PLANET OF THE APES

Continuing Marvel's adaptation of Escape from the Planet of the Apes!

STOP! Don't come near my wife with that needle, you inhuman beasts!

Bonus: More jungle action with Ka-Zar and the Black Panther!
THE INTERROGATION CONTINUES...
NOW JUST RELAX, ZIRA. I WANT YOU TO LIE DOWN FOR JUST A MOMENT SO YOU DON'T STRAIN YOURSELF -- IN YOUR CONDITION, I MEAN.

WE JUST WANT TO ASK A FEW MORE QUESTIONS.

The ape visitors from the future are now kept under close surveillance. A cloud of suspicion has built up around the couple -- do they herald the end of the human race?
NO! NO! WHEN WE USE THOSE THINGS, IT'S ONLY FOR KILLING!

KILLING WHOM?

THIS ISN'T FOR KILLING, CORNELIUS! IT'S FOR... RELAXING!

IT WON'T HARM HER!

WILL IT HARM MY BABY?

NO! SO PLEASE... LIE DOWN...

NO, LEWIS-- DON'T DO IT!!

TAKE IT TO ITS QUARTERS!

COME ALONG-- QUIETLY?

BUT YOU MIGHT HARM MY WIFE--!

BARE YOUR LEFT ARM, PLEASE...

I'M FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCEDURE, LEWIS...
IT HAS THE SAME EFFECT AS GRAPE JUICE PLUS!

MMMM...

NOW COUNT BACKWARDS FROM TEN.

TEN...NINE... EIGHT...SEVEN...

...FIVE...... FOUR...

WHAT'S AFTER FOUR?

...TWO...

I AM A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION!

OR HAD YOU forgotten...?

THANK YOU, DR. PIXON...

IT'S CUSTOMARY TO STAY.

VERY WELL, PIXON...

BUT NO INTERRUPTIONS!
AND THERE YOU PRACTICED...

COMPARATIVE!

YOU WORKED IN A ROOM LIKE THIS?

BIGGER... BUT NOT SO... PRETTY...

WITH... TWO ASSISTANTS?

THREE!

COMPARATIVE WHAT?

ANA...

ANA...

ANA...

ANATOMY!

WHOSE ANATOMIES DID YOU COMPARE?

...NNHH...

APES AND HUMANS?

SAY YES IF YOU MEAN YES!

MNNH...

....YES...
SO YOU DISSECTED OTHER APES!

YES... WHEN THEY DIED A NATURAL DEATH...

AND HUMANS TOO, OF COURSE!

YES... AS THEY WERE MADE AVAILABLE

YES... THE GORILLAS... THEY...

"...HUNTED HUMANS FOR SPORT... WITH NETS AND GUNS..."

"...THE SURVIVORS WERE PUT IN... CASES..."

"...AND THE ARMY...USED SOME OF THEM... FOR TARGET PRACTICE..."

"...AND WE COULD TAKE OUR... SCIENTIFIC PICK... OF THE REST..."
AND IN THE INTERESTS OF SCIENCE, YOU DISSECTED, REMOVED, AND STATISTIALLY COMPARED -- BONES, MUSCLES, TENDONS, VEINS, ARTERIES, KIDNEYS, LIVERS, HEARTS, STOMACHS, NERVES.

NOSES, EARS, NERVOUS SYSTEMS, THE VARIOUS REFLEXES...

REFLEXES? OF THE DEAD? NO -- NO, NO! OF THE LIVING! YOU CAN'T MAKE A DEAD MAN'S KNEE JUMP ANY MORE THAN YOU CAN TEST A CORPSE'S REACTION TO A PREFRONTALLOBOTOMY!
DID YOU STIMULATE COLONEL TAYLOR'S SPEECH CENTRES?

OF COURSE NOT! HE COULDN'T TALK ALREADY!

COLONEL TAYLOR HAD COLLEAGUES...

