

= Planet of the Apes (2001 film) =

Planet of the Apes is a 2001 American science fiction adventure film directed by Tim Burton and starring Mark Wahlberg , Tim Roth , Helena Bonham Carter , Michael Clarke Duncan , Paul Giamatti , and Estella Warren . The sixth film produced in the Planet of the Apes franchise , it was loosely adapted from Pierre Boulle 's 1963 novel of the same name and the 1968 film version . It tells the story of astronaut Leo Davidson crash @-@ landing on a planet inhabited by intelligent apes . The apes treat humans as slaves , but with the help of an ape named Ari , Leo starts a rebellion .

Development for a Planet of the Apes remake started as far back as 1988 with Adam Rifkin . His project nearly reached the pre @-@ production stage before being canceled . Terry Hayes 's script , titled Return of the Apes , would have starred Arnold Schwarzenegger , under the direction of Phillip Noyce . Oliver Stone , Don Murphy , and Jane Hamsher were set to produce . Creative differences ensued between Hayes and financier / distributor 20th Century Fox . Chris Columbus , Sam Hamm , James Cameron , Peter Jackson , and the Hughes brothers later became involved .

With William Broyles , Jr . ' s script , Burton was hired as director , and the film was put into active development . Lawrence Konner and Mark Rosenthal rewrote the script , and filming took place from November 2000 to April 2001 . Planet of the Apes was released to mixed reviews , but was a financial success . Much criticism focused on the confusing plot and ending , although Rick Baker 's prosthetic makeup designs were praised . Despite its financial success , 20th Century Fox chose not to produce a sequel , and later rebooted the franchise in 2011 with Rise of the Planet of the Apes .

= = Plot = =

In 2029 , aboard the United States Air Force space station Oberon , Leo Davidson works closely with primates who are trained for space missions . His favorite simian co @-@ worker is a chimpanzee named Pericles . With a deadly electromagnetic storm approaching the station , a small space pod piloted by Pericles is used to probe the storm . Pericles 's pod heads into the storm and disappears . Against his commanding officer 's orders , Leo takes a second pod and goes in pursuit of Pericles . Entering the storm , Leo loses contact with the Oberon and crashes on a planet called Ashlar in the year 5021 . He discovers that the world is ruled by humanoid apes who can speak human language and treat human beings as slaves .

Leo comes across a female chimpanzee named Ari , who protests the awful treatment humans receive . Ari decides to buy Leo and a female slave named Daena to have them work as servants in the house of her father , Senator Sandar . Leo escapes his cage and frees other humans . Ari sees them , but Leo convinces her to join a human rebellion against the apes . General Thade and Colonel Attar march ape warriors in pursuit of the humans . Leo discovers Calima (the temple of " Semos ") , a forbidden , but holy , site for the apes .

Calima turns out to be the remains of the Oberon , Leo 's space station , which has crashed on the planet 's surface and looks ancient (the name Calima coming from the sign " CAution LIve aniMAIs " , the relevant letters being the only ones not covered in dust) . According to the computer logs , the station has been there for thousands of years . Leo deduces that when he entered the vortex he was pushed forward in time , while the Oberon , searching after him , was not , crashing on the planet long before he did .

The Oberon 's log reveals that the apes on board , led by Semos , organized a mutiny and took control of the vessel after it crashed . The human and ape survivors of the struggle left the ship and their descendants are the people Leo has encountered since landing . In the present , a battle ensues between the humans and the apes . A familiar vehicle descends from the sky and is identified immediately by Leo as the pod piloted by Pericles , the chimpanzee astronaut . Pericles was pushed forward in time as Leo was , and had just now found his way to the planet . When Pericles lands , the apes interpret his landing as the return arrival of Semos , the first ape , who is their god . They bow , and hostilities between humans and apes disappear .

Pericles then runs into the Oberon and Leo runs after him , followed by General Thade . Inside , Thade and Leo fight , with Pericles trying to help Leo , only to be thrown hard against a wall . Thade

gets hold of Leo 's gun , but does not understand how to use it at first . Seeing that Thade is in the pilot 's deck , Leo closes the automatic door of the entrance , trapping Thade as he shoots the gun , the bullets ricocheting off the door harmlessly . Thade thrashes around to escape , but after all attempts to do so fail , he finally gives up . Leo then decides that it is time for him to leave the Planet of the Apes , so he gives Pericles to Ari , with her promising to look after him , also saying farewell to Daena . Leo climbs aboard Pericles 's undamaged pod and uses it to travel back in time through the same electromagnetic storm . Leo ends up crashing in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington , D.C. on Earth . He looks up at the Memorial , and sees it is now a monument in honor of General Thade . A swarm of police officers , firefighters , and news reporters descend on Leo , but on closer inspection , they are all apes .

