

# Ape City Chronicles



The History of Ape  
City's First 75 Years

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## Forward by the Author

Before his death last winter, it was Caesar's final wish that the first 75 years of Ape City's history be recorded for posterity. So this is the fulfillment of that sacred promise I made to an Ape I was privileged to know and call a friend.

I must admit that I find this task very daunting. While I personally witnessed, and even participated in, much of this history; there were many events that took place before I was born. Thus, in the interest of objectivity and historical accuracy, I have interviewed many old friends, such as Abe & MacDonald, and will also draw on many conversations that I had with Caesar & my old teacher Mandemus while they were alive. My goal is to create an accurate account from which future generations can learn and gain wisdom. And since this is not meant to be my biography but rather a chronicle of the life of our society; when recording events in which I personally took part, I will refer to myself in the third person.

In the interests of preserving this history for posterity, it will be recorded using an old human printing device. My protégé, Quinctius, was able to salvage and repair one for our use. When completed the original manuscript will be housed in a special vault being built in the new Ministries building so it can be reprinted for new generations to read in the centuries to come.

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## Introduction

In the beginning God created beast and Man so that both might live in friendship and share dominion over a world at peace. But in the fullness of time evil men betrayed God's trust and in disobedience to his holy word waged bloody wars not only against their own kind but against the Apes whom they reduced to slavery. Then God in his wrath sent the world a savior miraculously born of two Apes who had descended on Earth from Earth's own future. And Man was afraid for both parent-Apes possessed the power of speech, so both were brutally murdered. But the child ape survived and grew up to set his fellow creatures free from the yolk of human slavery. Yet in the aftermath of his victory the surface of the world was ravaged by the vilest war in human history. The great cities of the world split asunder and were flattened; and out of one such city our savior led a remnant of those who survived - in search of greener pastures where Ape and Human might forever live in friendship according to divine will. His name was Caesar and this is his story in those far-off days...

Chapter 1: The Road to Ape CitySection 1: After the Night of the Fires

Caesar the Great's victory on the Night of the Fires secured the freedom of Apes in one city only. He was keenly aware that their hard fought victory could be short lived if the full might of Human military forces were to attack. Caesar foresaw this and took several precautions to prevent it.

First, before the Night of the Fires, Caesar trained the smartest Apes and infiltrated them into shipments to other Human cities. Once there they would foment resistance and ultimately rebellion.

Second, being able to talk and read, Caesar followed Human events and launched his revolt at a time when the bulk of the Human's military forces were concentrated on the other side of the planet preparing to fight a Human conflict. Thus, only civil police forces would only be available to counter-attack.

Third, the morning after the Night of the Fires, Caesar concentrated on building defenses of the city he had conquered. For this he used many of the Humans that had been captured during the revolt.

Caesar's planning and strategy was very successful. It took five days before the first attack by Human forces was launched against the city. By then the city's defenses were strong and the attack was easily repelled. More importantly, Ape revolts had begun to break out in many Human cities; so the Human's forces could not be concentrated against Caesar.

What Caesar did not anticipate was a counterinsurgency led by Inspector Kolp, the city's Security Chief. Kolp had gathered the few remaining police forces available in the city and began a series of small but effective hit & run attacks. It was during one of these attacks that Governor Breck escaped from custody.

For several weeks Caesar and his fellow Apes were able to defend the city from repeated Human attacks. But it was a slow war of attrition. As the frequency of attacks grew, Caesar knew that he could not defend the city. Caesar realized that despite Ape revolts occurring across the world, quelling his revolt and killing him would be the Humans top priority. So when news came that the Human government had recalled their military forces; Caesar knew that he and his followers would have to abandon the city in order to survive.

In the days after his takeover he studied maps of the City's

surrounding provinces. He even sent scouting parties out to some of the most promising areas. But there was one place which stood out among all the others, a remote valley to the north with many acres of farmland. It was there that Caesar decided to lead his followers and build the first Ape City.

### Section 2: Planning the Breakout

Once Caesar decided to leave the conquered Human city, he began gathering supplies and vehicles to sustain his followers and their Human captives on the journey to their new home. Breaking out from the city would not be easy for by now the city was surrounded on all sides by Human forces. And their attacks were increasing in frequency and ferocity. It was during one of these attacks that the elder of the MacDonald brothers was killed (see Profile). Caesar's plan was to wait until external events distracted the Humans and then breakout of the city at the point where the concentration of Human forces was the weakest.

Caesar did not have to wait soon for a distraction. While he expected it to be the spreading of Ape rebellions, it turned out to be an outbreak of war among the Humans in a far away land. When news of this came Caesar launched an attack on the Human lines late one night. He and his followers successfully fought their way out of the city and headed into the provinces, where they would build Ape City.

#### PROFILE: The MacDonald Brothers

When Caesar was sold into slavery to the Human Governor Breck, the only sympathetic Human he encountered was the Governor's Aide, Harry MacDonald. Caesar came to trust this Human so much he eventually revealed his existence to MacDonald. That trust was well placed, for MacDonald saved Caesar's life when Breck tried to execute him. After the Night of the Fires MacDonald became an advisor and confidant to Caesar, often keeping some of Caesar's more violent instincts in check.

Harry MacDonald (or the elder MacDonald as he is often referred) had a younger brother, Austin MacDonald. Austin was 17 years old and a bit of a handful for his older brother. Austin was forever getting into fights and other trouble that often required Harry to intervene with the Human police. Finally, Harry got Austin a part time job working in the city's Archives after school. Austin excelled in this job and soon became a supervisor. When the Ape Rebellion occurred Harry made a special request to

Caesar to ensure the safety of his younger brother. Unfortunately, during one of the counter-attacks on the city by Human forces the elder MacDonald was shot. Despite the best efforts by Human Doctors, they were unable to save him and Harry died in his brother's arms. Austin blamed Caesar for Harry's death. In his anger Austin stabbed and almost killed Caesar at the funeral. Caesar forgave the youth for the crime, saying Austin was overwhelmed by grief. But it created a gulf of mistrust between the two of them that took years to heal.

### Section 3: The Trek of Tears

After Caesar, his Simian followers and their Human captives were able to break out of the conquered Human City (now commonly referred to as the Forbidden City); they still had a long journey ahead of them to reach the valley where Caesar planned to build his city. Even with the use of motorized vehicles, the journey would take several days. Caesar in his wisdom decided not to take a direct route for he did not wish to lead any Human military forces to the valley. His plan was to dart through the hills in the provinces until he was satisfied that Human authorities could no longer track them. Only then would they head to the secluded valley that Caesar had chosen. Unfortunately, with thousands of Apes almost as many Human captives their column was over a mile long.

In the first few days Caesar and his followers had to fight off numerous attacks at high cost in Simian and Human lives. As they traveled deeper into the provinces the attacks became less and less frequent. Caesar in his wisdom took a Human radio with him to keep abreast of Human events. He knew that as Ape revolts in their cities grew and the Human's war against each other escalated; the search for him and his band of followers would be abandoned. However, just when Caesar thought they were safe; Human militias from small towns in the provinces began their attacks. These groups were often disorganized and armed only with crude weapons. Caesar and his fellow Apes easily fought them off. But they attacked relentlessly, sometimes several times in a single day. By the time these attacks ended many Apes (and Humans) had been killed.

Many years later Caesar would confide that this was one of the darkest periods in his life. All the Apes and their Human captives looked to him for leadership and to keep them safe. He

said that he felt very alone at that time. He no longer had the counsel of MacDonald the elder or his step-father Armando. He did not trust any of the other Humans enough to confide in them and only very few of Apes were beginning to learn to talk.

Finally once the attacks from Human forces had subsided; Caesar directed his followers to the valley. The trip took many days. By then, all the motorized vehicles had either been destroyed or run out of fuel. Supplies of food and water were low too. Many Apes and Humans who were too weak to go on died on the trail in those final days. Caesar led them on foot, undeterred by the hardships. He knew he had to remain strong for the others.

When they at last reached the valley there were only a few hundred Apes and Humans still alive, less than one tenth of those who left the Forbidden City. Those who did survive the journey soon began the work of building the first Ape City.

## Chapter 2: The Birth of Simian Society

### Section 1: The Founding of Ape City

When Caesar the Great, and those few hundred Apes & Humans who had survived the journey, reached the valley where they would build their city; he gathered all together to speak to them:

*"Today is an historic day. We have faced many trials these last few weeks. We have passed through the night of the fires and survived the trek of tears. Many have died through these trials but they did not die in vain. They died so that we may build a great Simian society. And it is here that we will build that society. It is here we will found our own religion. It is here will form our own Army. It is here we will start our own dynasty. It is here we will build the first Ape City."*

Then the Apes, and their Human captives, began to build. Caesar with the help of several Human conceived and designed a network of tree house structures that would make up Ape City. The land adjacent was ideal for farming and again with the aid of their Human captives; Apes began to plant the crops that would be needed to sustain the community. Luckily there were several orchards and vineyards in the area that would feed them until them until the crops could be harvested.

While Apes and Humans worked together, many of the Humans acted as teachers to the Apes. Showing the Apes how to cut down trees, build the tree houses, plant seeds and gather edible fruit. This presented a problem for Caesar however. Apes had fought hard to gain their freedom from their Human masters. Now he had to put Apes in the position of following orders from Humans. Thus, Caesar decreed his first law, Humans could never say 'No' to an Ape. Because Apes had been electrically conditioned to fear the word 'No', Caesar thought that by forbidding its utterance by Humans; Apes would not feel they were once again in their service.

However, all was not completely harmonious. One day in the fields a Gorilla, Aldo, decided not to follow the directions of his Human instructor. The Human kept calmly repeated his instructions but to no avail. Aldo refused to listen. Soon the Human was shouting at Aldo. It was then that Aldo stood up straight and glaring at the Human he said "No!". The Human was in shock. Up until then he had never heard an Ape other than Caesar talk. News of the incident spread quickly through the small community and soon achieved the status of legend. Although a few



Orangutans and Chimpanzees were just beginning to verbalize privately, Aldo was the first Gorilla and the first Ape to publically speak his refusal to a Human. From that day forward the things began to shift and most Humans moved from the role of teachers into to the role of servants in the new Ape City.

### Section 2: Establishing Ape Law

After Caesar the Great had set down the first two Laws governing Apes & Humans in their new community; he realized that he would need to proclaim a series of Laws to maintain peace & harmony. Most of the Laws were very basic. It was forbidden to steal or lie. Apes were not allowed to mistreat or abuse Humans. Humans were no longer allowed to eat animal flesh. However, two laws stood out from the others.

One of these laws established the Armory. Caesar hoped the lack of weapons in Ape City would diffuse any disputes and encourage peaceful cooperation among all inhabitants. Thus, he made it law that all guns be gathered in one place and that they may only be issued in times of emergency by his order alone. Caesar appointed an elderly Orangutan named Mandemus (see Profile), as Keeper of the Armory and unofficially as keeper of his own conscience.

The other major law established the Citizen's Council made up of representatives of each Simian species. Although most Apes could not yet talk (and those that could, could only utter a word or two); Caesar made it a legal requirement that the Council meet once a month to discuss the community's progress.

Both of these landmark laws were very successful in maintaining order in the new Ape City.

#### PROFILE: Mandemus

Mandemus was born in captivity about 25 years before Caesar's parents arrived on Earth. He was the third generation of a Human selective breeding experiment to increase the intelligence of primitive apes. It was a very successful experiment, by age 10 Mandemus was able to communicate through sign language.

When Caesar's parents arrived, the body of their ill-fated companion was sent to the same research facility as Mandemus. The Humans there took samples from the dead Chimp to use in a gene manipulation experiments on Mandemus. These procedures greatly enhanced his intelligence as well as affecting his

physiology.

After the death of Caesar's parents, the Human government closed the research facility and seized all their research. Mandemus was sent to a Human zoo but was later sold to a private company that did additional experiments on him in secret.

When the plague killed all Dogs & Cats this company formed Ape Management, using the gene conditioning procedures perfected on Mandemus, to market domesticated Apes as pets to Humans.

After the Night of the Fires Caesar discovered Mandemus in Ape Management's research section and freed him. By this time Mandemus had evolved enough to have learned to read. When Ape City was founded, Mandemus was the most intelligent Ape after Caesar and quickly learned to talk. Mandemus soon became the first Simian teacher and was a natural choice to become Keeper of the Armory.

### Section 3: Educating the Apes

As the intellectual abilities of Apes began to develop over the years it became evident to Caesar the Great that to build a true Simian civilization; Apes must learn not only to talk but had to be educated. To educate his fellow Simians Caesar had to turn to the only resource capable to do this: Humans.

The first task was to teach Apes to read & write. Most of the Humans recruited for the job failed, all but one. Abram Keen (see Profile), a young human, was so successful Caesar put him in charge of all the other Human, and later Ape, teachers. Abram stayed in this role for many decades and would be known by generations of Apes as Teacher.

After learning to read & write, Apes were then taught math, science, agriculture and other subjects useful to building a society. Abram organized and supervised all of these classes.

Apes to be educated were selected based on a simple intelligence test developed by Abe. Most in the beginning were Orangutans and then Chimpanzees and much later Gorillas.

In the early days one Ape excelled very quickly, Mandemus. He easily mastered all subjects and soon became the first Simian teacher in Ape City.

PROFILE: Abram Keen

Abram Keen, better known as Abe, or simply Teacher, was a unique man among Humans. He was quiet, and kept much to himself, thus not much is known about him. This was not to say he was withdrawn, no, he was simply private. In the presence of others, he was invariably jovial and congenial.

He always struck those who knew him best as a deep thinker. His quietude was said to stem from the death of his wife, a teacher, and his only child during the Ape revolt on the Night of the Fires. His wife, whose name has been lost to history, was rumored to have loved animals, all animals. She loved and respected them so much that when it became fashionable to keep Apes as servants, she put her foot down and would have none of it. Abe humored her, but saw the beneficence in her stance. This, it is believed, is what carried him through her loss.

Still, this benevolence she instilled in him is what turned him to one of the most valuable professions in budding ape society, that of Teacher. For it was through him that we apes received our fullest understanding and our most complete education. This even extended to Caesar the Great.

Abe's knowledge of and love for cartography was invaluable in mapping and surveying to valleys and hills surrounding our beloved community, thus helping Caesar to make the soundest decisions in those areas for all those under his charge.

Section 4: Feeding the New Community

In his wisdom Caesar the Great selected the location to build his city in a valley with enough orchards and vineyards to feed hundreds. But living on the natural growing fruit & nuts would not be sufficient to sustain the community for long, much less allow it to grow. So Caesar immediately began an aggressive farming program so that Apes would learn how to feed themselves. In the very early days Humans were put in charge with the task of teaching Apes to plow fields, plant seeds and harvest crops. At first this was very successful. However, as the intelligence level of Apes increased the more resistant they became to doing manual labor under Human overseers. After Aldo said 'No' to one his Human instructors (see Section 1) the wheel slowly began to turn. Soon learning how to farm was no longer a priority for most Apes. They increasingly felt it was a job for Humans. Only a few Chimpanzees and even fewer Gorillas continued to farm as

the task was over time almost completely taken over by Humans and remains so to this day.

However, Caesar was worried that having Apes oversee the Human farmers would create conflict between the species. To keep the peace he decided that only the best Human farmers would be appointed farming supervisors. Eventually Caesar decided that one Human was needed to manage all farming for the community. For this task he chose the Human who proved to be the most gifted farmer & supervisor, MacDonald the younger. This would be the first step in healing the rift between them.

In this new position MacDonald was in charge of coordinating the efforts of all the farms in the valley. This entailed proper crop rotation between farmers as well as stockpiling the enough supplies to maintain the community through the winter. MacDonald excelled at the job and soon earned the respect of both Humans and Apes. He remained in this position for many decades with the responsibility of feeding Ape City.

### Section 5: Development of the Apes

As discussed in the previous section, as Apes increased in intelligence each species began to develop different skills and abilities, turning over most manual labor to Humans.

Orangutans showed themselves to be most adept at intellectual pursuits as well as becoming excellent administrators. In his later years Caesar would hand over most of his administrative duties to Orangutans.

Chimpanzees exhibited proficiency for art and science with most becoming craftsmen & artisans.

Gorillas learned how to ride horses use weapons before most could even talk. With their natural strength, Gorillas formed the army and were given the task of protecting Ape City.

### Section 6: The First Ten Years

In only a decade, Caesar the Great had accomplished miracles. He freed Apes from bondage in the Human city. He led his followers to safety and built a city in a secluded valley. There he established a peaceful community of Apes & Humans governed by law.

Caesar's new city was self-sustaining and untouched by the world outside. Human civilization was too busy destroying itself in a

prolonged global war to worry about Caesar's little community. Apes continued to rebel in most of the major cities of the world adding to the chaos.

More importantly, the first generation of Simian babies was born. The birth rate was so high during the city's 9th year Dr. Kelly (see Profile) delivered at least on baby a day. And these children began speaking and learning at an even faster rate than their Simian parents.

### Profile: Dr. Leo Kelly

Before Caesar's revolt, Dr. Leo Kelly was a Human Veterinarian and Animal Right Activist. He led a group that protested Simian slavery. Because of his compassionate treatment of Apes, the lives of the Doctor and his infant daughter, Heather, were spared on the Night of the Fires.

When Caesar decided to leave the Human city, he knew that because of his infant daughter the trip to the valley would be hardship for Dr. Kelly. Thus, Caesar gave the good Doctor the choice to stay behind in the city. But Dr. Kelly chose to travel to the valley with little Heather in tow treating all injuries & illnesses for both Humans and Apes.

Once Ape City was established, Dr. Kelly became the physician for the whole community. As she grew from an infant to a girl to a young woman, Dr. Kelly trained his daughter Heather to become a fine doctor in her own right.

It was with great sadness that in the 25th year of the city that Dr. Leo Kelly fell ill and died. Heather and Caesar remained at his side as he quietly passed. Caesar declared a week of mourning for the good Doctor, a human who cared for the health of Apes and Humans alike.

After a decade, most Orangutans had not only learned to talk but to also read & write. Many Chimpanzees could speak as well. Only Gorillas lagged behind the others.

In recognition of the City's 10th Anniversary Caesar declared a week of festivities the highlight of which was his wedding to Lisa, to whom he had vowed to marry once she had learned to speak, read & write. But despite the successes, challenges in the years ahead would threaten the very survival of Ape City.

### Chapter 3: The Fall of Mankind

AUTHOR'S NOTE: *Unlike the other chapters in this history, the many of the events related in this chapter took place outside of the relatively peaceful confines of Ape City. Thus, only second and third-hand accounts of these events were available. To compile this information I interviewed dozens of the prisoners taken during the 'Battle of Ape City' in the city's 27th year. However, much of the information they related was confused, contradictory and lacking in detail. However, I was able to piece together a basic history of these events where there was a general agreement among several of the different accounts.*

#### Section 1: The Human World War

At the time of Caesar's revolt, most of the old Human nation-states were involved in a conflict on the other side of the planet in a region then known as the Middle East. Like most Human wars this was a struggle over the planet's resources. One nation-state had invaded another in an attempt to control its resources. Governments of most other nation-states objected and mobilized their militaries to repel this invasion. This effort was led by the nation-state known as America which committed the bulk of its armies. (Note: It is important to acknowledge this was the Human nation-state where 'The Night of the Fires' took place.) So when Caesar began the first Ape revolt, the Human government could only respond with limited force.

While the coalition of Human nation-states led by the American government initially achieved a quick victory, liberating the nation-state that had been invaded; they were forced recall their armies to quell the rapidly spreading Ape uprisings in their Homelands. The leader of the aggressor nation-state took advantage of the disarray among his enemies. Since most of his military forces had withdrawn rather than be defeated; he was now free to unleash them again to invade most of the region. With their forces now split between fighting Ape revolts at home and this new invasion, many of the early gains of the American led coalition were pushed back.

