ESCAPE from the PLANET of the APES

The amphitheatre of the Los Angeles Federal Building: the Presidential Commission to investigate the two surviving "ape chaluts" has just concluded its first hearing. As is typical of such hearings, protocol has been maintained... and questions have been posed...

Somewhat atypically, however, the questions have been answered quite candidly... by two apes.

Remarkable... Absolutely remarkable!

Yes... or ventriloquism!

TROUBLE IN PARADISE LOST

Story: DOUG MOENCH  Art: RICO RIVAL

You were both fantastic!

They loved you!

And yet... when you were explaining your former duties as a human psychologist... I thought there was a moment when the audience...

There was!
ZIRA ARE YOU SURE WE SHOULD...
EVEN TO LEWIS AND STEVIE?

QUITE SURE!
ONLY TO LEWIS AND STEVIE! I HAVE TO BE HONEST WITH SOMEONE!

WHY NOT WITH EVERYONE...?
BECAUSE TRUTH CAN SOMETIMES HARM THE INNOCENT, AND BECAUSE I HAVE A REASON FOR WANTING TO SURVIVE...

IF IT'LL DO NO HARM!
THEN I DON'T SEE WHY NOT.

IT'LL DO NOTHING BUT GOOD!

WILL YOU TWO KEEP SECRETS?

TELL THEM, CORNELIUS!
WELL... I SUPPOSE WE'D HAVE TO... SOONER OR LATER...

WE DID KNOW COLONEL TAYLOR! WE CAME TO LOVE HIM!

BUT WHAT HARM COULD THERE BE IN TELLING THAT TO...

BECAUSE WHERE WE COME FROM, APES DO NOT... DID NOT... LOVE HUMAN BEINGS...

WE USED THEIR BODIES... ALIVE AND DEAD... FOR EXPERIMENTS...

... FOR ANATOMICAL DISSECTION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH!

THEY HUNTED THEM... FOR SPORT...

... AS YOU MIGHT HUNT ANIMALS!
WE DO THE SAME TO ANIMALS. AS A SCIENTIST, I CAN UNDERSTAND... AND MAYBE EVEN SYMPATHISE...

BUT I AGREE IT'S A REVELATION THE MAJESTY WOULD NOT TAKE HINDLY TO IT THINK YOU WERE RIGHT TO DENY KNOWLEDGE OF COLONEL TAYLOR.

HE CAN'T BE!

HOW DO YOU KNOW?

FROM THE WINDOWS OF THE SPACESHIP... WE...

... WE...

WE SAW THE EARTH...

AS IT WAS DESTROYED!

TEN SECONDS... STAND BY...

FOUR... THREE... TWO... ONE...
Good evening! This is Bill Bonds, reporting from Los Angeles, where this morning broke the biggest story since the Moon landing...when two apes talked!

I repeat, talked to the presidential commission of inquiry!

Dr. Hasslein, when you asked the male ape where he came from, he replied, "I teach your future...do you believe that?"

Absolutely! It's the only explanation!

But the explanation itself needs explaining! Doctor, you've written thousands of dissertations on the nature of time. Tell me, you explain in layman's terms, how someone could travel from the future to time past...or indeed, vice versa.

Dr. Hasslein, when you asked the male ape where he came from, he replied, "I teach your future...do you believe that?"

Time can only be fully understood by an observer with the godlike gift of infinite regression in all its manifold and myriad permutations and ramifications!

Why can't these jerks learn to talk American...?

Uh...I see, doctor...

But could you possibly explain infinite regression...if not its permutations and ramifications...?

Roll the film, before we lose every viewer we've got...
Here is a landscape painting! But the artist who painted it says, "Something is missing! What is it? It is I myself who was a part of the landscape I painted!" So mentally he takes a step backward or regresses...

...and paints a picture of the artist painting a picture of the landscape! And still something is missing! And that something is still his real self painting the second picture! So he regresses further...

...and paints a third picture of the artist painting a picture of the artist painting a picture of the landscape! And because something is still missing...

...he paints a fourth and a fifth picture... until he has painted a picture of the artist painting a picture of the artist painting a picture of the artist painting the landscape!

Yes... well... it's enough to drive you mad, isn't it?
SO INFINITE REGENERATION WOULD BE --


ALL RIGHT! WHAT THEN, IN THAT PECULIAR CONDITION, WOULD HE OBSERVE IF HE WERE OBSERVING TIME?

HE WOULD OBSERVE THAT TIME IS LIKE A FREEWAY WITH AN INFINITE NUMBER OF LAKES -- ALL LEAPING FROM THE PAST INTO THE FUTURE, BUT NOT INTO THE SAME FUTURE!

