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Subject: CTD web inquiry
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To Whom It May Concern:

I noted with some interest your use of the Captain Cornelius character on your web site. I am the creator of this character and hold the copyright and trademark for the image and the comic books in which he is featured. Your use of this character is definitely not in the category of its intended purpose of educating youth in a positive manner, nor does it have my blessing to release this image for your use. Please remove his image and references from your web site immediately.

Mark

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From: John Mueller <thoughtfulcambrians@mac.com>
Date: July 1, 2008 2:40:19 PM CDT
To: mlambert@ilcorn.org
Subject: Re: CTD web inquiry

Dear Mark,

It is with much sadness and a heavy heart that I respond to your request to remove all traces of Captain Cornelius™ noble visage from my website and remove all references to him. Well, down the memory hole he goes!

I fully understand your "intended purpose of educating youth in a positive manner..." That and educating adults is a goal of my work, too. Sad to say, I doubt many children ever saw the images on my website. It never occurred to me to market our organization's ideas to children.

Ah, but back to the Captain™. How can today's youth resist such positive messages as, "I use my super powers to protect the environment and the corn crop that produces thousands of products we use every day," and "That doesn't sound very scientific but what can we do," ?

The Captain's™ positive messages are so powerful that even the bit players and villains are

inspired to get off some good ones! Commander Locust's™, "Dextrin and dextrose are made from corn starch and they are in glue, crayons, soap, antibiotics, textile dyes and... Oh, you get the idea bug brain."

Ha, ha, ha! That's one funny bug!

And Dr.Rowe's™ immortal, "It's a mixture of vitamins and concentrated corn sweetener. It should jolt his system."

No kiddin'! Such an inspiration for the young!

Mark, at the time I created my gentle parodies, we faced the prospect of living with an ethanol plant smack dab on the edge of our little village. The ethanol plant was to be built within a thousand yards or so of our K-12 school.

I'm sure you'll agree that Captain Cornelius™ would have viewed this as madness, as did we all.

This prospect has now become a reality. The really sad part of it all is that the ethanol plant is operated by a company who has long been in violation of the Clean Air Act laws. Still are. You can read all about it on the website.

Surely the good Captain™ would not, could not countenance such behavior! It blackens the eye of the entire ethanol industry.

Ho hum. I'm not inclined to get in a pissing match with you Mark, nor the Illinois Corn Growers Association™ and the Illinois Corn Marketing Board™. I have bigger fish to fry and am surprised to find that you apparently haven't.

I'll remove the images in question.

If you should find yourself having a change of heart, please contact me. I would love for our archive page to be complete once again. Meantime, I will place you in that pantheon of kindred cartooning artists such as the incomparable Jack Chick and the great Tom Wilson.

Yours,

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The one whom it did concern