

J.D. ESQUIRE, HERO-AT-LAW, SOARS HIGH ABOVE WILLIAMSBURG, BROOKLYN, WHEN HE SPIES TROUBLE BELOW!

IT LOOKS LIKE A POSSIBLE CASE OF...

COLLABORATION SABOTAGE!

THE **ACTION RENDER TEAM** COLLABORATES ON A SCINTILLATING WORK OF SEQUENTIAL ART! A COMIC IS BORN!

JOINT AUTHORS WITHOUT A CONTRACT! ANY ONE OF THEM COULD BE A SABOTEUR!

THIS WILL LOOK GREAT ON MY BUDDY'S BLOG!

HE'S GOING TO BUY ME A FEW BEERS IF HE CAN USE THESE CHARACTERS IN HIS NEW BLOG:

TATTOOS & TRASH!

WHAT?! THE COMIC WAS MY IDEA!

YOU CAN'T LET OTHER PEOPLE USE OUR WORK WITHOUT PERMISSION!

...AND FOR ONLY A FEW BEERS!

YOU CAN'T STOP ME! I'M A JOINT AUTHOR! I CAN LICENSE IT TO ANYONE I WANT- AND I DON'T NEED YOUR PERMISSION! BWA-HA-HA!



AND DON'T WORRY

--I'LL SHARE THE--

BEER!

IF OUR WORK APPEARS IN **TATTOOS & TRASH** IT WILL KILL OUR BOOK'S CHANCES AS A KID'S TITLE!

TATTOOS AND TRASH BLOG

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MAYBE I CAN HELP!

TATTOO AND TRASH BLOG



FEEL THE FORCE OF MY **COLLABORATION AGREEMENT!**



WHY WOULD **I** NEED TO SIGN A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT? COPYRIGHT LAW ALREADY GIVES **ME** THE RIGHT TO LET ANYONE I WANT USE OUR COMIC...

...WITHOUT ME SIGNING ANY STUPID CONTRACTS!



BECAUSE YOUR FELLOW JOINT AUTHORS DON'T NEED **YOUR PERMISSION EITHER!** THEY CAN LET ANYONE THEY WANT SHARE YOUR WORK, TOO!!!



STAND DOWN OR WE WILL GRANT A LICENSE TO "NEW JERSEY DOLL HOUSE MAGAZINE !" WHAT WOULD YOUR "TATTOO & TRASH" FRIENDS SAY ABOUT THAT?

YEAH, THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THEIR BEERS ANYMORE!



NOT COOL, GUYS! I'LL SIGN!

REMEMBER CITIZENS: **ANY** JOINT AUTHOR CAN GRANT A NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE TO THEIR JOINT WORK...

...AND THEY **DON'T NEED** APPROVAL OF THEIR FELLOW AUTHORS! ONLY A **SIGNED** AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALL JOINT AUTHORS CAN STOP...

COLLABORATION SABOTAGE!

