Aldo should be punished, Caesar. He shouldn’t be allowed to interfere with the school you ordered begun!

He’s a troublemaker!

Yes, MacDonald, but he still remembers that I am Caesar... and my word is law!

That is what truly matters. Aldo and the gorillas are simple... and should be treated like children!
WE HAVEN'T MUCH TIME NOW...

DINNER MUST BE READY WHEN CAESAR ARRIVES WITH MACDONALD!

YES, LISA-MA'M!

AND YOU MAY LEAVE AS SOON AS IT'S PREPARED! I'LL SERVE DINNER MYSELF TONIGHT!

YES, LISA-MA'M!

HEY, JIMMY!

WANNA PLAY FOLLOW THE LEADER...?

NAW! THAT'S NO FUN!

IT IS IF YOU'D TRY IT!

THERE'S OTHER STUFF THAT'S MORE FUN!

LIKE WHAT...?
LIKE THIS, CORNELIUS...

BANG! BANG!
I GOT YOU!!

AGHH--!

CORNELIUS--!!

CORNELIUS--!!

CORNELIUS, ARE YOU HURT--?!
NO, MA'AM! I'M JUST DEAD!

DEAD...?

WE WERE PLAYING GORILLA!

PLAYING WHAT?

WELL... WE WERE PLAYING WAR!

CORNELIUS HASN'T YOUR FATHER EXPLAINED TO YOU WHERE PLAYING WAR LEADS...?

YES, MA'AM...

AND HASN'T HE FORBIDDEN YOU TO PLAY WITH GUNS OR TO MAKE A GAME OF KILLING?!

YES, MA'AM...

THEN YOU'LL STOP IT AT ONCE, WON'T YOU?

GOOD! JUST SEE THAT YOU DON'T FORGET--AGAIN!

NOW COME ALONG! YOUR FATHER WILL BE HOME FOR DINNER SOON!

YES, MA'AM!

YOUR FRIEND ARMANDO--DIDN'T HE TELL YOU WHAT'S KNOWN OF THE FUTURE YOUR PARENTS CAME FROM?

YES, MA'AM!
HE TOLD ME VERY LITTLE! I THINK HE WANTED TO PROTECT ME...
THE BEST PROTECTION IS KNOWLEDGE--AND THERE'S A LOT YOU SHOULD KNOW...

AH! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME, LISA...
I COULD EAT A HORSE!

A HORSE...?!
YES, YOU REMEMBER, LISA--THEY USED TO EAT ALL SORTS OF THINGS: DEAD CATTLE...DEAD CHICKENS...PIGS...FISH...
I'VE TRIED TO FORGET! BUT HORSES... WHERE DID YOU DRAW THE LINE?
WHEREVER OUR PALATES LED US--AND SOMETIMES BEYOND THAT LINE JUST FOR THE ADVENTURE OF IT...

BUT NOW...
WELL, NOW WE LIVE...AND EAT...LIKE THE GENTLE APES...OUR MASTERS!

WE'RE NOT YOUR MASTERS! MAYBE YOU DON'T THINK SO!
BUT WE'RE NOT YOUR EQUALS!
I CAN'T DENY THAT, MACDONALD! PERHAPS ONE DAY...

CAESAR, HISTORY SHOWS...
HUMAN HISTORY--NOT APE HISTORY!
YOU EXPECT APE HISTORY TO BE ANY DIFFERENT?

YES -- IT WILL BE DIFFERENT! YOU SEE WHAT WE'VE BUILT HERE WHILE MAN WAS BUSY DESTROYING ITSELF, APE COMMUNITIES SURVIVED AND PROSPERED!

NOW WE LIVE IN A PARADISE -- NO CRIME... NO HUNGER...

NO SLAVERY?

HUMANS BEGAN SLAVERY... AND APES WILL END IT!

AND EVERYTHING ELSE!

BUMP

THE WORLD ITSELF, AND EVERYTHING ON THE WORLD!

EVERYTHING...?

YOU SOUND LIKE A PROPHET, BUT I SUSPECT YOU'RE MORE LIKE A DOOM-WAILING POET OR FANTASY!

