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"MUMM-RA LIVES"

PART III

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PART ONE

FADE IN:

EXT: DARKSIDE - DAY

(This is the location with which SCRIPT #72 ended.)

LION-O, PANTHRO, LYNX-O, THE WOLLO and THE BOLKIN have just discovered that SKYTOMB is mobile. THE THUNDER-STRIKE is parked in BACKGROUND.

ESTABLISH - THE GROUP

as we left them at the end of SCRIPT #2.

LYNX-O The decision is yours, of course, Lion-O ...

CLOSE ON - LYNX-O

his sightless face turned to LION-O.

LYNX-O ... you are The Lord of the ThunderCats -- but we should return to Cats' Lair to devise an effective strategy which will contain the menace of Skytomb!

CLOSE ON - LION-O

placing a hand on LYNX-O's shoulder.

LION-O You're right, Lynx-O. I value your wisdom.

He turns to PANTHRO.

LION-O (contd) Fire up the ThunderStrike, Panthro -- and let's get out of here!

SMASH CUT TO:

EXTREME CLOSE UP - THE THUNDERSTRIKE'S ROCKET EXHAUSTS -- an explosion of SOUND and flame.

PULL BACK TO:

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as THE THUNDERSTRIKE makes a SCREAMING take off and turn -- then zooms from FRAME.

PAN TO FIND:

MA-MUTT, concealed. It is clear that he has seen and overheard everything.

He SNARLS, WHINES, licks his fearsomely toothed chops -- then takes off and heads for MUMM-RA'S PYRAMID.

ZIP PAN TO:

EXT: MUMM-RA'S PYRAMID - DAY

ESTABLISH - THE PYRAMID

LIGHTNING flashes and CRACKLES from its apex to the obelisk tips.

CLOSE IN

as MA-MUTT enters FRAME and disappears inside THE PYRAMID.

WIPE TO:

INT: MUMM-RA'S PYRAMID - DAY

MA-MUTT stands up on his back legs, pawing at MUMM-RA's sarcophagus and WHINING. Then he stands back and BARKS.

With an ominous RUMBLING, the sarcophagus door GRINDS open and MUMM-RA, more shrivelled and mangy than he has ever been, peers out.

> MUMM-RA So, MA-faithful-MUTT, you have done everything I have asked you -- and more. You are indeed a mummy's best friend ...

MA-MUTT wags his horrible rear end, SNARLS and slobbers.

MUMM-RA (contd) The Luna-tics are free and Skytomb is operational. The ThunderCats' days on Third Earth are numbered! (wild laugh)

MA-MUTT BARKS enthusiastically and jumps up and down.

MUMM-RA suddenly cuts his laugh short.

MUMM-RA (contd) But we must know The ThunderCats' plans, Ma-Mutt! You must discover them!

INSERT - MA-MUTT

WHINES hideously and backs away.

MUMM-RA steps forward and spreads his arms wide.

MUMM-RA ANCIENT SPIRITS OF EVIL ...

Winds begin to HOWL.

MUMM-RA's bandages whirl.

MA-MUTT cowers.

MUMM-RA (contd) ... TRANSFORM THIS DECAYING DOG

CLOSE ON - MA-MUTT

who begins to glow -- and to HOWL pitifully.

MUMM-RA (contd OC) ... INTO MA-MUTT THE BERBIL!

MA-MUTT undergoes a spectacular transformation -- and turns into a BERBIL -- except that his eyes burn red.

MUMM-RA reaches down and pats MA-MUTT THE BERBIL's head.

MUMM-RA (contd) Now, my pretty, the perfect spy! The ThunderCats will never suspect you! Find out how they plan to resist The Luna-Tics of Plun-Darr!

The sarcophagus door begins to GRIND shut.

MUMM-RA (contd) ... while I rest and regain my terrible powers!

The door shuts.

EXT: DARKSIDE - DAY

With a terrible low frequency RUMBLE (like the EFX in "EARTHQUAKE" [Sensurround), SKYTOMB moves across the desolate DARKSIDE contours, supported about 100 feet in the air by thick, pulsing THUNDRILLIUM beams.

CLOSE IN:

to SKYTOMB. The SOUNDS of the enslaved BRUTEMEN's, WOLLO's and BOLKIN's chains, and the CRACKLING of THE MUTANTS' whips, can be heard.

S-S-SLITHE (OC) Move it, you lazy Brutes-s-s-s ... Stoke those Thundrillium furnaces, yessss ...

JACKALMAN (OC) Unless, of course, you prefer the lash ... (he snickers nastily)

SFX: whip KRAKKK!

INT: SKYTOMB COMMAND CENTER - DAY

ALL THE LUNA-TICS SHIVER (RED-EYE, ALURO, TUG-MUG, LUNA, and AMOK) are in the room.

RED-EYE Well, Luna-Tics, perhaps we misjudged our friends The Mutants! They seem to make excellent servants! (laughs)

LUNA, safe behind AMOK's horns, SNARLS:

LUNA You're wrong, Red-Eye. You can never trust a Mutant!

SHIVERS No Mutant has ever been a match for a Luna-Tic, Luna.

SHIVERS lets go a small mouthful of freezing vapor. AMOK recoils, GROWLING angrily and shielding LUNA.

