

# MysteryTwister C3

THE CRYPTO CHALLENGE CONTEST

## MOLEHUNT (PART 2/3)

Classical Shiftcipher and Transposition

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# Instructions

- Ciphertext-only Challenge
- Decrypt the message
- Take note of the codeword
- Submit the codeword in UPPER-CASE
- You have at most 15 attempts to submit the codeword

# Prolog

You are a secret agent currently employed with the country of "Disturbed Souls" (DS). Currently you are on an abroad mission. Starting with a few days ago, something strange is going on: some messages sent from your headquarters, the base command 4 (BC4), cannot be decrypted with the access key (Zugangsschlüssel) known to you. You suspect that something important is going on and that the security level has been raised beyond your security clearance. This gives you an uneasy feeling and therefore you decide to dig into this matter ..

# Stage 2 – Shiftcipher + Columnar Transposition

SCSSB DQDSD GHXOW BSEND XBDDC HHSXO DSHDO NOXDI  
ROXYB CSBCD CSHHS QGORD NRSOH OOEMH IPHHP OOHIX  
QOXGQ VSESM XXZDO MOOHD ELHOO WBRPO SOXIQ BDHMB  
UORPK ISDYB QEGDO CYWDO JERHP NKOOY XKSRB OKNKD  
WZHOB EXGDO XSOSQ ONRSB EHVOJ COXKJ VFYWE VNHJM  
VXHNW QNORC MCDWH HBHHX XODSH SLOGH OOCX SCSHP  
YQHYG WHSBU CCODI OKECC ORDHZ OBRBV SSOHX RBSHO  
OBWBH DRWXY HMNOD NVGDH QEHHK SDHHK BBHCO YIBYO  
HQBHS DXBXX YDXOS RCOCO ONRMC ERXSH RCBSJ ODSUC  
CHDZW KROOO CCMXO WQOKO XCSKY OOPRK XOMCV VGQBM  
SDVHO VIMCS CHCSD BCKOK IOBMG NDQCH YFCHS VHOHO  
FPXPY MHYHS DUKHO O

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success!