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PLANET OF THE APEES



JASON AND
ALEXANDER
RETURN! IN:

MALAGUENA IN THE FORBIDDEN ZONE!

MALAGUEÑA BEYOND A ZONE FORBIDDEN

WE'D BEEN UNABLE TO SPEAK, AND SO THEY NEVER KNEW WHETHER HE WAS HUMAN OR APE. A MISCEGENATION OF BOTH, THEY'D DECIDED... AND NICKNAMED HIM SHAGGY, IN AFFECTION AND AFTER APPEARANCE.

HE'D BEEN SILLY, SLOPPY, AND CUTE. THEY REMEMBER HIM NOW, IN THE COOL SHADE JUST BEYOND THE RIVER SOCIETY OF GUNPOWDER JULIUS AND STEELY DAN.

THEY REMEMBER HIM IN SOFT SILENCE AND A SIMPLE PHRASE: 'A PART OF BOTH, HE KNEW INNOCENCE BEST.' IT WAS TRUE... AND SHAGGY LIES DEAD...



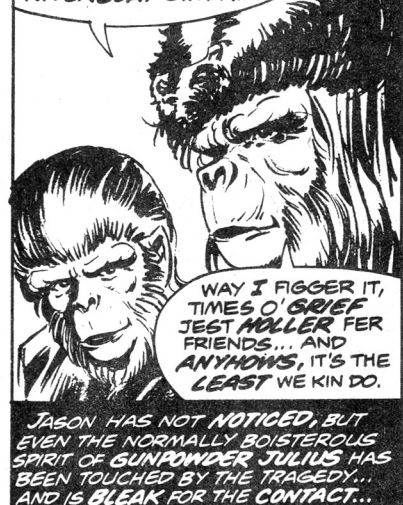
...HIS INNOCENCE MURDERED FOR ALL TIME BY THE SOPHISTICATED HAND OF BRUTUS, GORILLA WARLORD AND SCOURGE OF PEACE.



THE HUMAN YOUTH CALLED JASON WILL NEVER FORGET THAT MURDER OF INNOCENCE... FOR SHAGGY DIED, NEVER KNOWING WHY, IN JASON'S HELPLESS ARMS.



HUSH YERSELF, LAWGIVER. IT'S ALREADY DECIDED -- ME AN' DAN ARE GONNA TAKE YOU FOLKS BACK ON HOME, IN THE RIVERBOAT SIMIAN.



BUT IT IS NOT FAIR TO EXPECT JASON TO NOTICE THE MOOD OF OTHERS...WHEN HE IS LOST IN HIS OWN DARK WORLD OF MURKY THOUGHT AND STARK MEMORY...

HOW 'BOUT IT, JASON-- DOES JULIUS' PLAN SET WELL WITH YOU?

HOODED GORILLAS BURSTING FROM BLACK TERROR WITH TORCHES BLAZING...

...CLUBS AND CROSSBOWS LACED WITH SHRIEKS, SPLITTING THE WHINE OF FLAME AND BELCH OF SMOKE...

HIS PARENTS-- HIS MOTHER-- HIS FATHER-- MURDERED IN A THICK WASH OF BLOOD AND FRENZY, THEIR BODIES LEFT TO BURN IN THE PYRE OF THEIR BELOVED HOME...

... MURDERED BY BRUTUS-- BRUTUS THE WARLORD-- BRUTUS THE STINKING GORILLA-- BRUTUS WHO WILL PAY FOR KILLING HIS PARENTS, FOR MURDERING SHAGGY-- BRUTUS WHO WILL CHOKE ON HIS OWN BLOOD ONCE JASON GETS HIS HANDS AROUND THAT HAIRY THROAT AND SQUEEZES, SQUEEZES UNTIL HE HEARS GASPS AND GURGLES, PLEAS FOR MERCY, WHIMPERS OF AGONY, SQUEEZES HARDER, TIGHTER, CRUSHING AND SQUEEZING UNTIL--

WH-WHAT...? ALEX...?

YEAH, ME-- ALEX, ARE YOU COMING WITH US OR NOT...?

JASON--!





I'M **WORRIED** ABOUT JASON, LAWGIVER-SIR. EVER SINCE SHAGGY WAS **KILLED**, HE'S BEEN IN A... WELL, IN A **TRANCE**...

AN UNDERSTANDABLE REACTION TO A HIGHLY TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE, YOUNG ALEX...



NOT ONLY IS JASON **BEREAVED** OVER SHAGGY'S **DEATH**... BUT I'M SURE HE MUST BE EXPERIENCING A SUPREME SENSE OF **DESPONDENCE** AND **DISAPPOINTMENT**, EVEN IF ONLY **SUBCONSCIOUSLY**...

