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## [The Monster And the Ape](#)

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In 1946, the serial (aka chapterplays, cliffhangers) industry was in a wind-down. But those come-back-next-week grade B thrillers weren't entirely done for. That was the year that "The Monster and the Ape" been its weekly titillation of young, adventuresome matinee viewers, each episode ending with the expected how-will-the-good-guy(s)-ever-survive cliffhanger to keep 'em coming back. Robotics and a murderous simian – not to mention technological theft and other shenanigans – are the central thrill-makers for this chapterplay. When the brand-spanking new Metalogen Man (a big, doofy-creepy looking robot) is stolen and a trio of scientists are murdered by a trained ape named Thor, the robot's creator sets out on a quest to find the robot, the big ape and the evil professor behind the crimes. This leads him through 15 chapters of low budget nonsense. Of course, these serials were never (at least that I'm aware of) A-grade stuff. Honestly, they're more on an Ed Wood level, at least a lot of them. But, hell, these were part of the package with the Saturday morning kiddie crowd down at the local theater. Newsreels and cartoons, the feature presentation – and a serial, of course! The Monster and the Ape may be terminally silly but that – and the crazy continuity-disregarding cheats that kept characters alive after certain death at the end of each chapter – is why fans of vintage cinema come to these. (Though I guess nostalgia plays a role in that, too). Luckily, "The Monster and the Ape" has found a perfect DVD home with Cheezy Flicks.

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