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

PLANET OF THE APES

AND

DRACULA LIVES

NO. 91
WEEK ENDING JUNE 13, 1976

ON MONUMENTS PAST, RAGES--THE BATTLE OF THE BEASTS!
WHILE JASON AND HIS FRIENDS RELAX, ENJOYING THE HOSPITALITY OF LIGHTSMITH IN HIS MT. RUSHMORE HIDEAWAY, BRITUS IS ASSAULTING THE CHAMBER OF THE INHERITORS, DEEP WITHIN THE BOWELS OF THE FORBIDDEN ZONE AND DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO DISCOVERING THE SINISTER SECRET OF...

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"...THE WAR MACHINES!"

STRIKE QUICKLY! THE SUPREME BE-ONE MUST NOT KNOW OF OUR PRESENCE...

UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE!

AARGGGHHH!!

AND IF YOU THINK THIS SPELLS TROUBLE FOR AN ALREADY ASSIMILATION-CONTROLLED PLANET EARTH, TURN THE PAGE AND FIND OUT THE MORE IMMEDIATE DANGER AWAITING OUR HUMAN HEROES IN THE BLACK HILLS OF DAKOTA...

WRITTEN BY DOUG MOENCH
DRAWN BY MIKE PLOOG
EDITED BY ARCHIE GOODWIN
...And though none of the shaggy miscegenations seem to hear, or to pause in their appointed toil...

...That glittering arc cuts deeply...

...And concludes its own grim task.

Behind the door—Drones Emm and Vee requesting permission to deliver status-report, supreme gestalt commander Be-One.

Request granted, drone Emm, what is the problem?

Infiltrators are now present within the caverns, supreme Be-One. We have discovered two guards slain at sector-entrance 2-13.

Bad news indeed—what with two of us terminated, and two-fifths of the drone-force therefore deactivated.

Nothing we can do about it, however. We shall just have to alert all available drones to...

...unless you want to slosh around on the floor...

...watching your precious nutrient-fluids drain away, and evaporate.

I wouldn't do that if I were you, Be-One...
Now, be one, we have a variety of serious matters to discuss... very well, Brutus. You have made your point. What do you wish to discuss?

And since they are also very private matters...

You inheritors have made your move— and you have failed! Two of your brains are dead, and the ranks of your drones have been cut almost in half.

But my plans still stand — and they will stand until I have achieved total success...

But I cannot obtain it without a fight. To wage that fight, I need your war-machines.

An admirable goal, Brutus, and one shared by us... except that, as you now know, we also wanted to eradicate all apes. Therefore, what do you want from us now?

Until every last living human is dead!

And you will give them to me... or I will give you a chance to wallow in the dust!

Very well, Brutus. I well know how ruthless you are.

Your war-machines. I have recently learned how to obtain that which will destroy every human in the world—and any apes who stand in my way...

Sounds fade, then, to a soft hissing and burbling. The liquid whisper of nutrients endlessly recycled through three great, but terrible, minds...
F'WOOO... I HAVEN'T FELT LIKE THIS... SINCE THE LAST TIME WE SHAW... SHTEELY DAN... AND GUNPOWDER JULLIUS... WELL, I TOLD YOU IT WASN'T QUITE WATER. YOU SEE PROGRESS WAS ALWAYS IMPROVING THINGS—MAKING THEM BIGGER AND BETTER AND FASTER. CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY EVERYONE DIDN'T AGREE WITH THAT.

UHH... LIGHTSMITH... JUST WHAT IS THIS... SHIKEY-DROME... YOU WANT TO FIND...

I GUESS...

I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, JASON--THE PSYCHEDROME IS THE SALVATION OF THIS POOR DARK WORLD'S IGNORANCE AND BARBARISM. IT IS THE ANCIENTS' HID-DEN REPOSITORY OF KNOWLEDGE AND PROGRESS--THE STOREHOUSE OF ALL THEIR GLORIOUS SECRETS.

IT IS MY GOAL IN LIFE TO FIND THE PSYCHEDROME, AND TO USE ITS STORED WISDOM FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR WORLD.

OF COURSE, GILBERT HELPS ME A BIT.

REMEMBER HOW I TOLD YOU ABOUT THE ANCIENTS' GREAT GOD CALLED ELECTRICITY AND HOW THEY PULLED THESE THINGS INTO THE VEIN OF THEIR GOD AND THE HOLY HEAT CAME DOWN AND FILLED THEM WITH KNOWLEDGE AND CHASED DEMONS AWAY AND STUFF LIKE THAT?

Yeah?

