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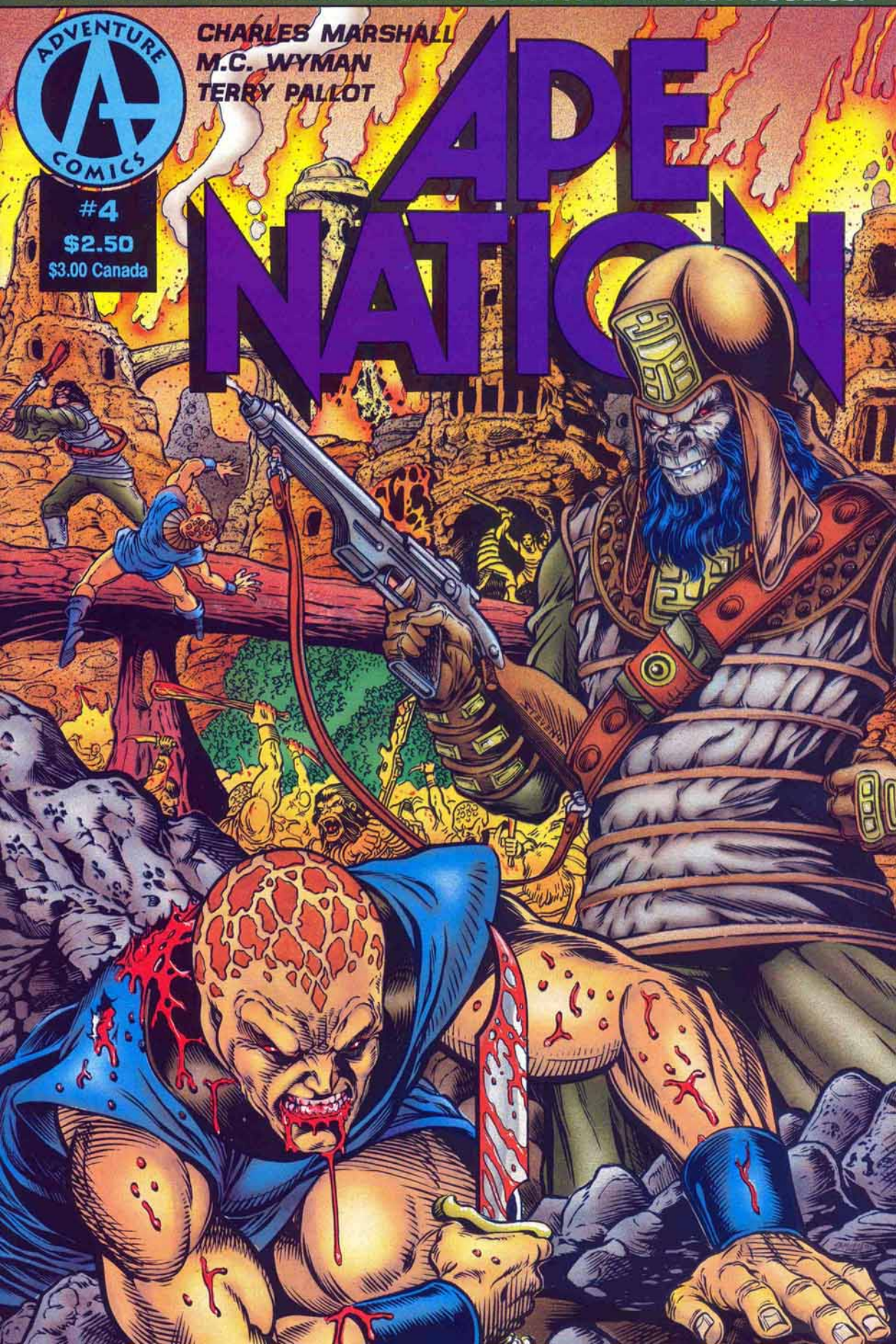
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# APENATION







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## ALIEN SEE, MONKEY DO

Whew! It's been a long haul from the first issue of *Ape Nation*, but we're here. Hard to believe that 11 months of hard work from Charles, M.C., Terry, Clem, and David is over in just four issues.

The overwhelming response to *Ape Nation*, the first full color Adventure Comic has put smiles on everyone's faces. As a result, there are other color books upcoming from Adventure. In July, we'll be launching *Peter Pan: Return To Never-Never Land*, an original 2-issue series by Ron Fortier and Gary Kato. Then, in August, we revive a classic character from comics' past: *Miss Fury*. Written by Roland Mann, the series is illustrated by Mitch Byrd and Page Groh.

And there is definite talk about a sequel to *Ape Nation*. Charles has the thing all plotted out and everyone else is ready to begin. All you have to do is promise to buy a few copies.

—Tom Mason

Hollywood, 1991

**Our Story So Far:** In the first installment of *Ape Nation*, the Alien Tenctonese landed on the planet's surface. Danada The Destroyer, leader of the Tenctonese, formed a deadly alliance with General Ollo and Simon The Slaughterer.

Meanwhile, the Council decided to send a small party to investigate the Alien landing. Heston, chosen by Alexander himself to lead the expedition, picked Packer, Winnipeg of the Lightfeet, Roto (the strongest Ape of all, according to him) and Bartholomew, Jacob's nephew.

United by General Ollo and Danada, leader of the Tenctonese, an army of militant Gorillas and angry Aliens is converging on the unsuspecting Ape City.

Meanwhile, Heston has been captured and imprisoned with Caan, the former leader of the Tenctonese.

