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CALM BEFORE

THE

SWARM!

THUNDERCATS

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Hello Thunderfans! Tygra here to tell you some exciting news! We've had so many letters asking for maps of Third Earth, that, starting this month, we are giving you another chance to collect, in fabulous full colour, the original, unique, and highly-treasured Thundercat map in six parts. Make sure you keep this issue safe, and when you have collected all six parts of the map, we'll explain how to join them all together to make a giant poster for your Lair!

CAT-ALOGUE OF EVENTS:

Page 3... Part Two of our exciting strip story, **FRIENDS IN NEED!** Which of the Thundercats terrifying enemies will buy them in the Sale of the Century?

Page 10... Cheetara is in real danger in this month's text story, **CHEETARA AND THE SWARM MONSTER.** With no-one to help her, how will she escape?

Pages 14 & 15... Part One of the fabulous **MAP OF THIRD EARTH** in glorious full colour!

Page 16... Thunder Art Ho! Is your drawing in the gallery?

Page 17... Thundercats Ho Ho Ho! Keep sending your jokes in!

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FRIENDS IN NEED!

PART TWO

THUNDERCATS, TYGRA AND BENGALI HAVE AT LAST TRACED THEIR CAPTIVE COMRADES TO A CAVERN IN THE ICE MOUNTAINS...

IT'S WORSE THAN WE FEARED, BENGALI! LION-O AND THE OTHERS ARE PRISONERS OF CAPTAIN SHINER, AND HE'S BROUGHT ALONG THE MUTANTS AND SAFARI JOE AND THE BESERKERS!



TYGRA... WHAT ON THIRD EARTH ARE WE GOING TO DO?





LION-O AND THE OTHERS
ARE THE CAPTIVES OF
SEVERAL OF OUR GREAT-
EST FOES. IT IS ONLY
RIGHT THAT WE ASK OUR
GREATEST **FRIENDS**
TO AID US! WHAT DO
YOU SAY?

I THINK I SPEAK FOR
ONE AND ALL, TYGRA WHEN
I SAY WE'D LOVE TO...

... BUT
WHAT'S THE
HOPE?



YOU SPEAK THE TRUTH, KING
HANUMAN! WE TUSKAS HAVE
NONE OF THE THUNDERCATS'
MIGHTY POWERS. HOW CAN
WE BEAT THEIR POWER-
FUL FOES?

AGREED, TERMARGAR.
NEXT TO THUNDERCATS,
EVEN MY WARRIOR
WOMEN ARE BUT
WEAKLINGS!





NEXT: FINAL BID FOR FREEDOM!



CHEETARA and the SWARM MONSTER!

by SOPHIE HEATH

Cheetara had woken up that morning feeling tired and troubled. The speedy Thundercat had not been sleeping well, and had found herself being impatient with the other 'Cats. The final straw came at breakfast, when she had snapped at Snarf for not putting enough salt in the food. When she saw the Thunderchef's normally cheerful expression change to one of sadness, she realised how much she had hurt her little friend with her thoughtless behaviour.



