

MARVEL Comics PRESENTS

CONQUEST OF THE PLANET OF THE APEES

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20th CENTURY FOX MOTION PICTURE

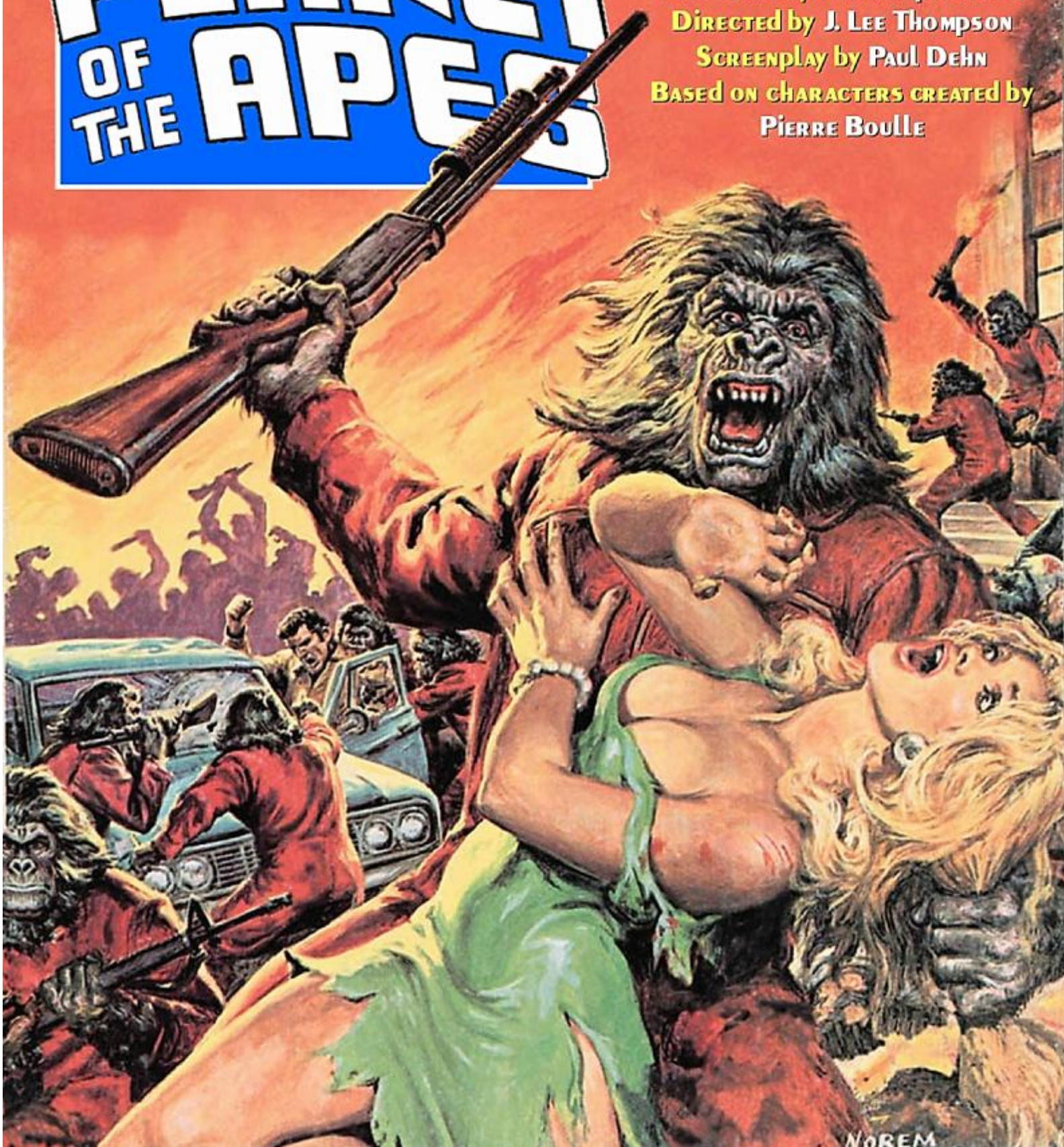
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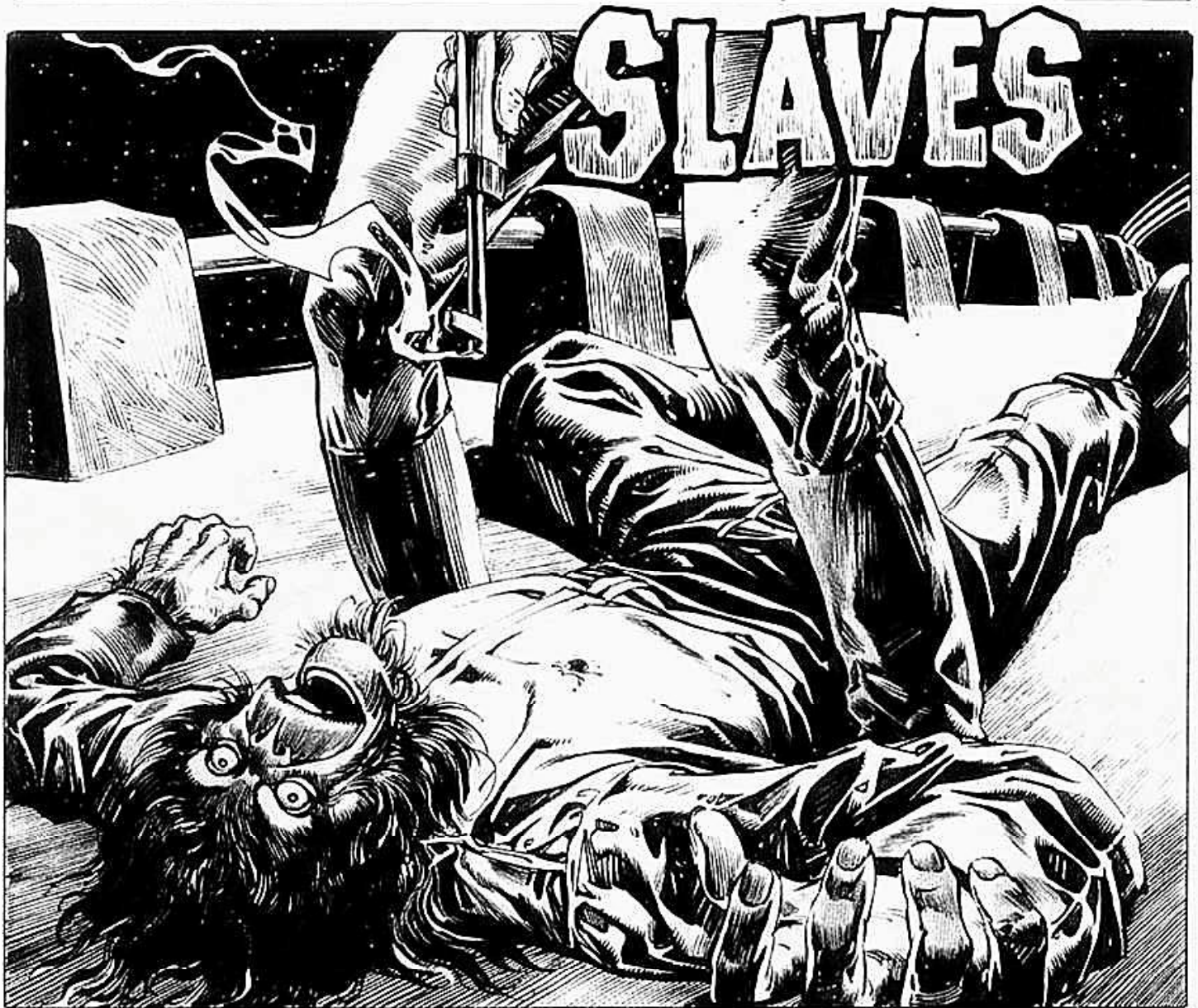


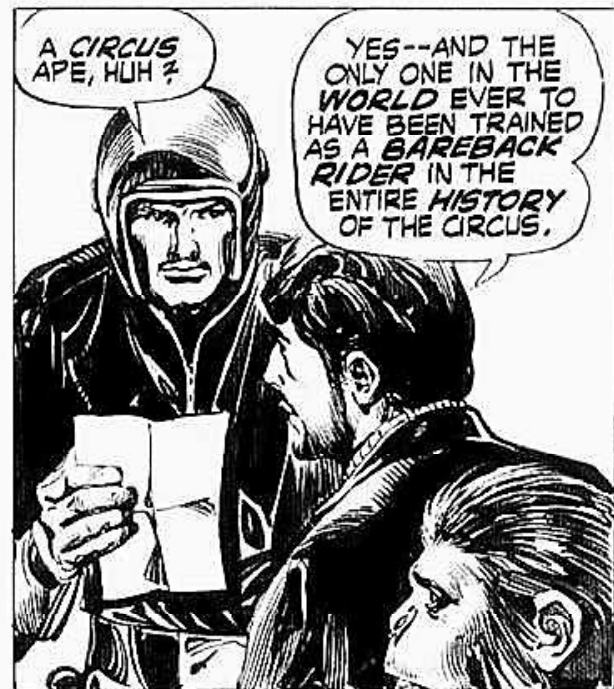
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NORTH AMERICA 1991









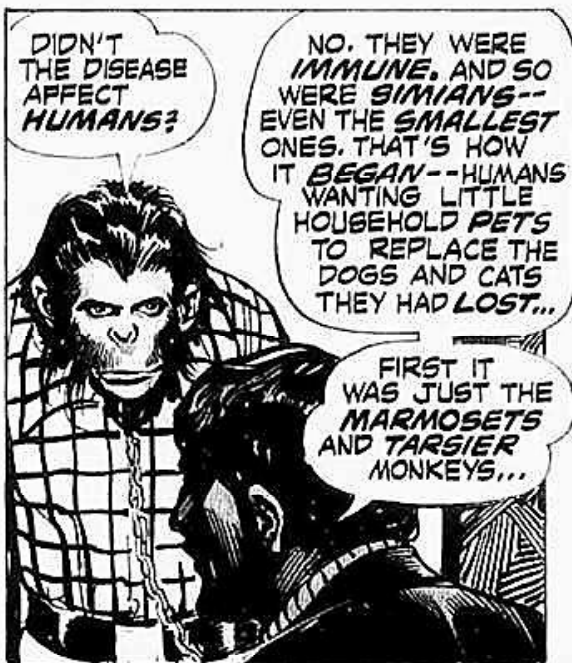
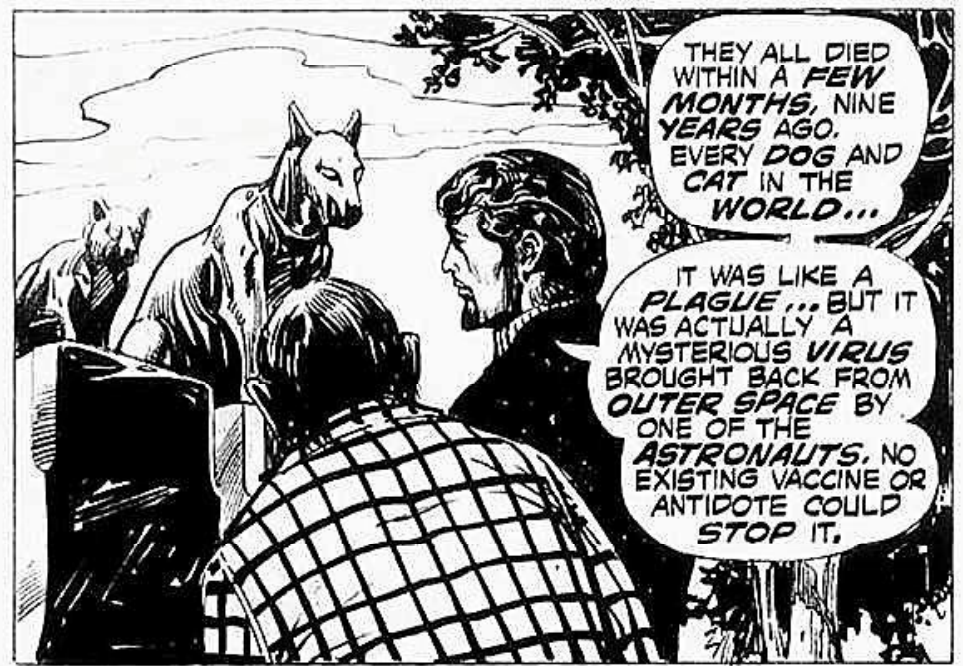
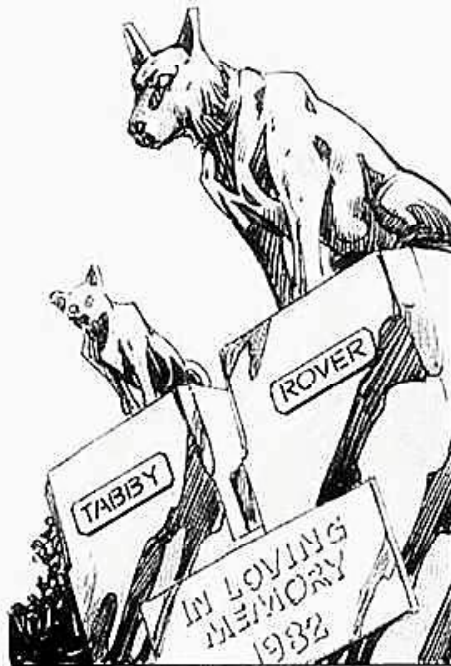


























REPEAT: THE LABOR DEMONSTRATION IN THE SOUTH PLAZA WILL BE TERMINATED IN FIVE MINUTES. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER CAN RESULT IN A ONE-YEAR SUSPENSION OF RIGHT TO BARGAIN COLLECTIVELY.