**Last Issue:** Heston and Caan made good their escape from their Tenctonese and Gorilla captors. Caan, Roto and Simon ("The back-stabbin' human that talks like an ape!") have teamed up to stem the advancing Ape/Alien army. Meanwhile, poor Bart has shuffled off to Ape City in search of help and Heston's made a startling discovery about Caan's sister, Elysa.

Those interested in following the regular Ape adventures (featuring many of the same cast as *Ape Nation*) should check out the monthly *Planet Of The Apes* title, also from Adventure Comics.

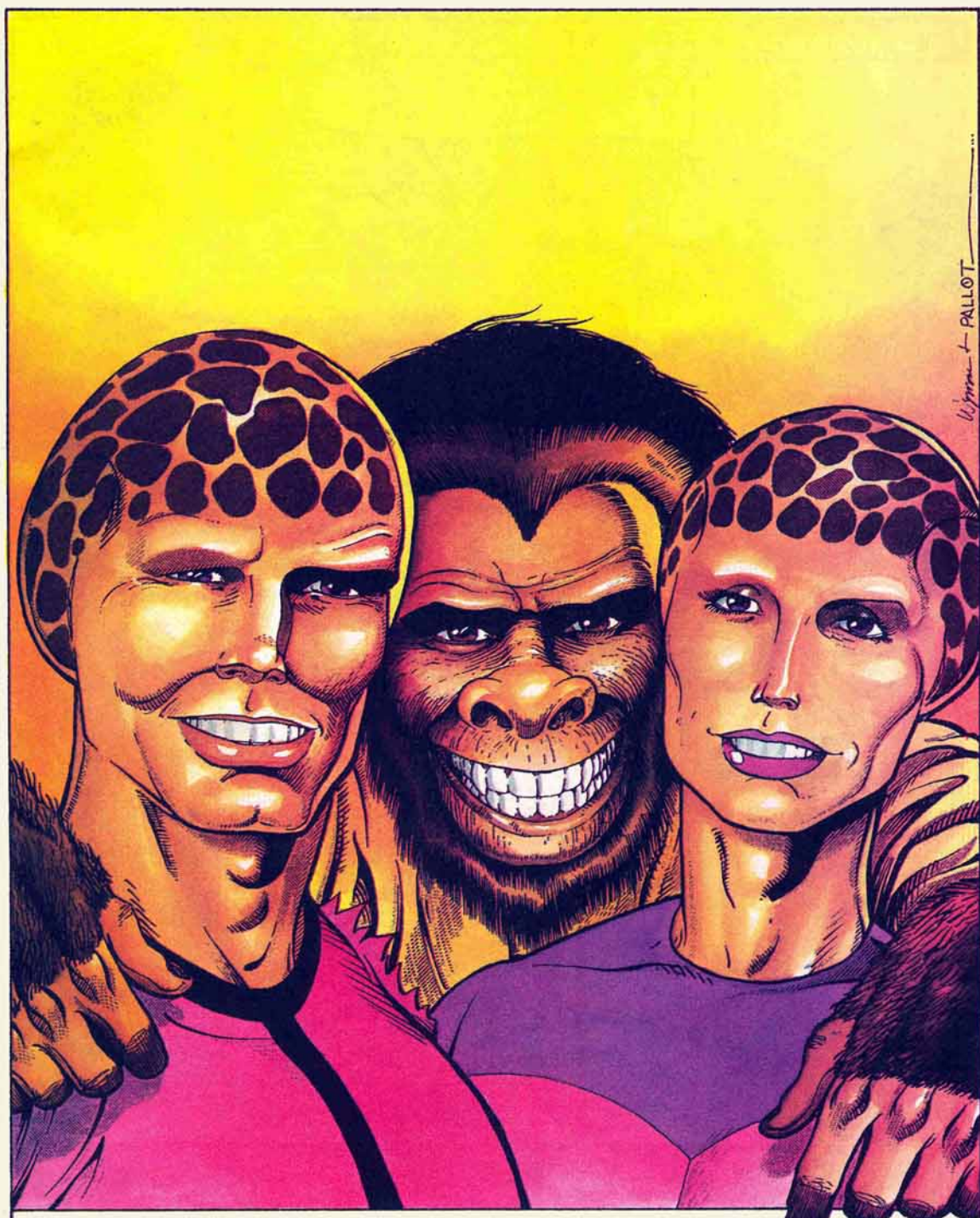
If your tastes lean more towards the Alien culture, check out *Alien Nation: The Skin Trade* or *Alien Nation: The FirstComers*, both of which are on sale now at all fine comic book shops.

