# Code Lyoko

## Episode 37: “Common Interest”

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##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

A tower is activated. Two Tarantulas stand guard beside it.

##### Ext. Country Road – Day

A police van drives along a road, going past a fence with radiation warning signs along it.

##### Int. Police Van – Day

Radio

HQ Transfer calling Car Alpha.

The passenger officer picks up the radio.

Male officer

Car Alpha, go ahead.

Radio

In three miles, you’ll meet up with Escort 2 as planned.

##### Ext. Country Road – Day

They drive past an electric fence. Part of it crackles with purple electricity and a spectre winds its way out and follows after the van.

##### Int. Police Van – Day

Male officer

Copy that.

He turns to talk to the prisoner in the back of the van.

Male officer

You happy to be going home, huh, Duncan?

Duncan

I don’t talk to cops, so save your breath.

Male officer

Typical! That’s what you get trying to be nice.

He sighs and puts the radio back in its place. In the back of the van, the spectre comes out of a light on the ceiling and goes into Duncan’s ear. He cries out. The eye of XANA appears in his eyes and he slumps over. The officers in the front hear the commotion.

Male officer (surprised)

Duncan. Hey! What’s going on? W-what’s up? Pull over. He’s had some kind of attack!

The driver stops the van and the male officer gets out and goes around to the back.

Female officer

Car Alpha to HQ Transfer.

Radio

Go ahead, Car Alpha.

The male officer opens the back doors.

Male officer

Duncan! Hey, you ok? What’s going on here?!

XANA-Duncan opens his eyes. He pulls at his handcuffs and they break off.

Male officer

Huh?!

Female officer

Following procedure three: momentary stop to assess the situation.

The male officer cries out. Purple electricity dances over the outside of the van. Suddenly, the male officer’s head is shoved through the grate between the front and the back of the van, startling the female officer.

Female officer

Hey!

The male officer is unconscious.

Radio

Roger, Car Alpha. Standing by for information.

XANA-Duncan jumps onto the front of the van and grins madly at the shocked female officer.

Radio

Car Alpha? What’s going on?

XANA-Duncan laughs.

Radio

Come in, please. Car Alpha?

##### Ext. Drinks Machines Building – Day

Paul and Romain kick a soccer ball to each other.

Paul

I’ll bet you can’t catch this one!

Ulrich, Odd and Yumi hang around the drinks machines. Yumi is getting a drink.

Ulrich

Peter Duncan escaped from the police transport van without any outside help?!

Yumi

Yeah, that’s what they said on the radio.

Odd

You know, ever since David Copperfield made the Statue of Liberty disappear, nothing surprises me anymore! Heh.

Yumi

What bothers me is that the two police officers who were guarding him talked about a “supernatural force.”

Ulrich

You think XANA is involved?

Jeremie

Not a chance!

Jeremie and Aelita walk up to them.

Jeremie

The Superscanner doesn’t show any activated tower. I just checked.

Yumi

I hope you’re right! Imagine, public enemy number one under XANA’s control. Talk about double trouble!

Odd

A public enemy? What did this Duncan guy do?

Jeremie starts counting off on his fingers.

Jeremie (blasé)

Oh, nothing much. Fine art theft, safecracking, kidnapping, bank robberies…

Aelita puts a hand to her head, looking like she’s not feeling well. Her bag slips out of her hand.

Yumi

You ok, Aelita?

Aelita

Yes, um…I just…didn’t sleep very well last night.

The bell rings. Aelita picks up her bag.

Jeremie

Don’t forget, we have a maths test! You going to be alright?

Aelita

…No problem.

##### Ext. Forest – Day

XANA-Duncan darts between the trees in the woods surrounding a nuclear power plant, approaching the complex. The eye of XANA pulses in his eyes.

##### Int. Classroom – Day

Meyer walks around handing out test papers.

Meyer

As you all know, the exam covers the principles of division. I hope you’ve studied hard.

