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

PLANET OF THE APES

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YOU'RE TAKING ME TO APE CITY, GORILLA--

--WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT!

SPECIAL:
THE GOLDEN VOYAGE OF
SINBAD!
ESCAPE TO NOWHERE

OUT OF THERE, HUMAN--NOW!

YEAH, I'M COMIN'--BUT NOT EMPTY-HANDED!

THE ASTRONAUT BRENT HAS LANDED ON THE PLANET OF THE APES IN SEARCH OF HIS FELLOW ASTRONAUT-FRIEND TAYLOR. HE HAS MET THE PRIMITIVE FEMALE WHO WAS TAYLOR'S COMPANION EARLIER AND NOW BRENT IS USING HER AS A GUIDE TO TRY TO FIND HIS COMPADE.
COME ON—WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE.

I'D LIKE NOTHING BETTER. I'VE ALREADY SEEN THE DELICATE HUMAN MANNER THEY TREAT HUMANS AROUND HERE.

I DON'T MUCH CARE FOR IT.

HAVE YOU A HORSE?

GOOD, BUT I'LL HAVE TO GET YOU ANOTHER SET OF CLOTHES—THE KIND SUITABLE FOR HUMANS LIKE YOURSELF. YOU'LL PASS.

IF YOU'RE CAUGHT BY THE GORILLAS, REMEMBER ONE THING—NEVER TO SPEAK.

WHAT THE HELL WOULD I HAVE TO SAY TO A GORILLA?

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. ONLY APES CAN SPEAK, NOT HUMANS—AND NOT YOU IF THEY HEAR YOU SPEAKING, THEY WILL DISSECT YOU, AND THEY WILL KILL YOU IN THAT ORDER.

CORNELIUS IS RIGHT. BE CAREFUL AND GET OUT OF THOSE THINGS YOU'RE WEARING AS SOON AS YOU CAN.

THANKS.

THANKS BY FINDING TAYLOR.

IF HE'S ALIVE.
Noon! Brent and his mute companion Nova begin their long journey toward the forbidden zone...

The sky is bright and clear, an azure canopy of hope...

...hope which dies to the thunder of madness...

--gorillas... bearing rifles.

STOP HIM...!!!
WATCH OUT FOR THE BEAST'S FANGS.
IT MIGHT BE RABID--!

BEAST PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT.
YES, BUT HE'S LIKE ALL THE OTHERS-- TOO STUPID TO USE HIS BRAIN FOR ESCAPE.

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME, BEASTS. AND YOU'D BETTER GET USED TO IT... BECAUSE IT'S PERMANENT.

GOD HELP ME, "BROTHER!"
... FOR YOU ARE... MY KEEPER
MORNING:

TWENTY REQUIRED
ON NUMBER TWO RANGE
FOR COMPANY TARGET
PRACTICE!

ALL RIGHT, YOU
TWO -- YOU LOOK LIKE
YOU'D MAKE GOOD
TARGETS.

STOP A MINUTE,
GUARD. I WISH TO
INSPECT THOSE
HUMANS.

JUMP TO IT!!

HMMM...
BRACHYCOEPHALIC...
AND PROGNATHOUS.

AND THIS
ONE -- INCIPIENT
GLAUCOMA...

YES, WE COULD DO
WITH THESE TWO. THEY'LL
MAKE EXCELLENT
SUBJECTS.

YOU CAN'T TAKE
THOSE BEASTS -- THEY'RE
REQUIRED FOR TARGET
PRACTICE ON NUMBER
TWO RANGE, CAPTAIN
ODO'S ORDERS.

I'M AFRAID
YOU'RE MISSTAKEN.
THEY'RE REQUIRED
FOR CRANIAL RESEARCH
-- BY ORDER OF DR.
ZAUS, MINISTER
OF SCIENCE.

GUARDS--
LOAD THESE
TWO HUMANS
UP.

INTO MY
WAGON.
YOU'VE DONE VERY WELL, CORNELIUS...

DICTATION: MALE, TYPE B CRANUM, VERY UNUSUAL, WEAK OCCIPITAL DEVELOPMENT, SUBSTANDARD LOBES...

CONCLUSION: A GENERALLY INFERIOR SPECIMEN—UNUSUALLY RETARDED MENTAL CAPACITIES...

ZIRA, LOOK...

I KNOW.

URUS AND ZAIUS...

IF THEY NOTICE ANYTHING UNUSUAL CORNELIUS...

SO BE IT. YOU KNOW THAT MY SCRUPLES WERE DICTATED BY CAUTION—NOT COWARDICE. WHEN THE DAY COMES, I SHALL RIDE WITH YOU.

THEN REMAIN PREPARED, DR. ZAIUS—MY ARMY HAS CONDITIONED ITSELF FOR THE MARCH RIGHT NOW...

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY SPECIMENS OF SUCH EXTRAORDINARY CLINICAL INTEREST, CORNELIUS. WE MUST TAKE THEM TO THE LABS AND—

YOU CAN'T HAVE THEM—

THEY'VE BEEN RESERVED—for TARGET PRACTICE—

NOW THEN, DR. ZAIUS—I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT INTERRUPTION, BUT AS I SAID—MY ARMY IS CONDITIONING ITSELF...

