

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

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FOOL! IT'S FUTILE
TO FLEE! THERE IS
NO ESCAPE FROM THE
RULE OF THE APES!

NO! **No!**

AT LAST!

THE HUMANS STRIKE BACK IN:
FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Stan Lee PRESENTS: **PLANET OF THE APES!**™

IN THE **EARLY DAYS** FOLLOWING THE GREAT WAR, MAN AND APE **SHARED** THE PLANET EARTH BUT WHILE RETAINING HIS **INTELLIGENCE**, MAN WAS BY FAR IN THE **MINORITY**! SO, VERY **MUCH RESENTING** THE **INTELLECTUAL SUPERIORITY** OF HIS **HAIRLESS BROTHERS**, THE APE BEGAN TO **PLOT AND SCHEME** AGAINST MAN AND ONE OF THE LEADERS WAS NAMED **ALDO!**

FEELING MORE THAN **HOSTILE** TOWARD THEMEN WHO **MOCK** HIM AND **TAUNT** HIM FOR HIS **IGNORANCE**, ALDO RIDES TOWARD A MUCH-DESPISED DAILY **RENDEZVOUS--**

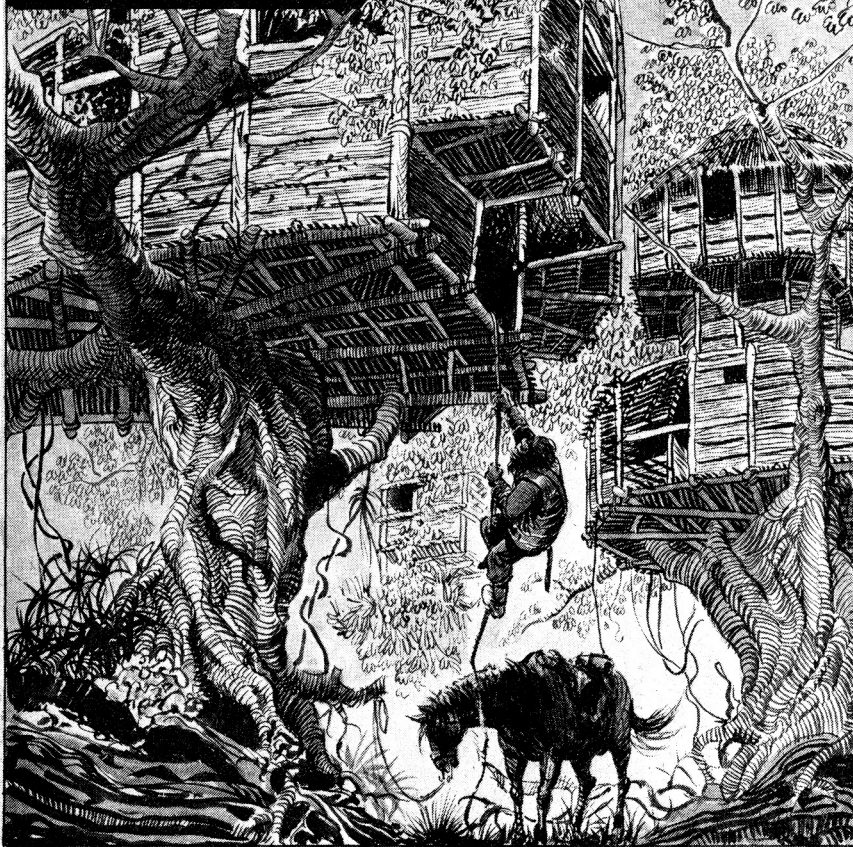
"AND MAN SHALL PERISH!"

--A RENDEZVOUS WITH HIS **HUMAN TEACHER**! AND, FINALLY, A **RENDEZVOUS** WHICH CAN ONLY END IN **DEATH!**

--A RENDEZVOUS WHICH HE KNOWS, SOMEHOW, WILL **THIS DAY BE DIFFERENT** FROM ALL OF THE OTHERS--

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WHY MUST HE COME TO THIS PLACE EVERY DAY?
WHY IS SO MUCH IMPORTANCE PLACED ON THE
MEANINGLESS RITUAL?



WHAT IS THE VALUE OF
THIS ROUTINE-- OF
LEARNING TO BECOME--



-- SMART...?

YOU'RE
LATE AGAIN,
GENERAL
ALDO.



PLEASE
TAKE YOUR
PLACE IN
THE CLASS.

BUT, AS USUAL,
ALDO IGNORES
THE INSTRUCTION,
AND SEATS HIMSELF
ALONG WITH OTHERS
OF HIS OWN KIND.
SIGNIFICANTLY,
THE TEACHER DOES
NOT OBJECT...

NOW SHALL WE
RESUME OUR
LESSON. CORNE-
LIUS, REPEAT AFTER
ME: APE SHALL
NEVER KILL--
APE.

