

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THIS,
THE IMMATERIAL PLANE**

THE NEW YORK MILLENNIALS

Plaintiff,

v.

Parker MacMillan III
That Coin, Probably a.k.a. The Boss

Defendants.

**BRIEF AMICUS CURIAE FOR
THE SEATTLE GARAGES FANBASE
OF THE IMMATERIAL PLANE**

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IDENTITY AND STATEMENT OF INTEREST OF AMICUS CURIAE

The Seattle Garages Fanbase of the Immaterial Plane (henceforth referred to as “the Band”) are an anarcho-syndicalist collective of blaseball fans of the Seattle Garages team who wish to lend their support to any and all sympathisers of the team or blaseball in general, regardless of affiliation, that have been deprived of their windfall. This group has been in existence since Season 1 of Internet League Blaseball, and has participated in every election.

The Band has contributed to Blaseball’s development since its inception with its continued participation in the League’s democratic process, including but not limited to the passing of the Eat The Rich decree during Season 3, from which we have benefited since.

We believe in a world with no gods and no bosses¹, where every person is treated fairly, and where they can all decide for themselves without the weight of capitalist oppression² or arbitrary godly interference³. The absence of the Eat The Rich windfall has the potential to set a very dangerous precedent against those beliefs, especially when ownership of the ILB has just changed.

We stand in support of the Millennials and all the 99%. We must also comment on how this has particularly harmed the Band, the Garages, the garages, and the band. The Garages were among the first to experience the consequences⁴ of acting out of accordance with The Book. When it was opened, we lost the star of our team and the heart of our fanbase, Jaylen Hotdogfingers, to an incineration. The injustice of the 99% not receiving their Eat The Rich windfall cuts deepest in those of us who have already suffered the most from The Book of Blaseball.

As such, we stand against this violation of the rules; against CEO Commissioner Prime Minister Parker MacMillan III; and against That Coin, a.k.a. the Boss.

¹ See, e.g., the garages (the band... er... as in, the authors... I mean, those who actually wrote the damn song) - *the garages kill the gods*, “no gods, just blaseball” - “So what are we to do?/Let's make a plan and/With our friends in our hearts/We'll kill the gods and [...] No gods just blaseball forever - forever”, <https://thegarages.bandcamp.com/track/no-gods-just-blaseball>

² See, e.g., the garages (the band (not The Band), not the team (which is all part of the band (but not The Band))) - *the garages kill the gods*, “park it” - “I know we’re anticapitalist/But tianna cash didn’t have to die/She was literally made of money/Though I’m sure it informed her politics”, <https://thegarages.bandcamp.com/track/park-it>

³ See, e.g., the garages (the band, like... the lyricists, the instrument players... you get the picture) - *the garages kill the gods*, “fight gods”, “you're gonna light us on fire/and expect/nothing to happen/like it doesn't matter/that's not the way this works/you can't just lift the ones we love/away from us/like it doesn't matter.” <https://thegarages.bandcamp.com/track/fight-gods>

⁴See, e.g., the garages (screw it; you can think for yourself. we’re not your boss) - *ENCORE. or, an incomplete and contradictory history of jaylen hotdogfingers, her trials and tribulations*, “rogue ump” - “for unknown reasons, Jaylen burned/in the first season, the Great Return/the book forbidden, open wide/the gods had spoken, Jaylen died”, <https://thegarages.bandcamp.com/track/rogue-ump>

ARGUMENT

1. The Book of Blaseball is the official rulebook of the splort and has been extensively used as the ultimate authority in disputes by both players and the Commissioner himself. Mr. MacMillan III can be found upholding the book's rules, for instance, in the introduction of the player Pitching Machine, playing for the Unlimited Tacos at the time, in an effort to guarantee that rule 5f, "The pitcher must throw the ball [REDACTED], unless [REDACTED]", is upheld at all costs. The Tacos had not won any blessings that granted them extra players. The team had no reason to have pitchers at the start of the season, and yet they were given a new player, for the book ruled that the pitcher must throw the ball. The Book of Blaseball is a binding document that goes both ways, and rule 6h dictates that "Every season, immediately before the Election, the Wealthiest 1% of Fans will have their Coins removed and distributed evenly to the other 99% of Fans." The Defendants are in direct violation of the rules. They cannot just ignore them.
2. The absence of the Eat The Rich windfall was in no way announced, and in no way predictable as a course of action by the new ownership of the ILB. This is dishonest conduct and a dangerous precedent to allow. Every previous, and even current, rule change has been recorded in the Book of Blaseball, even when detrimental to the players themselves or as a punitive action against the fans.⁵ Allowing the Defendants to simply ignore rules would render the book irrelevant and give them unfair power to simply do as they see fit.⁶
3. During the announcement of new ownership, the Boss stated that the ILB would undergo extensive changes to ensure complete and Total Fairness, to bring balance to the league, and yet, the absence of Eat The Rich is curious in contrast. By definition, the decree is meant to aid in just that. Not even when the fans incurred the scorn of The Shelled One by failing to fully idolise its champions were they deprived of this; they were simply given a mocking half-measure in turn, with only half of the 1% getting eaten, and half of the 99% receiving this redistribution of wealth. It brings the intentions of the Defendants into question, and instead makes one wonder if they aren't instead going to be self-serving in their quest for "balance". It makes one wonder what their definition of this balance is, for the attempt to ignore a rule that would, theoretically, affect the Defendants⁷ is... telling.

