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LITTLE ARROWS IN YOUR CLOTHING, LITTLE ARROWS IN YOUR HAIR!

The Thundercats run into trouble in the wee small hours of the morning this issue, as a ruthless army of invaders help themselves to a little of what they fancy! Little by little, the Thundercats' food supplies begin to disappear – small wonder, then, that the hunt is soon on to track down the little devil responsible! Little things mean a lot to *The Creatures That Came Before Dawn* on the very next page – but that's enough small talk from us! No *Mini-Poster* this issue – but fret not – we'll be back next week! Usually in this space we'd name-check the Thunderfans who requested the poster; but as we can't do that, we'd just like to give a special mention to Julia Leatherwood of Chelsea in London. Julia is something of a poet – at least, judging by the amount of captivating cat couplets we've received via *Thunder-Chat*. Hope you enjoy this week's story, Julia – read the small print, now! Talking of *Thunder-Chat*, as we dearly love to do, Snarf is back on page 16 with more of the same – and then it's straight back into action on page 18, as we journey beyond the farthest star with the imprisoned *Power Pack*, en route for Snarkworld. Also aboard is the semi-comatose Prince Jakal – and he always wakes up in a bad mood! Dave the cat is equally determined to jet away for parts unknown on page 23 – but with Bjorn the cod along for the ride, it'll be anything but a pleasure cruise! **THUNDERCATS 57** – the world's favourite felines!

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SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

Viewers of LWT's blockbuster **SURPRISE SURPRISE** on Sunday 6th of March may well have seen the prime-time TV debut of Marvel comics! Yep – a couple of weeks earlier, the cameras of LWT arrived with the dawn chorus to film a very surprised Christopher McRoberts, long-time Marvelite and regular reader of **TRANSFORMERS, ACTION FORCE** and, of course, **THUNDERCATS**. Christopher was shown around the office by those well-known Marvel staffers Spider-Man, Spider-Woman and Captain America, with the occasional intrusion by regular **SURPRISE SURPRISE** presenter, Bob Carolgees. Also on hand were Christopher's favourite artist, Geoff Senior, **TRANSFORMERS** writer Simon Furman (presently working with Geoff on the forthcoming **DRAGON'S TEETH** monthly) and our own Mike Collins. Several hours later a still-stunned Christopher left clutching an original piece of Marvel artwork by Mike and Stephen Baskerville, and signed by practically everyone in the building. Cilla couldn't make it – but a lorra lorra fun was had by all!

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The CREATURES THAT CAME BEFORE DAWN

"I was coming to the break of dawn,
when all lay fast asleep
the wind was howling through the trees
in the valley dark and deep..."

ONWARD, BRAVE
WARRIORS! BATTLE
AWAITS — AND
REMEMBER — ANY
WHO WITNESS OUR
ASSAULT MUST BE
DEALT WITH!

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"...a night when ruthless armies
did march as one prepared
to launch a dread offensive..."













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NEXT: DREAM MASTER!



SNARF'S SWAPS



Swap: He-Man, Battlecat, Jitsu

Wanted: Bengali, Grune, Mumm-Ra (full-size, with weapons)

Contact: Melanie Dent, 35 Douglas Road, Caversham, Reading RG4 0B

Swap: Thundercats stickers 118, 160, 173, 198, 175

Wanted: 170, 172, 186, 195, 196

Contact: Victoria Elizabeth Smart, Leoforos Kalistratou, Kalami, Samos, Greece

Swap: Hovercat

Wanted: Jaga

Contact: Shaun Williams, 23 Holdcroft Road, Rucknall, Stoke On Trent, Staffs ST2 8LJ

Swap: Mumm-Ra (Mummy form)

Wanted: Willykat, or the Mad Bubbler

Contact: 46 Park Road Ashington, Northumberland NE63 8AF



Dear Snarf

I like **THUNDERCATS** very much. I used to buy *He-Man* comic, but once when I went to get it, it wasn't there, so I bought **THUNDERCATS** instead. I have been buying it ever since!

Louise Wattis
Birmingham

P.S. Most of my friends at school think **THUNDERCATS** is for boys, not girls. Is this true?

Nope.



Dear Snarf

Please will you tell me what yours and Lion-O's weaknesses are? I've been dying to know.

Lance Farr
Herefordshire

Lion-O's only weakness is his impetuosity, Lance. He's not a bad boy, but he never listens to old Snarf! As for me, I've got terrible pins and needles all down my tail just now. Must be the cold weather...



Dear Snarf

I would like to ask you some questions:

- 1) Is Mumm-Ra always evil, or was he ever good?
- 2) Is it true Mumm-Ra is bald?

Niall Hackett
Co. Tipperary

1) Mumm-Ra has been a well and truly evil piece of work since he turned his nanny into a

pillar of salt, Niall – and that was a looong time ago!

2) Yep – bald as a Reptilian egg. Mumm-Ra tried weaving himself a mystical hairpiece some two hundred years ago – but it refused to stay on his head, and was last spotted whimpering in a darkened corner of the Onyx Pyramid...



Dear Snarf

I have four questions to ask you:

- 1) Is Bengali Tygra's brother?
- 2) Who is the strongest Thundercat?
- 3) Will you be having competitions in your comic?
- 4) Will you be having a Thundercats club?

Richard Whan
Herts

1) He is indeed, Richard – and you'll be meeting him quite soon!

2) Usually Panthro – but sometimes the Sword of Omens gives Lion-O the advantage.

3) Sure will, Richard! Stay tuned – because in a few issues time, we'll be telling you how to win your very own Mutant Fistpounder!

4) Yes indeedy – stay tuned for that, too!



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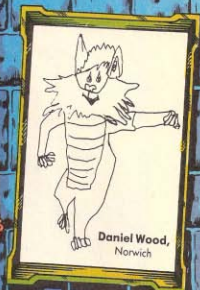
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Christopher Nicholls, Ramsey



Daniel Wood,
Norwich



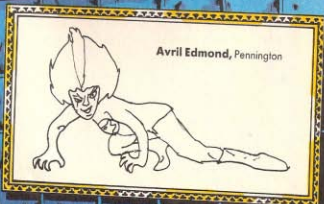
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