

WHERE MAN ONCE STOOD SUPREME--NOW RULE THE APES!



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20th CENTURY MUSEUM

TERROR!

THE FUTURE:

A TIME OF
DEATH.

DEATH AT THE
HANDS OF THE
SIMIAN
INVADERS!

DEATH AT THE
HANDS OF THEIR
MINDLESS PUPPET
SLAVES.

DEATH AT
THE HANDS
OF THE
HUMAN'S
CHAMPION:

THE MAN OTHER
MEN CALL--
APESLAYER!

WATCH IT,
APESLAYER--THE
GENERAL'S
MAN ALMOST
GOT YOU.

THEN LET THEM
TRY, MALA--
AND WE'LL SHOW
THEM HOW
FREEMEN FIGHT.

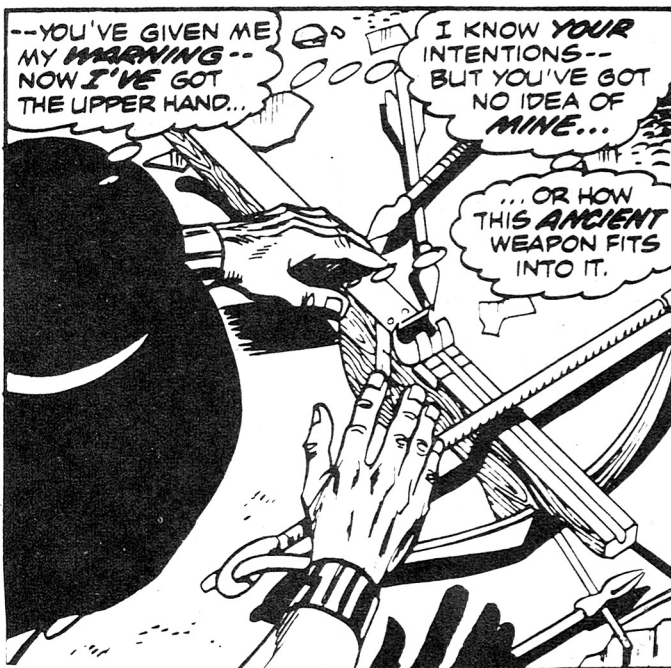
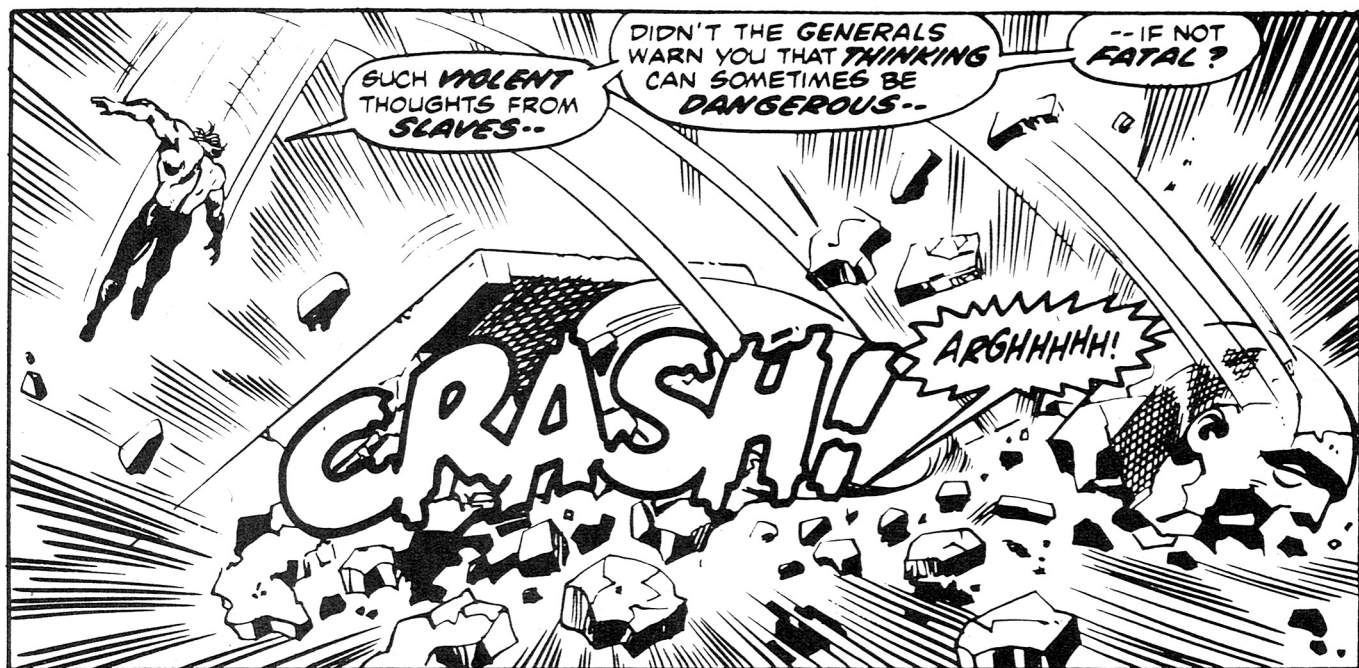
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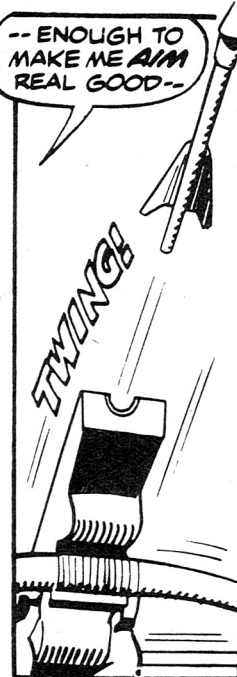








