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25 YEARS AND COUNTING!

This is Eternity Smith's 25th anniversary year!

It was with a cover date of September 1986 that the very first issue of ETERNITY SMITH appeared, almost a quarter of a century ago. The first five issues were published by Deni Loubert's Renegade Press. The next nine issues were published under our own Hero Comics imprint.

Since then, sad to say, our time-lost hero has made only one additional appearance, in the pages of FLARE v2 #5. But his daughter Skylark put in a brief cameo in TIGRESS #6. And if you pick up a copy of this month's issue of FLARE ADVENTURES #28, you'll find a surprise treat waiting for you.

Moreover, all during these past 25 years, Ethan Caldwell Smith has been there in the background of the Heroic Publishing universe. The fact that we haven't had occasion to tell you what he's been up to doesn't mean he hasn't been active. It just means he's pretty darn good at keeping a low profile.

But there have been a few hints as to what Eternity Smith has been doing. Take a good look at the story that appears in Flare #25-26. He's there.

Basically, he's been trying his hardest to keep us all safe from the machinations of those who would meddle with the flow of time.

And though we aren't yet quite certain we'll actually be able to do it, Rick Hoberg and I fully intend, come September, on the occasion of his 25th anniversary month, to bring you an all-new ETERNITY SMITH adventure!

Watch for it!

And in the meantime, here in HEROIC SPOTLIGHT, after we take a brief two-issue break in order to introduce you to Aphrodite, Goddess of Love, the classic adventures will continue. Look for the conclusion of this initial six-issue Eternity Smith story arc in HEROIC SPOTLIGHT #7-9.

—Dennis Mallonee



"PERSPECTIVE HAS ALWAYS PLAYED TRICKS ON ME. I HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO FATHOM THE WORKINGS OF MY OWN MIND.

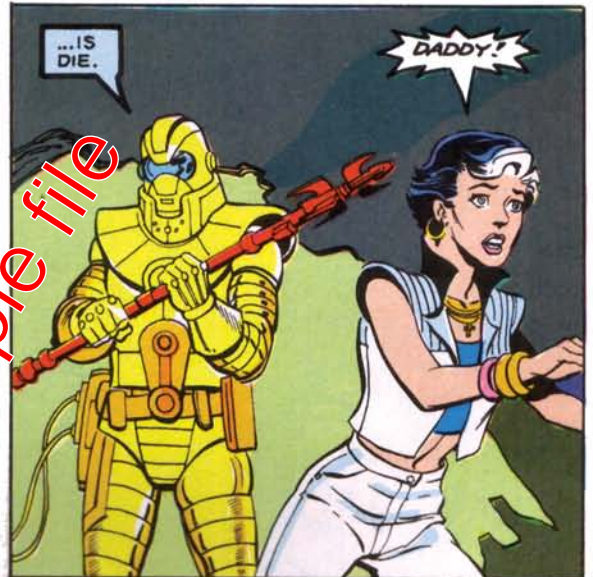
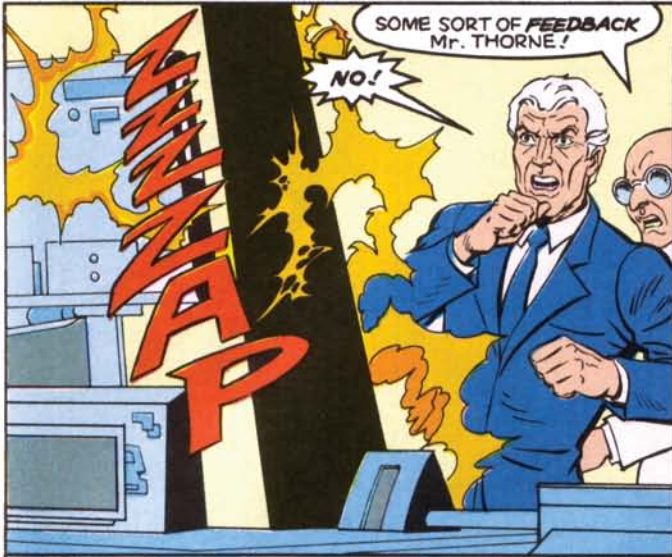
"I CAN SEE *MYSELF*, AND I TURN MY HEAD, EVER SO SLIGHTLY, AND I SEE MY *FATHER*, FALLEN AT THE FEET OF A CREATURE DESIGNED TO BE HIS KILLER.

