

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



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# PLANET OF THE APES

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APES FACE **DESTRUCTION**  
AT THE HANDS OF THEIR OWN KIND!  
YOU MUST NOT MISS:

**CITY OF NOMADS!**

HE STILL REMEMBERS THE LONG-AGO DAY OF GREAT BLOOD, WHEN THE VAST CITY WAS SPLIT, AND DIVIDED IN TWO. THE MEMORY, AN OBSESSION NOW, HAS TRANSFORMED HIS ROUTINE GAIT INTO ONE OF AUSTERE INDIGNANCE.

AND WELL HE SHOULD BE OUTRAGED. FOR, WHERE HE AND THE OTHERS OF HIS RULING CLASS -- ALL ORANGUTANS, OF COURSE -- ONCE GOVERNED THE WHOLE OF HYDROMEDA, THEIR POWER HAS NOW BEEN CONFINED TO BUT HALF THE CITY. INTOLERABLE.

BUT NO. WHAT'S THE USE? AT LEAST THERE ARE STILL THE CHIMPS TO DO THE WORK. AND, IN ITS OWN WAY, THE SPLIT HAS BEEN A BLESSING... SIFTING OUT THE UNDESIRABLES... CONTAINING THE INFERIOR RABBLE WHERE THEY BELONG.



WHY, THEY'D NEVER AGAIN DARE ENTER THIS ELITE SECTION OF THE CITY... AND NEW HYDROMEDA IS BETTER OFF WITHOUT THEM

(NOW, FROM THE SHADOWS, NOW.)



DAMN ARGOL AND HIS TENSION-RIDDEN POLICIES OF COEXISTENCE. AND NOW, TO SUGGEST THIS COUNCIL MEETING -- TO EVEN DISCUSS BARGAINING WITH THE FILTHY REBELS...

AH, IF ONLY HE WERE CITY-MAGISTRATE... HE'D CROSS OVER INTO THE REBELS' GHETTO STRONGHOLD AND --

(GOOD, ONLY ONE BOLT. BUT EVEN THE ONE WILL BE NEEDED TO COMPLETE--)



(WAIT, A CHIMP ENTERS.)

(CARRYING FOOD FOR HIS MASTERS.)



(AND NOW HE LEAVES. FOOD FORGOTTEN.)



SERVANTS ARE SELDOM ALLOWED TO DISRUPT THE CITY COUNCIL. BUT THEN, CHIMPS SELDOM CARRY MESSAGES AS URGENT AS THIS...



TOLD YOU, ARGOL-SIR-- TOLD YOU!!

A LEADER-- RIGHT HERE-- DEAD-- DEAD!

IN THE NAME OF THE CREATOR-- IT IS LORNUS--!

COUNCILOR LORNUS-- MURDERED WITHIN THE HALLS OF THE VERY PALACE...!

INDEED, MAGISTRATE ARGOL, THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF COUNCILOR LORNUS' MURDER WOULD SUGGEST AN INTERNECINE PLOT--BROUGHT ON BY COURT INTRIGUE... AN INNER POWER-STRUGGLE WITHIN OUR OWN HIERARCHY... OR SOME OTHER NEFARIOUS MACHINATION OF INTERNAL POLITICS.

AND WERE IT NOT FOR THE CROSSBOW QUARREL PROTRUDING FROM HIS BACK, I WOULD SUPPORT SUCH SPECULATION.

BUT THE MURDER WEAPON IS FAR TOO PRIMITIVE TO HAVE BEEN WIELDED BY AN ORANGUTAN...

THEN, SAGE, I TAKE IT YOU BELIEVE THE REBELS SLEW LORNUS... AN ESCAPED THE PALACE UNDETECTED...?

I DO.

YES, I SUPPOSE AN ORANGUTAN WOULD HAVE USED A FIREARM... A PISTOL, AT THE LEAST.

BUT THE QUESTION NOW IS WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT...

DO, MAGISTRATE ARGOL...?

WE MUST FORTIFY NEW HYDROMEDA'S BORDER--INCREASE THE DEFENSES OF THIS PALACE

IN SHORT WE MUST GUARD AGAINST FURTHER ASSASSINATIONS --LEST THE REBELS NEXT TARGET BECOME YOU.

ME--?

