# Code Lyoko

## Episode 35: “The Chips Are Down”

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##### Ext. Quad – Day

Students are hanging around and chatting. Yumi, Aelita, Odd and Jeremie are standing together. Yumi looks sad, and the others look surprised as well as sad. Ulrich approaches them.

Ulrich

Hey, everybody!

Jeremie

Wow, that’s a tough break.

Odd

You’ve gotta be kidding!

Yumi (depressed)

Unfortunately, I’m not.

Aelita places her hand on Yumi’s.

Ulrich

Hey uh, what’s going on here?

Aelita

I wish I could do something, Yumi.

Yumi

That’s really nice of you, Aelita.

Ulrich

But…

The bell rings.

Ulrich

Would somebody tell me what’s going on?

Jeremie

Look, we’ll talk about it after class, ok?

Everyone but Ulrich leaves for class, leaving the boy looking confused and worried.

Ulrich

Don’t mind me! Keep making like I don’t exist, ok?!

##### Int. Classroom – Day

Caggia

Remember…

Ulrich, Odd and Jeremie have a whispered conversation over Caggia’s lesson.

Ulrich (quiet)

Say that again?!

Odd (quiet)

Yumi’s father lost his job! They’re thinking of going back to Japan so he can find work.

Ulrich (quiet)

You’ve gotta be kidding!

Jeremie (quiet)

It’s not for sure yet, so don’t panic.

Ulrich (quiet)

What?! Yumi’s leaving, we may never see her again, and I shouldn’t panic?!

Ulrich traces lines on the desk.

Odd (quiet)

You know what? There is an easy solution.

Ulrich (quiet)

Oh yeah?! What?

Odd (quiet)

Well uh, you see, if you marry Yumi, then she can get a green card!

Ulrich (quiet, annoyed)

Very funny!

Odd (quiet)

I’m just trying to lighten things up!

They all fall silent.

Caggia

…Vuoi qualcosa? Do you want something?

Ulrich stands up, raising his hand.

Ulrich

Per favore, Signore Caggia.

Caggia

Sì, Ulrich!

Ulrich

Could I please go to the infirmary?

Caggia looks a bit put off, possibly because Ulrich didn’t ask in Italian.

Ulrich

I’m not feeling too well.

Odd and Jeremie share a look of concern.

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

Ulrich hangs off the windowsill of Yumi’s classroom.

Kensington

In Moby Dick, Melville uses the literary technique of a character in the novel speaking-

Yumi spots him and smiles.

Yumi

Excuse me, Ma’am?

Kensington

Yes, Yumi?

Yumi

Could I please go to the infirmary?

Ulrich’s eyes widen and he gets down from the window.

##### Ext. Admin Building – Day

Ulrich and Yumi walk together.

Ulrich

Why can’t you stay at the school as a boarder? And you could go to Japan during summer vacation.

Yumi

Are you kidding? My parents would never go for that. And what’s more, they need me.

Ulrich (upset)

Isn’t it supposed to be the other way around?!

He hangs his head, and then clicks his fingers.

Ulrich (excited)

What if-

Yumi

Ulrich, it’s nice of you to try to find a solution, but nothing has been settled. There might not be anything to worry about!

Yumi heads towards the building’s steps.

Ulrich (excited)

I know! Why don’t we write to our congressman and ask for help?

Yumi (joking)

Sure, why not the president while you’re at it?

Ulrich smiles and raises one eyebrow, an idea forming.

##### Int. Odd and Ulrich’s Room – Night

The radio is playing “Break Away” while a radio host talks over the top. Odd opens the door.

Odd

Are you ready for dinner?

Ulrich waves him away, pen in hand.

Ulrich

You go on. I’ll see you there.

Odd nods and leaves.

Radio host

…the Subsonics here on Sky Radio!

Ulrich gets writing.

Ulrich

Dear Mister President, I’m writing to you about a young girl named Yumi. Yumi is an amazing person. She’s originally from Japan, but she really likes her [our?] country.

An image of Yumi, smiling and laughing with the sun behind her, flashes through his mind. He scrunches up his paper.

Ulrich (muttering)

Ugh, what a load of garbage…

He throws the paper into the already-full bin and starts writing on a new piece of paper.

Radio host

…turn up your speakers, and enjoy.