Odd (quiet)

Hey, Ulrich, what’s the last digit of a number divisible by two, huh?

Meyer (annoyed)

Zero.

Odd

Oh, yeah, that’s the answer. Well done, Ma’am!

Meyer (annoyed)

No, that’s the grade you’re going to get if you keep trying to cheat.

Odd

Oh.

The students begin work on their test while Meyer walks around, watching them. Odd stares blankly at his paper, occasionally looking over at Ulrich’s sheet, looking worried. After a short while, Jeremie sits back, no longer working.

Meyer

Well, Jeremie. Is there a problem?

Jeremie

I’ve finished, Ma’am.

Meyer takes his paper and reads through it.

Meyer (pleased)

I see! Good work! Excellent, in fact, Jeremie!

Jeremie smiles. The rest of the class mutters.

##### Ext. Forest – Day

XANA-Duncan holds his head, struggling and seemingly in pain. He falls to his knees.

##### Int. Classroom – Day

Aelita makes noises of distress as she holds her head in her hand.

Jeremie (quiet)

Aelita! Are you ok?

##### Ext. Forest – Day

XANA-Duncan continues to struggle on the ground. His eyes open wide and the eye of XANA disappears, leaving his eyes completely white. He falls back onto the ground, unconscious.

##### Int. Classroom – Day

Aelita has fallen from her chair, unconscious.

Jeremie (worried)

Aelita!

Ulrich and Meyer move in to get a look at Aelita. The rest of the class chatters, sounding worried. Many of them gasp and say her name, “Aelita!”

##### Ext. Town – Day

An ambulance rushes down the street, sirens blaring. Aelita is on a stretcher in the back.

##### Ext. Hospital – Day

A doctor runs through the doors, putting a stethoscope on. The ambulance officers lift Aelita’s stretcher out of the vehicle.

Doctor 1

Ok, what have we got?

Ambulance officer

Adolescent, a twelve years old. Unconscious. Very weak pulse. Irregular heartbeat.

Doctor 1

Put her in Bay 1.

##### Int. Hospital Hallway – Day

Jeremie walks alongside the stretcher as Aelita is wheeled through the hospital. He stops when they reach a set of doors, clearly for personnel and patient access only.

##### Int. Hospital Resuscitation Room – Day

The doctor watches Aelita’s heart monitor. It has dropped to very low levels, hovering around 15-20 beats per minute.

Doctor

She’s gone into fibrillation!

Doctor 2

Ten mils of adrection.

It sounded like they mashed together the words “adrenaline” and “injection.” Whatever he actually said, he meant an adrenaline injection.

The second doctor prepares a needle and goes to inject it into Aelita’s IV. The first doctor looks back up at the heart monitor.

Doctor 1

Heart’s failing!

The second doctor injects the adrenaline.

Doctor 2

She’s going down. Cardiac unit!

The first doctor goes over to a bench and retrieves a defibrillator while the second adjusts Aelita’s sheet to expose her chest. She’s wearing a pink singlet or camisole. The defibrillator is placed on her chest.

Doctor 2

Clear.

Aelita’s body arches up off the bed when the shock is delivered. She flatlines.

Doctor 2

Nothing… Clear!

They attempt another shock, but the heart monitor still reads zero. The doctors stare at the monitor, at a loss.

##### Ext. Forest – Day

XANA-Duncan lies still on the ground in the woods. Suddenly, his eyes open, revealing the eye of XANA. He sits up.

##### Int. Hospital Resuscitation Room – Day

Aelita’s heartrate climbs again, settling at around 15-20 beats per minute.

Doctor 2

That kid’s got a real guardian angel, that’s for sure.

Aelita weakly opens her eyes.

##### Int. Hospital Hallway – Day

Ulrich, Yumi, Odd and Jeremie are seated in a waiting area. Jeremie looks up as the first doctor walks over to them.

Jeremie (worried)

So, how is she?

Doctor 1

She’s fine, don’t worry.

The kids all smile, relieved.

