

Cedric Serantor:

Riddle:

Cedric's mansion looms over you as you make your way towards the estate, large bronze gates blocking your path, sealed by a large golden lions head that yawns as it wakes up. Blearily it blinks its golden eyes at you, before roaring loudly to clear its throat. *“Ahem, that's better. If you wish to enter the home of the most magnificent, splendiferous Cedric Serantor, you will have to prove your worth. Now let's see... ah yes... this is a good one... what am I?”*

I am found on a wall but I am not paint.
I am found in a barbers but I am not a pair of scissors.
I am sometimes round and sometimes tall.
I reflect the fairest of them all.

Answer: A mirror.

Statement:

“Yes, one of my masters favourite things. You may pass.” The gate swings open as the lion falls back to sleep.

The talented sorcerer admits you to his mansion through a corridor lined with decadent self-portraits, each shifting in their frames to watch you pass, gossiping amongst themselves. As he leads you into a lavishly decorated drawing room, he collapses dramatically into a chair that sits opposite a large mirror, and forlornly runs a finger over a rather small burn that scars his otherwise handsome face. You can see reports of his deformity have been... somewhat embellished.

‘My name’s come up, you say? They dare accuse me after the horrific injuries I sustained at the hands of that amateur conjuration, the scandal. Could I summon a fire elemental? Yes, easily. But as I’m sure you’re aware, that unstable abomination was quite the failure, and I assure you, I do not fail, no matter what the Society may tell you. Speaking of those wretches in the robes, have you looked into Aquarius Black? The man overestimates his own ability, and has an attitude to match. Skyler’s been mentioned? She could barely assist in a simple spell when she was alive, let alone as a ghost. Besides, spirits cannot summon spirits, it is an immutable law of magic. You say Theodora stuck up for me? Hmmm how quaint, she is an inoffensive girl at least. Now get on with your questions, I must rest, for my wounds ravage me.’

Q AND A

Why would Aquarius Black summon a fire elemental?

Fail to summon one you mean? You’d have to ask him, but that pompous buffoon would be top of my list. He loves his little bit of power and would do anything to dispose of me.

Why were you dismissed from the Sorcerer's Society?

An unfortunate incident. I attempted to revolutionise the beautification arts using dark magic, but it was scuppered by an incompetent assistant. Alas they blamed me and cast me out, the fools. If it weren't for my gnomish legal team, on retainer of course, they'd have imprisoned me!

Your name has been mentioned a lot. Who might have a grudge against you? *Ugh all of the common stock bear me unfair ill-will. Jealousy is a terrible thing. In fact jealousy is something I’d look into very closely if I were you.*

HINT: It’s very important to find someone who can corroborate the alibi!

INFORMANT STATEMENT: An arrogant individual clearly, but he’s not wrong - someone with his skill would be unlikely to fail at such a task as summoning an elemental.