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Thread: [\[ILLUMINATI\] Grand Amethyst Prize - Decipher The Cryptic Message \(CONTEST #2\)](#)

Devil???????????????? - August 10, 2016, 6:50 pm

ILLUMINATI
Grand Amethyst Prize

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))Hello HackForums members...
On behalf of the Illuminati group, I will be
purchasing the Grand Amethyst award () for the first
person to decipher the cryptic message that is shown below.

How To Enter:
In order to win your very own Grand Amethyst award, you must
decipher the following message:

Code Ip Hvgocyr Xtfyq El Zthy Entkzq Vavs

Hint:
Hint for part one:
Quote:I, Gaius Marius used the surname of my nephew to shift 5 soldiers named Arius, Beliare,
Constane, Dural & Eranius. Take my actions in a backwards direction and you will discover a new
challenge.
Hint for part two (NOTHING TO DO WITH PART ONE):
Quote:I sang songs when I was young. There's no song for the one I know now. I cannot sing this
one, but I can touch it. I compare them and my eyes look up and down.

Information:
Contest ends: 21/08/2016 (or 08/21/2016 for you backwards working people)
Winner selection: First person to post the correct answer in a non-edited post.

If nobody is able to decipher this by the set date, I will choose a random
winner for the benefactor award & also make a video explaining how I did it.

This puzzle has two parts to it & is MUCH harder than yesterdays challenge, so it won't be solved
within an hour.

I do believe it will be solved though by the contest end.

Once you have solved the first puzzle, you will be left with another scramble of letters that you should use the second hint for.

YESTERDAYS CONTEST: <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5369608>

WE HAVE A WINNER!

(Aug 11, 2016 12:37 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Mr Vasquez Likes To Give Things Away
[img]http://image.prntscr.com/image/9bea9973442c4d978522586b0433a3ca.png[/img]

How to solve:
Code Mr Vasquez Likes To Give Things Away

>Shift all characters +5 letters in the alphabet (Caesar shift)

Ip Hvqocyr Xtfyq El Zthy Entkzq Vavs

>Change letters from in alphabet order to the order of your keyboard

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
- A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
- Q W E R T Y U I O P A S D F G H J K L Z X C V B N M

Dk Cqljxtm Soatl Zg Uoct Zioful Qvqn

VICTORY MUSIC:
[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fG4NQDgxNY>]
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Delusional - August 10, 2016, 8:29 pm
Okay, I think I give up now. Its not my game.

Juicy - August 10, 2016, 8:32 pm
I looked at it for 4 seconds and gave up rip

Satoru Gojo - August 10, 2016, 8:36 pm
This is insanely awesome contest. Which I have 0 chance of winning. I'll keep trying but good luck everyone

Zexo - August 10, 2016, 8:40 pm
May look at it later but looks pretty difficult.

Viral Dragon - August 10, 2016, 8:44 pm
You spelled 2 of his names wrong, but I got this. Maybe I'll get myself a Grand Amethyst. Lol.

-Viral.

minimalist - August 10, 2016, 8:44 pm

Been thinking about it for 2 hours. First hint is pretty obvious but I'm not getting it.

Rox. - August 10, 2016, 8:56 pm

Alright friend, this has something to do with hypoxia. I am on the right track

Devil???????????????? - August 10, 2016, 9:04 pm

(Aug 10, 2016 08:44 PM)Viral Dragon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You spelled 2 of his names wrong, but I got this. Maybe I'll get myself a Grand Amethyst. Lol.

-Viral.

I made the soldiers names up, lol.

V?rt - August 10, 2016, 9:09 pm

I can get random phrases from the hints, but I can't piece them to the code.

spooky hacker - August 10, 2016, 9:12 pm

This is hella hard, I think I got the first hint but I'm not quite sure how to put it together. Anyways posting so I can keep updated.

Viral Dragon - August 10, 2016, 9:12 pm

(Aug 10, 2016 09:04 PM)Don Vasquez Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I made the soldiers names up, lol. So it has nothing to do with the Greeks/Romans?

-Viral.

V?rt - August 10, 2016, 9:13 pm

(Aug 10, 2016 09:12 PM)Viral Dragon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So it has nothing to do with the Greeks/Romans?

-Viral.

I'd like to know this too.