WELL, THIS PLUG HERE IS A MOST SACRED PLUG--IT BRINGS BACK THE DEAD VOICE OF THE PROGRESS-LEADER WHO ONCE LIVED HERE. HE'LL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THE PSYCHEDROME--

KUK'S! MR. PRESIDENT, AS YOUR CHIEF ADVISOR, IN THE NAME OF LAWGIVER--I A MACHINE TALKING--YES, I KNOW, HENRY, THE DAMN STUPID STINKING BEASTS! IF ONLY WE COULD GET OUT OF THIS SILLY LINCOLN TUNNEL, I'D ROUND UP EVERY LAST ONE OF THE GOOFY MONKEYS AND SLAP THEM INTO THE PSYCHEDROME.

ONE GOOD BRAIN-WASHING AND WE COULD MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND... MAYBE EVEN USE THEM AS CANNON-FODDER.
YOU SEE? THAT'S WHY I'VE SPENT MY ENTIRE LIFE SEARCHING FOR THE PSCHEDROME. IF ONLY I COULD HAVE MY BRAIN WASHED--CLEANSED OF ALL IGNORANCE--WHY, I'D BE AS WISE AND GOOD AS THE GREAT PROGRESS-LEADER HIMSELF.

MAYBE THE SHIKEY-DROME ISH THISH SHTUFF YO I SUSE TO DRINK. I FEEL LIKE MY BRAIN'S BEEN WASHED...

...AND THE DIRT IT TOOK AWAY MUSHTA WEIGHED A TOM...

MACUANUS, CHIEF OF THE ASSISIMANS, PEERS THROUGH DARKNESS, HIS EYES GLITTER LIKE FIRE TURNED TO ICE.... THERE... THERE IT IS...

THE WAGON OF HE WHO TRICKED US...

GO--ATTACK THE WAGON AND KILL THE ONES WHO TRICKED US!

MAGUANAS, THEY HAVE PURPLE POWER-MAGIC--STRONGER THAN YOU. MAGIC HURT MANY ASSISIMANS.... THEIR MAGIC IS FALSE--I SHOWED YOU IT WAS FALSE! THEY WERE HUMANS WEARING DISGUISE!

NOW COME--I WILL LEAD THE ATTACK MYSELF....

AS A RULE, THE ASSISIMIAN MENTALITY--
-- IS EASILY INTIMIDATED.

INSIDE THE FABULOUS WONDER WAGON, AS HE Prepares to RETIRE FOR THE NIGHT...

...GILBERT HEARS A HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS SOUND.

SNAP

SKRITCH SKRITCH SKRITCH
IF I COULD JUST GET THESE STICKS TO FIT TOGETHER IN THE RIGHT WAY... WHO KNOWS WHAT SECRETS I MIGHT DISCOVER...

BUT I'VE ALREADY TRIED HUNDREDS OF COMBINATIONS. WHAT CAN THEIR PURPOSE BE...?

HMNNN....

ZWIP!

HUH--?

Wuzzat--?

Skrash!

OH, IT'S JUST THE OLD EIGHT-BALL.

MUST BE A MESSAGE FROM GILBERT...

WHAT'S WRONG, LIGHTSMITH? WHAT DOES IT SAY--?

TROUBLE, BOSS! BETTER COME QUICK BEFORE THEY SET MY PANAMA ON FIRE!

GILBERT
ALEX--GET THAT CRATE OVER THERE ACROSS THE ROOM--QUICKLY!

JASON, I'LL TAKE THE LEFT STAIRWAY--

--AND YOU GET UP THE ONE ON THE RIGHT!

BUT IT LEADS UP TO A BLANK ROCK WALL...

PULL OUT THE CORK, BUT BE CAREFUL--IT'S HEAVY...

...AND IF YOU DROP IT THERE'LL BE AN AWFUL DRAFT IN HERE.

A CORK--MADE OUT OF SOLID ROCK...?

WELL, I'LL BE A...

IT'S A LOOK-OUT HOLE--!

YOU SEE DOWN THERE--? IT'S JUST WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF--!

THE ASSIMIANS--THEY'VE TRACKED US DOWN FOR REVENGE!

THEY'LL BE HOWLING FOR BLOOD ANY MOMENT--!

ALEX! HURRY UP WITH THAT CRATE!!

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK!!
Dear Marvel Madmen,

I've come a long way since I first purchased POTA 2, and a lot of the way has been with the X-Men. The other day I went to the Comic-Mart at Lyndhurst Hall, NWS. There I bought X-Men 39 for 20p, 29 for 30p, 59 for 4p and 15 for 18p. In reply to your plea, my favourite X-villains are The Blob, for his dumbness and power, The Juggernaut for his sheer power and the fact that he is Prof X's brother, Factor Three for the organisation and the surprise ending, Sunfire for his power and character, The Stranger because I just like him. These are the people I would most like to see again.

