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### QUESTFOR THE PLANET OF THE APES



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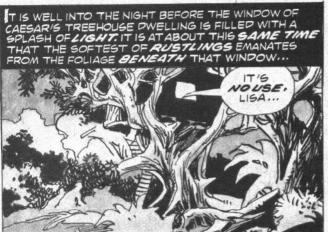
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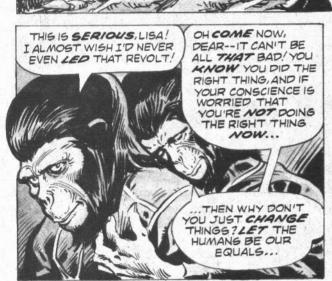








































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BEST--TO ACT WITHOUT THINKING--FORCES
ALDO TO THINK HARDER, AND TO CONCEIVE A
RELATIVELY COMPLEX PROPOSITION...







--BEFORE IT **BOILS OVER.** THE HUMAN **MACDONALD** IS PERHAPS ONE OF THOSE WHO FAIL TO SEE BEYOND THE **SURFACE...**OR, PERHAPS, THE ONLY ONE WHO SEES BEYOND **CAESAR'S** VISION.



















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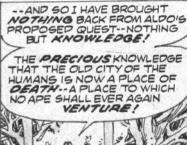




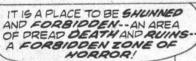


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THUS, I HAVE BROUGHT
BACK TO YOU A LESSON WHICH --



FONLY HIS MOUNT HAD NOT *DIED* -- IF ONLY CAESAR HAD GOTTEN TO THE CITY **SOONER** -- HE MIGHT HAVE HAD TIME TO **CONVINCE** THEM...BUT NOW, **SAOLY**, ALL EYES EAGERLY TURN TO THE TRIUMPHANT ALDO ...

























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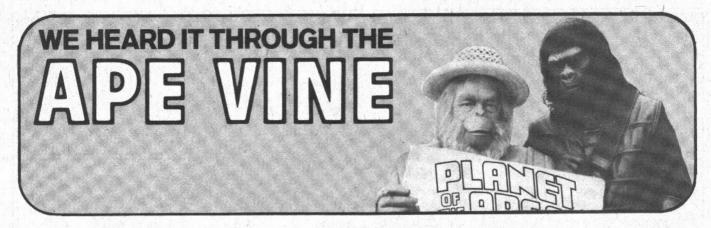
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Owing to a benevolent set of circumstances, we have a full two-page "Ape Vine" for this ish—and it couldn't have happened at a better time, since we have a plethora of particularly incisive and incredible missives this go round. We're even going to take the opportunity all this extra space allows us to slip in some letters that otherwise would never have seen print, and so this month's chapter of "Ape Vine" will chat about both PLANET OF THE APES #'s 18 and 19. Now, without further ado, let's get on with our simian soliloquies . . .

Dear Archie and John,

For three installments now, I've sat utterly awestruck at the extent to which the Apes-dominate-Man theme has been carried into unbelievable realms of imagination. I am referring, of course, to the mommoth "Future History Chronicles" which the talented Doug Moench and noless-extraordinary Tom Sutton have so lovingly lavished upon us. I have really thought highly of Doug'S TERROR ON THE PLANET OF THE APES' serial, but even that cannot compare with imaginative power of "Chronicles." The response to these excursions will probably be mixed, especially among the died-in-the-fur "Apes" fanatics, due to the experimental nature of these stories, both in concept and in execution. Plus, Tom Sutton's mind-staggering artwork does take getting used to, but it pays off in spades once the reader has. Tom's interpretation of simians is hardly from a book of physiology, but then the world he creates through his art is not photographic, nor is it intended to be, and the sooner a person who's disappointed in Sutton's graphics realizes this, the easier he will be able to navigate through Tom's unique universe. But it is the inspiring degree of original thinking on Doug's part, and his lack of trepidation in presenting unique tangents of an idea which I felt had about had it after the first movie, that excites me. I'm not a fan of the Apes phenomena, but I have been overwhelmed at the fresh treatment given the concept by Doug. I just can't express my delight too highly on the "Chronical" series, which has been the most fabulously wrought piece of work on this startling fantasy-concept since Pierre Boulle's original novel. Doug and Tom, my most intense request for an indefinite continuation of this intermittent series.

> Ralph Macchio 188 Wilson Drive Cresskill, N.J. 07626

Ralph, you're so right about the degree of dream-stretching imagination Doug and Tom have managed to include in each increasingly-more-incredible episode of the "Future History Chronicles." Why, even jaded editorial veteran Artful Archie Goodwin continues to be somewhat stunboggled by the innovations and ingenuity our two titanic co-creators have imbued this mighty miniseries with, and at this point no one wants this

syncopated saga to com to an end, especially not Doug and Tom... who have come to depend on the kudos and kindly comments from Marvelites and monkey mavens everywhere.

So thanks, Ralph—but if you'll parden us for asking, what about the rest of the issue? After all, there's more to APES than that one superb series. Do let us know, okay?

Dear gibbons:

APES #19 was one of your best yet, and for only 75¢! "Demons" was extremely science-fiction oriented, and that pleased me and a lot of my s-f/Apes fan-friends no end. I'm glad Mike Ploog did the art, which was fantastic, as is usual for him. Doug-was no slouch in the story department, either.

