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# Expecting Someone Taller Tom Holt

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Barking Orbit  
As they faced  
one another in a  
duel of survival,

the Roman tribune touched, the two  
Marcus Scaurus found themselves  
held the spell- under a strange  
scribed sword of night sky where  
a Druid priest, and no stars were  
the Celtic familiar and  
chieftain Viridovix where Gaul and  
held a similar Rome were  
sword, bespelled unknown. They  
by a rival Druid were in an  
sorcerer. At the outpost of the  
moment they embattled Empire

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of Videssos--in a world where magic and dark sorcery would test their skill and courage as no Roman legion had ever been tested before. From the Paperback edition. Expecting Someone Taller Sourcebooks, Inc.

'When Tom Holt's on form, the world seems a much cheerier place' - SFX '...both intimate and ambitious - not only human, but also divine' - DAILY TELEGRAPH  
Something is about to go wrong. Very wrong. What do you expect if the Supreme Being decides to get away from it all for a few days, leaving his

naturally inquisitive son to look after the cosmic balance of things? A minor hiccup with a human soul and a welding machine soon leads to a violent belch, and before you know it the human condition - not to mention the lemming condition - is tumbling down the slippery slope to chaos. A dazzling comic fantasy novel from one of Britain's sharpest, funniest writers. Books by Tom Holt: Walled Orchard Series Goatsong The Walled Orchard J.W. Wells & Co. Series The Portable Door In Your Dreams Earth, Air, Fire and Custard

You Don't Have to Be Evil to Work Here, But It Helps The Better Mousetrap May Contain Traces of Magic Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Sausages YouSpace Series Doughnut When It's A Jar The Outsorcerer's Apprentice The Good, the Bad and the Smug Novels Expecting Someone Taller Who's Afraid of Beowulf Flying Dutch Ye Gods! Overtime Here Comes the Sun Grailblazers Faust Among Equals Odds and Gods Djinn Rummy My Hero Paint your Dragon Open Sesame Wish you Were Here Alexander at

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World's End Only  
Human Snow White  
and the Seven  
Samurai Olympiad  
Valhalla Nothing  
But Blue Skies  
Falling Sideways  
Little People Song  
for Nero  
Meadowland  
Barking Blonde  
Bombshell The  
Management Style  
of the Supreme  
Beings An Orc on  
the Wild Side  
**Doughnut**  
Expecting  
Someone Taller  
Once upon a  
time, everything  
was fine.  
Humpty Dumpty  
sat on his wall,  
Jack and Jill  
went about their  
lawful business,  
the Big Bad Wolf  
did what big bad

wolves do, and  
the wicked  
queen plotted  
murder most  
foul. But the  
humans hacked,  
cried havoc, shut  
down the wicked  
queen's system,  
and corrupted  
her database-  
and suddenly  
everything was  
not fine at all. But  
at least we know  
that they'll all live  
happily ever  
after. Don't we?  
*Expecting  
Someone  
Taller* Orbit  
WISH YOU WERE  
HERE - It was  
a busy day on  
Lake  
Chicopee. But  
it was a  
mixed bunch  
of sightseers

and tourists  
that had the  
strange local  
residents  
rubbing their  
hands with  
delight. But  
most  
promising of  
all, there  
was Wesley  
Higgins, the  
young man  
from  
Birmingham,  
England, who  
was there  
because he  
knew the  
legend of the  
ghost of  
Okeewana. All  
he had to do  
was immerse  
himself in  
the waters of  
the lake and  
he would find  
his heart's  
desire. Well,

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it seemed like two dozen  
a good idea white  
at the time. tablets,  
DJINN RUMMY - there's bound  
In an aspirin to be trouble  
bottle, ... All Jane  
nobody can wanted to do  
hear you was end her  
scream. life in  
Outside an peace, in the  
aspirin privacy of a  
bottle, British Rail  
however, waiting room,  
things are but now she's  
somewhat got herself a  
different. genie for  
And when company.  
Kayaguchiya Lucky old  
Integrated Jane. Lucky,  
Circuits III that is,  
(Kiss, to his until the  
friends), a apocalypse  
Force Twelve rears its  
genie with an ugly head.  
attitude, is The India Fan  
released Hachette UK  
after This is a comedy  
fourteen set in the  
years of Sunnyvoyde  
living with Residential Home.