Ulrich

Dear Mister President…

Radio host

And in just a minute…

Ulrich (annoyed)

Will you be quiet?! Can’t you see I’m trying to concentrate?!

He goes to turn it off, but he hesitates when he listens to what’s said next.

Radio host

…we’ll be reading off the week’s lotto numbers. Remember folks, this week’s super jackpot is thirty million big ones!

Ulrich

Huh?

##### Int. Odd and Ulrich’s Room – Night

Ulrich writes down the winning lottery number: “6 22 10 47 13 37.”

Radio host

And now, that big bonus number! Fourteen.

He writes “14” at the end.

Radio host

Two times lucky seven, fourteen! Anyway-

Ulrich switches the radio off and picks up the piece of paper, looking at the number he’s written.

Radio host (flashback)

Remember folks, this week’s super jackpot is thirty million big ones!

He shakes his head.

Ulrich (conflicted)

No…I couldn’t do that. It wouldn’t be right…!

Ulrich leaves the room, paper in hand.

##### Int. Ishiyama Kitchen – Night

The family sit around the table, eating bowls of noodles in silence.

Akiko

Did you go back to see the temp agencies?

Takeho

I haven’t had time.

Akiko

Too bad. They might’ve had something for you. I mean, to tide us over until we return to Kyoto.

Takeho (getting annoyed)

(sigh) There’s nothing out there for me. There are too many people in my field. You know that very well.

Akiko

Anyway, if you don’t look, you certainly won’t find anything.

Takeho slams his chopsticks down on the table, rattling his bowl and glass of water. Akiko gasps.

Takeho (fed up)

Oh, will you stop it now? What about you? Did you go to the temp agencies today?! Huh?

Yumi and Hiroki look at him, surprised and concerned. Akiko puts her chopsticks down, sighs and gets up. She leaves. Yumi and Hiroki glance at each other and then back to their father, who puts his head in his hand and sighs.

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Night

Aelita is sitting on the bed, with Odd and Jeremie standing next to it. Kiwi is also on the bed. He barks and jumps down to the floor.

Odd

He’s not in our room. I don’t know where he is!

Odd sits down.

Aelita

I get the feeling that Ulrich is taking this situation even harder than we are.

Odd

You can say that again. For Ulrich, losing Yumi is…well…imagine how you’d feel if Jeremie had to leave.

Odd lies back on the bed. Aelita looks surprised and then looks away, blushing.

Aelita

Why do you say that?

Odd

‘Cause I love making you blush!

Jeremie rubs the back of his neck awkwardly.

##### Ext. Factory – Night

The return to the past is launched.

##### Ext. Quad – Day

Yumi, Odd, Aelita and Jeremie are back in the same spot they were that morning.

Aelita

Wait! What just happened?

Jeremie sets his laptop down on a bench and gets to work.

Aelita

Why did we return to the past?

The others gather around Jeremie.

Yumi

Could XANA have taken control of the back in time function? He’s done it before!

Jeremie

No way. I made a special program so he couldn’t!

He has the Superscan open.

Jeremie

The Superscan doesn’t show any active towers. This is really weird!

He packs up his laptop and stands up.

Jeremie

I’ll go to the factory after class and check it out.

##### Ext. Newspaper Stand, Town – Day

Ulrich fills out a lottery sheet and hands it to the shopkeeper.

Ulrich

Here you go.

Shopkeeper

Uhh, you do know that you’re not really old enough to play, young man?

Ulrich

Oh, it’s for my mum. She asked me to buy it for her.

Shopkeeper

Oh, well in that case!

He takes the sheet and laughs happily. Ulrich leaves.

##### Int. Classroom – Day

The bell rings and the students enter the classroom. Odd, Ulrich and Jeremie sit at the back.

Jeremie

Ulrich, we’re going to check out things at the factory after class. About the jump back in time. You coming?

Ulrich

No, I uh… I have to uh…study for chemistry.

Odd

Hey, mind if I study with you? I don’t get Mendeleev’s periodic table at all!

Ulrich

I’d rather study by myself.

Odd looks surprised.

##### Int. Ishiyama House – Day

Ulrich stands just by the front door, talking to the Ishiyama parents.

Ulrich

Um…well I know you’re going to think this is ridiculous, but I heard you had some problems with work and everything, and…

He shuffles his foot.

