# Code Lyoko

## Episode 49: “Franz Hopper”

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##### Int. Yumi’s Room – Night [Alternating with Jeremie’s Room]

Yumi is asleep. She’s woken up when her phone rings and she answers it.

Yumi (groggy)

Huh?

Jeremie

Yumi! It’s Jeremie. We need you to come to the factory right now.

Jeremie is at his computer, typing with his left hand while he holds his phone in his right.

Jeremie

The Superscan has just picked up an attack from XANA! And this one looks like biiig trouble!

There are five Superscan windows open, each showing an activated tower.

Yumi (tired)

Why?

Jeremie

Because believe it or not, there are *five* activated towers.

##### Int. Factory – Night

Jeremie, Odd, Aelita and Ulrich stand outside the lift as the door opens.

Jeremie

I’ve got a bad feeling about this one!

Odd

*No*, relax, Einstein. We’ll take out your five towers in no time.

Yumi slides down a rope to join them.

Yumi

I got here as quickly as I could.

They all get into the lift.

##### Int. Lab – Night

The lift opens.

Jeremie

Huh?!

There’s someone sitting at the computer, typing, with their back to the kids. Jeremie and Odd look at each other in confusion, then back to the stranger.

Hopper

Ah. There you are.

The chair swivels around to reveal Franz Hopper.

Hopper

I’ve been expecting you.

The five teens exchange glances, remaining silent. Hopper goes back to typing.

Hopper

That XANA… Locks the door, but leaves the window wide open.

The Superscan shows an activated tower turning green, and then the window closes. Jeremie walks up to the computer, looking between the screen and Hopper.

Jeremie (baffled)

Uh…uh…bu-but I mean…wha-wha…what are you doing here?!

Hopper

I’m deactivating the towers.

Jeremie (surprised)

Without going to Lyoko?!

Hopper (amused)

Of course!

Aelita (baffled)

But uh… Who *are* you?

Hopper stops typing and looks at Aelita.

Hopper

What? Haven’t you understood yet? I’m…Franz…Hopper.

Aelita

Huh?

Jeremie

Huh?

Hopper

I’m the one who created Lyoko! And XANA, too. But then I lost control of it… In the very beginning, it was a program that I designed to counter a military project, based on a multi-agent system.

Aelita

Well…what about me?

Hopper

Eh? I created you…to be the guardian of Lyoko.

Hopper looks awed as he looks at Aelita.

Hopper

But I never thought I’d see you one day in…flesh and blood.

Aelita smiles.

Ulrich

But then where have you been, for these last few years?

Hopper

Well, let’s say I was a kind of…prisoner…

Yumi gasps.

Hopper

…who finally managed to escape.

Yumi

What now, then?

Hopper

We’ve got to destroy XANA once and for all.

Jeremie

We’d love to, but XANA’s given Aelita a bug. If we switch the Supercomputer off, then…Aelita switches off, too!

Hopper smiles.

Hopper

We’ll find the antivirus. You’ll see.

He starts typing again.

Jeremie

Sure… But how?

Hopper puts a hand on Jeremie’s shoulder.

Hopper

Well, that, young man, is why I came. I’m here to help.

Jeremie smiles.

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Night

Jeremie sits in his computer chair, facing Aelita, who’s sitting on his bed.

Aelita

He’s very fatherly. Actually, in a way, he *is* my father. He’s the one who created me.

Jeremie

That’s true. I adore my own dad, but…heh, he’s sure no genius! But this Franz Hopper is a real *live* genius!

Aelita gets up.

Aelita

Yeah. That’s it for me. I’m going to go to bed.

She heads for the door.

Jeremie

Ok. Goodnight!

Aelita

Goodnight, Jeremie!

The door closes. Jeremie turns to his computer.

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Day

Jeremie is slumped over his desk, asleep. His phone rings, waking him up, and he answers.

Michel

Jeremie? It’s me.