LUNA Mutants may be stupid, Shivers, but they are also capable of (MORE) LUNA (contd) great treachery! No, once Skytomb is fully operational, we will dump the Mutants and those miserable slaves!

ALURO steps forward angrily.

ALURO We will? Who says so? You?

AMOK GROWLS angrily and stamps his powerful feet.

LUNA (contd) Yes, Aluro, I, Luna, say so!

TUG-MUG steps forward angrily, siding with ALURO.

TUG-MUG Who put you in charge? Luna-tics are free agents! We owe you nothing!

LUNA <u>I</u> put me in charge! I will command and you will obey.

Now all THE LUNA-TICS step forward -- a menacing semi-circle closing in on AMOK and LUNA.

But AMOK reacts with a fearsome ROAR and, rotating in a vicious arc, flails at THE LUNA-TICS ...

... his chopping hand makes a nasty SWISHING SOUND through the air -- skimming THE LUNA-TICS' faces.

THE LUNA-TICS step back ... they are clearly intimidated by AMOK.

LUNA

You say The Mutants are dumb -but you're no better! It was fighting among ourselves that enabled that miserable bag of bones, Mumm-Ra, to defeat us the first time we visited this miserable planet.

THE LUNA-TICS MUTTER -- some agreement.

LUNA (contd) This time, we'll fight <u>united</u>! Under <u>my</u> leadership! And when (MORE) LUNA (contd) we've wiped out The ThunderCats, we'll teach Mumm-Ra a lesson in revenge.

THE LUNA-TICS MUTTER -- encouraged, responding well to LUNA's call.

LUNA (contd) MUMM-RA THE EVER-LIVING WILL BECOME MUMM-RA THE NON-EXISTENT!

THE LUNA-TICS CHEER.

WIPE TO:

EXT: WOLLO VILLAGE - DAY

A small GROUP OF BERBILS, fronted by RO-BER-IL, stands by an easel on which there is a sketch of THE TOWER OF OMENS.

LION-O, PANTHRO, CHEETARA and LYNX-O flank the easel.

ESTABLISH - THIS SET-UP BRIEFLY ...

LION-O This, Ro-Ber-Bil, is ...

CLOSE IN:

TO FULL FRAME OF THE TOWER OF OMENS drawing on the easel.

LION-O (contd, OC) ... The Tower of Omens!

It is a tall spire, similar in technology and style to CATS' LAIR itself, but with a single, massive, rotating eye near its tip.

WIDER - FAVORING: CHEETARA

CHEETARA

We'll locate it right at the opening of the canyon that leads through The Forest of Mists ...

ANGLE ON - RO-BER-IL

RO-BER-IL But no one can pass through The Forest of Mists, Cheetara!

ANOTHER ANGLE - FAVORING: PANTHRO

PANTHRO I'm working on special fog lamps that'll cut right through that soup, Ro-Ber-Bil.

ANOTHER ANGLE - FAVORING: TYGRA

TYGRA We have to build The Tower of Omens there. It's the ideal spot to monitor ...

ANGLE ON - BERBIL

at the back of the group: MA-MUTT THE BERBIL, whose eyes flare red at the mention of THE LUNA-TICS.

TYGRA (contd, OC) The Luna-Tics' activities ... it'll give us the earliest possible warning of a Luna-tic ATTACK!

MA-MUTT THE BERBIL moves away from the group -- then turns and runs, disappearing quickly into the surrounding undergrowth.

CLOSE ON - LION-O

facing RO-BER-BIL.

LION-O So, Ro-Ber-Bil, will you help us to build The Tower of Omens?

RO-BER-BIL It looks simpler than Cats' Lair -- and we built that. Besides, helping the ThunderCats means helping everyone on Third Earh. Yes, Lion-O, we will do it!

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT: MUMM-RA'S PYRAMID - DAY

Lightning CRACKLES from the apex of the pyramid to the tips of the obelisks.

TILT DOWN TO FIND:

MA-MUTT THE BERBIL feeling his way around the side of the pyramid -- unable to enter.

He WHINES and GROWLS (like MA-MUTT) and his eyes glow.

Then, suddenly, a section of the pyramid wall dissolves away and MA-MUTT THE BERBIL is sucked into the pyramid -- HOWLING in alarm.

CUT TO:

INT: PYRAMID - DAY

MA-MUTT THE BERBIL tumbles and flails through the air -- like a leaf in a storm ...

CLOSE IN:

as the tumbling BERBIL transforms into MA-MUTT.

He winds up in front of the sarcophagus, WHINING pathetically.

MUMM-RA's sarocphagus lid GRINDS back and MUMM-RA steps out.

MUMM-RA So what have you discovered, my pathetic pet?

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT: CATS' LAIR - DAY

ESTABLISH THE LAIR AND CLOSE IN:

SNARF (OC) Snarf to Snarfer ... can you hear me? Over!

CUT TO:

INT: CATS' LAIR/CAT'S HEAD CONTROL ROOM - DAY

SNARF is on the line to THE PLANET OF SNARFS -- sitting in front of a Monitor Screen whose image is a mass of lines and whirls.

> SNARF Snarf, snarf ... the kid's never where he's supposed to be ...

