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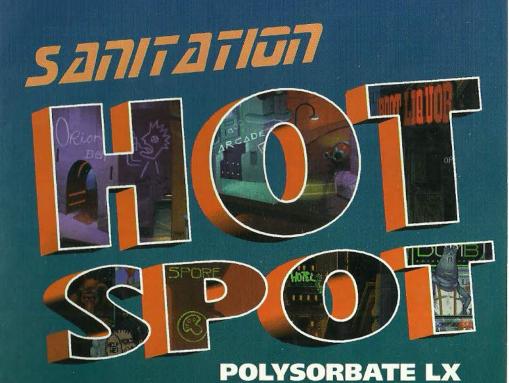
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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Letters to Dr. Bowdler

Please feel free to write to Dr. Bowdler, who has an honorary Ph.D. in Sanitation Engineering from Pandora Spocks University. Dr. Bowdler specializes in difficult-to-clean areas, but he is also knowledgeable about careers in Sanitation Engineering.

Remember, Dr. Bowdler is very busy managing a lucrative carpet-cleaning business, and can't possibly answer all your correspondence personally. But every issue, he arbitrarily selects a couple of letters to reply to, or if he hasn't got time to read them, he makes some up. This month, the good Doctor is responding to letters he actually received.

Dear Dr. Bowdler:

Like all your readership, I am a Sanitation Engineer at a large midwestern university. I am writing because something very strange happened to me, and I want to tell you about it.

Recently, I was swabbing up after a malfunctioning conduit charger on my home planet of Dorfon 12, thinking myself alone, when the beamport suddenly shussed open. I swiveled, and there stood the loveliest Flendarian I've ever seen. Her ductals had to be at least nine narnecs, and she had four gorgeous mampers that made me want to wrap my flangers around them and never let go.

I've never been much of a waxal nork, but this Flend wanted my main flanger in

the worst way. So that's just how I gave it to her. I flouted my twelve lindecs of flanger and parsed it right at the central cleaving cloison for the next two trampels. Finally, when both our anterior sidnons were pleaned, we switched off.

I have no idea how long I remained down, but when my interior cycling mechanism switched me back on, the lovely Flend who had given me so much endorfment was gone.

Signed

#### **Endorfed on Dorfon 12**

Dear Endorfed:

You have a very rich switch-off life, but this isn't Pentium House Forum! Do us a favor, and stop sniffing the Hydro-Sol.

-Dr. B

Dear Dr. Bowdler:

I am thinking of changing careers. I am currently a quantum microbiologist, but find it highly stressful. I am considering just chucking it all, and making a switch to Sanitation Engineering. Sincerely,

Stressed Out

Dear Stressed Out:

Are you crazy? If you want to relieve pressure, whatever you do DON'T go into Sanitation Engineering. Look on your Dictionarium CD if you don't believe me. Under "stress," there's a picture of someone trying to get black heel marks off a polystat flooring sheet just before inspection. Quantum microbiology? Please. That's a walk in the recreational facility during a stellar eclipse next to the pressures of a REAL man's job.

-Dr. B

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### The More Things Change...

## New Job Frontiers



The other day I opened my Fuller catalog, only to find the brush I wanted to order had been discontinued. I was quite disappointed. The brush was the only thing I've ever found able to take toxic matter off a Pendulian decontamination chamber, and my old brush has long since lost the bristles required to get that deep-down shine.

Then I got to thinking. The Pendulian decon has been pretty much out of fashion since Pendula imploded, so I don't really need the brush; I was ordering it out of habit. Now that the Fruehe chamber is the latest craze, the Zirconium scrubbie is so hot it's radioactive. Times change, cleaning supplies change. It's just a fact of life.

Our line of work is like that. One day they need us to specialize in one thing, the next day it's something else. The Sanitation Engineers who specialized in cleaning the Pendulian decon are out of work, but what if those same engineers could learn to clean the Fruehe? They'd earn just as many buckazoids and even more respect than they did as a lowly Penduliero.

The field of Sanitation Engineering is in constant flux. Every time I look up, I find another field opening up to entrepreneurial Engineers. Do you have the courage to answer the beamport when you hear opportunity knocking? In that case, why not try these new positions on for size ...

