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AT LEAST THEY
HAVEN'T TRIED TO
BITE US.

BLESSED
ARE THE
VEGETARIANS.

THEY LOOK
MORE OR LESS
HUMAN--BUT I
THINK THEY'RE
MUTE.



WE GOT
OFF AT THE
WRONG
STOP.

YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO
BE THE OPTIMIST,
LONDON. LOOK ON
THE BRIGHT
SIDE...



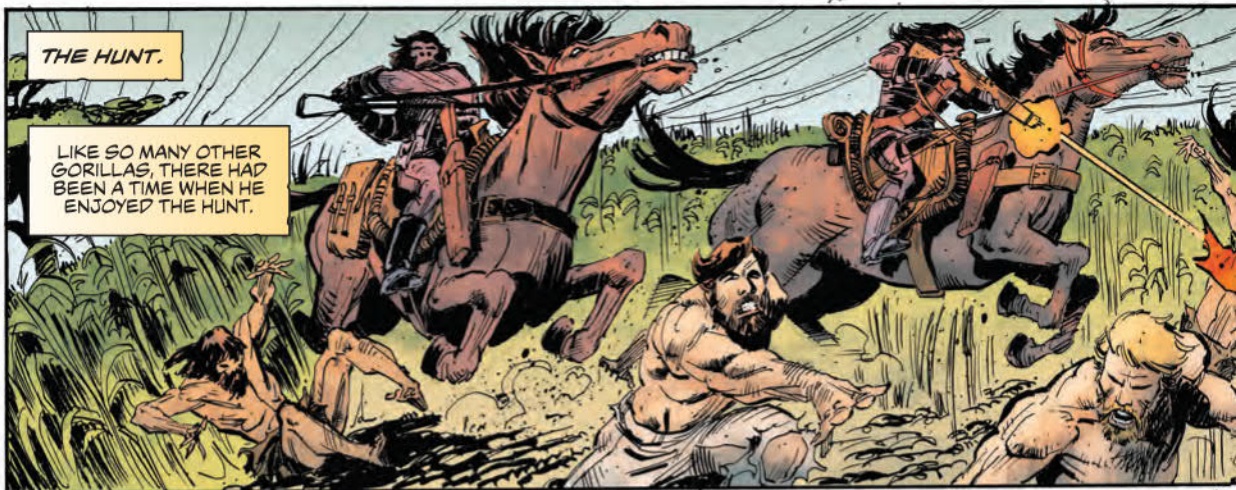
...IF THIS
IS THE BEST
THEY'VE GOT,
IN SIX MONTHS
WE'LL BE
RUNNING
THIS PLANET.



AAARRR.OOOOOO

THE HUNT.

LIKE SO MANY OTHER GORILLAS, THERE HAD BEEN A TIME WHEN HE ENJOYED THE HUNT.



HIS PULSE RACED IN THOSE TIMES.



A TIME WHEN THE HUNT FELT LIKE THE DUTY OF ALL ABLE-BODIED GORILLAS--LIKE SOMETHING IMPORTANT.

THAT WAS THE TIME WHEN THE HUNT MADE HIM FEEL ALIVE.





BUT SOMETHING
CHANGED.



OR PERHAPS **HE**
HAD CHANGED.

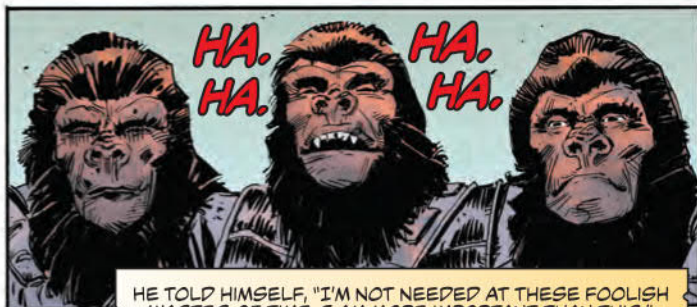


EITHER WAY, THE
HUNT NO LONGER
PROVIDED HIM
WHAT HE NEEDED...



...AND SO HE LEFT IT TO OTHERS.

SMILE.



HE TOLD HIMSELF, "I'M NOT NEEDED AT THESE FOOLISH WASTES OF TIME. I AM MORE IMPORTANT THAN THIS."



GOOD HUNT.

THE HUNT IS ALWAYS GOOD-- WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE ABOUT KILLING HUMANS? IT'S THE CLEANING UP AFTER THAT I CAN DO WITHOUT.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, ORRIP?

ORRIP?



LOOKS LIKE ORRIP HATES THE CLEAN-UP MORE THAN YOU.

ORRIP, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

DO YOU SEE THAT?

SEE WHAT?

