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# PLANET OF THE APES

BLOOD OF THE APES!

THE  
ONLY  
GOOD  
APE...

...IS  
A **DEAD  
APE!**

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Wow! I can't believe I'm doing a *Planet Of The Apes* mini-series.

Here's how it came about:

When I first saw ads for various *Ape* mini-series, I saw that they weren't all written by *Apes* regular Charles Marshall. So I asked Tom Mason how you get in line to do one. He said to send him a proposal, and if the story was cool, he'd see what he could do. This happened a little after ChicagoCon in '90.

In Chicago that year I had met Darren Goodhart. We introduced ourselves and talked about the projects that each of us were working on. Then—as convention fever sometimes does to creators—we decided we ought to do a project together.

A few months later, I had been working on proposals to send Tom, and picked one that I thought stayed pretty true to the other *Ape* books.

Then I called Darren and talked to him about it some. He was about to wrap up work on *Retief*, and said he was interested. I sent him the plot I liked best, he read it and did some sketches. I sent the plot into Tom along with Darren's sketches, and got a call from Tom that the project was a go.

It's pretty cool writing monkeys.

Roland

*Roland is also the writer of Miss Fury and Rocket Ranger, both full color mini-series from Adventure. They're out now, so go get 'em.*

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THE APE CITY OF **PHIS** LIES BY THE SLOW STEADY WATERS OF THE MIZZIPHEE RIVER.

NORMALLY THE TEMPER-AMENT OF THE CITY REFLECTS THOSE OF THE RIVER: SLOW AND PEACEFUL.

BUT TODAY THE CITY **BUZZES** LIKE A BEEHIVE.

LEGEND HAS IT THAT THE GREAT APE CITY TO THE NORTHEAST ONCE HAD A MAN THAT COULD TALK AND REASON.

MAN HAS RIGHTS TOO!

DON'T BE CRUEL TO ANIMALS

UNFAIR TO MAN!

DON'T BE CRUEL TO ANIMALS

SINCE THAT DAY, IT HAS BEEN AN UPHILL BATTLE FOR THOSE APES BELIEVING MAN AND APE CAN CO-EXIST IN HARMONY.

LAST NIGHT A MAN WAS CAUGHT TRYING TO STEAL WEAPONS FROM THE CITY'S ARMORY.

THE MAN COULD TALK.

THE CAPTURED MAN WAS A FANTASY TO SOME...

A NIGHTMARE  
TO OTHERS.

MAYBE NOW THIS  
WILL SEE THAT I AM  
SERIOUS WHEN I SAY THAT  
MAN IS A DEADLY THREAT  
WITH WEAPONS AND  
KNOWLEDGE.

THIS IS...  
INCREDIBLE.





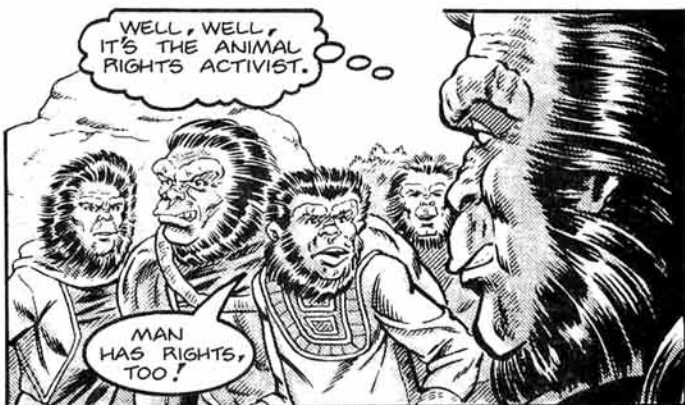
MAKE HIM ANSWER  
YOUR QUESTION,  
COLONEL NOOREV.

OKAY, MARCUS, IF THAT  
IS WHAT YOU WISH TO  
BE CALLED, ONE MORE  
TIME. WHERE DID  
YOU LEARN TO TALK?