...AND TARGET PRACTICE IS A MOST ESSENTIAL FACET OF THE PROCESS.
EASY, ZIRA--WE TRIED OUR BEST, AND IF WE DON'T PRESS THE ISSUE ANY MORE... OUR LIVES WILL BE FORFEIT ALONG WITH BRENT'S AND NOVA'S... I KNOW THAT CORNELUS...

...BUT I'VE GOT ONE LAST IDEA THAT JUST MIGHT WORK.

ZIRA--DON'T BE A FOOL...

DRIVER...

WHAT IS IT?

YOU DIDN'T SECURE THE CAGE WELL ENOUGH.

YOU'D BETTER LET ME DOUBLE-LOCK IT.

VERY WELL... BUT HURRY IT UP.

QUIET... SNAP!
ALL RIGHT, DRIVER--IT'S TIGHT NOW.

F-TRAK

GOOD LUCK
WHOA--!

HUMANS-- MAKING AN ESCAPE!!

NOVA, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE EVER HEARD OF TEDDY ROOSEVELT....

BUT GET SET FOR SOME HELLIISHLY ROUGH RIDING....

'CAUSE WE'VE GOT SOME PRETTY MANGY MONSTERS BREATHING DOWN OUR NECKS!!
But after an hour's breakneck pace, it appears the cavalry squad of gorillas has been outdistanced.

Guess we can slow down now, Nova.

Not that these boulders would allow us to gallop through if we wanted to...

Looks like some sort of cave down there...

Might as well check it out. It might lead somewhere.

...and at least it's bound to throw those gorillas off our trail.

Captain Odo--isn't this the region where the scouts vanished?

Then the humans--what will they find in that cave?

"Nothing...but death."

"Come on, Nova--there's light ahead..." Looks like the corridor opens into some kind of chamber...
There is light ahead. Oh! Light which fills a vast subterranean chamber... but when Brent steps into that chamber...

...his mind reels.

Oh... my... god...

Ancient signs droop in tattered exhaustion. Metal rails barely reflect the meager light. And tangible horror fills the vast chamber...

Slivers of gray light filter through the split ceiling. Corroded steel beams stand amongst glistening stalactites. In the distance a hypno-dripping echo mocksingly.

A New York subway station... after 2000 years of ravaging time. Desolate and destroyed.

Queensboro Plaza.

The tangible horror grows. As astronaut Brent realises... fully realises... that he has returned...

...home!

Next: The Nuclear Messiah!
To Marvel,

In 1974 nearly every place I went to, there must have been something to do with Planet of The Apes. When I went to the cinema there were ape films. When I went to VG shops there were ape masks in the windows. When I watched TV there were Planet of The Apes. When I went to sweet shops there were ape cards with sweets. When I went to book shops last Christmas there were ape books and not missing your Planet of the Apes comic every Saturday. Now my bedroom has so many ape things in it that I call it my ape room. Now 1975 I miss ape films at the Cinema, I miss ape books, ape cards, and TV series. I am not sure to say goodbye to Planet of the Apes and turn to science fiction. Planet of the Apes means everything to me. Will TV Planet of The Apes films be back on Television? Also, will new ape films be made? This is what I’d like to know. My friends are the same as me. Waiting to see the apes in action again. If no more ape films, please keep ape pictures and writing in the Planet of the Apes comics.

W.J.Tupper,
West Ewell, Surrey.

There’s just no way of escaping the hard facts of life. And in this particular instance those granite-tough facts are that regretfully we have no control over any aspect of the “Planet of the Apes” except for our own “Planet of The Apes” mag. Like you, we fail to find a logical reason why the Apes TV series ended so prematurely. But in this we have faith. A product as good as, and so widely-acclaimed as The Planet of The Apes is bound to return — in some form or other. So, we say to you, share our faith, and in the mean-time we’ll keep the torch burning each week with the “Planet of The Apes” mag.

Dear People,

I’d just like to point out that you made no error in saying that Roddy McDowall was in only four Apes films and not in all five, as someone mentioned in “Apes Forum” recently. In “Beneath the Planet of The Apes”, David Watson took over Roddy’s role as Cornelius, while he directed a film called Tam-Lin elsewhere. I have read this in many articles — including yours — and besides, I read the list of characters at the end of the film and saw no trace of Roddy’s name.

Well, now that I’ve got that off my chest, I’d like to tell you how much I enjoyed your second Apes story — it was brilliant — and the art was BEE-YOOG-TEE-FUL!!

I wasn’t particularly thrilled by the third story, and the most recent one I find boring and a little difficult to follow.

But I love all your special articles on the TV and film Apes, and hope you do even MORE!

Jenny Bayliss,
Sutton, Surrey.

Our thanks to you, Jenny, and to all the attentive Marvelites who have sprung to our defence over that little matter of the ‘Four or Five times’ of Roddy McDowall’s film appearances. We’ll do the same for you some day!

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