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Dear Bullpen,

Poring over my collection of Planet of The Apes mags, I noticed, in "Apes Forum" ish 18, a letter from Jim Ivers, about Doug Moench's (brilliant) scope of style, and I cannot agree with him more.

Doug always adopts the correct vernacular in the dialogue for each character, and "Terror" certainly contained a lot of witty humour. We also owe a lot to the inking. A glance at Brutus' uninked face in panel 1, page 9, in ish 19, shows the vast difference between inked and uninked work.

I also have some information for other Ape-ophiles who are collecting souvenir pieces of the film series. Available in some bookshops are paperback novels of the films. For instance, in the AWARD Books series there are, Escape From the Planet of The Apes, Conquest of the Planet of the Apes and Battle for the Planet of the Apes, each book costing 35p.

Before I go, I have a request. Could you please make sure that the majority of pin-ups are on the back cover? That way they do not cut out any of the story. Anyway, I prefer the glossy colour pin-ups to the black and white ones. That glossy paper can be wiped with a damp cloth when the pin-up gets dirty, and it looks so much better as a pin-up.

Mark Powell, Carshalton, Surrey.

Yep — Jim Ivers (FFF) sure has a happy knack of putting a well-polished phrase together, Mark. Which reminds us, it's been some little time since last we heard from Jovial Jim. One way and another, your letter should be spreading a little happiness, what with your approval of Jim's mail and the info you've provided for all Ape addicts. We only wish we could add our bit to the general euphoria by promising that as from now all pin-ups will appear on the back covers. But this just isn't possible. But, believe it or believe it not, we really DO try to put pin-ups where they'll do the least harm to the mag if they're removed.



Dear Marvel,

I was reading your fantastic "Planet of The Apes" magazine the other day when a thought suddenly struck me. There must be many Ape fans who read your magazine and would like to make friends with other readers. So I thought it would be a good idea to have a sort of pen-pal club for Ape fans. Perhaps if anyone would like a pen-pal they would write to me, giving me their name, age and address, and whether they would like a boy or girl

pen-pal. I could then sort them out and try to find the right two people to write to each other. Let me know if you want more than one pen-pal. Oh, yes. My bank account isn't very healthy at the moment, so I would be grateful if a stamped addressed envelope could be enclosed with the details. It will make things easier and quicker for me.

Liz Hart, 47 Park Drive, Leicester Forest East, Leicester. LE3 3FO

We're sure you're right, Liz. We're sure the whole country is teeming with Ape fans who'd like few things better than the opportunity to exchange ideas with other afficionados. So thanks for volunteering. You'll be doing a grand job!



Dear Marvel Comics,

I am writing this letter to you as I am a regular reader of "Planet of 'the Apes". Well, about two weeks ago I read that two girls had started a Ron Harper and James Naughton fan club, and also they had personal letters from Ron and James. Well, I wrote to America and got a letter from Roddy McDowall.

Roddy is my favourite film star and I have just written to him again, asking if I could start a Fan Club for him in England, as he has not got a fan club.

Marvel, I would like you to help me on this. You see, I was thinking if you could give my address to any Roddy McDowall fans who write to you and who would like to join his fan club I will be very grateful.

Miss S. Wicks, Halstead, Essex.

And what a fortunate man Roddy McDowall is to have fans as loyal and dedicated as you! We wish you well in your endeavours — which is why we've published your letter in full, together with your address. All other Roddy McDowall admires please make a note of Miss Wicks' address.



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