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

PLANET OF THE APES

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THE END OF EARTH...AND THE BEGINNING OF "ESCAPE FROM THE PLANET OF THE APES!"
...THREE... TWO... ONE...

... ZERO...

SSRORRRR

...LIFTOFF!!

RORRRRRR

ESCAPE FROM THE PLANET OF THE APES

PART 1

UPWARD TO THE EARTH
"Locking Orbit."

"Check."

"We made it!"

SO FAR! BUT ONE THING'S FOR CERTAIN--WHOEVER WINS THE WAR, THERE'LL BE NO PLACE ON EARTH FOR US!

WHERE ARE WE... GOING?

PROBABLY TO OUR DEATHS! BUT JUST POSSIBLY--

NO...

THE FOOLS--! THEY'VE DESTROYED THEMSELVES!
THEY'VE DESTROYED THE ENTIRE EARTH...!!!

KILLED A WORLD...

AND WE'VE... ESCAPED...

YES... WE'VE ESCAPED...

"...IF WE SURVIVE THE..."

"SHOCK WAVE."
"... The shock wave seems to have passed."

"Maybe, but our troubles are just beginning..."

"What do you mean?"

"Come on over here and take a look at the pate-meter..."

"The shock must have unbalanced its mechanism..."

"The thing is going crazy..."
OVER HERE... THE RE-ENTRY GRAPH HAS ACTIVATED ITSELF.

WE'VE BEEN FORCED OUT OF ORBIT...!

YOU SAID IT-- OUT OF ORBIT AND RIGHT INTO DESCENT--!

DESCRIPT--?!

BUT WHERE TO?!

"I DON'T KNOW, BUT WHEREVER IT IS-- WE'RE GOING FAST--!"

"... WHICH MEANS THE SHIP'S ON FIRE."

THE WINDOWS -- THEY'RE ALL FOGGED!

NOT FOGGED, I'M AFRAID... BUT CHARRED...

THAT'S SMOKE-- SMOKE ON THE WINDOWS...

"... WHICH MEANS THE SHIP'S ON FIRE."

"THEN WE'VE PENETRATED ATMOSPHERE..."

BUT WHAT ATMOSPHERE?!

WHAT PLANET--?!

WHO KNOWS?!

BUT SINCE THESE CONTROLS WON'T RESPOND -- AND I CAN'T HALT OUR DESCENT-- IT'S A GOOD BET WE'RE GOING TO MEET THE PLANET AND GET TO KNOW IT QUITE--"
TOWER—THIS IS RED BARON FIVE! DO YOU READ ME...?

WHP WHUP WHUP

I HAVE AN OBJECT BEACHED ON THE TIDE-LINE!

IT IS... UH... SEEMINGLY ONE OF OUR SPACE CRAFT...

COORDINATES ARE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BAY ALPRA CHARLIE. RELAY THIS TO APPROPRIATE RECOVERY FORCES...

I HAVE ENOUGH FUEL TO ORBIT FOR FORTY-FIVE MINUTES. PLEASE ALERT RED BARON OPS, AND I'LL SQUAWK CHANNEL TWO FOR RADAR FIX...

WHUP WHUP WHUP

BUT I'LL BE FRIED IF I KNOW HOW THIS THING GOT HERE...

WHUP WHUP

RESCUE—WE HAVE A RED BARON FIVE REPORT OF POSSIBLE SPACECRAFT WASHED SHORE IN SOUTHEAST SECTOR ALPHA CHARLIE!

IMMEDIATELY LAUNCH TWO CHOPPERS TO EFFECT PICKUP AND RECOVERY. BASE RADAR WILL VECTOR THEM TO THE LOCATION COORDINATES!

THAT'S ALL!

GET ME THE COLONEL!

NEXT THE SECRET OF THE ASTRONAUTS
Dear Marvel,

Great, brilliant, magnificent, breathtaking! What am I talking about? Not about our Apes sagas, but about Adam Warlock.

At around issue 20, I was thinking of discontinuing my purchase of your now great mag, but something made me change my mind. And how glad I am that something did, or else I would have missed your Warlock serial.