OH, YES! THERE WAS ONE WHO... SOMEHOW... DIED BEFORE WE FOUND OUT HE COULD TALK! HE POSSESSED A UNIQUE SKIN!

WE HAD IT STUFFED AND PUT IN OUR MUSEUM! LIKE THE GORILLA I SAW IN YOURS!

SKIN!

IT WAS...

"...BLACK."

LIEUTENANT POGGE...
I can now announce that the President of the United States has ratified the following final recommendations made by this commission in light of the C.I.A. tape recordings delivered to us by Dr. Hasslein...

One: By a majority vote the commission finds no intransigent evidence for hostility by either ape towards the human race as at present constituted in this year of our Lord, nineteen-seventy-five...

By whose definition of hostility...? If dissection isn’t hostility, then by God I want to know what...

These findings are the result of a majority vote! The dissenting minority will kindly remain silent until they have been read!

The male’s attitude is that of a deeply interested and well-disposed academician who studied the alleged downfall of the human race with the true objectivity of a responsible historian!

The female’s case, however, is different...
DIFFERENT IN THAT SHE LINDBEDLY COMMITTED ACTIONS AGAINST THE HUMAN RACE OF A SORT WHICH, IF COMMITTED TODAY, WOULD CONSTITUTE ATROCITIES.

BUT WOULD THEY CONSTITUTE SAME IN TWO THOUSAND YEARS TIME, WHEN IT IS ALLEGED THAT HUMANS WILL HAVE BECOME DUMB BRUTES WITH THE LIMITED INTELLIGENCE OF ANIMALS?

FURTHERMORE--IT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT THAT WHAT APES WILL DO TO HUMANS IS NO MORE THAN WHAT HUMANS ARE NOW DOING TO BEASTS.

NOMETHETHLESS, THE COMMISSION IS SYMPATHETIC TO DR. HASLEIN'S CONVICTION THAT THE PROGENY OF THESE APES COULD IN THE CENTURIES TO COME PROVE AN INCREASING THREAT TO THE HUMAN RACE AND CONCEIVABLY COME TO DOMINATE IT.

THIS IS A RISK WE CANNOT IGNORE! THEREFORE---

TWO: THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE BIRTH OF THE FEMALE APE'S UNBORN CHILD SHOULD BE PREVENTED...

...AND THAT AFTER ITS PRENATAL REMOVAL, BOTH THE MALE AND THE FEMALE SHOULD BE HUMANELY RENDERED INCAPABLE OF BEGETTING OR BEARING ANOTHER!

THUS, THE PARENTS CAN STILL BE EMPLOYED TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY IN A MANNER TO WHICH THEIR UNDOUBTED TALENTS ARE BEST SUITED!

I NOW DECLARE THIS COMMISSION DISSOLVED!

NEXT ISSUE: WHEN THE CALLIOPE CRIES DEATH!
Dear Marvel,

Please, please, please could you publish more pictures in your Planet of the Apes Mag. Since the decline of the TV series there hasn't been any info or pictures in the newspapers. And now none from you. In 1974 I bought No. 2. of Planet of The Apes and stuck the posters, info, etc., in a scrap-book. It took me until 1975 to fill the 58 pages, which include 56 pictures of Roddy McDowall, 23 of Galen, 8 of Caesar, 9 of Cornelius and 15 colour pictures. There are also other pictures in my scrap-book, but not enough room on this piece of paper to name them all.

Later on, in 1975, I started a new scrap-book, but with only 37 pages. I didn't think it would take long to fill it, but so far I've only got up to page 6. So please could you print at least some more colour posters.

N.V.French, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs.

We're as anxious as the most ardent scrap-book-filler or bedroom-wall-coverer to publish more Apes pictures and features. And that's what we're gonna do, even if it mean reprinting some of the earlier ones. But you can be sure that if we can unearth any hitherto undiscovered or unpublished items then that's exactly what we'll be doing!

Dear Marvel,

A recent survey was carried out (by my brother and me) to find the best British Marvel cover. We thought some Marvelites might like to know the results, so here they are, in reverse order:


No doubt people will agree and disagree over these, but as a matter of interest, what was YOUR favourite Marvel cover?