UNFAIR TO WAITERS

HIRE MEN NOT BEAST

SLAVES ARE SCABS

UNFAIR to WAITERS

HIRE MEN
NOT BEAST

**SLAVES
ARE SCABS**

WHAT'S HIS JOB?

FORGET IT, HE AIN'T A WAITER--HE'S A MESSENGER.

FOR THE GOVERNOR. SO LET HIM THROUGH.

**FORGET IT,
HE AIN'T A
WAITER--HE'S A
MESSENGER.**

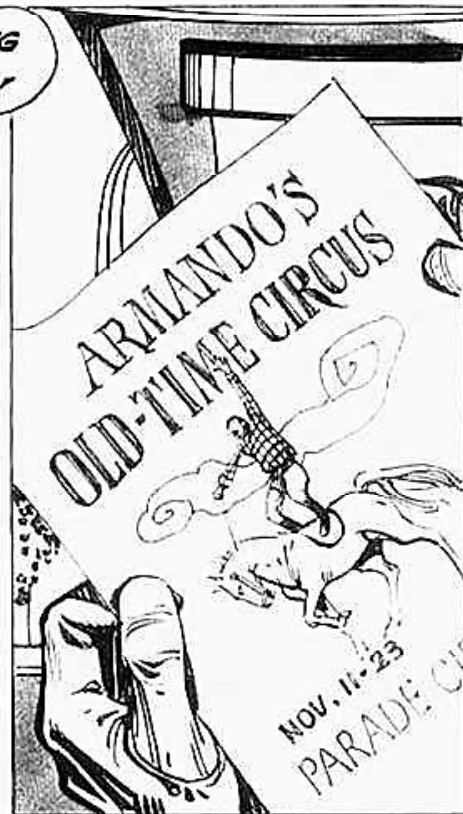
FOR THE
GOVERNOR.
SO LET HIM
THROUGH.

COME ON--
MOVE *ASIDE*--
MOYE *ASIDE*...

LET US
THROUGH...

HIRE M
NOT E







RITES OF BONDAGE

THE SCENE IS NORTH AMERICA IN 1991, A TIME AND PLACE IN WHICH HUMAN WORKERS HAVE BEGUN TO PROTEST THE INCREASING PROLIFERATION OF SLAVE LABORERS.

ONCE, WHEN TIMES WERE MORE SIMPLE (AND PERHAPS MORE PRIMITIVE), THESE SLAVE LABORERS WERE COMMONLY KNOWN AS APES. BUT TIME--AND CAPRICIOUS EVOLUTION--HAVE GRANTED INTELLIGENCE TO THE FORMER BEAST OF THE JUNGLE... INTELLIGENCE ENOUGH TO PERFORM SIMPLE TASKS...

... AND OCCASIONALLY, TO EXERCISE RUDIMENTARY FORMS OF REBELLION. AN INCIDENT OF THE LATTER HAS JUST OCCURED ON THE STEPS OF APE CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS. IT IS NOW BEING QUELLED...

STUPID BEAST!
IF YOU CAN'T LEARN
TO OBEY A SIMPLE
COMMAND--

--YOU'LL GET IT BEATEN
INTO YOUR HAIRY HIDE!!

STOP IT, YOU
STINKING LOUSY
HUMANS--!!



UNKNOWN TO GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ALIKE, THE SON OF THE TALKING APES ZIRA AND CORNELIUS STILL LIVES. HIS NAME IS CAESAR, AND HE HAS COMMITTED A GRAVE MISTAKE. HE HAS SPOKEN... A SIMPLE ACT FAR BEYOND THE CAPABILITIES OF EARTH'S NORMAL SLAVE LABORERS...

... AND A SIMPLE ACT WHICH HAS NOW JEOPARDIZED NOT ONLY HIS OWN LIFE, BUT THAT OF HIS HUMAN FRIEND ARMANDO'S AS WELL...



DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S A **CRIMINAL OFFENSE** TO SHOW DISRESPECT TO A **STATE OFFICIAL**.

YOU YELLED "STINKING LOUSY HUMANS."

IT WAS **UNINTENTIONAL** I ASSURE YOU. YOU SEE, BEING SENTIMENTAL ABOUT ANIMALS, I--



NOW WHY WOULD YOU YELL **THAT**? WHY WOULD YOU CALL US "HUMANS" AS THOUGH IT WERE A **DIRTY NAME**?

IT WAS **INSTINCTIVE**, I MEANT HUMANS AS OPPOSED TO THE **APE**. YOU SEE, BEING THE OWNER OF A **CIRCUS**, I VERY NATURALLY SYMPATHIZE WITH--



YES -- AND AN EXTREMELY WELL TRAINED APE...

A **TALKING APE**...

NO--! YOU ARE **MISTAKEN**! I ADMIT MY BEHAVIOR WAS **INEXCUSABLE** AND I AM DEEPLY SORRY BUT I ASSURE YOU--



WE'D BETTER TURN THEM OVER TO HEADQUARTERS FOR **INTERROGATION**!

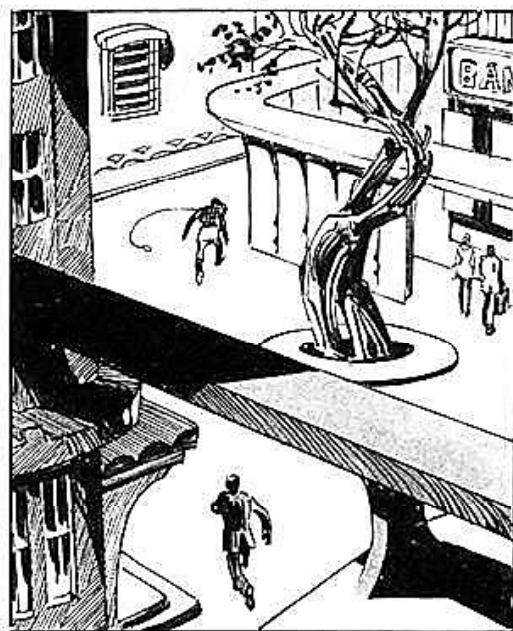
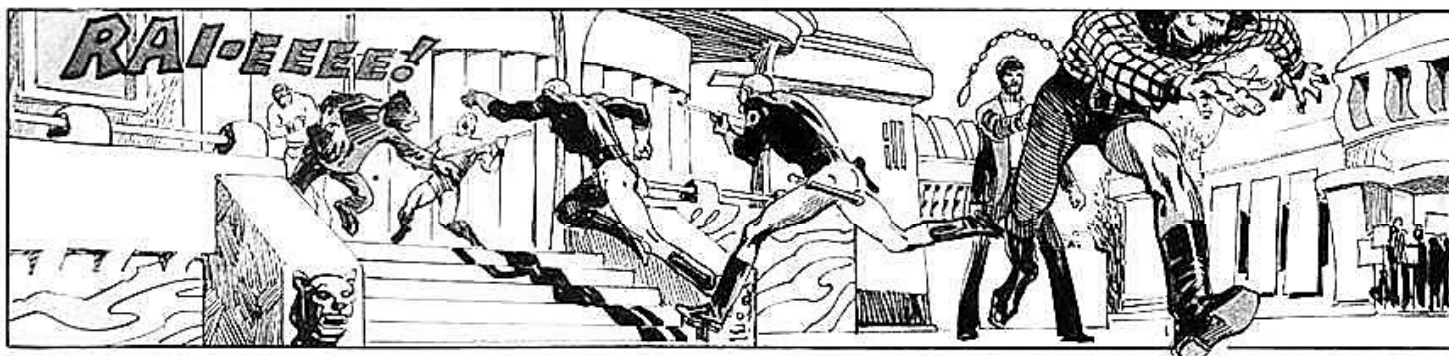
RIGHT.



LET'S GO-- **BOTH** OF YOU.

AND MAKE IT NICE AND **QUIET** OR--

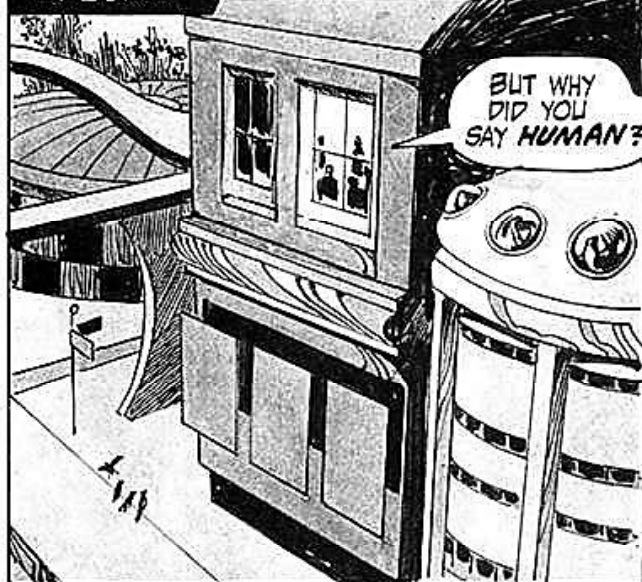








THE CIVIC CENTER: A SINGLE LIGHT BURNS IN THE OFFICE SUITE OF GOVERNOR BRECK...





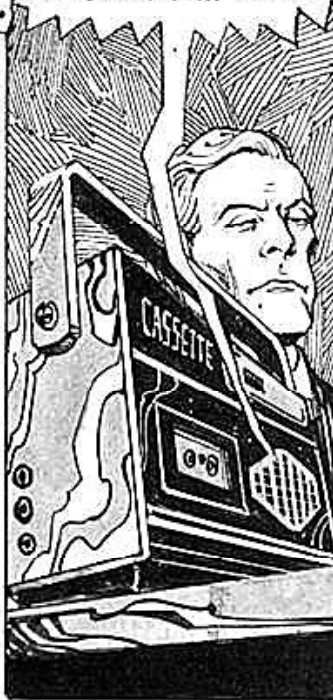
WE BELIEVE THEIR
SPOKEN TESTIMONY
THAT SOME TWO-
THOUSAND YEARS HENCE,
THEIR DESCENDANTS WILL
HAVE **SUBJUGATED** AND
ALL BUT **EXTERMINATED**
THE HUMAN RACE FROM
THE FACE OF THE **EARTH**.



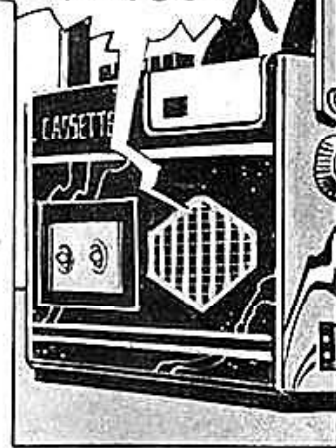
WE BELIEVE THAT
UNDER APE SUPREMACY,
THE EARTH ITSELF WILL
ULTIMATELY BE **DESTROYED**.



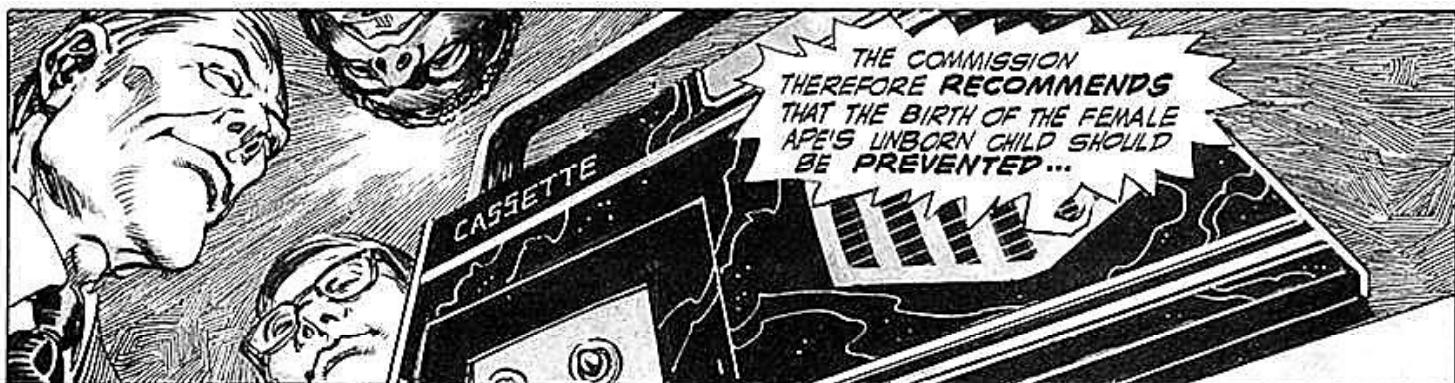
AND WE KNOW THAT
THE FEMALE APE IS NOW
PREGNANT WITH **CHILD**.



