

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

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PLANET OF THE APES AND DRACULA LIVES!



NO! NO!
THE APES HAVE
CAPTURED US!

WE'RE DOOMED!

WHEN THE GORILLAS
TAKE OVER, MEN BECOME
**SLAVES OF THE
APES!**

PABLO MARQUEZ

THE BATTLE FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES

THREE DAYS AGO, THE GORILLAS HAS STORMED OUT OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER... GRUMBLING IN DISGUST OVER CAESAR'S POLICY OF EQUALITY FOR HUMANS...

BUT NOW, LED BY ALDO, THEY RETURN TO THE GATHERED COUNCIL... AND THIS TIME, THEY ARE BENT ON FAR MORE THAN MERE GRUMBLING...

HUMANS COME TO CITY--ALREADY KILLED THREE GORILLA SCOUTS--!

ALL HUMANS HERE MUST GO TO CAGES!!



PART
V:

ASSAULT ON PARADISE



VIRGIL WATCHES AS THE LAST OF THE HUMANS ARE **D**RAGGED FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. HE SEES ALDO, A **T**YRANT, STANDING IN THE CENTRE OF THE ROOM...IN COMPLETE **C**ONTROL BY VIRTUE OF **F**ORCE.



CLEARLY, THE SITUATION IS **H**OPELESS...

...AND SO, HE **L**EAVES.



FURTIVELY...

HE DOES NOT WISH TO **L**ISTEN TO ALDO HARSH WORDS OF HATRED... TO THE PRIMITIVE POLICIES OF A **T**YRANT WHO **E**NFORCES HIS WILL BY AN **I**RON FIST ALONE...



BUT WHO WILL HE LISTEN TO ?



OR, MORE **I**MPOR-
TANTLY, WHEN WILL
CAESAR
EMERGE
FROM HIS
GRIEF --

--AND RETURN TO **P**OWER...
RETURN TO **R**ULE THIS CITY
WHICH SO **D**ESPERATELY **N**EEDS
HIS **W**ISDOM ? **W**HEN -- ?



VIRGIL BREATHES A HEAVY **S**IGH. HE DOES NOT KNOW THE **A**NSWER.

LATER...



WHAT -- ?



NO--
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING--?!

NO
TALK,
HUMAN!



TALK
MORE--AND
YOU GET
HURT!

WAPT



YOU COME
NOW-- TO
CAGE!

NO--
LET ME GO--
YOU'RE HURTING
ME!!



THEN IT
GROWS
WORSE, AS
VIRGIL HAD
EXPECTED.

WILL IT END
AS HE FEARS...?



HE CANNOT
AFFORD TO
FIND OUT...



...FOR TIME
GROWS
SHORT.

NOW...
WE
GET!

GET
WHAT WE
NEED!



OPEN DOOR!
OPEN DOOR
NOW!

BAMP
BAMP
BAMP







...EVER CLOSER...

AND VIRGIL
REALIZES
THAT *TIME* IS
NOT ALWAYS
WHAT IT
SEEMS...



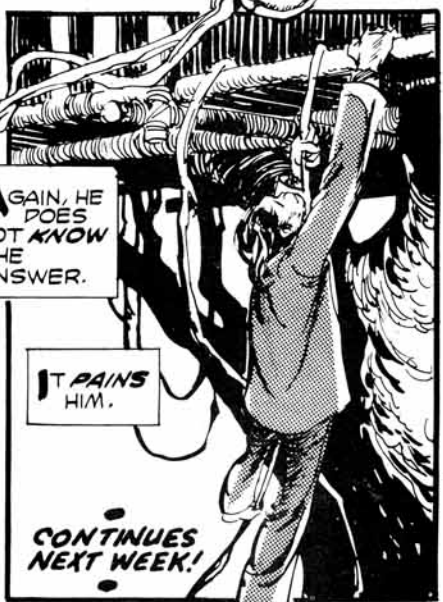
BUT HE
WONDERS
...WHY IS IT
ALWAYS
THE *MOST*
DECEPTIVE--
WHY DOES IT
ALWAYS
PASS THE
QUICKEST..

HYAH!!



--WHEN IT IS NEEDED THE *MOST*...?

AIIIEEE!!



AGAIN, HE
DOES
NOT *KNOW*
THE
ANSWER.

IT PAINS
HIM.

CONTINUES
NEXT WEEK!

APE'S MAIL



RUSS — TAKE A BOW!

Dear POTA,

May I congratulate you on the new mag, Captain Britain. I like the main feature so far and The Fantastic Four is great, even though I've read the story before. (I have the American ish No. 110.) S.H.I.E.L.D. I don't like, but I suppose it could be better. I think I will get the mag every week. And the fun page is a good idea.

But I'm not forgetting POTA. The present story, "Quest", is good, except for the fact that at the end of the book "Conquest", Breck is killed. In "Quest" he is alive. But the story is great. Ka-zar is good at present, and Russ Heath's artwork is fantastic, especially his fight scenes. It's a pity he's been replaced. However, I don't like Man-Thing. The rest of the mag is okay.

I'm sorry to say I have not got the three Stan Lee books. I know where to get the first one, but how about "Son of Origins"? Is it still available? Also, "Bring on the Bad Guys." When will it be available.

James Williams,
104 Methuen Rd.,
Eastnet, Portsmouth.

