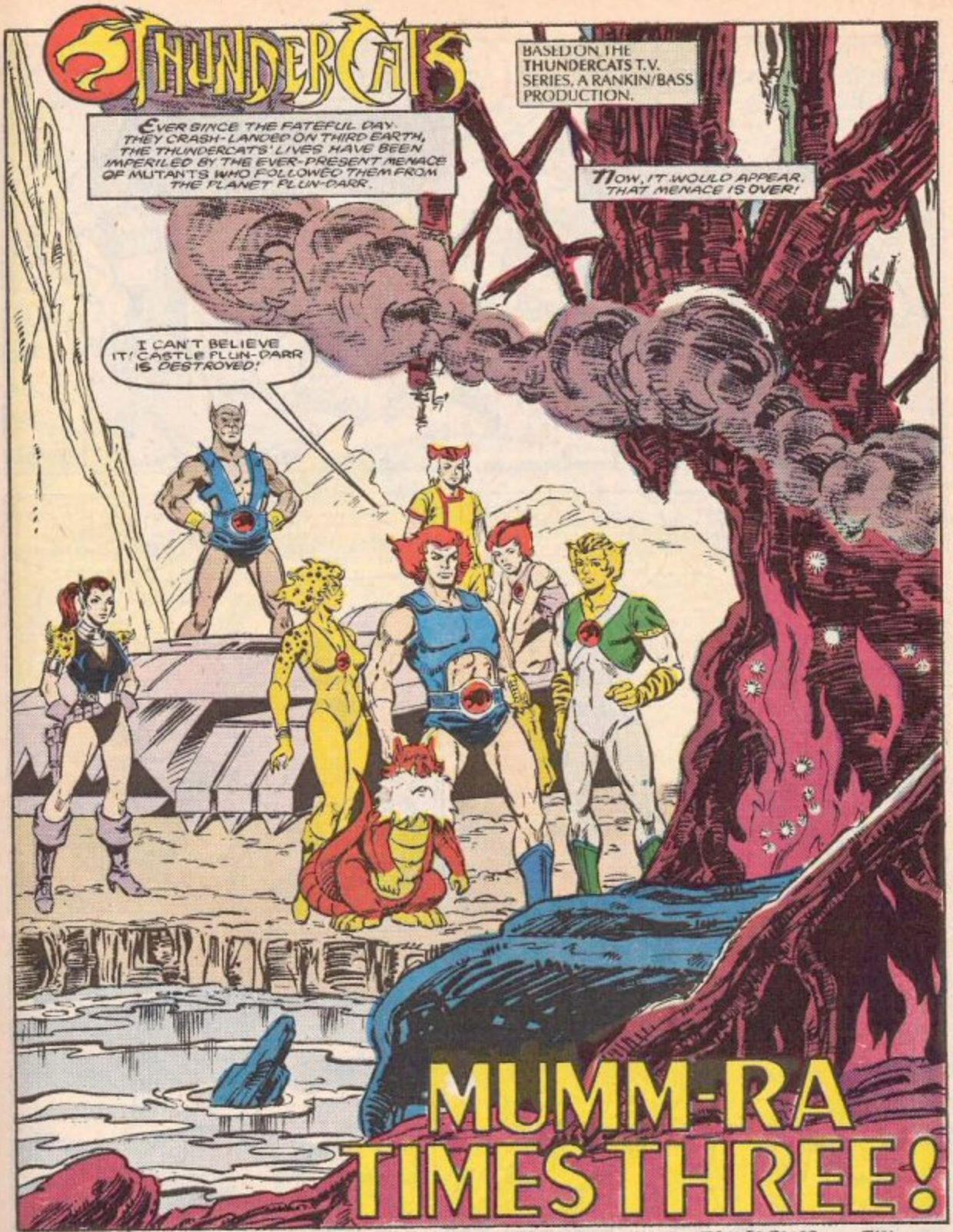

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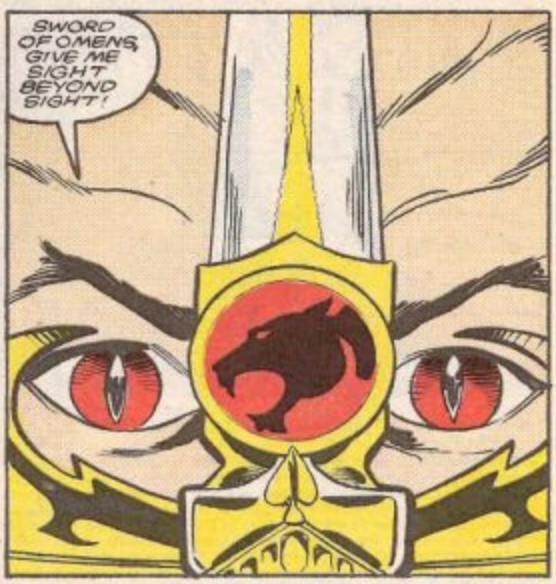
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THIS WHOLE ADVENTURE HAS BEEN HARD TO BELIEVE, LION-O!
CHEETARA'S GOT A POINT. IT WAS BAD ENOUGH WHEN LYNXANA, AN EX-THUNDERCAT-TURNED-BOUNTY-HUNTER, CAPTURED US AND TURNED US OVER TO THE MUTANTS!


BUT NO SOONER DID SHE HAVE A CHANGE OF HEART AND HELP LION-O RESCUE US, THAN MUMM-RA SHOWED UP AND BLASTED CASTLE PLUN-DARR TO PIECES WITH A SINGLE ENERGY BOLT!
YEAH! AND IT WASN'T JUST ANY OLD RUN-OF-THE-MILL MUMM-RA, EITHER! THAT SORCERER'S GROWN BIG AS A MOUNTAIN! SNARF-SNARF!