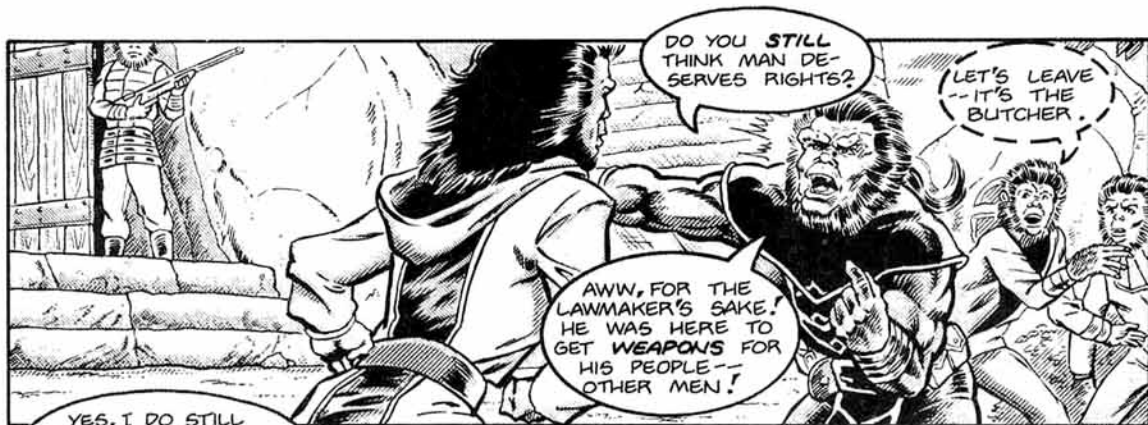
# CHAPTER FOUR













LATER, WEST ACROSS  
THE MIZZIPHEE RIVER,  
AN IMPORTANT MEETING  
IS TAKING PLACE...

--STUPID! I  
WANT TO  
KNOW WHO'S  
RESPONSIBLE.

MARCUS HAS BEEN  
CAPTURED AND THE  
APES ARE GIVING HIM  
THE THIRD DEGREE.  
HE MAY NEVER LEAVE  
THIS ALIVE!

SOMEBODY SENT  
MARCUS IN TO  
THIS, AND THEY  
SENT HIM TO  
GET WEAPONS.

WELL, WE DO NEED  
WEAPONS TO DEFEND  
OURSELVES. WHAT  
SORT OF PROOF DO  
YOU HAVE, MYNDITH?

I DON'T HAVE ANY  
PROOF, BUT GOING INTO  
THIS ALONE IS NOT  
SOMETHING MARCUS WOULD  
HAVE DONE ON HIS OWN.  
THERE ARE TWO TYPES  
OF PEOPLE, RICHARD...



...THERE ARE FOLLOWERS AND THERE ARE LEADERS. MARCUS IS A FOLLOWER, NO IF'S, ANDS OR BUTS.



WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT YOU KNOW **EVERYTHING**? JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A TAYLORITE--

THAT'S ENOUGH! MYNDITH! RICHARD!

OUR GOAL IS TO LIVE **PEACEFULLY** WITH THE APES...



...NOT GO TO WAR WITH THEM.



BUT, LUTHER, WE COULDN'T **POSSIBLY** WIN A WAR AGAINST THE APES ANYWAY.

NOT WITH **THAT** ATTITUDE.



I NEED TO KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON RICHARD, HE COULD CAUSE TROUBLE.



# CHAPTER FIVE

GENERALLY WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN IN THE APE CITY PHIS, THE STREETS BECOME EMPTY.

TONIGHT IS DIFFERENT.

THE MAN WHO CAN SPEAK HAS BEEN PUT IN A CAGE, AND TWO APES HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO GUARD HIM.

AHHH...  
LET'S  
SEE...

JAILHOUSE  
ROCK

GIMME  
ALL YOUR  
CROWNS.

GO  
HUNTIN',  
MAN.