Ulrich

…and I thought, well… I bought you a lotto ticket! You never know. Maybe you’ll be lucky! Then you could stay here! With Yumi.

He hands the ticket to Takeho. After looking at it for a moment, he laughs loudly.

Takeho

I’m sorry, son, but you have to admit that it is very funny. Do you know the odds of winning the lotto? Hoh, at least you made me laugh. That’s something I need right now. (chuckles)

Akiko

Anyway, it was very nice of you, Ulrich. We’re really touched.

Ulrich pauses halfway out the door.

Ulrich

Don’t forget to listen for the numbers!

The adults nod.

Ulrich

Oh, and please don’t tell Yumi that I gave it to you. She might take it the wrong way.

He leaves, closing the door behind him.

##### Int. Ishiyama Kitchen – Day

Akiko places a stack of bowls and chopsticks on the table. Takeho is reading a newspaper. The radio is on.

Akiko

That Ulrich is such a sweetheart!

Takeho

Yes, only he doesn’t realise that we have one chance in fourteen million of ever winning!

Hiroki puts a water bottle on the table.

Radio host

Now, once again, today’s lotto results.

This gets everyone’s attention. They look at the ticket.

Radio host

The winning numbers for today’s super jackpot drawing are… Six! Twenty-two! Ten! Forty-seven! Thirteen! Thirty-seven! And the bonus number is…fourteen!

Takeho and Akiko stare at the ticket, utterly stunned.

Takeho

I can’t believe it!

Radio host

Two times lucky seven, fourteen.

Yumi enters the kitchen. The radio gets turned off.

Yumi

Hey there! What’s going on?

They all turn around. Akiko points to the ticket she’s holding, her hand shaking.

Akiko (stunned)

Uh…uh…this is the winning ticket! The jackpot!

Hiroki

What’s a jackpot?

Takeho loosens his tie, eyes wide.

Takeho

It’s incredible!

Yumi

You played the lotto?! But I thought you hated gambling.

Takeho clears his throat.

Akiko

Actually, it was uh…your friend Ulrich who played. And he gave us the ticket.

Takeho

He…didn’t want you to know.

Yumi’s look of surprise turns to a frown.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie looks through a window of code, the return to the past open in the background.

Jeremie

I don’t get it! XANA had nothing to do with it. It’s as if someone had set off the return to the past from here. Except that I’m the only one who knows how to do it…!

Aelita

Unless…someone read your manual.

Jeremie

What makes you say that?

Aelita squints, looking suspicious.

##### Ext. Quad – Day

Yumi, Odd, Aelita and Jeremie are gathered by a tree. Ulrich approaches them.

Ulrich

Hi!

Jeremie (I know what you did)

Hi, Ulrich. You know, I’m really impressed with your computer skills.

Ulrich (nervous)

Who? Me? You are?

Jeremie

Well, you did enter the code for the returning to the past into the computer without making a single mistake! Well done.

Ulrich (nervous)

What are…you talking about?

Yumi (terse)

Don’t waste your breath. We know it was you who set off the return to the past.

Odd

You broke rule number one, Ulrich! I can’t believe it!

Ulrich

I only did it for Yumi! So you can stay…!

Yumi (terse)

I didn’t ask for your help!

Jeremie (annoyed)

Do you realise what you’ve done, Ulrich? You know that going back in time makes XANA stronger!

Odd

Why didn’t you talk to us first, huh? Why’d you have to go sneaking around?

Ulrich (hurt)

I’m sorry…

Jeremie (angry)

It’s too late for sorry. You betrayed our trust!

Yumi

Here. You can take back your dumb ticket.

She holds up the scrunched-up ticket, and then drops it on the ground.

Yumi

My parents think you should keep the money.

Yumi stalks off.

Jeremie

As of now, and until you hear otherwise, you’re out of the group, Ulrich.

Jeremie leaves, and Odd follows him. Aelita puts her hand on Ulrich’s shoulder.

Aelita

I hope this will all work out.

Aelita leaves as well. She, Odd and Jeremie go in one direction while Yumi goes another. Ulrich bends down and picks up the ticket, giving a small growl. Sissi walks up to him.

Sissi

Hey! What’s up, Ulrich? You don’t look too good. (laughs)

Ulrich (annoyed)

You’re right. And when I see you, it gets even worse.

