IT'S FRIEND VS. FRIEND TO THE DEATH IN "CHILDREN OF THE BOMB"
DAMN YOUR HYPOCRISY!?!?

LOOK TO THE SCREEN, MR. BRENT.

YOU SEE, MR. BRENT, WE VERY MUCH NEED YOUR HELP.

WHY?

WE ARE THE KEEPERS OF THE DIVINE BOMB. THAT IS OUR ONLY REASON FOR SURVIVAL. AND YET, AS YOU CAN SEE, WE ARE DEFENCELESS.

YES--I CAN "SEE" THAT, AND MY EARS CAN HEAR IT. AND MY BRAIN CAN FEEL IT.
DEFENCELESS, AT LEAST, AGAINST THE MONSTROUS, Slobbering, Materialistic APES.

I'LL HELP NOBODY.

I - HOPE - YOU - ANNihilate - One - Another.

WE'VE Captured some of Their scouts. Hideous creatures, we had them here - precisely where you're standing now...

MR. BRENT, I APOLOGIZE FOR YOUR LANGUAGE. THERE ARE TIMES, I KNOW, WHEN YOUR Sanity... IS ABOUT TO GIVE WAY.

But either Their skulls were too thick... or they actually knew nothing...

And neither do I, and if I did, you'd be the last to hear about it...
TELL US ABOUT THE APES, MR. BRENT...

PLEASE.
Oh... my god...

Tell us about the apes!

The apes? Yes -- I'll tell you about the apes...

There's no reason to detonate your bomb over the apes -- they're nothing more than a primitive, semi-articulate and underdeveloped race whose technology has not progressed beyond the club and sling!

Don't get hysterical, Mr. Brent. You're lying, and we know it!!

The ape scouts had rifles, Mr. Brent. A technology considerably more advanced than that of clubs and slings...

Wha--?!

They should fall an easy prey to -- stamp on the many peaceful weapon at your dispose of her with your foot on her belly and stamp --

Get out of my head--!!
TELL US AGAIN ABOUT THE APES, MR. BRENT. THE FIRST TIME WAS... NOT QUITE TRUE... WAS IT?

HOW DO YOU KNOW IT WASN'T TRUE?

HOW DO YOU KNOW--?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT... ?

WHAT'S WRONG?

WHAT DO YOU--

--SEE?
Look at that, Cornelius -- Dr. Zaius is with him!

Some people's convictions are about as deep as a mild case of mange.

They have to show unity, Zira...

So should the chimpanzees.

But Zira, we're too few, we'd be cutting our own throats.

How can we take any initiative while all those gorillas are around?

Cornelius, has it occurred to you that tomorrow... they won't be around?

--Refuse to discuss it any further, Dr. Zaius.

Which is precisely why this folly ever progressed beyond the planning stages, General.
I told you I don't want to---

Halt!!!

Give us peace.

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Leave the road, young ones... please.

Get them out of the way!!!

Yes, sir.
WAIT, PLEASE...

WE DON'T WANT MARTYRS, DO WE...

I SUPPOSE I SHOULD THANK YOU FOR THAT, GENERAL...

REMOVE THEM QUIETLY, OFFICER.

YES, SIR.
FORWARD...!

...but I don't think I will.

The heavens declare the glory of the Bomb, and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

His sound is gone out unto all lands, and his light unto the end of the world.

Psalm of Mendez.
He descendeth from the utmost part of heaven, and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

There is neither speech nor language; but his voice is heard among them.

Praise him, my strength and my redeemer.

Glory be to the bomb, and to the holy fallout! As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.
ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING BOMB, WHO CAME DOWN AMONG US TO MAKE HEAVEN UNDER EARTH--LIGHTEN OUR DARKNESS...

O INSTRUMENT OF GOD, GRANT US THY PEACE!

ALMIGHTY BOMB--WHO DESTROYED DEVILS--TO CREATE ANGELS?

BEHOLD THE TRUTH THAT ABIDES IN US, HIS HANDICRAFT!

BEHOLD HIS GLORY!

I REVEAL THAT TRUTH UNTO THAT MAKER--!

I REVEAL MY INMOST SELF UNTO MY GOD!!
REVEAL THAT TRUTH UNTO THAT MAKER...!!

I REVEAL MY INMOST SELF...

--- UNTO MY GOD??

AND NOW, CHILDREN OF THE BOMB...

...LET US PRAY.

NEXT ISSUE: THE CLASH BETWEEN MUTANT AND APE IN -- THE CHILDREN OF THE BOMB!
Dear Bullpen,

Poring over my collection of Planet of the Apes mags, I noticed, in “Apes Forum” issue 18, a letter from Jim Ivers, about Doug Moench’s (brilliant) scope of style, and I cannot agree with him more.

Doug always adopts the correct vernacular in the dialogue for each character, and “Terror” certainly contained a lot of witty humour. We also owe a lot to the inking. A glance at Brutus’ uninked face in panel 1, page 9, in issue 19, shows the vast difference between inked and uninked work.

I also have some information for other Ape-ophiles who are collecting souvenir pieces of the film series. Available in some bookshops are paperback novels of the films. For instance, in the AWARD Books series there are, Escape From the Planet of the Apes, Conquest of the Planet of the Apes and Battle for the Planet of the Apes, each book costing 35p.

Before I go, I have a request. Could you please make sure that the majority of pin-ups are on the back cover? That way they do not cut out any of the story. Anyway, I prefer the glossy colour pin-ups to the black and white ones. That glossy paper can be wiped with a damp cloth when the pin-up gets dirty, and it looks so much better as a pin-up.

Mark Powell,
Carshalton, Surrey.

Yep — Jim Ivers (FFF) sure has a happy knack of putting a well-polished phrase together, Mark. Which reminds us, it’s been a little while since last we heard from Jovial Jim. One way and another, your letter should be spreading a little happiness, what with your approval of Jim’s mail and the info you’ve provided for all Ape addicts. We only wish we could add our bit to the general euphoria by promising that as from now all pin-ups will appear on the back covers. But this just isn’t possible. But, believe it or believe it not, we really DO try to put pin-ups where they’ll do the least harm to the mag if they’re removed.

Dear Marvel Comics,

I am writing this letter to you as I am a regular reader of “Planet of the Apes”. Well, about two weeks ago I read that two girls had started a Ron Harper and James Naughton fan club, and also they had personal letters from Ron and James. Well, I wrote to America and got a letter from Roddy McDowall.

Roddy is my favourite film star and I have just written to him again, asking if I could start a fan club for him in England, as he has not got a fan club.

Marvel, I would like you to help me on this. You see, I was thinking if you could give my address to any Roddy McDowall fans who write to you and who would like to join his fan club I will be very grateful.

Miss S. Wicks,
Halstead, Essex.

And what a fortunate man Roddy McDowall is to have fans as loyal and dedicated as you! We wish you well in your endeavours — which is why we’ve published your letter in full, together with your address. All other Roddy McDowall admirers please make a note of Miss Wicks’ address.