WOULD YOU BELIEVE ME IF YOUR PARENTS... IF CORNELIUS AND ZIRA... WERE TO TELL YOU SO?! MY PARENTS...?

BUT HOW COULD THEY...?

IN THE CITY, IN THE ARCHIVES, NEAR THE OLD COMMAND POST, I KNOW THERE ARE TAPE... TAPE OF ZIRA AND CORNELIUS BEING EXAMINED BY GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS!

IN THE CITY, IN THE ARCHIVES... BUT THE CITY IS DESTROYED... INCINERATED! THE WAR LEFT NOTHING...

I VIEWED THEM MYSELF... MORE THAN ONCE... WHEN I WAS GOVERNOR BRECK'S ASSISTANT!
IT DIDN'T DESTROY THE COMMAND POST! THAT WHOLE AREA WAS DESIGNED TO WITHSTAND THE IMPACT OF A TEN MEGATON DIRECT OVER BLAST!

THEN THE TAPE...

...ARE STILL DOWN THERE!

SOMEBWHERE!

I NEVER LIKED RABBIT BEFORE?

YES--AND WHOEVER HEARD OF BOOTLEG RABBIT, ANYHOW?

ENJOY IT! WE HAVE TO KEEP UP OUR FOLK WAYS!

SO YOU'RE REALLY GOING INTO THE GYP, THEN?...

YES! WE HAVE TO! CAESAR'S BRILLIANT-- BUT WHAT HE DOESN'T KNOW CAN GET US ALL KILLED!

IF YOU ASK ME, IT'S THOSE DAMNED GORILLAS WHO WILL BE THE END OF US!

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK!
AT LAST, TAYLOR SEES FREEDOM FROM THE PLANET OF THE APES WITHIN HIS REACH—AND SEIZES IT! HOLDING DOCTOR ZAIS AS HOSTAGE, HE PREPARES TO LEAVE THE APES NOW THAT HE HAS PROVED THAT MEN PRECEDED APES ON THIS PERVERTED PLANET!

I DON'T KNOW, DAMMIT—BUT YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU, DOCTOR ZAIS? AND YOU THINK YOU'RE SO HIGH AND MIGHTY THAT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE PRIVILEGED TO KNOW IT?

DOCTOR CORNELIUS, IF OUR GREAT WHITE MAN IS SO SUPERIOR, THEN TELL ME THIS, TAYLOR—WHY DIDN'T HE SURVIVE?

DOUG MOENCH, WRITER
GEORGE TUSKA, PENCILLER
MIKE ESPOSITO AND
TONY MORTELLARO, INKERS
MARY WOLFMAN, EDITOR
READ IT TO HIM. THE TWENTY-THIRD SCROLL...NINTH VERSE.

"BEWARE THE BEAST MAN, FOR HE IS THE DEVIL'S PAW. ALONE AMONG GOD'S PRIMATES, HE KILLS FOR SPORT, OR LUST, OR GREED. YES, HE WILL MURDER HIS BROTHER TO POSSESS HIS BROTHER'S LAND.

"LET HIM NOT BREED IN GREAT NUMBERS, FOR HE WILL MAKE A DESERT OF HIS HOME AND YOURS. SHUN HIM. DRIVE HIM BACK INTO HIS JUNGLE LAIR! FOR HE IS THE H A N G BINGER OF DEATH!"

I SAW NOTHING IN THE CAVE TO ALTER THAT CONCEPTION OF MAN. AND I STILL LIVE BY ITS INJUNCTION.

"A PRETTY SPEECH, DOCTOR, BUT--"

TAYLOR...

STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE--AND LET THE YOUTH COME FORWARD ALONE.

THEY THINK YOU'RE BEHAVING FOOLISHLY. I MUST SAY I AGREE.

WHERE WILL YOU GO?
I'LL START BY FOLLOWING THE SHORELINE... AND THEN MY NOSE.

BUT SUPPOSE YOU FIND NOTHING BUT WASTELAND? HOW WILL YOU SURVIVE?