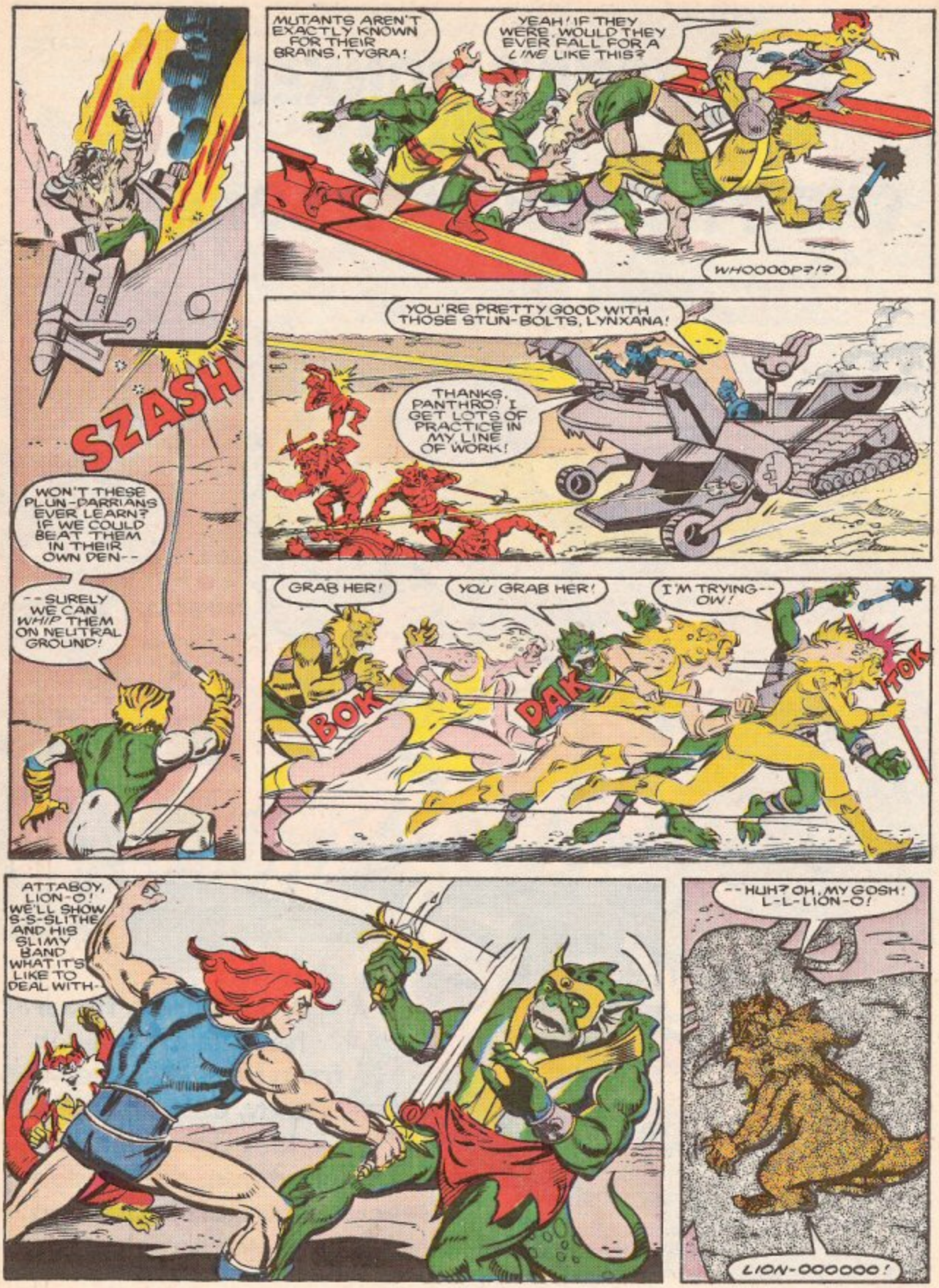

THAT'S WHAT PUZZLES ME! IF MUMM-RA'S BECOME SO POWERFUL FROM DRAINING THE PSYCHIC ENERGY OUT OF JAGA'S SPIRIT FORM--
--WHY DIDN'T HE DESTROY US INSTEAD OF HIS ALLIES' HEADQUARTERS?
TYGRA'S RIGHT!


SOMETHING FUNNY IS GOING ON!
AND I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!

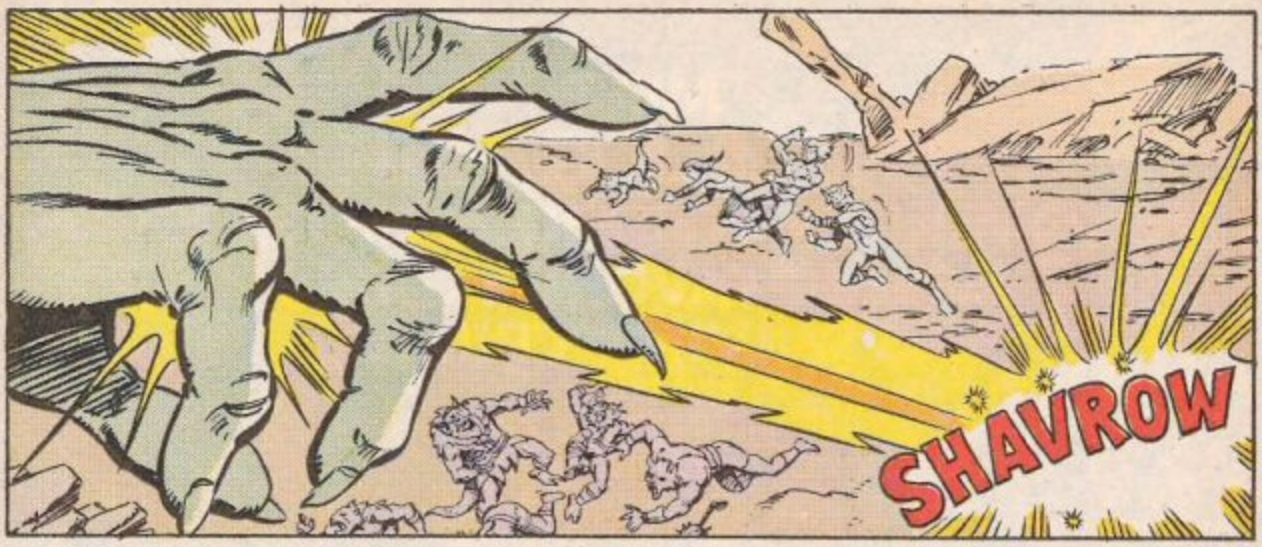

SWORD OF OMENS, GIVE ME SIGHT BEYOND SIGHT!


UH-HUH. JUST AS I THOUGHT!
LION-O'S GONE CRAZY, WILYKIT! HE'S THROWING THE SWORD AWAY!
AND THAT'S NOT THE ONLY THING THAT'S CRAZY, WILYKAT! THE SWORD IS STICKING IN MIDAIR!
LOOK! THE RUBBLE IS STARTING TO FADE AWAY!
AND SOMETHING IS RADIATING FROM THE POINT OF THE SWORD'S IMPACT! IT'S THE CASTLE!
THE EYE OF THUNDERA, IMBEDDED IN THE SWORD'S HILT, ENABLED ME TO SEE THAT THE DESTRUCTION WAS JUST AN ILLUSION CAST BY THAT SLY WIZARD, MUMM-RA!
CASTLE PLUN-DARR STILL EXISTS!
SWIFTLY, LORD LION-O, HEREDITARY LEADER OF THE THUNDERCATS, RECALLS THE SWORD OF OMENS TO HIS HAND--


--AN ACTION THAT DOES NOT GO UNOBSERVED INSIDE THE NEARBY FORTRESS!
S-S-SLITHE! THE THUNDERCATS! THEY'RE STILL HERE!
WHAT?! BUT THEY ESCAPED! WHY WOULD THEY STAY--?
NO MATTER! IT WILL BE THE LAST MISTAKE THEY EVER MAKE!
ASSEMBLE THE MUTANT HORDE!
LION-O, I-I JUST THOUGHT O' SOMETHIN': IF THE CASTLE SURVIVED, THEN SO DID--
I GET THE POINT, SNARF!
SKREEK
THUNDERCATS, DEFEND YOURSELVES!
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!


SZASH
WON'T THESE PLUN-DARRIANS EVER LEARN? IF WE COULD BEAT THEM IN THEIR OWN DEN--
--SURELY WE CAN WHIP THEM ON NEUTRAL GROUND!
MUTANTS AREN'T EXACTLY KNOWN FOR THEIR BRAINS, TYGRA!
YEAH! IF THEY WERE, WOULD THEY EVER FALL FOR A LINE LIKE THIS?
WHOOOOP?!?
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD WITH THOSE STUN-BOLTS, LYNXANA!
THANKS, PANTHRO! I GET LOTS OF PRACTICE IN MY LINE OF WORK!
GRAB HER!
YOU GRAB HER!
I'M TRYING--OW!
BOK
DAK
TOK
ATTABOY, LION-O! WE'LL SHOW S-S-SLITHE AND HIS SLIMY BAND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO DEAL WITH-
--HUH? OH, MY GOSH! L-L-LION-O!
LION-OOOOOO!


