

Chapter 228 BJ

"By now it should be clear that things are no longer in your hands. A pull towards the light, so to speak, is becoming harder and harder to resist. Perhaps... like last time... you managed to stay away once again, but that only means when you do give in... the fall may be your undoing.-"

TRANSCRIPT: Regardless – (*Unintelligible.*) As much as you try to resist – (*Unintelligible.*) Creature holds this – (*Unintelligible.*) After all – (*Unintelligible.*) (*Ominous laughter.*)

or

Regardless [unintelligible] there's more to {try?} [unintelligible] creature pulls {you?} [unintelligible] after all [unintelligible] {hunger?} (BJ laughing)

or

Regardless [unintelligible] {give in} [unintelligible] as much as you try and resist [unintelligible] this creature holds the {piece} [unintelligible] after all [unintelligible] {hunger}

"The cool blue waters of the spring beckon Arthur to drink. Despite knowing how lost they are, there is little they can do in this moment but hope to resist. Of course, it's not up to them. Nor is it truly up to you. You are not being dealt a fair hand.-"

TRANSCRIPT: Fight – (*Severe distortion. Unintelligible.*) It's getting hard to resist, sure – (*Severe distortion. Unintelligible.*) Good luck.

or

[unintelligible] {{resist?} [unintelligible] {it is?} hard to resist, I'm sure. Good luck.

or

[unintelligible] {fight} {resist} [unintelligible] it's gonna be hard to resist, I'm sure. Good luck.

Braille and Octal Codes

(rowanoak 8/26)

<https://www.dcode.fr/braille-alphabet>

The Braille alphabet reuses some of the letter symbols to denote numbers, with a prefix letter/code that precedes any number used so you know it's not the letter. For example, one version uses a backwards L before any numbers so you read the A in Braille and know it means 1.

Braille can also be used for [music](#) notation for blind musicians.

The perk with Braille is you can use it to convert to numerical formats and even binary. It would make sense if Braille is the answer since Arthur is blind and whatever's messing with him might be tricking John's sight and their other senses.

One such number conversion format Braille connects to is octal (12 34 56, for example), which bears a resemblance to the translated codes from the polls. They're not natively in octal, since there are numbers like 98 that can't be octal (needs to be a digit between 1 and 7).

(* indicates winner)

We ek	Original from polls	Convert to octal	Original to Braille letters (format 81152 for 81 15 2)	Letter to Octal (I can't convert octal to braille directly)
3	81 15 2 87 19 14	121 17 2 127 23 16	H C	32 11
2	174 14 13* 98 14 13	256 16 15 142 16 15	M M	51 51
1	78 30 9 17 7 9*	116 36 11 21 7 11	' A	40 10

Braille to Octal:

A 10	J 23	S 61
B 30	K 50	T 63
C 11	L 70	U 54
D 13	M 51	V 74
E 12	N 53	W 27
F 31	O 52	X 55
G 33	P 71	Y 57
H 32	Q 73	Z 56
I 21	R 72	

There's also GS8 Braille Code, but I don't think that's it. <https://www.dcode.fr/gs8-braille-code>

Ciphers it is most likely NOT

ISBN Cipher
Indienne Code
Prime Multiplication Cipher
Keyboard Coordinates
ASCII Control Characters
D3 Code (tested below)
Periodic Table Cipher (tested below)
ASCII Shift Cipher
Word's Value Numerology
Base 36 Cipher, Base 62 encoding, or Base 26 Cipher
Hexadecimal Base 16
BEGHILOS Calculator Spelling
RC4

Ciphers it could be but not sure:

Affine & Three Squares Cipher (it might be, but I don't think we have all the info to decode it unless someone smarter than me wants to try)
Hill cipher (it might be, but again, I couldn't figure out how to test it)

D3 Code

<https://www.dcode.fr/d3-code>

Reasons it might be: includes predominantly 4s (4 = E).

Personally I don't think this is it

Using the original poll numbers all at once, here are the possible solutions:

D=3,A=0,Z=25	IB P C IH T O RE O N JI O N HI DA J R H J
D=3,A=26,Z=25	IB P C IH T O RE O N JI O N HI D0 J R H J

D=3,A=6,Z=-19	8F FB E 87 F9 FC F7C FC FD 98 FC FD 78 DG 9 F7 7 9
D=3,A=6,Z=7	YF R E YZ N S PC S T XY S T ZY D0 X P Z X

Yellow highlight possibly spells:

- Patreon, John, bitch (lol)

On their own:

Week	Original from polls	Closest Result Variant	D3 Letters (D =3
3	81 15 2 87 19 14	D=3,A=6,Z=7	YF R E, YZ N S
2	174 14 13* 98 14 13	D=3,A=0,Z=25 D=3,A=6,Z=7	RE O N, JI O N PC S T, XY S T
1	78 30 9 17 7 9*	D=3,A=0,Z=25	HI DA J, R H J

Periodic Table Cipher

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This one isn't it, most likely, because there are numbers >118.

Week	Original from polls	Periodic Table atomic number to abbrev.
3	81 15 2 87 19 14	TL P He Fr K Si
2	174 14 13* 98 14 13	? Si AL Cf Ci AL
1	78 30 9 17 7 9*	Pt Zn F CL N F

Word's Value:

<https://www.dcode.fr/word-value>

Week	Original from polls	
3	81 15 2 87 19 14	

2	174 14 13* 98 14 13	
1	78 30 9 17 7 9*	

Settings:

Letters' value A = -12, B=-11,...Z=13, (Balanced in 0)

Operation: Recursive Reduction until a single digit

Method: Calculate a value for each word

Display: Result only

With these settings

Light = 9

But a bunch of other ones equal 2

Also, trying to get the word for value 174 brings up nothing