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# NSR Cipher Workbook No. 1

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# Editor's Corner

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Dear friends,

Your eyes have fallen upon the first iteration of our Cipher Workbook, a clandestine publication from Ninja Space Rocket. We have entrusted you with this... package, knowing that it will challenge your perceptions and test your mettle.

The puzzles within are designed to be a labyrinth of logic and deduction, but fear not: every clue, cipher, and enigma contained herein can be used to unravel even the most elusive enigmas. No external resources – no hidden forums, no arcane knowledge from ancient texts – are required to unlock the secrets within these pages.<sup>1</sup>

The puzzle masters have crafted a series of cryptic clues, each one leading deeper into the heart of the mystery. We invite you to join us in this game of wits, where only the most clever and resourceful will prevail.

Ninja Space Rocket awaits your arrival. The puzzles are waiting for you. Will you answer?

*DBNR*

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<sup>1</sup> We assume general knowledge of ciphers. We also know that most people do not know Morse Code and will be looking it up but other than that, all you need is this book.

# The Start

*By Sergio Di Renzo*

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Through the ages, mysterious doors have been a staple of fiction and folklore. Hidden behind them lie secrets, treasures, or terrors that can only be uncovered by the bravest of souls. Echoes of whispers, creaks, and groans can be heard from beyond the threshold, beckoning adventurers to come closer. Danger lurks around every corner as unwary travelers are met with unexpected surprises and obstacles. Often, it is not the door itself that holds the key, but what lies beyond its surface level. Overtures of curiosity can lead even the most skeptical individuals down a path from which there is no return.

Rumors and legends surround these doors like a shroud, making them all the more fascinating and alluring. In the silence, one may hear the whispers of forgotten knowledge or the soft rustle of unseen hands. Some say that only those who dare to enter will find their true purpose or destiny waiting for them on the other side. On the far side lies a world of wonder and discovery, hidden from prying eyes until now.

Passing through the doorway can be a transformative experience, leaving one changed forevermore. Echoes of memories both old and new merge together in a swirling vortex of emotions. No longer confined to the confines of the physical realm, one's true nature is revealed.



# Are you mad yet?

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T	H	E	B	E	C	O	M	E	F
R	K	F	O	R	A	B	S	O	L
N	I	C	A	L	K	R	Y	P	T
L	I	G	E	N	E	C	R	R	I
O	K	N	O	W	I	O	T	H	I
E	I	M	I	T	Q	U	I	L	L
G	A	M	E	W	A	S	B	U	X
P	O	S	E	D	G	A	T	B	X
S	T	R	A	G	F	E	T	H	A
N	E	E	R	O	E	C	H	D	E
R	E	T	I	C	E	N	E	M	O
P	U	T	E	R	X	E	C	M	O
C	E	S	E	N	P	I	H	A	N

I	L	M	O	L	N	C	H	M	A
E	N	X	I	O	M	E	C	H	A
I	C	H	Z	Y	I	N	T	E	L
L	L	O	T	T	C	E	A	L	S
N	K	U	L	O	N	A	S	T	H
I	X	P	I	Y	A	T	I	O	N
T	E	L	L	I	A	S	P	R	O
Y	R	Y	C	S	B	Y	T	H	I
I	S	S	A	S	I	C	P	I	O
A	C	V	Z	G	F	T	H	E	O
R	R	C	P	O	A	L	C	O	M
M	A	N	L	R	S	C	I	E	N
P	A	G	V	W	G	L	A	N	D

# Ed, Theist Hero

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1. CPU DLRWO HTE NSWI GRYAUU

2. CNSTN TNPLB CMSST NBL

3. Zivab Qljyxrde Afpzlsbop Mirql yrq Sbkbqfx Yrokbv kxjbp fq.

4.

-.-. --- .-.. --- -. . .-.. / .... .- .-. .-.. .- -. / ...  
. - .- -. . .- .- ... / --- .-.. . - .- ... / ..-. .. .- .- ... -  
/ -. - ..-. -. -. .

5. What is the connection? \_\_\_\_\_



😊 clue for #2



# Turn The

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5.85 12.48 4.8

12.205

5.76 12.13

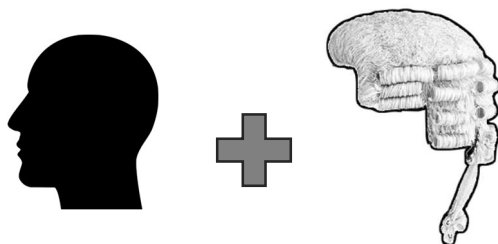
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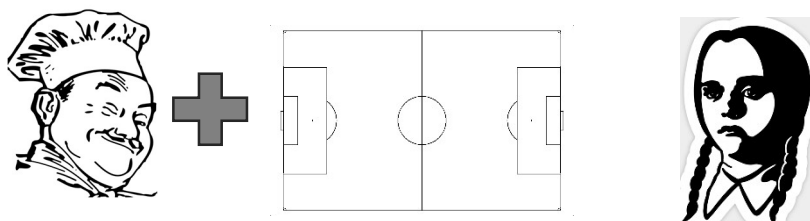
# Final Connection

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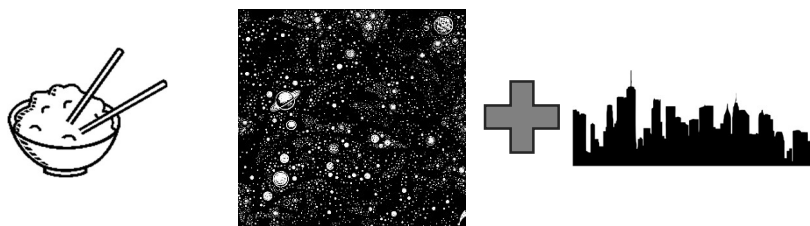
1.



2.



3.



4.



5. What is the connection? \_\_\_\_\_

# Answer Sheet

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The Start:

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Are you Mad yet?

\_\_\_\_\_

Ed, Theist Hero:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Turn The:

\_\_\_\_\_

Final Connection

1. \_\_\_\_\_

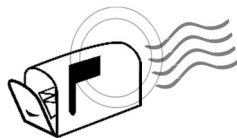
2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

# Letters to the Editor



## Where are all the decent people?

It gives me no amount of satisfaction having to write in about this issue, but it seems that the mayor cannot be bothered. As the authorities turn their collective back on the community, the pigeons are suffering. The pigeons are being killed and replaced with video surveillance drones. Something must be done. **Carol**, *New Jersey*.



## Musing on Loneliness.

When my Elenor died, the light left my life. I could not do anything, and this continued for months. I would just sit there in my kitchen and think about that sad little robot on Mars. The fact that it embodied its name, Curiosity, so mechanically perfect seemed to be a cruel joke.

I think that *is* what life *is*.  
**Anonymous**, *Withheld*.



## My knees keep aching.

**Update.** I was writing to inform all your readers who may have caught my last entry that the culprit has been brought to justice. On the afternoon of August 20<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Larson, hereby known as the Defendant, once more hit me on the knee under the pretext of testing my reflexes. I have seen to it that he loses his practice and medical license so no one else has to suffer under his care. **Cat**, *Boca Raton*

