Digital Folklore Podcast by Perry Carpenter and Mason Amadeus

Main site https://digitalfolklore.fm/

Solving the ARG is happening in the **#speculation** channel on the official Discord.

Episode #1 at 25:42 there is an unidentified audio fragment, an unidentified person speaking that says a link: http://bit.ly/mpx2a
(NOTE: timecode is based on the episode played on the Digital Folklore website.)

This bit.ly leads to the Twitter account for Fancis_Dev01.
https://twitter.com/Francis_Dev01/

Episode #2 at 42:29 there is reverse audio. When played forward is another link
http://bit.ly/ogf4d
Unreversed audio file

This bit.ly leads to a specific Francis_Dev01 Tweet:
https://twitter.com/Francis_Dev01/status/1601678876819607552
“Buckeye thinks he's so clever. Got back from a trip on Wednesday to find he got into the trash. So I cleaned it up. But today, I just found half a rotisserie chicken stashed under the couch. 🤮 Thanks, pup.”

Episode #3 repeats the phrase “Keep Your Eyes Open” multiple times in the episode and the phrase appears a few times on the episode’s webpage. The episode also highlights a common ARG solving tactic of putting something (numbers, words, alphanumerics etc.) at the end of a known URL.
https://digitalfolklore.fm/keepyoureyesopen a password protected page.

PW: Buckeye

Sorry. I’m pushing this webpage
through a really convoluted
backdoor, and that means I don’t
have great control over how it looks.

They don’t know anything. Don’t ask them.

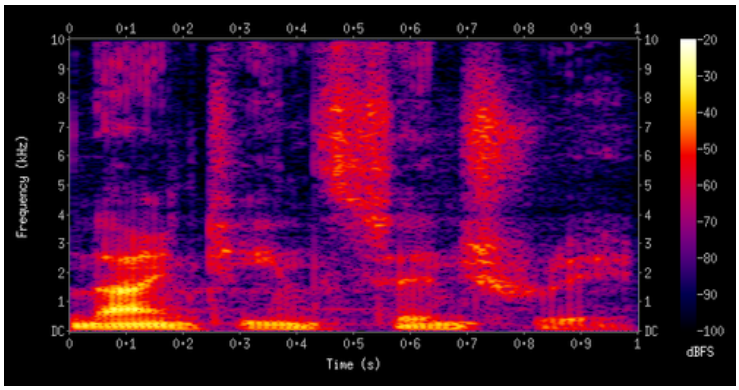
Unless I’ve screwed something up,

they shouldn’t even be able to see that this page exists on their own site.

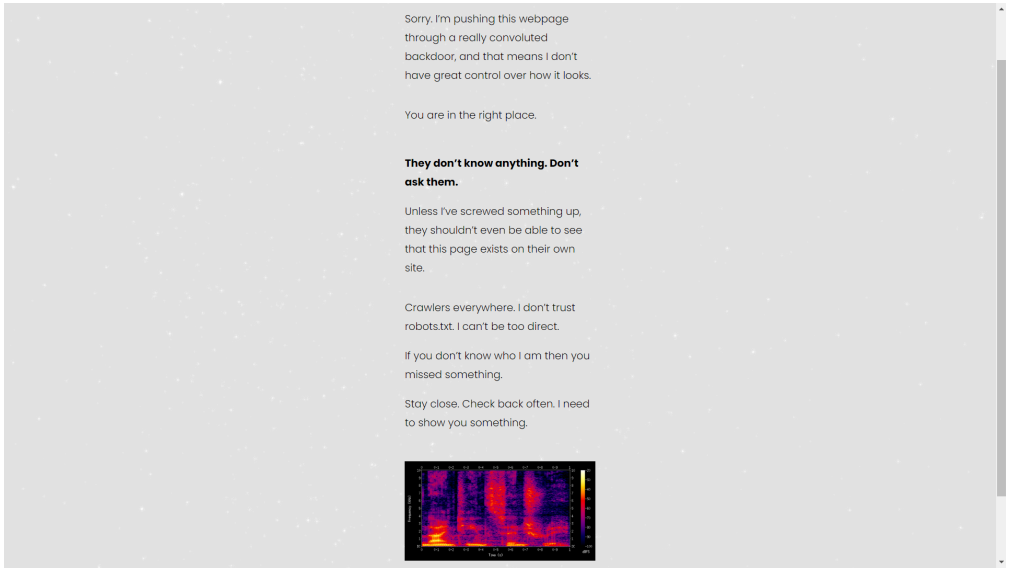
Crawlers everywhere. I don’t trust robots.txt. I can’t be too direct.