Devil???????????????? - August 10, 2016, 9:16 pm

(Aug 10, 2016 09:12 PM)Viral Dragon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So it has nothing to do with the Greeks/Romans?

-Viral.

I want to answer this, but it'll give too much away. You will understand when somebody gets it.

V?rt - August 10, 2016, 9:29 pm

I think I finally give up on this. I had a few ideas. I just can't piece them together. Nice job OP

Devil???????????????? - August 10, 2016, 9:30 pm

(Aug 10, 2016 09:29 PM)Starved Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think I finally give up on this. I had a few ideas. I just can't piece them together. Nice job OP

Give your mind a rest by watching the video on the thread & then try again. You have to watch the full thing though.

Aurora - August 10, 2016, 9:46 pm

This second hint is actually pretty tough.

Crya - August 10, 2016, 10:18 pm

I am pretty sure I know the second hint, but not the first. Tough this time around, but expected since you're spending another \$1000.

V?rt - August 10, 2016, 10:24 pm

OMG I'm pretty sure I know it, I'm just trying to put the phrase and the code together in proper order.

Wings of Redemption - August 10, 2016, 10:25 pm

I figured it out after a long time and I think I got it, but I already have the award :p

V?rt - August 10, 2016, 10:28 pm

(Aug 10, 2016 10:25 PM)President LBJ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I figured it out after a long time and I think I got it, but I already have the award :p

What? You don't have the award.

Tostig - August 10, 2016, 10:32 pm

First step was very clever. Second step is vague and makes my head hurt.

This thread is much better in terms of difficulty and encryption. Well done!

Vassilios - August 10, 2016, 10:38 pm

I decided to give it a try, I think I have an idea to the first one but there is no way to tell if it is the correct answer.

Lovely? - August 10, 2016, 11:01 pm

I'm through the first step, but didn't make the text any easier to read, but i see progress.

Wings of Redemption - August 10, 2016, 11:22 pm

(Aug 10, 2016 10:28 PM)Starved Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What? You don't have the award.

sssshhh dont tell anyone

Black Kodak - August 10, 2016, 11:25 pm

Fuck bitches get money

PST me if right

Tostig - August 10, 2016, 11:43 pm

i fucking give up

sat throught the 10 minute video countless times now, found nothing that has anything remotely to do with the second hint

edit: yeah im fucking done fuck this shit

Stork - August 11, 2016, 12:29 am

PM'ed OP with my answer and a possible flaw in the cipher. I'm certain I have it right though.

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 12:37 am

Mr Vasquez Likes To Give Things Away

Stork - August 11, 2016, 12:41 am

(Aug 11, 2016 12:37 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Mr Vasquez Likes To Give Things AwayGlad I'm not the only one, hopefully I messaged first lol. I wasn't able to keep the H in "things" so idk whats up with that.

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Stork - August 11, 2016, 12:48 am

(Aug 11, 2016 12:44 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You wasn't supposed to PM him the answer, you were supposed to post it. Since you didn't post it first on the thread you didn't win it. lol did you read the thread?Meh whatever, I still have better problem solving skills then yourself and that's all that matters.?

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 12:51 am

(Aug 11, 2016 12:48 AM)Duramax Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Meh whatever, I still have better problem solving skills then yourself and that's all that matters.?

<http://prntscr.com/c4an79> Whatever you say mate.

Stork - August 11, 2016, 12:57 am

(Aug 11, 2016 12:51 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) <http://prntscr.com/c4an79> Whatever you say mate.

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Only one gets the award thus if you post the answer here it does not matter.

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 1:01 am

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caesar's cypher as far as i understand.

Also that's not an requirement, that's the task to complete. But eitherway, it was funny, and i had fun doing this and i assume you did as well, that's really all that matters mate. Good game and thanks for the challenge Vas!

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Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 1:04 am

(Aug 11, 2016 01:04 AM)?Uprising Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Fuck me! I knew it had to do with the Caesar cipher but I had to go to work.

Dr Vasquez Likes To Give Things Away

Vassilios - August 11, 2016, 1:06 am

(Aug 11, 2016 01:04 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Dr Vasquez Likes To Give Things Away

Wait is that the complete answer or only to the first part? If it is the complete part what was the answer to the second part?

Stork - August 11, 2016, 1:06 am

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I don't think I had fun, I feel like I wasted a bunch of time because I didn't read the fine print of the OP.