However, I noticed that you misspelled "Psychedrome" on the cover. Tsk, tsk! And there were minor proofreading errors throughout the articles and "Ape Vine" sections. Please be careful on that account, since it detracts from full reading pleasure.

Also, speaking of the letters section, you asked if we'd like to see extensive coverage of the Return to the Planet of the Apes cartoon series. I don't know about the other Ape-ophiles, but YES I, myself, would most definitely like to see coverage of this cartoon continuation.

"Simian Visions" wasn't exactly your best article; it had too many facts and not enough interesting improvisation to hold together, if you know what I mean.

Last, but certainly not least, where's the next ish page you promised us, hmmm? I looked and I looked, but it was nowhere to be found.

In the future, please try to provide us with more behind-the-scenes into of all kinds as pertains to the Apes, all right? In the meantime, keep on kibitzing!

Mike A. Markeim 912 S. Kennsington Drive Leavenworth, KS

If you wanna know the truth, Mike, we're more than a might ambivalent about a next issue page—not because we don't dig giving you an advance idea of amazing Ape items to come, but rather because (as we've pointed out a little earlier on this selfsame letters page) of space limitations. So once again, after our obliging fashion,

we'll leave it up to you—Apedom Assembled. Would you sooner see a next issue page, or would you rather that we devoted that space to more art or articles? What say, Marvelites?

In regards to the occasional error in proofreading, our eagle eyes are e'er on the alert, but ya just wouldn't believe how fast we have to work sometimes, and in such cases there's more than a good chance that we're bound to be blind to an otherwise easy to catch mistake, such as the misspelling of "Psychedrome" on the cover. We try, woe begotten and weary but always enthusiastic; unfortunately, we ain't always successful.

Still, Mike, you can be more than sure of one thing—we'll keep on kibitzing, no matter what!

Ape-people:

The cover of #19 was phantasmagoric. Bob Larkin is steadily proving himself a top cover artist, despite the early bad premonitions I had concerning his first gaudy covers for Marvel.

"Demons of the Psychedrome," by Doug Moench, Mike Ploog and Tom Sutton (!) was a great story with superb artwork. But why the artistic team-up?

"Simian Visions" was a very good article, but is it possible for you to go to smaller type or something, in order to have more than one text feature per ish? And let me add my voice to the countless multitudes requesting an interview with Charlton Heston, himself. After all, he's the first and most famous actor ever to appear in the mighty apes movie saga.

Your continual adaptation of those remarkable films makes top-notch reading, very enjoyable. The art is back to truly amazing quality, and Doug's dynamic dialoguing has never lagged.

Finally, I've started an original story called "Quillerion," and wonder whether you'd be interested in considering it for publication?

Steve Vardy 301 11th Street Brooklyn, NY 11215

Hey, Steve, we're glad you're warmin' up to Larkin, who (as you may or may not know) also does an occasional paperback cover, such as his recent masterful rendering of Dracula for the paperback adaptation of the same title produced by sometime-Marvel-monster-maniac Russ Jones.

The artistic team-up of Ploog and Sutton on "Psychedrome" came as a result of Mike's previously-announced outside obligations, which spirited him away to the west coast in the midst of his work on the aforementioned story; thus, Titanic Tom stepped in to give us an emergency assist by inking over Mike's rough pencils. That's the inside story, Steve.

And this is as good a place as any to announce that, while we sincerely appreciate the enthusiasm and effort that goes into original Apes en-

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deavors by our readers, we just can't consider them for publication, owing to a legal technicality that ties in with licensing and copyright considerations. So please, people, stop sending us those unsolicited stories—since we ain't even allowed to look at 'em!

But that doesn't mean we can't thank you for being so devoted, and wish you the best of luck in the wars of chaos and creation. It just means we can't consider any outside Apes material, that's all!

Dear Marvel gang:

APES #18 followed a fine line between satisfactory and disastrous. First the format: I'm sick of it. And judging by the letters you've printed, so are quite a few others. Soon APES will just fade away, if the current trend keeps up!

However, what you've been doing with the space still left to you is nothing short of genius. The cover, as usual, was fine ... though not excellent. As for Alcala's interior art—he's been surprising me ... and pleasing me! The close-up of the orangutan on page 13 was fantastic! And the articles (such as remain in the limited space allotted to them) have been top-notch. More of Jim Whitmore, please!

I feel honor bound to correct Jim's inaccurate reference to "Ricky the racoon," though; Ricky was a **squirrel**. There were several other oversights and missing names or places, but I take it that at some far future point you'll undertake an update on the Glossary. At least, I hope so.

Here's where I put in my bid for more pictures. More, more, more! Since you've said in a recent lettercol that you recently acquired some new material from 20th Century-Fox, I hope you'll be using such new found pictorial matter in upcoming issues.

That's it! Keep up the great work, Archie, John, Doug, and the rest of you Merry Marvelites.

Harold M. Oberon 316 E. 77th Street New York, NY 10019

Dear Green Bananas:

You said that the purpose of your new format was to reach more readers, especially those who can't buy every issue of APES because of the \$1 tariff—so what about the 25¢ ADVENTURES ON THE PLANET OF THE APES color comicbook? Can't the economical apes buy that, instead—after all, it is a reprint and much cheaper.

And I thought it was quite cheap of you to put the table of contents right where a full-page photo of Apes used to be.

