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# Opening extract from You Must Bring a Hat

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE BIGGEST, BESTEST wide brim house, 32 Panama avenue, west trilby You may bring as many extra guests as you wish but you must bring a hat. kindest regards, Nigel (host and fanciest hat judge) P.S. seriously, don't forget the hat, the party depends on it. P.P.S. try not to be late this time.



Immediately I panicked. I DIDN'T OWN A HAT!

### The party depended on it.

And the invitation specifically stated that I MUST bring a hat.





But the only hat I could find belonged to a monkey. "That's a lovely hat. Can I borrow it please?"



As he wouldn't negotiate, I was left with no choice . . .

At least I had a hat. Even if it was still attached to a monkey.