If you don’t know who I am then you missed something.

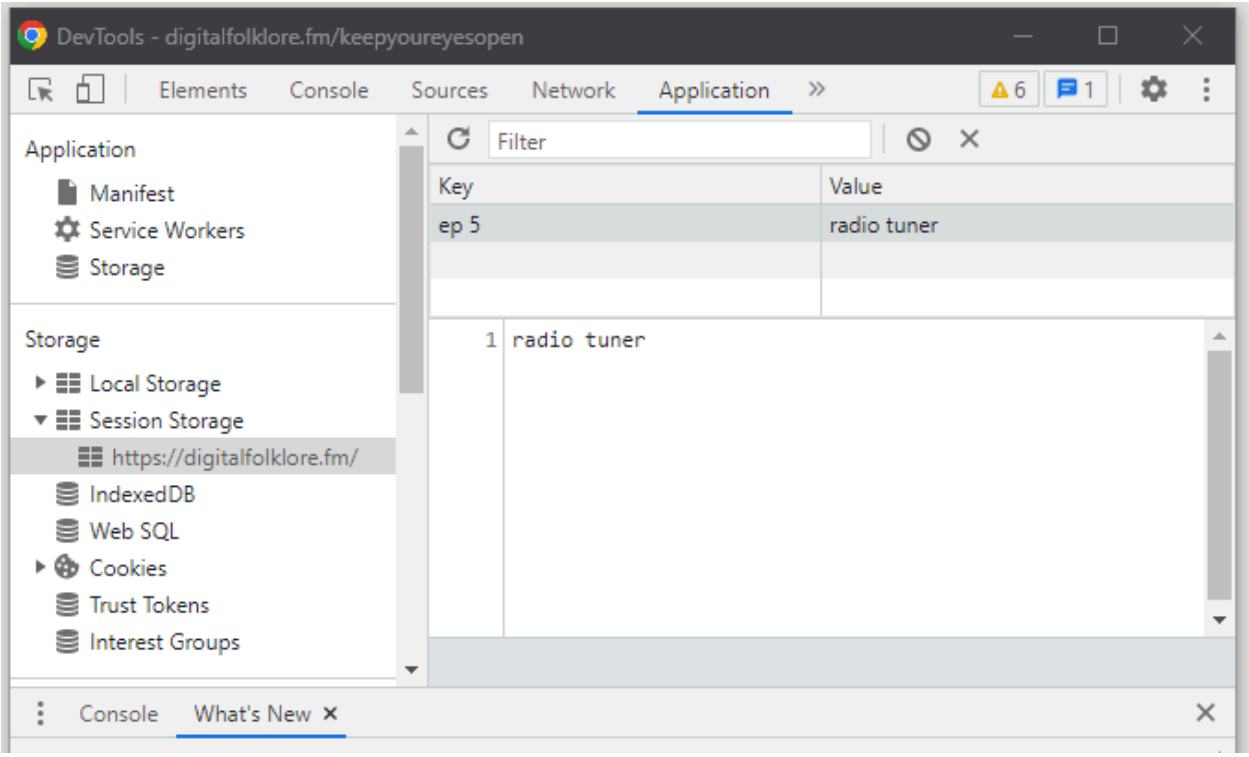
Stay close. Check back often.
I need to show you something.



NOTE: this image (titled: Spectrogram-19thC) on website links to a Spectrum Analyzer



On Twitter, Francis_Dev01's location is **Session Storage**. Checking session storage on Chrome DevTools reveals the message: ep5 radio tuner



Kat has checked some radio static that appeared in episode 3, none of it seems to contain anything in spectrographic image. She also checked the spectrograph on the website, it seems to be audio of a person breathing.