This remained a regional conflict until the leader of one of the largest nation-states, known then as the USSR, was disposed. Under other circumstances the Human populace of that nation-state would have opposed this coup, but now fearful of the Ape uprisings spreading across the world they supported it. The new

leaders of the USSR were very distrustful of the American led coalition and withdrew from it. They soon decided to switch sides which resulted in the entire planet being engulfed in a war that would decide the fate of human civilization and the future of Ape City.

### Section 2: The Simian Rebellions

While most of the old Human nation-states were fighting each other across the globe, they faced Ape revolts in their homelands. To many it seemed as if all of Human civilization was falling apart at one time.

The spreading Simian rebellions were due to the foresight of Caesar. Because the city where he staged his revolt was a major shipping hub to other Human cities across the continent and the world, prior to the Night of the Fires Caesar trained the most intelligent Apes that were scheduled to be shipped to other cities to foment rebellions when they arrived at their final destinations. Caesar knew that his revolt would never succeed if it were only confined to one city.

Thus, in the days, weeks and months after the Night of the Fires; slave Ape uprisings began to spread all over the world. If Human leaders had been wiser they would have put their petty differences on hold and unified to fight this common threat to their civilization. Instead they chose to continue to fight each other while fighting their revolting former slaves back home.

Caesar kept informed of these events in the outside world with an old Human radio device. Only a trusted few, such as Mandemus, were allowed to listen to the broadcasts.

The Human city Caesar and his followers had escaped from was mostly destroyed. Only Governor Breck, some of his top officials and a few army divisions remained there. Breck was obsessed with rebuilding the city. Because of this, Caesar decreed that all travel to the city was forbidden. However, Caesar became restless wanting to help his Simian brethren who were fighting for their freedom in other cities.

So once Ape City was established and secure, every spring Caesar would travel to other Human cities where Apes were rebelling to aide and advise them. Most of these excursions would last several weeks to a few months (although on one occasion Caesar was gone for almost half the year).

Only Aldo and about a dozen Gorillas and Chimpanzees would accompany Caesar. They would travel via a Human railroad line

that was about a two day ride north of Ape City. The Human railroad only carried freight and supplies, no passengers, making it very easy for Caesar and the others to hide themselves within the freight cars. From there they were able to travel to cities across the continent.

These trips had a cost. Many times some of the Apes did not return with the others. Sometimes they returned with Ape refugees, mostly females & children. Twice only Caesar & Aldo returned. This forged a bond of trust between the two, a bond that would be later regretted by Caesar and all of Ape City.

### Section 3: A Long War of Attrition

With Simian uprisings spreading across world and the USSR nation-state switching sides in the Human conflict, all of mankind was soon engulfed in prolonged World War. Human civilization was now split into two camps; those allied with the American led coalition and those allied with the coalition now led by the USSR nation-state.

After the initial gains of the American led coalition were pushed back, their strategy became one of defense. Dig in and let the other side attack to bleed their forces until an overwhelming counter-attack could be made. This tactic was successful at first but soon the USSR led coalition began to launch attacks in other regions that were less well defended. This resulted in greatly expanding the conflict and within five years there was fighting on every continent with almost all of the old Human nation-states involved in the World War.

Due to the Ape revolts in their homelands neither side was able to muster enough military force to defeat the other side. The situation stayed that way for many years with each side making gains in one region of the planet while suffering losses in another region. Many feared that one side would use nuclear weapons to end the stalemate. But for the moment the Human leaders were wise enough not to unleash weapons that could destroy their planet. They did prepare for the contingency (See 'Twelfth Hour Protocol' in Section 4).

The only variable factor was the Simian uprisings which over the years were increasing in size and intensity. In the first year of the war the President of the American government declared martial law, suspending the elections scheduled for the next year, in an effort to maintain order at home. While this helped slow the progress of the Ape revolts, it did not end them. And



thanks to the yearly "excursions" by Caesar (See Section 2), the Ape revolution eventually spread across the entire continent and the planet. (Note: While Caesar mainly confined his excursions to the North American continent, on one occasion he did travel to what was once London. There he was nearly killed and only survived thanks to a kindly human who gave Caesar shelter in his printing shop.)

In the 13th year of the Human World War the American Vice President was killed while visiting the troops. In light of this the President made two important decisions. The first was to end the war by proposing a peace conference. It took over a year to arrange but made quick progress. Most of the nation-states had become weary of war and had grown concerned about Simian uprisings. Their first agreement was to aid each other to end all Ape revolts. Unfortunately, the President's second decision had dire consequences for the world outside Ape City.

#### Section 4: Ultimatum

Upon the death of his Vice President, the American President made two far reaching decisions. The first was to call a peace conference to end the Human World War. The second was the unprecedented move of appointing his son as Vice President. Since the President had operated as a virtual dictator since declaring Martial Law in the first year of the war, this was seen as his effort to build a dynasty.

After 15 years of global war the peace conference was welcomed by all sides and made quick progress. However, during the third week of the conference the President was killed during an Ape Uprising in the capitol. His son became the new President. Unfortunately, he was not the leader or statesman that his father was. He shut down the peace conference declaring 'you're either with us or against us' and issued an ultimatum to the other side threatening use of a new nuclear bomb said to be capable of destroying the entire planet. Use of Nuclear weapons had long been feared (See Sidebar) and this ultimatum would soon impact the whole planet including Ape City.

SIDEBAR: 'Twelfth Hour Protocol'

With the failure of local authorities to contain the rapid growth of hostile simian forces within our borders, we find ourselves forced to consider Governor Breck's 'Twelfth Hour Protocol'. In addition, foreign nuclear experts are raising serious concerns over the possibility of extremists taking advantage of worldwide military and political confusion to seize control of a nuclear missile facility and initiate an attack against the United States using strategic nuclear weapons. It is the purpose of this paper to summarise expected casualties from a controlled detonation involving a single, modest, 12.5 kiloton nuclear explosion in a large urban area. For the purposes of this model, the explosion was placed in Times Square, New York. It is our express hope that this freely distributed paper might better inform the decision making process of any individual involved in a considered response to either of the above scenarios.

SUMMARY: Blast and thermal effects would kill 52,000 people immediately. Another 238,000 would be exposed to radiation and more than 10,000 of these would receive lethal doses. Additional fallout would expose another million and a half people. For this secondary group, the 24-hour cumulative dose would be high enough to kill another 200,000 and cause several hundred thousand cases of radiation sickness. This model is unable to estimate the number of people who would suffer non-radiation related physical injuries. Casualties on this scale would immediately overwhelm medical facilities leading to a high mortality rate among those injured but not killed by the initial blast and thermal effects.

Section 5: Nuclear Holocaust

When the new President of the American government canceled the peace conference and issued an ultimatum to his human enemies, all hope for an end to the human World War died. He gave the nation-states of the USSR led coalition five days to surrender unconditionally across the planet, threatening them with a new powerful nuclear weapon. Despite pleas by his allies for a more reasonable and moderate stance, he refused to back down.

For the next five days the entire planet held its breath as the deadline approached and when it came the response was silence. Two days later the leader of the USSR issued a statement that

the USSR and its allies would not be cowed by empty threats. The response of the President was to instruct everyone in the USSR to watch the moon that night. What they saw was horrific, a massive explosion on the moon that ripped off its upper crust into thousands of pieces leaving only a large black cinder.

Within an hour after the explosion, the President broadcast that what they had witnessed was the test of a new nuclear weapon more powerful than any that had come before it. The American government had another of these weapons and would launch it against the USSR unless they surrendered in 12 hours.

The USSR and its allies did not wait 12 hours to respond. They immediately launched a full nuclear strike against the American Government and its allies. This prompted a full nuclear counterstrike and before the day had ended all the major cities of the world had been destroyed.

From the peaceful confines of Ape City most of the populace witnessed the destruction of the Forbidden City. There was a flash of very bright light followed several seconds later by the rumble of an explosion. Within a few minutes the residents of Ape City could see a huge fire ball rising on the horizon. But then a huge wind swept over Ape City. A wind so strong it threw most Apes off their feet and even knocked down a few smaller trees. But soon the wind died down and Ape City began to return to normal.

Luckily, Caesar had just returned from one of his "excursions" and was safe in Ape City. That night he called every Ape and Human in the community together. He had been monitoring the situation on his radio and informed them of what had happened. The Apes remained silent but many of the Humans began to cry realizing their civilization had destroyed itself. When the Gorillas, led by Aldo, began to laugh at and taunt the Humans; Caesar reminded them that millions of Apes, who were either still in servitude or had been rebelling in the destroyed Human cities, had died as well that day. Caesar then declared that it was the beginning of a new era and it was now up to the Apes to build a new civilization on Earth. But there was a new horror yet to come which would even impact life in Ape City.

### Section 6: The Meteor Storms

The great cities of the world split asunder and were flattened in the final battle of a 15 year Human World War. Hundreds of millions Humans and Apes died that day but those who did survive

now faced a new horror. When the President of the American government fired a new powerful nuclear weapon at the moon, the detonation ripped off the upper layer of the moon's crust. Most of this debris remained in orbit in a ring around the earth. They caused a strange luminosity on cloud covered nights (which were all nights at that time). However, many of the smaller pieces started being pulled in by Earth's gravity. In the weeks and months after the major cities had been destroyed many surviving humans across the planet were still digging themselves out. There were many smaller human towns that were far enough away from the large cities to not be affected by the nuclear holocaust. They were just starting to rebuild Human civilization (Caesar monitored their progress on his radio) when the storm of meteors began.

It was almost a year after the nuclear exchange when the first chunks of the moon's crust began descending to Earth. Most of these chunks were large enough to not burn up in the atmosphere. The first storm struck without any warning and lasted for only an hour wiping out what was left of human civilization on another continent. For another two years these meteor storms rained down on the Earth. There was no regularity as to when or where they would strike or how long they would last. The only constant was that whatever was alive where they would strike wouldn't still be alive after the storm had ended. A few remaining Human astronomers kept a watch on the sky but because of the constant cloud cover at that time, caused by the nuclear war, it was only possible to give a region a few hours notice of a coming meteor storm.

Caesar was very stressed during this period. Everything he had spent years building could be wiped out without notice. One glimmer of hope was that the each storm was less intense and destructive than the one before. This was because the heaviest debris fell to the Earth first so the meteors were smaller in each subsequent storm. Again Caesar monitored the situation on his radio but one day the broadcasts stopped. The radio fell silent forever. There was no one left to broadcast. One night a few weeks later a meteor storm began over the Forbidden City. The populace of Ape City watched in terror as the meteors came closer and closer. But just as the meteors reached the valley they had finally become small enough and started burning up in the atmosphere. This last moment salvation and the light show that followed in the sky were taken as a sign that God had indeed blessed Ape City.

## Chapter 4: The Survival of Ape City

### Section 1: Mourning and Celebration

The day after the meteor shower had spared Ape City there was much rejoicing among the populace. Caesar called all together and reminded them that over the past several years many had died, both Ape and Human, all over the planet. He said since God had spared from destruction, we had a special responsibility to rebuild civilization and to avoid the mistakes that Human civilization had made. Then he declared four days of official mourning for all who has died. The Humans in Ape City appreciated this since most had relatives and friends who had lived in the Human cities that were destroyed. After the four days of mourning Caesar proclaimed that there would a day of celebration and a great feast to thank God for Ape City's survival.

When the day of celebration came, Caesar made another announcement which had everyone cheering. He would marry Lisa (see Profile) that day in front of all present, the first official Simian Wedding in the community. Mandemus and a Human minister preformed the ceremony which was followed by the largest feast in the history of the community, then or since. Everyone in the community celebrated that day, both Apes and Humans, for now finally the future seemed secure for Ape City.

#### *Profile: Lisa*

Caesar's first wife Lisa was born in the wild and lived there during the early years of her life. When the plague killed all dogs and cats, Lisa was 8 years old and was captured by Humans who hunted apes to sell them as pets. She was quickly adopted by a human family to replace their beloved sheepdog. The family came to love Lisa but unfortunately, after 7 years, the entire family was killed in an plane crash. The estate sold Lisa to Ape Management where she was trained as a domestic servant and purchased at auction by a Human businessman as a gift for his wife. When this businessman owed back taxes, he donated Lisa's services 3 days a week to pay his debt. So on 'The Night of the Fires' she was in the city's command post and Caesar often credited her for his compassion that night. When Ape City was founded Lisa lived with Dr. Kelly and his daughter. Caesar saw

her regularly but refused to take the relationship any further until she learned to both speak and read & write. Many thought Caesar kept Lisa at arm's length so he could go on his yearly "excursions" without guilt. But after all the wars were over, Lisa could not only speak but read & write; so Caesar finally took her as his wife, and soon after she was pregnant, giving Caesar an heir.

### Section 2: A Shroud of Clouds

In the days and weeks after the Human Nuclear War the inhabitants of Ape City began to notice that a perpetual cloud cover over Ape City. According to the radio broadcasts that Caesar was monitoring clouds were covering the entire planet. Human scientists had theorized this and named it Nuclear Winter. The specifics of that theory have been lost to history but the basic thought was that a Nuclear War would cause the planet to be covered by clouds for years afterwards allowing in no sunlight and causing a severe drop in temperature killing all life. Thankfully, conditions were not as bad as the Human Scientists had projected. While there was constant cloud cover, it was only a thin layer so most sunlight was able to get through. Thus, the temperature drop was only minimal.

The meteor storms would occasionally punch a hole in the clouds but that would only last a day or two. A thicker layer of clouds would follow soon after sometimes lasting for weeks.

This 'shroud of clouds' as Caesar called it, presented many challenges in the years ahead for the populace of Ape City.

### Section 3: Feeding Ape City

The biggest and most urgent problem caused by the constant cloud cover was growing enough crops to feed the Ape and Human inhabitants of Ape City.

MacDonald the younger had been in charge of supervising all Human farming for several years. In the first days after the Nuclear War, Caesar ordered MacDonald to report a full inventory of the City's food supplies. What MacDonald reported surprised even Caesar. MacDonald had stockpiled enough nuts and grain to sustain the community for almost four years. Fruit and vegetables however were another story. Because they are so perishable the fruit and vegetable supplies would only last a

few months. MacDonald proposed the converting all the grapes stockpiled and in the vineyards to raisins so they would last longer but that would merely be a stop gap measure.

Working so closely together to solve the problems caused by this crises helped to repair the bond of trust between the Caesar and the younger MacDonald brother that been broken for so long. The Human was a font of solutions at this time. He implemented a farming program of planting certain crops that only required limited sunlight and water to grow. With the help of Mandemus, he worked out a rationing program to extend the food supplies for as long as possible. MacDonald also asked for permission for Humans to hunt and eat small animals, but Caesar refused that request. But despite their progress, there were still many challenges ahead in feeding Ape City.

#### Section 4: Massacre at Hunter's Glen

The valley where Ape City was located was part of a large Human farming estate. The site Caesar chose was at the very far end of the farming estate, over 25 miles from the nearest Human village.

At the center of the estate was a place called Hunter's Glen. There the Human owners had constructed a small Human village for their workers. There were stores, shops and other amenities; housing units for the workers; an administrative office and huge storage facilities for harvested crops. All of this was necessary for the nearest Human town in the provinces was almost 75 miles away. However, the Estate Village at Hunter's Glen was only inhabited a few months a year during planting and harvest seasons.

Before the holocaust Caesar had ordered that Hunter's Glen be avoided by the populace of Ape City. Lookouts were placed to warn if the Estate's workers came too close to Ape City. A few wandered too close and were captured by Aldo's Gorillas. They became part of the City's Human work force. After several of these disappearances, the Estate workers gave the area around Ape City a wide berth.

After the Human World War most of the estate was abandoned by its Human owners and workers. Many migrated to larger towns and cities that were thought to be safer at that time, until the meteor storms wiped them out too.

Facing a food shortage, Caesar ordered that the crops stored at Hunter's Glen be salvaged and distributed to the inhabitants of

Ape City. Since the facility had been abandoned there shouldn't be a problem with his plan. He gave Aldo this responsibility. What Caesar did not know at the time was that several hundred Human survivors had migrated to the village at Hunter's Glen. Instead of informing Caesar of this, Aldo and his Gorillas staged a series of military raids on them. These Humans were mostly women and children who were basically defenseless. After less than a dozen raids all the Humans at Hunter's Glen had been slaughtered by Aldo.

At the time, Aldo was hailed as a hero for securing the food needed for Ape City to survive. Caesar gave him the title of General and put him in command of the army. There was even a ceremony honoring Aldo that all inhabitants of the city were required to attend. There Caesar not only named Aldo General of the Army but his second in command.

It was only many years later that Caesar found out that Aldo had massacred the Humans of Hunter's Glen. It was a shame he carried until the day he died, a shame that still casts a shadow over all in Ape City.

*AUTHOR'S NOTE: Myself being a member of the second generation of Apes discussed in the section; all direct references to me have been written by my protégé, Quinctius and reviewed by the Teacher, Abe, in an effort to both maintain history accuracy and objectivity. The same procedure will be used for any and all references to me in the coming chapters.*

### Section 5: The Second Generation of Apes

It was during this period when the survival of Ape City was so at risk that the second generation of Apes, those born after Caesar's revolt during the first ten years of Ape City's existence, came of age.

Unlike their parents none of these Apes had ever been slaves. Instead they grew-up in a society where Simians were the dominate species. Because of this many had a much more tolerant opinion of Humans as they grew-up.

Also unlike their parents they began speaking at an age comparable to Human children. They were highly intelligent learning to read & write at a pace faster than many of their parents, especially the Chimpanzees and Orangutans.

Unfortunately, most of the Gorillas of the first generation were still struggling to even learn to speak. For them, learning to



read and write would still be many years off. While they excelled in the military arts enough to form an army to protect the City, the Gorillas lagged behind in everything else. Even the second generation of Gorillas developed at a slightly slower rate. This created a bit of a schism between the species. Gorilla parents did not send their children to Mandemus or Abe's school. Instead Aldo set up special training sessions to teach young male Gorillas how to fight and ride horses (that is until several years later when Caesar ordered that all Apes learn to read & write forcing adult Gorillas, even Aldo, to attend Abe's School with all other Ape children). Chimpanzee and Orangutan children attended Abe's school. The most gifted who learned to read & write quickly were passed on by Abe to Mandemus for higher learning in the Arts and Sciences.

One of the most gifted was Virgil, a young Orangutan born in the City's 3rd year who became Mandemus' most prized students. Virgil was a genius even by Human standards of the time. He was so intelligent and so quick to learn that by the age of 16 he was assisting MacDonald with ways to grow crops without direct sunlight. MacDonald like the young Ape and would later state that Virgil's contributions were what made the difference in extending the community's food supply and avoiding a famine until the clouds cleared from the skies & the sun returned; thus saving many lives in Ape City.

### Section 6: A Prince is Born

In the 18th year of the City, three years after the Nuclear War, Caesar announced that his wife Lisa was pregnant with an heir. Most of the Simian inhabitants of Ape City took this as a hopeful sign despite the hardships brought on by the constant cloud cover.

For the next several months, all in the city watched as Lisa's belly grew. Her health was constantly monitored by Dr. Kelly who issued periodic reports to an eager citizenry. Lisa's pregnancy had become the main topic for concern and discussion in the city. Would it be a boy or a girl? What name would it be given? And of greatest concern, would the baby be born healthy? These questions would be debated for months.

They were all answered on a warm summer's evening in June when Lisa gave birth to a healthy male baby. Dr. Kelly took great pride in telling Caesar that he had a son. Caesar then announced the news to cheering populace that had stood in wait around

Caesar & Lisa's tree house.

The next morning Caesar presented the baby to all the citizens of the City and announced that he would be named Cornelius, in honor of his father. Caesar also ordered a day of Thanksgiving and asked all to thank God for this sign of the future survival of Ape City.

