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IceCTF – Alien Message

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Stage 1: Alien Message

Description: We found this [suspicious image](#) online and it looked like it had been planted there by an alien life form. Can you see if you can figure out what they're trying to tell us?

Going to the image we see:



Admittedly this puzzle took me about 30 minutes to figure it out and find the key. I should have went off my first hunch when I thought to myself that the background looked extremely similar to the background in Futurama.

After some searching I found a key on Google for a language called Alienese...made by the creators of Futurama.



With this new-found key, we can start decoding the message. This can either be done by hand, or with a nifty little site:

http://cs.oswego.edu/~dreichel/alienese_decoder/

The only caveat is being careful with the symbols as the same symbol can be different sizes, signifying upper and lower-case letters.

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