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VMI considers copyright violations very seriously and will cooperate with the RIAA and/or the MPA in order to protect itself from potential liability. Punitive steps may result in the loss of network access or other disciplinary action up to and including dismissal or termination. Fines or court fees will be the responsibility of the user.

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### **Helpful Links**

United States Code, Title 17 <http://www.copyright.gov/title17/>

US Copyright Office FAQ <http://www.copyright.gov/help/faq>

MPA: Copyright and Protecting Creativity <https://www.motionpictures.org/what-we-do/safeguarding-creativity/>

Where to Watch: Legal movie and TV access outlets <https://www.justwatch.com/us>

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