

**MARVEL COMICS** PRESENTS

# ESCAPE FROM THE PLANET OF THE APES

**Story by Doug Moench**

**Art by Rico Rival**

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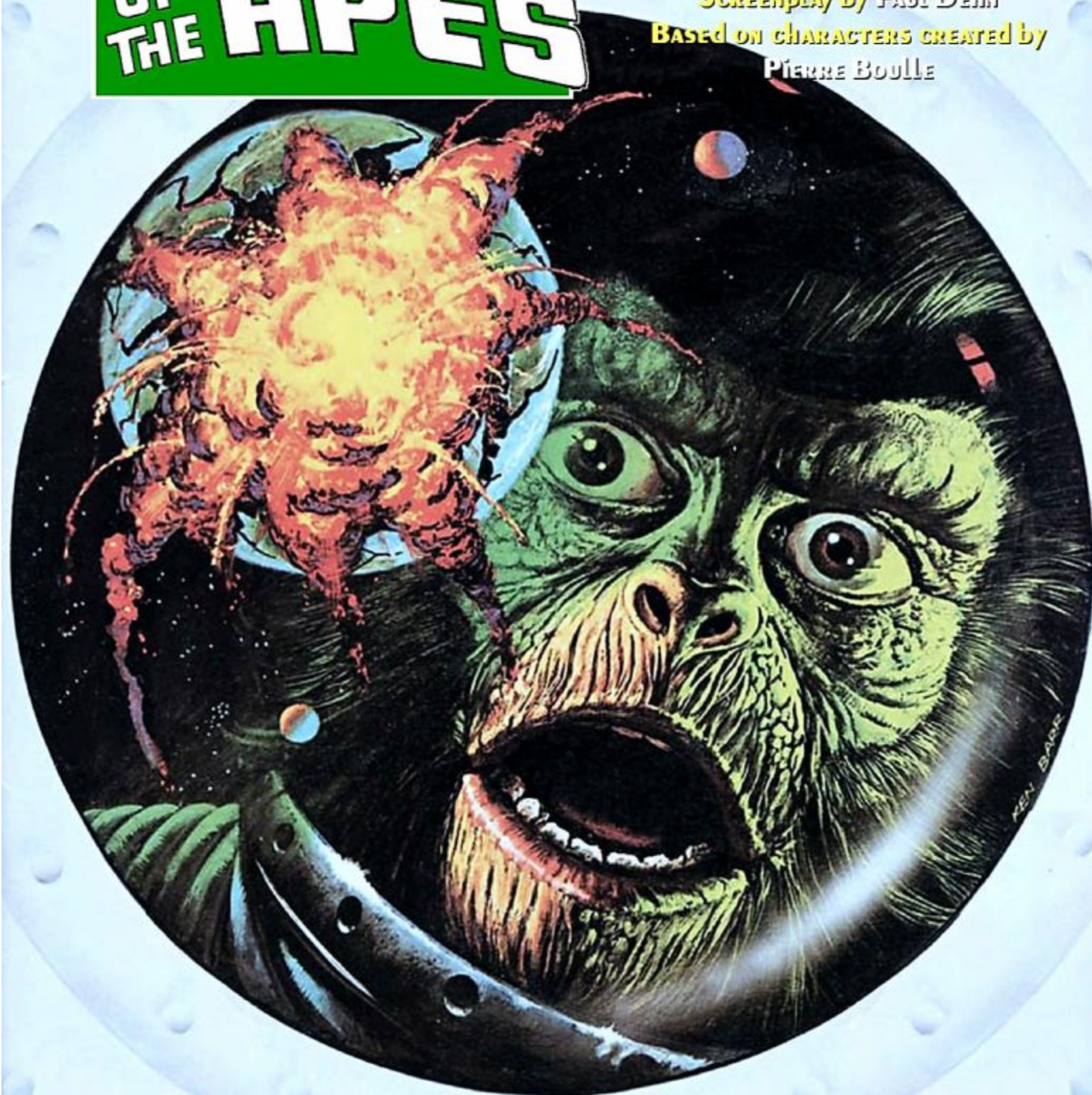
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**Produced by Arthur p. Jacobs**

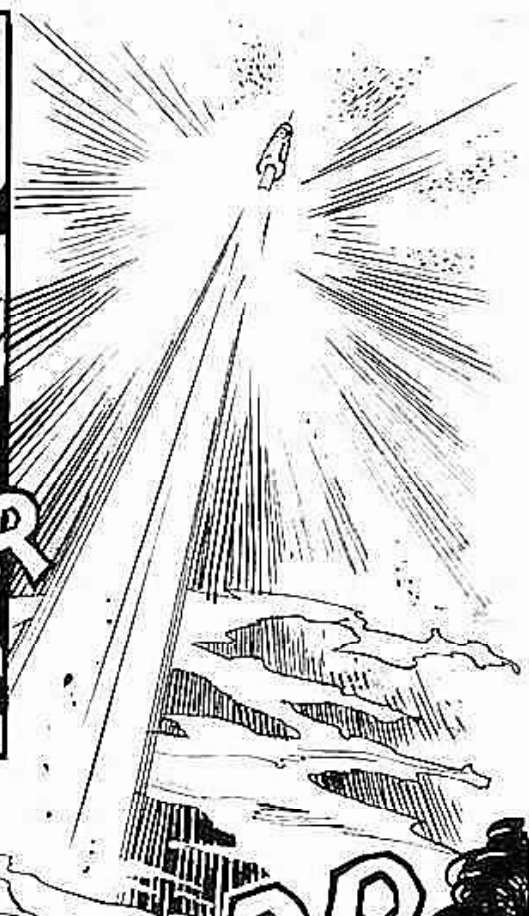
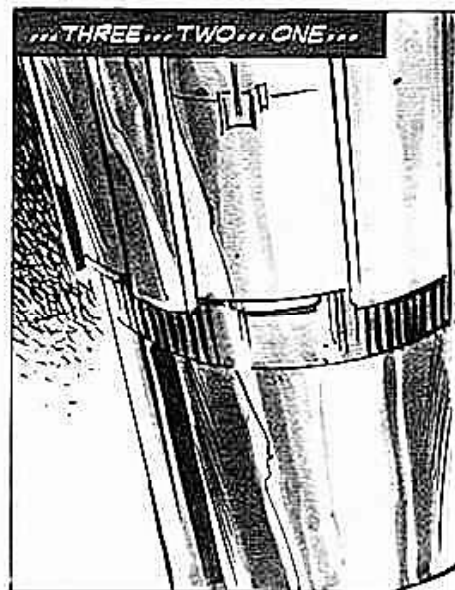
**Directed by Don Taylor**

**Screenplay by Paul Dehn**

**BASED ON CHARACTERS CREATED by  
Pierre Boulle**







...LIFTOFF--!

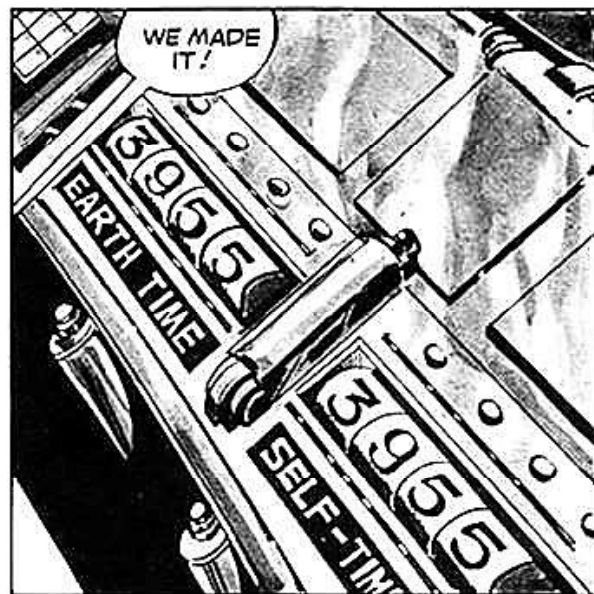


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THE PLANET OF  
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UPWARD TO THE EARTH









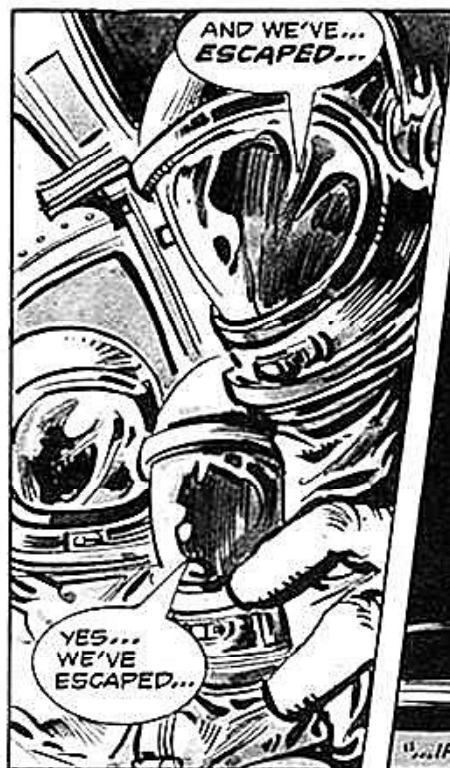
THEY'VE DESTROYED  
THE ENTIRE EARTH--!!

KILLED A  
WORLD...



AND WE'VE...  
ESCAPED...

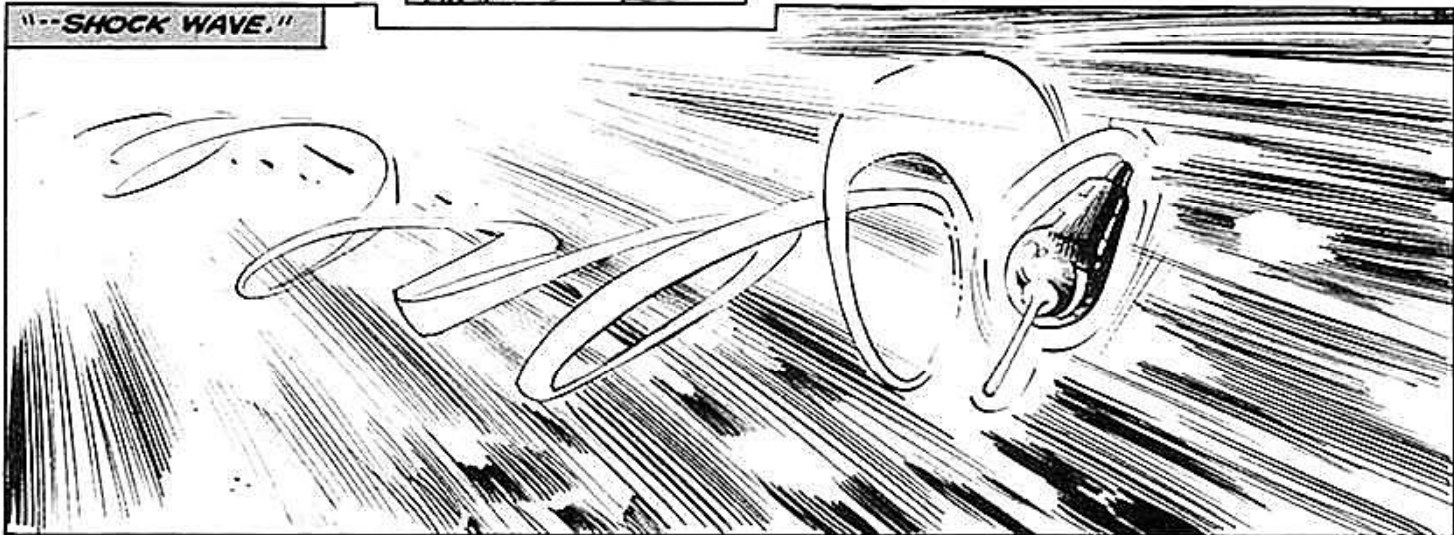
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WE'VE  
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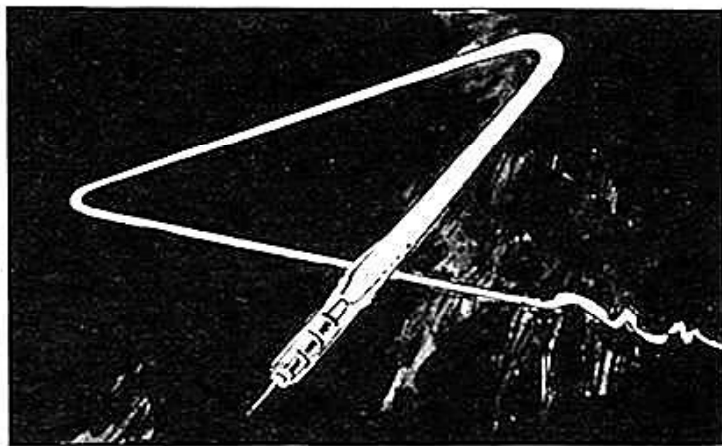
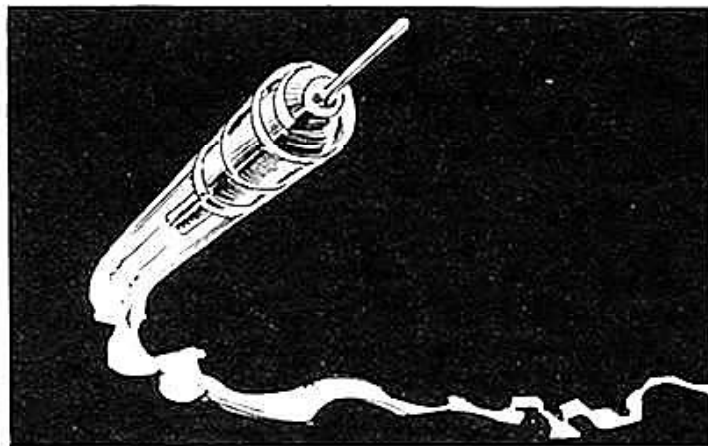
...IF WE SURVIVE THE--