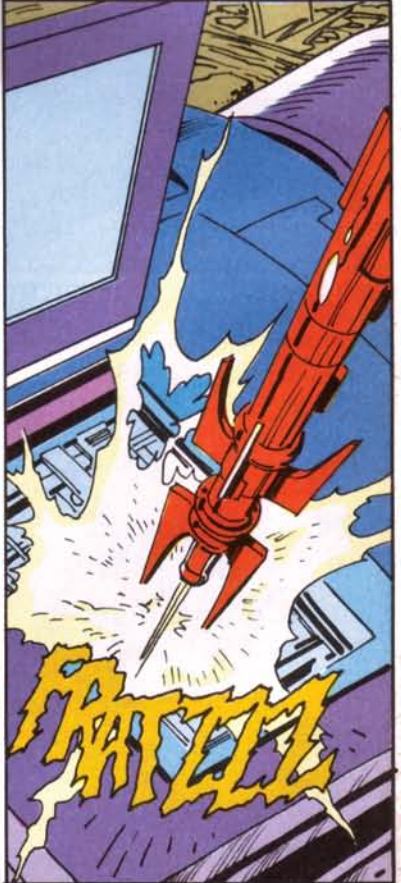
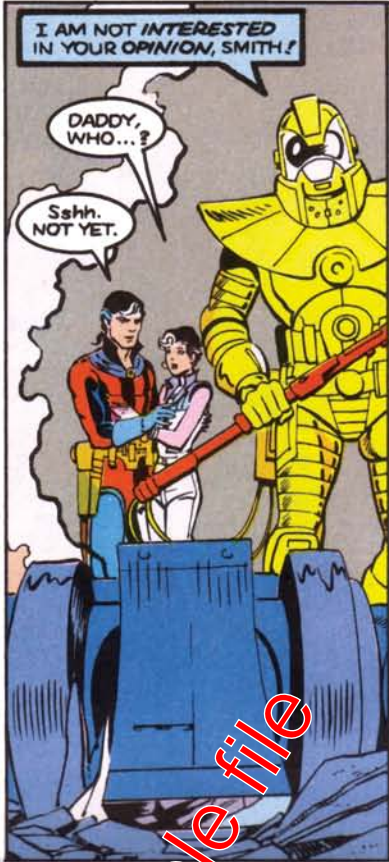
"AND I FIND THAT THE ONLY *QUESTION* THAT COMES TO ME OUT OF ALL THIS IS:

"*WHY* DOES THE DAMNED THING SEEM SO *BIG*?"

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NOTHING.

HE'S THWARTED ME AGAIN!

THE MAN IS INSUFFERABLE!

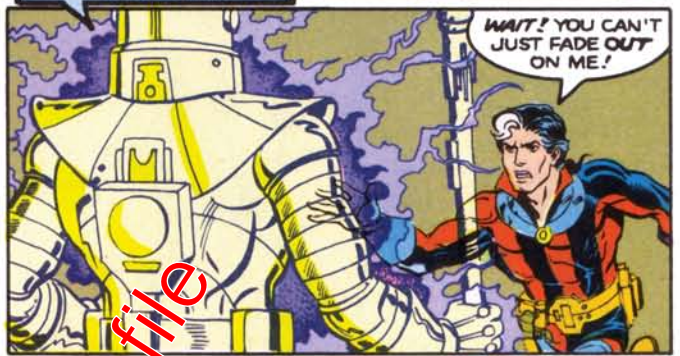
I DON'T KNOW HOW HE DOES IT!

VIDEO LOST. AUDIO FADING RAPIDLY.



AND THAT IS THAT!

I BID YOU FAREWELL, ETHAN SMITH! IT MAY BE THAT WE SHALL NEVER MEET AGAIN!



WAIT! YOU CAN'T JUST FADE OUT ON ME!



GONE. ALWAYS.

SO WHO WAS IT?



I HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO FIND OUT.

HE CALLS HIMSELF TESSERACT! THAT'S ALL I KNOW.

"HE?"



WHY DO YOU SAY "HE"? I HAD THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION...

SKYLARK! TAKE A MOMENT AND LOOK AT THIS!

"HE?"