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Q. WHAT DO YOU CALL A SEVEN FOOT TALL, 500lb MANIAC SWINGING A RAZOR-SHARP BATTLEAXE? A. Sir! Unless you're prepared for serious trouble, that is. That's the situation facing Lion-O and friends this issue, as they rush to the aid of the Nai, a race of peace loving Third Earth fisherfolk. Terrorising the Nai are a raucous rabble we've met before in **THUNDERCATS;** the Berserkers are mean, ugly, bitter, greedy, vicious and battle crazed – and those are their *good* points! Stand by for knife-edged excitement in part one of *Berserker Rage*! We've a real humdinger of a Mini-Poster this issue, brought to you by Kev Hopgood, artist extraordinaire on our last two covers. It features Lion-O, Tygra and Cheetara from the cover of **THUNDERCATS** 16, and comes requested by *Ian Gallagher* of Fyfe, *Fleur Murray* of Aberfan and *Andrew Fitzherbert* of Egremont, amongst others. We've a double helping of Snarf this issue; as well as hosting *Thunder-Chat*, the world's foremost authority on Berbilfruit hogs the limelight in this week's Fact File. Remember – you were warned! Finally, our current **Power Pack** storyline draws to a watery conclusion in the murky depths of New York's Hudson River. Cousin Kofi's smartship is tracked down at last – unfortunately so are Kofi and Power Pack! Thundercats 23 – there's no bushel big enough to hide our light under!