As ever, we're fascinated to have the views of readers on what's happening in POTA. Thanks for your time and trouble, Jim. And about those three literary gems of Stan's. Both "Son of Origins" and "Bring on the Bad Guys" are currently available. Which means you've no excuse for not having 'em grace your bookshelf.

My name is 'Nightreader'.

Your name is what? Who is this night-reader?

I came from the deep and darkened waste-lands of London. The reason I call myself 'Nightreader' is not because I buy all the Marvel weeklies, and about 21 U.S.

monthlies and Bi-monthlies. The reason is very simple. I gained the power to see in the dark. You might just ask how I got this power. Well, I shall tell you. It happened when I picked up my first issue of DL. I picked up the comic, then it felt as if some strange power entered my body. Then, the following night, I went down to my bedroom, I opened the door and there was no need to turn the light on. Because I could see in the dark. That is my story.

The Nightreader.

You say you went DOWN to your bedroom. Er — you wouldn't be living in some kind of a tomb, wouldya? Level with us, because we're the nervous type.

Dear Bullpen,

The merger of POTA and Drac Lives was a good idea. The Apes stories are always good, Drac is fair, Ka-Zar's rubbish, but Man-Thing's excellent, so let's see more of him, as well as The Black Panther, since "Rage" was fantastic.

It's come to my notice that many frantic ones are always asking you for back issues which you just haven't got, so li'l 'ol me's making an honest-to-Hulk offer to all True Believers who want back-issues of your fab mags, since, up here in Nutty Notts, I can lay my paws on hundreds of old Marvels, Planet of the Apes, Avengers, Superheroes, Dracula Lives, Titans and Conans, but no Spidey's, since they are very scarce. So, send me a list of mags you want and enclose 12p for each mag (which covers the cost of the mag and postage) and a large envelope for the order (or another 9p) and I'll send 'em to ya. BUT I can't accept orders for under five mags because of postage costs. (A mag will cost me 8p, making a total of 16½p for me to send it.) Please allow 21 days for delivery and don't forget to enclose with your order a list of alternative mags if I can't get all you want. Please, no cheques. Just postal orders or money (taped to card).

Chris Hinchley,
190 Oxclose Lane, Arnold, Nottingham.

Sheeeesh! We sure hope you know what you're taking on. Chris! To us, it sounds like full-time occupation!

Dear Sirs,

Just dropping you a line to say that there is a Planet of the Apes fan club at "The Simian Centre, 45 Wykeham Road, Hastings, Sussex". A news-sheet is printed every month, packed full of info and exclusive offers. More information can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope.

M.D. Burgess,
The Simian Centre.

If memory serves us correctly, we did give a mention to The Simian Centre once before. But it was all a long time ago. So-o-o-o, one more time . . .

Dear Howardians,

You might think this is just another letter about Barbarians, with the same details. It is not. I have compiled information on most famous barbarian writers.

R.E. Howard (in paperback). Read Russ Smith's letter in MWOM ish 203. He has missed out three books of the author. Skull-Face Omnibus, vols 1,2 and 3, 250 pages each. These are a classic collection of tales from the Golden age of fantasy and horror. (Panther Books.)

Gardner F. Fox. Kothar. Barbarian Swordsman (paperback).

Three stories of the lusty, hot-blooded, masterful Kothar, with his enchanted sword, Frostfire.

Kyrik. Warlock. Warrior.

Novel of the lusty, hot-blooded, masterful Kyrik, with his enchanted sword, Bluefang.

All of these books with illustrations on the covers by Ken Barr, Achillios and others.

Now to your comics, Bullpen. Readers, listen. For the past few weeks, in MWOM, the artwork for Conan has not been so good. But don't pack in, friends. I regularly buy the American Conan, and, wait for a while in the B and W mags, because the artwork zooms to top standard, Buscema at his best! Everything's superb!

Stuart Watson,
6 Osborne Rd., Hartlepool, Cleveland.

Sheeeesh! We didn't think there WAS any more information on R.E. Howard's books to be spread among Marveldom!



APE'S MAIL
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STAN LEE PRESENTS PLANET OF THE APES!™

"CHILDREN OF THE BOMB"

IN SEARCH OF THE LOST ASTRONAUT **TAYLOR**, SHIP'S MEDIC **BRENT** HAS DISCOVERED THAT HIS STARCRAFT HAD SOMEHOW PIERCED THE VEIL OF **TIME**... AND HAS **NOT** DEPOSITED HIM ON AN **ALIEN** WORLD, BUT RATHER BACK ON **EARTH**-- EARTH OF THE FUTURE, NOW A PLANET IMPOSSIBLY DOMINATED BY INTELLIGENT **APES**.

SEPARATED FROM HIS INDIGENOUS (AND PRIMITIVE) HUMAN COMPANION, THE LOVELY **NOVA**, **BRENT** HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY A MORE **SOPHISTICATED** CULTURE OF HUMANS, A CULTURE WHICH HAS CHOSEN TO WORSHIP A **NUCLEAR WARHEAD**... AS **GOD**.

AND NOW, THE
INTERROGATION
BEGINS--

ALL RIGHT...
ALL **RIGHT**. SO
YOU'VE MASTERED
TELEPATHY--
AND YOU CAN
KILL ME WITH
THE SLIGHTEST
THOUGHT. I
DON'T **DOUBT**
IT...

...BUT I'LL BE
DAMNED IF
YOU THINK
I'M GOING
TO LET YOU
PICK MY
BRAIN!



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