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VENGEANCE IS SWEET

After nearly three weeks of travel, my body is in NYC this morning, but my mind is still in L.A. (along with my sleeping schedule, no doubt.) The San Diego ComicCon was a fabulous good time. In addition to hanging out with other professionals and meeting rabid Vampirella fans, I raised a small amount of havoc on a panel about female superheroes and got to announce two exciting Vampirella projects.

February of 1995 will be a big month for Vampirella. In addition to the regular monthly VENGEANCE OF VAMPIRELLA, Harris will introduce an inexpensive "Classic Vampirella" series, featuring vintage Vampirella stories for the first time in full color. Plus, Vampi will be the star of her own super premium trading card set from Topps. Finally, we're excited to announce our first crossover with another publisher.

February 1995 will see the release of VAMPIRELLA/SHADOWHAWK: CREATURES OF THE NIGHT. This two-part story will be published in two volumes, each issued two weeks apart, the first by Harris Comics and the second by Image Comics. As more news is released, you'll hear the real deal right here.

Finally, a note about this month's issue, which is a single story dealing with a grim choice for Vampirella. For those readers unfamiliar with the origin of Chelsea and her relationship to Vampirella, check out the Harris black and white books "Vampirella: Morning in America" and "Vampirella's Summer Nights". See you next time!

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"I ONCE HAD
A DREAM..."



"VAMPIRELLA. HE TRIED TO MAKE ME
LIKE HER... INTO HER... AN ADVERSARY
THAT WOULD CHALLENGE
HIS DARK MECHANIZATIONS
AND THWART HIS EVIL
PLANS. HE MADE ME
INTO A CREATURE..."

"...A DREAM THAT
I WAS A NORMAL,
YOUNG TEEN-AGE
GIRL WITH A LIFE-
TIME OF HAPPINESS
AHEAD."



"AND THEN THE
DARKNESS COMES
AND MY DREAM
TURNS TO NIGHT-
MARE."



"THE DARKNESS HAD
A NAME... SHROUD,
AND HE HAD AN OB-
SESSION IN HIS LIFE,
A WOMAN CALLED
VAMPIRELLA."

"SHE'S THE REASON I
AM AS I AM NOW."

"I ONCE HAD A DREAM... A DREAM THAT I WAS A NORMAL
YOUNG TEEN-AGE GIRL WITH A LIFE TIME OF HAPPINESS AHEAD..."

"...ONE THAT NEEDS
TO FEED ON THE
BLOOD OF THE
LIVING. THAT'S ALL
I KNEW HOW TO BE.
THE KILLER INSTINCT
WAS STRONG... IS
STRONG"



"I MET HER. THE WOMAN I
WAS SUPPOSED TO BE...
COME, SHE TRIED
TO HELP ME,
BUT
COULDN'T."





...IT WAS
ALL A
HORRIBLE
LIE!!



IT'S ALL HER
FAULT, ABANDONED
LEFT TO THE
HUNGER, SHE WILL
PAY...

