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"MONKIAN'S BARGAIN"

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PART ONE

FADE IN:

EXT: MUMM-RA'S PYRAMID - DAY

Briefly establishing ... lightning BOLTS FLASH among the pointed obelisks. Clouds roll above.

SOUND EFX: Rolling BOOM of thunder.

CUT TO:

INT: MUMM-RA'S PYRAMID - TOMB CHAMBER - DAY

We focus on MONKIAN ... entering the chamber. He is afraid.

MONKIAN
(calls out)
M-Mumm-Ra?

SOUND EFX: MONKIAN's voice echoes in vast chamber.

ANGLE - MONKIAN VIEWED FROM HIGH ABOVE

The vantage point emphasizes vastness of Tomb Chamber. The MAN/BEAST STATUES' eyes glow as MONKIAN advances to Crypt.

MONKIAN
Mumm-Ra!?

SOUND EFX: MONKIAN's voice echoes in vast chamber.

MUMM-RA (VO)
Here, Monkian ...

MONKIAN WHIRLS:

HE SEES:

MUMM-RA emerging from the shadows. Angle includes the CAULDRON IN FOREGROUND.

MONKIAN
W-why have you summoned me here,
Mumm-Ra?

MUMM-RA
Because you dream of power,
Monkian -- and I can give you
power!

MUMM-RA gestures at the CAULDRON.

MUMM-RA

Behold!

A cloud of yellow mist bursts from the CAULDRON.

MONKIAN steps back, alarmed.

A revolving image of THIRD EARTH appears in the CAULDRON.

MUMM-RA

I will give you the Northern
Sector of Third Earth!

A large part of THIRD EARTH GLOWS ... this is the
"Northern Sector."

MUMM-RA

Rich in gold ... jewels ...
and it is where the Thundercats
live!

MUMM-RA turns to MONKIAN.

MUMM-RA

Get me The Eye of ThundERa and
you shall have the power to
possess everything you desire!

MONKIAN

B-But how will I get the Eye
from the Thundercats?

MUMM-RA

With these ...

MUMM-RA opens his hand TO REVEAL several gray spheres
about the size of ping-pong balls.

MUMM-RA

... Spheres of Power!

The Spheres LEVITATE several inches off MUMM-RA's palm ...
and GLOW.

SOUND EFX: Rolling BOOM of thunder ...

MONKIAN looks on in awe.

CLOSE ON THE SPHERES

They revolve around and around each other ... faster and
faster ...

MUMM-RA (VO)
 (evil laughter growing
 in intensity)

...

CLOSE ON:
 MONKIAN, his eyes revolving as he watches the spheres.

He reaches out to grab them.

MONKIAN
 Give them to me!

MUMM-RA snatches them back.

MUMM-RA
 (cunning)
 Power has its price, Monkian!
 Are you prepared to pay a price?

MONKIAN
 I'll pay! Power is worth any
 price!

MUMM-RA
Any price?

MONKIAN
 Give me the spheres, Mumm-Ra!
 If they work, I'll pay anything!

MUMM-RA
 So we have a bargain?

MONKIAN
 Yes, Mumm-Ra! We have a bargain!

CUT TO:

EXT: MUMM-RA'S PYRAMID - DAY

CAMERA PULLS BACK AS:
 lightning CRACKLES from obelisks to pyramid tip.

MUMM-RA (VO)
 A bargain!
 (wild, sinister,
 diminishing laughter)

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT: PLAIN OF FERTILITY - DAY

MONKIAN'S POV:

We are CLOSE on densely-packed GREEN FOLIAGE.

MONKIAN'S HANDS reach INTO FRAME and part foliage ...

... revealing CATS' LAIR seen from low angle.

REVERSE ANGLE

MONKIAN, wearing his laser CROSSBOW strapped to his back and carrying Spheres of Power in a BELT POUCH, scrambles out of foliage ... runs FROM FRAME.

PANTHRO (VO)

Monkian!

MONKIAN spins around and SEES:

PANTHRO and CHEETARA standing behind him.

PANTHRO

What are you doing here, Mutant?

MONKIAN takes a SPHERE from his belt pouch.

MONKIAN

What's it to you, Thundercat?

CLOSE ON:

MONKIAN's hand, where the SPHERE glows, spins and then levitates.

CLOSE ON PANTHRO

PANTHRO whips out his NUN-CHUKAS and throws them at MONKIAN.

ANGLE - MONKIAN

With a brief BLINDING FLASH of LIGHT MONKIAN's Sphere turns into a set of Nun-Chukas just like PANTHRO's.

MONKIAN throws Nun-Chukas toward PANTHRO.

THE TWO PAIRS OF NUN-CHUKAS meet in MID-AIR and explode in a FLASH!

ANGLE - CHEETARA

She is in a battle crouch and whips out her STAFF.

CHEETARA

That'll cost you!

CHEETARA raps her staff on the ground ... causing it to create FIVE IDENTICAL STAVES ... which fly toward MONKIAN in formation ...

ANGLE - MONKIAN

MONKIAN holds another levitating Sphere. Sphere FLASHES to form a STAFF exactly like CHEETARA's.

MONKIAN uses STAFF like a baseball bat to smack away CHEETARA's five incoming STAVES. STAVES fly OUT OF FRAME ... right back toward CHEETARA ...

PANTHRO (VO)

Look out!