Ulrich looks up and sees Yumi with William.

Sissi (annoyed)

Huh? Well that’ll teach me to be nice to people!

Sissi walks away. Ulrich stands up.

Ulrich

Sissi, wait.

Sissi stops and turns back.

Ulrich (sad)

I-I apologise. I’m…I’m just a little edgy…

He puts his hands in his pockets and walks off with Sissi.

Herb

I really don’t understand what she sees in him!

Nicolas

You said it! He sure is no match for my looks, or my brains.

Herb

Hmph. You think you’re handsome, huh?

Nicolas

No more than you think you’re smart!

Herb rolls up his sleeves and starts punching the air.

Herb

I dare you to say that again!

Nicolas punches him in the face.

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

Pulsations move across the ground. A Krab comes out from behind a sand dune and looks around. Two more Krabs join it, then four more, and more after that. The army of Krabs marches across the desert.

##### Int. Boys’ Bathroom – Day

Herb runs his hands under the tap and splashes water on his face. He rubs his glasses on his jumper and puts them back on. Behind him, Nicolas rubs water on his face and hair. His hair fluffs up. Herb leaves the room. Nicolas turns the taps back on, but he’s distracted when he hears electricity crackling above him. He looks up. The fluorescent light crackles with blue electricity, and a spectre seeps out of it and possesses Nicolas. He falls to his knees in front of the sink while the spectre takes control. When he stands up, the eye of XANA flickers in his eyes.

##### Int. Classroom – Day

Odd, Aelita and Jeremie are sitting together at the back of the room, in their usual spot. Ulrich and Sissi share a desk in the middle of the room, as do XANA-Nicolas and Herb. XANA-Nicolas watches Jeremie.

Fumet

Africa is the continent that suffers the most from problems related to a shortage of water, and rural areas of Africa are affected to an even greater extent. Less than half of all rural zones have any access to water…

Odd (quiet)

Wow, when I think how much we complain all the time.

Fumet

…and only forty-five percent of the rural population has access to sanitary systems: either a…

Jeremie has his laptop open under his desk. The Superscan shows an activated tower.

Jeremie (quiet)

XANA has launched an attack.

Odd and Aelita gasp.

Aelita (quiet)

What?!

Jeremie (quiet)

We have less than a minute left of class. We’ll go to the factory as soon as the bell rings.

Odd (quiet)

Without Ulrich?

Jeremie (quiet)

Without Ulrich.

The eye of XANA flickers in XANA-Nicolas’s eyes as he watches the three friends. The bell rings, and they’re the first out of their seats.

Fumet

See you next week, then!

XANA-Nicolas follows Odd, Aelita and Jeremie out of the room.

Herb (surprised)

Hey, Nicolas!

He gets up and follows them. The rest of the class head for the door as well.

Fumet

And don’t forget your project reports on your own ideas for helping African communities.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie sits at the computer.

Jeremie

Transfer, Aelita. Transfer, Yumi. Transfer, Odd. Scanner, Odd. Scanner, Aelita. Scanner, Yumi. Virtualisation.

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

The three friends are virtualised.

Jeremie

Here come your vehicles!

The Overwing and Overboard appear in front of them.

Odd (gentlemanly)

Madame, would you do me the honour of climbing aboard my humble…board?

Odd bows and gestures gentlemanly to the Overboard. Aelita smiles and giggles before getting on, and then Odd backflips onto it as well.

Jeremie

The activated tower is located two plateaus north.

Yumi

Ok. Let’s go.

They set off, in the direction of the pulsing red tower cables.

Odd

Yeahh!

##### Int. Lab – Day

XANA-Nicolas crawls through the upper entrance to the lab, moving to the end of the beam sticking out from the wall and looking down at Jeremie.

Jeremie

No monsters on the horizon for the time being.

Yumi

It’s not monsters I’m worried about; it’s XANA attacking on Earth. We still don’t know what he’s got in store for us this time.

Jeremie

Yeah, well, I’d rather we deactivated the tower before we find out.

Jeremie hears a noise and takes off his headset to listen more closely. He looks up: XANA-Nicolas is directly above him, defying gravity and standing upside-down on the circular metal structure near the ceiling. He growls and jumps down, landing beside Jeremie. The eye of XANA pulses in his eyes.