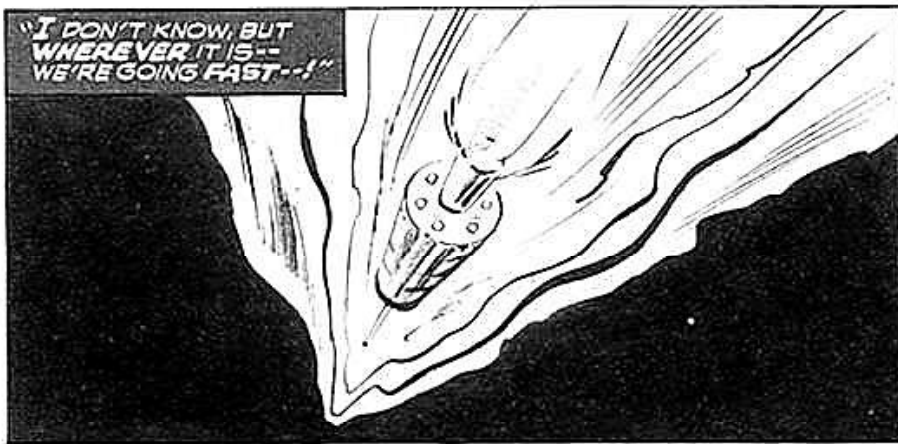
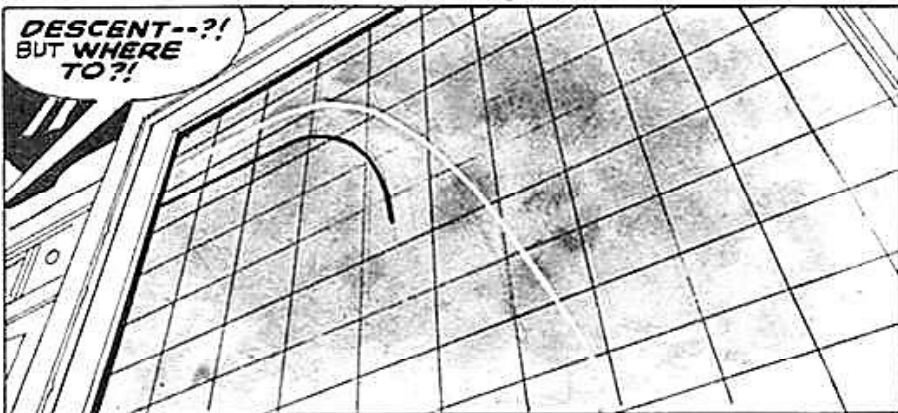
"--SHOCK WAVE."



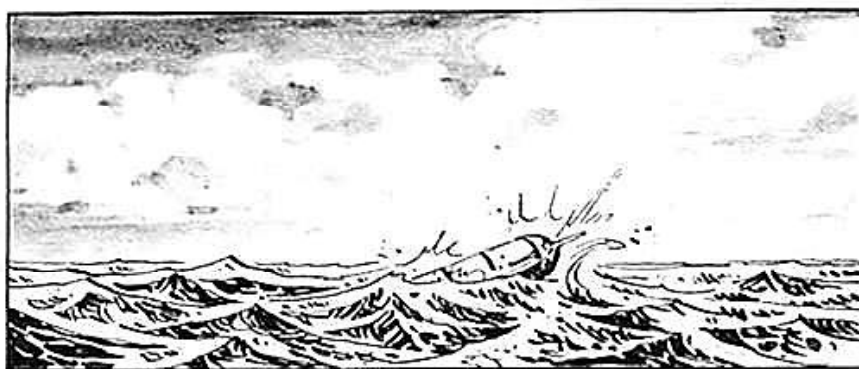
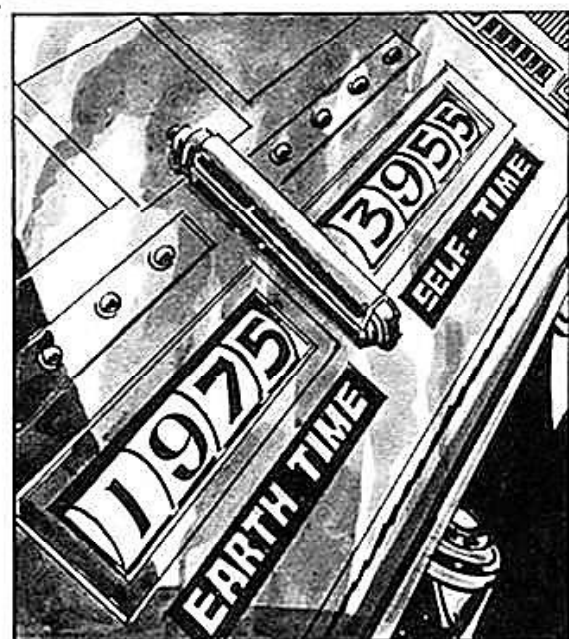












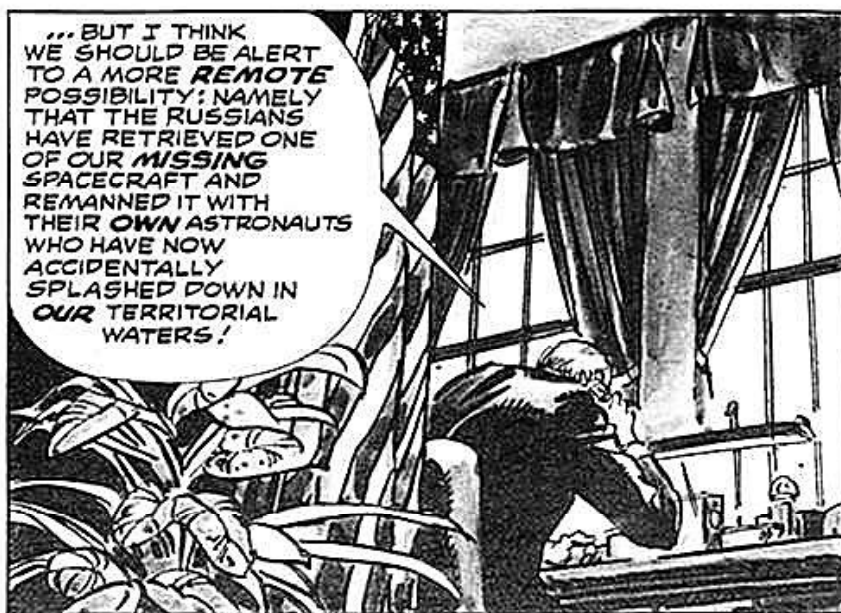
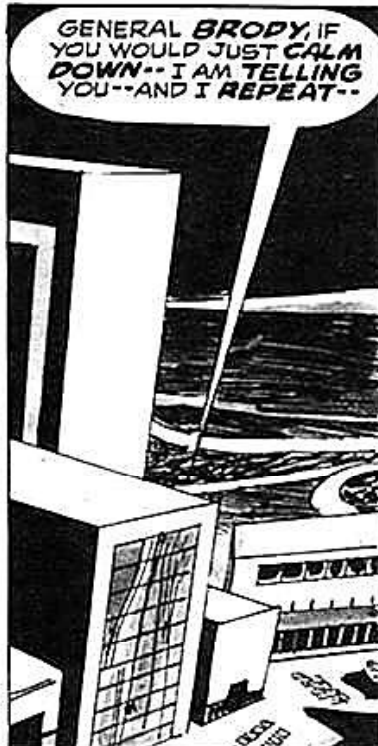














IF THEY'RE **ALIVE**, YOU MAY INSTRUCT COLONEL WINTHROP AT EL PALOMAR TO WELCOME WITH CAUTION! BUT WHETHER THEY'RE ALIVE OR **NOT**, HAVE NASA GO OVER THAT SHIP WITH WHATEVER'S THE SCIENTIFIC EQUIVALENT OF A **FINE-TOOTH COMB**!



AND UNTIL WE KNOW **MORE**, I WANT A FULL SECURITY **CLAMP-DOWN** ON THE **ENTIRE OPERATION**!



YOU **DO** UNDERSTAND ME, GENERAL...? THIS IS **NOT** FOR THE **NETWORKS**!



ALL RIGHT --SHE'S FASTENED **SECURE--**!

**HAUL AWAY!**



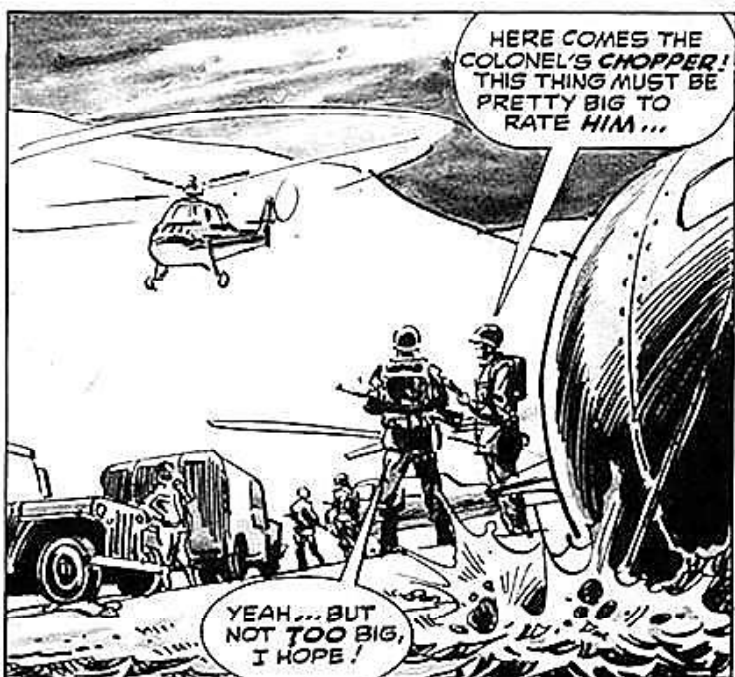
WE'RE BEING **PULLED...**

THAT'S IT -- **KEEP HAULING!** SHE'S MOVING NOW--!



THEY SPEAK **OUR LANGUAGE**! AT LEAST THEY HAVE **INTELLIGENCE**!

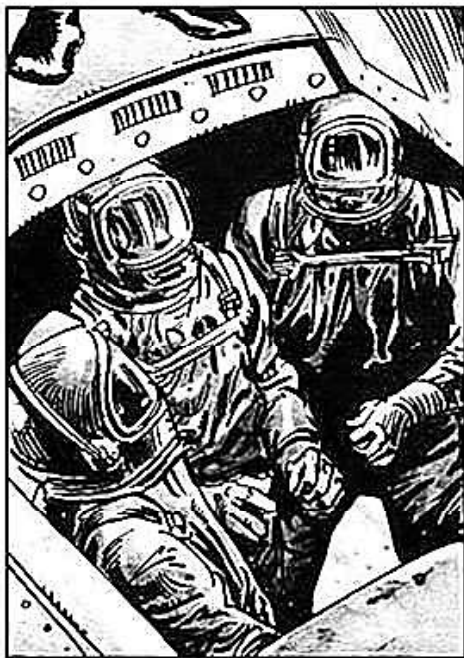
THEN MAYBE WE SHOULD CONCEAL **OUR INTELLIGENCE**! OUR ONLY CHANCE MIGHT LIE IN **SILENCE** TO OUR CAPTORS...



HERE COMES THE COLONEL'S **CHOPPER**! THIS THING MUST BE PRETTY BIG TO **RATE HIM...**

YEAH... BUT NOT TOO BIG, I HOPE!







I AM COLONEL WINTHROP,  
AND IN BEHALF OF THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA, I  
WOULD LIKE TO--



WHA--?!



THIS...  
THIS IS  
CRAZY...

THIS  
CAN'T BE...  
IT JUST--



--CAN'T  
BE!!



TAKE CHARGE HERE,  
RALSTON! I... I THINK  
...I'D BETTER...

...MAKE  
A PHONE  
CALL...

Y-YES,  
SIR...



THEM ARE  
MONKEYS, BOY  
--MONKEYS--!

BIGGEST  
DAMNED MONKEYS  
I'VE EVER SEEN!







DID YOU CALL  
THE ZOO?

YES, SIR--WE'RE IN **LUCK!** THEIR  
SICK BAY'S ALMOST **CLEAR**, SO WE'LL  
BE ABLE TO HIDE THE APES FROM THE  
**PUBLIC!** THEY'LL BE QUARANTINED  
**IMMEDIATELY**, AND IF THEY NEED  
**MEDICAL ATTENTION** IT'S  
AVAILABLE ON THE **SPOT!**

AND THE EXPERTS CAN  
START GIVING THEM THE  
**ONCE-OVER** FIRST THING  
IN THE **MORNING**. GENERAL  
BRODY'S VERY **PLEASED!**

SO AM I!  
CAN'T VERY WELL  
PERMIT A BUNCH  
OF MONKEYS  
MAKING MESSSES  
IN THE  
**GUARDHOUSE!**

HAVE WE **FED**  
THEM? **RAW STEAK**  
OR SOMETHING...?

THE ZOO TELLS ME THAT  
**CHIMPANZEES**, SIR--LIKE **ALL**  
APES--ARE **VEGETARIAN!** THEY  
SUGGESTED **ORANGES!**

HMP!  
PRETTY  
**FINICKY**,  
AREN'T THEY?

WHAT'S THE  
MATTER WITH  
**YOU?**

UH... YOU'D  
BETTER SEE FOR  
**YOURSELF**,  
SIR...

OH, **EXCUSE** ME  
--I DIDN'T MEAN TO  
DISTURB--

WHAT AM I  
SAYING--?!

THEY... THEY'RE  
PRETENDING TO  
**DRESS** THEM-  
SELVES, SIR...





...AND I WANT THE  
SECURITY **MAINTAINED**  
EVEN AFTER THEY REACH  
THE **ZOO INFIRMARY!**

WELL, AT LEAST  
THEY'LL HAVE **COMPANY!**  
I HEAR THERE'S A --

-- **GORILLA**  
IN THE NEXT  
**CAGE!**



WHAT  
THE--?!