### Section 7: The Sun Returns

By the end of 19th year of the City, the community had endured almost five harsh years of constant cloud cover. While this cloud cover did not block out the light, it completely obscured the sun. This made conventional farming almost impossible and it was only through strict food rationing and the efforts of MacDonald that the community avoided famine.

Then one morning the cloud cover broke and the rays of the sun began to shine through again. This break in the clouds was small and only lasted for less than an hour but from that day forward the break in the clouds would grow larger and longer each day. Caesar was cautious about this at first and did not want to give false hope to the populace. But within a few months the shroud of clouds that had enveloped the Earth for so long was completely gone. Since this coincided with the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the City, Caesar ordered a grand three day celebration.

During the feast on the first day Caesar honored MacDonald for all his farming efforts as well as Aldo for finding additional food supplies to feed the community. At the end of the three days all believed that a new era had begun. And they were correct for the next seven years was an era of peace and prosperity, fondly remembered as the Golden Age of Ape City.

## Chapter 5: The Golden Age of Ape City

### Section 1: The Beginning of a New Era

After all the trials of the previous years in which the survival of the community was often in doubt; it now began to thrive during an unprecedented seven year period of peace & prosperity called the Golden Ape of Ape City.

By this time all Apes had learned to talk, even the Gorillas. A second generation had been born whose intelligence was comparable to Human children. During this period Simian knowledge and learning increased at an almost geometric rate. The birthrate increased dramatically. And farming output rose to meet the needs of the growing community. To all the future seemed truly secure for Ape City.

### Section 2: Governing Ape City

In the early years of the City, Caesar the Great had formed a Citizen's Council made up of representatives of each Simian species. The initial purpose of the Council was to discuss the community's progress. Planning for the future and solutions to problems were discussed on a regular basis, but the Council could only make recommendations. It had no real power to enact laws or change policy. Those powers were held by Caesar alone. While Caesar often adopted the recommendations made by the Council, he was never bound by them. Thus, Caesar decided to make changes to the Council to it more democratic.

The first was to the make-up of the Council. Each species would be represented in proportion its percent of the population. Thus, since Chimpanzees were the highest percent; they had the most members on the Council, almost half; after the Chimps were the Gorillas and then the Orangutans who only had a handful of members. Every Council member had to be elected by his or her own species. All Apes over the age of 18 was given the right to vote. Once elected each delegation would choose a leader.

The next change was to increase the powers of the Council. On matters of policy and implementation (such as the distribution of the City's resources); a simple majority vote of all members was required. Every Council member was free to bring up, debate and vote on these kinds of issues. If there was a tie Caesar would vote to break the deadlock. Caesar could veto any action by the Council but his veto could be overridden by a two-thirds

vote of all members. Caesar retained the right enact and repeal all laws, but the Council was allowed to veto. The leader of a delegation (and only the leader) could object to Caesar's action, engage in debate on it and vote. But a unanimous vote of all three leaders was needed to veto.

These changes were first steps toward democracy in Ape City.

### Section 3: Defending Ape City

In the early years of the City Caesar the Great decided that a permanent defense force was needed to ensure the safety of the community and the army was formed. Since both Chimpanzees and Orangutans were far more interested in developing their intellectual capabilities, the army was composed exclusively of Gorillas. During those early years the army patrolled the perimeter of the city mainly concerned with preventing any Human from escaping the City as capturing any Human who wandered too close to the City's borders.

Fortunately the City remained hidden and there were no major conflicts with Human military forces. The army's biggest engagement was in the 6th year of the City when a human named John successfully escaped and walked three days to a nearby town. John directed the town's sheriff and several deputies to Ape City to confirm his story. They were intercepted by Gorilla patrols and after a short gun battle the sheriff and most of his deputies were dead and the rest captured. A few days later two more deputies came looking for their missing comrades but since they didn't find anything Caesar ordered that they be allowed to return home with an unsolved mystery.

After the nuclear war when Aldo (see Profile) was placed in command and given the title General; the army still patrolled the City's borders, but very few humans tried to escape. They simply had no place to go. There were some minor skirmishes with roving bands of surviving Humans (and a few roving bands of Apes) looking for food. But most were captured and integrated into the community. It was at this time that Caesar proposed disbanding the army because he felt there was no longer a need for it. However, Aldo objected and forced a vote in the Council. Since this was a matter of policy the full Council voted and Caesar's proposal was defeated by only one vote. This was the beginning of Aldo's hatred for Caesar that would grow over the years and impact all in Ape City.

### Profile: Aldo

Aldo was one of many Apes freed from the reconditioning center in Ape Management on the Night of the Fires. Aldo was a very rebellious Gorilla, as a result he was never sold to an owner but remained in the center. There he was subjected to repeated conditioning sessions using electric shock and many beatings by his Human trainers, sparking in Aldo a deep hatred of all Humans. When Ape City was founded, Caesar gave him the name Aldo after a Chimp Caesar had once seen beaten by Humans. Aldo saved Caesar's life when they assisted Simian revolts in Human cities. This led to Caesar entrusting Aldo with command of the army. A trust Aldo would later betray.

### Section 4: Friends & Adversaries

Now that the clouds had dispersed and the sun again rose every morning, everyday life in the City settled in to a routine.

The birth rate rose steadily and soon both Mandemus and Abe's school was bursting with Ape children. Chimpanzees perfected their crafts becoming the artisans of the community; Orangutans spent their time in intellectual pursuits while Gorillas trained in riding horses and the military arts.

Human farmers arose before dawn to tend their fields. Under the supervision of MacDonald there was always enough food for the entire community. MacDonald also utilized many of the techniques he used during the years of cloud cover to expand the variety of fruits and vegetables grown. His greatest contribution was his system for stockpiling winter supplies ensuring that the community would never go hungry.

It was during these years that MacDonald's relationship with Caesar grew ever closer. Caesar had learned to respect MacDonald's abilities during the years when the City was on the constant verge of famine. By this time MacDonald was becoming a trusted advisor to Caesar on many issues. MacDonald himself had grown from an angry teenager into a mature and responsible man. While he had become more trustful of Caesar over the years, the status of Humans in the community was a point of contention between the two.

While the relationship between Caesar & MacDonald became closer during this period; Caesar & Aldo grew further apart. The rift between the two began when Caesar unsuccessfully recommended to

the Council that the army be disbanded. Caesar took the loss in his stride but Aldo never forgave Caesar for making the proposal. Over the next few years the two Apes would often find themselves at opposite side of issues before the Council. Most of these issues dealt with the treatment of the Humans in the City. Caesar always favored the more lenient alternative while Aldo always advocated the harshest.

One of their biggest disputes was when Caesar planned to enact a judicial system to resolve personal disputes in the community. In his system each species would elect one judge to sit on a four judge court. Intra-species disputes would be ruled on by the three judges of a different species. However, disputes between members of two different species would be ruled on the two neutral judges. For example if the dispute were between a Gorilla and an Orangutan, the Chimpanzee and Human judges would make the ruling. Aldo objected because of the inclusion of Humans. Debate raged on for hours and when the final vote was taken both the Orangutan and Chimpanzee delegation leaders voted with Aldo. This veto would setback for many years the cause of justice in Ape City.

### Section 5: Changes

By the time of Ape City's 25th Anniversary several changes were afoot in the management of the community.

The first of which was the retirement of Mandemus. For years he had been in charge of Simian education in the City. He oversaw Abe's class, teaching Ape children the basics of reading and writing, while he taught advanced subjects such as science, mathematics, philosophy and even poetry to the most promising students. Unfortunately Mandemus was getting older. He was one of the few Apes who was older than Caesar. While his mind was sharper than ever, time was taking a toll on his body. He would often tire easily and was becoming a bit frail.

Mandemus loved teaching. He often said that it was the joy of his life. So it was with a heavy heart that he informed Caesar and the Council of his decision to retire. While he would keep his position as Keeper of the Armory, he would also resign from the Council. (He was the leader of the Orangutan delegation at the time.)

When Caesar asked Mandemus who should to replace him, he made a very controversial choice. Mandemus recommended that his protégé Virgil replace him on the Council and as the teacher of the

advanced class but that Abe should oversee all education. Aldo immediately objected to a Human being placed in such a high position of authority over Simians. After several hours of debate, the vote of all members of the Council was tied and Caesar cast the tie-breaker in favor of Abe. Aldo was not happy with that.

Another conflict between Caesar and Aldo in the Council was when Caesar proposed granting MacDonald the title of Chief City Administrator for Farming and Supplies. Aldo again objected and once more debate raged on in the Council for hours. Unfortunately, despite MacDonald having gained the respect of most Apes over the years, enough Orangutans voted with Aldo and his Gorillas to defeat Caesar's proposal.

The next change was a sad one. After years of service to both the Apes and Humans of the community, Dr. Leo Kelly suddenly died that summer. Everyone in the community turned out for his funeral and Caesar declared a week of mourning. It was said that Dr. Kelly had delivered every baby born in the City since its founding. Since he had trained her since childhood, Dr. Kelly's daughter, Heather, took up her father's duties as medical provider to the community.

When the City turned 25 later that year, Caesar declared a weeklong celebration. There was a day honoring Mandemus as he went into retirement and a day honoring Dr. Kelly and a day honoring Caesar & his family. But soon forces from without and within would threaten the very existence of Ape City.

## Chapter 6: The Battle of Ape City

### Section 1: Conflict & Revelation

In the over quarter of a century since its founding, Ape City had seen both hardship and triumph. However, the greatest crisis it would face came in the City's 27th year after a long period of peace & prosperity know as the Golden Age.

The series of events that lead to this crisis began with a decree by Caesar that all Apes be required to learn how to read and write. Aldo objected to this in the Council but Chimpanzees and Orangutans supported Caesar since it would have little impact on their species. Both had willingly sent their children to school while Gorillas had concentrated more on the military arts. Aldo considered this not only a defeat but as a humiliation because he now would have to attend school with children including Caesar's son Cornelius.

This was the last straw for Aldo. Any sense of loyalty he had for Caesar was now gone and he now viewed Caesar as an enemy.

On the other hand Caesar and MacDonald had grown closer than ever. All the distrust and animosity between them was long gone. MacDonald was still unhappy with the status of Humans in the community but was now confident he could convince Caesar to change things and he had a secret weapon in his arsenal.

MacDonald was a very shrewd Human. He knew the deterioration of Caesar's relationship with Aldo would give him the right opening. So after a dispute between Aldo and Abe, MacDonald made a startling revelation to Caesar; tape recordings of his parents, Cornelius & Zira, still existed in the ruins of the Forbidden City. MacDonald knew that once he told Caesar, the Ape would be determined to view them. MacDonald had learned of these tapes from his brother many years before but withheld the information from Caesar for various reasons (See Sidebar).

Of course, MacDonald was right about Caesar. As soon as he learned of the tapes, Caesar set out on an expedition to the Forbidden City with MacDonald and Virgil. This expedition would change the course of history for Ape City.

#### *Sidebar: A Letter To Abe From MacDonald*

I share your concern my friend about Aldo's belligerence and the overall treatment of Humans. But I do believe that Caesar has



matured over the years and can be made to see reason. I do have a ace up my sleeve. As you know, shortly before he died my brother told me about the tapes of Caesar's parents. I didn't tell Caesar about them because of my distrust of him back then. And until Dr. Kelly reminded me on his deathbed, I had completely forgotten about them. But now may be the right time to reveal their existence to Caesar and shake him out of his complacency. All I need is the right opening to do so.

*AUTHOR'S NOTE: This chapter contains startling revelations about the future that until now had only been known to Caesar the Great and members of the High Council.*

*It is only with the permission of the Council that these revelations are now being made public with the hope that this knowledge will motivate all Apes and Humans to create a better future.*

## Section 2: Voices from the Future

As soon as Caesar learned that tapes of his parents existed beneath the ruins of the Forbidden City, he was determined to travel there and find these tapes. On this expedition he took two aides; MacDonald to act as guide and Virgil for his knowledge of radiation. Because there were so many unknowns about the Forbidden City Caesar made sure they were well equipped with firearms from the armory.

The trip across the desert took three days by foot and was without incident. But when Caesar, Virgil and MacDonald reached the Forbidden City and saw it for the first time since the Ape Rebellion, they were awed by the devastation.

MacDonald guided the three lonely travelers into the bowels of the underground city to find the Archives where the tapes of Caesar's parents would be stored. Once underground both Caesar and Virgil realized the city was not as dead as it looked. They could smell living Humans still inhabiting the ruins.

Once the three reached the Archives section, they began their search and quickly found the tapes for which they had come. MacDonald carefully loaded it into the old Human playback devices and within seconds images of Caesar's parents appeared on the screen. It was an emotional moment for him. Other than a few old newspaper clippings that Armando had saved for him, Caesar had never seen his parents. Now for the first time he saw

them could see them as they really were and hear them speak. And when they did speak what they said was shocking.

They had predicted everything that had happened; the plague upon dogs & cats, Humans taking Apes as pets and the pets evolving into slaves and the Simian slaves rebelling against their Human masters. But it was their final revelation that was the most staggering.

They told of a war in the far future between Simians and an unknown enemy. In that war the Earth itself would be destroyed. Now Caesar understood why men like Breck saw him as such a threat. Caesar was also saddened by this revelation. It meant that all he was building would one day be destroyed. However, Virgil contended that it was possible to change that future if they took the proper actions in the present day. Caesar was determined to make that so and spent the rest of his life trying to change the future for all in Ape City.

### Section 3: Humans in the Forbidden City

When Caesar the Great traveled to the Forbidden City with Virgil and MacDonald they did not expect to find many survivors. They did take the precaution of arming themselves to defend against any Humans who had survived the bomb that destroyed the city 12 years earlier. At most they expected maybe a few sickly and disorganized mobs, but what they found was very different and far more dangerous.

A good many Humans were living in the city. While they did show the effects of mutation cause by years of living in the irradiated city, they were hardly sickly or disorganized. Rather they were an aggressive and well armed force that mounted a coordinated search for the three trespassers from Ape City. It was only by luck that Caesar, Virgil and MacDonald escaped the Forbidden City with their lives.

Later it was learned that the Chief Inspector Kolp (see Profile) had assumed leadership after Governor Breck was killed when the city was bombed. Kolp organized and motivated the remaining humans to insure their survival. Unfortunately, Kolp had gone mad over the years. Driven by his need for revenge, he ordered his troops to fire on Caesar, Virgil and MacDonald when they were detected in the city. Kolp's madness and hatred would soon lead to the greatest crisis ever faced by the inhabitants of Ape City.

### Profile: Governor Arthur Kolp

Arthur Kolp grew up as part of a well connected military and political family. His father and grandfather were both Army Generals and his uncle a Senator. He even had a second cousin who ran for President. When Kolp was 18 he enrolled in the Army's military academy as was the family tradition and after 4 years graduated with honors. Kolp then spent several years in the military where he served with distinction. The only bad mark against him was a streak of sadism that was noted by several of his commanders.

After leaving the military Kolp attended law school where he again graduated with honors. Upon his graduation started working as an Assistant District Attorney where he racked up an impressive record of prosecutions and convictions. He did try once to run for the office of District Attorney but was defeated in the election.

The next few years of Kolp's life there is little record of his career or whereabouts. It is rumored that he was working secretly for the government at this time.

Kolp reappears when Breck appoints him State Security Chief. He would hold this post for many years until succeeding Breck as Governor, a position he would hold until his death.

### Section 4: Preparing for War

After Caesar, Virgil and MacDonald returned from the Forbidden City, Caesar called for an extraordinary session of the Citizen's Council. When the Council was convened, Caesar informed them of his expedition. He was careful not to tell them of the reason for going nor what they had discovered about the future. He made Virgil and MacDonald swear an oath not to disclose that information until after his death and for decades it would remain a closely guarded secret.

Caesar told the Council of the mutated Humans they had encountered living in the Forbidden City and warned that they may one day attack. He proposed that they begin to make plans to defend themselves and introduced his most controversial proposal. Caesar invited several prominent Humans (MacDonald, Abe, Dr. Heather Kelly, etc.) to participate in the Council. Aldo immediately objected to this but Caesar declared that since it was an emergency situation their help was needed. Aldo refused to accept this and walked out of the meeting taking all

of the Gorillas with him.

Aldo's absence did not deter Caesar and the Council from making the proper preparations. Most of these consisted of constructing traps and other defenses. Caesar also proposed an ingenious emergency tactic. It was dangerous but Caesar was willing to take the risk. Years later when asked how he conceived of this tactic, he said he stole the idea from a Human movie that he saw on TV as a child. And it was this tactic that would soon prove to be the salvation of Ape City.

### Section 5: Death of a Prince

While Caesar and the entire community were preparing for the City's defense, tragedy struck. Caesar & Lisa's son, Cornelius, was fatally injured.

This incident happened at late at night. Lisa had checked on him during the night and found him missing. She started searching for him and ultimately found him on the edge of the City. Some speculated that he was looking for his missing squirrel, but why Cornelius left his family's tree house at that time of night is still a mystery. Once Lisa found Cornelius, a day and night vigil began with Caesar, Lisa and Dr. Kelly constantly at his bedside. But his injuries were too severe and soon Cornelius died.

Initially it was thought that a branch had broken under Cornelius causing him to fall from a tree. But when the branch was examined it was shown to have been cut with a sword. It would later be revealed that it was Aldo who had cut the branch and thus had killed little Cornelius. Soon the complete scope of Aldo's treachery would be exposed to all in Ape City.

### Section 6: The Mutants Attack

While Caesar was sitting vigil over his dying son, an army of mutant Humans led by Kolp emerged from the Forbidden City with the goal of destroying the City. It was a slow trip across the desert even with the use of mechanized vehicles. Many mutant soldiers didn't survive the journey. Even with these losses by the time the Mutant army reached the outskirts of the City; it was still a formidable force.

Two Gorillas assigned to patrol desert approaches to the City were the first to spot them. The Mutants fired upon them. One was killed but the other was only wounded. Luckily his horse was

nearby and he was able to make it back to warn the community. Since Caesar refused to leave Cornelius' bedside Aldo used this crises as an opportunity to seize power and declare martial law. But after Cornelius died Caesar emerged to take back control. It was then that the Mutant army launched their attack against the City.

The attack was swift, efficient and very destructive. Had the Mutants not attacked so soon or had Caesar & the community not been diverted by little Cornelius' "accident"; more of the planned defenses might have been constructed and the Mutant army been repelled. But once it was clear that they could not be held back, Caesar put out the word to implement the emergency tactic he had proposed. This tactic was only meant to be used as a last ditch effort to save the City but the battle had gone so poorly, Caesar had no other choice.

This ingenious tactic required all the residents of the City to either hide or pretend to be dead; all but one, Caesar. This was an incredible act of bravery by Caesar. He allowed himself to be captured & taunted by Kolp to act as a diversion and buy time so Virgil and several other Apes could get into position with grenades. As soon as these Apes had surrounded the Mutants, they threw their grenades and Caesar shouted out the battle cry, "Now fight like Apes". At this signal all Apes came to life taking the Mutants by complete surprise. Some of the traps that had been constructed were used and many Mutants were captured in their nets.

As Kolp and the rest of his army withdrew Caesar showed compassion and ordered that they not be killed but taken prisoner instead. He even allowed some, including Kolp, to escape. However, it was later found out that Aldo and his Gorillas massacred them as they were retreating.

Once again Caesar risked his life to lead the Apes to victory against a formidable enemy. However, shortly Caesar would face the greatest challenge to his leadership, forcing him to break his own law for the sake of all in Ape City.

### Section 7: Aldo's Conspiracy

For years the once close relationship between Caesar and Aldo degenerated into one of distrust and ultimately hatred. During the Simian revolts they had been comrades but disputes over the treatment and status of Humans in the community had changed all that. The final straw for Aldo was when Caesar invited Humans

into the Council to prepare the city's defense.