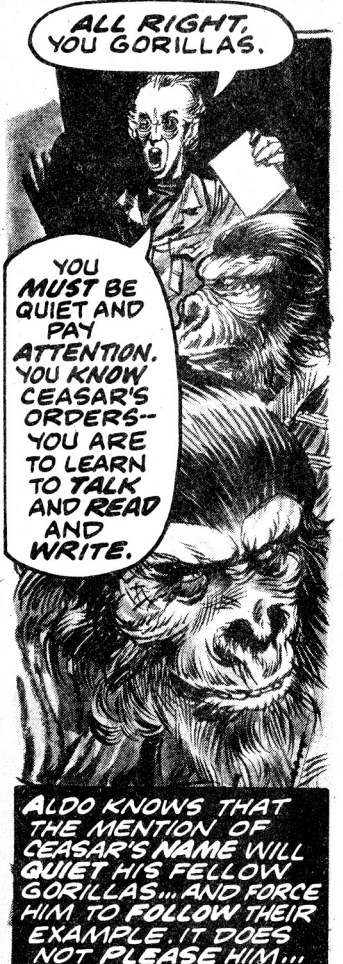


APE
SHALL
NEVER
KILL--

EXCUSE ME,
CORNELIUS,
WE CANNOT
PROCEED UNTIL
WE HAVE THE
ATTENTION OF
THE ENTIRE
CLASS.

ALL RIGHT,
YOU GORILLAS.

YOU
MUST BE
QUIET AND
PAY
ATTENTION.
YOU KNOW
CEASAR'S
ORDERS--
YOU ARE
TO LEARN
TO TALK
AND READ
AND WRITE.



ALDO KNOWS THAT
THE MENTION OF
CEASAR'S NAME WILL
QUIET HIS FELLOW
GORILLAS... AND FORCE
HIM TO FOLLOW THEIR
EXAMPLE. IT DOES
NOT PLEASE HIM...



NOR IS HE PLEASED BY THE CONSTANT INSULTS HE MUST BEAR FROM CAESAR'S SON...

JUST THINK-- IF MY DADDY WERE A GORILLA, WE'D ALL BE LEARNING RIDING INSTEAD OF WRITING.



AS USUAL, THE YOUNG ONES BURST INTO LAUGHTER ... AND ALDO'S ANGER BUILDS TO A NEAR RAGE...

QUIET, CORNELIUS.

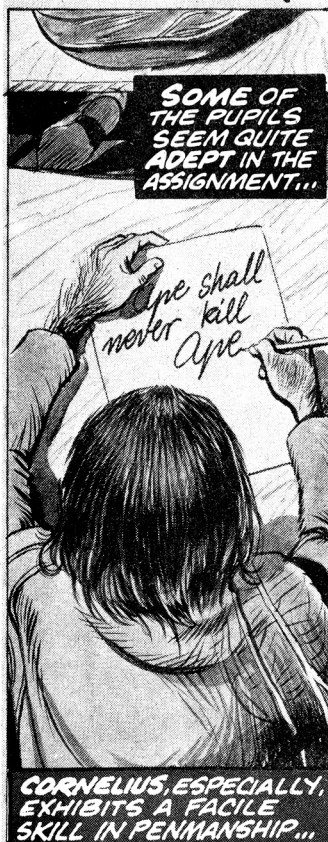
QUIET, CLASS--!

HA HA HA
HA HA HA



NOW LET'S GET BACK TO WORK. WE HAVE A LOT TO COVER TODAY.

TAKE OUT YOUR PENCILS AND WRITE THE GREAT RULE: APE SHALL NEVER KILL APE.



SOME OF THE PUPILS SEEM QUITE ADEPT IN THE ASSIGNMENT...

CORNELIUS, ESPECIALLY, EXHIBITS A FACILE SKILL IN PENMANSHIP...



...AS DO MOST OF THE ORANGUTAN STUDENTS...



BUT THERE ARE OTHERS WHO ARE SOMEWHAT LACKING IN APTITUDE...

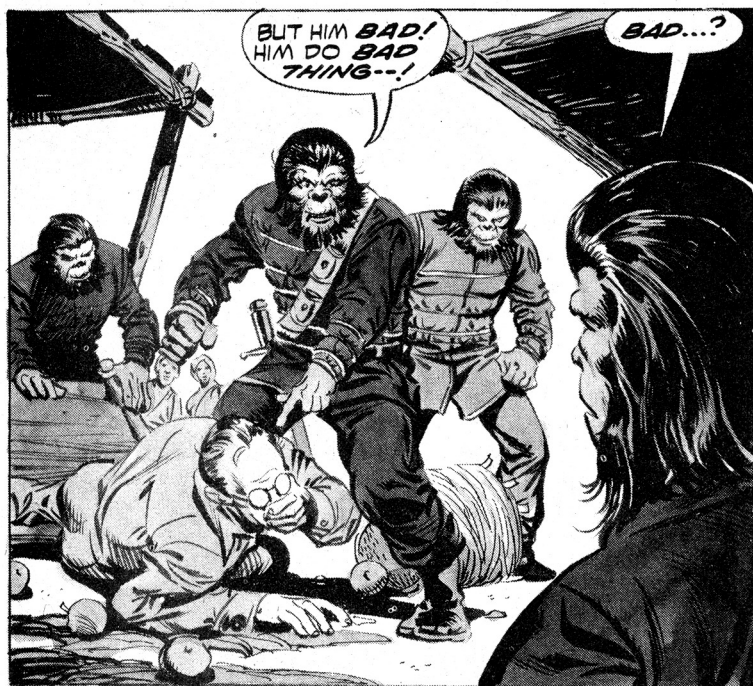


...AS WELL AS BASIC SKILL.











