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[0490249a9fabdb16]: Update to your copyright infringement report

1 message

Cloudflare Trust & Safety <abuse@notify.cloudflare.com>

Tue, Jun 18, 2024 at 12:38 AM

Reply-To: abusereply@cloudflare.com

To: [REDACTED]

Cloudflare received the below copyright infringement complaint regarding your account. If the content identified in the complaint is not removed within 72 hours, Cloudflare will take steps to disable access to the content, consistent with section 512(c) of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. Please note that these steps will include disabling access to the reported URL on which the content is located, which will affect any other content located on the same URL.

Complaint Information:

Reporter's Name: Laura Lipschutz
Reporter's Email Address: laura.lipschutz@flastergreenberg.com
Reporter's Company Name: Flaster Greenberg
Reporter's Telephone Number: 2153203726
Reporter's Address: 100 Front St. Suite 100, PA, Conshohocken, US

Reported URL(s):

<https://strand.spreen.co/>

Original Work Description: We represent The New York Times Company ("The Times") and are authorized to act on behalf on its behalf. We hereby submit this DMCA notice regarding the CloudFlare-hosted website <https://strand.spreen.co/>, which displays content that infringes on our client's intellectual property rights including its copyrights and trademarks.

By way of background, The Times debuted its newest game STRANDS in early March 2024. STRANDS challenges players to find theme words that all have something in common with one "spangram" that describes what these terms have in common, all within a 6-by-8 grid of letters. STRANDS has become increasingly popular, having been featured in various media outlets including Forbes, Today, and USA Today, among many others.

The Times also owns various intellectual property related to its STRANDS game, including trademark rights in the STRAND mark, copyrights in the overall look and feel of the STRANDS game, as well as copyrights in the specific expression of each STRANDS game which include the STRANDS themes, words, titles, solutions, and particular placement of the letters. You may find The Times' official STRANDS game here: <https://www.nytimes.com/games/strands>, and a screen shot of The Times' STRANDS game and copyrighted material is attached herein as Exhibit A.

The following CloudFlare-hosted website contains The Times' STRANDS copyrighted content:

<https://strand.spreen.co/> (the "Infringing Website"). In particular, the Infringing Website displays the identical STRANDS game including use of the identical blue and yellow color scheme, directly copies the STRANDS puzzle for that particular day, and offers an archive calendar of all previous STRANDS games from The Times. The Infringing Website's use of the game directly mirrors The Times' STRANDS puzzle, including the letter placement, themes, puzzle title, colors, and answers, and infringes on our client's copyright to its official STRANDS game.

Regards,
Cloudflare Trust & Safety
