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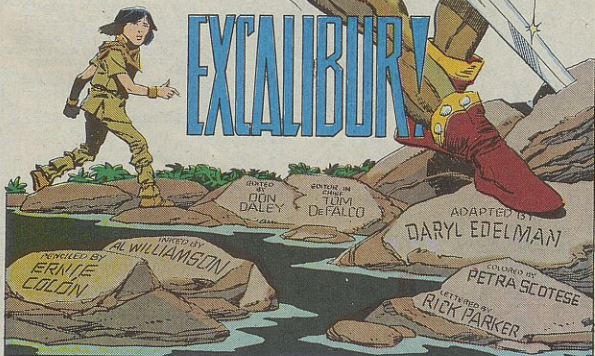
THUNDERCATS

THE SWORD IN THE
STONE...

WHOEVER REMOVES IT
SHALL HAVE POWER
BEYOND POWER...

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

EXCALIBUR!



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THEY HAVE TRIED...

GAAAAA!

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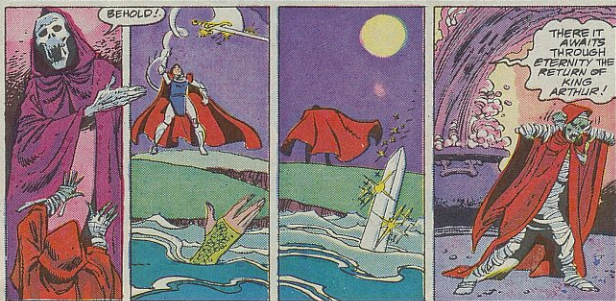
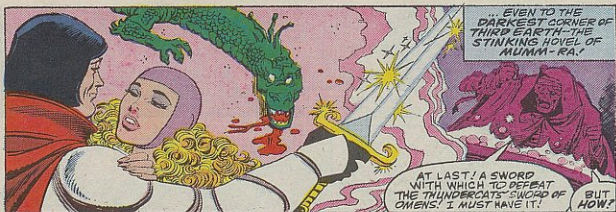
NOW, WITH GOODPOWER
EVERLASTING--GO FORTH,
MY KING!

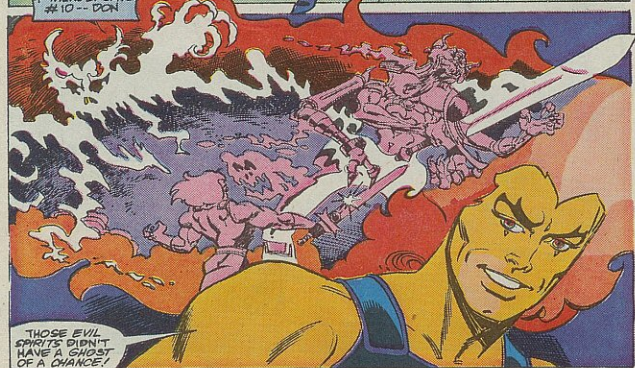
A comic book panel showing a man with long dark hair, wearing a brown tunic and a brown armband, lying on his back in a body of water. He is holding a golden scepter with a starburst at the top. A speech bubble above him says "MERLIN THE MAGICIAN!". The water is blue with white foam, and there are several large, dark, irregular shapes floating in it. The background is a solid blue color.



AND THE GLORY OF GOOD ARTHUR AND EXCALIBUR SPREAD AS LEGEND... EVERYWHERE..

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ARTHUR AND EXCALIBUR
SPREAD AS LEGEND... EVERYWHERE...









WHAT'S
GONE ON OUT
HERE? WHO
ARE YOU?



INSOLENT BOY! IS
THAT A GREETING TO
ONE WHO HAS JOURNEYED
THROUGH TIME TO FIGHT
FOR JUSTICE, TRUTH,
HONOR AND
LOYALTY?!



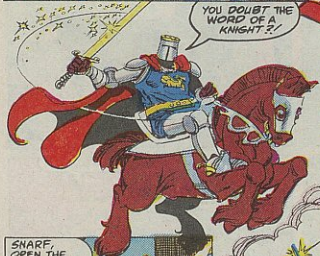
JUSTICE, TRUTH, HONOR
AND LOYALTY-- THAT'S
THE CODE OF
THUNDERA!

WHO ARE YOU AND
HOW DO YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE CODE OF
THUNDERA?!



YOUR LORD JAGA
SENT ME TO AID
YOU IN RIDDING THIRD
EARTH OF MUMM-RÄ
AND ALL HIS EWL!

IF
THAT'S
TRUE...



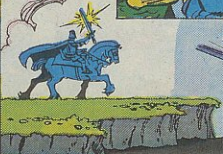
YOU DOUBT THE
WORD OF A
KNIGHT?!



