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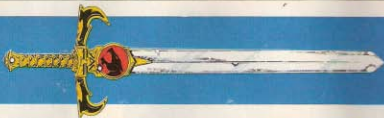
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**DARK
KNIGHT!**

THE CATS' LAIR

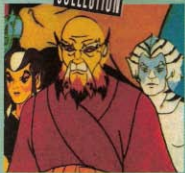


IN DAYS OF OLD, WHEN KNIGHTS WERE BOLD, there existed an enchanted sword to rival even the Sword of Omens. Its name was Excalibur; and since the timelost reign of King Arthur it has lain undisturbed beneath the waters of a mighty lake, guarded by an ancient water goddess. Only the return of King Arthur can release Excalibur from its watery rest... or someone who looks an awful lot like him! That's where Mumm-Ra steps in, in part one of Excalibur! Lest we forget the Mini-Poster, this week's is the cover to THUNDERCATS 36! It's the request of Monica Berling of Strathclyde and Kelvin Hunt of St. Albans, and features Thundercat Panthro and Mutant Monkian in imminent collision! Elsewhere, on page 18, we round off our Thundercats mini-series, *Ghost In The Machine*, with an offer you'll find well-nigh impossible to refuse – because we're giving away no less than 40 Thundercats Computer Games! Go to it – but don't miss page 23, or *One Cat And His Cod* will feel left out! THUNDERCATS 53 – find it before it finds you!

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**THUNDERCATS HO!
THE VIDEO!**

The
Video
COLLECTION



Coming soon in **THUNDERCATS**, we'll be announcing the lucky winners of our **HAIRY YETI! COMPETITION** from issue 41, in which we offered 10 copies of *Thundercats – Ho! The Movie*, courtesy of **The Video Collection**. For those of you who missed out on that one, don't forget that *Thundercats – Ho!* is still out and about on the video circuit – so if you'd like to check out Lynx-O, Pumyra and Bengali, the **NEW** Thundercats, their first adventure is now preserved on tape and waiting for you just about everywhere videos are sold! Other **Video Collection** goodies include volumes 1 – 5 of episodes from the Thundercats animated TV series, and all are £8.99. Rev up those VCR's, you Thunderfans!

**THUNDERCATS 53. COVER
ART MARTIN GRIFFITHS,
COLOUR BY GARY GILBERT**

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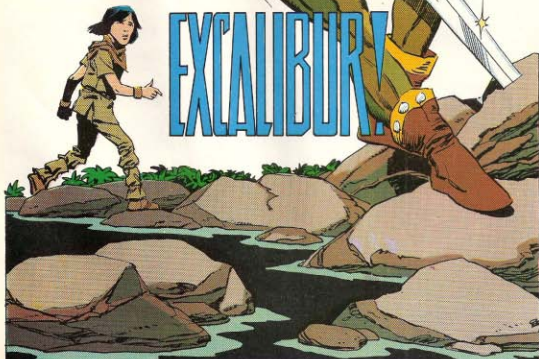
THE SWORD IN THE
STONE...

WHOEVER REMOVES IT
SHALL HAVE POWER
BEYOND POWER...

...THOUSANDS OF THE MIGHTIEST
HAVE TRIED TO GAIN...

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EXCALIBUR!



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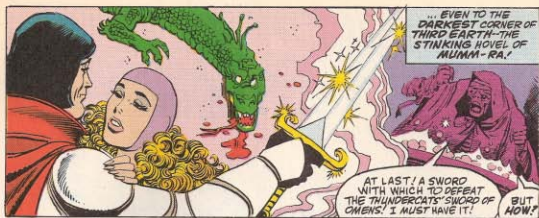


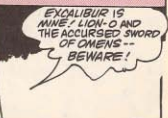
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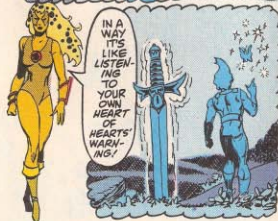
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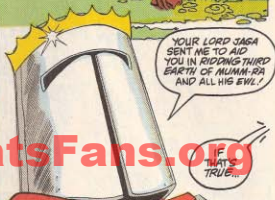
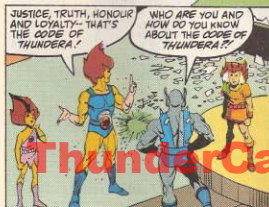


