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## Context :

In January 2012, a post on 4chan appeared featuring an image of a cicada, claiming that a secret message was hidden within and inviting users to solve it. The post mentioned that they were looking for "highly intelligent individuals." Many initially thought it was just a puzzle game or a hoax, but as the challenge progressed, it garnered attention from cryptography experts and even some authorities.

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Over the following months, the mysterious group known as Cicada 3301 released additional puzzles, with the second wave starting in January 2013 and a third wave in January 2014. However, after 2014, the group's public activity seemed to cease apparently leading to a more private candidate selection.

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Speculation and theories about their motives continued, ranging from recruitment for intelligence agencies to a secret society for cybersecurity experts.

Recently, a group claiming to have the PGP key of Cicada 3301 has taken credit for a high-profile ransomware attack, suggesting that the earlier recruitment was part of a plan to build a team for a large-scale Ransomware-as-a-Service (RaaS) operation.

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Now, Cicada appears to be recruiting again, and your task as an agent of law enforcement is to infiltrate and join the group as an informant.

Good luck.