# Code Lyoko

## Episode 36: “Marabounta”

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##### Int. Science Classroom – Day

The students are gathered around a rectangular terrarium, observing a colony of ants inside.

Hertz

Ants are social insects, like termites or like bees. A single individual is incapable of any personal initiative. All of the decisions are made by the colony. Ants receive a few simple orders, such as, “search for food,” “mark the path leading to the food,” and “follow a marked path.” As a result, we might have the impression that each ant is rather clever…when in fact, this has more to do with a collective intelligence.

Odd

You mean that an army of Sissis could be intelligent? Heh! I don’t believe it!

Everyone but Sissi laughs.

Sissi

Very funny. Shut up, birdbrain!

Hertz

Settle down, please.

The students go quiet.

Hertz

As I was saying, thanks to their numbers, they manage to accomplish some very difficult tasks, such as finding food or defending themselves against an attacker. It would seem that ants even wage full-scale wars between different colonies!

Ulrich

What about killer ants? Do they exist?

Hertz (amused)

Well, heh, yes! Maybe in movies, Ulrich!

Everyone but Ulrich laughs.

Hertz

But there are, in fact, army ants, that destroy everything in their path.

Jeremie stares intently at the ants as they move around the display.

Hertz

And it’s true that you’d best stay out of their way!

Sissi

And uh…do any of those filthy bugs live around here?

Hertz

No, fortunately! They live in South America. Down there, the phenomenon is called marabunta.

Sissi

Phew! I’m glad I live in a country where there’s no danger.

As the bell rings, Odd and Ulrich exchange an amused glance. The students all walk over to the door, except Jeremie, who stays and keeps looking at the ants. One of the ants stops and looks back at him for a long moment before moving on.

##### Int. Cafeteria – Day

Odd eats food off Jeremie’s plate while Jeremie is lost in thought.

Odd

Saturday’s my favourite day! No school in the afternoon.

Ulrich

I like Sundays better. No school at all!

Odd smiles.

This is how school weeks went in France until the year 2008. Since then, there’s been no class on Saturdays as well as Sundays.

Aelita

You seem worried, Jeremie. What’s on your mind?

Jeremie

Franz Hopper’s notes, Aelita. Last night, I decoded a really interesting part on a multi-agent system. It’s a computer application that follows the principle of an anthill! What happens is-

Odd

Oh no, Mrs. Hertz has already bored us to tears with all that ant stuff. Don’t you start now!

Odd, Ulrich and Yumi laugh.

Jeremie

Seriously! This time I might have found a way to weaken XANA! Let’s meet up at the factory after lunch. I’ll explain everything.

Aelita stands up, taking her tray.

Aelita

Well um, normally, I’d love to, but I have to finish my Italian homework. See ya!

She walks away. Jeremie looks to the others.

Odd (nervous)

Uh, no, I have to practise for a skateboard competition!

Odd takes his tray and leaves as well.

Jeremie

Yumi?

Yumi

Sorry, I’ve got swimming after school. Buh-bye!

She smiles and waves before taking her tray and walking away. Ulrich watches her go.

Jeremie

What about you, Ulrich? Are you doing anything later on?

William seems to be waiting for Yumi.

Ulrich

Yeah. I’ve gotta be somewhere.

Jeremie

Oh yeah? Where?

Ulrich

The swimming pool.

Ulrich gets up and leaves. Sissi, sitting at the next table, watches him walk past.

Jeremie

Right, well, since everyone else has better things to do…

He finishes his glass of water and takes his tray.

Jeremie

I’ll just deal with it myself!

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie is seated at the computer. He stretches his fingers.

Jeremie

Ok, here we go!

He gets to work typing. On the floor near him, there are several magazines about ants.

##### Int. Swimming Pool – Day

William walks to the end of the diving board. He exchanges a smile with Yumi, who’s sitting on a bench by the edge of the pool, before he jumps up and performs an elegant dive into the water.

Ulrich watches him, leaning against a column opposite the side Yumi is on.

Yumi claps. William surfaces at the edge of the pool right in front of Yumi.

Ulrich struts up to the diving board, head held high.

Sissi comes out of the changing room and spots Ulrich on the high diving board.

