

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

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# PLANET OF THE APES



THE ONLY  
**GOOD HUMAN--**

IS A  
**DEAD HUMAN!**



Stan Lee PRESENTS: **PLANET OF THE APES!**<sup>TM</sup>

# BENEATH THE **PLANET OF THE APES**

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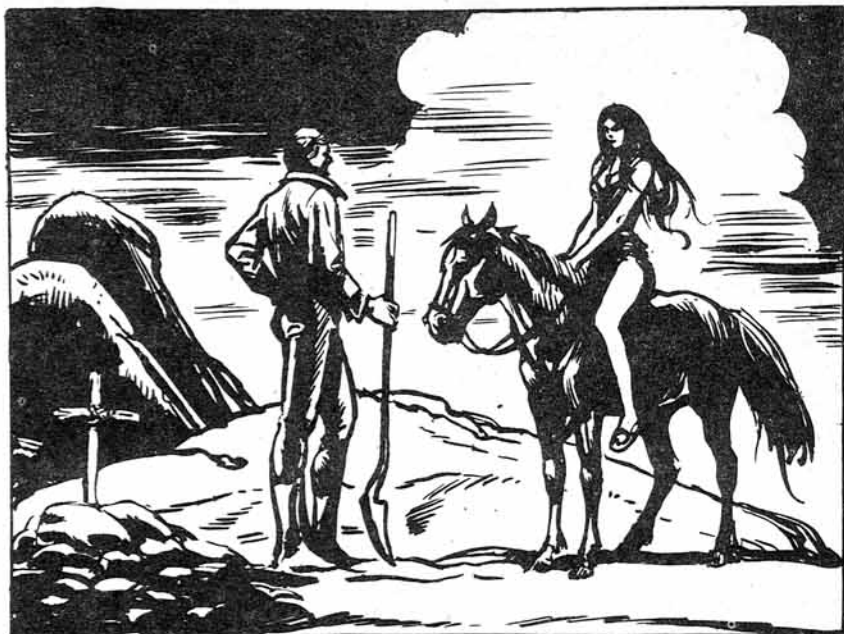
## PART TWO - **FATEFUL ENCOUNTER!**

BEFORE VANISHING INTO A THREE-DIMENSIONAL HALLUCINATION, ASTRONAUT TAYLOR ORDERS HIS MUTE COMPANION, NOVA, TO GO TO THE CHIMPANZEE QUARTER AND SOMEHOW WARN ZIRA ABOUT THE INEXPLICABLE PHENOMENA.

AS SHE RIDES TOWARD THE APE CITY, SHE CANNOT SUSPECT THAT SHE WILL SOON BE MEETING ASTRONAUT BRENT, SOLE SURVIVOR OF A SECOND WAYWARD VOYAGE TO THE PLANET OF THE APES!













MY GOD,  
THIS IS A  
NIGHT-  
MARE!



WHAT'S  
GOING ON  
DOWN  
THERE?

GREETINGS,  
MEMBERS OF  
THE CITIZEN'S  
COUNCIL ...



I AM A  
SIMPLE  
SOLDIER.

AS A  
SIMPLE  
SOLDIER,  
I SEE  
THINGS  
SIMPLY...



THIS IS LUNACY. I  
KNOW WHAT HAPPENED--  
OUR RE-ENTRY: A  
FORCE OF 156 AT TWENTY-  
THOUSAND MILES AN  
HOUR. IT MADE SKIPPER  
BLIND-- AND DROVE  
ME MAD. EVERYTHING  
HERE IS A DELUSION...



...EVEN  
YOU.

WHICH IS  
TOO BAD  
BECAUSE...



WHAT I SAW-- WHEN I BECAME  
YOUR ARMY COMMANDER--  
BROKE MY HEART.

I SAW OUR COUNTRY IMPRISONED  
BY THE SEA AND BY NAKED DESERT.  
AND INSIDE OUR COUNTRY, I SAW  
US BECOME INFECTED BY THOSE  
ENORMOUS PARASITES CALLED  
HUMANS... PARASITES WHICH  
DEVOURED THE FRUITS WE HAD  
PLANTED IN A LAND RIGHTLY OURS.



... PARASITES WHICH **FLATTENED** OUR ONCE FERTILE **FIELDS**, AND **POLLUTED** OUR PRECIOUS **LAKES** AND **RIVERS** WITH THEIR FOUL **EXCREMENT**-- WHICH CONTINUED TO **BREED** IN OUR VERY MIDST LIKE **MAGGOTS** IN A ONCE **HEALTHY BODY**.

WHAT SHOULD WE **DO** ABOUT SUCH PARASITES? HOW SHOULD WE **ACT**--?



AS A **SOLDIER**, I KNOW WHAT **EVERY** SOLDIER KNOWS-- THE ONLY THING THAT COUNTS IN THE END IS **POWER**! **NAKED, MERCILESS FORCE**!