Suddenly, the picture on the monitor clears -- a CLOSE UP OF SNARFER, SNARF's taller, leaner nephew.

SNARFER

Hi, Uncle Snarf!

SNARF

Snarf! About time ... Now, when are you leaving?

SNARFER

We're programming the ship now, Uncle Oswald --

SNARF

I told you never to call me Uncle Oswald!

SNARFER

Snarfer, snarfer! Sorry, Uncle Snarf.

SNARF

Huh! You do understand that running The Tower of Omens will be your sole responsibility.

SNARF puffs himself up self-importantly.

SNARF (contd)

I'll be too busy running Cats' Lair to help you. You sure you're up to it?

SNARFER

You betcha, Uncle Snarf. I can do it. Yup. No sweat, snarfer snarfer ... I've got a real good mech ... mechan ... mechanicockle mind ...

SNARF looks pretty doubtful, sputters.

SNARF

How can you have a mechanical mind if you can't even say it?

SNARFER

Gee, Uncle Osw -- er -- Snarf. The machines don't know the difference!

SNARF

Well ... you better get moving. We've already started building The Tower of Omens!

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SNARFER

Yes, sir ... I'm on my way! Yup! You got it! Yup! No sweat! Be right there ... snarfer, snarfer ... Just you take it easy ... yup ... no problem ... nope ...

As SNARFER goes on, his voice FADING and CRACKLING with static ...

... CLOSE IN:

on SNARF, who frowns. Clearly, he doubts SNARFER's abilities.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT: MUMM-RA'S PYRAMID - DAY

MUMM-RA rants and raves before MA-MUTT.

MUMM-RA

<u>A TOWER OF OMENS</u>! We must destroy it before they build it, Ma-Mutt! We cannot allow the ThunderCats to deface Third Earth with another of their monstrous forts! I FORBID IT!

He reels back, exhausted by this outburst.

MUMM-RA (contd) But I am still weak ... so weak ...

He points a bony finger at the cringing MA-MUTT.

MUMM-RA (contd) You must find Skytomb! You must warn The Luna-tics! You must tell them to <u>destroy</u> The Tower of Omens!

CLOSE ON - MA-MUTT

cowering. He WHINES pitifully.

DISSOLVE TC:

EXT: CONSTRUCTION MONTAGE - TOWER OF OMENS - DAY

A SERIES OF DISSOLVES TO SHOW THE TOWER OF OMENS UNDER CONSTRUCTION ... RISING RAPIDLY AS BERBILS AND THUNDERCATS WORK ON IT until THE TOWER OF OMENS is almost complete. Some scaffolding remains around its base.

CLOSE IN:

on the single, revolving CAT'S EYE.

CUT TO:

INT: TOWER OF OMENS/CAT'S EYE CONTROL ROOM - DAY

The interior is similar to that of THE CAT'S HEAD CONTROL ROOM except that the central position is tailored specifically for LYNX-O -- with a large version of The Braille Board in front of his chair.

A huge cinerama-style screen stretches around 180 degrees of the room's circular form. Images from the Braille Board will be projected onto this screen.

LION-O, PANTHRO, LYNX-O, BEN-GALI, PUMYRA and SNARF are present.

PANTHRO From this vantage point, Lion-O, Lynx-O will be able to see any attempt to invade Third Earth by way of the canyon or The Forest of Mists ...

TWO SHOT - LION-O AND SNARF

SNARF leaning in to LION-O.

SNARF (sotto voce) How can he <u>see</u>, Lion-O? Lynx-O's blind ...

LION-O Sssshhhh, Snarf ...

ANGLE ON - LYNX-O

his tufted ears twitching.

LYNX-O That's alright, Lion-O. Most people assume that anyone without sight is practically useless. It's a reasonable question ...

SNARF is very embarrassed.

LYNX-O smiles.

LYNX-O Of course, Snarf. I may not see like you do -- but I have developed my other senses so that I know as much as you do about what is happening around me ...

He takes his place at The Braille Board, places his hands on the board.

> LYNX-O (contd) And now that Panthro and Tygra have built my latest ...

CLOSE UP - THE BRAILLE BOARD

-- like the one in THE THUNDERSTRIKE but much bigger and more complex.

LYNX-O (contd OC) ... Braille Board ... (laughs) ... I probably know more about what happens around here than you do!

PANTHRO steps forward and indicates the board.

PANTHRO You see, Snarf, this board is connected to The Cat's Eye ...

CUT TO:

EXT: TOWER OF OMENS - DAY

UP ANGLE ON:

THE CAT'S EYE, revolving, glowing, scanning the surrounding countryside.

CLOSE IN STEADILY ON THE CAT'S EYE AS PANTHRO SPEAKS.

PANTHRO (contd, OC) ... and The Cat's Eye scans the surrounding countryside, picks up signals, amplifies them and transmits them to ... INT: TOWER OF OMENS CONTROL ROOM - DAY

CLOSE ON - LYNX-O'S FINGERS

on The Braille Board.

PANTHRO (contd OC) ... The Braille Board.

PULL BACK AS PANTHRO SPEAKS:

TO FULL FRAME OF LYNX-O at The Braille Board.

