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**WRATH OF THE
WARRIOR
APES!**


**FIGHT ON!
WE MUST
WIN!**

**...AND THE
MUTANTS
MUST DIE!**



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

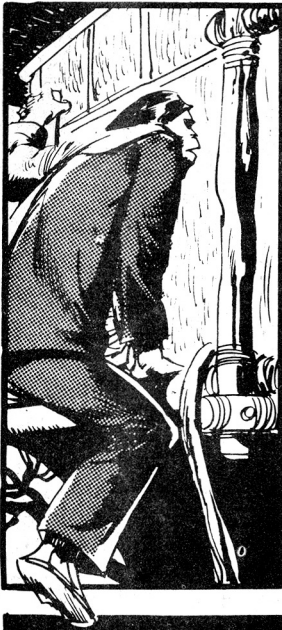
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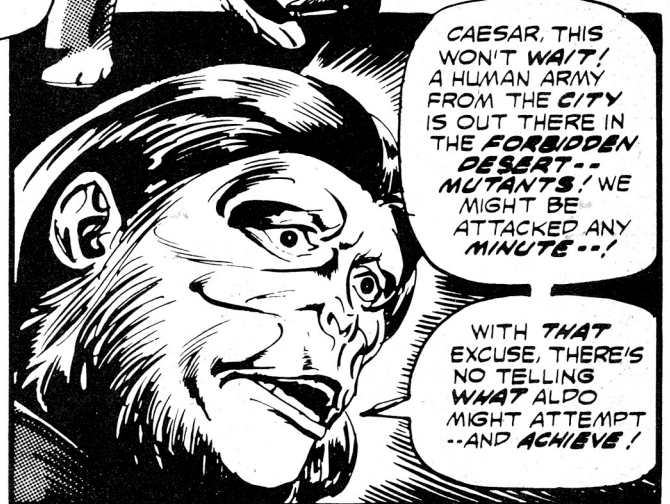
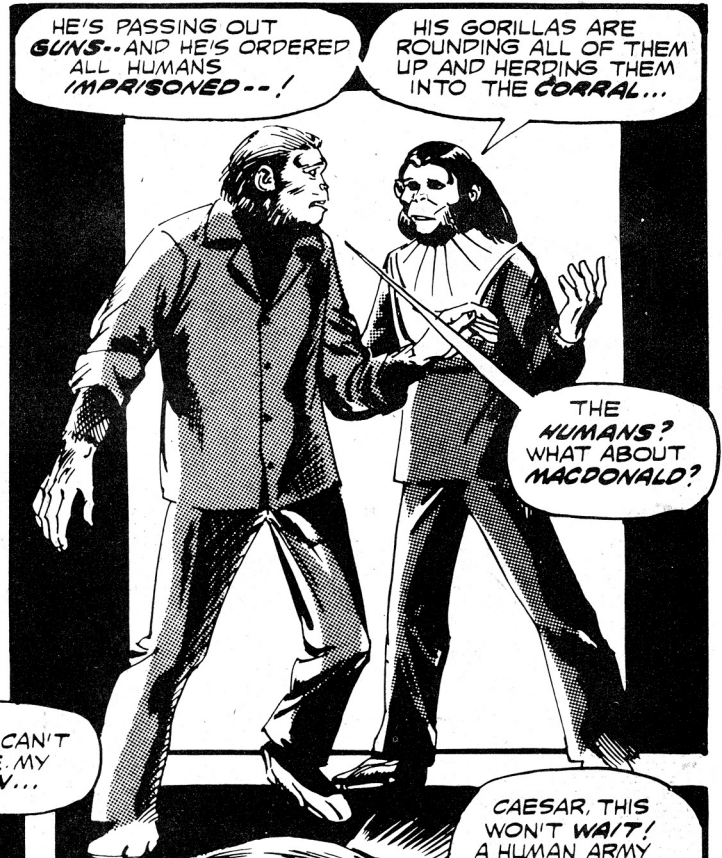
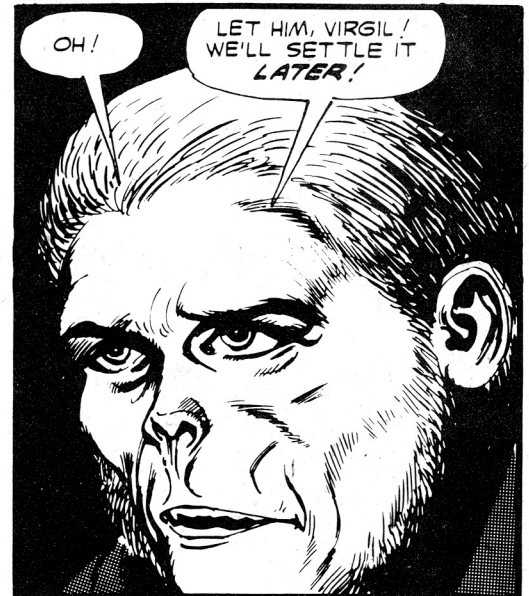