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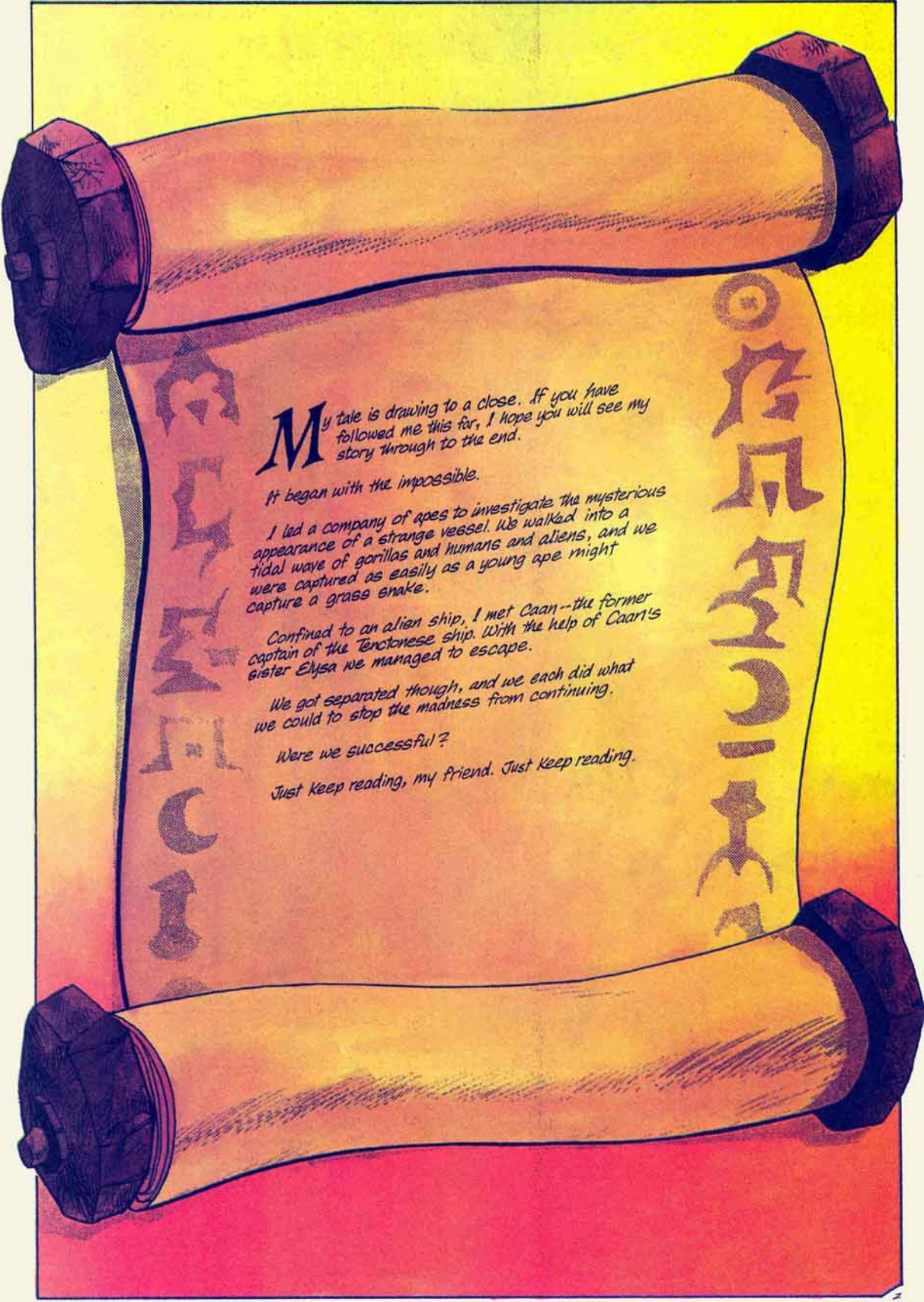




WYMAN & PALLOT

# PAINS





**M**y tale is drawing to a close. If you have followed me this far, I hope you will see my story through to the end.

*It began with the impossible.*

*I led a company of apes to investigate the mysterious appearance of a strange vessel. We walked into a tidal wave of gorillas and humans and aliens, and we were captured as easily as a young ape might capture a grass snake.*

*Confined to an alien ship, I met Caan--the former captain of the Tenconese ship. With the help of Caan's sister Elysa we managed to escape.*

*We got separated though, and we each did what we could to stop the madness from continuing.*

*Were we successful?*

*Just keep reading, my friend. Just keep reading.*



DANADA IS THE SELF-  
PROCLAIMED LEADER  
OF THE TENOTONESE.

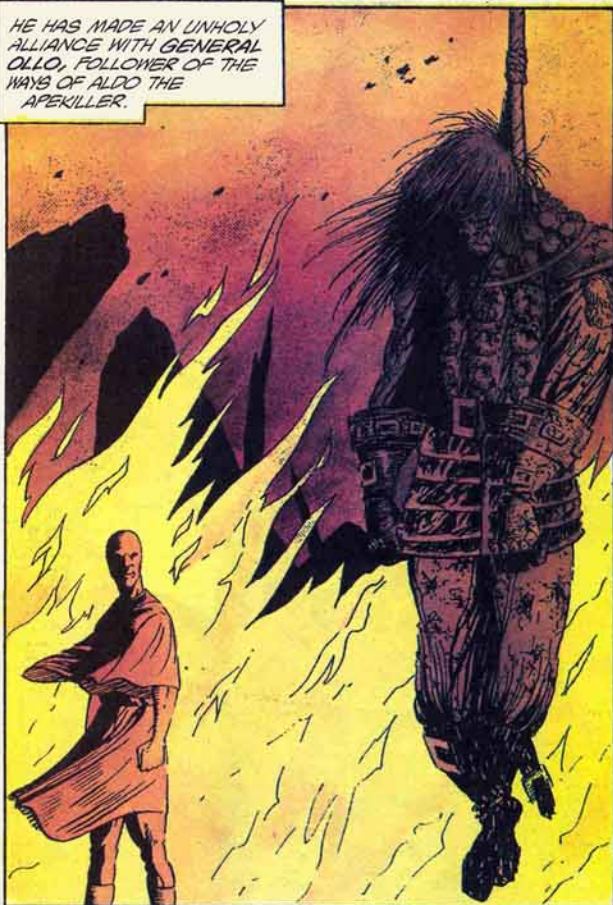


HE HAS A DREAM  
TO CONQUER.

THIS IS NOT HIS WORLD, BUT HE LONGS  
TO CRUSH IT NONETHELESS.



HE HAS MADE AN UNHOLY  
ALLIANCE WITH GENERAL  
OLLO, FOLLOWER OF THE  
WAYS OF ALDO THE  
APEKILLER.