I DIDN'T MEAN TO OFFEND
YOU-- WE'D WELCOME ANYONE
WHO WILL FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE
WITH THE THUNDERCATS!
ESPECIALLY SOMEONE
KNOWN TO LORD JAGA--

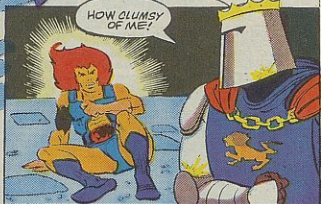
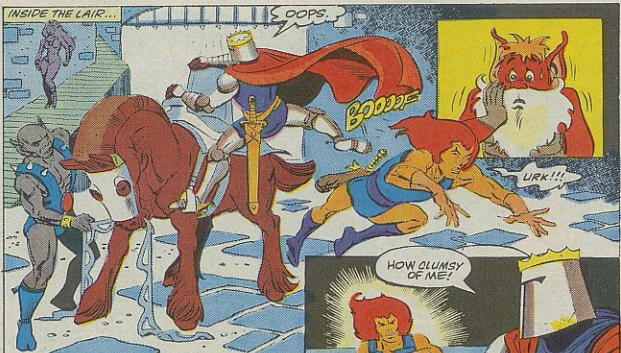


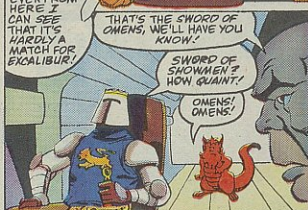
SNARF,
OPEN THE
DRAWBRIDGE!

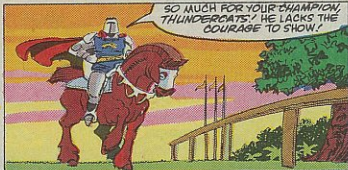


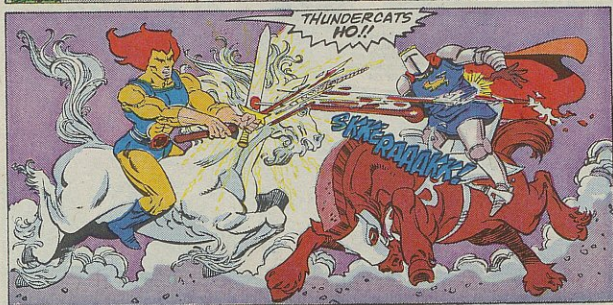
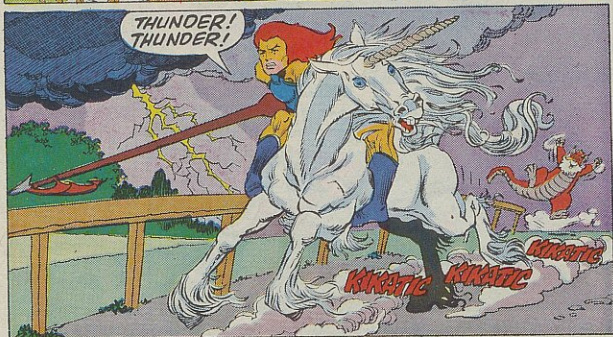
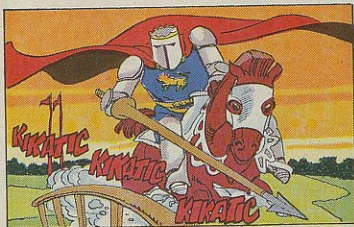
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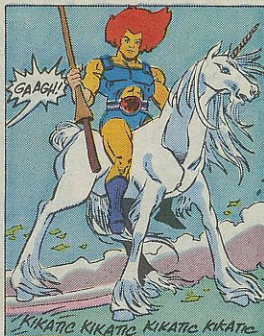
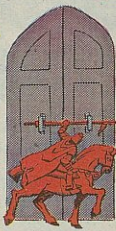
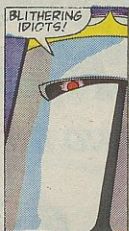
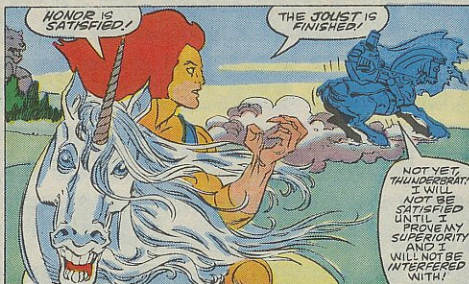