Doctor 1

She’ll be alright, but it’s an extraordinary case!

Yumi

Can we see her?

Doctor 1

I don’t see why not. But not too much noise. She needs to rest.

The doctor leaves.

Odd

Don’t worry, Doctor! Everyone knows I’m quiet and calm!

##### Int. Hospital Room – Day

Aelita’s heartrate is hovering around 70 now. She’s dressed in a hospital gown.

Yumi

How were your test results?

Aelita

Completely normal!

Ulrich

Maybe it’s got something to do with the fact that you’re not really human.

Aelita

It could be the virus that XANA implanted in me.

Yumi

Did you find anything, Jeremie?

Jeremie is on his laptop, looking at the Superscan.

Jeremie

Dead calm, as far as XANA’s concerned. No activated towers. (confused) Although the Superscan seems to have reset itself, it’s not giving the right results!

Odd

Kind of like me! I guess it didn’t study either!

Jeremie packs up his laptop.

Jeremie

No class this afternoon. I’m going to pay a visit to the factory and check it out.

Ulrich puts his arm around Odd.

Ulrich

We’ll go with you.

Yumi

I’ll stay here. We can have a girl-to-girl talk for once!

Aelita smiles.

##### Ext. Nuclear Plant – Day

A green van with a yellow radiation symbol on it drives out of the power plant.

##### Int. Factory – Day

Odd, Ulrich and Jeremie slide down the ropes and land in front of the lift.

##### Ext. Country Road – Day

The green van drives along the road.

Driver (shocked)

Hey!

XANA-Duncan stands in the middle of the road, facing the van head on.

Driver (shocked)

What the…?! This guy’s crazy!

XANA-Duncan laughs. The driver slams on the breaks, but the van doesn’t stop in time; it drives right through XANA-Duncan, who simply phases through it. The driver bumps his head on the steering wheel after the abrupt stop. XANA-Duncan turns to the van. He holds out a hand and purple electricity fizzles around it. A keypad on the back of the van gradually has a code typed into it using XANA-Duncan’s telepathic power. The code is completed and accepted, and the door opens, revealing two soldiers armed with guns, pointed at XANA-Duncan.

Soldier 1

Don’t move!

Soldier 2

Put your hands in the air!

XANA-Duncan chuckles.

The driver regains consciousness in time to hear the sound of things being thrown around. He looks up, surprised and worried. He looks in the side view mirror and sees XANA-Duncan’s hand disappear inside the truck. Getting out of the truck, he readies a handgun and cautiously makes his way to the back of the vehicle, his back pressed to its side. After a moment’s hesitation, he steps around the corner and points his gun.

Driver

Hands up!

The two soldiers lie unconscious at the back of the van. The driver slowly lowers his gun. He looks up at the van’s cargo, shocked: there are four spaces for canisters to be held in, with a large radiation symbol in the middle of them. One of the canisters is missing.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie checks the Superscan, Odd and Ulrich at his sides. The Superscan doesn’t behave how it should.

Jeremie

That’s exactly what I was afraid of.

Ulrich

What?

Jeremie

The Superscan bugged up! I’ll find out why in a minute.

Odd

The real question is, can you fix it?

Jeremie (concerned)

Well, normally, yeah. But the debugging phase takes time. I don’t know if it’s a minor bug or something more serious which might-

Odd

Ok, ok.

Odd makes his way towards the lift.

Odd

If XANA’s activated a tower, we’ll find it much faster by going directly to Lyoko. You coming, Ulrich?

Ulrich

Mhm!

Ulrich follows after Odd. Jeremie silently turns back to the computer and starts typing. Odd and Ulrich go to the scanner room.

Jeremie

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

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

Odd and Ulrich are virtualised. They look all around them, but there are no towers around.

Ulrich

All clear here. We’re going to have to search all the Sectors.

Jeremie

Don’t panic! I’m calling up your vehicles, guys.

The Overbike and Overboard appear beside their owners. They get on and set off.