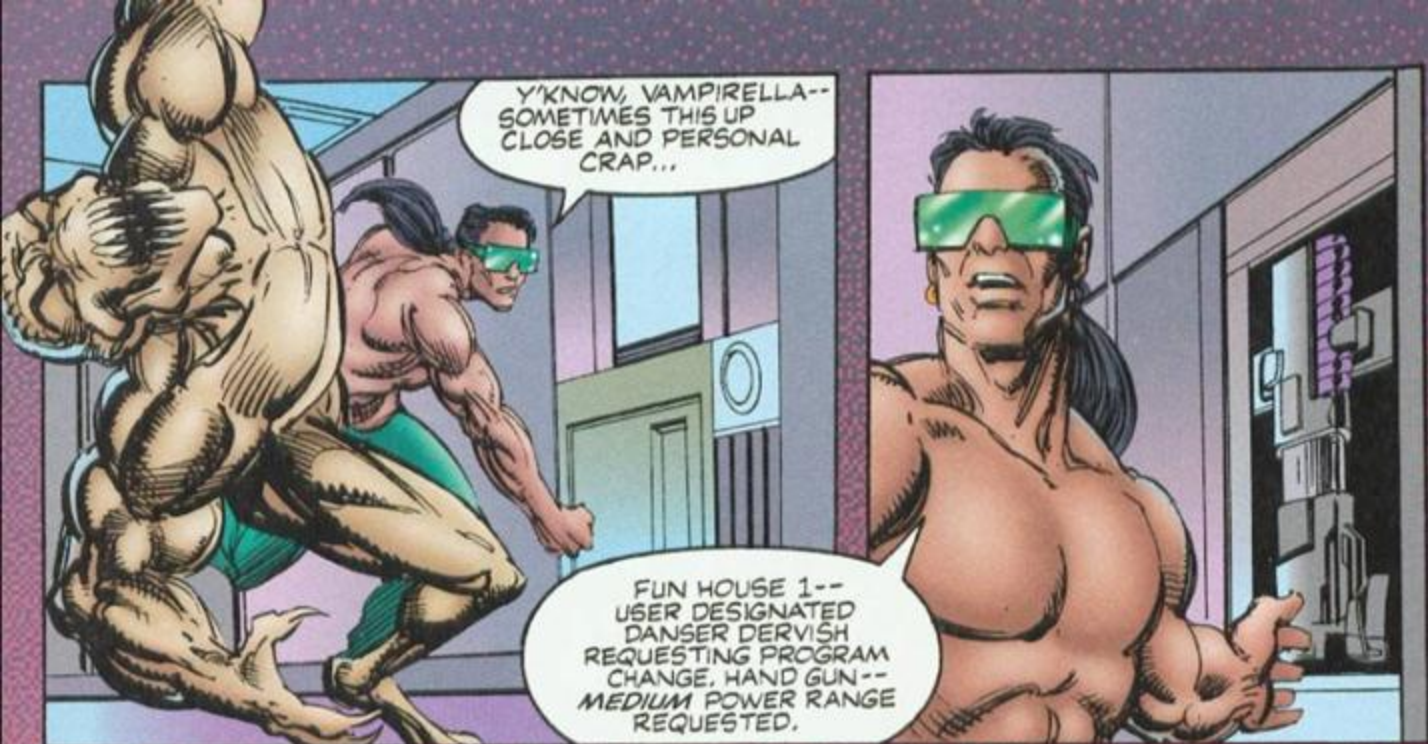


...ALL
THAT SHE
LOVES WILL
PAY!

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"SHE'S QUITE BEAUTIFUL...IN AN ANIMALISTIC KIND OF WAY, DON'T YOU THINK, MR. SABASTION?"



YES, GA-GA, SHE IS...



...AND WHAT A DANCER SHE WOULD MAKE.



WILL VAMPIRELLA BE AIDING THE DANSE IN ITS PURSUIT OF THE UNDEAD AND THEIR VAMPIRE MASTER, MR. SABASTION?

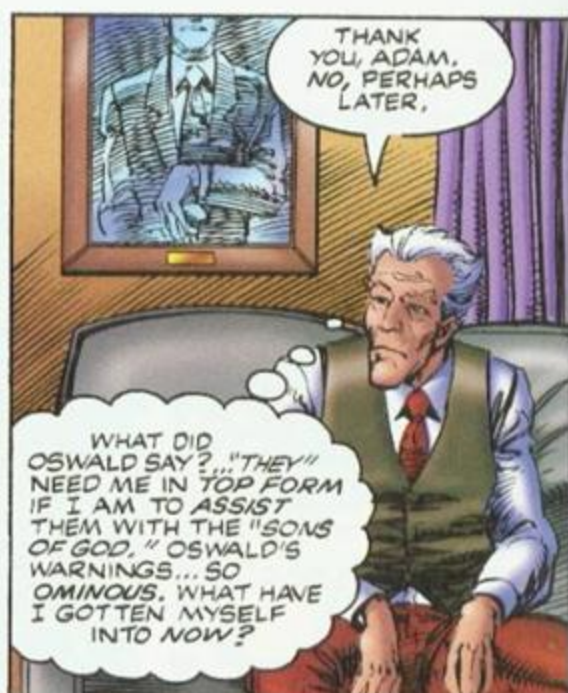


I THINK NOT, GA-GA, VAMPIRELLA HAS HER OWN PERSONAL AGENDA THAT SHE MUST DEAL WITH BEFORE FURTHER INVOLVEMENT WITH THE DANSE.

