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Chapter 1

Introduction

Hey there Reader... I'm not sure really what this will be. I have some ideas to have something that this be a Syszine... So, I guess maybe the idea of what is a Syszine would be a thing to have here.

So let's do a bit of a what ideas we have. But more here for now.

So, a few days ago (I think it was Thursday, but may have been Wednesday) we received our copy of *Broken Pencil*[1]¹, that lead us to want to do some zine type thing, which with the reference to *America's Dreaming Zine #11*[2], this was what we kind of came up with.

It's a bit of a zine which we want to just do a variety of stuff with, and not really worry about the usual things that we've been trying to do with other zines.

This will be terrible. Or maybe just suck. It's probably not going to be OK to us, but we'll try to actually get it out, rather than making it be something that we want to have be good enough for what we want it to be.

Another aspect of what has lead to this, is ... A friend came

¹This needs to be fixed

over today and we ended up talking about journaling for about 2 hours. That wanted me to get some of that information down into here as well.

So, while America's Dreaming Zine #11, is a Perzine, we are calling this a Syszine.

We are calling it a Syszine because we are a plural system. It may not be entirely clear who is writing which portions, at least, unless we state who it is. We will try to put something in if it ends up being important to indicate who is writing various portions.

As we write different parts, we'll include a short "Chapter Description" type thing for each portion.

1.1 Chapter Descriptions

That's not the right name, but it's a short paragraph or two about each of the different chapters in this zine.

1.1.1 Introduction

Hey, that's here. It seems that writing much more than that here really does not make a whole lot of sense. But this is what this will look like for further chapters.

1.1.2 What is a Syszine?

We talk about how a Syszine is similar to a Perzine, except that it is based on a plural system, rather than a singleton person. It also has lead to the inclusion of more about plural systems in the future, and about the name of our system "Datse Collective" and how that name came about.

1.2 Plans

Here's some of the plans we have for this:

- What is a Syszine
- Who are we?
- Journalling?
- What are Plural Systems?
- Where did the Name Datse Collective Come From?

That is a decent place to start. The list is a little weird right now. We'll try to get it fitting a bit better than that in the future.

Chapter 2

What is a Syszine?

I don't really know if this is a term that other people have used or not.

I would not be surprised if others have used it. DuckDuckGo doesn't really give an indication as to whether it is used or not. Well, it does as it has zero results. So maybe it's not been used. That seems unlikely.

Anyway, what do we mean? I guess the thing that we mainly mean is that this is a zine similar to a Perzine, but rather than being "personal" it is something about a plural system.

That probably means that we'll have to write more about what we mean by that. For now I want to have something pretty simple here so that it gives a bit about what we mean, but not really do what really would need a whole chapter, to fully explain what we mean by a plural system.

So, briefly... A plural system is any body who has more people in it than the one that most people would think there are. It includes things such as what is known as, "dissociative identity disorder" or DID, and other forms of plurality which can be intentional such as tulpamancy¹, or it could just be something

¹is this the correct term?

which has developed “organically” for the person.

We never decided to become plural, it is something that just happened, while some may say that it would be wrong for us to use the term plural or system, or consider that (yes we’ve had people tell us off for it, even when not even understanding what it was they had an issue with), others have suggested that we likely have DID. Or some other related disorder.

We feel increasingly that saying that someone must be plural, or must not be plural, or in many other things, just is “not on.” Ie. we do not feel we should define others, or we should prevent others from defining themselves.

Sure, we can speak to how we see other people, perhaps asking or letting them know that we possibly see they are plural.

In some cases, it can be difficult for people to process that it is even going on for them (yes an experience we’ve had).

It often is tricky when someone has switched and you’re not certain how the person you are familiar with would like the new person treated.

Our sense is a lot about try to treat that person as best you can considering how they are presenting.

And if we’re uncomfortable... Don’t try to totally hide it, but also don’t let it rule the interaction to the level it can not be worked with.

So, I guess, that we just want to say that this is our system’s zine, which we are currently calling the “Datse Collective”. It seems like it is a safe name to use, based on looking to see if it’s used by others.

And I guess that gives us a bit to say about that... As to where that name has come from.

I’ve put that into the ”Plans” section. The current order is not really anything more than how we’ve come up with stuff.

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