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NR: ...Decades in the making. There is a secret code, hidden in a piece of art, at CIA Headquarters. For years, no one has been able to crack it. News Force, Diana Zoga, spoke with one of the top experts on this mystery. A local video game developer, who isn't ready to back down yet.

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DZ: It's tucked away at CIA Headquarters, in a courtyard, with no public access. A sculpture, titled Kryptos. Few have seen it in person, yet thousands are trying to decipher its message.

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ED: The Central Intelligence Agency, the idea that there is an unsolved puzzle in middle of the CIA, also has a mystic about it.

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DZ: The man behind the mystic is, artist, James Sanborn. He challenged the CIA to solve four codes, stamped into a ten-foot tall copper screen. Three have been cracked. But the last is a secret the artist refuses to give away.

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ED: Sanborn uh..likes the idea that it hasn't been solved yet. H..he said that he actually wants to die knowing that it hasn't been solved.

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DZ: Elonka Dunin, a video game developer, based in St. Charles, is one of the world's top experts on Kryptos. She helped start an online group, a virtual gathering place, for more than 1,400 code crackers, tackling Kryptos, together.

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ED: Maybe there is something on site, at CIA, that we can't get access to...maybe it's the way that the letters are carved...or maybe th..it's the way the light shines on it, at a certain time, each year.

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DZ: After countless hours of work, Elonka still can't say for sure if anyone is close to an answer. [Inaudible chatting between Elonka and Diana] Do you ever wish he would just tell you?

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ED: Yes.

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DZ: To really get why Kryptos is so tough, take a look at one of the first codes. [Code flashes on the screen] It was solved when someone notice that the letter "DQ" and "M" appeared together more than once. It turned out that "DQM" stood for the word "THE". From there, after hours of trial and error, the code began to unravel. But this last unsolved section, is short. Less than 100 characters, so finding any kind of pattern, is much more difficult.

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ED: I would like to know that it's solved. It surprises me that so many hundreds of really smart people have been working on it for as long as they have been, and that it hasn't been solved yet.

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DZ: The mystery has taken on a life of its own. Author, Dan Brown, of the Da Vinci Code, hinted Kryptos will play a roll in his next book. And this issue of WIRED Magazine, calls Kryptos a mission impossible.

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ED: That comes down to our essence of..of our humanity, of being faced with challenges, and instead of walking away from them. Being persistent, staying, and trying to get over that hill.

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DZ: Well, you can already read the deciphered parts of Kryptos, on my blog, at KMOV.com. And right now, if you log on, you can also join Elonka Dunin, in a live chat. She's online right now to answer your question about Kryptos. She'll be here for a little bit longer this evening. Diana Zoga, News Four.