CONSIDER, YOUNG ALEX: AFTER **REPELLING** THE ASSAULT BY **BRUTUS** AND THE **MUTANT INHERITORS**-- AND **SOUNDLY DEFEATING** THEM AS WELL...



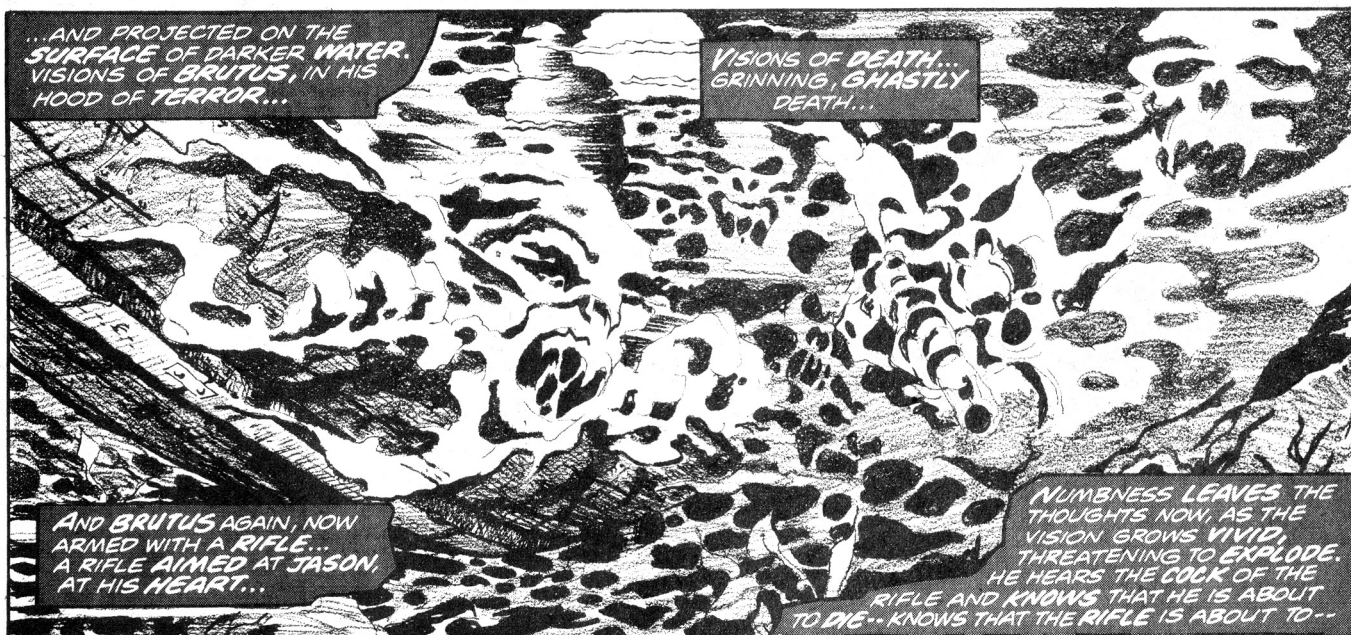
...WE WATCHED **HELPLESSLY** AS **BRUTUS** MANAGED TO **ESCAPE**-- SLIPPING RIGHT THROUGH JASON'S **FINGERS**, AND **MURDERING SHAGGY** IN A FINAL GESTURE OF **DEFIANCE**.

THAT'S NOT **EASY** FOR A VENGEFUL YOUTH TO **BEAR**.



NUMB THOUGHTS, **ESTRANGED** VISIONS CONJURED IN THE DEPTHS OF A **DARK MIND**...

YES, BUT WHAT'S **WRONG** WITH HIM, SIR? WHAT IS HE **THINKING**--?



...AND PROJECTED ON THE **SURFACE** OF DARKER WATER, VISIONS OF **BRUTUS**, IN HIS **HOOD** OF **TERROR**...

VISIONS OF **DEATH**... GRINNING, **GHASTLY** **DEATH**...

AND **BRUTUS** AGAIN, NOW ARMED WITH A **RIFLE**... A **RIFLE AIMED** AT JASON, AT HIS **HEART**...