Jeremie works on the Superscan.

Odd

Jeremie! How’s it going with the Superscan?

Jeremie

Nnnot too great.

Odd

Well anyway, you might as well forget it. No wait, we found it!

They approach an activated tower.

Ulrich

Activated tower, dead ahead.

Jeremie

Right. I’ve got it! Twenty-five degrees north-northeast! Nice job, you guys!

Ulrich and Odd stop at the foot of the tower.

Ulrich

Now all we’ve gotta do is bring Aelita here to deactivate it.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie

Ok. I’m bringing you in.

The Holoprojector suddenly shuts off, accompanied by a power loss sound effect.

Jeremie (irked)

Oh, that’s great! Now what’s up?!

His screens turn off.

Jeremie (worried)

Oh, no! Can you hear me? Hey! Ulrich! Odd!

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Odd and Ulrich wait to be devirtualised, but nothing happens. Ulrich leans against the Overbike.

Ulrich

Er, Jeremie, not that we’re in a rush, but uh… (slightly worried) Jeremie? Taking your time there…

He straightens up.

Ulrich (surprised)

Jeremie?!

Odd

Hm! Must’ve forgotten to pay his phone bill!

##### Int. Hospital Room – Day

Aelita laughs as Yumi tells a story.

Yumi (laughing)

Wait, the funniest part is, Hiroki says to my father, “Papa, when I grow up, I’m gonna look like you, but with muscles!”

The girls both laugh. Aelita suddenly gasps and then falls unconscious. Her heart monitor lets out a continuous beep, signalling that Aelita’s heart has stopped.

Yumi

Aelita?

She stands up.

Yumi (distressed)

Oh, no! I don’t believe it! Get a doctor, quickly!

##### Ext. Forest – Day

XANA-Duncan walks along carrying the canister he stole from the truck. It has a glowing green bar inside it. His eyes suddenly widen and the eye of XANA disappears. XANA-Duncan slowly collapses to the ground. The canister rolls away and comes to a stop near the man.

##### Int. Lift – Day

Jeremie heads down.

Jeremie

What’s wrong with this darn supercomputer?!

##### Int. Supercomputer Room – Day

Jeremie gets out of the lift. The Supercomputer rises up from its housing in the floor.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Odd and Ulrich are still waiting beside the activated tower.

Odd

Uh, Jeremie? Are you gonna bring us in or not?!

Ulrich draws his sabre.

Ulrich

We’ll have to manage without him. Get ready!

Odd takes aim at Ulrich. Ulrich gets ready to slash at Odd.

Odd

One…two…three!

Ulrich goes for Odd’s shoulder at the same time Odd fires two laser arrows. Odd is hit by the sabre and knocked to the ground, and Ulrich receives both arrows to the chest and falls backwards. Both boys clutch at their injuries, but neither of them is devirtualised. They both stand up and Ulrich retrieves his katana from where it landed on the ground.

Odd

We…w-we can’t be devirtualised!

Ulrich sheathes his sabre.

Ulrich

The scanners must be offline. What is going on around here, anyway?!

Odd

I have no idea! But we’ve got a real problem.

Ulrich

That’s the understatement of the year.

##### Int. Supercomputer Room – Day

Jeremie walks up to the Supercomputer and pulls the on/off switch. It makes a weak noise but doesn’t start up.

Jeremie

Ugh…! This is really bad!

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

The Ice Sector starts disappearing. First the colour vanishes from the platform, revealing a transparent wireframe, and then that disappears as well. The disappearing area moves gradually towards Odd and Ulrich, threatening to drop them into the Digital Sea.

Ulrich (shocked, worried)

Huh?! What is that?!

Odd

How about…a…gigantic, invisible eraser?!

Ulrich

Let’s get outta here!

They run towards their vehicles.

Ulrich (panicked)

Jeremie! Do something fast, huh! Before it’s too late!

They get on their vehicles and fly away. Behind them, the platform the tower is on finishes disappearing, and the tower vanishes along with it.

