

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



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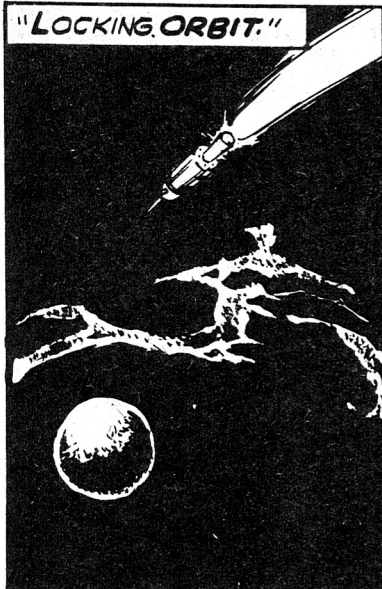
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THE END OF EARTH...AND THE BEGINNING OF  
"ESCAPE FROM THE PLANET OF THE APES!"



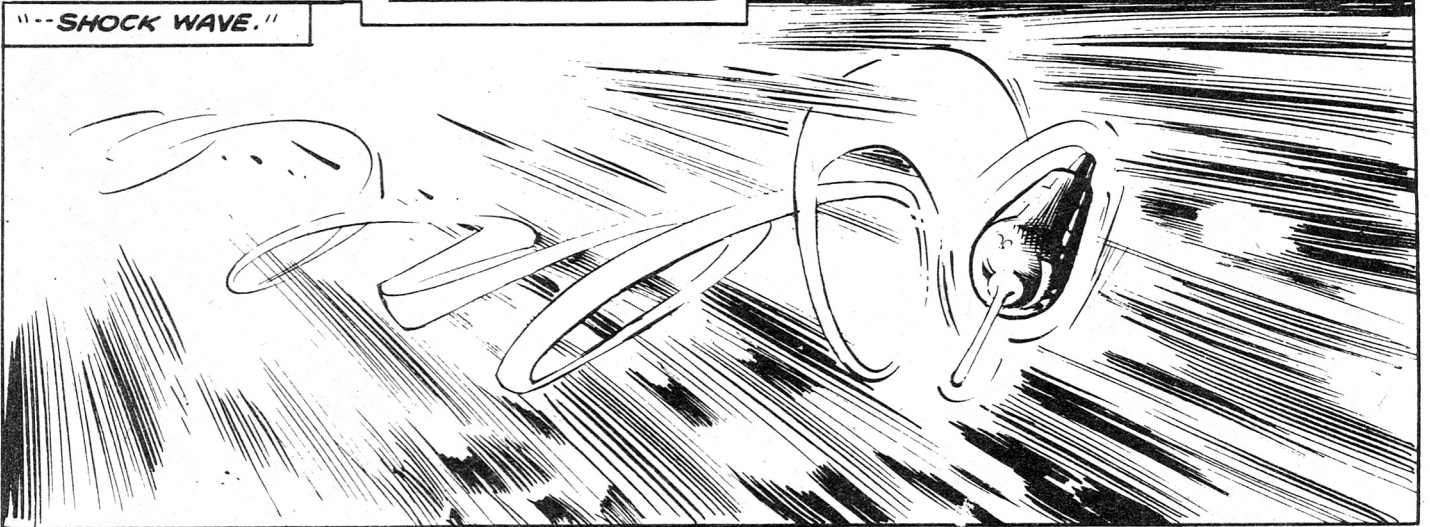




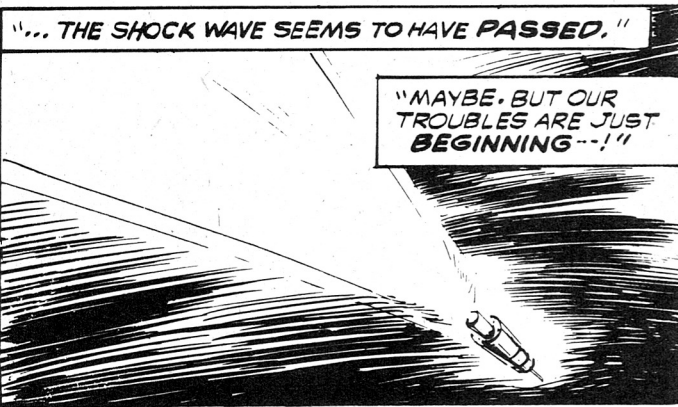
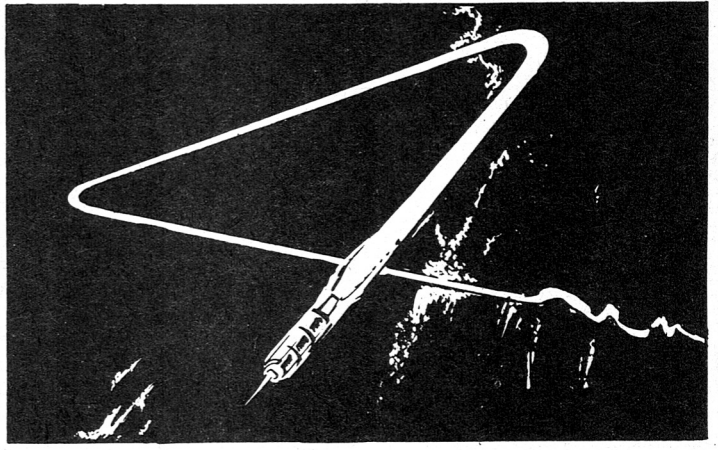
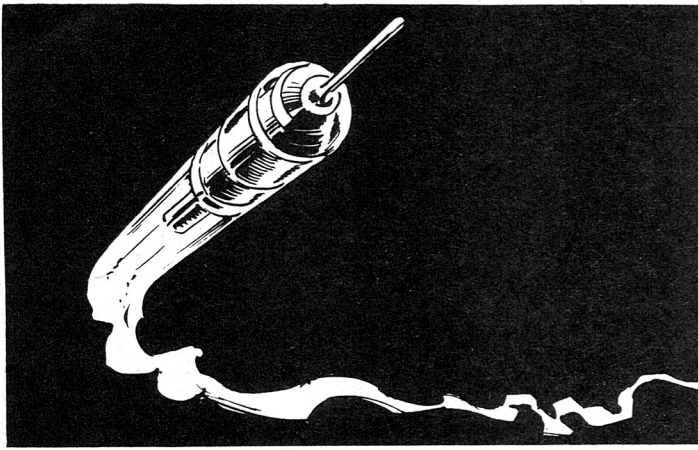




"--SHOCK WAVE."