Another thing—why do you continually use the same photos? To sum up: Your new format is outrageous—i.e., what little there is of APES, is little indeed.

Andrew Currie (No address given.)

Andy, old fellow ape-fanatic, you do us a grave injustice by even implying that our best efforts to save space and provide a simian snapshot by combining the contents page with the inside cover feature is . . . in a word . . . cheap. We beg to differ—nay, demand to differ—since it would be easier for us to continue taking up an extra page for a simple listing of the contents; but that would mean one less page for comics or articles or letters, and judging from all the opinions of Apedom Assembled we've received thus far, that's precisely the opposite of what you the readers or we the editors want.

In fact, Andy, sometimes sudden limitations actually bring out the best in people, and we've been somewhat proud of the way that we've still

managed to include an ample amount of ape information and entertainment, despite the handicap of the reduced format.

As for the (entirely unintentional) repetition of photos, we think you'll find that to be far less of a problem from now on; indeed, we've already begun to delve into the nearly endless supply of photos of the Apes films selected by Joltin' John Warner himself during a trip to the west coast studios of 20th Century-Fox last summer.

So cheer up, Mr. Currie—we're still doin' the best we know how, and—as ever—we're doin' it for you!

Sirs-

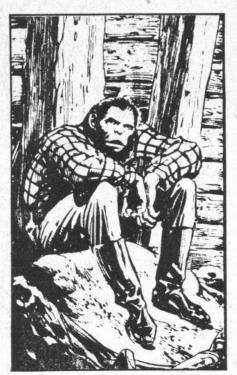
Wrong, wrong, wrong! Both your chronology and your glossary are wrong. You place the TV shows 900 years before the first two movies, when they should be 10 years after them. My proof? I get this startling revelation from quotes in the movies and TV shows which you ignored. Such as:

1. "More than ten years ago another such ship landed, humans, they said they were from this world but from another time period, long ago . . . they called themselves . . . astronauts."

Zaius said this on the first **Planet of the Apes**TV show, when first told about the landing of Virdon and Burke's ship.

2. "The year 3085... Maybe further if that's when it stopped working," said Burke, in reference to the ship's clock on the first TV show.

The first quote would be enough to show that the two Zaiuses in the glossary are one in the same and that the TV show takes place after the original movie, but the second gives a reason why the year 3085 isn't the year the ship landed, but the year the clock stopped. Also the cartoon show helps prove this fact. I would place the cartoon show between the first two movies and the TV show. Why? Because the apes had started to fear that the humans were learning to speak, and because Nova was found wearing Brent's dog tags. The apes' fear that humans were learning to speak would prove itself when 10 years later we again return to the Planet of the Apes (TV show) and find the humans capable of speech. My version of the chronology doesn't account for all the contradictions but it isn't as



strained as yours. Personally I believe that the TV show was a mutation of what must have been originally conceived. It would have been more interesting if instead of Virdon and Burke, the show had the further adventures of Taylor and Brent. Two more points on this subject, how do I account for the explosion of the doomsday bomb at the end of BENEATH when the TV show occurred after this? Well, who's to say it did explode? We saw the screen go white with a blinding light at the end of the movie, but this doesn't mean that the world blew up, and besides that we only have Zira's version of the story, and she couldn't even get her dates straight. So what can we believe, the throwaway line of a drunken chimpanzee or 14 hours of TV shows? Also, where does Marvel's stories fit in? That's easy, since Caesar promised to change the course of the future in BATTLE. Perhaps Marvel's stories fit in there. So, instead of a complete circle, our time line should be an open curve, thanks to Zira, Cornelius, Milo, and Caesar-forever on the wrong course.

Other than these few points, your PLANET OF THE APES magazine is an excellent effort.

Clark J. Holloway Box 283 Oakville, WA 98568

Dear apes:

Alas, APES #19 was only an almost perfect issue. I've seen you do better; but I've also seen you do worse. This issue's chapter of TERROR was a little far-out for my taste, and I'm not sure I like Sutton over Ploog on the art, but all-in-all I'll give them an "A" for effort.

The article by Jim Whitmore was good, and I thoroughly enjoyed it and hope you'll feature more material of this nature. In addition, I'd like to see interviews with big name movie stars, and articles on the animated TV series.

CONQUEST is turning out to be the best Marvel adaptation of the Apes movies so far, and Alfredo Alcala is a great choice for artist. Doug Moench, I know, often gets overlooked as author, cause he does all the Apes material and therefore doesn't come up for comparison with any other authors on the various stories; but just the same I think he's done an adequate if not outasite job, and some of the free-floating stories he's done on his own to add to the Apes mythos have been nothing short of inspired! Keep it up, Doug!

And keep it up, Marvel. You're all right with

Russ Holtzman 142 Sioux Street Rapid City, SD

And you avid Ape-ophiles are all right with us, Russ! No matter what happens in the foggy and uncertain future, no one can say we didn't give this adventuresome venture everything we've got. After all, we know pessimistic and pusilanimous pen-wielders who predicted this magazine wouldn't last for a dozen issues, and here we are just short of twice that number, with no let up in sight. So stick with us, armchair anthropoids, and see where fancy and fantasy lead us in issues yet to come.