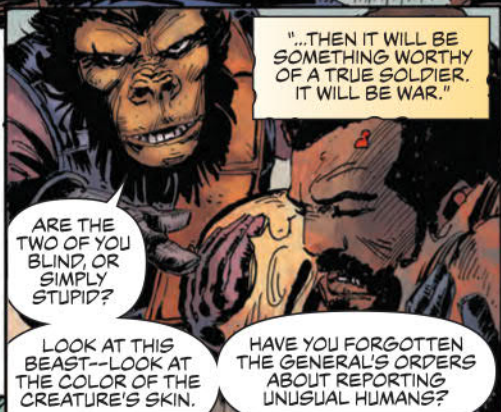


"SOMEDAY THERE WILL BE A REAL ENEMY," HE THOUGHT. "AND THEN IT WILL NOT BE HUNTING..."

THAT.

DAMU! FINN!
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING WITH
THAT HUMAN?

WHAT DOES IT LOOK
LIKE WE'RE DOING?
WE'RE TAKING IT FOR
DISPOSAL, UNLESS YOU
WANT TO MAKE A RUG
OUT OF IT.



"...THEN IT WILL BE
SOMETHING WORTHY
OF A TRUE SOLDIER.
IT WILL BE WAR."

ARE THE
TWO OF YOU
BLIND, OR
SIMPLY
STUPID?

LOOK AT THIS
BEAST--LOOK AT
THE COLOR OF THE
CREATURE'S SKIN.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN
THE GENERAL'S ORDERS
ABOUT REPORTING
UNUSUAL HUMANS?



SERGEANT
MOENCH! OVER
HERE! THERE'S
SOMETHING YOU
NEED TO SEE!



WHAT IS IT,
ORRIP?

LOOK AT
THIS HUMAN. I'VE
SEEN THOUSANDS OF
THESE CREATURES,
BUT NEVER ONE LIKE
THIS. THE GENERAL IS
ALWAYS TELLING US TO
KEEP AN EYE OPEN
FOR STRANGE
HUMANS.

BUT UNTIL THAT
TIME, GENERAL
URSUS WOULD
HUNT NO MORE.

IN THE NAME OF
THE LAWGIVER...YOU
HAVE BAGGED
A RARE BEAST
INDEED.

WELL
DONE.

THE GENERAL WILL
WANT TO SEE THIS--
HE'LL BE PLEASED.

EVERY MORNING, HE WAKES
ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE
BED. HIS SIDE OF THE BED.
AND HE WONDERS IF HE WILL
EVER BRING HIMSELF TO
SLEEP ON THE OTHER SIDE.

HE FEELS THE
SCARS OF BATTLE
AND PAIN OF LOSS
MOST WHEN HE
FIRST RISES--
BEFORE HE
VENTURES OUT INTO
THE WORLD OUTSIDE
HIS HOME.



AS GENERAL
HE IS ENTITLED
TO A STAFF, BUT
HE CHOOSES TO
LIVE ALONE.



THIS WAY, **GENERAL
URSUS** DOES NOT HAVE
TO LET OTHERS SEE HIM AS
HE IS WHEN HE IS ALONE.



NO SHARING. NO
HIDING. HE CAN SIMPLY
BE **URSUS**.







THE DEPARTMENT OF SIMIAN AFFAIRS.

...THIS EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE **SIMIAN HIGH COUNCIL** IS NOW CALLED TO ORDER--
CHANCELLOR INEZ PRESIDING.

MY FELLOW APES, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. APE CITY IS FACING ITS GREATEST CRISIS SINCE THE MOON FELL FROM THE SKY AND RAVAGED THE LAND.

OUR FOOD SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN RAVAGED BY HUMANS TO THE POINT WE NO LONGER FACE A SHORTAGE, WE FACE A FAMINE.

DR. TAEMIS OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WILL EXPLAIN.

THANK YOU, CHANCELLOR INEZ, AND ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE HIGH COUNCIL.

I STAND BEFORE YOU WITH GRIM NEWS. IN THE MOST SIMPLE OF TERMS, APE CITY DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH FOOD TO FEED ITS CITIZENS.

THE HUMAN INFESTATION HAS RAVAGED SO MANY CROPS THAT WE HAVE BEGUN USING OUR EMERGENCY STORES, WHICH WILL RUN OUT BEFORE THE NEXT HARVEST.

EVEN WITH INCREASED TRADE WITH OTHER PROVINCES, WE CANNOT MAKE UP FOR THE DEFICIT--FOR WE HAVE NOTHING TO TRADE.

AND THERE ARE SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH FARMERS IN APE CITY TO TEND THE NUMBER OF CROPS NEEDED TO **AVERT** THIS CRISIS.

AT THE ORDER OF THE HIGH COUNCIL, I HAVE MET WITH THE MINISTERS OF COMMERCE AND FINANCE TO DRAFT A PROPOSAL ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS CRISIS.

IT IS A CONTROVERSIAL PROPOSAL, BUT NECESSARY.

WE MUST DIVERT BUDGET FROM THE MILITARY TO REPLENISHING OUR FOOD STORES. SOLDIERS WILL NEED TO BE TRAINED AS FARMERS TO MAINTAIN THE INCREASED NUMBER OF CROPS.

THIS WILL REQUIRE AN EXPANSION OF APE CITY TO LAND IN THE SOUTH, WHERE THE GROUND IS MORE FERTILE, AND WATER MORE READILY AVAILABLE.