IT'S MUMM-RA!
HE'S STILL GIGANTIC--BUT NOW HE'S SOLID! YOU CAN'T SEE THROUGH HIM ANY MORE!
FOOLS! THE ILLUSION I CAST--THE DESTRUCTION OF CASTLE PLUN-DARR--WAS MERELY A DELAYING TACTIC! IT WAS MEANT TO KEEP YOU HERE, TO GAIN ME ENOUGH TIME TO COMPLETE MY INCANTATIONS WITHOUT UNWANTED INTERFERENCE!
NOW, THE POWER OF JAGA THE WISE IS TOTALLY MINE, AND I HAVE USED IT TO TRIPLE MY OWN CONSIDERABLE MIGHT! SOON, I SHALL BE THE SOLE MASTER OF ALL THIRD EARTH!
AND NOTHING SHALL STAND IN MY WAY! NOTHING!
NOTHING!
KABRASH


SHAVROW

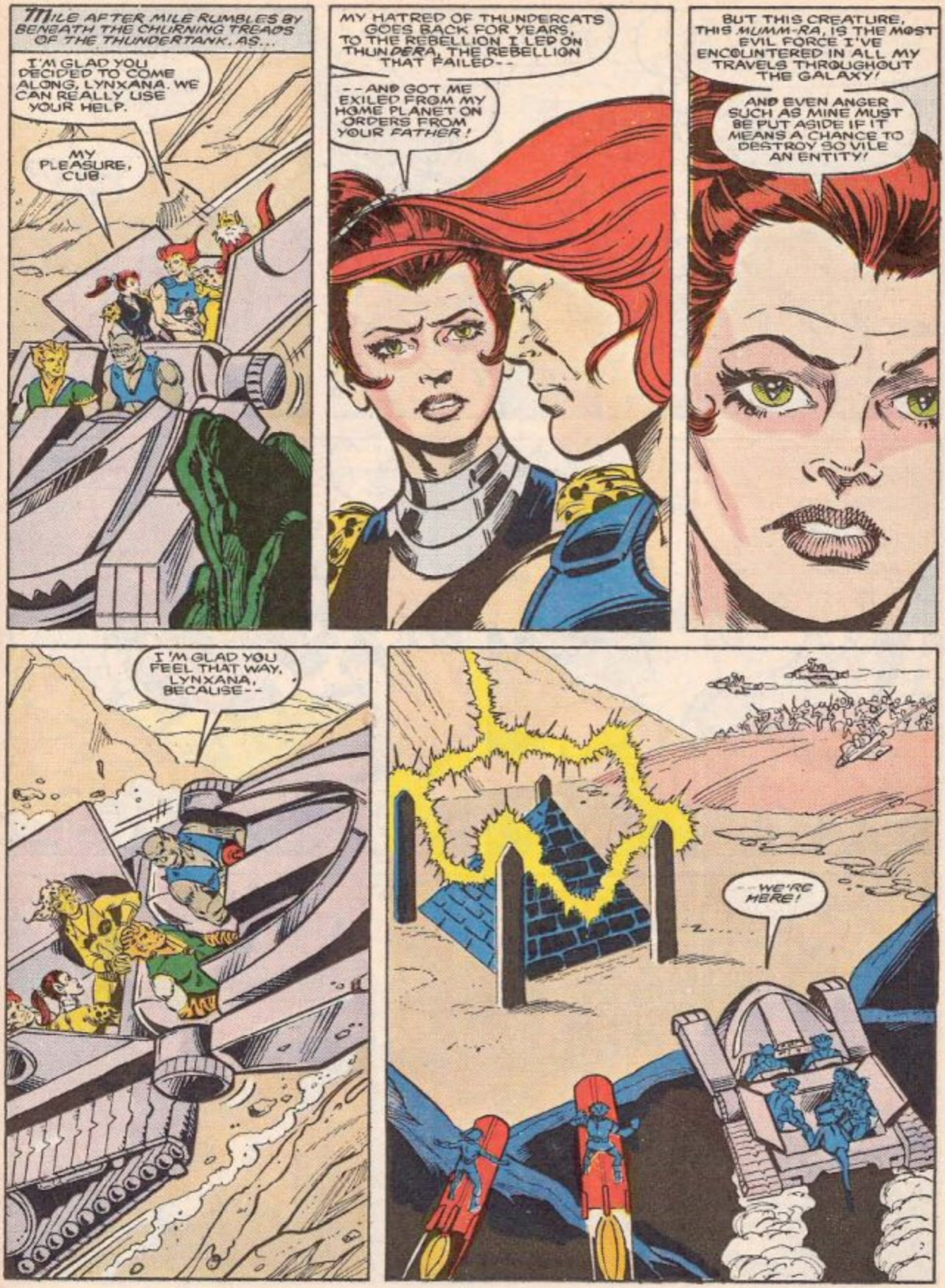

HAHAHAHAAA!
HE'S DISAPPEARIN'!


GOOD IDEA! MAYBE THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD DO!
NO, SNARF. MUMM-RA HAS TO BE STOPPED--THIRD EARTH DEPENDS ON IT!
BUT WITH HIS NEW POWER, WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DEFEAT HIM ALONE! OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO FORM AN ALLIANCE!
A BOND BETWEEN THUNDERCATS AND MUTANTS!


WHAT DO YOU SAY, S-S-SLITHE?
HMM. THE THUNDERIAN IS RIGHT. BESIDES, I MAY BE ABLE TO TURN THE SITUATION TO MY ADVANTAGE ONCE MUMM-RA HAS BEEN CUT BACK DOWN TO SIZE!