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 1:07 am

(Aug 11, 2016 01:06 AM)?Uprising Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wait is that the complete answer or only to the first part? If it is the complete part what was the answer to the second part?

That's the complete answer. Either that or Mr Vas, i just posted both to be sure.

After you got the sentece decyphered first time you had to use a cryptogram to get the final sentence.

(Aug 11, 2016 01:06 AM)Duramax Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't think I had fun, I feel like I wasted a bunch of time because I didn't read the fine print of the OP.

He posts these type of challenges often i think. If i won i'm certain you can win the next one you're the only one that tried who figured it out besides me. You did good mate.

Vassilios - August 11, 2016, 1:09 am

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Uh alright! Good job mate and have fun with the award then.

???? - August 11, 2016, 1:10 am

Dr Vasquez Likes To Give Things Away

did i win

Stork - August 11, 2016, 1:10 am

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Yeah I did good I got it before you, yeah I'll try again next time. l8r ?

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 1:11 am

(Aug 11, 2016 01:10 AM)Duramax Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah I did good I got it before you, yeah I'll try again next time. l8r ?

You did get it before me, but this is the first time i ever try to decipher anything xD i just googled random decipher for the last part and luckily fell over cryptogram and gave it a go.

Neos07 - August 11, 2016, 1:20 am

I tried but I think I give up.

The first hint as I think has something to do with ROT5 or ROT15 or ROT25, ldk.

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 1:30 am

(Aug 11, 2016 01:20 AM)Neos07 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I tried but I think I give up.

The first hint as I think has something to do with ROT5 or ROT15 or ROT25, ldk. caesar's cypher with 5 rotates left yea.

Billie Joe - August 11, 2016, 1:31 am

is it Dr Vasquez Likes To Give Things Away ?

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 1:32 am

(Aug 11, 2016 01:31 AM)Billie Joe Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) is it Dr Vasquez Likes To Give Things Away ? either that or Mr Vasquez, but i posted both

Billie Joe - August 11, 2016, 1:33 am

(Aug 11, 2016 01:32 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) either that or Mr Vasquez, but i posted both so did i win the prize ?

thanks

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 1:35 am

(Aug 11, 2016 01:33 AM)Billie Joe Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) so did i win the prize ?

thanks

Not sure maybe i'm wrong just waiting for a respond mate, you can continue decyphering because it's not certain i'm right xd

Vassilios - August 11, 2016, 1:41 am

(Aug 11, 2016 01:35 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Not sure maybe i'm wrong just waiting for a respond mate, you can continue decyphering because it's not certain i'm right xd Well unless Vasquez is an evil genius that put multiple answers I think you are correct.

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 1:42 am

(Aug 11, 2016 01:41 AM)?Uprising Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Well unless Vasquez is an evil genius that put multiple answers I think you are correct.

I think so too. But it could be "Up Westing Johns By Down Broads Exec" but i find it unlikely hahaha.

Vassilios - August 11, 2016, 2:10 am

(Aug 11, 2016 01:42 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think so too. But it could be "Up Westing Johns By Down Broads Exec" but i find it unlikely hahaha.

Imagine he just put an obvious one and one that wasn't obvious so nobody would find it

r421x0 - August 11, 2016, 2:11 am

The first one is obvious. I'm going to get on my laptop and try it.

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 2:15 am

(Aug 11, 2016 02:10 AM)?Uprising Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Imagine he just put an obvious one and one that wasn't obvious so nobody would find it

Seeing the last challenge he made, it would make sense my first answer.

r421x0 - August 11, 2016, 2:36 am

I have no idea what to do with the clue's. I've got a few free hours, I might as well try this. Also, is it possible to get the prize as BTC if you win?

anywhere here's what i got so far..

I took the text in the `[/code/]` tags & reversed it. Then I did some cipher substitution and got the following:

Code svaV qzktnE yhtZ IE qyftX rycoqvH pl= REVERSED TEXT FROM THE THING WE NEED TO DECIPHER.

Code java mostly into bY mirth pickman wE
hackforums??? java????

i think i might be on to something but i'm probably off by so much

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Hint 1: Caesar's Ciphers. (Nephew of gaius) (5 shifts 2 left and you have the first text).

Hint 2: Cryptogram (Because you have to look up and down).