But, at the same time, we don't want ya to forget that we're depending on you to let us know how we fared on this current edition, so be sure to tell us in no uncertain terms. We'll be countin' on ya! Our anthropomorphic address remains unchanged:

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From PLANET OF THE APES back to KING KONG and beyond, Apes have played an important role in the imagination of man, a trend apparent in almost all media.

### By Jim Whitmore

ust how would you answer, if you were asked where PLANET OF THE APES came from? No, it wasn't originated in a movie producer's business prospectus, or in the fertile brain of a French novelist named Boulle. In truth it had two birthplaces, one each in the world of literature and the place we call the "real" world, separated

Setting: the real world birthplace. Green and dangerous central Africa, largely unexplored, 130 years ago . . .

"They are exceedingly ferocious, and always offensive in

their habits; it is said that when the male is first seen he gives a terrific yell that is heard far and wide through the forest, something like kh-ah!, prolonged and shrill . . . he then approaches the enemy in great fury, pouring out his cries in quick succession. The hunter awaits his approach with gun extended; if his aim is not sure he permits the animal to grab the barrel, and as he carries it to his mouth he fires; should the gun fail to go off, the barrel is crushed between his teeth, and the encounter soon proves fatal to the hunter."

That's where it began. With this 1846 description of a gorilla as fancifully told by a missionary named (would you believe?) Savage. We've been paying for the misconception

ever since, in one way or another.



Much of it was still unstudied, and communication over then-vast distance was slow, particularly in underdeveloped areas.

Where an area is not totally known, there will inevitably be rumors of monsters. So it was in Africa with the largest apes of all, the gorillas. Savage's ridiculous account was not the first; only the first to be paid attention to. As far back as 470 BC Hanno set out from Carthage with an expedition of grand proportion and found, in the Sierra Leone foothills, hairy creatures who, when attacked, threw stones in their own

Now the Gorilla takes on a new role — he is the hunter and man the savage. From BATTLE.

defense. Three of the animals, called "gorillai," were captured. Three hundred years later Pliny reports that their skins were still preserved in Carthage's Temple of Astarte.

(Although this is the first usage of the term "gorilla," evidence supports the conclusion that Hanno's group actu-

ally found baboons or chimpanzees.)

Much later, in 1559, an English adventurer named Andrew Battell was taken prisoner by the Portuguese and conscripted for several years of service in their colonial troops. Stationed near the Mayombe River in West Africa he saw two different kinds of apes which he wrote about in 1625. One of which, the one he calls the Pongo, is clearly the gorilla.

He was the first human to hear of the true gorilla. He was

ignored.

Other reports began to trickle out of the continent. A sea captain's tale, an explorer's story . . . but true credit for discovery of the gorillas goes to two missionaries, Wilson and the aforementioned Savage. One day when Savage was visiting Wilson he notice in the house a skull said by the

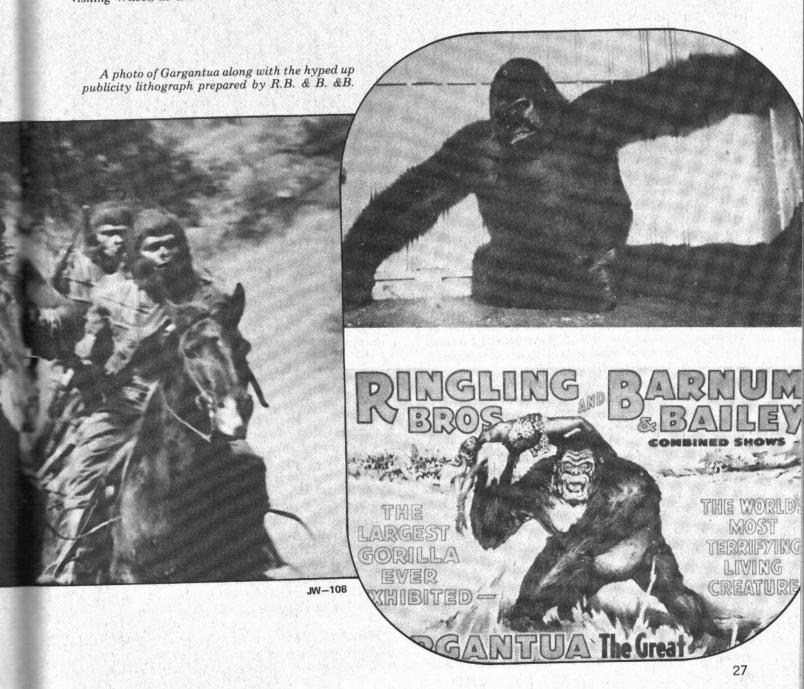
natives to be from a "monkey-like animal, remarkable for its size, verocity, and habits." Both collected skulls in the next few months and sent them to promient English anatomists Jeffries Wyman and Richard Owen. Savage even went so far as to include a description of the lifestyle of the wild gorilla, some of which was printed at the beginning of this article, and was apparently based on no actual sighting of the gorilla; just on hearsay.

Not to be outdone, Richard Owen abandoned science for creative mythology and wrote his own account, in 1859, part

of which goes:

"Natives when stealing through the shades of tropical forest become sometimes aware of the proximity of one of these frightfully formidable apes by the disappearance of one of their companions, who is hoisted up into the trees, uttering, perhaps, a short choking cry. In a few moments he falls to the ground a strangled corpse."

