

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

PLANET OF THE APES

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RUN, YOU FOOLS, RUN--
IT'S THE **END**
OF THE **WORLD!**

IS THIS THE
DEATH
OF THE
PLANET
OF THE
APES?

BENEATH THE PLANET OF THE APES PART-SIX

THE AWESOME APE ARMY ON THE MARCH, A BIZARRE CARAVAN OF MOUNTED AND INFANTRY **GORILLAS**...RELENTLESSLY THREADING ITS WAY OVER THE RADIATION-MISTED TERRAIN OF THE FORBIDDEN ZONE...

... AN ARMY SEEKING ALL-OUT **WAR**... WITH AN ENEMY WHICH REMAINS MYSTERIOUSLY **UNKNOWN** ...

THE HELL OF HOLOCAUST



...AND A VAST AND SPRAWLING
LEGION OF MARAUDERS LED BY--

**GENERAL
URSUS--!**

...AND ONE
**OTHER: DR.
ZAIUS, THE
MINISTER OF
SCIENCE...**

**LOOK
HERE--
IN THE
GROUND--!**

SOME SORT OF
HOLE, URSUS--!
THERE ARE WAYS
DOWN THERE--WAYS
TO **REACH** YOUR
ENEMIES!

... A VAST ARMY LED BY TWO OF ITS
SOCIETY'S MOST **CAPABLE** PERSONAGES...

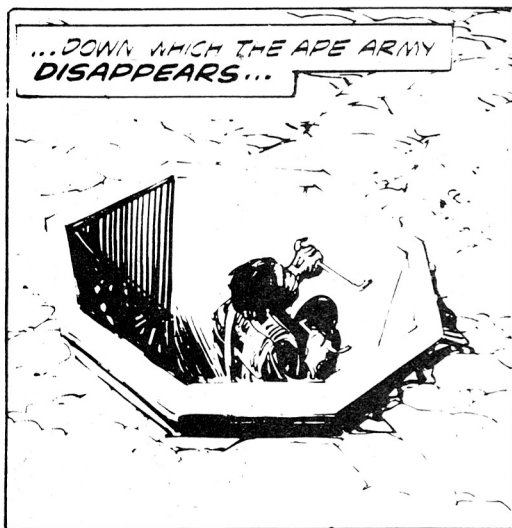
YOU KNOW
THE RANGE OF
THEIR **CITY**--?

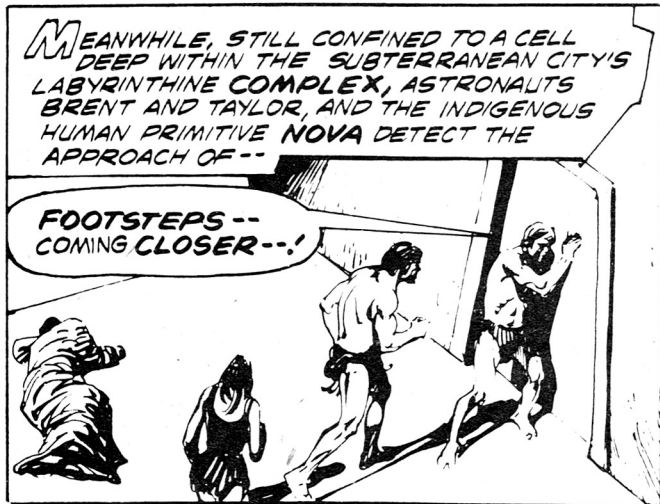
...AND A VAST ARMY WHICH IS EVEN NOW
TELEPATHICALLY **OBSERVED** BY THE RANKING
HIERARCHY OF ITS STILL **UNKNOWN** ENEMY...