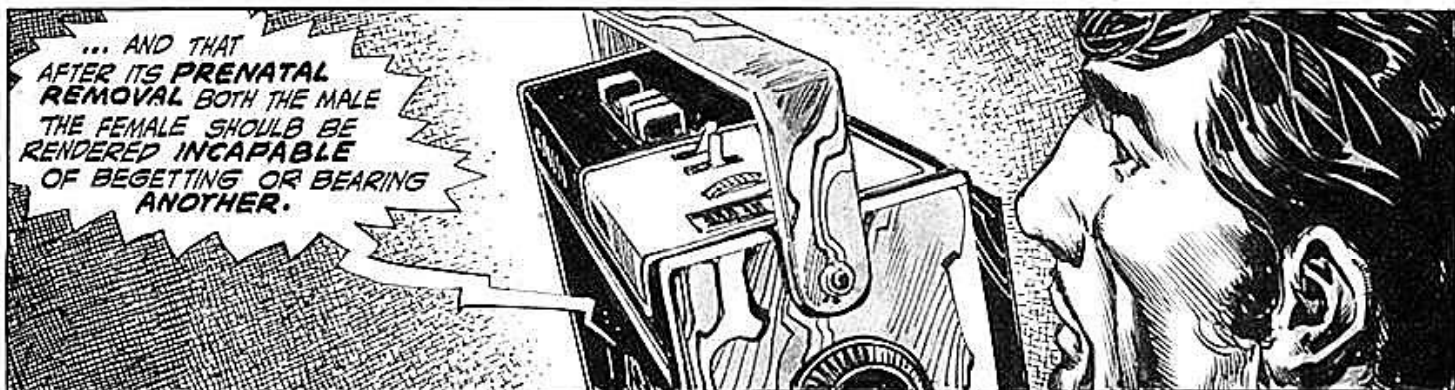
IF IT IS
POSSIBLE TO **ALTER**
THE FUTURE--
AND LEADING
EXPERTS BELIEVE
IT IS--IT IS OUR
DUTY TO DO SO.

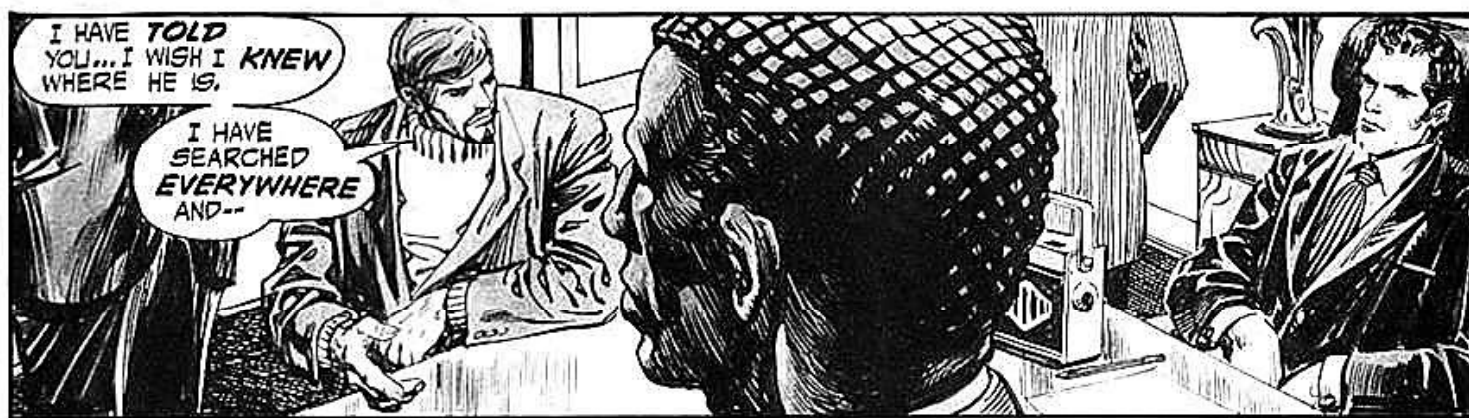


THE COMMISSION
THEREFORE **RECOMMENDS**
THAT THE BIRTH OF THE FEMALE
APE'S UNBORN CHILD SHOULD
BE **PREVENTED**...



... AND THAT
AFTER ITS **PRENATAL**
REMOVAL BOTH THE MALE
THE FEMALE SHOULD BE
RENDERED **INCAPABLE**
OF BEGETTING OR BEARING
ANOTHER.





THEN YOU ARE **UNAWARE**
OF THE RISING TIDE OF
DISOBEDIENCE-- OF
DOWNRIGHT **DEFIANCE--**
AMONG THE SERVANT APES
IN OUR CITIES.

MR. GOVERNOR--
ON INVESTIGATION,
MANY OF THE REPORTED
OFFENSES HAVE
PROVED TO BE
MINOR...

THAT APE THAT WAS
KILLED WHILE TRYING
TO ESCAPE FROM
THE CITY JUST **LAST**
NIGHT-- WOULD YOU
CALL HIS OFFENSES
MINOR, MR. MacDONALD?

NO, SIR,
I WOULD
NOT. BUT
I--

HE PHYSICALLY
ASSAULTED
HIS **OWN MASTER!**

BUT ONLY AFTER
WHAT MUST HAVE
BEEN **EXTREME**
PROVOCATION
THE APE'S ENTIRE
BODY WAS A
MASS OF **SCARS**
AND **WELTS**
INFLICTED BY
REPEATED
BEATINGS...

WHICH HE NO DOUBT
RICHLy **DESERVED--!**

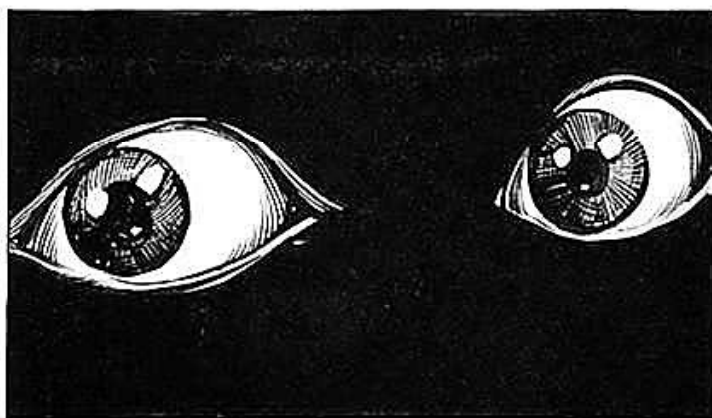
AND GOD KNOWS
HOW MANY **MORE**
OUT THERE ARE JUST
LIKE HIM-- ALL
BURNING WITH
RESENTMENT...
ALL **PRIMED** AND
READY...

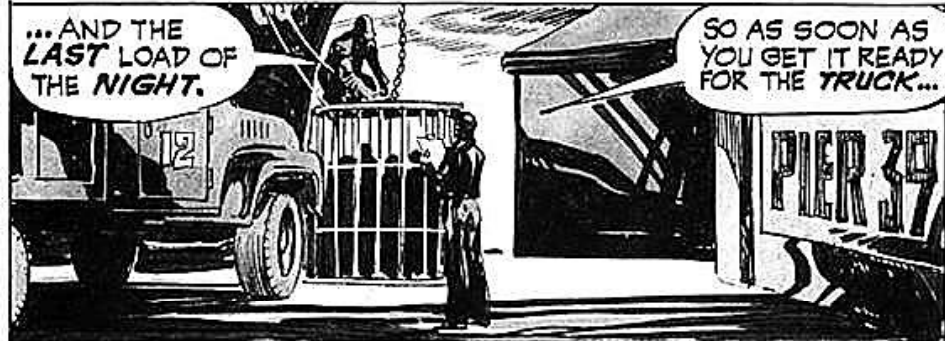
ALL WAITING,
SEÑOR ARMANDO...
WAITING FOR AN APE
WITH ENOUGH **WILL**
AND **INTELLIGENCE**
TO LEAD THEM--!

AN APE
THAT CAN
THINK...
AND **TALK...**

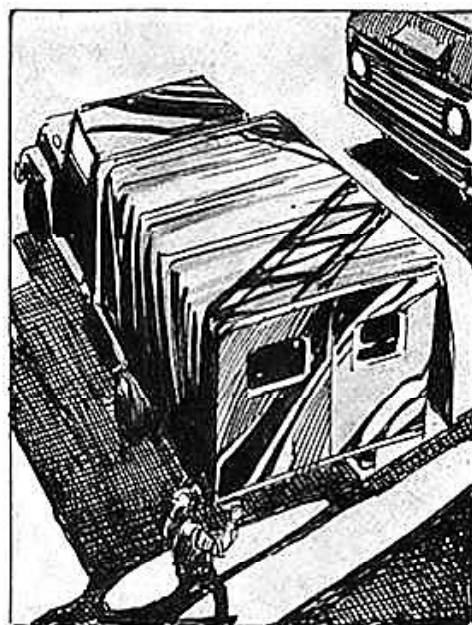
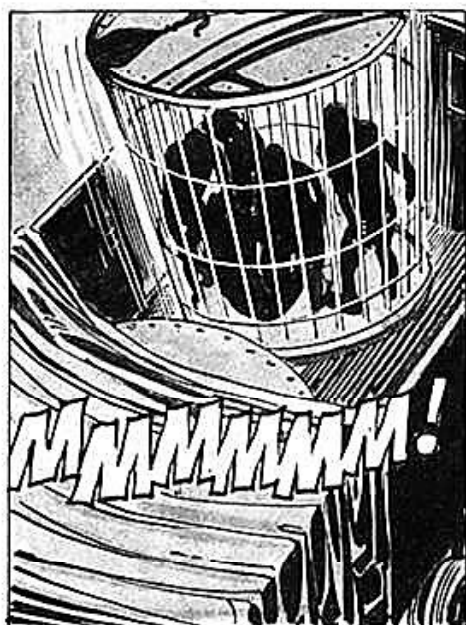
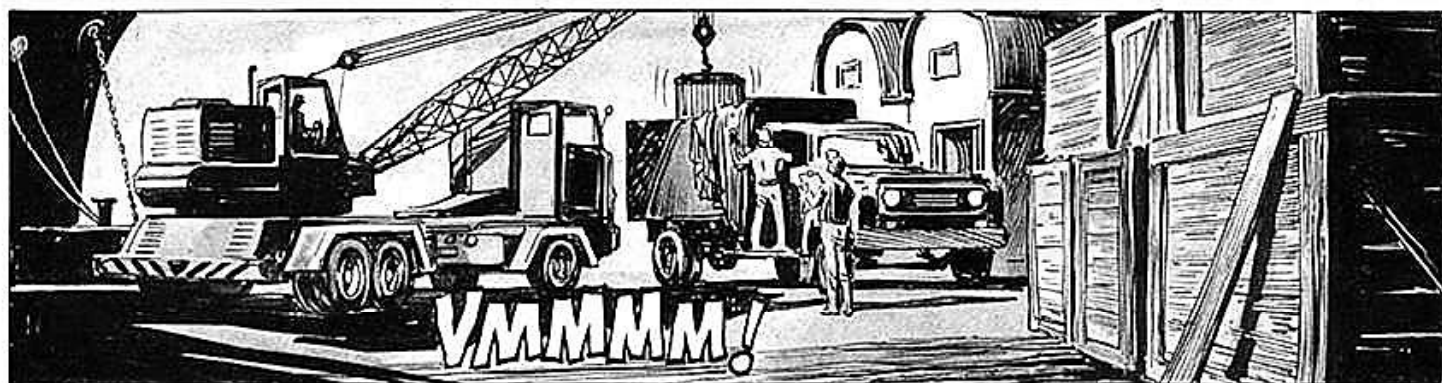
TELL ME,
SEÑOR ARMANDO...
DID YOUR APE
EVER TALK...?