##### Int. Supercomputer Room – Day

Jeremie keeps trying the switch.

Jeremie (nervous, impatient)

Come on! Start up, will you?!

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

The erasure gains on the two boys.

Odd

Jeremie, can you hear us?! We have a big bug here!

Odd looks over and sees the Overbike start to disappear from underneath Ulrich. Once it’s gone, Ulrich falls, screaming. The platform beneath them disappears, leaving nothing between Ulrich and the Digital Sea.

Odd

Ulrich!

Ulrich

HEEELP!

Odd dives down, spinning the Overboard around to gain speed. He swoops in underneath Ulrich and catches him on the back of the Overboard.

Ulrich

Thanks!

The Overboard starts to disappear too.

Odd

Huh? NOO!

With the vehicle gone, Odd and Ulrich scream as they plummet towards the Digital Sea.

##### Int. Hospital Room – Day

Aelita is still flatlining. One of the doctors performs manual CPR while the other holds up a bag connected to her IV. Yumi watches on with worry.

##### Int. Supercomputer Room – Day

Jeremie pulls the switch again and this time it responds. The panel cover closes over the switch and the gold parts of the Supercomputer start to glow. Jeremie breathes a sigh of relief.

Jeremie

Finally!

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

The platform currently disappearing below the boys suddenly reappears again. Odd and Ulrich catch onto the edge. They look down towards the Digital Sea, sounding surprised at the sudden reappearance of the platform, before pulling themselves up. They look around, and then down. Odd gasps and Ulrich smiles as they watch the platform continue to reform.

Ulrich

Looks like Lyoko’s recharged its batteries!

They smile at each other as the Sector returns.

##### Int. Hospital Room – Day

After a few more compressions by the doctor, Aelita’s heart finally starts beating again.

Doctor 2 (awed)

In all my years as a doctor, this is the first time I’ve ever seen that.

Aelita opens her eyes.

##### Ext. Forest – Day

XANA-Duncan opens his eyes. He sits up, coughs, takes the canister and continues walking.

##### Int. Supercomputer Room – Day

Jeremie

Hey! We’re doing ok.

Something is beeping. Jeremie notices a panel that looks like a battery charge display. It’s onto the very last bar, and it’s blinking.

Jeremie (worried)

Oh, no! The nuclear battery’s going dead!

##### Int. Hospital Hallway – Day

Ulrich, Yumi, Odd and Jeremie are gathered outside Aelita’s room.

Jeremie

The uranium in the nuclear battery’s almost up, so the Supercomputer keeps failing and pretty soon, it’ll turn off altogether.

Odd

Oh! Is that all? Then we just have to change the battery!

Jeremie (chiding)

A supercomputer is not the same as a GameBoy, Odd. You can’t just pick up a bar of uranium at the corner store!

Ulrich

But isn’t there a kind of emergency backup battery?

Jeremie (sad)

No. I checked.

##### Int. Hospital Room – Day

Aelita sits up in her bed, listening to the conversation outside her door.

Yumi (off)

XANA is dying.

Jeremie (off, sad)

And so is Aelita. And all on account of that miserable virus!

##### Int. Hospital Hallway – Day

Odd, Yumi and Ulrich groan in despair.

Jeremie (sad)

I’m gonna get something to drink…

He walks away, head down.

##### Int. Hospital Hallway – Day

Jeremie sits by the vending machine with a cup of hot chocolate in his hands, untouched. He looks up as a shadow passes over him: XANA-Duncan walks up to him and reaches out his hands. Jeremie flinches backwards, trying to shield himself with his arm and calling out. The eye of XANA can be seen in XANA-Duncan’s eyes as he grabs the boy.

##### Int. Hospital Room – Day

Odd, and Ulrich come back into Aelita’s room. Odd goes up to the bed, where Aelita is lying down, looking upset.

Odd (comforting)

Hey, Princess. (gestures to heart monitor) Is this the best TV set they could find?