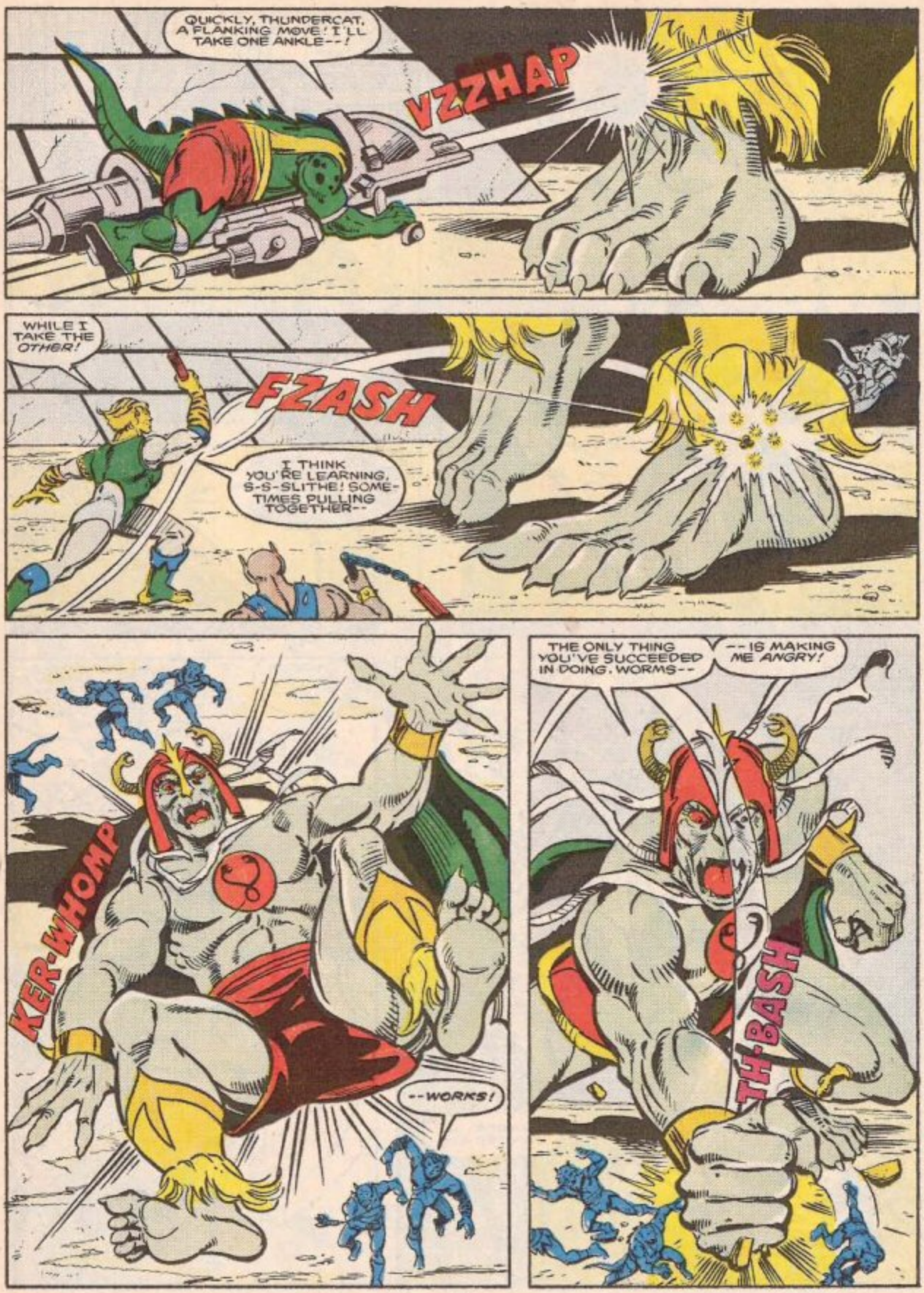

MY WARRIORS AND I ARE AT YOUR SERVICE, LORD LION-O.
FOR THE MOMENT...!

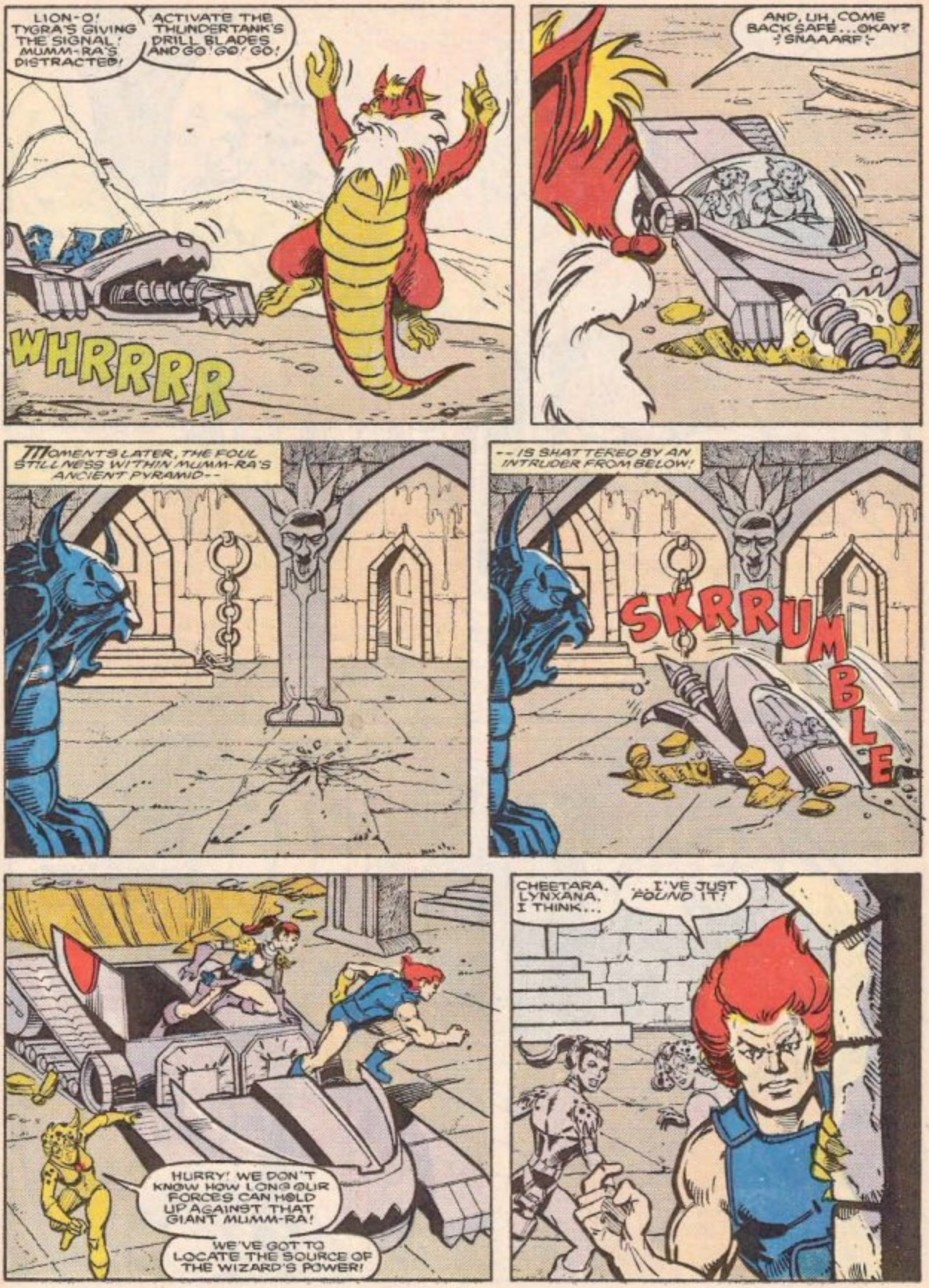

UNFORTUNATELY, WE'VE NO WAY TO GET INTO THE CASTLE TO REPLACE OUR DAMAGED BATTLE VEHICLES!
NO PROBLEM, S-S-SLITHE!
I'LL JUST SHIFT THE THUNDERTANK'S FRONT PAWS TO EXTENSION MODE, AND--
--INSTANT BRIDGE!
YESSSS. MOST IMPRESSIVE!
AND SOON...
FORWARD, MUTANTS! TO THE DESERT OF SINKING SANDS!
I JUST HOPE WE'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING!
SO DO I, PANTHRO.
SO DO I...


MILE AFTER MILE RUMBLES BY BENEATH THE CHURNING TREADS OF THE THUNDERTANK, AS...
I'M GLAD YOU DECIDED TO COME ALONG, LYNXANA. WE CAN REALLY USE YOUR HELP.
MY PLEASURE, CUB.
MY HATRED OF THUNDERCATS GOES BACK FOR YEARS, TO THE REBELLION I LED ON THUNDERA, THE REBELLION THAT FAILED--
--AND GOT ME EXILED FROM MY HOME PLANET ON ORDERS FROM YOUR FATHER!
BUT THIS CREATURE, THIS MUMM-RA, IS THE MOST EVIL FORCE I'VE ENCOUNTERED IN ALL MY TRAVELS THROUGHOUT THE GALAXY!
AND EVEN ANGER SUCH AS MINE MUST BE PUT ASIDE IF IT MEANS A CHANCE TO DESTROY SO VILE AN ENTITY!
I'M GLAD YOU FEEL THAT WAY, LYNXANA, BECAUSE--
--WE'RE HERE!