...BUT BE ASSURED WE OF THE DANSE WILL BE KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON HER ACTIVITIES, OF THIS YOU CAN BE CERTAIN,



GOODY! I THINK I LIKE HER!





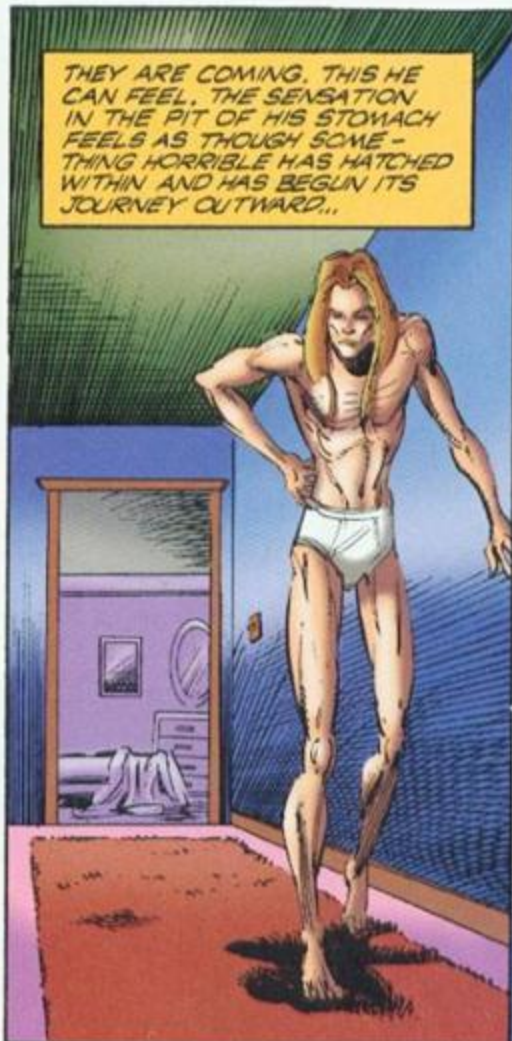




INTERLUDE...



HE HAS BEEN AWAKENED FROM HIS DREAMLESS SLEEP.



THEY ARE COMING. THIS HE CAN FEEL. THE SENSATION IN THE PIT OF HIS STOMACH FEELS AS THOUGH SOMETHING HORRIBLE HAS HATCHED WITHIN AND HAS BEGUN ITS JOURNEY OUTWARD...



...AND, OF COURSE, THERE IS THE ITCHING. THE ITCHING IS ALWAYS A GOOD SIGN THAT THEY'LL SOON BE HERE.



IT'S TIMES LIKE THIS, WHEN THE ITCHING IS AT ITS WORST, THAT HE COMES DOWN TO THE CELLAR, TO SEE WHAT HAS BEEN LOST TO HIM FOREVER AND HOW FAR HE HAS TRULY FALLEN. DO THE OTHERS SENSE THE COMING? ARE THE OTHERS REMEMBERING THEIR WEAKNESSES?



HE ALWAYS WANTS TO CRY WHEN HE LOOKS UPON THEM, REMEMBERING THE DAY WHEN THEY FELL PAINFULLY FROM HIS SHOULDERS.



OH, HOW THEY ONCE SERVED HIM, HE THINKS, THE SCENT OF ROT FILLING HIS NOSTRILS. SOON IT WILL BE OVER AND HIS DECLINE WILL CEASE. HE WONDERS AGAIN OF THE OTHERS, CURIOUS IF THEY HAVE RESIGNED THEMSELVES TO THE FATE THAT WILL BE DELIVERED BY THEIR BRETHREN, THE SONS OF GOD.



MY THANKS,
PORTER. PERHAPS
WE COULD TALK
AGAIN...



SATYR AND
CIRCE! WHAT HAS
HAPPENED?!