Wagner got it  
wrong. The  
Twilight of the  
Gods isn't really  
that cataclysmic.  
After all, there's a  
comfy chair, a  
welcoming fire and  
three meals a day.  
Little People Orbit  
Books  
Fifteen hundred years  
have passed and the  
Holy Grail is still  
missing, presumed  
ineffable. The knights  
have dumped the  
quest and now deliver  
pizzas, while the  
sinister financial  
services of the lost  
kingdom of Atlantis  
threatens the universe  
with fiscal  
Armageddon.  
Expecting Someone  
Taller a Pbp Orbit  
This is the story of  
Jane who finds the  
novel she is working  
on starts to write

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back. She's already realized novel writing isn't such a piece of cake after all, and the world of fiction is a far more complicated place than she ever imagined.

I, Margaret Orbit  
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the human condition-not to mention the lemming condition-is tumbling down the slippery slope to chaos.

Valhalla Orbit  
There are many reasons why British summers are either non-existent or, alternatively, held on a Thursday. Many of these reasons are either scientific, mad, or both-but all of them are wrong, especially the scientific ones. The real reason why it rains perpetually from January 1st to December 31st is, of course, irritable Chinese Water Dragons. Karen is one such legendary creature. Ancient,

noble, nearly indestructible and, for a number of wildly improbable reasons, working as a real estate agent, Karen is irritable quite a lot of the time. But now things have changed, and Karen's no longer irritable. She's furious.

Only Human  
Abacus

Ever been offered a promotion that seems too good to be true? The kind where you snap their arm off to accept, then wonder why all your long-serving colleagues look secretly relieved, as if they're off some strange and unpleasant hook?

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It's the kind of trick that deeply sinister companies like J.W. Wells & Co. pull all the time. Especially with employees who are too busy mooning over the office intern to think about what they're getting into. And it's why, right about now, Paul Carpenter is wishing he'd paid much less attention to the gorgeous Melze, and rather more to a little bit of job description small-print referring to "pest" control. The Portable Door Hachette UK It touches all our lives-our triumphs and tragedies, our proudest

achievements, our most traumatic disasters. Alloyed of love and fear, death and fire, and the inscrutable acts of the gods, insurance is indeed the force that binds the universe together. Hardly surprising, therefore, that Frank Carpenter, one of the foremost magical practitioners of our age, felt himself irresistibly drawn to it. Until, that is, he met Jane, a high-flying corporate heroine with an annoying habit of falling out of trees and getting killed. Repeatedly. It's not long before Frank and Jane find themselves face to face with the greatest enigma of our times: When is a door not a door? When is a mousetrap. Hachette UK Expecting Someone Taller Orbit

## A Song for Nero

Orbit  
Maurice has just killed a dragon with a bread knife. And had his destiny foretold... and had his true love spirited away. That's precisely the sort of stuff that'd bring out the latent heroism in anyone. Unfortunately, Maurice is pretty sure he hasn't got any latent heroism. Meanwhile, a man wakes up in a jar in a different kind of pickle (figuratively speaking). He can't get out, of course, but neither can he remember his name, or what gravity is, or what those things on the ends of his legs are called... and every time he starts

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working it all out, someone makes him forget again. Forget everything. Only one thing might help him. The answer to the most baffling question of all...  
**WHEN IS A DOOR NOT A DOOR?**  
Falling Sideways Orbit  
The doughnut is a thing of beauty. A circle of fried doughy perfection. A source of comfort in trying times, perhaps. For Theo Bernstein, however, it is far, far more. Things have been going pretty badly for Theo Bernstein. An unfortunate accident at work has lost him his job (and his work involved a Very Very Large Hadron Collider, so he's unlikely to get it back). His wife has left him. And he doesn't

have any money. Before Theo has time to fully appreciate the pointlessness of his own miserable existence, news arrives that his good friend Professor Pieter van Goyen, renowned physicist and Nobel laureate, has died. By leaving the apparently worthless contents of his safety deposit to Theo, however, the professor has set him on a quest of epic proportions. A journey that will rewrite the laws of physics. A battle to save humanity itself. This is the tale of a man who had nothing and gave it all up to find his destiny - and a doughnut.  
Someone Like Me  
Hachette UK  
When his father dies, and he is reduced at a stroke from prosperity to

penury, Euxenus decides to leave Athens and seek his fortune elsewhere. As a philosopher and intellectual of some note, he has no difficulty getting a job as tutor to a young prince in the wealthy but utterly provincial court of King Philip of Macedon. The young prince is called Alexander, and the rest is history. Or is it?  
Alexander conquered Greece, Egypt and the Persian Empire in the course of eight years, amassing a huge army along the way, and leaving behind him the foundations of countless new cities named after him. He proclaimed

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himself a deity, and died at the age of 33. In **ALEXANDER AT THE WORLD'S END**, Tom Holt tells the story of two remarkable men, one of whom conquered empires and one of whom struggled to overcome the drainage problems of a small village. It is a story of two men whose paths crossed only briefly, but whose encounter changed both their lives for ever. And it is a story which throws an extraordinary new light on the man who became Alexander the Great.

