# Code Lyoko

## Episode 32: “Saint Valentine’s Day”

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##### Int. Dormitory Hallway – Night

A courier walks up to Aelita’s door and leaves a small, gift-wrapped package on the floor.

##### Int. Aelita’s Room – Night

Aelita talks in her sleep.

Aelita

No…stop! Stop, let me go…!

Her computer wakes up and beeps, startling Aelita awake. There’s a rotating 3D image of a smiling face on the screen. She gets up and clicks on it. A 3D image of a gift-wrapped box takes its place. There’s a knock at her door.

##### Int. Dormitory Hallway – Night

Aelita opens the door and looks out. There’s nobody there.

Aelita

But what could…?

She keeps looking up and down the hallway. Eventually she spots the gift at her feet.

##### Int. Aelita’s Room – Night

Aelita sits on her bed and unwraps the package. Inside is a necklace: round and pink, with a plain, black string. She holds it up and it swings back and forth gently. As it moves, the pink inside swirls with a kind of hypnotic effect, and it makes a strange sound.

##### Int. Dormitory Hallway – Night

The courier walks out of a door.

Jim

Hey, you!

The courier stops. Jim stands in his doorway in his pyjamas, hands on his hips.

Jim (annoyed)

What are you doing here?

The courier smirks. The eye of XANA pulses in his eyes.

Jim (annoyed)

No one’s allowed in the dormitory without my authorisation. How did you get in here?

Jim approaches the courier, who holds out a hand, silencing Jim’s protests. An orange swirl of electricity appears on the palm of his hand and spreads out to the tips of his fingers. He holds his hand close to Jim’s face, and the electricity jumps out and dances on Jim’s skin.

Jim

Well, uh…

The courier lowers his hand and steps back. Orange electricity flows through his body and he leaps up to the ceiling.

Jim

Hey!

Jim looks up at the ceiling, stunned. The courier uses the orange electricity to attach himself to the ceiling. Jim stares, mouth wide open. The courier grins, and then crawls away across the ceiling. Jim remains frozen with shock.

##### Int. Girls’ Bathroom – Day

Yumi holds up the necklace in the mirror.

Yumi

Plain, but not bad!

Aelita

But I wonder who gave it to me! And why.

Yumi

Why? I might have an idea. You know what day it is today?

Yumi hands the necklace back to Aelita.

Aelita

Uuh… Tuesday!

Yumi

Yes, but not just any Tuesday! It’s Saint Valentine’s Day! The day all lovers celebrate.

Aelita

Lovers?

Yumi

Yes, and I can guess exactly which boy might want to give you a present, can’t you?

Aelita smiles contentedly down at the necklace in her hand.

##### Ext. Arches – Day

Ulrich, Jeremie and Odd walk together.

Odd

Hey! There’s Aelita.

Aelita runs up to them. She’s wearing the necklace.

Aelita

Thanks, Jeremie!

Ulrich (teasing)

You know, the first time I see someone in the morning, I tend to say, “good morning!” But then again, maybe I’m a little old fashioned.

Aelita

For the necklace! Thank you.

Jeremie

The um…necklace?

Aelita

Your Valentine’s Day present! It’s lovely.

Jeremie

Uhh…yeah! Um… Well, you’re welcome! It’s only natural, heh!

Aelita blushes.

Aelita

Well…see you in history class!

Jeremie

See you, Aelita!

Aelita walks off. Jeremie turns to watch her go, looking confused.

Ulrich

You didn’t give it to her, did you?

Jeremie

Was it that obvious?

Ulrich

Yeah! But lucky for you, love has made Aelita blind.

Jeremie

Oh, come on, Ulrich.

Ulrich smiles.

##### Int. Classroom – Day

Fumey

Most historians believe that Valentine’s Day is associated with the Roman…

Jeremie leans over to Ulrich, who’s sitting across the aisle, writing something.

Jeremie (quiet)

Hey, Ulrich! It wouldn’t be you who gave her that necklace, by any chance?