While reading the Adam Warlock stories, I couldn't help but get the feeling that they had a religious foundation, in that the High Evolutionary was God, the Creator; Warlock played the part of Jesus, the Saviour; the four children (David, Jason, Eddie, Ellie) were his disciples, the students; and the Man-Beast was Satan, the Evil one.

Before I sign off, I have two requests to make. Firstly, when you have finished the Warlock serial, is there any chance of seeing the sagas of Johnny Future reprinted? I remember him from the days of Fantastic, but now, alas, all my collection of Fantastic has long been dead and buried.

Now onto my second request, which would have been unnecessary had you printed your correspondent's full address. In issue 37 of Planet, a certain Mark Warren of Lowestoft, Suffolk, enquired about the availability of 'Planet of The Apes' issues 1-12, but you were unable to help him. Well, to demonstrate the kind-heartedness of Marvelites, I will give our deprived friend the first nine issues of Planet as a present. In other words, absolutely free! But in order to do this, I require his full address so that I can post them to him.

Bambos Anglos,
35 Eburne Road, Holloway, London.

Our thanks for a well-constructed, thoughtful and thought-provoking letter, Bambos. Each and every reader sees a story in his own way, and you've clearly stated your personal reaction to Adam Warlock. And onto your two requests: 1. We are well-acquainted with the Johnny Future saga which appeared in the pages of Fantastic, but it's unlikely that we'll ever be featuring him in one of our mags. The reason being that Johnny F. is not a Marvel character and the copyright is owned elsewhere. 2. Your generous gesture has been duly noted in the Bullpen — and guess what? We can't give you Mark Warren's address (we don't have it on file), but we can, and are, giving you an FFI! And if Mark W. is reading this then he'd doubtless be contacting you! What a day, eh?

I am particularly smitten by Galen, but I am an Ape maniac, so I am always on the lookout for any news on the Apes. Your comic has filled a sad gap caused by the sudden disappearance of the TV series and the films. Thank-you for the pictures, and the news, together with the strip story they make a good 1p's worth. Though we would not object if you were to give the Apes a bit more room. Say 20 pages, instead of 10?

On request. As I say Galen is my pin up, but my son thinks "Zira" is super. Could you print a nice picture of her (and also, perhaps, one of Kim Hunter) to make our scrapbook complete.

Mrs. Atkinson,
Deeside, Clwyd.

We've got news for you, Mrs. A. Included in our readership are a number of youngsters of your age. And as for that Galen. We don't know what it's he's got, but we sure wish we had it! We know just how you feel, so take comfort from our assurance that we'll be publishing pictures and pin-ups whenever we can lay hands on 'em.

Dear Stan,

I am writing this letter to tell you that Planet of The Apes is smashing. But remember Planet No.1, when the whole comic was about Planet of The Apes with no other stories, and also an ape "make-up" page? I would like this to happen again in this comic.

I still think that "Terror" and "Evolution's Nightmare" and "Ape Slayer" and "Warlock" are rubbish. All the other stories were great, but when you finish "Beneath the Planet of The Apes" carry on with Escape From the Planet of The Apes. Conquest on the Planet of The Apes and Battle of the Planet of The Apes.

I have had every ape comic except No. 2, and maybe if you had one left over, could you send it to me, because I want to make a big book using your film stories.

Adrian Wood, 90 Kings Avenue, Loughborough, Leics.

Sorry, Adrian. But would you believe WE haven't got a copy of Planet No. 2 either! But here's some better news. Most of what you request is due to appear in the mag (always provided someone doesn't reshape our plans for us!)
Dear Stan,

I have found the reason why the Planet of The Apes TV series was taken off our screens. Although the Apes in Britain was a resounding success, it wasn't the same in America, where the Apes were made. In America the viewing rates were 3% lower than the minimum to keep the show going. If Planet of The Apes had been made over here they would have made all 24 shows instead of only 15.

Andrew Gardner, RFO, KOF, QNS, 21 Daviot Drive, Inverness, Scotland.