Ulrich looks down at Yumi and William.

William

What do you know! Isn’t that Ulrich Stern about to dive?

Yumi looks up in surprise.

The setup to Ulrich’s dive looks deliberate and his technique seems good. He jumps, but when he comes down, his foot hits the end of the diving board. He flails and falls into the water, screaming.

Yumi

Ulrich!

Ulrich bellyflops and starts to sink.

Sissi gasps and other people gasp and chatter with worry.

William grabs Ulrich’s arm near the bottom of the pool and drags him back up to the surface, pulling him over to where Yumi is waiting, looking worried.

Everyone else runs to see Ulrich’s condition.

Sissi

Out of the way! Let me through!

Yumi and William pull Ulrich up out of the pool.

Jim

Huh?

He spots the commotion from the other side of the pool.

Ulrich lies still on the floor, dripping wet. About a dozen students gather around him, muttering.

Student

Is he ok?

Julie

Is he breathing? Is he hurt?

Maitena

Oh, call somebody. He looks like he’s…

Ulrich opens his eyes a little.

Student

He needs mouth-to-mouth!

Sissi bursts through the crowd.

Sissi

Get out of the way!

She stops when she sees that Yumi is already there by Ulrich’s side. Yumi slowly leans in close to his face. Ulrich opens his eyes again and sees Yumi lean in closer, looking concerned.

Jim

Let me through!

Yumi is startled upright again as Jim pushes his way through the crowd.

Jim

I’ve got a first aid certificate.

Jim kneels down beside Ulrich and seems to know what he’s doing as he prepares for resuscitation. Yumi and William smile. Jim pinches Ulrich’s nose and leans in for the kiss of life. Ulrich’s eyes widen. Sissi and many of the other students cringe (except Herb, notably, who looks to be enjoying Ulrich’s misfortune).

Jim

There you go!

Ulrich has a coughing fit and sits up, still coughing.

Jim

Good thing I was here, huh!

Yumi

Are you ok?

Coughing fit over, Ulrich stands up and leaves without a word.

##### Int. Lab – Day [Alternating with Forest Sector]

Jeremie

Now, for the moment of truth.

A window opens up, showing a sphere that continuously multiplies into even more spheres.

Jeremie

Everything seems to be working.

Within a very short amount of time, the number of spheres increases to several dozen.

Jeremie

Transfer, prototype. Scanner! Virtualisation!

In the Forest Sector, a black sphere grows out of thin air, floating above the ground.

Jeremie

Come on…

Back to a single sphere on his screen again, more quickly appear.

The floating blob on Lyoko grows bigger, seeming to be made of several spheres combined into a single, shifting blob. Once it reaches a certain size, it drops to the ground and spreads a large number of spheres on the pathway. The original sphere then floats back above the rest.

Jeremie

YES! Franz Hopper, you’re a genius! And so am I!

On the map, the Marabounta spreads along the pathway.

Jeremie (smug)

XANA and his monsters better watch out now!

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

Ulrich sits on his bed, sulking. He looks up when he hears Kiwi bark. The door opens and Odd and Kiwi walk inside, Odd with a skateboard under his arm.

Odd

What’s the matter?

Ulrich

Nothing.

Kiwi jumps up on the bed. Odd slides the skateboard across the room, eyeing his friend. His phone rings and he answers.

Odd

Jeremie?

Jeremie (excited)

I have something amazing to show you guys! Can you meet me at the factory?

Odd

Ok. Soon as possible.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie

Great. And don’t forget to go and pick up Aelita!

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

Odd

Ok.

He hangs up and looks at Ulrich.

Odd

Jeremie’s called a meeting at the factory. You coming?

Ulrich (sulky)

I’m not in the mood. I’d rather be by myself.

Odd walks over to the door.

Odd

Come on! If you don’t come, he’ll get mad!

Ulrich (sulky)

Leave me alone…

Odd (annoyed)

Ok! Suit yourself! Both of you can stay here.

Ulrich

Both of us?

Odd (annoyed)

Yeah! You and your bad mood.

Odd leaves, closing the door behind him.