ANGLE - CHEETARA

She dodges incoming STAVES just in time ... STAVES "mow down" foliage right where she was ... cutting a wide swath.

ANGLE - MONKIAN

MONKIAN tosses a GLOWING SPHERE.

ANGLE - PANTHRO

SPHERE flies INTO FRAME and encloses PANTHRO, trapping him inside crystal sphere. SPHERE rolls OUT OF FRAME, PANTHRO immobile inside ...

REPEAT:

MONKIAN tosses a GLOWING SPHERE.

ANGLE - CHEETARA

SPHERE flies INTO FRAME, enclosing her, trapping her inside.

ANGLE - MONKIAN

MONKIAN

Two down. Five to go!
(evil laughter)

MONKIAN runs FROM FRAME.

CUT TO:

EXT: CATS' LAIR - DAY

Suddenly MONKIAN runs INTO FRAME, sprinting for the draw-bridge area.

TYGRA (VO)

Hold it right there, Mutant!

ANGLE - TYGRA who is by the LAIR entrance.

He whips out his Bolo, snaps it -- sending a FIREBALL toward MONKIAN.

CLOSE ON MONKIAN

He dodges FIREBALL as it flashes THROUGH FRAME ... then pulls out a Sphere ... Sphere FLASHES ... and suddenly MONKIAN is invisible.

Only his LASER CROSSBOW remains ... "floating" in mid-air as it is held by unseen MONKIAN.

CROSSBOW moves ... comes quickly to bear on TYGRA, fires THREE LASER BLASTS in rapid succession ...

CLOSE ON TYGRA

He snaps Bolo around himself ... becomes invisible ... MONKIAN'S THREE LASER BLASTS zoom THROUGH FRAME ... narrowly missing TYGRA (or at least where we last assumed him to be).

TYGRA'S BOLO has remained visible ... it "floats" in mid-air ... zooms to confront "floating" CROSSBOW.

MONKIAN'S CROSSBOW and TYGRA'S BOLO zoom up to each other in mid-air and ATTACK ...

THE CROSSBOW fires three laser BOLTS in rapid sequence.

THE BOLO dodges the blasts, snaps out a FIREBALL.

THE CROSSBOW fires a LASER BLAST AT FIREBALL, disintegrating it in mid-air.

THE BOLO moves in, snaps AROUND CROSSBOW ...

CROSSBOW fires WILDLY ... wrenches free, gets off a laser blast which appears to be a DIRECT HIT on BOLO ... creating an EXPLOSION.

MONKIAN (VO)

(evil laughter)

...

SMOKE from explosion clears ...

TYGRA (VO)

Behind you, Monkian!

ANOTHER ANGLE - CROSSBOW AND BOLO

THE CROSSBOW whirls to face BOLO, fires LASER BLAST.
THE BOLO snaps OUT OF FRAME, avoiding BLAST.

PULL BACK TO REVEAL:

WILYKAT and WILYKIT in the CAT'S HEAD CONTROL ROOM watching the above scene on the MAIN SCANNER.

WILYKAT

What'll we do?

WILYKIT

The only thing we can do. Pull the bridge in!

She moves to operate a LEVER on CONTROL PANEL.

CLOSE ON WILYKIT'S HAND

It is moving a lever to the "up" position. A red light glows on when she completes the up movement.

CUT TO:

EXT: CATS' LAIR - DRAWBRIDGE AREA - DAY

The drawbridge withdrawing ... CROSSBOW and BOLO holding their positions ... on the bridge.

TYGRA (VO)

Come and get me!

THE CROSSBOW lunges for BOLO.

THE BOLO snaps out a series of FIREBALLS which form a burning circle around CROSSBOW.

MONKIAN suddenly becomes visible. He LEAPS from flames.

MONKIAN

Yeow!

THE BOLO fires another series of FIREBALLS.

FIREBALLS scatter around MONKIAN as he clambers ...
ALONG THE DRAWBRIDGE.

Suddenly MONKIAN whirls and fires ONE-HANDED.

MONKIAN'S LASER BLAST smashes the drawbridge where TYGRA's feet would be.

TYGRA suddenly becomes visible ... section of DRAWBRIDGE crumbles ... he loses his balance ...

... and FALLS FROM FRAME.

TRACKING WITH TYGRA IN MID-AIR

He falls rapidly, headed for moat waters.

TYGRA
(cry of alarm)

...

ANGLE - MONKIAN ON DRAWBRIDGE

He throws a SPHERE at TYGRA.

ANGLE - TYGRA FALLING

Sphere flies INTO FRAME, encloses TYGRA, trapping him immobile inside crystal sphere ...

PAN DOWN WITH TYGRA:

We see him immobile in crystal sphere, splashing in MOAT WATERS ... bobbing up and floating OUT OF FRAME.

CLOSE ON MONKIAN

MONKIAN
(smiles)
Cats don't always land on their feet.

CUT TO:

INT: CAT'S HEAD CONTROL - DAY

WILYKAT and WILYKIT turn away from Control Panel ... reacting with fearful surprise as Control Room door smashes open with a CLANG and MONKIAN strides in.

WILYKAT
Monkian!!

WILYKAT and WILYKIT leap into action, whirling their lariats overhead.

MONKIAN produces a levitating Sphere.

MONKIAN
Your weapons are useless,
ThunderCats!!

WILYKAT and WILYKIT throw their lariats.

MONKIAN's Sphere FLASHES ... transforming into a MAGIC LARIAT of his own ... he flings it at WILYKAT's and WILYKIT's incoming LARIATS.