TIME IS SHORT AND A  
PLAGUE OF MADNESS  
IS HEADING TOWARD  
APE CITY.

I MUST HURRY IF  
THERE IS ANY HOPE  
OF STOPPING THEIR  
MAD DREAMS.







I TOLD YOU  
HE WAS HERE,  
HESTON.

SO YOU DID,  
ELYSA. YOU WANT  
TO WAKE HIM UP  
OR SHOULD I?



GENERAL  
OLLO! THIS IS THE  
FINAL TIME I WILL  
WARN YOU ABOUT  
DISTURBING ME!

DON'T YOU  
RECOGNIZE  
YOUR OWN  
SISTER,  
DANADA?



WHAT? IZ  
ELYSA?



LET'S GET  
ON WITH IT. WE  
DON'T HAVE  
MUCH TIME.

TELL ME,  
DANADA. TELL  
ME HOW TO  
STOP YOUR ARMY  
OR YOU'RE GOING  
TO BE  
HURTING VERY  
BADLY.



IT'S TOO LATE  
FOR YOUR IDLE  
THREATS, YOU  
STINKING  
BEAST.

THERE'S  
NO WAY  
TO STOP  
THEM.



IN MY HEART, I BELIEVED DANADA'S WORDS.



BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THEN THAT AN UNLIKELY TRIO WAS ABOUT TO MAKE A DESPERATE STAND.

THE HUMAN TRAITOR AND APE-SLAUGHTERER SIMON...



MY NEW FRIEND CAAN, CAPTAIN OF THE TENOTONESE...



...AND ROTO, THE BIGGEST, MEANEST, NASTIEST APE OF MY HOME TOWN.



THREE OF THEM, ONLY THREE.



AND THEY STOOD BEFORE AN ARMY OF IMMEASURABLE SIZE.



WHAT MADE THEM DO IT?



WHAT DID THEY THINK  
THEY WOULD ACCOMPLISH,  
SAVE A QUICK AND  
PAINFUL DEATH?

I HAD WITNESSED FIRSTHAND WHAT THIS  
INSANE HORDE WAS CAPABLE OF.

I HAD NO IDEA WHAT  
IT WOULD TAKE  
TO STOP THEM.

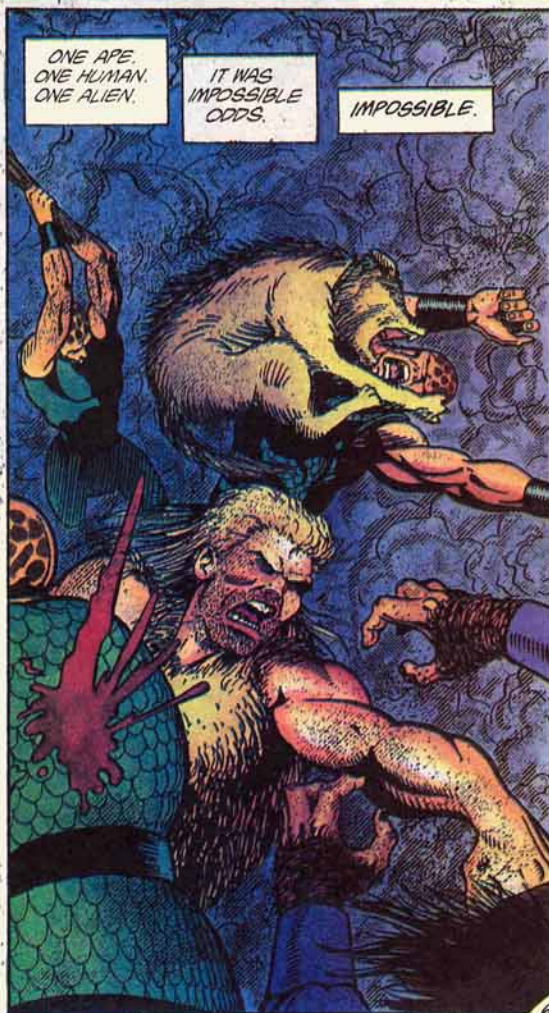
BUT I WOULD HAVE  
WAGERED THAT IT  
WOULD HAVE TAKEN  
MORE THAN THOSE  
THREE HAD TO GIVE.



ONE APE.  
ONE HUMAN.  
ONE ALIEN.

IT WAS  
IMPOSSIBLE  
ODDS.

IMPOSSIBLE.





AND YET...

THEY HELD THEIR GROUND!  
THEY HELD THEIR GROUND!

FOR HOW LONG?  
MINUTES? HOURS?

HOW IT MUST HAVE  
ENRAGED THIS HORDE  
THAT HAD RUN OVER  
VILLAGES WITHOUT EVER  
SLOWING THEIR PACE.



HERE STOOD IN THEIR  
PATH AN ARMY THAT  
NUMBERED THREE,  
YET THEY COULD NOT  
BRING THEM DOWN.

THERE WERE ONLY  
THREE OF THEM,  
BUT THEIR HEARTS  
WERE PURE AND  
THEIR PURPOSE  
WAS CLEAR.



THEY MEANT TO  
ACCOMPLISH THE  
IMPOSSIBLE.





WHAT  
DO YOU MEAN  
IMPOSSIBLE?

DO YOU  
REALIZE  
WHAT YOU'VE  
DONE?



YOU DO  
NOT UNDER-  
STAND. THIS  
WAS NOT MY  
DOING.

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT,  
DANADA  
2



THIS WAS ALL GENERAL  
OLLO'S IDEA. I HAVE BEEN  
FORCED TO DO HIS  
BIDDING FROM THE VERY  
START.