PANTHRO (contd) Only Lynx-O's super-developed senses can interpret those signals -- to tell us what's happening ...

PUMYRA steps forward and flicks switches.

PUMYRA And we can switch the signals to The Screen of Omens --

INSERT:

FULL SHOT OF THE SEMI-CIRCULAR SCREEN, now showing a PANNING VIEW OF THE COUNTRYSIDE WHICH SURROUNDS THE TOWER OF OMENS.

PUMYRA (contd OC) ... so that the rest of us can see what Lynx-O knows.

BEN-GALI steps forward, smiling.

BEN-GALI What news of young Snarfer, Snarf? Shouldn't he be here by now?

LION-O turns to SNARF.

LION-O Yes, Snarf -- where <u>is</u> young Snarfer.

CLOSE ON - SNARF

nonchalant.

SNARF

Oh, relax ... he's on his way ... I hope ...

As he says "I hope," SNARF crosses his fingers behind his back.

ZIP PAN:

EXT: SKYTOMB - DAY

SKYTOMB is on THE DARKSIDE OF FIRE ROCK MOUNTAIN ... moving slowly over strange terrain, its THUNDRILLIUM beams pulsing wildly.

MA-MUTT flies INTO FRAME and circles SKYTOMB, looking for an entrance. He finds a narrow slit and tries to squeeze in. It's a tight fit. He GROWLS (which sounds like CURSING) as he forces his way in.

CUT TO:

INT: SKYTOMB - DAY

REVERSE OF PREVIOUS SHOT:

MA-MUTT squeezes into an empty corridor-like area, shakes himself ...

... and transforms into MUMM-RA.

As he transforms, an alarm SOUNDS urgently.

CUT TO:

INT: SKYTOMB CONTROL ROOM - DAY

ALL THE LUNATICS are present: LUNA and AMOK, SHIVERS, RED-EYE, ALURO and TUG-MUG.

They react in horror to the alarm.

LUNA We've been boarded, Amok!

AMOK GROWLS -- looks around, furious.

ALURO That's not possible, Luna!

SHIVERS Skytomb is impregnable!

MUMM-RA (OC) Impregnable to all ...

The LUNATICS spin and SEE:

MUMM-RA materializing behind them.

MUMM-RA ... except Mumm-Ra the Ever-Living!

ALURO Hah! I should have known ...

MUMM-RA You know nothing, Aluro! Nothing ... unless Mumm-Ra tells you ...

TUG-MUG What have you to tell us, you broken-down bundle of bandages!

MUMM-RA smirks as he turns to TUG-MUG.

MUMM-RA Only that the ThunderCats ...

TUG-MUG recoils.

MUMM-RA (contd) ... have built an outpost on the approach to Darkside. They call it The Tower of Omens ...

CLOSE ON - LUNA

her face diffused with fury.

LUNA IT MUST BE DESTROYED! BATTLE STATIONS!

MUMM-RA grins to himself and CHUCKLES as THE LUNA-TICS rush to their stations.

LUNA grabs a speaking tube.

LUNA (contd) Stoke the furnaces, S-S-Slithe! Shovel that Thundrillium!

INT: SKYTOMB ENGINE ROOMS - DAY

A hell-hole reminiscent of a battleship's boiler-room in the days of steam. Chained BRUTEMEN shovel THUNDRILLIUM into furnaces, lashed on by S-S-SLITHE, MONKIAN and JACKALMAN, who stride up and down gantries.

VULTUREMAN operates a control panel covered in gauges and switches, levers and faucets. Steam and smoke leak from some of the pipework around him. LUNA (contd OC) SWITCH TO FULL BATTLE-POWER!

QUICK CUTS:

S-S-SLITHE ... JACKALMAN ... MONKIAN ...

... whipping THE BRUTEMEN on -- but NOTE that the whips never actually strike THE SLAVES. The whips are cracked in the air, on the ground, against machinery, etc.

> S-S-SLITHE/MONKIAN/JACKALMAN (ad-libs) Work harder, slaves! ... More ... Shovel that Thundrillium! Stoke those furnaces, Brutemen.

ANGLE ON - VULTUREMAN

as he cranks a huge control valve.

EXT: SKYTOMB - DAY

With massive explosions of THUNDRILLIUM rays, SKYTOMB tilts and speeds toward THE TOWER OF OMENS.

Its heavy-duty, low frequency rumble VIBRATES FRAME.

ZIP PAN:

INT: TOWER OF OMENS/CAT'S EYE CONTROL ROOM - DAY

LYNX-O is alone at the Braille Board. His head turns. He frowns. His ears twitch ...

SOUND: the very faint, low frequency RUMBLE of SKYTOMB.

LYNX-O puts his hands on the Braille Board ...

SOUND: the low frequency RUMBLE increases in volume.

CLOSE ON - THE BRAILLE BOARD

which begins to vibrate.

LYNX-O throws his head back.

LYNX-O (a howl, like a wild cat) THUNDERCATS ... TO LYNX-O!

LION-O, SNARF, PANTHRO, BEN-GALI and PUMYRA burst into the room.

LYNX-O points dramatically to the as yet blank SCREEN OF OMENS.

LYNX-O (very dramatic) SKYTOMB!

He flicks a switch ...