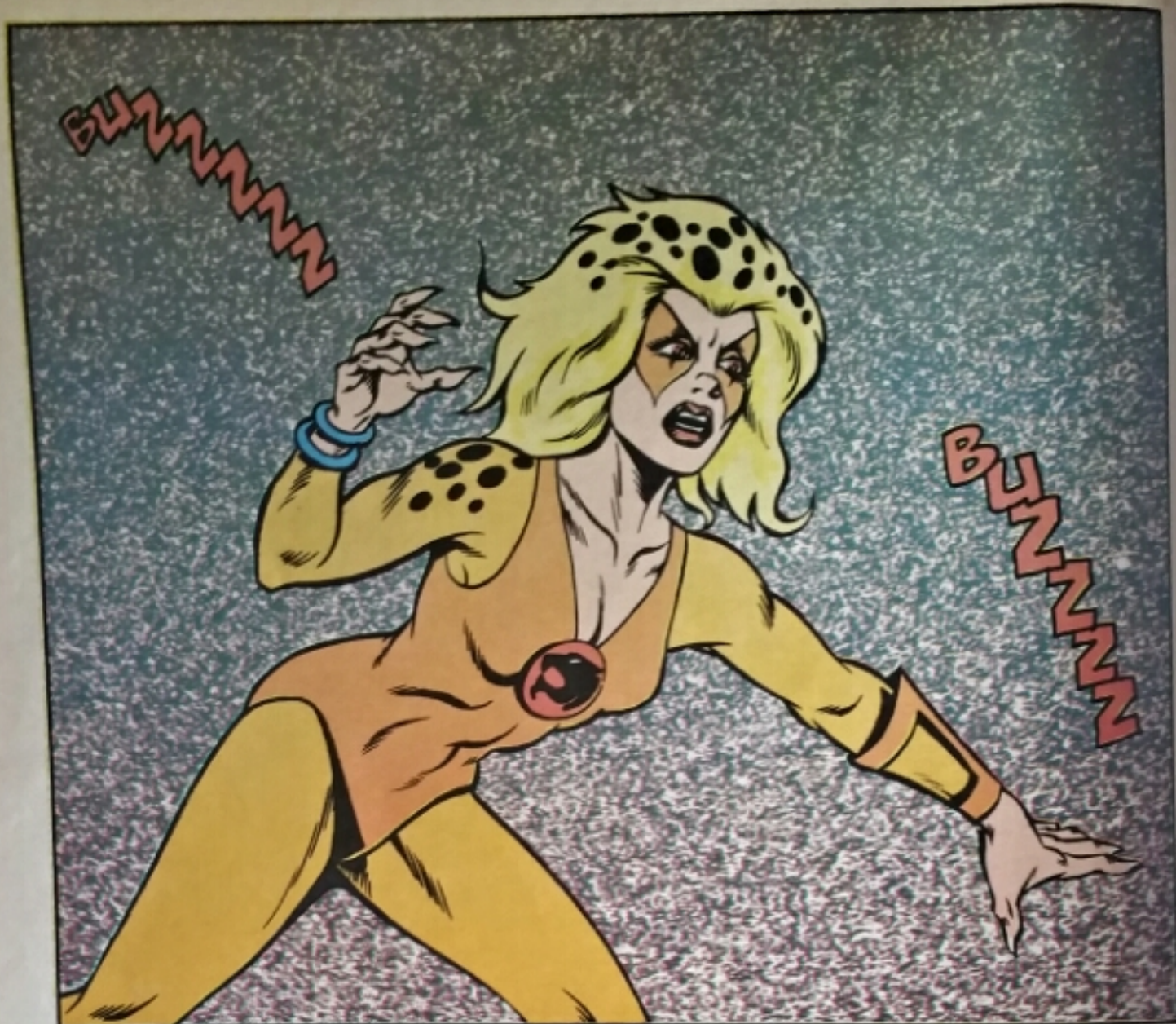
She decided that the time had come to do something about her increasingly bad temper. She needed to relax and be alone, so she wandered over the Plain of Fertility, heading for the Garden of Delights, where she knew she would be left in peace and quiet. As Cheetara entered the Garden, she could feel all the tension leaving her body as if by magic. Feeling calmer almost immediately, she walked amongst the beautiful flowers and plants, a gentle, warm breeze blowing through her hair. Exotic birds sang in the trees, and the trickling of a nearby stream made Cheetara feel sleepy. "Ah, this was all I needed, I feel better already" she said to herself, yawning dozily as she lay on the grass next to the stream, surrounded by the scent of a million flowers . . .



When Cheetara awoke she felt regenerated and happy. She stood up and stretched and thought of her friends back at Cat's Lair. "How ratty I have been with them!" she thought. "Especially poor little Snarf! I must hurry home and apologise to them all." As she went to leave the Garden, she suddenly realised that she had forgotten which direction she had come from.



Cheetara walked and walked, trying to find the path back to Cat's Lair. Eventually she chose the most familiar looking, but she hadn't walked far when it became apparent that this was most definitely the wrong way. She didn't recognise anything at all, and was starting to feel very ill at ease, when she noticed a distinctly odd noise that was becoming louder. "It sounds like buzzing", thought Cheetara "And it's coming this way!" Suddenly, she felt a sharp pain in her arm. "It's just an insect bite", she said to herself, rubbing the tiny sore mark with her hand. "Whatever is making that noise? It's getting louder and louder – what on Third Earth can it be?"