AGAINST CAESAR'S WILL, AND WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE, THE GORILLA'S--UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ALDO--HAVE VIOLENTLY GAINED CONTROL OF THE COUNCIL AND HAVE ORDERED ALL HUMANS CAGED! WORSE YET, THEY HAVE GAINED CONTROL OF THE GUNS, AND ARE OUT FOR BLOOD--HUMAN BLOOD!

VIRGIL KNOWS OF THIS, BUT TO DO SOMETHING HE MUST INFORM CAESAR--WHICH HE IS DETERMINED TO DO, NO MATTER WHAT THE COST!

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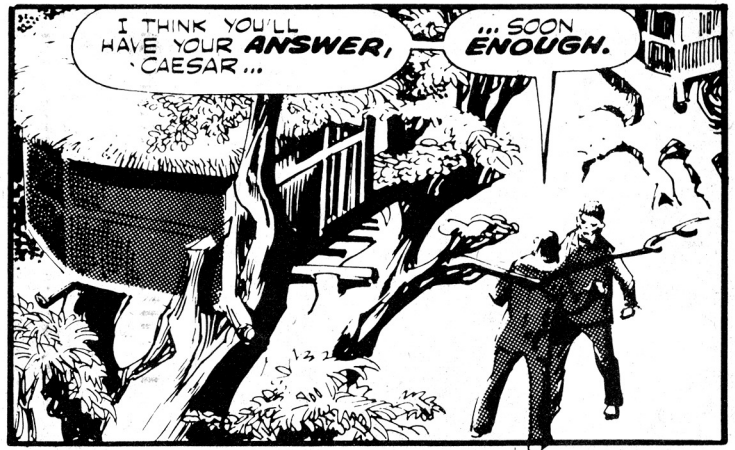




THEY STARE AT ONE ANOTHER, AT AN IMPASSE, IN SILENCE.

