

Question about "The Cat"

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Dave Tallman — 16 Jun 2008, 05:07

How many people who read this story thought of "Alice in Wonderland"? In particular, the Cheshire Cat?

- 1) The cat is gray with stripes of darker gray, like Teniel's illustration of the Cheshire Cat in *Alice in Wonderland*.
- 2) It becomes invisible like that cat.
- 3) Father Inire's interest in children and telling them stories is like Lewis Carrol.
- 4) Mirrors leading to an alternate reality was done in "Through the Looking Glass" long before Borges.
- 5) The doll-like child also seems like a reference to Alice, who shrunk in the story.
- 6) In the end, the cat haunts someone's dreams. Alice's adventures were dreams.