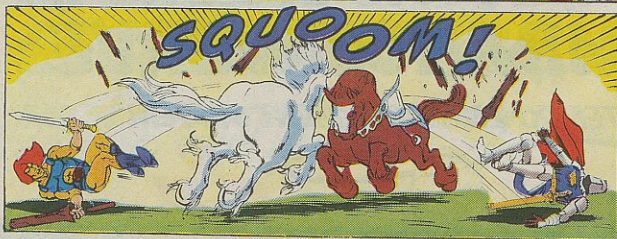


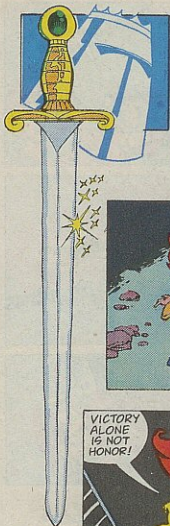










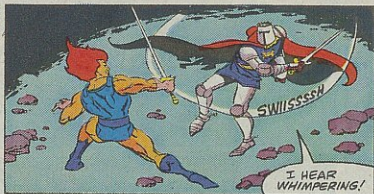


HONOR LEARNS
FROM SACRIFICE
AND HUMILITY.
THIS VAIN
BATTLE IS
FRUTILESS!

DO YOU
HEAR
ME?

BZZZZZZZZ

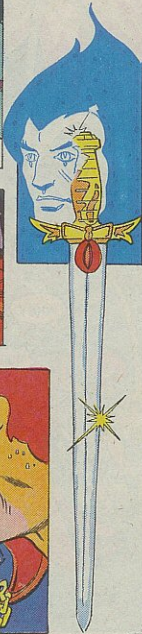
I
HEAR
YOU
BEGGING
FOR
MERCY!



VICTORY
ALONE
IS NOT
HONOR!

IT'S REALITY!
I DEAL IN
REALITY!

CRANK!

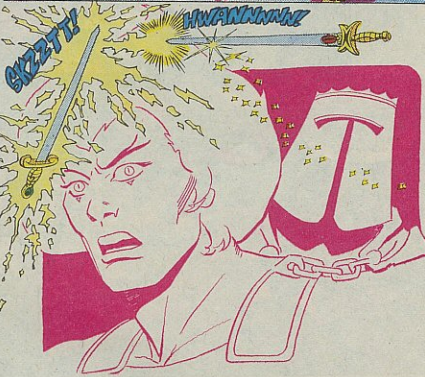
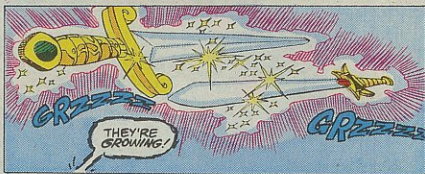


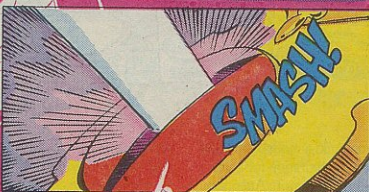
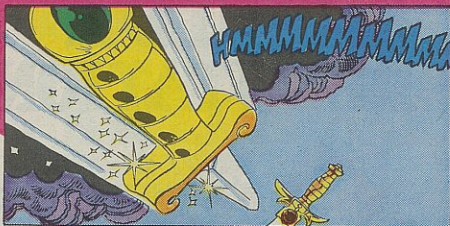
HONOR COMES
FROM INSIDE
THE HEART!
L-O-V-E!

I CAN SPELL! I'M
A KNIGHT!

SKKRONNS!







SSZZLLL ACK ACKSZZLLL



HA-NA-HA-HA-HA!
SO MUCH FOR THE EYE OF
THUNDER, THE SOURCE
OF THE THUNDERCATS'
POWER! NO MATCH
FOR MIGHTY EXCALIBUR!
NO MATCH FOR MIGHTY
MUMM-RA!

YES, LION-O! MUMM-RA!
NOW YOU WILL FEEL
EXCALIBUR'S BLADE--
AND THIRD EARTH WILL
BE MINE, FOREVER!

UNNN!

MUMM-RA?

UMMPHH

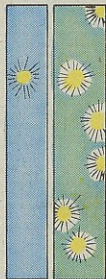
AGGRR--
OBEY ME,
EXCALIBUR!

FOOL! DID YOU REALLY
THINK THAT THE GREATEST
SWORD OF ALL TIME WOULD
SERVE YOUR EVIL
SELFISHNESS?!!!

I--I--







Keep Moving!
Panthro

 THUNDERCATS

Best Wishes
from Third
Earth!
Lion-O

PIN-UP
PAGE

Good
Luck!
Snarf



THUNDERCATS, HO!

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Dear Thundercats,

My name is Toraya and my brother's name is Tory. We love reading THUNDERCATS! Tory likes the cartoons. He thinks Mumm-ra is a sore loser. Mumm-ra always says, "Next time, Lion-O, next time!" Then the next time, Mumm-ra is defeated again! Why does Lion-O win all the time?

