

Sesseeur claims to have taken the image himself, however, massive evidence suggests that he wasn't the creator of this image at all. Proof suggests that it stemmed from Japan around 2003-5. ([https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NO7kiKf4ARp40rGRDkTgSXCQ2BWU2d-5rSwbP9bxETk/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NO7kiKf4ARp40rGRDkTgSXCQ2BWU2d-5rSwbP9bxETk/edit?usp=drive_link))

Here on Sesseeur's Newgrounds page, he states that he created the image using a latex mask and a wig, then used Photoshop solely for touching up the smile and eye rings. Image analysis puts it more towards the fact that it was a normal image painted over in a digital program. Shown here is JTK1, the initial edit spread around Japanese internet websites starting from as early as 2005. (<https://web.archive.org/web/20050801055844/http://fileman.n1e.jp/TOP.PHP>)



This would later evolve into JTK2, in which the earliest known appearance of it didn't show up on anything related to Sesseeur at all and was likely created by an individual known as Omega Volt, who linked his post to a JTK1 repost.

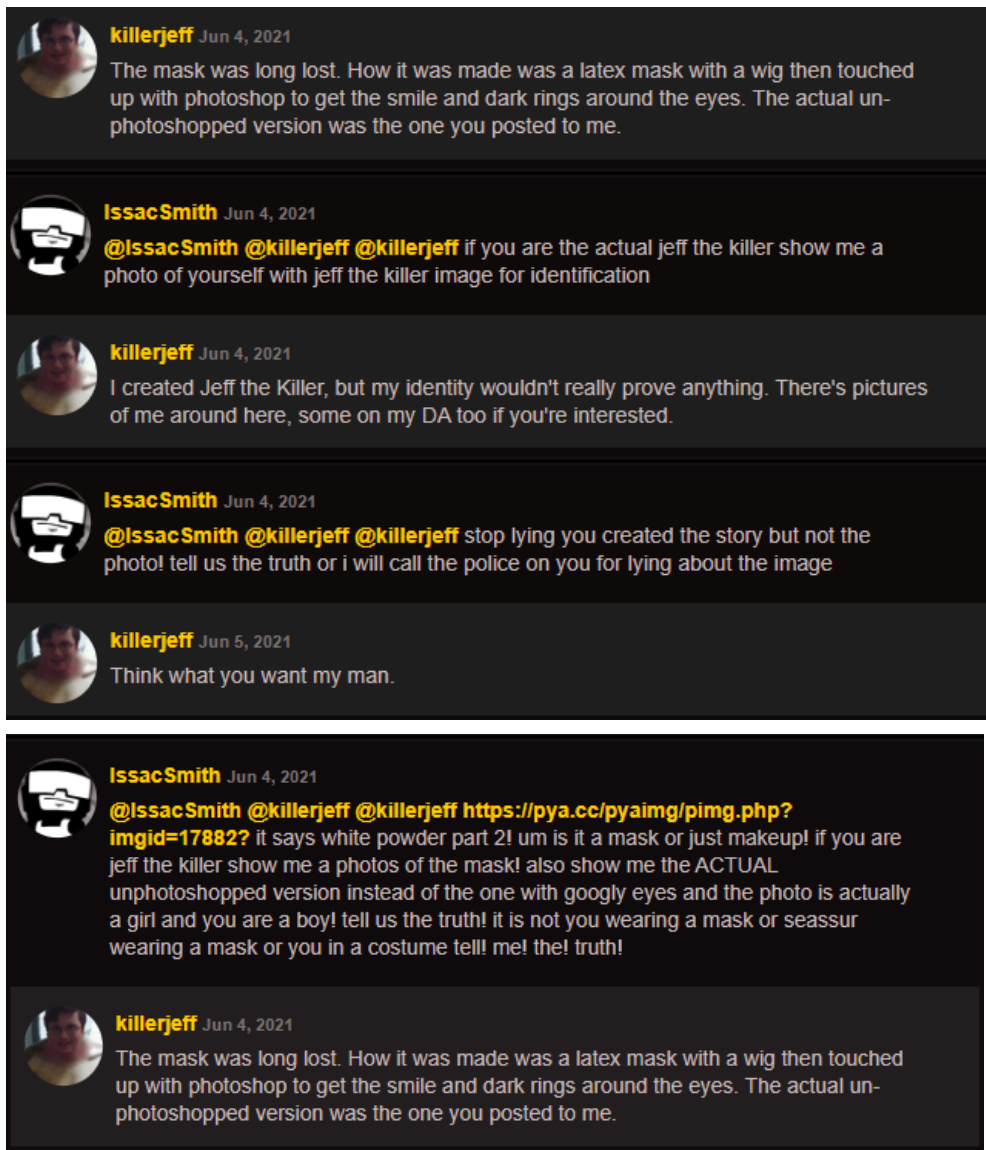
(<https://web.archive.org/web/20210313082424/https://pya.cc/pyaimg/pimg.php?imgid=20716>)