The Left-Hand Way  
Macmillan

Duncan's boss doesn't think he's cut out to be a lawyer. He isn't a

pack animal. He lacks the killer instinct. But when his best friend from school barges his way back into Duncan's life, along with a full supporting cast of lawyers, ex-wives, zombies, and snow-white unicorns, it's not long before things become distinctly unsettling. Hairy, even.

Only Human Orbit  
In 1037, a senior civil servant of the Byzantine empire faces a tedious journey to Greece, escorting the Army payroll. His only companions are a detachment of the Empire's elite Guard, recruited from Viking Scandinavia. When the wagon sheds a wheel, he passes the time talking with two veterans, who have a remarkable story to tell; the Viking discovery of

America. As he records the story, years later, he also considers its effect on the fourth member of the party; a young Norwegian guardsman who went on to become King Harald Hardradi, who died invading England in 1066 ...

Alexander at the World's End  
Tor Books

'Crazy, absurd, complex and hilarious . . . His writing is in the same mould as that of Terry Pratchett, Douglas Adams and Jasper Fforde'

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TheBookBag.co.uk

'Wacky humour bubbles through the polished narrative . . . Holt doesn't skimp on



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the flashes of  
brilliance' - SFX All  
Malcolm Fisher did  
was run over a  
badger.  
Unfortunately the  
badger turned out  
to be Ingolf, last of  
the giants. With his  
dying breath he  
reluctantly gave  
Malcolm two gifts  
of power and made  
him ruler of the  
world. From one of  
the best-loved  
comic writers in  
fantasy fiction  
comes another  
absurdly witty title -  
perfect for fans of  
Douglas Adams or  
Terry Pratchett.  
Books by Tom  
Holt: Walled  
Orchard Series  
Goatsong The  
Walled Orchard

J.W. Wells & Co.  
Series The Portable  
Door In Your  
Dreams Earth, Air,  
Fire and Custard  
You Don't Have to  
Be Evil to Work  
Here, But It Helps  
The Better  
Mousetrap May  
Contain Traces of  
Magic Life, Liberty  
and the Pursuit of  
Sausages YouSpace  
Series Doughnut  
When It's A Jar The  
Outsorcerer's  
Apprentice The  
Good, the Bad and  
the Smug Novels  
Expecting Someone  
Taller Who's Afraid  
of Beowulf Flying  
Dutch Ye Gods!  
Overtime Here  
Comes the Sun  
Grailblazers Faust  
Among Equals

Odds and Gods  
Djinn Rummy My  
Hero Paint your  
Dragon Open  
Sesame Wish you  
Were Here  
Alexander at  
World's End Only  
Human Snow  
White and the  
Seven Samurai  
Olympiad Valhalla  
Nothing But Blue  
Skies Falling  
Sideways Little  
People Song for  
Nero Meadowland  
Barking Blonde  
Bombshell The  
Management Style  
of the Supreme  
Beings An Orc on  
the Wild Side  
Meadowland Orbit  
All Malcolm Fisher  
did was run over a  
badger. Unfortunately  
the badger turned out  
to be Ingolf, last of the

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giants. With his dying breath he reluctantly gave Malcolm two gifts of power and made him ruler of the world. Snow White and the Seven Samurai  
Abacus  
There are all kinds of products. The good ones. The bad ones. The ones that stay in the garage moldering for years until your garden gnome makes a home out of it. Most are harmless if handled properly, even if they do contain traces of peanuts. But some are not-not the ones that contain traces of magic. Chris Popham wasn't paying enough attention when he talked to his SatNav. Sure, she gave him directions, never

talked back to him, and always led him to his next spot on the map with perfect accuracy. She was the best thing in his life. So was it really his fault that he didn't start paying attention when she talked to him? In his defense, that was her job. But when "Take the next right" turned into "Excuse me," that was when the real trouble started. Because sometimes a GPS isn't a GPS- sometimes it's an imprisoned soul trapped inside a metal box that will do anything it can to get free. And some products you just can't return.