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# **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT** MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Jack Herman and Jeffrey Dee and Monkey House Games, Inc., Plaintiffs, VS.

Case No.

**COMPLAINT FOR** 

- 1. COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT;
- 2. DECLARATORY RELIEF

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 

Scott Bizar d/b/a Fantasy Games Unlimited, Inc., d/b/a Fantasy Games Unlimited,

Defendants.

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Plaintiffs, Jack Herman and Jeffrey Dee and Monkey House Games, Inc., ("Plaintiffs") by and through their undersigned attorney, sue Defendant, Scott Bizar d/b/a Fantasy Games Unlimited, Inc., and d/b/a Fantasy Games Unlimited, and allege:

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#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1331 and 1338(a) as to the First Claim for Relief. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Second through Fifth Claims for relief as these claims are so related to the federal claim that they form part of the same case or controversy.
- 2. This Court has personal jurisdiction over all the Defendants by virtue of their transacting, doing, and soliciting business in this District.

#### THE PARTIES

3. Plaintiff Jack Herman is an individual doing business in the City of Crystal Lake, County of McHenry, State of Illinois. Plaintiff Jeffrey Dee is an individual doing business in

the City of Pflugerville, County of Travis, State of Texas. Plaintiff Jeffrey Dee created, wrote and illustrated a certain book, titled *Villains & Vigilantes, Revised Edition* ("the Work").

Plaintiff Jack Herman co-created and co-wrote the Work.

- 4. Plaintiff Monkey House Games, Inc. is a Florida corporation with its principal place of business in Crystal Lake, Illinois.
- Defendant Scott Bizar, is an individual doing business under the name of Fantasy
   Games Unlimited, Inc., or Fantasy Games Unlimited in the City of Gilbert, County of Maricopa,
   State of Arizona.
- 6. On information and belief, Fantasy Games Unlimited, Inc., was a New York corporation now administratively dissolved.

## FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# (Federal Copyright Infringement)

- 7. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 6 of this complaint as though set forth herein in full.
  - 8. The Work is a copyrighted material owed by plaintiffs.
- 9. Plaintiffs Herman and Dee have registered the Work with the United States Copyright Office on or about July 20, 2011 under Registration Number TX0007386422 and assigned certain or all of their rights to and in the work to plaintiff Monkey House Games, Inc.
- 10. Plaintiffs have complied in all respects with 17 U.S.C. 101 et seq., and secured the exclusive rights and privileges in and to the copyrights of the above-referenced works. Plaintiffs have been and still are the sole proprietor of all rights, title, and interest in and to the copyrights in the Work as referenced above.

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- 11. Defendant is manufacturing, printing, marketing, and selling plaintiffs' copyrighted materials, specifically, the Work, without the permission of the plaintiffs.
- 12. Plaintiffs have demanded that the defendant stop manufacturing and marketing plaintiffs' copyrighted content without their consent. Defendant has refused to cease his infringing activities.
- 13. Defendant's conduct has been in willful violation of plaintiffs' repeated warnings to Defendant that Plaintiffs do not want their copyrighted material manufactured, sold, and marketed without their consent, and that defendant's conduct is unauthorized. The specific acts of infringement described above are simply representative of a broader pattern of infringement in which defendant makes unauthorized use of the content of plaintiffs' copyrighted material 24 hours a day, every day.
- 14. Defendant's conduct violates the exclusive rights belonging to Plaintiff as the owner of the copyrights in the Work, including, without limitation, plaintiffs' rights under 17 U.S.C. 106.
- 15. On information and belief, Plaintiffs allege that, as a direct and proximate result of his wrongful conduct, defendant has realized and continues to realize profits and other benefits rightfully belonging to Plaintiffs. Accordingly, Plaintiffs seek an award of damages pursuant to 17 U.S.C. 504 and 505.
- 16. Defendant's infringing conduct has also caused and is causing substantial and irreparable injury and damage to Plaintiffs in an amount not capable of determination, and, unless restrained, will cause further irreparable injury, leaving the Plaintiffs with no adequate remedy at law.
- 17. On information and belief, defendant has willfully engaged in, and is willfully engaging in, the acts complained of with oppression, fraud, and malice, and in conscious disregard of the rights of plaintiffs. Plaintiffs are, therefore, entitled to the maximum statutory damages allowable.

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18. As a consequence of this dispute between the parties as to the rights, title, and interest in the copyright material described above, and pursuant to the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. 2201 and 2202, Plaintiffs also seek a resolution of this ongoing controversy by a declaration of this Court as to the rights of the respective parties in this matter.

## SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (Declaratory Relief)

- 19. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all the allegations of paragraphs 7 through 18, of this complaint, inclusive, as though set forth herein in full.
- 20. A dispute exists between Plaintiffs and Defendant as to the rights, title, and interest in the copyright material described as the Work.
- 21. As a consequence of this dispute between the parties as to the rights, title, and interest in the copyright material described above, and pursuant to the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. 2201 and 2202, Plaintiffs seek a resolution of this ongoing controversy by a declaration of this Court as to the rights of the respective parties in this matter.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendant as follows:

# FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

Declaring that Defendant's unauthorized conduct violates Plaintiffs' rights under A. common law and the Federal Copyright Act;

- B. Immediately and permanently enjoining Defendants, their officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, representatives, attorneys, related companies, successors, assigns, and all others in active concert or participation with him from copying and republishing any of Plaintiffs' copyrighted works or copyrighted material without consent or otherwise infringing Plaintiffs' copyrights or other rights in any manner;
- C. Ordering Defendant to account to Plaintiffs for all gains, profits, and advantages derived by Defendant by his infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights or such damages as are proper, and since Defendant intentionally infringed Plaintiffs' copyrights, for the maximum allowable statutory damages for each violation;
- D. Awarding Plaintiffs actual and/or statutory damages for Defendant's copyright infringement in an amount to be determined at trial;
- E. Awarding Plaintiffs their costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and disbursements in this action, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. 505; and
  - F. Awarding Plaintiffs such other and further relief as is just and proper.

#### SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

- G. For a declaration by this Court as to the rights of the respective parties regarding the ownership and rights, title, and interest in the copyright material described in paragraph 3 of this complaint;
  - H. For costs of suit herein incurred;
  - I. Awarding Plaintiffs such other and further relief as is just and proper.

## **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues triable by a jury in the above-entitled action.

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