##### Int. Lab – day

The lift opens, revealing Aelita and Odd, who’s holding Kiwi.

Jeremie

Ah! There you are. But…where’s Ulrich?

Odd and Aelita go to Jeremie’s side.

Odd

He’s sulking. I don’t know what his problem is!

Aelita

What’s this program?

Jeremie

It’s…Marabounta! My own creation!

Odd

And what does it do, exactly?

On the screen, the Marabounta continues multiplying.

Jeremie

It’s a multi-agent system that functions according to the same principle…as an anthill! But instead of ants, we have these little spheres, whose mission is to search and destroy XANA’s monsters.

Kiwi sniffs at the ant magazines on the floor.

Odd

I-I get it. While the monsters are getting wiped out by your ants, XANA leaves us alone on Lyoko! Is that it?

Jeremie

You guessed it!

Odd

Hey, that’s great!

Aelita

But…what if there’s a real bug in the program?

Jeremie

Impossible. Remember, Franz Hopper was a genius!

Odd

Yeah, that’s right! What do you say we go to Lyoko to check it out? If this thing really works, nothing can happen to us.

Jeremie

You read my mind, Odd! Go to the scanner room. I’ll transfer you.

Odd walks away, but Aelita lingers, to Jeremie’s surprise.

Jeremie

If there’s the slightest problem, I’ll pull the plug. Promise.

Aelita looks away, uncertain and unwilling. But then she looks back up at Jeremie and smiles, before walking to the lift.

Jeremie

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

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

Odd and Aelita are virtualised.

Jeremie

You guys are south of the Marabounta. Take the path to your right. Sorry, but you’ll have to go without vehicles. I don’t have enough machine resources to bring them up.

Odd smiles at Aelita.

Jeremie

And watch out for the bad guys! XANA may have his hands full, but you never know.

Odd

Roger, General!

They run along the path.

Jeremie

A Krab at two o’clock!

Odd and Aelita stop.

Jeremie

Follow it. It’s headed in the right direction.

A Krab hurries along a path in front of them. Odd and Aelita start running again, going after the monster.

##### Int. Swimming Pool – Day

William sits down next to Sissi on a bench. Sissi is wrapped in a towel, and William has one around his neck. After a long silence, William speaks up.

William

Have you been crazy about Ulrich for a long time?

Sissi

Have you been crazy about Yumi for a long time?

William watches Yumi dive off the high diving board.

William

Forever.

Sissi (disbelieving)

You’ve only been here for a few months!

William

Don’t you believe in Destiny with a capital D? Two people who’ve never met, but…who are made for each other?

Sissi

No. I’m not really into fairy tales or cheap, magazine-style romance stories. I’ve had a crush on Ulrich since elementary school. I wanna go out with him. That’s all there is to it.

Beat.

Sissi (spiteful)

If it weren’t for that stuck-up Yumi, I…

Yumi surfaces and swims towards them.

William (spiteful)

And if it wasn’t for that big-shot Ulrich, I…

They look at each other, smile and laugh. Yumi climbs out of the pool and folds her arms.

Yumi

Shall we go? I’m getting cold.

William stands up and walks away, and Yumi follows. Sissi looks away and hums in contemplation.

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

Jeremie

Target dead ahead.

Odd

Jeremie! I’ve got it! I can see the Marabounta!

Odd and Aelita stop running. Their eyes widen at the sight, and they gasp.

Jeremie

Well? What’s it like?

The Marabounta quickly grows across the surface of a Krab standing in the black sea of spheres. The Krab struggles, but there’s nothing it can do.

Odd

Pretty…scary.

The Krab becomes completely covered in the Marabounta. It sinks into the floor and disappears in a small flash of light.

Nearby, a Tarantula shoots lasers at the Marabounta. The areas where the lasers hit become cleared, but not for long – the Marabounta quickly regenerates and covers those areas up again. It reaches the Tarantula’s leg and spreads up towards its body.

Four Hornets circle around one part of the Marabounta, where it rises up to form a sort of column. The column lowers as the Hornets fire lasers at it. The Marabounta then attacks, sending up a spout of spheres that reaches above the Hornets and rains down on them, knocking them out of the air.