Jeremie

No!

Blue electricity runs across the floor and into XANA-Nicolas’s arm. He easily lifts Jeremie up above his head and throws him into a wall. Jeremie slumps to the floor, unconscious. XANA-Nicolas then turns to the computer. The electricity runs from one hand, through his body and into the other hand, which he holds out towards the screen. A blue ripple extends from his hand, and code is altered on screen.

XANA-Nicolas (mechanical)

At your orders, XANA.

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

Yumi, Odd and Aelita continue across the Sector. Aelita looks up and spots a Krab walking alongside them.

Aelita

Look! (points) Over there, a Krab!

Dozens more Krabs join it.

Yumi

Are my eyes playing tricks on me, or are there at least…twenty of them?!

Aelita

Yumi, there are no mirages on Lyoko.

Yumi

That’s what I was afraid of…!

Odd

By the way, thanks for warning us, Jeremie! …Jeremie?

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie is still unconscious. Nicolas closes the code window telepathically.

XANA-Nicolas

Now your wounds will become fatal!

XANA-Nicolas laughs evilly.

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

The laugh is long, and can be heard on Lyoko.

Yumi

Jeremie, was that you?! Answer me, will you?!

Odd

That isn’t Jeremie, I’d recognise that laugh anywhere. It’s Nicolas.

Yumi

Nicolas?! Are you sure?

She and Odd start zigzagging as the Krabs draw closer to them.

Odd

Nobody else has a laugh that dumb! No one in the whole universe!

Aelita looks back at the monsters, worried.

Aelita

Watch out! The Krabs!

Odd

We’d better get out of here, fast!

They accelerate and the Krabs start firing. The Overboard quickly overtakes the Overwing. After dodging a few lasers, Yumi is hit in the arm. The Overwing goes into a spin. Yumi screams and tries to hang on, but she’s eventually thrown off. The vehicle keeps flying and spinning until it’s destroyed by a laser. Yumi crashes to the ground, sounding like she’s in serious pain.

Odd

YUMI!

He turns the Overboard around and flies back to where Yumi landed. He and Aelita get off the Overboard, coming to Yumi’s side.

Odd

Yumi, are you ok?

Yumi slowly climbs onto the Overboard and lies down on it.

Yumi (in pain)

I don’t understand… Why does it hurt so much? Shouldn’t I just lose some life points?

Odd (worried)

Something’s wrong at the factory.

Aelita

Odd! The Krabs. We’re gonna have to take cover.

Odd and Aelita walk over to the bottom of a sand dune, the Overboard following behind them.

##### Int. Gymnasium – Day

Ulrich practises pencak silat in the middle of the room. Sissi is sitting against the wall, watching him.

Sissi (dreamy)

You’re even more handsome when you train!

Ulrich stops and looks at her.

Ulrich

Sissi… I think I’d rather be alone.

Sissi

Are you crazy? That’s the last thing you need when you’re feeling down. It’s just the opposite! You need your friends to be there.

Ulrich

Uh-uh. I don’t have friends anymore.

Ulrich starts practising again.

Sissi

Well what about me?! What does that make me, then?

Herb enters the gym.

Herb

Oh…! Sissi! There you are! I’ve been looking all over for you.

He walks over to Sissi. She folds her arms.

Sissi (annoyed)

Yeah? Well…pretend I’m not here and keep on looking.

Herb

Huh?

Sissi stands up.

Sissi (annoyed)

Why don’t you go out and play with your friend Nicolas?

Herb

I would, but I can’t find Nicolas either. He ran off like a madman after class to follow Jeremie, Odd and the new girl! He was really spaced out. His voice sounded weird, and there was something strange about his eyes.

Ulrich (whispering)

XANA…

Sissi (annoyed)

Why are you telling me all this? I don’t care! (points) Can’t you see I’m with Ulrich?

Herb

Well, not anymore you’re not.

Sissi looks up: Ulrich is gone.

Sissi

Huh?

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

Yumi is now on the ground, and Aelita is kneeling down, tending to her.

Odd

I’ll go and check it out!

Odd runs up the sand dune on all fours and looks over the top to see where the Krabs are. One Krab comes out from behind another dune not too far from the one they’re using for cover, and it’s soon followed by the rest of the Krab army. All the monsters walk straight towards the gang’s hiding place. They start firing.

