

# PLANET OF THE APES TIME LINE

**1915**

NACA (National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics) is born.

With the intent of being an advisory committee that would coordinate research underway elsewhere. However, it quickly became a leading research organization in aeronautics and the new field of astronautics; pushing back the boundaries of flight through the first supersonic flights and also some of the research that would lead to the human space program under its successor, NASA.

**1916**

**NOVEMBER 10** Lyndon Maddox is born.

**1920**

**NOVEMBER 25** Armando is born.

**1928**

**OCTOBER 25** George Taylor is born.

As a child, Taylor attends Jefferson Public School in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**1936**

**JANUARY 31** John Christopher Brent is born.

**1942**

**JANUARY 12** Alan John Virdon is born in Jackson County, Texas. His parents own a farm and he grows up there.

**JANUARY 24** Jason Arnold Breck is born.

**1943**

**April 03** Otto Victor Hasslein is born.

**1949**

Alan Virdon, age seven, begins riding horses.

## 1950

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George Taylor enters the U.S. Air Force.

## 1951

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**December 06** Peter James Burke is born.

Stephen Benjamin Jones is born in Boulder, Colorado.

## 1958

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**October 01** NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) is born.

The new agency began operation with the mission to perform civilian research related to space flight and aeronautics.

*NASA's birth was directly related to national defense. After WWII, the US and USSR were engaged in a contest over their ideologies and allegiances of nonaligned nations. During this period space exploration and flight was a major area of contest which became known as the space race.*

## 1959

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**October 04** Malcolm MacDonald is born.

## 1960

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Captain George Taylor is assigned to NASA as a test pilot.

## 1961

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Alan Virdon enters the University of Colorado, and Majored in Aeronautics Engineering B.S. and minored in Chemistry.

## 1962

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Captain George Taylor is assigned to the X-15 Program.

*The NASA X-15 Program involves the X-15 airplane to fly above the atmosphere, then glides back to Earth unpowered. The pilots gain valuable information about supersonic aeronautics.*

## 1964

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Alan Virdon graduates and enters the U.S. Air Force.

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Major George Taylor is assigned to the X-20 Program.

*The X-20 airplane was designed to fly into Earth orbit.*

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**June 01** Alan Virдон marries Sally Hayes.

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A Hispanic gentleman named Armando purchases a female chimpanzee named Heloise, intending to open a circus. It will take him another seven years to fulfil that dream.

Intending to work in the entertainment industry, Armando drops his last name, legally registering himself under the stage-name of 'Señor Armando'.

## 1967

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Alan Virдон's son, Chris, is born. As a child, he grows up on his family's farm in Houston, Texas.

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As Chris Virдон grows up, his father teaches him all he knows about farming—particularly the importance of planting the best seeds to insure the health of next year's crop. On the farm, Virдон watches veterinarians work to get familiar with birthing and other techniques. As such, he learns how to help a cow in labour whose calf has turned around in the womb.

## 1969

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**July 20** NASA successfully lands a man on the Moon.

**August 20** ANSA (*American National Space Administration*) is born.

Due to the success of the first moon landing in July, ANSA is commissioned by the President as a parallel division of NASA to develop a new prototype spacecraft to help explore interstellar space. This ambitious project to go beyond our solar system is named: The Icarus Program.

*The aim of ANSA is to develop protocols, procedures and technologies to advance interstellar spaceflight to go beyond the solar system. ANSA's first target is Alpha Centauri.*

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ANSA's first Director is Dr. Otto Hasslein.

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**September** Colonel George Taylor volunteers for the ANSA Interstellar Space Program.

*Classified Information: Taylor was one of the test pilots that flew the Icarus Prototype.*

## 1950's - 1960's

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After the Cuban Crisis in 1962 President Kennedy commissioned the military to investigate, propose and design a new form of weapon to protect the United States from all possible enemies, the military begins investing their efforts in creating the 'Alpha-Omega' Bomb, a cobalt-encased atomic missile also known as the "doomsday bomb" able to destroy the entire world.

The weapon's name comes from Revelations 22:13 in The Bible: *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."* Only those with top security clearance know of the project's existence, among them ANSA astronaut George Taylor.

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Alan Viridon passes his Electronics Lab One course despite accidentally sitting on an awl during class.

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Peter Burke spends his childhood in Jersey City, where he never sees the stars at night. Still, he longs some day to be out there among them.

As a child, Peter attends P.S. 103 in Jersey City.

Peter's mother Mary often tells him the Biblical story of Isaac and his twin sons, Jacob and Esau, hoping to instill in him the importance of avoiding deception.

Peter's father, meanwhile, often tries to teach him an important lesson by asking, *"Son, when the going gets tough, and the tough get going, what will you do?"*

Peter is one of three children, with two sisters. His family also has a dog, though young Peter would prefer that they had two dogs and one sister.

Peter pitches a no-hitter game of baseball while in high school.

## 1970

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**January** Peter Burke enters Michigan State University and becomes a running back for the football team and takes R.O.T.C. classes.

Peter Burke majors in Computer Science.

Peter Burke also gets a Bachelors' Degree in Astrophysics and a Masters' in Aeronautic Engineering.

During his junior year of college, Pete Burke makes a particularly unpopular play during a game against Ohio State.

**October 07** Bruce MacDonald is born.

## 1971

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The President of the United States hand-picks one of his officers, ANSA astronaut Colonel George Taylor, to head the IEP (*Interstellar Exploration Program*) mission to Alpha Centauri.

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'Armando's Old Time Circus' is formed.

## 1972

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**January** Dr. Otto Hasslein is appointed by the President to be his Senior Scientific Adviser.

**January 14** Astronauts Colonel George Taylor, Lieutenants Robert Landon, Mathew Dodge, and Catherine Stewart are launched on the *Astræa* the first interstellar exploration flight to Alpha Centauri from Cape Kennedy. The crew enters suspended animation for the long voyage to 'somewhere in Orion's belt'. The mission is launched amid high support from the nation and the world.

**February** It is mid-February and the *Astræa* mysteriously drops out of communications and deep space surveillance under mysterious circumstances. The media has a field day and the government institutes several special investigations into ANSA protocols.

Later, it will be discovered that at near FTL (*Faster-Than-Light*) velocities, the *Astræa* has created/entered a Hasslein Curve in space/time and was thrown several thousand years into the future. ANSA hurriedly readies a rescue team to be dispatched along Taylor's last known trajectory.

**March 14** Astronauts Colonel Lyndon Maddox and Major John Brent are launched in the *Aurora* along the same flight path as the *Astræa* to probe its unexplained disappearance from detection.

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In Peter Burke's senior year of college, during the final quarter of a game between Michigan and Michigan State, with a score of 14-14, Burke experiences a moment of panic when the punter kicks the ball his way. As the ball soars through the air, Burke sees the other team's linemen running toward him and has a moment of panic.

## 1972 - 1980

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Space exploration expands, with unmanned probes ranging to the stars and back thanks to Hasslein's discovery of faster-than-light travel. Manned flights over vast distances also become more common. Unfortunately, Earth governments grow more totalitarian to cope with increasing economic, political and energy pressures. All information regarding the *Astræa* and the *Aurora* (*To avoid public curiosity, the government issues a press release claiming Taylor and Brent's ships both disintegrated in orbit*) and the secrets about the future, as revealed by Zira and Cornelius, is locked away under heavy security clearance, and the "talking chimpanzee" story is publicly denounced as a hoax.

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San Francisco begins powering its Bay Area Rapid Transit subway trains with nuclear energy. The subway stations are illuminated with lights powered by solar energy batteries, with light bulbs that can never burn out which draw electricity from large solar shields on the surface. At least one such shield survives the next millennium intact. Other innovations at the time include "a meal in a pill," eaten three times daily in place of food for full vitamin content with no caloric intake; painless organ replacement in a day for instant health, thanks to a company called CA<sup>3</sup>; disposable clothing, meant to be worn, then washed down the drain; and Cefaloradion's Electronic Neurological Monitor (ENM), a device hooked up to the head to provide ENT (*Electronic Neurological Treatment*) for emotional stability to the distressed.

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During this period, Dr. Walter Mather, F.A.C.S., of the Hanson Clinic develops a reputation as one of the greatest surgeons of his era. Peter Burke is familiar with his work.

Dr. Mather writes a medical reference book entitled *Principles of Surgery*, containing detailed explanations of human anatomy, as well as a variety of advanced surgical techniques.

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Burke considers purchasing a bar in Jersey City, but ultimately opts not to buy it.

Burke dates a woman named Susan, enjoying many picnics and romantic moments with her. Despite her attempts to get him to talk more about his past, he keeps his emotional distance from her, causing the relationship ultimately to end.

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Major Alan J. Virdon, Lieutenants' Peter J. Burke and Stephen B. Jones are assigned to Edwards Air Force Base, as astronauts-in-training they serve under an officer named Major Jennings. His nose is so large and crooked that one of them names a nearby hill "Jennings' Nose" due to its remarkable similarity. The name sticks, but luckily for them, Jennings never finds out who coined it.

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Alan Virdon is promoted to Colonel, he along with Captains' Peter Burke and Stephen Jones enter the ANSA Interstellar Space Program and begin training for the mission to Alpha Centauri.