KEEP
TALKIN'
SLAVE--
KEEP
RILIN'
ME UP--



TWING!

-- ENOUGH TO
MAKE ME AIM
REAL GOOD--



SPLTT!

MISSED
ME, BLACK--
MISSED--



YOU MAY HAVE
LOST *YOUR* CHANCE
-- BUT I *SWEAR*
I'LL NOT LOSE
MINE.



SPLAT!

PERHAPS
YOUR MASTER
DOESN'T LIKE
SWEARING,
SLAVE.



MALA!

SO *THERE* YOU ARE,
APESLAYER-- I'D BEEN
WONDERING WHERE
YOU HAD *DISAPPEARED*
TO --



WHAT? WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

ENDING
THE LIFE
OF A
TRAITOR,
MALA--



ARE YOU *MAD*?
I'M NO TRAITOR.

NOT
YOU,
BROTHER--



-- THE ONE *BEHIND*
YOU-- THE TRAITOR
WHO *SOLD* HIS HUMAN
HERITAGE TO APES--

-- WHO *BOWS*
TO SIMIAN
GODS--

-- THAT
TRAITOR,
MALA--
THAT
TRAITOR!



BUT THEY'LL
SOON *BOW* NO
MORE-- NOT
ONCE OUR
MEN FIND THE
GENERALS--

-- AND
DESTROY
THEM!

THIS
APESLAYER
SWEARS!



SPEAK, SLAVE--
TELL ME WHERE
THE GENERALS
HIDE--

-- TELL ME WHERE
THEY *STORE*
THEIR *WEAPONS*--
THEIR *SUPPLIES*.

... PLACE ...
THEY
CALLED IT ...



...LA
GUAAAAGGGHHHHH!!

APESLAYER!



DEAD, MALA--
THE KEEPERS MUST
HAVE **PROGRAMMED**
DEATH BEFORE
BETRAYAL
INTO HIM.

THEN WE'VE
LEARNED
NOTHING.



WRONG, BROTHER--
I NOW **KNOW**
WHERE THEIR
WEAPONS ARE
HIDDEN--

--AND TONIGHT WE SHALL
INVADE THEIR GUARDED
STRONGHOLD--



BUT **FIRST--**
THIS **MUSEUM**
IS INTERESTING.
THERE MAY BE
THINGS HERE
WE CAN SOME-
DAY USE.

PERHAPS
EVEN SOME
NEW
CLOTHING?

THAT
CLANKS
WITH
EVERY
STEP
YOU
TAKE?

