# Code Lyoko

## Episode 29: “Exploration”

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##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Aelita runs along an elevated path towards a tower.

Jeremie

Aelita, hurry! Yumi’s only got ten life points left!

Aelita runs inside the tower.

Jeremie

Get ready, girls. I’m starting up the devirtualisation process.

##### Int. Lab – Night

Jeremie types away.

Ulrich

Activated towers, Lyoko battles, danger… Aren’t you guys starting to get sick of all this?

Odd and Jeremie

No.

Ulrich

Well sometimes, I really wish we were done with XANA.

The lift opens and Aelita and Yumi enter.

Odd

Uh, you missed an episode, Ulrich. Remember? Aelita’s carrying a miserable virus that links her to our old friend XANA. Bye-bye XANA means bye-bye Aelita!

Jeremie

And I don’t know how to create an antivirus! I mean, not just yet.

Aelita

Hey! I have an idea! Why don’t we explore the new, mysterious Sector we discovered?

Jeremie

Sector 5?! But we don’t know what’s in it!

Odd counts off on his fingers.

Odd

Sure we do! There are monsters, ultra-dangerous traps, and a Scyphozoa, as you call it, that wants to steal Aelita’s memory.

Aelita

You’re right. But what if there’s something else there? Like information about XANA? We *have* to go back.

Ulrich

Good idea. All three of us’ll go.

Aelita

You mean all four of us…! I want to be part of this expedition.

Jeremie (stern)

With that Scyphozoa slinking around? No. Way.

Aelita

What if there’s a tower to deactivate? Think about it! I have to be there.

Odd puts his hands on Aelita’s shoulders. She smiles.

Odd

Come on, Einstein. With bodyguards like us, she has nothing to worry about! And I promise to be careful.

Jeremie

Ok. Tomorrow night, exploration.

##### Ext. Bridge – Night

Yumi gasps.

Yumi (panicked)

Oh my gosh, it’s so late! My parents must be going bananas!

She runs across the bridge, waving back at her friends.

Yumi (panicked)

Bye! See you tomorrow!

Odd checks the time on his phone.

Odd (disappointed)

And as for us, we missed dinner again. And when I think it was spaghetti and meatballs!

Yumi climbs down into the sewers.

##### Ext. Ishiyama House – Night

Yumi quietly closes the gate and walks up the front steps. She sneaks past the window to the front door, opens it and sticks her head inside. The hallway is empty. She goes in and closes the door behind her. The light comes on and Yumi turns around in surprise.

Takeho (serious)

Yumi? We need to talk.

Her parents are at the foot of the stairs, looking annoyed.

##### Int. Ishiyama Kitchen – Night

Yumi picks at a bowl of noodles, taking her time picking up some of it with her chopsticks.

Takeho

You come home late every single night. Tonight is the last straw. It’s past ten o’clock, and you didn’t even bother to telephone us.

Yumi digs in, perhaps using the food as a way to avoid having to talk.

Akiko

And you haven’t eaten anything either. What’s going on, dear? If you have a problem, you know you can tell us.

Yumi (mouth full)

Not really, everything’s fine… I was studying maths at Maitena’s house. I told you already.

Takeho

Maitena Lecuyer?

Yumi (mouth full)

Uh-huh.

Takeho

Hm, that’s strange. When I called her, she was studying…by herself.

Akiko (upset, caring)

You’re lying to us, Yumi. That’s not like you. What’s the matter with you? I worry about you, sweetheart.

Akiko places her hand over Yumi’s, still holding the bowl up to her mouth.

Akiko (upset, caring)

Tell me what’s bothering you…

Yumi (mouth full, upset)

I promise you that everything’s just fine! You saw my last report card. It was great, so why worry about me?

Her parents sigh.

##### Int. Yumi’s Room – Night

Yumi is asleep, hugging a large plush toy. Akiko opens the door and looks inside, causing light to fall on her daughter’s face. She sighs sadly and closes the door again. She turns off the hall light.

