

How James McAvoy Imagines his character Mr. Tumnus



"Narnia is an 'occupied country,' so he likes to keep his head down and get on with his job. [He] doesn't want to stick his neck on the block too much. But every single inhabitant of Narnia is getting the order: 'If you find a man or a woman walking in the woods in Narnia, you turn them over to the White Witch!' It's not Tumnus' place to go against the White Witch. How can he? He will be killed, tortured, turned to stone, have his horns chopped off, have his tail chopped off, be tortured for years, for all he knows."



"So he [meets] this one person [Lucy] that he's probably more fascinated by than anyone else in the world, and he [is supposed to] turn her in to the White Witch. Ultimately he's forced to look at who he is, and what he wants and what he can do and live with, and he realizes that he can't go ahead with what he was going to do to Lucy. She confronts him with it, with such openness and such love, and says, 'You wouldn't do that, you're my friend.' And they are friends. Fast friends – somehow best friends."

YOUR TURN

Think of a time when you had to make a difficult choice between right and wrong.

Write a paragraph that describes your experience.

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