As shown here in another image analysis, you can see the paint strokes done in Photoshop over the already-painted face. Missing from Sesseeur's testimony is the drawing done around the face. The earliest known re-post of the JTK image on a Western website was in 2005 after the Japanese posts.

(<https://web.archive.org/web/20220301214850/https://www.speedguide.net/forums/showthread.php?187092-Some-Funny-Weird-Pics!>)

In the same Newgrounds conversation, a user posted JTK1 in an attempt to debunk Sesseurs claim of photo authorship, in which he retorts by saying that he found the unedited version, already a lie as it is seen that JTK1 was already photoshopped.



The screenshot displays a forum thread with five messages. Each message includes a user profile picture, a username, a timestamp, and the text of the post. The thread is set against a dark background with light-colored text.

**killerjeff** Jun 4, 2021  
The mask was long lost. How it was made was a latex mask with a wig then touched up with photoshop to get the smile and dark rings around the eyes. The actual un-photoshopped version was the one you posted to me.

**IssacSmith** Jun 4, 2021  
**@IssacSmith @killerjeff @killerjeff** if you are the actual jeff the killer show me a photo of yourself with jeff the killer image for identification

**killerjeff** Jun 4, 2021  
I created Jeff the Killer, but my identity wouldn't really prove anything. There's pictures of me around here, some on my DA too if you're interested.

**IssacSmith** Jun 4, 2021  
**@IssacSmith @killerjeff @killerjeff** stop lying you created the story but not the photo! tell us the truth or i will call the police on you for lying about the image

**killerjeff** Jun 5, 2021  
Think what you want my man.

**IssacSmith** Jun 4, 2021  
**@IssacSmith @killerjeff @killerjeff** <https://pya.cc/pyaimg/pimg.php?imgid=17882>? it says white powder part 2! um is it a mask or just makeup! if you are jeff the killer show me a photos of the mask! also show me the ACTUAL unphotoshopped version instead of the one with googly eyes and the photo is actually a girl and you are a boy! tell us the truth! it is not you wearing a mask or seassur wearing a mask or you in a costume tell! me! the! truth!

**killerjeff** Jun 4, 2021  
The mask was long lost. How it was made was a latex mask with a wig then touched up with photoshop to get the smile and dark rings around the eyes. The actual un-photoshopped version was the one you posted to me.

(<http://web.archive.org/web/20250305025807/https://killerjeff.newgrounds.com/news/comments/190967/2?autoload=1>)

However, Sesseur has taken this a step further and has copyrighted the “Jeff The Killer” name. In 2016, he gave the trademark to a UK company named “AFG Media” in which they also had the copyright to create visual costumes

## Statements

### Goods and Services

Clothing, namely, jumpers, sweaters, jackets, shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, sleepwear, bow ties, neck ties, trousers, dresses, skirts, waistcoats, vests, gloves, bandanas, masquerade costumes, sweatbands; fancy dress outfits comprised of skirts, dresses, trousers, t-shirts, jackets, sweaters, jumpers, shirts, sweatshirts, and gloves for comedic, theatrical, performance, and similar dramatic purposes; fancy dress costumes comprised of skirts, dresses, trousers, t-shirts, jackets, sweaters, jumpers, shirts, sweatshirts, and gloves used for comedic, theatrical, performance, and similar dramatic purposes; articles of fancy dress, namely, masquerade costumes and masks sold in connection therewith; full body suits, namely, one-piece costumes in the nature of body suits used for comedic, theatrical, performance, and similar dramatic purposes; Halloween costumes and masks sold in connection therewith; headwear; footwear

### Goods and Services

Costume masks; novelty masks; theatrical masks

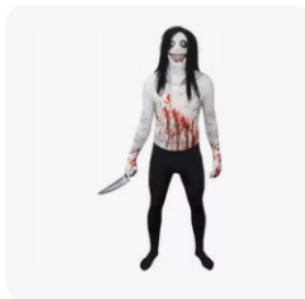
### Name/Portrait Description and/or Consent Statement

The name(s), portrait(s), and/or signature(s) shown in the mark does not identify a particular living individual.

