

“You know I'm not ashamed of the way I dress, Corrin. And I feel I should show that confidence and pride in public. The only way the world will grow more tolerant is to see people like me. ...See us living, loving, and being both our unique selves and quite ordinary. When we're not invisible, we can become part of the pattern—woven into the fabric.”

—Forrest in a support conversation with the female Corrin

1. While her handling is not the best, Forrest is blatantly a transgirl and a lesbian. She has to be, because if she isn't then she's a cishet man and everything about her character actively Rejects that. She's a lot more than just “Cishet man breaking gender roles”. We can only speculate Why she wasn't handled better or made more Explicitly Clear to be a girl+lesbian, but Why she isn't handled better isn't what's important. What's important is recognizing the context and coding of the character of her that exists and understanding Why that makes her trans.
2. Forrest's quote about being “woven into the fabric” AKA being normalized within society, and how in order for us to get to that point, people need to see people like her and Corrin (Who is Bi) out there, living and loving themselves.
3. Soleil. Soleil is a character who has a lot of issues in her handling and I could go into that, but this is about explaining Forrest, so all you really need to know is that Soleil is romantically attracted to women. Her supports with Forrest are for the most part good, but this excerpt is from their S-rank.

- **Soleil:** Really? I thought someone super-cute like you would have tons of friends already.
- **Forrest:** I have friends, but I've always got room for one more.
- **Soleil:** And what if I don't want to be your friend?
- **Forrest:** Oh! Well, in that case, I'll just be on my way...
- **Soleil:** No! Wait! I didn't mean it like that. What if I want to be MORE than your friend?
- **Forrest:** Huh?
- **Soleil:** You know I have a thing for super cute girls, right?
- **Forrest:** Right... but you know that I'm...a...
- **Soleil:** A super-cute man dressed like a girl? Yep! I know. Totally adorable!
- **Forrest:** Well, Soleil, I think you're pretty adorable too.

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Obviously, this is not good. At least the line “A super-cute man dressed like a girl?” as you probably know, the transphobic sentiment that “Trans people (specifically trans women/trans fem people) are just Men in a Dress” is a very prevalent issue in media portrayals of us and that all throughout Forrest’s existence rarely if ever (as far as i know) she is never referred to by herself or by others as a “crossdresser” which While Sometimes can still be used in regards to a character that is still trans, its lack of appearance here is important to note, as it gives more credence to the fact that Forrest is Not “a man in women’s clothing”.

4. In cipher Forrest has a unique ability that makes her card be treated by any gender related mechanics as a Girl.

Forrest: Fashion Forward						
	Class	Troubadour (Base)		Cost	1	
	Symbol		Affinities			
	Attack	30	Support	20	Range	-
	Quote	"Think of clothing as just one more way to protect your body."				
	Skill 1	Heal [Red, Blue, Green] Choose 1 non-"Forrest" card from your Retreat Area, and add it to your hand.				
	Skill 2	"Am I...cute?" Treat this unit as if he is also .				
	Support Skill	Miracle Emblem Until the end of this combat, your opponent's attacking unit cannot perform a Critical Hit.				
	Card Code	B02-094N		Illustrator	Akira Fujikawa	
Comment	"Am I...cute?" is active in all zones. This includes your Hand, Deck, Bond, and Support Areas.					

5. Forrest states she is only attracted to women which surprises people, who assumed she would be a gay-male crossdresser and theres two things to point out about this. 1. The issue of people seeing trans women as cis gay men, and 2. people being confused as to why a binary trans person would be gay, as opposed to being “straight” as whatever gender they were assigned at birth. People expressing confusion at her stating she is only attracted to woman is also notable because of how it’s presented. She doesn’t say “I don’t swing that way” or something similar that would imply her to not be gay, rather, she says “I am only attracted to women.”

Personality [Edit]
Forrest is very polite and cordial with most people, even exhibiting some feminine traits. Despite his feminine appearance, Forrest has stated that he is not romantically attracted to men. Instead, his feminine appearance is

6. Siegbert. Siegbert is very protective of Forrest (them being cousins and very close as well) he loves her so much and goes into markets with her to make sure she is safe from “Bad People” AKA violent transphobes and in their supports Forrest is LITERALLY attacked by a group of men to which Siegbert and her fight off together. While yes, Cis men who dress femininely and especially who are read as gay men face very serious rates of violence and hate crimes, trans women face Far more.

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7. Forrest being trans does not mean that cishet men cannot look and exist in the way that she does. Men, even cishet men can and do present themselves similar to her and sometimes do get read as women. But I feel like, when there is this much evidence that spotlights things that are far more associated with the existence of trans fem and trans women in media, that it only makes sense for Forrest to be trans especially in the context of every single thing coming together. The quote + lack of being identified as a crossdresser heavily suggest and lean towards her being a trans lesbian.

Conclusion.

The fact that all of Forrest's S-ranks in game are women yes, can be argued being due to her being treated by the game as a male character. As characters like Soleil, who being attracted to women is a HUGE aspect of her character cannot S-rank even Female Corrin exist. However, the fact that most if not all of Soleil's S-ranks end up being platonic only, really solidifies that Forrest is a lesbian, that even though she is referred to with he/him pronouns and referred to as Leo's son, she is a trans woman.

Forrest is Leo's daughter. She is Siegbert's beloved cousin and best friend. She is a part of the fabric being lovingly woven into the world's pattern.

