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BLOOD OF THE APES!

COME
CLOSER, YOU
STINKIN'
DIRTY APE!

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Well, this is the last issue of our monkey mini-series. I must say I had a real blast with it. When I started the series, I went on an Ape-movie binge (that's a *lot* of talking simians!) to put myself in the mind-frame. I hope we kept that spirit of the movie in this comic.

One of my favorite monkey scenes was in the first movie. Taylor and his buddies had just spotted the humans and were making their way around them. Suddenly the humans stopped, then took off like bats out of hell. The intensity of the scene that followed (the Apes chasing the humans, before we knew they were Apes) stuck with me a long time.

Anyway, I hope there are sequences in this comic that will stick with you like that.

The main thing is have fun! And just because this is the last issue doesn't mean you have to do your homework! Write those letters and tell us what you think!

--Roland

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CHAPTER TEN

ON THE PLANET OF THE APES, MAN IS CONSTANTLY HUNTED AND CAGED, AND EVEN KILLED BY THE RULING APES.

APES **FEAR** INTELLIGENT MAN. THEY DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO SEE THAT MAN REMAINS "STUPID."

THAT'S WHY **TOULUS** FINDS HIMSELF IN THE AREA OF THE APE CITY **PHIS**. HE HAS BEEN SENT TO STOP A SMUGGLING RING, ONE THAT HAS BEEN SUPPLYING MAN WITH BOOKS AND WEAPONS.

ONLY MINUTES BEFORE, HE HEARD THE FEMALE AND HER MALE CHILD SPEAK.

KILLING THE CHILD NOW WOULD MEAN ONE **LESS** INTELLIGENT MAN TO FIGHT IN THE FUTURE...



THE THINGS HE TOLD HIS MOTHER SOUNDED LIKE THE WORDS OF VALIA. SHE HAS BEEN A BIG INFLUENCE ON THIS MAN TRIBE.



IF YOU COULD LOCATE YOUR HEART AND GIVE MAN A CHANCE ...



"...YOU'D SEE WE COULD LIVE TOGETHER PEACEFULLY."