AND I COME HERE TODAY TO ANNOUNCE THAT I HAVE **USED** THAT FORCE-- TO FLUSH **EVERY LAST ONE** OF THE BESTIAL HUMAN HORDES FROM OUR **LAND**! THE ONLY HUMANS NOT ALREADY **DEAD** ARE IN OUR **CAGES**-- CONDEMNED TO **DIE**!



A RUSH OF **APPLAUSE** FOLLOWS THE FIERY ORATOR'S WORDS, AND AFTER HE HAS RAISED HIS HANDS TO **STILL** THAT **APPLAUSE**...

I DO NOT SAY THAT ALL HUMANS ARE **EVIL** SIMPLY BECAUSE THEIR SKIN IS **HAIRLESS**. BUT OUR **LAWGIVER** TELLS US THAT NEVER WILL THEY HAVE THE APE'S DIVINE FACULTY FOR **DISTINGUISHING** BETWEEN **EVIL** AND **GOOD**...

THEIR **EYES** ARE **ANIMAL**. THEIR **SMELL** IS THE SMELL OF THE DEAD FLESH THEY **EAT**. HAD THEY BEEN ALLOWED TO LIVE AND BREED **UNCHECKED**, THEY WOULD HAVE **OVERWHELMED** US-- AND THE CONCEPT OF **APE POWER** WOULD HAVE BEEN **RAVAGED** ALONG WITH OUR **SPLENDID CULTURE**!



I'VE GOT TO GET **OUT** OF HERE. I DON'T KNOW **HOW** OR WITH **WHAT**-- BUT I **CAN'T** STAY **HERE**--!



-- BECAUSE THE ONLY **GOOD** HUMAN IS A **DEAD** HUMAN?!



**THUNDEROUS** APPLAUSE EXPLODES FROM THE CONGREGATED APE AUDIENCE...

... AND WHEN IT FINALLY **DIES**...

AND THOSE HUMANS LUCKY ENOUGH TO REMAIN **ALIVE** WILL HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING... **USED**...

...BY OUR REVERED MINISTER OF SCIENCE, **DR. ZAIUS**...



THE CREATOR BLESS **DR. ZAIUS**--!



**ZAIUS-- OUR ONLY HOPE FOR SANITY IN THE MIDST OF MILITARY MADNESS...**



**ZIRA-- STOP IT! URSUS' POLICE ARE MOVING IN-- YOU'RE IN DANGER--!**

**SO IS THE FUTURE OF SCIENCE, CORNELIUS-- IF THAT RABBLE-ROUSER CONTINUES TO FOMENT A SENSELESS MILITARY ADVENTURE.**



**WHAT'S THE MATTER...? YOU'RE POINTING AT TAYLOR'S IDENTITY TAG-- AND THAT... THAT CHIMPANZEE...?**

**THEY'RE CONNECTED SOMEHOW...?**



**I MUST APOLOGISE FOR THAT UNSEEMLY OUTBURST FROM A DEFIANT MINORITY IN THE CONGREGATION. I BELIEVE IT IS NOW UNDER CONTROL...**



**THAT SMUG, SMIRKING DEMAGOGUE...**

**...AND I REITERATE TO YOU: WE WILL NEVER LOSE OUR SENSE OF PURPOSE! WE WILL NEVER DEGENERATE!**

**WE WILL NEVER BECOME WEAK AND HAIR-LESS--!**



**BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW TO PURIFY OUR OWN PEOPLE-- WITH BLOOD!**



**HAIL, URSUS-- URSUS OUR LEADER!! HAIL URSUS!!**



THE FORBIDDEN ZONE HAS BEEN **CLOSED FOR CENTURIES**--AND RIGHTLY **SO!** BUT WE NOW HAVE **EVIDENCE** THAT IT'S VAST, BARREN AREA IS **INHABITED**, BY WHOM OR BY WHAT, WE DO NOT **KNOW**...

BUT IF THEY **LIVE**, THEN THEY MUST **EAT**. AND **WE** MUST **REPLENISH** THE LAND THAT WAS RAVAGED BY THE **HUMANS**...REPLENISH IT WITH NEW, PRODUCTIVE **FEEDING GROUNDS**.

AND THESE NEW GROUNDS WE CAN **OBTAIN** IN THAT **ONCE-FORBIDDEN ZONE!** SO, NOW IT IS OUR HOLY DUTY TO **ENTER** IT-- AND PUT THE **MARK** OF OUR **FEET** AND **WHEELS** AND **GUNS** AND **FLAGS** UPON IT--!!

--TO **EXPAND** THE **BOUNDARIES** OF OUR **INVIOLEABLE POWER**--!



-- TO KILL OUR **ENEMIES**, KNOWN AND **UNKNOWN**, LIKE SO MANY **LICE**--!!

--AND TO **INVADE**-- **INVADE**-- **INVADE**-- **INVADE**--!!