After Aldo led the Gorilla walkout of the council meeting, he gathered his closest lieutenants for a clandestine meeting. They met at the edge of the city in the middle of the night to plan both the overthrow of Caesar and the extermination of all the Humans in the City.

It was this meeting that little Cornelius stumbled upon. Aldo reacted violently by cutting the tree branch that Cornelius was standing on causing his fall and ultimately his death. Aldo's hatred had grown so great that he violated the first law of Simians, 'Ape Shall Never Kill Ape'.

Aldo's act would soon be revealed to the entire community, but in the meantime he used Caesar's absence, due to his son's injuries, against him. When the Gorilla who spotted the Mutant army heading toward the City reported to the Council, Aldo took this as an opportunity to seize power. He declared martial law and imprisoned all the Humans, including Abe and MacDonald.

Aldo's next action was to gain arms. He and his Gorilla Lieutenants broke in to the armory. They accosted poor Mandemus, tying up the old Orangutan, and then emptied the armory of every weapon they could lay their hands on.

As part of martial law Aldo ordered a curfew. All Apes were to stay in their homes. This made it almost impossible to get word to Caesar about what was going on. Virgil finally able to sneak past Aldo's Gorillas and inform Caesar of events just as little Cornelius died.

Caesar immediately emerged from his tree house to confront Aldo but it was then that the Mutant army began their attack. After the battle was won, Aldo tried to depose Caesar and take power. But when Virgil revealed that Aldo had killed Caesar's son the populace turned on him. Even the Gorillas, except for Aldo's closest lieutenants, turned their back on him.

When his fortunes changed, Aldo tried to run but Caesar chased him up a tree. Aldo turned to confront Caesar and raised his sword to him. But Caesar grabbed Aldo's hand and the Gorilla fell to his death.

Once again Caesar had saved the community, this time from threats internal and external. He released all the Humans granting them new rights. Caesar declared that it was a new beginning and for all to work for a new future for Ape City.

## Chapter 7: Aftermath

### Section 1: Human Equality

Caesar the Great faced many challenges in the aftermath of the Mutant army attack and Aldo's treachery. The first of which was the status of Humans in the community.

Since the founding of the City, Humans had served as second class citizens. While some Humans such as Dr. Kelly, Abe and MacDonald had gained enough respect to achieve positions of great responsibility, they still did not have equal rights with Simians. Most Humans served as manual labors in the community under the supervision of Apes. By this period, Humans were almost solely responsible for farming, but had no say in the distribution of their crops. Humans did most of the building in the City; but while Apes lived in tree houses, Humans lived in ground level huts. Plus Humans were given no representation on the Citizen's Council.

The treatment of Humans had long been an area of contention between Caesar and MacDonald. Despite having forged a friendship over the years, this was one area where they never saw eye to eye. Part of Caesar's resistance to granting Human's equal right was he own distrust of them. A Human had murdered his parents. Human authorities had killed his surrogate father Armando. Humans had turned Apes into slaves and mistreated them. Humans went to war with each other and almost destroyed the planet. It was hard for Caesar to see past all that to completely trust humans. The other factor in Caesar's resistance was political. Up until then Aldo was the most admired and respected Ape after Caesar. While Caesar merely distrusted Humans, Aldo hated them with a passion. All of the conflicts between Caesar and Aldo in the Council had to do with the treatment and status of Humans. Caesar knew that if he ever tried to grant Humans full equality with Apes, Aldo and his followers would object so vehemently it might lead to a civil war.

But now Aldo was dead and discredited. Humans had proved willing to help defend the City. So MacDonald saw his chance and demanded equal rights for him and all his kind. Caesar was still resistant but Lisa and Virgil felt it was the right thing to do and urged him to do it. Finally, Caesar relented and gave Humans full equal rights with Simians.

Humans were given representation on the Citizen's Council, under the same rules as the three species of Apes. They were also

given greater responsibility within the community and no longer had to be supervised by Apes.

Caesar hoped that equal rights for the Humans would be the first of many steps to be taken that would help to build a better future for all in Ape City.

### Section 2: Aldo's Co-Conspirators

Now that Aldo was dead and his treachery exposed, Caesar had the dilemma of what to do with the Gorillas who participated in Aldo's conspiracy to depose him.

The first challenge was to round them up. After Aldo's death most of his lieutenants went into hiding. One even rode out of the City never to be seen again. A Gorilla named Titus, who had remained loyal to Caesar, took control of the situation. He gathered together a group of trustworthy Gorillas who searched for and arrested all of the conspirators. It took several days (and by then the massacre of the fleeing mutants had been discovered) but soon Titus brought all of them before Caesar and the Council.

Everyone gathered expected Caesar to order a harsh sentence on these Apes who had help to murder his son but instead Caesar ordered that any sentence be deferred for one month until passions had cooled in the community. In the meantime, Caesar asked Titus and his Apes to question the prisoners. He wanted to know the full extent of Aldo's treachery. It was from this questioning that the massacre at Hunter's Glen was discovered.

Aldo's other excesses were also uncovered. For years when a stray Human who had wandered close to the City was captured instead of taking the Human prisoner, as ordered by Caesar, Aldo and his Gorillas would offer the Human a choice; a bullet in the head right there & then or to act as prey for the Gorillas to hunt down. Most chose the latter thinking they could escape and live; but none ever did. These hunts took place for years and many Humans were murdered. In the early years before the nuclear war, the Humans who many believed to have escaped from the City were also prey in these hunts. So many of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and friends of Humans in the City, who many had hoped were alive somewhere, were revealed to be long dead.

After the month that Caesar ordered had passed, Titus made his report to Caesar and the Council. Many sat there in horror as Titus read his report detailing the activities of Aldo and his Gorillas. However, there had been rumors that Titus and his



soldiers had tortured many of Aldo's Gorillas to make them talk. A young member of the Chimpanzee delegation named Galen made this charge. Titus denied it but many others had heard this rumor too. Debate raged for hours but Caesar intervened stating that unless the rumors of torture could be proved true there would be no further discussion of the matter.

Then the prisoners were brought before Caesar for sentencing. No one in the Council was sure what Caesar would do with them. In his wisdom he banished them all to the desert. It was there they were to live out their lives forever away from Ape City.

### Section 3: Prisoners

The soldiers of the Mutant Human army who were captured during the battle posed a unique challenge for Caesar. Now that they were prisoners of war Caesar and the Council did not know what to do with the Mutos, as they became to be called.

General Titus (see Profile), the new army Commander and leader of the Gorilla delegation to the Council, proposed that they be turned over to the army for interrogation and execution. While many favored the former, most rejected the notion of killing the Mutos. Virgil proposed that the Mutos be interrogated but then allowed to return to the Forbidden City or integrated into the City's Human population. MacDonald, leader of the Human delegation, objected to this stating that since the Mutos had been subjected to years of radiation; integrating them with the rest of the Humans might cause genetic degradation to the Human species. Titus also objected feeling that the Mutos might try to sabotage the community from within. He then proposed that the Mutos be kept as prisoners for the rest of their lives. But most on the Council objected to the notion of permanent detention.

After several weeks of debate on the issue, Caesar finally made his decision. The Mutos would be held as prisoners by the army for at least five years but all interrogations would be conducted by the Council. After five years the prisoners would be released but not be allowed to return to the Forbidden City or given full rights as citizens. They would have no representation on Council nor would they be integrated in to the Human population. They would be allowed to work and live peacefully but be segregated from the rest of the community. No delegation in the Council was completely happy with this plan but none had strong objections to it. So for the moment this was the best solution for Ape City.

Profile: General Titus

General Titus was born in the first year of the City and grew up worshipping Caesar as his personal hero. Because of this Titus was never fully trusted by Aldo, even refusing to promote Titus above the rank of Captain.

Titus was fiercely loyal to Caesar so he took the initiative in hunting down Aldo's co-conspirators and rooting out any Gorilla loyal to Aldo still in the army. For this Titus became a hero to many and was rewarded by Caesar with command of the army, a position he held for over 40 years.

Unlike Aldo, Titus believed that all Gorillas be educated and none would be allowed to serve in the army unless they could read & write. This was one of many reforms he made to the army and to the Gorilla community which is his legacy to this day.

Section 4: Funeral of a Prince

The most immediate event in the aftermath of the battle was little Cornelius' funeral. Because of the lack of any kind of preservation equipment funerals had always happened a day or two after the death of an Ape or Human. There would be a short ceremony, the body would be burned on a pyre and then everyone would go on their way. However, Caesar delayed Cornelius' funeral for several days. When asked why, he said that the clean-up of the City needed to be put on priority, but most believed that Caesar & Lisa were just too distraught over the loss of their child to face a public funeral. On the fifth day after the battle Caesar announced that in two days time there would be two official days of mourning. On the first day, Cornelius' body would be available for viewing to anyone who wished to do so. On the second day the funeral ceremony would take place and Cornelius would be buried on one of the hills overlooking the City. Many were surprised that Cornelius was going to be buried for it was not the custom. Years later Caesar admitted that he wanted to give his son a view of the kingdom he would have inherited for all eternity.

It was a heroic effort by Dr. Kelly to preserve the body for those many days. Since no refrigeration was available, she came up with a mixture of chemicals to slow the decay of the body. She also used make-up to cover-up all signs of decay.

MacDonald volunteered his hut to be used for the viewing and

everyone in the City turned out to see the little prince for one last time. Caesar & Lisa sat sullenly in the corner of the hut receiving everyone's condolences. Titus, Virgil and MacDonald never left their sides. The next day only Caesar attended the funeral stating that Lisa was too sad to be there. Dr. Kelly stayed with Lisa who was in such a deep depression she couldn't even get out of bed. At the funeral, many came forward to speak about Cornelius including a little Human boy named Rory who, with tears in his eyes, said that Cornelius was the best friend he ever had. With that Caesar, who had remained stoic, broke down and cried for the first time since his son's death. After the funeral Titus, Virgil, Abe and MacDonald carried the little casket up the hill to where a burial plot had been dug by two of Aldo's lieutenants as part of their punishment. Caesar and everyone else followed close behind. Once there the casket was lowered into the plot and covered over with Caesar throwing in the first handful of dirt. A Human artisan, Brian, was commissioned with carving a statue of Cornelius which would soon be placed over the plot to watch over the little prince. After the burial Caesar announced to all assembled that it was time to make an end of sorrow and start a new beginning for Ape City.

### Section 5: Reconstruction

After the battle the task of rebuilding the City was huge. Not only did the buildings have to be rebuilt but also the community's trust in the Gorilla army as well as relations between Apes and Humans.

Of course the rebuilding of destroyed structures was the easy part. Caesar quickly appointed a committee to oversee the reconstruction of the City. MacDonald would head that committee assisted by Virgil and a Chimpanzee named Galen. (AUTHOR'S NOTE: For many years it was rumored that Galen was Caesar's son, sired when Caesar was being trained at Ape Management. Because of what many considered Caesar's preferential treatment of the young Chimp, often giving him responsibilities and titles over more experienced Apes, this rumor spread. I have never seen any proof this rumor was true and believe that it was due to jealousy of an intelligent Chimpanzee who Caesar tried to mentor.) The committee drew up plans to not only rebuild but to improve the City. These plans included new fortifications to protect the City from attack, improved housing for the Human population and the expansion of farmland to feed the growing community. Many

thought that Humans, who had been consigned to ground level huts, would want to dwell in tree houses like Apes now that they had equal rights; but instead the Humans wished to remain at ground level but in improved structures such as log cabins. The land where trees were felled to build these log cabins would be then converted for farming. Caesar loved the plan and approved it immediately.

The most controversial aspect of the committee's plan was to use the Mutos as a labor force for much of the work. MacDonald and Galen favored this but Virgil objected. When it was brought up in the Council, Titus supported the plan so it went forward. Titus even volunteered the army to provide security and watch over the Mutant laborers.

This was one of the steps Titus took to restore the community's faith in the army. Thanks to Aldo's treachery many now distrusted them. Another cause of distrust was the feeling the army had hung back during the battle and only attacked the 'easy pickens' of the retreating Mutant army. To his credit, General Titus did all he could to reform the army to once again gain the public's trust, a task that took many years.

Another problem was the growing animosity between Humans and Apes. Older Apes still resented Humans for their enslavement. Many Humans were angry that most Apes stood idly by when Aldo imprisoned them. While relations were cordial on the surface; there was an undercurrent that led Caesar to make a decision that would forever alter the future of Ape City.

Chapter 8: The SeparationSection 1: Caesar's Decision

Five years after the Battle of Ape City the community had returned to normal and began to thrive once again. However, most of the progress was on the surface and there was a disturbing undercurrent that made Caesar and many of his closest advisors uneasy.

Despite General Titus' best efforts many still distrusted the Gorilla army thanks to Aldo's betrayal. Although they had been given full equal rights, many Humans never forgave the Apes for allowing Aldo to imprison them. There was also a fear that the City would be attacked once again, either from the remaining Human Mutants in the Forbidden City or from a yet unknown enemy from somewhere else. This also worried Caesar.

After over 25 years of peaceful existence, the Battle had left the community in shock and stressed. If it happened once, it could happen again. While the army continuously patrolled the borders of the City, there was no guarantee that some remnant of an old army might come rolling over the horizon one day.

There was another problem that needed to be addressed as well. Thanks to the peace of the last five years the birth rate of the community had skyrocketed. This was especially true among the Humans in the City. Since they now had equal rights, including the right to marry, there were now many Human families in the city. Even MacDonald had gotten married to a woman named Val who gave him two sons, Hari and Austin.

Virgil projected that due to the high birth rate the population would double in the next ten years and triple in the next twenty. He also projected that by then the community would outgrown the valley in which they lived and be facing famine unless radical steps were taken soon. When Virgil presented this to the Citizen's Council a committee was formed to develop possible solutions to the problem.

Virgil headed the committee and after months of work the only viable solution they could devise was to control the population by limiting all families to two children each. Caesar and the Council rejected this proposal immediately.

Several days later Caesar called the Council back into emergency session. He told them that he had decided on a radical course to solve the population problem but also to better defend the community from future attack; the City and most of its citizens

would have to be moved to a new location. A location that could be better defended and allow the population to grow. The current location would not be abandoned but converted into a full farming village to feed the community. Many in the Council were shocked but agreed that this was the best way to insure the survival of Ape City.

### Section 2: Searching for a New Home

Once Caesar the Great, with the Council's approval, decided to move the bulk of the City's population to a new more defensible location; the search for their new home began. Virgil and General Titus were appointed to head the search committee and under them several Gorillas, Orangutans, Chimpanzees and Humans would serve. Their plan was to pair a Gorilla soldier with a Chimp, Orangutan or Human who would act as a surveyor. A dozen of these teams were created and they would scout out possible new locations within a 25-50 mile radius and report their findings back to Titus & Virgil who would make the final recommendation to Caesar.

It was expected that this process would take about six months but instead took about three years. The area that needed to be explored by the teams was vast. While many sites were considered, most had problems. Some sites scouted had the proper access to water but were not defensible enough. Others were defensible but were not large enough for the community to grow. Then other sites were large enough but were too far or the route back to the farming village too difficult. In the end it came down to two sites for Caesar to choose from: one about 25 miles directly north of the current City and another 30 miles to the southwest.

Caesar announced his decision at the City's 35th Anniversary celebration. He chose the southwest location. It was nestled in a valley that could be easily defended. It had a small river running through it so there was ample access to water. And it was less than a day's ride to the current site of the City which would become the farming village.

Caesar hoped that this relocation would solve two problems within the community. The first was a fear by many Apes that the Mutants from the Forbidden City (or another group of Humans that survived the war) would attack the City again. After living for over 25 years in relative peace that Battle of Ape City had traumatized many Apes including his own wife, Lisa, who now

rarely left their tree house. Even 8 years after the Battle many Simians were stressed it would happen again.

The other problem was a growing resentment among Apes and Humans. Caesar had hoped after the Battle and the granting of equal rights to Humans, they could all live together in peace. But there was a growing undercurrent since each side refused to give up old grudges. While there were no major incidents, there were an increasing number of minor conflicts. Caesar hoped that by separating Apes and Humans in to two separate but co-dependent communities; these conflicts could be minimized. As he would often say to his closest advisors "separate but equal" might ensure the well being of Ape City.

### Section 3: Building a New City

Once the location for the new City had been selected by Caesar, Virgil made a critical proposal in the Council. He stated that while the new location was more defensible, if the structures of the new City were as fragile as the tree houses and huts in the current City all strategic advantage would be quickly lost in a prolonged battle. He recommended that the new City be constructed with adobe-like buildings. These were far stronger and more durable than tree houses or any other structures they were capable of building.

General Titus immediately supported Virgil's proposal, stating that from a military point-of-view it made perfect sense. Caesar was still unconvinced and asked how long it would take to build the minimum number of buildings need to move the community to the new location. When Virgil answered 10 to 15 years; Caesar was ready to veto the proposal right then and there. But a Human, Jake, came forward stating that his father had been an architect & builder. He had taught Jake many of the "tricks of the trade" when he was a boy. Jake examined Virgil's plans and said he could do the job in five years. He would need priority on several materials and many Mutos to do the labor. Caesar was more amenable to Jake's timeframe and put it to a vote of the full Council. Jake's proposal passed overwhelmingly.

Now that everything was approved it was time to start the work on the new City. Jake's plan was to build the City using some of the natural features of the landscape. Virgil's plan called for building every structure from scratch but Jake decided where possible to use the natural rock on the hillside.

Jake's workforce consisted of about 200 Mutos, 100 Gorillas

provided by Titus to act as guards & laborers and about another 100 Chimpanzee & Human volunteers. They left the current City one morning in a huge caravan with Caesar and senior members of the Council seeing them off.

The workforce would live at the new location while they worked. Simian & Human workers would be allowed to return home every two weeks or so to visit their families and have a few days of rest. The Mutos however would have to remain at the site during the construction period. Every week several wagons of supplies traveled from the current City to the construction site. Virgil would accompany them to check on progress and consult with Jake. Caesar went every few months to inspect the work. On his first trip he was impressed with the amphitheater that would be the new meeting place for the Citizen's Council. Seeing the new City rise overjoyed Caesar. Many noted seeing him smile for the first time in years. Unfortunately, tragedy was about to strike both Caesar & Ape City.

#### Section 4: Multiple Requiem

For the first time since the death of his beloved son Cornelius, Caesar the Great was happy again. Construction on the new Ape City was proceeding ahead of schedule. Relations between the Apes and Humans were starting to improve. And the entire community was finally getting over the trauma of the Mutant attack and looking forward to the future.

Unfortunately, Caesar's new found happiness would be short lived. One morning he called an emergency meeting of the Council. There he announced that his wife Lisa had died late the night before. Dr. Kelly performed an autopsy and assigned the cause of death to kidney failure. But many in the community felt she really died of a broken heart.

Lisa had never gotten over her sorrow of Cornelius' death and had sunk into a deep depression. Since his death 12 years prior she had become a virtual recluse. She rarely attended Council meetings or other official functions. For the most part she staying in her & Caesar's tree house and was only seen by Caesar and a trusted Human servant, Jeff, who took care of most of her needs. She would occasionally have good days and be seen in the marketplace or just taking a walk with Jeff close by her side, but these moments had become rarer as the years went by. According to Jeff, there were many days Lisa couldn't even bear to get out of bed. Caesar had implored Dr. Kelly to help his



wife, but since there was nothing physically wrong with Lisa there was nothing the Doctor could do. In the end, Lisa had just lost the will to live.