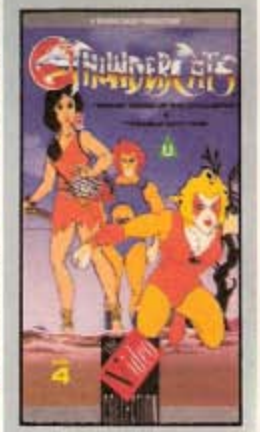
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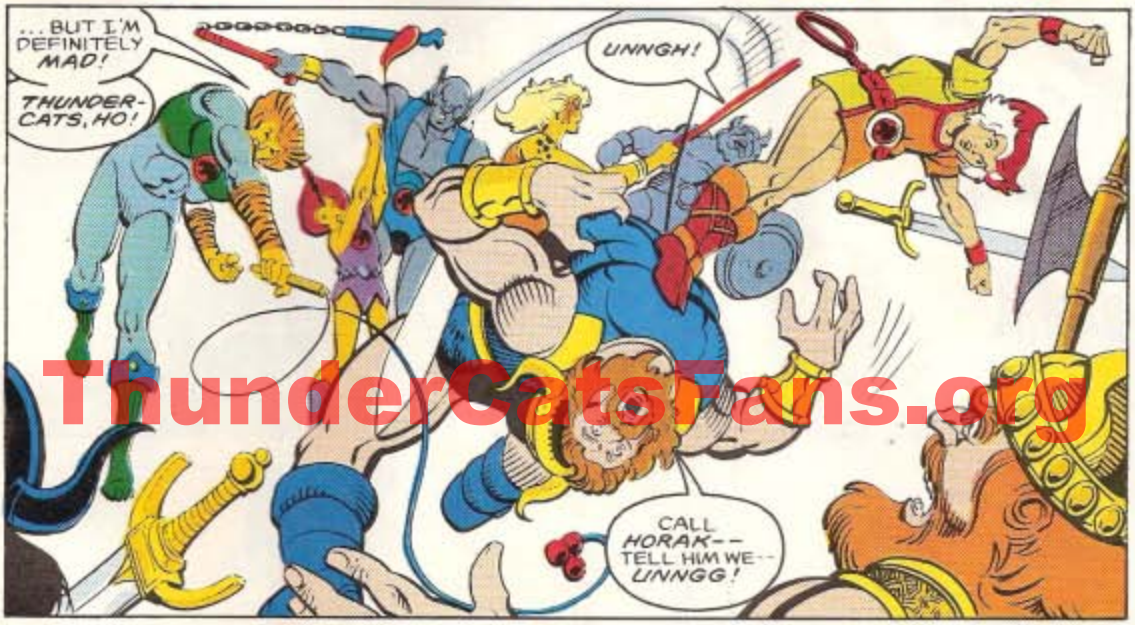
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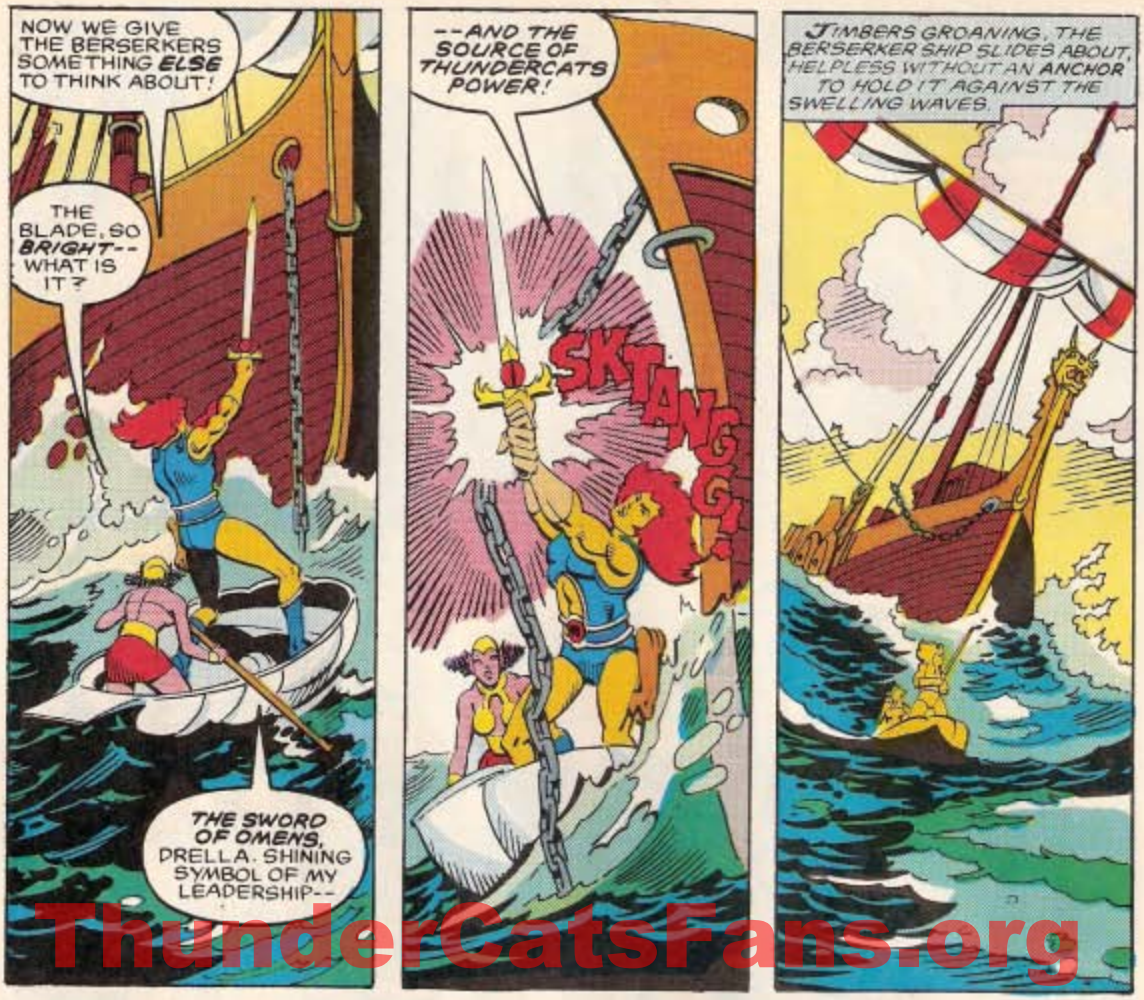




