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#### **Q1 Commands**

10 Points

List the commands used in the game to reach the ciphertext.

read->ciphertext go->counting keys

#### **Q2 Cryptosystem**

10 Points

What cryptosystem was used in this level?

Vigenere Cipher

#### **Q3** Analysis

20 Points

What tools and observations were used to figure out the cryptosystem?

NOTE: Failing to provide proper analysis would result in zero marks for this assignment.

It took us some trails of different methods to finally conclude that it is a vigenere Cipher.

- > we first tried with frequency analysis but could not infer anything from it.
- > we failed with caeser cipher.
- > After trying other methods like shuffling the word.

- > this gave an idea that it is not a normal substitution cipher.
- >when we get the code **9,2,9,2,5,5,2,2,2,1** when after backward shifting the ciphertext we got the plaintext.
- > the observation that the ciphertext is polyalphabetic gave a hint that it is a vigenere cipher.

### **Q4 Decryption Algorithm**

15 Points

Briefly describe the decryption algorithm used. Also mention the plaintext you deciphered. (Use less than 350 words)

- 1) Vigenere Cipher is a method of encrypting alphabetic text. It uses a simple form of polyalphabetic substitution. A polyalphabetic cipher is any cipher based on substitution, using multiple substitution alphabets. The encryption of the original text is done using the Vigenère square or Vigenère table.
- >The table consists of the alphabets written out 26 times in different rows, each alphabet shifted cyclically to the left compared to the previous alphabet, corresponding to the 26 possible Caesar Ciphers.

>At different points in the encryption process, the cipner uses a different alphabet from one of the rows.

>The alphabet used at each point depends on a repeating keyword.

2) We get **9**,**2**,**9**,**2**,**5**,**5**,**2**,**2**,**2**,**2**,**1** when we bow down and count the horizontal lines in the figure. This can be something related to the ciphertext. Trying shifting the ciphertext

forward shifting

kg fcwd qh vin pnzy -> ti oebi sj xj

This does not make sense.

backward shifting

kg fcwd qh vin pnzy -> be wary of the next

This is giving some sense and when we reach the end of the code then we have to decrypt by using cyclicity. This implies that this is a vigenere cipher with 9,2,9,2,5,5,2,2,1 as the key.

3)Plaintext

Be wary of the next chamber, there is very little joy there.

Speak out the password "the\_cave\_man\_be\_pleased" to go through.

May you have the strength for the next chamber. To find the exit,

you first will need to utter magic words there.

# **QD Fassword**10 Points

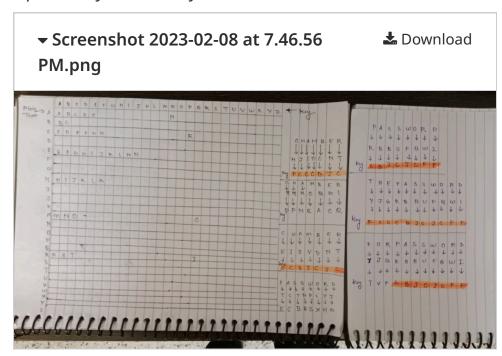
What was the final command used to clear this level?

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the_cave_man_be_pleased
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## **Q6 Codes**

**0** Points

Upload any code that you have used to solve this level



## **Q7 Team Name**

**0** Points

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**Assignment 2** 

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