Jeremie

Franz?

Michel

No, Michel! Your father!

Odd opens the door. He and Yumi peek into the room, and Odd giggles cheekily.

Michel

Do you know why I’m calling? Happy birthday, big guy.

Jeremie turns around to find all his friends and Kiwi standing there. Odd is holding a present behind his back, wrapped in pink gift wrap.

Jeremie

Huh?

Ulrich, Odd, Yumi and Aelita

Happy birthday, Einstein!

They all laugh excitedly.

Michel

By the way, your mother is worried about you. You should call us more often.

Aelita and Odd playfully nudge Jeremie.

Michel

Now, have you thought about that school for gifted children?

Ulrich gives Jeremie a playful punch and Aelita kisses him on the forehead.

Michel

Jeremie?

Jeremie (to Michel)

Uh…yeah!

Yumi gives him a nudge.

Jeremie (to Michel)

Sure! O-ok, Dad! Sure! Uh, listen, I have to go. Uh…my friends just came in. Uh, talk to you soon!

Jeremie hangs up. Odd hands him the present.

Odd

Here! A present!

Jeremie smiles up at his friends.

Ulrich

What are you waiting for? Go on, open it!

Odd grins as Jeremie unwraps the gift. Inside is a photo frame, which Jeremie holds up.

Jeremie (amazed)

WOW!

Inside the frame is a hand-drawn sketch of the five of them standing together. Odd is also holding Kiwi.

Jeremie (amazed)

It’s *great*!

He lowers the frame again to look at Odd, who’s still wearing a large smile.

Odd

Yeah! And I drew it from memory!

Ulrich

So you can imagine how much effort it took!

Ulrich, Aelita and Yumi laugh.

Jeremie

Thanks, everyone! Hey! How about going over to the factory now? I can’t wait to see Franz again.

They all nod.

##### Int. Lab – Day

The gang stand in a line in front of Hopper, who’s in the computer chair.

Hopper

You use the scanners to virtualise human beings?

Jeremie

Well…yes! It was the only way we could find to deactivate towers on Lyoko.

Hopper (grave)

The virtualisation process was not ready for that yet. It’s a very dangerous procedure, with serious side effects.

Yumi

Such as?

Hopper (grave)

Cell degeneration.

They all exchange glances.

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

The scanner doors close on Ulrich, Odd and Yumi.

Aelita and Jeremie watch as Hopper does a health scan on their three friends. Images of Odd, Ulrich and Yumi being scanned are shown, with a generic yellow humanoid figure underneath each of them, showing the scan’s progress. A red plus sign in a white circle shows up under Odd’s scan.

Hopper

Odd seems ok.

A plus sign appears below Ulrich’s scan.

Hopper

Ulrich too. But Yumi…

The head of Yumi’s yellow figure starts to flash red, accompanied by a warning beep.

Jeremie (dismayed)

No! It can’t be!

He covers his mouth in disbelief and looks over at Aelita.

##### Ext. Quad – Day

Odd, Yumi and Ulrich are sitting on a bench. Jeremie and Aelita are standing in front of them.

Yumi (sad)

I can’t believe it. What a nightmare…!

Odd

Nice one, Einstein. Doctor Schranktransplants animal limbs onto human beings, but compared to you, he’s small time.

Jeremie (sad)

I… I-I couldn’t have known…! I’m sorry…

Ulrich (upset)

You’re sorry?! Well that’s not gonna help cure Yumi.

Jeremie

Yumi, I…

Jeremie’s voice trails off: he’s not sure how to finish the sentence. Yumi stands up.

Yumi

Leave me alone, Jeremie. I need to be by myself. You coming, Ulrich?

She and Ulrich walk away. The others watch them go.

##### Int. Cafeteria – Night

Spaghetti and meatballs for dinner. The four boarders of the gang are at a table together and the atmosphere is tense. Jeremie picks up a meatball on his fork.