## 1973

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**January** Peter Burke Graduates from College and enters the US Air Force.

During his military training, Peter Burke hates the hours spent running on a treadmill.

As part of that training, Burke is subjected to a mock interrogation to see how he holds up. An American officer, Lt. Hal Martin, poses as an enemy agent and tries to make him incriminate his battle group commander, Col. Perry, and company commander, Capt. Logan. Burke resists, providing only his name, rank and serial number (0-0-4-7-3-6-6-8-9-7).

**April** NASA astronauts Bill Hudson, Jeff Allen and Judy Franklin enter the space program.

Hudson enters the program a few days before the others and is named mission commander. The trio forms a very close bond as they train and work together. Allen's ancestry as a Black man makes him sensitive to racial inequality, but their colour difference—Hudson and Franklin are both Caucasians—never becomes an issue between them.

**May 08** Lisa (*Caesar's future wife*) is born.

**December 26** The *Astræa* reappears mysteriously within nearby space. It lands off the southern California coast, slightly north of San Clemente and is met by mobilized United States Navy spaceflight recovery crews.

The *Astræa* is found to be piloted by three speaking chimpanzees who identify themselves as Doctors' Cornelius, Zira and Milo. The apes are first taken to the nearby military air base and then to the Los Angeles Zoo. They are met by two animal psychiatrists, Doctors' Lewis Dixon and Stephanie Branton.

**December 27** Dr. Milo is killed by a gorilla.

**December 28** Cornelius and Zira are brought before the First Presidential Commission and are accepted as friends of the planet Earth.

**December 29** Second Presidential Commission is held in secret session.

**December 30** Zira lectures at the "Bay Area Women's Club", and goes to the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History with Dr. Hasslein.

Cornelius goes to the "fights" with Dr. Lewis Dixon.

Through underhanded interrogation and analysis of the *Astræa*, Dr. Hasslein gets Zira drunk and learns of the ultimate fate of the human race and the planet.

Dr. Hasslein convinces the President that the apes are a threat to Mankind, and orders another Presidential Commission.

That evening, the Third Presidential Commission held is secret session.

**December 31** The next morning Cornelius and Zira are taken to a military base known as Camp XI for further interrogation.

Under interrogation, Cornelius and Zira reveal mankind's downfall and Apekind's rise.

Under sodium pentothal, Zira reveals the treatment of humans at the hands of apes.

The Fourth Presidential Commission is held in secret session.

That evening, in their quarters, Cornelius accidentally kills their orderly and they escape.

Zira begins labor.

Dr. Stephanie Branton helps Cornelius and Zira by bringing them to "Armando's Circus".

Zira gives birth to Milo.

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An Oil Magnate, wishing to live like a 16th century Baron, builds a castle near Oakland California.

## 1974

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**January 01** Next morning Dr. Hasslein orders an intensified search for Cornelius and Zira.

That evening, Lewis and Stephanie help Cornelius and Zira hide in the McKinley & Son derelict shipyard.

**January 02** Next morning, Dr. Hasslein discovers Cornelius and Zira on the derelict ship, who kills Milo and fatally wounds Zira. Cornelius seeing this shoots and kills Dr. Hasslein, who is then shot by the police.

**January 09** Dr. Noel Stanton takes over as Director of ANSA after the 'mysterious' death of Dr. Otto Hasslein, and begins researching his '*Theory of Time Thrust*' claiming humans can propel themselves into the future if they travel fast enough.

**January 31** Armando packs up his circus.

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Astronauts Colonel Edward Jackson, Lieutenant John Van Lowen and Lieutenant Terry Maxwell are launched by the ANSA's third interstellar space flight the *Pegasus* to Alpha Centauri.

## 1975

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Astronauts Captain Bill Hudson, Lieutenant Jeff Allen and Lieutenant Judy Franklin are assigned to the Icarus Program under ANSA guidelines.

## 1976

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**August 06** Astronauts Captain Bill Hudson, Lieutenant's Jeff Allen, and Judy Franklin are launched by the ANSA's fourth interstellar space flight the *Venturer* that heads towards Alpha Centauri.

The *Venturer* is a very advanced design NASA capsule equipped to fully utilize Dr. Stanton's '*Theory of Time Thrust*', but while Hudson was reporting on its effects the *Venturer* enters a strange energy distortion and disappears going forward in time.

The *Venturer* crew fails to return from its mission and is presumed dead. NASA and ANSA erect stone busts of the astronauts in New York City to honour them.

**November** Stephen Jones marries his childhood sweetheart Debbie.

## 1977

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**August 06** Stephen Jones' daughter, Michelle, is born.

## 1978

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ANSA astronauts' Colonel Alan J. Virdon and newly promoted Majors' Peter J. Burke and Stephen B. Jones serve together on a manned mission to Titan. Along the way, they sample banana sundaes supplied by ANSA, which taste so bad the men later remember them as being one of the worst things they've ever eaten.

## 1979

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**December** – Dr. Noel Stanton resigns as Director of ANSA, as pressure mounts from Congress to terminate the Icarus Program.



## 1980

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**January** Dr. Jameson Hughes becomes the new Director of ANSA.

**August** After a pre-flight indoctrination, Virdon and Burke enjoy a relaxing couple of days at Hanson Point, on the shore of California. Virdon's wife Sally is there, along with Burke's date, a redhead named Jam Adams. Smitten with her, Burke carves her initials in a cave on the beach. Though Burke is a ladies' man, Jan is the only woman whose initials he ever carves anywhere.

**August 19** Astronauts Colonel Alan Virdon, Major Peter Burke and Major Stephen Jones are launched by the ANSA's fifth and final interstellar space flight the *Hyperion* to Alpha Centauri.

As the ship approaches Alpha Centauri, it travels through "radioactive turbulence" and goes out of control. Is this a Hasslein Curve? Virdon directs Jones to activate the automatic homing device.

*The Icarus Program is officially terminated shortly after the Hyperion leaves Earth, making it the last attempt to reach for Alpha Centauri. Unofficially the Icarus Program still exists under a different program and is kept under tight security.*

## 1982

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**June** Milo, aged 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, begins his bareback riding acrobatics with 'Armando's Old Time Circus', with political repression, the smaller circuses are forced to play to dwindling country audiences, thus helping Milo avoid dangerous publicity.

## 1983

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The year of the Plague.

The Plague kills all the cats and dogs of the world.

A statue of a dog and a cat, the Pet Memorial, is erected in San Diego to commemorate the loss of man's best friends. Humans and most other animals are unaffected by the plague at this time.

## 1984 - 1991

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Humanity faces the first repercussions of the plague. Anxious to replace their lost pets, humans turn to small primates, birds, lizards and other creatures. As the most useful and easiest to train, the primates gradually become the most common household animal.

The first primates taken as pets include marmosets and Tarsier monkeys.

Eventually, man begins taking apes as pets. Though not as intelligent as man, apes are 20 times' smarter than cats and dogs, and they learn quickly from living in human homes.

Gradually, man takes in larger and larger simians. In this generation of primates, the plague's genetic effects first manifest: their stature increases, as does intelligence in the larger orders.

The primitive apes begin to understand the languages of their human masters and quickly evolve from simply performing tricks to performing services.

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The U.S. government becomes increasingly more authoritarian. A reverse migration of people from the suburbs into the cities results in large towns devolving into feudal ports surrounded by farmlands known as provinces. With this increase in governmental structure, however, a slave class develops—the apes, who have shown a marked ability to learn such simple tasks as running errands and cleaning houses.

Thus Ape Management is incorporated as a semi-public branch of the Government in late 1989, and then by 1991 Ape Management becomes a thriving institution, now fully government operated, with a huge range of responsibilities including being given the sole task of rudimentarily conditioning apes.

The Ape Management's training and day-to-day life with humans brings on an acceleration in the mental development of the apes. Those slow to learn are subjected to a cruel form of punishment called "reconditioning". All apes resistant to reconditioning are summarily destroyed.

Ape Management passes Article 4, Paragraph 9, making it a punishable crime for an ape to commit an overt act of disobedience.

But over time, ape disobedience increases, and Ape Management's reconditioning complex grows overcrowded with rebellious simians. To deal with the problem, Breck orders the creation of the Achilles List, a document naming every ape that has committed an overt act of disobedience during the past year under Article 4, Paragraph 9.

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Due to rising levels of pollution, the air in California becomes increasingly un-breathable.

To bring the pollution level in the provinces under control and clean California's air, the U.S. government builds a massive air-purification plant in the Rocky Mountains.

As the California air becomes increasingly un-breathable, however, so the government constructs a series of huge air-scrubbing plants along a mountain chain a hundred miles east of San Diego.

By 1989 the last of a series of huge air-scrubbing plants is constructed in California at a cost of billions of dollars, along a mountain chain one hundred miles east of San Diego. In conjunction with stringent laws, the plants make the air in this part of the state breathable again.

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As the U.S. government grows more oppressive, businessmen find it increasingly difficult to make money. The space program falls out of favour and the supersonic transport industry shuts down completely. Synthetic alloy companies only continue to make money by selling directly to the government. Hydroponic farming is seen as the future of industry.

The U.S. government deems it a crime to show disrespect to a State official.

The U.S. government builds a network of trans-national transport tubes, designed to facilitate the movement of people and supplies from one coast to the other.

