

Cicada 303 - Puzzle Walkthrough

Overview

The cache page hides several clues. The correct order is to decode the instruction text first, then follow the hidden audio clues, then combine the two answer parts for Certitude.

1. Decode the ROT47 instruction first

In the page/source, locate the encoded paragraph:

```
%96 z6J :D >256 H:E9@FE E96 ?F>36CD[ 3FE H96C6 :D E96 z6Jn
%96 z6J H:== E2<6 J@F E@ H96C6 :E :D ?66565]
%96 7:?2= C6BF:C6D EH@ A2CED] 0000000000000000i00000000000
```

Decode it with ROT47. The result is:

```
The Key is made without the numbers, but where is the Key?
The Key will take you to where it is needed.
The final requires two parts. _____:_____
```

This tells us three things: find a key, remove numbers from the key, and expect a final two-part answer separated by a colon.

2. Find the hidden URL clue

The cache page image has hidden ALT text:

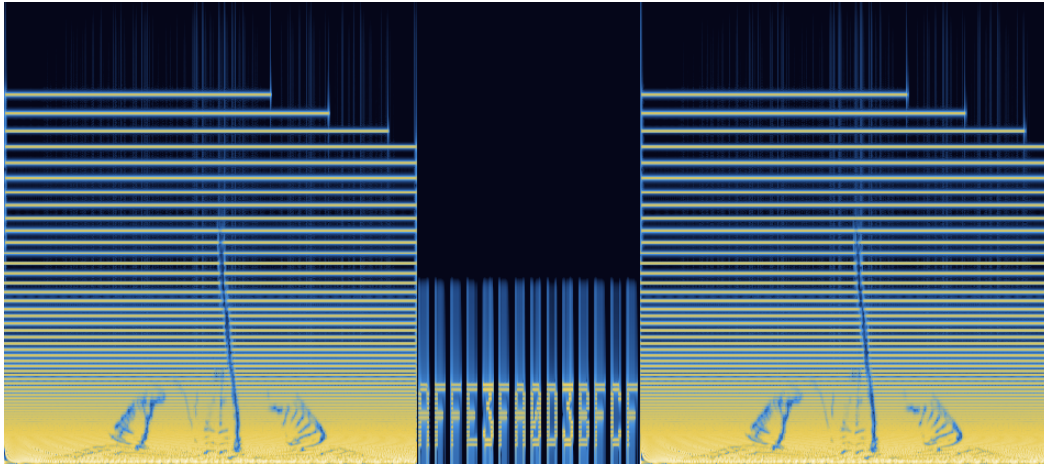
```
fubeghey.ng/bZNtT
```

Decode it with ROT13:

```
fubeghey.ng/bZNtT -> shorturl.at/oMAGG
```

That short URL leads to a WAV file. Since the audio sounds strange, analyze it as a spectrogram instead of only listening to it.

3. Analyze the first WAV spectrogram



First WAV spectrogram. The hidden message is visible in the audio image.

The first WAV spectrogram reads:

```
AFFE3F0AD3BFCF
```

Now apply the earlier ROT47 instruction: "The Key is made without the numbers." Remove the digits 3, 0, and 3:

```
AFFE3F0AD3BFCF -> AFFEFADBFCF
```

The actual cipher key is:

```
AFFE3F0AD3BFCF
```

4. Use the key on the linked text

The linked text file contains this encrypted line:

```
CNHEIALTMGWE:myxus://rvyl4pi3r.htq/bp-fpsvjny/ztqodex/2026/05/IHBV1ML.bay
```

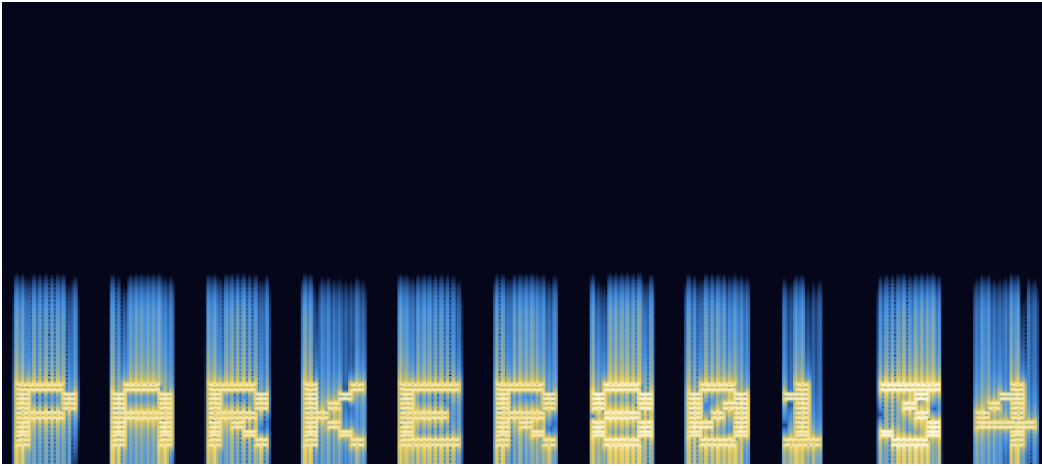
Decrypt it with a Vigenere cipher using the key AFFEFADBFCF. The result is:

```
CICADAISHERE:https://out14nd3r.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/GCBQ1HH.wav
```

This gives the first answer part and points to a second WAV file.

```
Part 1: CICADAISHERE
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5. Analyze the second WAV spectrogram



Second WAV spectrogram. The message appears as separate block letters.

The second WAV spectrogram gives the second answer part:

```
PARKER80134
```

6. Combine the two parts for Certitude

The ROT47 clue told us the final answer format requires two parts:

```
_____ : _____
```

Combine the discovered parts like this:

```
CICADAISHERE:PARKER80134
```

Enter that answer into Certitude to receive the final location. The final coordinates are not shown in this walkthrough.

Solve summary

ROT47 instruction:
The Key is made without the numbers...

ROT13 hidden ALT text:
fubeghey.ng/bZNtT -> shorturl.at/oMAGG

First WAV spectrogram:
AFFE3F0AD3BFCE

Remove numbers from key:
AFFEFADBFCF

Vigenere decrypt with key AFFEFADBFCF:
CICADAISHERE:<https://out14nd3r.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/GCBQ1HH.wav>

Second WAV spectrogram:
PARKER80134

Certitude answer:
CICADAISHERE:PARKER80134