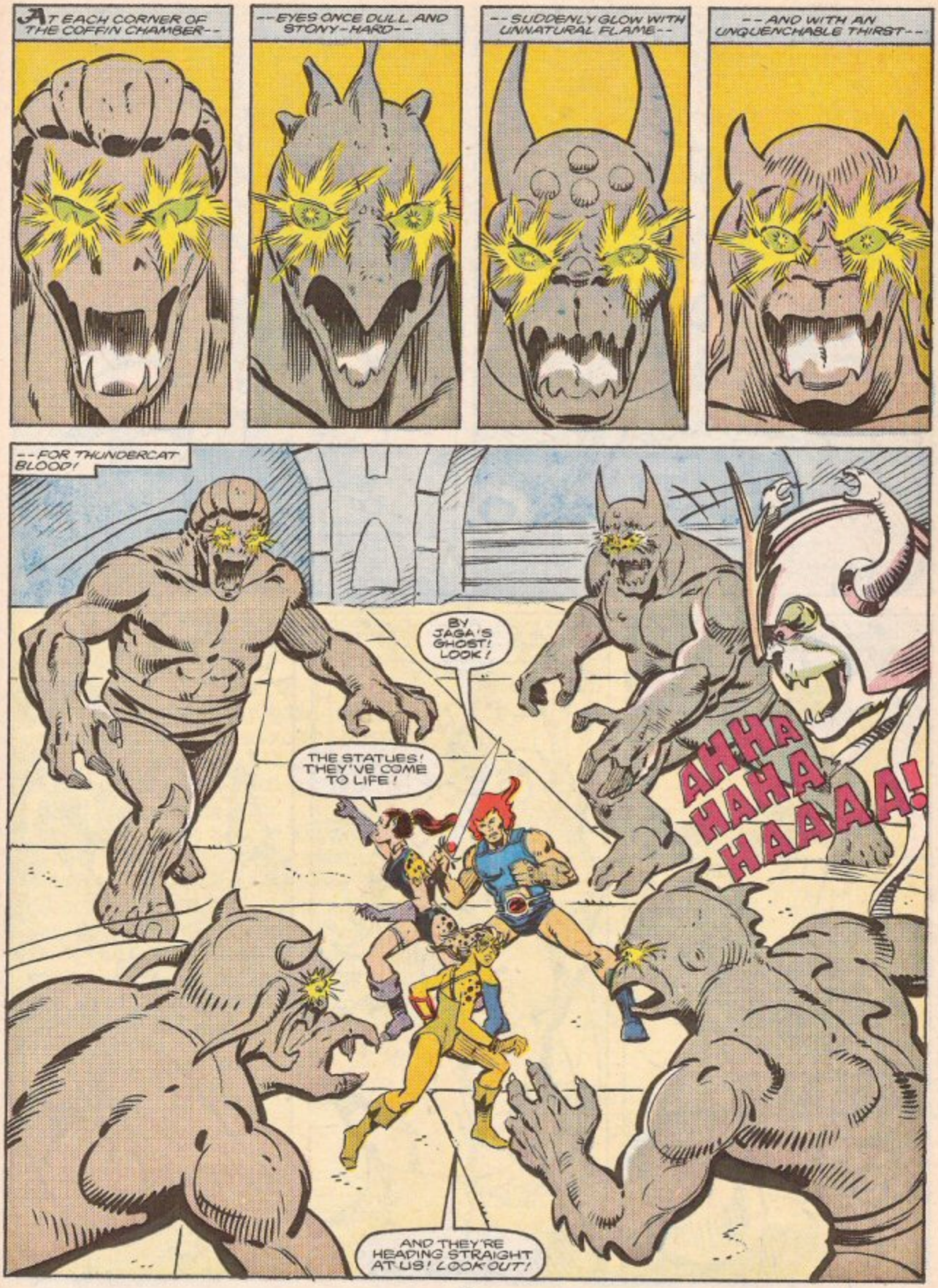

S-S-SLITHE, HAVE YOUR AIRBORNE TROOPS JOIN WILYKAT AND WILYKIT IN HITTING THE PYRAMID FROM ABOVE. THEN SEND YOUR GROUND FORCES AROUND TO--
JUST A MOMENT! WHO SAID YOU WERE GIVING THE ORDERS?
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO ARGUE, S-S-SLITHE, OR TO HOLD ELECTIONS! WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER!
PANTHRO, YOU AND I WILL LEAD THE GROUND ASSAULT.
HNYAH-HNYAH! THE MIGHTY S-S-SLITHE! TAKING ORDERS FROM A THUNDERCAT!
ENJOY THE JEST WHILE YOU CAN, JACKALMAN--
--AND WHILE YOU STILL HAVE A THROAT TO LAUGH THROUGH!
ENOUGH SQUABBLING! THE TROOPS ARE SET! NOW, FOR THIRD EARTH--
--ATTACK!

