

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



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PLANET OF THE APES

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DEAD OR ALIVE!



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EXTRA:
TALES OF WHEN
MANGODS
WALKED THE
EARTH!



THE EXCITEMENT DOESN'T STOP
AS MARVEL CONTINUES
IT'S THRILLING ADAPTATION OF
ESCAPE FROM THE PLANET
OF THE **APES!**

Stan Lee PRESENTS: **PLANET OF THE APES!**™

A FINAL NOTE OF

TREACHERY!

THE SCENE: A POSH LOS ANGELES APARTMENT WHERE ANYBODY WHO'S ANYBODY IS IN ATTENDANCE TO MEET THE TWO ANTHROPOIDAL VISITORS FROM THE FUTURE.

HOW UTTURLY DEBASING!

I WONDER WHAT KIND OF MAKE-UP SHE USES...

THE SITUATION: MORE THAN A BIT TENSE--AND MORE THAN A BU--HYPOCRITICAL!









*"DOCTOR... I HAVE SUCH A STRANGE
CRAVING...!"*









I DOUBT IF WE SHALL STILL BE IN **OFFICE** BY THEN, DR. HASSLEIN...



AND ACCORDING TO THE **NASA** EXPERTS WHO ARE STILL SUBJECTING THE SPACE-CRAFT TO MICROSCOPIC **SCAUTINY**, THE **PRECISE** YEAR OF WHAT YOU MERELY **INFER** TO BE EARTH'S DESTRUCTION IS RECORDED ON THE **FLIGHT SYNTHESIZER** AS THIRTY-NINE-FIFTY-FIVE!

A.D., PRESUMABLY!



NOW WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME AND THE UNITED NATIONS-- THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT **ORDER**-- TO DO ABOUT IT? ALTER WHAT **YOU** BELIEVE TO BE THE COURSE OF THE FUTURE BY SLAUGHTERING TWO **INNOCENTS**-- OR RATHER **THREE**... NOW THAT ONE OF THEM'S **PREGNANT**?

HEROD TRIED THAT, AND CHRIST SURVIVED!



HEROD LACKED OUR FACILITIES!



AND HE **ALSO** BECAME **UNPOPULAR**... **HISTORICALLY** UNPOPULAR!

ARE YOU ACTUALLY SAYING--

AND WE DON'T WANT **THAT**... DO WE?



I'M SAYING THAT OUR TWO VISITORS SEEM REALLY VERY **CHARMING** AND **PEACEABLE** PEOPLE-- OR RATHER, **CREATURES**-- AND THAT THE **VOTERS** LOVED THEM!





...BECAUSE BY MY OWN TESTIMONY, IT WOULD BE GENETICALLY POSSIBLE FOR CHILD-- PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT WE PERMIT ITS BIRTH--

--TO BEAR OR TO BEGET A TALKING APE BY OR FROM A DUMB ONE IN A PRESENT-DAY JUNGLE OR ZOO...



AND DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE THAT BY DELIBERATE, PRESENT-DAY ACTION WE CAN NEUTRALISE THAT POSSIBILITY--? THAT WE CAN ALTER THE FUTURE?

I DO!



BUT DO YOU BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD?

GIVEN THE ABILITY TO ALTER THE FUTURE, HAVE WE THE RIGHT TO DO SO...?



I DON'T KNOW, MR. PRESIDENT. I'VE WRESTLED WITH THIS QUESTION, AND I JUST DON'T KNOW! HOW MANY FUTURES ARE THERE?

AND WHICH FUTURE HAS BEEN CHOSEN BY GOD-- IF THERE IS A GOD-- AS MAN'S FINAL DESTINY?

IF I URGE THE DESTRUCTION OF THESE APES, AM I DEFYING GOD'S WILL OR OBEYING IT? AM I GOD'S ENEMY OR HIS INSTRUMENT--?

WE CONDONED THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF HITLER BECAUSE HE WAS EVIL...

AN ASSASSIN WOULD SAY THE LATTER! DO YOU APPROVE OF ASSASSINATION?