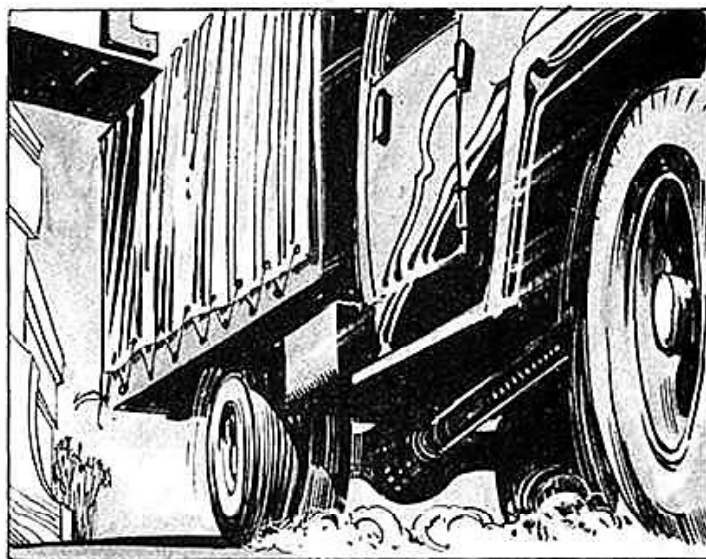
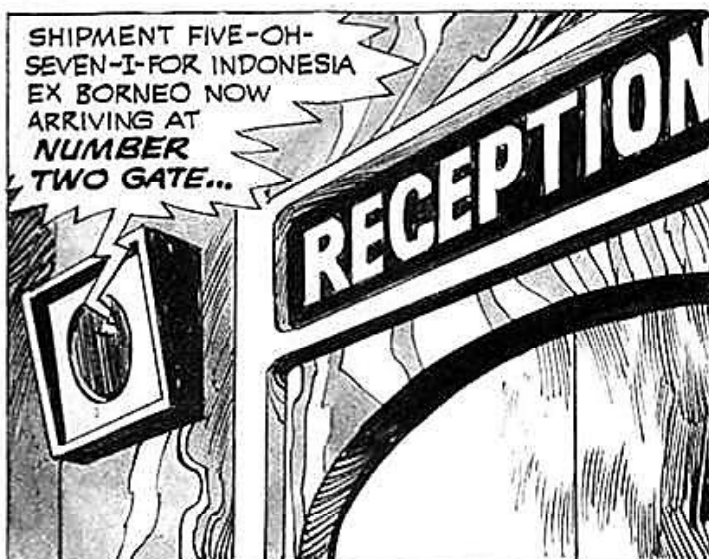
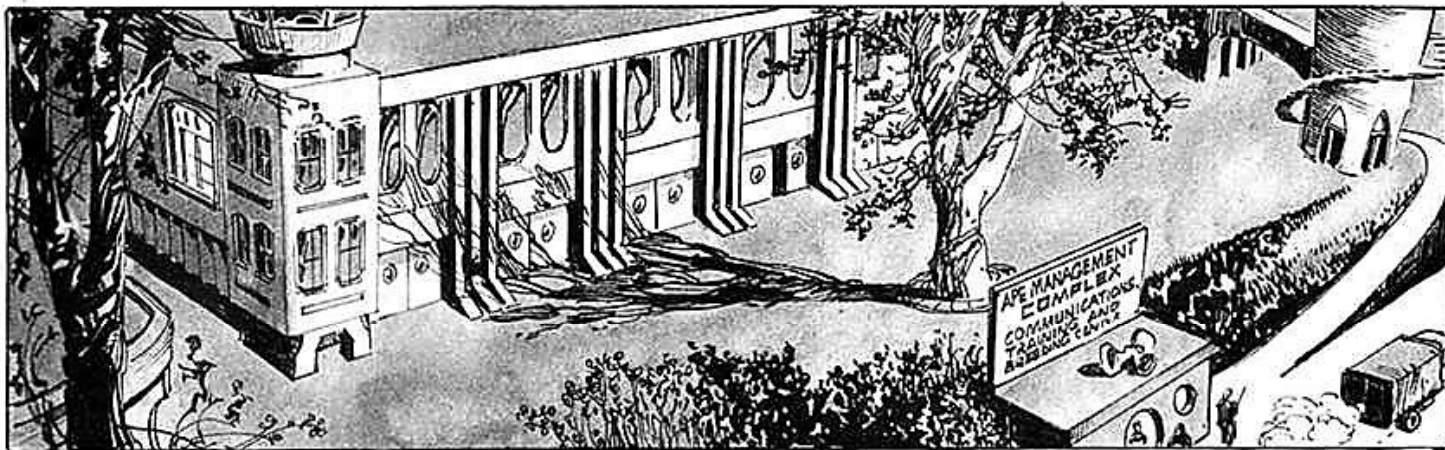
... EVER
SHOW ANY
SIGNS OF
BEING
ARTICULATE
IN YOUR
PRESENCE?









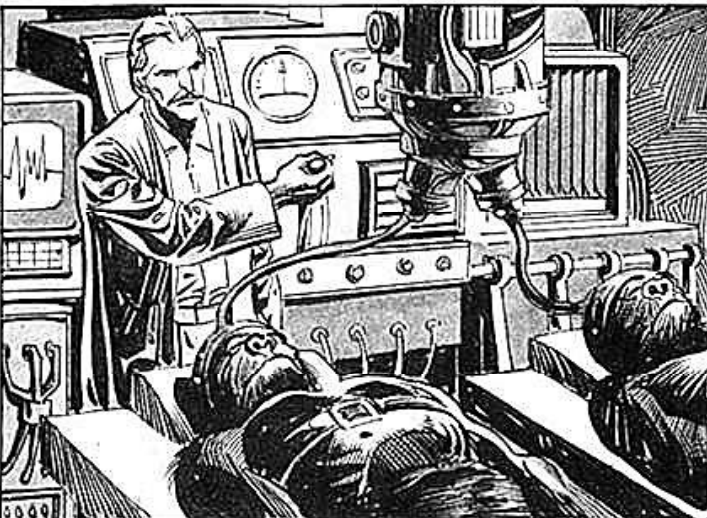


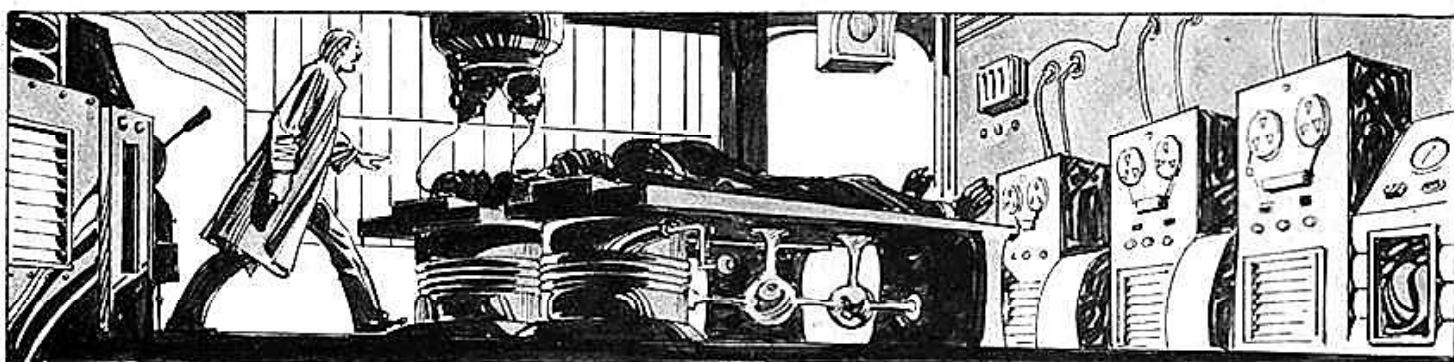
IMMIGRATION PERSONNEL
ARE REMINDED THAT FROM
TONIGHT AND UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE--



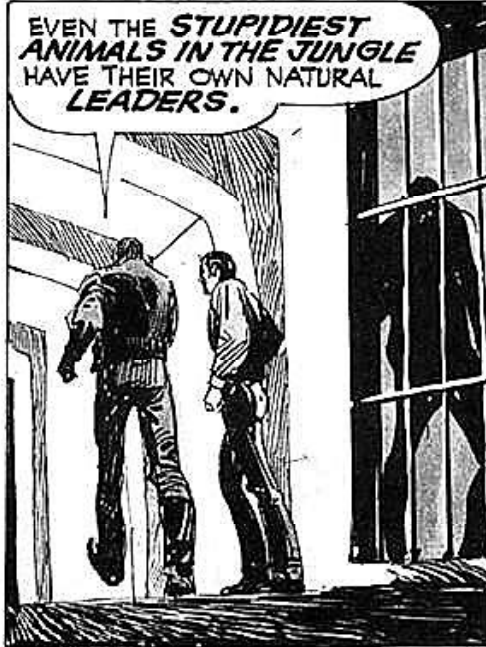
--POLICE HAVE REQUESTED
ONE-- REPEAT, **ONE**--
ADDITIONAL COPY OF ALL
CHIMPANZEE FINGER-
PRINTS FOR THEIR FILES.











PART III OF "CONQUEST" FOLLOWS IN THIS ISSUE: "TO SERVE THE SLAYER!"

TO SERVE THE SLAYER

**NORTH
AMERICA,
1991,
THE
STATE
SECURITY
OFFICES...**

ANSWER THE
QUESTION, SENOR
ARMANDO-- AND
DO NOT **LIE**
TO US...



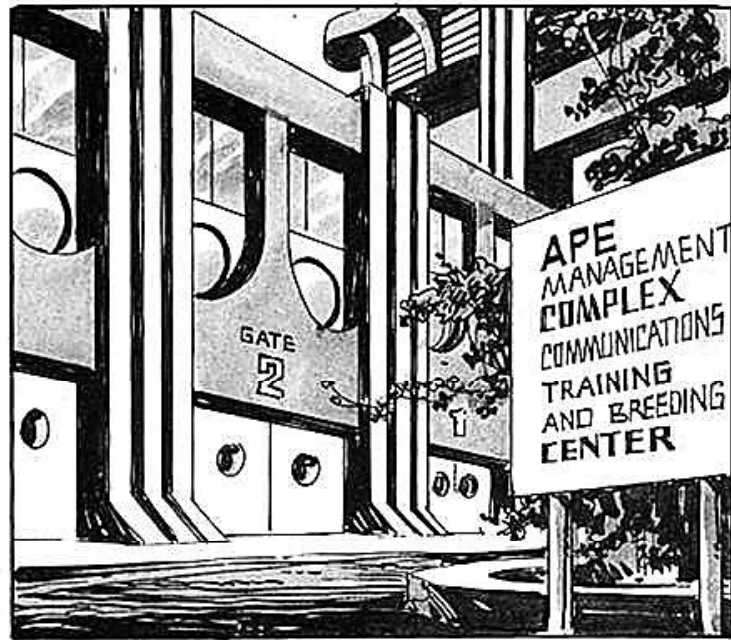
HAVE YOU
EVER SEEN
THIS APE
BEFORE?



ISN'T IT...
CORNELIUS...?

I THOUGHT
YOU DIDN'T
KNOW
HIM--?

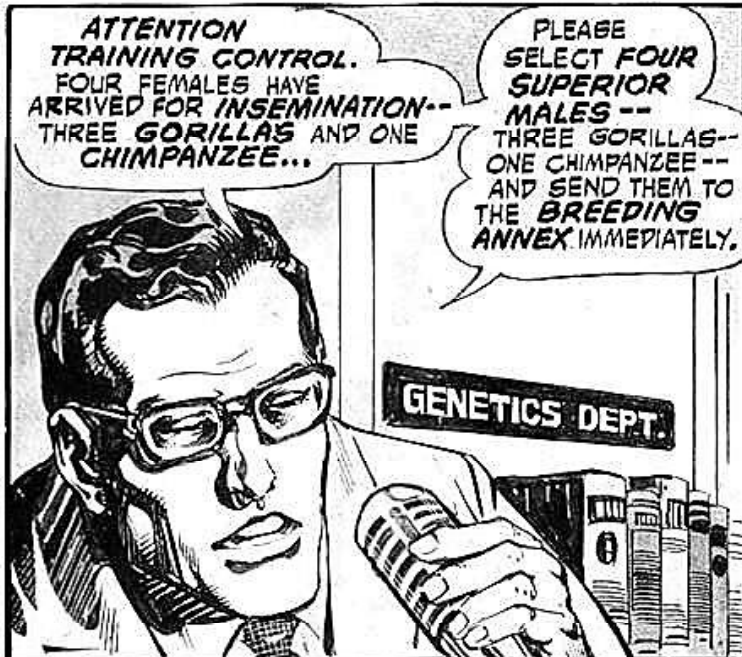


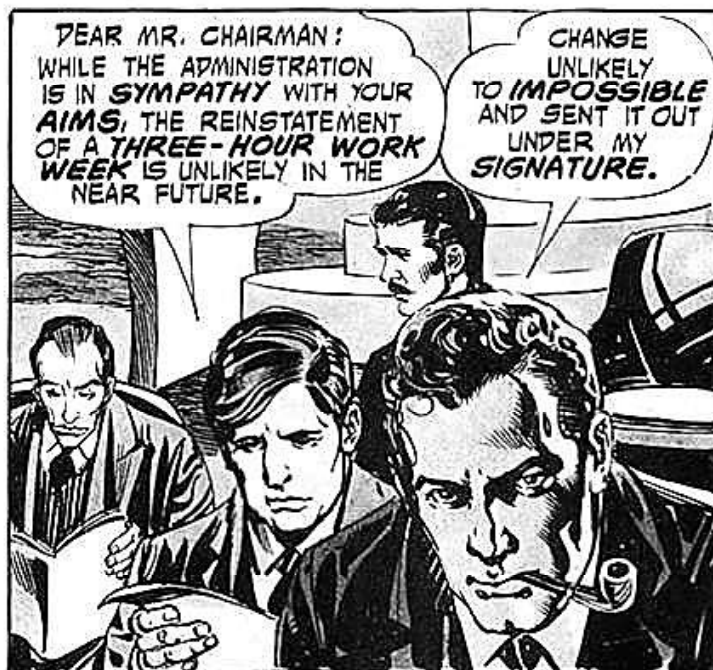












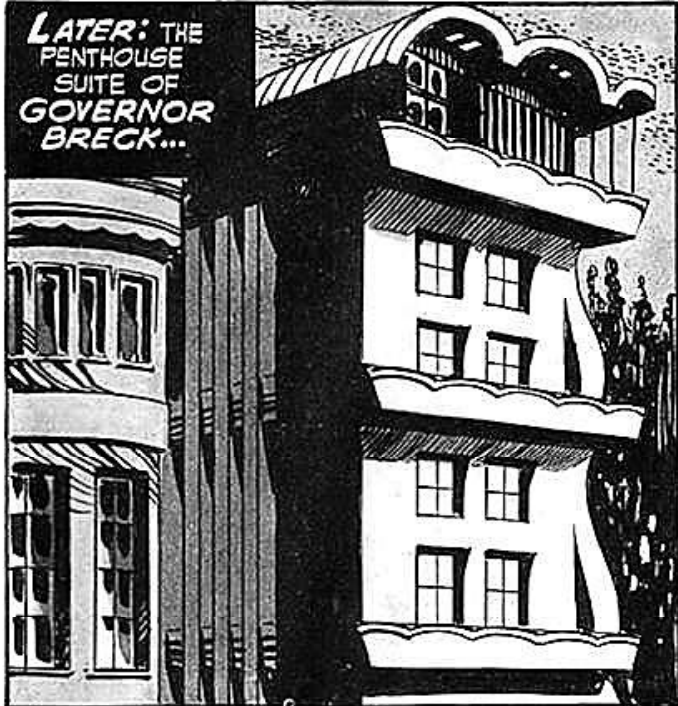








LATER: THE
PENTHOUSE
SUITE OF
GOVERNOR
BRECK...



