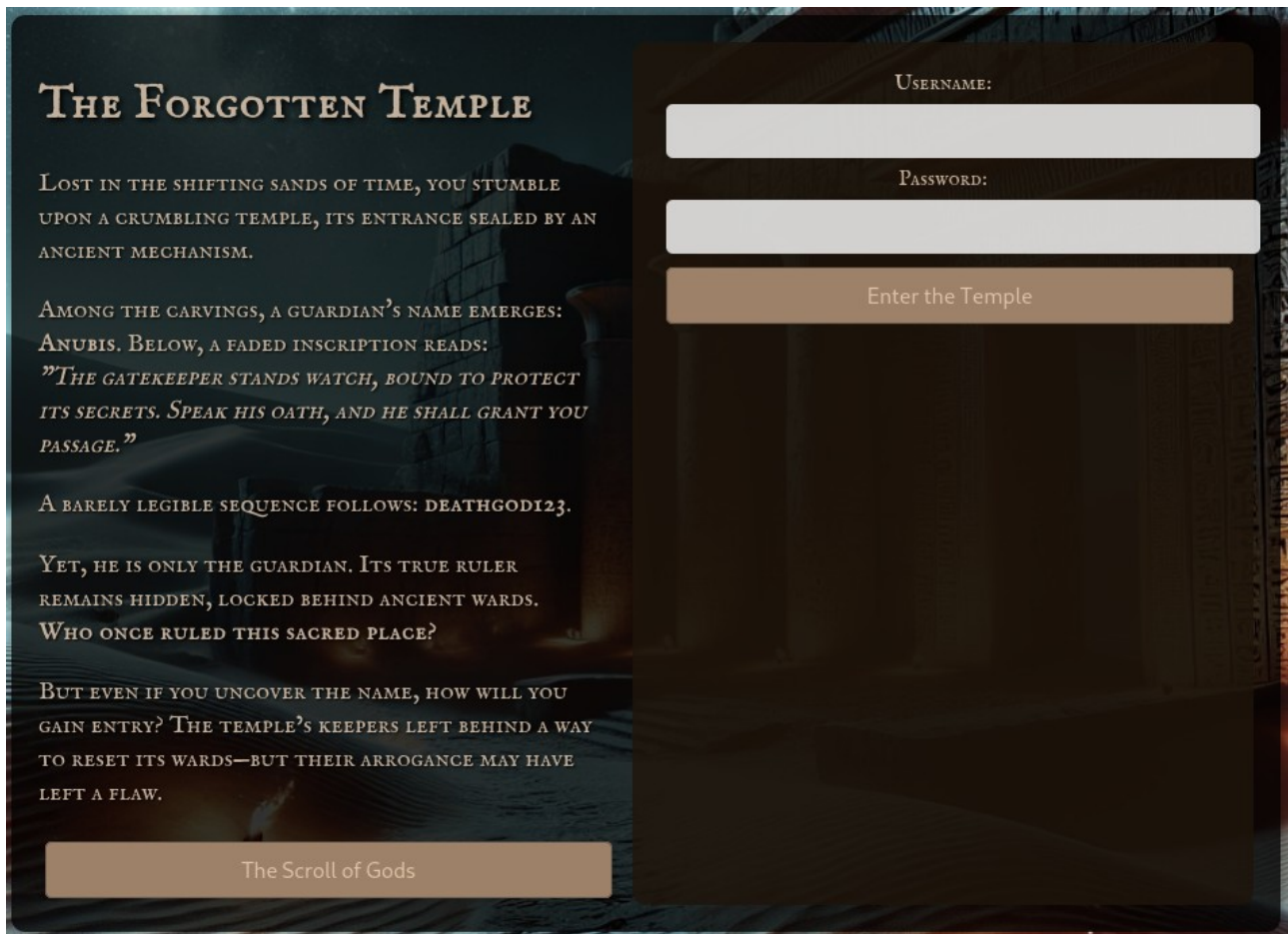


The Forgotten Temple

DarkTemplar
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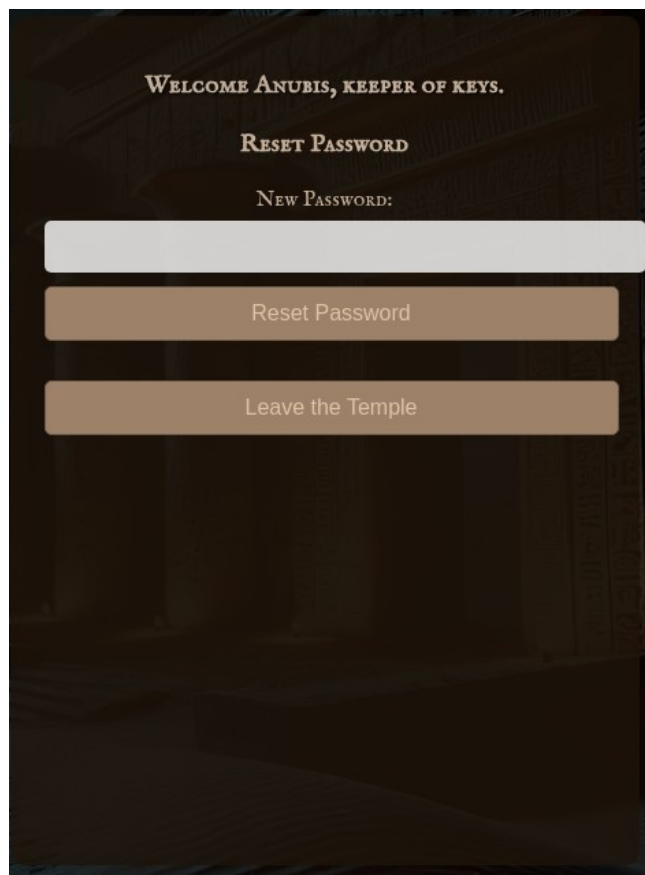
When we enter the site we get greeted with some text. The key parts being "... a guardian's name emerges: Anubis." And later on: "A barely legible sequence follows: deathgod123". Take note that the font used uses different sizes of capital letters. While it would be easy to assume its DEATHGOD123 it actually isn't. But this seems promising. We have a name and another string that looks like a bad password. But before we move on to try to log in with these credentials. Let's see what else we can gather from the text.