YES, I... I SUPPOSE YOU ARE QUITE RIGHT, SAGE...

BUT SOMEHOW, EVEN WITH MORE CHIMP GUARDS POSTED ALONG THE BORDER, I DO NOT THINK I SHALL EVER AGAIN FEEL SAFE HERE...

IN FACT, EVER SINCE THE DAY OF GREAT BLOOD, WHEN FIRE AND DEATH CREATED DEMOLITION ROW... I HAVE FELT UNEASY IN THIS PALACE...

IT'S CENTRAL LOCATION IS NO LONGER CENTRAL, SAGE... NO LONGER A POINT OF SECURITY...

...BUT NOW A SOURCE OF TEMPTATION, WE ARE BAIT, I FEAR, AND DANGLING PERILOUSLY CLOSE TO THE BORDER WHICH DIVIDES US FROM THEM.

IT IS A SAD DAY FOR NEW HYDROMEDA... AND LIKELY, WILL GROW SADDER.

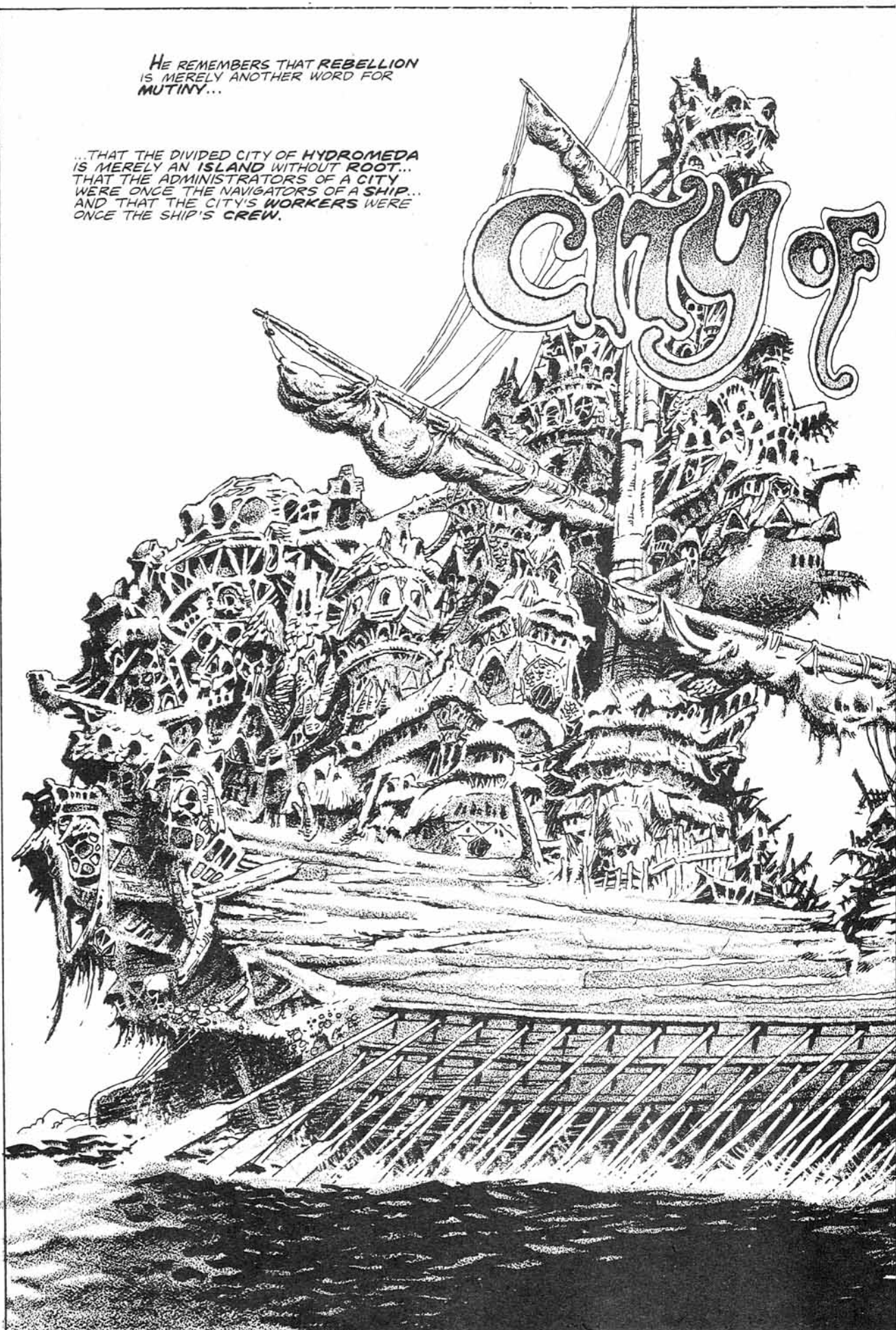
PERHAPS WE SHOULD NEVER HAVE TRAPPED OURSELVES... BY LEAVING THE LAND BEHIND.