OLLOZ



I HAVE  
BEEN HELD  
HERE AGAINST  
MY WILL.



I HAVE...  
AARRRRGGGHHH

**CHUK!**



SPREADING  
VICIOUS RUMORS,  
YOU BACK-  
STABBING LIAR?

NO,  
THIS...MUST  
NOW...

I AM  
DANADA...THE  
DESTROYERRRR





IF DANADA  
WISHES TO  
BLAME  
ME FOR  
TREACHERY...

...THEN *THAT*  
SHOULD GIVE HIM  
PLENTY OF  
AMMUNITION.



OLLO! YOU  
COLD-BLOODED  
MURDERER!

NO,  
ELYSA.



LISTEN  
TO HESTON,  
MY DEAR, AND  
YOU MAY LIVE  
A LITTLE  
LONGER.

BUT  
ONLY JUST  
A LITTLE  
LONGER.



NO!



I MUST  
HAND IT  
TO YOU,  
DANADA.

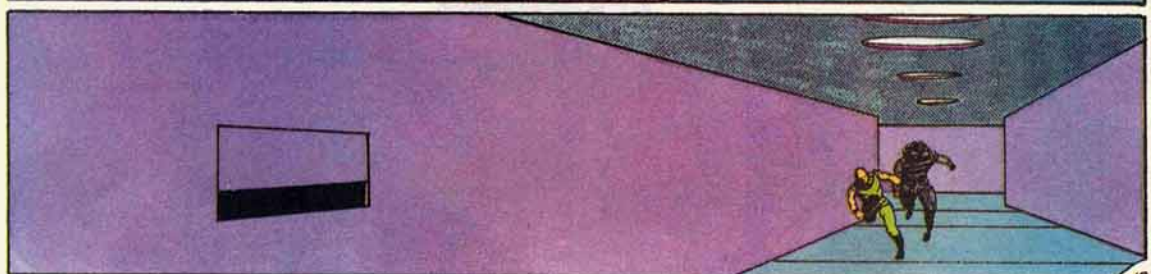
BLAM!  
BLAM!  
BLAM!



YOUR  
PEOPLE  
ARE HARD  
TO KILL...

...WHICH  
MAKES  
IT EVEN  
MORE  
FUN.









NICE  
LANDING,  
HESTON.

WOOFF!



I DON'T  
THINK YOUR  
BUDDIES WILL  
REALIZE WE  
SLIPPED  
DOWN THE  
TRASH  
CHUTE.

SO...  
WHAT  
DO WE  
DO  
NOW?



I'VE  
GOT AN  
IDEA.



"YOU'RE GOING TO TELL  
THE TRUTH TO YOUR PEOPLE..."

GUARDS!  
GENERAL OLLO  
HAS JUST  
MURDERED  
DANADA.



"WHILE I MAKE UP SOME-  
THING TO RILE UP OLLO'S  
TROOPS."

HEY!  
THOSE  
STINKIN'  
BUBBLEHEADS  
JUST KILLED  
GENERAL  
OLLO.



DEATH  
TO THE  
APES!



DEATH TO THE  
BUBBLEHEADS!



NOW THIS  
OUGHT TO BE  
INTERESTING!



LITTLE DID WE  
KNOW THEN OF  
THE EVENTS ON  
THE BATTLEFIELD  
BETWEEN HERE  
AND APE CITY...



CAAN!  
CAN YOU  
HEAR  
ME?

I DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND  
THIS.

THEY  
SHOULD HAVE  
BURIED  
US.



THEY  
ARE TIRED,  
SIMON.

TIRED...  
AND CONFUSED.  
I SUSPECT  
THEY MAY EVEN  
HAVE BEEN  
DRUGGED.



THEY DO SEEM  
TO HAVE LOST  
THEIR EDGE.

BUT THERE'S  
STILL SO MANY  
OF...HEY!  
WHAT'S THAT?



"WELL, WOULD  
YOU LOOK AT THIS?"

"I BELIEVE THE  
CAVALRY HAS  
ARRIVED."







THEN...THEN SOMETHING HAPPENED WHICH ALMOST MADE ME WISH I HAD BEEN OUT THERE BENEATH THE HOT AFTERNOON SUN WITH THEM.

I SUPPOSE I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED IT IN THIS TIME WHEN BEINGS FROM DIFFERENT WORLDS ATTEMPT THE IMPOSSIBLE.

I HAVE LONG BEEN INTERESTED IN THE LIGHTFEET, SPEAKERS OF THE ANCIENT TONGUE.

I HAVE SEEN ONLY ONE THOUGH, AND THAT WAS WINNIPEG WHO ACCOMPANIED US ON THIS TRIP.

I HAVE SEEN ONE LIGHTFOOT, AND THAT IS ONE MORE THAN MOST APES WILL EVER LIVE TO SEE.

WHAT A SIGHT IT MUST HAVE BEEN TO SEE THEM COMING. NOT ONE, NOT TWO...BUT TEN.

TEN OF THEM!  
IN ONE PLACE!

TRULY, THIS  
IS THE AGE  
OF MIRACLES.



TO MY PEOPLE, THE  
LIGHTFEET ARE LEGEND.

TO ME, THEY WILL ALWAYS  
BE MORE THAN THAT.

WITH TEN LIGHTFEET  
BY MY SIDE, I WOULD  
TAKE ON AN ARMY  
OF ANY SIZE.

YAAAAAHOOOOO!!!

WITH MY FRIENDS AND  
THE LIGHTFEET I WOULD  
TAKE ON THE WORLD.