Cheetara let out a gasp of surprise, as out of nowhere she was surrounded by a swarm of tiny, angry insects. "Oh no, I must have walked into the Midge Swarm Monster!" she cried, covering her face with her hands to protect it from the attacking insects. "Jaga once told me about this! A single Midge sting is harmless, but if you are stung ten times, the combined venom is fatal!" The words had hardly left her lips when Cheetara felt another sharp sting, this time on her leg, and then another, on her shoulder. Cheetara realised that she was in mortal danger. "That's three bites already – I have only to be bitten seven more times and I will be . . ."



How was she going to escape? None of the other Thundercats knew where she had gone, and besides, they would never be able to reach her in time. "If I don't escape I will never be able to say sorry to the others", she thought, "Oh, if only Lion-O were here! What can I do?" She could run away at full speed, but the swarm would probably be able to keep up with her. Suddenly, Cheetara had a flash of inspiration, just as she felt herself being stung by three of the vicious insects. She stretched her arms above her head, and stood on the tips of her toes – then, she started to spin around. Using all her special energy, she twirled faster and faster, gathering speed until she was no more than an orange blur.

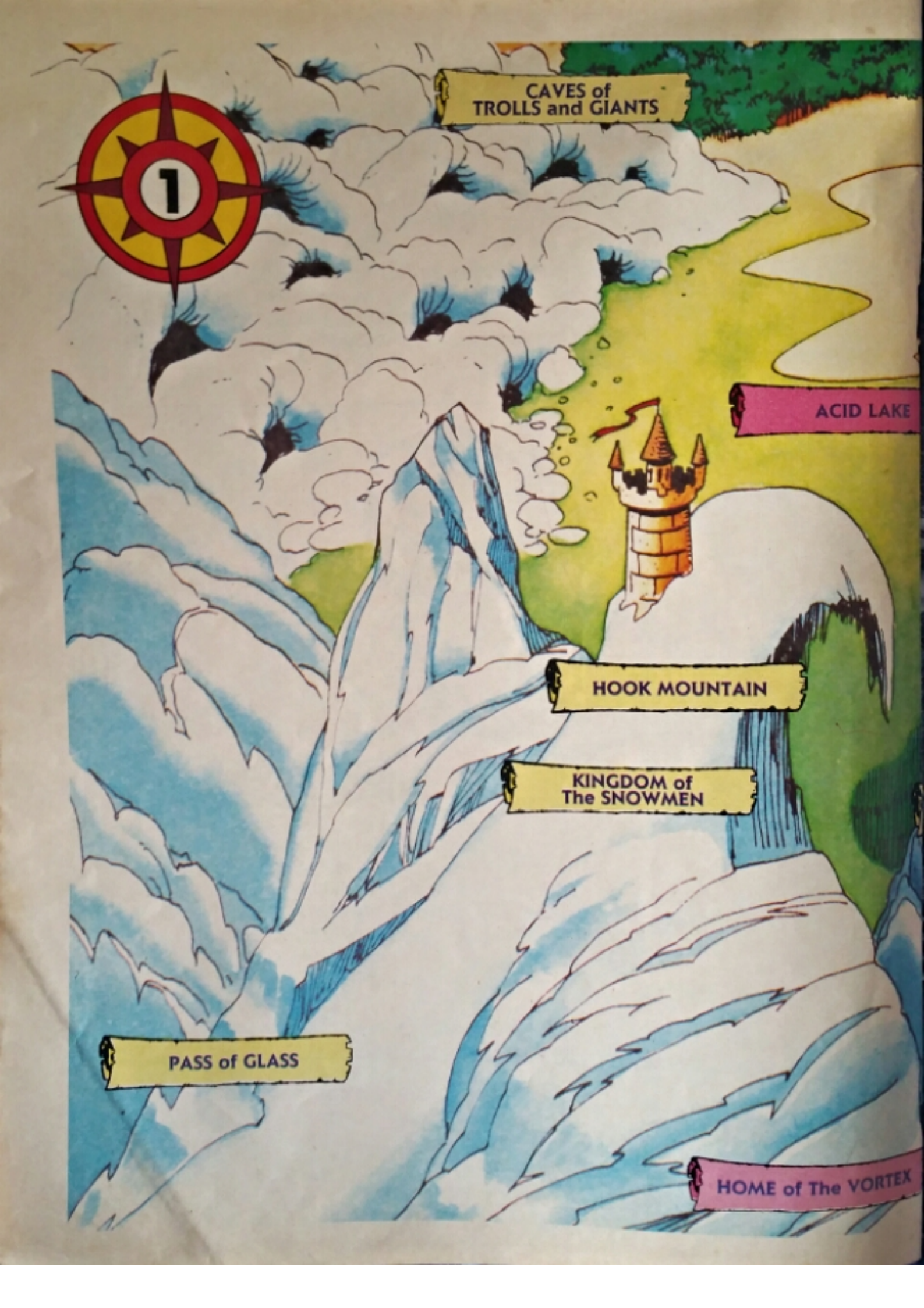
Then it happened. The Midges started to be drawn into the vacuum of air around Cheetara, and started spinning too. Soon, millions and millions of Midges were sucked into a vast, spinning tornado, round and round. The buzzing became a low drone, and the vast Midge Swarm Monster was sucked up into the sky by the force of Cheetara's spinning.