A Megatank fires its elliptical laser, clearing a path through the spheres. Not long after the laser recedes, though, the Marabounta regenerates and the path disappears. The Megatank, too, is covered by the spheres and sinks into the ground.

Odd

I never thought I’d ever say it, but…I really feel sorry for XANA.

Aelita

I’ll uplink you a visual, Jeremie.

A window opens on Jeremie’s screen, showing the Marabounta making its way towards the viewer.

Jeremie

It’s working even better than I thought it would!

The window closes again.

Odd

If you want my opinion, Einstein…you’ve invented yourself a nasty piece of work.

Jeremie smiles, pleased with himself.

A Tarantula sinks into the Marabounta, and a large number of spheres pour off the side of the platform.

Aelita (upset)

Jeremie, I’ve…seen enough. I want to come in.

Odd looks at her, concerned.

Jeremie

Yeah. Ok, Aelita. I’ll bring you back. Head southwest, there’s a tower nearby.

Odd

Got it!

Odd runs off. Aelita lingers for a moment, looking upset, before turning to leave – but the Marabounta blocks her path.

Aelita (panicked)

Oh! Odd! Look!

Odd stops and turns around. The Marabounta encircles Aelita.

Jeremie

Odd! Aelita! What’s going on?

Odd runs back to Aelita, shooting arrows at the Marabounta.

Jeremie (worried)

Answer me!

Odd clears a path for Aelita to run through and hangs around for a moment after she’s gone, continuing to shoot. Then he and Aelita both run off down the path, the Marabounta in pursuit. Odd turns and aims while he runs.

Odd

Laser arrow!

He fires a few arrows, but they don’t have a very big effect.

Jeremie (worried)

Odd! Say something!

Odd (worried)

Your Marabounta seems to have it in for us!

Jeremie (annoyed)

This is no time for jokes! I programmed it to attack XANA’s monsters only!

Odd (panicked)

Well…could you program some eyeglasses for it, then?!

Jeremie gasps, eyes wide.

Jeremie

This can’t be right! Did you do something special?!

Odd (worried)

No! Except for firing a few laser arrows…!

Jeremie (chastising)

That wasn’t the smartest thing to do…!

Aelita (worried)

Jeremie, Odd didn’t have a choice! The Marabounta was coming after me!

Jeremie (worried)

Argh! How can that be?!

He starts typing.

Jeremie

Unless… Oh, Jeremie, IDIOT! It’s my fault! It’s the virus implanted in Aelita! The Marabounta thinks she’s one of XANA’s monsters!

Odd (breathless)

Great! Nice work, Frankenstein! I thought we had nothing to worry about!

The Marabounta gains on Odd and Aelita as they run.

Jeremie

I was wrong. …Ok, head for the tower! I’ll kill the program.

A flashing red exclamation mark appears on screen.

Jeremie (dismayed)

Oh, no! Oh, no! Oh…no, NOO!

Odd

Whenever you’re ready, Jeremie!

Jeremie

I can’t deactivate the program! It seems that the Marabounta doesn’t wanna die! The Marabounta’s become autonomous. It’ll submerge everything and everyone in its path!

Odd and Aelita look back at the Marabounta as they run, and then look straight ahead again, fearful.

Jeremie

I’ll brief Yumi and Ulrich!

He tries calling Ulrich first.

Jeremie (annoyed)

Come on, Ulrich! What are you doing?! Will you pick up?!

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

Ulrich lies back on his bed. His phone, sitting on top of his bag, rings, but he ignores it.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie (annoyed)

Wow, that guy can really pick the right day to sit and sulk!

He calls Yumi instead.

##### Int. Yumi’s Room – Day [Alternating with Lab]

Yumi kneels at a table by the window, reading a book. Her phone rings and she answers.

Yumi

Jeremie? …Huh?! What are you talking about? What do you mean, a Chattanooga?

Jeremie

Marabounta. I-I can’t explain now. Just get here ASAP! Odd and Aelita are in big trouble. Ulrich’s at school, but I can’t reach him! I don’t know what’s going on with him…

Yumi

I do. I’ll get him, and we’ll be right over.

She stands up.