NUMBNESS LEAVES THE THOUGHTS NOW, AS THE VISION GROWS **VIVID**, THREATENING TO **EXPLODE**. HE HEARS THE **COCK** OF THE **RIFLE** AND **KNOWS** THAT HE IS ABOUT TO **DIE**-- KNOWS THAT THE **RIFLE** IS ABOUT TO--







**MOVES -- LIKE
A SIZZLING
THUNDERBOLT
SHOT FROM
HELL!!**

**LET
GO OF
HIM--!!**



**I SAID
LET GO
OF HIM!**

SCHWATCH



**IT SINKS INSTANTLY, BELOW A RISING JET
OF BUBBLED CRIMSON...**



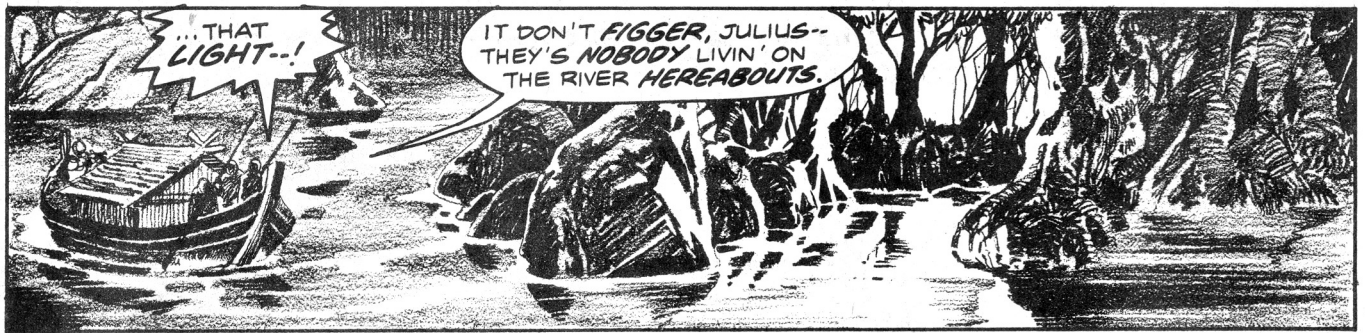
**...AND COMES TO REST
WITH THE LAWGIVER STILL
PINNED IN IT'S LIFELESS
MAW.**



**BUT HAVING BROKEN HIS
TRANCE, AND BEGUN TO
MOVE--**

**--JASON IS NOT ABOUT
TO STOP NOW.**





...THAT
LIGHT--!

IT DON'T FIGGER, JULIUS--
THEY'S **NOBODY** LIVIN' ON
THE RIVER **HEREABOUTS**.



NOPE, BUT IT SHORE
WOULD BE **COZY** TUH
FEEL A **CAMPFIRE**
ON MUH **BACKSIDE**
RIGHT ABOUT NOW...

YEAH... AS LONG AS
THE **OWNER** O' THAT
CAMPFIRE DON'T
HANKER TUH **COOK**
YORE **BACKSIDE**...



WHAT DO YOU
SAY, ALEX? DO WE
GO **ASHORE** TO
INVESTIGATE--?

WELL, WE'VE
CERTAINLY DONE
ZANIER THINGS,
JASE. WHY **NOT**?



THUS, IT IS SETTLED.
AND **STEALTHILY**, THEY
CREEP THROUGH **UNDER-**
GROWTH TOWARD **BRIGHT-**
ENING LIGHT...



--UNTIL--

WELL, NAIL ME
TO A **TREE** AN'
CALL MUH **BLAST-**
ED **HIDE** A
SCARECROW--!



I AIN'T **NEVER** SEEN
NOTHIN' LIKE **THIS**--!

THOSE
WEIRD
SOUNDS...?

AIN'TCHA **NEVER**
HEERD **MUSIC**
B'FORE, ALEX?

"YEAH, BUT NONE LIKE THAT, GUNPOWDER--
NONE THAT MADE THE BACK OF MY NECK
SHIVER--!"

A black and white comic book illustration depicting a chaotic scene. In the center, a man wearing a top hat and a woman in a corset are embracing. To the left, a man with a beard and a woman are looking on. In the foreground, a man is playing a violin. The background is filled with smoke and other figures, suggesting a battle or a festival. The overall style is reminiscent of classic comic book art.

HOOO-EEE--
JEST LOOK AT
THEM DANCE...!

THAT'S...
I DANCING...?

"YOU BET YORE POPPIN' EYEBALLS THAT'S DANCIN', ALEX..."

"...DANCIN' TUH MAKE THE DAD-GUMMED FLOOR STAND UP AN' TAKE NOTICE--!"

BEAUTIFUL, MY FRIENDS--A BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY--!

LIKE THE WHIRLING WIND, WHEN SHE SWEEPS FROM THE SKIES TO CARESS A SCARF OF THE FINEST SILK.

THANK YOU--
THANK YOU... BUT
IT WAS ONLY--

*THE WORDS FREEZE, THEN, AS
THE BEAUTIFUL GIRL RISES FROM
HER BOW... AND--*



WH-WHO
ARE
YOU--?

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.....

APES MAIL

Dear Marvel,

WOW! Ta very much for the Terrific, Gorgeous, Fabulous, Lovely pics of gorgeous Roddy McDowall (Swoon) in ish 57 of you Ace mag, POTA. I bet there're loads of R.A.M.F.'s (Roddy Andrew McDowall Fans) no, MILLIONS of R.A.M.F.'s, swooning over the fab pics. I'm always glad of any pics of Roddy, as I am madly in love with the lovely man, so thanks very much.