You could well be right, Andy. But all is not yet lost. It's still possible that a second "Apes" series will be made for TV.

Dear Sir,

First of all, I have one thing to get out of my system. I am referring way back to issue 25 of Planet of The Apes, in which Peter Taylor (Apes Forum) said that you should keep TV and film articles out of your great comic. Well, he may not want to know what Roddy McDowall eats for breakfast. . . . but I do! (I'm a great fan of Roddy's.) And I have noticed that you haven't been putting articles in recently. I hope you haven't abandoned the articles and pictures, because they're really great (and they make the "Apes" folder look fatter)! The ones I enjoyed the best are "The Re-making of Roddy McDowall", "On Location: Conquest of the P.O.T.A.", and "Journey to the P.O.T.A."

Alison Lesley, QNS, 56 Blumfield Cres., Slough, Berks.

You're right in your statement that there have been fewer articles and features of late in "Planet of The Apes". But this hasn't been because we've bowed to the suggestion that these should be curtailed. There are far too many enthusiastic Roddy McDowall admirers such as you for us to do anything as anti-social as that. No, the sole reason has been that we've been finding it harder and harder to come up with interesting info of the necessary calibre. But we're doing something about it. Y'know, we're intensifying the hunt! Okay?

Dear Marvel,

"The Day of the Triffids" adaptation in Planet of The Apes Nos. 40 and 41 was a very fine production. This version added a new dimension to John Wyndham's classic novel.

The science fiction features have been among the best stories presented so far. The fact that Sci-Fi stories can be adapted so well proves how viable the comic format is.

The American magazine "Unknown Worlds of Science Fiction", which contains all Sci-Fi material, is particularly good.

I hope that Sci-Fi stories remain a permanent feature in "Planet of The Apes".

David Fielder, 53 Austen Path, Stevenag, Herts.

"Day of the Triffids" is such an outstanding novel that it was a scriptwriter's dream to picturise it. So the lion's share of the credit should undoubtedly go to John Wyndham. But we're on the hunt for other works of similar imaginative stature, and when we find 'em we'll be working hard to make an arrangement to bring 'em into "Planet of The Apes" pages.

Dear Marvel,

I am yet another of the Roddy McDowall lovers and I am lucky enough to be acquainted with someone who knows a great deal about him and has actually met him. (My big dream.)

She is very generous and sends me all the info, pictures, photos etc., etc., I ever want, as you can see by the photo on this paper.

I have seen most of Roddy's films (except the apes films) but I have, of course, seen the TV series. I know him to be one of the greatest actors ever. He has a charming personality and has been described as a great friend, a real professional and really great to work with. I am sure there couldn't be a more charming, lovable person on the world. I do, of course, read "Planet of The Apes" every week and I really enjoy reading the Info, Interviews, etc. And please keep the photos coming.

I really enjoyed the TV series, and I think the TV companies are insane to have taken it off our screens. Please could you tell me if it will be coming back.

B. Wilshaw, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

The news is good, because the "Planet of The Apes" TV series is to be given a re-run on television, probably in the autumn. And we reckon that was a smart move of yours, not sending your full address. If you had we've the feeling you'd have been swamped with letters from fellow Roddy worshippers pleading with you to spread some of those photos etc., around.

Dear Stan Lee,

I thought that No. 27 and 37 of Planet of The Apes had brilliant covers. And after Beneath the Planet of The Apes, would you please put "Battle on the Planet of The Apes" as the next adventure. Every week would you put different posters so that they can be put up on my bedroom wall. The story about the Golden Voyager of Sinbad is good. I have every copy of Planet of The Apes, but I have lost the poster that I got with the first edition.

I wonder if you could repeat it

Graham Sampson, Stevenage, Herts.

Sorry, Graham, but there's just no way we can repeat Planet of The Apes first issue poster. It's now out of print. All we can do is promise to put posters in the mag whenever we can. Could you settle for that? And by the time this is printed you'll probably KNOW what followed "Beneath the Planet of The Apes."

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