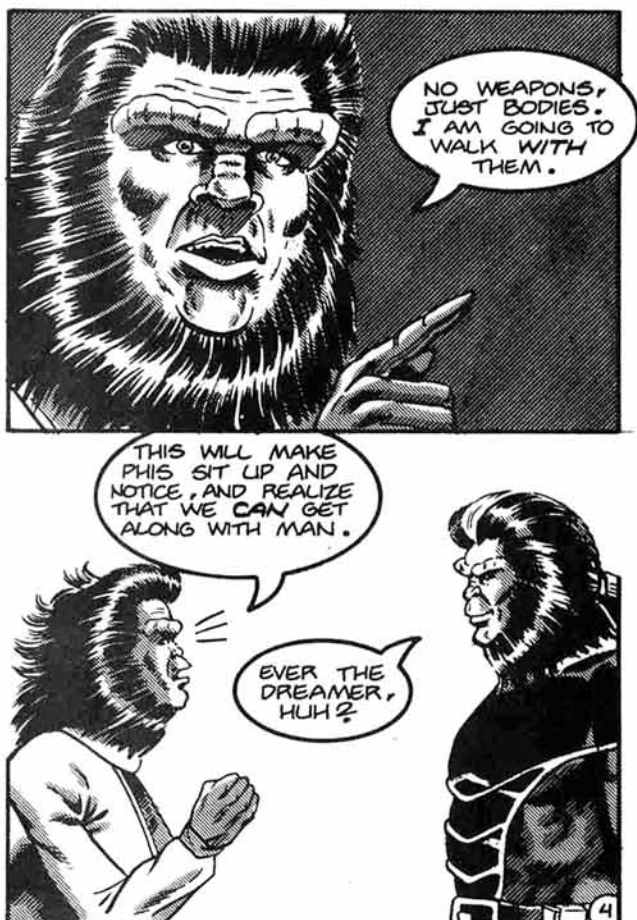


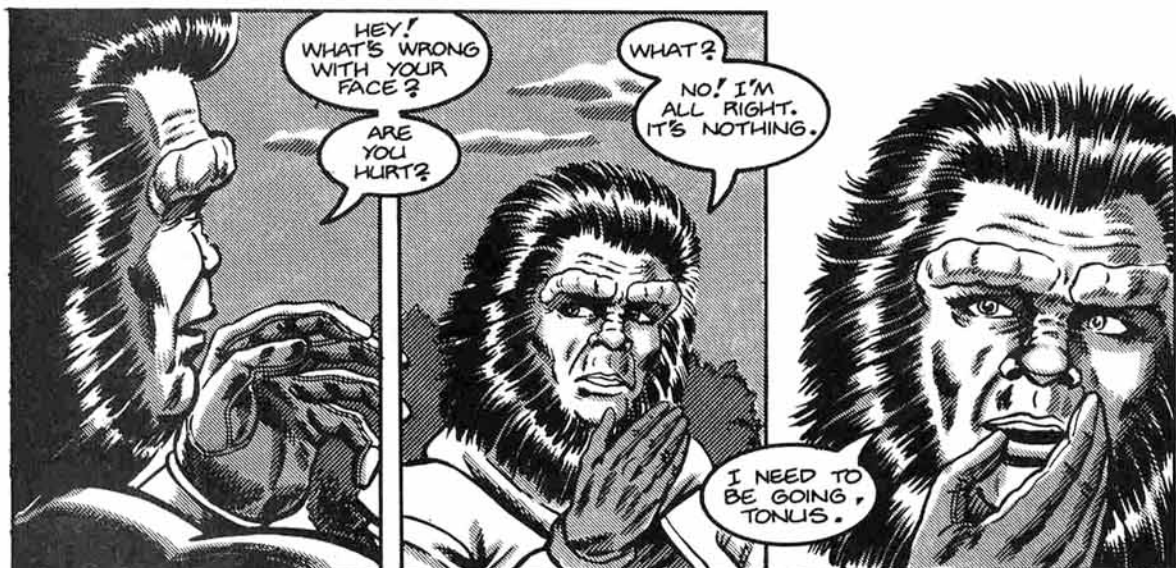
HELLO UP THERE.



I'M DOWN HERE.









WHAT
ARE THEY
DOING?

THEY'RE
GOING OUT TO
PROTECT US.

MORE LIKE
GOING TO A
SLAUGHTER.



DAD, I WANNA
BE IN THE
ARMY WHEN
I GROW UP.

WE'LL
SEE,
SON.

KEEP
MOVING!



A GRAND
SIGHT, IS IT
NOT, COLONEL
NOOREV?

YES, IT IS
QUITE A
FORMIDABLE
FORCE.





CHAPTER ELEVEN

ON HIS WAY TO TELL COLONEL NOOREV ABOUT THE PEACEFULLY APPROACHING GROUP OF MEN, TONUS FINDS AN APE ARMY ON THE WAY TO SLAUGHTER THEM.

COLONEL NOOREV, TELL ME YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS.

