In article <MPG.12e90f79dcd5c839899e8@news.frii.com>,
davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote:

> Bob Stockwell (dejastockwell@my-deja.com) writes:
>
>> PPS hey, the hell with RSi, dfanning.com should put
>> up the page. Dave deserves more money!
>
> I'll be looking for your check in the mail, Bob. :-)
>
> Cheers,
>
> David
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> P.S. There is a place on the Internet (the name
> escapes me right now) that is set up to handle
> all the financial details of distributing shareware.

Probably Kagi. I think we talked about it some time last year. Amazing
how often this idea gets tossed about on the back channels, but rarely
makes more than an honorable mention in the newsgroup.

> But I presume it will be too expensive for the
> author at the kind of volume we are talking about
> here (< 10 copies, apparently).

From
< http://faq.kagi.com/cgi-bin/WebObjects/ViewFAQs.woa/wa/Direc tAction?FAQL
isting=NewVend>
Kagi takes about 4% for a $600 item and about 15% for a $10 item. In
this particular case with David's $30 proposal, Kagi would take 11.7%,
or $3.50.

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> I agree about the crippling thing, though. It's not
> worth it, just in terms of the time it takes. I think,
> now, it's probably better to just give the source
> out and let people's natural honesty shine through.

A gentle reminder sent to stdout on occasion might stimulate the honesty
gene.

> (I don't get that many reports of people stealing
> my book. But perhaps it's because I practically

> give it away to anyone who gives me a good story
> and has a sense of humor.)
>
> But setting up a proper shareware site, distributing
> funds to authors, etc. requires a better web page
> than I know how to build at the moment. I think you
> will have to get some commercial shopping cart
> software to handle it. That means coughing up
> some money you hope to recover with shareware fees,
> which--I have to tell you--seems more and more
> dubious. :-(

Maybe I can provide a service by setting you up with Kagi :-)

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