Jeremie

I’m sure there’s a way to cure Yumi.

Odd

We don’t even know exactly what’s wrong with her!

Jeremie

I’ll work it out. I promise I will.

Ulrich

I think you’ve done enough damage as it is.

Jeremie (upset)

What do you mean by that?! That everything’s been my fault right from the start?!

Ulrich (accusatory)

You’re the brains in this outfit…*Einstein*.

Jeremie takes his tray and leaves. Aelita stands up with her tray as well, glaring at Ulrich.

Aelita (upset)

You know, Ulrich, if it weren’t for the scanners, I wouldn’t be here.

Aelita follows Jeremie away.

##### Int. Ishiyama Kitchen – Night

The family is having noodles for dinner. Yumi is staring at her bowl, a frown on her face.

Akiko

Yumi? Are you ok?

Yumi gives a weak smile.

Yumi

I’m…not very hungry tonight.

Hiroki

(laughs) (imitating Yumi) Ohhh, Ulrich, I looooove youuu! (laughs)

Akiko (stern)

Hiroki…

Yumi stands up and walks out of the room.

Yumi

I’m going to bed.

Akiko

(sigh) That’s it, then. We’re in the thick of it now.

Takeho

Of what?

Akiko

A teenage crisis.

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Night

Jeremie looks at the drawing he’d been given that morning for his birthday, which is sitting on the end of his desk facing his bed. He rolls onto his side, looking away from the picture, and pulls the covers up over himself. He has a serious frown on his face.

##### Int. Aelita’s Room – Night

Aelita lies in bed awake.

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

Odd and Ulrich are both in bed, awake. Kiwi is sound asleep at Odd’s feet.

##### Int. Yumi’s Room – Night

Yumi is also in bed, awake. Her phone rings. After a moment’s hesitation, she picks it up and answers.

Yumi

Hello?

Hopper

Yumi, it’s Franz.

Yumi’s eyes widen.

##### Int. Lab – Night

Hopper is at the computer, typing.

Hopper

I have some good news. Tell the others, and meet me first thing tomorrow at the factory.

Yumi

Ok, we’ll be there.

Hopper ends the phone call.

##### Int. Lab – Day

The five friends are in the lift. The door opens at the lab.

Hopper

I now know how to program the antivirus which will free Aelita.

Everyone but Jeremie walks over to the computer.

Hopper

All I need now, is the data from Sector 5.

Aelita

Great! We’ll go and get it, then!

Odd, Yumi and Ulrich smile.

Jeremie

I-I thought the scanners were too dangerous to use.

Jeremie takes a few steps forward.

Hopper

If we want to get to Sector 5, then we have no choice.

Odd

It’ll be our final mission!

Jeremie

Ok. Then what am I supposed to do?

Hopper stops typing.

Hopper

If I were you, I’d stay out of the way.

Jeremie (angry)

It’s not fair! Everyone blames me for everything! And after all, we all turned the Supercomputer back on together!

Hopper turns around slightly to look at Jeremie over his shoulder.

Hopper (accusatory)

Perhaps, but *you* were the one who played the sorcerer’s apprentice. *You’re* the one who put your friends’ lives at risk. (angry) And *you’re* the one who let XANA destroy my diary.

With that, Hopper turns back to the computer and starts typing again.

Jeremie (angry)

Fine. I get it!

Jeremie turns and walks back to the lift.

Aelita

Jeremie!

Aelita runs after him. But before she can get there, Jeremie presses the button and closes the doors, a steely glare on his face. Aelita stops, surprised and concerned. She then turns to face the others again.

Hopper

Right… Shall we?

Odd, Ulrich and Yumi smile confidently in response.

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Day

Jeremie holds up the framed drawing of him and his friends. After a while, he puts it face-down on the desk and scoots back to his computer, where he picks up his phone and dials someone, looking certain of his decision.

Michel

Hello?

