

Happy Birthday Ridhi!

A party is being held for Ridhi's birthday at WindT, and it is up to you to make sure she reaches there. You are right now sitting in WB13 in Kailash hostel. While you've done this loads of times before, the night as it unfolds before you is unusual, to say in the least...

* Required

The target destination. Hurry, the clock is ticking and your friends are restless!



Life isn't good. You notice that Kshiti locked the room, which is so unusual. Ordinarily, she would've been the one accompanying you. You hear your phone ringing, but outside. Damnit. You remember you left your phone in Shweta's room. You call out but no one is there. Suddenly you notice that Arundhati, being the person she is, left her phone on y bed. Jackpot! Unlock her phone to move ahead.



1. Enter the password. *

Hint: 11 letters, all lowercase

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Wonderful, you unlocked the phone. You use it to call Kshiti first.

You: Hello Kshiti, kahaan hai tu?

Kshiti: Hi Ridhi, yaar mujhe lab aana pada kuchh urgent kaam tha. Phone me battery bhi kam hai jaldi bol

You: (is she fooling me, planning my birthday, or am I too self excited) yaar tune room lock kar dia mai andar hu.

Kshiti: Sachme shit sorry. Sun maine new lock lagaya hai, andar se code daalegi to khul jaega.

You: Arre sahihi code batade fir.

Kshiti: Sun meri table pe jo notebook haina uspe likha hai dekh kitna mast.

You: Paagal bata deti itni der me.

Kshiti (laughing): Haan haan sun (beep beep beep)

Wow what a day. Seems like Kshiti's phone got discharged. Better take look at her notebook, else wait for her to come back. Obviously notebook, God knows when she'll be back (she's going to hear it from me, locked me and unreachable).

In the picture: What comes first is, well, binary, Uno, un, um, apex, primary, Or your rank on my love list :P Then end with a numeric triad (see enlist), Of your magnificent journey of many firsts, new friends, night outs, and sleepless study sessions, Your identity and a life-long prized possession!

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2. Enter code to open the lock. *

4 digit code

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Yay now just check Shweta's room and you're good to go!

Oh God it is locked?? Shweta's room is never locked!

You call her up.

Shweta: Hi Ridhiiii.

Ridhi: Shweta tera room locked hai kaiseee?

Shweta: Haan yaar mai aur Snigdha shopping karne aae hai, aate hai vaapas thodi der me.

Ridhi: (how is everyone occupied elsewhere, mera birthday hai dosto) Achha mera phone tera room pe hai.

Shweta: Oh chaabi hai na Vaishnavi ke room pe 1, vo lele.

Ridhi: Achha chalo thanks, jalde milna!

You go and check, but you see that Vaishnavi is not in her room. Oof. You call her to ask.

Vaishnavi: Hello Ridhi.

Ridhi: Hi Vaishnavi, Shweta ke room ki chaabi hai tera pass?

Vaishnavi: Meri table pe ek cryptex rakha hai, usme hai.

Ridhi: Oh achhaa okay mai le lungi!

Vaishnavi: Okay bye.

Oh no, what complex device is this? Why does it require a password? What even Vaishnavi, now you're not picking your phone. Let me call Shweta and ask, maybe she would know.

Shweta: Haan Ridhi bol.

Ridhi: Sun ye cryptex karke dibba pada hai, kaise kholte hai.

Shweta: Bohot obvious hai, asli treasure bilkul, khol legi tu :)

Ridhi: Arre batade yaar.

Shweta: Khud khol, mujhe Snigdha bula rahi hai bye!

Wow Vaishnavi itna fancy cryptex for keys. What the hell is obvious about it Shweta, sachme harkat hai ye ladki. Time kahaan hai. But okayyyy 7 alphabets, fairly obvious, and it is indeed a "treasure" and hence should be kept safe. So obvic indeed :) Makes me miss college urghhh :))



3. Enter the cryptex password *

All caps, 7 letters

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Phew wow what a night it's been! KARVSSS awww my friends are the sweetest. You get your phone. Just at that time, Snigdha comes in too. WOW, you whacked your brains while you could have just waited. But okay chalo, kya kar sakte hai.

Snigdha: Hi ridhi, kaisi hai?

Ridhi: Thak gai yaar bilkul aaj kya kya nahi hua.

Snigdha: hahaha mai bhi, chal mujhe abhi suraj abhay ke pass jaana hai, mai baad me baat karungi aaram se.

Ridhi: (mai hi na jau kya windt, koi nahi jaa raha :(() haan thik hai jao jao byeeee.

Snigdha: Arre haan Arundhati apna phone tere pass bhool gai thi, use de dena.

Ridhi: Koi mile tab to du yaar.

Snigdha: Vo ex hall me hai usne bola vahi milke de dena.

Ridhi: (chalo koi to hai vahaan) haan thik hai fir, tab hi de dungii (saare messages padhti hu baithke sarthak ke saamne se aloud ruko abhi tum to dhoti, itna pareshaan hui hu mai tum logo ki wajah se urghhhh).

Snigdha: Achha aur sun, mere laptop se music cut mail karde jo tune banaya tha GD ke lie mujhe please : minutes ho to, mujhe jaldi nikalna hai.