⁵ Please refer to rule 6e of the Book of Blaseball for a punitive action taken against the players after the event known as the Peanut Fraud

⁶ The band would like to note that while we do not intend to follow the rules, having them in place gives us structure, so we know what we must fight against.

⁷ Mexico City Wild Wings Legal Team's proof of the Commissioner's wealth - <https://twitter.com/CDMXWWLegal/status/1319038234408685568>

4. As our colleagues on the Mexico City Wild Wings legal team have noted, promissory estoppel is in play here. Parker's apparent refusal to acknowledge this, and Youni B. Jazzhand's⁸ attempt to argue that it does not apply, do not prevent it from being a factor. The Book is a binding document, making it a promise or contract between both the fans and the authorities of baseball. The enactment of every decree previously, and the fact that Eat The Rich had been carried out as written for every season since it passed until season 9, resulted in fans relying on it to be carried out at the end of season 10. The reliance of fans on this decree, and the failure to carry it out, was detrimental to the 99% of fans who would have benefited from Eat The Rich; it was particularly detrimental to new fans, and to those who had spent significant sums either voting or idolizing players in order to help carry out plans to make use of the icons that were on the idol board during season 10, or to help try and rescue players from The Shelled One's team (as fans did not, at the time, know that these players would be freed). The Wild Wings' legal team has already compiled and presented testimony from fans regarding how this has negatively affected them.⁹ To further stress this point, we conducted a collection of testimonies of our own. The results can be found in Appendix A sent along with this document.

⁸ We are also concerned about Mx. Jazzhand's reference to the "Mexico City Mild Wings", as the Wings of this reality have not gone by that name, voluntarily or otherwise, since season 6.

⁹ Mexico City Wild Wings Legal Team's collection of testimonies - <https://twitter.com/CDMXWWLegal/status/1319037581103894529>

CONCLUSION

Nobody here is saying the Commissioner is doing a bad job. Quite the contrary; the Commissioner is doing a great job. But everyone makes mistakes, and the Band believes that Mr. MacMillan III is committing one of them right now. That does not change our opinion on his performance; we simply believe that we must call this out to ensure he can continue to excel in his post.

For the arguments proposed, as an act of care, and in our ongoing effort to rid the ILB of any capitalist or godly influence, we believe this suit should be allowed to proceed to its trial phase as the initial filing from our colleagues proposed.

APPENDIX A

Testimony conducted on the 22nd of October of 2020

How has the absence of the money from Eat The Rich affected you coming into this season?



fionna "what" adams [it/she] Today at 21:49

it made it harder to get the ball rolling this season, because i tend to bottom out on votes (edited)



carol (she/her) Today at 21:56

I had a decent amt of money and was looking forward to having enough to get it redistributed my fellow fans, but because the rich haven't been eaten, I'm kinda just sitting on the coins until they do :/ (edited)



Mechtroid Today at 21:56

@SJCRPV, but spooky 🍷 Not getting Eat the Rich money means I live in constant unease knowing the rich are still out there, waiting, plotting...



Malachi (they/them) 🍷 Today at 21:52

How has the absence of the money from Eat The Rich affected you coming into this season?

@SJCRPV, but spooky 🍷 I am left hungry, and considering the commissioner next



🍷 Oswin (she/her) Today at 21:59

Eat the Rich was the first decree I ever voted on and I now feel like my vote was wasted and voting is a sham



Zonr_0 Today at 21:52

@SJCRPV, but spooky 🍷 I started this week and as a proper Garage fan, I was very excited to fulfill my life long dream of eating the rich and I openly praised the commissioner at work and in my personal life. Finding out that it was all a sham has shaken me to my very core, and has also thrown my reputation into question.



Dove (she/they) Today at 21:58

I don't know if my testimony is admissible, since I'm one of the ones working on our amicus brief, but I spent most of my money on voting and helping out with the idol shenanigan plans. The lack of Eat The Rich money meant that I wasn't able to swap my idol back to someone else after the election, and meant that I ended up having to begbet in order to get started this season



SJCRPV Today at 22:25

The absence of the money from Eat The Rich had me worried. I spent more than usual buying votes to help my team's chances at the blessings we wanted and counted on that decree to be able to bet at full capacity. I ended up on the brink of poverty without it. (edited)



sinfernape Today at 18:46

Parker, I am calling YOU, PERSONALLY out on this. You can do better than this and all of us know it. Eat the Rich not going through hit me very hard personally and put me through a lot of awkward situations this postseason. -Union Rep. Rose (the last credited person on the thing) (edited)



tangereen (they/them) Today at 19:41

listen, listen, okay, no one is saying the commissioner is doing a bad job. in fact, the commissioner is doing a great job! but the ceo? the ceo is **not** doing a great job. we're not here to make the ceo or the boss money!! we're not here for those in power to break the rules without consequence while we are hurt, maimed, and killed for reading the book! not cool (edited)