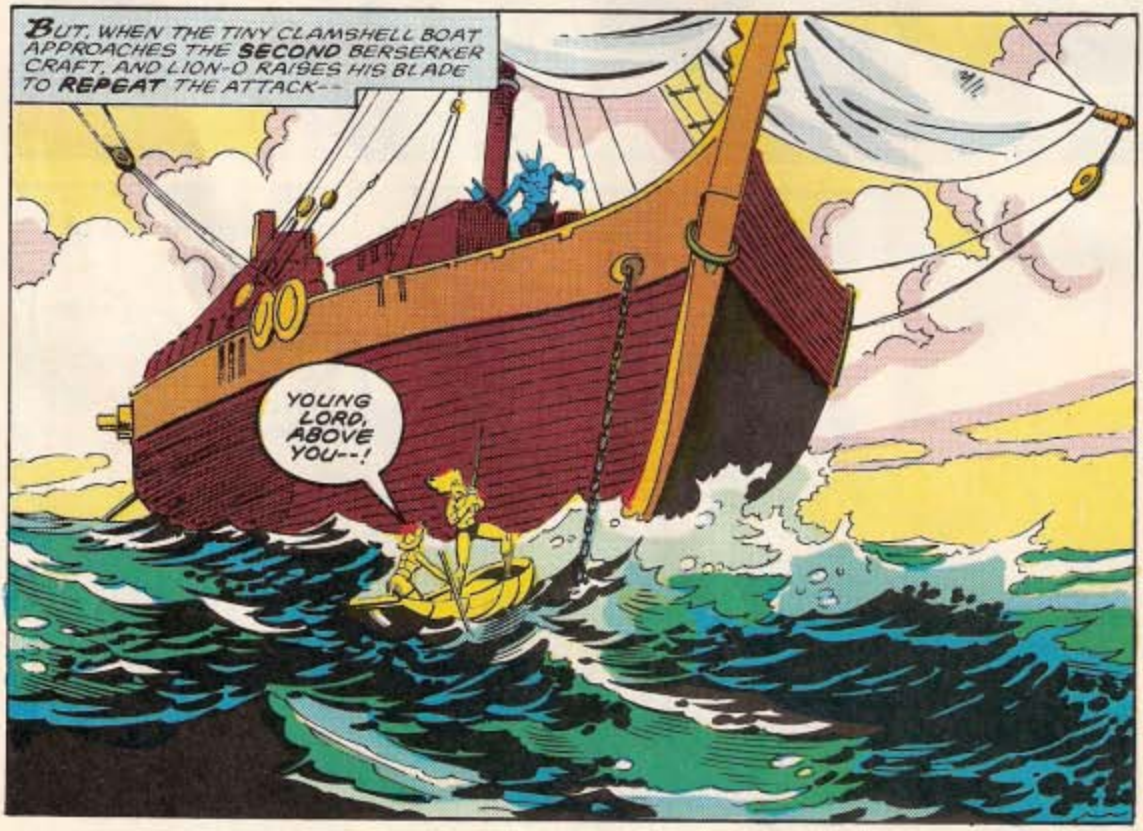


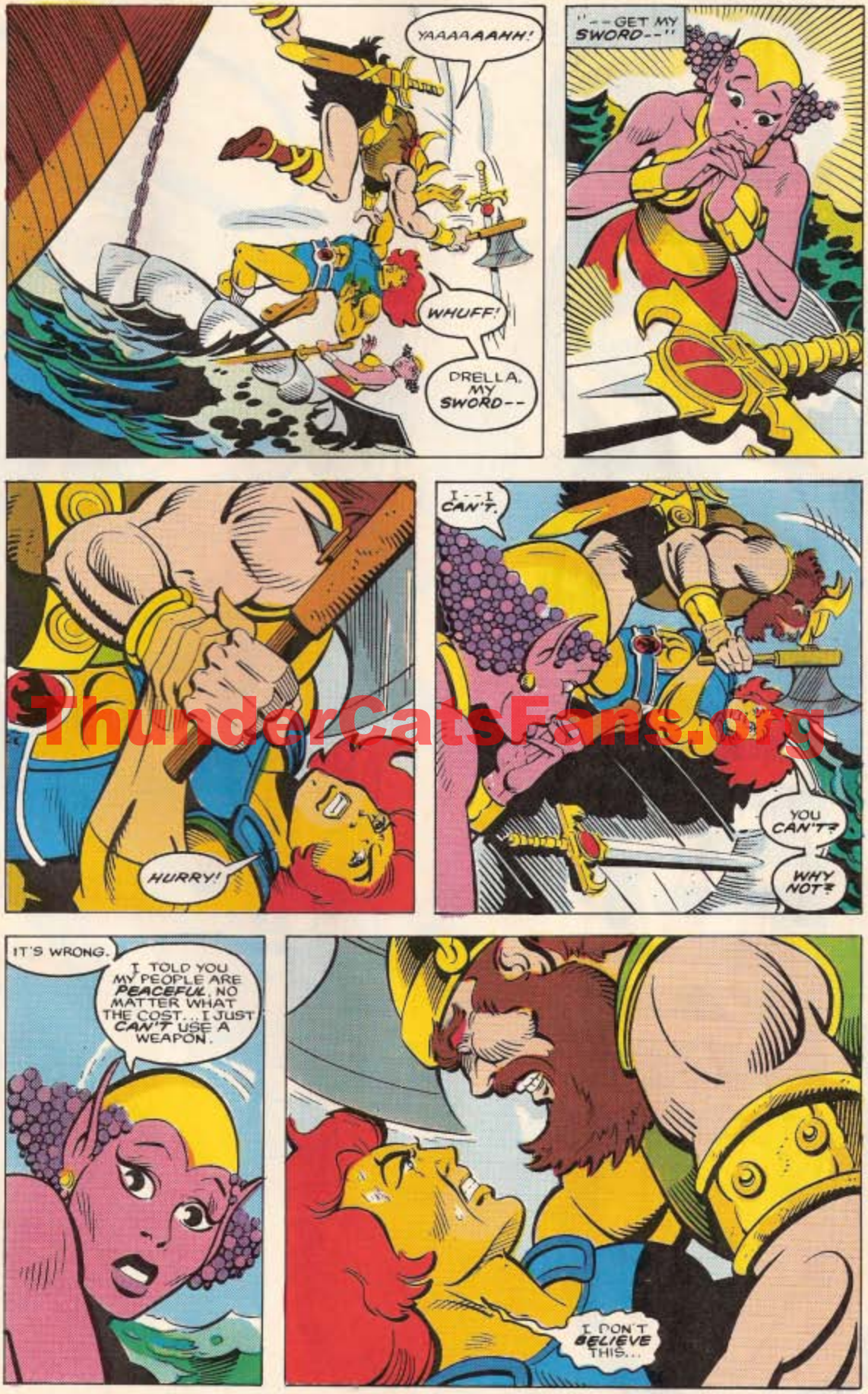
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