MONKIAN'S LARIAT flies to WILYKAT's and WILYKIT's, ties a pretzel knot around them, rendering them useless ...

... and the entire TANGLED LARIAT MASS flies to WILYKAT and WILYKIT. It wraps itself around them so that WILYKAT and WILYKIT become hopelessly tangled in LARIAT MASS.

WILYKAT

Hey!!

WILYKIT

Get this stuff off me!!

CLOSE ON MONKIAN

MONKIAN

(evil laughter)

MONKIAN holds another Sphere in his palm.

SPHERE levitates ... spins faster and faster ...

There is a BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHT ...

... and MONKIAN is gone ...

CUT TO:

INT: SWORD CHAMBER - DAY

The Sword is seen in its cradle.

Suddenly there is a BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHT ...

... and MONKIAN materializes . . . he advances on Sword ... snatches it out of cradle. SWORD glitters as he gazes upon it.

MONKIAN

The Eye of Thundera!!

The CAT'S EYE GLOWS and GROWLS angrily.

LION-O (VO)

That's property of the Thunder-Cats, Monkian!

MONKIAN WHIRLS:

HE SEES:

LION-O and SNARF

They are at the entrance of the Sword Chamber. LION-O extends his hand:

LION-O
Sword of Omens -- come to my
hand!

ANGLE - MONKIAN

SWORD jumps out of MONKIAN's hands.

ANGLE - LION-O AND SNARF

SWORD flies into LION-O's HAND. LION-O takes up attack stance, points Sword at MONKIAN.

LION-O
HO!

SWORD emits laser BLAST.

MONKIAN holds another Sphere ... with a FLASH it transforms into a hand-held MIRROR SHIELD ...

MIRROR SHIELD reflects LION-O's incoming laser blast back at LION-O and SNARF.

SNARF
Look out! Snarf, snarf!!

LION-O puts on his CLAW SHIELD and holds it up so it reflects LASER BLAST back at MONKIAN.

MONKIAN lunges to get MIRROR SHIELD in place ... and AGAIN, LASER BLAST is reflected back to LION-O.

LION-O reflects laser blast back at MONKIAN. Advances to MONKIAN.

MONKIAN steps back, losing ground, as he reflects blast BACK to LION-O.

LION-O moves CLAW SHIELD so it reflects LASER back at MONKIAN, then rushes MONKIAN.

MONKIAN produces another SPHERE ...

SPHERE flashes BRILLIANTLY ...

... and MONKIAN is gone. Vanished.

(NOTE: Above sequence is fast-paced, like a tennis volley.)

LASER BLAST slams into wall where MONKIAN was.

SNARF
(bewildered)
W-where'd he go?

LION-O
Come on. Let's check the
Scanner!

LION-O and SNARF run FROM FRAME.

CUT TO:

INT: CAT'S HEAD CONTROL ROOM - DAY

LION-O and SNARF run in and see WILYKAT and WILYKIT still
trapped in TANGLED LARIATS.

LION-O
What happened to you two?

LION-O tears LARIAT MASS free, muscles bulging.

WILYKAT
It's Monkian --

WILYKIT
(interrupting)
He's somewhere in Cats' Lair
and he has strange new powers!!

LION-O
Yes -- we caught up with him
in the Sword Chamber ...

SNARF
But now he's disappeared!

WILYKIT
Wait ... Look!

WILYKIT indicates MAIN SCANNER SCREEN.

CLOSE ON SCANNER SCREEN

THE SCREEN shows MONKIAN materializing outside the Lair
with a BRILLIANT FLASH ... he is levitating a Sphere of
Power over his open palm ... Sphere spinning faster and
faster ...

SNARF (VO)
What's he up to now?

LION-O (VO)
 (musingly)
 Another one of those Spheres!

CLOSE ON LION-O

LION-O
 SEAL THE LAIR!

CLOSE ON WILYKAT

He turns to press a large button on the console.

CLOSE ON WILYKAT'S FINGER PRESSING BUTTON

INSERT: MAIN DOOR OF LAIR SLAMMING SHUT. LOCK BOLTS
 AUTOMATICALLY THROWN.

INSERT: PROTECTIVE METAL SLIDES OVER WINDOW OR OTHER
 ENTRY.

INSERT: LARGE "EYELIDS" CLOSE OVER "EYES" IN CAT'S HEAD
 TO FORM "GUN-SLIT" DESIGN.

RESUME SCENE: CLOSE ON WILYKAT

WILYKAT
 All secure, Lion-O. Now what?

CLOSER ON LION-O

LION-O
 (following a tense sigh)
 ... We wait ...

CLOSE ON MAIN SCANNER SCREEN

ZOOM IN on MONKIAN (shown on Scanner Screen). Sphere he
 holds explodes in BLINDING FLASH ...

... suddenly all we see are TWO HUGE MONKIAN FEET --
 MONKIAN has transformed into a GIANT!

CUT TO:

EXT: CATS' LAIR - DAY

MONKIAN, in giant form, towers over Cats' Lair. He reaches
 inside one of the CAT'S EYES, smashing "gun-slit" armor.

MONKIAN
 (evil laughter)
 ...

CUT TO:

INT: CAT'S HEAD CONTROL - DAY

CLOSE ON MAIN SCANNER

Scanner BREAKS APART as HUGE MONKIAN hand gropes toward the THUNDERCATS.