Ulrich (quiet)

You out of your mind or something? I didn’t even know it was Valentine’s Day.

Jeremie frowns. Ulrich goes back to his writing.

Fumey

These celebrations mark the first day of the Roman spring, an important day in ancient Rome. They…

Ulrich (quiet)

Jeremie?

Jeremie

Huh?

Ulrich (quiet)

What rhymes with uh…tulip?

Jeremie (quiet, annoyed)

I don’t know. Microchip? Paperclip? *Hypocrite*?

Ulrich (quiet)

Ok, never mind…

Ulrich has doodled various strange things on his piece of paper. He starts mindlessly drawing again.

Jeremie (quiet)

What are you writing?

Ulrich (quiet, defensive)

Nothing!

Jeremie (quiet)

A poem?

Ulrich (quiet, defensive)

No.

Jeremie (quiet)

Is it for Yumi?

Ulrich (quiet, defensive)

No. It’s…biology homework.

Jeremie frowns.

Jeremie (quiet)

Biology homework that rhymes, huh? That’s interesting!

Ulrich shrugs. Jeremie turns to Odd, who’s sitting next to him.

Jeremie (quiet)

Odd. The necklace. It wasn’t you, was it?

Odd stops writing and smiles before turning to Jeremie.

Odd (quiet)

Do I have to remind you that Aelita is supposed to be my cousin?

Jeremie (quiet, annoyed)

Yes, except that we both know she isn’t your cousin!

Odd (quiet)

Yeah, what if it was me? Aelita isn’t your property as far as I know.

Jeremie (angry)

Aha! You see? You admit it!

Odd (quiet, annoyed)

I didn’t admit anything!

Jeremie stands up and points accusingly.

Jeremie (angry)

You’ve just said it was you!

Odd (annoyed)

Hey, have you gone bananas?

Odd stands up as well.

Odd (yelling, angry)

Your eyesight’s not great, but your hearing’s worse!

Jeremie (angry)

I-

Fumey clears his throat, getting their attention. Everyone is staring at them.

Fumey (annoyed)

If you have more important subjects to discuss than today’s lesson, I suggest you do so in the principal’s office!

Odd and Jeremie look down at the floor, ashamed.

##### Int. Principal’s Office – Day

Delmas taps his finger on the desk as he looks at Odd and Jeremie.

Delmas

In your case, Odd, this comes as no surprise. But you, Jeremie! A model student in all areas. I simply don’t understand.

Jeremie

Well…uh…

Delmas

Two hours of detention should help you to find some more convincing arguments. And you’re lucky it’s Valentine’s Day, or I’d have given you at least four!

##### Int. Secretary’s Office – Day

Odd and Jeremie walk out of the principal’s office, heads hanging. Weber watches them pass.

##### Int. Admin Building – Day

Jeremie (annoyed)

I’m still waiting for an answer.

Odd

Hey, why don’t we call a truce, ok?

Jeremie (annoyed)

Was it you who gave her the necklace, yes or no?

Odd

Ok then, no truce.

Odd walks away and Jeremie folds his arms, turning away.

##### Ext. Quad – Day

Jeremie sulks on a bench. Yumi is standing, leaning on his bench. Ulrich sits on another bench beside it.

Ulrich

Come on, Einstein. It’s stupid to fight over such a little thing.

Yumi

He’s right! What’s more, Odd has every right to give Aelita a present if he wants to!

Sissi

Uh, Ulrich? Could I talk to you for a second?

The three of them look up to see Sissi standing by Ulrich’s bench, holding a pink envelope sealed with a star-shaped sticker.

Ulrich

Well, only if it’s really important.

She holds up the envelope.

Ulrich

For me?

Yumi frowns. Sissi sits down next to Ulrich.

Ulrich (ugh)

Is this for Valentine’s Day?

Sissi (sarcastic)

No, it’s for Christmas. (laughs) Of course it’s for Valentine’s Day! What do you think, hm? Come on, open it, stupid!