Moments later Cheetara was running as fast as she could across the Plain of Fertility to Cat's Lair. She couldn't wait to see the other Thundercats so she could apologise to them for her recent behaviour. Her close call with the Midge Swarm Monster had proved to her how much she valued her friends – and how much she needed them.



Cheetara only escaped by the skin of her teeth, didn't she? If only she hadn't lost her way! Turn the page for the page to the first part of the fabulous map of Third Earth. Can you find your way around any better? See if you can find the Garden of Delights. Can you see the Midge Swarm Monster in time to avoid it?



CAVES of
TROLLS and GIANTS

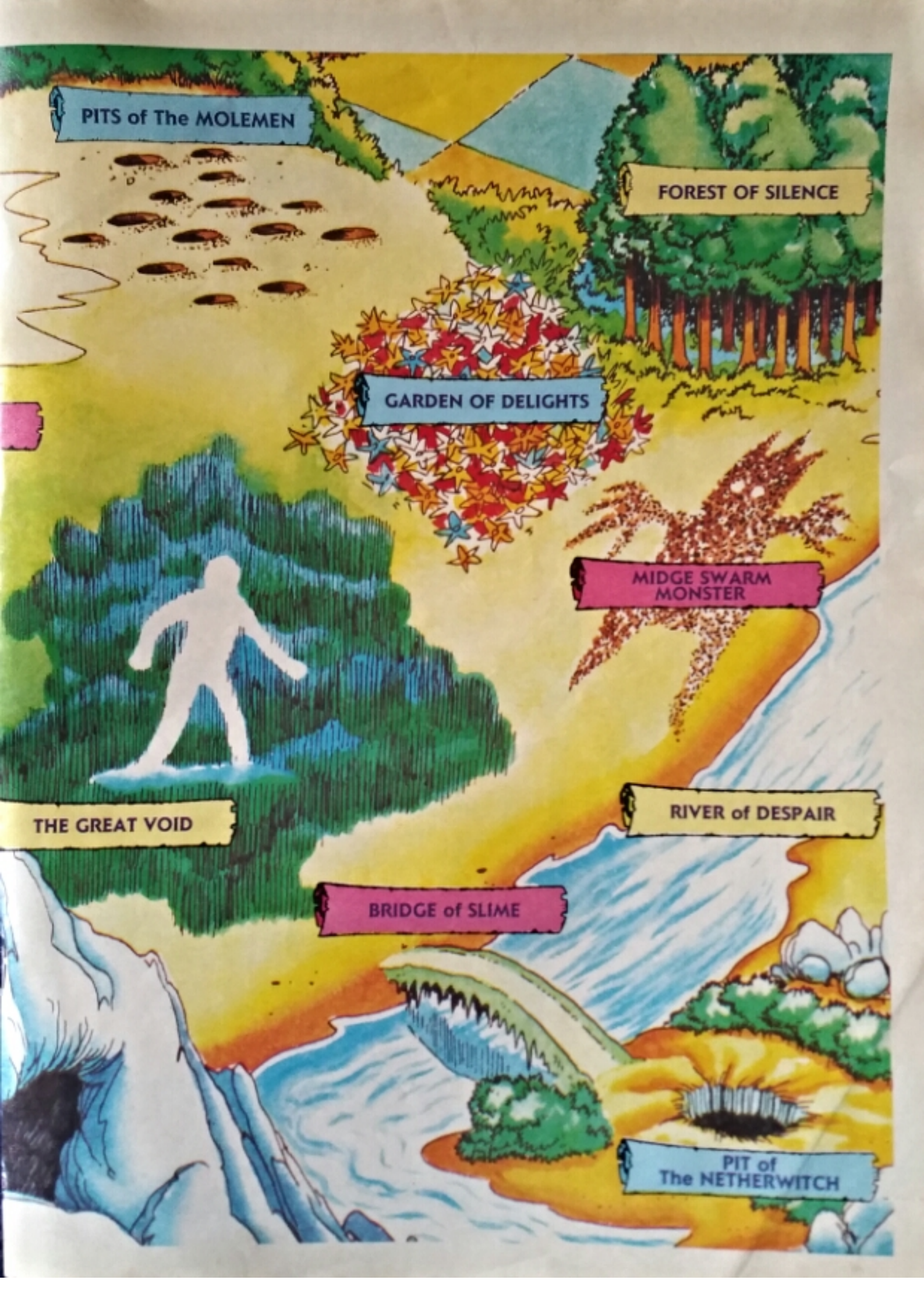
ACID LAKE

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KINGDOM of
The SNOWMEN

PASS of GLASS

HOME of The VORTEX



PITS of The MOLEMEN

FOREST OF SILENCE

GARDEN OF DELIGHTS

MIDGE SWARM
MONSTER

THE GREAT VOID

RIVER of DESPAIR

BRIDGE of SLIME

PIT of
The NETHERWITCH

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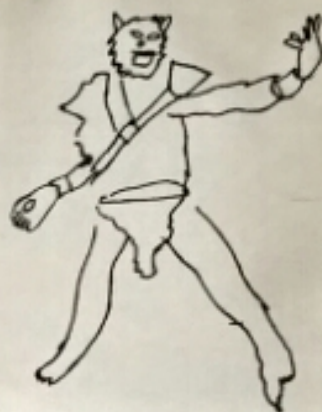