LION-O (VO)
Battle stations!!

ANGLE - WILYKAT AND WILYKIT

They run from HUGE MONKIAN HAND ... escape OUT OF FRAME ...

ANGLE - LION-O AND SNARF

LION-O is in attack stance, Sword held overhead. SNARF tugs at LION-O.

SNARF
You can't fight him alone!
Come on!

Suddenly HUGE HAND swipes INTO FRAME ... knocking SNARF and LION-O off their feet and OUT OF FRAME ...

CUT TO:

INT: CATS' LAIR CORRIDOR - DAY

LION-O and SNARF tumble INTO FRAME ... jump to their feet ...

... HUGE SHADOW of HAND threatens ... LION-O and SNARF run for it.

GIANT HAND'S POV:

TRACKING BEHIND LION-O and SNARF.

They evade hand ... LION-O looks over his shoulder -- INTO CAMERA:

LION-O
(growls)

...

REVERSE ANGLE - LION-O AND SNARF

They are running from the hand, which is directly behind them.

LION-O
We've got to reach higher ground!

LION-O and SNARF leap UP ... OUT OF FRAME ...

ANGLE - METAL RUNG LADDER

It is affixed to the corridor bulkhead/wall. LION-O and SNARF leap INTO FRAME, cling to ladder, scramble up it.

PAN UP WITH THEM:

to REVEAL circular escape hatch set in ceiling. LION-O flings it open with a CLANG sound ... daylight pours in. LION-O and SNARF scramble out just as HUGE HAND gropes at hatch ...

CUT TO:

EXT: TOP OF CAT'S HEAD - DAY

Only the uppermost domed part of Cat's Head (between the ears) is visible. SNARF and LION-O scramble out of hatch, stand.

LION-O holds Sword overhead ... blade GLITTERS with POWER ...

LION-O
Monkian! Come here and fight!!

Suddenly GIANT MONKIAN HAND sweeps INTO FRAME ... swatting LION-O and SNARF from top of CAT'S HEAD ... and OUT OF FRAME ...

TRACKING WITH LION-O and SNARF IN MID-AIR

They tumble end over end ...

SNARF
(cry of alarm)
Snarf!!

... and fall into the MOAT.

THEY SEE:

GIANT MONKIAN towering over MOAT. MONKIAN leans down, begins to vacuum up (drink) the MOAT, inflating like a vacuum cleaner bag as he does so.

SOUND EFX: SOUND of RUSHING WATER

CLOSE ON LION-O AND SNARF CAUGHT IN RUSHING WATER

LION-O
Swim for it!

SNARF

I can't ... make it!!

They struggle against the tide of rushing water ... are pulled RIGHT TO LEFT FROM FRAME in sudden motion ...

... leaving the moat BONE DRY ... exposed ... a FISH left flapping on bare moat bottom.

CLOSE ON GIANT MONKIAN

He sweeps his hand into the moat ... brings his CLOSED FIST up to his face ... opens fist to see what he has caught ... and reacts with an evil smile ...

CLOSE ON GIANT MONKIAN HAND

We see LION-O and SNARF, looking tiny in giant MONKIAN palm. BOTH dazed ...

DISSOLVE TO:

INT: MUMM-RA'S TOMB - DAY

MUMM-RA and MONKIAN face each other. MUMM-RA holds the SWORD OF OMENS.

MUMM-RA

Excellent, Monkian, excellent ...

ANOTHER ANGLE - INCLUDE LION-O AND SNARF

LION-O is sprawled on Tomb floor, bound by heavy leg and wrist irons. SNARF is nearby.

MUMM-RA

You have brought me the Eye of ThundERa. Now the Northern Sector is yours!

CLOSE ON LION-O

He reacts, ready to spring.

LION-O

(growls)

...

CLOSE ON MUMM-RA

He turns to LION-O and SNARF.

MUMM-RA

Welcome, ThunderCats!

MUMM-RA makes a hand gesture ...

causing LION-O and SNARF to instantly fly up ... zoom backward into a Tomb wall ... LION-O's leg and wrist irons grow into wall ... fusing with it ... SNARF likewise acquires leg and wrist irons ... they are prisoners.

MUMM-RA

The Eye will go blind in my crypt ...

MUMM-RA shuffles into crypt.

MUMM-RA

... and be powerless forever!!
(evil laughter)

CLOSE ON LION-O

He is in a fury, struggling against irons.

LION-O

NEVER!!

CLOSE ON MUMM-RA'S CASKET

It closes with an ECHOING FINALITY ...

MUMM-RA

(fading laughter)

...

CLOSER ON LION-O

LION-O

No-o-o-o-o!

FADE OUT.

END OF PART ONE

TIME: _____

PART TWO

FADE IN:

INT: MUMM-RA'S TOMB - DAY

LION-O strains against his irons ... muscles bulging ... straining suddenly ... he BREAKS FREE!

INSERT: THE IRON BONDS SHATTERING.

LION-O
(growls)

...

HE BREAKS SNARF'S IRONS apart with his bare hands.

MONKIAN reacts with surprise and awe.

LION-O rushes to MUMM-RA'S SARCOPHOGUS ... forces it open with his bare hands ...

LION-O
(grunts of exertion)

...

CLOSE ON THE SARCOPHOGUS DOOR

The DOOR cracks open under LION-O's efforts ... a glimpse of the SWORD is visible inside ... it GLOWS ... seen through SWIRLING MIST ...

