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It's 1995 A.D., Earth time.

An Interstellar Transport carrying power transfusion waste collided with a meteor, scattering its contents towards Earth's Sun. The transfusion waste is so deadly that all life on Earth will be destroyed unless something is done to save it. But Earth, in a restricted travel zone, has neither the knowledge of nor the technology to cope with such a catastrophe.

Your mission is to deliver the chemical seeds of a protective compound that will render the waste harmless. Your destination is Observation Labport 5V, a seemingly lifeless planet just outside of Earth's Solar System. From there, the compound can be synthesized and secretly seeded into the Earth's atmosphere.

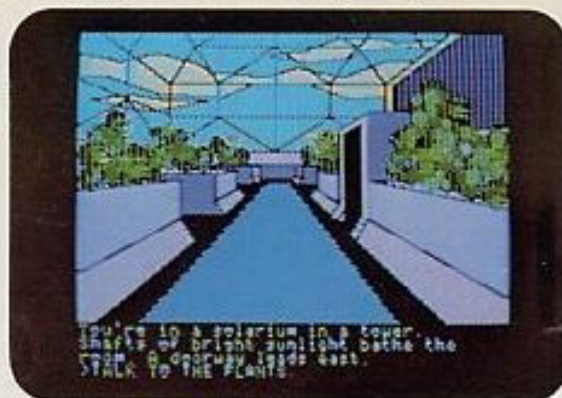
During the otherwise routine voyage, however, your ship was ensnared by a tractor beam and forced to land on the planetoid Oo-Topos. Hostile aliens boarded your ship and threw you in a prison cell. You must escape and recover your ship with its valuable cargo. Life on Earth depends on you.

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ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Michael Berlyn was the first science fiction writer to use the computer as a medium. His other interactive novels include *Cyborg* (Sentient, Broderbund), *Suspended*, *Infidel*, and *Cutthroats* (Infocom). He has also written real books: *Crystal Phoenix* and *The Integrated Man* (Bantam). **Muffy** helped design the aforementioned adventures, and in her previous life was national horoscope columnist "Susy Sayer" in a sister publication of *National Enquirer* and editor of *Easy Times* magazine. Mike and Muffy now exist in New England as *Brainwave Creations*.



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