## 1986

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A book on brain washing techniques is published. In the years that follow, it is placed into a time capsule where it will be discovered a millennia later by Wanda.

## 1988

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**January** Jason Breck becomes Governor of New York; he eventually gains more political influence and power and establishes his seat of authority in the newly built suburb of 'Century City'. By 1989 he helps instigate Ape Management to strengthen his position and control over the state with the hopes of gaining more wealth throughout the country by the use of the 'Ape Training Centers'.

After Jason Breck becomes Governor he assigns Malcolm MacDonald as his Personal Assistant into his Administration.

## 1990

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Astronauts Colonel William James Richards, Major Kyle Petersen Smith, Major Laureen Anne Harden and Dr. Natalie Almira Merryll are launched by the ANSA's sixth interstellar space flight the *Nemesis*, but not to Alpha Centauri.

Their mission is to go into the future and prevent the destruction of the Earth by reconfiguring the 'Alpha-Omega' bomb.

## 1991

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**January** Bruce MacDonald, with the help his older brother is assigned as a Supervisor of the Archives Section of 'Century City' to help promote and develop his abilities within Ape Management.

**December 31** Armando and Milo arrive at a North American metropolis known as 'Century City' via a helicopter.

While handing out circus leaflets, Milo observes his fellow apes being treated as slaves and servants of the humans.

After an outburst seeing an ape being beaten Milo runs off.

Armando is arrested and interrogated by Governor Breck.

Milo as instructed by Armando hides in an incoming shipment of orang-utans.

## 1992

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**January 01** The next morning, Milo begins his slave training.

**January 14** Milo is sold to Governor Breck at an ape auction.

Governor Breck shows Milo a dictionary to help him choose a name for himself; Milo selects the name of Caesar.

Governor Breck then orders Caesar to be assigned to 'Command Post'.

That night, Armando falls to his death during his '*supposedly*' release from interrogation. Caesar finding this out begins his plans for 'Ape Revolution'.

**January 15** The next morning, Caesar instigates his fellow apes to begin rebelling; and starts to gather confederate apes, arms and explosives to help the 'Ape Revolution'.

**January 22** Inspector Kolp realizes that the shipment Caesar came in should have no chimpanzees.

Governor Breck orders Caesar to be brought in.

Caesar is found and is interrogated by an electrical torture device to make him talk.

Inspector Kolp commands that Caesar be electrocuted via Governor Breck's orders.

MacDonald saves Caesar's life by tampering with the electrical torture device to help him escape.

Caesar now puts his 'Ape Revolution' into action.

Governor Breck orders a 'shoot to kill' to contain the ape uprising.

Caesar's 'Ape Revolution' is successful as he captures Breck's 'Command Post' and takes him hostage.

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The fall of Mankind begins.

## **1992 - 2006**

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Within a fourteen-year period Caesar helps and leads his people from the city into the provinces, in this case upper New York State.

Here, Caesar attempts to build and establish a new home for his people with the aid of a few human advisors. Massive educational/agricultural programs within the community are developed.

They face little harassment within this time because elsewhere in the country and perhaps the rest of the world, the 'Ape Rebellion' takes hold and is spreading causing political unrest, tension and instability. The Government's breakdown has begun and it cannot police itself as in the past.

Tension grows, until...

## **2000**

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At some point prior to the Nuclear Holocaust, scientists of the Oakland Science Institute, predicting that Humanity is on the verge of entering a dark age, builds secret repository vaults throughout the country. Into computers stored in these vaults, they upload the sum total of human knowledge for future generations to access, creating a holographic recording of an elderly scientist to explain the vaults' contents to anyone who finds them. One such repository is hidden in the basement of the Oakland Science Institute, a government think-tank in Oakland, California.

## **2006**

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Nuclear War.

Widespread nuclear war devastates Earth's surface. History does not record who started it, leaving future generations to wonder if it was the work of a single madman, international political pressure or a rival country taking advantage of the United States' governmental paralysis.

The war is swift and effective. Major U.S. cities are leveled, though laser-defense ABM systems prevent the war from destroying all life. The surrounding areas remain livable to a degree, but the cities of the United States become vast irradiated deserts. The ape government prohibits its citizens from entering these areas, which the Lawgiver (Caesar) deems Forbidden Zones.

New York and San Francisco are both obliterated in the war. A few cities remain partially intact, populated in some areas by "normal" humans, in others by irradiated mutants.

*Areas around the cities are wastelands for several miles; these areas will eventually be called Forbidden Zones, both due to the radiation (likely neutron bombs were used or even in the future they would be impassable) and the fact that the apes equate human cities with their period of slavery.*

## 2006 - 2018

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Post-War, the human population of North America is left in a state of shock.

There is little or no communication over great distances, so Caesar's community, now completely isolated, accepts the survivors in its area and a new ape/human society begins to grow. Despite Caesar's ideals, humans become effectively second-class citizens, and cultural divisions among the apes begin to develop. A gorilla named Aldo declares himself General and begins to train an "army" of gorilla soldiers.

During this time residual radiation is having its effect on both humans and apes. The Plague-altered genes of the apes increase their already rapid intellectual development, in some cases (*i.e.*, *Virgil and Mandemus*) incredibly so. Humans tend to become more docile, less given to action when angered.

It is not clear at this time whether that is a radiation effect, Plague effect or just living with the evolved apes, the weakest of whom could kill the average human easily.

*Many documents are lost in the war, destroying all records of the plague's cause.*

Some pockets of sentient humanity resist the plague's effects in North America, including bands of irradiated mutants who take refuge in the rubble of major cities, while healthy humans gather in tribes across the planet. Humanity's fall from the top of the evolutionary hill is complete.

Other mutant bands crop up around the country as a result of the radiation. A quintet of giant brains, bodiless save for vast nutrient-globes, forms a group consciousness (the Gestalt Mind) in the caverns beneath San Francisco. This entity calls itself the Inheritors, and its leader is Be-One, with other Supreme Gestalt Commanders similarly named: Be-Two, Be-Three, Be-Four Be-Five and so on—each with a unique, distinctive personality. Other mutated brains are kept in frozen storage in case any of the five are damaged. The Inheritors' origin is unrecorded.

Mutated by close proximity to the nuclear disaster, Inspector Kolp and his commandos take over the remains of 'Century City' New York and the surrounding city areas. There, the mutants live a scavenger existence full of repressed hatred for the apes.

*Kolp's scavengers find the 'Alpha-Omega' bomb on a wrecked Army Train in the remains of Penn Station. Seeing something that could be useful the weapon is scavenged. Kolp and his people are amazed to find that the weapon is still functional.*

Inspector Kolp assumes Breck's former title of Governor.

Mendez is named Chief Lieutenant, serving as Kolp's trusted advisor and second-in-command.

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A conflict between the inhabitants of Ape City and the mutant citizens of New York takes place, the details of which are unrecorded. Following this conflict, peace reigns for the next 12 years. During this time, the mutants wonder if anyone else survived the war.

## 2007

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Alma becomes Kolp's communications officer.

Over the next 11 years and 3 months, Kolp and Alma develop a good working relationship and, in time, a friendship. Alma develops romantic feelings for him, but he never seems to notice.

## 2008

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**May 17** Caesar's son is born by his wife, Lisa, and is named Cornelius.

## 2018

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**September 01** Caesar rules a community (Ape City) of apes and humans that try to live together harmoniously.

MacDonald tells Caesar that in the Archives Section of the dead city (Forbidden City-Century City) near the 'Command Post' there are tapes of his mother (Zira) and father (Cornelius), thereby unlocking the secrets of the future.

That evening, Caesar, MacDonald and Virgil get armaments for their journey from Mandemus the keeper of the Armory.

**September 04** Three days later, Caesar, Virgil and MacDonald arrive at the dead city.

Caesar, Virgil and MacDonald set off a security warning system that alerts Governor Kolp who recognizes Caesar and sends his men to kill them.

Caesar, Virgil and MacDonald get into and out of the Archives Section, discovering that in the future apes will destroy the Earth.

While trying to avoid being shot by Governor Kolp's men getting out of the city, they also discover that mutants live within it.

Governor Kolp rules the mutants, with Mendez as an advisor.

Governor Kolp decides to attack Ape City, and orders a scouting party to follow Caesar, Virgil and MacDonald back to find it.

**September 07** Three days later, Caesar, Virgil and MacDonald arrive back at Ape City. Caesar informs his people at the council meeting that they should be ready for an expected assault from the mutants.

Kolp's scouts find Caesar's Ape City and return to tell him the good news.

That night, General Aldo instigates his gorilla troops to take over Ape City and Caesar.

Cornelius, Caesar's son, overhears this and is fatally wounded by Aldo.

**September 08** Next morning MacDonald suspects that Cornelius' injuries were not an accident and informs Virgil of his suspicions.

**September 10** Kolp's scouts return to the dead city and report back to the Governor Kolp of Caesar's Ape City whereabouts.

Governor Kolp organizes and deploys his army convoy to attack Ape City.

**September 13** In the morning Cornelius dies from his injuries.

Aldo declares martial law and orders all humans rounded up and put into the corral.

Governor Kolp and his troops attack Ape City and are defeated.

While escaping, Governor Kolp is killed by Aldo and his gorillas.