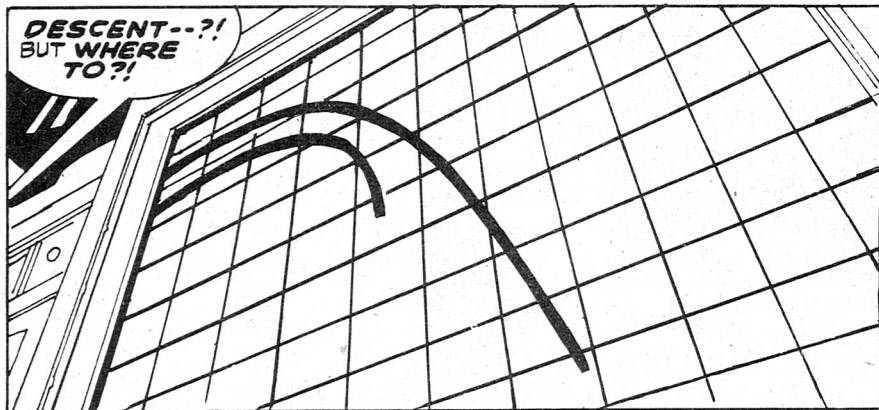


OVER HERE--! THE  
RE-ENTRY GRAPH  
HAS ACTIVATED  
ITSELF!

WE'VE BEEN  
FORCED OUT OF  
ORBIT--!



YOU SAID IT--OUT  
OF ORBIT AND RIGHT  
INTO DESCENT--!



DESCENT--?!  
BUT WHERE  
TO?!



"I DON'T KNOW, BUT  
WHEREVER IT IS--  
WE'RE GOING FAST--!"



THE WINDOWS  
--THEY'RE ALL  
FOGGED!

NOT FOGGED,  
I'M AFRAID... BUT  
CHARRED...

THAT'S  
SMOKE--  
SOOT ON THE  
WINDOWS...



"... WHICH MEANS THE SHIP'S  
ON FIRE."