I...I SEE  
IT...

...BUT NEVER  
IN MY WHOLE LIFE  
...WILL I BELIEVE  
IT...

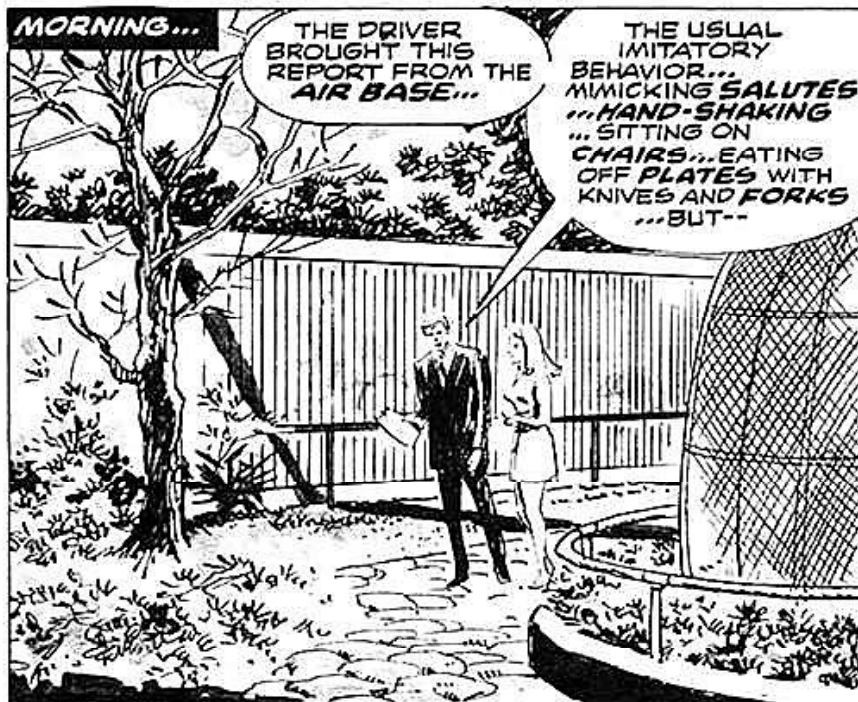


WELL, WELL  
... STILL **MOPIN:**  
EH?

















# ESCAPE FROM THE PLANET OF THE APES PART 2

## STRANGERS IN A STRANGER LAND

THE TIME IS NOW, A TIME WHEN HUMANS SPEAK AND ANIMALS EMPHATICALLY DO NOT. THE SETTING IS THE INTERIOR OF A ZOO INFIRMARY. THE SITUATION IS THE INVESTIGATION OF THREE CHIMPANZEES RECENTLY ARRIVED VIA SPACE CAPSULE.

THE QUESTION POSED BY ANIMAL PSYCHOLOGIST LEWIS DIXON TO HIS ASSISTANT STEVIE IS A SIMPLE ONE: "I WONDER WHY THEY WON'T EAT THE BANANAS....?" THE REPLY, HOWEVER, IS SLIGHTLY MORE COMPLEX, AND DOES NOT COME FROM STEVIE...

BECAUSE WE LOATHE AND DETEST BANANAS--!

THE RESULT, PARDONABLY IS RATHER EXTREME. STEVIE FAINTS.



HELP ME GET HER  
OUT OF HERE! THERE'S  
A COUCH IN THE  
BACK ROOM--!

S-SURE,  
DR. DIXON...  
BUT... BUT  
THAT MONKEY  
TALKED--!



NEVER MIND  
THAT NOW-- JUST  
HELP ME GET STEVIE  
OUT OF HERE!

I'LL WORRY  
ABOUT THE  
CHIMPS  
LATER!



ZIRA, ARE YOU  
MAD--?! WE FIRMLY  
AGREED TO KEEP  
OUR INTELLIGENCE  
SECRET!

DR. MILO,  
I RESENT YOU  
CALLING MY WIFE  
MAD!



I DID NOT CALL  
HER MAD! I MERELY  
ASKED IF SHE WERE  
MAD! AND I REPEAT  
THE QUESTION--

I HATE  
DECEIT!

--ARE  
YOU MAD,  
ZIRA?



THERE IS A TIME  
FOR TRUTH AND A TIME--  
NOT FOR LIES-- BUT FOR  
SIMPLE SILENCE! AND  
UNTIL WE KNOW FOR  
CERTAIN WHO IS OUR  
FRIEND AND WHO  
OUR ENEMY--

AND HOW IN THE  
NAME OF THE CREATOR  
ARE WE TO KNOW THAT--?!  
UNLESS WE COMMUNICATE--?  
WE CAN SPEAK! SO I  
SPOKE!



WE CAN ALSO  
LISTEN--

TO A LOT OF PSYCHIATRIC  
SMALL-TALK WORTH LESS  
THAN THE BREATH  
EXPENDED ON IT!

AND WE CAN  
WATCH--

A DISPLAY OF  
PRIMITIVE  
APPARATUS  
FIT FOR--



















GENTLEMEN, I AM AWARE THAT WHAT I HAVE TO TELL YOU MAY VERY WELL CREATE A **CREDIBILITY GAP** SOMEWHAT WIDER THAN THE **GRAND CANYON**!

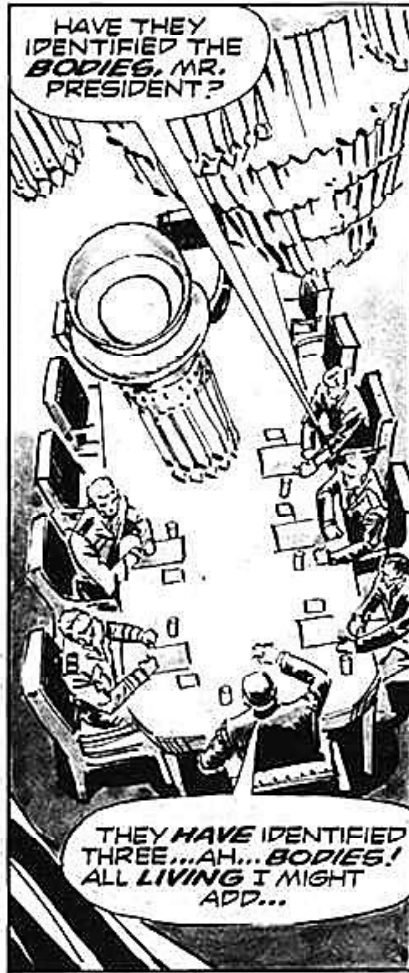
NONETHELESS, IT IS **TRUE!** YOU MAY BE ASSURED OF THAT!

THE **U.S. SPACECRAFT** WHICH SPLASHED DOWN OFF THE **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST** YESTERDAY... IS ONE OF THE TWO LOST IN OUTER SPACE MORE THAN A YEAR.

TO BE **PRECISE** THE ONE COMMANDED BY **COLONEL TAYLOR**!



HAVE THEY IDENTIFIED THE **BODIES**, MR. PRESIDENT?



THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED THREE... AH... **BODIES!** ALL LIVING I MIGHT ADD...

...AT LEAST THEY WERE AT THE TIME OF THEIR **RESCUE!**



BUT NOW, BY UNHAPPY ACCIDENT, ONE OF THEM WAS **KILLED** THIS MORNING IN THE **LOS ANGELES ZOO!**



ZOO--?

WHAT WOULD **ASTRONAUTS** BE DOING IN A ZOO?

THEY WERE NOT **ASTRONAUTS**, GENERAL FAULKNER...



THEY WERE **APES!**

**CHIMPANZEES**, TO BE **PRECISE!**



THEY ARE **HARMLESS**, FRIENDLY, AND, BY ALL REPORTS, EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT AND **SOPHISTICATED** CREATURES. BUT BEING **ANIMALS**--



-- THEY **CANNOT**, OF COURSE, TELL US **WHERE** THE SHIP CAME FROM OR **HOW** THEY GOT INTO IT! I HAVE THEREFORE DECIDED TO CONVENE A **PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY** IN LOS ANGELES TOMORROW...



THIS COMMISSION WILL CONSIST OF LEADING EXPERTS IN **ALL FIELDS** RELEVANT TO A SITUATION WHOSE **IMPLICATIONS**--WHETHER **ZOOLOGICAL**, **BIOLOGICAL**, **PSYCHOLOGICAL**, **MEDICAL**, **MATHEMATICAL**, **HISTORICAL**, **PHYSICAL**, OR EVEN **SPIRITUAL** ARE **NUMBERLESS**!



THE TWO **SURVIVING** APES WILL BE PRODUCED FOR THE COMMISSION'S **INSPECTION**! NO **TELEVISION COVERAGE**! THE PRESS WILL BE INVITED TO **ATTEND**... BUT **NOT TO PARTICIPATE**!



I'M SURE YOU ALL REALIZE THE **TREMENDOUS SIGNIFICANCE** OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, BUT AFTER CAREFUL **CONSIDERATION** OF ALL CIRCUMSTANCES AND RAMIFICATIONS THEREOF, I NEVERTHESS SEE NO REASON TO **CONCEAL** THIS EXTRAORDINARY DISCOVERY FROM THE **REST OF THE WORLD**!



ONE OF THE TWO AMERICAN SPACESHIPS-- BELIEVED UNTIL NOW TO HAVE **DISINTEGRATED** IN ORBIT-- SPLASHED DOWN UNEXPECTEDLY INTO THE PACIFIC OCEAN OFF THE COAST OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA YESTERDAY...

...AND IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN **MANNED**--IF ONE MAY PROPERLY CALL IT "**MANNED**"... BY **MONKEYS**!



AND IN CALIFORNIA TODAY, A LOST SPACESHIP HAS BEEN HIJACKED BY **APE-ONAUTS**! THIS STORY AND OTHERS AFTER STATION IDENTIFICATION--!

DR. HASSELEIN--AS THE PRESIDENT'S SENIOR SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO EXPERIENCE FROM THIS HISTORIC MEETING--?



FEAR!



NOW DON'T BE NERVOUS! THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE, BUT NONE OF THEM WISH TO HURT YOU!



OKAY--IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THEY'RE ALL SET! NOW JUST REMEMBER: WHEN I BREAK THE NEWS, START SLOWLY WITH SIMPLE ANSWERS TO WHAT'LL CERTAINLY BE SIMPLE QUESTIONS!

AND IF THE QUESTIONS BECOME LESS SIMPLE...?



BE YOURSELF!

YOUR BETTER SELF, ZIRA...



MY 'BETTER' SELF IS NOT ACCUSTOMED TO BEING CHAINED! WHAT DO THEY THINK WE ARE--GORILLAS?

ZIRA, I'M SORRY, BUT--

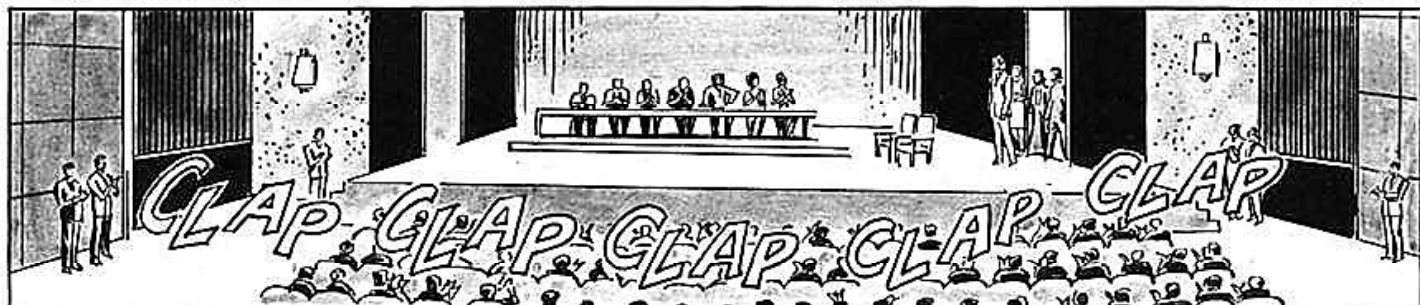
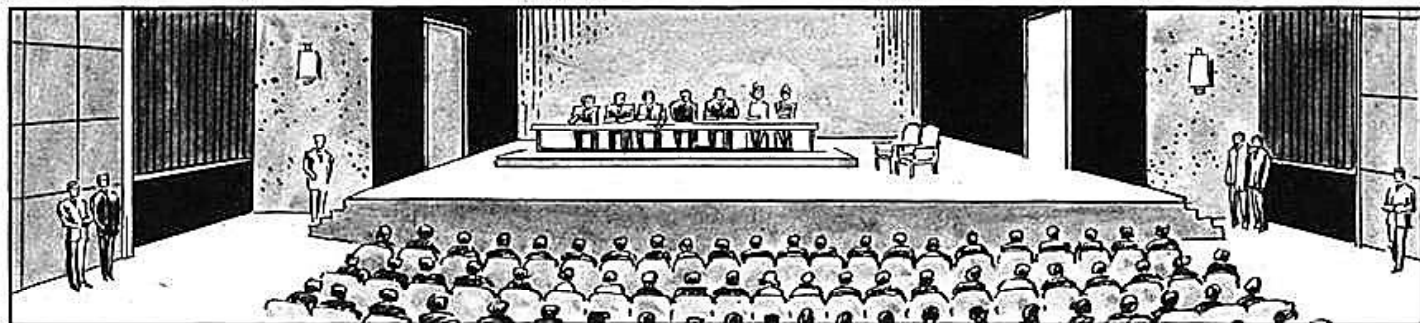


THEY'RE READY FOR YOU, DR. PAXON!

ALL RIGHT... JUST TAKE IT CALMLY NOW...











DID SHE RISE AS A  
REFLEX TO YOUR  
INDICATING HER...OR  
IN RESPONSE TO MY  
QUESTION?