= = Cast = =

Mark Wahlberg as Captain Leo Davidson

A United States Air Force astronaut who accidentally opens a portal to another world inhabited by talking human @-@ like apes and is captured by them . Leo leads a rebellion of the planet 's humans . Wahlberg had backed out of a commitment to Ocean 's Eleven to take this role in Planet of the Apes . (Matt Damon was eventually cast in the Ocean 's Eleven role .) Whereas other actors contending for the Leo Davidson role wanted to see the script before signing a contract , Wahlberg signed on after a five @-@ minute meeting with Burton . To avoid evoking associations with his previous work as an underwear model , Wahlberg did not wear a loincloth , even though Heston had worn one in the original film .

Tim Roth as General Thade

A sinister chimpanzee military commander who wants control over the ape civilization . Thade also intends to marry Ari , but she dismisses him . Roth turned down the role of Severus Snape in Harry Potter and the Philosopher 's Stone because of his commitment to Planet of the Apes . Alan Rickman was eventually cast as Snape . Roth rewrote some scenes to give his character a more frightening presence .

Helena Bonham Carter as Ari

A female chimpanzee who protests the way humans are treated . She helps Leo lead the rebellion , and also develops a romantic attraction to him .

Michael Clarke Duncan as Colonel Attar

A gorilla military officer and Thade 's closest associate and second @-@ in @-@ command . Djimon Hounsou had turned down the role because of scheduling conflicts with The Four Feathers .

Paul Giamatti as Limbo

A comical orangutan who works in the trade business of human slaves . Limbo is caught in the conflict between humans and apes and tries his best to simply survive . Giamatti drew inspiration from W. C. Fields for his performance . While his prosthetic makeup was being applied , Giamatti watched episodes of Ultraman and various Japanese Godzilla films .

Estella Warren as Daena

A curvaceous female slave who , like Ari , develops a romantic attraction to Leo .

Cary @-@ Hiroyuki Tagawa as General Krull

A gorilla and former military leader whose career had been destroyed by Thade . Krull became a servant of Senator Sandar and assisted the humans in their rebellion .

Kris Kristofferson as Karubi

Daena 's father . Karubi is killed by Thade while trying to escape . Kristofferson had immediately agreed to be cast . " The director Tim Burton is a hero of mine . I have eight kids and we 've seen all of his films from Pee @-@ wee 's Big Adventure to Sleepy Hollow many times . "

Jonah (uncredited) as Pericles

A chimp student trained by Leo at the US Air Force space station training other chimps and orangutans to fly space pods . He is launched on a mission that involves traveling through an electronic storm . He appears in only a few scenes , interacting mainly with Leo and in the ending scene with Ari .

Small roles include David Warner (Senator Sandar) , Lisa Marie (Nova) , Erick Avari (Tival) , Luke Eberl (Birn) , Evan Parke (Gunnar) , Glenn Shadix (Senator Nado) , Freda Foh Shen (Bon) , Chris Ellis (Lt. Gen. Karl Vasich) and Anne Ramsay (Lt. Col. Grace Alexander) .

There are also cameo appearances by Charlton Heston (uncredited) as Zaius , Thade 's father , and Linda Harrison (the woman in the cart) . Both participated in two original films in the series , Planet of the Apes (1968) and Beneath the Planet of the Apes (1970) as George Taylor and Nova , respectively .

= = Development = =

= = = Late 1980s = = =

20th Century Fox president Craig Baumgarten was impressed with Adam Rifkin 's filmmaking with Never on Tuesday . In 1988 , Rifkin was brought in the studio to pitch ideas for films . Rifkin , being a fan of the 1968 Planet of the Apes felt it was best to continue the film series . " Having independent film experience , I promised I could write and direct a huge @-@ looking film for a reasonable price and budget , like Aliens . " Fox commissioned Rifkin to write what amounted to a sequel , " but not a sequel to the fifth film , an alternate sequel to the first film . " He took influences from Spartacus , with the storyline being " the ape empire had reached its Roman era . A descendant of Charlton Heston 's character named Duke would eventually lead a human slave revolt against the oppressive Roman @-@ esque apes , led by General Izan . A real sword and sandal spectacular , monkey style . Gladiator did the same movie without the ape costumes . "

