96ffafedb29</a> (Exhibit D);
- **c.** *Afterburn*, authored by Sylvia Day, with exclusive publication and distribution rights held by Harper Collins (copyright number TX0008280509), is or was sold by Defendants without license on the Mirror Websites. *See, e.g.*, <a href="https://kissly.net/book/884ea6a173f6ef1e51cb">https://kissly.net/book/884ea6a173f6ef1e51cb</a> (Exhibit D);
- **d.** *As Long As She Needs Me: A Novel*, authored by Nicholas Weinstock, with exclusive publication and distribution rights held by Harper Collins (copyright number TX0005380194), is or was sold by Defendants without license on the Mirror Websites. *See*, *e.g.*, https://libly.net/book/0310008cf18e86efaa748a959b1bee70;
- e. *Blood on the Tracks*, authored by Barbara Nickless, with exclusive publication and distribution rights held by Amazon (copyright number TX0008334746), is or was sold by Defendants without license on the Mirror Websites. *See, e.g.*, <a href="https://cheap-library.com/book/c4293b18edb0468046dce71dd75a3f2f">https://cheap-library.com/book/c4293b18edb0468046dce71dd75a3f2f</a>;
- **f.** *Fight Dirty*, authored by C.J. Lyons, with exclusive publication and distribution rights held by Amazon (copyright number TX0008076233), is or was sold by Defendants without license on the Mirror Websites. *See, e.g.*, <a href="https://kissly.net/book/70924dc73c193608db30">https://kissly.net/book/70924dc73c193608db30</a> (Exhibit D);
- g. *Jesse James: Last Rebel of the Civil War*, authored by T.J. Stiles, with exclusive publication and distribution rights held by PRH (copyright number TX0005703845), is or was sold by Defendants without license on the Mirror Websites. *See, e.g.*, <a href="https://cheap-library.com/book/45a5e2748d39bf66d745ec5d524a327c">https://cheap-library.com/book/45a5e2748d39bf66d745ec5d524a327c</a>;
- **h.** *My Sister's Grave*, authored by Robert Dugoni, with exclusive publication and distribution rights held by Amazon (copyright number TX0008009209),

is or was sold by Defendants without license on the Mirror Websites. *See, e.g.*, <a href="https://kissly.net/book/f20671f38204d4377d3a">https://kissly.net/book/f20671f38204d4377d3a</a> (Exhibit D);

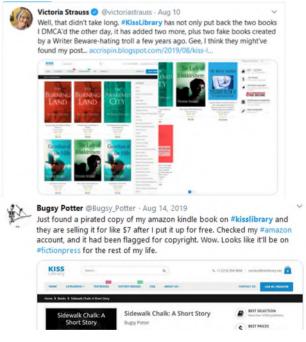
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- **j.** *Red Rain: A Novel*, authored by R.L. Stine, with exclusive publication and distribution rights held by Simon & Schuster, Inc. (copyright number TX0007603027), is or was sold by Defendants without license on the Mirror Websites. *See, e.g.*, <a href="https://kissly.net/book/9f40292160d1e5ec973a">https://kissly.net/book/9f40292160d1e5ec973a</a> (Exhibit D);
- **k.** *Short Straw*, authored by Stuart Woods, with exclusive publication and distribution rights held by PRH (copyright number TX0006465649), is or was sold by Defendants without license on the Mirror Websites. *See, e.g.*, <a href="https://cheap-library.com/book/df02bda1c81d7ebce5e9f23b6c22b993">https://cheap-library.com/book/df02bda1c81d7ebce5e9f23b6c22b993</a>;
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- **42.** Defendants' rampant infringement is not limited to the above Works; instead, Defendants' ring of Websites are replete with unauthorized and infringing offerings of many of Plaintiffs' Works.
- **43.** On information and belief, Kiss Library serves primarily, if not exclusively, as a scheme to obtain illicit proceeds by violating the intellectual property rights of the owners of thousands of copyrighted works.
- **44.** Defendants copy, upload, display, and distribute the Works without the copyright owners' approval or a license from an exclusive rights holder.
- 45. Although Kiss Library purports to invite and allow authors or publishers to upload and sell their works for a license fee or royalty through a "seller registration invitation," *e.g.* Exhibit E ("If you're willing to get a seller registration invitation, please describe what kind of stuff you're willing to sell with our site to <u>invite@kisslibrary.net</u>."); Exhibit C (Mirror Websites), upon information and belief, Defendants do not actually invite or accept applications from authors or publishers seeking to license their works.

