

# welcome to *Dapper* Dutch Amateur People's Press Energetically Reproducing

If you know what a fan is, or a con, or an apa, the next will be nothing new to you. If you're new at this stuff, you might be in for a surprise... meet something called 'Dapper'...

What you now hold in your hands is something unique, a magazine for and by people who are more than just 'fans'. Read on and find out.

#### What is this?

This is a flyer, an invitation, a sample, a showcase, a welcome to Dapper, the party on paper...

#### Okay, so what is this Dapper thingy then?

Dapper is a small bi-monthly magazine, a so called 'APA' (Amateur Press Association). Yeah, this bundle of mismatching styles and paper sizes is an actual magazine! Well, sort of anyway...

#### Geek stuff for freaks, huh?

Well, not exactly. *Normal* people do these kinds of things as well, but they call it differently ☺ This is not a users group mailing list, or the local cooking class weekly. It's about *interesting* stuff. Such as fantasy and science fiction. Well, at least the

members of this little community consider those things interesting.

#### How does it work?

Well. But that doesn't answer the question ☺

All members send a (small) contribution to the OE (Organizing Editor, a person who volunteered to organize this stuff) who collects all the stuff, prints it or makes the necessary photocopies, and distributes (sends out) the resulting magazine.

#### Frequency.

Dapper is bimonthly, which means it is sent to you once every two months. To stay a member, you have to send in a contribution yourself once every two issues (in other words: you can skip one if you're busy at some time). Contributions can be as small as a single page, but larger ones of up to 14 pages are not unheard of. However, you are free to decide upon the size of your contribution. (And with a minimal contribution of effectively one page per four months, it's easy.)

#### What to contribute?

There are no clear rules on contributing except for one: it must be in English.

Topics vary wildly. Books, movies, television series, whatever. Other subjects have not been unheard of, for example: kids, philosophy, computer games, tales of woe and wow, cars, pottery, bread baking, mars landers, little green buggers... I hasten to add that these are just side dishes. The main course is Science Fiction and Fantasy.

*In general, everything that would be of even remote interest to other fans or Dapper Members is welcome.*

## Dapper: a party on paper?

#### How to contribute.

Some people prefer to send in copied ready-to-use material, others send in their contributions as a single original to be copied, yet again others choose email and send in a digital version. (That last option imposes some limits, but PDF files can do wonders.)

#### Who are the other members?

The member roster has varied over the years. The maximal number is 25 normal members and 5 so called 'waitlist-ers'. All are allowed to contribute.

Over time, famous and not so famous people have filled the ranks. In general, (current and former) Dapper members are an open minded group that like to read and write about their interests.

#### Distribution.

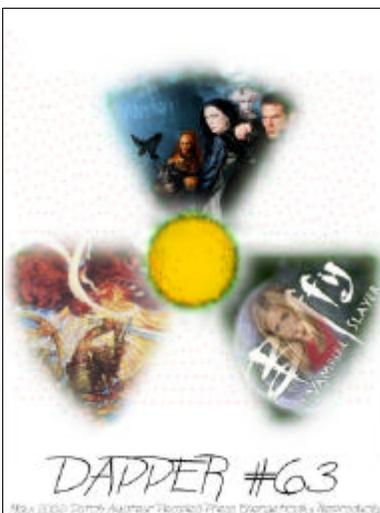
Once everybody has sent in their contribution the OE (Organizing Editor) will take care of printing, copying, collating, and sending out the results. He / she also takes care of the 'paperwork', and keeps a balance sheet to keep track of the costs.

#### Costs?!?

Don't worry, it's not as bad as it looks ☺ but it is not free. Read on.

The OE keeps a balance sheet, with all the costs he makes for you, and subtracts these costs from your 'credit'. You pay basically cost price for such things as:

1. Postage of the bimonthly magazine to your doorstep.
2. Copying of your



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contribution, if necessary. 3. Envelopes, bindings, a little overhead and whatever else necessary.

Payment is arranged with the OE. (And our current OE, Jan van 't Ent, does a really great job!)

### Why the 'Dutch Amateur...' etc.?

Historical reasons ☺

Dapper was founded in the Netherlands, but is made up of an international crowd with members from all over the world... we've seen contributions from Poland, France, Germany, Netherlands, UK, US... and so on.

### Why would I join?

We haven't got a clue ☺ Now, well, *that* is the key question, isn't it? To put it short: because it's *fun*. Hey, if you care to read *and write* about the things that interest you, why not give it a try?

### Why me?

Well, the powers that be singled you out, you were mindlessly targeted by one of our recruiting members, ready to sign the contract with blood (yours, of course)... You have been carefully targeted as our next vic... selected as the next *exclusive* qualifying candidate. Yes.

Just kidding ☺ You know why! *Somebody* thought you *might* be interested. And as you are reading this right now, well... So... what are you waiting for?

### Contact.

Our OE will be ready to handle all your questions. Have a look at this sample Dapper and feel free to join. We're looking forward to hear from you!

## The truth and nothing but...

"Why I like Science Fiction? Well, actually, I don't. I like Fantasy."

"I have been reading Fantasy and Science Fiction since I was young. I enjoy the freedom. Call it escapism if you like."

"Hey, it's not like anybody else is going to read this stuff..."

"Science Fiction is a window on the future. Fantasy is a mirror for our dreams."

"Can't you tell I am illiterate?"

"Dapper? Eh..." (Smiling.) "It's simply fun to have something in your hand, real paper. People put *effort* into it, and to be honest, it shows. It's not just quality, it's not just quantity, it's just intention that counts."

"Ehm, what else? Well, there's always the *\_Perry Rhodan\_* series I'm slowly munching my way through. I own about a 1000 plus episodes (after number 1200 or so I gave up) and my collection is not complete, especially below number 100, and quite a few gaps here and there (if you have some... hint C)."

"Coca Cola Light just *sounds* more friendly. "No, I'm not on a diet, I just want to stay in shape."

"...To me it looks like you view 'mental activities', 'thinking' or even 'intelligence' as 'mechanical processes'. (My apologies for inapt terminology.)..."

"... last November was for me a month filled with observing trips (not the nicest way to spend a whole month, believe me!)..."

"... they have very similar colors for me - first a sort of dirty yellow S, then a very sharp yellow I, and a very dark red A near the end..."

"I don't know what others think about it, but I have to say I look forward to every new *\_Dapper\_* I receive. And even though you won't see comments all the time, I do read all the contribs. (If only to know I'm not the only wacko in this world C)."

"\_The Sixth Day\_ features clones and bullets and Schwarzenegger. Not bad, but certainly not a classic. Clone Schwarzenegger and weave the thin plot around that. Next one please..."

"I never write enough mailcomms, and when I write them, I write them too late."



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