



THE PLANET OF THE APES: FORBIDDEN ZONE™





This past summer the various loopholes in *Terminator 2* stirred up a lot of discussion about time paradoxes. Can you change the past? The future? How would you know? Is time travel even possible? All of this is old news to followers of *Planet Of The Apes*.

The first two *Apes* films featured characters travelling into the future, but it wasn't until the third film that the series ventured into real paradox territory. Having the characters travel into the past and precipitate events which lead to their future creates a closed loop (or perhaps strange loop would be a better term). How could Zira and Cornelius, in their past set into motion the events which lead to their future? This leads us to a problem called *reverse causality*—the future causing changes in the past—which is the same situation created in both *Terminator* films.

Time travel is discussed in some detail in three of the five *Apes* films. The orangutan Virgil, in *Conquest Of The Planet Of The Apes* asks many of the questions we viewers ask ourselves. Is there an answer to the questions of time travel? Is it possible to close all the loopholes and explain everything away?

I sure hope not, that would make things a lot less interesting.



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THE FORBIDDEN ZONE. FOR GENERATIONS, IT WAS CONSIDERED BY APE, HUMAN, AND MUTANT ALIKE TO BE AN IMPENETRABLE, LIFE-SAPPING DESERT.

A REPUTATION BASED MORE ON LEGEND THAN FACT, FOR SIMULTANEOUS EXPEDITIONS FROM THE APE AND MUTANT CITIES HAVE BRAVED THE DESOLATION AND SURVIVED.

NOW THEY NEAR THE PRIMACY, A PEACEFUL SOCIETY BASED ON THE EQUALITY OF ALL INTELLIGENT BEINGS, BE THEY APE OR HUMAN. A SAFE HAVEN WHICH IS ABOUT TO BECOME A

BATTLE ZONE

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MY
GOD!



THEY'RE
HUMAN!
GENERAL
JAEKEL!
THEY'RE
HUMAN!



CALM
DOWN, PRIVATE!
WHAT'S ALL
THE FUSS?

LOOK, SIR!
THEY'RE HUMANS --
NORMAL HUMANS! NOT
LIKE THOSE **THROWBACKS**
WE'VE SEEN ALONG THE
JUNGLE BORDER!



HMPH!
YOU'RE **HYSTERICAL**,
PRIVATE. THESE CREA-
TURES ARE NO MORE
THAN **TRAINED**
ANIMALS.

TWO
DEMERITS FOR
ALLOWING YOUR
IMAGINATION
TO GET AWAY
FROM YOU!



AND UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE, YOU'RE
REDUCED TO HALF-
RATIONS FOR **VOICING**
YOUR RAVINGS LOUDLY
ENOUGH FOR THE
TROOPS TO HEAR.

COME ALONG,
CONRAD.



YES,
GENERAL
JAEKEL.

PRIMACY.

THIS ISN'T COMMAND CENTRAL FOR YOUR SECURITY FORCES!

COMMANDER SHEA, THIS IS **EXTREMELY** IRREGULAR! WE'RE TRYING TO RUN A **HOSPITAL** HERE!

IT IS NOW, DR. ROMULUS.

FORBIDDEN ZONE

LOOK, DOCTOR, IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT WE HAVE REASON TO EXPECT AN **INVASION**, AND MENDEZ IS THE **BEST** SOURCE OF INFORMATION WE'VE GOT!

FORBIDDEN ZONE

PRIMACY

I UNDERSTAND BUT COULDN'T YOU DO THIS SOMEWHERE **ELSE**?

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CONFINED MENDEZ TO BED REST, NOT ME!

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, DR. ROMULUS, JUST DO **YOUR** JOB, AND LET ME DO **MINE**. IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER COMPLAINTS, TAKE THEM TO THE LAWGIVER; HE'S THE ONLY CITIZEN WHO OUTRANKS ME.

Y-YES, OF COURSE.

COMMANDER SHEA, I THINK YOU SHOULD SEE THIS

WHAT IS IT, BEN?

WE'VE LOST OUTPOST 17. THEY WERE REPORTING A COMBAT SITUATION WHEN WE SUDDENLY LOST CONTACT.

PRIM SEC





AND YOU'LL BE HAPPY TO KNOW I'M UP-GRADING MENDEZ' CONDITION.

HE'S FREE TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL AS LONG AS HE'S NOT SUBJECTED TO ANY STRENUOUS ACTIVITY.

