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## DON'T MESS WITH A MONKEY IN A FEZ

**Hatter M: The Looking Glass Wars #2 dazzles with mystery and monkey fighting.**

*By The Masqued Expositor*

(Hey, It's me, Devon. **Big Monkey Comics** is proud to bring a new reviewer to our fold. The Masked Expositor. His identity is a secret but his writing skills are quite obviously very good. We're very proud and honored to have him join our little family.... whoever he may be.)



The glow is shining brighter as this series written by Frank Beddor from his acclaimed novel ***"The Looking Glass Wars"*** shines with brilliance.

The incredible saga continues as Hatter M. is on the trail of the missing princess Alyss from Wonderland. Now he is teleported into the mysterious land of Budapest (Hungary). While Hatter M. is walking the streets of Budapest, he hears that a child was found wandering in a field. In addition, the child is now playing strange music at a theater.

As Hatter M. slips into the theater he sees the young child on stage playing the violin. Before he can get a good look at her, a giant man pops up from a trap door on the stage and kidnaps her. Someone in the crowd yells, "The Gypsies have the child!" Waiting in the back alley the gypsy orders his pets to attack who ever follows. The cutlery starts to fly and his top hat whizzes as Hatter M. fends off the gypsy's ferocious Bear and crazed monkey.

The panel of the crazed monkey ready to attack Hatter M is a great scene; also resembling the cover page. The monkey is wearing an adorable fez hat on his head while fighting Hatter M. as the small primate exclaims in monkey language of course. "You want some of this, Hatboy?" Needless to say (Should I dare say it?) the simian get its monkey ass whipped.

Then a new nemesis, the mysterious Baroness Dvonna enters the picture. She kidnaps the child from a lair of vampires. The Baroness also has plans for Alyss. Hatter M may have gained a new ally on his remarkable quest to find Alyss. She is the adventurous Ms. Magda Pushkin, a reporter from the St. Petersburg Star.

This is an outstanding follow up to first issue of **Hatter M #1**. I love it. The title draws the reader into the world of the looking glass wars more and more. The grandeur and creative writing skills by the team of Frank Beddor and Liz Cavalier is a great blend in this second issue. Ben Templesmith; artistry brings all the images from Beddor's novel to life. The detailed panels and characterizations are alive with emotion, hilarity and horror mystique. The historical and geographical references by the historian and cartographer Greg Cook are exact and noteworthy learning for any reader. The correspondence between Jules Verne & Victor Hugo is a true draw for any fan of this title.

**Hatter M: The Looking Glass Wars #2** published by Desperado publishing and Image comics is fantastic. I give Hatter M. a resounding 5+ stars for the narrated first person content, and a refreshing and thrilling read. Hatter M. would make an incredible saga for the silver screen. This could truly be a great visual epic as presented from the medium of comics to film. As I stated in a previous review of Hatter M. #1, Automatic Pictures has "a franchise in the making."

Even more exciting is the interview with Frank Beddor I have on tap for Monday, March 20th. I just know you will enjoy his thoughts and insights on the Hatter M. title. 'Til Monday...