- 46. Features on Defendants' websites patently show that they know the Works are copyrighted and require a license from the rights holder to be lawfully copied, displayed, or distributed—yet Defendants intentionally and willfully continue to copy, display, and distribute the Works without permission. For example, on the listing for each Work, Defendants include the name of the publisher that published that version of the title. In addition, Defendants provide a free, downloadable 20-page sample of each Work that includes the rights page that identifies when and by whom each Work was copyrighted. Defendants feature this information on their websites and then willfully and intentionally ignore the law's requirements.
- **47.** While Kiss Library and its Mirror Websites purport to have a Digital Millennium Copyright Act-compliant copyright agent, the Copyright Office's directory of registered agents (including terminated ones) includes no record of one for any of the Kiss Library names (or any variation thereof).
- 48. Further, on information and belief, despite Kiss Library's promise to remove infringing works when notified by rights holders, it continues to display the copyrighted works for sale or relists Works after briefly taking them down.
- 49. Defendants' infringing activities are so widespread and notorious that countless other authors have publicly posted about them—again putting Defendants on clear notice that they are displaying, reproducing, selling, and distributing copyrighted works without permission. See, e.g., Writer Beware, Kiss Library: Pirate Site Alert, Aug. 9, 2019, https://accrispin.blogspot.com/2019/08/kiss-library-pirate-site-alert.html ("I've gotten several alerts over the past week about a pirate site that's new to me (though not new: this warning was first published in September 2017): Kiss Library, where many authors are finding unauthorized electronic versions of their books.").





50. By selling pirated and unauthorized ebook copies, Defendants cause damage and harm to the Authors because they do not receive any royalties or proceeds from sales on Defendants' sites, and Authors suffer losses to prospective customers, goodwill from customers who receive Defendants' inferior ebook copies and service, and resources expended in discovering and combatting infringement, as well as disruption to their distribution arrangements.



- 51. This economic harm caused by Defendants' digital piracy has been compounded during the COVID-19 pandemic—when readers are quarantined to their homes and increasingly reliant on ebooks. But the detrimental impact of such blatant piracy extends well beyond those obvious tangible harms. Books play an immensely important role in our society, whether furthering the arts and sciences or contributing to the historical marketplace of ideas. Defendants' piracy ignores the intense dedication, perseverance, and creativity required to bring those Works to life; instead exploiting that investment for their own gain.
- **52.** As a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Defendants also damage and harm the Publishers in the form of losses to sales, prospective customers, goodwill from authors who exclusively publish with them, goodwill from customers who receive Defendants' inferior ebook copies, and resources expended in discovering and combatting infringement, as well as disruption and harm to their distribution arrangements, brands, and prospective business relationships with authors and others.

#### V. **CAUSES OF ACTION**

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

# **Copyright Infringement – 17 U.S.C. § 501**

- 53. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations of the preceding paragraphs.
- 54. Plaintiffs are the exclusive or beneficial rights holders of the copyrighted Works, including the Example Works identified above, and have the right to exclude others from copying, distributing, or displaying the Works.
- 55. Defendants have created and operated Kiss Library as a means of unlawfully distributing the Works for profit.
- **56.** Defendants have infringed, and continue to infringe, Plaintiffs' copyrights and/or exclusive rights in the Works by reproducing, distributing copies of, publicly displaying, and/or creating derivative works of the copyrighted written works without authorization.