A DRIVER IN LANE 'A' MAY CRASH, WHILE A DRIVER IN LANE 'B' SURVIVES! IT Follows THAT A DRIVER BY CHANGING LANES, CAN CHANGE HIS FUTURE!

YOU, MR. BONES, MAY WALK OUT OF THIS BUILDING AT EIGHT P.M. AND BE KILLED BY A BUS!

BUT SUPPOSE YOU DECIDE TO WALK OUT OF THIS BUILDING AT EIGHT-SIXTEEN? BY YOUR ACTION, YOU HAVE CHANGED LANES! THE BUS HAS ALREADY PASSED -- AND YOU WILL SURVIVE!

SO YOU SEE, MR. BONES, I DO NOT FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IN THE PRAIRIES OF OUTER SPACE, THE IMPACT OF SOME DISTANT PLANETARY OR EVEN GALACTIC DISASTER JUMPS THE APES FROM THEIR PRESENT INTO OURS!

AND INDEED THE PROOF LIES IN THEIR APPEARANCE AMONG US...

...AND IN THEIR SPOKEN TESTIMONY!

THANK YOU, DR. HASSELMAN! IT HAS TO BE THE MOST INCREDIBLE STORY THIS REPORTER HAS EVER COVERED!

AMEN TO THAT!
AND I THINK BY THEIR INTELLIGENCE AND GOOD HUMOUR -- THE SO-CALLED APE-ONAUTS HAVE ALREADY CAPTURED THE HEARTS OF THE ENTIRE AMERICAN NATION!

AND MEANWHILE THEY ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE ZOO INFIRMARY TO A HOTEL AND WILL BE TAKEN ON AN EXTENDED TOUR OF LOS ANGELES!

YES, I'M QUITE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT, CORNELIUS! IT SHOULD PROVE VERY INTERESTING...

THEY WILL NOT BE REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION AT TOMORROW'S SESSION, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN PRIVATE...

THIS IS BILL BONDS, FROM EYEWITNESS NEWS FROM LOS ANGELES!

GOOD NIGHT!

KLIK!

GOOD NIGHT.

IT'S SO... SO BIG...!
LOOK - A PRIEST!

GOODNESS! HAVE I OFFENDED HIM?

RELAX, ZIRA - HE'S NOT A PRIEST AND YOU HAVEN'T OFFENDED HIM...

HE JUST WANTS TO HELP YOU OUT OF THE CAR!

MY HE CERTAINLY IS POLITE, BUT CAN'T HE SPEAK...?

IT'S NOT HIS PLACE TO SPEAK, ZIRA!

AND YOU SAY THINGS ARE DIFFERENT HERE?

ADDRESS, PLEASE?

Uh... THE ZOO, I GUESS!

"... SUITE." ALL THESE FLOWERS...!! FROM YOUR ADORING PUBLIC!

VERY WELL! JUST FOLLOW THE BELLOP TO THE LIFT, AND HE'LL SHOW YOU TO YOUR...
AND ALL THESE BANANAS... FROM OUR CONDESPENDING PUB!!

WHY DO THEY CALL NOVA "BELLNOOD"?

WELL... I DON'T REALLY KNOW, MA'AM -- UNLESS IT'S BECAUSE I'M SUPPOSED TO JUMP WHEN THE DECK CLERK RINGS THE BELL...

...AND DO YOU HOPI WHEN THIS BELL RUNS....?

YES MA'AM... IF I WANT TO KEEP EATING, I DO...

INTERESTING! EITHER THE SYSTEMS OF LOGIC HERE DIFFER RADICALLY FROM OURS... OR THIS "HOTEL" IS RUN ON A BASIS OF SUBLIMINALY PROGRAMMED RESPONSE-PATTERNS.

WHERE DID CORNELIUS GO, STEVIE?

WHY, I DON'T...

I'M IN HERE...

AND WHAT'S THAT....

TOO SMALL!

HEY COME ON, YOU TWO -- WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU SOME NEW CLOTHES FOR THE COCKTAIL PARTY!!

YOU WANT TO LOCK YOURSELF IN THE PRESS, DON'T YOU...

THAT DEPENDS ON WHO'S GOING TO DO THE PRESSING!
VERY GOOD, SIR!
NOW IF I MAY MEASURE THE INSIDE OF YOUR LEG...

YOU CERTAINLY MAY NOT...

WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?

WHAT'S TAKING SO LONG?

YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN REAL SOON, I THINK I SEE THEM COMING NOW...

I DON'T BELIEVE IT.

IT'S ABSURD.

OH, THEY'RE ALL SO UGLY...

BUT I SUPPOSE IF I HAVE TO TAKE ONE OF THEM...

IT MIGHT AS WELL BE THAT ONE!

APPAREL FOR THE CHIC WOMAN

TO BE CONTINUED IN NEXT WEEK'S ISH!
THE APES
PHOTO~FOLIO

Now appearing on Television in the following areas:
BORDER  TYNE TEES  A.T.V.
GRAMPIAN  LONDON WEEKEND
THE APES BACK ON T.V.

Another MARVEL Special featuring your favourites: from Space!
Rehearsal of a scene for "THE TRAP" as Astronaut ALAN VIRDON attempts to rescue URKO, trapped underground.

Law enforcing URKO on the trail of the two astronauts.

Make-up check on Dr. Zaluz, while shooting the T.V. Series.

Break over — it's back into costume for Roddy McDowall as Galen.

A moment of excitement for Galen, the fugitive chimp.

The successful rescue of URKO in the episode called "THE TRAP".

from T.V.'s Planet of the APES
BACK ON THE ROAD...
Dear Marvel,

I am writing this letter as I have just seen that a Galen fan wrote to you, and I wonder if I could get in touch with her.

I would very much like to write to her, but she did not put her address, and I wondered if you could get us together. I would like to write to her as a pen-pal.

She seems to like Roddy McDowell as much as I do. Honest — I am crazy over Roddy. I have all his photos in my bedroom and I think he's fantastic. So if you could get me in touch with the girl who wrote that letter I will be thankful. It was in issue 26 and she signed off by saying "a devoted follower of Galen, Leicester."

Miss Sheree Wicks,
67 Renn Road,
Halstead, Essex.

And here's yet another Galen admirer! How in the name of King-Kong does he do it? Much as we'd like to, Sheree, we can't give you the name and full address of that fellow worshipper of Roddy McDowell, because we have no more information of her than was published in that letter from way back. But if she's reading THIS page it could be that she'll take up the invitation and write to you.

Dear Bullpen,

I am writing to say that Apes comics, Planet of the Apes, are Beeeuuuuuteeeeful! I get POTA weekly, and I think they're Great, Terrific, Fantastic, Hulking, Thing-Clobbering, Eye-Popping, Web-Slinging, etc., etc., etc., etc.!! I also think (take a breath) that POTA are the greatest mags ever to be produced. I am absolutely nuts on POTA and apart from having the 66 cards, two posters, 4 jigsaws, 4 books, one annual, two masks, the comics make my collection even greater. I have also seen all the films, and the TV series. Thus my nickname is Galen. Also, I am furthermore pleased to say that on Sunday 23rd I am going to see the Apes live at Maidstone, armed with my trusty camera and a colour film.

Nicolas Conway, KOF,
Streatham, London, SW16

What was it we were saying only a letter or so ago about Apes fans? Any further proof needed . . . ?

Dear Stan,

I think Planet of the Apes is great. I've read it since issue 10, but I still don't know what a No-Prize is.

Susan Everett,
Castleford, Yorks.

Your letter, Sue, gives us the opportunity to enlighten all those Marv Marvel Maniacs who are still uncertain as to what a No-Prize is. Well, a No-Prize is exactly what it says it is — it's a No Prize. Which means that you can't touch it, see it, smell it, hear it or even taste it. It's something that exists purely between you and I. But have no doubts about this. If you ever get one you'll never recover.

Dear Stan,

I think Planet of The Apes is a great comic. It's a pity to say, though, that I missed the first 9 issues. Is it possible to obtain them?

Alyson Aquilina,
Fairwater, Cardiff.

If we could help you, Alyson, we gladly would. But our stocks of early issues were exhausted long since. But if you could ever find your way to a comic convention (they're advertised every now and then) you'll probably be able to fill in the gaps in your collection.

Dear Stan,

I am writing to tell you I disagree with Philip Presland who wrote in issue 32. He says, and I quote "Mike Ploog is no good." What does he think he's saying. I think Mike Ploog is the greatest. His artwork is superb.

Now to the serious work. I introduced my brother to Marvel comics. Does this qualify me for a K.O.F.?

G. Saunders,
Etchinghill, Kent.

If there was an award for springing so nobly to the defence of Mike Ploog then it would most certainly be yours, hero. But we feel certain you'll settle happily for a K.O.F. and a G.N.S. — 'cos you've qualified for 'em both!