##### Int. Akiko and Takeho’s Room – Night

Akiko walks into the bedroom. Takeho is sitting on the bed. They look at each other, then away.

Akiko

I’m concerned, Takeho.

Akiko sits down and both of them start undressing. Akiko starts with her earrings and Takeho with his tie.

Takeho (serious)

We’re going to have to get a lot more strict.

##### Ext. Gates – Day

Yumi

It’s nice of you to come with me, but I’m big enough to go to school alone, really I am.

Yumi looks uncomfortable as she walks between her parents.

Takeho

You are, uh? If you were, then you would stop lying to us and tell us why you come home so late all the time.

Yumi

Are you going to watch me twenty-four hours a day?! Is that it? Am I in prison or something?

Akiko

We’re trying to understand you, and to protect you, too.

They walk up to the school gates. A few others students walk inside. There’s a group of students standing on the opposite side of the gate to the Ishiyamas, outside the school grounds: Sissi, Nicolas, Herb, Sorya and Tania.

Sissi

Oh, wow! The entire…Ishiyama family.

Yumi (quiet)

I bet that you’ll be picking me up as well, huh?

Akiko pats her shoulder as a goodbye.

Takeho

I’ll be waiting for you here at five o’clock. I advise you not to be late.

Yumi walks through the gate.

Sissi

Oh, isn’t that adorable?

Sissi and the four others she’s standing with all laugh.

##### Ext. Drinks Machines – Day

Yumi

They’re not gonna ease up on me. Oh, what a mess! The worst thing is, I *hate* lying to them.

Yumi orders a drink.

Odd

Just explain to them that we’re fighting in a virtual universe against a demonic artificial intelligence. That ought to reassure them!

Yumi (annoyed)

Dork…

Jeremie

You’ve got to win back their trust in you. I think maybe you should stay away from Lyoko for a little while.

Yumi

Huh?! What about exploring Sector 5?! It’s for tonight, isn’t it?

Ulrich

Don’t worry, Jeremie will give you a play-by-play update.

Jeremie

Promise!

The bell rings. Odd salutes.

Odd

Come on, guys. I know you’re all dying to go to Mrs. Hertz’s class. Off we go.

Jeremie

Did you study for the marine biology test?

Odd

Of course I did! Listen: fish are remarkably well-adapted to water. What’s more, they can swim.

Jeremie

You are so lame.

Odd and Ulrich laugh. Yumi throws her full cup of drink in the bin.

##### Int. Lab – Night

Jeremie

Off to the Forest Sector!

He sets up the transfer.

Jeremie

Transfer, Ulrich! Transfer, Odd! Transfer, Aelita! Scanner, Ulrich! Scanner, Aelita! Scanner, Odd! Virtualisation!

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko [Alternating with Lab]

The three of them are virtualised.

Jeremie

Everything ok?

Odd

We’re good. The monsters must be sleeping. They need all the sleep they can get to recover from all the grief we’ve been giving them.

Jeremie

You have to get to the other end of the Sector to take the Transporter. I’m going to materialise your rides.

Jeremie loads up the Overboard and Overbike.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko [Alternating with Lab]

Aelita rides the Overboard with Odd. Odd is having fun, but Aelita looks a bit scared.

Odd

YAAAHOO!

Ulrich drives along the path while Odd flies parallel to it. He swoops in in front of Ulrich, who can’t help but smile.

Odd

Yeah!

Ulrich

Odd! You promised to be careful!

Odd comes up behind Ulrich.

Odd

No problem!

He zooms up over Ulrich’s head, and Ulrich ducks.

Jeremie

Go straight ahead and hurry up before the monsters get there.

##### Sector’s Edge, Forest Sector, Lyoko [Alternating with Lab]

They reach the edge of the Sector and slow to a stop.

Aelita

We made it, Jeremie!

Jeremie

Ok! I’m entering the code. Scipio.