- **57.** Defendants knew of and intentionally contributed to and furthered the infringing activity. At a minimum, Defendants act with willful blindness or reckless disregard of the Authors' beneficial ownership and copyrights and the Publishers' exclusive copyrights.
- **58.** Defendants have committed, and continue to commit, acts constituting willful infringement of the copyrighted Works.
- **59.** As a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover their actual damages and Defendants' profits attributable to the infringement. Alternatively, Plaintiffs are entitled to statutory damages under 17 U.S.C. § 504(c).
- **60.** The award of statutory damages should be enhanced in accordance with 17 U.S.C. § 504(c)(2).
- 61. Plaintiffs are further entitled to injunctive relief, including an order impounding all copies of the infringing materials, 17 U.S.C. § 503, and ordering Defendants to cease their tortious activity, 17 U.S.C. § 502.

# **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

# Vicarious and/or Contributory Copyright Infringement – 17 U.S.C. § 501

- **62.** Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations of the preceding paragraphs.
- 63. In addition to direct copyright infringement, Defendants are also secondarily liable for copyright infringement.
- **64.** Defendants are liable for contributory infringement because they knew or had reason to know of the infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and/or exclusive rights in the Works by the named and unnamed operators of Kiss Library, and Defendants intentionally encouraged, induced, or materially contributed to such infringing activity.
- **65.** Defendants are liable for vicarious infringement because they directly benefit from the infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and/or exclusive rights in the Works by the named and unnamed operators of Kiss Library, and have the right and ability to supervise or control such infringing activity.

- 66. To the extent Defendants attempt to disguise their own responsibility by blaming the conduct of third parties who purportedly upload the Works on their sites, Defendants are secondarily liable because they knew or had reason to know of the infringement by these third parties, and Defendants intentionally encourage, induce, or materially contribute to such infringing activity. Further, Defendants directly benefit from such infringement by third parties, and have the right and ability to control such infringing activity.
- 67. As a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover their actual damages and Defendants' profits attributable to the infringement. Alternatively, Plaintiffs are entitled to elect statutory damages under 17 U.S.C. § 504(c).
- **68.** The award of statutory damages should be enhanced in accordance with 17 U.S.C. § 504(c)(2).
- **69.** Plaintiffs are further entitled to injunctive relief, including an order impounding all copies of the infringing materials, 17 U.S.C. § 503, and ordering Defendants to cease their tortious activity, § 502.

### VI. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request the following relief:

- A. That the Court issue an order immediately and then permanently enjoining Defendants, their officers, agents, representatives, servants, employees, successors and assigns, and all others in active concert or participation with them, from:
  - (i) distributing infringing products on their websites;
  - (ii) otherwise infringing Plaintiffs' copyrights and/or exclusive rights in the Works in any manner;
  - (iii) and assisting, aiding or abetting any other person or business entity in engaging or performing any of the activities referred to in subparagraph(i) and (ii) above;
  - B. That the Court enter judgment in Plaintiffs' favor on all claims;

- C. That the Court enter an order pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116 and/or 17 U.S.C. § 503 impounding all digital copies of infringing products, and any related item, including business records, that are in Defendants' possession, custody, or control;
- D. That the Court enter an order that the websites used by Defendants to distribute products that infringe Plaintiffs' copyrights in the Works and/or the corresponding domain names be disabled or transferred to Plaintiffs' possession by the appropriate domain name registries or registrars;
- E. That the Court enter an order that any banks, credit card companies, payment providers, or third party processors for Defendants, any of Defendants' operations, or any other website or commercial operation owned or controlled by Defendants shall immediately locate all accounts connected to Defendants and their operations, and that such accounts be temporarily restrained or enjoined from transferring or disposing of any money or other assets purportedly belonging to Defendants;
- F. That the Court enter an order requiring Defendants to provide Plaintiffs a full and complete accounting of all sales, copying, and/or reproductions of all infringed works, and all amounts due and owing to Plaintiffs as a result of Defendants' unlawful activities;
- G. That each Plaintiff be awarded all profits of Defendants, plus all losses of that Plaintiff, realized as a result of Defendants' infringement of that Plaintiff's copyright and/or exclusive rights in the Works (or any of them), the exact sum to be proven at the time of trial, or, if elected before final judgment, statutory damages as available under 17 U.S.C. § 504(c);
- H. That Defendants be required to pay the costs of this action and the reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in prosecuting this action, as provided for by 17 U.S.C. § 505, or otherwise by law; and
- I. That the Court grant Plaintiffs such other, further, and additional relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

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