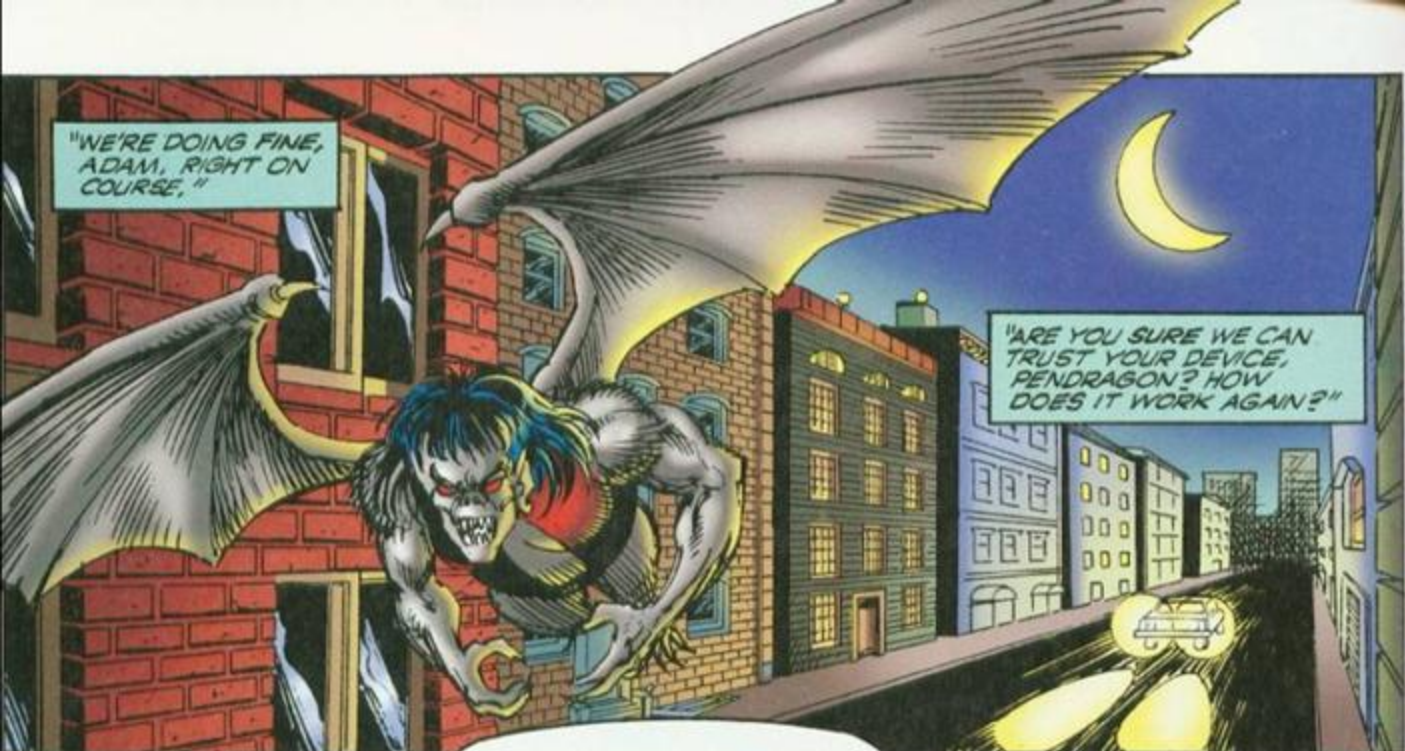
THE SCENTS OF
ADAM AND PEN ARE
STRONG BUT THERE
WAS ANOTHER
PRESENT.



IT IS A SCENT
I KNOW. A YOUNG
SMELL, BUT IT HAS
BEEN CORRUPTED
WITH THE SMELL
OF DEATH AND
DECAY...



CHELSEA!



"WE'RE DOING FINE,
ADAM, RIGHT ON
COURSE."

"ARE YOU SURE WE CAN
TRUST YOUR DEVICE,
PENDRAGON? HOW
DOES IT WORK AGAIN?"



EVERYTHING LIVING, OR
IN THIS CASE, UNDEAD, GIVES
OFF SOME KIND OF RESIDUAL
ENERGIES, A FORM OF EX-
HAUST, IF YOU WILL."

I'VE ALWAYS
THOUGHT THIS
WOULD COME
IN HANDY
SOMEDAY.

WHERE DO
YOU THINK SHE'LL
GO, ADAM? WHAT
SHALL WE DO WHEN
WE CATCH UP
TO HER?

REMEM-
BER, SHE'S
JUST A
CHILD.