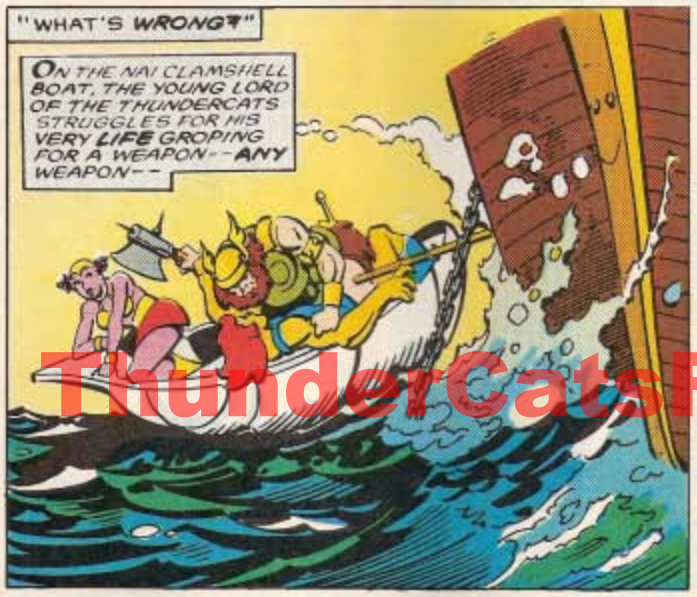
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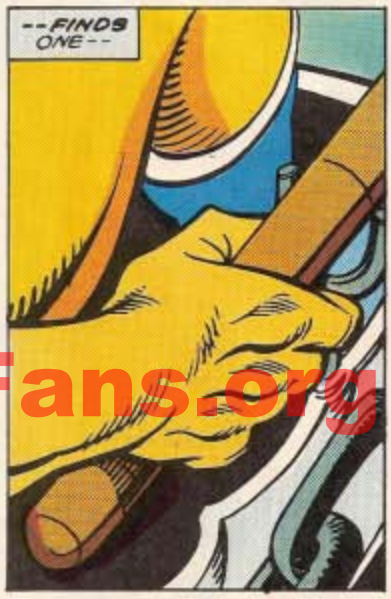