MONKIAN springs into action, producing a Sphere of Power ... he levitates it over his palm ... Sphere spins on its own axis ...

BRILLIANT FLASH ... and the Sphere has transformed into a set of NUN-CHUKAS ... MONKIAN uses them to shoot SHOWER OF ICE CRYSTALS at LION-O.

LION-O dodges ICE SHOWER ... which strikes CRYPT ... causing BILLOWS OF STEAM ...

CLOSE ON MONKIAN

MONKIAN
The Sword belongs to Mumm-Ra now!

CLOSE ON LION-O

He is revealed ... seen through SWIRLING STEAM CLOUD ... his EYES narrow, scheming ...

LION-O (VO - his thoughts)
If I can distract Monkian ...

ANGLE - LION-O AND MONKIAN

They face each other.

LION-O
The Northern Sector is not enough
for a Mutant with your powers!
Defeat Mumm-Ra in battle -- and
you will rule all of Third Earth!

CLOSE ON MONKIAN

MONKIAN
(accepts challenge)
Yesss! I will rule it!

MONKIAN turns to face CRYPT.

MONKIAN
(calls out)
Mumm-Ra! Surrender Third Earth,
or FIGHT!!

MUMM-RA shuffles out of CRYPT.

MUMM-RA
You dare challenge Mumm-Ra!?

CLOSE ON MUMM-RA

MUMM-RA
ANCIENT SPIRITS OF EVIL ...
(he extends his arms)

ANGLE - THE FOUR MAN/BEAST STATUES

They are looking down at MUMM-RA. Their eyes GLOW and
jagged LIGHTNING strikes out from them ...

MUMM-RA
TRANSFORM THIS DECAYED FORM ...

LION-O and MONKIAN struggle to maintain their footing ...
so powerful are the ENERGY WINDS which push against them ...
whipping LION-O'S MANE back ... LIGHTNING flashes on their
faces ...

ANGLE - MUMM-RA

MUMM-RA
TO MUMM-RA, THE EVER-LIVING!!

MUMM-RA is fully transformed now ... he has grown in size ... bandages fallen away, eyes burning red and the SNAKE INSIGNIA is VISIBLE on HIS CHEST ...

MUMM-RA descends on MONKIAN, fiery red forcefields emanating from his clawed hands.

MONKIAN, slightly hunched against the onslaught of ENERGY WINDS, LIGHTNING FLASHES, etc., has produced a levitating SPHERE OF POWER ... he struggles against being DRIVEN BACK by MUMM-RA's POWER.

MUMM-RA lets loose a TERRIBLE ROAR, advances on MONKIAN ...

CLOSE ON LION-O

He watches the conflict, eyes narrow, scheming.

LION-O (VO - his thoughts)
... now's my chance to get the
Sword!

LION-O rushes toward CRYPT.

MONKIAN'S SPHERE emits a BRILLIANT FLASH ... creating a FORCE FIELD of EVER-EXPANDING CONCENTRIC RINGS ...

MUMM-RA directs a LIGHTNING BOLT at MONKIAN ...

MONKIAN'S CONCENTRIC RING FORCE FIELD deflects the BOLT ... it ricochets OUT OF FRAME.

CLOSE ON LION-O AT CRYPT

He again PRIES OPEN THE CRYPT ... muscles bulging ... revealing SWORD glowing inside ... partly obscured by swirling mists ...

ANGLE - MONKIAN AND MUMM-RA

MONKIAN'S CONCENTRIC RING FORCE FIELD increases in power ... flows over MUMM-RA.

CLOSE ON MONKIAN

MONKIAN
You are doomed, Mumm-Ra!

CLOSE ON MUMM-RA

He is driven back by onslaught of CONCENTRIC RING FORCE FIELD.

MUMM-RA
(howl of rage)

...

THE CONCENTRIC RINGS FORCE FIELD flows over MUMM-RA ...
he becomes SMALLER and SMALLER ...

... while MONKIAN becomes LARGER and LARGER ...

... MUMM-RA'S SCREAMS become baffled WAILS ... as he
returns to his decayed "mummy" form ... scuttles OUT OF
FRAME ...

CLOSE ON MONKIAN

The victor.

MONKIAN
(exultant)
Now I will rule Third Earth!
And the Sword of Omens will be
mine!

LION-O (VO)
Think again, Mutant!

MONKIAN WHIRLS:

HE SEES:

LION-O holding the Sword in attack position.

LION-O
HO!!

SWORD glows, expands ... LASER BEAM SHOOTS OUT.

MONKIAN directs his CONCENTRIC RING FORCE FIELD at LION-O.

LION-O laser blast ricochets OUT OF FRAME. LION-O
shrinks back ... driven literally to his knees by powerful
force field.

LION-O (VO - his thoughts)
His force field is ...
(gasp)
... too powerful!

CLOSE ON SNARF

He covers his eyes with his hands/paws, afraid to look
at LION-O.

SNARF
 (despairing)
 Oh no! Snarf, snarf ...

THE SWORD bends backward ... the result of MONKIAN's force field. SWORD flies out of LION-O's grip ... clatters away. Turning end over end, SWORD flies INTO MONKIAN'S HAND.

In a single, smooth motion, MONKIAN leaps atop MUMM-RA's dias, lofting the Sword horizontally overhead in a "victor's" stance. (NOTE: Sword no longer bent, normal shape regained.)

