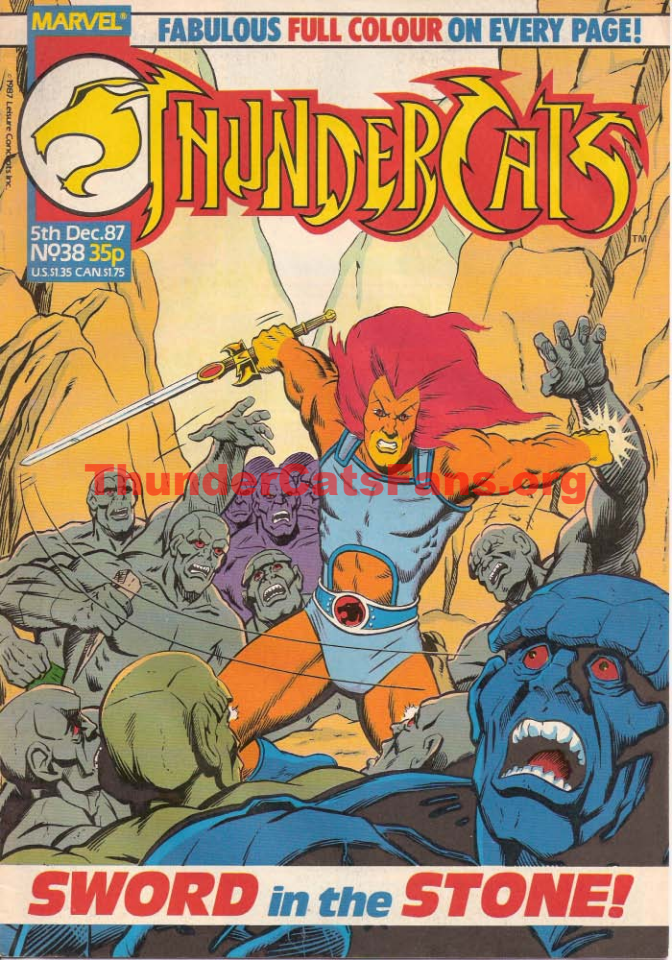


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SWORD in the **STONE!**

THE CATS' LAIR



ALL ABOARD THE BRIDGE OF FRIGHT! The fortunes of Lion-O and Snarf hit rock bottom this issue as, having narrowly escaped the fishy clutches of the fearsome Black Widow Shark on the Bridge of Light, they come face to rockface with a renegade band of Rockmen. The Sword of Omens finds steady employment as the Lord of the Thundercats and his constant companion continue their quest for the mystic Optocrysal – fount of lost knowledge from the planet Thundera. It's a moot point who will reach the crystal first – the Thundercats, the Rockmen, or a mysterious tribe of Cavemen who also seem to have claimed it as their own. Some secrets are best left buried, as we discover in part two of *The Time Capsule*! Our *Mini-Poster* for this week harks back to Lion-O's classic confrontation with Rix, War Commander of the Molemen of Third Earth, and comes highly recommended by Sophie Wale of Battersea and Pippa MacMillan of Fulham. *Power Pack*'s mission of mercy to save Manhattan runs into the odd snag on page 18, despite the intervention of the New Mutants. A dark angel hovers over the doomed city, and as Katie's power is slowly siphoned away, the lights go down from East to West. It's fade to black in part three of *Turning Point*! With a blind alley *Cat and His Cod* on page 24, we're all hoping you'll see your way clear to reading THUNDERCATS 38. But be warned – the jokes don't improve!

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THUNDERCATS ... HO! HO! HO!

Got any plans for Christmas Day? Because once you've torn your way through a respectable mileage of wrapping paper, reduced the Turkey to a shadow of its former golden glory and fallen asleep in front of the TV for a few hours, you could do far worse than shuffle through the sixty four sensational pages of this year's **THUNDERCATS** Annual, currently outshining all competition in newsagents and bookstores everywhere! We've two full-length comic strip adventures for you as we revisit *Siege In Silver And Stone* and *Jaga Quest* from **THUNDERCATS** 1-4, and interspersed with the action is an all-new text story, *Way Back When*, and a liberal smattering of superb Thundercats posters. Almost worth missing the Queen's speech for!

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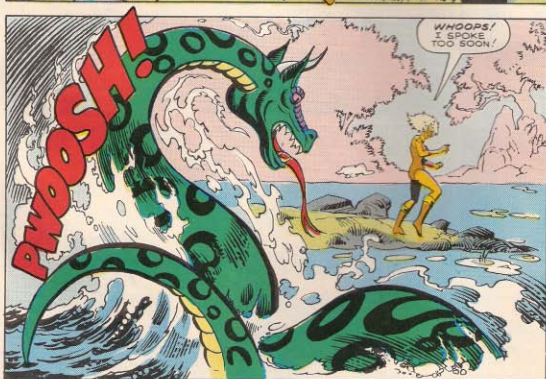
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THE TIME CAPSULE

A trip down memory lane leads Lion-O on a quest for the mystic Optocrystal, an ancient time capsule containing all lost knowledge from the Thundercats' lost planet of Thundera. To locate the crystal Lion-O and Snarf must cross the Bridge of Light. Below, in the River of Despair, waits the deadly Black Widow Shark...