THE WORDS ARE RIFE WITH SIGNIFICANCE. IT HAS TAKEN TRAGEDY AND FEAR TO ACCOMPLISH IT, BUT ARGOL REMEMBERS... REMEMBERS THAT WHICH MOST OTHERS HAVE LONG FORGOTTEN...

HE REMEMBERS THAT REBELLION  
IS MERELY ANOTHER WORD FOR  
MUTINY...

...THAT THE DIVIDED CITY OF HYDROMEDA  
IS MERELY AN ISLAND WITHOUT ROOT...  
THAT THE ADMINISTRATORS OF A CITY  
WERE ONCE THE NAVIGATORS OF A SHIP...  
AND THAT THE CITY'S WORKERS WERE  
ONCE THE SHIP'S CREW.

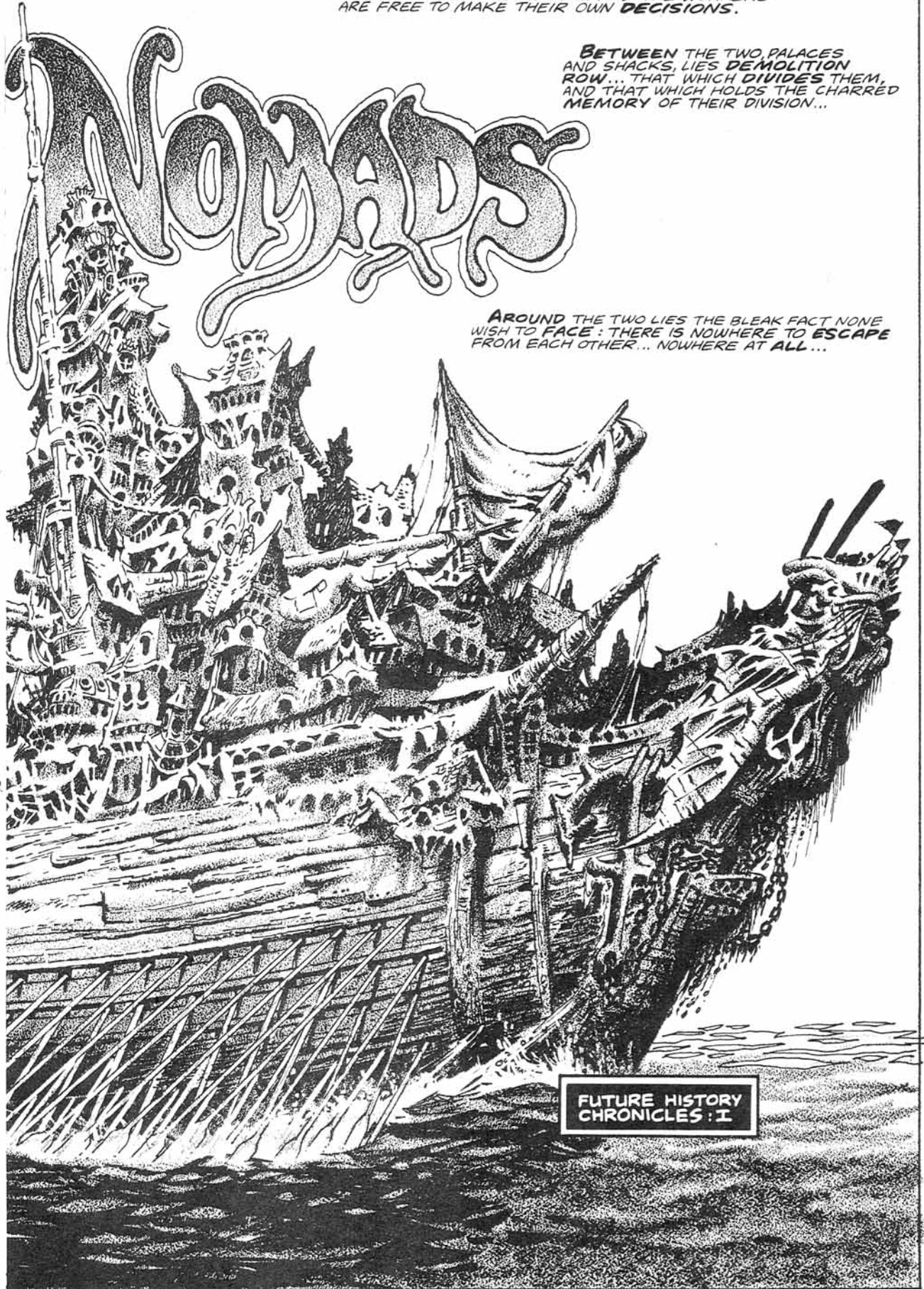
# City of



BUT THE DAY OF GREAT BLOOD SEGREGATED ADMINISTRATOR FROM WORKER, CAPTAINS FROM CREW... AND WROUGHT CHANGES FOR BOTH. THE RULING CLASS IS NOW FORCED TO PERFORM ITS OWN WORK... AND THE WORKERS ARE FREE TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS.

BETWEEN THE TWO PALACES AND SHACKS, LIES DEMOLITION ROW... THAT WHICH DIVIDES THEM, AND THAT WHICH HOLDS THE CHARRED MEMORY OF THEIR DIVISION...

AROUND THE TWO LIES THE BLEAK FACT NONE WISH TO FACE: THERE IS NOWHERE TO ESCAPE FROM EACH OTHER... NOWHERE AT ALL...



FUTURE HISTORY  
CHRONICLES: I



CHIMP-- GATHER SOME OF YOUR FELLOWS TO HELP YOU REMOVE LORNUS' BODY. AFTER THAT YOU WILL ALERT THE DEFENSES-- ESPECIALLY THOSE STATIONED ALONG OUR SIDE OF DEMOLITION ROW.

THAT IS ALL.