Titled Return to the Planet of the Apes , the project was put on fast track and almost entered pre @-@ production . Rick Baker was hired to design the prosthetic makeup with Danny Elfman composing the film score . Tom Cruise and Charlie Sheen were in contention for the lead role . " I can 't accurately describe in words the utter euphoria I felt knowing that I , Adam Rifkin , was going to be resurrecting the Planet of the Apes . It all seemed too good to be true . I soon found out it was . " Days before the film was to commence pre @-@ production , new studio executives arrived at Fox , which caused creative differences between Rifkin and the studio . Rifkin was commissioned to rewrite the script through various drafts . The project was abandoned until Peter Jackson and Fran Walsh pitched their own idea , with the apes going through a Renaissance . In the story , the ape government becomes concerned over the new art works , the humans are revolting and the liberal apes shelter a half @-@ human , half @-@ ape from the gorillas . Roddy McDowall was enthusiastic about their proposal and agreed to play the Leonardo da Vinci @-@ type character they had written for him . However , the executive Jackson spoke to was not a fan of the series and seemingly unaware of McDowall 's involvement in the series , and Jackson turned his attention back to Heavenly Creatures .

= = = Oliver Stone = = =

By 1993 , Fox hired Don Murphy and Jane Hamsher as producers . Sam Raimi and Oliver Stone were being considered as possible directors , though Stone signed on as executive producer / co @-@ writer with a \$ 1 million salary . On the storyline , Stone explained in December 1993 , " It has the discovery of cryogenically frozen Vedic Apes who hold the secret numeric codes to the Bible that foretold the end of civilizations . It deals with past versus the future . My concept is that there 's a code inscribed in the Bible that predicts all historical events . The apes were there at the beginning and figured it all out . "

Stone brought Terry Hayes to write the screenplay entitled Return of the Apes . Set in the near future , a plague is making humans extinct . Geneticist Will Robinson discovers the plague is a genetic time bomb embedded in the Stone Age . He time travels with a pregnant colleague named Billie Rae Diamond to a time when Palaeolithic humans were at war for the future of the planet with highly evolved apes . The apes ' supreme commander is a gorilla named Drak . Robinson and Billie

Rae discover a young human girl named Aiv (pronounced Eve) to be the next step in evolution . It is revealed that it was the apes that created the virus to destroy the human race . They protect her from the virus , thus ensuring the survival of the human race 102 @,@ 000 years later . Billie Rae gives birth to a baby boy named Adam .

Fox president Peter Chernin called Return of the Apes " one of the best scripts I ever read " . Chernin was hoping Hayes ' script would create a franchise that included sequels , spin @-@ off television shows and merchandise . In March 1994 , Arnold Schwarzenegger signed on as Will Robinson with the condition he had approval of director . Chuck Russell was considered as a possible director before Phillip Noyce was hired in January 1995 , while pre @-@ production was nearing commencement with a \$ 100 million budget . Stone first approached Rick Baker , who worked on Rifkin 's failed remake , to design the prosthetic makeup , but eventually hired Stan Winston .

Fox became frustrated by the distance between their approach and Hayes ' interpretation of Stone 's ideas , as producer Don Murphy put it , " Terry wrote a Terminator and Fox wanted The Flintstones " . Fox studio executive Dylan Sellers felt the script could be improved by comedy . " What if Robinson finds himself in Ape land and the Apes are trying to play baseball ? But they 're missing one element , like the pitcher or something . " Sellers continued . " Robinson knows what they 're missing and he shows them , and they all start playing . " Sellers refused to give up his baseball scene , and when Hayes turned in the next script , sans baseball , Sellers fired him . Dissatisfied with Sellers ' decision to fire Hayes , Noyce left Return of the Apes in February 1995 to work on The Saint .