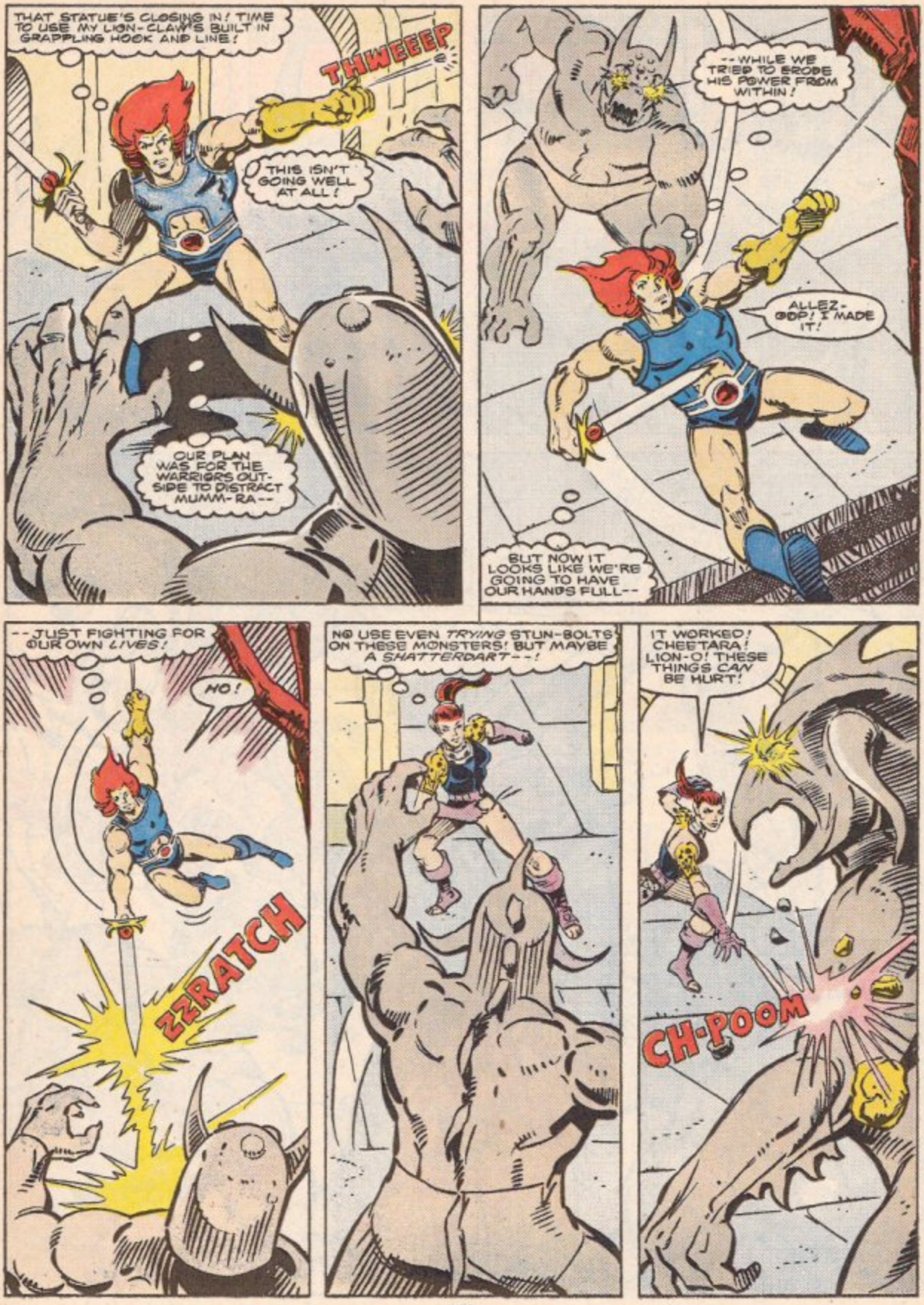

HOWEVER, BEFORE THE BATTLE CAN BE FULLY JOINED...
IT'S MUMM-RA! THE GIANT APPEARS!
BLAST HIM, SKYCUTTERS! EVEN AN OVERBLOWN MUMM-RA CAN'T STAND AGAINST US FOR LONG!
SHHRAP
SHRAKOW
EEYAGH! OUR MIGHTIEST WEAPONS! AND HE DIDN'T EVEN BLINK!
CHRASH
KAPASH
CHITTER-EE! CHITTER-EE!
WHO NEEDS MIGHT, IF YOU'RE WILY ENOUGH!
YEAH, OUR SMOKE PELLETS HAVE HIM SO CONFUSED THAT HE DOESN'T KNOW IF HE'S COMING OR GOING!
PHOOF
PHOOF
GRRRRAARRR

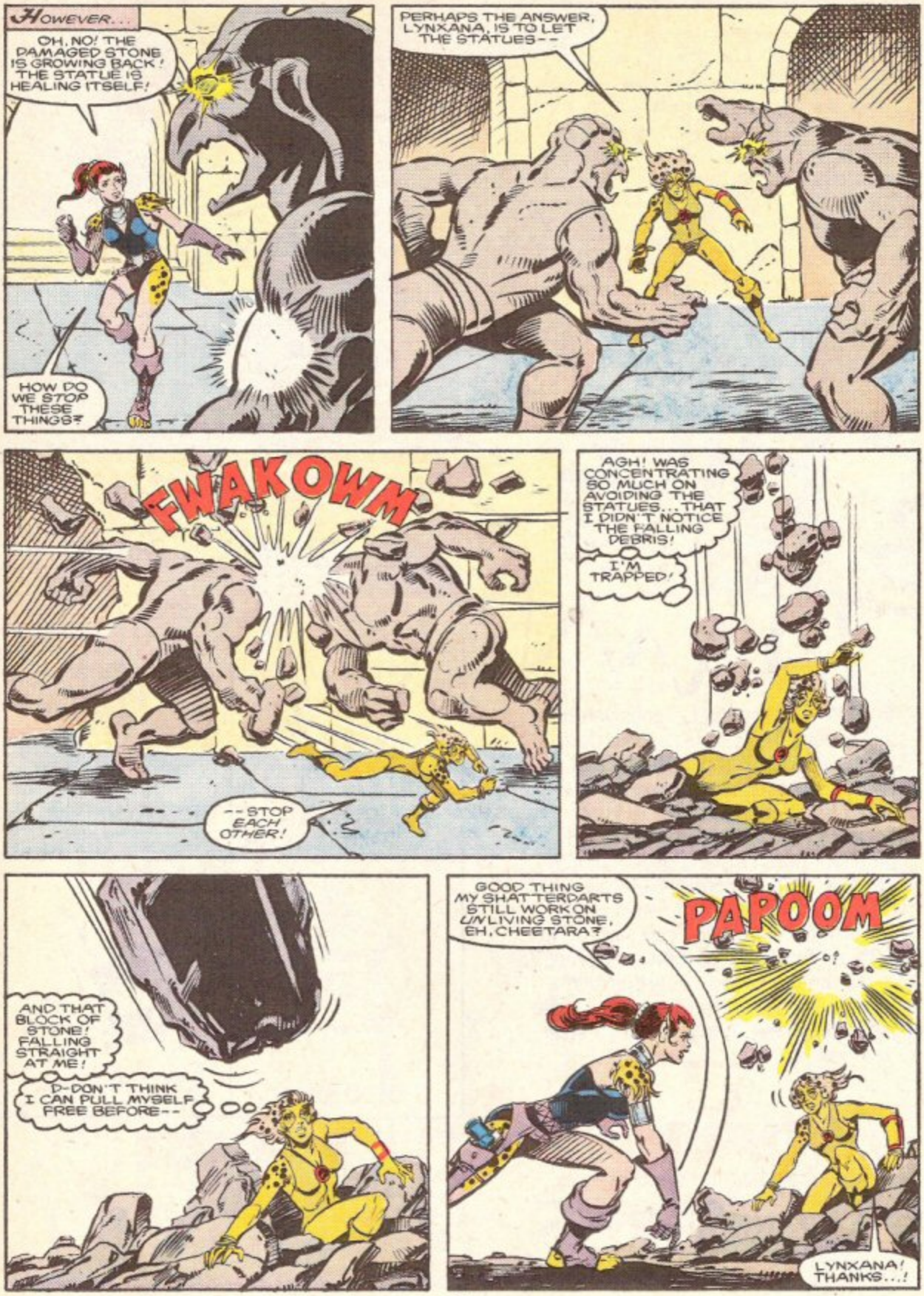

QUICKLY, THUNDERCAT, A FLANKING MOVE! I'LL TAKE ONE ANKLE--!
VZZHAP
WHILE I TAKE THE OTHER!
FZASH
I THINK YOU'RE LEARNING, S-S-SLITHE! SOMETIMES PULLING TOGETHER--
KER-WHOMP
--WORKS!
THE ONLY THING YOU'VE SUCCEEDED IN DOING, WORMS--
--IS MAKING ME ANGRY!
TH'BASH