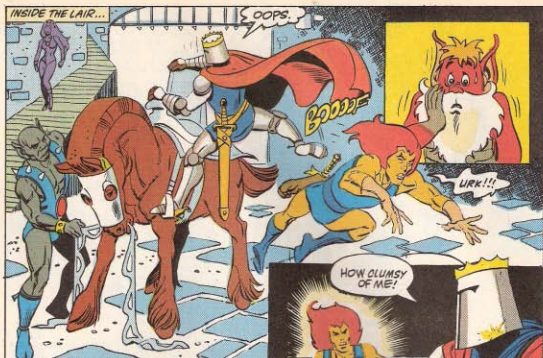


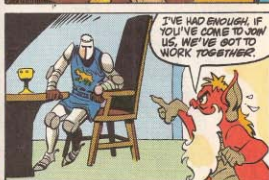
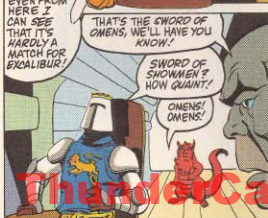










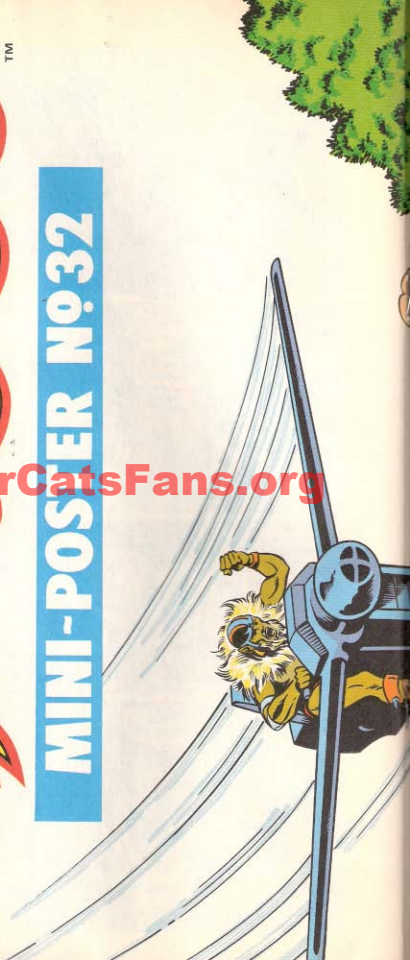




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CLASH OF THE TITANS!

TOP CATS

Best Cover: Issue 26

Best Story: *The Heart Of Xurdimur*

Best Artist: Martin Griffiths

Best Writer: Ian Rimmer

Best Issue: No.43

Top Cats' selections from Melissa Patey of Crowthorne

Best Cover: Issue 39

Best Story: *Friend Or Foe?* Part 1

Best Artist: Stephen Baskerville

Best Writer: Steve Perry

Best Issue: No.42

Top Cats' selections from Paul Truesdale of N.Wales

Dear Snarf,
I think that you are the best Thundercat. Everyone in my family likes you except my brother Simon – he likes Tygra. Even my dog likes you, because when he sees you on television he licks the screen! My Mum likes you because she thinks you are cute and funny and my Dad likes you too. Do you like my picture of you?

Duncan Fraser

Cumbria

Sure do, Duncan! Budding Thunder-artists take note – because next issue, at long, long last, we present the very first *Thunder-Art* page, which features a Cats' Lair gallery of some of the very best drawings we've received from you over the months. So if you'd like to see your own power-packed pencil work in print, just pop it in the post to:

**Thunder-Art,
THUNDERCATS Weekly,
Marvel Comics,
23 Redan Place,
Bayswater,
LONDON W2 4SA**

Go to it – but be sure your *Thunder-Art* is in black ink on plain white paper – it prints better that way! (your dog licks the screen, Duncan? Somehow, that makes me kinda nervous – and so does the next letter...)

Dear *Thunder-Chat*

I think the Thundercats are silly. They are all goody goodies. Mumm-Ra and the Mutants are far better. A dog like Jackalman could win a fight with you, because dogs are stronger than cats.