THAT IS FOR YOU,  
MR. CHAIRMAN, TO  
DETERMINE FOR  
YOURSELF!



DOES  
SHE HAVE A  
NAME?

ZI-RA!



AHEM--! CERTAINLY A CONVINCING  
ARGUMENT THAT SHE CAN  
ARTICULATE... WHICH IN ITSELF IS  
ALMOST EXTRAORDINARY! BUT,  
DR. DIXON, ARE WE TO INFER  
THAT "ZI-RA" IS HER NAME  
OR SOME...PHRASE IN HER  
OWN LANGUAGE...  
MEANING "YES" OR "NO,"  
FOR EXAMPLE...?

INFER WHAT  
YOU WISH, MR.  
CHAIRMAN! I  
SUGGEST YOU  
REPHRASE!



WHAT... IS  
YOUR NAME...?

ZEE-RUH!









...THAT GOD CREATED  
APES IN HIS OWN  
IMAGE AND THAT  
OUR LANGUAGE--



NONSENSE,  
AND YOU KNOW  
IT, CORNELIUS!

HEAR!  
HEAR!



AS AN INTELLECTUAL, CORNELIUS,  
YOU KNOW DAMNED WELL THAT THE  
GORILLAS ARE A BUNCH OF  
MILITARISTIC NINCOMPOOPS --  
AND THE ORANGUTANS A BUNCH  
OF BLINKERED, PSEUDO-SCIENTIFIC  
GEESE--!



AS FOR HUMANS,  
I'VE DISSEC--



--EXAMINED  
THOUSANDS OF  
THEM AND, UNTIL NOW,  
I'VE ONLY DISCOVERED  
TWO WHO COULD  
TALK IN THE COURSE  
OF MY ENTIRE CAREER!  
GOD KNOWS--



EXCUSE  
ME, YOUR  
EMINENCE--

--WHO TAUGHT  
THOSE TWO!



WHERE WE COME FROM,  
APES TALK AND HUMANS  
ARE DUMB!



WHERE DO  
YOU COME  
FROM,  
CORNELIUS?







THAT  
DOESN'T MAKE  
SENSE--!



IT'S THE  
ONLY THING  
THAT DOES!



CORNELIUS, YOU  
MENTIONED WAR!  
WAR BETWEEN  
WHOM?



BETWEEN THE  
GORILLAS AND  
WHOEVER LIVES...  
LIVED... WILL LIVE...



...BENEATH THE  
TERRITORY NEXT  
TO OURS!

WHO  
WON THE  
WAR?



HOW SHOULD WE  
KNOW? CHIMPANZEES  
ARE PACIFISTS! WE  
STAYED AT HOME!

...AND  
LEFT  
BEFORE  
THE WAR  
ENDED!



IN A  
SPACESHIP!



YES--  
WHICH DR.  
MILO  
LEARNED TO  
OPERATE!







NEXT ISSUE: **TROUBLE IN PARADISE!**



# ESCAPE FROM THE PLANET OF THE APES PART 3

THE AMPHITHEATER OF THE LOS ANGELES FEDERAL BUILDING: THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE TWO SURVIVING "APE-ONAUTS" HAS JUST CONCLUDED ITS FIRST HEARING. AS IS TYPICAL OF SUCH HEARINGS, PROTOCOL HAS BEEN MAINTAINED... AND QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN POSED...

SOMEWHAT ATYPICALLY, HOWEVER, THE QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED QUITE CANDIDLY... BY TWO APES.

REMARKABLE--  
ABSOLUTELY  
REMARKABLE!

YES... OR  
VENTRILOQUISM!

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## TROUBLE IN PARADISE LOST

YOU WERE BOTH  
FABULOUS!

THEY  
LOVED  
YOU!

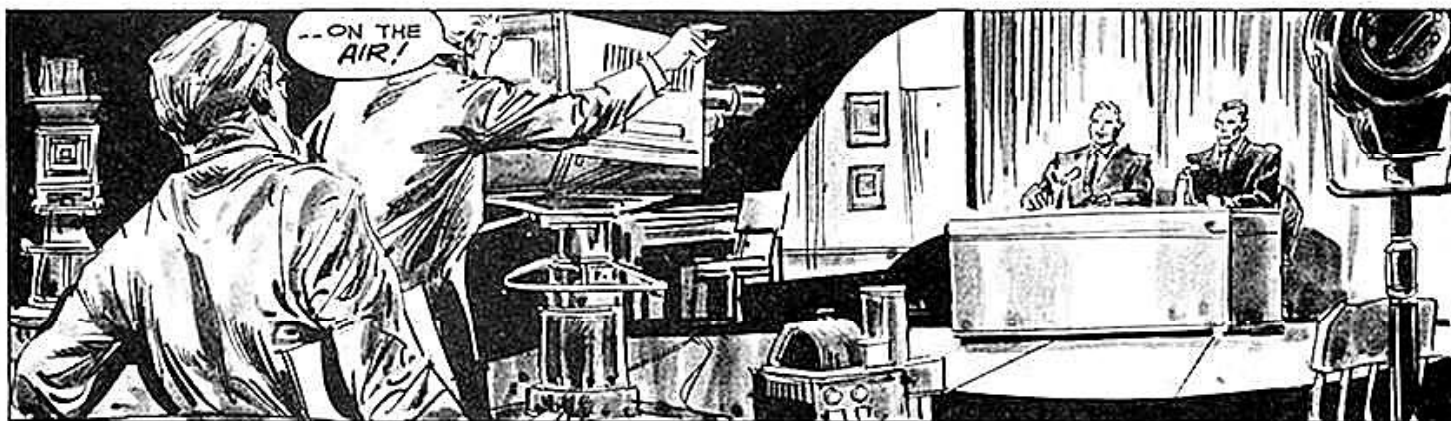
AND YET... WHEN YOU WERE  
EXPLAINING YOUR FORMER  
DUTIES AS A HUMAN  
PSYCHOLOGIST... I THOUGHT  
THERE WAS A MOMENT WHEN  
THE AUDIENCE --

THERE  
WAS!









GOOD EVENING! THIS IS **BILL BONDS**, REPORTING FROM LOS ANGELES, WHERE THIS MORNING BROKE THE BIGGEST STORY SINCE THE **MOON LANDING**... WHEN TWO APES TALKED!

I REPEAT: **TALKED**--TO THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY!



WITH ME IN THE STUDIO IS **DR. OTTO HASSLEIN**, SENIOR SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR AT THE **WHITE HOUSE**, WHO WILL GIVE HIS VIEWS ON THE MOST CRUCIAL STATEMENT MADE TO HIM DURING TODAY'S SESSION!

DR. HASSLEIN, WHEN YOU ASKED THE MALE APE WHERE HE **CAME FROM**, HE REPLIED: "FROM **YOUR FUTURE**!" DO YOU BELIEVE THAT?



ABSOLUTELY! IT IS THE **ONLY** EXPLANATION!

BUT THE EXPLANATION ITSELF NEEDS EXPLAINING! DOCTOR, YOU'VE WRITTEN LEARNED DISSERTATIONS ON THE NATURE OF TIME! COULD YOU EXPLAIN, IN **LAYMAN'S TERMS**, HOW SOMEONE COULD TRAVEL FROM TIME FUTURE TO TIME PAST--OR INDEED, VICE-VERSA



TIME CAN ONLY BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY AN OBSERVER WITH THE GODLIKE GIFT OF INFINITE REGRESSION IN ALL ITS MANIFOLD AND MYRIAD PERMUTATIONS AND RAMIFICATIONS!

WHY CAN'T THESE JERKS LEARN TO TALK AMERICAN--?



UH... I SEE, DOCTOR!

BUT COULD YOU POSSIBLY EXPLAIN INFINITE REGRESSION... IF NOT ITS PERMUTATIONS AND/ OR RAMIFICATIONS...?

VERY WELL... IF WE COULD HAVE THE FILM...?



ROLL THE FILM... BEFORE WE LOSE EVERY VIEWER WE'VE GOT...



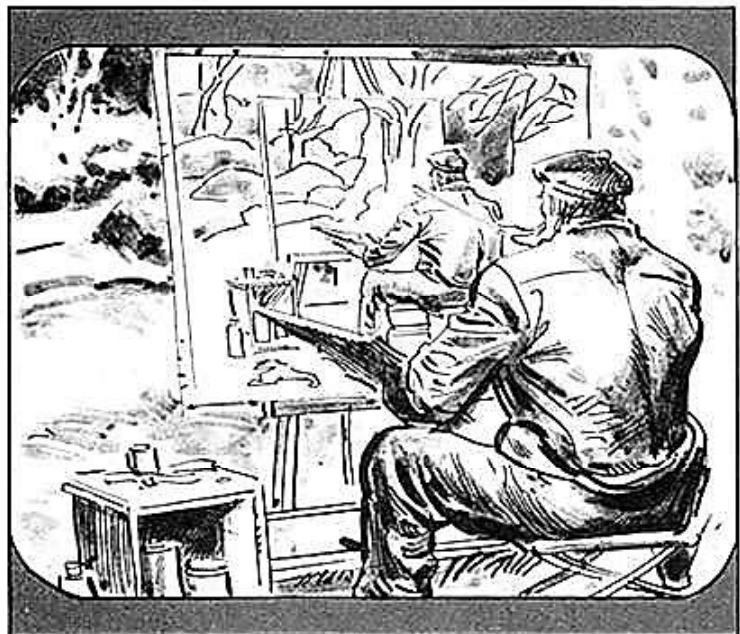
HERE IS A **LANDSCAPE PAINTING!** BUT THE ARTIST WHO **PAINTED** IT SAYS, "SOMETHING IS **MISSING!** WHAT IS IT? IT IS I MYSELF WHO WAS A **PART** OF THE **LANDSCAPE** I **PAINTED!**" SO MENTALLY HE TAKES A STEP **BACKWARD** OR **REGRESSES...**

... AND **PAINTS** A **PICTURE** OF THE **ARTIST** **PAINTING** A **PICTURE** OF THE **LANDSCAPE!** AND **STILL** SOMETHING IS **MISSING!** AND THAT SOMETHING IS **STILL** HIS **REAL** SELF **PAINTING** THE **SECOND** **PICTURE!** SO HE **REGRESSES** **FURTHER...**



... AND **PAINTS** A **THIRD** **PICTURE** OF THE **ARTIST** **PAINTING** A **PICTURE** OF THE **ARTIST** **PAINTING** A **PICTURE** OF THE **LANDSCAPE!** AND BECAUSE SOMETHING IS **STILL** **MISSING...**

... HE **PAINTS** A **FOURTH** AND A **FIFTH** **PICTURE--** UNTIL HE HAS **PAINTED** A **PICTURE** OF THE **ARTIST** **PAINTING** A **PICTURE** OF THE **ARTIST** **PAINTING** A **PICTURE** OF THE **ARTIST** **PAINTING** THE **PICTURE** OF THE **ARTIST** **PAINTING** THE **LANDSCAPE!**



YES... WELL... IT'S ENOUGH TO DRIVE YOU **MAD**, ISN'T IT?

YES! IT IS!



SO INFINITE  
REGRESSION  
WOULD BE--

-- THE MOMENT WHEN OUR ARTIST,  
HAVING REGRESSED TO THE POINT OF  
INFINITY, HIMSELF BECOMES A  
PART OF THE PICTURE HE HAS  
PAINTED AND IS BOTH THE  
OBSERVER AND THE OBSERVED!



ALL RIGHT! WHAT, THEN, IN THAT  
PECULIAR CONDITION, WOULD HE  
OBSERVE IF HE WERE OBSERVING  
TIME?

HE WOULD OBSERVE THAT  
TIME IS LIKE A FREEWAY  
WITH AN INFINITE NUMBER OF  
LANES-- ALL LEADING FROM  
THE PAST INTO THE FUTURE,  
BUT NOT INTO THE SAME  
FUTURE!



A DRIVER IN LANE 'A'  
MAY CRASH, WHILE  
A DRIVER IN LANE 'B'  
SURVIVES! IT  
FOLLOWS THAT A DRIVER,  
BY CHANGING LANES,  
CAN CHANGE HIS  
FUTURE!

YOU, MR. BONDS,  
MAY WALK OUT OF  
THIS BUILDING AT  
EIGHT P.M. AND BE  
KILLED BY A BUS!

BUT SUPPOSE YOU DECIDE TO  
WALK OUT OF THIS BUILDING AT  
EIGHT-- SIXTEEN! BY YOUR  
ACTION, YOU HAVE CHANGED  
LANES! THE BUS HAS ALREADY  
PASSED-- AND YOU WILL  
SURVIVE!



SO YOU SEE, MR. BONDS, I DO NOT FIND IT HARD TO  
BELIEVE, THAT IN THE DARK AND TURBULENT CORNERS  
OF OUTER SPACE, THE IMPACT OF SOME DISTANT  
PLANETARY OR EVEN GALACTIC DISASTER "JUMPED"  
THE APES FROM THEIR PRESENT INTO OURS!

AND INDEED, THE  
PROOF LIES IN  
THEIR ARRIVAL  
AMONG US...



...AND IN THEIR  
SPOKEN-- I REPEAT:  
SPOKEN--  
TESTIMONY!



THANK YOU, DR. HASSLEIN! IT HAS  
TO BE THE MOST INCREDIBLE  
STORY THIS REPORTER HAS EVER  
COVERED!

AMEN TO  
THAT!





AND I THINK BY THEIR INTELLIGENCE AND GOOD HUMOR, THE SO-CALLED APE-ONAUTS HAVE ALREADY CAPTURED THE HEARTS OF THE ENTIRE AMERICAN NATION!



THEY WILL NOT BE REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION AT TOMORROW'S SESSION, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN PRIVATE...

...AND MEANWHILE, THEY ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE ZOO INFIRMARY TO A HOTEL AND WILL BE TAKEN ON AN EXTENDED TOUR OF LOS ANGELES!



YES, I'M QUITE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT, CORNELIUS! IT SHOULD PROVE VERY INTERESTING...