...THE ARROW WITHIN THIS
DEVICE IS ATTRACTED TO
THESE RESIDUAL ENERGIES
AND POINTS TO WHERE
THEY EMANATE FROM.



SHE'S GONE
ROGUE, PEN, AND
NO MATTER HOW
YOUNG SHE IS OR
WHAT SHE ONCE
MEANT TO US, IT
DOESN'T CHANGE
WHAT SHE HAS
BECOME.

WHO
KNOWS HOW MANY
HAVE ALREADY
BEEN TOUCHED
BY HER EVIL.



"NO QUESTION ABOUT IT,
PENDRAGON, WE HAVE
TO PUT HER DOWN."

CHELSEA, WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO YOU, CHILD? THE SCENTS IN THE ROOM WERE SO WILD, SO FULL OF VIOLENCE AND DEATH, I SHOULD HAVE PAID MORE ATTENTION TO YOU, TO YOUR DEVELOPMENT.

WHAT IS THIS?

ANY SURVIVORS? WHAT COULD HAVE DONE IT? HYDE 25 USERS? THEY'RE POPPING UP ALL OVER!

NOPE, DON'T THINK SO.

LOT OF BLOOD LOST, AND IT AIN'T ANYWHERE IN THE HOUSE IF YA KNOW WHAT I MEAN, WHOLE FAMILY, MOM, DAD, SIXTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL AND INFANT BOY.

NASTY SHIT,

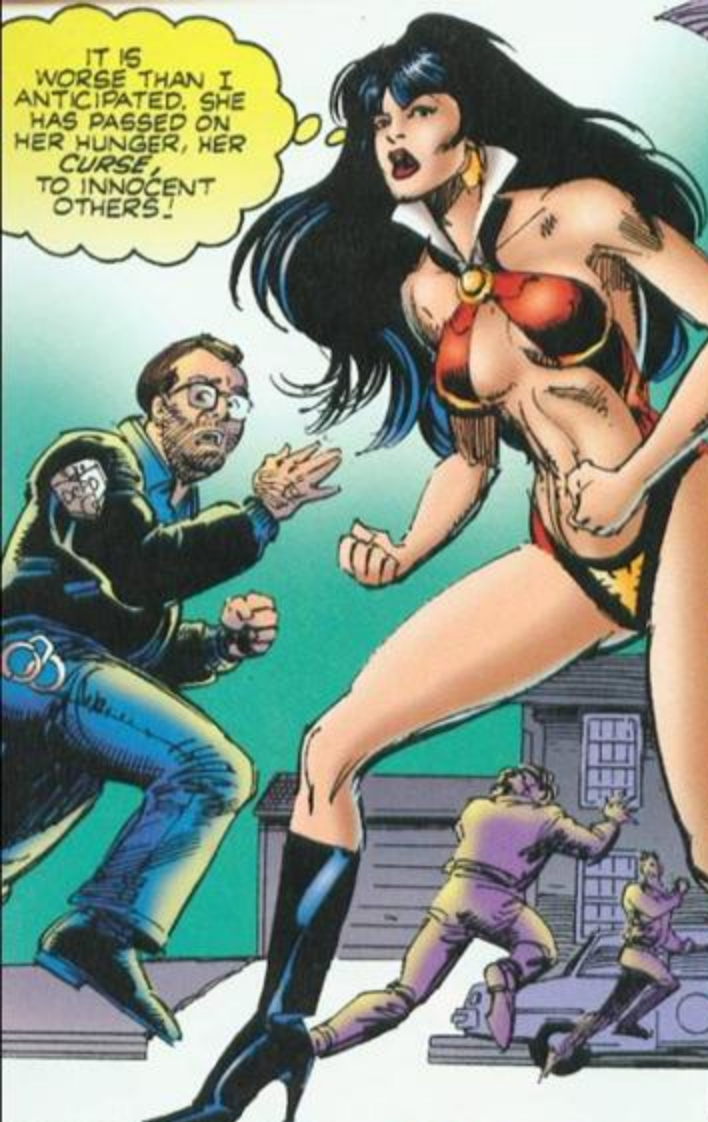
CHELSEA, YOUR SMELL IS STRONG HERE. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

MY GOD, THEY STINK! HOW LONG HAVE THEY BEEN DEAD?

BETWEEN TWO AND THREE DAYS, CAN'T BE SURE UNTIL THEY'RE OPENED UP.