Jeremie types in the code.

Odd

There’s the Transporter.

The white sphere flies up above the kids, now off their vehicles and standing close together. The Transporter picks them up.

Yumi phones Jeremie.

Yumi

Are you there, Jeremie?

Jeremie

Yumi?

Yumi

Everything ok?

Jeremie

Yumi!

##### Int. Ishiyama Bathroom – Night [Alternating with Lab]

Yumi sits on the side of the bathtub, wrapped in a towel. The water is still running; the bath is almost full and steam rises up from the water.

Yumi

Everything ok?

Jeremie

Yeah, they’re in the Transporter. All’s well!

Yumi (soft)

Tell them I’m thinking about them.

She hangs up and holds the phone to her lips before placing it on the ground. She turns off the tap, lets her towel drop to the floor, and gets into the bath. She leans back, looking troubled.

##### Arena, Sector 5, Lyoko [Alternating with Lab]

The Transporter arrives and drops Aelita, Odd and Ulrich off. Odd is in a catlike crouch.

Jeremie

Happy campers?

Ulrich

Yep! I’m beginning to get used to these little trips.

Odd stands up, holding his belly.

Odd (sick)

Ugh…not me. I shouldn’t have had that fifth dessert at lunch…!

Aelita

Jeremie, the wall’s about to open.

Jeremie

Right. Meaning the countdown’s going to start.

The Holomap disappears, replaced by a 3D image of Sector 5.

Jeremie

You’ve gotta find a way to deactivate it. That must be the answer to exploring further.

The Arena stops spinning and the exit appears. They run towards it.

Jeremie

Watch it, guys!

Ulrich

Everything’ll be fine! Odd promised to be careful!

Jeremie

It’s started!

He grips the end of the arm rest.

Jeremie (worried)

You know what’ll happen if Aelita loses her life points, don’t you?

##### Passageway, Sector 5, Lyoko

Ulrich

Don’t worry! We have no intention of losing her.

They stop and wait for the wall to open. The passageway opens up to reveal a long staircase. They run down it, Odd on all fours.

Aelita

The last time, there was a big room at the end of this hallway.

##### Core Zone, Sector 5, Lyoko [Alternating with Lab]

The three of them run out into a large, open room.

Jeremie

I’ve got a feeling the architecture of the Core Zone changes each time you go there.

Ulrich, Odd and Aelita stop at the edge of a platform.

Odd (sarcastic)

That’s a great help for finding our way around!

Ulrich

If we knew everything, we wouldn’t be exploring! Come on, let’s go.

He Supersprints off to his right and the other two follow him.

Jeremie

Look out! You’ve got two Creepers on your tail.

Two Creepers emerge from the way the kids came. The monsters fire at them as they go through a doorway, and Odd stops to return fire.

Odd

Laser arrow!

He fires just one arrow before following the other two.

Jeremie

You’ve only got three minutes left to stop the countdown. Get going!

They run into another room and look around.

Ulrich

That way.

He leads them to their left. They run past another doorway before doubling back.

Ulrich

Come on!

They run inside and end up in yet another large room. They run across a pathway with a lot of sharp turns and take the next exit…into another large room. Ulrich stops and looks around, a bit taken aback.

Ulrich

Haven’t we already been through here?!

Odd

How should I know? Everything looks the same in this place.

They run to their left. Aelita stops by a doorway.

Aelita

This way!

She runs inside, but gets shot backwards by a laser. A Creeper crawls towards them. Ulrich pulls Aelita to her feet and behind cover while Odd fires at the monster. He ducks behind the wall with Ulrich and Aelita when the Creeper shoots back.

Jeremie watches Aelita’s life point count.

Jeremie

Wow, forty life points in one go. (bangs fist on arm rest) Those Creepers sure are powerful.

Odd moves out in front of the doorway again and fires multiple laser arrows at the Creeper, destroying it. He flips out of the way of the explosion.