THIS IS BILL BONDS, FOR EYEWITNESS NEWS FROM LOS ANGELES!

GOOD NIGHT!



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GOOD NIGHT!



IT'S SO... SO BIG--!



YES--ALMOST AS BIG AS THE FORBIDDEN ZONE, ZIRA--!







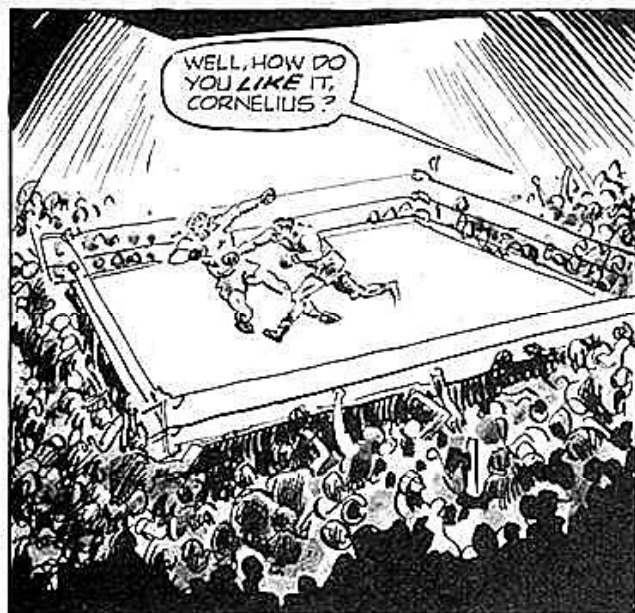








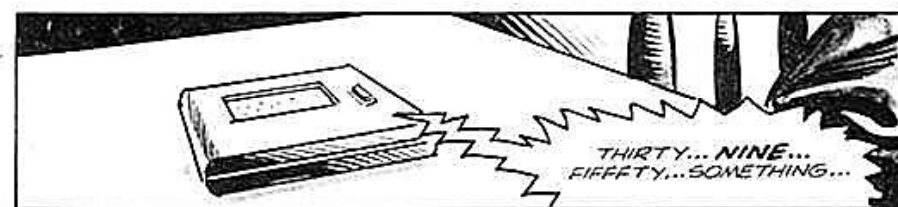
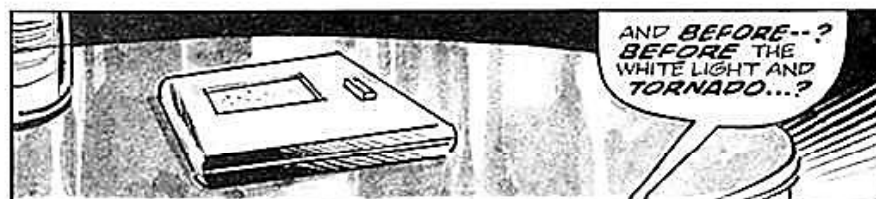
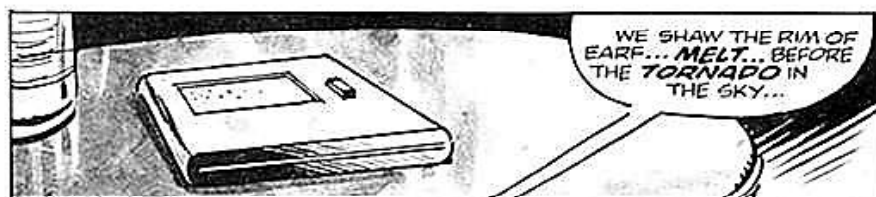
















I DOUBT IF WE SHALL STILL BE IN OFFICE BY THEN, DR. HASSLEIN...



AND ACCORDING TO THE NASA EXPERTS WHO ARE STILL SUBJECTING THE SPACE-CRAFT TO MICROSCOPIC SCRUTINY, THE PRECISE YEAR OF WHAT YOU MERELY INFER TO BE EARTH'S DESTRUCTION IS RECORDED ON THE FLIGHT SYNTHESIZER AS THIRTY-NINE-FIFTY-FIVE!

A.D., PRESUMABLY!



NOW WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME AND THE UNITED NATIONS-- THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER-- TO DO ABOUT IT? ALTER WHAT YOU BELIEVE TO BE THE COURSE OF THE FUTURE BY SLAUGHTERING TWO INNOCENTS-- OR RATHER THREE... NOW THAT ONE OF THEM'S PREGNANT?

HEROD TRIED THAT, AND CHRIST SURVIVED!



HEROD LACKED OUR FACILITIES!



AND HE ALSO BECAME UNPOPULAR... HISTORICALLY UNPOPULAR!

ARE YOU ACTUALLY SAYING--

AND WE DON'T WANT THAT... DO WE?



I'M SAYING THAT OUR TWO VISITORS SEEM REALLY VERY CHARMING AND PEACEABLE PEOPLE-- OR RATHER, CREATURES-- AND THAT THE VOTERS LOVED THEM!









**NEXT ISSUE: IN THE CRADLE OF A FATHER'S SINS**



# ESCAPE FROM THE PLANET OF THE APES PART 4

## IN THE CRADLE



## OF A FATHER'S SINS





...WHERE THEY WILL  
BE HELD IN DR.  
DIXON'S CARE FOR  
INTERROGATION  
BY THE C.I.A....



...UNDER THE  
GUIDANCE AND  
SUPERVISION OF  
DR. OTTO  
HASSLEIN...



THREE: UPON COMPLETION OF  
THE INTERROGATION, THE COMMISSION WILL  
RECONVENE TO DISCUSS ITS FINDINGS  
AND TO MAKE SUCH FURTHER  
RECOMMENDATIONS AS MAY BE DEEMED  
JUST AND/OR EXPEDIENT...



I FIND THAT  
"AND/OR" SOMEWHAT  
SINISTER,  
HASSLEIN...

JUST TECHNICAL  
PHRASEOLOGY, MR.  
PRESIDENT... I  
ASSURE YOU...



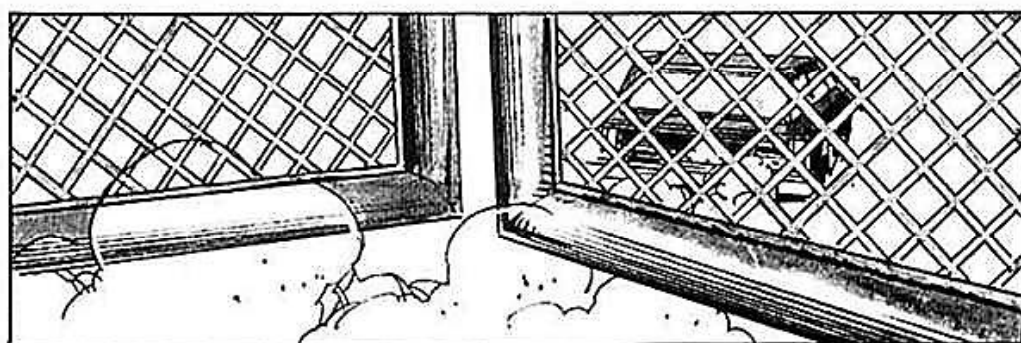
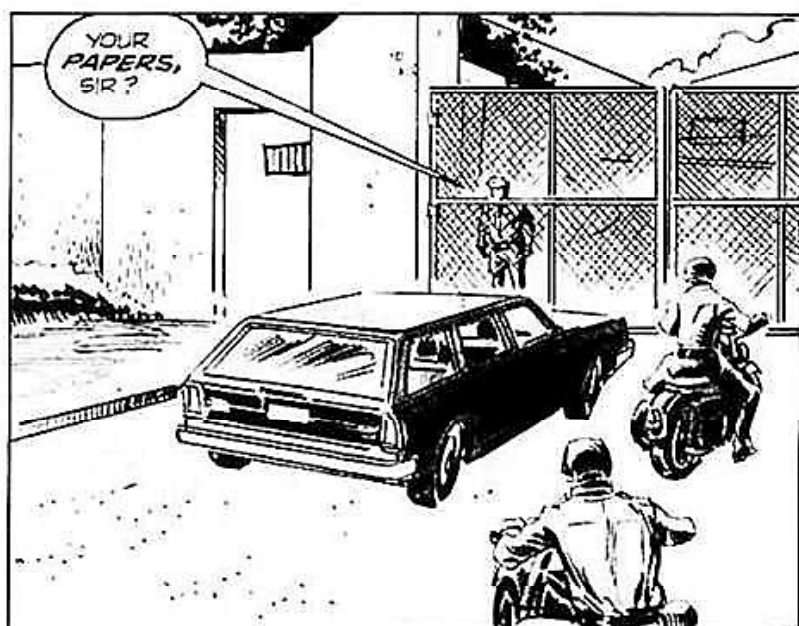
I WISH I KNEW HOW  
TO ADVISE YOU! I  
SUPPOSE THEY'LL TRY  
TO MAKE YOU ANGRY...

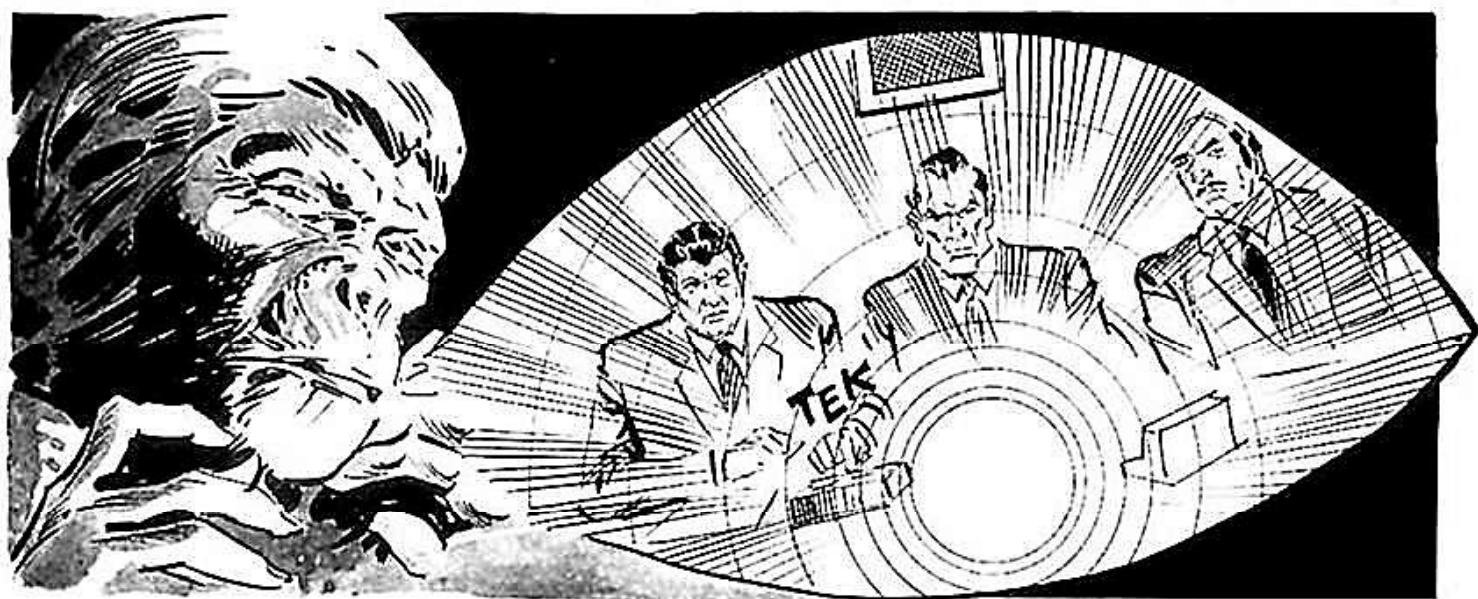


...BUT DON'T LET THEM,  
OR YOU'LL BE TRAPPED  
INTO GIVING THE WRONG  
ANSWERS...

JUST TRY TO  
STAY POLITE...  
WHATEVER  
HAPPENS!

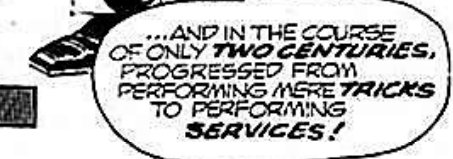








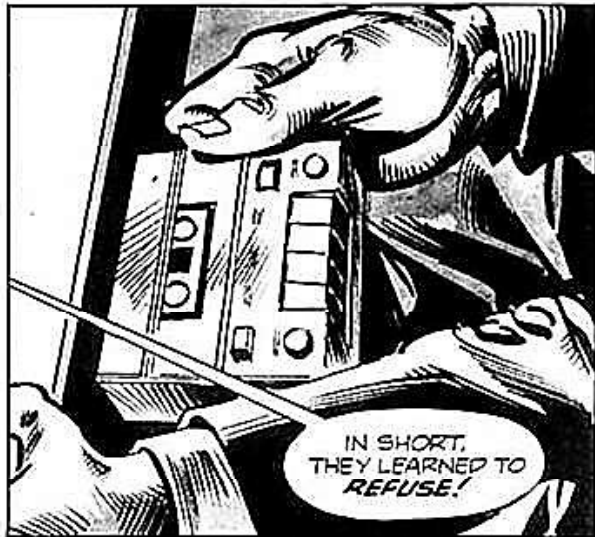






THEY BECAME ALERT TO THE CONCEPT OF SLAVERY AND--AS THEIR NUMBERS *GREW*-- TO SLAVERY'S *ANTIDOTE*, WHICH IS *UNITY*!