Already got the answer and posted it bro.

r421x0 - August 11, 2016, 2:42 am

i'm retarded. If i hadn't reversed it, I would have gotten..

Code Up Westing Johns By Down Broads Exec

Mr Vasquez Likes To Give Things Away

By Vasquez Likes To Give Things Adam

My Vasquez Likes To Give Things Afar

Dr Vasquez Likes To Give Things Away

Fm Westing Johns By Down Broads Exec

By Vasquez Likes To Give Things Afar

My Vasquez Wides To Give Things Alar

Mr Vasquez Piles To Give Things Away

My Vasquez Likes To Give Things Arab

lol

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yeah mate just saw that you got it.

looks like i was too late lol oh well

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 2:43 am

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My Vasquez Wides To Give Things Alar

Mr Vasquez Piles To Give Things Away

My Vasquez Likes To Give Things Arab

lol

yeah mate just saw that you got it.

looks like i was too late lol oh well

Posted the answer 3 pages back bro.

r421x0 - August 11, 2016, 2:44 am

(Aug 11, 2016 02:43 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Posted the answer 3 pages back bro.

"yeah mate just saw that you got it.

looks like i was too late lol oh well "

no need to say it 50000 times man

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 2:46 am

(Aug 11, 2016 02:44 AM)r421x0 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) "yeah mate just saw that you got it. looks like i was too late lol oh well "

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As you can see i only quoted on the first part because i only saw that didn't see your edit. Sorry bro.

r421x0 - August 11, 2016, 2:49 am

(Aug 11, 2016 02:46 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) As you can see i only quoted on the first part because i only saw that didn't see your edit. Sorry bro.
no problem.

either way it was still kind of fun wasting a few minutes trying to figure it out. now i'm prepared for more challenges i might see in real life ;)

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 2:51 am

(Aug 11, 2016 02:49 AM)r421x0 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) no problem.

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Me too, this actually opened up my mind to ciphers and i find them really fun and interesting. Took me 1 hour and 30 minutes to find out, and it's so satisfying to find the answer xD

r421x0 - August 11, 2016, 2:54 am

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exactly. I might post a few for some prizes or just for fun in the future haha

the funny thing is this took me 15 minutes to find. if only i found it earlier ;p
i didn't even look at the hints. "nah lol way too many words" i could tell it was a cipher but i thought that we had to reverse it or something lmao

congrats if its correct ???

EagleScream - August 11, 2016, 2:56 am

wait someone already did the challenge wtf?

r421x0 - August 11, 2016, 2:57 am

(Aug 11, 2016 02:56 AM)EagleScream Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) wait someone already did the challenge wtf?
yes it looks like <https://hackforums.net/member.php?action=profile&uid=2912008> got the answer

"Mr Vasquez Likes To Give thigns away"

or something along those lines

Meow - August 11, 2016, 2:58 am

(Aug 11, 2016 02:56 AM)EagleScream Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) wait someone already did the challenge wtf?
Apparently this is the answer.

(Aug 11, 2016 12:37 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Mr Vasquez Likes To Give Things Away

minimalist - August 11, 2016, 3:09 am

God, I left because I thought that nobody would have it by the afternoon. Fair play >_>

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 3:10 am

(Aug 11, 2016 03:09 AM)Minimalist Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) God, I left because I thought that nobody would have it by the afternoon. Fair play >_>

Only fair now that you found the other one xD

minimalist - August 11, 2016, 3:16 am

(Aug 11, 2016 03:10 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Only fair now that you found the other one xD
Hold on, so what text did you shift 5 spaces to the left? Was stuck on that until I left to bed.

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 3:18 am

(Aug 11, 2016 03:16 AM)Minimalist Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hold on, so what text did you shift 5 spaces to the left? Was stuck on that until I left to bed.

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After that you just had to put the given text into a cryptogram (up and down due to the letters in a cryptogram is normally a circle so you have to look up and down to find the letters you're looking for.) and you'll end up with the result.

Grim - August 11, 2016, 3:24 am

This looks pretty difficult will give it s try for a bit though

minimalist - August 11, 2016, 3:26 am

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Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 3:29 am

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It didn't have anything to do with it, he said in the thread that after hint one you'd end up with a scramble of letters again that could be used for hint #2.

Both hints hinted towards what we needed to decipher the text.