... THE SCREEN OF OMENS flashes to life with a monstrous CLOSE UP of SKYTOMB approaching.

THE THUNDERCATS recoil ... eyes wide.

LYNX-O (quiet; commanding) Prepare the Tower for action, ThunderCats!

ZIP PAN:

EXT: SKYTOMB - DAY

Its SOUND louder and more dominating than ever before, SKYTOMB lowers itself on its THUNDRILLIUM rays ... landing some distance from THE TOWER OF OMENS (in far BACKGROUND).

CLOSE IN ON - THE MASSIVE DOORS

at the base of SKYTOMB -- which slide open with a powerful hydraulic WHOOSHING.

THE LUNA-TANK rolls out ...

... a vehicle that resembles a mechanical prehistoric monster (see designs).

TUG-MUG and ALURO charge out behind it.

(NOTE: though they may not be visible now, SHIVERS and RED-EYE are aboard the LUNA-TANK.)

The instant THE LUNA-TANK appears, it fires a massive fireball ...

TRACK THE FIREBALL ...

... which explodes directly above THE TOWER OF OMENS.

INT: TOWER OF OMENS/CAT'S EYE CONTROL ROOM - DAY

The explosion fills the room with smoke and flames -blasting LYNX-O out of his Braille Board control chair ... SNARF Lynx-O ... snarf, snarf! BEN-GALI is watching the SCREEN OF OMENS. BEN-GALI (yells) Incoming! QUICK CUTS: LION-O ...

SNARF bounds across to try to help him ...

PANTHRO ... BEN-GALI ... PUMYRA ...

... AT THEIR BATTLE STATIONS ...

... EACH whirls to look at THE SCREEN OF OMENS.

THEIR POV - THE SCREEN

SHOWS a head-on, FULL FRAME view of THE LUNA-TANK firing a second fireball at THE TOWER.

The fireball zooms in, growing bigger and bigger, FILLING THE SCREEN and, finally, exploding ...

The SCREEN FLARES OUT.

FRAME SHAKES.

FADE OUT.

END PART ONE

TIME:

PART TWO

FADE IN:

INT: TOWER OF OMENS/CAT'S HEAD CONTROL ROOM - DAY

NOTE: Existing animation and dialogue is used to begin this sequence.

The THUNDERCATW whirl to look at THE SCREEN OF OMENS.

THEIR POV - THE SCREEN

SHOWS a head-on, FULL FRAME view of THE LUNA-TANK firing a second fireball at THE TOWER.

The fireball zooms in, growing bigger and finally exploding.

NOTE: End existing animation.

The smoke clears.

ANGLE ON - THE ROOM

is filled with smoke and tongues of flame.

SNARF is helping LYNX-O to his feet and back to his Braille Board control chair ...

LION-O takes command:

LION-O Ben-Gali! Pumyra! Split the ThunderStrike and hit that Luna-Tank!

> BEN-GALI & PUMYRA (together)

HO!

They run from the room.

LION-O turns to LYNX-O, who has now resumed his position at the Braille Board.

LION-O Snarf! Take care of damage control while Lynx-O keeps the Eye tracking!

SNARF looks around at all the hanging wires, the blackened control boards, the sparks and the smoke.

SNARF

Snarf, snarf ... where are you when I need you, Snarfer?

LION-O turns to PANTHRO, takes a deep breath.

LION-O Let's get out there and see what we can do, partner!

PANTHRO whirls the nun-chuks around his head a couple of times, grins fiercely.

PANTHRO

Just try to stop me!

CUT TO:

INT: THE TOWER OF OMENS/HANGAR - DAY

THE THUNDERSTRIKE is parked in the hangar as BEN-GALI and PUMYRA race into the room and execute acrobatic moves to spring into the two side pod cockpits.

> PUMYRA (OC) Split -- and blast off!

> > CUT TO:

EXT: THE TOWER OF OMENS - DAY

The hangar doors swing open -- TO REVEAL THE THUNDER-STRIKE. The instant they're open, THE THUNDERSTRIKE's motors FIRE -- and the two side pods (only) zoom out.

They make spectacular loops, then dive ...

ANGLE ON - PUMYRA'S POD

PUMYRA You go left ... !

HER POV

as she dives down toward THE LUNA-TANK.

ANGLE ON - BEN-GALI'S POD

BEN-GALI is lining up his laser cannons.

BEN-GALI Steady ... steady ...

HIS POV

as he dives down toward THE MOONBODT.

BEN-GALI

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HOLD HIS POV

as the laser fire arcs from his pod down toward THE LUNA-TANK.

ANOTHER ANGLE

Laser fire from both THE THUNDERSTRIKE'S PODS hits THE LUNA-TANK ... and bounces off.

ANGLE ON - THE LUNA-TANK

SHIVERS is at the controls.

SHIVERS You'll have to do better than that, ThunderCats!

She pulls a lever ...

ANOTHER ANGLE - WIDER

as THE LUNA-TANK hurls a fireball at BEN-GALI'S THUNDERSTRIKE POD.

BEN-GALI POV - THE FIREBALL

headed directly toward him.

ANGLE ON - BEN-GALI

as he puts the control lever hard over.