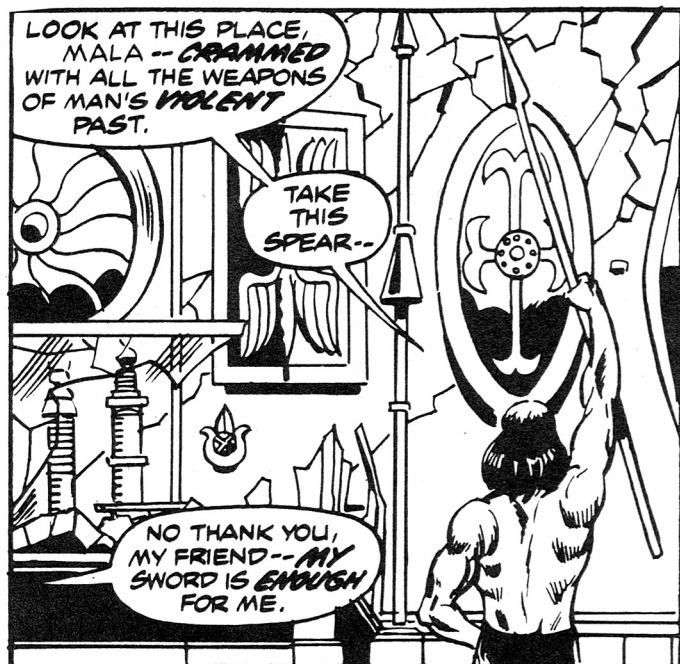


YOU KNOW
YOUR **PROBLEM**,
MALA? YOU
STILL **THINK**
LIKE THE
DIRT-CRAWLER
YOU ARE.

TO THINK
YOU WERE
THE **SECOND-
BEST**
GLADIATOR
IN THE
SIMIAN'S
ARENA
GAMES--

-- RIGHT
BEHIND **ME**,
OF COURSE.

IF YOU EVER
WISH TO **DEFEND**
YOUR TITLE,
APESLAYER-- YOU
KNOW **WHERE** YOU
CAN FIND ME.



ONE HOUR MORE THEY SPEND IN THIS HALF-CRUMBLING MUSEUM, SEARCHING THROUGH TIME-EATEN DEBRIS FOR WEAPONS...

... AND FINDING A FEW THEY MAY EVENTUALLY USE, THEY LEAVE.

TIME TO RETURN TO STATEN, AND SHARE OUR NEW-FOUND WEALTH WITH THE BROTHERS...

EASIER SAID THAN DONE-- OR DID YOU FORGET OUR BOAT WAS DESTROYED BY THE GENERALS?

THUS WE IMPROVISE AGAIN, MALA-- OR DID YOUR MOSS-LADEN MIND NOT RECOGNIZE WHAT THAT VEHICLE IS?

A MOTOR-CAR FROM BEFORE? WHAT GOOD IS THAT WHEN ITS POWER-SOURCE MUST BE DEAD?

AS DEAD AS ITS PREVIOUS OWNER OBVIOUSLY IS.

THE GENERAL EXPLAINED SOME MECHANICS TO ME, BROTHER-- PERHAPS IT WILL BE ENOUGH TO START THIS THING MOVING.

DON'T PLACE YOUR LIFE ON IT, APESLAYER.

WHAT'S THAT YOU SAID, MY FRIEND? OR ARE YOU ABOUT TO EAT YOUR OWN FOOLISH WORDS?

THE MOTOR TURNS.

SOON WE'LL BE HOME... BACK WITH THE OTHERS.

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IF YOU DON'T KILL US FIRST WITH YOUR DRIVING!

OR DIDN'T YOU NOTICE THAT TREE BEHIND YOU?

CRASH!

A MOMENTARY SETBACK. I'LL HAVE THIS FOUR-WHEELED BEAST IN MY CONTROL IN MOMENTS...

ABOUT TIME, APESLAYER IT'S ONLY BEEN TWO HOURS.

MALA,, REMIND ME OF THIS CONVERSATION THE NEXT TIME THE GENERAL'S MEN HAVE YOU TRAPPED.

SO I DON'T FORGET TO COOK THE OTHER WAY AND LET THEM HAVE YOU.

NEXT THE WARLORD STRIKES!

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Dear Stan,

I just want to tell you that I don't usually read comics, but I have just read Planet of The Apes. It's really great. And I hope the Comic, TV series and films go on for ever.