Jeremie

Dad. It’s me.

Michel

Jeremie?

Jeremie

You know that school for gifted children that you were talking about?

Michel

Yes?

Jeremie

I want to go. Can you come and get me?

Jeremie closes his eyes.

Michel

When?

Jeremie

As soon as possible.

Michel

Ok. I’ll be there tomorrow.

Jeremie

Oh… Right. Uh…alright, then.

He holds his phone in front of him and then hangs up.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Hopper starts the transfer process.

Hopper

Transfer, Ulrich. Transfer, Yumi. Transfer, Odd. Scanner Yumi. Scanner, Ulrich. Scanner, Odd. Virtualisation.

##### Arena, Sector 5, Lyoko

Ulrich, Yumi and Odd are virtualised in the middle of the Arena. The room is already spinning.

Ulrich

Hey! We’ve arrived directly in Sector 5!

Hopper

Of course! There’s a direct access. The Transporter’s a little…outdated.

Odd

Cool!

The door eventually opens in front of Odd and Ulrich.

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Day

Jeremie is staring at his computer screen. He puts his hands to either side of his face as he remembers Hopper’s words.

Hopper (flashback)

And *you’re* the one who let XANA destroy my diary.

Jeremie looks over to his closet. He has a flashback.

##### Int. Train Station – Day (Flashback)

In a scene from episode 31 “Mister Pück,” Aelita opens locker 167 and finds a briefcase inside. The five friends stare at it, intrigued.

Jeremie (voiceover, to himself)

Franz Hopper’s diary… But how could he know the diary was destroyed?!

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Day

He opens his closet and takes out the briefcase.

##### Int. Train Station – Day (Flashback)

Again from “Mister Pück,” still at the train station, Jeremie puts his laptop on the table next to the open briefcase full of CDs. He inserts a CD in his laptop and it opens up Franz Hopper’s diary.

Yumi (flashback)

Maybe we’ll find out more about the mysterious owner of the Hermitage.

Jeremie (flashback)

Everything’s encrypted. I have to decode it.

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Day

Jeremie opens the briefcase.

Hopper (flashback)

And *you’re* the one who let XANA destroy my diary.

Jeremie

Huh?

He takes out two of the damaged CDs. The cases are mangled and have either been smashed open or melted in places.

Jeremie (to himself)

How could Franz Hopper know *that*?!

##### Int. Lab – Day (Flashback)

From the end of “Mister Pück,” the gang are in the lab, gathered around Jeremie, who’s on the floor.

Aelita (flashback)

XANA took control of you.

Jeremie (flashback)

Huh?

Ulrich (flashback)

He destroyed all of Franz Hopper’s CDs! Apparently he had a problem with his notes…

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Day

Jeremie frowns at the damaged CDs.

Hopper (flashback)

And *you’re* the one who let XANA destroy my diary.

Jeremie (angry)

XANA!

##### Passageway, Sector 5, Lyoko

Hopper

The countdown has begun. Clean up, and I’ll send Aelita over.

The corridor has opened as a flat hallway they can easily run through. Ulrich Supersprints ahead of the others.

Yumi

Alright.

##### Ext. Park – Day

Jeremie runs through the park, laptop under his arm. He opens the manhole.

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

The three friends stop when they enter the room. Yumi puts her hands to her mouth and gasps.

Odd

Franz, I-I don’t mind cleaning up, but…we’re going to need some industrial-strength detergent.

They ready their weapons. The camera zooms out to reveal that the large room is full of Creepers: eight on the floor in front of them, and several more at higher vantage points around the room.

Hopper

No problem! I programmed you each some new weapons!

The three of them stop to inspect their weapons, looking confused. There doesn’t seem to be anything different about them compared to normal.

Odd

Uhh…I-I don’t see what’s new about this…!

Yumi

Huh?