NEXT ISSUE: IN THE CRADLE OF A FATHER'S SINS

APES FORUM

Dear Marvel,

Though "Light of Other Days" was good, "War Toy" was much better. The artwork, in my opinion, was the best in any British Marvel so far. They story was pretty good too, and panel 4, page 32 was a neat touch. Can we expect to see more science-fiction of this standard in the mag?

The Apes saga is building up into something good now, and the apes' faces are drawn better than ever, so that they show more emotions even than the humans.

However, on the subject of "Captain Marvel", all I can say is that I don't like it. I much prefer Captain Marvel/Rich Jones as a series. What do other readers think?

Ken Towl,
Caerphilly, Mid-Glam.

What do other readers think, Ken? We shall doubtless learn — that's if we know anything at all about our other readers. And among the countless things we know already about those other readers, is the fact that most of 'em, like you, approve those sci-fi shorts. So you can safely bet your early issues of Marvel that there'll be more of 'em.

Dear Stan,

Planet of the Apes has been getting gradually better ever since No. 1. The artwork in "Beneath." is just great. Issue 39 cover did a lot to improve the mag and so let's have a few more like it.

The Day of the Triffids was excellent, but I think that the Golden Voyage of Sinbad could have been better.

I was getting worried about the photos not appearing but you relaxed me in ish 43 by putting in those great photos about Fox Ranch.

In the Clark sisters' letter (same issue) I was disappointed to read that they thought they were the number one fans of the Apes. If all you have to do is collect all the books and a couple of photos to be called a RFO on the Apes then there must be a lot of people who are also number one fans. I can go even better, as I have photos' books, pin-ups, games, jig-saws, cards, masks, action figures and a water-gun, all on the Apes. I have also seen them at the Royal Show Ground.

Graham Tarve,
Kenilworth, Warks

Take it from us, Graham. The Apes have a whole host of No.1 fans — and you most undoubtedly, are one of 'em!

Dear Stan,

One week in my local newsagents I saw a mag called "Horror". In it I saw many special offers. Some of these offers were to do with Planet of The Apes. There were models of Urko, Galen, RETC. There were also Planet of The Apes home movies (of all five Ape films) and pendants.

But because this was an American mag you had to send to America for them and the price was in dollars.

As these things were to do with Planet of The Apes, I wondered if it would be possible for you to put them on offer in this mag (Planet of The Apes). Many Apes fans might also like these things to add to their collection of Planet of The Ape souvenirs.

Peter Schneider,
Norbury, London, SW16.

Believe us, Pete, we DO make available to readers of our British mags ALL the goodies we can. But for a multitude of reasons it isn't possible for us to include in the British mags all the offers available in the U.S. mags. And, regrettably, there's no recognised way for U.K. residents to send off to the states for advertised articles. BUT some readers have informed us that they've been successful in obtaining the goods they coveted by sending off an international money order for them.

Dear Stan and Slaves,

If someone was to ask me "Which is the best comic out?" I'd say "Planet of The Apes." The artwork is great and the middle-page features are the best in any comic I have seen. Stan, what are you going to do when you run out of stories to write? Why not have a story-writing comp and have prizes for those who have been lucky enough to win? You could draw pictures to the stories and so produce your mags.

Gregory Dunne,
Co. Derry, N. Ireland.

Story writing comps have been under serious consideration ever since that fantastically successful art comp we ran a while back. Which is hardly surprising, since a writing comp is natural follow-up to an art comp. But when you think about it seriously you'll realise that writing a readable, absorbing story is a bigger undertaking than drawing a picture. Which is why we've taken no action on it as yet. But that's not to say we've kissed the whole notion good-bye.

**SEE THIS GREAT PULL-OUT FEATURE IN THIS
WEEK'S PLANET of the APES... A RODDY
McDOWALL
SPECIAL.**

**A PHOTO PROFILE
OF THE MAN
BEHIND THE
APE MASK, NOW
APPEARING AS
GALEN IN THE TV
SERIES "PLANET
OF THE APES".**