(<https://trademarks.justia.com/869/16/jeff-the-86916873.html>)

They have created copyright-infringing merchandise using the design based off JTK2, which he does not own at all. Naming an image that isn't yours, doesn't make it yours.

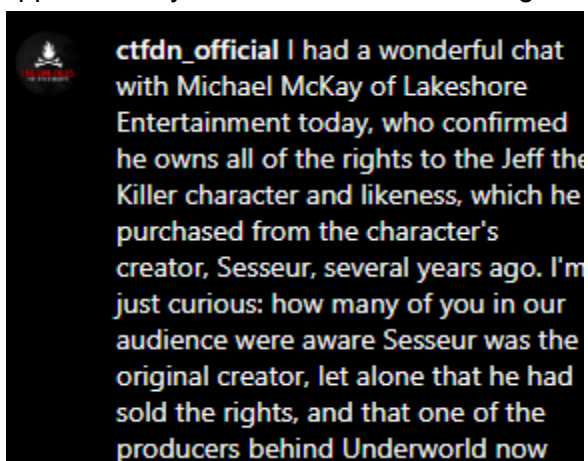
(<https://www.morphsuits.co.uk/catalogsearch/result/?q=jeff+the+killer>)



Morphsuit Jeff The Killer  
Costume, Film & TV, Halloween,  
Men, Monsters Other Film & TV

\$24.99

Sesseur also sold the rights to JTK to Michael McKay from Lakeshore Entertainment approximately around 2014-15 according to these posts.



producers behind Underworld now personally owned those rights for nearly half a decade? Show of hands!

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**bascombsbeastuary** Ugh...so jeff was the only one bought and paid for properly? I just assumed all those



Liked by **gtorbert12** and others

August 6, 2019



**Chilling Tales for Dark Nights**

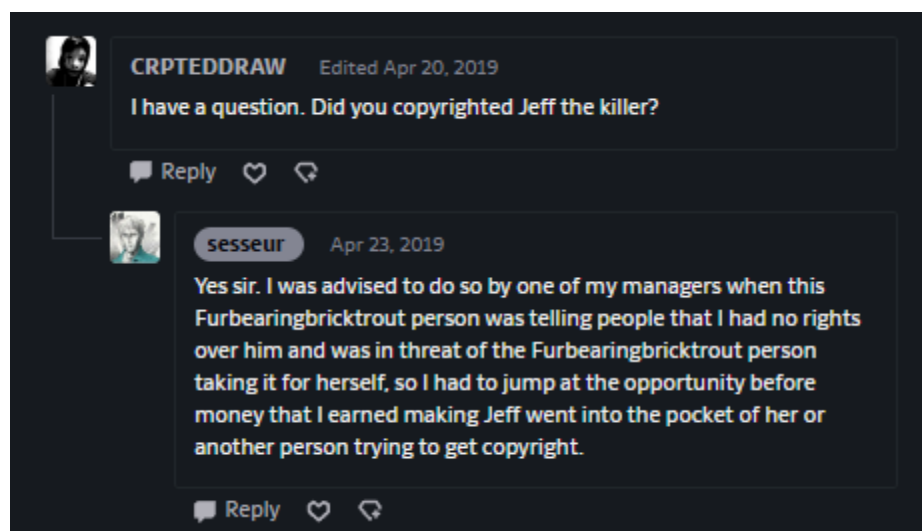
@ctfdn\_official



I had a chat with Michael McKay of Lakeshore Entertainment today, who confirmed he owns all of the rights to the Jeff the Killer character and likeness, which he purchased from the character's creator, Sesseur, several years ago. Did anyone else know the rights had been sold?