ANGLE ON - BEN-GALI'S THUNDERSTRIKE POD

as it makes a wild maneuver ... and the fireball just misses.

ANGLE ON - LION-O AND PANTHRO

as they emerge from THE TOWER OF OMENS.

LION-O I get the feeling we're going to need all the help we can get.

PANTHRO Call the others, Lion-O.

LION-O thrusts THE SWORD high into the air.

LION-O Thunder -- Thunder -- Thunder --THUNDERCATS -- HO! THE SWORD GROWLS, grows, and throws THE THUNDERCAT signal high in the air.

ZIP PAN:

INT: CATS' LAIR/CAT'S HEAD CONTROL ROOM - DAY

WILYKAT and WILYKIT are on duty.

WILYKAT HEARS THE SWORD'S GROWL and rushes to a window.

SHE SEES the signal.

She turns to WILYKAT.

WILYKIT

There's trouble at The Tower of Omens! Let's go!

They run from the room.

EXT: CATS' LAIR - DAY

WILYKIT and WILYKAT zoom away from THE CATS' LAIR, WILYKAT on the THUNDERCLAW and WILYKIT on the HOVERCAT.

ZIP PAN:

EXT: THIRD EARTH COUNTRYSIDE - DAY

THE THUNDERTANK rolls through the countryside, LION-O's signal beamed high above it.

CUT TO:

INT: THUNDERTANK - DAY

CHEETARA is looking up at the signal. TYGRA is driving.

CHEETARA To the Tower of Omens, Tygra -and don't spare the ThunderTank!

CUT TO:

EXT: THUNDERTANK - DAY

THE THUNDERTANK makes a fierce, wheeling turn and powers FROM FRAME.

ZIP PAN:

EXT: BATTLEGROUND/SKYTOMB/TOWER OF OMENS - DAY

LION-O and PANTHRO bound into the clearing in which SKYTOMB landed. They advance side by side, LION-O with

THEIR POV

They are confronted by TUG-MUG and ALURO.

LION-O reacts to the sight of ALURO ...

LION-O

Oh-oh ... I've been here before.

... as TUG-MUG, ROARING, makes one giant leap toward him, soaring through the air.

PANTHRO reacts in astonishment, his head turning as he tracks TUG-MUG's giant leap.

PANTHRO

Whaaaaa?

But LION-O points THE SWORD up at TUG-MUG, aiming along the blade ...

LION-O

HO!

A laser bolt rips from THE SWORD's tip and smashes into TUG-MUG while he is in mid-air.

CLOSE ON - TUG-MUG

in mid-air as the laser bolt hits him, CRACKLING all around him and flinging him back so that he lands, awkwardly, as far away from LION-O as he started. For a brief instant he lies where he landed, winded ... then springs to his feet and ROARS ...

> TUG-MUG You'll regret that, Lion-O!

UP ANGLE ON - SKYTOMB

CLOSING IN TO FIND:

S-S-SLITHE, MONKIAN, JACKALMAN and VULTUREMAN crowded at a window, looking down at the battle.

JACKALMAN A ringside seat at the Thunder-Cats' final defeat! THE FOUR MUTANTS look out of window.

S-S-SLITHE Don't be too sure, Jackalman. The ThunderCats aren't finished yet.

MONKIAN Perhaps we should join in and make sure ...

VULTUREMAN No! Not until we have a plan to defeat the Luna-Tics!

JACKALMAN Wha -- what are you saying, Vultureman?

VULTUREMAN I know those Luna-Tics. Once they've beaten the ThunderCats, they'll turn on us -- and, if we don't want to end up as their slaves, we better have a plan.

S-S-SLITHE Good thinking, Vultureman. There are times when I think you and I must be related ...

JACKALMAN points, eyes wide.

JACKALMAN Here comes trouble ...

THE MUTANTS' POV - THE THUNDERTANK

ROARS onto the scene.

JACKALMAN (contd OC) ... THE THUNDERTANK!

THE THUNDERTANK charges directly at THE LUNA-TANK.

CLOSER

as THE THUNDERTANK'S jaws open wide.

ANGLE ON - THE LUNA-TANK

as it shoots a fireball at THE THUNDERTANK.

THE FIREBALL hits THE THUNDERTANK and THE THUNDERTANK's nose glows red hot.

CUT TO:

INT: THUNDERTANK - DAY

The interior is glowing red hot. TYGRA turns to CHEETARA.

TYGRA Reverse! Full power!

CHEETARA No! We'll be burnt to a cinder. We have to go <u>forward</u>!

CUT TO:

EXT: THUNDERTANK/LUNA-TANK - DAY

THE THUNDERTANK ROARS forward and springs for THE LUNA-TANK's neck, seizing it in its jaws.

The two vehicles appear to wrestle -- like animals.

ZIP PAN:

PANTHRO

whirling the nun-chuks, confronts ALURO.

NOTE: ALURO will speak with a low, insistent voice, particularly in combat, persuading his OPPONENTS to give in.

ALURO

You don't stand a chance, Panthro. Give in now, while you still have a choice ...

PANTHRO approaches ALURO menacingly, whirling his nun-chuks.

PANTHRO Put your money where your mouth is, whoever you are -and let's get to it!