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Q: Why did Lion-O not talk to his mother for years?

A: Because he was told not to interrupt.

TYGRA: Why are you so sad, Lion-O?

LION-O: Because I wanted to drown my troubles, but Mumm-ra wouldn't get in the water.

ROBERT RYAN Aged 7

Q: What's made of plastic and sails in the oceans?

A: A dustbin liner.

GAVIN WIXEY Aged 9

Q: What do you get if you cross a sheep with a kangaroo?

A: A woolly jumper.

PAUL RUGBY Aged 6

Q: What do you get if you stand in a shark pool?

A: No feet.

EDWIN SYKES Aged 10

Q: How do you join the police force?

A: Hand cuff all the policemen together.

RICKY DHALIWAL Aged 6

Q: Why couldn't the leopard escape from the zoo?

A: Because it was always spotted.

SALLIE QUINLAN Aged 7

THE ONYX PYRAMID,
HAUNT OF THE DEVIL-
PRIEST MUMM-RA,
AND SCENE OF
DARK SORCERIES...

I... GROW
WEARY...



"YET, THE RITE HAS BEGUN, AS I DESTROYED
THE SPECTRAL MAP, SO SHALL I LAY WASTE
TO A WORLD IN THE SPACE OF A DAY..."



"AND NONE - NOT EVEN THE ACCURSED
THUNDERCATS SHALL STAND IN MY WAY!"

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World in CHAOS!



JUDGEMENT DAY!