Odd

We’d better move! Otherwise-

He’s hit in the shoulder. It knocks him backwards and sends him rolling back down to the ground beside Yumi and Aelita, crying out in pain. Aelita stands up, and Odd sits up and puts a hand to his injured shoulder.

Odd

Wow, that really does hurt!

Yumi starts picking herself up. Aelita crawls up the sand dune, peeking over the top.

Aelita

My turn.

The monsters continue their approach. Aelita gets down on her knees and sings. A wall of sand rises up between her and the Krabs, stopping the monsters in their path. A few of them try to climb up it, but the sand is too shifty to gain purchase: after a few attempts, one of the Krabs falls off the wall and lands upside down, flailing its legs in the air.

Aelita

It won’t take them long to find a way around.

She starts to climb back down.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Ulrich runs over to Jeremie, still unconscious in the corner.

Ulrich

Jeremie?!

He kneels down beside the boy. XANA-Nicolas is up on the ceiling again, watching them.

XANA-Nicolas

Maybe I’m the one you’re looking for!

He crawls across the ceiling and down a wall, where he launches himself off, jumping at Ulrich. Ulrich cartwheels out of the way. XANA-Nicolas immediately goes to strike again, and Ulrich backs away.

Ulrich

Wow! Since when have you become an athlete? I don’t believe it!

XANA-Nicolas jumps down at him from above. Ulrich jumps up and performs a kick, which phases right through XANA-Nicolas’s torso, doing no damage, much to Ulrich’s surprise. XANA-Nicolas lands and his torso gradually fades back to normal again. He gets up and punches Ulrich away. Ulrich lands against the wall, beside Jeremie. XANA-Nicolas quickly climbs up the ladder.

Ulrich

C’mon, Spider-Man… Hold on! I’m not out yet!

XANA-Nicolas hangs from a pipe by his legs, watching Ulrich run to the lift. The eye of XANA pulses in his eyes. Ulrich hits the lift button. XANA-Nicolas crawls down and across the walls and into the lift. Ulrich rolls back into the lab just as the doors close, leaving XANA-Nicolas to be taken down in the lift. Ulrich then goes over to a wall panel and pulls out a set of wires.

##### Int. Lift Shaft – Day

Electricity runs down one of the lift cables and into the lift.

##### Int. Lift – Day

XANA-Nicolas is electrified by the electricity. He falls to his knees.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Ulrich straddles Jeremie, shaking his shoulders.

Ulrich

Jeremie! Wake up, will you?! You gotta get up!

Jeremie (disoriented)

Hey! Hi…Ulrich. H-how are you?

Ulrich

Jeremie. Pull yourself together! I need your help.

Jeremie (disoriented)

Because I’m not feeling so great…

Jeremie’s head falls back as he slips into unconsciousness again. Ulrich leaves him and goes over to the computer.

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

The Krabs keep trying to climb the wall, without success.

Ulrich sits down and puts the headpiece on.

Ulrich

Odd? Yumi? Aelita? Can you hear me? Answer me, will you?

Yumi and Odd are now able to stand again.

Yumi

Ulrich! Is that you?

Ulrich

Oh… Great, you’re alive!

Odd

Yeah. But not in great shape…

Aelita

What about Jeremie?

Ulrich

He’s also in pretty bad shape. I don’t get it, there’s nothing on the screens!

In the script, the Warrior’s life point counters and map icons were supposed to disappear when XANA-Nicolas interfered with the computer, but this wasn’t shown in the episode. This is most likely what Ulrich is referring to here.

Yumi

That must be why the fire from XANA’s monsters hurt us for real!

One of the Krabs starts tentatively nosing its head through the sand. The girls gasp.

Odd

What was that noise?

More than one Krab now attempts to do the same thing. The three friends run up the sand dune. When Aelita reaches the top, her eyes widen. One of the Krabs manages to penetrate the sand wall and reach the other side, which causes the wall to disappear completely.

Aelita

That’s just what I was afraid of.

Odd and Yumi join her at the top.

Aelita

The Krabs have broken through the sand wall.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Ulrich

I’m really sorry about this, Jeremie…but it’s for a good cause.

Ulrich (holding Jeremie’s glasses) slaps Jeremie across the face. Jeremie sits up abruptly.