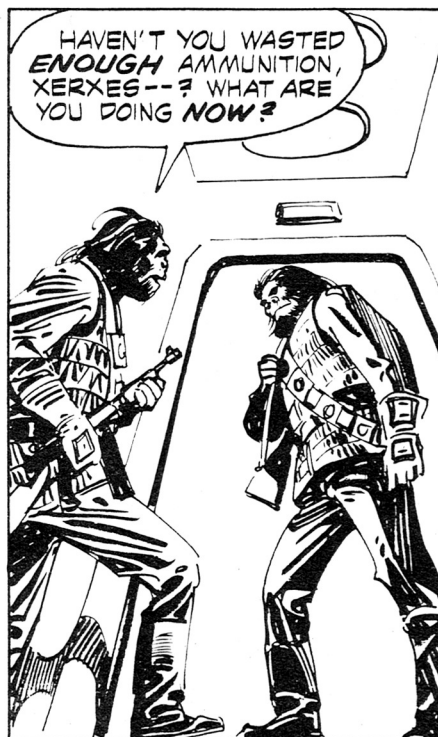
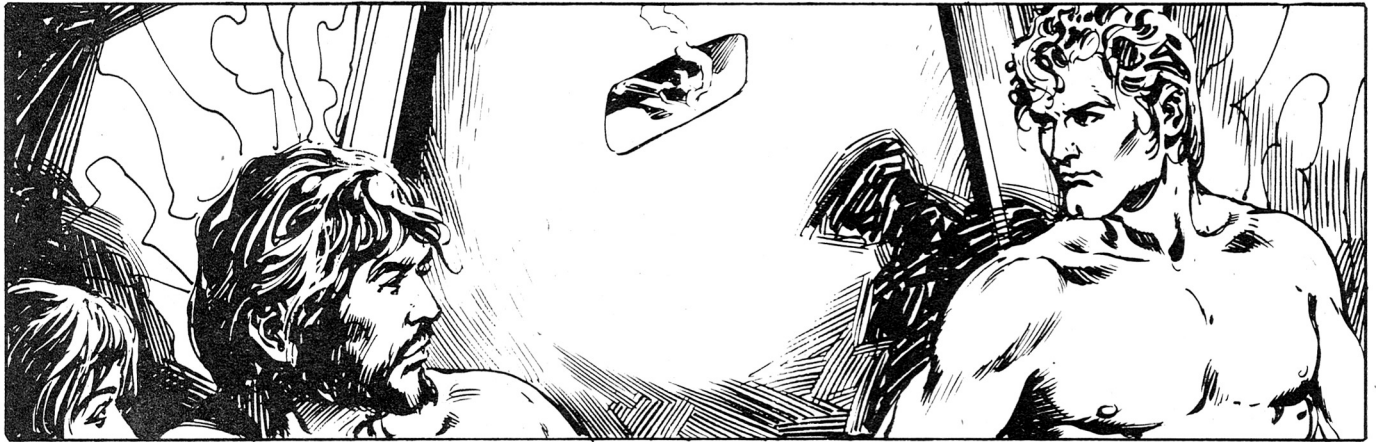
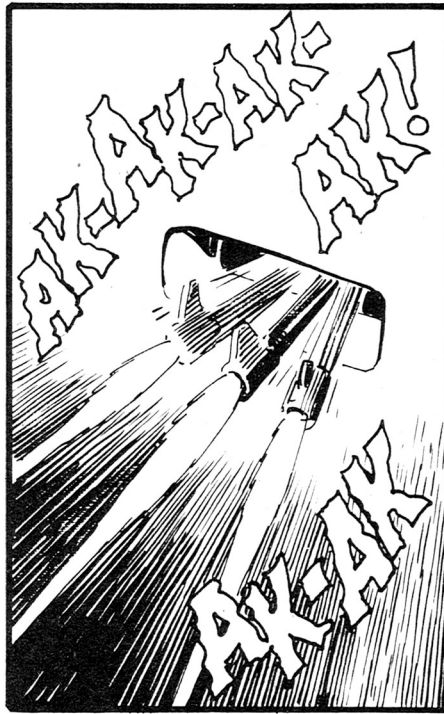
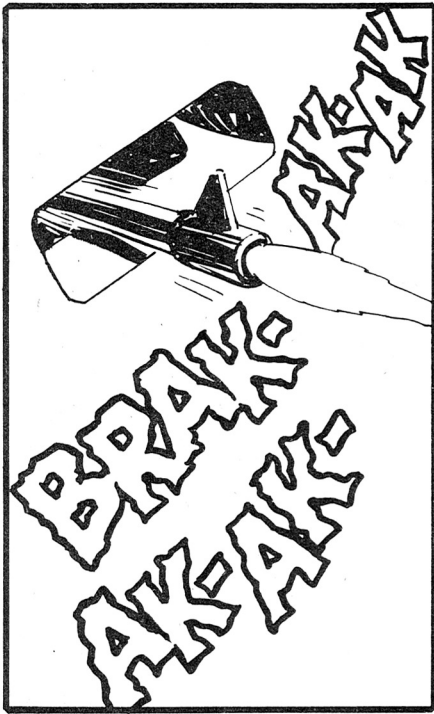
**YES,
MENDEZ,
I KNOW THE
RANGE.**

