

baddies just don't seem to evoke the terror of DOOM or the camp of WOLF 3D. Despite their ferocious looks, most creatures bite the dust if you so much as tickle them with the provided Taser. Nevertheless, there are clever innovations within the 30 floors, including a tiny level map, land mines, and the ability to scan for invisible enemies and hidden lasers in infra-red visor mode. CORRIDOR 7 will work on a slower machine (386SX) and is fairly entertaining—a nice alternative for those whose systems are not quite up to DOOM. A CD version is promised that will contain even more levels. IBM, \$49.95. Circle Reader Service # 4.

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G-NETIX

Lonely is the life in space; but here it's *really* isolated. You play the part of a scientist and last survivor of the human race, spared from a deadly virus only because you inhabit a space station in orbit. Your job is to reconstruct mankind from scratch through genetic engineering. Making your task a bit more daunting is the genocidal plague, which has a bad habit of causing mutations—undesirable, to say the least. For those who can't wait to manipulate DNA, there is a "Genetics Crash-Course" primer included. Unveiling the secrets of the double helix will require a lot of work, as you must tediously compare strands of genetic code, symbol by symbol. Additionally, the human genotypes are the only ones allowed. You could not, for instance, create a race of humanoids with cat eyes, as in Cordwainer Smith's classic *Norstrilia* series of science-fiction stories. While useful for understanding the complex science of genetics, the lack of flexi-

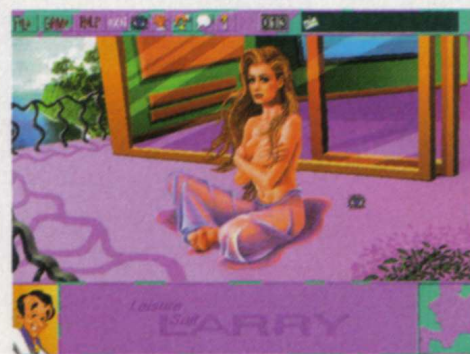


bility in the design makes this more of a puzzle to be solved, rather than a replayable learning experience. A Windows version and a Mac version with enhanced graphics are in the offing. Mac, \$59.95. Circle Reader Service # 5.

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LEISURE SUIT LARRY 6 CD

"Hi, I'm Larry. Larry Laffer. Wanna see my hard drive? I've got these great-looking gals on there that talk *just like real women*. They'll tease you, tell you stories, and make you feel things you've never felt before—all kinds of secret exotic, erotic thrills (handcuffs included). Don't worry, you won't see anything you wouldn't see on late night television (unless you find one of the hidden 'Easter eggs'), but thanks to my 'digital ditherings,' the nine girls you'll meet are more beautiful and realistic than ever (if you've got a VESA driver, otherwise you hafta look at their perfect tans in low-res VGA). I've won two free weeks at the La Costa Lotta resort hotel, and if you can't get lucky here, buddy, you're worse than me. But beware! Like my friend Al says, this is the 'longest and



hardest Larry yet.' If you're not a seasoned scrounge wizard, you may not get far. With the babes, that is. See you in the penthouse." IBM CD-ROM. \$69.95. Circle Reader Service # 6

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OUTPOST

For all the science-fiction extravaganzas of the past few years, a huge void remains in the "hard" science fiction genre. OUTPOST set out to address this lack using NASA research data as its base. In the game's fiction, Earth is destroyed by a renegade meteor, leaving the remnants of humanity to colonize the stars. Planetary exploration and colonization is depicted with some of the most beautiful 3-D artwork yet seen in a computer game. Robotics, terraforming, hydrogen ramscoops, and suspended animation (the long sleep) are but a few of the classic SF themes explored. In fact, at times this game almost looks as if Stanley Kubrick's classic film



2001: A Space Odyssey had been updated. Unlike its distinguished film predecessor, however, OUTPOST lacked a good director. The documentation in particular leaves a lot to be desired—especially damning since the Official Strategy Guide appeared some two months before the game's release, and was written by the game's designer. One has to wonder why there isn't a decent tutorial included, and why the use of function keys is kept secret. If NASA had been this confused, Neil Armstrong's famous step would have been into the void. Despite all the data plugged into this package, potential stellar explorers may want to do a bit more research before liftoff, lest they crash and burn on re-entry. MPC CD-ROM, \$69.95. Circle Reader Service # 7

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PRO LEAGUE BASEBALL

This latest pitch from the computer baseball mound is delivered by those veteran switch-hitters at **Micro Sports**, and, like most sports products, features official major league licensing. A nice touch is that the league set-up module contains the new (and controversial) 1994 Division alignment. Realizing that baseball is the ultimate statistical sport, the designers have thrown in an encyclopedic array of player information, all of which can be printed out for your own baseball archives. The usual draft/trade options are included, but a wily human general manager can