Tory and Toraya Riche
 397 Whitfield Drive
 Goldsboro, N.C. 27530

Well, Toraya, besides being very strong, Lion-O's quick-witted, courageous and intelligent! And it doesn't hurt to have the Sword of Omens, either! Besides, with the rest of the Thundercats to back him up, how COULD he lose? (Let's hope that Mumm-ra doesn't find a way to win!)

Dear Thundercats,

I'm 16 years old and a real fan of the Thundercats T.V. series and comic book. I've collected the sticker album, collected all four meal boxes, and I've got Thundercats folders and pencils. I love the Thundercats. Ever since they've aired on T.V. and came out in the comic book I've been a loyal fan. I think the way they're drawn and colored in the comics is *purrr-fect*! I love the way Tygra is drawn! Lion-O, Lord of the Thundercats, is my favorite character and always will be. I find every issue of the Thundercats to be action-packed, which I love, and I hope to see more in the future. Well, that's it, that's all I wanted to say. I just wanted you guys to know how much I look up to the Thundercats and how I feel about them. I'll be writing to you guys whenever I get the chance, which should be often. Until next time, may Justice, Truth, Honor, Loyalty and the Code of Thundercats live on in the hearts of millions.

One last thing—I hope to see Lynxana (from issue #4) come back in future issues. 'cause she's one wild cat!

José Roman
 3716 Elm St.
 East Chicago, Indiana 46312

Thanks for writing, José! It's always a pleasure to get letters from such friendly fans. Even a critical letter's welcome, as long as it's *constructive* criticism to help us make your comic better! So, when you read an issue of THUNDERCATS and you feel an urge to WRITE, please DO SO — "NUFF SAID!"

Dear Thundercats,

I'm 14 years old and I love the Thundercats. I have all the figures and I collect all kinds of Thundercats stuff. My sister and I watch the cartoon every day on television.

I have some questions on THUNDERCATS:

1) Will you put the Thundercats from the movie "Thundercats, Ho!" into the comic?

2) Why when the Thundercats appear on books and packages do they never show Wilykit?

Well, that's all for now. Say Hi to the Thundercats for me. THUNDERCATS HO!

(name and address withheld by request)

Okay, Phantom Writer, we've got a few answers for you:

1) Yes, Bengali and Company *will* be appearing in these pages. It's just a matter of time.

2) Wilykit keeps forgetting to show up for the group pictures!

Dear Don,

I think the Thundercats is a great concept for a cartoon and a comic book. I have all the comics up to the present and I even record all the Thundercats cartoons.

What about the idea of a Thundercats Universe? You guys are large enough to put one out, and I know it would be a hit. Keep up the great work. You guys are great!

BAP
 LaSalle, Ill.

A THUNDERCATS UNIVERSE? Surely there are enough assorted characters, good and bad, to fill up an issue or two! What do you guys say? Would you like to see a book listing all your favorite Thundercats — and your not-so-favorite mutants? We're looking for every chance we can get to bring you more exciting THUNDERCATS action!

Dear THUNDERCATS,

I am really a big fan of Thundercats! I have been ever since they came out, and I've tried to collect every Thundercats anything that I can find. But I do have a few questions:

1) When the Thundercats left ThunderRa, Wilykit and Wilykat were either older or the same age as Lion-O. I know that the kittens are naturally small, but why don't they get the respect and privileges as Lion-O, who is younger or the same age as the kittens?

2) If you look in a dictionary under mutants, it says, "A mutant is an animal with characteristics that differ from those of the parent or ancestor." If you go by those guidelines, wouldn't Thundercats be considered mutants, too?

3) What kind of cat is Grune the Destroyer?

Thundercats HO!

Sean Olson
 24 Wood Stone Rise
 Pittsford, N.Y. 14534

To answer your questions, Sean —

1) This question falls into the Great Lion-O Aging Controversy, so we'll have to wait until all the votes are in before we can give you a straight answer. Keep watching this space, though, to see what your fellow fans have to say!

2) No, the THUNDERCATS have characteristics similar to those of their parents, as far as we can tell. We've never actually seen a THUNDERCAT's parent, though, so they may be in for a shock! Imagine, fighting for your lives against hordes of mutants, only to find out that you should be *joining* them! That thought's enough to make our fur stand on end!

3) A mean cat, Sean. A VERY MEAN cat.

NEXT ISSUE:



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YOU'LL SEE CHANGES IN THIS BOOK, STARTING NOW. MORE ORIGINAL STORIES, A NETWORK OF THUNDERPALS (MORE ON THAT NEXT ISSUE!) SOME NIFTY PIN-UP PAGES, AND ONE OF OUR FAVORITE FEATURES, FELINE FACTS! SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

DON
 DALEY