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I know the feeling, that's why i used 1 hour and 30 minutes myself haha ? I read the thread when i was about to give up xD

r421x0 - August 11, 2016, 3:34 am

lol just in case anyone was curious on the easy way to do this.

i knew it was a cipher.

i opened up a cipher brute force site.

<https://www.nayuki.io/page/automatic-caesar-cipher-breaker-javascript>

entered the text.

finished.

ugugugguguuugu goodbye

zSerity - August 11, 2016, 3:35 am

Lmao I google'd it and found someone asking for help on reddit

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 3:37 am

(Aug 11, 2016 03:35 AM)zSerity Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Lmao I google'd it and found someone asking for help on reddit

loool please link me that xD

r421x0 - August 11, 2016, 3:38 am

loloooooololol this wa son 4chan a day ago?

/b/ - Random - Page 4 - 4chan

boards.4chan.org/b/4

1 day ago - 15 posts - ?9 authors

The two hints are not related to eachother. Hint 1 is used for the first part, Hint 2 for the second.

Code: Ip Hvgocyr Xtfyq El Zthy Entkzq Vavs

Vassilios - August 11, 2016, 3:39 am

(Aug 11, 2016 03:38 AM)r421x0 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) lolooooooh this wa son 4chan a day ago?

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The two hints are not related to eachother. Hint 1 is used for the first part, Hint 2 for the second.

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minimalist - August 11, 2016, 3:39 am

(Aug 11, 2016 03:35 AM)zSerity Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Lmao I google'd it and found someone asking for help on reddit

Happens every single time that there's a prize on the line ?

r421x0 - August 11, 2016, 3:40 am

(Aug 11, 2016 03:39 AM)?Uprising Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can you send an actual link?

Pretty sure it was deleted, but still cached in Google's search engine.

Just google:

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Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 3:42 am

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<http://prntscr.com/c4cj9x>

Not for me

r421x0 - August 11, 2016, 3:43 am

Not sure why lol Google is retarded

<http://prnt.sc/c4cjw3>

zSerity - August 11, 2016, 3:45 am

(Aug 11, 2016 03:37 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) loool please link me that xD

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Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 3:49 am

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They're hinting towards caesar's cipher xD

zSerity - August 11, 2016, 4:59 am

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Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 5:00 am

(Aug 11, 2016 04:59 AM)zSerity Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Any1 even figured out the first one?

It has been solved mate, look at page 3 xD

zSerity - August 11, 2016, 5:03 am

(Aug 11, 2016 05:00 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It has been solved mate, look at page 3 xD
damn ppl are fast lol

STYLING - August 11, 2016, 5:14 am

How the fuck do people manage to even remotely assosicate the hint with the ROT5 cipher? Damn people must have done it before

minimalist - August 11, 2016, 5:16 am

(Aug 11, 2016 05:14 AM)STYLING Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How the fuck do people manage to even remotely assosicate the hint with the ROT5 cipher? Damn people must have done it before
Frequency analysis, and he wouldn't have picked 5 for the number of soldiers if it didn't have any association with his nephew's name.

Devil???????????????? - August 11, 2016, 5:17 am

(Aug 11, 2016 12:37 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Mr Vasquez Likes To Give Things Away
We have a winner! Congratulations!

r421x0 - August 11, 2016, 5:19 am

Congratulations.

@op maybe you should try to make them harder if you do another one ;p
took me a few minutes to get this and seconds with an online tool either way still fun and nice of you to give away stuff

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 5:19 am

(Aug 11, 2016 05:16 AM)Minimalist Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Frequency analysis, and he wouldn't have picked 5 for the number of soldiers if it didn't have any association with his nephew's name.
Only some parts of the sentences did have anything to do with the answers to the hints, that's what i had a hard part about. I read hint #2 like 5000 times before i figured out it was cryptogram because you had to look up and down as the text said.

STYLING - August 11, 2016, 5:20 am

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Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 5:22 am

(Aug 11, 2016 05:17 AM)Don Vasquez Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) We have a winner! Congratulations!
I'm having a hearth attack right now LOL.

minimalist - August 11, 2016, 5:23 am

(Aug 11, 2016 05:20 AM)STYLING Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) While I didn't understand any word you just said, the cryptoanalysis area is very interesting... I would have never in a million years guess how to decipher this
Look at the letters in the string and look at the frequencies of the letters. Because E is the most commonly used letter in the English alphabet, usually the most frequent letter in the string will be offset from E.

