

Based on the war in the Middle East, **A Line in the Sand** (\$39.95) is a multi-player game based on the board game of the same name. The game features six scenarios — two based on the Iraqi War and four based on hypothetical scenarios. Each scenario has its own objectives, optional rules, and weapons, and allows up to six players to represent different countries.

Cyber Empires (\$49.95) is designed to combine strategy and arcade action. You maneuver your armies around the world and build factories to create cybernetic empires. Up to five people can play in one of three modes: strategy, arcade, or combination.

In **Spelljammer** (\$59.95), you leave the Forgotten Realms to venture into outer space as captain of the Spelljammer spaceship. You discover quickly that the evil Neogi have been roaming Realspace and now pose a serious threat. Your mission is to destroy the Neogi's main ship and defend your ship from other vessels, pirates, mutinous crews, and wild space monsters.

For more information, contact SSI at (408) 737-6800. — W.N./D.M.

SIERRA'S QUEST FOR GLORY

Fantasy role-playing stalwarts who cut their teeth on the Hero's Quest series by Sierra On-Line (Oakhurst, CA) will be glad to know that the challenging-but-lighthearted spirit of adventure, and the time-honored humor have been



Venture into outer space in Spelljammer.

retooled for the Quest for Glory Series. **Quest for Glory I: So You Want to Be a Hero** stars you as a graduate of the Famous Adventurers Correspondence School. You custom-design your characters — fighter, magic user, or thief — uncover spells, master weapons, and battle savage monsters.

Quest for Glory I will feature more than 40 clay-modeled monsters and talking heads. According to a representative at Sierra On-Line, "five pounds of clay and more than six hours of sculpting time" were devoted to each six-inch figurine displayed in the game.

Impatient Questers will appreciate the new notyping, point-and-click interface. At any point, dialog boxes let players probe up to seven levels in any conversation.

Quest for Glory III: The Wages of War is on the way this fall. What about Quest for Glory II, you ask? Direct all Quest-ions to Sierra On-Line at (206) 683-4468. — W.N.

THIS GAME IS MURDER

Going on an ocean cruise can be murder — and not just if you're prone to seasickness. **Cruise for a Corpse** (\$54.95) by U.S. Gold (San Jose, CA) is an interactive murder mystery designed by Delphine Software. As inspector Raoul Dusentier you've been invited on a dream cruise in the Mediterranean, but no sooner do you embark when you're summoned to investigate a scandalous crime — the murder of your host. You interrogate other characters and eavesdrop on suspects to ferret out valuable clues. This intriguing story follows the spirit of Agatha Christie mystery novels. Who dunnit? Contact U.S. Gold at (408) 246-6607. — W.N.

INVESTIGATE ICOM

ICOM Simulations (Wheeling, IL) has been doing other people's work for years. It doesn't usually publish its games itself; the

company has several PC projects in the works, though.

The GGA Tour is a golf game, but you've never seen holes like these outside *National Geographic*. This is fantasy golf to the *n*th degree, because you tee up on 18 fantasy holes all over the world. For example, there's a monster par 5 atop Mt. Everest in Nepal. You get bonus holes, caddies, and a wisecracking commentator who cuts you no slack.

Beyond Shadowgate will be an interactive CD-ROM-based game. It's the sequel to Shadowgate (also developed by ICOM) — another first-person-perspective haunted-house thriller. Players can move to any location in the house, freeze action, investigate objects, and continue their quest.

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UNCLE MILTIE GOES HI-TECH

You've got your fancy flight simulators and your radical role-playing games, but no software library is complete without a copy of **Milton Berle's Private Joke File** (\$29.95).

The Comedy Software (Beverly Hills, CA) compendium offers more than 10,000 jokes, stories, one-liners, and heckler stoppers. The database uses Nantucket Corp's Clipper application and development system and lets you search any category; tag single or multiple jokes, then print them or integrate them into a word-processing document.

Milton Berle's Private Joke file also includes a