Odd

They’re powerful, and really ugly, too!

Ulrich

Jeremie, any ideas?

Jeremie

No, but I’ve got news for you: you’re in a labyrinth. Make a left at each fork and leave a mark there. If the way is already marked, then make a right.

Ulrich unsheathes his sabre and the three of them start running.

Odd

This is incredible! We’ll never get out of this thing!

Jeremie

You’d better!

They run through another doorway and Ulrich slashes the wall, leaving a mark.

Jeremie

Just two minutes left to try to find a way to stop the countdown!

They enter another room. This time, the only exit has bright light shining through it: the final exit. They stop and smile at the sight of it.

Aelita

We’re out, Jeremie! We made it!

Odd

Nothing like having a little luck on your side. Hey, Einstein, why complicate things, huh?

They run over to the door. It leads to nowhere. It’s just a small opening on the outside of the Core Zone.

Ulrich

Oh…oh, great. Now what do we do?

Odd

Jeremie, can you see anything from your end?

Jeremie

So you need me again, huh?

Jeremie opens a window and locates a key on a map.

Jeremie

Go back to where you were. I spotted a mechanism on the wall. Hurry! Time’s running out!

They run back into the room and stop to look around. Aelita spots the key on a wall to their left and points.

Aelita

There!

Odd runs over to the wall.

Odd

Let me at it.

Odd nimbly climbs up the small platforms making up the wall, stopping just underneath the key and looking up at it.

Jeremie

Fourteen. Thirteen. Twelve. Eleven. Ten.

Odd jumps up and leaps for the key, stretching out his hand.

Jeremie

Nine! Eight! Seven! Six! Five! Four!

Just as Odd is about to hit the key, he’s hit by a laser and sent flying away from it, falling towards the ground. He’s devirtualised.

Ulrich

NOOO!

He frowns at a Creeper as it approaches him and Aelita. The monster fires several times at very close range, hitting Ulrich.

Aelita

Ulrich!

Ulrich is devirtualised.

Jeremie

Aelita, the countdown is over. The room’s bound to change now.

The blocks making up the floor Aelita is standing on rise up, trapping her within four walls. The Creeper scampers off just before the room is sealed.

Jeremie

You ok?

Aelita

Well, no more Creepers. That’s a start.

Jeremie

Don’t worry. I’ll rematerialise Odd and Ulrich, and I’ll get you out of there.

Jeremie brings up the materialisation window.

Jeremie

Come on…come on…!

A flashing red exclamation mark appears.

##### Int. Scanner Room – Night

Jeremie checks the scanners, distressed. They’re all empty.

Jeremie

Oh no…

##### Core Zone, Sector 5, Lyoko [Alternating with Lab]

Jeremie (distressed)

Aelita! Odd and Ulrich didn’t come back!

Aelita (upset)

What? But…that’s impossible! Are they lost?

Jeremie has his head in his hands.

Jeremie

For the moment, they are.

Aelita

So there’s no rematerialisation from Sector 5?

Jeremie

Sure there is! Once we find the right program…!

Aelita

And do you think you can find it?

Jeremie (distressed)

It’s probably as easy as finding your antivirus! But don’t worry! I’m going to do the impossible.

##### Int. Ishiyama Living Room – Night

The Ishiyama family are all in the room. Akiko sits by the table reading a magazine. Hiroki is on the steps playing on a silver GameBoy Advance SP with the volume turned up loud. Yumi and Takeho sit on opposite sides of a Go table. Yumi looks a bit frustrated.

Yumi (annoyed)

Hiroki, could you make some *more* noise, please?

Hiroki

Sorry, Yumi, the volume’s as high as it goes.

Takeho (stern)

Hiroki…

Hiroki grumbles and gets up.

Akiko

Go into the other room, Hiroki. Go on, now.

Hiroki leaves the room. Yumi’s phone vibrates on the floor next to her, indicating that she’s receiving a call.

Takeho

I pass.