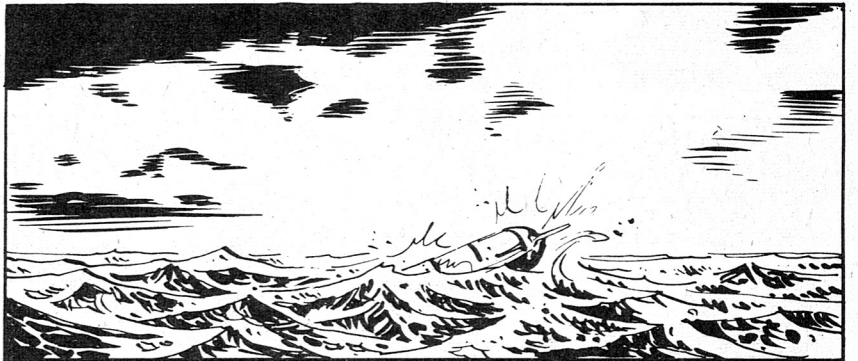
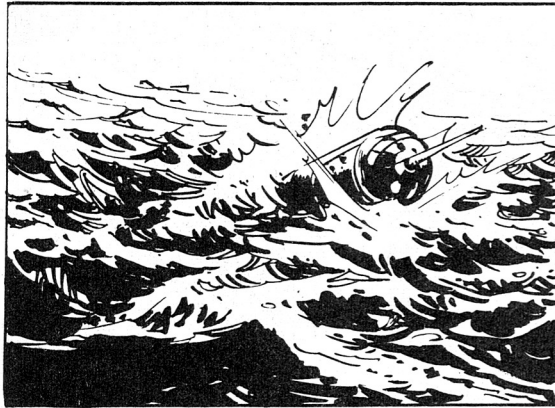
"THEN WE'VE  
PENETRATED  
ATMOSPHERE..."



BUT WHAT  
ATMOSPHERE?!  
WHAT  
PLANET--?!

WHO KNOWS?!  
BUT SINCE THESE  
CONTROLS WON'T  
RESPOND--AND  
I CAN'T HALT OUR  
DESCENT--IT'S A  
GOOD BET WE'RE  
GOING TO MEET  
THE PLANET AND  
GET TO KNOW  
IT QUITE--







**TOWER-- THIS IS  
RED BARON FIVE!  
DO YOU READ ME...?**



**I HAVE AN OBJECT  
BEACHED ON THE  
TIDE-LINE!**



**COORDINATES ARE  
SOUTHEAST CORNER OF  
SECTOR ALPHA  
CHARLIE! RELAY THIS  
TO APPROPRIATE  
RECOVERY FORCES...**



**I HAVE ENOUGH FUEL TO  
ORBIT FOR FORTY-  
FIVE MINUTES! PLEASE  
ALERT RED BARON  
OPS, AND I'LL SQUAWK  
CHANNEL TWO FOR  
RADAR FIX...**



**BUT I'LL BE  
FRIED IF I  
KNOW HOW  
THIS THING  
GOT HERE--!**



**RESCUE -- WE  
HAVE A RED BARON  
FIVE REPORT OF  
POSSIBLE SPACECRAFT  
WASHED ASHORE IN  
SOUTHEAST  
SECTOR ALPHA  
CHARLIE!**



**IMMEDIATELY LAUNCH  
TWO CHOPPERS TO  
EFFECT PICKUP AND  
RECOVERY! BASE RADAR  
WILL VECTOR THEM TO THE  
LOCATION COORDINATES!**



**THAT IS  
ALL!**

**GET ME THE  
COLONEL!**



**NEXT THE SECRET OF  
THE ASTRONAUTS**



Dear Marvel.

Great, brilliant, magnificent, breathtaking! What am I talking about? Not about our Apes sagas, but about Adam Warlock.

At around issue 20, I was thinking of discontinuing my purchase of your now great mag, but something made me change my mind. And how glad I am that something did, or else I would have missed your Warlock serial.

While reading the Adam Warlock stories, I couldn't help but get the feeling that they had a religious foundation, in that the High Evolutionary was God, the Creator; Warlock played the part of Jesus, the Saviour; the four children (David, Jason, Eddie, Ellie) were his disciples, the students; and the Man-Beast was Satan, the Evil one.

Before I sign off, I have two requests to make. Firstly, when you have finished the Warlock-serial, is there any chance of seeing the sagas of Johnny Future reprinted? I remember him from the days of Fantastic, but now, alas, all my collection of Fantastic has long been dead and buried.

Now onto my second request, which would have been unnecessary had you printed your correspondent's full address. In issue 37 of Planet, a certain Mark Warren of Lowestoft, Suffolk, enquired about the availability of 'Planet of The Apes' issues 1-12, but you were unable to help him. Well, to demonstrate the kind-heartedness of Marvelites, I will give our deprived friend the first nine issues of Planet as a present. In other words, absolutely free! But in order to do this, I require his full address so that I can post them to him.