These days, they call that kind of thing "sensationalizing," and most people frown at it. But to the world of the 19th century the fantasy image of the killer ape was spectacu-



larly exciting. It served to neatly symbolize the Unknown on all sides of the straight Victorian world. It allowed the same slight tickle of fear (and all fear stems from the Unknown) that we get, today, from scanning headlines of flood, fire, destruction. The gorilla—or, at least, a beast with a superficial resemblance to the gorilla—took its place in the world.

It was the first great wave of interest in the Ape.

Searches were organized and sent. The gorilla appeared in Gothic fiction as the latest gimmick. He was used as a bogeyman for children . . .

And sadly, inevitably, the Great White Hunters found him. Paul du Chaillu was the first to actually shoot a gorilla. His account of the adventure paints the poor maligned creature in an even more unfavorable light.

"And now truly he reminded me of nothing so much as some hellish dream-creature—a being of that hideous order, half-man half-beast, which we find pictured by old artists in some representations of the infernal regions. He advanced a few steps—then stopped to utter that hideous roar again—advanced again, and finally stopped when at a distance of about six yards from us. And here, just as he began another of his roars, beating his chest in rage, we fired, and killed him."

Contrast these images of the gorilla to that held by the Mendjin Mey tribe of Cameroun, who consider it a disgrace to be injured by a gorilla—because the gorilla would not have attacked if the man had not fled!

You'll notice that du Chaillu's beast never really attacked. It just made noise, and in the name of sport he shot it. Scientists attacked his accounts as "fantasy," though it appears that he was not the sole culprit. Rumor has it that his publisher turned down the first version of the book because it wasn't "lively" enough.

Evolutionary theory wasn't the standard of belief in those days, unlike modern times. The people of the 1880's didn't see an "ancestor" or "relative" in the gorilla. Instead they saw a mirror that reflected their darker passions, the repressions running throughout Victorian Society. (Considering the fascination it held, it is not surprising that earnest, nonsensational study by naturalists only began about 20 years ago. Though study technique might figure in there—in 1896 a man named Garner, intimidated by the gorilla's reputed bad manners and great violence, decided to study them by building an iron cage. He sat inside it and waited for them to be seen. He did end up writing a book about the experience, but he never did learn much about gorillas.)

The second wave of ape impact on Western culture also came as a result of the mass acceptance of a fantasy image, when the first of several generations of movie-goers thrilled to the sight of a giant gorilla climbing the Empire State Building, holding Fay Wray aloft in a light and loving grip.

KING KONG, of course. (In Sweden it's KONG KING, but that's another story) In which the Killer Ape is made bigger and stronger—but oddly, also more tender, more human—than ever. And in the end it isn't really the guns that manage to do in the poor fellow, but the abstract concept of Beauty.

Do you see the evolution of the concept? The outside was flamboyant for the time's demand, but the inside was more *human*.

1930 was a lucky year for the movies; Edgar Wallace (a popular novelist who had gone to Hollywood to work in film) came together with Merian Caldwell Cooper, Ernest B. Schroedsack, and the innovative Willis O'Brien. Three years of intense work and many namechanges for the big ape later their creation opened in New York, and it didn't matter



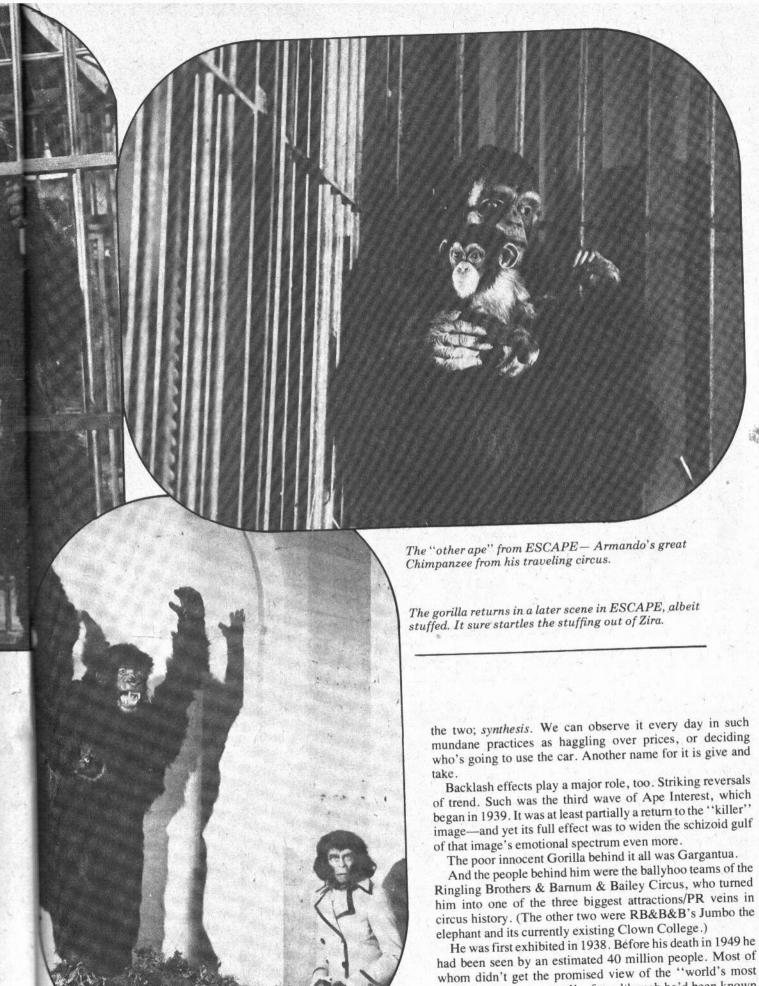
Strange cage-fellows. The cinema-ape version of the thirties meets our own contemporary versions of the apes trend. From ESCAPE.

that there was a Depression on.