Jeremie

Ouch! What…what’s going on?

Ulrich puts Jeremie’s glasses back on.

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

The Krabs start to make their way up the dune.

Odd

Ok! This is no time to drag your feet.

The three of them slide down to the ground. The Krabs come up and over the dune and pursue the friends as they run across the open plateau.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie types at the computer.

Jeremie

Nicolas has deactivated the scanner! I should be able to fix it pretty fast.

Ulrich

Jeremie, I uh wanted to tell you-

Jeremie

Later. Head for the scanner and get ready.

Ulrich runs over to the shaft and climbs down the ladder to the scanner room.

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

The Krabs fire at Yumi, Odd and Aelita as they continue running. Yumi looks over her shoulder at the monsters, worried.

Jeremie types furiously.

Jeremie

Come on!

One of the lasers hits Yumi in the shoulder. She goes flying, spinning.

Odd (dismayed)

Yumi! Nooo!

Jeremie hits enter.

Yumi lands on her hands and pushes off again.

Jeremie pumps his fist in the air.

Jeremie

Yes!

Yumi lands and keeps running.

Odd

Yeah! We’re invincible again!

Jeremie

Hold on. I’m sending you Ulrich.

Aelita stops running.

Aelita

Jeremie…!

Jeremie starts the transfer.

Jeremie

Transfer, Ulrich!

Odd, Yumi and Aelita have all stopped now, as have the Krabs. Odd dodges a barrage of lasers, jumping up onto a rock nearby.

Jeremie

Scanner, Ulrich!

Odd jumps up to the top of the rock, still under fire, and then jumps off.

Odd

Laser arrow!

He fires three arrows into the target of one of the Krabs, destroying it.

Jeremie

Virtualisation!

Odd somersaults to avoid lasers. Yumi has both her fans out, deflecting enemy fire. Odd stops to shoot back at the monsters. Ulrich is virtualised behind him, and gets shot and knocked to the ground as soon as he lands. He and Yumi work to deflect lasers with their weapons while Odd shoots at the Krabs. Ulrich makes his way to stand between Odd and Yumi.

Ulrich

Hi, guys. Didn’t miss me too much, did you?

Yumi (breathless)

Just a little, yeah.

Odd dodges to the side and comes up beside Ulrich.

Odd

Yeah! But those guys aren’t going to keep missing us if we stick around.

##### Int. Lab – Day

The control panel where Ulrich pulled out the wires crackles with blue electricity.

##### Int. Lift Shaft – Day

The current of electricity flowing into the lift suddenly stops.

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

Ulrich watches the Krabs. The ones at the front keep firing, but the monsters behind them move off to the side. He turns and follows their path with his gaze, and finds that they’re creating two long rows of Krabs between the Lyoko Warriors and the tower.

Jeremie

Your vehicles are on the way. They could come in handy!

The three vehicles appear in front of their owners.

Odd

Ok, great. Now all we have to do is cross that line of monsters. You and Yumi, may as well go over the top.

Yumi

And what about you?

Odd crouches down, catlike.

Odd

I’ll do what I do best… Chef’s surprise!

He springs onto the Overboard and waves to Aelita to get on with him.

Odd

Come on, Aelita. We haven’t much time.

He offers his hand to help her onto the Overboard, and Aelita takes it. They fly off, flying between the Krabs’ legs. Each Krab they fly under uses its underbelly laser to try and hit Odd and Aelita, but they manage to dodge all of them.

Odd

Whoooa! Whoooa! Whoooaaa!

Ulrich

He’s really lost it this time!

Yumi

No more than you have! Come on, let’s go.

Ulrich and Yumi drive into battle.

Odd and Aelita finally make it out of the first section of Krabs unscathed. There’s a clearing, and then another few rows of Krabs.

Ulrich accelerates up a slanted rock, using it as a ramp. Some Krabs shoot at him in mid-air but miss. The Overbike skims along the tops of several Krabs before Ulrich switches it into flight mode. He then leans over and unsheathes his sabre, and stabs the eyes of three Krabs in succession. They explode.

Yumi dodges lasers high in the air and then pulls out and throws both her fans. They slice through and destroy two Krabs.

Odd flies underneath a row of Krabs, occasionally swerving to each side to avoid underbelly lasers.

Jeremie (worried)

They’re never gonna make it…!

