

# MysteryTwister C3

THE CRYPTO CHALLENGE CONTEST

## MOLEHUNT (PART 3/3)

Classical Substitution 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 3 – Monoalph. Subst. + Columnar Transposition

CBSJC NSCX S XNXJN SIBSX RBNEN CCAON NYMCI IMJNX MJFHC  
UFXGS LXOCN UHMOO WIKXS SJNCN MCNHM NIIHH RNANK UNRTR  
ZLIRH JCNNN ICXNX RCIZX PMJXI LCNTJ LKINM RXNOC OXOVM  
RNXNY PMUXC ZSSNC TRXNM MZMHN TMXXC XBTAS NGXKJ RTGLS  
ZXBNT MIULI MNNNN MSJXX XMMMT FXKYV JTTTH KNVTN NIIRK  
GCXAB JUATU CESNB EXNFO TSWNR CMXBU IUBNH UYMTK RCSNC  
IUXNC IPTUN NBNMN CFHXR HJNJM SREKC XRJVM XNXRW TULNB  
MNSSX XAUXS RZISC TLTCI BSWSE SPMCX NXLTT NLIBE XGMIA  
AMHSX CNNIN UBLFN TXTOH XIVWS ZTNXC JAXKA NOXNV NIIJC  
TXMSK UJBCC NXLTX CHSOO SMAYC CSISM LXRCU XHXNB XKNAB  
XKXNN XEMKF SINMX RXXSA NTUHI NMUKT JXBXC XBJSO MKZJY  
LSNTY CCNEX UXCXO XTSNM XTNRB NTRRJ MAXTU EHXAH TOINX  
NNHXX SHRNN MRCCH HDRIH JXMNY LNNOX HCSCO XNT

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