([https://x.com/ctfdn\\_official/status/1158443069416640512?t=kqNbN5WPBk1Oot\\_QKBxUfQ&s=19](https://x.com/ctfdn_official/status/1158443069416640512?t=kqNbN5WPBk1Oot_QKBxUfQ&s=19)) ([https://www.instagram.com/ctfdn\\_official/p/B0zPIg-FOKf/](https://www.instagram.com/ctfdn_official/p/B0zPIg-FOKf/))

Sesseur also has said himself that he has done the copyright to a company:



<https://archive.is/y6uQ7> and <https://archive.is/ycjD3>



11) Ever since you uploaded the original Jeff the Killer story in 2008, there have been several video games and other creations made based off of Jeff the Killer. Have you gotten money, or anything for that matter as a result?

Not at all, unfortunately. I do, however, now have a company that spots for me and which ever works that are based off of Jeff the Killer do get released they could actually do something about it so I'm not ripped off without any residuals any further by their decision.

12) There is currently an indiegogo page that is raising money to create a Jeff the Killer movie. What do you think of this?

I've seen the kickstarter page, and unfortunately my production team caught wind of the project and are currently looking into it to shut it down, I feel bad about it, but they are looking out for my and of course their best interest.

<https://youtu.be/MhPpcvD01Ok>

Although some may view Sesseur's lie about creating the image as harmless, it has enabled him to profit from an image that doesn't belong to him since 2016. This has led to fraudulent deals with "AFG Media" and Michael McKay. The concept of "acid," which is closely associated with Sesseur's character, Jeff Hodek, actually predates his involvement. It stems from a rumor circulating on 2ch between July and November 2005 when JTK1 first emerged, and was later found on 4chan.

In the creepypasta fandom, Jeff The Killer is recognized as both Jeff Hodek, created by Sesseur with a brief premise, and Jeff Woods, whose longer story went viral in 2011 after being posted by GamefuelTV. Despite the shared name, Jeff Hodek and Jeff Woods are completely different characters and stories, much like how Nina The Killer or Jane The Killer only share "The Killer" part of their names. These characters stand as independent original creations.

However, Sesseur or associated has made at least two notable attempts to take over projects NOT related to Jeff Hodek. One instance involved an IndieGogo campaign for a Jeff The Killer fan movie inspired by Jeff Woods, which was successfully taken down by Sesseur's team.

<https://archive.is/wip/liDL9> Inside Sesseur post someone links the Indiegogo link: <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/jeff-the-killer-the-movie--2#/> (archived version from 9 years ago) <https://archive.is/bQPBT> As you see the project states that is Jeff Woods “Hi everyone. My name is Jeff Woods. You may know me by the name of Jeff the Killer. I’d like to tell you my story.”. This project was unrelated to Jeff Hodek’s character, yet his team successfully took it down.

The second instance involved Sesseur trying to contact English filmmaker Clive Barker, whose project for Jeff never seemed to materialize for unknown reasons.

<https://x.com/JeffRummy/status/597600130469109763?t=-UwOH5a3QZhh--JyOBXmwv&s=19>

When Sesseur’s “design” for Liu Roman Hodek is a stolen image from a guy who shares the same name, *Roman Hodek*, he only included “Liu” (<https://www.hodek.net/>), and Jeff Hodek is a carbon copy of “Ichi The Killer” whom he admits taking “inspiration” from (<https://archive.is/eVdpq>). Examples of [Jeff Hodek](#) and [Ichi The Killer](#) for comparison.

Sesseur has also changed his version of the story to fit his narrative. Back in 2014, Sesseur claimed that he had made up with Jeff in April 2008.

[https://www.newgrounds.com/bbs/topic/1371872#bbspost25177446\\_post\\_text](https://www.newgrounds.com/bbs/topic/1371872#bbspost25177446_post_text)

Again in 2014, Someone asked on his DA if he made the picture or just the story and he replied about when everything was made: “The picture, name and original backstory on a video back in 2008” <https://archive.is/F5caY>

When new leads of the JTK image were found, he changed his version of the story to say that he made the image back in 2005.

[https://www.newgrounds.com/bbs/topic/1491043#bbspost27233323\\_post\\_text](https://www.newgrounds.com/bbs/topic/1491043#bbspost27233323_post_text)

In one instance (<https://archive.is/lKcRY>) he was caught in 2019 saying that he had posted the image on a Japanese site full of graffiti. He then said that the image resurfaced in an article on ED (Encyclopedia Dramatica), where it’s presumed that Sesseur probably grabbed the image from. He also said that this was when he decided to claim “his own image,” name it, and create a story about it. In this very thread, Sesseur claims that the unphotoshopped version of the image is the one he linked:

<https://i.kinja-img.com/gawker-media/image/upload/s--5bzDNkpB--/18vxahbvpu1cdjpg.jpg>

Which is JTK1. This is false. It has been proven that JTK1 is also photoshopped.