Caesar discovers the truth that Aldo murdered his son Cornelius, and confronts him and Aldo is killed.

The humans living in the Ape City win a slightly ideological victory and temporary equal status with the apes.

In the spirit of equality between humans and apes, Caesar renames Ape City "Our City."

Mendez becomes the next leader of the mutants and is thereafter known as Mendez the First. Thus begins the Mendez Dynasty, which, over the next 2,000 years, will spawn 26 generations of the House of Mendez.

*Special Note: Alma was instructed by Governor Kolp to launch the 'Alpha-Omega' bomb at Ape City if he failed to return; Mendez convinces her not to, and begins what will become the Mendez Dynasty, with the 'Alpha-Omega' bomb which will become the basis of their religion.*

## 2018 - 2068

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The first Ape City prospers with Caesar a benevolent ruler, but humanity's place in society continues to erode. The Forbidden Zones become a real danger as animal and plant mutations grow out of hand.

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In the city of New York, the first Mendez dies, his son by Alma, Mendez II taking over.

The 'Alpha-Omega' bomb has become a virtual item of worship to the radiation scarred survivors and their new generation. The city begins to be buried by shifting sands, hiding the outskirts of it from casual view.



*On the West Coast, where less radiation is present, Apes and humans have an uneasy civilization where humans are a distinct second class. Most towns that have sprung up are separated by species, the humans living apart from the Apes.*

## 2063

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**August** Lisa dies, at age 90.

## 2068 - 2080

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Conditions between apes and humans worsen. While educational programs maintain that there is no difference, humans labour under an aura of inferiority. Voluntarily, they withdraw from active participation in the council and form their own community-within-the-community, separated from the apes by a river. The level of culture in Ape City degenerates.

## 2068

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**May** Caesar dies, at age 94. Not survived by children, his rule is turned over to a council of apes and humans under the leadership of a particularly well-respected orang-utan. He and the office are christened "Lawgiver."

With no surviving offspring from Caesar and Lisa, Ape City's leadership is turned over to a ruling council of apes and humans, led by a well-respected orang-utan named the Lawgiver in Caesar's honour.

## 2080 - 2098

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In Caesar's Ape City, the one that Taylor will encounter, humans have lost the small equality they received from the time of Caesar's rule.

Succeeding generations of humans have begun to de-evolve and those who can't speak are little more than beasts, holding onto the barest level of intelligence. Untrainable and wild, they are driven from the city as unproductive creatures.

## 2099 - 2249

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Ape and human cultures both expand into the Forbidden Zones, taming them as population needs demand. However, these cultures tend to isolate and grow bitter toward one another. Humans, still devolving due to the radiation, grow ever more barbaric. A sudden, fierce strain develops out of the docility, heading the human and gorilla armies toward another inevitable conflict.

As the Simian culture gradually increases, they develop their own religion, architecture, culture, social structure, medical and agriculture; including maintaining the human weapons and implements left over from the War which the apes adapt for their own use.



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In this period, Mendez's mutants continue to establish themselves in New York. The mixture of their bloodline with that of other bands of local mutants begins to produce rudimentary telepathic and psychokinetic powers. Mendez's descendants continue to rule the New York mutant population for the next 26 generations.

They have a level of technology that the apes do not. Their entire lives are built around worship of their god, the 'Alpha Omega' bomb whose cobalt casing has now been beautified with gold leaf. Only the ruling council knows of the pre-bomb history.

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This era serves as a balancing point in history, where human/mutant devolvment most clearly coincides with ape/simian evolutionary culture. It is also the last gasp of human aggressiveness.

## 2249 - 2779

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Over the next five centuries, humans primarily become a slave culture tolerated but completely unrespected by the apes. Gorillas dominate the apes by now, and it is an age of exploration. Populations push out in all directions. Land is tamed and cultivated with slave help, new outposts are set up and contact is made with other surviving bands. A few minor wars break out, caused by gorilla aggressiveness, but on the whole, peace reigns as energies are channelled into retaking the world. The cultural heritage of Caesar's Ape City gains widespread usage, and regional governments are often designed after the Lawgiver/Council mould. Still, some bands of renegade humans persist, continually harassing the ape outposts.

*On the West Coast Humans have lost any status in Ape Culture and become, primarily, a slave culture tolerated but completely lacking any respect by the apes.*

## 2503

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New York exists as a futuristic metropolis.

*This is apocryphal. The movie series establishes that the atomic war occurred in 2006. Please refer to contradictions below.*

*It is also possible that the picture/photograph which Virdon and Burke saw in Farrow's book was a futuristic version/vision, a projection of what New York may look like in the future at the time of the book's publication, which of course was before the war, due to Mankind's current prosperity.*

## 2670

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In at least one part of the United States, man and ape have succeeded in living side by side in a peaceful agrarian state for some time. A common religion has arisen among them, teaching that God created beast and man so both might live together in friendship and share dominion over a world of peace. The exploits of Zira, Cornelius and Caesar are still recounted with reverence by the Lawgiver of the day, in the hope that both species can learn from the bloody mistakes of the past. Sadly, this time of peace does not last forever.

## 2673

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**March 23** Colonel George Taylor transmits his final report to Cape Kennedy from the *Astræa* before he goes into hibernation.

One particularly daring human raid into a fairly large ape population causes an outraged public cry from the apes. In response, the systematic destruction of the human outlaw bands is instituted. The Lawgiver of the day (whether a regional-level Lawgiver or higher is unknown) writes the Sacred Scrolls and their unflattering portrait of humanity.

With these writings, the newly revised version of recorded ape history begins. The Scrolls preach that man is a creature to be feared, not tamed. All knowledge of the apes' enslavement and subjugation is "forgotten" for the sake of apekind's future, and ape history is rewritten to begin at this point in time. Only the orang-utan elders of the ruling council know the truth about history, and they guard that truth tightly. The Scrolls include passages offering wisdom, religion and laws. To speak against the Scrolls is to commit heresy, a charge carrying up to two years' imprisonment. From the Thirteenth Scroll: *"And Proteus brought the upright beast into the garden and chained him to a tree, and the children made sport of him."* And from the Twenty-third Scroll, ninth verse: *"Beware the beast 'man,' for he is the Devil's pawn. Alone among God's primates, he kills for sport or lust or greed. Yea, 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 harbinger of death."*

Due to one particularly daring raid, a large group of wild (*barbaric*) humans being a menace to ape agriculture causes an outraged public cry from the apes. Systematic destruction of these wild (*barbaric*) humans is instituted.

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The spread of the Sacred Scrolls proves a reactionary force, their influence reinstating the early days of isolation. As growth slows, the orang-utan elders take more and more power away from the gorillas until they rule completely. The loss of communication between population centres is slow at first, but speeds up when the Forbidden Zones become unliveable again due to poor conservation techniques. The radiation-blasted soil dies, deserts bloom and humankind grows completely docile. Cultural patterns in the isolated areas retain shards and snippets of others. Thus, one area might have a Lawgiver officer while another might operate differently. A second Ape City, located near New York City's Forbidden Zone, grows isolated after its incorporation into the pan-American ape society. This city develops independently from San Diego's Ape City, lacking an historical record that accurately chronicles west coast developments.

*The Caesar's Ape City near New York City becomes isolated since orang-utan leaders want to keep their area pure of outside thought. These rulers are one of the few who still harbour the secret that man once ruled the planet.*

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In the former western United States, a number of human settlements form, separated by wide distances, each governed by an ape prefect with a garrison of soldiers to keep the peace.

These settlements are overseen by the Supreme High Council, located in Central City.

## 2785

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The early part of the Ornan Period, a fever which struck only the human population killed several hundred people in a section of the rural zone. The entire sector became barren for years afterward.

*This was described in "The Cure." It is impossible to accurately pinpoint the exact date of "The Ornan Period." The implication is that it occurred hundreds of years in the past and was not common knowledge to the ape population at large. So I think it would be safe to say that this incident happened about 300 years ago.*

## 2985

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Apes raided the village of Borak for Human slaves. Many beings were killed on both sides. Finally a meeting arranged and an agreement was reached. The Humans would provide five slaves twice a month during the Autumn months for work in the mines.

## 3016

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**October 05** Barlow is born.

## 3025

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**January 30** Brun is born.

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**October 01** Polar is born.

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**August 16** Farrow is born.

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**March 08** Zaius is born.

**December 05** Yalu is born.

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**June 13** Aboro is born.

**October 15** Urko is born.

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**May 02** Hurton is born.

**September 11** Ann is born.

**October 16** Janor is born.

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**January 13** Zoran is born.

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**March 24** Tolar is born.

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**January 17** Anto is born.

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**February 17** Arn is born.

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**May 28** Amy is born.

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**January 29** Dalton is born.

His father, Tolar, is a gladiator, while his mother is a pacifist. His mother dies young, causing his father to have to bring him up alone. Dalton shares his mother's pacifistic beliefs, but Tolar is unable to accept that and stubbornly trains him as a gladiator anyway.

**April 06** Fauna is born.

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Barlow becomes Prefect for the Human settlement of Kaymak. He introduces gladiatorial combat to channel the aggressive impulses of Humans. Soon after Tolar falls in love and sires a son.

3061

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**September 17** Galen is born in Central City to Ann and Yalu.