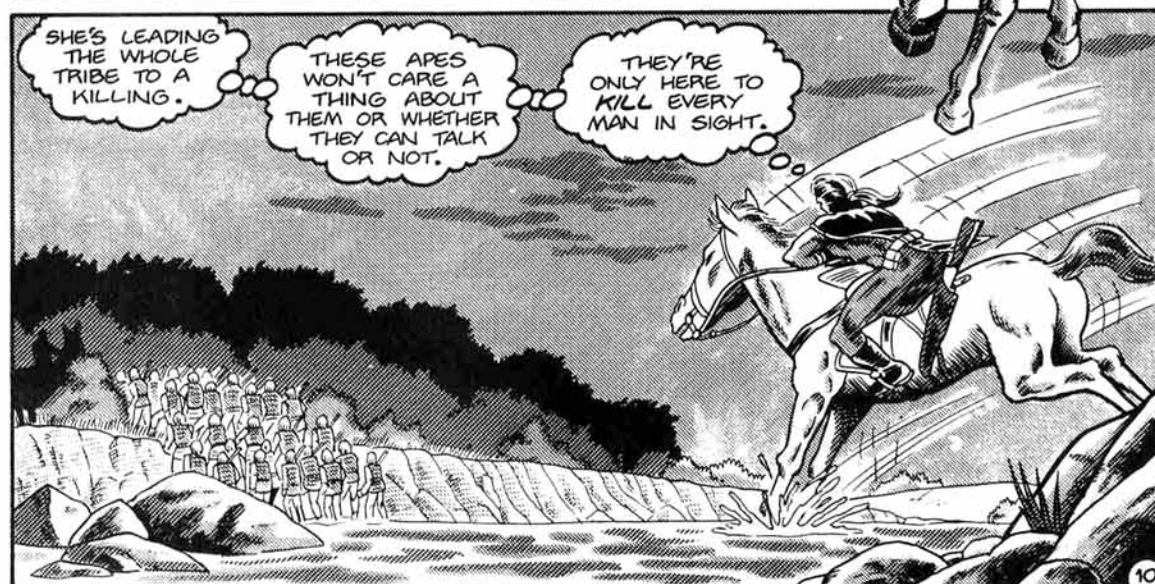
BUT I AM, TONUS. OUR SUPERIORS FROM APE CITY THOUGHT ENOUGH OF OUR "MAN PROBLEM" TO SEND GENERAL STEDAL.

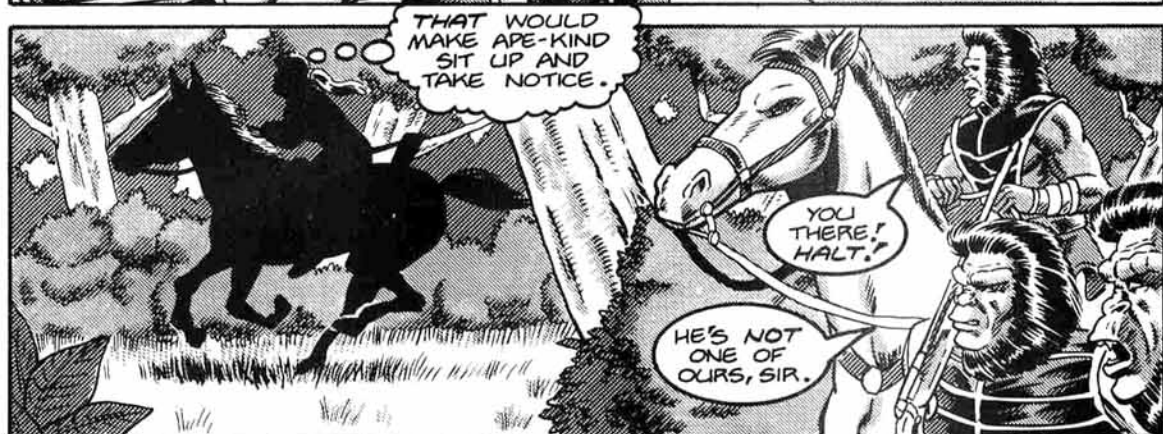
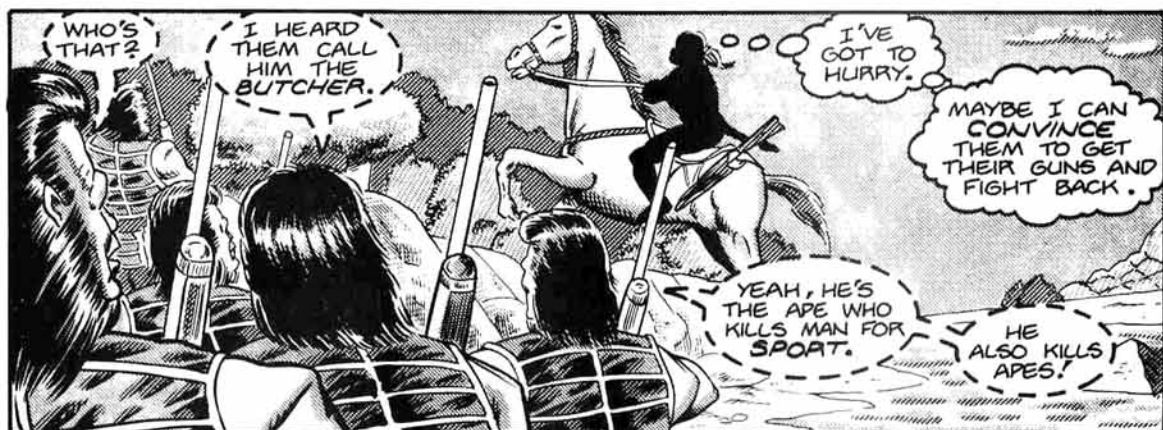
THIS IS CRAZY! I'M TELLING YOU THEY COME PEACEFULLY AND YOU SAY "BIG DEAL"?