Erika Morris,
Wales.

"Ever" is the best part of a long, long time, Erika. But we'll do our best! Promise!

Dear Bullpen,

Thanks for bringing out the greatest comic mag of the century, second to none. But let's hope that standards don't fall, 'cos, if they do Spiderman will take his number one position, in my mind, anyway.

I suppose that this new saga is 'Beneath the Planet of The Apes'. It seems alright, but please give that young chimp Alexander some more hair. He looks like a mangy dog. And also, like Paul Donnachie says, keep Ka-zar out of the Apes mag. He's too corny for words. You say that lots of Marvelites are over the moon for Ka-zar and Gullivar Jones (he was OK) but I beg to disagree, and I for one have got my thumb down on Ka-Zar.

I'm sorry for having to complain so much, but as you say, it's us fans that form the line-up of the mags.

Now may I ask if after this saga you will be doing the other three features of the apes in your Planet of The Apes mag.

J. Jameson RFO, KOF,
73 Masefield Drive, South Shields.

As you so rightly say, J.J., it's Marvelites who make the final decision on who's in the mags and who isn't. But that decision, of course, is the distillation of many, many points of view from many, many readers. So our thanks to you for tossing your opinions into the melting pot. On the question of whether we shall be running the stories of ALL the apes films, you may have caught our reply to another Marvel Madman who posed the same question. It's something we very much wish to do.

Dear Stan,

I am very soothed that you brought out The Planet of The Apes because I wanted very much to see it at the pictures, but unluckily we missed it.

But! One day my mum bought Planet of The Apes for me, and Gee! Stan, it was great! And so far I have looked forward to every Saturday when I nip up to the newsagent to get it.

Mark Nixon,
Isle of Wight.

Don't take any chances, Mark. Next time you nip to your newsagent ask him to put Planet of The Apes on a regular order for you. If you could see the harrowing letters we receive from readers who've found their newsagent sold out. It'd make your heart bleed!

Dear Stan and The Gang,

I just don't know how you do it! I really don't know how you bring out two new mags and on the same day. And the new mags are really great, but none better than Planet of The Apes.

I don't like to say this but there is one thing wrong, and that is no Silver Surfer or X-Men. I'm sure that many other fans would like to see either of these features.

I went to see the Planet of the Apes film a few weeks before ish 1 came out. But even so, I really enjoyed the mag.

But what's this? A boob in ish 9 in the feature on Ron Harper. Look, at the bottom of the page you show Ron Harper with Urko the gorilla leader played by Mark Lenard. Those two pieces of print prove I'm correct. You have spelt Urko as Erko. No such ape as Erko do I know, and the gorilla leader is Urko, played by Mark Lenard. No thanks. I don't want a No-prize. I know you may say I'm crazy, but I'm one nice fan who doesn't want to give you a hard time explaining it.

I've just been reading ish 12, and what a script it was. Brillo! Also the art. I'd like to give special thanks to Mike Ploog.

Alistair Henderson, RFO, KOF, QNS,
Roehampton, London.

Since you haven't said much about Erko and Urko we aren't going to say very much either, Alistair. In fact all we're gonna do is give you our thanks for pointing all of it out. And we don't need to say very much about the Silver Surfer and the X-men, either, because by the time all this is being read by an avid public you'll know that the Silvery One and Dr. Xavier's little clan are all on view!

Dear Marvel Man Stan,

I wish to congratulate you on your two magnificent comics, Planet of The Apes and Dracula Lives. I've already placed a regular order for them. By the way, I have one of those comics with the speech bubble with no words, in issue No. 1 of the Apes. Keep up the good work.

Chris Parker.
Wimborne, Dorset.

Congratulations, Chris. Congratulations on having the native sagacity to place your newsagent under contract! Welcome to the fold. You're a Marvelite for us to be proud of! And take the best of care of that No. 1. issue of Planet of the Apes.

Dear Stan,

Are you or are you not going to publish a Planet of the Apes book and a Dracula Lives book?

Michael Nelson,
86 Pristman Point, Bow, London.

Yes, Mike. We shall indeed be publishing a Dracula Lives book, and we hope to have it on sale by the spring. Just keep watching the mags for an announcement, 'cos as soon as we've got 'em ready, you'll be the first to know.

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