WHERE MAN ONCE STOOD SUPREME--NOW RULE THE APES!

PLANET OF THE APES

No. 6 WEEK ENDING NOV 30, 1974
AND THAT'S HOW THEY CAUGHT ME, NOVA--IN AN ANIMAL NET, BUT I GAVE THEM A SWEET PIECE OF MY MIND, YOU CAN BET ON THAT. I SCREAMED AT THOSE UGLY BRUTES--SCREAMED AT THEM THE WAY I'VE BEEN DYING TO SCREAM AT THEM EVER SINCE THE DAY I...

BUT I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU THE STORY, HAVEN'T I? TOLD IT TO YOU EVERY DAY FOR THE PAST FOUR WEEKS.

WHY ARE THEY GIVING ME THE SILENT TREATMENT, NOVA? WHERE'S ZIRA--CORNELIUS? WHERE ARE THEY? WHY DOESN'T SOMEBODY COME TO SPEAK TO ME, NOVA?

HOW ABOUT YOU? SAY YOUR NAME. NOVA, NO-VAH.

Yeah... me, Tarzan, you Jane. But that's all right--I HAD A PUPPY ONCE WHO NEVER BARKED, JUST LIKED MY HAND...

'COURSE HE'S DEAD NOW. THEY'RE ALL DEAD. EVERYTHING... GONE. AND NOW I THINK MAYBE OUR HOSTS WILL KILL ME. ARE THEY AFRAID OF ME? I CAN'T HURT THEM... BUT I THREATEN THEM SOMEHOW, THREATEN THEIR FAITH IN SIMIAN SUPERIORITY...
SAY, DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING, NOVA?

SOUNDS LIKE...

"THE WATER HOSE!"

HEYY-- WHAT'S THE IDEA?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING--?!

LEAVE HER ALONE!

SHRACK!

TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF HER, YOU HAIRY SCUM!

WHERE ARE YOU TAKING HER? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? WHY ARE YOU SEPARATING US--?!

SAY SOMETHING, YOU FILTHY MONSTER!!
BACK ON EARTH
I NEEDED NOBODY,
NOVA. OH, THERE WERE
WOMEN... LOTS OF THEM
WITHOUT LOVE. THAT'S
THE KIND OF WORLD IT
WAS TURNING INTO.
WITH THE HELP OF
CYNICS LIKE ME.

SO I LEFT
IT... BECAUSE
THERE WAS NO
ONE PEAR
ENOUGH TO
KEEP ME
 THERE...

NOW THERE
WAS A LOVELY GIRL,
THE MOST PRECIOUS
CARGO WE BROUGHT
ALONG. SHE WAS TO
BE OUR NEW
EVE...

DID I TELL
YOU ABOUT
STEWART?

...SO I
SUPPOSE
IT'S JUST AS
WELL SHE DIDN'T
LIVE TO SEE
THIS.

I WONDER
IF IT'S LOVE
BETWEEN
US.

I'D FIT
WITH THE PATTERN
OF MY LIFE... ME--
FINDING LOVE HERE
...IN HELL.

I REALLY HATE
TO BREAK UP SUCH
A TENDER SCENE,
FREAK--

--BUT IT
SEEMS YOU'RE
WANTED.

I SUPPOSE YOU
HAVEN'T RESISTED
THE MANACLES BECAUSE
YOU THINK SOME OF YOUR
QUESTIONS ARE GOING
TO BE ANSWERED.

WELL, WE'LL SEE.
A FREAK, WE'LL
SEE.

GOOD-BYE,
NOVA. WE'LL
MEET AGAIN.

PLEASE--
TAKE HIM OUT
OF HERE. HE
SICKENS ME.
LED TO A LARGE CHAMBER WITH SPARTAN FURNISHINGS. TAYLOR IS SEATED IN THE CENTRE OF THREE CHAIRS FACING A DAI. LONG MOMENTS OF SILENCE PASS. THEN...

YOU MAY ENTER.

ZIRA—CORNELIUS, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? SHHHHH!

BUT WHAT IS THIS? A HEARING.

BE CLEVER AND BE QUIET—OR WE'VE ALL HAD IT.

ALL RISE IN HONOUR OF THE PRESIDENT!
AND APPEARING FOR THE STATE, DR. HONORIUS, DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE IN THE PROSECUTION.

LET IT BE CLEAR AT THE OUTSET THAT ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THIS INQUIRY ARE CONFIDENTIAL, AND ANYONE DISCUSSING THEM OUTSIDE THIS CHAMBER WILL BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF THE TRIBUNAL.

BY YOUR LEAVE, MR. PRESIDENT—MAY I POINT OUT THAT THE TRIBUNAL HAS NOT YET DEFINED THE PURPOSE OF THIS INQUIRY.

MR. PRESIDENT, I OBJECT!!

RESTRAIN YOURSELF, DR. ZIRA... SINCE YOU ARE THE ONE WHO REQUESTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT YOUR CASE, SURELY YOU MUST KNOW WHY YOU'RE HERE.
MY OWN PURPOSE IS TO SAVE THIS EXCEPTIONAL CREATURE FROM MUTILATION.

AND OUR PURPOSE IS TO SETTLE CUSTODIAL AND JURISPRUDENTIAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE BEAST AND TO DETERMINE WHAT'S TO BE DONE WITH HIM.