HE WON'T SURVIVE.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT SORT OF LIFE AWAITS YOU OUT THERE, TAYLOR? THAT OF AN ANIMAL. IF YOU AREN'T EVENTUALLY HUNTED DOWN AND KILLED BY APES, SOME JUNGLE BEAST WILL DEVOUR YOU.

THEN THERE IS ANOTHER JUNGLE?

WHO KNOWS?

OF COURSE, YOU COULD RETURN WITH US. OUR SOCIETY MIGHT FIND A PLACE FOR YOU AND YOUR MATE.

SURE, IN A CAGE.

WHERE ELSE, BUT IN A CAGE, DOES MAN BELONG?

NO THANKS. I'LL TAKE FREEDOM.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME ALONG?

WE... CAN'T...

IT'S BETTER THAN GOING TO PRISON FOR HERESY...
They can't convict us of that now. You proved our innocence. Besides—

--Dr. Zaius' culture is our culture.

Good luck then...

And Dr. Zira... I'd like to kiss you good-bye.

All right, Taylor, but...

Well... I...

Well... I...

You're so damned ugly.

That's an old expression. And I'm sure it comes from both ape and man.

Go with God, Taylor.

Gosh bless you, Zira.
WELL, LUCIUS, I Suppose you don't want to come along either.

I think you are making a mistake.

THAT'S THE BOY—KEEP 'EM FLYING.

KEEP WHAT FLYING?

THE FLAGS OF DISCONTENT. IT'S THE ONLY WAY ANYTHING EVER GETS CHANGED.

DON'T TRY TO FOLLOW US, DR. ZAIUS.

I'M PRETTY HANDY WITH THINGS LIKE THIS.

OF THAT I'M SURE. ALL MY LIFE I'VE WANTED YOUR COMING—AND FEARED IT LIKE DEATH ITSELF.

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, I'VE FEARRED YOU, DOCTOR, AND IN SPITE OF EVERY INDICATION THAT I'M AN INTELLIGENT BEING WHO MEANS YOU NO HARM, YOU CONTINUE TO HATE AND FEAR ME.

WHY?

BECAUSE YOU ARE A MAN, AND YOU WERE RIGHT—I HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN ABOUT MAN. FROM THE EVIDENCE, I BELIEVE HIS WISDOM MUST WALK HAND IN HAND WITH HIS IDIOCY.

WHY?!

HIS EMOTIONS MUST RULE HIS BRAIN. HE MUST BE A WARLIKE ANIMAL WHO BATTLES EVERYTHING AROUND HIM... EVEN HIMSELF.
WHAT EVIDENCE? THERE WERE NO WEAPONS FOUND IN THE CAVE.

THE FORBIDDEN ZONE WAS ONCE A PARADISE. YOUR BREED MADE A DESERT OF IT... AGES AGO.

THAT'S DOUBLE-TALK, DOCTOR. I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY, A PLANET WHERE APES EVOLVED FROM MEN...

A WORLD TURNED WRONG SIDE UP. A PUZZLE WITH THE FINAL PIECE MISSING...

DON'T LOOK FOR IT, TAYLOR.

YOU MAY NOT LIKE WHAT YOU FIND.

UNTIE ME...!
NO--
NO!!

LET THEM GO!!

WELL, NOVA. IT SEEMS DR. ZAIUS HAS HALTED HIS THUGS FROM PURSUING US...

MAYBE THERE'S A SPARK OF DECENCY IN HIM AFTER ALL.

FETCH YOUR EXPLOSIVES, MARCUS. WE'RE GOING TO SEAL THE CAVE.

YES, SIR.

SEAL THE CAVE-!!

THAT'S WHAT I SAID, CORNELIUS. AND I MUST INFORM BOTH OF YOU THAT YOU WILL STAND TRIAL FOR THE CRIME OF HERESY.

BUT THE PROOF, THE DOLL-!!

IN A FEW MINUTES, THERE WILL BE NO DOLL. THERE CAN'T BE.

THERE'S NO ROOM FOR A DOLL LIKE THAT IN OUR SOCIETY.

BUT YOU MUSTN'T DESTROY IT! YOU GAVE YOUR WORD--!

WHAT I DO, I DO WITH NO PLEASURE. SILENCE HIM, XRINIIUS.

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