... **THE MUTANT
INQUISITORS.**

THEN
PROGRAMME
IT INTO THE
MECHANISM
AND STAND BY
THE **PRIME** THE
BOMB.

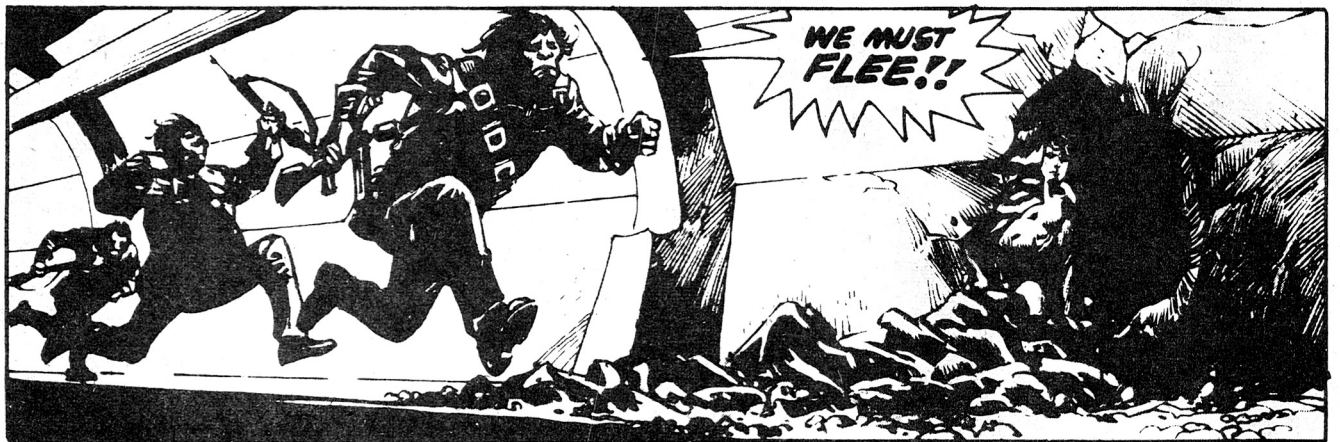


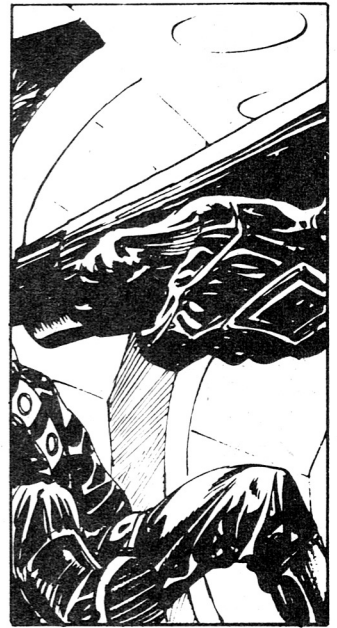






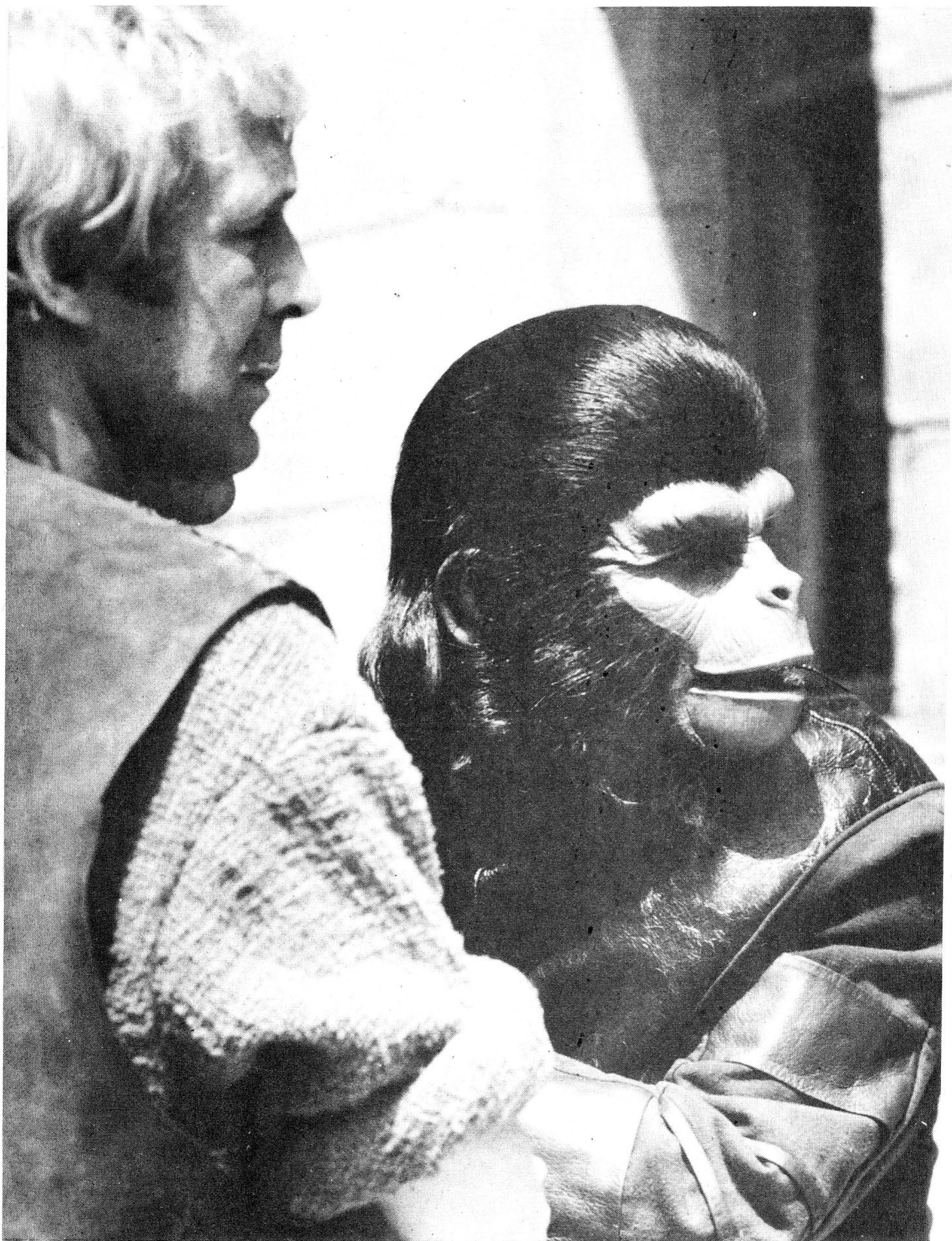








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GALEN, THE T.V. APE

APES FORUM



Dear Stan,

I was very excited to hear in ish 31 that Planet of the Apes is having a re-run in the summer. My sister, brother and myself like looking at the features in the middle about the TV series.