Ulrich opens the envelope and takes out a red piece of paper.

Ulrich (amazed)

Wow! A ticket to the Subsonics concert!

Sissi

Isn’t that your favourite group?

Yumi pouts.

Ulrich

Well…yeah!

Yumi

I must be dreaming…

William

Yumi! I’ve got something for you.

William has approached her. He holds out a bunch of flowers: mostly red roses, with a couple of pink and white flowers of another variety.

Yumi

Oh! Thank you, William!

Yumi smiles, and William smiles back.

Ulrich

I must be dreaming…

Ulrich reaches into his pocket and takes out a sheet of paper.

Ulrich (loud, forced)

Sissi? I wrote you a little poem!

Yumi looks back over and frowns again.

Ulrich (forced)

To tell you how much I flip, if not with a tulip;

Sissi smiles widely. William looks over as well.

Ulrich (forced)

How I’m a victim of your charms, and long to hold you in my arms; With you I never f…feel gloomy, my little uh…Sissi.

Sissi

Oh, Ulrich! It rhymes! It’s so beautiful!

Yumi (forced)

William! Your bouquet is beautiful! How did you know that I liked roses?

William

I didn’t! But I figured you were like all the other girls.

Yumi looks taken aback.

Ulrich (sarcastic)

How romantic, William! Ha!

Yumi (forced)

Just a bit awkward! Thank you, William. You couldn’t have made me happier.

Ulrich frowns. Yumi leans over and places a kiss on William’s cheek. William blushes. Ulrich’s frown deepens.

##### Int. Girls’ Bathroom – Day

Aelita leans over the sink. Pink electricity flows from the necklace up into her eyes, and her vision clouds over. She runs the tap and splashes water over her face to try and clear her vision, but it doesn’t work. She whines as the electricity crackles around her eyes and hands. When she opens her eyes, the eye of XANA pulses there.

##### Ext. Quad – Day

Jeremie stands between Yumi and Ulrich, sitting and sulking on a bench each.

Jeremie

Look, it’s ridiculous to fight over such a puny little thing. William had every right to give Yumi a present. And so did Sissi with Ulrich, right?

Ulrich

Hey, I don’t think *you’re* the one to talk right now, ok?

Jeremie arches an eyebrow and then looks around.

Jeremie

Um, by the way, does anyone know where Aelita is?

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

A tower has been activated.

##### Int. Science Classroom – Day

Students chatter as they move to their seats.

Hertz

Settle down, and take your seats! Please open your textbooks to page twenty-seven: the anatomical structure of muscles.

The eye of XANA appears briefly in XANA-Aelita’s eyes. She’s seated beside Jeremie.

Jeremie (quiet)

Where were you? I looked for you everywhere.

XANA-Aelita (quiet)

I was…um…uh…

The necklace glows.

XANA-Aelita (quiet)

Do you think that we could go to Sector 5, after class? I know where to find the data for making the antivirus!

Jeremie (quiet)

The one that’ll free you from XANA? You mean to say it…it just came to you, just like that?!

XANA-Aelita (quiet)

Let’s just say that your necklace…inspired me!

Jeremie looks back at Odd and Ulrich, who are sharing a desk in another row of tables.

Jeremie (quiet)

The problem is that given everybody’s bad mood today, I doubt that Odd or Ulrich *or* Yumi are going to want to go with you.

XANA-Aelita (quiet)

I can go by myself!

Jeremie (quiet)

No, it’s too dangerous. Don’t forget XANA’s willing to go to any extreme to steal your memory, Aelita.

XANA-Aelita frowns, and the eye of XANA appears briefly again.

XANA-Aelita (quiet)

Please, Jeremie. I’m positive I’m on the right track. And with an Overboard, I’m sure I can get away from the monsters! Even the latest ones, like the Scyphozoa!

XANA-Aelita smiles.

XANA-Aelita (quiet, flirty)

Pleeease?

