**Character Profiler**

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| **Personal Details** |
| Name: | Sam Smiley |
| Age: | 52 |
| Nationality / origin: | Italian-British (dual nationality), Londoner (third-generation Italian). |
| Address: | The Big Floater (name of the houseboat), Camden Lock, London. |
| Occupation: | Private Detective – PI Agency situated above a doughnut shop in Camden, London – next door to a sleek ad agency and a tattoo parlour – Sam treats both the doughnut shop and parlour as his meeting rooms for clients. |
| Core Skills | Research; and a wide network of friends and contacts in the police force and SAS; combat, weapons and explosives skills.  |
| Education | A history degree from UCL, extensive weapons skills, PhD student in Occult literature (UCL), tours of duty in various combat hot spots, Special Branch experience.  |
| Employment History | Ex-Detective, Ex SAS soldier – lost both jobs due to drunken behaviour, insubordination, and mishandling of detainees.  |
| **Character Traits** |
| Clothing: | Trench coat, caterpillar boots, blue jeans with turn-ups, black shirt or t-shirt, carries concealed throwing axes. |
| Striking Features: | Overweight – large belly, blonde crewcut, large scar across his eye and right cheek, tattoos on forearms, two rings with occult symbols, shabby dresser, stubble, often drunk or hungover. |
| Unusual traits/quirks: | Smokes Cuban cigars, whisky drinker, collects books and artefacts on the occult, often gets into fights, takes cold showers in the Thames, has unreconstructed masculinity issues, loathes the neighbourhood junkies and cats, collects ornate knives, carries a hip flask. |
| Social Status: | Working Class, divorced three times, living alone, attempting to seduce his history professor, failing to keep sober, no kids. |
| Abode: | House Boat in Cambden Lock, full of books and research papers on the occult, perennially messy - beer cans and pizza boxes everywhere. |
| Hobbies: | Metal detecting, fishing for rats, researching the occult, attending local gigs, drinking excessively.  |
| Pets: | Boa Constrictor (feeds it rats caught in the river), ongoing row with two neighbours over missing cats! |
| Neighbourhood: | A trendy area of Central London, full of new-age traveller market stalls, tattoo parlours, local cafes, and small music venues; also full of Goths and New Age travellers. |
| **Motivation** |
| World View? | Everyone’s guilty until proven innocent; hit first and ask questions later, trust only your close friends or preferably no one. |
| Religious View? | Agnostic. |
| Political View? | All politicians are on the make – doesn’t vote for any of them, particularly the latest lot. |
| Desires/goals | To impress his history professor (Prof Samantha Fox), complete his PhD thesis on Goth symbolism and Vampire culture, earn money to pay off bills, stop his boat from being repossessed, prove his vampire theory, become a lecturer, and publish his thesis.  |
| What’s in the way? | Excessive drinking, past reputation, debt, love of fighting and antisocial tendencies, lack of research evidence for his thesis.  |
| How to grow? | Bury his demons, stop drinking, solve the latest case, earn money, improve reputation, prove his theory, kill a vampire. |
| How to be defeated? | Excessive booze; criticises his theories, loves rival to Prof Samantha Fox, or undermine his vampire beliefs. |
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