### TOILET BOWL CLEANING CARTRIDGE CONSCIENCE

Toilet cartridges have become very popular, because you just put them into the tank, and you don't have to scrub. The problem with them is that it's very hard for ordinary citizens to remember when to pop in a new one. That's where you come in. Nonprofessionals register their names, phone numbers, and cartridge replacement requirements with you, their cartridge change "conscience." Your job is to call and remind them when it's time to change the cartridge. This is the perfect position for the S.E. who wants to swap his squeegee for a desk job. Perhaps it's the perfect position for you.

#### KOZMIC GLUE WRANGLER

People believe in the power of revolutionary new Kozmic Glue, but many are nervous about using it themselves because of its permanence. Why not make a profession of permanently attaching things to other things for a fee? You could combine this position with another up-and-comer: Kozmic Glue Removal Specialist!

#### LANDFILL EMPTIER

You learned about the Twentieth-Century attitude toward landfills in your tenth grade history class. Great news! That indifference to the environment has spawned an entire industry: landfill emptying. Armed only with a gas mask and a shovel, you can make a living sifting through a hundred years' worth of apathy and putting the whole mess into recycling bins. Sometimes you can even find real cool Kids' Meal toys, made from genuine non-biodegradeable plastic. Your ancestors must have been thinking of you and your career when they decided to be so negligent. Thanks, Gramps!

#### BALLOON ANGIOPLASTERER

If you've ever scraped years of accumulated soap off of a shower stall, this might be the field for you. Angioplasty is a procedure in which a catheter equipped with a tiny balloon at the tip is inserted into an artery that has been narrowed by the accumulation of fatty deposits. The balloon is then inflated to clear the blockage and widen the artery. Before you reject it, ask yourself: could it be any grosser than pulling hairwads out of a drainpipe?

Let's hope these ideas get you going. And remember, if you don't like my suggestions, you can always try a career in one of the fields closely related to Sanitation Engineering: Real Estate, Marketing, Human Resources, and Politics, to name just a few. Good luck!

## PLAYING ALL MONTH AT THE INFINIPLEX IN THE PHANTASMAGON SYSTEM:

A Retrospective on Janitor Bond, Cleaning Agent 007.

Theatre 822: **License to Clean** 

Theatre 823:
The Guy Who Scrubbed Me

Theatre 824: Lave and Let Die

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Many of us have been there. Something just doesn't click with the new boss. Or maybe we're completely incompetent, or miserably incapable of performing up to standard. Whatever the reason, sometimes in our lives, we've got to calculate the odds of being canned. Take this quiz and find out ...

## How Likely Are You to Get Fired?

## The boss appears at your cubicle and finds you playing the computer game Duum at your desk. You ...

- a. Swear to take the game off your hard drive forever, but first make a copy for his kid.
- b. Inform him you're planting a virus in the program so that everyone who plays it on company time will automatically have their names reported to Human Resources.
- c. Tell him that whatever he wants will have to wait until you've finished the level.

## There's a cush job opening in the Oxygen Reclamation Department, stuffing envelopes with free samples. It pays twice as much as your current position. What do you do?

a. Meekly suggest to your boss that transferring you might improve the morale of everyone who's been working with you.

- b. Politely ask your boss for a transfer and offer to split the salary increase 50-50 with him.
- c. Barge into your boss's office and demand reassignment so that you "won't have to work under someone who should have retired before he became a laughingstock."

## When your boss throws a party and invites everyone in the office except you, what do you do?

- a. Stay home and give yourself a facial.
- b. Show up at the party anyway, with a really expensive bottle of wine and a briefcase full of small, unmarked buckazoids.
- c. Go over to your boss's house after everyone has left and throw rocks at the second-story windows, shouting obscenities.

## When your boss criticizes your work unjustly, what do you do?

- a. Listen politely and then apologize.
- b. Lay the blame on someone else.
- c. Climb onto your desk and hold up a piece of paper on which you've written the word "union."

## When the CEO parks his shuttle in your hangar space, what do you do?

- a. Wash and wax it, then leave your business card under the windshield depurator.
- b. Key the shuttle, then tell the CEO's secretary you saw your boss near it, loitering suspiciously.
- c. Key the shuttle, then proudly tell the CEO's secretary you did it.

## When your boss asks you to play Cosmic Clown for his kid's fifth birthday, what do you do?

- a. Offer to pay for the costume rental and cake yourself.
- b. Agree to do it, then blackmail a coworker into doing it while pretending to be you.
- c. Agree to do it, then show up at the appointed time as yourself and tell the children that Cosmic Clown is dead.