She leans over and kisses Jeremie’s cheek. Jeremie is so shocked he falls sideways out of his chair, flinging paper, pen and textbook up into the air with him. He falls to the floor. XANA-Aelita watches, surprised, and it grabs the attention of the whole class.

Hertz

Oh! Why, Jeremie!

All the students laugh. Jeremie looks ashamed.

##### Int. Principal’s Office

Delmas

That’s…two more hours. Four hours of detention. I’m going to have to suspend you if you do anything else!

Jeremie looks up, shocked.

##### Int. Secretary’s Office – Day

Jeremie walks out, past Weber.

##### Int. Principal’s Office – Day

Delmas (annoyed)

Jim sees Spider-Man stuck to the ceiling, my best pupil is acting like a clown…

He rubs his eyebrow.

Delmas (annoyed)

Valentine’s Day is making everyone crazy!

##### Int. Dormitory Hallway – Day

Jeremie walks back to his room, head hanging. He has a signed document behind his back. XANA-Aelita and Yumi are waiting for him outside his door.

XANA-Aelita

Yumi says she’ll go with me to Lyoko!

Yumi smiles and nods. Jeremie walks into his room.

Jeremie

After everything that’s happened today, it’ll be nice to get *something* accomplished!

The eye of XANA appears briefly in XANA-Aelita’s eyes.

##### Int. Sewers – Day

Jeremie, XANA- Aelita and Yumi make their way through the sewers. XANA-Aelita wears a blank stare, with the eye of XANA in her eyes.

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

Jeremie gets out of the lift and goes to the chair. The eye of XANA is still in XANA-Aelita’s eyes.

Jeremie

Ready, ladies? I’m starting up the process.

The girls get into the scanners.

Jeremie

Transfer, Yumi. Transfer, Aelita. Scanner, Yumi! Scanner, Aelita. Virtualisation! Hey! That’s weird!

When Aelita’s avatar loads up, the computer detects something strange on her person. Jeremie frowns, intrigued.

The necklace pulses brightly as XANA-Aelita is virtualised.

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

Yumi and XANA-Aelita arrive safely.

Jeremie

Vehicles for the ladies, coming right up.

He brings up the Overboard and Overwing.

Jeremie

Materialisation.

The vehicles appear in front of XANA-Aelita and Yumi.

Jeremie

You need to go due east to get to the edge of the Sector.

XANA-Aelita

No way. I’m heading north.

Jeremie adjusts his headset.

Jeremie

But…I don’t understand! You’re supposed to go to Sector 5!

XANA-Aelita stands close to Yumi.

XANA-Aelita

Sorry, Yumi.

Before Yumi can react, XANA-Aelita sweeps her legs out from underneath her with a low kick, and then kicks her mid-fall, sending her flying into a tree. Yumi weakly sits up and then goes still, unconscious. XANA-Aelita jumps on the Overboard and rides away.

Jeremie

Yumi?! Aelita! What’s going on?! Yumi, can you hear me? Are you ok?

Yumi stirs. She sits up and rubs her head.

Yumi (weak)

I’d be lying if I said I was. What’s gotten into her?

Jeremie

I don’t know! She’s lost it! You’ve absolutely gotta stop her. She’s headed due north.

Yumi jumps on the Overwing and heads off.

Yumi

Ok, I’ll try. But I’m gonna need some backup.

Jeremie

I’m on it.

##### Ext. Arches – Day [Alternating with Lab]

Odd paces while he speaks to Jeremie on the phone.

Odd (annoyed)

Jeremie, we’re supposed to be doing two hours of detention now. Speak slower, I can’t understand a word! …hm? An attack by XANA. Is that all you can think of as an excuse for us to make up?

Jeremie

Odd, listen to me. It’s an emergency. Just…get over here now!

Jim takes Odd’s phone out of his hand.

Jim

No cell phones in detention. Where is Jeremie Belpois?

Jeremie can hear Jim talking on the other end of the phone.

Jeremie

Odd! Odd? Can you hear me?