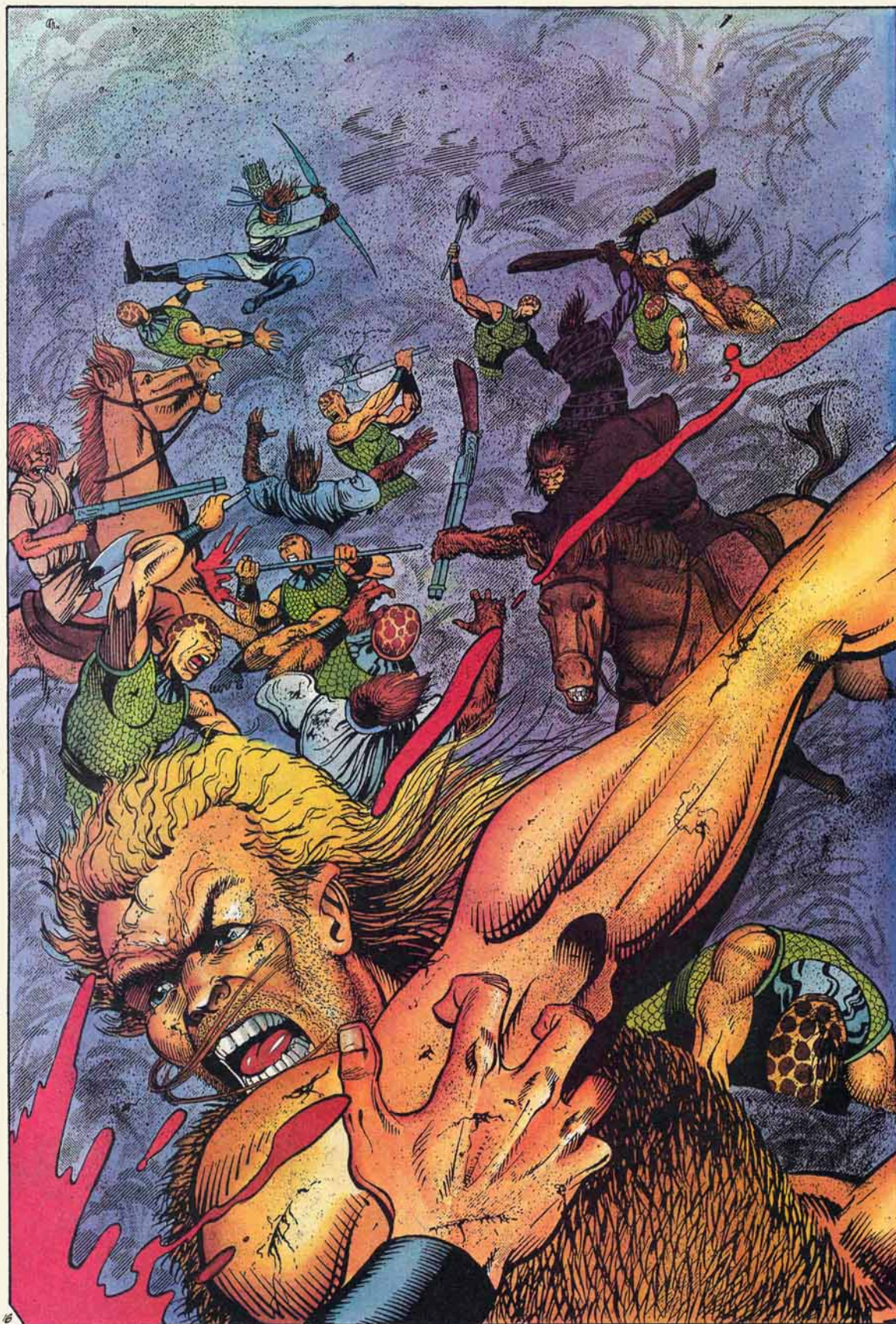
VICTORY  
IS OURS...

WE  
WOULD  
TAKE  
ON THE  
WORLD...

...AND WE  
WOULD BE  
VICTORIOUS!

THEIR SPIRIT INVADES  
YOUR SPIRIT, REFRESHES  
IT, INVIGORATES IT.











HAD I'VE KNOWN THEN WHAT HAD  
TRANSPIRED THERE, WE MIGHT  
HAVE DONE THINGS DIFFERENTLY.

BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW, AND  
BESIDES...OUR PLAN WAS  
WORKING PRETTY WELL.



DO NOT  
FIGHT AMONG  
YOURSELVES!

STOP THIS  
SENSELESS  
MAYHEM AT  
ONCE!



DEATH  
TO THE  
APES!



BAH! I  
HAVE HAD  
ENOUGH  
OF THIS.

**BLAM** **KA**  
**BLAM** **BLAM**



IF NOTHING  
ELSE, THIS HAS  
BEEN AN  
INTERESTING  
OUTING.



AT LEAST  
IT HASN'T BEEN  
A TOTAL  
FAILURE...

SOON APE  
CITY WILL BE  
NOTHING BUT  
SMOKING  
RUINS.





AN HOUR LATER...











IT'S GOOD  
TO SEE YOU  
AGAIN, MY  
BROTHER.

ELYSA!  
YOU'RE  
ALIVE!?!



I THOUGHT  
I HAD LOST YOU,  
MY SISTER.

HESTON  
AND I HAD  
BUSINESS  
TO ATTEND  
TO.



AH, HESTON!  
I AM SORRY  
WE BECAME  
SEPARATED...

...THOUGH  
IT APPEARS  
EVERYTHING  
WORKED OUT  
FOR THE BEST.