Yumi presses a button to cancel the call.

Yumi

Me too, I pass.

Takeho

Then the game is over! (laughs) I have five points more than you!

Yumi

On the goban, yes! Don’t forget that I played the whites. With komi, I win by half a point.

Goban is the name of the board on which Go is played. Komi is a compensation rule that gives the white side more points to make up for black making the first move.

Takeho

Oh…

Yumi yawns and stretches.

Yumi

Well, it’s bed time.

She picks up her phone and stands up.

Yumi

Good night.

Akiko

Good night, my dear.

Yumi leaves the room.

##### Int. Ishiyama House – Night [Alternating with Lab]

Yumi stops just outside the door and calls Jeremie back.

Yumi (whispering)

Jeremie…how’s it going?

Jeremie

Badly! Head for the factory!

##### Core Zone, Sector 5, Lyoko [Alternating with Lab]

Aelita feels the wall, trying to find a way out. Suddenly, the Scyphozoa is heard. Aelita slowly turns her head, looking worried.

Aelita

Jeremie… Can you hear that?

A monster approaches Aelita on Jeremie’s map.

Jeremie

It’s the Scyphozoa! It’s heading towards you! Stay calm. Yumi’s coming.

Aelita presses herself against the wall as the noises draw closer.

##### Int. Yumi’s Room – Night

Akiko opens the door.

Akiko

Yumi? Can I come in? I want to talk to you for a minute.

She walks over to the bed. There’s a lump under the covers, but on close inspection Yumi clearly made it by shoving a lot of her belongings under there to hide her disappearance. Akiko pulls back the covers to reveal Yumi’s plush toy. She gasps in surprise and horror, then looks over to the window.

Akiko (horrified)

Yumi?!

##### Int. Factory – Night [Alternating with Lab]

Yumi swings down the rope and gets into the lift, calling Jeremie.

Yumi

Jeremie, I’m in the elevator.

Jeremie

You have to get Aelita in Sector 5. The Scyphozoa is there!

Yumi

What about Odd and Ulrich?

Jeremie

You want the best case scenario?

Yumi

I’d rather!

Jeremie

I’ve got about a one in a million chance of finding the right code to bring them back.

Yumi lowers her phone from her ear, looking sad.

##### Ext. Gates – Night

Jim and Delmas stand outside the gates in their pyjamas, looking tired. Jim yawns. Akiko and Takeho get out of their car. Takeho shakes Delmas’s hand.

Takeho

So sorry to bother you at such a late hour, Headmaster Delmas.

Akiko

But we’re very worried…

Delmas

Yes, yes, I understand, but it’s quite possible that Yumi is somewhere on the campus!

Jim

Why sure! She’s probably hanging out with her little gang of friends. Come on.

Jim leads them onto the grounds.

##### Mountain Sector, Lyoko [Alternating with Lab]

Yumi races across the Sector on her Overwing.

Jeremie

You’re on the edge of the Territory, Yumi. Better be careful: XANA’s going to do all he can to prevent you from taking the Transporter.

Yumi flies past two Kankrelats, not noticing them. One of them fires and destroys the Overwing. Yumi rolls and breaks into a run.

Yumi (panting)

Jeremie…enter…the code!

He does as she requests and the Transporter rises up into view. Yumi cartwheels to the edge of the platform, looking back at the monsters and gasping just as the sphere reaches her.

Jeremie

Yumi?!

##### Int. Dormitory Hallway – Night

The four adults look inside Jeremie’s empty room.

Jim

Huh! No one’s here.

Delmas

No one’s in Stern’s room either.

Sissi

Looking for someone?

They turn to find Sissi standing there, still in her day clothes.

Delmas

Uh, Sissi. Would you know where your friends Stern, Belpois and Della Robbia might be?

She slowly approaches the door to Odd and Ulrich’s room.

Sissi

Probably up to no good, as usual. But I don’t know where, although…their little mascot can find them for you.