MONKIAN
 I am invincible! I ALONE RULE
 THIRD EARTH!!

JAGGED LIGHTNING strikes out from MAN/BEAST STATUES and from dias.

INSERT: THE EYE on SWORD GROWLS with RAGE.

RESUME SCENE: CLOSE ON LION-O AND SNARF

Lightning flashes flicker over them ... SNARF reacting fearfully ... LION-O looking grim.

SOUND EFX: Rolling BOOM of THUNDER follows lightning.

CLOSE ON MONKIAN ATOP DIAS (LOW ANGLE)

MONKIAN
 (power mad, howling)
 I ... RULE ... THIRD ... EARTH!!

A FINAL CATAclysmic LIGHTNING BURST illuminates MONKIAN starkly atop dias, holding Sword aloft with power-mad glee.

FOLLOWING LIGHTNING ... TOMB dramatically and suddenly goes DARK and SILENT.

MUMM-RA is heard in the blackness ...

MUMM-RA (VO)
 Power has its price!

MUMM-RA steps out of the shadows ... illuminated by torch light.

MUMM-RA
 Remember our bargain, Monkian.

CLOSE ON MONKIAN

He is illuminated by torch light.

MONKIAN

(sneeringly)

I am not afraid of our little bargain, Mumm-Ra. Tell me the price of my power. I will pay NOW!

(NOTE: TOMB LIGHTING RETURNS TO NORMAL INTENSITY IN THE NEXT FEW SHOTS.)

MONKIAN'S POV: CLOSE ON MUMM-RA (HIGH ANGLE)

Several lighted torches are visible behind MUMM-RA.

MUMM-RA

You rule Third Earth. But it is a kingdom you will never see!

CLOSER ON MUMM-RA

MUMM-RA

Because you can never leave my Pyramid! That is the price of your power, Monkian!

MUMM-RA gestures.

SUDDENLY a STONE WALL forms in front of MONKIAN.

MONKIAN levitates a Sphere above his palm ... Sphere spinning faster and faster ...

MONKIAN

I'll turn that wall to dust!

THE SPHERE flashes BRILLIANTLY.

THE WALL explodes, breaking in HALF.

THE WALL instantly REPAIRS ITSELF, reforming into SOLID MASS.

MONKIAN

(gasp of surprise)

...

HE SEES:

ANOTHER WALL forming.

MONKIAN'S SPHERE flashes BRILLIANTLY.

THE NEW WALL explodes, breaking in half.

THE NEW WALL instantly repairs itself.

MONKIAN

(rage)

No-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o!

MONKIAN whirls to face MUMM-RA.

MONKIAN

Let me go!

MUMM-RA points a bony finger at MONKIAN.

MUMM-RA

YOU MADE THE BARGAIN, MUTANT!

MONKIAN

I am rich! I'll give you gold,
jewels! Anything!

MUMM-RA

A bribe!?

(laughs)

We have a bargain. You are my
prisoner -- forever!!

MONKIAN reacts by throwing down SWORD. It sticks in TOMB
FLOOR, quivering there.

CLOSE ON LION-O AND SNARF

LION-O

(growls)

...

He begins to move toward THE SWORD.

CLOSE ON MONKIAN AND MUMM-RA, LION-O AND SNARF IN
BACKGROUND.

MONKIAN

(defeated)

I give up my power, Mumm-Ra.

ANGLE ON LION-O

moving stealthily toward THE SWORD.

CLOSE ON SNARF

watching LION-O fearfully.

CLOSE ON MUMM-RA AND MONKIAN

MUMM-RA

So be it.

MUMM-RA begins to make a complicated gesture with his hands.

LION-O nears THE SWORD.

CLOSE ON MUMM-RA, GESTURING

MUMM-RA

I return you to your original
state!

A multicolored EXPLOSION of light flashes from MUMM-RA's hands to MONKIAN.

MONKIAN returns to his normal size.

CLOSE ON SNARF

SNARF

(stage whisper)

Now, Lion-O!

CLOSE ON LION-O

who springs toward THE SWORD.

MUMM-RA

But the Sword remains mine!

MUMM-RA now turns to where the Sword was stuck in the floor.

HE SEES:

LION-O pouncing on the SWORD.

LION-O

Too late, Mumm-Ra!!

(he lifts it overhead)

Thunder-Thunder-Thunder ...

The SWORD grows.

LION-O

THUNDERCATS - HO!!

The THUNDERCATS' symbol shoots into the air, flooding the Tomb Chamber with light. The EYE GROWLS.

CUT TO:

EXT: PLAIN OF FERTILITY - DAY

THE THUNDERCATS symbol appears in the sky above the crystal spheres holding PANTHRO and CHEETARA.

LION-O (VO)
(echoing)

HO!

In turn, PANTHRO's and CHEETARA's eyes glow fierce yellow and they flex their muscles.

In turn, the spheres holding them prisoner shatter and PANTHRO and CHEETARA step free.

They run from FRAME.

THE THUNDERCATS' symbol appears above TYGRA. His eyes burn. His muscles bulge. The sphere shatters and TYGRA LEAPS from moat waters.

ANGLE - NEAR CATS' LAIR

CHEETARA, PANTHRO, TYGRA converge, joined by WILYKAT and WILYKIT.

CHEETARA gestures to THUNDERCATS' symbol ... seen above in sky.

CHEETARA
It's over the Pyramid!