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THUNDER-CHAT

Dear Thunder-Chat,
I would like to ask a few questions:
1. Why doesn't Snarf have a Thundercats symbol?
2. Will the Thundercats TV programme ever come back?
3. Why did Thundera blow up?
Kevin Field
Bradford

1. Because I don't wear a costume, Kevin – and it's kinda difficult to pin a badge on my fur!
2. Yep! Our new series is scheduled for September!
3. As mentioned in issue 8, Thundera drifted out of the sun's orbit, and the enormous gravitational forces generated by this tore our planet apart!
Some days it just doesn't pay to get out of bed!

Dear Snarf,
In reply to your question about why the Thundercats pronounce the DER in ThunDERa differently, I think I have the answer. Is it because cetain 'dumb stubbies' who work on another comic (which shall remain nameless) were responsbile for the Thundercats sticker album? Because of their stupidity, their favourite word is DER (prounced 'DURRH'!) and realising that DER is in Thundera, they always spell it in capitals.
Richard Elsbury
Shrewsbury

An intriguing theory, Richard! But wait a minute... according to my information, 'dumb stubbies' are the low-grade terrestrial life-forms who make all the mistakes in TRANSFORMERS weekly. Surely you're not suggesting that *my* helpers are capable of error?



Jaga
by Bruno Amorelli, Hertfordshire

Dear Snarf,
I noticed that in the Fact File on Panthro, you said that he has red eyes. But in the comic strip, they were blue! It also says that the colour of his hair is grey, but I can't see *any* hair on his head!
Dermott Lavelle
County Fermanagh

For 'hair', read 'fur', Dermott. Panthro is covered in fine, closely growing fur, much like his relative on your home planet, the Panther. And in case you hadn't noticed, it's grey in colour! His eyes really *are* red, which means it's time I treated my terrestrial helpers to a little lesson in colour theory (Now where did I put that stick?).

Dear **THUNDERCATS,**
Could you please send me a map of Third Earth and a plan of the Cats' Lair?
Love Jodie

Sorry Jodie, no can do! But stay tuned for issue 30, when we've a very *special* issue planned – and a map of Third Earth is only part of it!

Dear Snarf,
Here's my Thundercats poem:
Thundercats are the very best,
Fight the evil never rest,
Thunder, Thunder, Thundercats Ho!
Goes my favourite Lion-O,
Lion-O has to use his sword,
To fight off the Mutant horde,
Fighting evil they can't give up,
Thundercats' eyes light up
Paul Kingston
Huddersfield

I'm getting pretty jealous of all this blossoming literary talent on your planet, so I've written a poem of my own:
30 Days have September,
April, June and no wonder,
All the rest have Berbil-fruit jam,
Except for Mumm-Ra who lives in a box.
Snarf! Snarf! Pretty good, eh, Paul?

Paul..?

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NAME: Snarf
PLACE OF BIRTH: The Planet Thundera
HEIGHT: 2'7"
WEIGHT: 63 lbs
EYES: Red
HAIR: Brown, yellow beard

Despite his size Snarf is one of the oldest Thundercats, although his exact age remains a mystery. Like Jaga he has been Lion-O's constant companion since early childhood, and was the young Lord's official nursemaid (Snarf prefers the term 'Guardian') for the first ten years of his life. During this time Snarf lived in Lion-O's ancestral home, the Palace Of Panthera Leo, where he also functioned as the family's official butler (Snarf prefers the term ('Guardian').

Snarf's full name is *Felis Snarfus Lacertilia Felidae,* which in ancient Thunderan dialect means 'Lizard Cat', and he still retains the ribbed, almost reptilian tail of his ancestors. In temperament Snarf seems cautious almost to the point of cowardice, and is always the first to object when Lion-O leads the Thundercats into yet another perilous encounter. However, he is actually brave, resourceful and keenly intelligent, qualities sometimes overlooked by the rest of the Thundercats. Snarf never feels he gets the credit he deserves for his achievements; after all, he *is* the only Thundercat who can recite all 600 pages of 'The Berbilfruit Cookbook' in reverse order. Currently, Snarf acts as official Cats' Lair chef (Snarf prefers the term 'Guardian').

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