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MUSEUM OF TERROR!

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STAN LEE PRESENTS: PLANET OF THE APES!

THE MUSEUM

THE FUTURE:

A TIME OF DEATH.

DEATH AT THE HANDS OF THE SIMIAN INVADERS!

DEATH AT THE HANDS OF THEIR MINDLESS PUPPET SLAVES.

DEATH AT THE HANDS OF THE HUMAN'S CHAMPION.

THE MAN OTHER MEN CALL -- APESLAYER!

WATCH IT, APESLAYER -- THE GENERAL'S MAN ALMOST GOT YOU.

THEN LET THEM TRY, MALA -- AND WE'LL SHOW THEM HOW FREEMEN FIGHT.

MARY WOLFEHAN STORY / HERB TRIMPE ART / FRANK GIACOMA INKS
TOO LONG HAVE THE GENERALS HAD THEIR WAY--NOW IS THE TIME FOR US--

NO SUCH LUCK, APESLAYER--OUR ENERGY GUNS HAVE RUN DRY WHAT NOW?

TOO MANY OF THE GENERAL'S MEN FOR THE TWO OF US, MALA--

--WHAT?--

ZWARTH-

--SO WE'LL BETTER IMPROVISE.

IN THIS BUILDING, BROTHER--QUICKLY...

BEFORE THEIR MASTERS REALIZE WHAT THIS PLACE IS:

A MUSEUM--FILLED WITH ALL THE WEAPONS MAN HAS EVER CREATED

APESLAYER DOWN!

THANKS, BROTHER
DON'T MENTION IT, APESLAYER...
JUST DO THE SAME FOR ME.
LIKE SO, BROTHER?
LIKE SO, BROTHER.

I'VE BEEN HERE ONCE BEFORE, MALA. WE GO DOWN THIS CORRIDOR.--

AS LONG AS YOU DON'T TAKE THE SCENIC ROUTE HOME, MY TOUR GUIDE, LEAD ON.

--THE GENERAL PROMISED SPECIAL REWARDS FOR THE CRIMSON-HAIRED ONE.

THEY RAN IN HERE-- I'D SWEAR TO THE SIMIANS!
YOU MIGHT HAVE TO, GORT-- THEY'RE GONE.

NO, 'BROTHERS'-- WAITING--
AND NOW THAT YOU'RE IN THE CORRECT PLACE--

IT'S HIM-- KILL HIM!
DIDN'T THE GENERALS Warn you that thinking can sometimes be DANGEROUS -- IF NOT FATAL?

SUCH VIOLENT THOUGHTS FROM SLAVES...

CRASH!

ARGHHHHH!

IN HERE -- I'VE TRAPPED THE BLACK ONE HERE!

I'LL KILL YOU SOON ENOUGH, BLACK --!

MY ORDERS ARE TO KEEP THE RED-HAIRED ONE ALIVE -- NOT YOU.

A WHOLE LOT OF GOOD IT WILL DO WITH YOUR aim, SLAVE --

VERY WELL THEN, SLAVE...

-- YOU'VE GIVEN ME MY WARNING -- NOW I'VE GOT THE UPPER HAND...

I KNOW YOUR INTENTIONS -- BUT YOU'VE GOT NO IDEA OF MINE...

... OR HOW THIS ANCIENT WEAPON FITS INTO IT.

OH! YOU RUN GOOD!

YOU MAKE IT EASIER TO DESTROY YOU BLACK!
KEEP TALKIN', SLAVE-- KEEP RILIN' ME LIP--

---ENOUGH TO MAKE ME AIM REAL GOOD--

THING!

SPLIT--

MISS ME, BLACK-- MISSED--

YOU MAY HAVE LOST YOUR CHANCE-- BUT I SWEAR I'LL NOT LOSE ANIME.

SPLAT!

PERHAPS YOUR MASTER DOESN'T LIKE SWEARING, SLAVE.

MALA!

SO THERE YOU ARE, APESLAYER-- I'VE BEEN WONDERING WHERE YOU HAD DISAPPEARED TO--

WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

ENDING THE LIFE OF A TRAITOR, MALA--
ARE YOU MAD?
I'M NO TRAITOR.

-- THE ONE BEHIND
YOU -- THE TRAITOR
WHO SOLD HIS HUMAN
HERITAGE TO APES --

-- WHO BOWS
TO SIMIANS
GOSS --

-- THAT
TRAITOR!
MALA
-- THAT
TRAITOR!