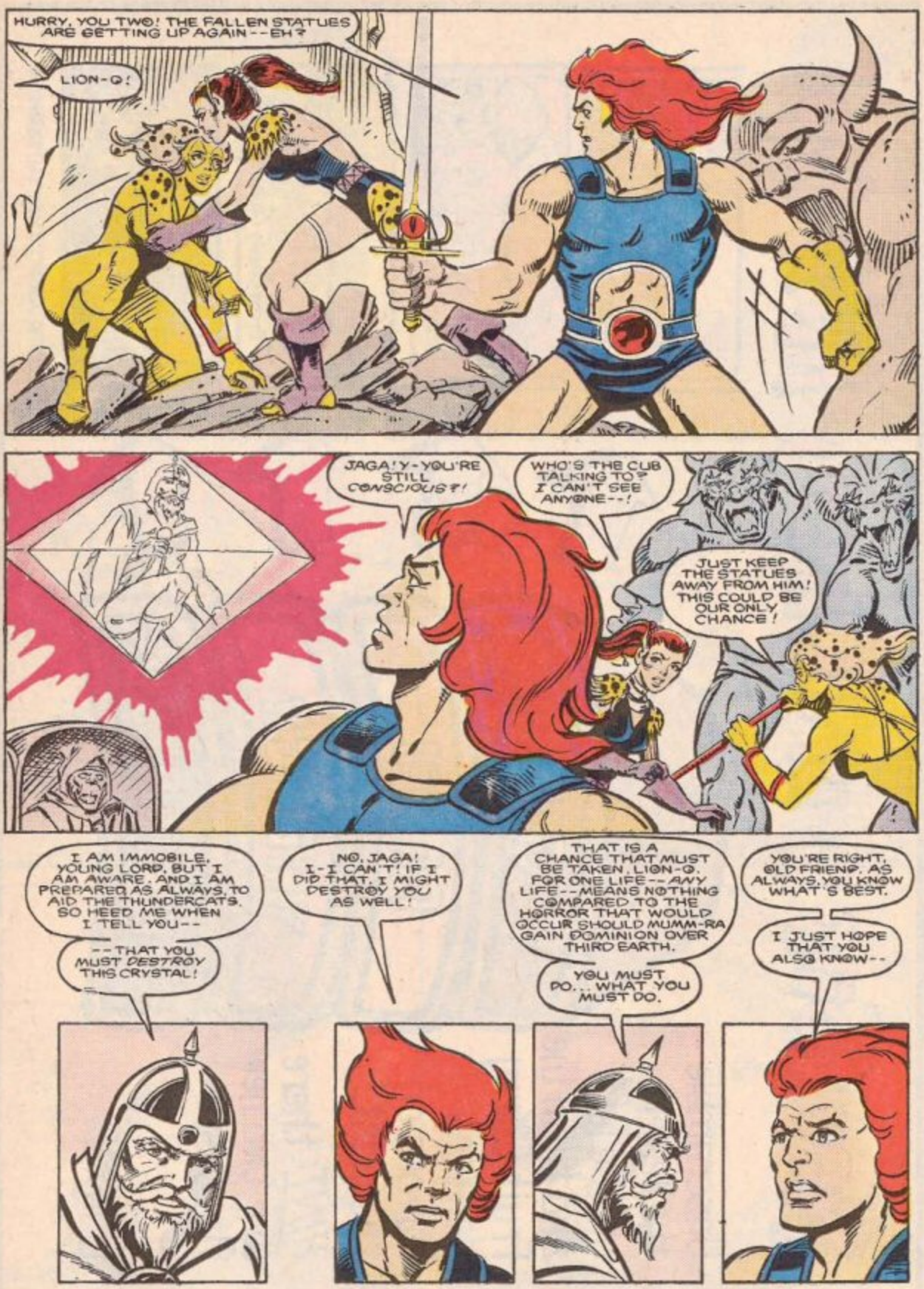

LION-O! TYGRA'S GIVING THE SIGNAL! MUMM-RA'S DISTRACTED!
ACTIVATE THE THUNDERTANK'S DRILL BLADES AND GO! GO! GO!
WHRRRRR
AND, UH, COME BACK SAFE...OKAY? ;SNAAARF;-
MOMENTS LATER, THE FOUL STILLNESS WITHIN MUMM-RA'S ANCIENT PYRAMID--
--IS SHATTERED BY AN INTRUDER FROM BELOW!
SKRRRUMBLE
HURRY! WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG OUR FORCES CAN HOLD UP AGAINST THAT GIANT MUMM-RA!
WE'VE GOT TO LOCATE THE SOURCE OF THE WIZARD'S POWER!
CHEETARA, LYNXANA, I THINK...
...I'VE JUST FOUND IT!


MUMM-RA'S MUMMY FORM! AND TWO OTHER MUMM-RAS! ONE OLD, BUT NOT YET MUMMIFIED, AND ANOTHER EVEN YOUNGER!
THEY'RE ALL CONNECTED BY SOME SORT OF ENERGY BEAMS TO THAT CRIMSON CRYSTAL!
AND IN THE CENTER OF THE CRYSTAL -- BY THUNDERA!
IT'S JAGA!
ONLY YOU CAN SEE JAGA'S SPIRIT, LION-O, BUT SOON, THIS ENTIRE PLANET SHALL WITNESS MY GENIUS!
FOR I HAVE USED JAGA'S MYSTIC POWER TO BRING MY INCARNATIONS FROM FIRST AND SECOND EARTHS THROUGH TIME, INTO THIS REALM, THEREBY TRIPLING MY STRENGTH!
THIRD EARTH SHALL SOON BELONG TO ME! AND MY VICTORY SHALL BEGIN WITH YOUR DEFEAT!
ANCIENT SPIRITS OF EVIL, ANIMATE THE STONE SENTINELS FOR... MUMM-RA, THE EVER-LIVING!