Bambos Anglos,  
35 Eburne Road, Holloway, London.

*Our thanks for a well-constructed, thoughtful and thought-provoking letter, Bambos. Each and every reader sees a story in his own way, and you've clearly stated your personal reaction to Adam Warlock. And onto your two requests. 1. We are well-acquainted with the Johnny Future saga which appeared in the pages of Fantastic, but it's unlikely that we'll ever be featuring him in one of our mags. The reason being that Johnny F. is not a Marvel character and the copyright is owned elsewhere. 2. Your generous gesture has been duly noted in the Bullpen—and guess what? We can't give you Mark Warren's address (we don't have it on file), but we can, and are, giving you an FFF! And if Mark W. is reading this then he'll doubtless be contacting you! What a day, eh?*

## APES MAIL

Dear Marvel,

I am a great fan of Roddy McDowall's. In fact, he is all over my pin-boards in my bedroom. I get Planet of the Apes every week. I get up quickly every Saturday morning so that I can run down to my newagents to get it. I think your magazine is great and have no complaints to make. People have written up about Roddy, but I assure you they are not the only ones who have fallen for him. The adults I know have also fallen for him. I have only just plucked up courage to write to you because I think you're fab. Usually people to my age (18) swoon over pop-stars, but my pin-up is Roddy. Keep printing Planet of the Apes, otherwise I can't run down to my newagent to get it, can I?

I may as well tell you that I've seen all the Ape films shown in Britain, and all my pocket money goes on apes.

Anita Smith,  
Surbiton, Surrey.

*It's that Roddy McDowall again, casting his spell in ever-widening circles! Where's it all going to end? we ask. Is the whole world gonna fall to his chimpy charms?*

Dear Stan,

Here's a "turn-up for the books", or should I say "Apes"? Here am I, a mother of two in my early 40's and acting just like my own two ape-mad youngsters. I've read all the Ape books, seen the films, and wait impatiently every week for your Planet of The Apes comic.

I am particularly smitten by Galen, but I am an Ape maniac, so I am always on the lookout for any news on the Apes. Your comic has filled a sad gap caused by the sudden disappearance of the TV series and the films. Thank-you for the pictures, and the news, together with the strip story they make a good 8p's worth. Though we would not object if you were to give the Apes a bit more room. Say 20 pages, instead of 10?

On request. As I say Galen is my pin up, but my son thinks "Zira" is super. Could you print a nice picture of her (and also, perhaps, one of Kim Hunter) to make our scrapbook complete.

Mrs. Atkinson,  
Deeside, Clwyd.

*We've got news for you, Mrs. A. Included in our readership are a number of youngsters of your age. And as for that Galen. We don't know what it is he's got, but we sure wish we had it! We know just how you feel, so take comfort from our assurance that we'll be publishing pictures and pin-ups whenever we can lay hands on 'em.*

Dear Stan,

I am writing this letter to tell you that Planet of The Apes is smashing. But remember Planet No.1, when the whole comic was about Planet of The Apes with no other stories, and also an ape "make-up" page? I would like this to happen again in this comic.

I still think that "Terror" and "Evolutions Nightmare" and "Ape Slayer" and "Warlock" are rubbish. All the other stories were great, but when you finish "Beneath the Planet of The Apes" carry on with Escape From the Planet of The Apes, Conquest on the Planet of The Apes and Battle of the Planet of The Apes.

I have had every ape comic except No. 2, and maybe if you had one left over, could you send it to me, because I want to make a big book using your film stories.

Adrian Wood, 90 Kings Avenue,  
Loughborough, Leics.

*Sorry, Adrian. But wouldja believe WE haven't got a copy of Planet No. 2 either! But here's some better news. Most of what you request is due to appear in the mag (always provided someone doesn't reshape our plans for us!)*





Dear Stan,

I have found the reason why the Planet of The Apes TV series was taken off our screens. Although the Apes in Britain was a resounding success, it wasn't the same in America, where the Apes were made. In America the viewing rates were 3% lower than the minimum to keep the show going. If Planet of The Apes had been made over here they would have made all 24 shows instead of only 15.

Andrew Gardner, RFO, KOF, QNS,  
21 Daviot Drive, Inverness, Scotland.

