Wizards Using DF

Posted by GOLTH - 2004/04/24 15:23

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Posted by TheDungeonDelver - 2004/04/25 14:02

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Probably because they're going to try and produce their own cheaper (by "cheaper" I mean quality, not price) version soon and are planning on trying to sink DF, that's why they didn't mention it by name.

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Own
The
Competiton.

(Yes, I HATE WotC.)

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Posted by War Duke - 2004/05/03 13:54

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I spoke with a Wizards employee at Gen Con in California. I asked that exact question. If they were planning on ever making a cheaper version of DF. She spoke with her boss there and then said, they have a great relationship with DF and endorse their products. They also said they have no plans on ever making a rival product.

That being said it could be BS, but that is what they told me.

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Posted by Saintmac99 - 2009/06/07 01:57

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I know the thread is old, but I HAD to comment on it.

With Wizards 4th ed out, I've noticed something that I had forgotten.....WIZARDS SCREWS EVERYONE. I feel better now.

Seriously though, although I doubt Wizards would attempt it, I still wouldn't put it past them. If you look at their vitural table top demo, it looks a heck of alot like Fantasy Grounds. In fact, that company has written Wizards a "be careful about copying" letter. Having said that, if I was DF, I would be reeeeeallly careful to copyright the hell of their creations.

This all sucks because the game community is great about sharing.

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Wizards Using DF
Posted by KenM - 2009/06/07 04:47

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I'm not a lawyer or anything like that. I'm also not trying to start any trouble. But if WOTC uses DF pics, ect, in products that they sell to make money, and don't mention DF at all, can't DF take legal action for not being represented?

Can you post the pic?

Back when 3rd edtion came out. There was a module put out by Reaper Mini called The Eldest Son. On the back cover they use DF. But not sure if the credited DF or not.

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Wizards Using DF
Posted by jackattack - 2009/06/07 05:22

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If this was an isolated incident, then taking action on something that happened 5 years ago would probably be counter-productive.

If it is something WotC (or any other company) has done recently and/or frequently, then a polite letter requesting a line crediting DF for their own products, and possibly the URL, is a good idea. If the company ignores the request and continues to use pictures of DF, then a letter reminding them of the nicities of trademark law would be in order.

Bear in mind though, those pictures represent free advertising, so the ideal outcome is that DF is still shown alongside other gaming products AND newcomers to the game are directed to the DF website to spend lots and lots of money.

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Wizards Using DF
Posted by Saintmac99 - 2009/06/07 14:00

Jackattack,

Well said. I'm just amazed that a company wouldn't be more aware of copyright laws. let alone a since of common respect for an artists work. I've lost sooo much respect for WOTC in recient years that I'm hardly shocked by anything they do for cash.

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Wizards Using DF
Posted by KenM - 2009/06/07 18:10

With the fantasy grounds thing, what I heard was someone from WOTC copied and pasted the dice thing from there for an interal pic of what they wanted there VTT to look like. Someone from WOTC posted the pic online as a work in progress. Someone saw it was the same dice thing from fantasy grouds. The FG people sent them a cease and desist letter.

But makes me wonder what else WOTC stole and claimed was there own.

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Wizards Using DF
Posted by Stefan - 2009/06/08 13:46

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Wizards Using DF
Posted by Harneloot - 2009/06/08 16:53

LOL!!!

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Wizards Using DF
Posted by admin - 2009/06/08 21:05

And by "them" he means the entire staff!

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Wizards Using DF

Posted by dudebird - 2009/06/08 22:25

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Re:Wizards Using DF

Posted by Harneloot - 2010/03/24 10:56

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Stefan wrote:
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This is still, IMHO, one of the funniest lines ever posted here on the DF forums!

Huzzah!

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Re:Wizards Using DF

Posted by admin - 2010/03/25 15:44

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You should see him and Peter go at it. It's like "Clash of the Titans!"

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