LET'S JUST SAY I SEE THINGS FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.

YOU SURPRISE ME, TONUS. THIS FROM AN APE WHO HAS REPEATEDLY SAID THE ONLY GOOD MAN IS A DEAD MAN.











NO! KEEP GOING. THERE ARE TOO MANY OF US FOR HIM TO STOP.

SHE'S RIGHT, YOU KNOW. YOU CAN'T STOP US ALL. WE'LL MAKE IT TO THIS.

YOU WON'T MAKE IT MORE THAN A HUNDRED YARDS.

WE'RE ON A PEACEFUL MARCH, DON'T TRY TO STOP US. IT'S TOO LATE TO SCARE US.



I'M NOT TRYING TO SCARE YOU, I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU THERE'S AN APE ARMY HEADED THIS WAY.

THEY MEAN TO KILL EVERY MAN IN SIGHT.

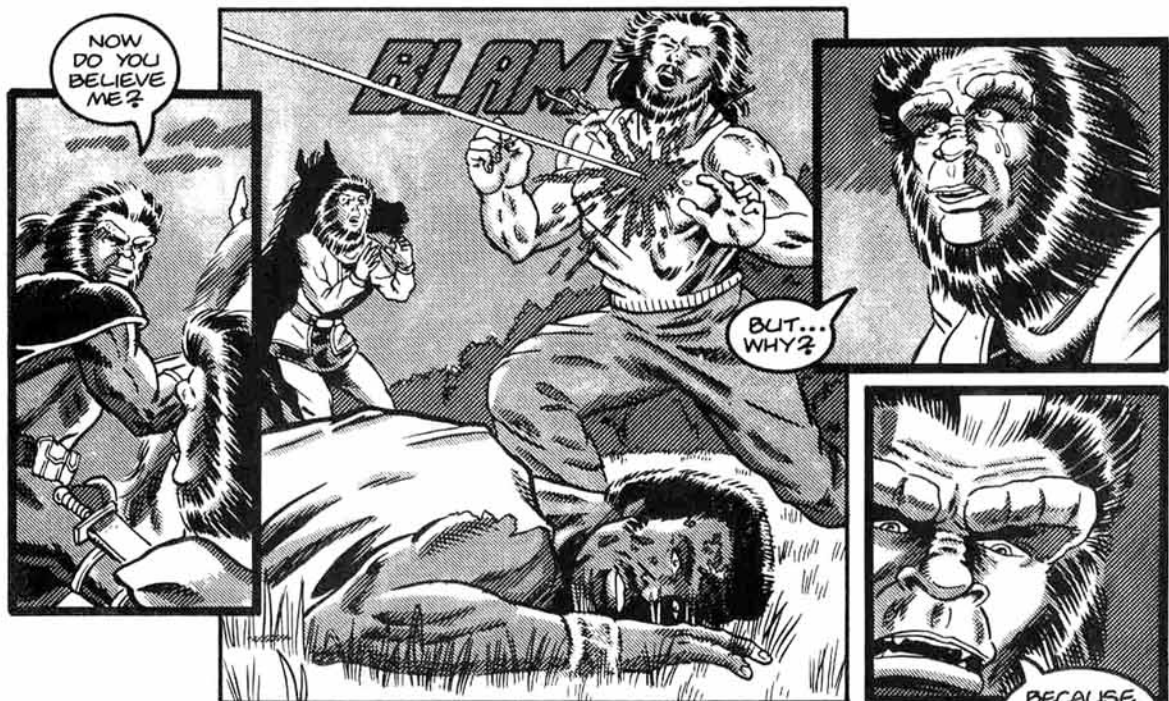
TONUS, IT WON'T WORK. WE'RE GOING ANYWAY.