PANTHRO
Let's move!!

THE THUNDERCATS sprint FROM FRAME.

CUT TO:

EXT: CATS' LAIR - THUNDERTANK BAY - DAY

The THUNDERTANK ROARS OUT, half-tracks spinning, heading DIRECTLY TOWARD CAMERA, FILLING FRAME.

CUT TO:

INT: TOMB CHAMBER - DAY

CLOSE ON LION-O

MONKIAN (VO)
ThunderCat!

LION-O WHIRLS:

HE SEES:

MONKIAN pulling a Sphere of Power from his pouch.

MONKIAN

I'm not through with you yet!

INSERT: SPHERE IN MONKIAN'S PALM

Sphere turns to dust.

LION-O (VO)

Looks like your reign is over,
Monkian!

RESUME SCENE: LION-O directs laser BLAST from SWORD at
MONKIAN.

MONKIAN LEAPS to avoid laser blast, pulls LASER CROSSBOW
from shoulder harness, brings it to bear on LION-O.

LION-O

HO!

LION-O uses laser BLAST from SWORD to knock LASER CROSSBOW
from MONKIAN'S HANDS.

LION-O

HO!

A SERIES OF LASER BLASTS FROM SWORD crash all around
MONKIAN.

MONKIAN turns tails and runs from chamber.

MONKIAN

(simian "hoots" of fear)

...

CLOSE ON MUMM-RA

MUMM-RA

He is a coward. But I am
Mumm-Ra!

MUMM-RA attacks, sending lightning "fingers" directly INTO
CAMERA.

CLOSE ON LION-O AND SNARF

Lightning "fingers" strike SWORD, ripping it from LION-O's
hands.

SWORD tumbles to TOMB FLOOR. SNARF runs INTO FRAME, takes up SWORD in HIS TEETH ... runs to LION-O.

A SERIES OF LIGHTNING "FINGERS" snap at SNARF, who must zig and zag, running this way and that to avoid them.

MUMM-RA (VO)
(evil laughter)

...

LION-O scoops up SNARF and in a single motion directs SWORD --

LION-O

HO!

... shooting a LASER BLAST INTO CAMERA.

ANGLE - MUMM-RA

MUMM-RA gestures ... creating a stone wall (like the one which prevented MONKIAN's escape).

LASER BLAST strikes wall, blowing it apart.

THE WALL reconstructs instantly, good as new.

MUMM-RA
The Eye of Thundera will be
mine!!

LION-O sprints to LEAP OVER wall ... clears the TOP ...

... and touches down on the OTHER SIDE.

SNARF clammers over WALL ... lands on other side, a bit heavily, next to LION-O.

THEY WHIRL:

THEY SEE:

Nothing. No MUMM-RA. He has vanished.

SNARF
(bewildered)
Where'd he go?

SUDDENLY:

MUMM-RA (VO)
(evil laughter)

...

ANOTHER ANGLE - MUMM-RA

MUMM-RA directs lightning "fingers" at LION-O.

ANGLE - LION-O AND SNARF

LIGHTNING "FINGERS" grip SWORD ... LION-O struggles to maintain his grip on SWORD.

LION-O
(growls)

...

SNARF
Leave it to me!

SNARF races for MUMM-RA.

CLOSE ON MUMM-RA

His eyes slide LEFT, noting SNARF's approach.

MUMM-RA directs a bit of lightning to SNARF.

SNARF leaps to avoid LIGHTNING STRIKE. LIGHTNING leaves SCORCH MARK where SNARF was.

LIGHTNING "FINGERS" thrash out, grasp SNARF in their embrace.

SNARF is frozen in place, vibrating as lightning force courses through him.

CLOSE ON LION-O

He struggles to maintain grip on SWORD as LIGHTNING "FINGERS" tug at it.

SWORD begins to GLOW red, then white. Wisps of SMOKE issue from where LION-O holds it.

LION-O
It's ... it's heating up!

CLOSER ON LION-O

Grimly determined to hang on to SWORD, beads of sweat forming on his forehead.

CUT TO:

INT: PYRAMID CORRIDOR - DAY

CAMERA TRACKS WITH MONKIAN

He runs down corridor, fleeing scene of conflict. He pants for breath.

SOUND EFX: Growing ROAR of approaching THUNDERTANK.

CUT TO:

EXT: PYRAMID - DAY

SOUND EFX: THE THUNDERTANK ENGINE NOTE ROARS near maximum level.

The THUNDERTANK roars up to Pyramid Entrance, which is sealed by HUGE PYRAMID DOOR.

THUNDERTANK slams to a skidding halt before door.

CUT TO:

INT: THE THUNDERTANK - DAY

PANTHRO and CHEETARA are at the controls. TYGRA, WILYKAT and WILYKIT are visible at their stations.

CHEETARA

We've got to get in -- now!

PANTHRO

No problem!

CUT TO:

EXT: PYRAMID - DAY

THE THUNDERTANK slams into REVERSE ... backs away from Pyramid Entrance.

CLOSE ON THUNDERTANK

THUNDERTANK engines ROAR to full power. THUNDERTANK takes off from a standing start, like a drag racer, pops a "wheelie" and ROARS full speed for Pyramid Entrance.

CUT TO:

INT: THUNDERTANK COCKPIT - DAY

POV: THUNDERTANK COCKPIT

We are looking out the cockpit viewports ... FRAME SHAKING with forward motion/ vibration of moving ThunderTank.