WATCH.







NO, THERE'S A BETTER
REASON FOR RECONDITIONING
BEING UNNECESSARY--
UNNECESSARY AND *STUPID!*

MR. GOVERNOR,
I DIDN'T MEAN
TO--

IF WE WERE
TO SEND EVERY
LOUSY APE WHO
MUFFED AN
ASSIGNMENT
OR DISOBEYED
AN ORDER BACK
TO RECONDITIONING--

--APE
MANAGEMENT
WOULD BECOME
IMPOSSIBLY
OVERGROWDED!



SIR, ALL I MEANT
WAS IT'S THE ONLY
THING THAT SEEMS
TO HAVE AN EFFECT...

IT JUST
MAKES
THEM
WORSE.



SOME OF THEM
COULDN'T BE
ANY WORSE, MR.
MacDONALD?

I'VE BEEN
HAVING A
COMPREHENSIVE
LIST COMPILED
OF ALL--

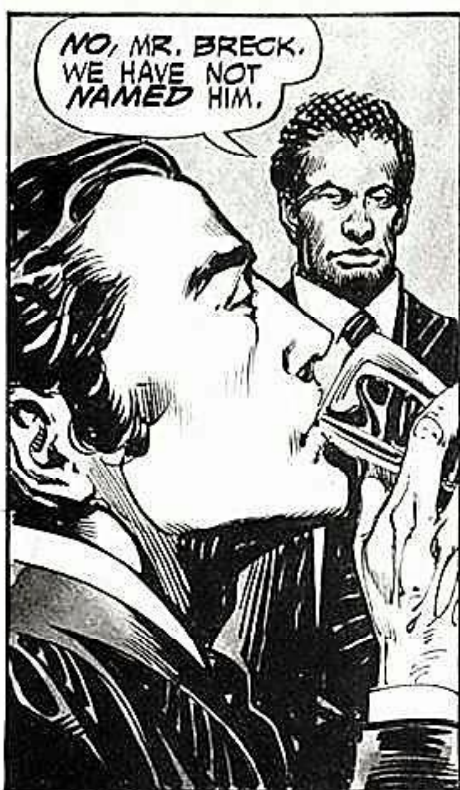


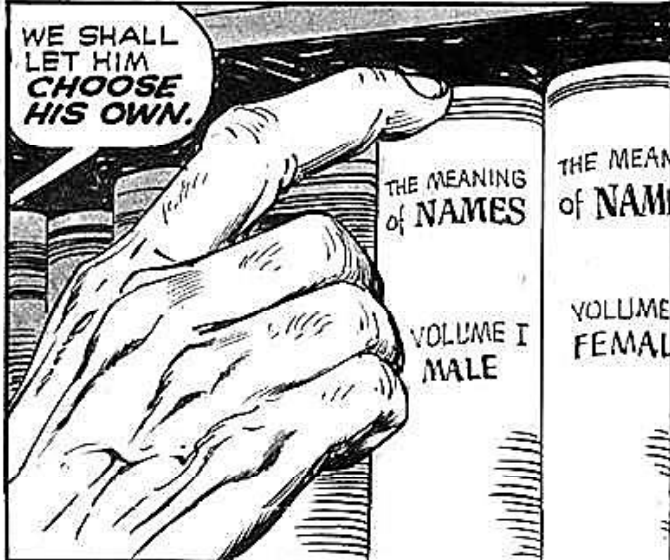
WHAT WAS IT
YOU WANTED
ANYWAY--?
STANDING
THERE LIKE A
QUIVERING
SCARECROW--?

I-- I JUST
WANTED TO
TELL YOU
IT'S TIME
FOR YOUR
MEETING
WITH THE
DEFENSE
COUNCIL...
SIR...

WE'LL TELL
THEM I'LL
BE ALONG
IN A FEW
MINUTES!















NEXT ISSUE: **THE SAVAGE IS KING!**

THE SAVAGE IS KING!

INTERIOR OF THE STATE
SECURITY OFFICE:
LATE NIGHT...

BUT I HAVE DONE
NOTHING *WRONG*!
YOU'RE TREATING ME
LIKE A *CRIMINAL*!
I WILL NOT *SUBMIT*
TO THIS--

BUT YOU
WILL, SENOR
ARMANDO.

IF, AS YOU
SAY, YOU HAVE
NEVER *SEEN* THE SON
OF THE TALKING APES...
THE *AUTHENTICATOR*
WILL *CORROBORATE*
YOUR INNOCENCE,



NOOO--!

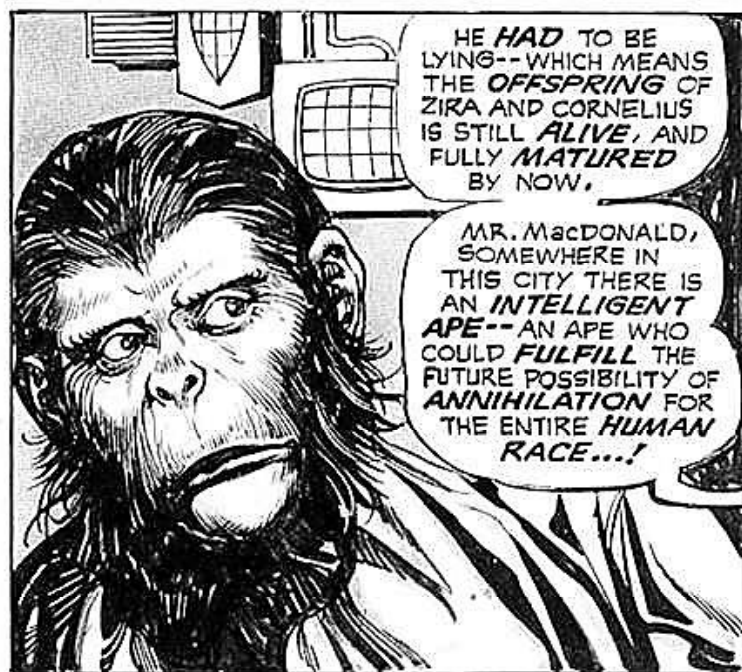


STOP
HIM--!

KREESH



**THE COMMUNICATIONS
AND INTELLIGENCE
CENTER OF GOVERNOR
BRECK'S COMMAND
POST: WHERE THE
GOVERNOR AND CHIEF
AIDE MacDONALD
TENSELY MONITOR A
TELETYPED REPORT...**



ARRANGE FOR FULL
DISTRIBUTION OF THE
ACHILLES LIST
IMMEDIATELY.



COPIES TO EACH
POLICE PRECINCT--
INCLUDING **PERIMETER**
STATIONS.



DETAILS ARE LEFT
TO THE **INDIVIDUAL**
COMMANDERS,
BUT I WANT EVERY
APE ON THAT LIST
ROUNDED UP AND
DELIVERED TO THE
RECONDITIONING
CENTER--



-- BY OH--
SIX-HUNDRED
TOMORROW
MORNING.



YES, MR. GOVERNOR.
ARE THEIR OFFENSES
TO BE **SPECIFIED?**



AS **FOLLOWS:**
VIOLATION OF
ARTICLE FOUR--
PARAGRAPH NINE
EACH OF THEM IS A
DANGEROUS THREAT
TO **STATE**
SECURITY.



YES, MR. GOVERNOR--
I'LL GET ON IT **RIGHT**
AWAY. IF THE INTELLIGENT
APE IS ANYWHERE **NEAR**
THIS VICINITY--



-- HE CERTAINLY
WON'T BE ABLE
TO **LEAVE**.



DO YOU REALLY THINK
IT'S **WISE** TO ACT ON
THIS **ACHILLES LIST**
OF YOURS JUST
BECAUSE
SOME--

THE **ACHILLES LIST**,
MR. MACDONALD--
REFERRING TO OUR
ENEMY'S **ACHILLES**
HEEL-- **MUST** BE
ACTED ON. IT CONTAINS
THE NAME OF EVERY
APE WHO HAS BEEN
REPORTED WITHIN
THE **LAST YEAR**
FOR AN OVERT ACT OF
DISOBEDIENCE.



THE CHARGE
AGAINST THEM
IS **NONSENSE**--!

IT'LL DO FOR **MY** PURPOSES.
YOU SEE, THEY CONSTITUTE
THE **HARD CORE** OF
OUR PROBLEM...



... AND I'M GOING TO
BREAK THEM-- ONCE
AND FOR ALL.

YOU WON'T BREAK THEM,
"SIR"... YOU'LL ONLY
FURTHER **AGGRAVATE**
THE PROBLEM.

THIS ACTION IS **FOLLY**,
AND I WISH TO **PROTEST**
IT IN THE **STRONGEST**
POSSIBLE TERMS...!

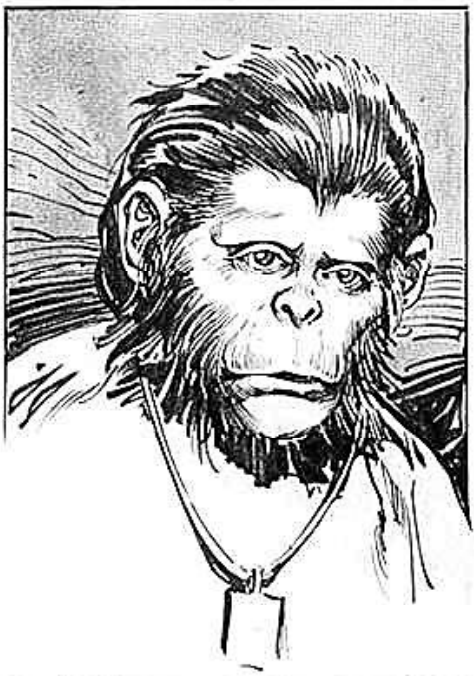


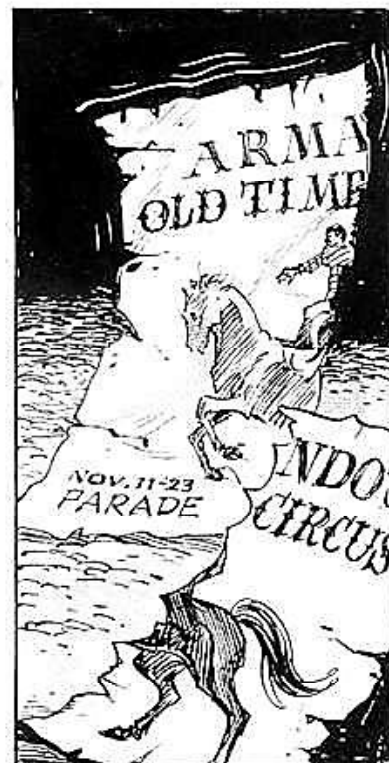
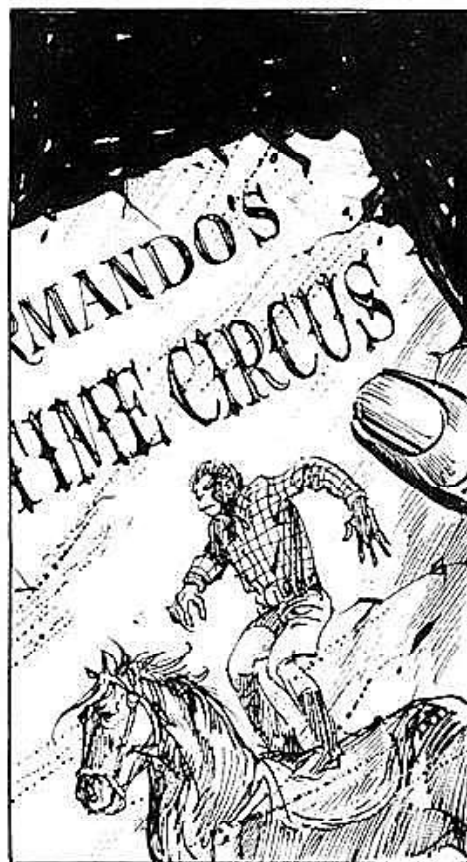
VERY WELL, MR. McDONALD. YOUR PROTEST HAS BEEN DULY NOTED.