ALURO

But you are only a ThunderCat and I am a Luna-Tic ... Give in ... put your weapons down ...

PANTHRO hesitates. The nun-chuks stop swinging. He frowns.

I ... er ... Who are you?

ALURO smiles gently.

ALURO They call me ... Aluro ... Now ... Put the nun-chuks down ...

PANTHRO staggers. The nun-chuks trail on the ground.

PANTHRO No ... ah ... I ...

He tries to lift the nun-chuks.

ALURO You don't stand a chance!

PANTHRO I ... don't ... stand ... a ... chance ...

He sags to his knees.

ALURO steps toward him.

WILYKIT (OC)

PANTHRO!

PANTHRO looks up dizzily.

WILYKIT, on THE THUNDERCLAW, streaks INTO FRAME, zooming down ...

PANTHRO shakes his head -- SEES ALURO advancing, snarling.

WILYKIT pulls up right beside PANTHRO.

WILYKIT Panthro! Snap out of it! Oh ... <u>PANTHRO</u>!

ALURO makes a spring for PANTHRO -- who leaps up onto THE THUNDERCLAW.

WILYKIT takes off ...

... and THE THUNDERCLAW barely escapes ALURO's diving grab.

PANTHRO Wilykit ... You'll never know just how close that was. I owe you ... LYNX-O is at the Braille Board ... SNARF beside him.

SNARF There must be something we can do, Lynx-O ... THOSE LUNA-TICS ARE WINNING!

LYNX-O Our one chance is to knock out Skytomb ... Hmmmmmm ... If I could only reverse the flow of energy ...

EZT: TOWER OF OMENS - DAY ANGLE ON - THE CAT'S EYE

traversing, its beam scanning.

LYNX-O (contd OC) ... to The Cat's Eye ... so that instead of receiving and amplifying signals ...

INT: TOWER OF OMENS/CAT'S EYE CONTROL ROOM - DAY

LYNX-O is feverishly reaching for and flicking switches.

LYNX-O (contd) ... it could <u>transmit</u> them ... (he turns to Snarf) Switch the Tower to maximum emergency power, my friend.

SNARF bounds across to a lever and rams it forward.

SOUND: dynamos HUMMING to full power.

ANGLE ON - LYNX-O

hands working the Braille Board.

LYNX-O Now ... line up on Skytomb ...

EXT: TOWER OF OMENS - DAY

The CAT'S EYE ceases to revolve and its beam begins to elevate ...

... FOLLOW the beam as it arcs across the distance between SKYTOMB and THE TOWER CF OMENS ...

... and locks onto SKYTOMB.

CLOSE ON - SKYTOMB

the point at which THE CAT'S EYE beam has locked on -the window at which THE FOUR MUTANTS are watching the battle. Their alarmed faces are illuminated by the red beam.

INT: SKYTOMB - DAY

THE FOUR MUTANTS look at each other uneasily.

JACKALMAN I don't like this ...

MONKIAN Wha ... what's happening ...

INT: TOWER OF OMENS/CAT'S HEAD CONTROL ROOM - DAY

LYNX-O maneuvers the Braille Board ...

LYNX-O When I give you the word, Snarf ...

ANGLE ON - SNARF

anxiously waiting by a control panel which has four large contact-breaker-type switches. When the levers are up, current flows one way; in the central position, they're disconnected; when the levers are down, current is reversed. At present, the levers are all up.

LYNX-O (OC) ... throw those four polarity reversers!

SNARF Just tell me when, Lynx-O, snarf, snarf!

CLOSE ON - LYNX-O'S BLIND FACE

His ears twitch -- ends glow.

LYNX-O

NOW!

SNARF throws the first switch. There is a massive flash as the contact is broken -- then remade.

SNARF is thrown back, fur frizzled.

SNARF

Yeowwwwwww!

A huge, swirling FIREBALL travels the length of the beam running from THE TOWER to SKYTOMB and smashes into SKYTOMB.

FRAME SHAKES.

CLOSE ON - THE FOUR MUTANTS

in the SKYTOMB window.

MUTANTS (VSFX -- and ad-libs) Who ... who ... What was <u>that</u>? I'm getting out of here! What's happening ...

CUT TO:

INT: TOWER/CAT'S HEAD CONTROL ROOM - DAY

SNARF gingerly takes hold of the second lever. His fur is all sticking up and frizzy.

LYNX-O is at the Braille Board ...

LYNX-O And again, Snarf!

SNARF squeezes his eyes shut ...

SNARF Snaaaarrffffff ...

... and throws the second lever.

CUT TO:

EXT: TOWER/SKYTOMB - DAY

An even more spectacular FIREBALL shoots down the beam from THE TOWER to SKYTOMB -- and explodes.

SKYTOMB is enveloped in varicolored flames.

FRAME SHAKES.

PAN DOWN

to the base of SKYTOMB -- where THE FOUR MUTANTS . emerge, running off into the undergrowth (VSFX).

CUT TO:

LYNX-O turns to SNARF.

LYNX-O And again, my friend!

SNARF, at the third lever, is even frizzier than before. Eyes squeezed tightly shut, he yanks the third lever into place.

SNARF Snaaaaarrrrfffffff!

A tremendous explosion.