**November 15** Carsia is born.

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Galen's parents, Yalu and Ann, are a respected chimpanzee couple living in Central City.

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Augustus, Galen's third cousin on Ann's side, is born in the same year as Galen. The two chimps grow up together as close friends.

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Behind Galen's childhood home in Central City is a small brook. The sound of the running water is a source of comfort to the young chimpanzee.

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Urko attends the Central City military academy, where he befriends two fellow gorillas, Aboro and Bulta.

### 3065

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At the military academy Urko, Aboro and Bulta show promise as leaders, but when Aboro is caught cheating in the final days of his senior year, his reputation is irreparably damaged. Over the next two decades, the three remain friends, but while Urko becomes a general and Chief of Central City Security, with Bulta as his assistant, Aboro never rises higher than district chief of the village of Hathor, as the blot on his record prevents his promotion. Aboro pretends to accept his fate but secretly covets Urko's success.

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Urko and Bulta graduate from the academy.

### 3070

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Nine year old Galen and his cousin, Augustus, steal apples from a neighbor's tree.

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Zaius joins the High Council.

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General Urko is appointed Chief of Security.

### 3072

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**July 14** Kraik is born.

### 3073

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The *Pegasus* crash-lands on Earth. Astronauts Lieutenant John Van Lowen and Lieutenant Terry Maxwell survive but Colonel Edward Jackson dies from severe injuries. Zaius, a member of the Ape High Council, wants to question the two astronauts, but General Urko, The Chief of security, has them killed.

## 3060's - 3070's

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General Urko marries a female ape named Elta.

As a young chimp, Galen sometimes hides in a secret gully to play hooky from school.

As Galen and his cousin Augustus grow up, Augustus often chides him for being too impulsive, predicting it will some day get Galen into trouble. On at least one occasion, however—when Galen allows himself to be captured by a human farmer so his cousin could get away secretly—that impulsivity proves to be an asset.

Before her marriage to Polar, Zantes, trained to be a nurse.

Polar and Zantes, chimpanzee farmers, have three children. The oldest son is named Anto, while the youngest son is Remus. Between them in age is a daughter, Jillia.

## 3080

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Chimpanzee Anto, eldest son of Polar, begins to anxiously wait for a male calf to be born so that he may start his own farm.

## 3081

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Galen and Kira become engaged. For undisclosed reasons, they do not get married.

Galen enjoys time spent with his cousin and friend, Augustus, now a member of the Council of Central City. It is the last time the two will see each other for the next three or four years.

As Augustus, will later be is assigned as Prefect of Hathor. A decent and honest ape, Augustus prides himself on the fairness and justice of his administration. Unfortunately, one of his district chiefs, Aboro, has become corrupt, damaging the legitimacy of Augustus' reign.

## 3082

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Drs. Kira and Leander, surgeons at a medical center on the outskirts of Central City, attempt blood transfusion between humans. The test patient is a human boy of 16, badly injured during a hunting accident. His father, Travin, allows him to be experimented on since he'll die without the procedure. Travin's daughter Arna is chosen as a donor. Unaware of blood types, however, the doctors inadvertently kill the boy since his sister is the wrong type. Thus, Leander concludes that blood transfusion is against the laws of nature, and the girl is branded as evil, her name and status stripped. Thereafter, no one speaks to her except through Travin, and the other 11 humans at the compound routinely beat her for any mistakes she makes.

## 3083

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**July** Farrow from the settlement of Chalo, discovers an old bomb shelter “about two years ago”. He tells Burke and Virdon this in June of 3085 and makes it his “secret cave”. Inside are a number of ancient artefacts, including books from many centuries earlier. Unable to read them, he uses most of them to start fires. One he keeps, however, as he enjoys looking at the pictures.

A human male is killed by Urko's soldiers. His wife, Katrin, is devastated as a result and joins the United Freedom Force (UFF), an illegal organization promoting human and simian equality, so she can help end ape brutality and bring about a genuine peace.

## 3084

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A chimpanzee farmer named Telemon finds an ancient radio transmitter buried on his farm in northern Arizona. Thinking it a holy relic, he cleans it up and brings it into his house, where he and his family begin worshipping it as a “god-thing.” Recognizing it to be the creation of an intelligence far in advance of their culture's, and fearful that his village's religious leader, Syrinx, will deem it evil and make them give it up, Telemon keeps the device a secret from others outside the family.

## 3085

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**June 14** *Escape From Tomorrow.* The *Hyperion* reenters and crash-lands on Earth outside the Human settlement of Chalo, in the region of the United States that was once south-western California. Astronauts Colonel Alan Virdon and Major Peter Burke survive, but Major Stephen Jones dies in the crash. At this time the ape government, which rules over most of the area, is an orang-utan faction headed by Councillor Zaius. General Urko, a gorilla, works cooperatively with him; with continual “reminding” that Zaius is in charge. Urko chafes at the situation. To Zaius and Urko, the constant threat of the renegade astronauts starting a human rebellion.

**June 16** Burke and Virdon are captured by Urko and Galen.

**June 17** Burke and Virdon are set up to be “shot while trying to escape”. Galen accidentally kills Urko’s Lieutenant in a struggle.

**June 24** Virdon, Burke and Galen begin their adventures together.

**July** *The Gladiators.* Burke estimates they are North of San Francisco. A Human kills Urko’s Lieutenant, Jason. Urko holds Barlow responsible for Jason’s death and transfers him to the remote outpost of Venton.

*The Trap.* Burke, Virdon and Galen are near the village of Numai. This is near ancient ruins of San Francisco.

*The Good Seeds.* Burke, Virdon and Galen go to Polar’s farm. The farm is “four day’s hard ride from Central City. The travelers spend two weeks here so that Galen’s leg can mend.

**August**      ***The Legacy.*** Burke, Virдон and Galen enter the ruins of Ancient Oakland.

***Tomorrow's Tide.*** Burke, Virдон and Galen approach the Pacific Ocean. Burke speculates that it could be Malibu, Pismo Beach or Paradise Cove.

***The Surgeon.*** Virдон is shot by a Gorilla patrol. Galen and Burke take him to a medical center outside Central City.

***The Deception.*** The trio befriend a blind female chimp named Fauna whose father has been killed, supposedly by humans. Fauna develops a crush on Burke while the trio deal with vigilante apes known as 'Dragoons'.

**September**      ***The Horse Race.*** Burke, Virдон and Galen enter the village of Venton. After winning the wager with Urko, Barlow, along with Martin and Gregor, return to Kaymak.

***The Interrogation.*** Burke is captured and taken to Central City. Urko goes on an inspection tour of the outer provinces.

***The Tyrant.*** Virдон, Burke and Galen enter the village of Hathor.

***The Cure.*** Virдон, Burke and Galen enter the village of Trion. Virдон meets Amy. One week later the group leaves the village.

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Yalu, Galen's father is recently elected to the High Council.

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Wanda discovers an ancient book on brainwashing techniques in a time capsule from the late 20th century.

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**October**      ***The Liberator.*** It is Autumn. Virдон, Burke and Galen approach the village of Borak.

***Up above the world so high.*** Virдон, Burke and Galen are near the sea and come across Leuric, a human from Chatka, trying to fly his glider; which he has been working on and designing for months, hoping to successfully be the first human to fly.

***The Hostage.\**** The United Freedom Force, a radical group of humans and apes, kidnap a daughter of a prominent Ape family. Virдон offers to negotiate for the daughter's release.

***A Fallen God.\**** Virдон, Burke and Galen come to a town. To avoid suspicion from the local preacher, Syrinx; Alan and Peter go to work on a farm owned by Telemon, a local farmer. Once there Virдон spies Telemon's family praying to their altar which contains a radio transmitter.

*\* These stories come from scripts that were developed for the Live Action TV Series, which can be found on Hunter Goatley's website.*

**November**      ***The Trek.\*\**** An ethnic minority tribe has been on the run and hiding for years. It has been guilty of resisting the Apes and was ordered exterminated. Virдон, Burke and Galen become involved with this tribe; which has two choices: fight the Apes and go down fighting or seek a better life beyond the Forbidden Zone.



**Freedom Road.**\*\* Odin, a human saves one of the astronauts and thus could be identified to the local Gorilla Prefect for helping the fugitives. The Prefect offers amnesty for information about the fugitives, so Galen visits him to see if it is legitimate. But he tells Galen that various humans have been disappearing; so after the Prefect himself goes missing, Viridon, Burke and Galen investigate.

**The Mine.**\*\* Our trio comes upon advanced technology in the form of a water-driven mill. The architect is an old man who once visited a super-civilization; this information could lead the astronauts a way home, but the old man is being forced to work in a salt mine. The astronauts are captured while trying to rescue the old man, so Galen in the guise of a government inspector attempts to free them.

**The Trial.**\*\* In a highly productive village, a nasty Gorilla hazes a human in the fields. Viridon attempts to help the human, but gets into a struggle with the Gorilla, who is accidentally shot. Burke and Galen raise doubts about Alan's guilt, which are supported by the villagers threatening to stop work if Viridon is unfairly punished. So the Commanding Gorilla agrees to a trial. Can Burke and Galen find the real killer?