= = = Columbus and Cameron = = =

Stone pursued other films of his own , Chernin was replaced by Thomas Rothman , and a drunken Sellers crashed his car , killing a much @-@ loved colleague and earning jail time , while producers Murphy and Hamsher were paid off . " After they got rid of us , they brought on Chris Columbus " , Murphy stated . " Then I heard they did tests of apes skiing , which didn 't make much sense . " Stan Winston was still working on the makeup designs . Columbus brought Sam Hamm , his co @-@ writer on an unproduced Fantastic Four script , to write the screenplay . " We tried to do a story that was simultaneously a homage to the elements we liked from the five films , and would also incorporate a lot of material [from Pierre Boulle 's novel] that had been jettisoned from the earlier production , " Hamm continued . " The first half of the script bore little resemblance to the book , but a lot of the stuff in the second half comes directly from it , or directly inspired by it . "

Hamm 's script had an ape astronaut from another planet crash @-@ landing in New York Harbor , launching a virus that will make human beings extinct . Dr. Susan Landis , who works for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention , and Alexander Troy , an Area 51 scientist , use the ape 's spacecraft to return to the virus ' planet of origin , hoping to find an antidote . They find an urban environment where apes armed with heavy weapons hunt humans . The main villain was Lord Zaius ; in contrast to Dr. Zaius , Lord Zaius was very cruel to the humans . Landis and Troy discover the antidote and return to Earth , only to find in their 74 @-@ year absence that apes have taken over the planet . " The Statue of Liberty 's once proud porcelain features have been crudely chiseled into the grotesque likeness of a great grinning ape " .

Schwarzenegger remained attached , but Fox had mixed emotions with Hamm 's script . When Columbus dropped out in late 1995 to work on Jingle All the Way , Fox offered the director 's position to Roland Emmerich in January 1996 . James Cameron was in talks during the filming of Titanic as writer and producer . Cameron 's version would have drawn elements from the original film and its sequel Beneath the Planet of the Apes . After the financial and critical success of Titanic , Cameron dropped out . After learning about his previous involvement , Chernin and Rothman met with Peter Jackson to learn about his original Renaissance idea . Jackson turned down directing the film with Schwarzenegger and Cameron as his producer , recognizing they would probably conflict over the direction . Schwarzenegger left to work on Eraser . Michael Bay then turned down the director 's position . Jackson again turned down the project while facing the possible cancellation of

The Lord of the Rings in 1998 , because he was unenthusiastic following Roddy McDowall 's death . In mid @-@ 1999 , the Hughes brothers were interested in directing but were committed to From Hell .

= = = Pre @-@ production = = =

In 1999 , William Broyles , Jr. turned down the chance to write the script , but decided to sign on " when I found out I could have an extensive amount of creative control " . Fox projected the release date for July 2001 , while Broyles sent the studio an outline and a chronicle of the fictional planet " Aschlar " . Entitled The Visitor and billed as " episode one in the Chronicles of Aschlar " , Broyles ' script caught the attention of director Tim Burton , who was hired in February 2000 . " I wasn 't interested in doing a remake or a sequel of the original Planet of the Apes film , " Burton said later . " But I was intrigued by the idea of revisiting that world . Like a lot of people , I was affected by the original film . I wanted to do a ' re @-@ imagining ' . " Richard D. Zanuck signed on as producer in March . " This is a very emotional film for me . I greenlighted the original Apes when I was the head of Fox in 1967 . "

Under Burton 's direction , Broyles wrote another draft , but his script was projected at a \$ 200 million budget . Fox wanted to cut it to \$ 100 million . In August 2000 , two months before principal photography , Fox brought Lawrence Konner and Mark Rosenthal for rewrites . Broyles " had a lot of respect with the work they [Konner and Rosenthal] did . And to think that given what I 'd done and given what Tim wanted , they navigated the right course . " One of the considered endings had Leo Davidson crash @-@ landing at Yankee Stadium , witnessing apes playing baseball . Various alternatives were considered before the filmmakers decided on the final one . The production of Planet of the Apes was a difficult experience for Burton . This was largely contributed by Fox 's adamant release date (July 2001) , which meant that everything from pre @-@ production to editing and visual effects work was rushed .

Konner and Rosenthal were rewriting the script even as sets were being constructed . Ari , Helena Bonham Carter 's character , was originally a princess . She was changed to " a Senator 's daughter with a liberal mentality " . One of the drafts had General Thade , Tim Roth 's character , as an albino gorilla , but Burton felt chimpanzees were more frightening . Limbo , Paul Giamatti 's character " was supposed to turn into a good guy . There was supposed to be this touching personal growth thing at the end , " Giamatti reflected . " But Tim [Burton] and I both thought that was kind of lame so we decided to just leave him as a jerk into the end . "