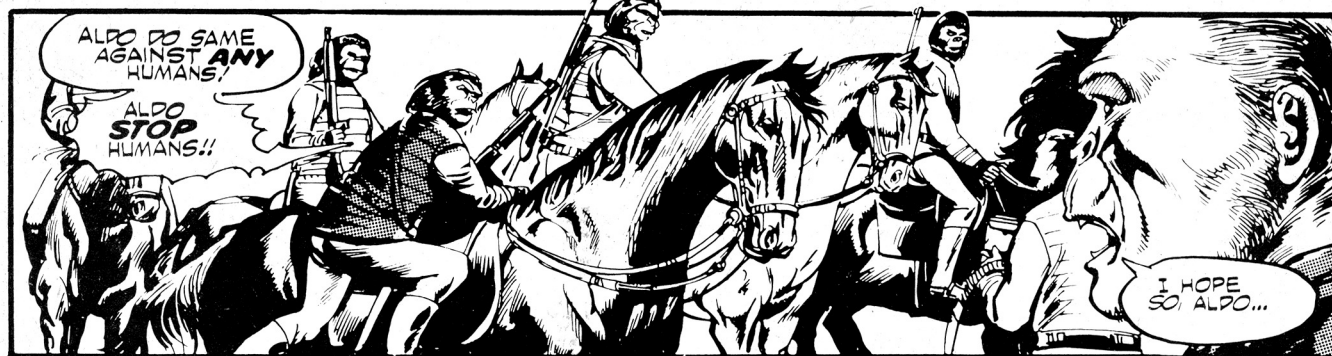


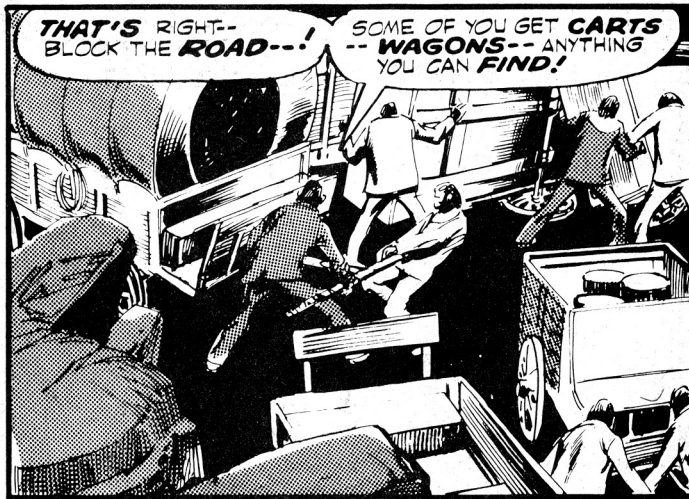






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A PLEA FOR HELP

Dear Planet of the Apes,

I am writing this letter (like so many intelligent people) to congratulate you on your comic Planet of The Apes. I am very glad you are repeating your adaptation of the first film as I, and doubtless others, missed the first few issues in which the stories appeared. I think the first film was the best of the five films and I am always trying to pick up information on this film. For this purpose I especially find your magazine helpful. Some questions and suggestions.

1. How about reprinting the information and articles about the films etc., from some of your earlier issues?

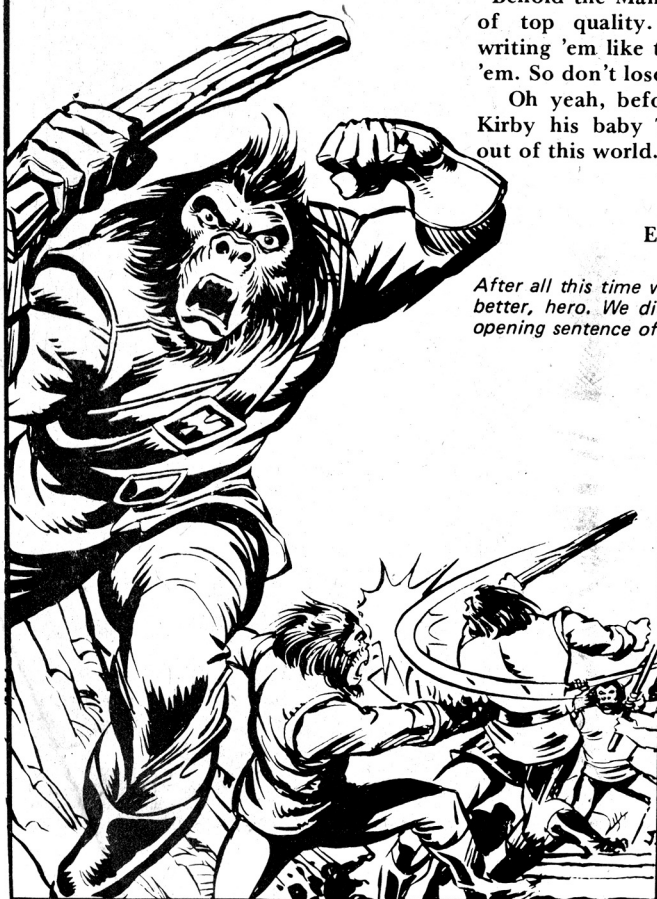
2. Do you know if the Planet of the Apes model construction kits are on sale in Ipswich or anywhere in Suffolk, as for months I have been unable to obtain any.

3. Do you know whether the films will be back at our cinemas, or if there are any plans for the films to be shown on TV?

4. Do you know the firm who printed the Planet of the Apes cards?

Nigel Baylis,
45 Sidegate Ave.,
Ipswich, Suffolk.

Sorry, Nigel. But much as we enjoy hearing from you this is one reply we're sorry we have to make. 'Cos the inescapable truth is that we aren't gonna be able to assist you all that much in your search for knowledge.