*\*\* These are story synopses that could have been developed into scripts for the Live Action TV Series. They can be found in Simian Scrolls #12.*

## 3070's - 3080's

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An orang-utans named Doswa serves as leader of the Central City High Council. He will later be remembered as one of Zaius' most admired predecessors in the role.

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A human armed with superior technology sneaks into Central City and is captured. Believing such knowledge represents a danger to the status quo, Zaius summarily orders the man's execution without even learning his name. Zaius finds several grenades among the man's belongings and stores them in his office for safekeeping, and as a reminder of man's violence.

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While active with the Free Speech Movement, Galen teaches an ethics class. Lora, daughter of Senator Sallus, attends the course as a freshman, along with two apes named Aro and Manus. Lora forms a relationship with the two apes, eventually joining the United Freedom Force (UFF)—an illegal organization promoting human and simian equality—with them.

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The council passes the Human Control Laws, a series of anti-human regulations imposing a strict curfew and prohibiting humans from leaving villages without a pass. This makes many humans even more placid than before. In response, the United Freedom Force (UFF), an illegal organization promoting human and simian equality, increases its activity. Though denounced as a terrorist group, the UFF—consisting of apes and humans unhappy with societal inequities between the species—usually sticks to non-violent protests. As such, the government tends to take a light hand when dealing with them. For the next eight months, Urko searches for the UFF headquarters, but to no avail.

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Ape scientists try to analyse the Blasted Zone, a barren, desolate stretch of irradiated countryside left over from the Destruction. However, lingering radiation causes their hair to fall out over the next few weeks, and two of them die. The cause of death is a mystery to the apes.

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Arn, a human woman, falls in love with Tomar, who works on a farm with his brother Durlin. A rebel and a man of hope, he dislikes how mankind is treated and spends his time trying to convince others to see the light. Arrested by the apes, he is executed for daring to give mankind hope. The apes let her live, but Urko considers this a mistake, believing the family of a rebel should always be killed to prevent the spread of poisonous ideas. After an unpleasant time in a stockade, she is set free. Unable to face the loneliness of farming without Tomar, she sets out on her own and ends up a homeless scavenger living in the ruins of Oakland, California.

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Fauna, a chimpanzee, enjoys a romantic relationship with a fellow chimp, spending time in a secret grotto with him whenever they can. When she loses her eyesight, however, he leaves her alone and heartbroken.

Lucian, a book-collecting chimp living in a simple home along the shore, shares his books with his daughter Fauna. After she loses her sight, he reads them to her every night by the fire.

Lucian tired of seeing humans mistreated, forms a clandestine group sympathetic to the plight of humanity. Befriending several humans, he secretly shares ape knowledge with them. This angers other apes, including his brother Sestus, a member of an anti-human hate group called the Dragoons.

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Daku, aide-de-camp to District Chief Aboro of Hathor, hires Amhar, a human from the village of Loban, to murder an enemy. The crime is successful, and Daku employs Amhar's services several more times.

## 3085 - 3479

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The fall of Mankind is complete.

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Deterioration caused by exposure to radiation, combined with the general demoralization of being subservient to apes, wipes the minds of most humans. Humanity is eventually expelled from many ape cities as unproductive, useless animals, forced to live wild in the forests.

## 3115

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**April 10** Astronauts Colonel William Richards, Major Kyle Smith, Major Lauren Harden and Dr. Natalie Merryll, in the *Nemesis* re-enters the Solar System on its way back to Earth.

Viridon spots a satellite orbiting the Earth during the night and decides to go to Cape Kennedy to see if it was launched from there.

- April 13** The *Nemesis* orbits the Earth.
- Virдон, Burke, Galen and Lucian journey through the Eastern Forbidden Zone to head for Cape Kennedy.
- April 14** The *Nemesis* lands at Cape Kennedy.
- April 28** The *Nemesis* crew reactivate the hidden Facility at Cape Kennedy.
- June 05** The *Nemesis* crew go to New York to reconfigure the 'Alpha-Omega' bomb, which is done successfully, located at St Patrick's Cathedral.
- June 24** Virдон, Burke, Galen and Lucian reach Cape Kennedy, and meet the *Nemesis* crew.
- June 26** Urko is killed in an ambush set up by the *Nemesis* crew and the fugitives after following them to Cape Kennedy, but before he dies he kills Smith.
- September 01** Along with Harden, Virдон, Burke and Galen on the *Nemesis* return home after 30 years on the planet of the apes.

### 3479 - 3979

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Continually encroaching Forbidden Zones bring on a new Dark Age. Progress slows to a halt in New York's Ape City, where all knowledge that humans once had a major civilization is lost. It becomes legend, then nothing at all as the conservative orang-utans conceal such knowledge. Progressive chimpanzee elements are stifled. Late in this period, apes begin using humans as experimental animals and entertaining hunting diversions for the gorillas. A certain instinctive survival pattern remains in the humans, but it is less than successful.

### 3500's - 3800's

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The Simian Industrial Revolution.

The Simian Culture has progressed at a steady rate since the fall from grace of Mankind. In this period of 'ape evolution' there has been a rediscovery of past technology—human technology, for ape use.

This goes against past doctrines by the Council of Elders of old to dissolve any knowledge that Man was once the dominate species of the earth before the Holocaust; and the banning of their technology for simian use.

Later the newly formed Supreme Council of Elders of the Simian World decided to use Man's technology for simian purposes to advance its culture and to control the human population that has been a menace to ape civilization; to this end there has been a resurgence of discoveries to put Man's forgotten technology to good use and to pass it on as ape technology.

In this brief period the old laws pertaining to Man's past were put aside—to a point—to advance simian interest.

But as time went on, this did not last long, as Man's technology was deemed too destructive and the Elders of the day prohibited and destroyed what they had of Man's past to reinvent—cleanse—their culture to bring it back to a more innocent age for better control to develop ape culture to their way of thinking.

**August 06**     *Flames of Doom.* The NASA spacecraft *Venturer* enters a time warp and crashes in a lagoon on an unknown planet. Shocked to learn that they are now in the year 3651 A.D., the three crewmembers, Bill Hudson, Jeff Carter and Judy Franklin, manage to escape the ship before it sinks. Exploring their surroundings, they encounter electrical storms, high-velocity winds, tremors, and walls of flame – then the ground opens and swallows Judy. Bill and Jeff are forced to continue on without their friend, and soon meet a group of primitive humans, including a girl named Nova, who wears the United States I.D. dog tags of Ronald Brent - an astronaut born in the year 2079, over a century after Bill, Jeff and Judy set off on their mission; they are further astonished to learn that the planet they are on is in fact the Earth – a world now ruled by apes...

*Escape from Ape City.* General Urko's gorilla army have attacked the caves in which the astronauts are hiding, and Bill was amongst those captured. General Urko wishes to use the humans in his army's war games, but Bill is singled out by chimpanzee scientists Zira and Cornelius, and their superior, Doctor Zaius, and taken away for study. When Bill is nicknamed 'Blue Eyes' by Zira, and when he easily solves their puzzles and tests, Doctor Zaius realises the threat that such an intelligent human will pose to ape society; he leaves for a meeting with the Ape Council, planning to request that all humans be exterminated. Can Bill persuade Zira and Cornelius to help him, or are he and his friends doomed..?

*Lagoon of Peril.* Doctor Zaius and General Urko lead an expedition into the Forbidden Zone to verify reports of a spaceship crashing in the lagoon. When Zira and Cornelius warn Bill and Jeff of the expedition, the two astronauts ask Nova to lead them back to the submerged ship so that they can salvage its on-board laser and blow up the vessel before the apes can reach it...

*Tunnel of Fear.* Bill and Jeff decide to ask Zira and Cornelius for help in finding a safer place for the humans to hide. Using the monster-infested tunnels beneath Ape City, the two astronauts manage to reach Zira and Cornelius' laboratory, and explain their plight to the scientists. Cornelius suggests a valley which lies to the south of his latest archaeological digging site – but the route there will be fraught with danger...

*The Unearthly Prophecy.* Pursued through the desert by General Urko and his gorilla army, Bill and Jeff take refuge in a hole and find themselves inside the ruins of the New York Public Library. As they make their way through the rubble-strewn underground city, they come across a huge cavern above a giant power complex, which is operated by mysterious cloaked and hooded figures. They then see their lost comrade, Judy, also wearing a robe, and seemingly in a trance. Bill and Jeff are captured and learn from their leader, Krador, that they are the Underdwellers, descendants of the humans who sought safety underground during the holocaust many centuries ago. Krador goes on to tell the two astronauts that their prophecy foretells that Judy will help them return to the surface world, and reclaim it from the apes...

**River of Flames.** Judy asks Bill and Jeff to help Krador and the Underdwellers, who are under threat from a lava flow that will soon engulf their reactor room. The two astronauts are initially wary, but agree to use the laser from their ship to cut a new path for the lava, providing that Judy be allowed to leave with them. Meanwhile, gorilla troops discover where the laser has been hidden, and they take it back to Ape City for General Urko to examine. As the lava approaches the reactor room, the three astronauts must find a way to retrieve the laser – or else the Underdwellers will be completely wiped out...