I MUST  
TELL YOU OF  
PANADA.

HE IS  
DEAD, THAT  
BUTCHER OLLO  
MURDERED  
HIM.

OLLO'S  
GONE NOW.  
WE SAW HIM  
DEPART.

THE SHIP  
IS YOURS ONCE  
AGAIN.



COME  
THEN, MY  
FRIENDS.

LET'S  
RELEASE THE  
TENCTONESE  
WHO ARE HELD  
PRISONER  
INSIDE.



LATER, WHEN I HEARD  
THE STORY OF THE  
HEROIC STAND, THE  
NAME OF SIMON CAME  
UP TIME AND TIME  
AGAIN.

"SIMON?" I  
ASKED. "THE  
HUMAN  
SIMON?"

I HAVE HEARD THE TALES  
OF SIMON'S TREACHERY,  
OF HOW HE TRIED TO STAB  
THE LEADER OF APE CITY  
AS HE LAY SLEEPING.

I HAVE HEARD THE YOUNGER  
APES SPEAK OF THE PALE  
THROATCUTTER.

I HAVE HEARD APE  
ELDERS SAY THAT WE  
SHOULD HUNT DOWN AND  
KILL EVERY LAST HUMAN.

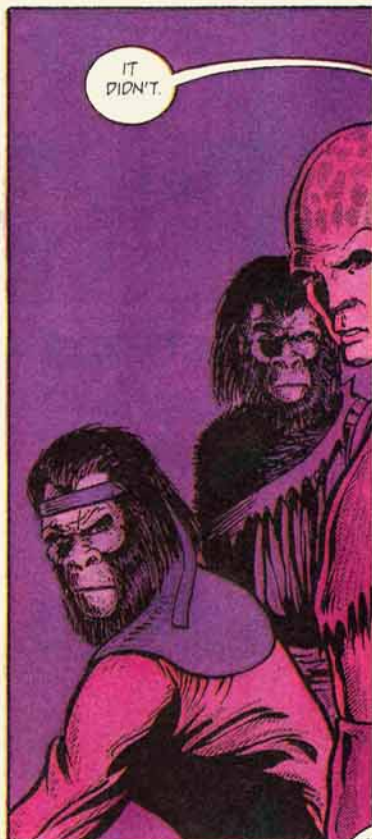
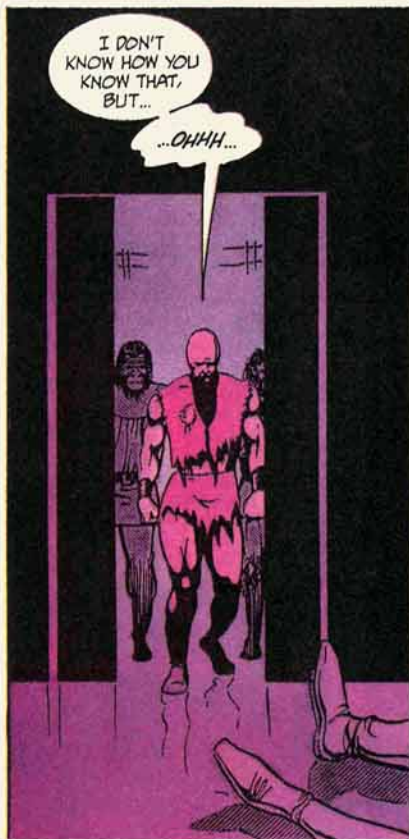
I HAVE HEARD THE STORIES, BUT I  
WILL HOLD MY OWN OPINION OF SIMON.

AND IN MY  
BOOK, HE  
IS A HERO.

COME ON,  
PINGO...

LET'S  
GET OUT OF  
HERE.













AFTER ALL THE EVENTS  
OF THE PAST FEW DAYS,  
THERE WAS ONE THING I  
WAS ABSOLUTELY SURE OF.

I WAS READY TO  
RETURN HOME.



HOW ABOUT  
IT? ARE YOU READY  
FOR THE TRIP BACK  
TO APE CITY?

I DON'T KNOW,  
HESTON. APE CITY WILL  
SEEM KIND OF DULL AFTER  
THIS ADVENTURE.

I'M READY FOR  
SOME DULLNESS  
IN MY LIFE.



YOU WEREN'T  
PLANNING ON LEAVING  
WITHOUT SAYING GOOD-  
BYE, WERE YOU?

HUH?



ELYSA!

I HAVEN'T  
KNOWN YOU  
VERY LONG,  
HESTON...

...BUT I  
WILL *ALWAYS*  
CONSIDER YOU A  
GOOD FRIEND.



THANK  
YOU,  
ELYSA.

I FEEL  
*EXACTLY*  
THE SAME.



I BROUGHT  
YOU THIS, AS  
A FAREWELL  
GIFT.

SAVE THIS  
FOR WHEN YOU  
REACH YOUR  
HOME, HESTON.

WHEN YOU DRINK  
THIS WINE, THINK OF  
CAAN AND ME.







ALL MY LIFE, I HAVE WANTED  
TO TRAVEL, TO SEE THE WORLD.

I HAVE DREAMED OF FARAWAY  
PLACES AND THE ROADS WHICH  
MIGHT TAKE ME THERE.

BUT NOW I CAN  
HONESTLY SAY THAT  
I HAVE SEEN THE  
WORLD.

I HAVE SEEN THINGS FEW APES  
HAVE EVER SEEN.

I HAVE SEEN THINGS FEW  
APES WOULD EVEN BELIEVE.

I HAVE SEEN IT ALL.

ALWAYS, I HAVE LONGED  
TO SEE WHAT'S OUT THERE.

