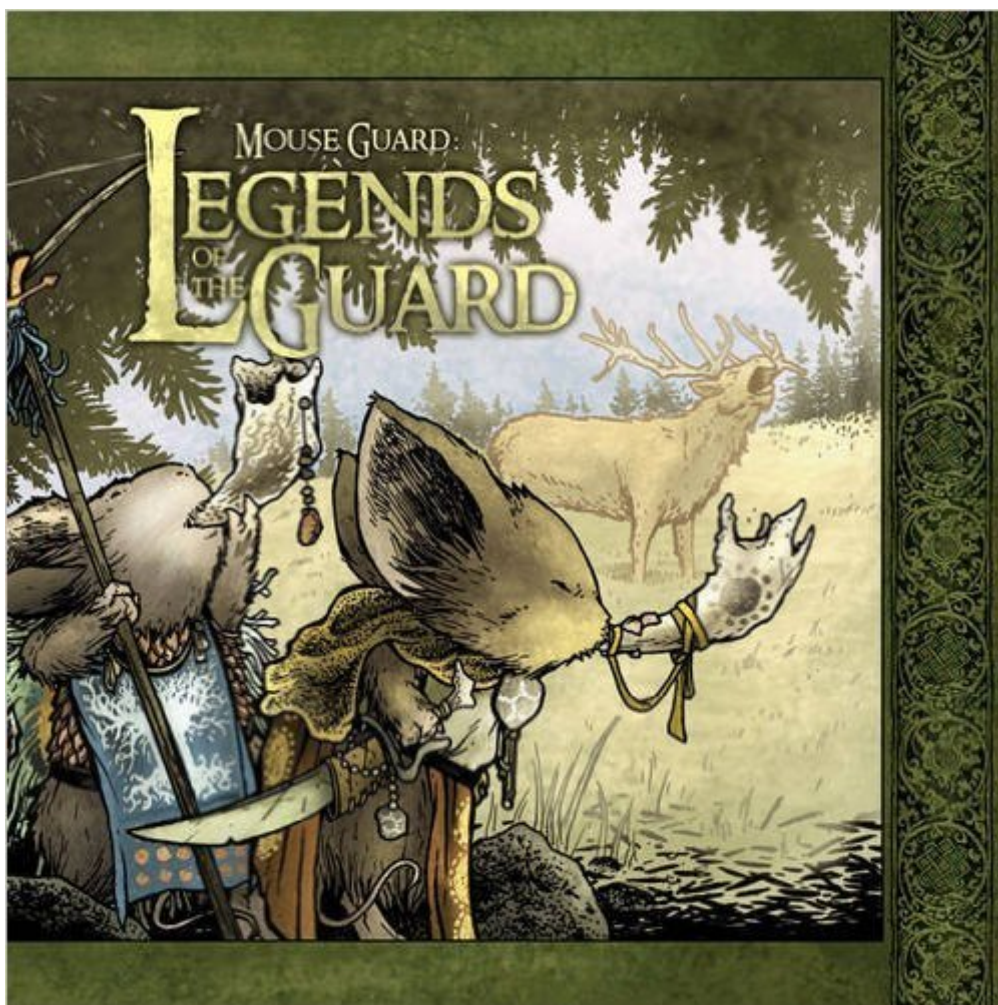


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Synopsis

Inside the June Alley Inn, located in the western mouse city of Barkstone, mice gather to tell tales, each trying to outdo the other. A competition, of sorts, begins. The rules: Every story must contain one truth, one lie and have never been told in that tavern before. With the winner getting his bar tab cleared, fantastic stories are spun throughout the evening. Legends of the Guard is a new Mouse Guard anthology series featuring the work of artists and storytellers handpicked by series creator David Petersen, including Jeremy Bastian (Cursed Pirate Girl), Alex Sheikman (Robotika), Ted Naifeh (Courtney Crumrin and the Night Things), Gene Ha (Top 10), Sean Rubin (Redwall), Guy Davis (B.P.R.D.), Katie Cook (Fraggle Rock), Karl Kerschl (Teen Titans: Year One), Craig Rousseau (Impulse), and Mark Smylie (Artesia).

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Spinning off from David Petersen's popular, Eisner award-winning Mouse Guard series comes Legends of the Guard. A collection of short stories written and illustrated by a group of artists hand-picked by Petersen, Legends expands upon the world of the Guard and tells tales of ancient mouse history. With a rising number of bar tabs going unpaid, June issues a challenge to her patrons--tell a tale she's never heard before. Whoever can tell the best story will have their debt erased, while the losers must settle their accounts within seven days. It is in this fashion that Petersen constructs a framed narrative for other storytellers to come and play with the world he has created, without impacting the overall narrative and continuity of his main series. Such writers and

illustrators as Guy Davis (perhaps best known for his work on the Hellboy spinoff series B.P.R.D.) and Terry Moore (Strangers in Paradise, Echo) make contributions, while Petersen bridges the stories with brief barroom interludes. As with any collection of numerous collaborators, quality can vary. In Legends, the bar is set high amidst the accolades Petersen has garnered for his central Mouse Guard series, and, by and large, those invited to contribute are more than up to the task, and each firmly embraces the world that has been created. Each story differs enough to be unique, although several are too brief to carry through with the proper amount of weight they seem entitled to. One story that does exceptionally well is actually an adaptation of another literary work: Edgar Allan Poe's The Raven. Jason Shawn Alexander casts the story in an entertaining way and manages to create a wonderfully tense dynamic between Poe's titular raven and a heartbroken mouse.

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