YES, ARGOL-SIR. REMOVE AND ALERT.

REMOVE AND ALERT. WILL BE DONE -- FAST.



VOW, SAGE, ERECTING BARRICADES IS ALL WELL AND GOOD -- BUT WHAT ABOUT A MORE COMMITTED ACTION...??

SAY, A REPRISAL, FOR INSTANCE.

AN INCURSION INTO THE REBEL STRONGHOLD IS A POSSIBILITY, MAGISTRATE ARGOL... BUT IT IS ALSO DANGEROUS.

I SHOULD THINK IT JUDICIOUS TO RE-CONVENE THE COUNCIL, AND DECIDE THE PROPOSITION THERE...



(HOPEFUL THEN, IF NOT CONCLUSIVE, BUT THE SEEDS OF SUCCESS ARE BETTER THAN BARREN SOIL -- NO, FLANKS, DAMMIT! NO SOIL HERE.)

(WORTH THE WAIT, THEN IN FRIENDLY SHADOWS...)

(AND SINCE THE BOLT IS STILL PRECIOUS--)



(--HE WILL REMAIN JUST AS DEAD WITHOUT IT.)



THE SLINKER DEPARTS, HIS QUIVER FULL.

HE REMEMBERS, TOO... FAR BETTER THAN ARGOL.

THE ARCHITECTURE IS LESS ORNATE IN THIS SECTION OF HYDROMEDA... MORE CRUDE, AS BEFITS ITS INHABITANTS. IT IS THE STRONGHOLD OF THE REBELS, AND A MESSENGER FROM THE BORDER HAS JUST ENTERED THE CABIN-HEADQUARTERS OF THEIR LEADER...

CHIMP SAID HE CAME FROM FREEDOM ROW... MUST HAVE NEWS FOR BARBARUS ABOUT THAT BARGAINING MEETING WITH THE ORANGUTANS...

ABOUT TIME. WE'LL BE WITHOUT WATER SOON

WHAT--?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN THEY'RE SETTING UP A LINE OF DEFENSE--?