Could it be that there are still R.A.M.F.'s wishing to join Roddy's fan-club and do not know the address? If so, I shall make their say by supplying the address for them. It is: Roddy McDowall Fan Club, Margie Jones, 33 Ramsbottom Street, Accrington, Lancs. BB5 1Bz.

OK? so, all you R.A.M.F.'s meet Margie and the gang (Lorraine, Bill and Liz) who run the best fan club in the country. Oh, one more thing. Could you send a stamped and addressed envelope when you're enquiring . . . ta.

Now onto your mag. The adaptation of "Escape . . ." is terrific! Nothing could be better, except for maybe your "Beneath . . ." story, which was terrific, too! I hope you go on to do the other two Fab films. I enjoy reading "Apes Forum" and love reading letters from fellow R.A.M.F.'s. Im glad to see you are putting articles and pics in regularly, 'cos they're just great, and your writers are good.

Keep up the good work, lads.

Alison Lesley (R.A.M.F. Q.N.S.)
Slough, Berks.

We, too, regard the low-rating position of the "Planet . . ." TV series as one of the mysteries of the age. Because few people are in a better position than we are to know just what a power-thrust there is behind the Ape movement in Britain. We know that POTA is needed, and as long as its needed it'll be there!

Dear Marvel,

I would like to pass a few comments on the present Marvel scene.

1. Congrats on the new mag, THE TITANS. I spent ages trying to figure out how on counter-earth you were going to squeeze twice as much action into the same size of mag. Quite simple when you think about it, isn't it! The poster was also excellent. But if you look in almost any recent American Marvel comic you should find an ad for stickers etc., from the American Comicon '75. Take a look at the poster advertised and you will see that it is almost identical to the one given away in The Titans. On the subject of The Titans, The Inhumans have started up a new series in the American mags, so-o-o, when the old series

runs out there'll be a new series to look forward to.

2. There have been some new arrivals on the American scene recently. a) The Inhumans are back. b) The Champions — a new super-group featuring Hercules, Black Widow, Ghost Rider, Angel and Iceman. 4) Modred the Mystic. "Sorcery from the past invades the world of today." Please get all these new features in British mags as soon as poss.

3. Now for the new-look Superheroes. Giant-Man is a worth replacement for Silver Surfer, but The Cat is not so good, although still O.K. What happened to Doc Savage? I want to see more of him.

4. Now for my favourite mag, Planet of The Apes. People have been writing in condemning it. (Fools!) It's because of this that I do not think the mag will make its 100th issue. Don't take this as a criticism. I really enjoy Planet and would like to see it continuing for many issues to come, but I am only being realistic about this. Personally I think the only way out of the situation is a merger with another mag. To my mind the only mag that could really adopt Planet is Dracula Lives.

Howard Harcourt, RFO
Harrogate, N. Yorks.

We'd like to step right out into the open and state that the poster in the first issue of The Titans is very similar indeed to the poster advertising the recent U.S.A. Comic Convention. But is there anything wrong about that? In our rating is was a great poster — all the more reason why, as many faithful ones as possible should have the opportunity of possessing it. Free! Point 2. As you so rightly remind us, we have been kind of busy on the American scene of late. Some of those newcomers to our cast of characters will be making the trip across the pond to appear in British Marvel. Some, but no all. And, still on the subject of who's likely to be appearing where, we're hoping that Doc Savage will be making a reappearance in one of the mags. And lastly, not a living soul in the Bullpen (Irving Forbush included) is even THINKING of merging POTA with anything Yet. So let's be having a little more POSITIVE thinking up there in Harrogate!



Dear Stan and Co.

I opened No. 60 of your fantastic mag POTA and to my horror I could find no Apes Forum. I have seen three of the five films and I think your adaptations are fantastic. There is only one thing that spoils the mag and that is that it is called 'Planet of The Apes' but only 35-40% of the mag is on apes. The rest goes on other things, sometimes rubbish, e.g. Man Gods, but sometimes good, like 'The Black Panther'. All the same, this is the best mag I have ever read and I hope it never stops. I would like to say that I am willing to swap Nos. 2 to 60 minus Nos 40, 41 and 55 for any modern, up-to-date cassettes.

Mark Lawton,
31 Maple Grove,
Stockbridge, Sheffield.

Sneaky! We're talking about the way you slipped in that request for a swap, right at the end of your letter. We found ourselves setting it up on the page before we realised what we were doing. But we digress. Yep — we readily confess that many Ape fans take us to task (as you do) for not devoting the entire mag to the Apes. But we're still not convinced that that would be the right thing to do. Remember, we have a mighty lot of Marvelites to please.

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