PRISONER! THE
COURT OF THE ROCKMEN
PRONOUNCES YOU...
GUILTY!





GUILTY? GUILTY OF WHAT? YOU ROCKMEN MADE PEACE WITH WE THUNDERCATS LONG AGO! * WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

* SEE THUNDERCATS: THE PRICE OF PRIDE.



YOU DIDN'T MAKE PEACE WITH ME, THUNDERCAT. PERHAPS YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN YOUR KIDNAPPING OF WILLA THE WARRIOR WOMAN... BUT I HAVEN'T!..

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FOR YOUR CRIME, OUR KING EXILED US - BUT WE SWORE VENGEANCE - AND I, GRULL - SHALL NOW FULFILL THAT VOW!

YOU'RE DREAMING, BOULDER BRAIN!



AS I REMEMBER, WILLA WASN'T EXACTLY KEEN TO HANG AROUND THIS DUMP - ALL I DID WAS TO LEND A HELPING HAND!

YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT INSULT TOO, THUNDERCAT...



THAT'S IT, PEBBLEHEAD - JUST KEEP MOUTHING OFF WHILE I GET TO WORK ON THIS ROPE!

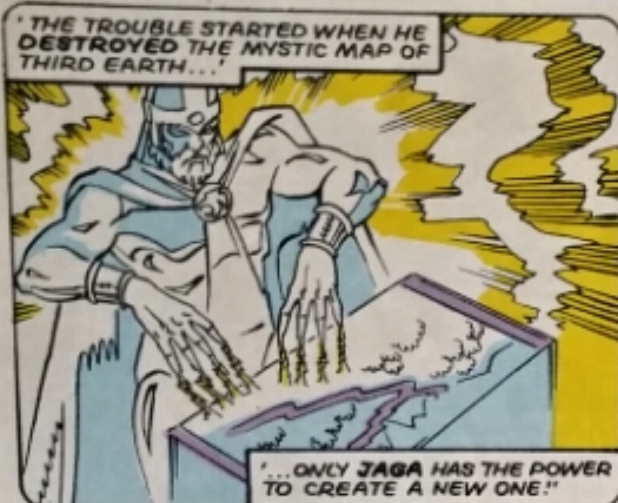


WITH ONE HAND FREE, MAYBE I CAN GRAB GRULL - BARGAIN A WAY OUT OF THIS - BUT TIME'S RUNNING OUT!



'SEEMS LIKE AN AGE NOW SINCE THE SEVEN OF US SPLIT UP, BACK AT CATS' LAIR...'

'WE HAD TO STOP MUMM-RA... BEFORE HIS SORCERIES LAID WASTE TO THE ENTIRE PLANET!'



'THE TROUBLE STARTED WHEN HE DESTROYED THE MYSTIC MAP OF THIRD EARTH...'

'...ONLY JAGA HAS THE POWER TO CREATE A NEW ONE!'



'TROUBLE IS, HE COULDN'T DO IT ALONE... WHICH IS WHERE WE CAME IN!'

'EACH GROUP HAS THEIR OWN AREA OF THIRD EARTH TO CHART... AND ONLY A DAY IN WHICH TO DO IT...'



'...CAUSE THAT'S ABOUT HOW LONG IT'LL TAKE BEFORE THE PLACE IS TORN APART!'



'BRING ME THE CEREMONIAL WEAPON!'

'PERSONALLY, I RECKON I'LL BE LUCKY TO LAST THAT LONG...'



OH YEAH... REAL TOUGH, GRULL! HAND TO HAND COMBAT WITH A TIED-UP OPPONENT...

W-WHAT?