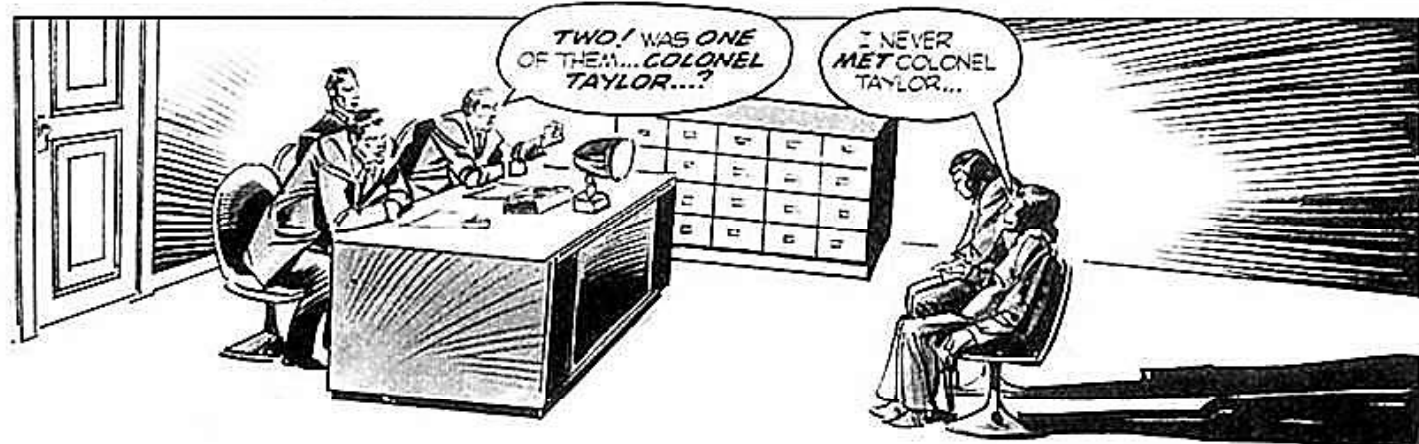
THEY BEGAN TO ASSEMBLE IN SMALL *BANDS*! THEY LEARNED THE ART OF *CORPORATE* AND *MILITANT* ACTION...



AT FIRST THEY *BARKED* THEIR REFUSAL! AND THEN, ON A HISTORIC DAY COMMEMORATED BY MY SPECIES AND FULLY *DOCUMENTED* IN THE *SECRET SCROLLS*, THERE CAME AN APE CALLED *ALDO*, WHO *DIDN'T BARK*!

HE *ARTICULATED*! HE SPOKE A WORD WHICH HAD BEEN SPOKE TO HIM TIME WITHOUT *NUMBER*, BY HUMANS...











PLEASE BE  
GOOD ENOUGH TO  
ADMINISTER  
THIS!

AH! DR.  
PIXON...



SODIUM  
PENTOTHAL...  
ONE HALF  
GRAM IV!



DR. HASSLEIN, I'M  
AN ANIMAL  
PSYCHIATRIST--

AND A QUALIFIED  
VET. WE HAVE THE  
COMMISSION'S  
AUTHORITY...

...AND THAT OF  
THESE TWO GENTLE-  
MEN REPRESENTING  
THE C.I.A.!



BUT--

THE C.I.A.,  
DIXON...DO YOU  
UNDERSTAND...?



YES, DR.  
HASSLEIN! I  
FULLY  
UNDERSTAND!



COME, ZIRA! LIE  
DOWN ON THE  
COUCH...















AND IN THE INTERESTS  
OF SCIENCE, YOU  
DISSECTED, REMOVED,  
AND STATISTICALLY  
COMPARED--

--BONES, MUSCLES,  
TENDONS, VEINS, ARTE-  
RIES, KIDNEYS, LIVERS,  
HEARTS, STOMACHS,  
REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS...

"...NAILS, TONGUES, EYES..."



...NOSES, EARS,  
NERVOUS  
SYSTEMS, THE  
VARIOUS  
REFLEXES...



REFLEXES? OF  
THE DEAD--?

NO, NO, NO! OF THE LIVING!  
YOU CAN'T MAKE A DEAD MAN'S  
KNEE JUMP, ANY MORE THAN  
YOU CAN TEST A CORPSE'S  
REACTION TO A PREFRONTAL  
LOBOTOMY!



YOU MEAN YOU WERE  
ADVANCED ENOUGH  
TO PERFORM  
EXPERIMENTAL  
BRAIN SURGERY  
ON LIVING  
HUMANS...?

OH, YES! WE  
EVEN TRIED  
TO STIMU-  
LATE THEIR  
ATROPHED  
SPEECH  
CENTERS!

SUCCESS-  
FULLY?

NOT  
YET!

I MEAN NOT  
NOW... ANY-  
MORE... I  
GUESS...



HOW MUCH  
LONGER?

HOW MUCH  
LONGER  
WHAT?

TWO  
MINUTES!













I CAN NOW ANNOUNCE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS RATIFIED THE FOLLOWING **FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS** MADE BY THIS COMMISSION IN LIGHT OF THE **G.I.A. TAPE RECORDINGS** DELIVERED TO US BY **DR. HASSEIN...**

ONE: BY A MAJORITY VOTE THE COMMISSION FINDS NO INTRANSIGENT **EVIDENCE** FOR HOSTILITY BY EITHER APE TOWARDS THE HUMAN RACE AS AT PRESENT CONSTITUTED IN THIS YEAR OF OUR LORD, **NINETEEN-SEVENTY-FIVE...**



BY WHOSE DEFINITION OF **HOSTILITY**--? IF **DISSECTION** ISN'T HOSTILITY, THEN BY GOD I WANT TO KNOW WHAT--

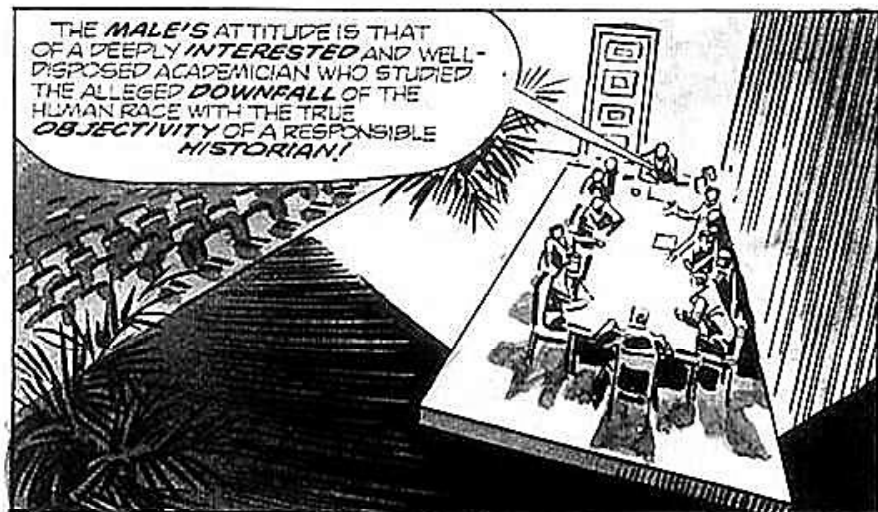


THESE FINDINGS ARE THE RESULT OF A MAJORITY VOTE!

THE DISSENTING MINORITY WILL KINDLY REMAIN SILENT UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN READ!



THE **MALE'S** ATTITUDE IS THAT OF A DEEPLY INTERESTED AND WELL-DISPOSED ACADEMICIAN WHO STUDIED THE ALLEGED **DOWNFALL** OF THE HUMAN RACE WITH THE TRUE OBJECTIVITY OF A RESPONSIBLE HISTORIAN!



THE **FEMALE'S** CASE, HOWEVER, IS DIFFERENT...





...DIFFERENT IN THAT SHE **UNDOUBTEDLY** COMMITTED ACTIONS AGAINST THE HUMAN RACE OF A SORT WHICH, IF COMMITTED **TODAY**, WOULD CONSTITUTE **ATROCITIES!**

BUT WOULD THEY CONSTITUTE **SAME** IN TWO THOUSAND YEAR'S TIME, WHEN IT IS ALLEGED THAT HUMANS WILL HAVE BECOME **DUMB BRUTES** WITH THE LIMITED INTELLIGENCE OF **ANIMALS?**



**FURTHERMORE--** IT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT THAT WHAT APES WILL DO TO HUMANS IS **NO MORE** THAN WHAT HUMANS ARE **NOW** DOING TO **BEASTS!**



**NONETHELESS**, THE COMMISSION IS **SYMPATHETIC** TO DR. HASSLEIN'S CONVICTION THAT THE **PROGENY** OF THESE APES COULD, IN THE CENTURIES TO **COME**, PROVE AN INCREASING **THREAT** TO THE HUMAN RACE AND CONCEIVABLY COME TO **DOMINATE** IT!

THIS IS A RISK WE DARE NOT **IGNORE!** THEREFORE--

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

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



THUS, THE PARENTS CAN STILL BE **EMPLOYED** TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY IN A MANNER TO WHICH THEIR **UNDOUBTED TALENTS** ARE BEST **SUITED!**



I NOW DECLARE THIS COMMISSION **DISSOLVED!**



**NEXT ISSUE: WHEN THE CALLIOPE CRIES DEATH!**



# ESCAPE FROM THE PLANET OF THE APES PART 5

THE MAN WITH THE BLEAK, UNSEEING GAZE IS DR. LEWIS DIXON, THE ANIMAL PSYCHIATRIST WHO FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS HAS SERVED AS COMPANION TO THE TWO SPEAKING APES FROM OUT OF TIME. HE IS ALSO FRIEND TO THE APES, AND THUS... THE ONLY DISSENTING MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THEM...



FINALLY, THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE BIRTH OF THE FEMALE APE'S UNBORN CHILD SHOULD BE PREVENTED, AND THAT AFTER ITS PRENATAL REMOVAL...



THE MAN WITH THE IMPASSIVE (BUT SLIGHTLY SATISFIED) FACE IS DR. OTTO HASSELEIN, KEY SCIENCE ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT AND MORE THAN ANY OTHER SINGLE MAN... RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VERDICT WHICH HAS JUST BEEN READ...

I NOW DECLARE THIS COMMISSION DISSOLVED!



SAVAGES--!!

THEY'RE SAVAGES!!

"WHEN THE CALLIOPE CRIES DEATH"



BEASTS--! JABBING  
NEEDLES INTO A PREGNANT  
WOMAN--!

I'VE DONE THE  
SAME, DEAR--AND  
WORSE! TAYLOR  
THOUGHT WE  
WERE SAVAGES  
AND BEASTS...

...AT  
FIRST!



DID THEY MAKE YOU  
TELL THEM ABOUT  
TAYLOR, TOO--?!

THEY MADE  
ME TELL THEM  
ABOUT EVERY-  
THING, CORNELIUS!

BRUTES--!



AND SHALL I TELL YOU  
SOMETHING? I'M GLAD I  
DID! WE CAN'T LIVE WITH  
LIES FOREVER!

AFTER THIS,  
I DOUBT WE SHALL  
BE ALLOWED TO  
LIVE AT ALL!



DO YOU MEAN  
THAT--? DO YOU  
REALLY THINK  
THEY WOULD--

WHAT ELSE CAN  
WE THINK--?!



LOOK, I'M  
SORRY, ZIRA! NO  
SENSE SHOUTING  
AT YOU!

HOW LONG  
NOW, BEFORE...?

A WEEK!  
MAYBE  
MORE...



THEY TREATED  
YOU LIKE  
DIRT!!



KLAK  
KLAK  
KLAK

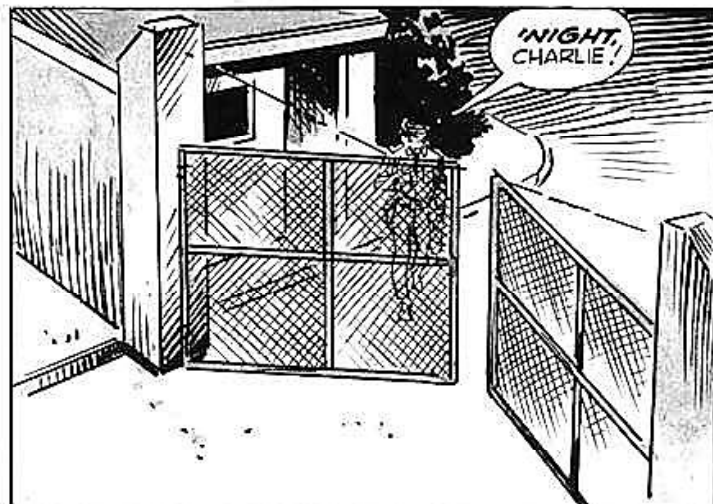
















AS LEWIS AND HASSLEIN CRUISE  
TOWARD THE APES' QUARTERS AT  
CAMP ELEVEN...



AN  
AMBULANCE...?



PROBABLY  
NOTHING, DIXON...  
AND EVEN IF IT IS  
SOMETHING--



"-- I'M SURE YOUR APES ARE  
ALL RIGHT."

HOW ARE  
THE PAINS,  
ZIRA?

BUT THEY'RE  
BEGINNING TO  
COME QUICKER  
AND GO SLOWER.

THEY  
COME AND  
GO...



YOU OUGHT TO REST...  
BUT I'D LIKE TO GET  
FARTHER AWAY! DO YOU  
THINK YOU CAN WALK...?

OF COURSE!  
I'M NOT AN  
INVALID, YOU  
KNOW!



LEAD  
THE WAY,  
PAPA...



PASS AHEAD,  
DR. HASSLEIN--  
THEY'RE EXPECTING  
YOU!



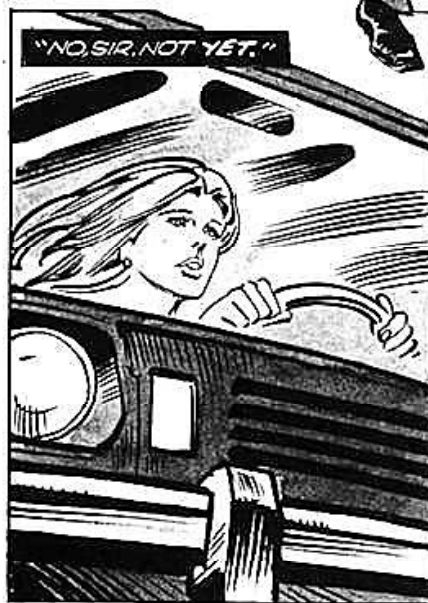
...BUT LET'S NOT  
MAKE IT A LONG WALK  
TO NOWHERE!  
OKAY...?

