

# MINUS THE BEAR

## PLANET OF ICE

Following the success of *Highly Refined Pirates'* forward-thinking guitar gymnastics and *Menos El Oso's* groundbreaking glitch rock, Seattle's premier pop revisionists Minus The Bear dug into some of rock music's most ostentatious years for inspiration for their 2007 album, *Planet of Ice*. While their earlier material found the band absorbing and repurposing the virtuosic dexterity of math rock, the airtight sonic manipulations of turn-of-the-century IDM, the drum and bass groove of contemporary R&B, and the cerebral pop foundations of Television and The Police, the band prepped for their third full-length by immersing themselves in prog legends, jazz rock mavericks, and other audiophile heroes of the '70s. The title alone conjures images of Yes's *Relayer* album art, and the influence of the elder statesmen's symphonic scope can be felt throughout *Planet of Ice's* lush and intricate arrangements. You can also hear the band channel the ominous instrumental interplay of Lamb-era Genesis on "Dr. L'Ling", the deceptively savvy musicianship and pristine production of Steely Dan on "White Mystery", and the tightrope walk between ethereal space and pre-metal riffage of Pink Floyd's "Echoes" on "Lotus". Not that Minus The Bear completely abandoned their earlier style—elements of *Menos El Oso's* sample-driven technique can be heard on the lead single "Knights". But the heart of the song ultimately belongs to the haunting Fripp-esque guitar lines spliced between verses. After being out of print on record since 2010, Suicide Squeeze is proud to reintroduce *Planet of Ice's* creative marriage of classic motifs and modern musical wizardry with a vinyl remaster courtesy of Bernie Grundman.

- + MINUS THE BEAR CATALOG SALES TOTAL 413,000+
- + REMASTERED BY BERNIE GRUNDMAN
- + FIRST TIME IN PRINT SINCE 2010
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### TRACKLISTING

1. Burying Luck
2. Ice Monster
3. Knights
4. White Mystery
5. Dr. L'Ling
6. Part 2
7. Throwin' Shapes
8. When We Escape
9. Double Vision Quest
10. Lotus

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