Delmas

Mascot?

Sissi swings the door wide open and walks inside.

Delmas

What mascot?

She goes over to Odd’s closet and pulls open the top drawer. Kiwi is inside, in among a mess of dog toys, medicine, open packets of food and various personal effects.

Sissi

Tadaaa!

Jim

A flea-bitten, mangy mutt! Huh! Well excuse me, Mister Delmas.

Sissi holds her nose as she presents one of Odd’s socks to Kiwi, who sniffs it eagerly.

Sissi

Eww… Hey, you little puppy, where’s your master, huh?

Jim

Huh!

She drops the sock and points to the door.

Sissi

Go get ‘im!

Kiwi runs out of the room and around the adults’ legs.

Akiko

Let’s follow him!

They follow Kiwi at a walk. Sissi is the last to go, and she chuckles.

##### Core Zone, Sector 5, Lyoko [Alternating with Lab]

Jeremie

Hang in there, Aelita. Yumi’s on the way!

Aelita

I hope so.

The wall opens in front of her.

##### Arena, Sector 5, Lyoko

Jeremie

Yumi, can you hear me?

Yumi

Yes. I’m in the Arena. The Transporter got to me just in time. Horrible Kankrelat.

The room stops spinning and the exit opens up. She runs outside.

##### Passageway, Sector 5, Lyoko

Jeremie

Listen up, now. You have to get to the corridor and trigger the mechanism before the countdown runs out, ok?

The passage opens up into a staircase like the one the others encountered earlier. Yumi runs down it.

Yumi

Ok.

Jeremie

If I’m right about how the Core Zone functions, my plan should work.

##### Ext. Park – Night

Kiwi sniffs at the manhole cover while the four adults emerge from the trees.

Jim

Huh! What’s the matter with that hound?

He walks forward and notices the manhole.

Jim

Oh, I don’t believe it!

Jim starts to climb down.

Jim

This reminds me of when I used to work in the sewers…

Delmas

You uh, used to work in the sewers, Jim?

Jim

I uh, I’d rather not talk about it.

##### Core Zone, Sector 5, Lyoko

The Scyphozoa glides through the gap. Aelita backs away slowly.

##### Core Zone, Sector 5, Lyoko [Alternating with Lab]

Jeremie

Only two minutes left, Yumi!

Yumi exits the passage into a large room of the Core Zone. The path through it is criss-crossed with red laser beams. Yumi runs up and flips into the mess of beams, and grazes her arm on one before she reaches the ground. She cries out and holds her injured arm as she lands.

Jeremie

Down to ten points, Yumi! This is not the time to mess up.

Yumi scoots underneath the next beam and then picks herself up. She steps over the next beam while ducking under another, and finds herself in a clearing – but more beams lie ahead. She looks worried.

##### Int. Sewers – Night

Jim is holding a skateboard. Kiwi barks.

Jim

That’s weird. Yah!

Kiwi starts pulling at one of Jim’s bear slippers, and he frowns in annoyance.

Delmas (impatient)

Jim, we’re wasting time.

Jim and Kiwi have a tug-of-war with the slipper. Kiwi growls.

Jim

Would you let go of that slipper, you flea-bitten… Come on! Let go of it!

They both let go at the same time and the slipper flies through the air, landing in the water beside the group.

##### Core Zone, Sector 5, Lyoko

The Scyphozoa wraps its tentacles around Aelita.

Aelita

No…

She’s lifted up into the air. The Scyphozoa starts extracting her memory.

##### Core Zone, Sector 5, Lyoko [Alternating with Lab]

Jeremie

Yumi, this is no time to drag your feet!

Yumi flips through the rest of the laser beams.

Jeremie

I’ve located the mechanism. It’s on your right. You have ten seconds.

Yumi spots the key on the right-hand wall at the end of the path in front of her. She runs towards it.

Jeremie

Two seconds!