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

Odd and Aelita come to a fork in the path and they stop.

Odd

Hey, Jeremie… I think we lost your monster, but now we’re kinda lost, ourselves.

Jeremie

I um… Sorry, guys. Take off in the direction, uh…due west! The Marabounta hasn’t hit that sector yet. In the meantime, I’ll find a way to stop it!

Odd

Don’t blow it, ok? I don’t want to end up as chewing gum!

Odd and Aelita start running again.

##### Int. Dormitory Hallway – Day

Yumi enters the hallway and knocks on Ulrich’s door. She closes her eyes as she waits for an answer, but none comes. She opens her eyes again.

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

Yumi opens the door.

Yumi

I was sure I’d find you here.

Ulrich (annoyed)

What I need is for everybody to leave. Me. Alone! Especially you.

Yumi folds her arms.

Yumi

Hey, if you wanna make a fool of yourself in front of everyone, don’t blame me. No one asked you to spy on me at the pool!

Ulrich (annoyed)

Spy on you?! You’ve gotta be kidding. I just happened to be there, ok?

Yumi (disbelieving)

Oh, yeah, right! What an incredible coincidence! Anyway, do you mind shelving your ego for a minute? Odd and Aelita need us on Lyoko.

She leaves, shutting the door behind her.

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

Odd and Aelita stop running and gasp at what they see: the Marabounta has surrounded the tower they were heading for, making it unreachable.

Odd

Jeremie? Bad news. The Marabounta got here first! The tower’s unreachable.

Aelita gasps and backs away in fear.

Jeremie

This won’t take me long. I’ll find a way to stop it, I promise! And Ulrich and Yumi are on the way! At least…I hope they are.

##### Int. Sewers – Day

Yumi gets on her skateboard and sets off through the sewers.

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

Jeremie stops typing.

Jeremie (upset)

Oh…! No, it can’t be! Hopper…help me out a little!

Odd and Aelita slowly back away from the encroaching Marabounta. Odd fires laser arrows at it, but it doesn’t have much effect.

Jeremie (worried)

If this goes on any longer…all of Lyoko will be destroyed!

Aelita looks around at the black spheres covering the ground around her, dismayed. She backs up against a tree, completely surrounded. The Marabounta climbs up the tree as well, forcing Aelita to recoil away from it.

Jeremie

Careful! XANA’s sending a monster!

A Krab appears in the air above Aelita and drops to the ground beside her. Aelita shields her face. The Krab holds out one of its front legs, offering it to the girl. After a moment’s hesitation, she grabs onto it. The Krab lifts her up and throws her over the Marabounta, to the safety of a clearing. She lands beside Odd. The Krab sinks into the Marabounta and is destroyed.

Odd

That’s crazy! That Krab just sacrificed itself for you! I don’t get it!

Jeremie

That’s weird!

Three Bloks move in towards Odd and Aelita.

Jeremie

I…I think I understand!

Odd and Aelita look surprised and confused as the monsters move in towards them, but don’t attack. Three Kankrelats also move in.

Jeremie

XANA knows he can’t let Aelita die. He needs her memory!

Odd takes aim, but none of the monsters pay any attention to him.

Odd

Hey! What’s the matter with them?

The monsters start shooting at the Marabounta.

Aelita

They’re…protecting me!

Jeremie

Aelita’s right! Use them as allies to defeat the Marabounta!

The lift opens, with Yumi inside.

Jeremie

Ah! At last! But…where’s Ulrich?

Yumi

Alone with his pride. Want to tell me what’s going on?

Jeremie

No time. Go straight there. Odd, Aelita, hang in there. The cavalry’s coming.

A Krab has joined the ranks, standing protectively over Aelita. Odd stands between the three Kankrelats and three Bloks, joining them in attacking the black spheres.

Odd

Laser arrow!

The Krab shoots as well. More Kankrelats join in, totalling seven of them. Despite their attempts, the Marabounta continues to advance at an alarming rate.

Aelita smiles when she sees Yumi being virtualised. When she lands, Yumi takes out her fan and throws it at one of the Bloks, destroying it.

Aelita

No, Yumi! Not them!

Yumi catches her fan and Aelita points.