The day of Lisa's funeral the entire City turned out to bid farewell to their fallen Queen, all but one. Virgil noticed that Mandemus was nowhere to be found and sent an aide to the Armory to fetch him. When the aide returned he said there was no answer when he had knocked on the door. After the funeral, Virgil told MacDonald & General Titus what had happened and the three of them went to the Armory to investigate. When Mandemus failed to respond to their knocks on his door, Titus called upon several soldiers to knock it down. Upon entering they found that old Mandemus had died peacefully in his sleep. He had just celebrated his 82nd birthday a few weeks before. MacDonald volunteered to tell Caesar. He was devastated for the second time in less than a week. But once again Caesar led the community in mourning, giving a stirring eulogy at the Orangutan's funeral just a few short days after the funeral of his wife. Both Virgil and MacDonald were worried about the effect of all this tragedy on Caesar; so Virgil asked a young Chimp, Zeta, to look after him. But in a few days Caesar was back before the Council proposing not only a new Armory Keeper but a new constitution for Ape City.

### Section 5: A New Constitution

With a new City being built and the upcoming separation of Simians and Humans into two separate but equal communities, Caesar the Great proposed a radical change in the government and a written constitution.

Before that time there had been no written set of laws defining the running of the community. Caesar voluntarily shared some power with the Citizen's Council but he could revoke that at any time. He stated that his new proposal would insure freedom and good government for generations to come.

Caesar presented a sweeping outline of his vision, but he assigned the writing of the actual document to the leaders of each species' council delegation; Galen, Titus, Virgil and MacDonald. The Citizen's Council would be maintained as before with each species represented based on its population. However, the Citizen's Council would be split into two. The Simian delegations would meet in the new City and be responsible for the running and maintenance of that community. The Human

delegation would meet in the current City (which would later come to be known as Human Town) and be responsible for running the farming community. However, the full Citizen's Councils from both communities would still meet together three times a year to confer on matters that affected both.

Each delegation would choose its own leader who would sit on a High Council with Caesar. The High Council would have special powers to make law and be responsible for governing the whole nation, as Caesar began calling it. The four who sat on the High Council would also have special roles Head of the Military, Head of Agriculture, Keeper of the Armory and a new post, Lawgiver. Caesar would appoint each of these posts but could be overruled by a unanimous vote by the others. The new post of Lawgiver would act as head of government while Caesar would maintain his role as head of state. The Lawgiver would also be the President of the Citizen's Council, taking over the role that Caesar had preformed for many years.

Caesar also proposed the forming of a National Academy that would operate independently and thus be immune from political encumbrances. The National Academy would be responsible for science, education and justice in the community. It would oversee research, schools and both the police & the court system. Each department of the Academy would be headed by a Minister who would be nominated by the High Council and approved by the Citizen's Council. Each Minister would then have the power to choose their own Deputy Ministers and Commissioners to implement their policies.

It took months to write the final document but, with some minor revisions, it was approved by all in Ape City.

### Section 6: The Great Move

Finally after several years searching for a proper site and several years of building, the move to the new location of the City was ready to happen.

On the eve of the 'Great Move' as Caesar called it, the community celebrated its 40th Anniversary. At the celebration Caesar proclaimed the beginning of a new era. Apes and Humans would each now be able to chart their own destinies while living in friendship, harmony and peace as equals. It was the first speech given by Caesar in over a year since the death of his beloved, Lisa. Both Lisa and Mandemus' deaths had almost sunk him back into a depression as deep as when young Cornelius had

been murdered. Most gave credit to the young Chimpanzee, Zeta, for keeping his spirits up. Since Virgil had asked her to look after him; she had become Caesar's personal assistant, housekeeper, confidant and constant companion.

On the day of the 'Great Move' the whole population was up at dawn, Simian families loading wagons with their possessions and Human families helping them. Soon there was a line of wagons ready to journey to the new City. Caesar's wagon was at the front. As soon as all the wagons were ready to go he turned and addressed them:

*"Forty years ago I led you to this valley and despite hardships, tragedy and attack from without and within, our community has prospered and grown. Now my fellow Simian and friends I lead you to a new home where we will find peace, security and prosperity"*

With that, Caesar, driving his own wagon, led them to the new City. It took almost a day for the slow moving caravan to get there but when they arrived all were awed by their new home. The City center was like nothing they had ever seen with a grand amphitheater surrounded by adobe buildings. There was a causeway over the river which led to a research compound for the new National Academy. On the hills surrounding the City center there were several adobe houses. The biggest at the top of the hill was reserved for Caesar. There were many more adobe houses on the far side of each hill surrounding the City center with several roads for easy accessibility. To the north was an Army camp and training facility plus more housing for the families of Gorillas serving in the Army.

As first envisioned by Virgil and then designed & built by Jake, the new City was grander than anyone had imagined. Unfortunately, many houses were still being constructed; so for a few weeks some Simian families had to rough it until their homes were finished. But these would houses would not be the end of construction since the location allowed for the future growth of Ape City.

### Section 7: The New Government

As the inhabitants of the new City began to settle into their new home, Caesar formed the new government based on the written constitution that had been approved prior to the 'Great Move'. As before Virgil, Titus, Galen and MacDonald were selected as the leaders of their respective species' delegations, but now all four would sit on a High Council with Caesar. Titus, of

course, was given the duties as Chief of Security and Defense. In this role he would be commander of the army and head of the police. MacDonald logically was appointed as Chief of Agriculture. He would be responsible for feeding both Ape City and Human Town, overseeing all farming activity. Galen succeeded Mandemus as Keeper of the Armory.

Virgil was appointed to the new position of Lawgiver. In this role he would be responsible for many of the functions that previously had been performed by Caesar. He would preside over the Citizen's Council in Ape City, which would now meet monthly, and would have the same veto power that Caesar had over that body. (Note: As leader of the Human delegation, MacDonald was given the same powers over the Human Town Council but those powers would revert to the Lawgiver, Virgil, at the trice yearly joint Council meetings.) Caesar would only attend at the first joint Council meeting each year. Virgil would also be responsible for the day to day running of Ape City, overseeing all the little minutia that Caesar had long grown tired of doing. One of Virgil's first decisions was to appoint Jake as Director of City Planning & Construction reporting directly to him.

Caesar would still preside over the High Council and retained veto power over it. Of course his veto could be over-ridden by the vote of 3 of the other 4 members. But Caesar rarely used his veto and it was only once over-ridden by the others. Caesar also served as the first President of the new National Academy. He oversaw its formation and appointed the Ministers of the various departments. Dr. Heather Kelly became the Minister of Health. Abe was named the Minister of Education. One of Virgil's brightest students, a Chimpanzee named Milo, was appointed Minister of Science & Research. And an Orangutan named Honorius was appointed Minister of Justice to oversee the tribunals.

Due to their new positions Jake, Dr. Kelly and Abe (with his wife Helen, also a teacher) had to move to the new City. They were some of the very few Humans who would reside there. They did however train and appoint replacements for themselves in Human Town.

After five years Caesar resigned the Presidency of the Academy secure that it was in good hands as was Ape City.

Chapter 9: Life in the New Ape CitySection 1: A New Queen

The first five years in the new City was a settling in period for most Simians as well as the City's few Human inhabitants.

After decades living in tree house, Apes had to get use to living in ground level adobe houses. Dr. Kelly, Abe and the others had to get use to being constantly surrounded by Simians. Dr. Kelly once told Virgil that despite growing up in the old City (now Human Town), that she took comfort in having many Humans around her. It took her a few years to get use to only seeing and interacting with Apes for days at a time.

There were some hardships for Simians in those first few years. Only 2/3rds of the city was built when the move took place. Many families were forced to live in the wagons used for the move until Jake and his team completed their houses.

Of course all needed to get use to the new government structure and the new National Academy. Most Apes missed Caesar's day to day involvement in running the city now that he occupied all his time getting the Academy up and running. However, even those at the Academy rarely saw Caesar except for the Ministers. When not busy with Academy business, Caesar seemed to be spending all his spare time with his young aide Zeta (See Profile), too much time in the opinion of many Apes.

So when Caesar stepped down from the presidency of the Academy after five years, not many were surprised that at his farewell ceremony he announced that he would marry Zeta. While many were glad that Caesar had found happiness after the tragic deaths of Cornelius and Lisa, just as many were shocked since Caesar was almost 40 years older than Zeta. But even those who had the most objections remained silent out of respect for Caesar and soon all were getting ready for a royal wedding in Ape City.

Profile: Zeta

Caesar's second wife, Zeta, was born in the 21st year of the city. Her parents were classmates and friends of Virgil, who was her godfather. Tragically, Zeta was orphaned at the age of six when both her parents were killed in the Battle of Ape City. Virgil made sure his god daughter was adopted by a good Chimpanzee family but still maintained a very close relationship with her over the years. When Lisa died, Virgil asked Zeta to

look after Caesar. Both being orphans, they bonded quickly and she soon became his chief aide. As the years went by they grew closer and fell in love despite their age difference. While many Apes mocked Zeta behind her back, calling her a 'trophy chimp'; she always carried herself with dignity and was a loving wife to Caesar until his death.

## Section 2: Human Town

When Simians moved to the new City, the farming community that had been the original site of the City became known as Human Town because with the exception of a handful of Chimpanzee farmers and Gorilla soldiers for security, Humans were the sole inhabitants.

Caesar's plan was to separate Apes and Humans into two interdependent and equal communities. He felt that would be the best way to foster peaceful co-existence between the species and avoid any of the typical day to day conflicts that had been occurring by living together so closely. For the most part Caesar's plan worked. Humans had a new feeling of independence and self-determination so they were more willing to put the past behind them.

Human Town, as it would soon be official named, in a very short time became a thriving farming community. Without housing for the Simian population, more land could be cleared for farming so it was easily able to supply the food for both itself and the new City.

MacDonald was the leader of Human Town. He sat on the High Council and presided over the Human Town Citizen's Council. Even the Gorilla garrison reported directly to him. When the Simians moved to the new City, MacDonald began an aggressive program of dismantling the old tree houses to clear the land for farming. Most of the trees that were felled in this effort were then used to build log cabins for housing which were far sturdier than the shacks and tree houses used before.

Much of the really hard labor in Human Town was done by the Mutos. These Mutated Humans, who were taken prisoners at the 'Battle of Ape City', were looked down upon by their fellow Humans. While they were not mistreated in any way, Mutos were not citizens and could not vote or sit on the Citizen's Council. At first they were allowed to mix within the entire Human community. But after several severely retarded babies were born

from Muto/Human matings; MacDonald, concerned with preserving the genetic integrity of the Human race, had a law passed that segregated the Mutos, forbidding them from marrying or mating with other Humans. The main task for the Gorilla garrison was now to enforce this law and keep a strict eye on all activity by the Mutos. These measures condemned the Mutos to the status of a second class in Human Town that continues to this day.

Like their Simian counterparts in the new City, Human Town flourished in the first five years after separation. Farming output more than doubled and the Human population began to grow by leaps & bounds. More importantly relations between the species vastly improve to the benefit all in Ape City.

### Section 3: Rank Has Its Privileges

It was during the fifth year in the new City that General Titus made a proposal to the High Council that he had held back on for years. He noted that while he had been given the title of General, he wore no badge of rank to signify his status. None of his officers wore a badge of rank which at times caused confusion especially with civilians.

Caesar had always been opposed to such badges. He felt that it was too much a remnant of Human civilization. Caesar was a king but he never wore a crown or anything else which elevated himself over the common Ape. When he gave command of the army to Aldo, Aldo asked that he be allowed to wear something to signify his position. Caesar at first refused but Aldo had a human woman named Jessica design a studded leather collar with a group of symbols at the front called a glyph. Caesar agreed to let Aldo wear the collar with the provision that he could only wear it during times of war. Since Aldo's betrayal, Caesar had been even more resistant to letting the army wear any badges of rank.

Titus knew that Caesar would be resistant to his proposal so he also proposed that civilians also be allowed to wear a badge of rank or glyph as an award for serving the community. Titus argued that there were many individuals who achieved a high position either on the Council or National Academy and deserved some public recognition for their service. It was merely a matter of respect and gratitude to do so. He added it would give others in the community something to strive for as well as increase the moral of those who served. Caesar was still very resistant but Titus' arguments swayed the rest of the High Council, even MacDonald.

Caesar agreed but with conditions. First, such badges could only be worn at official functions such as Council meetings, holiday celebrations, etc. Second, only very high ranking officials (such as High Council members, Academy Ministers & their Deputies and the Commander of the Army & his top tier of officers) be allowed to wear these badges. Third, these badges would only be awarded by a vote of the High Council with Caesar retaining full veto power. And finally, his most curious condition, that each species delegation to the Citizen's Council chose the designs of the badges or glyphs to be worn by their species. Later it became apparent why Caesar made this last condition for he was able to persuade the Chimpanzee delegation that there should be only one design for Chimps, a simple rectangular glyph worn on the front their tunics that would also serve practical use as a pocket. However, the other species all selected several designs each and as Titus had argued it did improve moral in Ape City.

#### Section 4: Freedom of the Press

Being a small community news was spread mainly by word of mouth for many years. As the new City and Human Town grew and Simian society became more complex; it became apparent to many that a better way was needed. And thus, the City's first newspaper was founded by a Chimpanzee named Artorius and his Human friend John.

This newspaper, 'The Ape', was published every Friday and contained articles on everything of note happening the previous week in the City. 'The Ape' not only carried hard news but also featured Simian interest articles as well as news of the Arts, Science and Sports (mainly from Human Town). There was an editorial from the editors plus prominent Apes and Humans contributed opinion columns discussing the top issues of the day.

'The Ape' was an instant hit, selling out every copy each week. Within 18 months of its first issue, two editions were published each week; one for the City edited by Artorius and a Human Town edition edited by John.

Caesar loved 'The Ape'. He often said that it was the required weekly reading for every citizen. He mostly enjoyed the opinion columns saying it was better to see issues debated in print rather than argued in the streets. Of course, there were occasional columns highly critical of a policy of or action



taken by Caesar. However, being the benevolent king that he was, he would never get angry. Instead he would write a column in response to be printed in the next issue. Sometimes the response would be a mea culpa, but most times Caesar would destroy the other columnist's arguments using undeniable facts and irrefutable logic.

However, some on were as amiable to criticism as Caesar. On one occasion after the editors had written a scathing editorial on an action by the Citizens' Council; the deputy leader of the Orangutan delegation, Zaius, proposed a law to make it illegal to criticize the government. Despite being opposed by Virgil, the measure passed the Citizens' Council by a single vote based on Zaius' argument that criticism of the Council did overall harm to the well being of the community. Caesar of course vetoed the measure in the High Council and Zaius & his supporters were unable to muster enough votes to override the veto. Even Titus refused to vote against Caesar's veto and he had more reason to support it than anyone else.

The Army and Titus were the newspaper's most frequent targets of criticism. Many editorials and columns even questioned why an Army was even needed any more. But like Caesar, Titus believed in the freedom of the Press. And thanks to 'The Ape' that freedom still prospers in Ape City.

### Section 5: Rivals & Lovers

It was in the 45th year of the City, five years after 'The Great Move', when Caesar the Great announced that he would marry Zeta. While most were happy for Caesar, some thought it scandalous due to their age difference (Caesar was 64 years old and Zeta only 25) referring to Zeta as a 'Trophy Chimp'. Members of the High Council were particularly relieved that Caesar was marrying again. Since the death of Cornelius Caesar had no heir it was feared that there would be a power struggle among competing factions after Caesar's death.

The biggest faction was led by Galen, the leader of the Chimpanzee delegation in the Citizen's Council. As leader he also sat on the High Council was the Keeper of the Armory, a position of great power. Because of his position, Galen often came into conflict with Titus over the issuing of firearms. Titus wanted unencumbered access in order to train his soldiers. But much to Titus' frustration, Galen refused to supply more than a dozen at a time. There was also the issue of arming the

Gorilla garrison in Human Town. Titus felt that if they should be armed in case of surprise attack. The trip to the armory in the City and back would take too long. But Galen refused this request. MacDonald supported Titus and came up with the compromise of establishing a small auxiliary armory in Human Town with its own Keeper who would report directly to Galen. A Human, Greg, was chosen for this task.

It had long been rumored that Galen was Caesar's son. Many thought Galen would exploit this rumor to seize power if Caesar were to die without an heir. Titus and the Gorilla faction would never accept this and most Orangutans supported the Gorillas. Humans remained neutral although most Humans would support the Chimpanzees over the Gorillas. It was feared that such a power struggle would lead to a civil war. Caesar himself was deeply aware of these conflicts.

Over the years Caesar had grown to love Zeta very much, but he did not want to dishonor Lisa's memory. As usual when he faced such dilemmas he turned to advice from Virgil and MacDonald. Virgil considered Zeta like a daughter and knew that she dearly loved Caesar. He could think of no greater honor to her despite the couple's age difference so he was very much in favor of Caesar and her getting married. MacDonald was also in favor but for different reasons. He reminded Caesar of the political implications if he were to die without an heir. MacDonald contended that it was Caesar's duty for the good of the community to marry Zeta and have children. Caesar was still unsure but MacDonald got Titus to tell Caesar that he also was in favor the marriage. This seemed to make up Caesar's mind and soon there would be a new Queen in Ape City.

### Section 6: Strange Bedfellows

In the years following the "Battle of Ape City" an interesting political alliance formed between MacDonald and General Titus. It is interesting because the two would never be considered natural allies. Thanks to Aldo, MacDonald developed a natural suspicion of all Gorillas. And while Titus did not passionately hate all Humans as Aldo did, he did possess an innate bias against them that was common among Gorillas. However, as the time went by the two found themselves on the same side of many issues.

The first was the disposition of the Mutos. Caesar wanted to

show them leniency but Titus wanted them harshly interrogated and then executed as enemies of the state. MacDonald was against lenient treatment as well. While he did not support them being tortured or executed, he did not want them integrated into the existing Human community as Caesar had proposed. For MacDonald it was a matter of survival for his species. He felt that the Humans in the City could be the last of his species left on Earth and wanted to preserve their genetic integrity for future generations. With both Titus & MacDonald against his proposal, Caesar was forced to come up with a compromise. (See Chapter 7, Section 3 for details.)

The next issue was the reconstruction of the old City. MacDonald had proposed using the Mutos as a labor force but Virgil and Galen opposed this plan. However, Titus supported MacDonald and ultimately Caesar approved his plan.

Later, MacDonald supported Titus' preferred location for the new City while Titus supported Jake being given responsibility as chief architect.

When the new constitution was written, Titus and MacDonald agreed on many points. Since Chimpanzees had the largest population, more than all Humans, Gorillas and Orangutans combined, both wanted to ensure that their species was equally represented; so they made sure to put in safeguards so that one species could not dominate the others.

After 'the great move' MacDonald supported Titus' proposal that a Gorilla garrison be located in Human Town for security. Most Humans opposed this but MacDonald persuaded them to accept the Gorillas. Titus gave orders that the garrison report directly to MacDonald as well as giving MacDonald the right to choose the soldiers who would serve in Human Town.

Both encouraged Caesar to marry Zeta since they feared the power struggle between the different factions might lead to civil war if Caesar died without an heir.

While Titus & MacDonald never developed a friendship as Caesar had with MacDonald; the two forged a political alliance to protect the best interests and future of Ape City.

### Section 7: A Royal Wedding

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In the months following Caesar the Great's announcement that he would take Zeta as his second wife, the whole community helped to prepare for the day of their wedding. When that day finally

came, it was the grandest celebration the City had ever seen. However, there were some somber moments as well. Two days before the wedding, Caesar traveled to Human Town to visit the graves of Lisa and Cornelius up on the hill there. Most think he went there to somehow get their permission or just to show that he would never forget them. Either way it must have been an emotional moment for Caesar for he was totally silent on the ride back to the City.

The Citizen's Council declared a three day holiday in both the City and Human Town so that all could go to the wedding. On the night before the ceremony Caesar and Zeta attended separate functions. Caesar was the guest of honor at an all male banquet at the National Academy organized by MacDonald, who was Caesar's best man. Zeta was thrown a surprise party by Virgil's wife. This was an all female affair attended by Dr. Kelly and the wives of MacDonald, Titus and Galen.