NOW, ALL I WANT IS TO SLEEP UNDER  
THE ROOF OF MY OWN HOUSE AGAIN.



IT IS NICE TO BE  
OUT IN THE COOL  
NIGHT AIR,  
TRAVELLING WITH  
MY COMPANIONS.

BUT I DO NOT THINK I WILL TAKE  
TO THE ROAD AGAIN VERY SOON.



AFTER ALL, WHAT  
IS LEFT TO SEE?

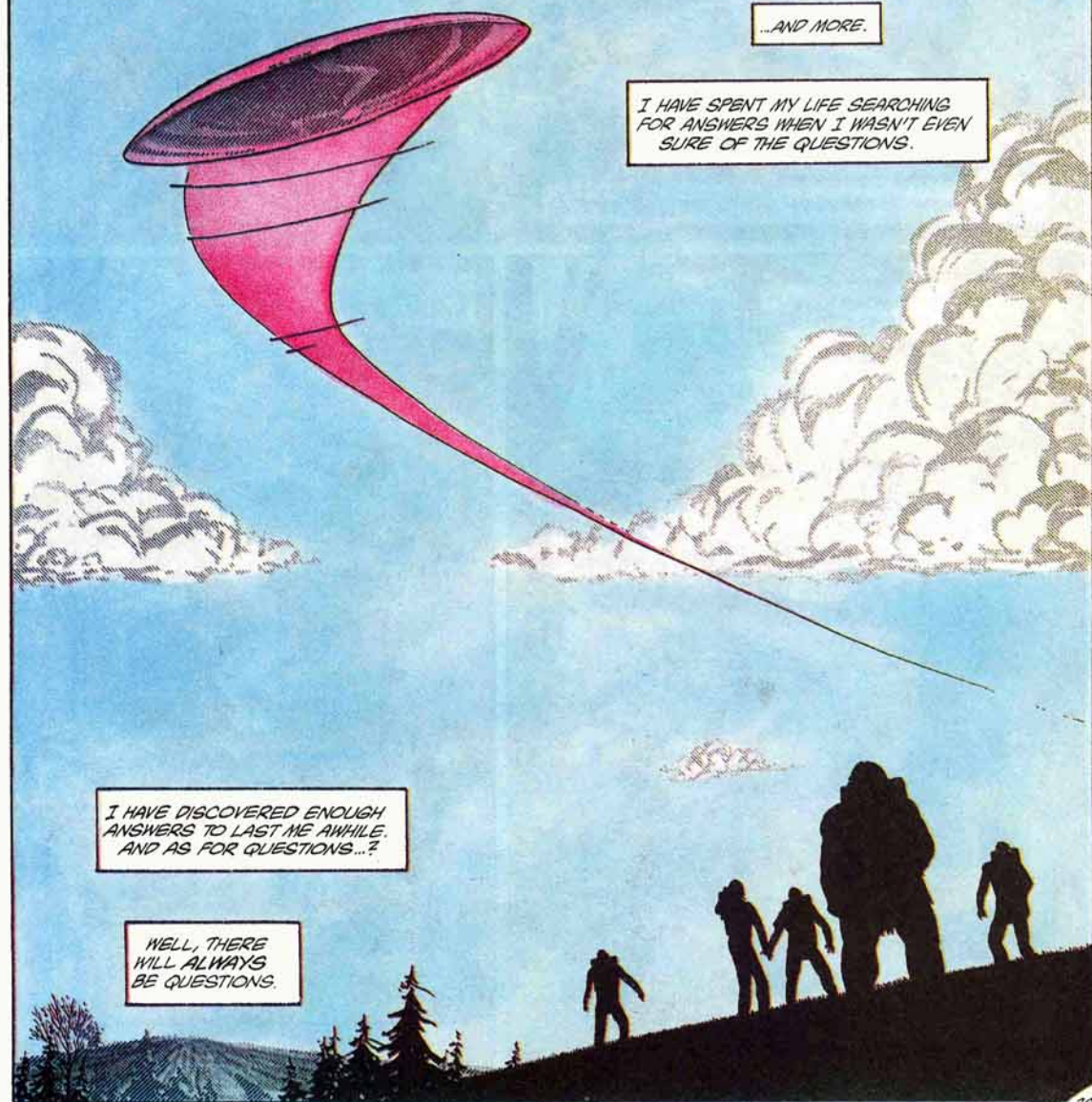
I HAVE SEEN ALL THAT  
THIS WORLD HAS TO OFFER...

...AND MORE.

I HAVE SPENT MY LIFE SEARCHING  
FOR ANSWERS WHEN I WASN'T EVEN  
SURE OF THE QUESTIONS.

I HAVE DISCOVERED ENOUGH  
ANSWERS TO LAST ME AWHILE.  
AND AS FOR QUESTIONS...?

WELL, THERE  
WILL ALWAYS  
BE QUESTIONS.





I PRAY THAT YOU CAN FIND YOUR  
PEOPLE, CAAN. THAT YOU CAN MAKE  
IT BACK TO YOUR OWN TIME AND PLACE.

I HOPE THAT YOU FIND A LAND WHERE  
YOU AND THE TENCTONESE CAN LIVE IN PEACE.

MAY YOU LOCATE A WORLD THAT WILL ACCEPT  
YOU BETTER THAN MY WORLD DID.

A WORLD WITH-  
OUT FEAR OF  
LIFHEAVEL OR  
ALIENATION.

HERE'S A TOAST...  
TO YOUR PEOPLE  
...TO MY PEOPLE.

TO YOU.  
TO ME.

--THE  
END--