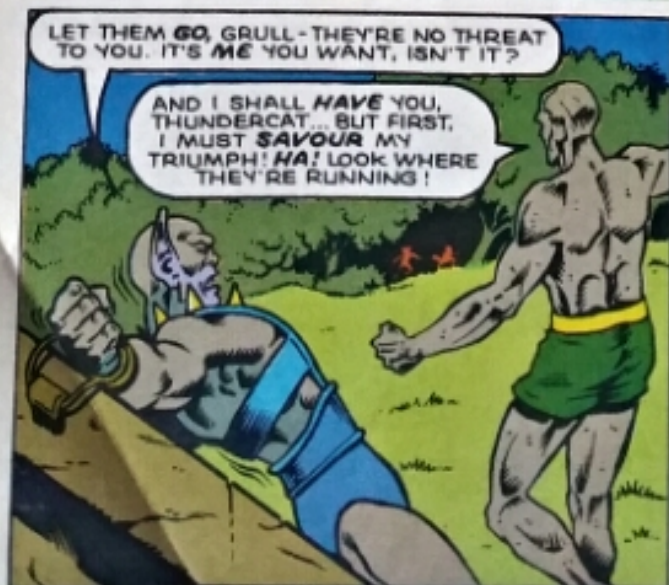
OH, NO... CAN IT, WILL YOU, WILYKAT? I'VE ALMOST GOT THESE ROPES LOOSE...



BET EVEN SNARF AN' ME COULD GRIND YOU INTO GRAVEL IF WE HAD OUR HANDS FREE... RIGHT, SNARF?

S-S-S'RIGHT, SNARF!

INDEED?





THANKS FOR INVITING *ME* ALONG ON THIS LITTLE HUNTING TRIP, WILYKAT. I'D HAVE *HATED* TO MISS IT - ESPECIALLY NOW YOU'VE LOST YOUR POTIONS BELT!

THAT WASN'T PART OF THE PLAN, SNARF - IN FACT, I DIDN'T *HAVE* A PLAN - BUT WE HAD TO SAVE PANTHRO SOMEHOW!



HERE - TAKE THE CHART AND KEEP WATCH! I'LL TRY TO RIG US SOME *FIREPOWER* WITH THE STRAP...



LEAF'S PRETTY STRONG - I HOPE THIS *WORKS*! HAND ME A *STONE*, WILL YOU?



WE'VE *GOT* TO COMPLETE THAT MAP - OR THIRD EARTH IS *FINISHED*! TROUBLE IS, WE CAN'T VERY WELL LEAVE PANTHRO BEHIND...



THIKKT!

SOME CHOICE, HUH? ABANDON YOUR *FRIEND*, OR ABANDON ALL HOPE! I THOUGHT ONLY *LION-O* HAD TO MAKE DECISIONS LIKE THIS!



STILL, AT LEAST THE SLING... *YOWP!*

THADUNCH!

SIGHT BEYOND SIGHT IN ISSUE 98

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THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

☐ **TRANSFORMERS 218** Part Four of **Race With the Devil**, by Furman and Wildman, in which the Autobots Backstreet, Override and Dogfight become involved in the mission to let Starscream finally rest in peace. PLUS Part Two of **Recipe for Disaster**, by Budiansky, Delbo and Hunt, and Part Six of **The End and the Beginning**.

☐ **THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS 49** It's the Wild, Wild West Issue, where you can read about **The Ghoul, The Bad and The Very Ugly**, by John Freeman. Ray gets trapped in another dimension in **Rays From the Grave**, by Carnell and Elliot. Then, we whisk you off to Texas to meet the **Petro-Plasms**, by Watson and Wildman. All in all, a real humdinger of an issue!

☐ **DEATH'S HEAD 7** Death's Head and Spratt are up against the human chameleon Photofit in this month's fast-moving story. **Shot By Both Sides** is by Hitch, Furman and

Anderson. Our hero is himself being pursued by two gangland hitmen, Bigshot and Shortfuse. Who will get who first?

☐ **DOCTOR WHO 149** The Ice Warriors are on the prowl in this month's exciting issue, and we reveal just how dangerous the job of stuntman on Doctor Who really is. PLUS News, readers survey results, and the chance to win a Dapol Figure in our fabulous competition.

DON'T MISS...

☐ **THUNDERCATS 97** In this month's fabulous issue you can read Part Two of **Friends in Need**, by Abnett, Wetherell and Williamson, and Part Three of the classic strip story, **Worlds in Chaos**. PLUS This month's exciting text story **Cheetara and The Swarm Monster**, and if you don't have a map of Third Earth, start collecting now with Part One!

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