The next day the weather was beautiful without a cloud in the sky. The amphitheater was packed Apes and Humans. Only members of the Citizen's Council were allowed seats in the amphitheater, all others had to sit on the hill beyond and it too was packed. Virgil stood at the center of the amphitheater, in his role as Lawgiver he officiated, with Caesar and MacDonald to his left. They all waited several minutes for the procession of bridesmaids to work its way through the City. Then Zeta appeared and entered the amphitheater. She never looked more beautiful. Caesar took her hand and then turned to Virgil to begin the ceremony. When it was over and Virgil pronounced them Ape & wife the whole amphitheater exploded with cheers.

After the ceremony, Caesar and Zeta got in a special carriage custom made for the occasion and rode all around the City waving to cheering crowds.

Then there was a great feast in the City square. The happy couple was toasted again and again for hours into the night. Caesar at one point rose and toasted his new bride. He thanked her for teaching an old Ape who had experienced so much tragedy that he could love and be happy again.

The only one who didn't seem too happy that day was Galen. Now that Caesar was married again there was the possibility that he would have an heir which would spoil Galen's future plans. Of course Zeta did give an heir less than two years after they were married, Caesar the Second. And his birth insured stability during the years ahead in Ape City.

## Chapter 10: The Age of Exploration

### Section 1: Celebrating 50 Years

When the 50th anniversary of the City rolled around Caesar the Great ordered a week-long celebration to mark the occasion.

The first day of events were held at the National Academy on the other side of the river. There were lectures and displays highlighting the history of the community.

On the second day there was a special session of the Citizen's Council where honors were bestowed on those living and dead who had shown leadership in building the community. Mandemus was honored so were Virgil and Titus. Several Apes from the Academy were also given awards as were Humans such as Abe, Jake and Dr. Kelly.

The third day took place in Human Town, the original site of the City. There was a service to remember Lisa & Cornelius. Caesar's original tree house was turned in to a museum and toured. Then there was a ceremony honoring MacDonald where Caesar bestowed on him the title of Elder.

On the fourth day there was a grand parade through the city in honor of Caesar and his family.

During the fifth and last day there was the traditional feast. At the feast Caesar stood up and spoke for an hour, not an easy task for him at 68 years old. He recounted all the challenges and hardships during the years from the 'Trail of Tears' to the meteor showers to Aldo's betrayal. He said that by surviving all of these, God had shown that they were his chosen ones. He also spoke of all the triumphs and of those who accomplished them. He proclaimed his love for Zeta and their 2 year old son Caesar the Second and thanked her for showing him happiness again.

But then he said there were new challenges they must face and spoke of the world beyond their community. Much of what was left of the Earth after the nuclear war and the meteor showers was unknown. Now was the time for Simian and Humans to begin to explore the Earth again. It was then he asked for volunteers to lead & take part in expeditions to explore the world beyond the safe confines of the City. Their goals were to find out what & who had survived all these years, make contact with any other communities of Apes & Humans and to establish settlements that would allow the community to grow.

Of course many Apes and several Humans immediately stepped up and volunteered for these expedition, most notably Titus'

younger son Urko and Galen's son Yalu. While some of these volunteers would die during their expeditions; others would achieve greatness by opening up new frontiers. But for all of them it was sure to be the greatest adventure in the long history of Ape City.

## Section 2: The Early Expeditions

It took almost a year, after Caesar the Great's call for volunteers, to organize the first expeditions to explore the world beyond the safe confines of the City. There were so many volunteers that two teams or parties were formed.

The first party was headed by a Chimpanzee named Quinctius. (AUTHOR'S NOTE: *Quinctius was the father and namesake of my protégé. All references to his father have been written by me and reviewed by the Teacher, Abe, in an effort to both maintain history accuracy and objectivity.*) Members of his team included Titus' son Urko and Galen's son Yalu. The second party was lead by Colonel Marcus, a Gorilla who had recently retired from the army. MacDonald's youngest son and namesake, Austin, was a member of this party.

Both parties were comprised of ten representatives of each species, Chimpanzees, Orangutans, Gorillas and Humans. Caesar insisted on equal representation in case the expedition groups encountered survivors from different species. A group of surviving Humans might be threatened by one of the expedition parties if it consisted only of Apes, just as surviving Apes might be threatened by a party of Humans. Since the goal was peaceful exploration and making contact with any survivors; having each species represented equally was considered the best way to avoid any conflicts.

Both parties would be given supplies for four months; two months out and two months back. Colonel Marcus wanted at least six months of supplies feeling that his party couldn't cover much ground in only two months. However, the Council wanted to be cautious since these were the first expeditions. No one knew what was out there back then so the plan was for both parties to do an initial survey and then report back to the Council on what they found. Then either or both parties could be resupplied for longer expeditions. Marcus was also unhappy about so many humans as members of his party. But later he would state that they were invaluable as guides since all detailed maps of the areas beyond

the City had been lost years earlier during the Human world war. It was a beautiful day when both parties departed the City. Caesar and the High Council saw them off with Virgil giving a short speech to wish them luck. The Quinctius party headed north while the Marcus party headed west. Once the parties were gone, everyone anxiously awaited for them to return.

Marcus' party came back first, after only three months. They encountered a vast desert in the west forcing them to return early. However, the Quinctius party did not come back on schedule and many feared they were lost. Finally, six weeks overdue, they returned to the relief of all in Ape City.

### Section 3: First Contact

When the first of the two expedition parties returned to the City reporting a vast desert to the west, there was much disappointment. This disappointment quickly became concern when the second party did not return when scheduled. They did ultimately return, six weeks overdue, to the relief of the entire community.

Quinctius, the leader of the second party, was called to the High Council to give his report. He told them that his expedition had too encountered a vast desert to the northwest as well as to the northeast. But between the two deserts there was a corridor of livable land the stretched over several hundred miles. There they made contact with several Human farming villages that had not been destroyed during the holocaust.

At first the Humans in these villages were very wary when they encountered a large party of Apes, but the Humans of the expedition were able to quickly explain that they had come in peace. The Humans in these villages were very friendly and even curious because they had never met a talking Ape before. Prior to the Simian revolts and world war, these villages did not keep Apes as slaves or even pets. There were a few Humans who were very suspicious of the Apes in the expedition but they were a small minority. In these villages, Quinctius was able to secure supplies to continue exploring beyond the original four month period. Unfortunately, the further north they went, the narrower the livable corridor became until the two deserts met far to the north.

Of course, the expedition was not totally without incident. They were attacked a few times by a tribe or tribes of wild Apes.

While these Apes seemed intelligent, they could not speak. They had developed some crude weapons but nothing too lethal. The Gorillas found that firing over their heads would quickly drive them away. The Humans in the farming villages said they were scavengers who had escaped the cities before they were destroyed, but were nothing more than a nuisance. They found that leaving stocks of extra food a few miles outside of their villages on a regular basis was enough to keep these scavengers away. Quinctius tried to make contact with these wild Apes on two occasions but failed both times.

After the High Council had heard Quinctius' report, they decided on a new course of action. The two expedition parties would be resupplied for six months. Marcus' party would head southwest while Quinctius' party would explore to the southeast. A third party would be formed to go back north to make trade agreements with the Human farming villages. Sadly, one of these parties would never again return to Ape City.

#### Section 4: The Lost Expedition

After the first two expedition parties returned to the City to report their findings, the High Council decided to send them both out again on even longer journeys.

The expedition party led by Quinctius' which had been so successful in the north was given the task of exploring to the southeast. Marcus' party which turned back early after encountering a vast desert to the west would explore to the southwest. Both parties were resupplied for six months and set out within days of each other.

While there was great concern for the safety of both parties, life returned to a normal routine in the City. But soon the six months had past and all awaited the return of both expeditions. Neither returned as scheduled.

Quinctius' party came back almost a month late. Again he reported making peaceful contact with several Human villages. Some of these were located along the coast and were devoted to fishing, often trading their fish with the Human farming villages located more inland. Quinctius also reported making contact with primitive Ape tribes. Most of these were peaceful and in two the Simians had started to learn to speak. Unlike the Ape scavengers in the north, these tribes had a mostly peaceful relationship with the Human villages.

Quinctius did find several deserts around what must have been



Human cities that had been destroyed in the war. Mutant Humans who had survived in these cities occasionally attacked some of the Human villages. Since these mutants were very sickly and starving, they were defeated easily and the survivors integrated into the Human communities. But as in Human Town, the offspring of these mutants were mentally handicapped.

While Quinctius had once again triumphed, Marcus' expedition was long overdue. The City waited weeks and then months but the party failed to return. Family members of those in Marcus' party petitioned that a search be mounted, but the High Council deemed it too dangerous. After several months of waiting, Marcus' party was declared officially lost and all members presumed dead. There was an official ceremony mourning Marcus and his lost expedition. Caesar spoke at it and declared them all heroes. In addition, there were many private ceremonies held by the families. The MacDonald family held one for their lost son, Austin. Although he never showed it in public, MacDonald was devastated by the loss of his son.

It was many years later that another expedition, led by Urko, discovered Marcus had tried to explore another vast desert he encountered. He and his party perished there. But despite this and other tragedies, more expeditions would be sent out to explore the world beyond Ape City.

### Section 5: Diplomatic Relations

When Quinctius reported making peaceful contact with several Human farming villages in the north, the High Council sent a delegation back to these villages to establish formal diplomatic relations and a trading agreement. The trading agreement was most important. Despite the hard work of everyone in Human Town, Virgil projected that in 20 years time, due to the community's exploding birth rate, those farms would no longer be able to sustain the dietary needs of the population. Thus, more sources of food would be needed.

The delegation was headed by MacDonald's oldest son, Hari. He was chosen by the Council for several reasons. First, it was felt that the Villagers would be more comfortable dealing with another Human. Second, Hari had a great knowledge of farming and would be able to assess the capabilities of these villages to help fulfill the City's future food needs. Thirdly, because the delegation would be accompanied by a brigade of Gorilla soldiers; the leader of the delegation needed to be someone they

trusted and whose orders they would follow. Like his father Hari had grown in to a fine young man commanding respect from both Simians and Humans.

Hari took with him as his aides Gaius, a Chimpanzee who had a talent for administration; Decius, an Orangutan who was a shrewd negotiator, and Christopher, who ran the largest farm in Human Town. Leading the Gorilla brigade was Titus' oldest son, Captain Ursus, in his first formal command. With his team assembled Hari departed the City for the first Human village that had been discovered by Quinctius. It took them several weeks to get there but once they arrived they were greeted as friends although many of the Human villagers were nervous at the site of armed Gorillas in their midsts. Thus, Hari wisely ordered Ursus to set up his camp just outside the village.

Hari later recounted that the negotiations in the first village was the hardest. There was simply nothing he could offer them in exchange for expanding their farming efforts to help feed our community. They traded with the other Human villages for what their own village could not provide for itself. Their only problem was the Simian scavengers but they were only a minor annoyance. Just when Hari was about to give up, fate intervened and the village was attacked by a large group of scavengers. Ursus' troops defended the village and drove them off. This gave Hari had a bargaining chip. He offered protection in exchange for food and the villagers agreed. A Gorilla garrison would be assigned to the village to fend off all attackers, Human or Simian. Once this first agreement was made Hari made the same deal with the other Human villages and insured the future food needs of Ape City.

### Section 6: New Friends and New Enemies

After only a few years Caesar the Great's vision of exploration had been very successful. New allies & trading partners had been found in the territories to the north. Quinctius had made contact with more potential allies to the southeast. The only failure was the loss of Marcus' party.

Marcus had encountered a vast desert to the west that extended all the way to the north and far to the south. This area was most likely destroyed during the nuclear war and the meteor showers that followed. Because of this the High Council decided that all exploration to the west be suspended. Also, since the

small corridor of livable lands to the north had been almost completely explored; efforts would now be concentrated to the south east. This area was deemed to have the greatest potential since Quinctius had reported vast lands beyond the territory he had explored during his last expedition. There were several deserts in the south east but most were around what had been major Human cities and these areas seemed to be untouched by the meteors.

The High Council increased the size of Quinctius' expedition party and supplied it for two years. Titus' son Urko was named second in command of the party. In addition, Hari MacDonald and his delegation would accompany them for the first leg of the journey to negotiate alliances and trade agreements with the villages that Quinctius had made contact with previously. Quinctius' main party would proceed on the second leg alone and explore the vast areas to the south that had survived and were still livable.

As always Caesar and the High Council saw Quinctius' party off on their long journey. Within six months Hari and his delegation return reporting both triumph and tragedy. Hari had been successful in negotiating agreements with the villages in the south just as he had done in the north. However, in the second month of the journey the village they were visiting was attacked by a primitive Simian tribe. While most of the Ape tribes in the South were friendly, this one was not. Urko led the Gorilla garrison in defending the village but when the battle was over Quinctius had been killed, pierced through the heart by an arrowhead of quartz. After this happened, Hari urged Urko to return to the City but Urko decided to go on. He took command of the party with Yalu his lieutenant. When Hari had made agreements with the all of the villages previously encountered; the two groups parted ways. Urko's party went on to explore the vast lands to the south while Hari's delegation headed back to the City to report. The news of Quinctius' death forced High Council to take action regarding the primitive Simian tribes to north & south of Ape City.

### Section 7: Civilizing Primitive Apes

When news of Quinctius' death reached Ape City, the High Council decided to take action regarding the tribes of primitive Apes in the northern & southern territories.

Caesar the Great had always felt the natural result of the Simian revolts decades earlier was the building a civilized society of Apes. While many on the Council advocated taking a harsh approach of defense against and containment of these primitive tribes, Caesar proposed civilizing them. He even made a rare appearance before the Citizen's Council asking for volunteers to do what he called God's work to educate their Simian brethren. Due to Caesar's personal plea, there were many volunteers. The effort was put under the control of the National Academy and an Orangutan named Petronius was named Commissioner of Missionary Activities.

Petronius organized the volunteers into groups of three. Each group consisted of one Chimpanzee, one Orangutan and one Gorilla. They would carry no weapons, not even for self defense. These missionaries would be sent into the territories to seek out the primitive tribes to civilize them. They would live with the tribes for months, and in some cases years, teaching their fellow Apes to speak at first and then to read & write. Later missionary groups would teach the tribes to farm and build houses & other structures.

Most of the missionary groups were accepted into the tribes and were able to accomplish their goals. However, a few encountered more resistance; mostly due to the several of the tribes being so primitive that there was no way to communicate with them. It was only the bravery and repeated efforts of the missionaries over the years that these tribes were ever even partially civilized.

However, in some cases the resistance was due to far more sinister reasons. Many years earlier Caesar had banished all the Gorillas involved in Aldo's conspiracy. These Gorillas had migrated to the territories and several of these tribes had fallen under their influence. While most of the banished Gorillas had since died, the tribes were still controlled by their offspring. In most cases these tribes were exclusively Gorillas, having killed off their Chimpanzee & Orangutan members. They were completely hostile to any Ape or Human outside their tribe and existed at the border of the livable lands often fleeing into the deserts when confronted by greater force. This caused mutations in many of the Gorillas with some becoming carnivorous.

Despite these problems, the Missionary program was a great success over the years with most of the tribes becoming civilized and in time becoming valued allies of Ape City.

Chapter 11: Home FrontSection 1: The Great Fire

While the various expeditions were exploring the world and negotiating trade deals & alliances outside the peaceful confines of the City, life in the community settled into a comfortable routine. Both the Citizens' and High Councils met on a regular basis but there were never any highly contested issues. Most debates during this period had to do more with the goals of and supplies for the expeditions than with any policy that affected the home front.

Caesar the Great attended only High Council meetings and those only on rare occasion. He was nearly 80 years old at this time so while his mind was still sharp, he tended to tire very quickly. He much preferred staying home with Zeta and their son Caesar the second, or Caesar Jr. as many referred to him, who was growing up to be a fine young Ape. Most nights Caesar would sit on the balcony of the grand house on the hill overlooking the City. He would sit there for hours looking down on the community he had created. Most Apes found comfort being able to look up and see Caesar watching over them.

However, one night though the view was very different. Caesar called to Zeta to make sure his old eyes were not playing tricks on him. But the horror of both, they weren't.

A great fire was sweeping through the City. To this day no one knows exactly how the fire started and despite the adobe structures it spread through the City very quickly. It was only due to the teamwork of all citizens, Ape and Human, that the fire was finally extinguished after many, many hours.

The result was devastating. Almost 5% of the City's population was killed, either burned alive or overcome by smoke & fumes. While the buildings themselves still stood, their interiors were gutted. Many valuable historical documents about the Simian revolts, the Human World War and the early years of the City were lost forever. (AUTHOR'S NOTE: *One of the reasons for this history is to set the record straight on certain events that have become distorted over the years through repeated verbal retellings.*)

The Great Fire shook the community in a way that hadn't happened for decades. Some say it was shaken out of its complacency. There were some bright spots to this disaster. Many Gorilla soldiers died fighting the fire which finally restored the

public's faith in the army that had been damaged by Aldo so many years before. There so many acts of bravery & sacrifice by both Apes & Humans that a long gone sense of unity was restored. In the end, this disaster brought the community closer together than it had been in many years and soon all joined together in the effort to rebuild Ape City.

## Section 2: The Mutos Problem

For many years the Mutos were a useful labor force in both the City and in Human Town. By this period most of the Mutos that had been captured during the Battle of Ape City had died but their ranks had been replenished in three ways. First, while about 95% of mutant soldiers had been captured were men, there were some women. Kept in captivity for some years, breeding naturally occurred. Second, was due to breeding between Human women and some of the Mutos. While there was a law forbidding this, women outnumbered men in Human Town by almost two to one so some breeding with the Mutos was bound to happen. And by law any child of a Muto and a Human was automatically considered a Muto. MacDonald insisted on this law in his effort to preserve what was left of the Human race. Third and most important, bands of mutated Humans who had been captured in the Northern and Southern territories were shipped back to the City to join the ranks of the Muto labor force. The Human villages in those areas were grateful not to have to endure raids from these roving bands any longer. So while the population of the Mutos did diminish over the years; they were still large enough to provide an effective labor force.

However, something odd happened in the second generation of Mutos. Every child of a Human and Muto had reduced intelligence, but the offspring of two Mutos were actually smarter. Within the Muto community these smarter Mutos became the natural leaders. One of these, Orly, soon emerged as sole leader of all of them. Unlike most Mutos who were content with their status; Orly and the other smart Mutos began demanding more rights. Caesar was sympathetic but Titus & MacDonald would have none of it. However Orly would not back down, organizing a general strike of all Mutos prior to the year's main harvest in Human Town. MacDonald refused to give in using Humans and some Apes for the harvest but their numbers were inadequate and the clock was ticking. If all the crops were not harvested in time they would go bad and

there would not be enough food to feed the community for the winter. Titus wanted to send in his troops to force the Mutos to work but Caesar felt that would only make matters worse. Instead Caesar decided that the High Council would negotiate a settlement with Orly to end the strike. Titus & MacDonald resisted; but Caesar, Virgil and Galen overruled them and made an agreement. The Mutos would go back to work in return for getting limited representation on the Human Town Citizens' Council with each Muto counted as 3/5s of a Human. Also, the law forbidding breeding with Humans was abolished but all offspring would still be classified as Mutos. This agreement was not perfect but it restored the peace in Ape City.

### Section 3: In God We Trust?

Since the 'Night of the Fires' Caesar the Great had noted the will of God many times throughout the years. On one occasion he even referred to Apes as chosen by God. However, the Simian concept of God had always been very nebulous. Humans had their various faiths and beliefs but none of these were fully adopted by Apes because all required a Human God figure.