But he gave you the number 5 anyways lol.

HACKED - August 11, 2016, 5:26 am

Can someone help me find the explanation?

V?rt - August 11, 2016, 5:30 am

Damn, I just took this way to far. I had Mr. Vasquez right, but when he released the video at the bottom I dropped that and took it as another hint and started thinking of soundcloud and stuff like that. Can someone explain the second hint though, how does that mean a cryptogram cipher?

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 5:31 am

(Aug 11, 2016 05:26 AM)!n?w?™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can someone help me find the explanation?

First hint hinted towards a nephew which was Caesar.

Quote:The way Caesar's Cipher work is that you move the letters of the given text 3 letters to the left in alphabetic order, but tools show you that you can move it more letters to the left. The part with the 5 soldiers or whatever hinted that you had to shift them 5 left. So i found a tool that could do that, although i did it by hand the first time.

Second hint hinted towards cryptogram.

Quote:After that you just had to put the given text into a cryptogram (up and down due to the letters in a cryptogram is normally a circle so you have to look up and down to find the letters you're looking for.) and you'll end up with the result.

Quote:Both hints hinted towards what we needed to decipher the text.

First one was Caesar's Ciphers

Second one was Cryptogram ciphers (Aug 11, 2016 05:30 AM)Starved Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Damn, I just took this way to far. I had Mr. Vasquez right, but when he released the video at the bottom I dropped that and took it as another hint and started thinking of soundcloud and stuff like that. Can someone explain the second hint though, how does that mean a cryptogram cipher?

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Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 5:36 am

(Aug 11, 2016 05:35 AM)!n?w?™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks for the answer! Kinda difficult for me though :/

Was for me as well, used 1 hour and 30 minutes straight to figure out hint #2.

HACKED - August 11, 2016, 5:38 am

Btw, really great contests OP! Keep it up!

Devil???????????????? - August 11, 2016, 5:38 am

LOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOL

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minimalist - August 11, 2016, 5:40 am

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Hard to believe that people were closely analyzing Allison and looking for a hint lol...

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 5:41 am

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Imfaooo

almost easier to find an answer in the video than in hint #2 that shit was hard as hell lol.

Devil???????????????? - August 11, 2016, 5:42 am

(Aug 11, 2016 05:41 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Imfaooo

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I sang songs about the alphabet when I were younger.
But now I am using a different alphabet (QWERTY).
I touch this one (keyboard).
Look up & down (Compare ABC to QWERTY).

Lovely? - August 11, 2016, 5:44 am

(Aug 11, 2016 05:42 AM)Don Vasquez Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I sang songs about the alphabet when I were younger.
But now I am using a different alphabet (QWERTY).
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still makes no sense to me, the only thing that made me think it was another form of crypto was because i read look up and down.

r421x0 - August 11, 2016, 5:44 am

fuck lmao now i'm just remembering all of the streams on twitch by alison quinn

that guy is so retarded but idk

Stork - August 11, 2016, 8:49 am

What a waste of time, I wouldn't recommend anyone wasting their time with these retarded threads.

STYLING - August 11, 2016, 8:50 am

(Aug 11, 2016 08:49 AM)Duramax Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What a waste of time, I wouldn't recommend anyone wasting their time with these retarded threads.
How is this a waste of time? Someone won this, meaning it was not a waste of time. If this was a impossible crpyt then maybe it was a waste of time, but it was not. I don't get your point.

Stork - August 11, 2016, 8:52 am

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STYLING - August 11, 2016, 9:05 am

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There is only one answer... and what fine print man? I didnt see any. Following the winners dechiperer method leads to the answer.

r421x0 - August 11, 2016, 9:06 am

I think you were meant to be the first to post it.

Also... LOL

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5370753&pid=52044660#pid52044660>

Raymond Reddington - August 11, 2016, 9:07 am

(Aug 11, 2016 12:37 AM)Lovely? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Mr Vasquez Likes To Give Things Away Congo. There you have your GA.

STYLING - August 11, 2016, 9:39 am

(Aug 10, 2016 11:43 PM)Viktor Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) i fucking give up

sat throught the 10 minute video countless times now, found nothing that has anything remotely to do with the second hint

edit: yeah im fucking done fuck this shit
poor guy lol