**Screaming Wings.** Making their way to the human settlement, Bill, Jeff and Judy see some humans many feet below, but when they investigate, they discover that the figures are merely dummies. A World War II airplane then swoops down, and its gorilla pilot drops a net onto the mannequins – it seems that Urko's army is testing the plane in preparation for war games. Realising the threat posed by apes capable of flight, the three astronauts resolve to steal the plane. With Zira and Cornelius' help, they formulate a plan – only to discover that the apes are building an entire fleet of such aircraft...

**Trail to the Unknown.** Doctor Zaius thanks Cornelius and Zira for stealing Urko's plane, which he believes has saved ape society from the threat of the General's dictatorship. Meanwhile, Bill, Jeff and Judy work on the construction of rafts to help the humans reach 'New Valley' via the river. Using a map given to them by Cornelius, they make their way through a hot, steaming jungle, emerging into a desolate desert landscape, where they find the wreck of a United States spaceship, and its pilot, astronaut Ron Brent.

He tells them how he left Earth on August 6, 2109 from a launch pad in the Mojave Desert, only to enter a time warp and crash on this world; after meeting a young Nova and her tribe, he decided to join them on their travels, but when he became separated from them, he returned to his ship and has stayed there in hiding for twenty years. Brent offers to show them the way to New Valley – unaware that Urko and his gorilla troops are not far behind them, determined to capture the humans at any cost...

**Attack from the Clouds.** Ape City is attacked a huge flying object, which Urko believes is the aircraft stolen by Blue Eyes and the other humans. He gives orders for his troops to track them down and retrieve the plane. However, in New Valley, as Bill and Judy prepare to fly the aircraft, they witness a giant flying monster attack a flock of sheep and then take refuge in a cave. As Urko's troops close in on the humans, Bill and Judy soon find themselves engaged in an aerial battle with the flying creature...

**Mission of Mercy.** Realising that the dog-fight with the flying monster has used up most of their plane's fuel, the astronauts and humans set about locating a new supply. But after Bill and Jeff set off in an abandoned gorilla truck, Nova falls seriously ill, and Brent diagnoses her symptoms as Acute Infectious Streptococholus, a highly contagious lung disease – which will kill her within seventy-two hours. In a race against time, Judy leaves in the plane and heads for Ape City, hoping that Zira and Cornelius will be able to help make a serum that will cure Nova...

***Invasion of the Underdwellers.*** Burglars strike Ape City, and valuable items are stolen from the Museum, the Archives, the Library and several homes. The culprits are mysterious, hooded figures – actually General Urko and his gorillas, who have disguised themselves as Underdwellers in the hope of framing them, so that Urko can then convince Doctor Zaius to declare war on them. The leader of the Underdwellers, Krador, turns to Jeff, Bill and Judy for help – but can they find a way to expose Urko’s scheme without endangering themselves?

***Terror on Ice Mountain.*** While on an archaeological dig, Cornelius discovers an ancient human book called ‘A Day at the Zoo’. After showing it to Zira, the two apes decide to lock it away for safety, knowing that if Urko learnt of its existence, he would have it destroyed. Cornelius finds that the paper he used to wrap the book in is actually an old blueprint for a hot-air balloon; he uses the plans to construct a balloon, only to realise that the section detailing the steering mechanism is missing. Cornelius turns to Bill and Jeff for help, but when Bill sees the book, he asks that it be shown to the public so that the truth of man’s past is revealed. However, Cornelius wants to hide the scandalous volume on the mountain of Ghar, where no-one will find it. He and Bill set off in the balloon, only to crash-land during a storm...

***Battle of the Titans.*** After his recent actions and failure to recapture the humans, Urko has been relieved of his duties for three months, and replaced by Colonel Rotok. With Urko gone, Zira and Cornelius decide to risk a trip to the monastic apes living in the mountains, so that they can obtain an ancient book, ‘A Day at the Zoo’, which proves humans once ruled the planet; they plan to show the volume to the Ape Council in the hope that they will pass a law to grant mankind protection. Meanwhile, Urko convinces Rotok to lead a surprise attack on the humans in New Valley, ensuring that they will both be hailed as heroes. Bill and Cornelius decide to use the hot air balloon to reach the High Llama, demonstrating that apes and humans can work together – while flying through the air, they are attacked by the flying monster...

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**June 03** Zaius (*Doctor*) is born.

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**January 10** Milo is born.

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**September 17** Cornelius is born.

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**August 12** Zira is born.

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**July 24** Nova is born.



## 3960's - 3970's

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A number of professors and other learned apes at the Ape National Academy begin a series of scientific experiments on humans to increase their scant knowledge of the origin and evolution of the species, and to dispel the heretical theory that ape descended from man.

The granddaughter of Dr. Zaius receives a human baby doll—but not one that talks.  
(*Planet*)

The mutants of New York City, led by Mendez XXVI, discover the existence of the apes after a rock fault causes several to fall into the underground city. The apes are killed, their bodies destroyed immediately to protect the city's citizens from any potential alien diseases.

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Damage caused by humans' scavenging for food among Ape City's crops increases by more than four hundred percent over a ten-year period.

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**January** Cornelius, a prominent chimpanzee psychologist and archaeologist, mounts an expedition to New York City's Forbidden Zone with special permission from the National Academy of Science. His goal: to find ancient artefacts proving his theory that the ape evolved from a lower form of primate, possibly man.

During several more trips to the desert, Cornelius discovers a cave containing solid evidence of a civilization older than the 12 recorded centuries of ape history. Zaius and the Academy dismiss his theories and his work as heresy—a crime punishable by death—and immediately cancel his travel permit on the grounds that he exceeded his orders. Scared of further damaging his career, Cornelius abandons this line of research for the next year.

**June 05** Cornelius and Zira get married.

**November 25** The *Astræa* crashes in an inland sea south of Long Island, in New York's Forbidden Zone. Colonel George Taylor awakens from cryogenic sleep with fellow astronauts Major Robert Landon, Lieutenant Mathew Dodge. A fourth member of the group, Lieutenant Catherine Stewart, has died, her cryogenic chamber cracking in transit. The ship fills with water, and they launch an escape raft and row to shore as the ship sinks to the bottom. Landon wonders what went wrong, as they weren't programmed to land in water. Hitting shore, Taylor checks their provisions while Dodge takes a soil reading. They don't know what planet they're on, but a chrono-reading reveals they've travelled 2,000 years into the future. With only three days' rations, they head out to find food. The trek is a long one, punctuated by sudden lightning storms, but no rain. Large cliffs line deep valleys, and no moon is visible in the luminescent sky. Tensions grow among the men, as Landon's optimism directly contrasts Taylor's cynicism.

Neither man realizes this is still Earth. The land masses of this area have shifted in the past two millennia, and the area is no longer oceanic, but rather endless miles of barren desert.

**November 28** The astronauts' journey across the barren desert (*The Forbidden Zone*) to a forested area, where they find representatives of what was once the human race. In a gorilla raid, Taylor and Landon are captured but are separated, and Dodge is killed.

**December 19** Taylor speaks for the first time.

**December 20** Cornelius visits Dr. Milo and tells him of Taylor's extraordinary story.

**December 25** After finding out more about Taylor, Dr. Milo heads for the Forbidden Zone to find out for himself if the story of Taylor's arrival is true.

**December 28** Dr. Milo arrives at Dead Lake and finds the rubber life raft and the American flag.

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**January 01** After about five days of searching Dr. Milo find Taylor's ship the *Astræa* during a period of low tide lodged on a sand bar and retrieves the Flight Manual and Checklists for study. He begins the journey back to Ape City for equipment to salvage the ship proper.

**January 04** Dr. Milo returns to Ape City and later that day carefully begins to gather the equipment and horses needed to salvage the *Astræa*.

**January 07** Dr. Milo heads back to Dead Lake with 12 horses and a wagon full of equipment.

**January 10** Dr. Milo returns to the site of the *Astræa* and waits for low tide the next day to begin his salvage attempt.

**January 11** After several attempts, Dr. Milo's 12 horses pull the *Astræa* off the sand bar and onto shore for further study.

**January 12** Using the information in the Flight Manual and Checklists, Dr. Milo is able to revive the ship's onboard computer systems.

**January 14** Dr. Milo accesses the *Astræa*'s main computer and learns more of how it is operated.

**January 20** Discovering Taylor's unique intelligence, without explanation, ape guards bring Taylor one day to the Ministry of Science to stand before the High Tribunal of the National Academy. Zira and Cornelius serve as his defense, with Zaius, Maximus and the tribunal president sitting in judgment. Appearing for the State is Dr. Honorius, Deputy Minister of Justice, who accuses Zira of working with Galen to alter Taylor's throat surgically. To discredit Taylor's claims, Zaius has all surviving humans from the hunt assembled outside and tells Taylor to identify his fellow talking humans. Landon is there, but a scar reveals he was lobotomized to keep him from speaking. Furious, Taylor rushes at Zaius and is beaten senseless. Zaius claims Landon suffered a skull fracture and could never speak, but Taylor knows he's lying. Zira insists Taylor represents proof of a missing link between their two species, and the outraged council accuses her and Cornelius of contempt for the tribunal, fallacious mischief and scientific heresy.



Zaius tells the guards to bring Taylor to his office, where he admits Landon was able to speak and that he doesn't believe they were surgically altered for speech. Demanding Taylor reveal where the rest of his tribe lives beyond the Forbidden Zone, he threatens to emasculate and lobotomize him if he refuses.