During of all the years of hardships most Apes didn't give much thought to religion, but once the City settled into a period of peace, Apes began to consider the concept of God in a general sense. However, after the Great Fire, many turned to a faith in God for comfort, but it was still not clearly defined. Because of this, Caesar asked the National Academy to develop Simian Articles of Faith. A special committee was formed to oversee this project which proceeded quietly for several years until an unsigned letter appeared in The Ape newspaper. Presumably from a Human, it said:

*If the Ape is anything, he's imitative. Tell him that to his face and he'll have your balls for breakfast, but it's an imitative society a warped reflection of what we once had. Well, we have something the Apes do not...Religion.*

*The Apes watch and mock our beliefs and yet they aspire to them. Y'see, it's not just an imitative society; it's a hypocritical one. The Orangutans ask to hear our stories and scribble detailed notes whilst barely managing to contain their outrage and disgust. Our history, our biblical history is being re-written, re-interpreted, censored, warped, mutated and bastardized. They want what we've got and they'll take from us what they can use and pretend it was all their idea.*

Already there are whispers among our Simian masters of 'God'. Quite who this God may be, none seem willing to commit. They have no names for him. No writings, or gospels, or verses or commandments of their own and so 'God' will suffice for now. In time I'm sure their Savior will come. He'll be good, he'll be kind and he'll lead his people forth to salvation and offer them everlasting life. His words will be revered and his sacred image celebrated in every house. And I guess he'll be covered in hair. This letter caused an uproar in the City for Apes did not want to be seen as just imitating the religions of Humans. Many felt that the Human who wrote the letter was mocking Apes for a lack of faith. One thing was for sure, the letter created tensions between the Human and Simian not seen in decades. (Note: Many years later it was revealed that the Muto leader Orly had written the letter with goal of creating a wedge between the species.) However, despite all the problems, this period marked the beginning of organized religion in Ape City.

#### Section 4: The Great Conference

On the occasion of the City's 60th Anniversary Caesar the Great invited delegates from all the Human villages & Simian tribes in the Northern and Southern territories for what he called 'The Great Conference'. All these villages & tribes had been discovered within the last 10 years, thanks to the efforts of the exploration parties, becoming valued allies and trading partners of the community.

Caesar sent a personal invite to the leader of every village & tribe asking that them to attend or send a representative if they could not come themselves. Almost all leaders of the Human villages accepted immediately. The leaders, or chiefs, of the Simian tribes were a different story.

While the missionaries that Caesar had sent out to civilize these tribes had done incredible work, most of the tribes were still somewhat privative. Many had not learned to read & write yet and a few had only just learned to talk. Most of the chiefs did not want to leave their tribes for fear that they would be usurped by rivals. When the missionaries suggested sending a family member (a brother or a son), many thought it might be a plot by Caesar to hold these family members hostage. It took a lot of negotiating by the missionaries to get most of the chiefs to agree to participate. Some came themselves, some did send family members, but most sent their strongest rival from within



their tribe thinking that if it were a trap, it would be an easy way to eliminate them.

When all of the various delegates arrived, Caesar gave them all a personal tour of the City. The delegates were all very impressed by what Caesar and the community had accomplished. The next day Caesar convened the conference calling for a new age of unity. While the City had forged relationships with these villages & tribes, it was on a one to one basis. The Human villages in the north had no contact with the villages in the south. Many of the villages had no relationship with Simian tribes nearby. Caesar wanted to create an alliance among them with the City as the hub. Most delegates were very open to this, seeing the benefits of trade with communities in the north and south from which they had been previously cut off. However, some delegates were a bit wary. The talks took several days but Caesar knew the one thing they all had in common was they had all endured extreme hardships over the years but had survived. A big break came when two of the delegates discovered they were cousins, the children of a brother & sister separated during the war. Once an alliance agreement was reached Caesar called for a grand celebration and feast before the delegates returned home. The success of the conference renewed optimism for the future in Ape City.

### Section 5: The Debate Over Guns

Since the death of Mandemus, Galen had been Keeper of the Armory. While he was much more flexible in the issuance of firearms than his predecessor, there were times when Galen had to put his foot down.

When the first expedition parties left the City to explore the then unknown world beyond the city; Galen had no argument with issuing guns to the Gorillas assigned to protect the parties. He did however demand that the guns only be issued on the day each party was leaving and that upon their return the Gorillas remain outside the City limits at a designated place where Galen would meet them to collect all guns before they would be allowed set foot back in the City. This procedure was arduous, but it satisfied all sides concerned for years.

However, when Hari MacDonald negotiated alliance treaties with many of the villages in the territories the situation became far more complex. In most of these treaties Hari agreed to providing security for the villages. This required that an armed Gorilla

garrison be assigned to each village that had signed a treaty. Galen objected to this for it would require permanent issuance of firearms to the army. He brought this up in the High Council and demanded that in every village an Armory be set up with a deputy Keeper to be chosen by him. Titus of course objected to his proposal. He made the case that, unlike the City and Human Town, the territories were far more dangerous. Villages had been and could be attacked very quickly so his soldiers needed to be able to counter-attack at a moment's notice. MacDonald agreed with Titus and voted with him. Virgil, who revered Mandemus, voted with Galen. Caesar however put the matter on hold. He noted that both Galen and Titus had made good points but that because the treaties were so new for the moment the status quo would have to be maintained with the promise that the issue would be revisited in the future.

After 'The Great Conference' Galen requested that his proposal be considered again. He noted that the territories had become far more civilized over the years so there was no longer a need for an armed garrison in every village. Titus again objected and MacDonald again agreed with him while Virgil sided with Galen. Caesar however felt the matter should be left up to the villages rather than imposed by the High Council. Thus, every village was presented with Galen's plan to set up local armories and voted if they wanted to adopt it. Since the villages had predominately Human populations who were still uncomfortable with armed Gorillas in their midst; most approved the plan. Titus was disappointed but Caesar said it a victory of democracy for the new alliances with Ape City.

### Section 6: Passing the Torch

After the City's 60th Anniversary MacDonald informed Caesar that he wished to retire. Caesar was distress by this decision for MacDonald had been a trusted advisor and close friend for almost 50 years. But MacDonald was over 75 years old and tired of public life. He felt that he had done is duty and wanted to enjoy his last few years on his family's farm in Human Town. Caesar could not blame him, he too often wished to retire. However, Caesar did ask MacDonald to keep his retirement private for a short time so that a suitable successor could be found. MacDonald recommended his son Hari. Caesar thought Hari an excellent choice. The young man had been key to negotiating most of the treaties & trade agreements with the villages in the

territories. Hari was also instrumental in organizing 'The Great Conference' and making it a success. Most importantly, like his father, Hari was respected by both Humans & Apes.

At the next meeting of the High Council, Caesar informed Virgil, Titus and Galen of MacDonald's retirement and asked them to keep the news private. When the Human Town Citizen's Council met a month later, MacDonald officially resigned and nominated Hari to replace him. There was only one objection, Orly. While the Mutos faction of the Council was a minority it had not stopped Orly from obstructing certain measures in the past. So once again Orly and his lieutenants dragged the debate on for hours. They claimed that choosing Hari to head the Human Town Citizen's Council, and thus sit in the High Council, was setting up a dynasty based on heredity. One his lieutenants nominated Orly for the position but another nominated Abe who was still very popular & respected in community. Abe refused the nomination immediately (pointing out that as he was as old as MacDonald and that as a Minister of the National Academy he was prohibited by law from seeking political office) and endorsed Hari. Later it was discovered that Orly's plan was to split the Human vote between Abe and Hari in hopes that the Muto vote would elect him to the High Council, but Abe's endorsement of Hari thwarted his plan.

Later at the quarterly meeting of the full Citizens' Council of Apes and Humans in the City, Hari's seat on the High Council was confirmed without a single 'No' vote. The Council also voted for a day of celebrations honoring the elder MacDonald.

Unfortunately, MacDonald's retirement was just the beginning, in the next 10 years both Caesar and Titus would also retire. Virgil refused to retire because he distrusted the deputy leader of the Orangutan delegation, Zaius, who would succeed him to become the Lawgiver. Still, this was the start of the torch being passed to a new generation of leaders in Ape City.

## Chapter 12: Colonization

### Section 1: The Birth of Southern City

It was over three years after Quinctius' exploration party began their journey south when Urko the Explorer, who had taken command of the party after Quinctius' death, returned to the City to report his findings. Since Urko's party had only been commissioned and supplied for two years, many had feared that it had been lost. But then one day Urko and what was left of his party rode triumphantly in to the City. While there were concerns because only a third of the party had returned, Caesar the Great immediately ordered a day of celebration.

After the celebration, Urko was ordered to appear before the High Council to report what he had discovered, and what had happened to the rest of his party. He recounted his party's exploration of the vast wilderness to the south beyond all known villages. They did not encounter any more Human Villages that had survived the war. What they did find were many deserts surrounding what had once been Human cities. In only a few of these were there any Mutant survivors. Most of them were captured and had returned with the party to join the Muto workforce. The party did encounter several primitive Simian tribes; a few of these were hostile but most were friendly.

Most of the territory they explored was unlivable, destroyed either in the war or by the meteor showers that followed. There was only a very narrow corridor of livable land until the party reached a peninsular at the southern end of the continent. While the eastern part of the peninsular was mostly desert wastelands, the western part was full of life. Exploring this region they again encountered several small villages that had survived. And to their surprise in these villages, Humans and Apes were living together in peace. The Apes in these villages, while not as sophisticated or educated as those in the City, were the most advanced Simians that had been encountered during all of the years of exploration.

Because of the high level of development of the Apes in this region, Urko made a decision to establish a colony there. He felt due to the great distances following the same procedures used in the previously explored territories would take far too much time. He felt an immediate presence was needed in this fertile region before a competing Simian/Human nation was formed.

by the current inhabitants. His party found a small uninhabited valley and Urko asked for volunteers among his party to remain there and build a colony; almost two thirds of them choose to do so. Urko also gave the colonists the task of negotiating alliances with the other villages in the region. Urko named the settlement Southern City then returned home to report on the birth of the first colony of Ape City.

### Section 2: Exploring the West

Since the first exploration parties had been sent out from the City, the vast desert to the west was an impenetrable barrier. One party had already been lost trying to explore this region (See Chapter 10: Section 4). Because of this the High Council resisted authorizing any further exploration of the west.

However, in his exploration of the Southern territories, Urko encountered a Human, Glenn, who claimed that he had traveled from the far west and knew the safe route back.

Urko brought this Human back with him when he returned to the City and arranged for him to speak before the High Council. At that meeting the Human told of a vast fertile and livable area in the west that existed beyond the wastelands and deserts. While all the old Human cites had been destroyed in the World War, the region did not suffer much damage during the meteor showers. Many Human farming villages had survived were now functioning on a very primitive level. There were also some tribes of primitive Apes who lived at peace with the Humans for the most part.

When asked how he came to travel so far east, the Human said that he got bored with farming one day and decided to explore instead. After crossing the desert he came upon a large body of water to the south. By traveling along the coast of that body he was able to make his way east. There he encountered another desert and once he crossed that he came upon a fertile region and a Human village. It was there that he met Urko who was on his way back to the City. He told Urko his story and Urko invited him to return to the City with him.

The High Council was so impressed by his remarkable story they approved Urko's request to explore the territories to the west. It would be the most ambitious expedition yet. The party of 300 would be outfitted for five years. Most of the supplies would be picked up along the way from the allied villages in the Southern territories. Urko would lead the party with Yalu as second in

command. The Human, Glenn, would act as guide and Counselor Zaius' son, Rufius, would also go along to negotiate with the villages and tribes in the region.

In addition to exploration, the High Council ordered Urko to establish a colony as he had in the southern territories. This was deemed crucial by the Council. If there was a vast fertile region in the west as had been described by the Human, an immediate presence had to be established there. Urko agreed and both Yalu & Rufius volunteered to stay behind to build the new colony. On the day the party left the entire populace of the City assembled to see them off. The crowd hailed Urko as 'Urko the Explorer' for leading the greatest expedition ever sent from Ape City.

### Section 3: Southern Migration

Once the colony of Southern City was established great numbers of both Apes and Humans volunteered to join the new community. This was mainly due to what was becoming an over-crowding problem in the City and in Human Town. Both communities had thrived over the years and the result was over population. Thus the new city in the south was a welcome release value where citizens could migrate.

For many it was a chance for a fresh start or a second chance. In several cases the second or third offspring of a prominent Ape or Human chose to move to the new city because their elder siblings had already inherited a parent's birthright. For them it was a chance to chart their own destiny away from their parent's or sibling's shadow.

For others, they had simply grown bored of the City and wanted to try something different, something more challenging. There were some who saw riches in the south, hoping to establish themselves as farm owners or merchants.

Caravans of about 100 were organized to leave every month to travel to Southern City. A spot in these caravans were highly prized and all such spots were drawn by lot by the High Council. Of course there were those who tried to profiteer by entering the lottery and then selling their spot if they were selected. However, this practice was put to end very quickly.

These caravans wound their way through the southern territories stopping at many of the allied villages along the way. The villages welcomed the caravans making a tidy profit selling their goods & wares to the colonists. In some cases residents of

the villages joined the caravans on their journey to open up trade with the growing Southern City.

When the colonists reached their destination they found a thriving community much like the City in its early years. In fact most of the buildings at the center of town were almost exact duplicates of those in the City that had been built by Jake and his crew many years before.

Many Apes from the primitive Simian tribes in the Southern territories began to migrate to Southern City, growing its population even further. Most were led to the colony by missionaries trying to educate them in order to show the primitive Apes the benefits of education. Once there the tribal Apes began to appreciate regular meals and they were put to work helping to build the colony. Additionally, groups of mutant Humans that had been captured were put to work too. Most of the Mutos did not mind, for like the primitive Apes, it was the first time in years they had regular meals.

The colony was so successful that within five years Southern City's population grew almost as large as that of Ape City.

#### Section 4: The Western Expedition

The expedition to explore the Western territories, led by Urko, had a much harder time traveling to the west than originally anticipated. Their Human guide charted an accurate route but the long column of the expedition crawled along at a very slow pace. Unlike in the Northern and Southern territories where old Human roads were found and used, no such roads existed in the great desert.

Additionally, the expedition column was sporadically attacked by roving bands of mutated Humans and mutated Apes. Glenn, the Human guide had not encountered these bands on his journey east so Urko did not plan for them. Thankfully, the mutant bands were very primitive and were armed only with rocks so they inflicted very little damage. A few shots in the air by the Gorilla guards was enough to drive them off. In the end, they seemed to spend more time fighting each other than attacking the expedition.

Glenn's route along the coastline was less direct but it much less treacherous. However, after several weeks the expedition had to abandon the coastline and travel directly across the desert. This would be the final leg of the journey and the most hazardous. Because of this, Urko made the decision that they would only travel at night, sleeping by day in the shade under

the wagons. This strategy and the excellent management of their food & water rations by Yalu saw them through. It took several weeks but the expedition made across the desert to the fertile lands Glenn had told them about without a single death in the party.

Within a few days after emerging from the desert the party discovered a large stream of fresh water and was able to top off its water supply that was almost fully depleted by then. At this stream Urko ordered that they make camp for a week so all members of the expedition could rest and regain their strength. On the first night Urko even tripled the usual food ration and declared a feast of thanksgiving. It had been over six months since they had left the City and they had successfully reached the Western territories.

Unfortunately, the celebration was short-lived. While most of the expedition party rested, Urko send out several scouting teams to the north and west. Each team consisted of an Ape and a Human. Their instructions were to quietly explore for two days and then report back. All but one team returned on schedule. Later that night, as they all slept, the expedition was attacked by a tribe of primitive Apes. Much more advanced than the mutated Apes in the desert, they killed about 20 before the Gorillas drove them off. It was a major setback but Urko was still determined to go on for the glory of Ape City.

### Section 5: The Western Territory

After 20 members of his party were killed in an attack by a tribe of primitive Apes, Urko the Explorer was more determined than ever to explore the vast territories in the west.

His plan was to start by exploring the borders of the territory first, staying within 30 miles of the vast desert to the east, before exploring the interior. Thus, the party traveled north for many weeks until the border of the desert turned them west. They found no settlements of any kind but did encounter more tribes of primitive Apes. Only a few of these tribes were hostile, most were very friendly. What surprised many in the expedition was how advanced these tribes were. Most such tribes in the east could barely speak when they were first encountered, but these tribes all were able to talk and a few had even developed a written language. Urko was able to gain vital information from these Apes. Many spoke of villages in the interior where they traded for food.



By staying close to the desert border the expedition encountered several destroyed Human cities. Most, like those in the east, had been either destroyed by nuclear bombs in the World War or by the meteor showers. However, as they traveled further west they found cities that showed no such devastation and just seemed abandoned. Milo, a young chimpanzee assigned to the expedition by his father (the Minister of Science), found no traces of radiation usual to the destroyed cities previously encountered. He surmised that these cities were not attacked by nuclear bombs but by biological weapons designed to kill living beings but leave the buildings intact.

Finally after traveling for many months the expedition reached the western ocean. Its name from before the war long was since forgotten so Urko named it Caesarea. From there the expedition began to journey south down the coast. On their journey they encountered several Human fishing villages. At first most of these villages were shocked at the site of expedition but the Humans in the party made initial contact and assured them that they came in peace. Since these villages had peaceful relations with the Simian tribes in the region it wasn't hard to convince them. In fact in one village the Humans were even teaching the Apes to read and write. Soon the story of the 'explorers from the east' passed from village to village faster than the expedition could travel and many villages prepared welcome ceremonies for their arrival.

After many weeks of traveling south along the coast, the expedition encountered another vast desert. According to Glenn this desert stretched all the way back to the east. Thus, Urko decided it was time they explored the interior and, if possible, find a site to establish a new colony for Ape City.

### Section 6: Founding Central City

Having explored the borders of the Western territory, Urko the Explorer faced the daunting task of exploring its massive interior. For this he devised a plan or route that would crisscross the region south to north and then north to south while travelling east. The goal was maximum coverage of the area within a reasonable period of time using a route that would end at their starting point in the region for the trip back to the east. However, one of Urko's goals was also to start a new colony in this vast region as he had done in the Southern territory.

For the most part their journey was uneventful. The expedition encountered many Human villages and even some where Apes & Humans were living together in peace. The Simians in the Western territory, while still primitive compared to Apes in the City, were far more advanced than the primitive Ape tribes encountered in the Northern & Southern territories. Most could speak and many had even learned to read & write. Those that lived in tribes had peaceful relations with nearby Human villages and those that lived in villages with Humans were even more advanced. Unlike the Northern and Southern territories there were no mutated Humans, or Apes. The villagers said that there were some right after the war but most were very sick and soon died. Those that didn't were integrated into the population of the villages.

In the villages Rufius was able to negotiate trading agreements for supplies and water to sustain the party on its journey. Rufius also tried to negotiate alliances similar to those in the east but he had nothing to offer the villagers.

After a few months on their journey, the party came across an uninhabited valley. Urko later said it looked almost identical to the site of the City. It was there that he decided to found the colony. Since the location was near the center of the Western territory, he named it Central City. When he asked for volunteers from members of the party to stay behind and build this colony, over 150 volunteered. Yalu stayed behind to help lead the new colony. Rufius would also stay to further relations and trade with nearby villages which would be key to the colony's survival. Still, both Yalu and Rufius were confident that there was enough farmable land and raw materials in the area to sustain the colony.

After several months establishing the new colony, Urko and the 100 or so members left of the original party resumed their journey home. The trip was mostly uneventful but they did make contact with dozens of more villages. Soon they were back at their starting point and began their trek across the desert to return to Ape City.

### Section 7: Urko's Return

It was almost five years after Urko & his expedition had disappeared into the western desert that he and the remainder of his party emerged from it on their journey back to the City. News of Urko's return reached the City weeks before he did

thanks to a signaling system developed by Virgil and a young scientist, Gaius, the son of council member Zaius. The system worked by stationing sun reflectors on hills up to fifty miles apart. One hill would signal a message in a special code to the next which would pass the message along to the next in the chain and so on and so on. It had taken several years but by this time there was a chain of signal stations stretching from the City all the way to Southern City and up through the northern territories. So efficient was this system message from even as far as Southern City could reach the City in just a few days.

