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Stone-Blackburn reveals Davies' fondness for theatricality as opposed

to realism, for mythic flavour and archetypal character, his romanticism, and his irrepressible humour.