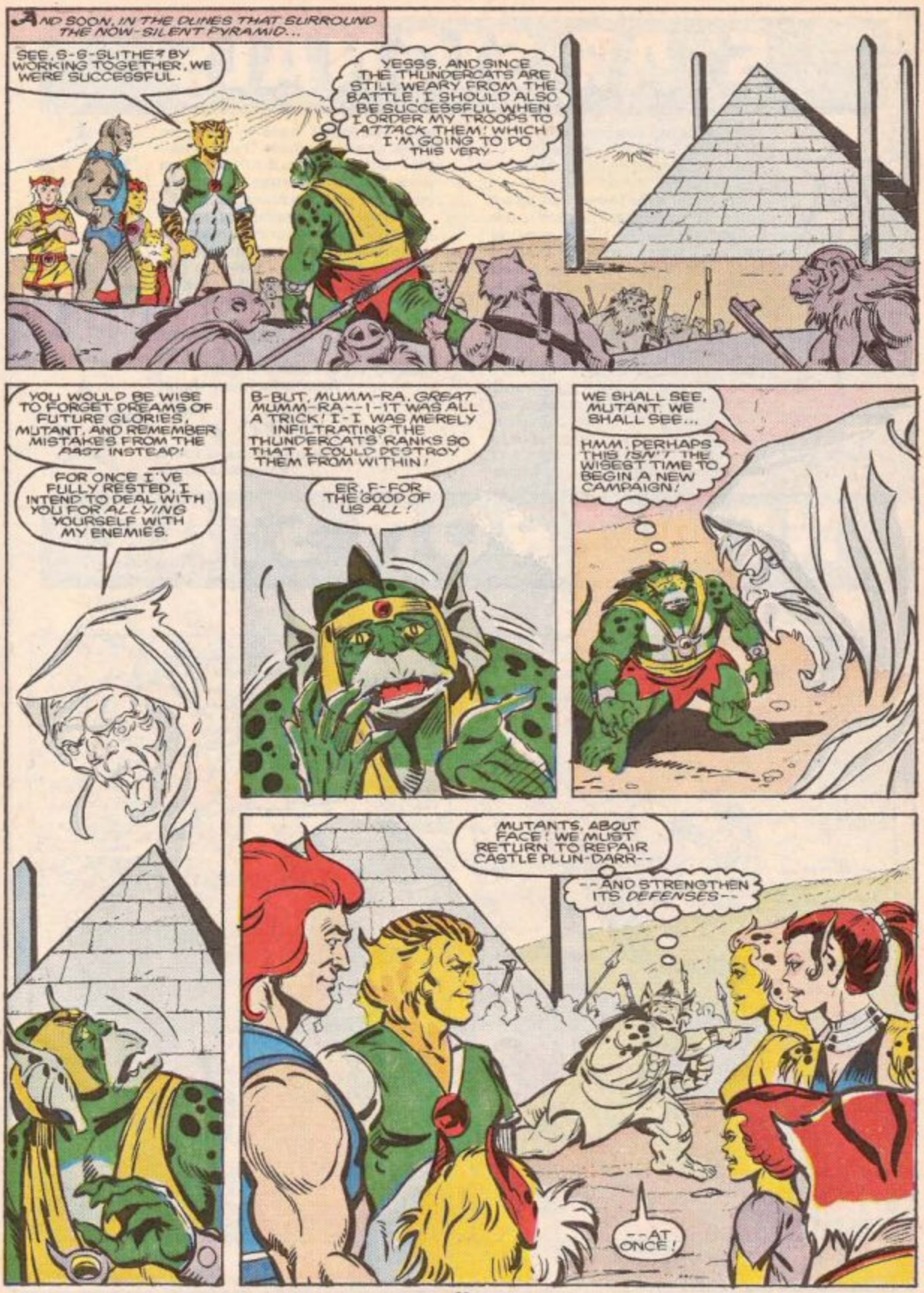

AT EACH CORNER OF THE COFFIN CHAMBER--
--EYES ONCE DULL AND STONY--HARD--
--SUDDENLY GLOW WITH UNNATURAL FLAME--
--AND WITH AN UNQUENCHABLE THIRST--
--FOR THUNDERCAT BLOOD!
BY JAGA'S GHOST! LOOK!
THE STATUES! THEY'VE COME TO LIFE!
AHHA HAHA HAAAA!
AND THEY'RE HEADING STRAIGHT AT US! LOOKOUT!


THAT STATUE'S CLOSING IN! TIME TO USE MY LION-CLAW'S BUILT IN GRAPPLING HOOK AND LINE!
THWEEEEP
THIS ISN'T GOING WELL AT ALL!
OUR PLAN WAS FOR THE WARRIORS OUTSIDE TO DISTRACT MUMM-RA--
--WHILE WE TRIED TO ERODE HIS POWER FROM WITHIN!
ALLEZ-OOP! I MADE IT!
BUT NOW IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE OUR HANDS FULL--
--JUST FIGHTING FOR OUR OWN LIVES!
NO!
ZZRATCH
NO USE EVEN TRYING STUN-BOLTS ON THESE MONSTERS! BUT MAYBE A SHATTERDART--!
IT WORKED! CHEETARA! LION-O! THESE THINGS CAN BE HURT!
CH-POOM


HOWEVER...
OH, NO! THE DAMAGED STONE IS GROWING BACK! THE STATUE IS HEALING ITSELF!
HOW DO WE STOP THESE THINGS?
PERHAPS THE ANSWER, LYNXANA, IS TO LET THE STATUES--
FWAKOWM
--STOP EACH OTHER!
AGH! WAS CONCENTRATING SO MUCH ON AVOIDING THE STATUES... THAT I DIDN'T NOTICE THE FALLING DEBRIS!
I'M TRAPPED!
AND THAT BLOCK OF STONE! FALLING STRAIGHT AT ME!
D-DON'T THINK I CAN PULL MYSELF FREE BEFORE--
GOOD THING MY SHATTERDARTS STILL WORK ON UNLIVING STONE, EH, CHEETARA?
PAPOOM
LYNXANA! THANKS...!


HURRY, YOU TWO! THE FALLEN STATUES ARE GETTING UP AGAIN--EH?
LION-O!
JAGA! Y-YOU'RE STILL CONSCIOUS?!
WHO'S THE CUB TALKING TO? I CAN'T SEE ANYONE--!
JUST KEEP THE STATUES AWAY FROM HIM! THIS COULD BE OUR ONLY CHANCE!
I AM IMMOBILE, YOUNG LORD, BUT I AM AWARE. AND I AM PREPARED, AS ALWAYS, TO AID THE THUNDERCATS. SO HEED ME WHEN I TELL YOU--
--THAT YOU MUST DESTROY THIS CRYSTAL!
NO, JAGA! I-I CAN'T! IF I DID THAT, I MIGHT DESTROY YOU AS WELL!
THAT IS A CHANCE THAT MUST BE TAKEN, LION-O. FOR ONE LIFE--ANY LIFE--MEANS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE HORROR THAT WOULD OCCUR SHOULD MUMM-RA GAIN DOMINION OVER THIRD EARTH.
YOU MUST DO... WHAT YOU MUST DO.
YOU'RE RIGHT, OLD FRIEND. AS ALWAYS, YOU KNOW WHAT'S BEST.
I JUST HOPE THAT YOU ALSO KNOW--


--THAT THIS IS THE HARDEST THING I'VE EVER HAD TO DO!
CHA-KRISH
OUTSIDE...
THE GIANT DEMON! H-HE'S FADING AWAY--!
GEEEYYAAAAA...
WHILE INSIDE...
AAAYYEEEG!
LOOK! THE WIZARD'S OTHER INCARNATIONS! THEY'RE DISAPPEARING!
LION-O! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
B-BUT, JAGA--!
COME ON!
YES, THUNDERCATS. FLEE... AND I WILL ALLOW YOU TO GO.
FOR I AM DRAINED... WEAKENED BY DEFEAT... AND UNABLE TO EXACT MY FULL MEASURE OF REVENGE.
FOR NOW...!


AND SOON, IN THE DUNES THAT SURROUND THE NOW-SILENT PYRAMID...
SEE, S-S-SLITHE? BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE WERE SUCCESSFUL.
YESSS, AND SINCE THE THUNDERCATS ARE STILL WEARY FROM THE BATTLE, I SHOULD ALSO BE SUCCESSFUL WHEN I ORDER MY TROOPS TO ATTACK THEM! WHICH I'M GOING TO DO THIS VERY-
YOU WOULD BE WISE TO FORGET DREAMS OF FUTURE GLORIES, MUTANT, AND REMEMBER MISTAKES FROM THE PAST INSTEAD!
FOR ONCE I'VE FULLY RESTED, I INTEND TO DEAL WITH YOU FOR ALLYING YOURSELF WITH MY ENEMIES.
B-BUT, MUMM-RA, GREAT MUMM-RA--I-IT WAS ALL A TRICK! I-I WAS MERELY INFILTRATING THE THUNDERCATS' RANKS SO THAT I COULD DESTROY THEM FROM WITHIN!
ER, F-FOR THE GOOD OF US ALL!
WE SHALL SEE, MUTANT. WE SHALL SEE...
HMM, PERHAPS THIS ISN'T THE WISEST TIME TO BEGIN A NEW CAMPAIGN!
MUTANTS, ABOUT FACE! WE MUST RETURN TO REPAIR CASTLE PLUN-DARR--
--AND STRENGTHEN ITS DEFENSES--
--AT ONCE!


EPILOGUE: SOME TIME LATER, AT THE MAJESTIC CITADEL KNOWN AS CAT'S LAIR...
WE REALLY APPRECIATED YOUR HELP BACK AT MUMM-RA'S PYRAMID, LYNXANA.
YES, AND THE FACT THAT YOU SAVED MY LIFE SHOWS THAT PERHAPS YOU'RE READY TO LET BYGONES BE BYGONES. BECAUSE OF THAT, WE'VE TALKED THINGS OVER--


--AND WE'VE DECIDED TO ASK YOU TO JOIN US! TO BECOME A THUNDERCAT AGAIN!
I...I'M TRULY HONORED. BUT THOUGH FRIENDSHIP HAS OFFSET MY ANGER SOMEWHAT--


--I STILL HAVE A LOT OF THINGS TO SORT OUT. A LOT OF EMOTIONS... A LOT OF THE PAST.
SO FOR NOW, I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO SAY "NO"...AND "THANKS." AS FOR THE FUTURE...?


WELL, LET'S JUST SAY I'LL KEEP IN TOUCH. FAREWELL, THUNDERCATS!



NEXT: BACK TO THUNDERA!