I'LL DO  
MY BEST...  
MAMA...



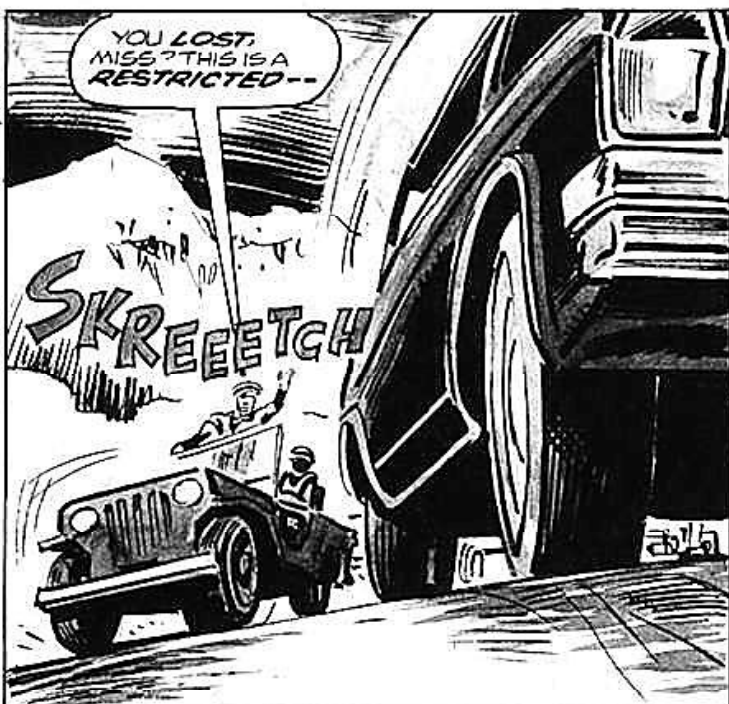
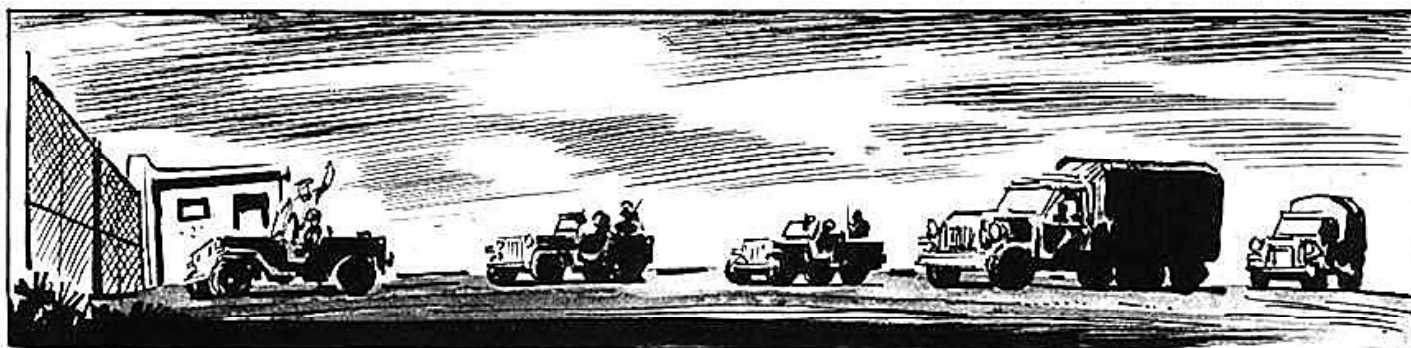








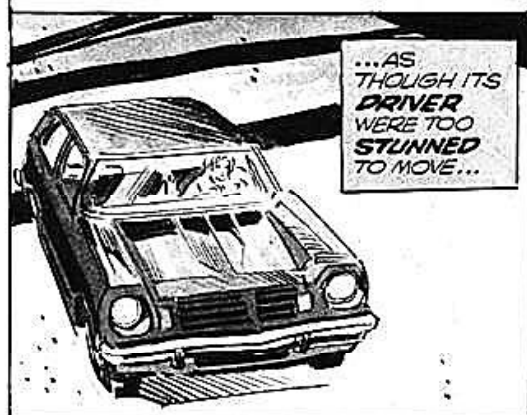


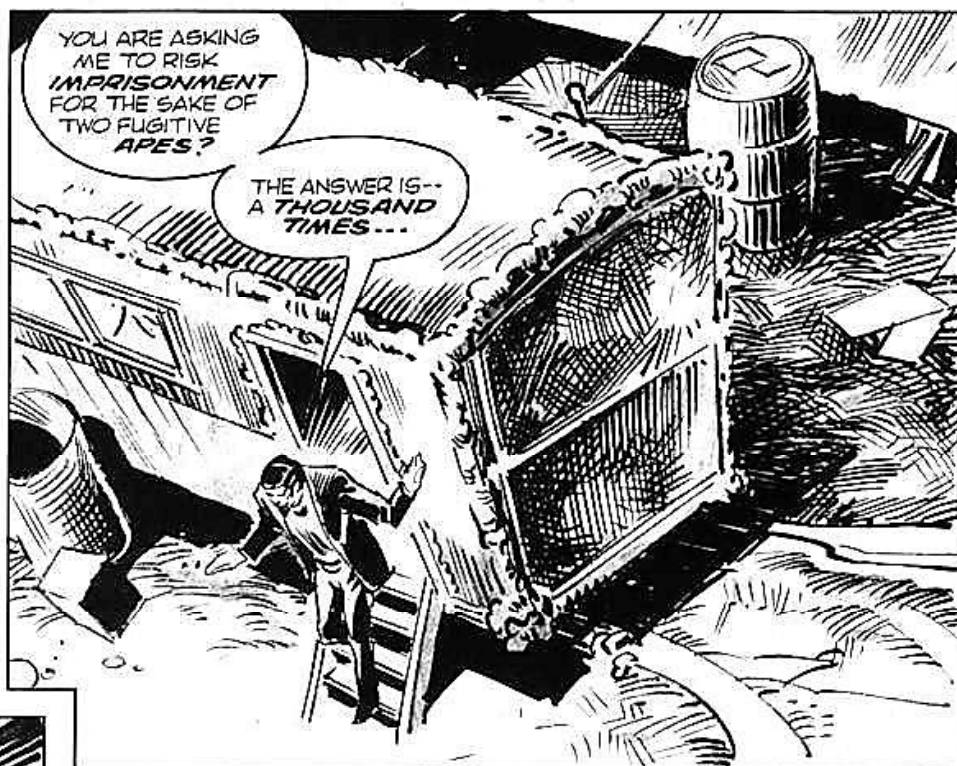






EVEN AFTER THE SEARCH  
CONVOY HAS RECEDED INTO  
THE DISTANCE, THE STATION  
WAGON REMAINS MOTIONLESS...















...OUR  
MATERNITY  
WARD...



LEWIS--!

LEWIS, YOU  
MUST KNOW  
THAT I WAS NOT  
RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE DEATH--



I KNOW,  
CORNELIUS!

BUT YOU WILL BE  
RESPONSIBLE FOR A  
BIRTH! HOW IS  
SHE?

THE PAINS ARE  
COMING EVERY  
FIVE MINUTES  
NOW...



EVERY  
FOUR!

WELL, ZIRA--I SEE THE  
PAIN HASN'T DIMINISHED  
YOUR AFFECTION FOR  
PRECISION!

IN FACT,  
YOU LOOK TO  
BE A QUITE  
HEALTHY  
MOTHER  
INDEED...



HUH--?



HAHA--!  
LOOK AT  
HELOISE!

SHE IS SHOWING  
AN EXPECTANT  
MOTHER WHAT  
TO EXPECT--!







DR. DIXON, CAN YOU PINPOINT THE PROBABLE **DATE** OF THE BABY CHIMP'S **BIRTH** WITH ANY DEGREE OF **ACCURACY**?

I'VE NEVER **EXAMINED** HER--BUT FROM **APPEARANCES**, I'D SAY IT'LL BE DUE IN ABOUT A **WEEK** TO **TEN DAYS**!

IF IT'S **THAT** NEAR, SHE CAN'T HAVE GONE **FAR**...



BUT **WHERE** WOULD APES **GO**--?

TO **OTHER** APES?



HMMMM... TO **OTHER** APES...



OF **COURSE**!

IT'S SO **OBVIOUS**--!



**CAPTAIN CSGOOD**-- I WANT YOU TO MOUNT A **NEW** AND **SYSTEMATIC** AND **IMMEDIATE** SEARCH! IF YOU CAN'T GET **POLICE COOPERATION**, THEN YOU WILL **STILL** PERFORM THE SEARCH--ON MY **AUTHORITY**!

AND I WANT TO BE KEPT **FULLY** **POSTED** ON EVERY **RESULT**--WHETHER **POSITIVE** OR **NEGATIVE**! AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO **STOP**--



UNTIL YOU'VE **THOROUGHLY** SEARCHED EVERY **ZOO**--EVERY **MENAGERIE**--AND EVERY **CIRCUS** IN THIS WHOLE DAMN **CITY**--!

**TUMP**



**ESCAPE FROM THE PLANET OF THE APES CONCLUDES IN PART 6 -- THIS ISSUE!**





# ESCAPE FROM THE PLANET OF THE APES PART 6

CORNELIUS AND ZIRA, THE FABULOUS TALKING APES HAVE ESCAPED FROM THEIR DETENTION CHAMBER AT CAMP ELEVEN...WHERE SOME CONSIDER THEIR FREEDOM FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN FABULOUS...

CAPTAIN OSGOOD, ON MY AUTHORITY, I WANT YOU TO MOUNT A NEW AND SYSTEMATIC SEARCH OF THIS ENTIRE AREA! AND I WANT TO BE COMPREHENSIVELY ADVISED OF ALL RESULTS--WHETHER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE...

A PRIME EXPONENT OF THOSE WHO VIEW THE APES' ESCAPE AS TANTALUM TO DOOM FOR THE HUMAN RACE IS DR. OTTO HASSLEIN, SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES...

AND I DON'T WANT THIS SEARCH TERMINATED UNTIL YOU HAVE THOROUGHLY EXAMINED EVERY ZOO, EVERY MENAGERIE, AND EVERY CIRCUS IN THE CITY--!

THE FIENDS--!!  
THE MOTHERLESS,  
STINKING  
FIENDS!!

but Who  
Shall  
**INHERIT**  
the **MEEK?**

ARMANDO'S SENSATIONAL CIRCUS



WHY DO THEY  
HOUND US SO  
PERSISTENTLY--?!  
WHY DO THEY  
INSIST ON BEING  
SUCH FIENDS?!

PLEASE,  
ARMANDO...LEWIS  
SAYS HE'LL THINK  
OF SOMETHING...



I HAD PLANNED IT ALL SO WELL--!  
IN JUST ONE MONTH WE MOVE TO  
OUR WINTER QUARTERS IN FLORIDA!  
I COULD HAVE RELEASED YOU IN THE  
EVERGLADES AND-- OH, MY DEAR,  
DEAR FRIENDS-- YOU MIGHT HAVE  
LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER!  
BUT NOW...

WHAT CAN  
I DO?

YOU HAVE  
ALREADY  
DONE ENOUGH  
TO MAKE US  
GRATEFUL TO  
YOU FOREVER.



I DID IT  
BECAUSE I LIKE  
CHIMPANZEES BEST  
OF ALL APES, AND  
YOU THE BEST OF ALL  
CHIMPANZEES! I DID  
IT BECAUSE I HATE  
THOSE WHO TRY TO  
ALTER DESTINY,  
WHICH IS THE  
UNALTERABLE WILL  
OF GOD! IF IT IS  
MAN'S DESTINY TO  
BE DOMINATED--



--THEN  
PLEASE GOD  
LET MAN BE  
DOMINATED BY  
SUCH AS YOU!



DEAR  
FRIENDS--BEFORE  
THE POLICE COME,  
AND THE AUDIENCE  
GATHERS...

... YOU  
AND YOUR  
BEAUTIFUL BABY  
MUST GO...

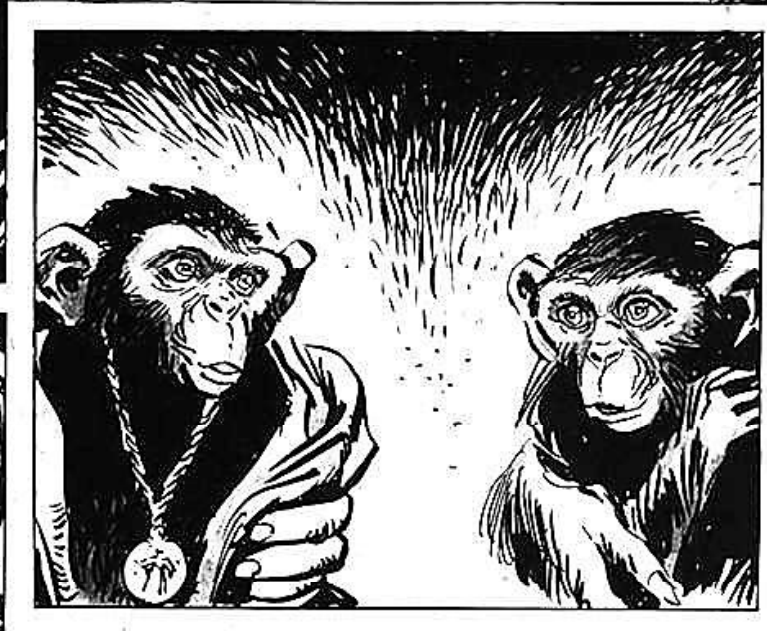


LEWIS IS ON HIS  
WAY NOW, ZIRA...