Aelita (sad)

Don’t bother trying to cheer me up. I heard what they said in the hallway.

Odd bows his head.

##### Ext. Bridge – Day

XANA-Duncan runs across the bridge, the unconscious Jeremie over his shoulder.

##### Int. Hospital Room – Day [Alternating with Supercomputer Room]

Yumi comes into the room.

Yumi

Jeremie’s disappeared!

Ulrich

But he can’t have left just like that!

Aelita gasps as she falls back into unconsciousness. Her heart stops beating again.

Yumi (worried)

Aelita!

Ulrich’s phone rings and he answers it. Yumi rushes to Aelita’s bedside.

Jeremie is in the Supercomputer room, wearing an orange hazmat suit.

Jeremie

Ulrich. It’s me.

Ulrich

Jeremie, where are you?! Aelita’s just had another attack!

Jeremie

That figures. I just turned off the Supercomputer.

Ulrich (shocked)

What?!

Jeremie

Peter Duncan is under XANA’s control. He kidnapped me to make me replace the battery!

The battery sits on the floor by Jeremie’s feet.

Ulrich (relieved)

That means that Aelita is saved, too, then! Fantastic!

Jeremie

Yeah, except that once the new battery is in…Duncan’s going to try to kill me.

XANA-Duncan lies unconscious on the floor nearby.

##### Int. Hospital Office – Day

There’s a series of lights on the wall corresponding to rooms in the hospital. The one for room 117 blinks red and an alarm beeps. A doctor runs over to look.

Doctor 1

It’s room one-seventeen. Little Aelita!

##### Int. Supercomputer Room – Day

Jeremie

The only way to get rid of Duncan, is for you to go to Lyoko and deactivate the tower. Get Aelita out of the hospital and get here ASAP!

Jeremie presses a button on the Supercomputer, opening a panel for the battery to fit into.

##### Int. Hospital Room – Day

Ulrich

Aelita’s heart can’t take an awful lot more of this.

Jeremie

I know. So hurry.

##### Int. Hospital Room – Day

The doctors come into the room to find it empty. They gasp in surprise.

##### Ext. Riverbank – Day

Odd, Ulrich and Yumi run towards the factory. Ulrich carries Aelita on his back.

##### Int. Supercomputer Room – Day

Jeremie has the hazmat helmet on now as well. A gaseous, dark grey substance wafts around the Supercomputer.

Jeremie

This ought to do the trick!

He slowly removes the dead battery.

Jeremie (nervous)

Easy…

Once fully removed, he places it beside the new battery and then takes the new one instead. He carefully inserts it in the machine and closes the battery panel.

Jeremie

Please let Aelita still be alive…

He flips the switch and the Supercomputer starts up again. He then quickly gets out of the hazmat suit, leaving it on the floor, and runs to the lift. XANA-Duncan opens his eyes, the eye of XANA pulsing in them. The man gets up and runs after Jeremie.

XANA-Duncan

You won’t get away from me!

The lift door closes just before XANA-Duncan reaches it. He runs right into it and ends up on the floor. After the lift ascends, XANA-Duncan picks himself up.

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

Jeremie sits in the chair and puts the headset on.

Jeremie (worried)

Yumi! Ulrich! Odd! Are you there?! Tell me you’re there…!

Beat.

Odd (over headset)

You’re there.

Jeremie breathes a sigh of relief.

Yumi, Aelita and Odd wait outside a scanner each.

Yumi

We’re in the scanner room.

Jeremie

Is Aelita ok?

Aelita

Couldn’t be better!

Odd

Launch the procedure for Yumi, Aelita and me. We’re gonna deactivate that darn tower!

Jeremie

But where’s Ulrich?

The lift opens and Ulrich gets out.

Ulrich

Here I am! You didn’t think we’d let *you* have all the fun with Peter Duncan, did you?

Jeremie

Transfer, Odd. Transfer, Aelita! Transfer, Yumi! Virtualisation!