## Your boss's gorgeous daughter comes on to you. How do you react?

- a. Tell her that you feel it would be unethical for you to date the boss's daughter, but that you would be honored to pay for her to go to the InfiniPlex by herself.
- b. Slip her a mickey, then marry her before she sobers up.
- c. Tell her you would go out with her, because you like cheap women, but you prefer them slightly attractive.

#### The company president announces a plan to move the entire operation to a deserted planet in the Wattle-Globular Subcluster Nebula. You ...

- a. Volunteer to scout on ahead to make sure it's habitable.
- b. Suggest renaming the nebula after the company president, and offer to handle all the paperwork.
- c. Go along with it, but make sure everyone knows what a gloomy, rainy, miserable nebula you're moving to and how utterly disgusted you are to have to move there.

### The boss unjustly accuses you of not doing the windows. How do you react?

- a. Redo them while he supervises.
- b. Tell him you delegated the job, then fire the underling you supposedly gave the job to.
- c. Clean the windows again, but this time use your boss's face.

#### NOW SCORE YOURSELF:

**Mostly a's:** You have nothing to worry about. They'll never fire you because you're a doormat. Go lie down in front of a beamport.

**Mostly b's:** You're not just going to keep your job. With your complete disregard for other people's feelings, you'll positively shoot up the ladder of success! Congratulations, you're a real jerk.

Mostly c's: Clean out your desk and brush up your resume. You're a career kamikaze. The boss would've fired you long ago, but he's terrified of what you might do.

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### VACATION SPOTS OF THE RICH AND SANITARY

Spotlight on: Polysonbate LX

Are you looking for a perfect romantic getaway with that special someone? Then maybe you should check out LandruFest, coming up this month on the planet Polysorbate LX (that's pronounced "60").

Once Polysorbate LX had a reputation as being somewhat dangerous, with the highest per capita assault, robbery, and homicide rates in the galaxy, but that's all changed. Polysorbate is a

genuine tourist's paradise, and a haven for lovers who want to "get away from it all." The President of the planet's Chamber of Commerce,

Marcus Hudrikkian, is a major for one thing. We have all kinds of little Polysorbate booster.

"Visitors to Polysorbate are always amazed at how romantic it is here. We've got everything a couple could want: shopping, landmarks, mood lighting ... It's pretty much always dark on our You're a swell place to visit!

planet, and nighttime is for lovers, after all. And some of the hotels cater exclusively to couples. The Dew Beam Inn has rooms with private spas and heart-shaped beds. Did I mention they've actually filmed movies here? Did you ever see Night of the Impaler, or Night of the Eviscerator?"

With a recommendation like that, we had to see for ourselves. We took a little stroll downtown, and were struck by

66 Visitors to Polysorbate

how romantic it is here.

are always amazed at

the sights, not to mention the colorful locals!

What's so special about Polysorbate LX? "Well, the shopping,

boutiques. No matter how odd your shopping needs, chances are we have a store for you. Another reason to come to our planet is the romance."

So here's to you, Polysorbate LX.

#### THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE

#### **HOMING BEACON PUZZLE**

Opening up the datacorder (and who doesn't have one by now) displays a grid of 5 squares. There are five subcircuit "plates" that



can be moved from square to square. Each of the five subcircuit plates has a jumper that can be moved to any of five IRK settings - IRK 1, IRK3, IRK5, IRK7, and IRK9 - and a socket to accept any of five chips: the Spentium, the Dentium, the Repentium, the Fermentium, and the Dimtel. The squares that the plates fit into are called the Sensor Arrays A to E.

#### PLAYER MUST:

- Figure out which plate goes into which Sensor Array square (A-E).
- Insert the correct chips into each plate's socket.
- Assign the correct IRK jumper number to each plate.

PLATES	IRKS	SENSOR ARRAYS	CHIPS
Tachyon Transmitter	1	Α	Dentium
Particle Shield Subspace Emitter Recalibrating Fluctuator Feedback Cutter-Offer	3 5 7 9	B C D E	Repentium Fermentium Dimtel Spentium

All five plates are needed to create the homing beacon. We know that the Feedback Cutter-Offer and Tachyon Transmitter plates need to follow certain configuration rules explained herein. But some confusion about the remaining plates (Recalibrating Fluctuator, Subspace Emitter and Particle Shield) still exists.

Of these three, we know that:

- a. One must be placed at Sensor Array E
  - b. One of the others must be set at IRK 1
  - c. The remaining one uses the Spentium chip

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Because of that ugly lawsuit two years ago, our attorney insists that we must describe the selection process in detail:

#### FEBRUARY.

Nominations are submitted by travelers impressed with the cleanliness of a particular public restroom.