We are rolling RAPIDLY for sealed Pyramid Entrance ... visible OUTSIDE.

THE DOOR LOOMING FAST ...

PANTHRO (VO)
Hang on, everyone!!

THE DOOR slams RIGHT INTO CAMERA!

CLOSE ON PANTHRO AND CHEETARA

They are thrown backward in their seats FROM IMPACT.

CUT TO:

INT: PYRAMID CORRIDOR - DAY

THE THUNDERTANK smashes through entrance, laser cannon
BLASTING.

THUNDERTANK RUMBLES into corridor.

ANGLE - MONKIAN

He reacts to fearful sight of speeding THUNDERTANK. He
scrambles up the wall in simian fashion, narrowly avoiding
LASER BLASTS and the THUNDERTANK itself ... as it ROARS
INTO FRAME ...

... and quickly OUT AGAIN.

CUT TO:

INT: TOMB CHAMBER - DAY

THE THUNDERTANK bursts into the Chamber, laser cannon
firing.

CLOSE ON MUMM-RA

MUMM-RA
The ThunderCats!!

ANGLE - THE THUNDERTANK

LASER CANNON blasts MUMM-RA's LIGHTNING, shattering it ...

ANGLE - LION-O

LION-O pulls SWORD free of lightning.

ANGLE - SNARF

SNARF is released from lightning "fingers."

ANGLE - THUNDERTANK

HATCH pops open, WILYKAT and WILYKIT leap out, whirl their LARIATS.

CLOSE ON THUNDERTANK LASER CANNON

Cannon fires LASER BLAST.

ANGLE - MUMM-RA

He moves to avoid incoming LASER BLAST ... blast SLAMS into wall behind him ...

MUMM-RA extends his arms.

MUMM-RA
ANCIENT SPIRITS OF EVIL!

The Tomb is aglow with his POWER.

ANGLE - WILYKAT AND WILYKIT

Still atop the THUNDERTANK, they throw their lariat loops OUT OF FRAME.

ANGLE - MUMM-RA

FRAME VIBRATES with his POWER. LIGHTNING FLASHES.

MUMM-RA
TRANSFORM THIS DECAYED FORM!

SUDDENLY the LARIAT LOOPS fly INTO FRAME ... looping around MUMM-RA, trapping his hands at his sides.

MUMM-RA
Into -- arrrggghh!

MUMM-RA howls with RAGE, momentarily trapped.

CLOSE ON SNARF

SNARF
Quick, Lion-O!! The Claw
Shield!

ANGLE - MUMM-RA

LION-O leaps INTO FRAME, flashing CLAW SHIELD at MUMM-RA.

MUMM-RA
(howls)

...

CLOSE ON CLAW SHIELD

We see MUMM-RA's howling face reflected in mirror surface of CLAW SHIELD.

MUMM-RA (VO)
(screams of agony)

...

ANGLE - LION-O AND MUMM-RA

MUMM-RA backs off, cringing at sight of his own reflection.

LION-O advances on him.

LION-O
Behold the horror of your own
reflection!

MUMM-RA scuttles to his crypt. Crypt door opening ...
MUMM-RA entering.

CLOSE ON LION-O

He lowers Claw Shield, snaps Sword back in place, in
Shield.

CLOSE ON THE CRYPT

Crypt slams shut with ECHOING FINALITY.

SOUND EFX: SOUND OF CLOSING CRYPT ECHOES THROUGH CHAMBER

ANGLE - LION-O

LION-O
That takes care of him --
and Monkian.

LION-O turns TO FACE the OTHER THUNDERCATS.

LION-O
Everyone all right?

PANTHRO
All secure.

CHEETARA
How about I drive home? Looks
like you've had a busy day.

LION-O
It's a deal.

THE THUNDERCATS leap aboard THUNDERTANK ...

... HATCH slams shut ...

THUNDERTANK spins on its own axis ...

... and ZOOMS OUT of TOMB CHAMBER with a ROAR. We watch it VANISH down long corridor ...

FADE OUT.

END OF PART TWO

TIME: _____

EPILOGUE

FADE IN:

EXT: CATS' LAIR - ESTABLISHING - DAY

The SUN, visible in BACKGROUND, is low in the sky. An ORANGE GLOW suffuses the scene.

LION-O (VO)

I admit, that was a close one.

SNARF (VO)

Close!? If you guys hadn't shown up, it would've been our last one!

CUT TO:

INT: CATS' LAIR - SWORD CHAMBER - DAY

LION-O stands near the Sword Cradle. The OTHER THUNDERCATS arranged in tableau behind him.

LION-O

Nonetheless, the Code of ThUNDERa ...

CLOSE ON SWORD OF OMENS

It glitters as LION-O returns it to Cradle.

LION-O (VO)

... prevails.

He snaps Sword in place.

ANGLE - WILYKAT AND WILYKIT

WILYKIT

But what if we couldn't get the Sword back from Monkian?

WILYKAT

Then he would've ruled Third Earth -- forever.

TYGRA (VO)

Don't be so sure of that, Wilykat.

CLOSE ON TYGRA

TYGRA

Some creatures are ready for power, some aren't.

CLOSE ON PANTHRO

PANTHRO

Yeah, Monkian tried to make his
own bargain with the Sword --
but he just couldn't cut it!

ANGLE - THE THUNDERCATS

ALL laugh.

FADE OUT.

THE END

TIME: _____