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

The three of them are virtualised.

Jeremie

You should see the tower!

They look around. Yumi finally spots it, pointing at it.

Yumi

Over there.

Aelita points in another direction.

Aelita

Watch out.

Yumi and Odd look in the direction she’s pointing and gasp.

Odd

Ugh…! Kankrelats!

Five Kankrelats have assembled not far away. Odd crouches down.

Odd

We haven’t seen you guys for a while. I missed you!

The Kankrelats start firing. Odd jumps away from the lasers and runs towards the monsters on all fours, zigzagging to avoid fire. He then jumps high in the air, doing a few mid-air somersaults before spreading out his limbs again and taking aim.

Odd

Laser arrow!

He fires one arrow, hitting a Kankrelat and destroying it. He lands behind the four remaining monsters.

Odd

One down!

Two Kankrelats turn around and move towards Odd while the other two head for Yumi and Aelita. They open fire. Aelita dodges to avoid the lasers and ends up falling to her hands and knees. Yumi reaches her just in time to deflect a laser going for her face. As Aelita gets up, Yumi keeps deflecting lasers with her fans.

Yumi

Jeremie, we’re gonna need our vehicles!

Jeremie

Your rides are on the way.

Yumi deflects most of the lasers, but one ends up hitting her in the torso.

Jeremie

Yumi! You’re down to ten life points. The vehicles are materialising!

Odd shoots several arrows at the approaching Kankrelats, most of them hitting the ground. One finally hits the target of one of the monsters, destroying it.

Jeremie (worried)

Hurry up, guys!

Odd keeps firing.

Odd

We’re doing our best! It’s no picnic out here!

The vehicles have appeared. Aelita is on the Overwing behind Yumi. They fly up to Odd.

Yumi

There’s no time, Odd! Let’s go!

Odd backflips onto the Overboard.

Odd

Must be your lucky day, you little Kanker-creeps!

Odd’s last Kankrelat fires at them as they leave, but they quickly escape. Soon, the tower is in sight.

Odd

Tower dead ahead!

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie

Great!

XANA-Duncan phases through the lift door. Jeremie looks over at him, and then to Ulrich.

Jeremie

Can you handle him?!

Ulrich gives Jeremie a blasé hand wave.

Ulrich

I love entertaining guests!

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Yumi, Aelita and Odd approach the tower, which is guarded by two Tarantulas.

Yumi

Two monsters in view.

Odd breaks off. Yumi and Aelita fly right up close to the monsters, and the Tarantulas take aim at them. Once the girls are but a few metres away, Yumi does a ninety degree turn. Aelita smiles and waves at the monsters as they pass. The Tarantulas look at each other, seeming to communicate, and then one of them follows the girls. As it goes, it occasionally walks on two legs while firing with its front ones. It eventually manages to hit and destroy the Overwing.

Yumi

Aelita! Jump!

They jump off just before the Overwing disappears completely. Aelita rolls to a stop. Yumi lands in a graceful flip and then turns to face the Tarantula.

Yumi

Run to the tower!

Aelita runs off while Yumi gets out her fans. The Tarantula charges.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Ulrich faces off against XANA-Duncan. He dodges two punches and then gets behind the man, but XANA-Duncan elbows him in the chest.

Jeremie (worried)

Ulrich!

Ulrich falls to the floor, in pain. XANA-Duncan approaches him and picks him up by his shirt.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Odd flies towards the tower and its single Tarantula guard. The Tarantula starts firing at him as he draws closer and he easily avoids the lasers. When he gets close to the tower, he flips the Overboard vertical, hanging off it and smiling at the Tarantula. He then straightens out and circles around the tower several times, still under heavy fire. Eventually he breaks off and flies away, and the Tarantula follows him.

Yumi deflects laser fire from her Tarantula before stowing her fans behind her back and performing a series of flips, still dodging lasers.

Once he’s gotten a fair distance from the tower, Odd does a U-turn to fly back towards the Tarantula and fire arrows at it. The Tarantula stops and prepares to fire back.