MARCH - APRIL. These nominations are culled down to five in each category based on the willingness of nominees to make monetary sacrifices to stay in the

#### MAY - NOVEMBER.

John J. Commeaude, the publisher of Popular Janitronics, travels extensively throughout the galaxy to examine these restrooms firsthand. He stays in only the best hotels, and eats and drinks lavishly in order to keep up his strength during this grueling process.\* In addition to determining the worthiness of each candidate. Mr. Commeaude also solicits from each candidate a monetary gesture to ascertain whether he or she is sincere about

**DECEMBER.** The Golden Bowl issue of Popular Janitronics is released. The winners are celebrated, and the losers are mocked and teased by their colleagues, friends, and families.

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January. The lawsuits start pouring in.

\* That reminds us. Subscription prices will be going up substantially. We'll bill you. -Ed

## THE ANNUAL GOLDEN THRONE AWARDS

T's hard to believe a whole year has passed, but once again it's time for Popular Janitronics's annual Golden Throne Awards. Competition this year was fierce for the coveted Golden Throne, but our esteemed judge John Commeaude has finally, after an exhaustive selection cycle, decided upon the winners.

CLEANEST TOILETS - The | MOST PROFITABLE -Phantasmagon Infiniplex, Theatre 825. "Not only enough to eat from ... when I arrived, they were full of caviar!" says Judge Commeaude, "We had quite a feast that day, I can tell you." Mmm! Sounds yummy, Judge!

FRIENDLIEST ATTENDANT -The Texatron on Realmulac.

Judge Commeaude particularly enjoyed the head clerk of the 77-211 company of Jed, a former marketing director who viewed his career change as a step up life's ladder. Good job, Jed! May your johns always be clog-free.

Darvon Eight's Tourist Information Center. The were the bowls clean folks on Darvon Eight certainly know how to skin tourists. They charge for everything, from entrance into the stall to toilet

> paper after you get in there. Way to take advantage when people are at their most stressed!

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- The 77-211 in the Acronym Sector, Second Quadrant. A.J., the guarantees that his restrooms are always stocked with plenty of paper. He also made sure that Judge Commeaude was also stocked with plenty of paper - buckazoids, that is!

Congratulations to all the winners! Remember, if you see any of the losers, be sure to taunt them in front of their loved ones. You'll be glad you did.

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To Frankie on Midol Four:

Your lips are like cherries, or roses or wine,

Your teeth are like lemons, or maybe sunshine.

Your three pink eyes twinkle like stars in the sky,

Your legs are as furry as those of a fly.

Your tiny ears wiggle when'evr I come near,

Your ductals do quake when I reach for you, Dear.

I love you today as the day that we wed,

And I'll love you this much till the day that I'm dead.

Happy Anniversary, Darling.

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#### BEACON PUZZLE HINTS con't

We do know for sure that:

- 1 The Tachyon Transmitter should use the Dentium chip and should not be placed at Sensor Array C.
- 2 The Particle Shield should not be placed at Sensor Array E.
- The Subspace Emitter should not use IRK 7.
- 1 The Recalibrating Fluctuator should be placed at Sensor Array A and be set to IRK 9.
- 6 The Feedback Cutter-Offer won't work with the Fermentium chip and should not go in Sensor Array B or C.
- 3 The plate that uses IRK 3 also uses the Dimtel chip.
- The plate in Sensor Array D must be set to IRK 5.

#### CORRECTION FROM THE EDITOR

In last month's issue of Popular Janitronics, we stated that the Miracle Sludgemeister 4000 will suck up orat tripe, but only when the suckage level is set above 12. Unfortunately, we inadvertantly neglected to mention that when the 4000's suckage level is set at 10 or above, it will also devour draperies, wall fixtures, and, as we discovered, pets weighing 30 pounds and under.

Additionally, when the suckage level reads 12 or more, it is possible for plastosteel port windows to be dislodged, causing an equalization of pressure which in the vacuum of space can result in some nasty side effects for oxygenated life forms.

As a result we have downgraded our recommendation of the Sludgemeister 4000 from 4 sucks to 2.

PI regrets the error, and apologizes to the family of Velda Zeenbucket, late of the galactic cruiser Hindenburg.

#### **WORKSHEET FOR SOLVING HOMING BEACON PUZZLE**

#### **TACHYON TRANSMITTER**

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