BUT FROM NOW ON, YOU HAVE ONLY ONE ASSIGNMENT...



FIND THAT TALKING APE.







MORNING:
THE CITY'S
SHOPPING
MALL BEGINS
IT'S FIRST
NEW DAY...



FRANK--
DO.



DO, FRANK--
DO!



FRANK--!



WHAT'S THE
MATTER WITH
YOU, YOU
STUPID--



OHH--!



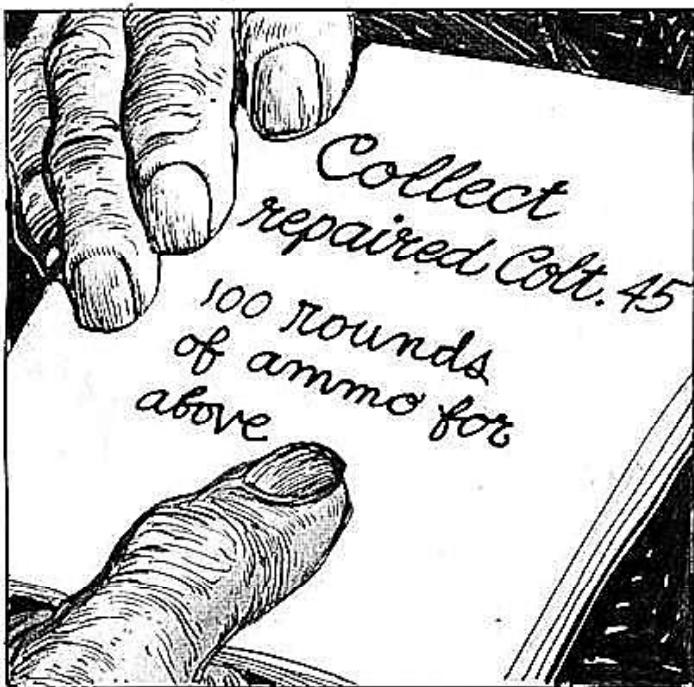
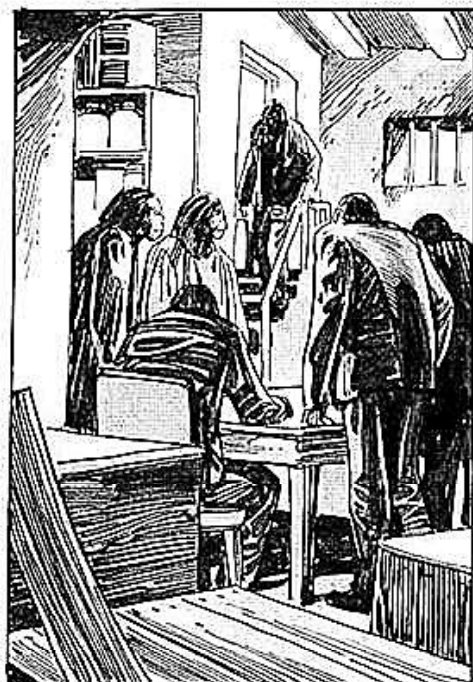
MR. LEE--
MR. LEE, COME
HERE PLEASE--

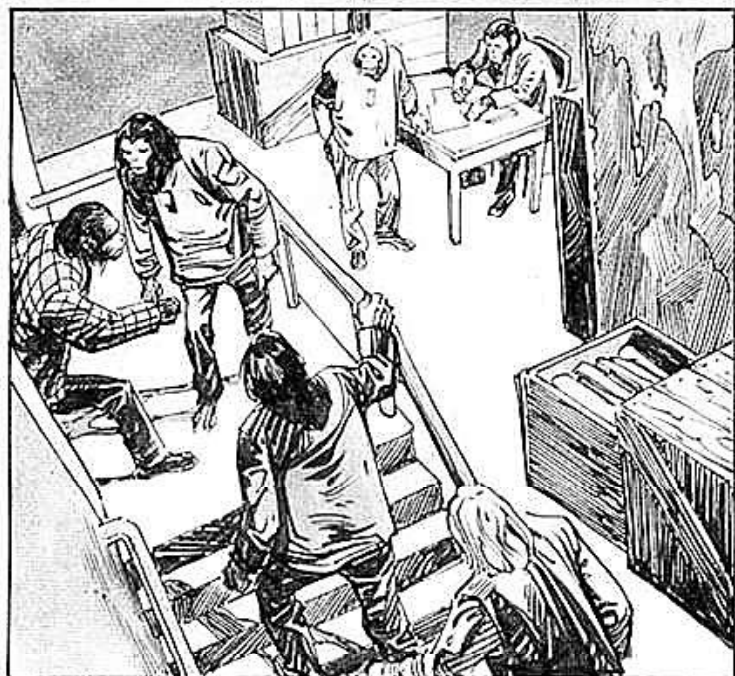














THE RECEPTION AREA AT APE MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS...

SORRY, SIR--
THE **CONDITIONING**
CAGES ARE FILLED
TO **CAPACITY**. WE
HAVE NO VACANCIES
TILL **TUESDAY**.
THANK YOU, SIR.

SORRY, THREE-OH-
NINE. OUR **CAGES** ARE
FULL. WE CANNOT
ACCOMMODATE NEW
INTAKE UNTIL AFTER
TUESDAY'S AUCTION.

NO, MA'AM, WE'RE
NOT BUYING-- ONLY
SELLING NOW. NO,
MA'AM, NOT EVEN
IF HE CAN ARRANGE
FLOWERS AND **PEEL**
POTATOES... SORRY.

YES, I'M
CERTAIN, SIR.
YES, IT IS
UNUSUAL--
SEEMS TO HAVE
HAPPENED **ALL**
AT ONCE. YES,
GOODBYE.

BRING
BRINGG
BRINGG

HEAD OFFICE **TRANSPORTATION...**?
THIS IS BRANCH ELEVEN **RECEPTION**.
PLEASE DIVERT **BRAZIL SHIPMENT**
FIVE-OH-FIVE TO **GALVESTON**.
WHERE THERE ARE VACANCIES
FOR **ACCOMMODATION**.

WE
HAVE
NONE.

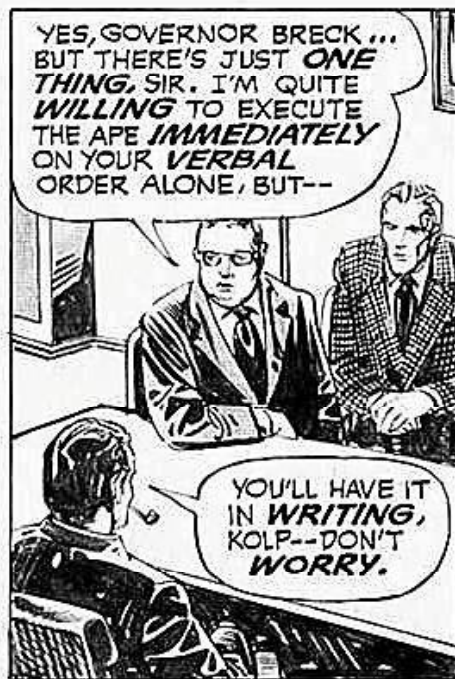
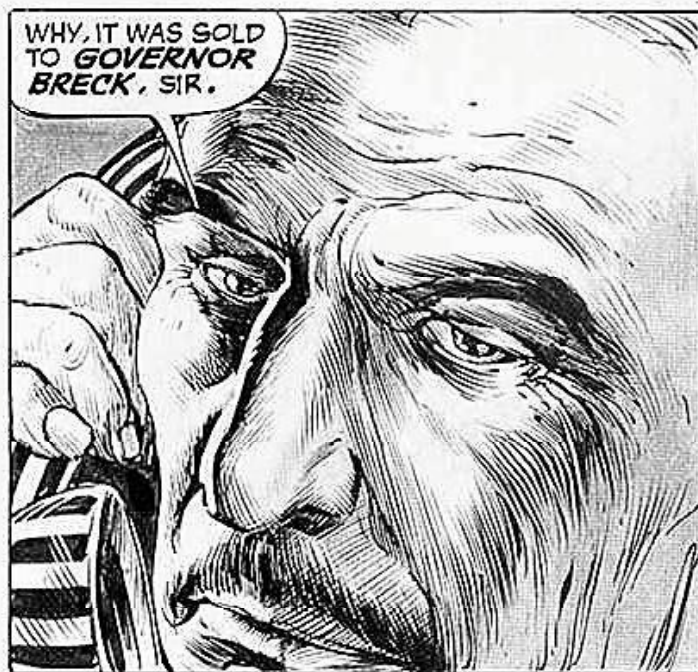
YES, **THIS IS**
BRANCH ELEVEN
RECEPTION. WHAT
CAN I ...

OH-- YES, SIR!
I... I DIDN'T KNOW
IT WAS... **YOU** SIR...

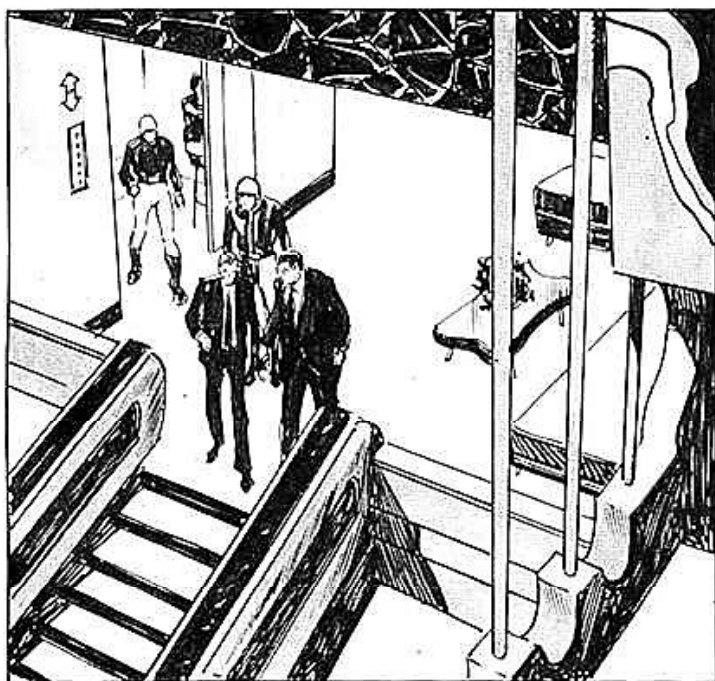
ONE MOMENT
PLEASE, SIR--!

IT'S **STATE**
SECURITY--
CHIEF INSPECTOR
KOLP. SOUNDS
URGENT...

ALL RIGHT...
I'LL TAKE
IT...











JUST WISH THERE WERE
SOME WAY WE COULD
COMMUNICATE... SO
YOU'D UNDERSTAND--



I UNDERSTAND,
MR. MacDONALD.



YOU--

YES. I **AM** THE ONE
THEY'RE LOOKING FOR...



... THE
TALKING
APE.

NEXT ISSUE :

ARMY OF SLAVES!



COLLECT OF THE PLANET OF THE APES PART-V

MR. MacDONALD IS A HIGH-RANKING GOVERNMENT AIDE. HE HAS JUST RECEIVED AN ORDER FROM HIS "SUPERIOR" GOVERNOR BRECK. AN ORDER HE DOESN'T LIKE...

HE WANTS ME TO TURN YOU OVER TO **KOLP** AND **HOSKYN**... FOR, **EXECUTION**...

IF ONLY THERE WERE SOME WAY WE COULD **COMMUNICATE**, SO YOU'D **UNDERSTAND**.

I UNDERSTAND, MR. MacDONALD.

BUT... BUT YOU...

TAK TEK TAK

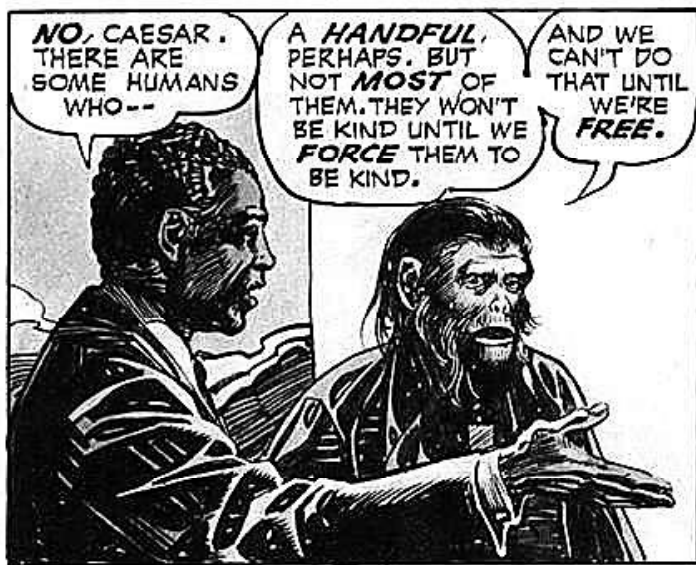


YES--I'M THE ONE THEY'RE **LOOKING** FOR...

...THE **TALKING APE**.