##### Int. Sissi’s Room – Day

Ulrich is sitting on Sissi’s bed, looking a bit uncomfortable.

Sissi

Relax, Ulrich!

Sissi sifts through a pile of CDs on her desk and holds one up.

Sissi

Surprise! The latest Subsonics CD, look! Not bad for getting in the mood before going to the concert.

After putting the CD in the stereo, Sissi sits next to Ulrich and leans in close to his face. The music, “Break Away,” starts playing.

Ulrich

Uhh…uh, Sissi…uh, l-listen…

Sissi (flirty)

You’re right. Let’s not talk!

She leans in and whispers in his ear.

Sissi (whispering, flirty)

Let’s listen.

Ulrich’s phone rings and he picks up.

Ulrich

Hello? Yeah. Yeah. Jeremie. Ok.

Ulrich gets up, to Sissi’s surprise.

Ulrich

I’ll be right there. Right. I’ll take care of it.

Sissi (surprised)

Hey! Where are you going?

Ulrich puts his phone back in his pocket.

Ulrich

Jeremie just reminded me of a really important thing I have to do.

Sissi

What?

Ulrich

Uh, well…leave.

Sissi looks upset. Ulrich leaves, closing the door behind him. Sissi frowns.

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

Yumi pursues XANA-Aelita on the Overwing.

Yumi

Ok, Jeremie. I see her!

Jeremie is looking at the screen that came up during the transfer, showing the anomaly on Aelita’s person.

Jeremie

Yumi, do you know how Aelita got that necklace?

Yumi

I think she found it on her doorstep. Do you think XANA could have put it there?

Jeremie

I’m launching the Superscan. We’ll know in a minute!

The Superscan starts up.

Jeremie

In my opinion, it’s that dumb necklace that gives XANA control over Aelita! He wants to lead her straight to the Scyphozoa!

The scan finds an activated tower.

Jeremie

Oh, no. That’s exactly what I was afraid of! Looks like XANA’s activated a tower!

Yumi gains on XANA-Aelita.

Yumi

Don’t panic, Jeremie. I’ve just about caught up to her.

XANA-Aelita glares back at Yumi and then concentrates on piloting the Overboard, speeding up. Yumi follows close behind.

Yumi

And I was about to say this was too easy!

The pathway they’re flying across opens out into a wide platform, where two Krabs stand waiting. They lean out of the way to let XANA-Aelita fly through, then straighten up again to block Yumi’s path. They fire many lasers in quick succession, hitting and destroying the Overwing.

Yumi rolls into a crouch and then stands up to face her enemies. The monsters charge their lasers again and Yumi performs a series of flips in order to dodge them. She takes out a fan and throws it. It flies right between the two monsters, nowhere near either of the monsters’ targets, and then returns to Yumi’s hand.

Yumi

Jeremie. I don’t want to sound pessimistic, but if Ulrich and Odd could hurry up a bit…!

##### Int. Classroom – Day [Alternating with Lab]

Ulrich and Odd stand in front of Jim at the front of the classroom.

Ulrich

You see, Jim, Aelita’s got a hundred-and-four fever. So, naturally, she wants to see her cousin. He’s her only family!

That’s forty degrees Celsius.

Jim

A minute ago it was a hundred and three.

Ulrich

Right, her temperature…keeps going up by the minute! (nervous laugh)

Jim leans in close, annoyed.

Jim (annoyed)

What do you take me, for some kind of idiot?!

Ulrich

Well uh…no. No, Jim.

Ulrich’s phone rings.

Ulrich

Ah, excuse me. (answers phone) Yeah. Well, no…Jim doesn’t believe me. About *Aelita’s fever*.

Jeremie

Ok. Put him on, Ulrich.

Jeremie types. A program opens up next to the phone call window. It cycles through photos of various students and teachers before stopping on Delmas.

Ulrich hands Jim the phone.

Ulrich

Here you are, Jim. It’s…it’s for you.

Jim holds the phone to his ear.