Yumi hits the key. The layers on it depress into a single, flat shape (the eye of XANA) and the door opens.

Yumi

It works, Jeremie!

Jeremie

The whole Zone is being reconfigured.

##### Core Zone, Sector 5, Lyoko

A wall rises up between Aelita and the Scyphozoa, cutting the monster off and causing Aelita to fall to the floor.

Jeremie

We did it! Aelita, take the access behind you.

The wall behind Aelita lowers, and she runs in that direction.

##### Elevator, Sector 5, Lyoko

Yumi runs to the end of her path and stops. There’s nowhere else to go – until the Elevator swings past her.

Yumi

Wow! It’s some kind of elevator!

Jeremie

You know what we do with elevators, right?

Yumi anticipates the next rotation and prepares herself. When it comes past, she jumps onto it.

Yumi

We ride ‘em!

The Elevator switches from a horizontal track to a vertical one. Yumi smiles as she watches the scenery fly by.

Aelita

Yumi!

Aelita calls out to her from a similar exit to the one Yumi found herself on earlier. The Elevator whizzes straight past. It switches directions again.

Jeremie

Try to grab Aelita as you go by!

Yumi leans out and reaches out her arm. Aelita does the same. They catch each other’s hands, and Yumi pulls Aelita onto the Elevator with her.

Aelita

Where are you taking me?

Yumi

I have no idea.

The Elevator stops and the girls look surprised. They run to the end of it, where there seems to be a closed door. The wall opens up, allowing them to run through.

##### Celestial Dome, Sector 5, Lyoko [Alternating with Lab]

The girls run to the end of a long platform sticking out from the main sphere of Sector 5. An interface floats at the very end of it.

Yumi

There’s an interface!

Aelita

I can get in.

Aelita approaches and starts working at the interface.

Aelita

Incredible!

Jeremie

What?

Aelita

It’s unbelievable. The interface gives access…to XANA’s own data!

Jeremie

Huh?!

Aelita

Sector 5…is where XANA lives!

Lumps begin to form on the outer dome.

Yumi

XANA’s not a very good housekeeper. There are some weird things hanging around this place…

Aelita

I’ve got access to all kinds of data, it’s *crazy*!

Jeremie

Look for the specific devirtualisation code for Sector 5. If you find it, we can rescue Odd and Ulrich!

The lumps in the wall hatch and three Mantas emerge from them. They glide slowly towards the girls.

Yumi

Jeremie, I’m going to need the Overwing.

A flashing red exclamation mark appears on Jeremie’s screen when he tries to type.

Jeremie

Uh-oh, bad news… When Aelita’s working on that interface, I can’t do anything from my end!

Aelita

I think I found it. I’m transmitting it to you.

Aelita stops working and turns to look at Yumi, who’s watching the monsters.

Jeremie

Ok. I’m taking over again now.

He starts typing.

##### Int. Factory – Night

Jim, Delmas and the Ishiyama parents arrive in the factory and look around, stunned.

Delmas

What would a nice girl like Yumi be doing here?!

Jim

Where are we, anyway?

##### Celestial Dome, Sector 5, Lyoko

The Mantas reach the Yumi and Aelita, flying above them menacingly. They flinch every time one of the monsters makes a pass.

Yumi (impatient)

Jeremie, the Overwing! Now!

Jeremie

It’s on the way!

The Overwing appears at the end of the platform. They jump on and fly away.

Yumi

How do we get outta here?

Aelita notes the four tunnels leading out of the Sector.

Aelita

There are some tunnels.

A Manta starts firing at them, and Yumi dodges the lasers.

Yumi

They’re closed!

Jeremie

Let’s see… Tunnels… What if…what if they corresponded to those that open onto the Arena?

Jeremie starts working on one of the tunnels.

Yumi dodges another laser.

Jeremie gets into a tunnel. An increasing percentage appears on his screen, showing it opening.

Jeremie (excited)

Yippee! It works!

