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Welcome to Third Earth, Thunderfans! In this issue you can read the third part of the fantastic **Bad Playmates** story, in which Snarf notices something strange about the Thunderkittens. Then there's the first part of **Invasion!** The Berserkers are on the rampage, and they're after the Thundercats! Not only that, but this fun-packed issue also has a colouring page and a full-colour poster for you to put on the wall of your Lair! What more could you possibly ask for?



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BAD PLAYMATES

After an eventful party with the Nai People, the Thundercats return to Cats' Lair, to be welcomed by Wilykat and Wilykit. Yet there is something suspicious about these Thunderkittens, as Snarf points out...







CHEETARA'S RIGHT, LION-O!
THUNDERCATS *NEVER* PAY
RANSOM!

WE SHOULD SAVE
OUR HONOUR AND
FIGHT!



S-S-SLITHE IS RUTHLESS...
HE'S CAPABLE OF ANYTHING...

WE CANNOT RISK
THE LIVES OF THE
THUNDERKITTENS!



I SAY WE
ATTACK!

BESIDES, LION-O, WHERE
WOULD WE GET THAT MANY
MOONQUAKE DIAMONDS?

WE HAVE THAT MANY
DIAMONDS IN OUR
TREASURY... ONLY
PROBLEM IS, THEY
DON'T BELONG TO
US.



DON'T BELONG TO US?



THE WARRIOR
MAIDENS BROUGHT THE
DIAMONDS TO US FOR
SAFEKEEPING...

DEEPLY TROUBLED, THE LEADER OF
THE THUNDERCATS SEARCHES FOR
AN ANSWER...

UNAWARE THAT THE KINDLY
SPIRIT OF JAGA HOVERS AT
HIS SIDE...

DO I DARE RISK THE
LIVES OF KIT AND KAT
IN A BLIND ATTACK?

DO I DARE RISK THE TREASURE OF
THE WARRIOR MAIDENS TO PAY THE
RANSOM?

JAGA WOULD KNOW
WHAT TO DO, BUT HE
ALWAYS LETS ME
FIND MY OWN
ANSWER...







NEXT:

JUST DESSERTS!

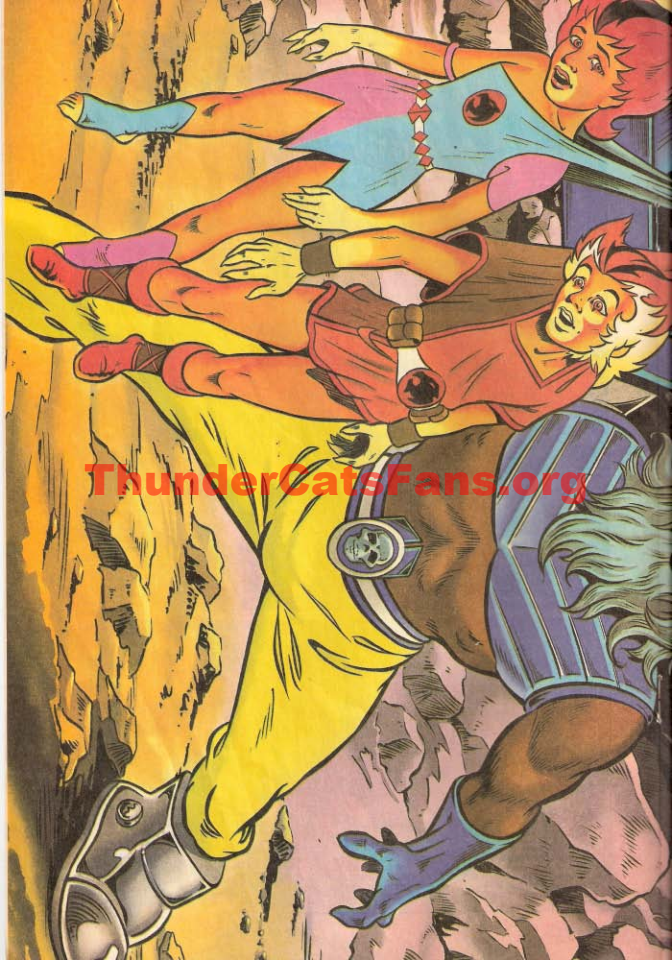
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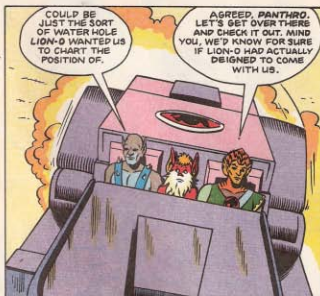




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THIRD EARTH - AND THREE THUNDERCATS CARRY OUT A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION IN THE THUNDERTANK...



INVASION!

PART ONE



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"I THINK I CAUGHT THE LEADER'S NAME AS HE STOOD OVER ME. SOMETHING LIKE --"



HAMMERHAND, LASSIE. AND IT'S A NAME YOU'D BEST REMEMBER!