Jim

Yes? (straightens up) Yes? Oh, of course! I-I understand, Mister Delmas.

Ulrich

Huh?

Jeremie

Do you hear me, Jim?! Let Della Robbia see…

Jeremie (over phone, Delmas’s voice)

…his cousin.

Jim

Uh…very well. W-whatever you say, Sir.

Jim turns away from Odd and Ulrich.

Jim

Say, um, ah… Uh, when you have time, could I speak to you about a…personal matter?

Odd and Ulrich look at each other.

Jim

It’s about Suzanne Hertz.

Jeremie

I…well uh…I um…

Jeremie types.

Jeremie

Oh, it’s a tunnel! Uh, we’re about to get cut off!

Jeremie ends the phone call.

Jim holds the phone in front of his face, looking surprised.

##### Ext. Cafeteria – Day [Alternating with Lab]

Odd and Ulrich walk towards the park. Ulrich is on the phone with Jeremie again.

Ulrich

How did you manage that with the principal?

Jeremie

I wrote a new program! Stern, Della Robbia.

Jeremie (over phone, Delmas’s voice)

Hurry up. Things are getting hot here.

Ulrich stops, mouth open in shock.

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

Yumi runs across the platform with both her fans out. She does a flip to dodge a laser and keeps running, glancing back at the Krabs pursuing her. She ducks to avoid another laser. Both Krabs fire at the same time, and Yumi changes direction to avoid the attack. She then runs partway up a tree and pushes herself off, landing on one of the Krabs. She jumps up again and throws both her fans right into the monster’s eye of XANA. It explodes.

Yumi

That’s one down.

She hears her fans returning and holds up her hands to catch them – but only one fan returns. She looks at her empty hand.

Yumi

That’s one fan down as well.

The second Krab fires, knocking the fan out of Yumi’s hand. It sticks into the ground behind her. As the Krab walks closer, Yumi uses her telekinesis to bring her fan back into her hand. Yet again, the Krab shoots the weapon out of her hand. Yumi runs away from the monster, zigzagging to dodge lasers.

Yumi (desperate)

Jeremie! Tell me you’ve reprogrammed a new vehicle!

Jeremie

Don’t worry! Give me ten seconds.

Yumi keeps running and zigzagging, the Krab right behind her. Finally, the Overwing appears on the path in front of her. She jumps on and loops backwards, flying right past the Krab.

Jeremie

Yeah! Nice going, Yumi!

Yumi

Do you still have a visual on Aelita?

Yumi drives towards a tower.

Jeremie

She took off for Sector One, the Ice Sector. Through the Way Tower!

Yumi

On the Overboard?! Are you absolutely sure about that?

Jeremie

Uh, well, yes! There’s no reason you couldn’t.

Yumi

If you’re wrong, I swear I’ll…!

Yumi braces herself as she speeds towards the tower. The Overwing passes inside without any problems, and she takes the data stream to the next Sector.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Yumi flies out of a tower in the Ice Sector.

Jeremie (teasing)

You swear you’ll what?

Yumi (embarrassed)

Um, nothing!

##### Int. Lab – Day

The lift opens and Odd and Ulrich walk over to Jeremie.

Odd

Can’t do without me, huh? You won’t get mad if I save Aelita, will you?

Ulrich (chiding)

Odd…

Jeremie

No, let him, Ulrich. He’s right, I was being stupid.

Odd puts his hand on Jeremie’s shoulder.

Odd

I don’t blame you, Jeremie! I understand. I’m a pretty charming guy. It’s only natural you’d be jealous of me.

Jeremie smiles and laughs. Odd giggles.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Aelita makes her way along a winding path on the Overboard.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie

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

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

Yumi catches up to XANA-Aelita again. She comes up alongside her and rams the Overwing into the Overboard. Both vehicles disappear and the girls land on the ground. XANA-Aelita immediately starts running, but Yumi jumps in front of her, blocking her path and forcing her to stop.