FOR WHAT?!

I... I DON'T KNOW, BARBARUS-SIR...

I CAN ONLY REPORT WHAT I HAVE OBSERVED... AN INCREASE IN GUARDS AND WEAPONRY ALONG FREEDOM ROW...

IT MAKES NO SENSE! THEY WERE TO DECIDE WHEN I WOULD MEET WITH ARGOL-- ON TERMS OF PEACE!

YES, BARBARUS-SIR-- BUT YOU KNOW HOW THEY DISTRUST ALL GORILLAS...!

AYE... I BEGIN TO SEE I SHOULD HAVE SMELLED THEIR DECEIT FROM THE BEGINNING...

AND HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE NOT ONE OF THEIR CHIMPS-- SENT ACROSS TO FILL MY EARS WITH FURTHER DECEIT? AWAY WITH YOU, JABBING SCUM--!

COME, SWARTHOS. I NEED TO WALK-- AND STUDY THIS MATTER WITH YOU IN WORDS.

MORE AND MORE, SWARTHOS, I COME TO FEEL WE'D DO BETTER WITHOUT CHIMPS. LET THE WEAKLING ORANGUTANS HAVE THEM ALL AND BE DAMNED, I SAY.

STILL, IF THIS CHIMP IS TO BE BELIEVED WE HAVE MORE PRESSING CONCERNS...

AYE, BARBARUS-- I WARNED YOU THE ORANGUTANS WERE NOT TO BE TRUSTED.





YOU **COUNSELLED** ME, SWARTHOS -- WHICH IS YOUR DUTY AS MY **FIRST LIEUTENANT**. BUT NOT EVEN A FIRST LIEUTENANT IS IN A POSITION TO ISSUE **WARNINGS**. REMEMBER THAT IN THE **FUTURE**.

**NOW--** WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE THE ORANGUTANS ARE PREPARING A **DEFENSE**?

PERHAPS TO BACK UP AN IMPENDING **ATTACK**--?

DON'T BE A **FOOL**. WHEN HAVE ORANGUTANS EVER **ATTACKED** GORILLAS--?



TRUE, THEY HAVE **GUNS**... AND WE DO **NOT**. BUT EVEN AGAINST OUR **CUTLASSES ALONE**, THEY'D BE TOO COWARDLY TO **USE** THEIR GUNS.

AND AFTER THE TASTE OF **REBELLION** WE GAVE THEM, I DOUBT THEY'D CHANGE PLACING **FIREARMS** IN THE HANDS OF THEIR **CHIMPS**.



BESIDES, WHY SHOULD THEY WANT TO **ATTACK** IN THE **FIRST PLACE**? WHAT COULD THEY HOPE TO **PLUNDER** FROM **US**--?

THEY HAVE THE **GREATER STORES** OF SUPPLIES AND **WATER**...



**YES, BARBARUS**-- WHILE OUR WATER ALMOST REACHES **BOTTOM**.

AND THE **EDGE** TO YOUR VOICE MEANS...?



THAT WE SHOULD **ATTACK THEM FIRST**-- TAKE THEIR WATER BEFORE **OURS IS GONE**--!!

**NO, SWARTHOS**... NOT YET...



...OR CAN YOU NOT **FEEL** THE STORM **BREWING**--?

OUR **RESERVOIRS** WILL BE **FILLED** BY MORNING.



**NOW COME**, I KNOW THERE ARE **MANY** LIKE YOU, SWARTHOS, WHO FEEL THE DAY OF GREAT **BLOOD** SHED FAR TOO **LITTLE**... WHO WOULD PUSH THE **FRUITS** OF **REBELLION** TO FULL **CONQUEST**...

BUT I SAY THERE IS STILL **THINKING** TO BE DONE. AFTER ALL, EVEN A **COWARD** WILL PULL THE **TRIGGER** IF **DESPERATE** ENOUGH.

THEY LEAVE ...



... AND ABOVE, LEANING FROM **CONCEALMENT**, THE **SLINKER** WEARS A **SMIRK** OR A **FROWN**...

**TO BE CONTINUED**

# APES FORUM

Dear Stan,

I have your apes comics every week. I enjoy them and so does my Dad! He reads them on Saturday night. Please would you send me a reply from Galen.

