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Dear Friends:

We believe in the shareware concept. Unfortunately, it can be a confusing concept, mainly because many definitions exist for the word shareware. Here is our policy.

Imagery! is copyrighted, but we copyrighted it basically to control (hopefully) modifications to it so that there will be only ONE system, not a mess of offshoots which, according to Murphy's Law, wouldn't be compatible with one another.

So, then, it's o.k. to copy the disks. What we encourage people NOT to do, however, is copy the documentation. Almost all shareware companies that we are aware of make the documentation the reason for buying the program instead of simply copying it. We agree with this philosophy.

Additionally we feel that \$10.00 is a great bargain considering that the purchaser gets a one-year membership in the club as well. The newsletter is worth the price by itself, as we are doing lots of neat reports just for it. (Such as technical projects, UNbiased product reviews, a help & hint column, as well as club news)

Finally, we can accept adventures for distribution only from members who have the full package. After all, it will be very tough to program an adventure without the Designer's Manual, which comes with the Adventure Designer. We will have to do all of the debugging ourselves, and it will be hardly fair for us to spend time on an adventure that would certainly have more bugs (i.e., one done without the manual). Does this seem fair to you? We think it is.

In conclusion, then, we would like to see as many people as possible buy the full package, for these reasons:

- 1) To keep us afloat.
- 2) To have a great club.
- 3) To make our lives easier as far as debugging is concerned (and to keep the quality of the adventures high).

Any comments you might have are welcome. Happy computing!

Sincerely,

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