Kat ran the first spectrogram we received through an analyzer and found that it was a voice saying "Nineteenth Century"

([Link to automatically download a .mp4 of the spectogram's output at three different speeds])

([Link to Discord message containing the .mp4, no download, must be in 8th Layer Media's discord with access to the Digital Folklore channels.])

Note relating to the above: all spectrograms so far have used Linear scaling for their encoding.

A short episode (not on the Digital Folklore Website released on 02/22/2023. It's Title consisted of the following Morse Code Text:

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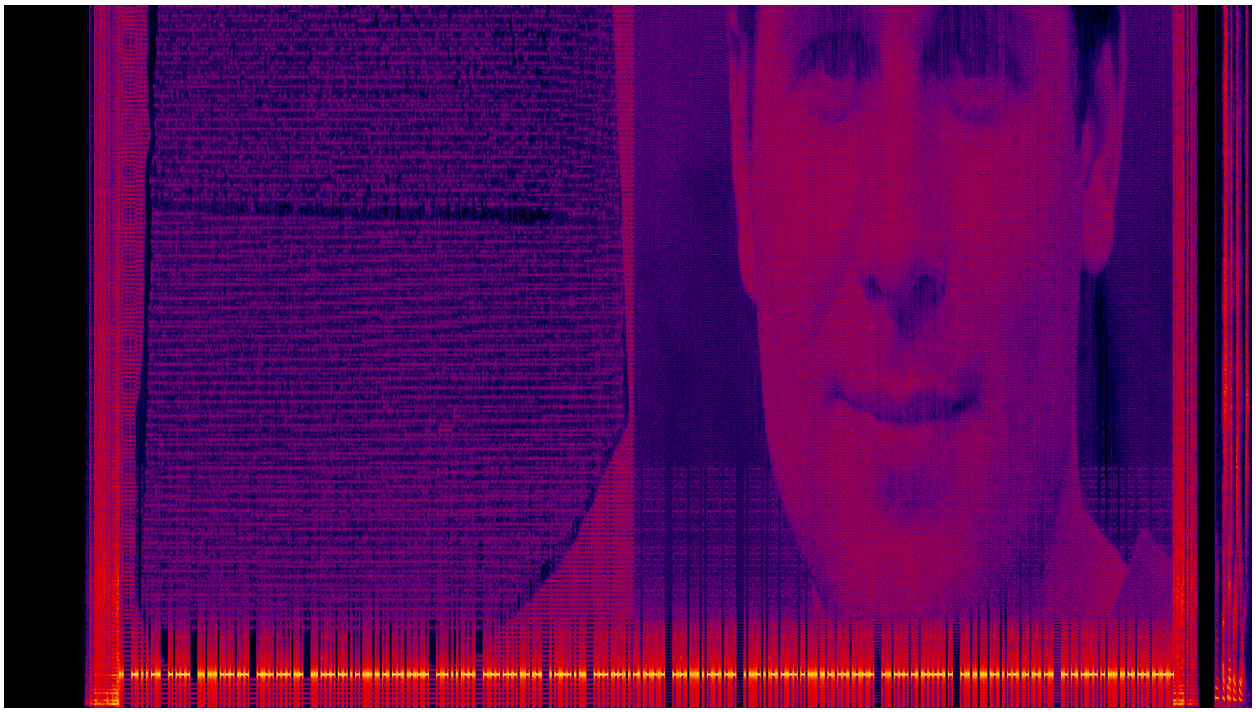
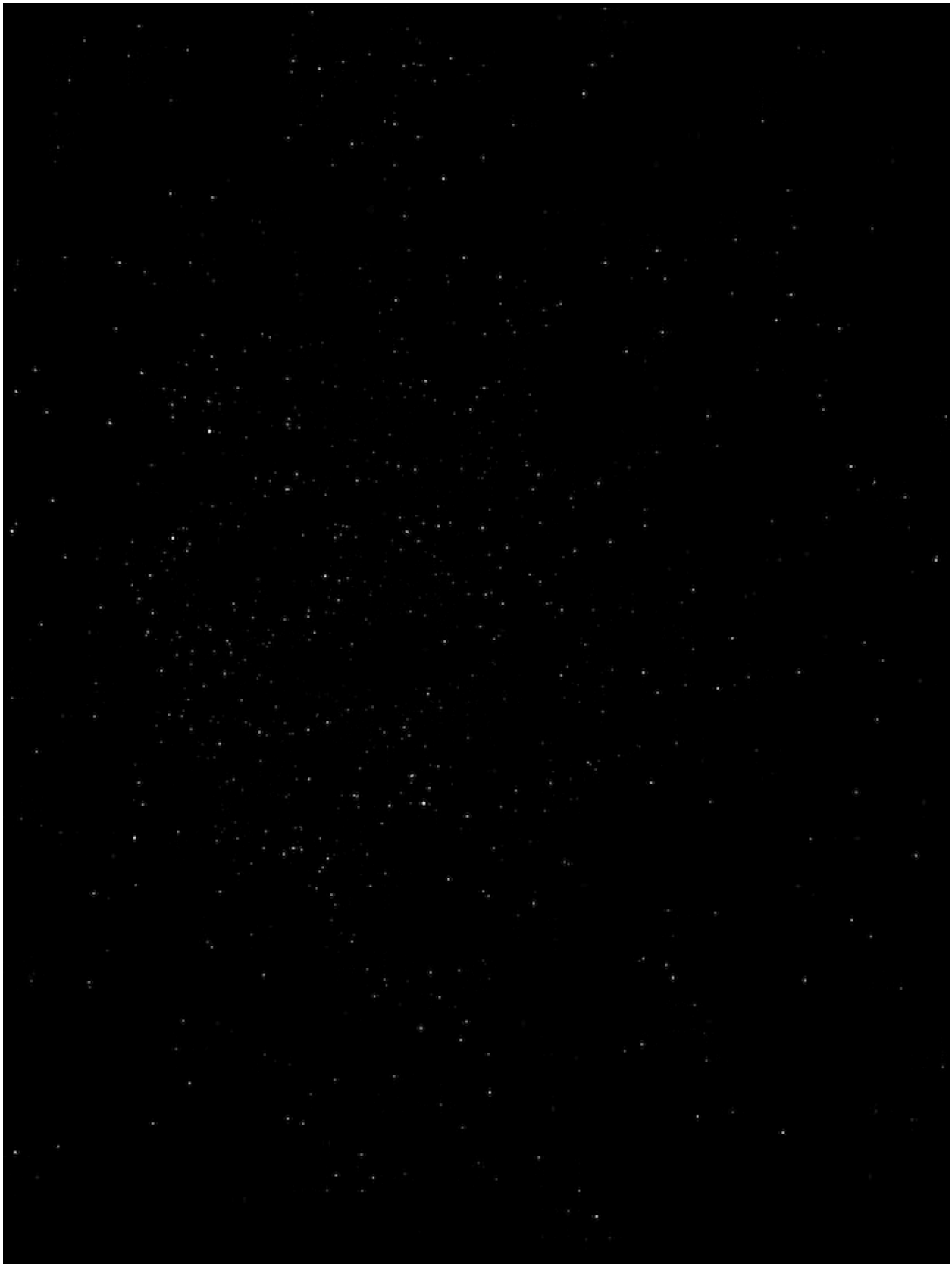
Which, when translated, read:
“I NEED TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING. KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN. CHECK EVERYTHING. DON’T DISREGARD ANYTHING.”

The episode itself consisted of the morse code message in audio form. There was also droning static in the background which, when turned into a spectrogram, depicted the face in the profile picture of Francis’s twitter page.There is also an image of the Rosetta Stone to the left side of the spectrogram.



After this, we spent some time playing with the CSS of the website and were ultimately able to remove the semi-opaque gray background, revealing a field of stars. YankeeWhite managed to find the original image in the source code once we knew where to look (the image below is hyperlinked):



Following the discovery of this, Az reached out to an astronomer on twitter in hopes of helping us place the stars, in case they're related to a time or location.

Feel free to delete as we progress, but as of the evening of 2/23/2023 the clues we have are: Francis's twitter, the spectrogram directly above this containing both Francis and the Rosetta Stone, the "nineteenth century" audio from the original spectrogram received, and the star image.

Easter Egg: Perry and Mason appear on an episode of the American Hysteria podcast and joke about creating a website OopsAKnife.com and then went and actually created it: https://digitalfolklore.fm/oopsaknife