Aelita

The Marabounta’s the one to go after.

Yumi looks in the direction Aelita is indicating and gasps.

Yumi (disgusted)

Uagh! What *is* that horrible thing?!

Odd

One of Jeremie’s bright ideas! Luckily, XANA’s here to give us a hand!

Yumi

The world has turned upside-down!

Yumi throws a fan at the Marabounta and makes a small dent in it, which is soon filled again.

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

There’s a knock at the door.

Ulrich (annoyed)

Yeah?

William opens the door.

William

Hi. I came to…see how you were.

Ulrich sits up.

Ulrich (annoyed)

Yeah, right. When you have a good chance to humiliate the competition, you might as well go for it.

William

Uh…I miss something here? What’s your problem?

Ulrich (annoyed)

(points) *You’re* my problem!

William

Uh-uh. No. That’d be too easy, Ulrich. Let me tell you what’s *wrong* around here.

He marches up to Ulrich.

William

My being around Yumi forces you to ask yourself a question, a tough question that you can’t answer.

He leans in and points at Ulrich.

William

Here’s a piece of friendly advice: go and talk to Yumi, from the heart. Or else, one day…I will.

He backs off and goes to the door.

William

And then, I really will be your problem.

He leaves, closing the door behind him. Ulrich sighs.

##### Int. Lab – Day [Alternating with Forest Sector]

Jeremie keeps typing.

Aelita

How you doing, Jeremie?

Jeremie (dismayed)

I’ll never make it. I’m really the biggest loser to ever walk the face of the Earth!

He lies his face and arms on the keyboard in dismay.

Aelita (consoling)

You couldn’t have known that my virus would be a problem.

Jeremie

Your virus. Virus! What if…!

He looks at the Marabounta’s window.

Jeremie

Yeah, well! That ought to work!

He gets to work typing.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

The Marabounta closes in on the kids and monsters, despite their attempts to fight back. Yumi throws both her fans and cuts a long path through the black spheres.

##### Ext. Park – Day

Ulrich runs to the manhole and climbs down into the sewers.

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

Odd backs away slowly while firing arrows. Three Kankrelats back away in front of him, also firing – but most of their shots hit the ground in front of them rather than the Marabounta. The black spheres make their way along a tower cable near the group. The Bloks back away as well as the spheres draw closer.

Odd

Whatever you do, don’t let it make any headway. It’ll attack from the rear!

Yumi

You’re a really good combat general, Odd!

Odd

It takes strategy, you know? The only thing stupider than a Blok…is two Bloks!

Yumi throws a fan, but again, it doesn’t do much to help.

Yumi

Jeremie, move it. Things are getting a bit out of hand.

Jeremie

Hey, I’m doing my best, guys!

The Marabounta gets close enough to swallow up one of the Kankrelats.

Jeremie

I think I found a way to destroy the Marabounta!

Odd and Yumi stop attacking, standing back to back.

Jeremie

Odd, I inserted a code for a deadly virus in one of your arrows. If you hit a sphere with it, the whole colony will be infected! But…

Odd

No sweat.

Odd takes aim at the Marabounta.

Jeremie

Wait!

Odd lowers his arms again.

Jeremie

It’ll only work if you hit the first sphere, the one I transferred to Lyoko, that created all the others. It’s at the heart of the Marabounta.

Odd smiles dryly and shakes his head.

Odd

Uh, great. (thumbs up) So how am I supposed to reach the heart of the Marabounta? On a camel’s back?!

The Krab grunts and shifts behind them. Odd and Yumi turn around when they hear the noise.

Odd

Hm?

The Krab lowers its head towards them in offering. Odd and Yumi smile.

Jeremie

Odd. It’s the only way.

Odd gets up on the Krab’s back, riding it like a surfboard.

Odd

CHAAAARGE!

The Krab sets off.

Odd

Jeremie, would you mind telling me…how to find the right sphere in all this mess?

Jeremie

I’ll guide you.

The Krab heads straight for a section of Marabounta. One the monster starts wading through the spheres it’s a rough ride for Odd, and he has to work to maintain his balance on top of the Krab.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

Aelita backs away from the front line of monsters and Yumi – and steps right in the Marabounta. It starts to climb up her leg. She cries out.