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THE SECRET

IN A CAVE DEEP WITHIN THE FORBIDDEN ZONE, DOCTOR ZIRA AND CORNELIUS HAVE PRODUCED ARCHEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE OF AN ADVANCED HUMAN CULTURE PREDATING HISTORY. BUT THEIR HOPES FOR EXONERATION FROM CHARGES OF HERESY SEEM PREMATURE...

SURELY, DR. ZAIUS, YOU REALIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF--

NO I DON'T, DR. ZIRA-- AND I'LL THANK YOU TO REFRAIN FROM ATTRIBUTING YOUR SPECIOUS DEDUCTIONS TO ME. THE DOLL PROVES NOTHING.

MY GRAND-DAUGHTER PLAYS WITH HUMAN DOLLS.

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I AGREE THAT A DOLL ALONE PROVES NOTHING, SIR.

BUT THE DOLL WAS FOUND BESIDE THE JAW-BONE OF A MAN-- AND NO TRACE OF SIMIAN FOSSILS HAS TURNED UP IN THIS DEPOSIT AT ALL.

KEEP DIGGING, CORNELIUS, AND YOU'LL FIND EVIDENCE OF THE REAL MASTER OF THIS HOUSE-- AN APE.

TAYLOR-- ARE YOU GOING TO LET THAT PASS WITHOUT AN ANSWER?!

I'D HAVE TO AGREE WITH ZAIUS. FROM ALL YOU'VE FOUND SO FAR, HIS POSITION'S AS GOOD AS YOURS.













THAT WAS DIFFERENT. WE THOUGHT YOU WERE--



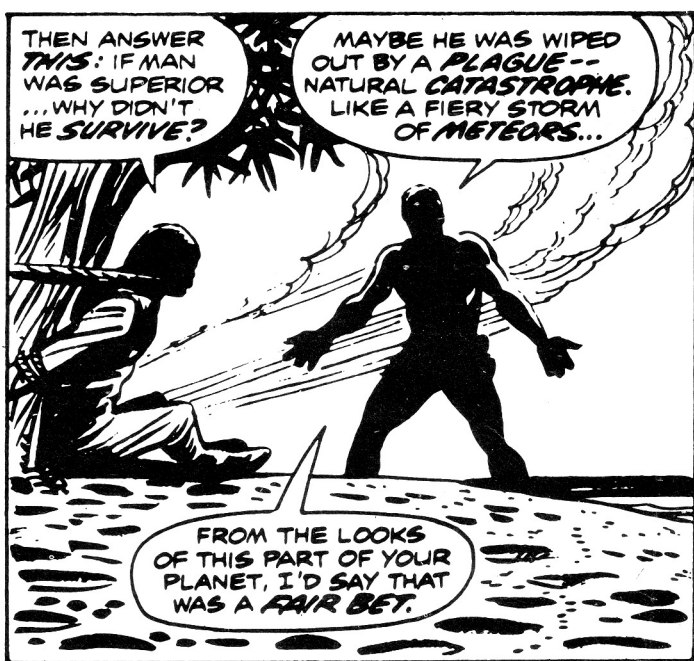
--INFERIOR.

AND NOW YOU KNOW THE TRUTH.



AND YOU, DR. ZAIUS-- YOU KNOW THE TRUTH, TOO. CORNELIUS HAS BEATEN YOU-- HE'S SHOVED THE PROOF RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSE.

MAN PRECEDED YOU HERE, AND MAN WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SCIENCE-- YOUR LANGUAGE-- FOR EVERY LAST BIT OF WHATEVER KNOWLEDGE YOU HAVE.



THEN ANSWER THIS: IF MAN WAS SUPERIOR ... WHY DIDN'T HE SURVIVE?

MAYBE HE WAS WIPED OUT BY A PLAGUE-- NATURAL CATASTROPHE. LIKE A FIERY STORM OF METEORS...

FROM THE LOOKS OF THIS PART OF YOUR PLANET, I'D SAY THAT WAS A FAIR BET.



BUT WE CAN'T BE SURE...

HE'S SURE. HE KNEW ALL THE TIME. LONG BEFORE YOUR DISCOVERY IN THAT CAVE, HE KNEW.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, "DEFENDER OF THE FAITH"-- GUARDIAN OF THE TERRIBLE SECRET...?



IS THAT TRUE, DR. ZAIUS?

WHAT I KNOW OF MAN WAS WRITTEN LONG AGO-- SET DOWN BY THE WISEST APE OF ALL... OUR LAWSIVER.

OPEN MY BREAST POCKET, DR. CORNELIUS... YOU KNOW WHAT IS IN IT?

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