BUT AT THE VERY LEAST, THIS MAN HAS THE RIGHT TO KNOW WHETHER THERE'S A CHARGE AGAINST HIM.

OBJECT! THE ACCUSED IS INDEED A MAN. THEREFORE, HE HAS NO RIGHTS UNDER APE LAW.

WELL, DR. ZIRA? THIS IS A MAN, IS HE NOT?

HE IS UNLIKE ANY MAN YOU HAVE EVER SEEN--AS WE HOPE TO PROVE.

ANSWER THE QUESTION--IS HE A MAN?

SIR... IF I MAY... THE QUESTION IS THE POINT AT ISSUE: IS HE A MAN? OR A DEVIATE--A FREAK OF NATURE?

SUSTAINED. IN ALL FAIRNESS, DR. ZIRA, YOU MUST ADMIT THAT THE ACCUSED IS A NON-APE, AND THEREFORE HAS NO RIGHTS UNDER APE LAW.

THIS MAN IS NOT BEING TRIED. HE IS BEING DISPOSED OF.

IT IS SCIENTIFIC HERESY WHICH IS ACTUALLY ON TRIAL HERE.

WELL PUT, DR. MAXIMUS. LET US WARN OUR FRIENDS THAT THEY JEOPARDIZE THEIR OWN CAREERS BY DEFENDING THIS ANIMAL.

THEN WHY IS HE CALLED THE ACCUSED? YOUR HONOURS MUST CONSIDER HIM GUILTY OF SOMETHING.

THEN I'LL DEFEND MYSELF.
DR. ZIRA, I DEMAND THAT YOU INSTRUCT THIS... THIS BRIGHT EYES TO SIT DOWN.

DR. ZIRA, IT SAYS HERE THAT HIS NAME IS BRIGHT EYES. YOU GAVE HIM THAT NAME YOURSELF.

IF IT WEREN'T FOR THESE MANACLES, YOU HAIRY SON-OF-A

LEARNED JUDGES: MY CASE IS SIMPLE. IT IS BASED ON OUR FIRST ARTICLE OF FAITH-- THAT THE ALMIGHTY CREATED THE APE IN HIS OWN IMAGE; THAT HE GAVE HIM A SOUL AND A MIND; THAT HE SET HIM APART FROM THE BEASTS IN THE JUNGLE...

THESE TRUTHS ARE SELF-EVIDENT. THE PROPER STUDY OF APES IS APES, BUT CERTAIN YOUNG CYNICS HAVE CHOSEN TO STUDY MAN--

AND THAT HE MADE HIM THE LORD OF THE PLANET.
—AND I DENOUNCE THEM AS PERVERTED SCIENTISTS... BENT ON NOTHING BUT THE ADVANCEMENT OF AN INSIDIOUS THEORY CALLED "EVOLUTION."

AND I SAY THERE IS A CONSPIRACY AFOOT TO UNDERMINE THE VERY CONSERVATION OF OUR FAITH, AND TO--

COME TO THE POINT, DR. HONORIUS.

DIRECTLY, MR. PRESIDENT, THIS WRETCHED MAN, THE ACCUSED, IS ONLY A PAWN IN THE CONSPIRACY WE KNOW THAT HE WAS WOUNDED IN THE THROAT AT THE TIME OF HIS CAPTURE.

THE STATE CHARGES THAT DR. ZIRA AND A CORRUPT SURGEON NAMED GALEN EXPERIMENTED ON THIS WOUNDED ANIMAL--

TAMPERING WITH HIS BRAIN AND THROAT TISSUES TO CREATE A SPEAKING MONSTER--!

THAT'S A LIE!!

MIND YOUR TONGUE, ZIRA.

BUT YOU CAN'T BELIEVE THAT WE CREATED HIS MIND, TOO! NOT ONLY CAN THIS MAN SPEAK, BUT HE CAN WRITE. HE CAN REASON.
HE CAN REASON, DR. ZIRA?

WITH THE TRIBUNAL'S PERMISSION, I WISH TO EXPOSE THIS HOAX BY DIRECT EXAMINATION.

PROCEED, BUT DON'T TURN THIS HEARING INTO A FARCE.

TELL THE COURT, BRIGHT EYES--WHAT IS THE SECOND ARTICLE OF FAITH?

I ADMIT I KNOW NOTHING OF YOUR CULTURE.

OF COURSE HE DOESN'T KNOW OUR CULTURE--BECAUSE HE CANNOT THINK.

TELL US WHY ALL APES WERE CREATED EQUAL?

SOME APES, IT SEEMS, ARE MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS.

RIDICULOUS--A CONTRADICTION IN TERMS. TELL US, BRIGHT EYES, WHY DO MEN HAVE NO SOULS? WHAT IS THE PROOF THAT A DIVINE SPARK EXISTS IN THE SIMIAN BRAIN?

MR. PRESIDENT, IF I MAY INTERRUPT.

SINCE THE DEFENDANT IS FORBIDDEN TO SPEAK IN HIS OWN DEFENSE, HE ASKS THAT THIS STATEMENT BE READ INTO THE RECORD.

SHOW THIS TO THE PRESIDENT.

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