NOT
YOU,
BROTHER --

BUT THEY'LL
SOON BOW NO
MORE -- NOT
ONCE OUR
MEN FIND THE
GENERALS

-- AND
DESTROY
THEM!

SPEAK, SLAVE --
TELL ME WHERE
THE GENERALS
HIDE --

TALK, SLAVE --
TELL ME WHERE
THEY STORE
THEIR WEAPONS--

...PLACE
THEY CALLED IT...
DEAD, MALA--
THE KEEPERS MUST
HAVE PROGRAMMED
DEATH BEFORE
BETRAYAL
INTO HIM.
THEN WE'VE
LEARNED
NOTHING.

LA
AGGGHHHHH!!

APESLAYER!

WRONG, BROTHER--
I NOW KNOW
WHERE THEIR
WEAPONS ARE
HIDDEN--

--AND TONIGHT WE SHALL
INVADE THEIR GUARDED
STRONGHOLD--

BUT FIRST--
THIS MUSEUM
IS INTERESTING.
THERE MAY BE
THINGS HERE
WE CAN SOME
DAY USE.

PERHAPS
EVEN SOME
NEW
CLOTHING?

YOU KNOW
YOUR PROBLEM,
MALA? YOU
STILL THINK
LIKE THE
DIRT-CRAWLER
YOU ARE.

TO THINK
YOU WERE
THE SECOND-
BEST
GLADIATOR
IN THE
SIMIAN'S
ARENA
GAMES--

--RIGHT
BEHIND ME,
OF COURSE.

THAT
CLANKS
WITH
EVERY
STEP
YOU
TAKE?

IF YOU EVER
WISH TO DEFEND
YOUR TITLE,
APESLAYER-- YOU
KNOW WHERE YOU
CAN FIND ME.
LOOK AT THIS PLACE, MALA -- CRAMMED WITH ALL THE WEAPONS OF MAN'S VIOLENT PAST.

TAKE THIS SPEAR--

NO THANK YOU, MY FRIEND-- MY SWORD IS ENOUGH FOR ME.

YOUR SWORD IS FOR SLAYING RITIERS, NOT APES!

NOW THIS -- THIS IS AS FINE AN EDGED BLADE AS I'VE EVER SEEN.

WITH THIS AND A NEW WARRIOR'S UNIFORM, I FEEL I COULD LAY WASTE TO THE ENTIRE SIMIAN ARMIES.

NOW, MALA -- WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THIS?

WHAT GENERAL OR APE MACHINE COULD NOW STAND BEFORE--

--APESLAYER!

THEN TRY THESE CLOTHINGS ON FOR SIZE, BROTHER.
ONE HOUR MORE THEY SPEND IN THIS HALF-CRUMBLED MUSEUM, SEARCHING THROUGH TIME-EATEN DEBRIS FOR WEAPONS... AND FINDING A FEW, THEY MAY EVENTUALLY USE, THEY LEAVE.

THUS WE IMPROVISE AGAIN, MALA—OR DID YOUR MOTTLED MIND NOT RECOGNIZE WHAT THAT VEHICLE IS?

A MOTOR-CAR FROM BEFORE? WHAT GOOD IS THAT WHEN ITS POWER-SOURCE MUST BE DEAD?

EASIER SAID THAN DONE—OR DID YOU FORGET OUR BOAT WAS DESTROYED BY THE GENERALS?

WHAT'S THAT YOU SAID, MY FRIEND? OR ARE YOU ABOUT TO EAT YOUR OWN FOOLISH WORDS?

THE MOTOR TUNKS.

SLOWLY WE'LL BE HOME BACK WITH THE OTHERS.

AS DEAD AS ITS PREVIOUS OWNER OBVIOUSLY IS.

THE GENERAL EXPLAINED SOME MECHANICS TO ME, BROTHER—PERHAPS IT WILL BE ENOUGH TO START THIS THING MOVING.

DON'T PLACE YOUR LIFE ON IT, APESLAYER.

OR DIDN'T YOU NOTICE THAT TREE BEHIND YOU?

A MOMENTARY SETBACK, I'LL HAVE THIS FOUR-WHEELED BEAST IN MY CONTROL IN MOMENTS...

A BRIEF REMIND ME OF THIS CONVERSATION THE NEXT TIME THE GENERALS MEN HAVE YOU TRAPPED.

CRASH!