But, let's not shrink from duty — here are our answers to your questions. 1. It's possible that we may reprint some of that info you mention. But — it's doubtful. However, if we unearth any hitherto unpublished info concerning the Apes films then we'll certainly publish that, always provided there are no obstacles to us doing so. 2/3. We've no information at all on these points, but our guess is that sooner or later one, if not more, of the Apes films will be shown on TV. 4. At the time of writing we don't know the answer to this one. But, if we know our Marvelites, someone will soon be writing in, filling in the gaps in our knowledge. And the first letter to arrive with the information shall be published. Promise.

I DIG DOUG!

Dear Stan,

Doug Moench is fast becoming the best writer at the Bullpen. Why do I say this, you may ask? Well, Doug does Master of Kung-Fu, Doc Savage, Werewolf by Night, The Inhumans, Ka-zar, Planet of the Apes, he did the adaptation of Michael Moorcock's "Behold the Man", and all of these are of top quality. If Doug keeps on writing 'em like these I'll keep reading 'em. So don't lose him.

Oh yeah, before I forget. Tell Mr. Kirby his baby The Eternals are just out of this world.

Uran Goyal,
89 Clements Rd.,
East Ham, London E6.

After all this time we thought you knew us better, hero. We didn't even question that opening sentence of yours. Not in any way.

BRING BACK DRAC

Dear Stan,

Here are my views on Captain Britain. Going through the mag I find Cap to be an excellent strip, although I detest the lettering of Irving Watanabe, I much prefer John Constanza. I like the Fantastic Four, although John Buscema is not suited to them. S.H.I.E.L.D. is twice as good now it is in colour, and I just love the gadgets. The Howard the Duck story in number seven was well received.

Going on to PLANET OF THE APES, I am glad that Battle is finally under way. Please bring back Dracula in his own story and drop Ka-Zar.

The news in TITANS about the merger of Spidey and Titans is bad. I much prefer them separate. Ah well, c'est la vie.

MARVEL is chugging along, great as ever. In fact, better now that Luke Cage is here.

I am pleased to announce that the American Avengers is back, as well as a new Spiderman mag. The 2001 mag is out now, and Nick Fury is back, in Marvel Spotlight December ish. Congratulations on Nova, which I predict will be a hit, in the UK as well as the USA. The Eternals are into their sixth ish and the Frightful Four are back in FF 177.

Please send my congratulations to Doug Moench on his marriage to Debra James, and please print my full address, as I would like pen-pals, male or female, aged 12-14.

Stephen Roddam,
188 Essex St., Middlesbrough,
Cleveland TS1 4PU.

Newsy letters are always among the nicest to receive, so thanks for yours, Steve. In fact we enjoyed it so much we'd like to give you a helping plug in your search for a Marvel pen-pal. Steve writes a good letter and he sounds to us like an interesting Marvelite of the first water. So how about it, some of you girl Marvelites...?

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DOOMSDAY MINUS ONE!

HAVING DISCOVERED A HIDDEN RACE OF TELE-PATHIC MUTANT HUMANS ON THE PLANET OF THE APES, THE ASTRONAUT BRENT AND HIS PRIMITIVE COMPANION, NOVA, ARE NOW WITNESSING A RITUAL OF PRAYER--TO, OF ALL THINGS, A NUCLEAR WAR-HEAD! THEY ALSO LEARN A DREADED SECRET ABOUT THESE MYSTERIOUS "HUMANS!"

AND NOW,
CHILDREN OF
THE BOMB...

