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The Looking Glass Wars: Hatter M #1

Written by Frank Beddor and Liz Cavalier

Drawn by Ben Templesmith

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Just seeing the gorgeous Templesmith cover got me excited about reading this. Then I opened it and found out it wasn't about the Mad Hatter, but one of the Royal Guard of Wonderland. It killed my buzz, but only until I read the story. Hatter Madigan falls through a portal into France in the year 1859. Now he must travel the globe to search for the lost princess of Wonderland, Alyss, and find his missing hat. Really, the summary doesn't do it justice. **The Looking Glass Wars** is a trilogy of novels penned by Frank Beddor, which unfortunately have yet to make it stateside. After reading this my interest in the characters and world Beddor has created (or, more appropriately, twisted) is definitely piqued. Beddor takes the stance that Lewis Carroll got it wrong, that Alice did not fall through a rabbit hole, she was the lost princess of Wonderland. With that, I'm hooked. I'm not sure if this comic is an adaptation of the book or just an offspring of it, but either way I can't wait to see more in either form. Templesmith's art is at its absolute best here. The line work is more straightforward than most of the stuff I've seen from him; it's tamer than say **30 Days of Night** or its many sequels, and rightfully so I suppose. The novels are young-adult material, so I assume the comic is aimed at that crowd as well. This book should be hitting stands in early December, and I'd highly recommend picking up a copy. And, hopefully the novels will be available in the States soon.

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