Odd and Aelita have made it to another clearing.

Odd

Oh, no! Another row of those guys!

A single row of Krabs stands between them and the tower. They simultaneously fire their lasers and then their underbelly lasers in a threatening display. When Odd and Aelita get close, the monsters all fire at them, causing Odd to have to dodge wildly to avoid the lasers. He attempts to go underneath, but the Krabs all use their underbelly lasers at the same time, blocking him. He flies along the front of the row of monsters, zigzagging to avoid their laser fire.

Ulrich ramps up another slanted rock and goes into flight mode, flying along the top of the row of Krabs and catching up to Odd and Aelita.

Ulrich

Stop moving around so much! How do you expect me to help you?!

Odd

Cut me some slack, ok? I’m just trying to avoid getting hit!

##### Int. Lift – Day

XANA-Nicolas punches the lift button with an electrically-charged fist. Electricity runs up and down the lift cables before it eventually whirs back to life, ascending up the shaft.

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

Odd and Aelita continue zigzagging. Ulrich gets ahead of them and unsheathes his sabre. He jumps off the Overbike and lands on a Krab, stabbing it in the eye and destroying it.

Ulrich

NOW!

Odd and Aelita fly through the gap he created and finally reach the tower.

Ulrich

Jeremie, I think we’ve done it!

Jeremie

Ulrich! You’re the greatest!

Odd

Hey! What about me? Don’t I get any credit?

Aelita jumps off the Overboard and enters the tower.

##### Int. Lab – Day

The lift door opens. XANA-Nicolas darts into the room, quick as lightning, and jumps up to the ceiling. Jeremie, still in his chair, looks around in confusion. XANA-Nicolas begins to laugh, and Jeremie looks straight up in shock.

Jeremie

Nooo!

He gets out of his chair and tries to run, but XANA-Nicolas, crackling with blue electricity, leaps down and tackles him to the floor. Jeremie’s glasses fall off. XANA-Nicolas holds Jeremie by the throat. A large amount of electricity and a blue aura crackles around them as XANA-Nicolas rises off the floor, binging Jeremie with him. Jeremie kicks his legs as he chokes.

##### Tower, Desert Sector, Lyoko

Aelita enters the code.

Aelita

Tower deactivated.

##### Int. Lab – Day

The electricity begins to dissipate and the eye of XANA disappears from Nicolas’s eyes. He lets go of Jeremie, dropping the boy to the floor. The electricity finally recedes from Nicolas’s body and he, too, falls. Jeremie weakly picks himself up and puts his glasses back on, observing the unconscious Nicolas.

##### Int. Infirmary – Day

Nicolas lies on a bed with a thermometer in his mouth. Yolande checks his pulse. Jim and the gang crowd around the bed.

Jim

You say this is how he was when you found him?

Jeremie

Yeah. In the middle of the campus.

Jim hums.

Yolande

That’s very strange. He must have fainted. Nothing serious, in any case.

##### Ext. Admin Building – Day

The gang walk away from the building.

Yumi

I know you did it for me, Ulrich.

Ulrich

But I should’ve asked you first.

Yumi

Right.

She taps Ulrich’s shoulder and then stops walking, and everyone else stops as well.

Ulrich (apologetic)

I’m sorry.

Jeremie puts his hand on Ulrich’s shoulder and winks. Aelita puts her hand on his other shoulder.

Aelita

So, are you back in the group?

Ulrich

Mmmmm… Looks like it.

Odd

Hey, what are you going to do with that lotto ticket?

Ulrich

I thought about it, and I decided to give it to an association that builds wells in Africa.

Yumi

Really?! Oh, that’s a great idea!

Yumi’s phone rings and she answers it.

Yumi

Yes? Yeah, Mum, I’m listening. Uhuh. (intrigued) Uhuh… Alright. See you tonight.

She hangs up.

Yumi

My father’s found work with…Takahashi.

The others look worried.

Ulrich

Takahashi? You mean…in Japan?

Yumi looks at him for a moment.

Yumi (excited)

No, silly! Right here!

Ulrich breathes a sigh of relief. Yumi ruffles his hair. The other three cheer.

Odd

Yes!

Aelita and Jeremie

YEAH!

Yumi removes her hand. Ulrich grins and blushes. They all laugh.