Yumi

Aelita. You must stop obeying XANA!

XANA-Aelita holds out her hand.

XANA-Aelita

Leave me alone.

Her hand and forearm glow, covered in a wispy white pattern. The ground beneath Yumi’s feet disappears, leaving just a wireframe. A burst of light from XANA-Aelita’s hand and the wireframe disappears as well, letting Yumi fall into the newly-created hole.

Yumi

NO!

Yumi manages to catch the edge of the platform. XANA-Aelita leaps over the hole and runs off.

Yumi (worried)

Jeremie, could you just remind me what’ll happen if I fall into the Digital Sea?

Jeremie

If I were you, I’d avoid it!

Yumi (worried)

Well then, if you could help me out of here, I’d appreciate it!

Jeremie starts up the rematerialisation program.

Jeremie

I’m bringing you back. But it’s going to take a couple of minutes!

Yumi’s fingers slowly slip.

Yumi (worried)

I was afraid you were going to say that…

She watches nervously as she slips further, and cries out when she finally falls. She doesn’t get far before Ulrich’s hand appears and grabs her own. Yumi looks up and smiles.

Ulrich

Happy to see me?

Yumi

I sure am.

Ulrich

Move it, Jeremie. I can’t hold her for long.

The materialisation makes slow progress.

Jeremie

I’m doing all I can!

Ulrich

Say, Yumi. What did you…think of my poem for Sissi?

Yumi (stressed)

Ulrich, this is really not the time!

Ulrich

Because…in fact, I actually wrote it for you.

Yumi smiles softly. But then, she slips.

Yumi (worried)

Oh…! I…can’t hold on! Aaah!

Yumi slips out of Ulrich’s grasp.

Ulrich

YUMIIII!

Yumi screams as she falls towards the Digital Sea, and Ulrich watches with horror. Jeremie’s materialisation program finally kicks in and Yumi disappears metres above the water.

Jeremie

Remind me to boost that program. Ulrich! Odd’s about to need your help.

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

Odd chases XANA-Aelita across the ice floe. XANA-Aelita jumps up some small ledges and stops in front of a tall ice structure. The Scyphozoa’s cry is heard. Odd makes it up onto the platform and slows to a walk, holding his arms out wide in a peaceful gesture.

Odd

Aelita! It’s me, Odd!

XANA-Aelita holds out her arm. She glows white and an ice wall springs up between them.

Odd

Aelita!

XANA-Aelita waves at him and walks away. Odd pounds his fist against the wall.

Odd (dismayed)

NOOOO!

Yumi enters the lab and comes to Jeremie’s side.

The Scyphozoa emerges from through the arch-like ice structure.

Odd (dismayed)

AELITAAA!

Yumi

Ulrich. Hurry up.

Ulrich

I’m almost there.

Odd’s facial expression changes from dismay to determination as he digs his claws into the ice wall and looks up at the top of it. He then jumps up, scaling the wall at a cautious pace. Ulrich Supersprints up and stops at the base of the wall, beneath Odd.

Ulrich

You ok, Odd?

Odd

Brilliant, as usual.

Ulrich already has his sabre drawn. He slashes several times at the wall, and a few tiny chips of ice fly away, but overall it has no effect.

Ulrich

Oh, that bad, huh?

Odd flips over the top of the wall and lands on the ground on the other side. The Scyphozoa is almost upon XANA-Aelita. Odd stands up and takes aim.

Odd

Laser arrow!

He fires a few arrows at the Scyphozoa’s head. It’s knocked back slightly by each arrow, but the monster doesn’t retreat.

Odd (dismayed)

AELITA! STOOOP!

Odd runs towards XANA-Aelita. The Scyphozoa wraps its tentacles around her, and XANA-Aelita turns around, glaring. She holds out her arm again and it becomes covered in the glowing white pattern, and the eye of XANA faintly pulses on her forehead. Mid-run, Odd’s legs become encased in ice, preventing him from moving closer. He looks back and gasps.