THANK YOU, DOCTOR.



PARDON ME, THERE'S MORE, COMMANDER. THIS GORILLA SAYS HE'S PART OF AN EXPEDITION.

RIGHT. HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO...



WELL, MENDEZ, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE TAKING THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD EVER RIDDEN A HORSE?

HORSE?



SOMEWHERE EAST OF OUTPOST 12...

I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT THIS,
MARTIN. JULIUS HAS
BEEN GONE A
LONG TIME.

SOMETHING'S
HAPPENED TO
HIM. I KNOW
IT!

YOU KNOW
JULIUS, HE PROBABLY
FOUND ANOTHER
BURNED-OUT
BUILDING.

WELL,
WHEREVER
HE IS, I WISH
HE'D GET
BACK.

I'M BREAKING
MY **BACK** DOING
WORK **HE'S** GOING
TO TAKE **CREDIT**
FOR!

ANTONY!
THAT'S NO
ATTITUDE TO
TAKE!

WHY NOT? ANY
ONE OF US COULD
HAVE LEAD-THIS EXPE-
DITION, BUT **WE** GOT
PASSED OVER!

WHY?
BECAUSE
JULIUS IS THE
FIRST GORILLA
WITH ENOUGH
BRAINS TO GET A
DEGREE IN SOMETHING
BESIDES **MARKS-**
MANSHIP!

QUIET!
SOMEONE'S
COMING!

AT LEAST
NERO GOT TO GO BACK
TO APE CITY, SLEEP IN
A REAL BED, EAT
REAL--

ARE YOU
SURE? WHO
IS IT?

WE'RE
DEAD...
DEAD!

"IT'S ARVO!"













PELL, ARE YOU SURE IT WAS A GOOD IDEA LEAVING MENDEZ BACK AT THE COMMAND CENTER? I THINK HE MAKES PEOPLE NERVOUS--ESPECIALLY **GARTH.**

MENDEZ IS GOING TO HAVE TO FIT IN SOMETIME--

--AND RIGHT NOW, THAT'S WHERE HE CAN DO THE MOST GOOD.

BESIDES, SERGEANT GARTH HAS A **MUTINOUS** STREAK. I'D MUCH RATHER HAVE **YOU** WATCHING MY BACKSIDE.



ME TOO, PELL.



GOOD TO SEE YOU, COMMANDER. I GOTTA TELL YOU, THIS GORILLA-- **JULIUS**--HE'S TELLING SOME OF THE **DAMNED** STORIES, BUT I THINK I BELIEVE HIM!

AND WHY'S THAT?



WELL, HE'S THE FIRST GORILLA I'VE EVER MET THAT SEEMED TO BE **AFRAID** OF ME. IT'S LIKE HE'S NEVER SEEN A HUMAN BEFORE.



HMMM... LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT HIM. LT. JASPER.

RIGHT AWAY, COMMANDER. OKAY, NEBO, BRING 'IM OUT!



WE'RE NOT GOING TO HURT YOU. WE JUST WANT TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS.

YEAH. YOU PICKED A BAD TIME TO VISIT.

GASP!



IT'S TRUE THEN! LT. JASPER ISN'T A FREAK! YOU CAN ALL TALK! AMAZING! JUST AMAZING!

WHY!

LIEUTENANT!

THIS MEANS THE LEGENDS ARE ALL TRUE! THERE WAS A HUMAN CULTURE, AND--

EXCUSE ME-- JULIUS, ISN'T IT? THAT'S ALL COMMON KNOWLEDGE AROUND HERE. WE'VE GOT OTHER THINGS TO TALK ABOUT.



I'M THE EXCEPTION, AND NOT THE RULE, I'M AFRAID. BUT I REALIZE MY PRESENCE MUST RAISE SOME LEGITIMATE CONCERNS ON YOUR PART.

RIGHT. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO REMAIN OUR GUEST UNTIL WE GET THIS ALL SORTED OUT.



OH, OF COURSE. I BEG YOUR PARDON. MY NAME IS INDEED JULIUS. PLEASSED TO MEET YOU.

PELL SHEA, COMMANDER OF THE SECURITY FORCES FOR PRIMACY. YOU'RE CERTAINLY THE MOST POLITE GORILLA I'VE EVER MET.