HONEY, WHERE ARE THE KIDS?!!

IT'S ALL TRUE... THE WEIRD SHIT THEY SAY IS HAPPENING! IT'S ALL TRUE!!



IT IS WORSE THAN I ANTICIPATED. SHE HAS PASSED ON HER HUNGER, HER CURSE, TO INNOCENT OTHERS!



WELL, HELLO THERE, CHELSEA TOLD US ALL ABOUT YOU!



AN END MUST BE PUT TO THIS!



YOU JUST HOLD ON A SEC-- LET ME SEE TO THIS HERE PROBLEM AND I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU...



SLAKT



NORMALLY, I'M NOT THE JEALOUS TYPE...



...BUT IF
HALF OF WHAT
THAT LOVELY
CHELSEA SAID
IS TRUE...



IT SEEMS THAT
THE LOVELY
CHELSEA HAS
BEEN DOING
QUITE A BIT OF
TALKING AS
WELL AS OTHER
THINGS!

WHERE
IS SHE?



WELL, LET'S SEE,
SHE WAS PLANNING
ON BEING QUITE
BUSY, DON'T YOU
KNOW? SHE WAS
GOING TO PAY A
VISIT TO YOUR
TWO MEN FRIENDS
AND THEN, I THINK
SHE WAS GOING
TO STOP BY THE
ALL-GIRL SCHOOL
SHE USED TO
ATTEND!

YUM!



THE GIRLS'
SCHOOL! IF THIS IS
TRUE, I MUST HURRY!
I MIGHT ALREADY
BE TOO LATE!



PLEASE...
DON'T... I'M SORRY
... I DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT SHE WAS...
SHE SAID SHE WAS
LOST...



SHE... SHE SAYS
THAT SHE'S GONNA
MAKE THEM JUST
LIKE HER...



STOP
HER I
WILL.



REST
PEACE-
FULLY,
CHILD.





IT IS OFTEN THAT THE GIRLS OF AUSTEN'S SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES DREAM ABOUT THEIR SCHOOL-MATE CHELSEA, WHO DISAPPEARED OVER TWO YEARS AGO.



THE DREAMS DISTURB THEM. A STRANGELY DRESSED CHELSEA, HER FEATURES DRAWN AND PALE, BEGS FOR FOOD.



THEY OFTEN AWAKEN FROM THEIR STRANGE NIGHT TERRORS WITH A START AND A STIFLED SCREAM AS CHELSEA'S PLEADINGS GROW MORE PITIFUL, AND MORE INSISTENT.



THE GIRLS DO NOT TALK ABOUT THEIR MISSING FRIEND ANYMORE, BUT THEY OFTEN THINK OF HER FROM THEIR DREAMS, STRANGELY DRESSED, DEATHLY PALE AND HUNGRY. Oh, SO HUNGRY.



ADAM, ISN'T OUR ENTRANCE A TAD ABRUPT? I'M SURE THAT A SIMPLE KNOCK WOULD HAVE...



QUICKLY! SHE'S UPSTAIRS!



GIRLS! WHAT IS GOING ON IN THERE?! I'M COMING IN!!









HAS THE
KILLING BECOME
EASIER FOR YOU
VAMPIRELLA... ALMOST
REFLEX? SHROUD
WAS RIGHT, I COULD
HAVE BEEN JUST
LIKE YOU!

SKREEEE!



DON'T
SAY
THAT!

IT'S TOO LATE
FOR ME, VAMPIRELLA!
THE HUNGER HAS BE-
COME MY MASTER...




...BUT
YOU...!

URRRRGH!



JESUS GOD, VAMPIRELLA...
IT'S DYING INSIDE ME, YOU'VE
CHANGED, VAMPIRELLA... DON'T
LET IT TAKE YOU... DON'T LET
IT WIN... PLEASE,





"A DIRGE FOR HER, THE
DOUBLY-DEAD, IN THAT
SHE DIED SO YOUNG."
-EDGAR ALLEN POE
"LENORE"

NEXT ISSUE:
IN "EVIL FROM THE HEAD OF A PIN,"
DISCOVER THE SECRET OF THE
MYSTERIOUS STRANGER IN THIS
MONTH'S ISSUE!