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 Print a warning the first time a container-init (other than global init)
 forks a child process without explicitly ignoring or handling a fatal signal.
 Comments in the patch below explain the gory background :-)
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 Index: 2.6.23-mm1/kernel/fork.c
 --- 2.6.23-mm1.orig/kernel/fork.c 2007-10-27 11:46:38.000000000 -0700
 +++ 2.6.23-mm1/kernel/fork.c 2007-10-27 11:48:36.000000000 -0700
 @@ -966.6 +966.53 @@ static void rt mutex init task(struct ta
 }
 + * Container-init process must appear like a normal process to its sibling
 + * in the parent namespace and should be killable (or not) in the usual way.
 + * But it must be immune to any unwanted signals from within its own namespace.
 + * At the time of sending the signal, sig_init_ignore() checks and ignores
 + * if receiver is container-init and the signal is unwanted.
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+ \* A limitation with the check in sig init ignore() is that if the signal is

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+ * blocked by the container-init at the time of the check, we cannot ignore
+ * the signal because the container-init may install a handler for the signal
+ * before unblocking it.
+ *
+ * But if the container-init unblocks the signal without installing the handler,
+ * the unwanted signal will still be delivered to the container-init. If the
+ * unwanted signal is fatal (i.e default action is to terminate), we end up
+ * terminating the container-init and hence the container.
+ *
+ * There does not seem to be an easy/clean way to address this blocked-signal
+ * issue in the kernel. For now, it appears easier to let the container-init
+ * decide what it wants to do with signals i.e have it explicitly ignore or
+ * handle all fatal signals.
+ * Following routine prints a warning if the container-init does not
+ * explicitly ignore or handle fatal signals.
+ * Return 1 if the warning is printed. Return 0 otherwise.
+static int check_fatal_signals(struct task_struct *task)
+{
+ int i;
+ if (!is_container_init(task))
+ return 0;
+
+ for (i = 1; i < _NSIG; i++) {
+ if (!sig fatal(task, i))
+ continue;
+
+ printk(KERN WARNING "Container init %d does not handle/ignore"
    "all fatal signals\n", task pid nr(task));
+ return 1;
+ }
+ return 0;
+}
+
+/*
 * This creates a new process as a copy of the old one,
 * but does not actually start it yet.
@ @ -983,6 +1030,10 @ @ static struct task_struct *copy_process(
int retval;
struct task_struct *p;
int cgroup callbacks done = 0;
+ static int fatal_signal_warned;
+
+ if (!is global init(current) && !fatal signal warned)
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| + fatal_signal_warned = check_fatal_signals(current);
| if ((clone_flags & (CLONE_NEWNS|CLONE_FS)) == (CLONE_NEWNS|CLONE_FS))
| return ERR_PTR(-EINVAL);
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