= = = Filming = = =

Burton wanted to begin filming in October 2000 , but it was pushed back to November 6 , 2000 and ended in April 2001 . Filming for Planet of the Apes began at Lake Powell , where parts of the original film were shot . Due to a local drought , production crews had to pump in extra water . The film was mostly shot at Sony Pictures Studios in Culver City , California , while other filming locations included lava plains in Hawaii and Trona Pinnacles at Ridgecrest . To preserve secrecy , the shooting script did not include the ending . Stan Winston was the original makeup designer but left because of creative differences . Fox considered using computer @-@ generated imagery to create the apes , but Burton insisted on using prosthetic makeup designed by Rick Baker . Baker was previously involved with Adam Rifkin 's unproduced remake . Burton commented , " I have a relationship with both of them [Winston and Baker] , so that decision was hard , " he says . " Stan worked on Edward Scissorhands and Baker did Martin Landau 's makeup [as Béla Lugosi in Ed Wood] " .

On his hiring , Baker explained , " I did the Dino De Laurentiis version of King Kong in 1976 and was always disappointed because I wasn 't able to do it as realistically as I wanted . I thought Apes would be a good way to make up for that . " In addition to King Kong , Baker previously worked with designing ape makeup on Greystoke : The Legend of Tarzan , Lord of the Apes , Gorillas in the Mist : The Story of Dian Fossey , and the 1998 remake of Mighty Joe Young . The makeup took 4 @. @ 5

hours to apply and 1 @. @ 5 hours to remove . Burton explained , " it 's like going to the dentist at two in the morning and having people poke at you for hours . Then you wear an ape costume until nine at night . " Burton was adamant that the apes should be substantially " more animal @-@ like ; flying through trees , climb walls , swing out of windows , and go ape shit when angry . " For a month and a half before shooting started , the actors who portrayed apes attended " ape school " . Industrial Light & Magic , Rhythm and Hues Studios and Animal Logic were commissioned for the visual effects sequences . Rick Heinrichs served as the production designer and Colleen Atwood did costume design .

To compose the film score , Burton hired regular collaborator Danny Elfman , who had previously been set as composer when Adam Rifkin was to do his remake in 1989 . Elfman noted that his work on Planet of the Apes contained more percussion instruments than usual .

During filming , Roth held a grudge against Heston due to his work with the National Rifle Association : " It was very difficult for me . On one level , there 's the man and he 's my dad . But on the other level , the whole NRA thing is what it is now . I 'm so against it , very vocally so . But it was inappropriate for the workplace . If I 'm going to talk to him , I 'll talk to him outside the workplace . So it was just two guys in makeup doing a scene . " Roth later claimed he would not have appeared in the film had he known he would be sharing a scene with Heston .

= = Reaction = =

= = = Box office = = =

To help market Planet of the Apes , Fox commissioned an Internet marketing campaign that also involved geocaching . Hasbro released a toy line , while Dark Horse Comics published a comic book adaptation . The original release date for the film was July 4 , 2001 . Planet of the Apes was released on July 27 , 2001 in 3 @, @ 500 theaters across North America , earning \$ 68 @, @ 532 @, @ 960 in its opening weekend . This was the second @-@ highest opening weekend of 2001 , behind Harry Potter and the Philosopher 's Stone . The film went on to gross \$ 180 @, @ 011 @, @ 740 in North America and \$ 182 @, @ 200 @, @ 000 elsewhere , for a worldwide total of \$ 362 @, @ 211 @, @ 740 . Planet of the Apes was the tenth @-@ highest @-@ grossing film in North America , and ninth @-@ highest worldwide , of 2001 .

= = = Critical reception = = =

Based on 156 reviews collected by the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes , 45 % of the critics gave Planet of the Apes positive reviews , with the site 's consensus stating : " This remake of Planet of the Apes can 't compare to the original in some critics ' minds , but the striking visuals and B @-@ movie charms may win you over . " By comparison , Metacritic calculated an average score of 50 out of 34 reviews , indicating " mixed or average reviews . " Prominent critic Roger Ebert of the Chicago Sun @-@ Times gave the film 2 ½ stars ; he praised the twist ending , but felt the film lacked a balanced story structure . " The movie is great @-@ looking . Rick Baker 's makeup is convincing even in the extreme closeups , and his apes sparkle with personality and presence . The sets and locations give us a proper sense of alien awe , " Ebert commented . " Tim Burton made a film that 's respectful to the original , and respectable in itself , but that 's not enough . Ten years from now , it will be the 1968 version that people are still renting . " Peter Travers of Rolling Stone gave a negative review . " Call it a letdown , worsened by the forces of shoddy screenwriting . To quote Heston in both films , ' Damn them , damn them all ' . "