SO I DON'T FORGET TO LOOK THE OTHER WAY AND LET THEM HAVE YOU.
Dear Stan,

I just don’t want to tell you that I don’t usually read comics, but I have just read Planet of The Apes. It’s really great. And I hope the Comic, TV series and films go on for ever.

Erika Morris
Wales.

“Ever” is the best part of a long, long time, Erika. But we’ll do our best! Promise!

Dear Bullpen,

Thanks for bringing out the greatest comic mag of the century, second to none. But let’s hope that standards don’t fall, ‘cos, if they do Spiderman will take his number one position, in my mind, anyway.

I suppose that this new saga is ‘Beneath the Planet of The Apes’. It seems alright, but please give that young chimp Alexander some more hair. He looks like a mangy dog. And also, like Paul Dannaiole says, keep Ka-zar out of the Apes mag. He’s too corny for words. You say that lots of Marvelites are over the moon for Ka-zar and Gulliver Jones (he was OK) but I beg to disagree, and I for one have got my thumb down on Ka-zar.

I’m sorry for having to complain so much, but as you say, it’s us fans that form the line-up of the mags.

Now may I ask if after this saga you will be doing the other three features of the apes in your Planet of The Apes mag.

J. Jameson RFO, KOY
73 Massfield Drive, South Shields.

As you so rightly say, J.J., it’s Marvelites who make the final decision on who’s in the mags and who isn’t. But that decision, of course, is the distillation of many, many points of view from many, many readers. So our thanks to you for tossing your opinions into the melting pot. On the question of whether we shall be running the stories of ALL the apes films, you may have caught our reply to another Marvel Madman who posed the same question. It’s something we very much wish to do.

Dear Stan,

I am very soothed that you brought out The Planet of The Apes because I wanted very much to see it at the pictures, but unluckily we missed it.

But! One day my mum bought The Planet of The Apes for me, and Geel Stan, it was great! And so far I have looked forward to every Saturday when I nip up to the newsgagent to get it.

Mark Nixon
Isle of Wight.

Don’t take any chances, Mark. Next time you nip to your newsgagent ask him to put Planet of Apes on a regular order for you. If you could see the harrowing letters we receive from readers who’ve found their newsgagent sold out. It’d make your heart bleed!

Dear Stan and The Gang.

I just don’t know how you do it! I really don’t know how you bring out two new mags and on the same day. And the new mags are really great, but none better than Planet Of The Apes.

I don’t like to say this but there is one thing wrong, and that is no Silver Surfer or X-Men. I’m sure that many other fans would like to see either of these features.

I went to see the Planet of the Apes film a few weeks before it came out. But even so, I really enjoyed the mag.

But what’s this? A boob in ish 9 on the feature on Ron Harper. Look, at the bottom of the page you show Ron Harper with Urko the gorilla leader played by Mark Lenard. Those two pieces of print prove I’m correct. You have spelt Urko as Erko. No such ape as Erko do I know, and the gorilla leader is Urko, played by Mark Lenard. No thanks. I don’t want a No-prize. I know you may say I’m crazy, but I’m one nice fan who doesn’t want to give you a hard time explaining it.

I’ve just been reading ish 12, and what a script it was. Brillo! Also the art. I’d like to give special thanks to Mike Ploog.

Alistair Henderson, RFO, KOY, QNS.
Roehampton, London.

Since you haven’t said much about Urko and Urko we aren’t going to say very much either, Alistair. In fact all we’re gonna do is give you our thanks for pointing all of it out. And we don’t need to say very much about the Silver Surfer and the X-men, either, because by the time all this is being read by an avid public you’ll know that the Silvery One and Dr Xavier’s little clan are all on view!

Dear Marvel Man Stan.

I wish to congratulate you on your two magnificent comics, Planet of The Apes and Dracula Lives. I’ve already placed a regular order for them. By the way, I have one of those comics with the speech bubble with no words, in issue No. 1 of the Apes. Keep up the good work.

Chris Parker
Wimborne, Dorset.

Congratulations, Chris. Congratulations on having the native sagacity to place your newsgagent under contract! Welcome to the fold. You’re a Marvelite for us to be proud of! And take the best of care of that No. 1. issue of Planet of the Apes.

Dear Stan.

Are you or are you not going to publish a Planet of the Apes book and a Dracula Lives book?

Michael Nelson
86 Pritsmant Point, Bow, London.

Yes, Mike. We shall indeed be publishing a Dracula Lives book, and we hope to have it on sale by the spring. Just keep watching the mags for an announcement, cos as soon as we’ve got ‘em ready, you’ll be the first to know.