At school there are many female fans of the TV series. When we saw that Planet of The Apes was going to be taken off our screens we all had the blues for weeks on end!

I am thinking of joining the James Naughton and Ron Harper fan clubs very soon as I am a great fan of theirs. Pity there isn't a fan-club for Roddy McDowall, as he is so cute when he acts Galen.

I love all three of the Planet of the Apes team and can't seem to get tired of looking at them or reading about them.

Please put more pictures in your mag about the TV series.

Anna Brook,
Worcester Park, Surrey.

Check back on your past issues of "Planet of The Apes" and you'll find that in addition to a James Naughton and a Ron Harper fan-club there IS a Roddy McDowall fan-club. And all three clubs are organised by enterprising Marvelites who happen to be, like you, ardent admirers of the three stars of the "Planet of The Apes" series.

Dear Marvel,

If any "Planet of the Apes" fans are interested, all five ape films can be obtained on 8mm movie film. Each film lasts approximately 15 minutes and is an expertly edited version of each movie. They are available in two versions, Black and White silent or colour sound. I have all the Black and White Silent versions, and I recommend them to any ape fan who has an 8mm projector.

L.H. Frost,
Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

And here's further proof of how right we were to label this page "Apes Forum". The distilled wisdom is pouring in from all points of the compass! Take full advantage of it, life wasn't always this good!



To all,

This letter concerns the comic magazine, Planet of The Apes. Going back to October, the first issue was magnificent. The artwork and tints were without fault; the layout of the magazine was well thought out, and from this one magazine the possibility of a fascinating speciality magazine developing was uppermost in one's mind.

The second issue was, for me, a slight disappointment. The stories themselves were excellent, but this was let down by a shoddily-drawn cover.

All was well with the world until issue 11. In this issue Ka-Zar made his final appearance, "in order to devote more space to behind-the-scene articles and photos of the apes movies and television show" we were informed. I regard this action as a mistake on your part. After establishing a character in the British Marvel scene, and a character so undeniably different, being Marvel's only pre-historic English lad living in tropical Antarctica! He should be allowed to continue with the publication of his stories, the artwork of some being the best Barry Smith ever produced.

The second mistake came with the discontinuation of a continuing back-up story. The culmination of this came with issue 18, when Planet of The Apes took up nine pages, and a one-off science fiction story took up 20!

The "Apes" story from issues 20-22 was atrocious. The sloppy artwork did nothing to improve the boring, almost non-Marvel, story.

The ultimate atrocity came with issue 23. Planet of the Apes has become a name only. The latest stories were re-drawn, re-written, re-prints of the WAR OF THE WORLDS, featuring KILLRAVEN, and **not** Planet of the Apes featuring Apeslayer! Planet of the Apes is now a shadow of what it was before. A dream has been shattered.

Please bring back Ka-Zar. Print Ape stories from the American versions, not re-written War of the Worlds stories. Do this and return Planet of The Apes to its former glory for the sake of the dedicated reader and collector.

Ray Pinder,
Watford, Herts.

You've criticised us in no uncertain terms, Ray, and we don't blame you. Not one little bit. Because we uphold the right of every Marvelite to make his voice heard loud and clear whenever, he thinks that Marvel is straying from the proper path. What you're saying is that the translation of a Killraven/War of the World saga into a Planet of The Apes adventure didn't come off. And since you're not the only Marvelite to express that opinion we're certainly not gonna fight you over it. What we WILL do is put Planet of The Apes into the kind of shape that'll please the majority of Marvelites. Okay?



Dear Stan and Co.,

Planet of The Apes No. 11 ended rather unusually, with Taylor facing the Statue of Liberty and the buried skyscrapers of a devastated New York. Let's hope next issue's Planet of The Apes is of the same quality.

Paul Donnachie,
Ross-shire, Scotland.

Well, you'll have seen that issue No. 12 by this time, Paul, and many a succeeding issue, too.