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def decrypt(ciphertext, key):

    rows = len(key)
    cols = (len(ciphertext) + len(key) - 1) // len(key)
    matrix = [[" " for _ in range(cols)] for _ in range(rows)]

    # Populate the matrix with the ciphertext
    index = 0
    for row in range(rows):
        for col in range(cols):
            if index < len(ciphertext):
                matrix[row][col] = ciphertext[index]
                index += 1

    decrypted_message = ""
    for col in range(cols):
        decrypted_message += "".join(matrix[row][col] for row in range(rows) if matrix[row]
[col] != " ")

    return decrypted_message

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