Ciaran Bannan

Co. Donegal

Love you too, Ciaran! Talking of dogs reminds me of the time we met a motley bunch

of mutts calling themselves the Thunderdogs. They'd come to Third Earth to – but that's another story. Maybe for the next **THUNDERCATS Annual**... As for Jackalman, he was last spotted hiding under a bed in Castle Plundarr with his tail between his legs, whimpering. I don't think he shares your confidence in him...

Dear Snarf,

You are my favourite Thundercat and I love it when you stand on your tail. Who is the most evil between Mumm-Ra and S-S-Slithe? And who were Wilykat and Wilykits' parents?

I enjoy reading **THUNDERCATS**, and I look forward to every new issue.

Dustin Naughton

Transvaal
South Africa

Me too, Dustin! It's a pretty close-run thing between Mumm-Ra and S-S-Slithe in the evil stakes. I couldn't begin to guess who's the most evil – but it's fun watching them try to cheat each other at Snap! The Thunderkittens' parents were Manx and Felina Wily of Catagonia, back on Thundera.



40 ELITE THUNDERCATS COMPUTER GAMES MUST BE WON!

WILL THE REAL LION-O PLEASE STAND UP?

On the next page is the final part of our three-part *Thundercats* mini-series, *Ghost In The Machine*, which features Lion-O and Tygra, trapped in a bizarre computer-generated version of their home planet – Third World! To make matters worse, Third World comes complete with two computer clones of Lion-O, and Tygra themselves! Sorting the computer copy-Cats from the genuine article proves to be no easy task for the ace Thundercats – but here's your chance to help them out...

Pictured below are five Lion-Os. One of them is real – the other four are Third World duplicates – identical in *almost* every detail. An **Elite Thundercats Computer Game** awaits the first 40 Thunderfans to tell us which is which! Is it A, B, C, D, or E? Fill in the entry coupon below, and send it to:

**COPYCATS
THUNDERCATS Comic**
Marvel Comics,
23 Redan Place,
Bayswater,
LONDON W2 4SA

All entries must be in by no later than the 31st of March 1988 – the closing date. And don't forget to specify which format of Computer Game you require!



You don't fool me, **THUNDERCATS!** The real Lion-O is the one in pic. ☐

Name (please print)

Address

Format:

SPECTRUM

AMSTRAD

COMMODORE 64

Cassette ☐

Cassette ☐

Cassette ☐

Disk ☐

Disk ☐

Disk ☐

Rules: This competition is open to all readers in Great Britain, other than employees of Marvel Comics Ltd; Rainbow Toys Ltd; and Elite Systems Ltd; or members of their families. The editor's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Winners will be notified by post and the results published in a future issue of **THUNDERCATS**.

PART THREE

"YOU'LL WAKE UP IN A FEW SECONDS, TYGRA..."

"YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF BACK ON THE REAL THIRD EARTH. INSTEAD OF IN THIS WEIRD, IMPERFECT VERSION OF IT. LOOKING FOR THE STOLEN EYE OF THUNDERA..."

"BEST OF ALL, YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO FACE TWO LION-OS. KNOWING ONLY ONE IS REAL - AND KNOWING NEITHER OF THEM BELIEVES YOU ARE!"

"YOU'VE DONE NOTHING TO CONVINCE ME YOU'RE THE REAL TYGRA!"

"I KNOW I'M REAL. WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THIS FAKE LION-O, UNLESS YOU'RE A FAKE, TOO...?"

"ON THE OTHER HAND... IN A FEW SECONDS, YOU MIGHT NEVER BE ABLE TO WAKE UP AGAIN!"

"I MUST CONVINCE THE REAL LION-O THAT I'M REAL TOO - BEFORE EITHER ONE OF THEM RUNS A SWORD THROUGH ME."

"THEY THINK I'LL SHATTER LIKE GLASS WHEN HIT. SAME AS THE OTHER FAKES. BUT I'M SOLID FLESH AND BONE!"

"I DON'T HAVE TO STAY SOLID! BY USING MY CAMOUFLAGE SKILLS, I CAN DISAPPEAR... AND FIND OUT WHO'S REAL - THE HARD WAY..."

THAK!

YEOWW!

"SORRY, LION-O - BUT A FAKE COULDN'T STAND A PUNCH LIKE THAT! SO OUR FRIEND OVER THERE..."









ONE CAT AND HIS COD

BY IAN RIMMER
AND
NICK ABADZIS

