

# Codebreaking



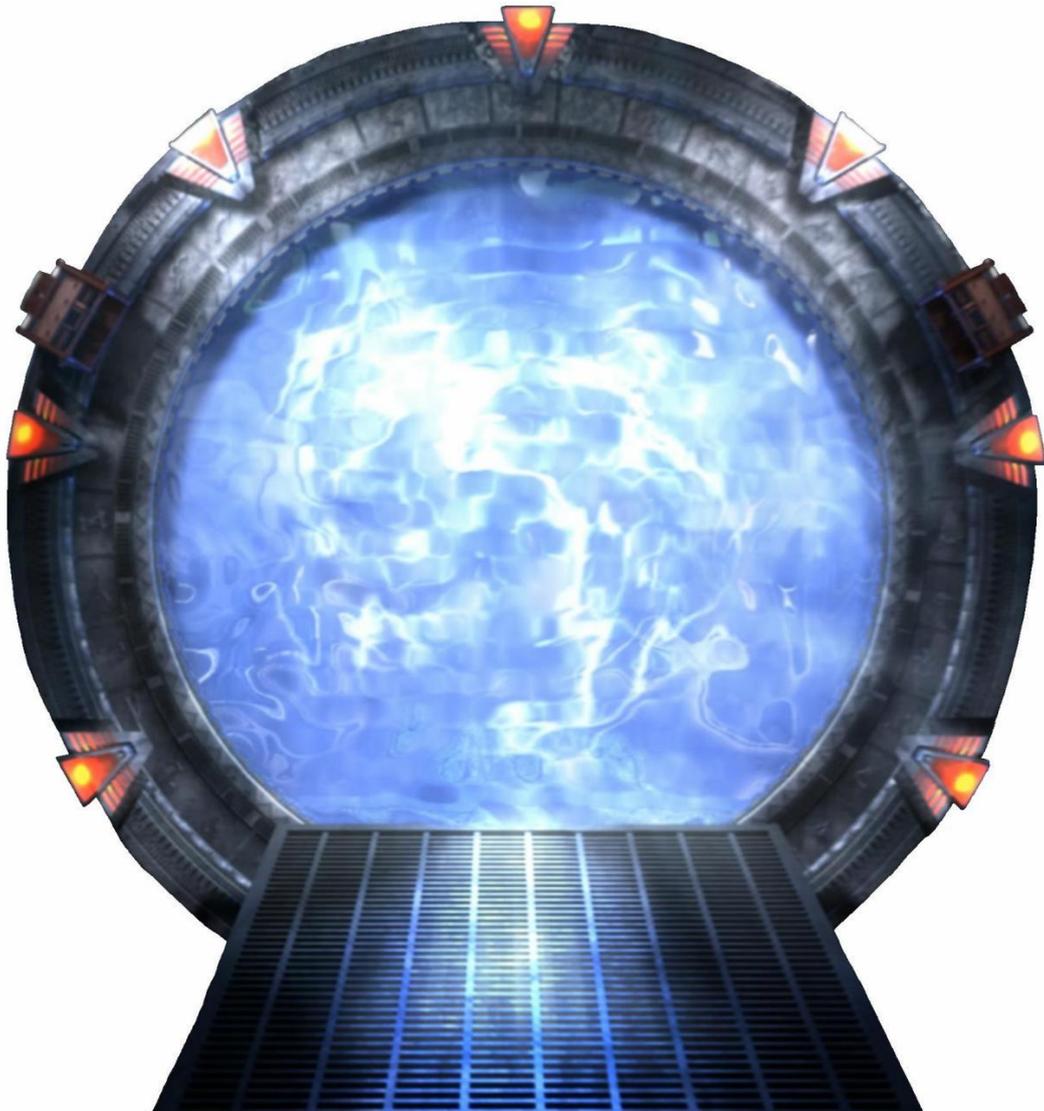
## Part I

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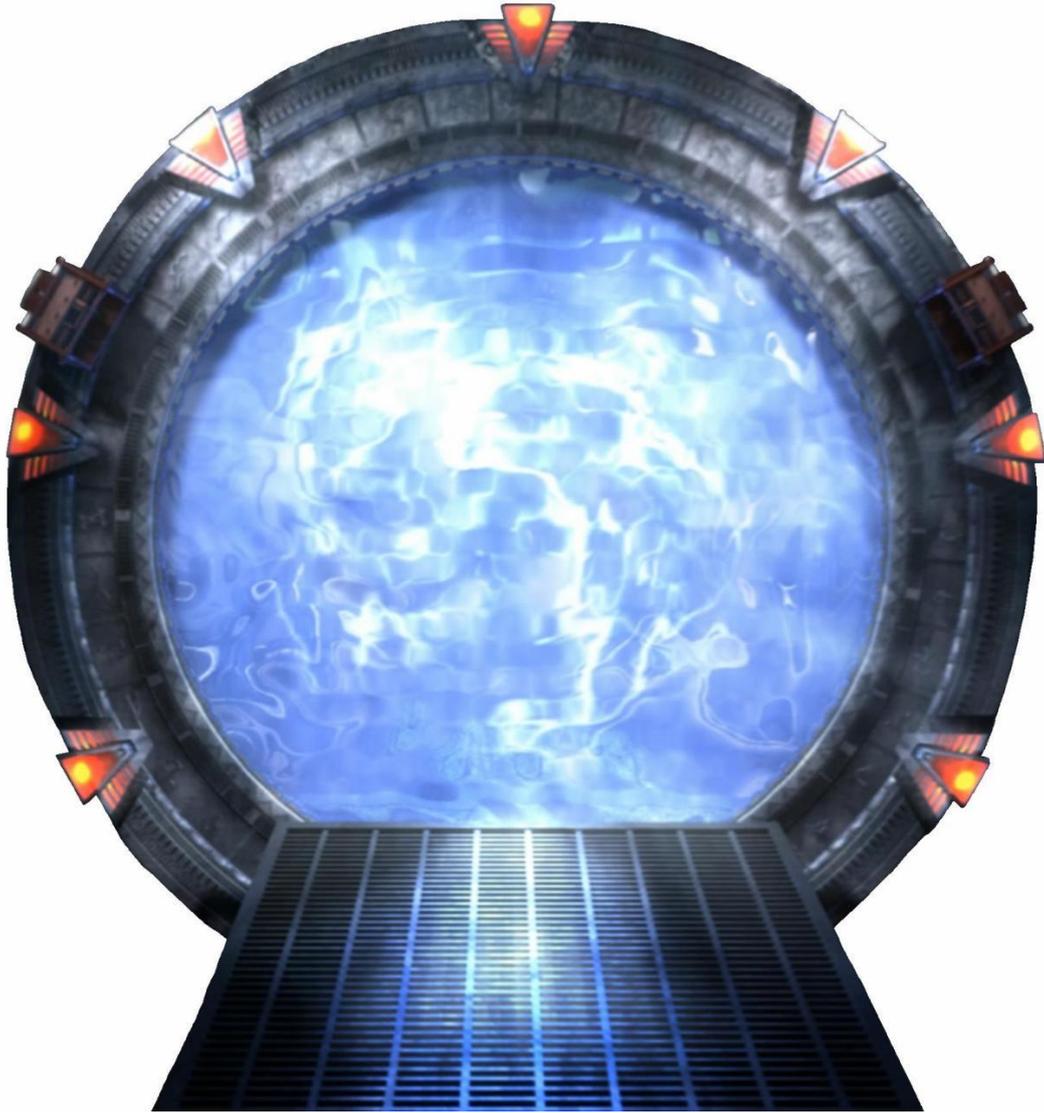
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## Chapter 1



*Regarding Ciarán*



*In early 2013 I took a serious head-injury in warfare*

I was critically injured. I should not have been able to survive it. But I do have a highly unusual ability to heal.

The injury did change things however. It severely affected linguistic ability. I don't stutter or anything like that. But for months afterwards I could barely speak a sentence. I had to struggle to articulate each word. In many ways I had to learn how to speak again.

I learned quickly and within a few months I was much better. But I am still more hesitant in my speech now and I can have difficulty with word association. Sometimes I get words wrong. I can have difficulty with names. And sometimes I can say things backwards. It does make my way of speaking a little quirky.



*I'm better when I write, because I have time to read over what I have written and correct it*

But it has also very much affected my way of writing.

You see the injury severely affected the ability of my brain to process things literally. Everything now is much easier for me *symbolically*. If I was asked to explain something to someone I would have great difficulty with it, even for simple things, if I had to explain it literally. It is much easier for me to use metaphor or analogy.

*Symbolic reasoning. Pictures. Metaphors.* This is how I communicate now. I have always used metaphor and analogy. All my life I have used this more than others. But nothing like now. Not since the injury.

Now if someone was to ask me to explain something, I would have to go straight to a blackboard and chalk and draw a sketch. A picture to explain. Or I would have to give a story to explain the principle. A metaphor. An analogy. People will see this reflected in my documents for I explain things in terms of clips, images and stories.

Everything for me now – physics, engineering, the arts, economics, *everything* is in terms of stories. My mind may struggle now with explaining things literally. But in terms of abstract reasoning and symbolic reasoning, the injury has made me razor sharp. While injured in one area I have never been sharper in others. In one area crippled. In another, not just a prodigy. But a genuine freak of nature. That is true.

[Regarding Henry](#)

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