

A woman with long, dark, wavy hair and blue eyes is sitting against a metallic, blue-grey wall. She is wearing an orange jumpsuit with a buttoned placket and two chest pockets. Her expression is serious and determined. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and shadows.

失踪人口

KIDNAPPED

HELP BRING BACK THE KIDNAPPED
DAUGHTER OF A US DIPLOMAT

Briefing

Greetings, Special Agent.

We have an urgent case on our hands. Our friends at the Police Nationale, in Paris France, have reached out for our assistance. It's a case concerning the daughter of a US diplomat residing in France. Recently, Jason Anderson, a former officer with the United States Army Rangers, now diplomat assigned as an intelligence liaison in Paris, received a phone call stating his daughter had been taken. Shortly after, Mr Anderson received a written message in cipher text. We have reason to believe they are closely related.

During the phone call, a man with an Arabic accent spoke to Mr Anderson about having his daughter in captivity. Also stating he has 24 hours to figure out where she is, before he would kill her. Now, this interaction happened 6 hours ago, between that time Mr Anderson contacted police, who reached out to us a few hours after getting stuck on the cipher text.

Your assignment is simple, over the next several hours, figure out what the message is behind the cipher text. We need answers quickly, so the police is left with enough time to intervene.

As always, Special Agent, the contract is yours, if you choose to accept.

A woman with long, dark, wavy hair is sitting on the ground, leaning against a grey, textured wall. She is wearing a brown, long-sleeved shirt and brown pants. Her hands are resting on her knees. The lighting is dim, creating a somber and mysterious atmosphere.

Materials

starting-text-kidnapped.txt

Answer Instruction

Use the answer to unlock the flagfile, this will reward you with your badge.

The answer is a what3words combination

Example answer: banana.truck.hairdresser

Flagfile

Be advised, the flagfile is an encrypted ZIP. Make sure your OS supports the ZIP format. Ensure the password contains no hidden characters or formatting.

Write-Up

There is an attached file called a write-up, this will give you the answer in case you get stuck.

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