Darren Traynor,  
Walsall, Staffs.

*If we could, Darren, we'd cheerfully send you a personally signed letter from each and every ape on the planet. But we can't, because none of them (and that includes Galen) are here with us.*

Dear Bullpen,

Thanks. I am, of course, referring to your two new masterpieces, "Savage Sword of Conan" and "Super-Heroes".

First of all "Super-Heroes". Your releasing of this mag should shut up all those sceptics who criticised your choice of characters with Planet of The Apes and Dracula Lives. The thing that's so good about this mag is that it's so adaptable. You can put almost anything in it, and I hope that when the Silver Surfer finishes you will. Big J. Buscema draws the silvery one better than King Kirby did, and that's saying something. I can understand why the mag sank. Stan subscribed to that old comics taboo, formula writing. Every character was the same, except with different villains. But the eighteen he DID manage — WOW! The back-up feature, X-Men (some fans would deny that they are a back-up feature!) like many of Stan's early stuff, brilliant in concept, but lacking in expertise. In its day they were revolutionary (they still are). The King at this stage was rather amateurish, but I know what sort of stuff is coming later, so I can stand these earlier efforts. All in all, the mag is a must.

Now onto "Savage Sword of Conan". I've never been a great fan of Sword and Sorcery, and I'm afraid my present monetary situation won't allow me to get this one on a permanent basis. But variety, after all, is the spice of life, and if there's one thing you guys give us, it's variety. Nothing can be bad with Roy Thomas writing it, and Barry Smith's, doing an admirable job, though I would have preferred Gil Kane. For any Sword and Socery fan this mag is heaven-sent, and it's enjoyable for any comics fans.

I am delighted with the trend that is being shown in "Planet of The Apes". Not particularly because of the Apes (as a matter of fact I think the Apes are now at a low ebb) but because of the great back-up features. In the last few weeks we've seen a superb Sci-Fi epic called the Guardians of the Galaxy, a magnificent one-man effort by Gil Kane called "He Who Hath Wings", a Thomas/Kane/Palmer horror spoof

entitled "Dig Me No Grave", and the Marvel take-offs of "The Invisible Man" and "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde". In fact, if the Apes series over ends (which I think it may do) you could change the title to one that suggested the mag was dedicated to science-fiction.

Kevin Hapgood, RFO, KOF, QNS  
Leighton Buzzard, Beds.

*Wanna know something, Kevin? Your letter had us in two minds. We didn't know whether to publish it in "Super-Heroes" or find a place for it in "Apes Forum". Decision, decisions! No wonder those lines around our eyes are growning ever deeper! Not that we're blaming you for all that "character" that's forming in our faces! No — all we'd like to say is thanks for a really nice, newsy, gossipy, honest-to-goodness friendly Marvelly letter! Any time, hero. Any time.*



Dear Stan,

I used to be a great fan of Marvel mags. Well, I still am, only it has been eight years since I last bought a Marvel magazine. I'll tell you just how came to buy one this week.

When I was seven, I was the proud owner of two-hundred or more American Marvel mags. Collected by my aunt and passed on to me to add to the collection. This I did for about six months. The reason I stopped was that the art-work in the mags became terrible. I hate grotty art-work! I got really mad about it. It was just not worth it, to tramp to the far-distant Marvel Mag shop, about four miles from my home, to be given a grotty magazine! Wait for it — the big crunch. I threw out all my mags! They were antique, and I threw them out — a disappointed mag reader.

Here is the nice bit about my tale. The other day I went into a shop to get a magazine for my Mum, when on the rack I saw some of your mags. In fact it was the "Planet of The Apes" one. Just out of interest I bought it.

