A PSYCHO PHOTO SPECIAL:

BEHIND THE
PLANET
OF THE
APES

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Just as comic-book stories need preliminary pencil sketches, and animated cartoons need storyboards, every scene in a motion-picture must be planned first with sketches. Here are some of the storyboard sketches drawn for 20th Century-Fox's classic 1968 film "Planet of the Apes."

In most cases the original sketches, done before production ever started, are almost identical to the finished product. Where differences are seen, it is because of changes made sometime between the storyboards and the final filming. For instance, the apes were originally planned as more animal-like in appearance. The final makeups were more human and expressive.

Artist's sketch of the apes' jail for primitive humans.

This storyboard shows what the scene should look like when astronaut Taylor is on trial by the apes.

Statue of the ape Lawgiver; the original idea.
The surgery room, as it was first visualized in this charcoal sketch.

Makeup study of Cornelius, showing actor McDowell as he really appears.

View of the jail and surgery area.

The office of Dr. Cornelius, friend of the earth astronaut.

Ape surgeons in this early storyboard.
An early charcoal sketch of the city, somewhat different than it finally appeared.

Primitive humans run in panic from apes.

The "zoo-jail," as first imagined by the artists of Fox Studios.
Actor Maurice Evans, in and out of character, as Dr. Zaius.

Charcoal sketch of the apes' city, seen from a central location.

City of the apes, from outside the town.

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