The passage: "Yet, he is only the guardiiian. Its true ruler remains hidden, locked behind ancient wards. **Who once ruled this sacred place?**"

Sounds a bit like Anubis is a lower ranked account. And we need to find an admin account.

At the bottom we find a button with the label "The Scroll of Gods", clicking it we download a file called usernames.txt. Which starts with Anubis, sounds promising.

Now let's try to log in with the credentials we found. Anubis:deathgod123



We manage to log in and we get a panel that allows us to change passwords. Now if we check how this form looks in the source code, we find a hidden input field that has the value set to Anubis. This is something we can work with. If we try to reset the password to "aa" and intercept this with Burp Suite, we might be able to change the password for other users.

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13 |
14 | username=Anubis&new_password=aa
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As expected we see the two values being sent in the POST request to the site in Burp. Now we just need to find a username. We have a list of them in the .txt file we downloaded earlier.

We log out and try another username from the list. And we get "Invalid username" as response. So we actually need to find one that is valid. As per the description of the challenge we are allowed to do some automated enumeration. Could be worth a shot, but let's actually go back to the description.

THE TEMPLE STANDS LOCKED BEHIND DIVINE WARDS, ITS SECRETS PROTECTED BY ANCIENT CODE AND LOYAL GUARDIANS. ANUBIS WATCHES THE GATE, HIS OATH ETCHED IN TIME.

BUT WHISPERS SPEAK OF ANOTHER—ONE WHO WALKS IN MOONLIGHT, WHOSE PRESENCE IS HIDDEN BEHIND LAYERS OF DECEPTION. PERHAPS THE ANCIENTS LEFT BEHIND MORE THAN JUST DEFENSES... A REMNANT OF THEIR PRIDE, A FLAW WAITING TO BE UNCOVERED.

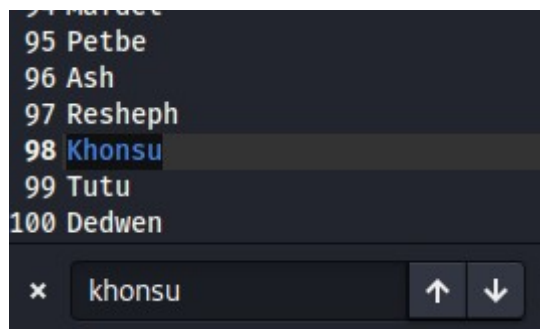
AUTOMATED ENUMERATION AND BRUTE-FORCE TOOLS ARE ALLOWED IN THIS CHALLENGE, THOUGH LIMITED TO PROVIDED LIST.

PLEASE NOTE: THE CHALLENGE IS SERVED VIA A BROKER. FOLLOW THE URL BELOW, SELECT THE CORRECT CHALLENGE, CLICK "START INSTANCE", AND GO TO THE PROVIDED URL TO ACCESS YOUR OWN INSTANCE.

CHALLENGE MADE BY: CATHLEENE SANDGREN

"But whispers speak of another – one who walks in moonlight..." That actually sounds interesting. Let's use some google-fu. Searching for "egypt god moonlight" we get a wiki article about Khonsu as a result.

Let's check the usernames.txt for Khonsu, we have a match.



Let's try this. When trying to log in as Khonsu we get "Incorrect password" instead of "Invalid username", another match. Let's use this username in the POST request in Burp for resetting password.

Request		Response	
Pretty	Raw	Pretty	Raw
<pre>1 POST /reset-password HTTP/1.1 2 Host: [REDACTED] 3 Content-Length: 31 4 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9 5 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/134.0.0.0 Safari/537.36 6 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded 7 Accept: */* 8 Origin: http://[REDACTED] 9 Referer: http://[REDACTED] 10 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br 11 Cookie: session= eyJlc2VyIjoiQW51YmlzIn0.aBcXbA.4r1uB6wHPPNHx_LXfJyKkKJPAPu 12 Connection: keep-alive 13 14 username=khonsu&new_password=aa</pre>		<pre>1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK 2 Server: Werkzeug/3.1.3 Python/3.9.21 3 Date: Sun, 04 May 2025 07:53:03 GMT 4 Content-Type: application/json 5 Content-Length: 58 6 Connection: close 7 8 { "message": "Password successfully reset!", "success": true 9 }</pre>	

Now let's try logging in with these credentials. Khonsu:aa

YOU 'VE REACHED THE INNER SANCTUM...

AS YOU STEP INSIDE, THE AIR IS THICK WITH THE SCENT
OF ANCIENT INCENSE. THE CHAMBER IS BATHED IN THE
SOFT GLOW OF TORCHES, REVEALING GOLDEN ARTIFACTS
AND A SACRED SCROLL.

YOU CAREFULLY UNROLL THE ANCIENT PAPYRUS SCROLL,
TO FIND THE LONG LOST SECRET OF KHONSU:

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Leave the Temple

Bingo! We get our flag.