Kenneth Turan of the Los Angeles Times believed " the actors in the nonhuman roles are mostly too buried by makeup to make strong impressions . Unfortunately , none of the good work counts as much as you 'd think it would , " Turan said . " Planet of the Apes shows that taking material too seriously can be as much of a handicap as not taking it seriously at all . " Elvis Mitchell of The New York Times gave a more favorable review , feeling the script was balanced and the film served its

purpose as " pure entertainment " . Susan Wloszczyna of USA Today enjoyed Planet of the Apes , feeling most of the credit should go to prosthetic makeup designer Rick Baker .

Much criticism was leveled against the ambiguous ending . Tim Roth , who portrayed General Thade , said " I cannot explain that ending . I have seen it twice and I don 't understand anything . " Helena Bonham Carter , who played Ari , said , " I thought it made sense , kind of . I don 't understand why everyone went , ' Huh ? ' It 's all a time warp thing . He 's gone back and he realizes Thade 's beat him there . " Although the ending was ambiguous , it was closer to the ending of the actual Pierre Boulle book than was the ending of the 1968 Charlton Heston movie version . In the first of two twist endings of the Pierre Boulle book , the astronaut escapes back to planet Earth , only to be greeted by a gorilla in a jeep on the landing strip . Burton claimed the ending was not supposed to make any sense , but it was more of a cliffhanger to be explained in a possible sequel . " It was a reasonable cliffhanger that could be used in case Fox or another filmmaker wanted to do another movie , " he explained .

The film was nominated for two BAFTA Awards , one for Best Make @-@ up held by Rick Baker , the other for Best Costume Design . Roth (Supporting Actor) , Bonham Carter (Supporting Actress) , Colleen Atwood (Costume) , and Rick Baker (Make @-@ up) received nominations at the Saturn Awards . Atwood and Baker were nominated at the 55th British Academy Film Awards , while music composer Danny Elfman was nominated for his work at the 43rd Grammy Awards . Planet of the Apes won Worst Remake at the 22nd Golden Raspberry Awards , while Heston (Worst Supporting Actor) and Estella Warren (Worst Supporting Actress) also won awards .

= = = Legacy = = =

Fox stated that if Planet of the Apes was a financial success , then a sequel would be commissioned . Although the film was indeed a financial success , Fox decided not to proceed with a sequel . When asked whether he would be interested in working on a follow @-@ up , director Tim Burton replied , " I 'd rather jump out a window . " Mark Wahlberg and Helena Bonham Carter would have returned if Burton had decided to make another Apes film . Paul Giamatti had been interested in reprising his role . " I think it 'd be great to have apes driving cars , smoking cigars , " Giamatti said . " Wearing glasses , sitting in a board room , stuff like that . " Planet of the Apes was the last film Burton worked on with his former fiancée Lisa Marie . After their relationship broke up , Burton started a relationship with Helena Bonham Carter , who portrayed Ari . Planet of the Apes was also Burton 's first collaboration with producer Richard D. Zanuck .

Fox returned to the Planet of the Apes franchise in 2011 with Rise of the Planet of the Apes , a reboot of the series that proved to be a hit and led to its own sequels .

= = Video game = =

In 1998 , after 20th Century Fox had greenlit James Cameron 's version of the film remake , the company 's video game division , Fox Interactive , started planning a video game tie @-@ in . The film project went on hold when Cameron pulled out , but Fox Interactive remained confident a remake would progress eventually and continued with the game . Fox contracted French company Visiware as developer ; with the film on hold , the creators developed their own story inspired by Boulle 's novel and the original films . The game is an action @-@ adventure in which the player controls astronaut Ulysses after he crashes on the Planet of the Apes . The game was developed for PC and PlayStation .

The game experienced serious delays due to setbacks with the film project and Fox Interactive 's decision to co @-@ publish with a third party . Despite its long development , the game missed the debut of Burton 's film . Fox Interactive and co @-@ publisher Ubisoft finally released the PC version on September 20 , 2001 ; the PlayStation version followed on August 22 , 2002 . The game received mostly negative reviews .

Additionally , Ubisoft and developer Torus Games produced a substantially different Planet of the Apes game for Game Boy Advance and Game Boy Color . It is a side @-@ scroller following the

first two films ; the player controls astronaut Ben on the Planet of the Apes . The Game Boy versions received average reviews .