



Friday Reviews

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HATTER M #2 **Frank Beddor and Ben Templesmith** **Image Comics**

Issue one took us into the temporal shifting worlds of Alyss and Hatter Madigan. Hatter's story is one that is compelling, for while his other world self, that of Lewis Carroll's Mad Hatter is a putz trapped in a Tuesday, Hatter Madigan hunts for the lost Alyss, so that he might bring her home, to her world where she is Queen. Issue two does what a good comic series does, moves the story forward, gives us more to drink in, and brings us to the end of the book wishing for more. The writing becomes more than clever with issue 2 as well, it tells a story with a voice that makes the reader learn that there is far more under the surface, and a certain hope and wit. The art is rather beautiful, and I do realize that some have not warmed ever to Templesmith, but his work here is more straight forward, more direct. And his use of painted colors is brilliant.

