THE SCENE: A posh Los Angeles apartment where anybody who's anybody is in attendance to meet the two anthropoidal visitors from the future.

I wonder what kind of make-up she uses...

THE SITUATION: More than a bit tense--and more than a bit hypocritical!
-- AND TOMORROW, THE FEMALE CHIMPANZEE CALLED ZIRA WILL SPEAK AT THE BAY AREA WOMEN'S CLUB...

AND LATER, CAN I ACCOMPANY THE HASSLEIN TO THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

WHILE THE HUMANS CAMP CORNELIUS WILL ATTEND THE PRIZEFIGHT -- FIRST.
WELL, HOW DO YOU LIKE IT, CORNELIUS?

IT'S BEASTLY!

WE ARE NOW APPROACHING THE AMNODON VALEUS... LEVY A GIANT CARNIVOROUS DINOSAUR. THE SCIENTIFIC DERIVATION OF THE NAME IS A COMBINATION OF THE GREEK AMNON, MEANING HOLLOW...

LOS ANGELES MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

WHAT'S GOIN' ON...

ONE OF THE MONKEYS IS IN THE MUSEUM...

...AND DEBUS, WHICH MEANS BODY FRAME REFERRING TO THE BACKBONE OR VERTEBRAE. THE TRIVIAL NAME IS VALONG, LATIN FOR STRONG.

THIS, THE COMPLETE TECHNICAL DESIGNATION, CAN BE TRANSLATED AS: "A STRONG HOLLOWED VERTEBRA."

AND THIS 'LITTLE' FELLOW IS THE CANTOSAURUS MARCHI, A PRIMITIVE DUCKBILL DINOSAUR WHOSE SCIENTIFIC NAME...

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“DOCTOR... I HAVE SUCH A STRANGE CRAVING...!”
It must've been the shock...

Shock, my foot...
I am pregnant?

I shan't leave you till Cornelius comes back!

No no... I insist! Is there anything I can do?

I have a strange craving...

That's only natural...

For grape juice plus!

Did I say the word right?
Yes... very good pronunciation...

I think you're right about this "grape juice plus"...

It might do us both some good...
BUT YOU'RE NOT HAVING ANY...

NO... I MEAN... THAT YOUR WELL-BEING WOULD DO US BOTH GOOD.

OH, WELL, LEWIS, SAID TO TAKE ONLY A SIP...

NO... I ASSURE YOU IT'S AN EXCELLENT RESTORATIVE... ESPECIALLY IN CASES OF PREGNANCY!

INCIDENTALLY, HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN...?

OH... FORGIVE ME! IN VIEW OF YOUR CONDITION, I REALLY SHOULDN'T SMOKE...

SINCE WELL BEFORE THE WAR. IT WAS ANOTHER REASON FOR ESCAPING...

IT WASN'T OUR WAR; IT WAS THE GORILLA'S WAR!

CHIMPANZEE ARE FRISBY... - PACIFISTS! WE STAYED... BEHIND! WE NEVER EVEN SAW THE ENEMY...
But which side won?

Neither!

How do you know that if you weren't there?

When we were in space... we saw a bright... white... light... blinding light...

We saw the rim of Earth... not before the tornado in the sky...

Hic...

I feel... magnificently sleepy...

Zira-- the date meter in the spaceship?

Mmm...

What did it register after Earth's destruction?

Nineteen... seventy-five...

And before? Before the white light and tornado?

Thirty... nine... fifty... something...

So, Dr. Hasslein?

So you have the evidence, Mr. President, that one day talking apes will dominate the Earth and finally destroy it in thirty-nine-fifty something!
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 scrutiny, 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—er, or rather three... now that one of them is pregnant?

Herod tried that and Christ survived!

Herod lacked our facilities!

And he also became unpopular... historically unpopular?

And we don't want that, do we?

Are you actually saying...?

I'm saying that our two visitors seem really very charming and peaceable people—or rather, creatures—and that the voters loved them.
DO YOU WANT THEM AND THEIR PROGENY TO DOMINATE THE WORLD?

WELL NOT AT THE NEXT ELECTION! BUT ONE DAY, IF THE PROGENY TURN OUT TO BE AS NICE AS THE PARENTS... WELL, WHO KNOWS?

THEY MIGHT MAKE A BETTER JOB OF IT THAN WE DID!

BY DESTROYING THE WORLD--?

ARE YOU SURE THAT WHAT THEY SAW DESTROYED WAS THE WORLD?

AREN'T YOU--?

I CONSIDER IT DISPASSIONATELY AS A POSSIBILITY... NOT HYSTERICALY AS A FACT.

WE HAVE THEIR OWN TESTIMONY THAT THEY PROVOKED A WAR--?

AND THEY SEEM TO HAVE THEROULY PROVOCED YOU INTO THE BARGAIN, HAGSSEIN.

BY THEIR TESTIMONY, WE KNOW THAT APES WILL ACQUIRE THE POWER OF INTELLIGENT SPEECH AND BECOME THE MASTER RACE ON EARTH...

BY ZIRA'S TESTIMONY, WE KNOW THAT SHE IS PREGNANT WITH CHILD...

LOOK, I'M NOT SAYING YOU'RE WRONG I'M MERELY SAYING THAT BEFORE I HAVE THEM SHOT AGAINST A WALL...

...I WANT SOME CONVINCING THAT THE WRITING ON THE WALL IS CALCULABLY TRUE! SO CONVINCE ME.
...because by my own testimonies, it would be genetically possible for child - provided always that we permit its birth.
---to bear or to select a chosen person by or from a present-day jungle or zoo...

But do you believe that we should? Given the ability to alter time, 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 airs am I defying God's will or obeying it as a God's enemy or his instrument?

We consider the attempted assassination of Hitler because he was evil...
BUT WOULD WE HAVE Approved KILLING HITLER THE HEART? WHEN HE WAS STILL Innocent...? OR SLAUGHTERING HIS REMOTE ANCESTORS? No. No evidence that these apes are evil.

There are indications...

Such as...?

There were hesitations and small discrepancies in their answers to the commission, which suggest that if properly interrogated...

Are you charging that they were improperly interrogated?

SHELL I SAY... "UNPROFESSIONALLY"...?

You want them given the works by the C.I.A. or something...

The full works, Mr. President!

Then tell that to the commission! I will abide by their findings!

NEXT ISSUE: IN THE CRADLE OF A FATHER'S SINS
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 that 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, jigsaws, 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 Schenitoer,
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, regrettfull, 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”.