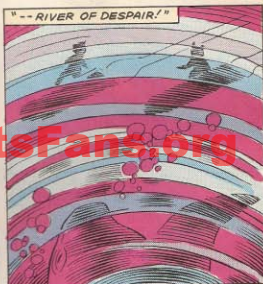




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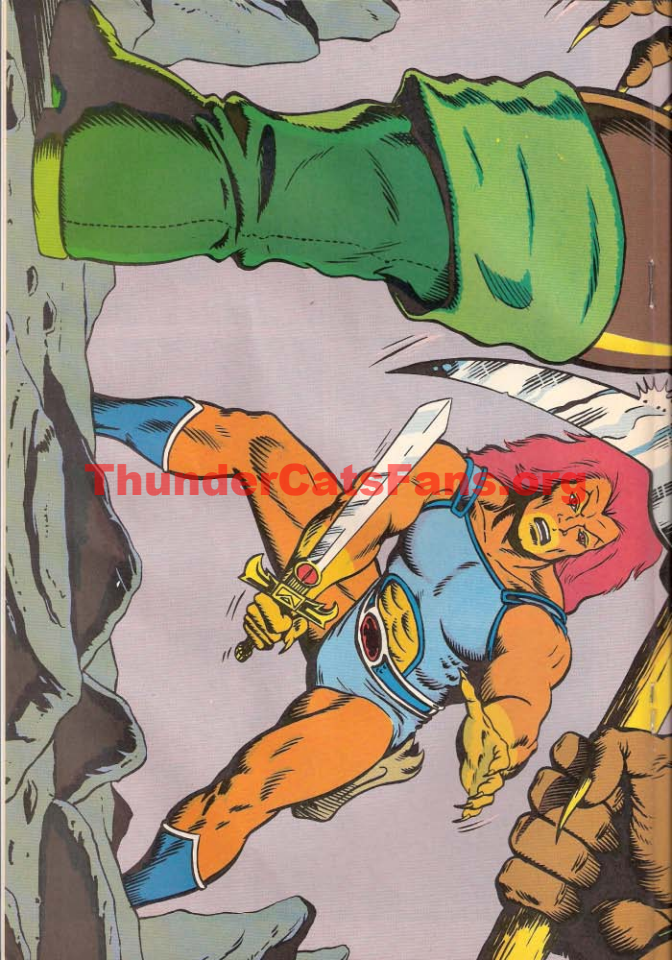
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NEXT:

QUEEN OF EIGHT LEGS!

Snarf! Hi there, Thunderfans! Welcome back to the brand new, squeaky clean *Thunder-Chat* page, featuring more of *Snarf's Swaps*. To place your ad, simply copy out the details of your Swap as they appear below, on the back of a postcard or sealed envelope, and send them to us. Don't send us any of your Swaps though – this is strictly between you Thunderfans!

SNARF'S SWAPS

Wanted: Tygra (full size)

Swap: Mumm-Ra (in mummy figure and full size)

Contact: James Williamson 56 Maplestead Road, Dagenham, Essex RM9 4XT

Wanted: Panthro (good condition)

Swap: Lion-O (good condition)

Contact: Danny Allen, 10 Hawthorn Road, Hillsbrough, Sheffield, N. Yorks.

Dear Snarf,

We're writing to tell you how good your comic is. We also have four questions and one complaint.

- 1) Who is the second fastest Thundercat?
- 2) Which Thundercat can jump the highest?
- 3) If Cheetara married, who would it be?
- 4) Will the Thundercats move to another planet?

Now for the complaint – in your comic, it said that Tygra cannot swim, yet in the cartoon series he swam the moat of Castle Plun-darr.

Timothy Rollason and Andrew Walker, Birmingham

It's amazing what you can do if you try, gents – Tygra can now swim almost as well as the rest of us – but he hasn't given my water wings back yet! As for your questions:

- 1) Lion-O always gets to the table first at mealtimes – but that's probably more greed than speed!
- 2) Dunno – it depends on how loud I shout BOO! Snarf! Snarf!
- 3) Only Cheetara knows the answer to that one!
- 4) Nope!

Dear Lion-O,

I am the world's greatest no. 1 fan of **THUNDERCATS**. I've got every one, because I have them ordered. I sent off for a Mumm-Ra figure in decaying mode, and when it came in the post a few days ago I was absolutely thrilled! Soon I am going to get Willykit. I have got two Thundercats books and cassettes – they are *Exodus* and *Mutant Alliance*. I watch Thundercats every week and record it with my video recorder, and I'm so thrilled that it's back on TV.

Richard Rose, Worcs.

PS: THUNDERCATS ... HO! You, Lion-O, are my favourite character.

Lion-O said thanks, Richard – and I told him not to talk with his mouth full!

Dear Snarf,

I have some questions for you:

- 1) In *Mini-Poster* no. 14 it shows Lion-O hypnotised by Dumm-Ra, but in the story this does not happen. Why?
- 2) In issue 29 you say that to know how to stand on your tail we'd need to get one ourselves. Well I have – I went as you to a fancy dress party. Now HOW?
- 3) A few issues ago you said that there was no Jaga figure in the shops, but in my Thundercats booklet I saw that there was one. Well?

One good thing – every girl in my class is mad on **THUNDERCATS**! When something funny happens you can hear Snarf! Snarf! all over the classroom!

Yours Snarfingly,
Clare Coles

1) It did happen, Clare – which is why Lion-O believed Mumm-Ra to be a fire-breathing dragon in issue 17. Trouble is, we couldn't really show that scene without giving away the ending of the story!

2) Easy, Clare – you just flex your dorsal appendage muscle, count to three and jump!

3) I lied.



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