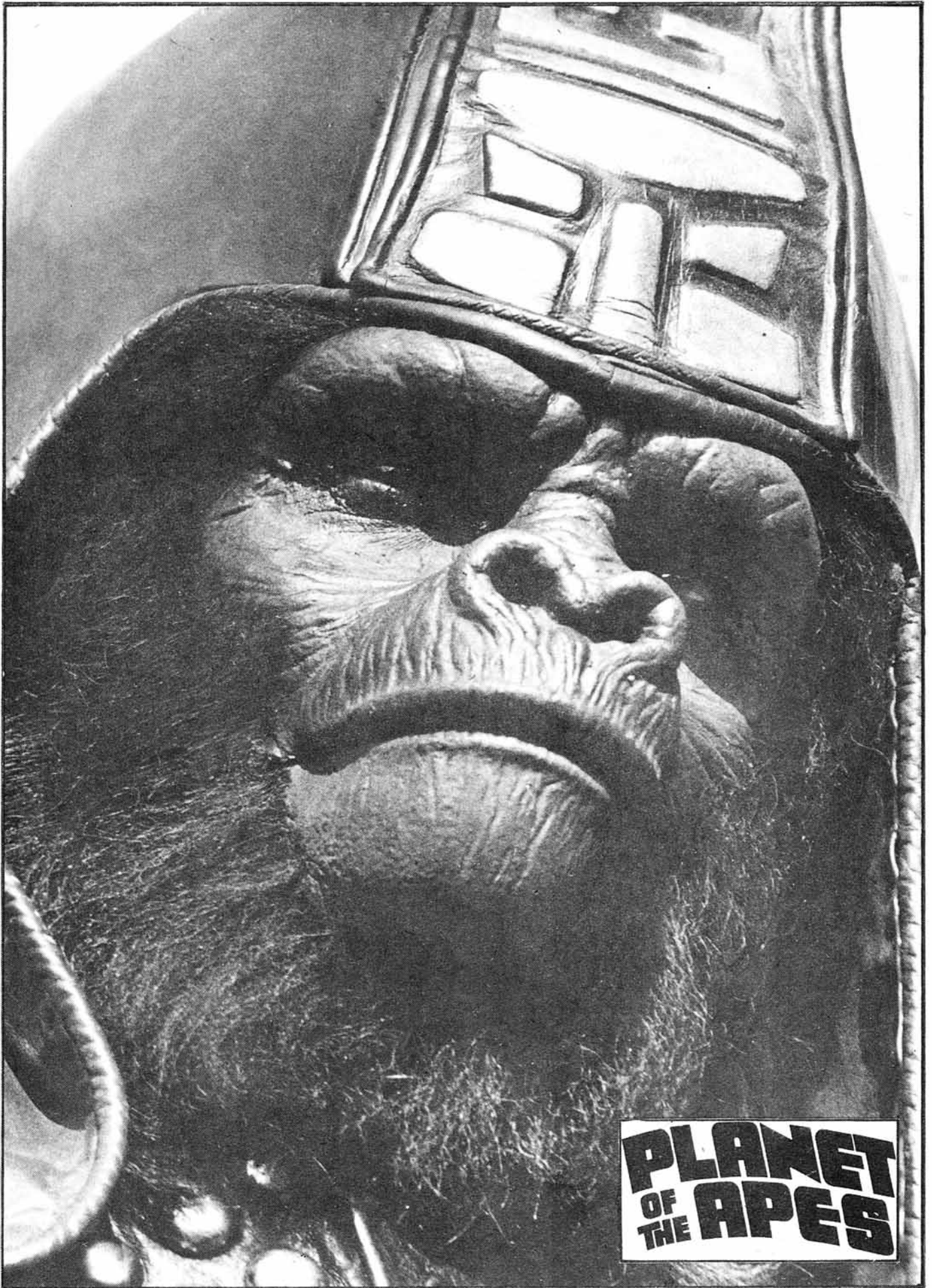
It was really good, great art-work, exciting stories and it was British! The price has gone up but I quite understand that, but the old style is still there.

I don't want to appear stupid, but what does KOF and RFO stand for? I can't recall having heard of it.

This lengthy letter is my way of saying thanks. If you keep printing mags like Planet of The Apes then I'm a Marvelite for life.

John Wilkinson,  
Rayners Lane,  
Harrow, Middlesex.

*Welcome back to the fold, John. And, as we said on a previous occasion to another Marvelite returned from the wilderness, if we had a fatted calf we'd kill it and serve it up to you! As it is, all we can do for you is reveal that KOF is short for Keeper Of the Flame — an award bestowed upon all who introduce a newcomer to the rollickin' ranks of Marvedom. And an RFO is a Real Frantic One — an accolade that becomes the right of all buyers of three or more Marvel mags a week.*



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OF THE APES**