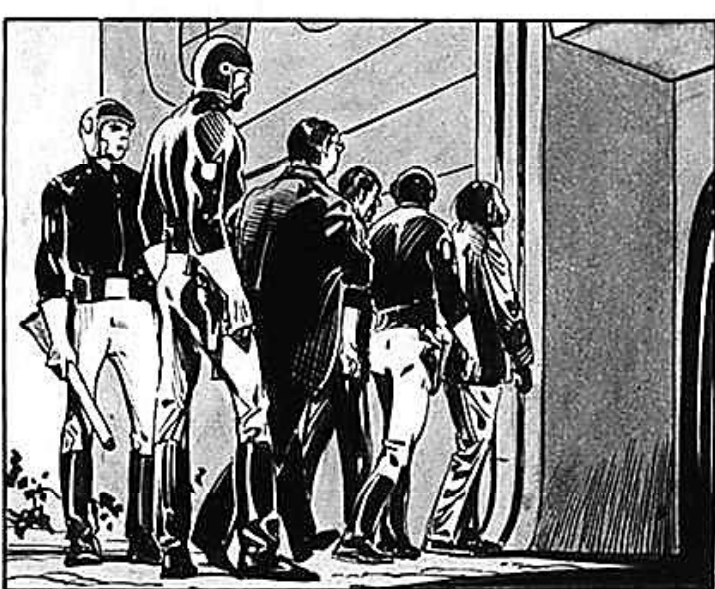
ARMY OF SLAVES!





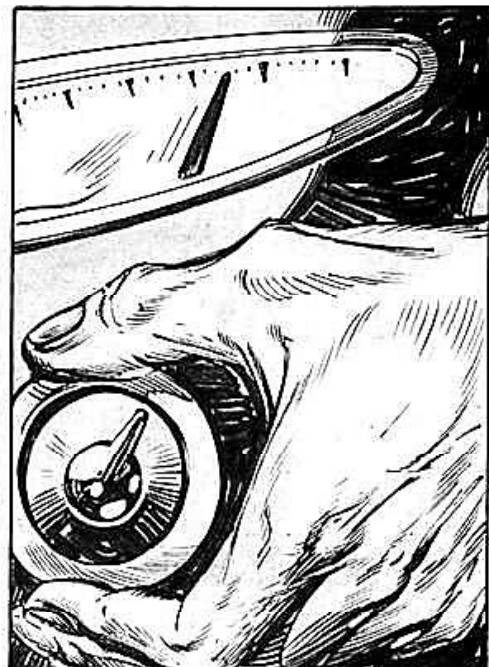












WELL, MR. MacDONALD--
THERE'S YOUR PROOF, BY
GOD, IT'S **INCREDIBLE**,
BUT IT'S CERTAINLY--

REPUGNANT
IS THE WORD,
GOVERNOR--**REPUGNANT**,
DISGUSTING, BRUTAL...
AND **INHUMAN**.

WE **HAD** TO KNOW!
DID YOU WANT TO
EXECUTE HIM IF HE
WERE **INNOCENT**--?

YOU JUST DO WHATEVER
THE HELL YOU **FEEL**
LIKE DOING--AS LONG
AS **I'M** NOT AROUND
TO **WATCH**.

VERY WELL, MR.
MacDONALD...

THE
LAVATORY
IS TO THE
RIGHT.

YOU
OUGHTTA
KNOW,
BRECK...

IT'S THE
SPAWNING
GROUND FOR
ALL YOUR TOP-
LEVEL
DECISIONS--!

WELL, MR. KOLP, I
COMMEND YOU
ON A JOB WELL
DONE.

YES, MR.
GOVERNOR.
WE'RE
SATISFIED
NOW.

AMAZING,
ISN'T IT?-- AN
APE WHICH CAN
TALK--!



... THERE WON'T BE ANY TIME FOR **SECOND THOUGHTS**.

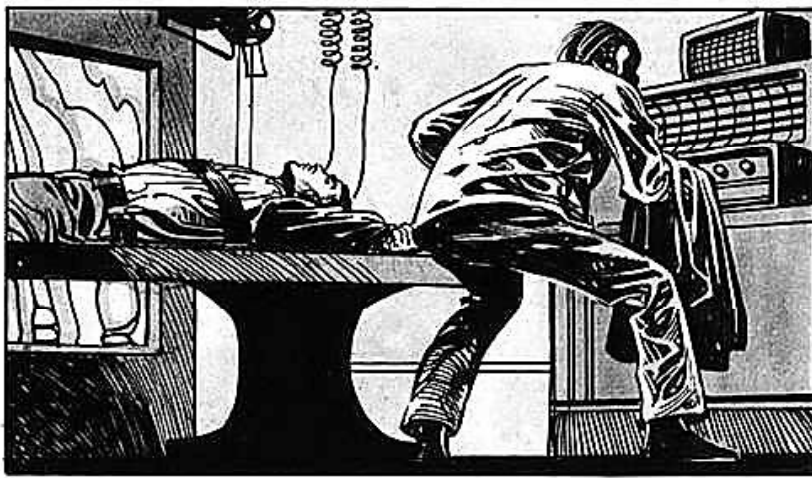


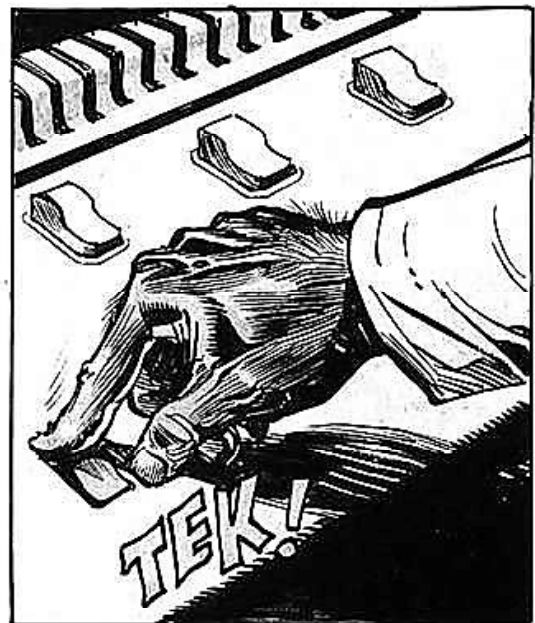


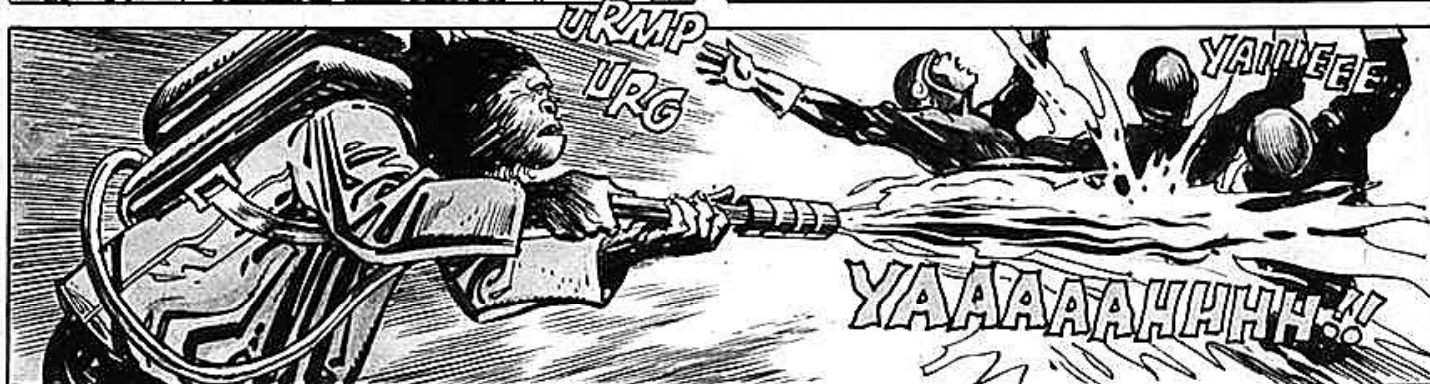


















LIKE HELL THEY ARE...





NEXT
ISSUE :

THE SEETHING
CONCLUSION

-- HAIL CAESAR! HAIL THE KING!

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THERE IS CONFUSION THIS DARK NIGHT, A SWARM OF CHAOS WRAPPED IN SHRILL ALARMS AND GARISHLY SWEEPING SEARCHLIGHTS... AN EXPLOSION OF EMOTIONS RANGING FROM PANIC AND FEAR TO EXUBERANCE AND WRATH...

SOME WOULD CALL IT A DISORGANIZED RIOT... A FORM OF PANDEMONIUM AKIN TO THAT INSPIRED BY FIRE RAGING UNCONTROLLED THROUGH A MENAGERIE OR ZOO.

AND OTHERS WOULD SWEAR IT IS FAR MORE THAN THAT-- SOMETHING TANTAMOUNT TO AN UPRISING, AN ANGRY REVOLT... A FULLY COORDINATED AND RUTHLESSLY ORGANIZED PRISON BREAK.

ONE OF THOSE OTHERS IS CAESAR, THE INTELLIGENT APE WHO HAS ENGINEERED THE ESCAPE, WHO HAS SUNDERED THE SHACKLES OF OPPRESSION... AND WHO NOW LEADS HIS ENRAGED FELLOWS INTO THE CITY...

... INTO OPEN, BLOODY REBELLION.



AND NOWHERE IS THE FEAR OF THIS IMMINENT REBELLION FELT MORE THAN HERE, IN THE TOWERING COMPLEX HOUSING A PLUSH SUITE OF OFFICES...

...OCCUPIED BY GOVERNOR BRECK.

ORDER FULL MOBILIZATION OF ALL SECURITY FORCES--!

-- AND THAT INCLUDES THE POLICE, MILITIA, AND ALL RESERVE DEFENSE UNITS.

YES, SIR, ARE CONTROL METHODS TO INCLUDE THE USE OF TEAR GAS AND SEDATION DARTS?

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE CONTROL METHOD.

SHOOT EVERY APE ON SIGHT--!

AND SHOOT TO KILL.

BUT EVEN AS THE POLICE FEVERISHLY WORK TO CORDON OFF EVERY ENTRANCE INTO THE CITY--

-- CAESAR LEADS THE APES INTO A SELDOM USED BUILDING DEEP WITHIN THE METROPOLIS...

... A BUILDING WHOSE DINGY BASEMENT HAS LONG BEEN RESTRICTED TO FORMER "SERVANTS..."

RESTRICTED
JANITORIAL SERVANTS
ONLY

... AND WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN OCCUPIED BY ONE WHO WILL NOT ACCEPT A FATE OF MINDLESS SERVICE...

... AND WHO HAS TRANSFORMED IT INTO A SECRET ARSENAL OF IMPROVISED WEAPONRY.



THE APES ACCEPT THE LETHAL IMPLEMENTS READILY... ALMOST GREEDILY...

HERE, TAKE.



... AND GREED SOON SHATTERS PATIENCE, AS THE APES PRESS FORWARD TO SNATCH AT THE WEAPONS.



ALL RIGHT-- GO AHEAD AND GRAB IF YOU CAN'T WAIT FOR ORDERLY DISPENSATION...

BUT I'M WARNING YOU-- IN THE FUTURE YOU'LL LEARN SOME MANNERS.

NOW--THE KEROSENE CANS...

TAKE THEM TO THE CIVIC CENTER--



-- AND PLACE THEM WHERE I SHOWED YOU...

... WITHOUT BEING SEEN.



... AND WE REPEAT: A SMALL MIXED GROUP OF APES SCHEDULED FOR RE-CONDITIONING--



-- HAVE ESCAPED FROM THEIR DETENTION QUARTERS AT THE APE MANAGEMENT COMPLEX...



UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP BY THE POLICE, ALL CITIZENS ARE CAUTIONED TO REMAIN **INDOORS.**

A FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS **RECAPTURE** IS AFFECTED.