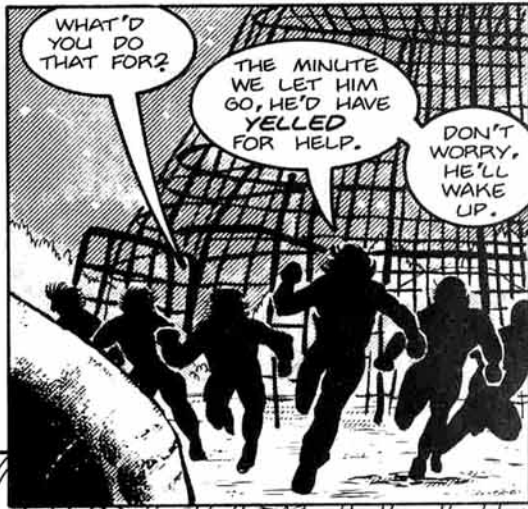
# BOOGEY-MAN!!!



















# CHAPTER SIX

SOMETIMES  
HE'S CALLED THE  
BUTCHER...

... OTHERS,  
THE APE-  
KILLER.

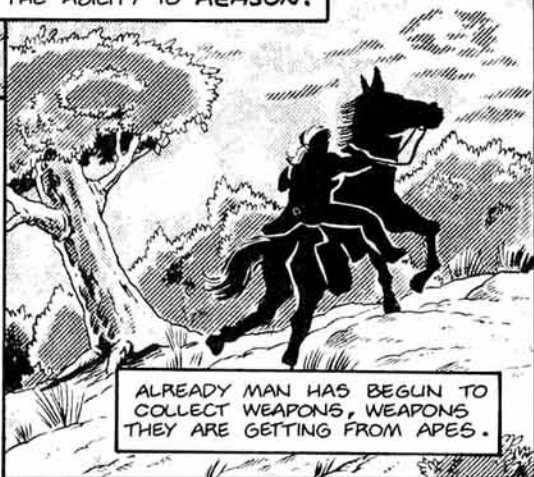
CROSSING THE  
MIZZIPHEE RIVER AND  
LEAVING PHIS BEHIND HIM,  
TONUS CARES NOTHING  
ABOUT THESE LABELS.

HE IS A  
SOLDIER, A  
HUNTER.



SOMEHOW MAN NEAR PHIS  
HAS GAINED THE **ABILITY**  
TO SPEAK. WITH SPEECH COMES  
THE **ABILITY** TO **REASON**.

IT IS THIS THAT TONUS  
HAS BEEN ORDERED TO  
STOP, AND IT IS WHAT HE  
INTENDS TO DO...



ALREADY MAN HAS BEGUN  
TO COLLECT WEAPONS, WEAPONS  
THEY ARE GETTING FROM APES.









TELL THEM TO  
BRING A HORSE,  
OR ABOUT FOUR  
MEN. HURRY!



OWW! LET GO  
OF ME, YOU  
BIG APE!



I FOUND HIM  
SNEAKING AROUND  
IN THE TREES. WHAT  
DO YOU WANT ME TO  
DO WITH HIM?

HOW  
ABOUT LET  
ME GO?

IT'S ARGO  
DIVINCENZO.\*

I'M SORRY,  
DO I  
KNOW YOU?

I'M  
VALIA--

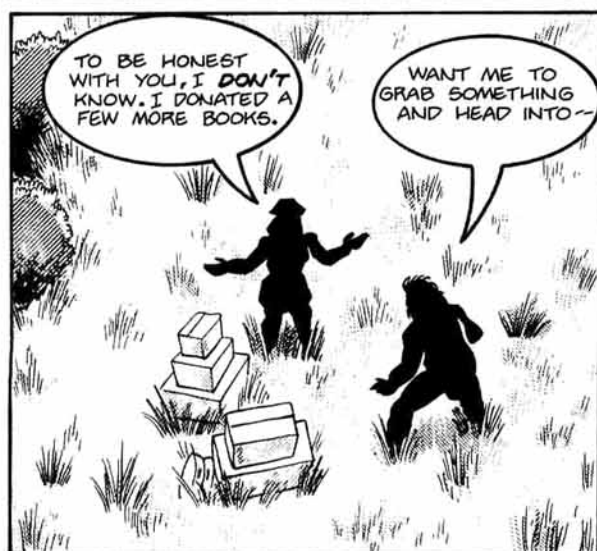
SORRY.  
STILL DON'T  
REMEMBER.

\*SEE URCHAK'S  
FOLLY.  
--Roland















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CONTINUED...