Zira and Cornelius are accused of heresy, and help Taylor and Nova escape.

**January 21** The next morning Zira, Lucius, Taylor and Nova meet Cornelius near the hunting grounds and they head for the Forbidden Zone to the site of an archaeological expedition conducted by Cornelius.

Dr. Zaius with a squad of gorillas heads to the Forbidden Zone to find the fugitives.

General Ursus sends his scouts into another part of the Forbidden Zone to find the fugitives or any sign of a human colony that Taylor may have come from.

Milo completely reactivates the *Astræa*.

**January 22** The first of General Ursus' gorilla scouts goes missing in the Forbidden Zone.

**January 24** Cornelius, Zira, Lucius, Taylor and Nova reach the archaeological dig site. They are followed. Taylor and Nova escape from Zaius and the gorilla patrols farther into the Forbidden Zone. There, Taylor discovers the Statue of Liberty and that he has in fact returned to Earth.

During return trip to Ape City Dr. Zaius strikes a deal with Cornelius and Zira. They agree to be silent about Taylor and their discoveries in return for clemency.

More of General Ursus' gorilla scouts go missing within the Forbidden Zone.

**January 25** After wandering the endless desert, Taylor and Nova find a small body of water and stop to quench their thirst. Taylor tries to teach her to say their names, but to no avail. Removing his dog-tag from his neck, he places it around hers as a gift, and then resumes their exploration.

The couple travel the desert for a time, until a great wall of flame suddenly appears, preventing them from going in the direction of New York City. A powerful earthquake and lightning ensue, throwing up a cavern wall to block the way they'd been travelling. Suspicious, Taylor dismounts, telling Nova to find Zira if anything goes wrong. He charges the wall and passes through it, vanishing before her eyes. In shock, Nova begins a long ride back through the desert for Ape City to find Zira.

Passing through the illusion, Taylor finds himself in the ruins of New York City and makes his way to St. Patrick's Cathedral. Five mutant Inquisitors—Albina, Caspay, Ongaro (also called Negro), Adiposo (also known as Fat Man) and their leader, Mendez XXVI (also called Mendez the Divine and Invincible, a descendant of Mendez the First)—torture him telepathically. The mutants accuse him of spying for the apes and push him to reveal the army's plans, but he knows nothing. They explain that their only weapons (traumatic hypnosis and visual/sonic deterrents) are illusory, and that as the Keepers of the Divine Bomb, they exist only to protect and worship it. Unable to get any further information from him, and convinced of his madness after he claims to be from another time, they lock him up in a cell.

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The *Aurora* crash-lands and Major Brent is the only survivor. (*Colonel Maddox is rendered blind from the fires and damage of the ship and soon after succumbs to his injuries, and Major Brent buries him*). He encounters Nova, lost after Taylor's strange disappearance.

**January 26** One of General Ursus' scouts' returns from the Forbidden Zone; evidently tortured and delirious, General Ursus uses the incident to declare martial law and begins campaigning for war.

Dr. Milo journeys back to Ape City for supplies and fully confident that he can get the *Astræa* to fly.

**January 27** Dr. Zaius, Cornelius and Zira return to Ape City from the Forbidden Zone; to find Ape City is awash in political and chimpanzee undercurrents.

Dr. Zaius learns that word of Taylor's abilities eventually spreads throughout Ape City, which grows awash in political undercurrents despite Zaius' attempts to quash the ripples. General Ursus, the new leader of Ape City's military, believes Taylor must hail from a tribe of talking humans living beyond the Forbidden Zone. Powerful and charismatic, he is beyond Zaius' control as he campaigns the Council to let him build a massive army and wage war on the humans.

Dr. Zaius allows Cornelius and Zira to read the secret scrolls to show them the true evil of man.

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**January 28** Brent and Nova arrive at Ape City to find Zira and Cornelius; who are then captured by gorillas.

**January 29** The next morning, Nova and Brent escape while being taken for target practice, during pursuit by gorillas they hide in the subway ruins of New York City.

Dr. Milo returns and tells Cornelius and Zira about the *Astræa*. Sensing the doom of the war's outcome the trio hurriedly gather what supplies they can carry and make haste back to the Forbidden Zone to the *Astræa*.

General Ursus and Dr. Zaius lead the gorilla war party into the Forbidden Zone.

After some rest Brent and Nova travel down the subway to continue to find Taylor and get away from the gorilla patrol still looking for them. (*Beneath the Planet of the Apes*)

**January 30** By travelling at night to make up some time, Dr. Milo, Cornelius and Zira arrive somewhat fatigued without if any sleep and begin their pre-launch checklist for flight of the *Astræa*.

*We know from statements that Milo is brilliant, but unlike Cornelius, who was an Archaeologist, we don't know what Milo's specialty was. From his musings in 'Escape', it is possible he was a mathematician. Perhaps he discovered some information (possibly aided by Cornelius' discussions with Taylor) in the Forbidden Zone that helped him in his work with the Astræa? Either way, his launching of it was an exceptionally brave thing, since Apes did not believe flight was possible.*

Brent and Nova continue their search and eventually find various tunnels and investigate. Following a high-pitched hum, they travel a modern-built tunnel system that deposits them outside the New York Public Library. Walking the ruins-strewn street, they pass the decimated Stock Exchange building and Radio City Music Hall.

Finally, they reach St. Patrick's Cathedral, where Brent feels the sudden urge to drown Nova in a fountain. Fighting it, he enters the church, where a robed verger kneels at the centre, praying to an atomic missile.

Guards bring him to a meeting hall near the Lexington Avenue subway at Grand Central Station, passing a group of mutant children singing "Ring around the Neutron." Five mutant Inquisitors—Albina, Caspay, Ongaro (also called the Negro), Adiposo (also known as Fat Man) and their leader, Mendez XXVI (Mendez the Divine and Invincible, a descendant of Mendez the First)—torture him telepathically, accusing him of spying for the apes and pushing him to reveal their plans. As the Keepers of the Divine Bomb, they exist only to protect and worship it. Having failed to read the apes' minds, they force him to violate Nova, determined to make him reveal what the apes are up to. Eventually, he breaks down and tells them that the apes will attack their city.

As the mutants prepare for an imminent ape attack, General of Defense Ygli VII trains citizens in the use of such mental deterrents as brain torture and mind dissuasion. These deterrents are expected to stop the apes at the boundaries of the Forbidden Zone.

Out in the desert, the mutants try to scare the gorilla war party with illusions of fire, suffering gorillas and a bleeding statue of the Lawgiver. Zaius proves it's a lie, and they march on until the gorilla war party ride up over a rise and sees the ruins of New York City.

Mendez XXVI calls a Public Thought Protection, sending all children indoors and all adults to the cathedral to have their final ceremonial worship. After singing "*Psalm of Mendez*", the mutants remove the masks from their faces, revealing their diseased, hairless flesh in deference to the bomb. Mendez says to clear the streets, hoping the apes will think the city empty.

Caspay and Ongaro take Brent to a cell, saying they can't let him go since he knows too much. George Taylor is there, and Ongaro mentally forces them to fight to the death. Nova sees them and cries out "Taylor!" distracting Ongaro long enough for Brent and Taylor to impale him on a spiked wall; removing his mask, Ongaro dies praying to his God. Brent tells Taylor about the missile, which Taylor recognizes as the Alpha-Omega, a doomsday bomb created in the 20<sup>th</sup> century to destroy the entire world.

Meanwhile, the gorilla war party enters New York City to begin their assault. They travel the subway tracks to Grand Central Station. Brent, Taylor and Nova hide as an ape looks through a cell window, and then set out to disarm the bomb. A passing ape shoots Nova, destroying Taylor's last hope for the future.

The apes decimate a series of busts honoring the House of Mendez's long lineage, and then burst through the cathedral doors. Mendez XXVI stands before them, arming the 'Alpha-Omega'. As Taylor and Brent watch from the shadows, Ursus' troops kill Mendez and pull the missile down with ropes.

The astronauts try to stop them, but Ursus shoots Taylor, who falls from a balcony. Brent shoots Ursus, and is himself pierced by multiple gunshots.

Taylor, barely alive, begs Zaius to help him stop the killing, but when Zaius responds with anti-human rhetoric.

Taylor pitches forward onto the detonator, activating the 'Alpha-Omega' bomb in his last defiant act. The resultant explosion destroys all life on the planet.

*The 'Alpha-Omega' nuclear bomb, originally stored in the vaults of a San Francisco missile complex and cherished by twenty generations by the House of Mendez, is detonated while in St Patrick's Cathedral in the ruins of New York City.*

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A catalytic reaction spreads across the globe in minutes. Shockwaves of the blast are sent into space and strike the *Astræa* containing Doctors Milo, Cornelius and Zira. The ship is thrown into a Hasslein Curve, 'a bend in time', and cast back to...

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### **Author's Note**

As stated above the Earth has been destroyed, but with my Fan Fiction story "*Resurrection of the Planet of the Apes*" the 'Alpha-Omega' bomb was successfully re-configured; thus the bomb did go off, but it only destroyed everything within a 25 mile radius. So what Doctors' Milo, Cornelius and Zira really saw (*perhaps not very clearly and so presumed*) was a very bright flash on the surface of the planet, which they could've interpreted as the destruction of the Earth that didn't happen.

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