Odd

Hey! That’s cheating.

He tries to pull one of his legs free while Ulrich keeps slashing at the ice wall.

Ulrich

Jeremie! We’re never gonna make it.

Yumi

You’ve gotta think of something!

Jeremie

I do have one idea, but it’s awfully risky!

Odd keeps pulling at his leg while the Scyphozoa lifts XANA-Aelita up into the air.

Jeremie

Odd. Aim for Aelita!

The Scyphozoa starts to drain Aelita’s memory. Odd stops trying to free himself, shocked.

Odd

Huh?! Are you crazy?!

Ulrich

Hey, don’t forget that if Aelita loses all her life points, she’ll disappear forever!

Yumi and Jeremie watch as Aelita’s memory is drained.

Jeremie

XANA wants her memory. He won’t risk losing that. Deep down, he wants her alive…as much as we do.

Yumi gasps and looks at Jeremie.

Yumi

Are you sure?!

Jeremie

No. But I can’t think of anything else.

Odd (nervous)

Ok… Here I go.

Odd cringes as he fires a single laser arrow at Aelita, then another. Aelita makes small grunts when she gets hit.

Jeremie

Only thirty life points left!

Odd

Well you want me to stop?

Jeremie

Ugh…no! I just hope I’m right…!

Odd fires three arrows. The Scyphozoa withdraws its main three tentacles, and Aelita slumps. The monster lowers her down.

Ulrich

XANA’s given up!

The Scyphozoa uses two tentacles to lie Aelita flat just above the ground, and then lowers her all the way down.

Odd

Yes!

The monster holds up Aelita’s head and starts draining her memory again. Aelita’s eyes fly open.

Odd

Uh-oh, the Scyphozoa’s at it again. It was too good to be true.

He fires several more arrows at Aelita.

Jeremie

Only ten life points left!

Odd cocks his arm, preparing to fire again if need be, but he looks very nervous about it. The Scyphozoa places Aelita gently on the ground and retreats.

Odd

It’s ok!

Aelita slowly sits up and looks around. Odd still has his wrist pointed at her.

Aelita

Wh-what’s going on? Why are you aiming at me?

Odd lowers his arm and rubs his head, relieved. He gives a small laugh.

Jeremie sits back in his chair and turns to Yumi, smiling and giving a small, relieved laugh.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Odd and Ulrich watch Aelita enter the tower.

##### Tower, Ice Sector, Lyoko

Aelita floats to the top platform and places her hand on the interface when it appears. Her name appears on the interface, and then she enters the code.

Aelita

Tower deactivated.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Yumi stomps on the necklace, breaking it open. There’s a microchip inside with the eye of XANA on it. Jeremie picks it up.

Jeremie

I’m going to study this. You never know; I might be able to get some interesting information about XANA.

Ulrich

Anyway, Aelita, from now on, you don’t take *any* presents from *anyone*.

Aelita

Promise. You know, Jeremie saved my life. And that’s the nicest Valentine’s present anyone could hope for!

Jeremie smiles.

Odd

Yeah, but that sure won’t save him from being suspended…for missing four hours of detention. The principal’s not going to be too happy about that! But I’m sure there’s a solution.

Odd grins and giggles at Ulrich. Ulrich walks away.

Ulrich

Hm. Hey, what’re you looking at me for?

##### Ext. Quad – Day

The others stand nearby, watching Ulrich talk to Sissi.

Ulrich

I’m really happy to be going to the concert with you, uh, but you won’t forget to talk to your father beforehand, huh?

Sissi

Don’t worry. I’ll get Jeremie out of this.

Ulrich and Sissi walk off hand in hand.

Odd

Now that’s a real friend, ready to sacrifice himself for his pal.

Ulrich gives a thumbs up behind his back.

Jeremie

Are you sure he’s sacrificing himself as much as all that? He doesn’t seem to be bothered by it!

Yumi

Maybe not. But it was for me that he wrote the poem. Poor Sissi!

They all laugh.