In NYC two theatres packed a total of ten thousand seats for ten shows daily for weeks. When released on TV for the first time some years later one station showed it sixteen times in one week! And so that second wave of apemania began, but with that difference in its source that caused the tone of the enthusiasm to be different, as well.

You can easily judge its impact by the spinoffs and ripoffs; SON OF KONG, KONGA, MIGHTY JOE YOUNG, the Japanese man-in-a-suit version of the original . . . even an animated cartoon called KING KLUNK (1933) featuring a character of the day known as Pooch the Pup. (And Kong's effect on the world isn't finished yet, either—a remake of the original KONG is in the works for 1976, under the production of Dino de Laurentis and Paramount Pictures.)

Marx depicted history as a pattern of waves. *Thesis* (state of the world) is washed by *antithesis* (its ideological opposite, or at least contender) and the result is a wary balance of



whom didn't get the promised view of the "world's most terrifying living creature"—for, although he'd been known



The inheritor of the Planet of the Apes — the young child of Zira and Cornelius, left in Armando's care. From ESCAPE.

to tear burlap bags like they were wet napkins and fold tire casing into quarters, Gargantua was usually more content to sit back in his specially air-conditioned home and watch the "marks" watching him.

This was a further evolution of the primal ape imagery. And talk of dichotomy! The ad reinforced the public image of the African Gorilla as a creature huge and fierce . . . but everyone who actually saw him came away modified, knowing that while he was big (550 lbs) he wasn't huge, not a King Kong at all. And he was usually even tempered! There dose of reality came into play and tempered the fantasy, which had grown incredibly.

This last known wave is why you're here. The PLANET OF THE APES series.

They represent a radical divergence from the earlier manifestations of Ape symbology, fitting in this day of radical changes. Do you see it? At first apes were killers; man's dark side. Gradually in fantasy and real life they acquired a more gentle nature as our knowledge of them grew. And now . . .

now...even though the violence inherent in all sentience is still represented and certain aspects remain rooted in cliche, the apes have largely become *true individuals*.

It would not be too extreme to say they now have souls.

In fact, that's the major point of the Boulle satire—that 'humanity' is as much an attribute earned, and reinforced by behavior, as it is some inherent quality. If not more.

If it walks, talks, and thinks as well or better than a man... why not consider it equal or, as in the series, superior to man?

This fourth wave of the apes, spurred as it is by new facts concerning real world ape intelligence and their ability to communicate, isn't over yet. But its thrust is clear. I think it bodes well for us that our demons have grown and changed in thirteen decades. Perhaps it means we have, too, something that will be necessary if we're to avoid a holocaust not unlike that at the end of BENEATH. And, considering the progress made, iconographically, I can't help wondering what the next step in the change might be . . . a regression? An advance? Who can say. But I know we'll all be waiting together to find out.

# SHAKESPEARE TOSIMIAN

BY Robert Cleveland



plays. It was Zaius's sharp insight upon humanity from the simian viewpoint which impeled many a viewer to reappraise his own species.

Mr. Evans was seen in orangutan makeup throughout the entire two films, and it was a strenuous assignment not only artistically but also physically, inasmuch as it required almost four hours to mount the makeup each morning and an hour at night to remove it

His performance in "Beneath the Planet of the Apes" marked Maurice Evans' 34th anniversary as luminary of the American stage. His first visit to our shores was occasioned by an extension of the classic quarrel between the Montagues and the Capulets. After a successful run at the Martin Beck Theatre in New York which ended in April 1935, Katharine Cornell planned to take "Romeo and Juliet" on tour the following Fall. The prospect of travel cost her both her Romeo and her Mer-

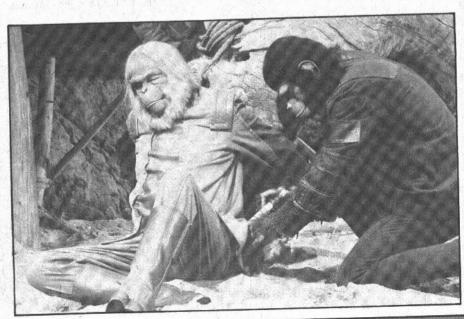
cutio. Seeking replacements for Basil Rathbone and Brian Aherne, Miss Cornell raided London's Old Vic and from its ranks bagged Maurice Evans and Ralph Richardson.

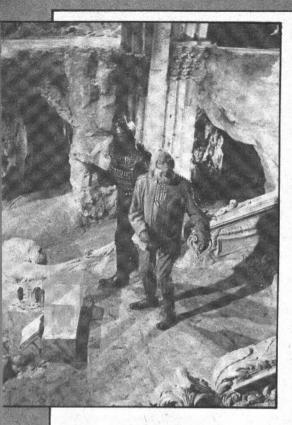
This eminent pair faced their first American audience in Baltimore on October 10, 1935, on the stage of the Lyric Theatre. Evans postponed returning to London so that he could play the Dauphin in Miss Cornell's next production of Shaw's "St. Joan." So enthusiastic was the critic's salute to the performance of Evans in "St. Joan" that the London stage has not seen him since. England's loss was definitely our gain. The next season saw Mr. Evans as Napoleon in "St. Helena" and with his brilliant portrayal of the exiled Emperor, he was raised to the status of a star by his producer, Max Gordon.