CUT TO:

EXT: SKYTOMB - DAY

FRAME SHAKES as SKYTOMB is enveloped in the biggest FIREBALL yet.

QUICK CUTS:

TUG-MUG confronting LION-O, watches the explosion, open-mouthed.

SHIVERS and RED-EYE, in the LUNA-TANK -- still locked jaw to jaw with THE THUNDERTANK -- are turned to SKYTOMB, eyes wide.

ALURO stands, mouth agape, looking at the fiery SKYTOMB.

CUT TO:

INT: SKYTOMB COMMAND CENTER - DAY

LUNA, safe behind AMOK's horns, looks out toward THE TOWER OF OMENS.

LUNA Back Luna-Tics! Back to Skytomb!

AMOK GROWLS uneasily ...

CUT TO:

EXT: SKYTOMB - DAY

THE LUNA-TANK disengages from THE THUNDERTANK and heads for SKYTOMB ...

ALURO heads back to SKYTOMB.

TUG-MUG bounds back toward SKYTOMB.

CUT TO:

INT: TOWER/CAT'S EYE CONTROL - DAY

SNARF, at his frizziest ever, heaves the final lever.

SNARF Snaaaaaarrrrrfffffffff

Another tremendous flash of sparks and flames.

CUT TO:

EXT: SKYTOMB - DAY

SKYTOMB is already lifting off on its pulsing THUNDRILLIUM rays when the fourth FIREBALL smashes into it ...

... there is a massive EXPLOSION, which FLARES OUT THE SCREEN ...

... as the SCREEN CLEARS, SKYTOMB IS SEEN flying rapidly away, trailing smoke and flames.

DOWN ANGLE ON - THE THUNDERTANK, THE THUNDERCLAW, THE HOVERCAT AND THE THUNDERSTRIKE

-- all drawn up in a semi-circle with LION-O, SNARF, PANTHRO, CHEETARA, TYGRA, WILYKAT, WILYKIT, BEN-GALI, PUMYRA and LYNX-O standing in front of them.

THUNDERCATS

THUNDERCATS -- HO!

WIPE:

INT: MUMM-RA'S PYRAMID - DAY

PULL BACK TO REVEAL THAT THE PREVIOUS SCENE HAS BEEN DISPLAYED IN MUMM-RA'S CAULDRON.

ANGLE ON - MUMM-RA

turning to his faithful MA-MUTT.

MUMM-RA So, my faithful Ma-Mutt ... the Luna-Tics failed to destroy The Tower of Omens. (MORE) MUMM-RA (contd) Only I, Mumm-Ra the Ever-Living, have the power to wipe the ThunderCats off the face of Third Earth!

He looks down at the hideous MA-MUTT, who wags his horrible rear end and GROWLS.

MUMM-RA (contd) Yet I am still weak, Ma-Mutt.

MUMM-RA's eyes glow red.

MUMM-RA (contd) I have but one choice!

He whirls around, bandages flapping, and looks up at the four statues which guard his sarcophagus.

HIS POV - AN UP ANGLE ON - EACH OF THE FOUR STATUES

MUMM-RA (contd OC) To call on these Ancient Priests of Evil! To beg them to restore my powers ...

MUMM-RA stoops to MA-MUTT and takes the DOG's ugly head between his hands.

MUMM-RA (contd) But this is a desperate gamble, Ma-Mutt!

MA-MUTT WHINES ... His eyes flash.

MUMM-RA (contd) Yes, you are right to be afraid, my pretty.

MUMM-RA stands and holds his withered arms out to the statues.

MUMM-RA (contd) These ancient ones will either grant me their combined power ... (he whirls back to Ma-Mutt) ... OR CONDEMN ME TO BURN FOREVER IN DEMON FIRE!

MA-MUTT WHINES pathetically.

FADE OUT.

END PART TWO

TIME:

THUNDERCATS

TEASER COMING ATTRACTIONS OF EPISODE #94

:30

SEQUENCES FROM EP. #74

NARRATION & DIALOGUE

In the next episode of

ThunderCats ...

FADE UP:

1. SNARFER's SHIP in en route to THIRD EARTH, the curvature of THIRD EARTH visible below it. The ship glows slightly.

2. Inside the SHIP, SNARFER speaks to THE THUNDERCATS.

3. CLOSE ON - LYNX-O

turning to SNARF, anxious.

4. SNARFER'S SHIP in space, surrounded by flames.

5. The ship comes in for an extraordinarily bumpy landing

7. SNARFER burrows into

streaks toward DARKSIDE.

the ground to escape

8. THE THUNDERSTRIKE

from TUG-MUG.

6. ALURO is at the screen.

... Snarf's nephew, Snarfer, travels to Third Earth to take care of The Tower of Omens.

LYNX-O (existing dialogue) He's off course!

SNARF (existing dialogue) Dang! I knew he'd goof!

NARRATOR But his ship is knocked off course ...

... and he finds himself on Darkside, the home of the fearsome Luna-Tics of Plun-Darr!"

ALURO (existing dialogue) I see the furry little squirt!

NARRATOR Can Snarfer escape the Moon Demons?

Will the ThunderCats arrive in time to rescue him?

MUSIC UP AND OUT.

FADE OUT.

END COMING ATTRACTIONS

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