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

PLANET OF THE APES

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DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE!

DON'T WORRY--IF HE REACHES THE FORBIDDEN ZONE--HE'S DOOMED!

ESCAPE FROM APE CITY!
HAVING SUCCESSFULLY ESCAPED FROM APE CITY, TAYLOR AND HIS FRIENDS STOP FOR REST--

NOVA, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH YOUR MATE, TAYLOR...

CONTINUING OUR APE EXTRAVAGANZA...

Stan Lee PRESENTS: DOUG MOENCH GEORGE TUSKA MIKE ESPOSITO DAVE HUNT WRITER ARTIST INKER LETTERER
Looks like something's wrong with your mate, Taylor...

You may be smarter than I am, Taylor...

...but I'm the veterinary on this planet. I'll take care of her.

Let me handle this...

She'll be all right, Taylor. Come take a look at the river... it's quite a sight.

Where does it lead?

It empties into a sea some miles from here. That's where my cave diggings are.

And beyond that?

No one knows. At high tide you can't ride along the shore, and we had no boats on the last expedition.

You've never told me why this region's called the forbidden zone.

I really don't know why it's an ancient taboo... set forth in the sacred scrolls. The langriver pronounced the area deadly.

Hey--shouldn't we be moving on?
I'M FOR THAT.

THIS CAVE OF YOURS SHOULD PROVE INTERESTING, CORNELIUS.

WHAT'S THE DIAGNOSIS, DOCTOR--A TOUCH OF THE SUN?

SICK--YES, SHE NEEDS REST--A LONG REST...

...OR SHE WILL DIE!

YOU SEE--YOU'RE BEING SO... SO... DIFFERENT.

--IT HAS UPSET HER.

THEN WE WILL BOTH GO AWAY, DOCTOR--

--AND I'LL MAKE SURE SHE LIVES...

...BELIEVE ME--SHE WILL LIVE!

COME ON--THIS IS WHERE WE ABANDON THE WAGON.

...AND BEGIN OUR DESCENT ON FOOT.
THEN, BY NIGHTFALL, CORNELIUS' FORMER ENCAMPMENT IS REACHED...

BUT, DISSUADED BY DARKNESS AND FATIGUE, THE SMALL GROUP AGREES TO DELAY THEIR INITIAL INVESTIGATIONS IN FAVOUR OF SLEEP...

--AND THE LIGHT OF DAWN.

WELL, NOW, IN JUST A SECOND OR TWO, WE'LL SEE HOW YOU LIKE--

MY UNAPORNED FACE...

A LITTLE NICKED... BUT NOT ALL THAT UGLY, EH...?

WHY DID YOU DO THAT? SCRAPE OFF YOUR HAIR?

IN MY WORLD-- BEFORE I LEFT IT, ANYWAY-- ONLY YOUNGSTERS OF YOUR AGE, LUCIUS, WORE THEIR HAIR UNSCRAPED.

STILL, IT MAKES YOU LOOK SOMEHOW LESS INTELLIGENT.

YOU WOULD SAY THAT, CORNELIUS.

BUT WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO SHOW ME WHAT'S IN YOUR CAVE?

RIGHT NOW, IF YOU LIKE.
DO YOU HEAR THAT?...

SOUNDS LIKE HORSES....!

IT'S DOCTOR ZAIUS--!

NOT TO MENTION THE MEANEST-LOOKING BUNCH OF GORILLAS I'VE SEEN ON THIS PLANET YET.

LUCIUS-- DON'T FIRE AT THEM!

YOU'RE ALL UNDER ARREST.

AND YOU, LUCIUS-- YOU SEDITIOUS LITTLE SCOUNDREL-- PUT DOWN THAT RIFLE.

DO AS HE SAYS, LUCIUS.

OH, ALL RIGHT.

THAT'S BETTER, NOW. I MUST INFORM ALL OF YOU--

STOP RIGHT THERE, ZAIUS!
DON'T BE A FOOL!  YOU'RE OUTNUMBERED AND OUTGUNNED...!

MAYBE SO...

BUT IF THERE'S ANY SHOOTING TO BE DONE, DR. ZAUS-- YOU'LL BE THE FIRST TO CATCH IT.

YOU CAN DEPEND ON THAT.

TAYLOR, YOU'RE NOT IN COMMAND HERE.  LOWER THAT RIFLE.

SHUT UP.

VERY WELL.

LOWER YOUR WEAPONS.
TELL THEM TO MOVE AROUND THE POINT DOWN THE BEACH -- OUT OF RANGE.

HOW DID YOU KNOW WE'D COME HERE, SIR?

IT WASN'T DIFFICULT TO ANTICIPATE. ONLY AN APOSTATE OR A LUNATIC WOULD FLEE TO THE FORBIDDEN ZONE.

I SEE YOU BROUGHT ALONG THE FEMALE OF YOUR SPECIES...

I DIDN'T REALIZE MAN COULD BE MONOGAMOUS.

ON THIS PLANET -- IT'S EASY.

HAH!

FORGIVE MY DERISION, BUT I CAN SEE THAT TALKING TO A HUMAN WON'T GET ME ANYWHERE.
LET'S HOPE YOU HAVE MORE SENSE.

I'M ASKING YOU TO RECONSIDER THE RASH COURSE OF ACTION YOU'VE TAKEN. IF YOU'RE CONVICTED OF HERESY, THE MOST YOU'LL GET IS TWO YEARS...

BUT IF YOU PERSIST IN POINTING GUNS IN MY DIRECTION...

---YOU'LL HANG FOR HIGH TREASON.