Evans next elected to do "Richard II" which had not been seen in New York for more than half a century. This

aurice Evans, one of the globe's most eminently respected actors, first covered his face with orangutan makeup in the 20th Century Fox production of "Planet of the Apes." In that film he introduced to the world the character of the simian minster of science, Dr. Zaius. He recreated his role of Dr. Zaius two years later, in "Beneath the Planet of the Apes."

The role was one demanding a performer of Mr. Evans' well-recognized capability, for Zaius was no caricature, no freak, but rather a multi-faceted thinker whose actions and reasoning imparted much of the bite to the screen-





choice raised many an eyebrow. Theatre-goers were tired of Shakespeare, argued the cynics. In that season they had already seen John Gielgud and Leslie Howard in competing productions of "Hamlet" and Walter Huston in a revival of "Othello." Besides, "Richard II," for all its soaring poetry was one of Shakespeare's less popular plays. It had not had a dozen performances in all of New York's theatrical history.

Evans ignored these prophets of doom. On February 5, 1937, "Richard II" opened at the St. James and it was one of the most memorable first nights of our time. The next day, John Mason Brown wrote: "Seeing 'King Richard II' will, I think, convince you that, in Maurice Evans, the English-speaking theatre possesses by all odds the finest and most accomplished actor of present time." Not a bad review for an actor that was relatively unknown in America, that was acting in a supposedly doomed play. Evan's performance routed all the skeptics ovenight. The surge at the box-office was as overpowering as it had been unexpected and the engagement was one of the most successful revivals of a Shakespearian play in all history.

"Richard II" played 133 performances before its close, the longest run ever enjoyed by the play anywhere, and its final showing was witnessed by a

packed house plus 150 frantic standees. With his Richard, Maurice Evans was firmly established in New York, as he was in the rest of the country following an extensive tour of the play.

Under his own management in 1938, he set up the full-length "Hamlet"—this necessitated a 6:30 p.m. curtain. He then triumphed as Falstaff in "Henry IV, Part I"; as Malvolio to Helen Hayes' Viola in the Theatre Guild's revival of "Twelfth Night," and as "Macbeth" with Judith Anderson as his bloodthirsty mate. All of these established Maurice Evans as the most eloquent and industrious interpreter of classic roles to function on the American stage within our generation.

An American citizen since 1941, Evans enlisted in the Army a year later. First as a captain, then as a major, he served in the Pacific combat zone as head of the Army Entertainment Section. For his services he was awarded the Legion of Merit. It was His G.I. version of "Hamlet" that proved so successful with the troops that at the war's end it was produced on Broadway by Mike Todd with Evans in his familiar role of the Danish Prince.

In 1947, Evans appeared in his production of Shaw's "Man and Superman." This revival ran for 295 performances, a record-breaking run for any Shaw play in New York, and it played another eight months on tour. His first holiday from the classics saw Mr. Evans in Terence Rattigan's "The Browning Version," in 1949. In that same year, he assumed the demanding post of Artistic Director for the New York City Theatre Company at the City Center.

With "Dial M for Murder," Evans

had another change of pace, and spent two years the charming villain, Tony Wendice. It was during the run of this play that he also found time to produce one of the great comedies of our time, "The Teahouse of the August Moon." Later he produced another comedy hit, "No Time for Sergeants." After this he appeared in "The Apple Cart," "Heartbreak House," and "The Aspern Papers." He also appeared in his first musical in this country, "Tenderloin," in 1960, and got the musical bug so badly that he wanted to appear in another as soon as possible. During 1962-63, he toured the U.S. with Helen Hayes in "Shakespeare Revisited-A Program for Two Players." These two stars of the American Theatre played 69 cities in 19 weeks.

For many Evans has been closely associated with Hallmark Hall of Fame and on this program he has recreated many of his famous roles for television. In 1960, he and Dame Judith Anderson recreated on film their roles in "Macbeth" and this was shown twice on TV by Hallmark. In 1961, "Macbeth" received six Emmy Awards.

His other well-known films, besides the "Apes" movies, have been "Kind Lady" with Ethel Barrymore; "Androcles and the Lion"; "Gilbert and Sullivan"; "The War Lord" with Charlton Heston (remember him "Ape" fans?) and Richard Boone; "The Traitors of St. Angel," and "Jack of Diamonds."

Maurice Evans can well be considered one the finest actors of this or any other time. There is a lot more than a pretty face behind that ape mask, there is a veritable treasure trove of acting talent.



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THE HUMAN, MacDONALD, HAS JUST CRAWLED THROUGH AGONY IN ATTEMPT TO WARN CAESAR OF BRECK'S ESCAPE ...

UNFORTUNATELY. THE WARNING HAS COME **700 LATE.** 

LISTEN TO ME, YOU
UGLY REJECTS FROM
THE MONKEY-HOUSEI TOLD YOU PROVIDENCE FAVORS MAN OVER THE APES!

NOW I'M GOING TO PROVE IT!"