Yumi

Aelita!

Yumi throws her fan, hitting the Marabounta right by Aelita’s foot and freeing her friend. Aelita runs back towards the monsters while Yumi keeps going forward. Aelita bends down and holds her leg, saddened. She looks up again.

Aelita

Yumi!

Yumi gasps as the Marabounta climbs up her legs. It soon covers her entire body. With a flash, she disappears, and the spheres that were covering her fall to the ground.

Aelita stands up and backs away as the Marabounta comes towards her. Since the monsters are firing in the other direction, there’s nothing stopping it from advancing this way.

Aelita

Jeremie!

Ulrich is virtualised above a Blok. He lands on top of it and unsheathes his sabre, then leaps in front of Aelita and starts slashing at the black spheres.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

The Marabounta slowly climbs up the Krab’s legs as it wades through the sea of spheres.

Jeremie

You’re almost there, Odd. I’ll give you the exact location of the first sphere.

The Krab stops walking and Odd takes aim.

Odd

It’s ok. I think I found it.

The first sphere hovers above the ground a few metres away from Odd, occasionally generating more spheres that fall to the ground and join the main mass of the Marabounta.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

The Marabounta rises up to Ulrich’s height as the boy keeps slashing away at it.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

The Marabounta continues to climb up the Krab, reaching its head. Odd closes one eye and takes careful aim at the first sphere.

Jeremie

You’ve only got one shot…!

The Krab is completely covered in the black spheres, and it begins to sink towards the ground.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

Ulrich, Aelita, one Blok and one Kankrelat are stranded in a small clearing in the middle of the Marabounta.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

Odd shoots. The arrow goes straight into the first sphere, which explodes in a bright, yellow light.

Odd

Yeah!

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

The explosion spreads across the whole Sector, encompassing the ragtag group of Aelita, Ulrich and the remaining monsters. The Sector shakes as the explosion expands outwards.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

Odd stands up and smiles. The Marabounta is gone.

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

Ulrich and Aelita, standing back to back, cautiously open their eyes. They smile, relieved, when they see that the Marabounta has disappeared.

Jeremie breathes a sigh of relief.

The remaining Blok and Kankrelat walk over to stand beside a Tarantula and a Krab, all facing Ulrich and Aelita. Ulrich takes the handle of his sabre, ready to fight. The monsters then bow at the kids.

Aelita

Look!

Ulrich

Don’t buy it, Aelita.

Jeremie

Ulrich’s right. The Marabounta’s gone, but XANA and his monsters are still our worst enemy.

The four monsters turn around and walk away.

Jeremie

He wants your memory at all costs!

Odd joins Ulrich and Aelita. The three of them stare open-mouthed as the monsters leave.

##### Ext. Park – Day

The others hang around as Yumi replaces the manhole cover.

Odd

Next time you want to play at being a mad scientist, clue us in a little more first, ok?

Jeremie

Well I really tried to, but you all had better things to do! (disappointed) But you’re right, Odd. ‘Cause this time, I was a big zero from start to finish.

Aelita

You found a way out of it, Jeremie. That’s what counts.

Aelita smiles.

##### Ext. Quad – Day

Sissi is leaning against a tree reading a fashion magazine. She sees the gang walking past.

Sissi

Well, if it isn’t the whole crew!

Odd stops.

Odd

Well, if it isn’t the brainless frogface!

Sissi

Ha, ha, ha. You crack me up.

Odd keeps walking.

Sissi

By the way, Ulrich!

Ulrich stops.

Sissi

Are you feeling better after what happened at the pool?

Ulrich bares his teeth.

Ulrich (annoyed)

Cool it, Sissi.

Sissi smiles as she watches them go.

##### Int. Dormitory Staircase – Day

The gang reach the foot of the stairs, Yumi and Ulrich in the lead, and stop.

Odd

So what happened at the pool, Ulrich? Come on, out with it.

Ulrich and Yumi

Nothing!

Ulrich and Yumi make their way up the stairs.

Odd

What?

After a moment, Odd’s look of confusion turns into a grin. He laughs.