NOW, TELL US WHY YOU'RE HERE, WHO ELSE IS HERE WITH YOU, AND WHY YOU'RE SURPRISED TO HEAR HUMANS TALK.

S-SURE!



I'M FROM APE CITY. I WAS LEADING AN EXPEDITION IN SEARCH OF NEW FARMLANDS WHEN WE DISCOVERED A RUIN NOT FAR FROM HERE.

I WAS DOING SOME ADVANCE SCOUTING WHEN YOUR SOLDIERS FOUND ME. THE REST OF THE EXPEDITION ARE BACK AT CAMP, EXCEPT FOR NERO.



AND THIS NERO, WHERE'S HE?

I WAS SO EXCITED ABOUT FINDING EVIDENCE OF A HUMAN CIVILIZATION... I SENT HIM BACK TO APE CITY TO TELL EVERYONE.



WAIT A MINUTE! YOU DON'T KNOW HUMANS COULD SPEAK AND YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT HUMAN CIVILIZATION? WHAT'S GOING ON?

YOU DON'T KNOW? WHERE I COME FROM, HUMANS ARE JUST ANIMALS. I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THEY COULD BE TRAINED, BUT I NEVER IMAGINED...



THIS NEW EVIDENCE MAKES ME THINK THAT HUMANS WERE **DELIBERATELY** EXCLUDED FROM APE CITY STARTING ABOUT THE TIME OF ALEXANDER AND JACOB-

LOOK, THAT'S A VERY INTERESTING THEORY, BUT I'M CONCERNED WITH **PRIMACY**. IS APE CITY A THREAT?



I DON'T KNOW. MOST APES AREN'T QUITE READY TO ACCEPT HUMANS AS EQUALS BUT I DON'T THINK THEY'D RESORT TO VIOLENCE. THAT IS, EXCEPT...

"...MY
FATHER,
ARVO."

UGH!

KERPOW!

THUD!

HMPH! PATHETIC!
EVEN HUMANS ARE
BETTER SPORT. AT
LEAST THEY DODGE!

COLONEL
ARVO, SIR!

WE'VE
FOUND
JULIUS!

TAKE
ME
THERE!
NOW!

SOON...

SO THE OTHER
CHIMP IS DEAD?
GOOD WORK, SER-
GEANT ORKA.

THANK
YOU,
SIR.

YES, THAT'S
HIM. THAT'S JULIUS,
THE LITTLE
BASTARD!

GRARRH!

ORKA! HUMANS!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL
ME JULIUS WAS
CAPTURED BY
HUMANS?!

WELL,
CALL UP THE
TROOPS! WE'RE
GOING TO
ATTACK!

I DIDN'T
KNOW, SIR! ALL
I SAW WAS AN
ORANGUTAN!
HONEST!

NO!

WHA--
BRAK!



ARVO, YOUR
TROOPS HAVE **SUR-
RENDERED**, AND I
HEREBY ORDER YOU AND
SERGEANT ORKA TO LAY
DOWN ALL WEAPONS AND
FACE THE FOLLOWING
CHARGES...
AND I QUOTE...



DERELICTION
OF DUTY, FAILURE
TO OBEY A DIRECT
ORDER, ABSENCE WITH-
OUT LEAVE, BEHAVIOR
UNBECOMING AN OFFICER,
AND INCITING A
MUTINY.

SO ORDERED
AND SIGNED BY
COUNCILLOR ZOE
AND COUNTERSIGNED
BY ME.



NOW YOU'VE
ADDED **MURDER** TO
YOUR LIST OF
OFFENCES.

YOU'VE
FIGURED **ALL** THAT
OUT, HAVE YOU, BRAK?
MAYBE YOUR OLD BRAIN
ISN'T SO **FEEBLE** AFTER
ALL. NOW, I HAVE
AN OFFER...

THIS IS
HIGHLY
IRREGULAR.



I'LL GO BACK
TO APE CITY WITH
YOU, I'LL FACE
WHATEVER CHARGES
AND PUNISHMENT
YOU BRING AGAINST
ME. I WON'T EVEN
STRUGGLE.
BUT FIRST,
LOOK AT THE
CREATURES THAT
HAVE CAPTURED
MY SON!



HMPH.
VERY WELL.

DO IT, BRAK,
OR YOU'LL HAVE
TO KILL ME
WHERE I
STAND!



MY
WORD!







SOON...



NEXT: **WARZONE**