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Hatter M returns with wonder!!!

Hatter M: Mad with Wonder (vol. 2)

Writer: Frank Beddor and Liz Cavalier

Artist: Sami Makkonen

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The exciting quest of Hatter M. returns with extraordinary wonder!

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The title of this book is Mad with Wonder, but what the reader will experience is an extraordinary vision of Frank Beddor's character Hatter Madigan. The character was introduced to the fantasy reading community with Beddor's award winning novel The Looking Glass Wars.



Hatter Madigan's quest takes him to North America, after he befriends a young lad while in England. Hatter reminisces of his desire to become millinery. The story touches on his relationship with his brother, a member of the royal guard. Frank Beddor and Liz Cavalier's story takes the reader to a side of Hatter Madigan that loyal readers may not have experienced while reading Hatter M volume 1 or the comic periodicals published by Desperado publishing.

As with most of Beddor and Cavalier's stories involving the millinery, Hatter M continues to intermingle with historical figures and events. This graphic novel does not let down its readers expectations of Madigan's worldwide travels to find Alyss. Hatter Madigan learns about the mystique of New Orleans and receives the hospitality of Georgia. In Virginia he is a first-hand witness of the ravages of the civil war. Has Hatter Madigan found Alyss or maybe someone more of his interest – A southern lady named, Rosalind?



The flow of the story is fast-paced with twists and turns galore. The reader learns more of Hatter Madigan's candor and strength and the lighter side of the Hatter Madigan's persona. Readers learn more about the abilities of Hatter Madigan's weapons; his trusted cutlery and his magnificent hat.

The readers are introduced to a new artist Sami Makkonen. Makkonen takes the reigns and retains the atmosphere of the original artist Ben Templesmith. The chapters in the novel are very detailed and exquisite. The Macabre and subdued palate is still dark but dynamic to view. These historical subplots provide an exceptional read of a heroic character on a quest for honor and hope with maniacal and whimsical characters. This is an impressive companion to all of Frank Beddor's extraordinary novels: The Looking Glass Wars, Seeing Redd and his newest novel ArchEnemy. Frank Beddor's creative vision will make you believe in the Wonder of Hatter M.