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### Description:

MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE: THUNDER PUNCH HE-MAN, DELUXE FIGURE SET - MINT IN BOX COLLECTIBLE by MATTEL! 5½" Action Figure, 1984

"Thunder Punch He-Man blasts his enemies with his loud power punch!" This auction is for a deluxe figure set of Thunder Punch He-Man, Leader of Heroic Warriors. From Mattel, 1984, it is perfect, still sealed in the box (which is in pretty good condition). The box contains:

- Power Punch HE-MAN 5½" action figure - "POW! HE-MAN delivers thunderous punch that really smokes!"
- Caps, a shield (holds the caps, I think), and a sword;
- His own little booklet - not sure what it contains, but likely has instruction.

**Winning Bid:**

**\$50.02**

Ended: 3/10/07

History: 7 bids

Starting Bid: \$9.99

Winner: Oklahoma

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Tired, I was about to go home one Saturday, after several hours of visiting sales. One newspaper ad had caught my attention, though, so I headed toward a sale where "toys, new in boxes" were offered. I hadn't sold any toys before, but anything new in the box should be worth a try.

Sure enough, there were a few toys in their original packaging, but a little pricey. A young woman saw me looking, and said, "you know, I have a LOT more," and she hauled out about six big bins full of action figure toys, sports figures, Star Wars, soldiers, cartoon characters, movie characters, and on and on.

"Wow, how much for all of them?" I asked. "You know", she said, "I have even more than this. Would you like to go with me to my storage unit?"

That day we packed my little car to the brim with toys, all still in their boxes, all for about \$2.00 each. She even threw in a few freebies. I hadn't been selling seriously on eBay for very long, and this was an amazing amount of stuff for me to haul home at that point.

At her storage unit, the young woman told me how she had come by all these toys. Her husband had owned a luxury car dealership in town, and because of a crooked bookkeeper, the business had gone bankrupt. She thought that buying estates and selling the stuff at garage sales would help tide them over. But then she came down with lupus and could no longer spend time in the blazing Arizona sun. They also live in a luxurious gated community where only one garage sale is allowed per year. Meanwhile, she was spending

\$300 per month on the storage unit! I asked her why she didn't sell on eBay. "Not enough time," she said, and offered me the job, which I turned down. I'd have enough to do listing all these toys!

Since then, I've made hundreds of dollars on those toys, selling them to people around the world. The ones that are left are now in my store, still selling every couple of weeks.

From this experience I've learned several things:

- As you'd expect, collectors are concerned about the condition of the packaging. The plastic can yellow over time, making it less desirable.

- MOTU is the abbreviation for Masters of the Universe, evidently some of the most sought after contemporary toys.

- Some of the most coveted and beautifully made action figures (sports and comic book) are made by McFarlane.

- And Star Wars stuff sells eventually, but rather slowly.

Believe it or not, this same lady had a houseful of other things to offer. One day, after several hours visiting sales, I got a phone call. Would I like to buy 500+ Boyds plush bears, kitties, and bunnies? This time I had to borrow a truck, and still haven't listed them all. But I hope to before Christmas!