I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE **LEADING** ME... BUT I'LL BET MY TICKET BACK TO EARTH THAT IT HAS **SOMETHING** TO DO WITH THAT **CHIMP** YOU WERE SO EXCITED TO SEE...

...AND THANK GOD WE WON'T BE **HEARD** ABOVE ALL THAT **HOWLING** AND **CLAPPING**!



BUT THERE IS ONE WHO DOES NOT **JOIN** THE WILDLY **HOWLING** AND **CLAPPING** THROGS...

**HAIL, URSUS! URSUS OUR LEADER!**

**ZIRA--!**

ZIRA, AS YOUR **HUSBAND**, I BEG YOU TO **STAND UP**--!



ONLY FOR MY **PRINCIPLES**, CORNELIUS.

ALL RIGHT. FOR YOUR **PRINCIPLES**, THEN-- AND **MINE**. ONLY **STAND**-- BEFORE YOU GET YOUR **HEAD** CRACKED OPEN!









NEXT ISSUE: **ENSLAVED!**

# APES FORUM

Dear Bullpen,

After eight years of reading Marvel Comics without writing a letter to you, I think it's time to break my silence.

First off, I'd like to thank you for giving us "Super-Heroes" and "Savage Sword of Conan". They are definitely the best Marvel weeklies to come out. The stories are recent (except the X-Men) and are not spoilt by dreadful tone on the pictures. As for your other weeklies, I cannot complain as they are excellent, with the exception of "Planet of The Apes". At first it was my favourite magazine, but of late it has dropped in quality. The 'tone' used in the final chapters of "Terror on the Planet of the Apes" was awful. And "Evolutions Nightmare" I could hardly see. Another thing wrong with Planet is the back-up features. Again, you started off all right with Gullivar Jones and Ka-zar. But now you print odd horror and sci-fi stories. I was going to suggest to you the idea of putting "Captain Marvel" and "War of the World" into Planet. But "War of the Worlds" has to be dropped, because you have changed Killraven to Apeslayer and changed Martians to apes in your new Planet adventure, "Prologue: Future Imperfect." You have made a right mess in your Apeslayer saga, and because of the low quality I think the mag will have to be discontinued or else made a monthly, like its American counterpart. It's open to debate, and I hope readers will write their points of view on the subject.

Mike Gribas, RFO, KOF  
Letchworth, Herts.

*"Planet of The Apes" will have to be DROPPED? Wow! Doncha think you're comin' on a mite strong there, Mike? Confidentially, the idea has never even entered our minds. Think of all the disappointed "Planet" fans there'd be. Think of all those newsagents with an empty space on their counters. Think of what we'd be doing on Saturdays and Sunday afternoons with no "Planet" to sweat on! You've gotta face it, hero. The problems are too immense! But seriously, we'll freely admit that you're not the only "Planet" fan to criticise us over the Apeslayer epic, so all your well-meant words have been taken to heart and we promise to keep the standards flying high, with more film adaptations.*

Dear Marvel,

I was rather jealous when I read in last week's edition of "Planet of The Apes" that a girl from Leicester had fallen in love with Galen. She's not the only one! I have too, and honestly, I thought she must have read my thoughts when she wrote you that letter. But I am rather relieved to think that I'm not the only girl to fall for any ape. I'd do, as that girl would, anything to meet my hero, and I hope so much that the TV series is put back.

Another heart-broken, devoted, mad fan of Roddy's.

No address.

*There goes that Galen again! How does he DO it?*

Dear Stan,

After reading a letter in "Apes Forum" in issue 25, I was horrified. It said that the TV reviews and articles on Apes films "clutter up" this fantastic magazine.

I took a "Planet of the Apes" to school and showed it to some of my friends, who do not get this great magazine (fools). They thought, and so did I, that the TV reviews and articles on the Apes films were very interesting. The articles make this magazine different from others, and better.

Clive Robinson,  
York.

*Relax, Clive. That's it — get the temperature down a few degrees from boiling-point and slow your pulse-rate down to a mere 250 thumps a minute. Because what you're referring to was the expressed opinion of ONE reader. There's no commitment to bring it all about.*

Marvel,

Devoted follower of Galen, Leicester, April 19th, she (unhappily for her) is not the only one to fall for the charms of Galen. Both my young daughter (eight year old) and myself are smitten, and miss the TV programme very much.

Mrs Christmas,  
Guildford, Surrey.

*If only we could analyse the secret of Galen's fatal charm . . . Life could take on a new meaning for us!*

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# THE APES ON T.V.

We have no more information on the Apes T.V. re-runs, but meanwhile we are re-running some of the scenes from the T.V. series.

*VIRDON, BURKE AND GALEN. FUGITIVES ON  
THE PLANET OF THE APES.*



*VIRDON RESCUES URKO IN THE  
T.V. EPISODE CALLED "THE TRAP"*