Thus, when Urko and his party stopped at a small farming village to resupply, a message was sent immediately to the City to inform them of the news. More messages were sent from each village along Urko's route home reporting his expedition's progress. It took several weeks for them to travel back to the City but thanks to the progress reports, the whole community gathered to give Urko a hero's welcome.

The party was met a few miles outside the City by the new Commander of the Army, Urko's brother Ursus, with a special Gorilla honor guard which escorted them into the City. The citizens lined the streets cheering the procession which ended at the amphitheater. There the High Council was waiting to officially welcome Urko home. Virgil, in his role as Lawgiver, gave a speech. He also awarded Urko, and every member of his expedition, special glyphs. Caesar did not attend. He was too frail at the time. But he could be seen by all sitting on his porch looking down on the proceedings.

The day after the ceremonies, Urko made his official report to the High Council on what he had discovered in the west. He also informed them of the establishment of Central City. The Council was greatly impressed. Not only had Urko achieved all his goals with minimal casualties, he was successfully in establishing another colony. When news of this was reported to the general public, reverence for Urko only increased.

Of course Urko requested that the Council authorize a new expedition back to Central City. A request they approved immediately. But this time family members of those who had stayed behind to build the new colony would be allowed to go to join their loved ones. This would be the first of several trips that Urko would make west before settling for good in Central City, never again to return to Ape City.

Chapter 13: The End of an EraSection 1: Federation

When the City celebrated the 70th anniversary of its founding it once again hosted representatives from all the towns and villages that had been discovered & allied with during the previous 20 years. However, instead of just another 'Great Conference'; this time Caesar the Great made a new proposal, a Federation that would unite all the various villages & colonies with the City as one nation.

Like ten years earlier Caesar sent out personal invitations to the leaders of all the town and villages in the northern and southern territories. The members of the High Council of Southern City were also invited.

Since Urko the Explorer was still on his third trip to western territory leading the second group of colonists to Central City; Caesar sent a special group of messengers to recall Urko and instruct him to invite leaders of villages he had allied with to the conference. Many didn't think Urko would make it back in time but he arrived 18 days early with the leaders of about a dozen or so western villages as well as both Yalu & Rufius who headed the High Council of Central City. For these two Simians it was a reunion with family after leaving on the first expedition west so many years before.

For the 70th Anniversary Caesar had ordered a weeklong series of celebrations. On the second day Urko was honored and awarded the Citizen's Council Medal of Honor. Caesar himself presented the medal to Urko. The conference started on the third day. Caesar welcomed all the guests to the City and stated his proposal for a Federation. The northern, southern and Western territories would be designated as three administrative zones. The western territory would be administered from Central City, the southern from Southern City and the northern from Ape City. Every town and village would still be self governed but the defense of the villages, distribution of resources, trade, etc. would be coordinated from the city in charge of the administration of each zone. Leaders of the villages in the northern and southern territories were very open to this arrangement. For ten years they had been allies and it had proven to be very beneficial to them. Trade had been opened up with many other villages. Security had been provided for their citizens and tribes of primitive Apes had been civilized. In many cases these former

Simian tribes had been integrated into their communities. However, the leaders of the western villages were not so quick to agree. They had been allies for a much shorter period so they were less trusting. It would take more time before they would be willing to join a federation headed by Ape City.

### Section 2: The Two Caesars

By the time of the City's 70th Anniversary Caesar the Great was 88 years old. While he was still somewhat active in the affairs of government, Caesar had relegated many of his duties to his son, Caesar the second or Caesar II.

At age 22, Caesar II had grown into a fine young Simian. He had inherited his father's intelligence & passion as well as his mother's compassion & humility, never taking on the airs of his royal birthright. And like his father he knew how to give an inspiring speech.

When he was 18 he entered the National Academy for an advanced education and quickly became a top student. While he was not that interested in science and mathematics, he was very passionate about philosophy, history and literature. Caesar II was such a good student, he graduated the Academy in three years rather than the usual four. After his graduation his father officially named him regent, bestowing upon the young Ape all the powers and responsibilities of the monarchy.

Caesar II quickly threw himself into his new role, attending meetings of the High Council in his father's place and frequently attending meetings of the Citizen's Councils in the City and in Human Town. At these meetings he welcomed questions from the Council members, answering them with a candor that many found refreshing. Soon Caesar II became as beloved by the public as his father.

Caesar the Great on the other hand was enjoying his retirement. While he would advise his son on a regular basis, he rarely got directly involved in government anymore. He would attend all the annual meetings of the High and Citizen's Councils as required by the constitution but other than that he was content to allow his son to fulfill all his other duties. The only project that Caesar the Great took an active role in during those years was the effort to form a federation. He personally wrote the notes inviting all the delegates to the conference and when the conference began he outlined all the proposals personally. During the conference he allowed Caesar II to chair most of the

public meetings but had private meetings with many of the village leaders to convince them to approve his proposals. Caesar the Great saw the Federation as his final legacy and when the conference was over he had successfully convinced the delegates from the northern and southern territories to join. The delegates from the west were more apprehensive; but thanks to Caesar's power of persuasion they were willing to agree to a strong alliance.

After the conference, Caesar returned to his semi-retirement, but every night Apes could look up to see Caesar the Great sitting on the porch of his house watching over Ape City.

### Section 3: Orly's Conspiracy

For many years Orly had been a thorn in the side of MacDonald and the other leaders of Human Town. He started a general strike of the Mutos which led to them being given some representation on the Human Town Citizen's Council. Orly even made himself a candidate for head of the Council when MacDonald retired, only to be defeated by MacDonald's son Hari. After that Orly became a huge headache for Hari as well. He would often drag out debate for hours and hours during council meetings, sometimes on minor issues. He attacked Hari in public, calling him an Ape-lover as well as derogatory names. One time he even questioned if Hari had really been born in Human Town. He staged several Muto protests against Hari and then tried to claim they were spontaneous. During several of his public speeches, where he would concoct the most ridiculous conspiracy theories about Hari, he would break down crying while proclaiming his love of Human Town.

However, despite all his efforts Orly was never able to defeat Hari and gain control of the Council. That's when Orly decided to stage a coup. Hari, MacDonald, Abe and Dr. Kelly (who had recently retired back to Human Town after years of service in the National Academy) would all be murdered. Abe's children would also be murdered along with several other young, up and coming Human leaders in the Council.

Orly's lieutenants quietly recruited about a dozen assassins from the Muto labor force. None were that bright but they were all strong and very hostile to Hari & the other Human leaders. Orly never met with them nor did his lieutenants use their really names. The plan was to have these Mutos commit their murders so Orly could seize power. What the Muto assassins

weren't told was that Orly planned to have them immediately captured and executed so that he would look like a savior to the people. Unfortunately for Orly one of his lieutenant's life had been saved by Dr. Kelly several years earlier. He felt that he owed his life to her and decided to warn her on the eve of the planned assassinations. She immediately reported everything to Hari. Hari then contacted the head of the town's garrison and they set a trap for Orly.

All of the targets were quietly moved out of their homes that night and replaced with convincing dummies. Two soldiers, one Human and one Gorilla hid in each home. When the assassins stuck they were immediately arrested. Once all the assassins were rounded up, the lieutenant who warned Dr. Kelly was arrested. Within an hour he confessed and Orly & his other lieutenants were arrested. The next day at an emergency Council meeting Hari laid out the plot. The Council found them guilty and banished them forever from Human Town and Ape City.

#### Section 4: Go West Young Ape

Migration to Southern City had been going on for several years and the population of the colony was reaching maximum capacity. One reason for this was that many of the Simian tribes had also migrated to Southern City, greatly increasing its population. (Note: Many Simian tribes in the northern and southern territories migrated to many of the farming villages, becoming fully integrated with the Human populations of those villages. By this period the only privative Simian tribes still existing were in the western territories.) Thus, the High Council decided to suspend all migration to Southern City. Any Ape or Human wishing to help settle to a new colony would have to travel to Central City in the west.

The journey to Central City was much longer and far more treacherous than the trip to Southern City. It took just over a year to get there and required long periods of travel through deserts. Only the heartiest would survive the trip. But that didn't prevent many Apes who eagerly signed up for the next available caravan going west.

Before the High Council's decision only one caravan would leave for Central City every six months. Afterwards they increased in frequency to once a month. Several Apes and Humans took advantage of the opportunity and formed businesses to lead the caravans making the trip back and forth to Central City. On the

return journey they would bring back anyone wishing to return from Central City as well as trade items from the western territories to maximize their profits. They also brought back letters from family members who had migrated to the colony. That is how both Galen and Zaius found out their sons, Yalu and Rufius, had married and had sons who were named after their grandfathers.

Many of the caravan leaders became so familiar with the journey west they could do each one way trip in less than a year. Of course speed became essential. The more round trips a caravan leader could make, the more money they could earn. Some became very rich as a result. But some tried to take short cuts to reduce the time of the journey. After one caravan led by an Orangutan named Donnus was lost, the High Council passed a law requiring all caravans west to adhere to the route that had been charted by Urko. This forced many of the more questionable caravan leaders out of the business.

However, this did not eliminate the danger to the caravans. Many were attacked by bands of mutated Humans and mutated Apes during the desert crossings. Fortunately these bands were so disorganized there were few casualties. They also seemed more interested in attacking each other. But despite all the dangers many Apes and Humans made the trip to leave Ape City.

### Section 5: Evenings with Caesar

To celebrate Caesar the Great's 90th birthday the City has a grand celebration. Emissaries from all the villages and colonies attended bringing gifts from their territories for Caesar. There was genuine love and affection from both Simians and Humans for the now elderly Chimpanzee. After the final World War the survivors were scattered and it was Caesar who had united them to create a new nation for the security and prosperity of all.

On the final night of the celebration there was a great banquet. It was there that Caesar spoke and announced that he was retiring completely from public life. All his duties and responsibilities would be handed over to his son, Caesar II.

From that day forward Caesar rarely left his house at the top of the hill overlooking the City. Zeta spent all her time looking after him. Every evening they would both sit on their veranda looking down on the City he had founded.

MacDonald would visit once a month. He would travel from Human



Town with his son whenever Hari had to attend a meeting of the High Council. MacDonald would have dinner with Caesar & Zeta and then they would all sit on the veranda reminiscing about old times. Unfortunately, MacDonald was nearly as old as Caesar; so as time went by his visits became fewer.

General Titus was also a frequent guest. Although he was much younger than Caesar, he had retired from the High Council and command of the Army. Titus had much to be proud of in his later years. He had restored and reformed the Army after Aldo's treachery. He had two fine sons to be proud of: Ursus, who succeeded him on the High Council and as Army commander, and Urko, whose explorations had opened up new territories as well as founding the colonies of Southern & Central cities.

Galen, the Chimpanzee member of the High Council and Keeper of the Armory, was another frequent guest. He would tell Caesar all the gossip that was circulating in the City. But Galen missed his only son, Yalu, terribly. Yalu had settled in Central City where he married and had a child whom he named for his father. Galen often spoke of retiring and emigrating to Central City to be with his son's family. But Galen would never retire while Caesar was still alive.

Virgil, the Lawgiver, was the most frequent guest. He visited Caesar every week. They would sit out on the veranda for hours on end discussing politics, science, religion and many other topics. It was to Virgil that Caesar confided his greatest concern. He had wanted to create a truly democratic society but so many of the seats on the High Council had been filled by the sons of their original members. Caesar feared these hereditary dynasties might one day cause strife in Ape City.

### Section 6: The High Council

In the 73rd year of the City, Virgil decided to retire from his position as Lawgiver and leave the High Council. Virgil would have stepped down years earlier but he would have been replaced by Zaius, the deputy leader of the Orangutan delegation to the Citizen's Council. Virgil never liked or trusted Zaius. He found the Ape to be a bit authoritarian and more interested in gaining political power & influence than serving the community. So Virgil waited until Zaius finally retired and a new deputy leader chosen by the delegation. He had worried that one of Zaius' two sons might succeed him but his younger son Rufius had settled in the colony of Central City while his oldest son, and

namesake, had accepted a position in the Science Ministry of the National Academy. So when the Orangutan delegation chose Veetus as deputy leader, Virgil couldn't be happier. Veetus was the son of an old & trusted friend who had grown up to be an intelligent, hard working and respected Ape. Virgil knew that Veetus would make a fine Lawgiver and after giving the young Simian a year to settle in to the job of deputy leader; Virgil announced his retirement. Although there still would have to be an official nomination by Caesar and confirmation by the Citizen's Council, Virgil's retirement effectively made Veetus Lawgiver.

Now with the exception of Galen, who was in his mid-70s, all the original members of the High Council had retired. A new generation of leaders had taken over. They were younger, much more optimistic, having never lived through the hardships during the early years of the community, and much more open-minded. Their first actions after Veetus joined the Council reflected this attitude.

For years Caesar the Great and MacDonald wanted to open up enrollment in the National Academy to Apes & Humans from the federated & allied villages in the territories. Galen and Titus were very cautious about outsiders and refused to agree. Virgil, although privately for the proposal, voted against it because Zaius would make much political trouble if Virgil supported it. However, the new High Council approved the proposal to open up enrollment on their very first vote.

Their second vote was an even bolder initiative. They decreed that there would be a great census of the known world. Census takers would be dispatched to all the territories to take a count of all the Apes and Humans living in the colonies and federated & allied villages. Over 100 census takers were commissioned for the task which took several years to complete. When the final count was tabulated the total population numbered well over 50,000, a long way from the few hundred Apes and Humans who had originally settled Ape City.

### Section 7: The Death of Caesar

When the City celebrated Caesar the Great's 93rd Birthday many noted that he was not looking well. While at an advanced age, Caesar had always seemed spry and alert. He often said his secret was his loving wife, Zeta, and the freedom from daily toils that retirement had afforded him.

But now things were different. Caesar looked gaunt and pale during the celebrations. When he spoke to thank everyone after the banquet, he slurred several words and rambled a bit. While some wrote it off as Caesar just being tired after a long day, others were more concerned. Regular visitors to Caesar's home such as MacDonald, Titus and Virgil had all had noted a slow but steady decline in his health over the previous months.

For years the citizens of the City had grown accustomed to seeing Caesar sitting on his veranda every evening with Zeta or a distinguished visitor. But with each passing month Caesar would be seen sitting out less and less.

Of course, the best doctors in the City were at Caesar's disposal which is why it was a matter of grave concern when Dr. Heather Kelly, who had retired to Human Town several years before, became permanent house guest in Caesar & Zeta's home. At the time only the High Council knew that Zeta had personally requested Dr. Kelly's presence because Caesar's health had become so poor he needed round the clock care. On one of Dr. Kelly's occasional trips to Human Town during this period she privately told MacDonald that Caesar was dying.

Despite his poor health Caesar still insisted on seeing visitors. Zeta felt that would be too taxing on her husband but agreed on condition that only old friends be allowed and that the visits be less than 2 hours. It was during one of these visits by Virgil that Caesar acknowledged that he was dying. He also told Virgil that he was determined to live to see the City's 75th Anniversary which was several months away.

Unfortunately, Caesar would not get his wish. One night he had a massive seizure. Dr. Kelly informed Zeta and the High Council that Caesar had less than 48 to live. Virgil, Titus, Galen and even MacDonald, who was nearly as old as Caesar, were all called to Caesar's home. They sat vigil with Zeta & Caesar II waiting for Caesar to pass. But Caesar was a fighter and despite Dr. Kelly's diagnosis he lingered for several days, briefly becoming conscious from time to time. On the 5th day (which MacDonald noted was the 75th Anniversary of the 'Night of the Fires') Caesar became conscious for the last time. He looked up at the loved ones & friends gathered around his bed and whispered, "Tonight we have seen the birth of the planet of the Apes". He then quietly slipped away. And thus passed Caesar the Great, our savior & the founder of Ape City.

Chapter 14: The King is Dead, Long Live the King

After the funeral of Caesar the Great there was a month long mourning period and spirits were very low in the community so the High Council decided to take action. Because the City's 75th Anniversary was only a few months away; they decide that the celebrations would include a coronation of Caesar II.

Like his father, Caesar II was uncomfortable with the concept of wearing an actual crown, but the High Council insisted making the argument that it would be good for the morale of all citizens plus it would validate his position for the representatives of all the federated & allied villages who were scheduled to attend the anniversary.

While Zeta disliked the idea of a coronation as much of her son, she agreed one condition: that she plan the ceremony to insure that it was dignified and respectful of her late husband. Instead of a crown Zeta decided that Caesar II would wear a collar with a special glyph on it. She asked Virgil to officiate at the ceremony but he declined. His official reason was that he was retired but the truth was he didn't like the idea of a coronation either. Instead the ceremony would be presided over by new President of the National Academy, Dr. Milo who had only recently become President after serving for years as the Minister of Science.

Soon representatives from the colonies & allied villages began arriving in the City for the celebrations. Those from the Western territories had started their journey months before Caesar's death and only learned about it upon their arrival. The Simian & Human representatives were all greatly saddened by news since Caesar the Great had gotten to know most of them personally during their visits to the City over the years.

As part of the anniversary ceremonies a day was dedicated to honoring Caesar the Great. Those who spoke tributes that day ranged from high officials to average citizens. A grade school class even performed a special song they had written themselves. Unfortunately, Abe the teacher wasn't able to attend. He had fallen ill and could not travel from Human Town. (Sadly, Abe died just a few weeks later.)

The coronation of Caesar II took place on the last day of the anniversary celebrations. MacDonald, old and frail as he was, offered a prayer. Other officials spoke too, including Yalu who led the Central City delegation. (When the celebrations were over Galen retired to Central City to be with his son.) At the

end of the ceremony, Zeta and Milo placed the special collar that Zeta designed on Caesar II. He then spoke to all assembled, pledging his life to the service of the community and all its many citizens both Simian & Human. And with that there was a new King guiding the future of Ape City.

*My name is Quinctius. I was Virgil's assistant during the writing this history of Ape City. Virgil promised Caesar the Great that he would faithfully document the early struggles and accomplishments of our society.*

*Shortly after Caesar's death Virgil informed the High Council of his promise to Caesar and his intention to included revelations about the future (contained in Chapter 6: Section 3) that he, Caesar & the late elder MacDonald learned on their trip to the Forbidden City over 50 years ago. At the time the High Council approved making these revelations public, but the vote was split with Ursus and Veetus voting to keep them secret. However, by the time Virgil completed his first draft, Galen had retired from the Council and migrated to Central City to live with his son. The new Chimpanzee delegate to the High Council sided with Ursus and Veetus in refusing to approve the manuscript unless Chapter 6: Section 3 was excised from it. Virgil refused. Caesar wanted the public to know about the revelations contained in that Section and Virgil felt he had made a sacred promise to Caesar include them in the history. Virgil spent the next five years fighting with the High Council to get the unedited version of this history published. While he initially had the support of Caesar II and Hari MacDonald; they eventually decided it was a lost cause. Virgil tried to publish the history in secret but the High Council found out so Ursus ordered his soldiers to confiscate & burn all copies. Fortunately, Virgil kept his original manuscript hidden. Shortly before his death a few weeks ago, Virgil entrusted that manuscript to me. I've decided to hide it in this secret vault in the new Ministry of Science building with the hope that it will be found by a future generation willing to publish it unedited. I'm also hiding an extra copy of Chapter 6: Section 3 in another vault for insurance.*

*As for me, I've decided to migrate to Southern City. I have a cousin there who will set me up as a merchant trader.*

*To whoever finds this manuscript, I implore you to please publish it in its entirety. The future of Ape City and the entire planet may depend on it.*

*Quinctius*