Jack

No address.

So Spidey came out tops in your survey. Well, it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy. But OUR favourite cover of all time? Well, that's a hard one, and we'd really need time to consider our answer. Like three years! But for a snap answer, we've always harboured a weakness for a certain early Hulk cover, entitled: Man, or Monster?

Dear Stan,

I did not know about the magazine "Planet of The Apes" till I saw them in the shops, and that was when No. 25 was out. I have been collecting them ever since then and I think they're great, especially the drawings. I have been trying to find from mag No. 1. to 25, but no luck. If it's possible, would you send them to me?

Tim Gorman,
Capel Le-Fern,
Folkestone, Kent.

We know just how ardently you desire those missing mags, Tim, and if we could help we'd do so without an instant's hesitation. But we've no choice except to disappoint you. It just isn't possible for us to supply back numbers.

Dear British Bullpen,

What's the matter, doncha like me? This is my third letter to you, so I hope you print it. Well, down to business. When I was five I used to read DC comics. I got great joy out of reading them because the heroes were very easy to understand. My mum picked up a Marvel "Ka-Zar No. 1" from a friend (I've still got it). This had Daredevil featured inside. Though I thought he was good, I did not understand him. So I stayed with DC until that fateful October in the year of '72 (a good year for comic fans) when "Mighty World of Marvel" hit the newstands. The characters on the cover seemed familiar. So I bought it. A well-spent 5p. Issue 20 came Daredevil, and lo and behold it was all explained. After WMOM I then collected "Avengers" and then "Planet of the Apes" with "Dracula Lives". This was too much for a horror buff like me so I really lapped them up. I sold all of my DC's and I get DD, FF, Powerman, Team-up, Defenders and Iron-Man every month. I have a model of Spiderman and I am hoping to get Cap. America soon. I must say I enjoyed Spidey on telly during the summer hols.

When are the Marvel offers in the American Marvels going to come to Britain? Soon I hope. I'm going to ask you, No. IMPLORE you to take Conan out of the Avengers, because now Doc Strange has to take turns with Shang-Chi (whom I hate) and I'm sure many Conan fans (which I am NOT) would like to see Conan back in his own mag with King Kull. Apart from The Avengers the mags are great. I never used to like The Hulk but after three years I've grown to love him. (Especially with the story in MWOM 155).

Andrew Aldridge, KFO,KFO,'TTB,FOOMER.
Roundabout', Anchor Lane,
Canewdon, Essex.

PS. In case you're wondering where I got that T.T.B., look at DD No. 125, page 16, frame 3.

Hoooooo Boy! You sure picked a roundabout (no pun intended) way to find your way to Marvel. But we're sincerely pleased you made it. And thanks for raising that point about the availability of US-advertised offers, because it gives us the opportunity to reveal a little of what's currently going on apropos that particular subject. We've set a few wheels moving and we're hoping (and at this stage we mean no more than HOPING) to be able to do something about that situation. It's gonna take a little time, but nothing good is easy. Lastly, we've just gotta say that for a non-Conan fan you sure feel strongly about the guy!
Dear Stan and Galen,

I have been a Marvelite for two years now and I must say your mags are fab, great, fantastic! This is the order in which I like your mags. 1. Planet of The Apes. 2. Superheroes. 3. Avengers & Savage Sword of Conan. 4. Spiderman. 5. Mighty World. 6. Dracula Lives.

Planet of The Apes has great artwork except for the film adaptation Beneath the Planet of the Apes Nomads is great and the back-up features are ideal.

What does F.F.F. mean?

Jason Davies.
Tredgar, Gwent.