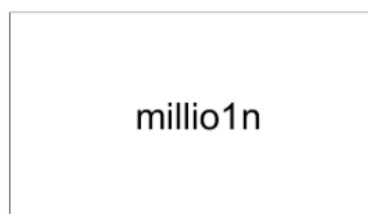
Ridhi: Chal tu jaa, mujhe urgent nahi hai kuchh abhi to mai bhej dungii (because MERA BIRTHDAY HAI AND MAINE APNE AAP KO FREE RAKHA KAHAN HO SAB USELESS LOG)

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This cannot be seriously happening. Snigdha ka laptop password nahi pata hai mujhe. Ye kya ho raha ha Snigdha is not picking her phone. Of course you do what you're doing best today, you guess :)

You find a post it note on her wall which lists passwords (really smart Snigdha). Guess who's dumb, you. Because the password is, no surprises, in a puzzle. Get going Sherlock :D

Unscramble the rebuses, and then using the first letter of each phrase, make our girl's word, we owe it to her for all the trouble she's gone through in this hunt and in real life XD



4. Enter the laptop's password. *

5 letters, all lowercase

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What a day honestly. All this cracking skill is worthy of a line in the CV XD Now that you've mailed, it'll be smooth sailing- you have your phone, ab bas jaana hi to hai.

Oh, you just remembered, Sonal's missed call. Better follow up, 15 missed calls mean something urgent right.

You: Hi Sonal, tune call kia tha?

Sonal: Maine call kia? Itni baar kia call offo kahaan thi tu tabse?

You: Arre long story baad me bataungi, tu bol.

Sonal: Yaar abhi facc ke interviews chalenge raat me, shayad kal class na ja pau. Meri kal 1 submission hai msl me, meri notebook le aa tu please. Mai idhar de dungi kisiko to vo class me submit kar dega.

Ridhi: Achha thik hai bata kaunsi vaali.

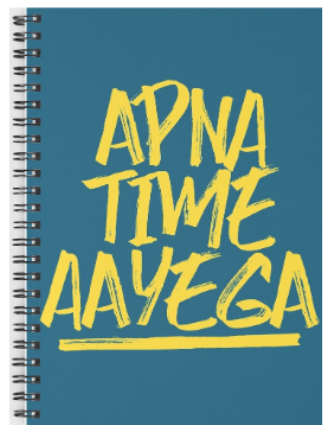
Sonal: Table pe padi hai, <find the rest of the conversation as the header of next image for your convenience>

Ridhi: Umm achha chal mai dekhti hu.

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So you see some notebooks on her table. You can either carry all these in a bag (which you will have to bring back too), or use your wonderful skills to figure out which is the right one. Good choice, Sherlock X!

Sonal: Ridhi meri table pe kai notebooks hai, thoda dekh lio mujhe exactly yaad nahi hai similar si hai sab blue black yel white. SRK vaali bilkul nahi hai XD Shayad vo vaali hai jispe blue pe white se kuchh kuchh likha hai, ya fir shayad vo jispe white pe likha hai blue se. 3 words hai notebook ke front pe jahaan tak mujhe yaad hai.



5. Which notebook do you take with you? *

All caps, make sure you spell it the way its been spelled on the cover.

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Chalo ab notebook bhi leli.

You see Kshiti and Arundhati huffing and puffing up the stairs.

Ridhi: FINALLY! Kahaan the tum log? Pata hai aaj kya kya hua? Tumhe pata hai na I could've used some help...

Kshiti: Haan bhai haan, controlllll. We can imagine about the phone, sorry yaar.

Ridhi: Phone? Aaj mai hacker se bhi step up, proper Sherlock ban gai bros. Aur suno, jaise hi room se nikli...

Arundhati: Room pe aake batana, abhi jaldi jaldi chalo, time dekho time!

Ridhi: (pew finally I feel so happy) Tabse time hi dekh rahi hu okay, chalo chalo.

The three of you run downstairs, through the quadrangle and to the chhota gate. And it is locked URGHHH kya yaar just when you think BT khatam, Kailash hostel and the ugs never fail to turn up. Ab bhaago to the doosra gate.

At the gate...

Guard didi: Babu ye dekho mera phone atak gaya hai. Please help kardo meri.

Ridhi: Umm.. aaaa... okay didi dikhaie (mana bhi kaise kare ab oof, ye thik karke hi chalte hai)

You see that the phone is stuck on a screen with what looks like a game puzzle. The three of you try to switch it off, close the game, press exit, but nothing works. The cursor keeps blinking in the game answer tab.

You think, well, maybe the way out of this problem is literally through it.

What if you try to solve the puzzle instead of forcing it to end?

Ridhi: Suno, maine aaj saara time yehi kia hai. Hold my beer guys, let me do this.

Find the word TONIGHT in this grid, it could be place horizontally, vertically, diagonally. Multiply position coordinates of the T of TONIGHT (assuming top left N to be (1,1)) to get the right answer.



6. And the answer is *drumrolls* *

Skip to section 7 (Happy Birthday Ridhi!)

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Voila! You genius! Also, wow tonight. the universe is cruel but it sure does make you feel special :) Kshiti and Arundhati can't stop bawling with laughter, what was that. Guard didi breaks into a thank you speech, and you kindly excuse yourself. Finallyyyyyy also it's almost 12, you're late like every year :) HAPPY BIRTHDAY RIDHI!!!!!! *hugsssss kissesssssss* sab raaste me hoga, video call from Ambala with mamma, papa, raghav crowding the screen and sending love and wishes, phone buzzes endlessly. You reach WindT, and there they are, all your friends and loved ones, and those who aren't there have made sure they called. Life is good <3

We cut the cake, shower love and water :P on you, and have a gala time! No wonder birthdays are our favourite time of year. Here's to celebrating a very very special girl :D <3



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