WE'VE NEVER MEANT TO BE TREASONABLE, SIR...

...AND I MEAN THAT WITH ALL SINCERITY AND DUE RESPECT.

BUT UP THERE, IN THE FACE OF THE CLIFF, IS A VAST CAVE FILLED WITH A FABULOUS TREASURE OF FOSSILS AND ARTIFACTS...

I'VE SEEN SOME OF YOUR FOSSILS AND ARTIFACTS...

AND THAT'S THE ATTITUDE OF YOUR MINISTER OF SCIENCE—-! HONOR-BOUND TO EXPAND THE FRONTIERS OF KNOWLEDGE—- THE STINKING HYPOCRITE!

TAYLOR, PLEASE.

CLAIMING TO ALSO BE THE CHIEF DEFENDER OF THE FAITH---!
THERE IS NO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN FAITH AND SCIENCE.

TRUE SCIENCE.

ALL RIGHT, THEN—LET'S SEE IF YOU'RE WILLING TO PUT THAT STATEMENT TO A TEST.

TAYLOR, I REALLY WISH YOU WOULDN'T.

NO, YOU SAVED ME FROM THE FANATIC...

MAYBE I CAN PAY YOU BACK.

WHEN WERE THE SACRED SCROLLS WRITTEN?

WHAT IS YOUR PROPOSAL?

ALL RIGHT—IF ZIRA AND CORNELIUS CAN PROVE THAT THOSE SCROLLS DON'T TELL THE WHOLE TRUTH OF YOUR HISTORY... IF THEY CAN SHOW YOU DEFINITE EVIDENCE OF ANOTHER CULTURE FROM AN UNRECORDED PAST...

--WILL YOU EXONERATE THEM? DROP ALL CHARGES AGAINST THEM?

OF COURSE.
OKAY, COME ON UP TO THE CAVE.

SORRY, LUCIUS, BUT I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY DOWN THERE AND GUARD THE HORSES.

RELAX—you'll see it all later.

AND REMEMBER, DR. ZAIUS... DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING...

ALWAYS GIVING ORDERS, JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER ADULT.

WELL, THIS IS YOUR PRECIOUS CAVE, CORNELIUS—PRESENT YOUR EVIDENCE.

ON MY WORLD, CAVES WERE VERY SIMILAR TO TOMBS.

WELL, SIR... IT WAS AT THIS LEVEL I DISCOVERED TRACES OF AN EARLY APE CREATURE—A STAGE OF PRIMITIVE BARBARISM, REALLY—DATING BACK ROUGHLY THIRTEEN-HUNDRED YEARS...

AND IT WAS HERE I FOUND CUTTING TOOLS AND ARROWHEADS... AS WELL AS THE FOSSILIZED BONES OF CARNIVOROUS GORILLAS...
BUT THE ARTIFACTS LYING AT YOUR FEET WERE FOUND AT A PEKKER LEVEL, AND THAT'S THE PARADOX-- THE MORE ANCIENT CULTURE IS THE MORE ADVANCED.

ADMITTEDLY, MANY OF THESE OBJECTS ARE UNIDENTIFIED, BUT THEY WERE CLEARLY FASHIONED BY BEINGS WITH A KNOWLEDGE OF METALLURGY.

TO BEGIN WITH, YOUR METHODS OF DATING THE PAST ARE CRUDE, TO SAY THE LEAST. THERE ARE GEOLOGISTS ON MY STAFF WHO WOULD LAUGH AT YOUR SPECULATIONS.

SECONDLY, IF THESE TOOLS, AS YOU CALL THEM, ARE UNIDENTIFIED... WHY ARE THEY INTRODUCED AS "EVIDENCE" OF ANYTHING?

RIGHT THERE -- THE HUMAN DOLL.

WHAT'S THE MATTER, ZAULUS--MONKEY GOT YOUR TONGUE?

NEXT ISSUE: THE SHOCKING SECRET OF THE PLANET OF THE APES
Now into its tenth week, the great Apes saga continues to draw an ever increasing audience to the T.V. screens of Independent Television.

Last week we studied the career of Roddy McDowall, and his character ‘Galen’ the chimpanzee. This week we spotlight another star from the T.V. series.

Destined to rank with established T.V. series stars as Jack Lord, Peter Falk and William Conrad, let us introduce you to RON HARPER, playing the part of astronaut Alan Virdon—a fugitive on the Planet of the Apes!

THE RON HARPER STORY

The young Ron Harper, after graduating from Princeton University, turned down a fellowship to Law School in favour of becoming an actor. He performed two seasons with the Princeton University Players, and then went to New York to study with the prolific dramatic coach, Lee Strasburg. It was Lee Strasburg’s Actors Studio that produced such talent as Marlon Brando—fine company for any young actor.

With this experience Harper made some television appearances, before joining the U.S. Navy.

After leaving the services, Ron Harper made a name for himself on the Broadway Stage, and also toured with a production of “Sweet Bird of Youth”. With his return to television, Harper appeared regularly in various T.V. shows, two of which have been seen on this side of the Atlantic, namely ‘87th Precinct’ and “Garrison’s Gorillas”. Although his starring role in Planet of the Apes is keeping him very busy, Ron Harper’s sporting activities include tennis, sailing and horse riding. And when it comes to relaxation, Harper is an excellent oil painter.

Ron Harper also co-stars with fellow astronaut in the T.V. series, James Naughton, and we shall take a look at Naughton’s career next week.
Ron Harper and James Naughton as fugitive astronauts Virdon and Burke, aided by chimpanzee Galen, played by Roddy McDowell in their attempt to escape capture on the Planet of the Apes!