



Hatter M: The Looking Glass Wars

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To enter the world of *The Looking Glass Wars* is to jump into the deep end of the pool. It's a trip . . . but it's a trip you'll want to take again and again. While the novels are the meat of the story, the *Hatter M* comic series is a visually stunning parallel journey that follows Princess Alyss's personal bodyguard, Hatter Madigan, as he searches the world for his lost liege.

The story bases itself on the readers fully investing themselves into its reality, completely tossing away any previous conceptions they may have had about Wonderland. It brushes those off to an Earthly man's misinterpretations of the truth about the lost princess. In fact, as Hatter undertakes his journey, he crosses paths with many great authors and other figures, such as Jules Verne.

Wonderland isn't the only source of magic and unearthly power in the story. Hatter battles zombies, vampire-like characters, and much more! He also learns that he is not the only one with knowledge of Wonderland . . . and those that share this knowledge are not always friends. In fact, most of the friends he does make are those who know the least about him and his true mission.

With familiar faces in completely new and unusual circumstances, *Hatter M* is a fascinating read. It hearkens back to the old style of fable, with a healthy mix of fantasy and the macabre. Although it doesn't take long to read, the story (as well as the truly unique and perfectly suited art) will draw readers in so, that by the time it is finished, they will feel quite satisfied yet eager for the next volume.

The additional features at the end give the feel of a special edition DVD, and add to the play on reality of the entire piece. Hopefully, this trend continues into the later volumes. Overall, this is a truly rewarding experience, and is highly recommended.