GUESS THAT KILLS THE OPERA FOR TONIGHT, WE'D BETTER GET **HOME.**



AND **HERE, I GUESS IS THAT ANNOUNCEMENT.**

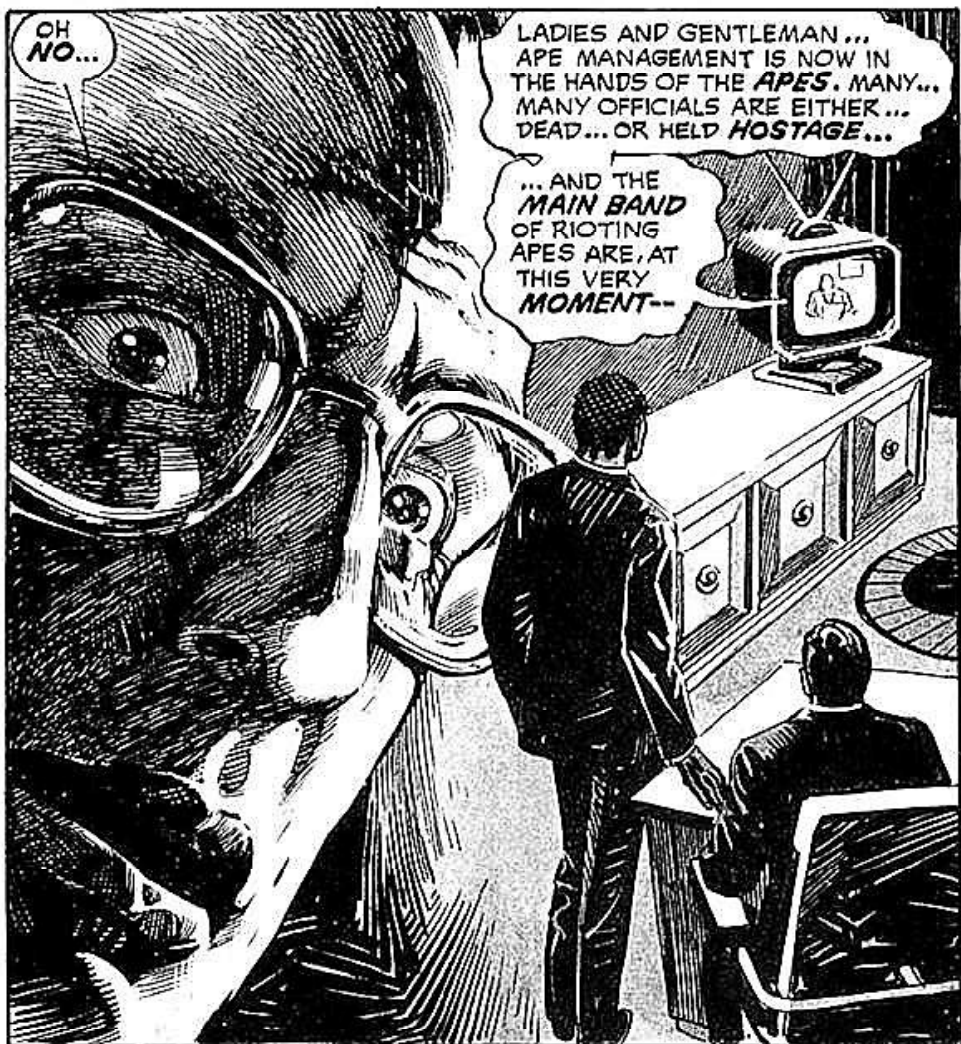
I'VE JUST BEEN HANDED A **BULLETIN** FROM OUR **NEWSROOM** WHICH NO DOUBT--



OH NO...

LADIES AND GENTLEMAN... APE MANAGEMENT IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE **APES**. MANY... MANY OFFICIALS ARE EITHER... DEAD... OR HELD **HOSTAGE**...

... AND THE **MAIN BAND** OF RIOTING APES ARE, AT THIS VERY **MOMENT**--



-- MARCHING ON THE **CITY**. IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT THE APE MOB IS UNDER THE "COMMAND" OF A **SUPRA-NORMALLY INTELLIGENT CHIMPANZEE** WHO...UH...HAS--





ACQUIRED
THE POWER
OF **SPEECH**.



THAT **IDIOT!!**
MacDONALD, I
WANT YOU TO CALL
THAT STATION--GET
AN **IMMEDIATE**
RETRACTION!

HAVE THEM ANNOUNCE
THAT THE TALKING APE HAS
BEEN **APPREHENDED**
AND PUT TO **DEATH!**



ARE YOU
CERTAIN
OF THAT...
"SIR"?

WHAT THE HELL DO
YOU **MEAN** BY THAT.
MacDONALD--? OF
COURSE I'M
CERTAIN--!!

I STOOD
AND **WATCHED**
AS CAESAR WAS
ELECTROCUTED!



THAT'S RIGHT,
GOVERNOR--YOU
DID AT **THAT**.

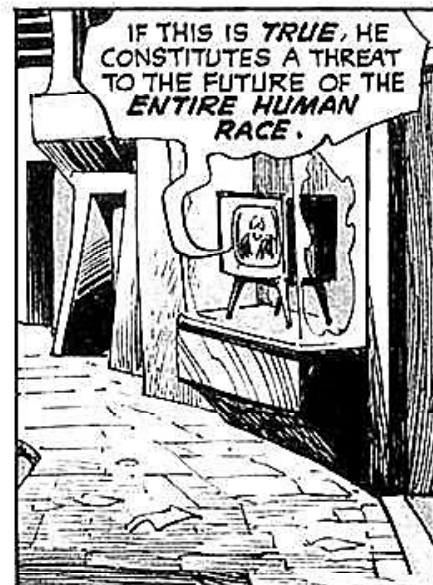
I'LL
CALL THE
STATION.



THIS WOULD SUGGEST THAT
THE APE LEADER MAY BE THE
CHILD--PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT
TO HAVE BEEN **DESTROYED**
IN **INFANCY**--



--OF THE TWO TALKING
CHIMPANZEES, **CORNELIUS**
AND **ZIRA**, WHO CAME TO
US FROM OUTER SPACE
TWENTY YEARS AGO...



IF THIS IS **TRUE**, HE
CONSTITUTES A THREAT
TO THE FUTURE OF THE
ENTIRE HUMAN
RACE.

**NOW THE EERIE HUSH OF EVACUATED STREETS
BEGINS TO ASSUME AN OMINOUS FORBODING
AS POLICE AND FIREMAN STAND TENSELY,
PEERING INTO THE GLOOM...**



... WAITING ...



... WAITING ...



... WAITING FOR SOMETHING
WHICH HAS NEVER OCCURED
IN HISTORY BEFORE ...



... WAITING FOR A PITCHED BATTLE
LAUNCHED BY FORMER SERVANTS ...



... BY THE APES ...



SEEMS DESERTED
THIS WAY... SAFE
ENOUGH...



**YES... DESERTED... EXCEPT
FOR A LONE ROOFTOP
POLICE SNIPER...**



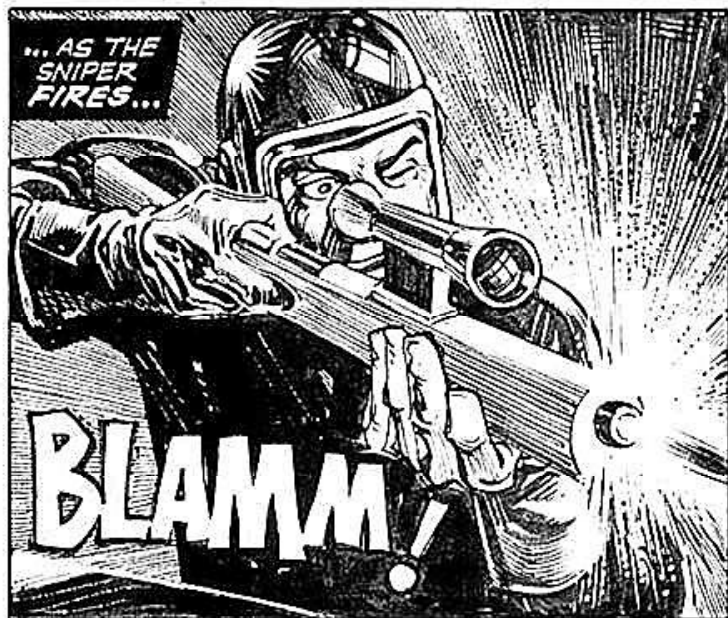
**REACHING A BUILDING, CAESAR
PAUSES, CONTEMPLATES,
DIRECTION...**



**... THEN DECISIVELY SHIFTS COURSE
TO THE SIDE...**



**... AS THE
SNIPER
FIRES...**



**... AND A GORILLA PITCHES FORWARD IN
DEATH, THE BULLET MEANT FOR CAESAR
LODGED IN HIS HEART.**



**THUS, HIS LIFE SAVED BY INSTINCT, CAESAR
NOW LEADS HIS FORCE OF APES IN RETREAT
DEEPER INTO THE CITY...**



**THE REVERBERATING ECHO OF THE RIFLE SHOT
STILL RINGS THROUGH THE AIR...**

... AND IS HEARD ELSEWHERE
IN THE DESERTED CITY...



... BY A GROUP OF APES
STATIONED AT THE CIVIC
CENTER ...



... BY APES WHO HAVE BEEN
WAITING TO ACT.



RETURNING HOME UPON RECEIVING ORDERS TO EVACUATE THE **STREETS** MANY (IF NOT ALL) CITIZENS WILL BE PERTURBED TO FIND THEIR SERVANTS AND MAIDS MISSING... AND WILL WONDER WHERE THE APES HAVE GONE...



THEY WILL SOON FIND OUT.

THE GROWING FLAMES LEAP HIGHER OVER THE CIVIC CENTER, SPREAD TO BUILDINGS. FLICKER ABOVE ROOFTOPS AND SHOW THEMSELVES TO THE CITY EVERYWHERE...



... AND EVERYWHERE, SERVANTS AND MAIDS POUR FORTH FROM THE SHADOWS. THEY HAVE SEEN THE LURIDLY BLAZING SIGNAL...

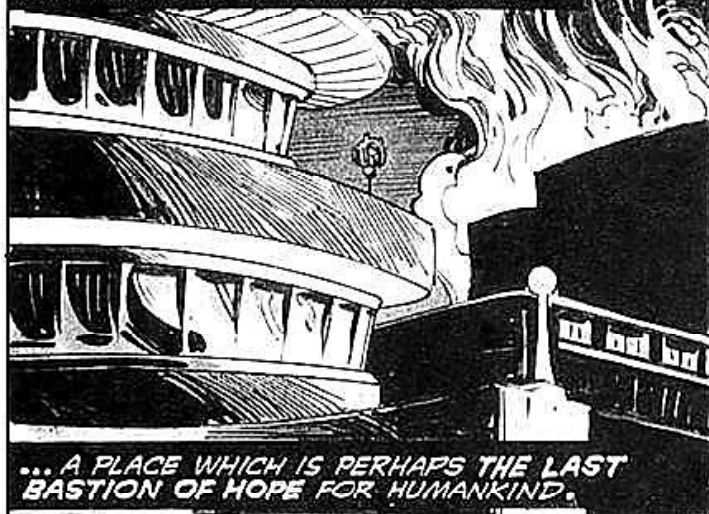
... AND THEY SURGE FORWARD TO ANSWER IT, GATHERING FORCE WITH EVERY PASSED STREET CORNER, COALESCING INTO A ROLLING TIDE OF INEXORABLE RAGE...



LANGLAN'S
GUNSMITH
SHOP



THE GOVERNOR'S COMMAND POST: LOCATED IN ONE SECTION OF THE STRICKEN CITY WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN RAVAGED BY THE BERSERK MOB OF HOWLING APES...



RIOT CONTROL REPORTS THAT THE APES HAVE BROKEN THROUGH THE OUTER CORDON, MR. GOVERNOR. THERE ARE ALSO INDICATIONS OF SPORADIC FIRES...









NOW PREOCCUPIED WITH THE REAR ASSAULT, MOST OF THE BESEIGED POLICE DO NOT EVEN NOTICE AS CAESAR LEADS HIS ORIGINAL FORCE IN A LEAPING CHARGE STRAIGHT THROUGH THE GEYSERING WALL OF FLAME...













IT IS DRAWING TO AN END NOW.
IN BRUTALITY AND TRIUMPH, AS
BRECK AND MacDONALD ARE
DRAGGED FROM THE FORMERLY
IMPREGNABLE COMMAND POST...



... AND OUT INTO A NIGHT
PAINTED IN HELLSH FLAMES.
ACROSS THE PLAZA THE APE'S
LEADER AWAITS HIS CAPTIVES...









AND DO **YOU** THINK THIS RIOT IS GOING TO WIN FREEDOM FOR **ALL** YOUR KIND? WHY, BY **TOMORROW**--

BY **TOMORROW** IT WILL BE **TOO LATE!!**



IF A SMALL, **MINDLESS** INSECT LIKE AN **EMPEROR MOTH** CAN COMMUNICATE WITH ANOTHER OF ITS KIND OVER A DISTANCE OF **EIGHTY MILES** CAN'T YOU SEE THAT--



--AN **EMPEROR APE** MIGHT DO SLIGHTLY **BETTER...?**



SLIGHTLY?

WHAT WE HAVE DONE **TODAY** WILL BE **IMITATED** BY EVERY APE IN THE FIVE CONTINENTS **TOMORROW**.

WITH **KNIVES** AGAINST **GUNS?** WITH **KEROSENE CANS** AGAINST **FLAME-THROWERS?** NAKED **BODIES** AGAINST ARMORED **TANKS--?** CLAWS AND **FANGS** AGAINST **BOMBS--?**



WHERE THERE'S **FIRE**, THERE'S **SMOKE**, MR. MACDONALD. AND IN THE **SMOKE**, FROM THIS DAY **FORWARD**, MY PEOPLE WILL CROUCH AND CONSPIRE AND PLOT AND PLAN AGAINST THE INEVITABLE DAY OF **MAN'S DOWNFALL--**

-- THE DAY WHEN YOU FINALLY AND **SELF-DESTRUCTIVELY** TURN YOUR WEAPONS AGAINST YOUR **OWN KIND...**



THE DAY OF THE **WRITING IN THE SKY**, WHEN YOUR CITIES LIE BURIED UNDER THE **RADIOACTIVE RUBBLE**, AND THE SEA HAS BECOME A **DEAD SEA--** AND THE LAND A **WASTELAND** FROM WHICH I SHALL LEAD MY PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR **CAPTIVITY...**