It sounds as if you’re one of our six-a-week fans, Jason. Which would make you an R.F.O. And talking of titles brings us to your request for illumination concerning those mesmerising letters F.F.F. They’re short for... No — here’s a better notion. Why don’t we take this opportunity of running through the whole list of the ranks of Marveldom for the benefit of all Marvelites in doubt. Here we go. R.F.O. (Real Fanatic One) — A buyer of at least three Marvel mags a week. K.O.F. (Keeper Of The Flame) — One who has introduced a newcomer to Marvel’s rollickin’ ranks. Q.N.S. ( Quite ‘Nuff Sayer) — A fortunate fanatic one who’s had a letter published, T.T.B. (Titanic True Believer) — An adorably inspired No-Prize winner. P.M.M. (Permanent Marvelite Maximus) — One who possessed all four of the other titles. F.F.F. (Fearless Front Facer) — An honorary title bestowed for devotion to Marvel above and beyond the call of duty. All you have to do now is read through that list three or four times and you’ll have it off by heart.

Dear Stan,

I have been an Apes fan ever since “Planet of the Apes” came out. I think your mag is great. Alfredo Akala is a great artist, but Rico Rival is not very good. The story “Terror on the Planet of the Apes” is your best that I have read.

Let me congratulate Doug Moench for the story and plot, also Mike Ploog and Frank Chiaramonte for the art. The gorillas are shaggy but otherwise the art is good.

I have just read “Planet of the Apes” forty four and I am shocked to see there is no Apes mail. Why? I love reading it.

Karl Collins.
Empress Hotel, Isle of Man.

Thanks for your words of approval, Karl. And we’re sorry about that missing “Forum”. Like you, we rate the letters page as one of the most important in the mag. But sometimes there’s so much pressure on space that something has to give. And in this instance it was the “Forum” page.

Dear Stan,

A while ago I began collecting Bubble gum cards of Planet of The Apes. There are 66 in the set and I have 64. The ones I haven’t got are Nos. 15 and 40. If anyone, by any chance, has them I’d be willing to swap them, as in my endeavour to get those two I ended up with a great deal of cards the same. Also, if anyone wants to sell Planet of the Apes mags 1 to 5 I’d buy them.

Janet Shann.
10 Selsey Avenue, Sale, Cheshire.

Good luck, Janet. We think you’re gonna need a lot of it if you’re gonna be successful in that hunt for mags 1 — 5. But miracles CAN happen!

Dear Stan and gang,

Congratulations! I mean your mag, “Planet of The Apes”. Wow! It’s just fab! Up to now your stories have been great. Apeslayer was not up to the usual high standard, but the great artwork made up for this. Your new story, “Beneath the Planet of The Apes” is brilliant. After this story I think you should continue with “Escape from the Planet of The Apes”, then “Conquest of The Planet of The Apes” and, finally, “Battle for the Planet of The Apes”. Your info articles and pin-ups are Marvellous, but please give us more.

Mark Wiggins, 39 Herschell St., Anfield, L’pool.

Who says this isn’t the age of coincidence? Here’s you, Mark, firing at us almost the very same letter as Adrian Wood. In the interests of economy and so forth, could we suggest you read the reply we gave to him? You’ll find all the relevant answers contained therein. Attaboy!

Dear Planet of The Apes,

Firstly, I’d like to say how much I SOMETIMES enjoy Planet of the Apes. Your film stories are great. But Apeslayer — Yuck!! “A Kingdom on the Island of the Apes” — Cheer! “Evolutions Nightmare” — Ugh! I liked “Terror on the Planet of the Apes” and “Planet of the Apes” and “Beneath the Planet of the Apes.”

And I would like to point out that Jamie Ward has left out a book called “Journey into Terror” which includes the story where Alan and Pete find the Computer. I will swap Super Heroes ish 1 for Planet of the Apes ish 1.

Kevin Markwick.
Gringford, Five Ash Down.
Uckfield, Sussex.

Okay, Kev. Some of our Planet yarns have given you a tremendous lift-off, and some you could have lived without. But if you’re gonna have high peaks then, inevitably, there gonna be low points. But it’s the mean average that counts. And from your letter we’d suspect that the average you get out of POTA isn’t that mean!