Yumi finishes her series of flips by getting close to the Tarantula and jumping up in the air. She throws both her fans at once and they cut straight through the Tarantula’s eye. Yumi lands behind the monster just before it explodes.

Odd is high up in the air now, trading fire with his Tarantula. The monster hits the Overboard, sending Odd falling to the ground.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Ulrich is thrown against a wall. XANA-Duncan takes a few steps towards him, but then turns to Jeremie.

XANA-Duncan

Now it’s your turn!

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Aelita runs towards the tower. The last Tarantula stands right in front of the entrance, aiming at Odd, who’s on his hands and knees a couple of metres away. Odd picks himself up and runs forwards, aiming with both arms, but the Tarantula shoots first and devirtualises him.

Aelita (worried)

Odd…!

##### Int. Lab – Day

Ulrich is unconscious, slumped against the wall. Jeremie has gotten out of his seat and backs away from XANA-Duncan as the man approaches him, looking threatening. Jeremie backs into the wall.

Jeremie (panicked)

Stay away…!

He cowers against the wall as XANA-Duncan draws closer.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

The Tarantula turns to Aelita and starts firing. Suddenly, one of Yumi’s fans flies past Aelita’s face, defending her from the lasers. Yumi catches her fan.

Yumi

Aelita! Time to pull out all the stops!

Yumi is struck by a laser and devirtualised. Aelita closes her eyes, holds out her hand and sings. The ground beneath the Tarantula disappears, causing the monster to fall straight down. Aelita jumps over the gap and runs into the tower.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Green electricity runs across the walls and floor and into XANA-Duncan’s hand as he holds Jeremie up against the wall by his shirt. Jeremie struggles and cries out, but there’s not much he can do. He clasps his hands together above his head, ready to strike a blow to XANA-Duncan’s head.

##### Tower, Ice Sector, Lyoko

Aelita enters the code.

Aelita

Tower deactivated.

##### Int. Lab – Day

The eye of XANA disappears from Duncan’s eyes and the green electricity vanishes. Jeremie brings his hands down on the man’s head. Duncan drops him and then falls to the floor, unconscious. On the other side of the room, Ulrich sits up.

Ulrich

Hey, you ok?

Jeremie gives him a thumbs-up.

##### Ext. Drinks Machines Building – Day

Sandra, Ninon and Veronica play with a skipping rope nearby. The gang are hanging around in front of the doors. Yumi is reading from a newspaper.

Yumi (reading)

“Peter Duncan was found unconscious in front of police headquarters. The police are investigating, but for the moment don’t have any leads as to how the escaped prisoner ended up outside the police station!”

Ulrich

Even if we did tell them the truth, they’d never believe us.

Odd (wistful)

You’re right! That’s how it is for unsung heroes like ourselves. We’ve gotta act and win, and remain in the shadows… I guess that’s what being a true hero is all about!

Ulrich and Yumi exchange an amused look.

Odd

But someday, everybody’s gonna know just how brave we are. And we’ll reap the real benefits and rewards true heroes deserve…!

Jeremie

Hey! Speaking of rewards, I just saw Mrs. Meyer!

Odd’s smile fades.

Odd

Uh-oh.

Jeremie

She gave me the results of the…maths test.

Odd

Uh, great. What did I get?

Jeremie

Eight thousand, six hundred and fifty plus fifty-one minus ten thousand plus one thousand, two hundred and ninety nine.

Odd thinks hard.

Odd

You mean I got…um…uh… WOW! I got a hundred?

Jeremie (duh)

Mm…no! Zero!

Odd deflates. Ulrich puts a hand on his shoulder.

Ulrich (teasing)

Don’t worry, Odd. One day, everyone’s gonna know how *brave* you are by not studying. And you’ll reap the rewards that an unsung hero like you deserves.

Yumi

But don’t hold your breath!

Jeremie, Aelita, Ulrich and Yumi laugh.