

"Then God, in his wrath, sent the world a savior, miraculously born of two apes, who had descended on Earth from Earth's own future. And man was afraid, for both parent apes possessed the power of speech. So both were brutally murdered. But the child ape survived, and grew up to set his fellow creatures free from the yoke of human slavery. Yet, in the aftermath of his victory, the surface of the world was ravaged by the vilest war in human history. The great cities of the world split asunder and were flattened. And out of one such city, our savior led a remnant of those who survived, in search of greener pastures, where ape and human might forever live in friendship, according to divine will. His name was Caesar—and this is his story in those far-off days."

—The Lawgiver

A dystopian future. The enslavement of an entire race. An upside-down world where apes became the masters and mankind lived as savages. And into that future society walked several time-lost astronauts, who found the world they once knew had become a planet of apes.

Six films and two television series comprise the *Planet of the Apes* canon—but the story does not end there. A line of novels, comics, audio tales and more have helped flesh out the mythos, exploring facets never revealed onscreen.

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- How did the apes acquire the power of speech—while man was rendered mute?
- Where did the plague that ravaged the planet come from, and what effects did it have not only on man and ape, but on other creatures as well?
- What unique cultures spawned around the globe in the post-apocalyptic aftermath—and how did the Statue of Liberty end up in pieces, on a desolate beach?

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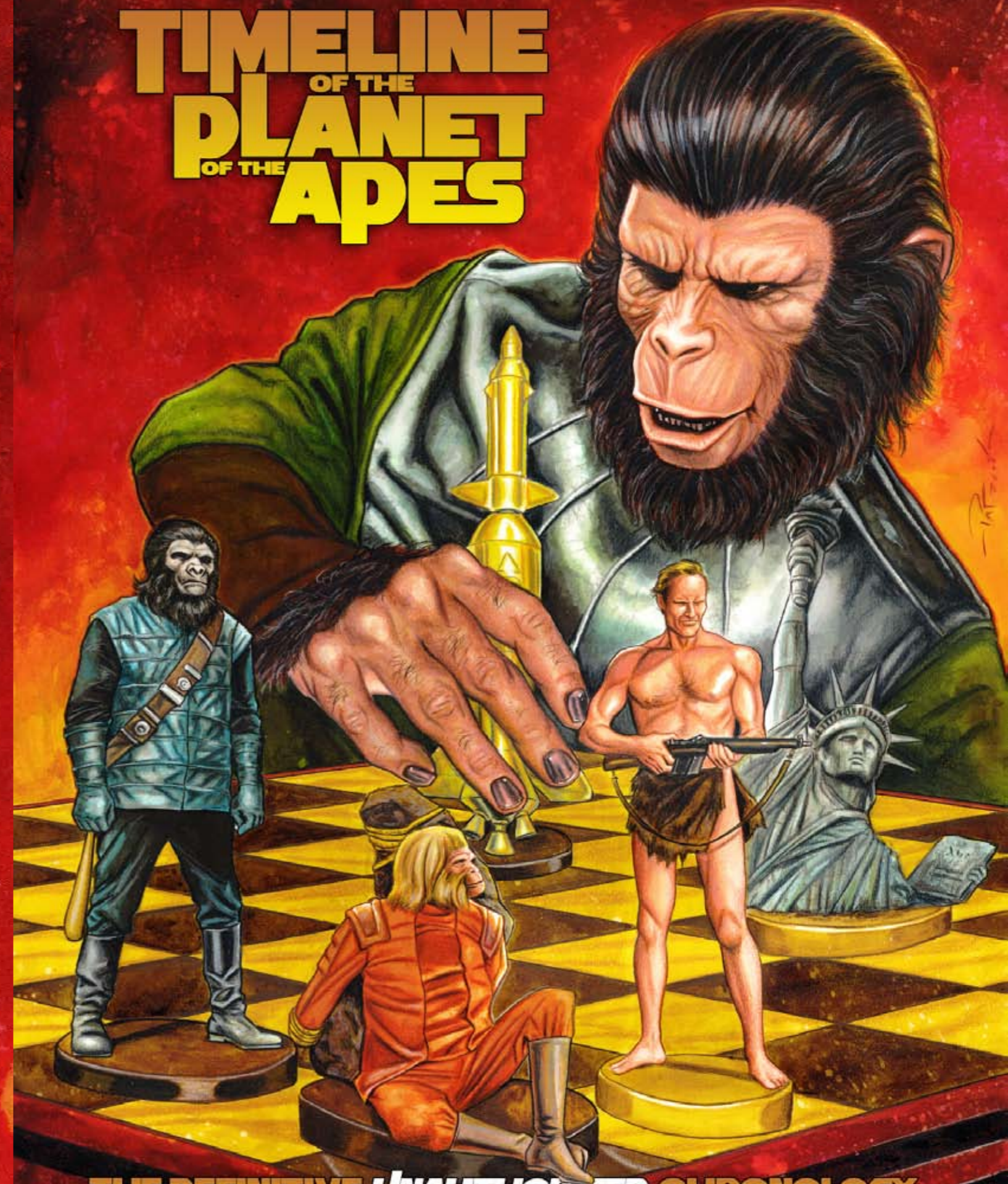
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