

Susan is the Southern Hermit



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(Note: This presentation is all for laughs and half-baked theories, please don't take this seriously lol)

Ok, now you're confused

I get it, it's a confusing and maybe an **OUT THERE** theory

Bear with me NWebbers, there's some interesting evidence that supports this (maybe somewhat of a stretch, I'll admit

But let's get on with it!

Who is the *Southern Hermit*?



Preface with *The Horse and His Boy*

He (**or she**) first appears in the book *The Horse and His Boy* and not much is know about them for the rest of the series

Before I begin, let me say something about *The Horse and His Boy*

It's a book **ALL** about people pretending to be who they're not or having secret/mysterious identities

- Aslan appearing throughout as random lions,
- Shasta is actually Cor and pretends to be Corin
- Rabadash gets turned into a Donkey
- The Royals' plan to escape Tashbaan is to pretend to have a party on the *Splendor Hyaline*
- Aravis pretends to be a boy

SO many examples!

The Hermit of the Southern March

- Hermit (so lives alone)
- Lives on Marsh
- Knows about Talking Beasts
- Somehow knows about what's happening in Narnia and Tashbaan before everyone else
- Takes care of Aravis' wounds (ie gentle) also is comfortable caring for a girl
- Cares ALOT about the Pevensies, but also treats it like a game, like they know it'll be alright
- Never shows up at the castle
- Knows about Aslan and respects him
- Doesn't talk about Queen Susan
- Doesn't like Rabadash and prevents his return
- Is called the SOUTHERN hermit, I mean why Southern? Why not Eastern, or Western, or just plain Mr. Hermit?
- Also one of the major plot points of *The Horse and His Boy* is Susan getting rid of Rabadash without appearing 'un-ladylike' so maybe this is her method?

Meme Evidence



Who is *Susan Pevensie*?



Susan Pevensie AKA Queen Susan (the Gentle) of the Southern Sun

- Likes to be alone sometimes (I'd assume)
- Doesn't like Rabadash and wants to protect Narnia and Archenland from war
- Respects Aslan and refers Cor/Aravis to him
- Doesn't like making a dramatic entrance, but likes helping on the byway
- Likes to work directly with people (and going the most logical way)
- Is **Gentle** and comforting
- Knows how to talk to animals duh
- Already had gotten to Narnia from Tashbaan and is mysteriously absent when Ed and Lu go to War
- Is only mentioned by Corin, as being at Cair Paravel but she's an 'excellent archer', why is she away?
- Her name is literally **Susan of the Southern Sun**

Queen Susan

Hermit of the Southern March



Referring to her 'old'
age here??



Can kinda predict the
future, reading between
the lines

Quotes from HHB

- ❖ “Daughter,” said the Hermit, “I have now lived **a hundred and nine winters** in this world and have never yet met any such thing as Luck. There is something about all this that I do not understand: but if ever we need to know it, you may be sure that we shall.”
- ❖ And where is the Queen Susan?” “At Cair Paravel,” said Corin. “**She’s not like Lucy, you know, who’s as good as a man, or at any rate as good as a boy. Queen Susan is more like an ordinary grown-up lady. She doesn’t ride to the wars,** though she is an excellent archer.”
- ❖ “All **his Cats** are dashing out from the left of the line.” “Cats?” said Aravis. “Great cats, leopards and such,” said the Hermit **impatiently**. “I see, I see.”
- ❖ “Poor, brave little fool. He knows nothing about this work. He’s **making no use at all of his shield. His whole side’s exposed. He hasn’t the faintest idea what to do with his sword.**”
- ❖ “The Calormene line is being forced back upon them. **King Edmund is dealing marvellous strokes.**”

Archers think in the long term, and shoot straight, careful shots, maybe this was how Susan could be involved w/o directly needing to be
And besides, she likes sneaky plans



Conclusion: *We will never know haha*