The data stops flowing from Sector 5 to the connected surface Sector, leaving the tunnel open.

Yumi

Nice one, Einstein!

The girls fly towards the tunnel, still pursued by the Mantas. Yumi frowns in concentration as she steers the Overwing into the tunnel. A Manta comes up in front of them and fires, hitting Yumi and knocking her off the vehicle and devirtualising her.

Aelita

Yumi!

Aelita moves forward and grabs the handlebars, flying right between the three Mantas with no issues from the monsters. She goes into the tunnel.

##### Mountain Sector, Lyoko

Aelita exits a tower.

Aelita

Jeremie, I get out through a Way Tower!

Jeremie

Ok, now get to a neutral tower. I’ll bring you in!

##### Int. Lab – Night

Jeremie types away.

Jeremie

Ok, I’m ready, Aelita. Code: Earth.

##### Int. Scanner Room – Night [Alternating with Lab]

Aelita steps partway out of the scanner after rematerialising, leaning on the scanner for support.

Aelita

It’s ok, Jeremie. I’m here. But what about the others?

Jeremie

I’m entering the new code! Materialisation Yumi! Materialisation Odd! Materialisation Ulrich!

He removes the headset.

Jeremie

Now all we can do is hope…

Aelita clasps her hands together in front of her face. The lift opens and Jeremie walks up to her and takes her hand. The scanners whir to life and the room lights up. The doors open and steam pours out. Their three friends are inside, weak but alive.

Jeremie

Yeah!

Aelita

Oh! We did it!

Jeremie walks up to Odd, who’s on his hands and knees, and holds his arm.

Jeremie

Odd! How do you feel? Say something!

Odd manages a smile through his fatigue.

Odd (weak)

Something…

##### Int. Lift – Night

The five friends head back to the ground floor. Yumi is supporting Odd, who has his eyes closed. Ulrich is leaning on Aelita.

##### Int. Factory – Night

When the lift door opens, Kiwi immediately crawls inside and jumps up at Yumi and Odd. Odd catches him, surprised.

Odd

Kiwi…!

Takeho

Yumi? What are you doing here?

Delmas

I believe you all have some explaining to do.

Ulrich glances back at Jeremie, who nods. Jeremie hits the lift button. Jim grabs Ulrich’s arm, and Yumi and Odd walk out. Aelita sprints out of the lift, creating a distraction.

Jim

Hey!

Delmas

Huh?!

##### Int. Lift – Night

Jim ducks into the lift just as the door is closing.

Jim

Aha! Trying to outsmart me, huh?

The lift descends.

##### Int. lab – Night

The doors open. Jeremie walks out, but Jim is so stunned by what he sees that he doesn’t move.

Jim

What the… Belpois! W-what…what is this place?

Jeremie

Nothing rings a bell, Jim? Funny, ‘cause you’ve been here before!

Jim takes a few steps inside.

Jim

What are you talking about? I’d have remembered this!

Jeremie is working on the return to the past.

Jeremie

Well, yes and no.

Jim

Huh?

Jeremie

Return to the past now.

The white light erupts from the Holosphere, spreading out and engulfing everything.

##### Ext. Gates – Day

Takeho

So then, you still refuse to give us an explanation?

Yumi

Alright, I’ll tell you. I-I’m in love.

Takeho puts his arm around Akiko. Odd and Ulrich watch from inside the fence, but out of earshot. Odd waves.

Takeho

Ah, Yumi… I knew there was a reason!

Akiko

And would you tell us your boyfriend’s name?

Yumi

No. Sorry, I won’t, Mum. See you tonight.

She waves and walks over to the gate. Her parents wave back. Yumi sticks her tongue out at Sissi as she walks past, and Sissi looks taken aback. Yumi walks up to Odd and Ulrich.

Ulrich

Well, that sure seemed to satisfy your parents. What did you tell them?

Yumi brushes some hair out of her face.

Yumi

The truth.

She and Ulrich smile at each other.