FAKES

After Cicada’s puzzles erupted into the public sphere, **many fakes and imitators emerged** — generally trying to capitalize off of 3301’s success. These individuals mislead people for their own benefit — the problem was bad enough at one point that 3301 issued a PGP-verified [message](https://pastebin.com/yEiTHhvF) warning against these ‘false paths’.  
  
Here are some common irreputable imitators:  
  
💩*sevens.exposed*  
💩*1033adacic*  
💩*tengri 137*  
💩*pi.mobi*

There also exist puzzles like the U.S. Navy’s recruitment experiment ***Project Architeuthis***, which borrow from the themes and practices of Cicada’s challenges while not explicitly plagiarizing, misleading, or claiming to be affiliated with 3301.

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