

LIKEWISE, YOU,

PLEASED TO MEET YOU, M. DUPIN!



THE WILL NATE RULE WHEEL WARE

PUPIN WAS FROM AN ILLUSTRIOUS FAMILY BUT, BY A VARIETY OF UNTOWARD EVENTS, HAD LOST MOST OF HIS WEALTH... AND WAS FORCED TO LIVE AN IMPOVERISHED EXISTENCE!

YET HE PID NOT
DESPAIR OVER THIS
STATE... AND TOGETHER WE RENTED
A ROOM IN A TIMEEATEN AND GROTESQUE MANSION,
LONG DESERTED BY
SUPERSTITIONS!

WE WOULD SLEEP ALL PAY, SURVIVING ON MY OWN MEAGER SAVINGS...





...AND AT NIGHT, SEEK OUT EXCITEMENT IN THE SHAPOWS OF POPULOUS PARIS!





AFTER RUNNING UP INNUMERABLE

SUPPENLY AS WE WALKEP DOWN THE RUE MORGUE, WE HEARD SCREAMS COMING FROM THE FOURTH FLOOR WINDOW OF MADOMME L'ESPANAYE'S APARTMENT!





AND DECREPIT BUILDING!





... AND THE CURIOUS THRONG ENTERED THAT ACCURSED ROOM... NOT QUITE PREPARED TO HANDLE THE SHEER HORROR THAT WAS THRUST UPON THEIR STUNNED SENSES! THE APARTMENT WAS IN THE WILDEST DIS-ORDER... THE FURNITURE BROKEN AND THROWN ABOUT IN ALL DIRECTIONS.





A SMALL SAFE WAS FOUND, ITS DOOR OPEN AND ITS CONTENTS, THREE BAGS OF GOLD, INTACT!

AT LEAST THE MONEY IS STILL HERE!





...THAT WHEN OUPIN
AND THE GENDARME
ATTEMPTED TO MOVE
THE CORPSE...THE
LONG-TRESSED HEAD
TOPPLED
COMPLETELY OFF!





SOOT IN THE FIREPLACE ...













THE CHILL NIGHT!

HANDFUL OF COARSE HAIR CLUTCHED IN MADAME L'ESPANAYE'S PEATH-GRIP!



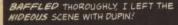


THREE BAGS OF GOLD UNLOOTED IN THE UNLOCKED SAFE!





AND FINALLY. THE RED-GLINTING RAZOR!



THE NEXT DAY, UPON AWAKENING. DUPIN ANNOUNCED HE HAD SOLVED THE CRIME DURING THE NIGHT!



























THOUGH HE WAS SUFFERING FROM SUFFOCATION!







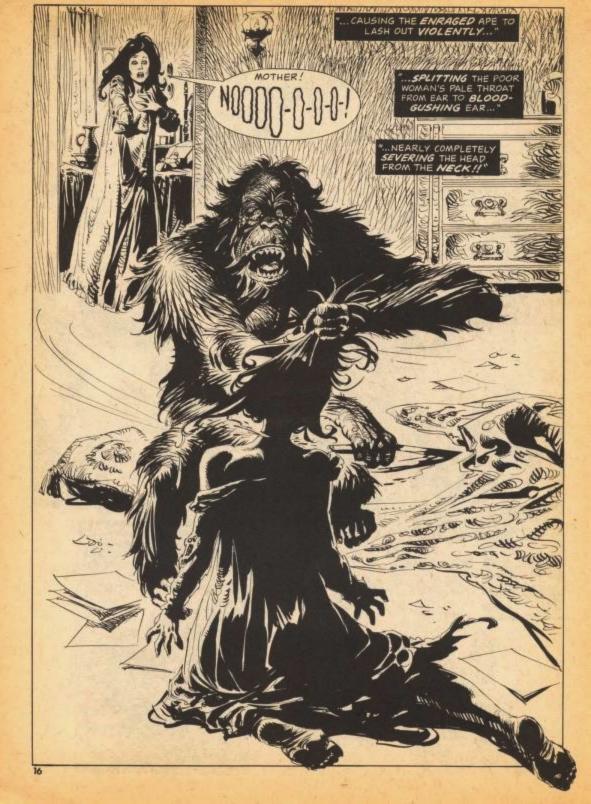






































TRAGEDY!



DUPIN CALMLY AND RATIONALLY
EXPLAINED THE ENTIRE TALE OF







IN UTTER DESPARATION, THE