Anybody else get bargains at the Comic Mart?

N. Scordor, No Address.

We can't fault your reasons for liking those characters - in fact we're not even gonna try!

Dear Marvel.

I am just another Apes fanatic, reeling off my possessions and achievements with pride, but I think that you, as Apes ambassadors, would like to know.

I have every Apes book printed — the novel, the four film chronicles and the three adaptations from the TV series. I have nos. 14 onwards of your superb magazine, and 43 posters of the series, films, etc., adorn my walls. I have one of the Ape home movies, an Apes annual and two poster-mags crammed with info. I have seen four of the apes films, and will see the last just as soon as it comes. I also saw every episode of the TV series, viewing eagerly every Sunday.

Now, like every self-respecting Ape-fan, I was amazed and angered by the premature removal of Galen and his buddies, so I set to work to rectify this fault. I wrote eight letters to the TV Times, and rang the HTV reply phone 16 times — and whaddaya know? Repeats begin on Saturday! So, all you Apes-o-philes still without the Apes on your region — emigrate to Wales and be happy. You can get the comic easily here, too.

Wyn Evans, 
Uplands, Swansea.

Don't look now, Wyn, but you've also got something else to add to your collection. (Yep — we know your bedroom must already be a little on the crowded side, but you can always burn the bed!) But... back to the subject in hand, which is naught else but a little No-Prize. It's yours, Wyn — not because of that collection of yours, but because of dedication you showed with the HTV reply phone!

Dear Stan and Mates,

First I must say that your adaptation of 'Conquest of The Planet of The Apes' was ace. The story was great and so were the drawings.

Other reviewers might like to know that I have made a Planet of The Apes film and I've called it 'Beware of the Gorilla' and I've entered it for the screen best film competition, and maybe it will get on TV.

I've also made two models, one of Urko and the other of Jason. Urko's lieutenant. I also have many things POTA, such as films, apes tapes that I taped myself and also pictures - one a two foot by three feet picture of Urko.

I also have 60 bubble gum cards, and I need six more cards to get a set. The cards I need are Nos. 11, 13, 18, 22, 25 and 40. So if any of you fans have got these cards and are willing to sell them, please write and name a price.

Alec Czech, 
12 Rectory Close, 
Wendlebury, Nr. Bicester, Oxon.

That's a whole lot of Urko you've got there, Alec. With dedication such as yours you've just gotta be lucky in the search for those missing six cards. Happy gum-chewing.

Dear Stan and Crew,

Hi! It's me again!

Just a note to thank everyone who wrote to me asking for cards. Thanks! I have the address, for anyone who wants the cards reprinted, of one firm. It is: Topps Chewing Gum Inc., Duryea, PA 18642.

When you write to 'Topps' enclose a S.A.E., but don't put stamps on your S.A.E. use an international reply coupon. 'Topps' can exchange it for stamps.

I'm sorry I couldn't help everyone. Also, I want to say thanks to John Selkars and Kevin Green who wrote back and we have now become Ape pen-friends. I also want to thank everyone else who wrote back.

Wendy Bosberry, 
6 Fareham Park Road, 
Hill Park, Fareham, Hants.

Now, there's an Ape-mad Marvelite by the name of Alec Czech who ought to be reading that valuable information you're spreading, Wendy. Are you out there, Alec?...

Dear Stan,

After being a Marvelite for many years, I've finally picked up my pen and written a letter. Your best mag, undoubtedly, is Draculas Lives. The current ish (60) has a good cover, but doesn't tie-in with the story inside. Nevertheless, here are my views of the stories.

DRACULA. Very good, but the inks are a bit dark. Keep Gene Colan on the pencils. WEREWOLF BY NIGHT. Only one word for this - Excellent.

FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER. What's happened to him? Will he come back? He was good while he lasted.

THE LIVING MUMMY. It started off alright, but got worse. I'm glad it finished.

BROTHER VOODOO. Above average. Will this be coming back?

MEN-THING. Good. When will Mike Ploog draw it? I was to see the reprint of Men-Thing ish 8.

GHOST-RIDER. His origin was good. I think it will be a good story in the future, along with "Son of Satan".

One way of improving Dracula Lives (if that's possible) is to put more photo features in.

Gary Marsh, 
FOOMER,KOF,RFQ,ONS. 
3 Willow Drive, Brotton, 
Saltburn-by-Sea, Cleveland.

What kept you from writing longer before this, Gary? Was it that you didn't feel the need of a QNS before now? Thanks for the run-down, and if it's a comfort to you, chances are that both Frankenstein's Monster and Brother Voodoo will be making a return appearance sooner or later.

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