HE'LL BE HERE  
SHORTLY...











YOU'LL HAVE TO SLIP THROUGH THEM ON FOOT...



CAN YOU READ A MAP, CORNELIUS?



GOOD! THEN LOOK AT THIS...

WE'RE AT THE CITY LIMITS-- ON THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THIS OIL FIELD RIGHT HERE...



FROM THERE, YOU'LL BE LOOKING DOWN ON A HARBOR TO THE SOUTH-EAST AND A SORT OF GRAVEYARD FOR OLD SHIPS THAT HAVE BECOME INSEAWORTHY...



A WEEK--?!













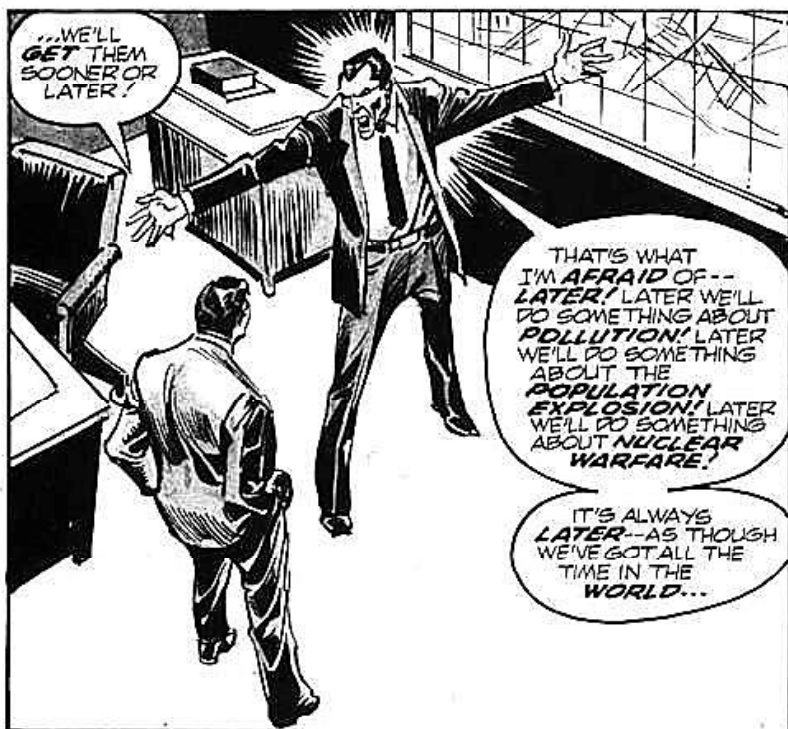


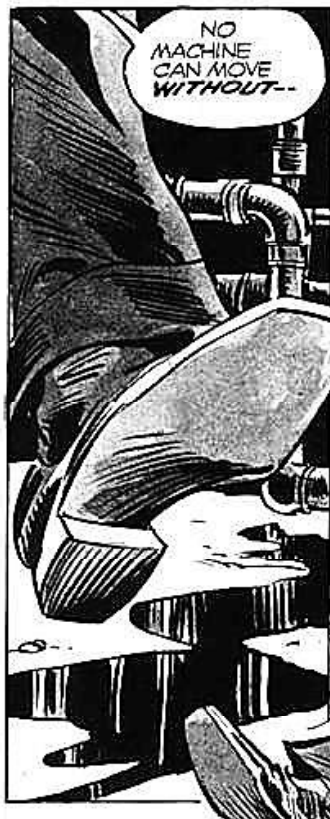
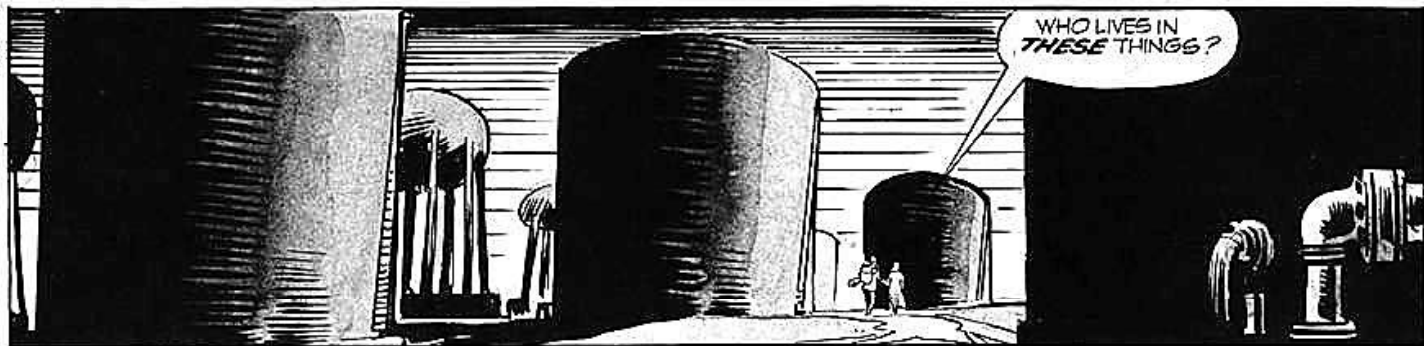
"...OR WE'LL NEVER FIND THOSE LOUSY APES--!"



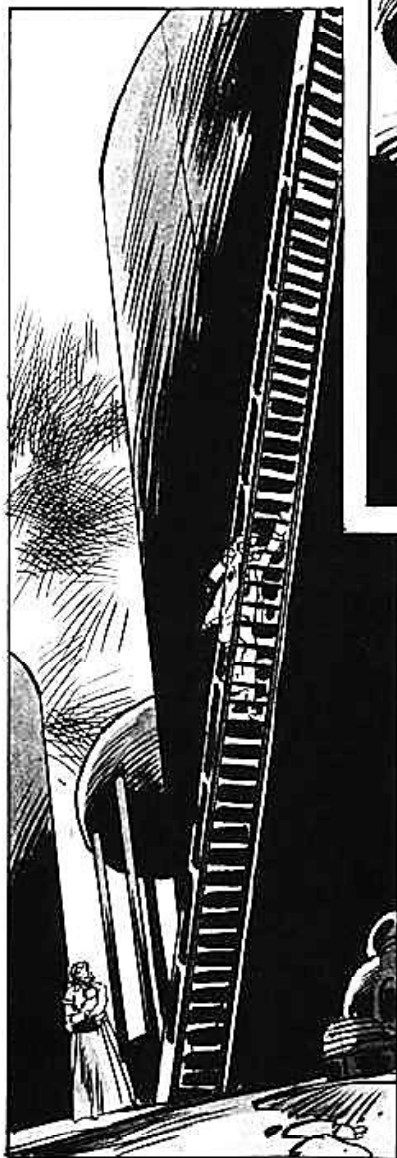
















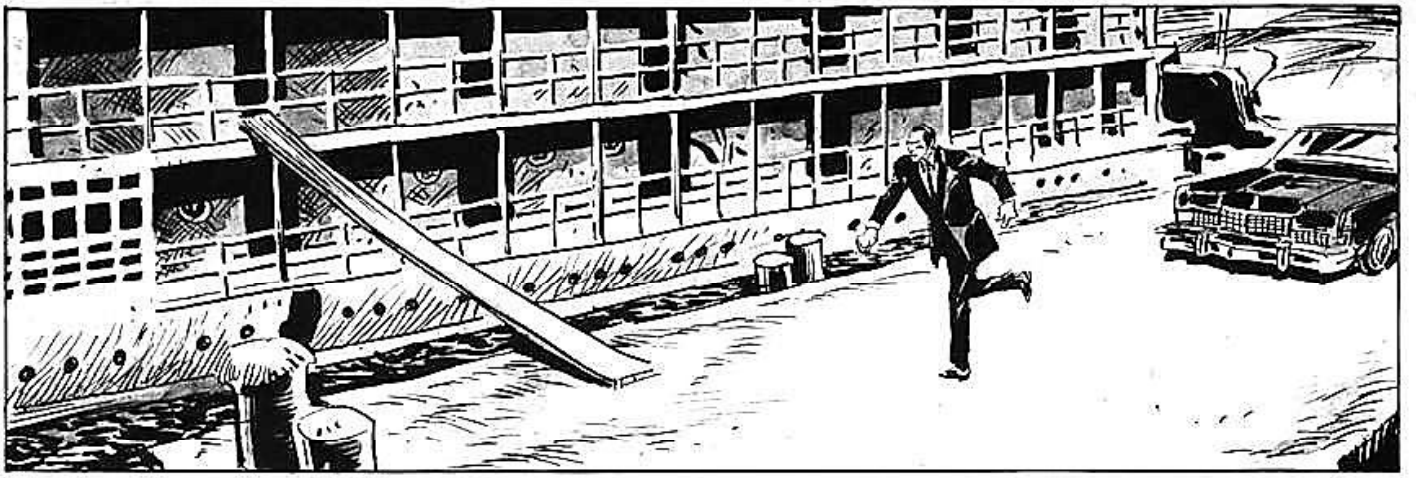












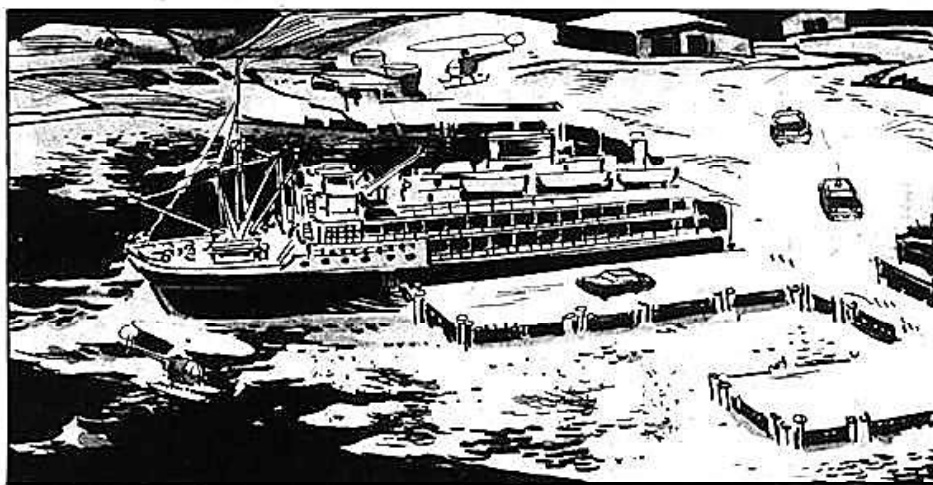
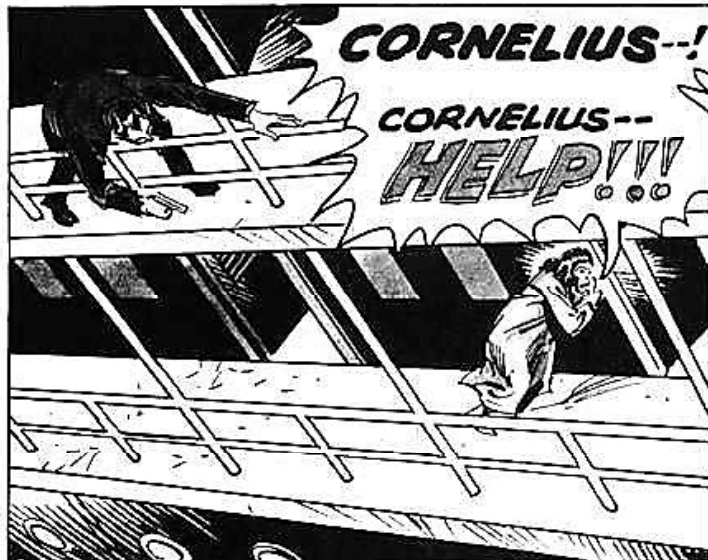


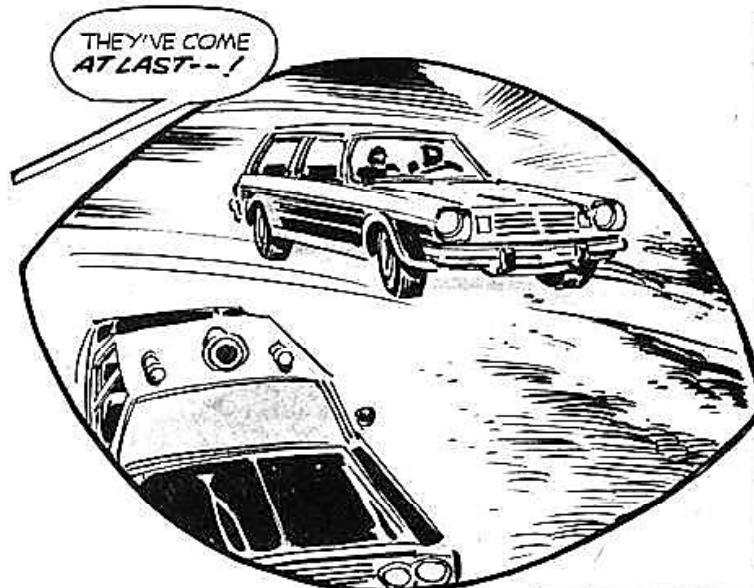




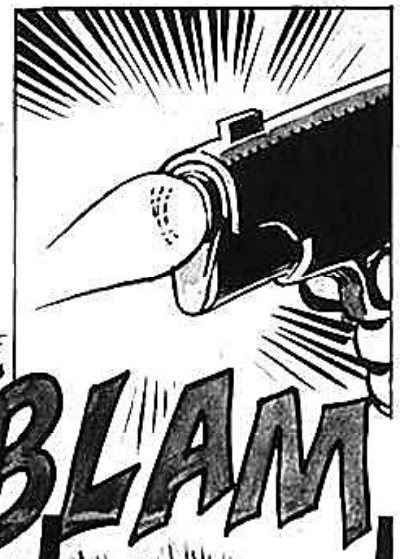














**MURDERER!!  
STINKING  
HUMAN  
MURDERER--!!**







