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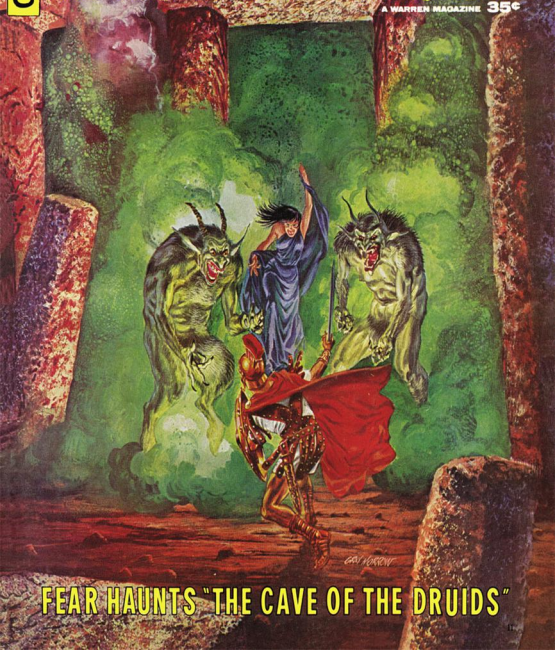
NEW TERROR IN THE CREEPY TRADITION!

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FEAR HAUNTS "THE CAVE OF THE DRUIDS"



YOU *EBERIE* ENTHUSIASTS ARE JUST IN TIME TO TAKE PART IN A LITTLE TERROR TRANS-ACTION I'M ARRANGING... AS USUAL IN MY DEMONICAL DEALS, THERE ARE A FEW STRINGS ATTACHED, AS JEWELLER *LESTER DARROW* FINDS OUT IN THIS LITTLE GEM I CALL...

# DEEP RUBY!

PERHAPS IT WAS A FEW YEARS AGO, PERHAPS A FEW MINUTES... I'M NO LONGER CERTAIN, AND IT NO LONGER MATTERS. I HAD WORKED QUITE LATE AT THE SHOP AND WAS STARTING HOME...

WHAT TH--

PSST!  
MISTER...



THE MAN WAS A HORROR, SEEDY AND WRETCHED... A LEERING, LURCHING EXAMPLE OF HOW LOW HUMANITY COULD SINK. I RECOILED AT THE VERY SIGHT OF HIM APPROACHING ME...



GET BACK! I'LL HAVE THE POLICE ON YOU IF YOU TRY ANYTHING!

DON'T GET EXCITED! I'VE GOT SOMETHING THAT'LL INTEREST YOU!



MY REVULSION SEEMED ALMOST TO DELIGHT HIM... HE PRESSED CLOSE, SNAGGLE-TOOTHED MOUTH BREAKING INTO A TERRIBLE SMILE. I TENSED AS THE DIRTY, SPIT-NAILED FINGERS FUMBLING IN HIS POCKET...

NOTHING YOU HAVE COULD...

EVER SEE ANYTHING LIKE THIS?



I'VE DEALT IN GEMS MOST OF MY LIFE... I'VE NEVER HAD I SEEN THE MATCH OF THE GLIMMERING RED OVAL BEFORE ME... SO LARGE... TAKE YOUR TIME... LOOK IT OVER CLOSELY... SO PERFECT... I-IT CAN'T BE REAL...



HOW... HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT FOR IT?



MONEY ISN'T THE OBJECT, THE IMPORTANT THING IS... DO YOU WANT IT? LOOK CLOSELY... PEOPLE!

IT'S TOO CRAZY... YOU'RE UP TO SOMETHING! FIND ANOTHER SUCKER!

DON'T BE HASTY, MR. DARROW...



WHY NOT HAVE JUST ONE MORE LOOK? JUST TO BE CERTAIN... A GOOD CLOSE LOOK...

PERHAPS I WILL... ONE MORE GLANCE CAN'T HURT...



YES... BUT NOT JUST A GLANCE! STUDY IT, THE RICH FULL COLOR, THAT DEEP GLEAMING RED...



EXAMINE THE VASTNESS, THE COMPLEXITY WITHIN... BEYOND THE CUT SURFACE, THERE'S MORE... MUCH MORE!



YES... YES!



I MUST HAVE IT!



EVEN AS I WAS UTTERING THE WORDS I FELT DRAWN MORE AND MORE TO THAT SWIRLING BLOOD RED VASTNESS THAT SPARKLED AND GLITTERED BEFORE ME ....



...MUST HAVE IT...  
MUST HAVE IT...  
MUST...

UNTIL THE TERRIBLE EXTENT OF MY FASCINATION BEGAN SLOWLY TO PENETRATE MY OVERWHELMED SENSES ....



THE RUBY...  
I'M INSIDE IT!  
INSIDE!

AMONG THE HANDLERS OF PRECIOUS STONES, THERE ARE DARK RUMORS VAGUELY ALLUDED TO... STRANGE TALES OF DREAMING JEWELS, SORCERERS' STONES! PRICELESS GEMS CURSED AND HAUNTED...AND IN ONE MADDENING INSTANT, **I KNEW THEM TO BE TRUE!**



THIS CAN'T BE  
HAPPENING... IT CAN'T  
BE!

YET IT WAS, LIKE SOME WANDERER OF THE COSMOS I PLUNGED DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO THIS MICROCOSMIC UNIVERSE... AT THE MERCY OF A POWER BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION ....



AND AS I SLEPT ON CAME THE GROWING UNCOMFORTABLE SENSATION THAT I WAS NOT ALONE IN THIS NIGHTMARE DIMENSION...







NOW, AS I CROUCH  
HERE IN THE SHADOWS,  
STARING OUT INTO THE  
VERY REAL EVERYDAY  
WORLD, I REALIZE  
FULLY THE PRICE  
REQUIRED OF ME TO  
ESCAPE THAT DEEP  
RUBY HELL...



... AND I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I MUST DO AND KEEP DOING UNTIL I FIND ONE WHO IS WILLING TO  
PAY THE SAME PRICE... SOMEONE... **ANYONE!**

PSSST!  
MISTER...

DON'T GET EXCITED! I'VE  
GOT SOMETHING THAT'LL  
INTEREST **YOU!**

EVER SEE ANYTHING  
LIKE **THIS?**



WELL, WRITHING READERS, HOW'S YOUR SALES  
RESISTANCE? DON'T EXAMINE THE MERCHANDISE TOO  
CLOSELY OR YOU MAY FINISH THE ISSUE FROM INSIDE  
THE RUBY! BETTER PLAY IT SAFE AND RUN ON TO  
THE NEXT OF MY NAUSEATING NOVELETTES!

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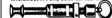
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