*You could well be right, Andy. But all is not yet lost. It's still possible that a second "Apes" series will be made for TV.*



Dear ... Er ... Um ... er ... Well, \* whoever reads this letter,

I think all your mags are great, all but one that is—Planet of The Apes. I stopped buying them at 24. So anyone who wishes to swap any Spideys or/and Mighty World of Marvels before 45 for Planet of The Apes 1-24 I will be only too pleased to oblige.

Gary Cooper, 8 Keats Rd.,  
Woodley, Reading, Berks.

*We're sorry for your sake that the charms of Planet of The Apes have eluded you, tiger. But to show how understanding we are we're publishing your swap request.*

Dear Sir,

First of all, I have one thing to get out of my system. I am referring way back to issue 25 of Planet of The Apes, in which Peter Taylor (Apes Forum) said that you should keep TV and film articles out of your great comic. Well, he may not want to know what Roddy McDowall eats for breakfast ... but I do! (I'm a great fan of Roddy's.) And I have noticed that you haven't been putting articles in recently. I hope you haven't abandoned the articles and pictures, because they're really great (and they make my "Apes" folder look fatter!) The ones I enjoyed the best are "The Re-making of Roddy McDowall", "On Location: Conquest of the P.O.T.A.", and "Journey to the P.O.T.A."

Alison Lesley, QNS,  
56 Blumfield Cres., Slough, Berks.

*You're right in your statement that there have been fewer articles and features of late in "Planet of The Apes". But this hasn't been because we've bowed to the suggestion that these should be curtailed. There are far too many enthusiastic Roddy McDowall admirers such as you for us to do anything as anti-social as that. No, the sole reason has been that we've been finding it harder and harder to come up with interesting info of the necessary calibre. But we're doing something about it. Yep, we're intensifying the hunt! Okay?*

Dear Marvel,

"The Day of the Triffids" adaptation in Planet of The Apes Nos. 40 and 41 was a very fine production. This version added a new dimension to John Wyndham's classic novel.

The science fiction features have been among the best stories presented here so far. The fact that Sci-Fi stories can be adapted so well proves how viable the comic format is.

The American magazine "Unknown Worlds of Science Fiction", which contains all Sci-Fi material, is particularly good.

I hope that Sci-Fi stories remain a permanent feature in "Planet of The Apes."

David Fielder, 53 Austen Paths,  
Stevenage, Herts.

*"Day of the Triffids" is such an outstanding novel that it was a scriptwriter's dream to picture it. So the lion's share of the credit should undoubtedly go to John Wyndham. But we're on the hunt for other works of similar imaginative stature, and when we find 'em we'll be working hard to make an arrangement to bring 'em into "Planet's" pages.*

Dear Marvel,

I am yet another of the Roddy McDowall lovers, and I am lucky enough to be acquainted with someone who knows a great deal about him and has actually met him. (My big dream.)

She is very generous and sends me all the info, pictures, photos etc., etc., I ever want, as you can see by the photo on this paper.

I have seen most of Roddy's films (except the apes films) but I have, of course, seen the TV series. I know him to be one of the greatest actors ever. He has a charming personality and has been described as a great friend, a real professional and really great to work with. I am sure there couldn't be a more charming, loveable person on the world. I do, of course, read "Planet of The Apes" every week and I really enjoy reading the info, interviews, etc. And please keep the photos coming.

I really enjoyed the TV series, and I think the TV companies are insane to have taken it off our screens. Please could you tell me if it will be coming back.

B. Wilshaw, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

*The news is good, because the "Planet of The Apes" TV series is to be given a re-run on television, probably in the autumn. And we reckon that was a smart move of yours, not sending your full address. If you had we've the feeling you'd have been swamped with letters from fellow Roddy worshippers pleading with you to spread some of those photos etc., around!*

Dear Stan Lee,

I thought that No. 27 and 37 of Planet of The Apes had brilliant covers. And after Beneath the Planet of The Apes, would you please put "Battle on the Planet of The Apes" as the next adventure. Every week would you put different posters so that they can be put up on my bedroom wall. The story about the Golden Voyage of Sinbad is good. I have every copy of Planet of The Apes, but I have lost the poster that I got with the first edition. I wonder if you could repeat it

Graham Sampson,  
Stevenage, Herts.

*Sorry, Graham, but there's just no way we can repeat that Planet of The Apes first issue poster. It's now out of print. All we CAN do is promise to put posters in the mag whenever we can. Couldya settle for that? And by the time this is printed you'll probably KNOW what followed "Beneath the Planet of The Apes."*

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