

Hall of Mirrors (Hard)

February 18th, 1924

The silver tome is ours to read and know! Carruthers and I have called for a special meeting of the Society to celebrate and talk of what to do next. Ellis is of course the hero of the hour for spiriting it away from that dreadful library.

We promised to keep it sealed until tonight's meeting, but I must confess I found myself overcome by curiosity. I opened the book to a page at random ... and my mind refused to make sense of what it saw. My thoughts raced too fast for me to interpret the image, and even now I can think of no words to describe it. I am even now filled with impatience, desperate to show it to the others! What things we shall know!

I could barely sleep, and when I did sleep I had a strange dream. I was running through a building full of mirrors. Something was chasing me that I couldn't see. I twisted and turned, nearly running into the mirrors many times. Finally I smacked into one and left a great diagonal crack. Then I awoke, gasping.

My subconscious is of course correct; it was not fair of me to look at the book before anyone else. I think this is a minor sin; I am too elated to feel much guilt.

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Each square will contain a letter or a diagonal mirror that is reflective on both sides. Place letters and mirrors in the grid so that the answers to each clue or string of clues will follow a path that starts at one instance of the corresponding lowercase letter, travels straight into the grid, bounces off each mirror it encounters (making a 90 degree turn in the proper direction), and eventually exits at the other instance of the lowercase letter.

	a	b	c	d	e	d	f	g	h	f	
k											b
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t											j
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q											m
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	s	r	q	o	l	n	p	j	h	m	

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| a. Chemical symbol for a noble gas; Root vegetables; Motion picture | k. French impressionist painter; Mentally infirm due to age |
| b. Welsh word for valley; Parts in a play | l. Wolf noise; Make anew |
| c. One of 48 (abbr.); The act of inciting rebellion | m. One way for a boxing match to end (abbr.) |
| d. Atmospheric layer that absorbs UV well | n. Large body of water |
| e. Most relaxed; Faucet | o. Japanese garment |
| f. Swiftest land mammal; Hello, in Mexico; Radio broadcast phrase (2 words) | p. Rowboat propulsion mechanism; Interpret; Latin word for mouth |
| g. Lake on the border of California and Nevada; Forelimb | q. Change meaning |
| h. Blood of the Greek gods; Consent to | r. A man excessively concerned with his clothes and appearance; Soon, in Shakespeare's time |
| i. Parallel to the ground | s. Writing implements |
| j. Cat noise; Suffix for one who likes something | t. A single moment; Plants that reproduce by sporing |