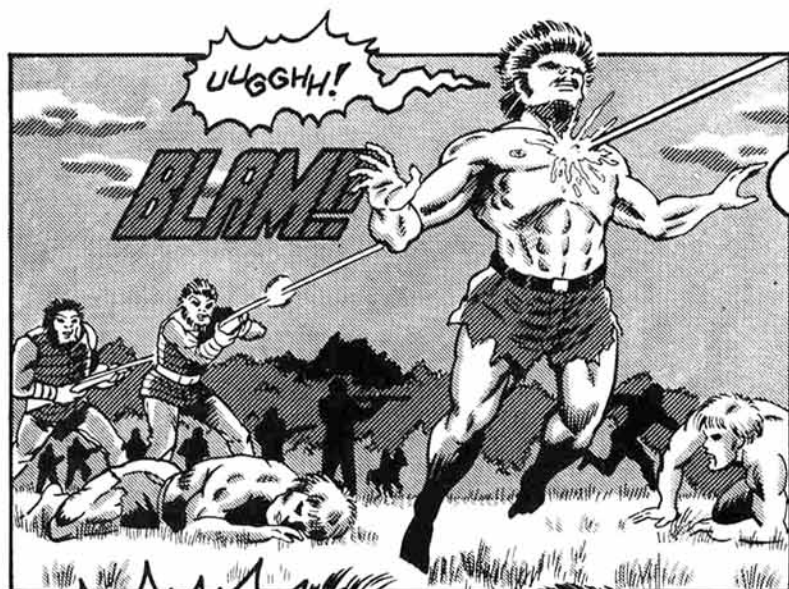


LET ME PUT IT TO YOU ANOTHER WAY!

BLAM!







CHAPTER TWELVE

ON THEIR WAY TO
SHOW THE APES IN PHIS
THAT THEY HAD INTELLI-
GENCE, AND THAT THE
TWO RACES COULD GET
ALONG, A TRIBE OF MAN
HAS BEEN ATTACKED
BY AN APE ARMY.

CHAOS
FOLLOWED...

TONUS?
ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT?

NEVER BEEN ...
SHOT BEFORE
... HURTS.

WAAA

VALIA?

GET OUT OF
HERE. RUN
AS FAST AS
YOU CAN.

AND
DON'T
LOOK
BACK!



I WENT TO THIS
TO TELL THEM
YOU WERE
COMING.

I SAW
ABOUT
TWENTY
OF THEM
RUN THIS
WAY.



I DIDN'T KNOW
THE ARMY WAS
COMING. I TRIED
TO TELL YOU--
WANTED THEM
TO RUN.



I KNOW YOU
DID. AND
THAT'S WHAT
MATTERS.

WELL, WELL.
WHAT HAVE
WE HERE?

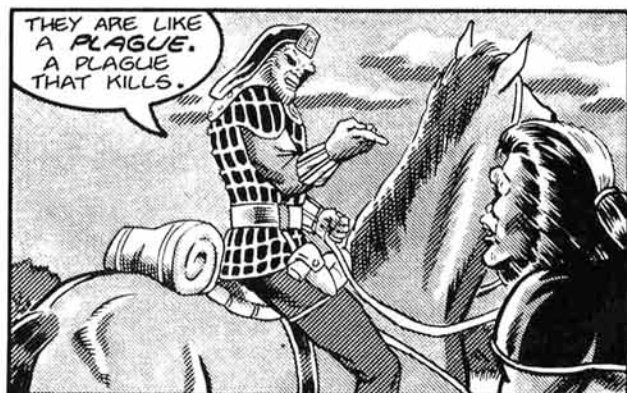


LOOKS LIKE
YOU'VE CAUGHT A
BULLET, TONUIS.
SHAME.



