



Shock Room: A Horror-Movie Blog

Mad with Wonder



art by Sami Makkonen,
Automatic Pictures Publishing

Hatter M as he pursues the missing Princess Alyss, and a scary asylum sequence. But my favorite element of *Mad with Wonder* portrays the adventures of Madigan's hat. Thanks to Beddor's imagination and Makkonen's skill, the hat has both a mind and a personality of its own.

Mad with Wonder is a creation of Beddor's company Automatic Pictures Publishing. According to APP it is recommended for Grade 7 and up.

Where do you find an artist to follow Ben Templesmith? According to the *Mad with Wonder* introduction, Frank Beddor traveled the world in search of the perfect successor for Volume Two of the Hatter M series. Thanks to Joe Pruet at Desperado Comics, he finally found Sami Makkonen in Finland.

So how does Makkonen's work measure up? Beautifully. The art flows seamlessly with the narrative. Sparse yet well paced text seems to punctuate the graphics rather than dominating. Together they carry the reader along from the streets of London through flashback scenes of Hatter Madigan's Millinery training, to the battlefields of the American Civil War.

Among the story's creepy delights are a ruthless gang of thieves rivaling

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