> LISA -- !! NO!! IN THE VAME OF THE NO00:

BUT FOR ALL OF CAESAR'S ANGUISH, THE GREAT GORILLA ALDO IS MERELY PUZZLED. THE PRECIOUS GUNS HE HAS STOLEN FROM THE WASTED CITY
IN THE FORBIDDEN
ZONE HAVE JUST
BEEN RECLAIMED
BY THEIR RIGHTFUL
OWNERS.

HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW OR WHY, BUT HE IS CERTAIN OF ONE THING: IT IS NOT FAIR.











CAESAR STANDS NOW, IN SHOCK, THE SHADOW OF HORROR COVERING HIS

... AND CAESAR KNOWS, NOW, THAT TWO LIVES ARE THREATENED BY A MADMAN AND HIS GUN.

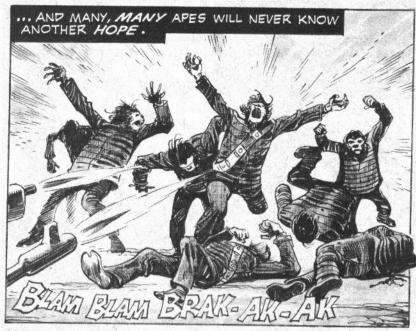




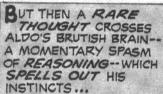




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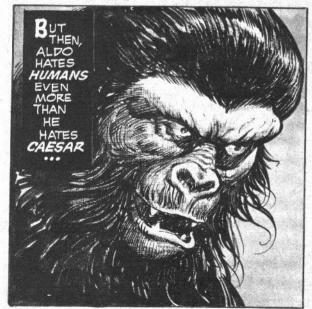






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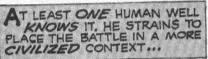






A LARGE NUMBER OF APES HAVE FALLEN IN SACRIFICE, BUT THE TIDE OF BATTLE HAS NOW TURNED. WITH THE TIME BOUGHT BY THEIR FALLEN BROTHERS, THE REMAINING APES HAVE CLOSED WITH THE HUMANS--AND HAVE RIPPED THE WEAPONS FROM THEIR HANDS...







N SHORT, HE REACHES







































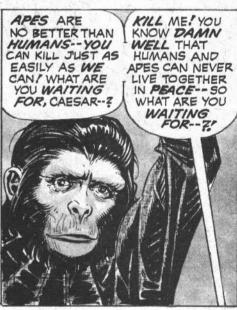






























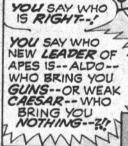
















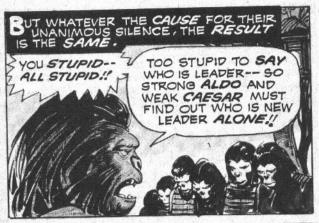






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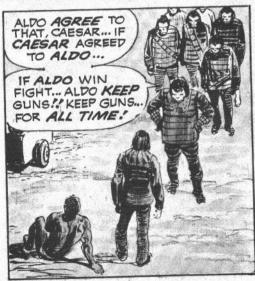
















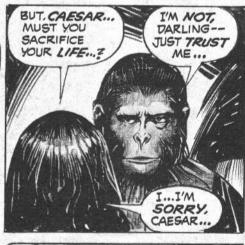


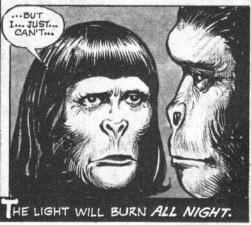






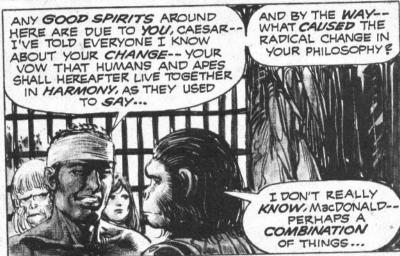
















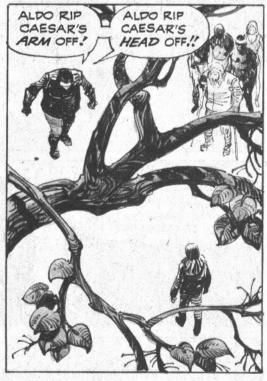






















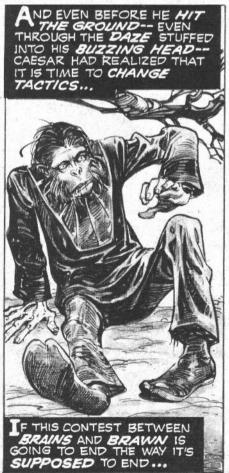
































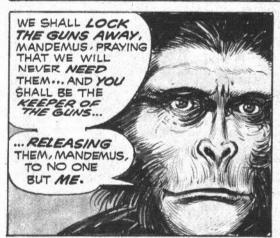
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TO NOT DESTROY
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WILL BE MAKING
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MISTAKE POSSIBLE.
GUNS ARE EVIL!

PERHAPS, MANDEMUS, AND PERHAPS NOT. PERHAPS THE EVIL IS NOT IN THE GUNS THEMSELVES, BUT IN HOW THEY ARE USED. I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THAT ALDO, IN ALL HIS IGNORANCE, SOMEHOW GRASPED A SHRED OF PROFOUND WISDOM...

















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