

**JOHN CHARLES KLEEFELD**

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**Boilerplate**

This agreement dated the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_  
by and between \_\_\_ and \_\_\_  
(jointly, We and Us).

Know all persons by these presents:  
Time, we agree, is of the essence.  
We're much obliged.

Our heirs and successors  
administrators and executors  
and permitted assigns—jointly and severally,  
we bind (perhaps to their surprise).

Whereas, hereinafter,  
heretofore, whereafter.  
Whatever.

Do this, promise that,  
*quid pro quo*, tit for tat.  
Good and valuable consideration  
(the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged).

This is our entire Agreement: no warranties, guarantees, sureties  
or security,  
except as in Schedule A. It's not a question of misanthropy,  
just certainty, finality.

Notice by mail and/or facsimile transmission;  
a contract's no place for preterition,  
Let's cover all our bases.

Disagreements? Mediation, arbitration,  
some provision to avoid litigation,  
but just in case—invalidity of any part of this Agreement shall  
not affect validity of the whole.

Choice of laws and choice of forum  
damages clause, fixed or *ad valorem*,  
We're almost there now.

Execution's alright in counterpart,  
residing as we do miles apart  
yet—*ad idem*.

Lo! A work of beauty, our joint travail,  
this Agreement, ironclad, none can assail,  
until we part.

See you in court: \_\_\_ *v.* \_\_\_.

**A**

**World**

**Inhabited**

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