For anyone interested in reading the complete timeline of the image being spotted, it can be found in this Google Sheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1V7QX33SXJR-S6O0yf0GBR8aW0g4fv-RkcKcWxabvAGw/edit?usp=sharing>



And here is a Google Doc that goes in-depth about an image analysis of the image and different theories on the JTK image, which currently has a bounty hunt of 11K.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NO7kiKf4ARp40rGRDkTgSXCQ2BWU2d-5rSwbP9bxETk/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NO7kiKf4ARp40rGRDkTgSXCQ2BWU2d-5rSwbP9bxETk/edit?usp=drive_link)

Annendum:

Sesseur claiming he made up the character in 2008

<https://archive.is/O7BBF>

<https://archive.is/SnVUL>

<https://archive.is/HEAJt>

<https://archive.is/9nfad>

<https://archive.is/cveci>

<https://archive.is/JgWpM>

<https://archive.is/9WVPP>

<https://archive.is/b2fRd>

<https://archive.is/Oufff>

Sesseur claiming he posted the JTK picture on the Japanese website in 2005

<https://archive.is/BqwE1>

<https://archive.is/EiPut>

<https://archive.is/9WVPP>

Jeff claims the JTK image was posted on a website in 2006

<https://www.deviantart.com/comments/4/18429088/4753308179>

<https://www.deviantart.com/comments/4/18429088/4751767537>

<https://www.deviantart.com/comments/1/810600155/4766265986>

<https://www.deviantart.com/comments/1/390208033/4879845573> "All I did was send Jeff's copyright to a company to hold onto, they're the ones who make the legal decisions"

<https://www.deviantart.com/comments/4/18429088/4806059176> "You'll have to talk to the company backing me for that."

<https://www.deviantart.com/comments/4/18429088/4604101142> "They'll be an issue no more when the time comes."

<https://www.deviantart.com/comments/4/18429088/4454279824>

<https://www.deviantart.com/comments/4/18429088/4429226840>

<https://www.deviantart.com/comments/4/18429088/4725970262> "Yes sir. I was advised to do so by one of my managers when this Furbearingbricktrout person was telling people that I had no rights over him and was in threat of the Furbearingbricktrout person taking it for herself, so I had to jump at the opportunity"

before money that I earned making Jeff went into the pocket of her or another person trying to get copyright.”

<https://www.deviantart.com/comments/1/1185353498/5204911005> “I own the license for Jeff according to the trademark contract. So nobody has it but me. I convinced them to allow for any third party production of anything JTK related, if they agree to give me a cut of the revenue. Otherwise they take it down themselves, according to trademarking and copyright laws.”

<https://www.deviantart.com/comments/1/810600155/4774616663> “...and of course the team that's backing me would try to have it shut down due to copyright issues and so on.”

<https://www.deviantart.com/comments/1/635692354/4498040001> Sesseur possibly admits to extorting people

<https://www.deviantart.com/sesseur/status-update/Willer-Grey-contact-me-on-1144609361> Sesseur possibly attempts to deceive/intimidate a comic author into giving him money

<https://www.deviantart.com/sesseur/status-update/Hello-hello-I-still-live-1185353498> Sesseur attempts to solicit bullshit “royalties” from an IP he has no legal ownership of

<https://www.deviantart.com/comments/1/1144609361/5192062062> Sesseur tries to scam “royalties” from a fan writing a book about the character

<https://www.deviantart.com/comments/1/1185353498/5205834199> “From what the trademark said, if it's anything Jeff the killer I'm entitled to the profit made from Jeff. However, they want to just take down people who make and sell JTK merch, I have to step in and try to negotiate a percentage from any third parties that profit off JTK. [...] Any JTK movies that have been shut down through out the years wasn't from my authority, but my handlers. They've shut down many JTK productions I've had no idea about, basically.

Since then, I negotiated with my backers if the third parties that are making money off Jeff agree to give me a slice, they stay in business, if not they take them down. Legal shit that I don't 100% understand.”

<https://www.deviantart.com/sesseur/status-update/paypal-me-jeffcase93-1185363932> “For those who made an agreement on giving me my half of the proceeds, send my cut to my paypal! Thank you for the support!”