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How does anyone, as an artist leave their real name empty on their profile? I put mine there because I WANT people to know who I am. Do you know how easy it would be to find me using that alone? There are 3 Todd Grosser's in the entire United States and only one in Detroit. I'm just wondering if anyone here knows, as an artist, how important it is that people are familiar with your name? Oh I get using a Moniker or Pen Name but unless you want to stay anonymous your name should be on your profile. I mean it's not like ANYONE can get any personal information from here. Nobody could get my address or phone or even my e-mail unless I gave it to them. I mean, maybe some people like to have that distance an impersonal feel, but I never have. My friends on this site refer to me by the name Spy or Spydraxis even though my name is on my profile and that's fine. However Spydraxis is only a Pen/Designer name, after all who would want to purchase a Grosser production? I wouldn't buy anything Gross no sir, so I understand more than most how a name effects your work. But if I want the credit outside of the artistic community I need to have my real name out there for people to see. Otherwise ANYONE can claim they're Spydraxis (and maybe collect the paycheck too)and it would be hard to refute without some substantiated evidence. This means the work you put on display could be at risk just because your name isn't on your profile. How do you enforce a copyright that belongs to an unsubstantiated nickname I mean, Spydraxis can't sue anyone but Todd Grosser can. Just some food for thought people. Remember that out of all these 3D manufacturers, several gave permission to collect royalties from the work we do, so it's our pockets at stake not to mention our reputations. Funny how a name seems such a trivial thing at first huh?