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Northern District of California

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ANDREA BARTZ, CHARLES GRAEBER,
and KIRK WALLACE JOHNSON,

No. C 24-05417 WHA

Plaintiffs,

v.

QUESTIONS FOR BRIEFING

ANTHROPIC PBC,

Defendant.

Somewhere in the briefing on summary judgment each side shall please explain the extent to which each of the following cases does or does not violate the copyright laws:

Case 1. An e-book is purchased at full price and read over five days by the purchaser. Each day he reloads the entire e-book.

Case 2. Same as Case 1 but he buys the e-book for one cent from a notorious counterfeiter known as Books ‘R’ Cheap.

Case 3. Same as Case 2 but his purpose throughout is to write a transformative parody of the work (and he does).

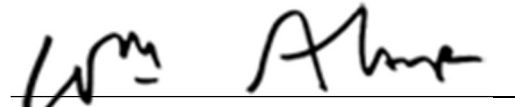
Case 4. Same as Case 3 but his purpose further includes to write the parody with co-writers, so he buys one e-book and copies it for all co-writers (they jointly write the parody).

1 *Case 5.* Someone buys a copy of the e-book at full price and then gives it to a writer who
2 uses it to write a transformative parody of the work.

3 *Variant.* For any case relevant (or for all at once), briefly explain to what extent it makes
4 any difference for the copyright laws whether the work is purchased as an e-book or instead in
5 print and converted by the purchaser immediately into a digital format before the next step.

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7 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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9 Dated: April 3, 2025.

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12 WILLIAM ALSUP
13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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