'COURSE, YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN INTRODUCED TO TOP SPINNER HERE. HAVEN'T YOU? HAR, HAR!



WHAT MANNER OF CREATURES ARE YOU?!

US? SOME CALL US PIRATES, SOME CYBORGS. OTHERS JUST BERSERKERS. SOON ALL WILL CALL US MASTERS!

UNTIL NOW MY RACE HAS LEFT THESE LANDS UNTOUCHED.



THE REPUTATION OF ITS PROTECTORS - YOU THUNDERCATS - KEPT US AT BAY, BUT ME! THREE SHIPMATES AND I THOUGHT THAT IF YOU COULD BE CAPTURED AND PARADED IN THE BERSERKER HOMELANDS, THERE'D BE NO MORE RESERVATIONS ABOUT AN INVASION... LED BY ME FOUR, 'A COURSE!



LION-O, YOU'RE OUR AND THIRD EARTH'S ONLY CHANCE. I JUST HOPE YOU'RE KEEPING YOUR WITS ABOUT YOU!



BUT... YAWWW. AH, IT'S FINALLY FINISHED.

I'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT SOLIDLY FOR TWO DAYS NOW.

NO WONDER I'M SO TIRED!







HEH, THOUGH WE HAVE BEEN ENEMIES IN THE PAST, IT'S TIME WE PUT ASIDE OUR DIFFERENCES AND FOUGHT **TOGETHER** - AGAINST A FAR GREATER ENEMY - THE BERSERKERS!



SET ME FREE, LION-O, AND I'LL TELL YOU WHERE YOUR FRIENDS ARE TO BE FOUND.

YOU'VE BEEN A THORN IN MY SIDE FOR YEARS, MUTANT. DO YOU REALLY EXPECT ME TO SET YOU FREE?



THAT'S THE DEAL, LION-O. IF YOU DON'T FREE ME YOU'LL NEVER SEE YOUR THUNDER-CAT CRONES AGAIN!

WHAT DO I DO? DARE I TRUST HIM? I CAN'T USE THE EYE'S POWER AGAIN SO SOON, SO HE'S MY ONLY CHANCE OF FINDING THE OTHERS.



THIS IS THE END, S-S-SLITHE...

...OF YOUR CAPTIVITY!



BUT IF YOU'RE LYING, I'LL FIND YOU AGAIN AND YOU'LL WISH YOU'D STAYED A PRISONER! THAT'S NOT A DEAL. THAT'S A **PROMISE!**



ULP!

TH-THEY'RE BEING HELD ON A SECOND PIRATE GALLEON, MOORED IN THE NEXT COVE. I OVERHEARD THE BERSERKERS SAY THEY WERE GOING TO PICK UP MORE CARGO!



GO THEN, S-S-SLITHE, BUT REMEMBER- THAT HAD BETTER HAD BEEN THE TRUTH!

OH, IT WAS, LION-O... EVERY SINGLE WORD!



IF S-S-SLITHE'S TO BE BELIEVED, THEY'RE JUST AROUND THAT HEADLAND.

HMM, I THINK I'LL ARRANGE A BACK-UP BEFORE I SET OFF.



SHORTLY...

WE'RE READY TO SET SAIL, HAMMERHAND.

GOOD. RIGHT THEN, THUNDERCATS- ONE LAST LOOK AT THE LAND YOU PROTECTED FOR SO LONG AFORE WE HEADS FOR OPEN SEA!



THERE IT IS... AND THERE ARE THE THUNDERCATS! HMM, THEY'RE HEADING THIS WAY, THE FRONT SECTION OF THE DECK SHOULD PASS RIGHT BENEATH ME.



AND ONE GOOD LEAP SHOULD TAKE ME RIGHT...



THROUGH IT?





YOU FELL FOR THAT ONE, DIDN'T YOU, ME HEARTY. IT'S A FALSE DECK - MADE OF BRITTLE WOOD...



...THAT'S ABOUT AS TOUGH AS CATCHING A THUNDERCAT! HAR, HAR! HOIST HIM UP, SHIPMATES!

LION-O TOO! WE'VE BEEN OUT-FOUGHT AND OUT-THOUGHT AT EVERY TURN!



WHAT DID YOU EXPECT, THUNDERCAT? MY BRAINS AND THEIR BRAWN MAKE A LETHAL COMBINATION!

THEN WE WERE RIGHT, YOU HAVE TEAMED-UP WITH THESE PIRATES!



S-S-SLITHE? THEY WANT TO CONQUER THIRD EARTH. YOU'RE MAD IF YOU THINK THEY'LL SHARE IT WITH YOU!

PERHAPS, BUT YOU SEE, THEY OFFERED ME SOMETHING FAR MORE VALUABLE THAN THIRD EARTH. THEY OFFERED ME THIS...



THE SWORD OF OMENS!