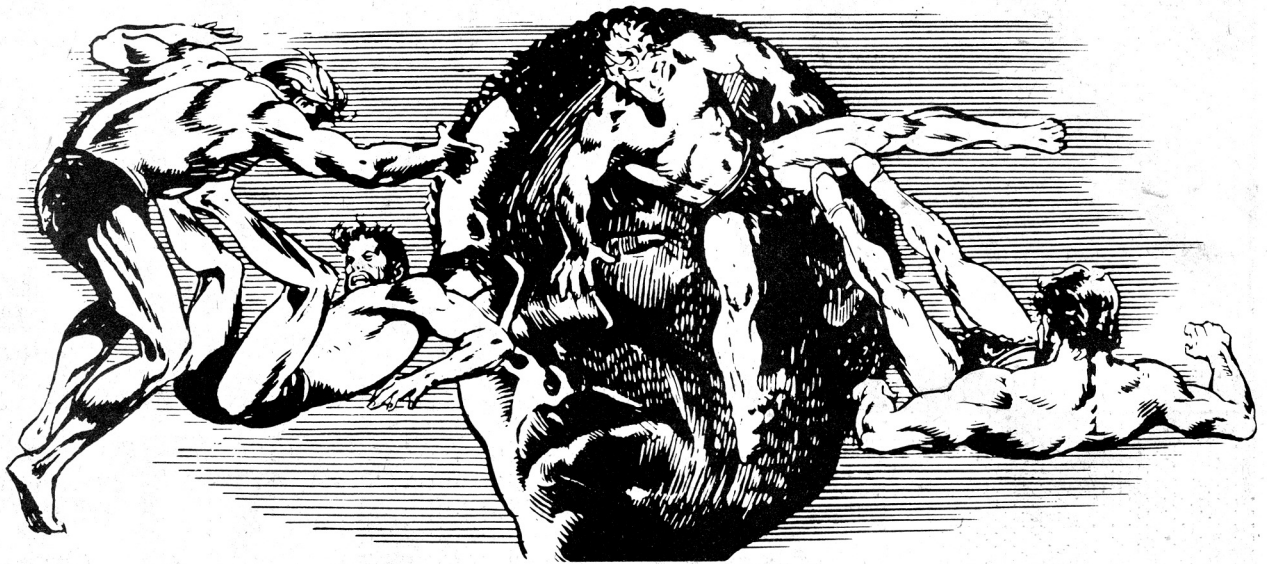
...LET US
PRAY!

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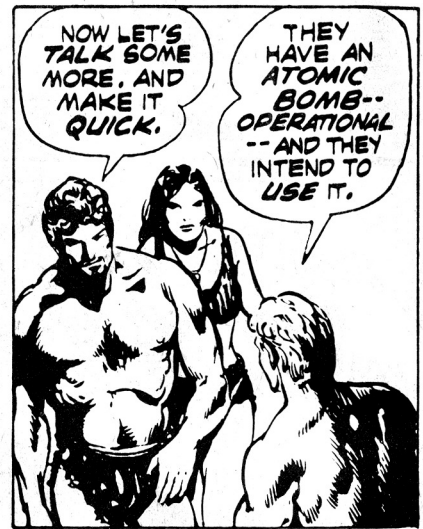
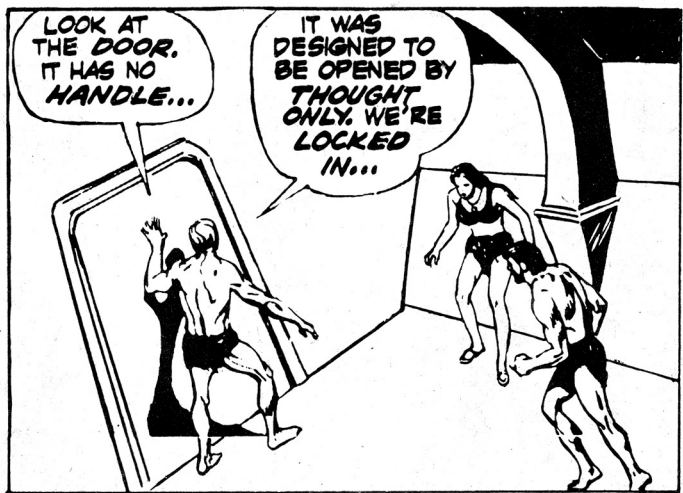
















THE
LAWGIVER
BLEEDS!!



FLEE--
THE LAWGIVER
IS DYING!

WE ARE
DOOMED--!



THE SPIRIT
OF THE LAWGIVER
STILL LIVES! WE
ARE STILL GOD'S
CHOSEN! THIS IS
JUST A VISION--
A TRICK--!

IT IS
A LIE!!



WATCH ME--
AND I WILL PROVE
TO YOU THAT IT
IS FALSE!!



HE'S MAD!
HE RIDES TO HIS
DEATH--!