THEY WERE ALL
UNARMED, AND THEY
WERE DOING LITTLE MORE
THAN COMING TO TALK.
WHAT'S THE HARM
IN THAT?

TALKING TO MAN?
YOU HAVE LOST
YOUR MIND.
APES DO NOT
NEGOTIATE WITH
ANIMALS.



THEY ARE LIKE
A PLAGUE.
A PLAGUE
THAT KILLS.



AND WE
MUST DO WHAT
WE CAN TO
DESTROY THEM
SO THAT IT WILL
BE SAFER
FOR OUR
CHILDREN.



WHA!?!?

I USED TO
THINK THAT WAY,
UNTIL SOMEONE
OPENED MY
EYES.

HAVE YOU EVER
HEARD A MAN
TALK? WITH
YOUR OWN
EARS?



IT'S INCREDIBLE.
IF THEY CAN SPEAK
AND REASON, THEN
DON'T YOU THINK
HE KNOWS HE
CANNOT DEFEAT
APE BY FORCE?



PEACEFUL
CO-EXISTENCE
IS HIS ONLY
CHANCE.

THAT... WAS
A MISTAKE,
TONUS!



WHEN THIS IS OVER,
I'LL SEE YOU LOCKED
AWAY FOR LIFE FOR
STRIKING ME...



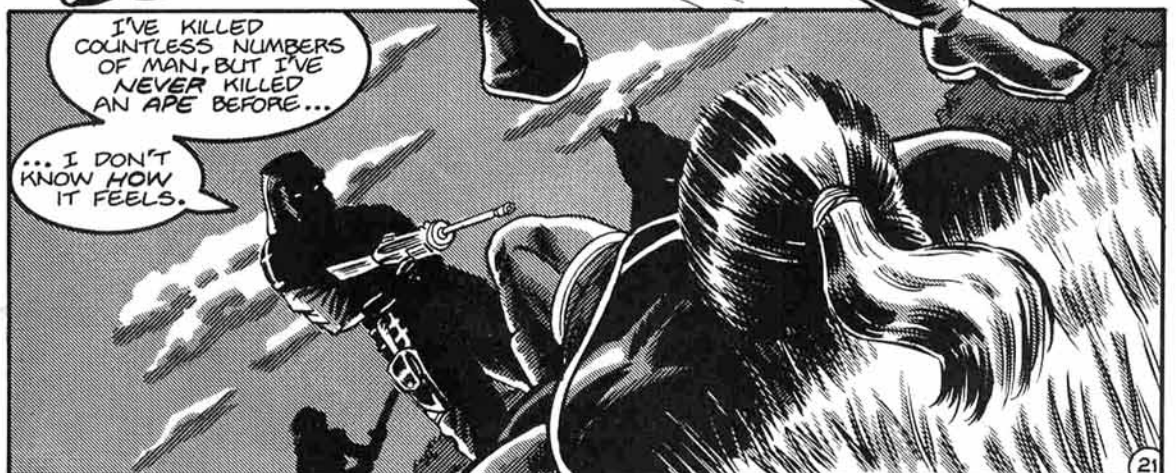
...IF I DON'T
KILL YOU
FIRST.

SMACK!

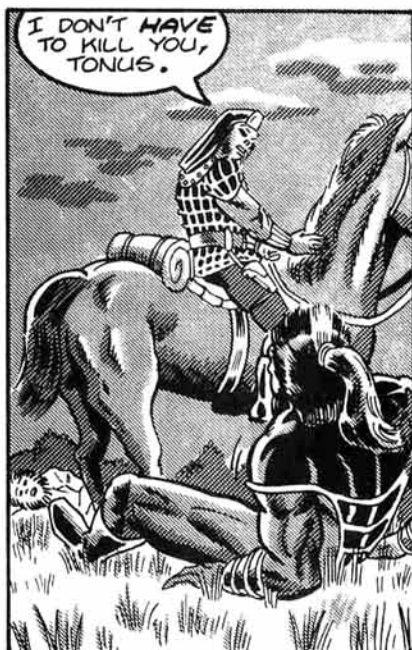


THUD!











I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY. I HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU ALSO.