A row of Creepers prepares to fire. Odd reacts and fires a laser arrow at one of them. It shoots straight through the head of one of the Creepers, and then flies straight towards one of the monsters on a higher level and destroys it as well.

Odd (excited)

WAAAAHOO! Homing darts!

The arrow keeps flying, curving around to destroy a third Creeper. Odd dodges a laser from a Creeper up above them and shoots back at it.

Odd

Whoa!

The laser arrow flies around to the back of the Creeper’s head and pierces it from behind. From there, it flies back towards Odd, and he ducks to avoid it. It flies straight through two Creepers standing behind Odd, destroying them both.

##### Ext. Bridge – Day

Jeremie runs across the bridge.

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

Ulrich is facing off against two Creepers. He swings his sabre around to attack, and in doing so, he unleashes an energy wave that slices through the tails of both Creepers. They explode. Ulrich looks impressed by his new ability and smiles at his katana.

With a long battle cry, Yumi throws a fan at a row of three Creepers. Her weapons appear to have homing abilities now as well, as the fan curves around before slicing right through the three monsters, destroying them, and then returning to Yumi.

Ulrich uses his energy wave at close range to destroy a Creeper. He spots the key on the wall.

Ulrich

There’s the key! Leave it to me.

He Supersprints towards it. Odd shoots a volley of arrows at the monsters. Behind him, two more Creepers enter through the door the kids came through. Yumi lands nearby and throws both her fans. They curve around Odd and destroy the two monsters before returning to Yumi.

Yumi (breathless)

Ulrich! How you doing?

Ulrich jumps to avoid lasers from two Creepers guarding the key.

Ulrich

It’s a done deal!

He holds his sabre up and charges the energy wave: the katana glows white and emits a noise, shaking from the power it contains. Ulrich then throws the wave at the Creepers, destroying them. He Supersprints up the rest of the steps and onto the platform beneath the key, then Supersprint-jumps up towards the mechanism. He sheathes his sabre in mid-air and hits the key. After he lands again, the door opens beside him.

Hopper

Well done, Ulrich.

##### Int. Factory – Day

Jeremie goes down in the lift.

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

A door closes. Two Creepers fire at Yumi and she deflects their lasers with one fan while inspecting the fingernails on her other hand.

Yumi

Alright!

Odd lands beside her, aim directed at the Creepers. He then raises his arm and fires straight upwards. The laser arrow flies all the way back down and around to pierce the heads of both Creepers, destroying them. Odd does a victory backflip.

Odd

It’s almost too easy. I want more Creepers!

##### Int. Lab – Day

Hopper (ominous)

Don’t worry, Odd. It’s not over yet. I’ve got more surprises in store for you.

Hopper types.

Hopper

Aelita, are you ready for virtualisation?

##### Int. Scanner Room – Day

The scanner opens in front of Aelita. At the same time, the lift opens behind her.

Aelita

Yes.

She hears the lift and turns around in surprise. Jeremie hurries up to Aelita and puts a finger to his lips, shushing her.

Aelita (quiet)

Huh?!

##### Int. Lab – Day

Hopper begins the transfer.

Hopper

Here we go. Transfer Aelita. Scanner. Virtualisation.

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

Aelita is virtualised. She stands up and looks around, worried.

Aelita

Yumi? Ulrich? Odd?

She’s standing on a small platform floating in the middle of nowhere.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Aelita

Franz. I’m not in Sector 5… What’s going on?

The lift opens to reveal Jeremie. He no longer has his laptop with him.

Hopper

Everything’s under control!

Jeremie gets out of the lift. Hopper looks at him over his shoulder.

Hopper

Jeremie. What are you doing here?

Jeremie

I just came to see how you’re managing…XANA!

The eye of XANA appears in XANA-Hopper’s opaque glasses. Jeremie’s face is reflected in the lenses. Jeremie takes a step forward, fists raised and ready to fight. XANA-Hopper shoots purple electricity at him, causing him to scream and fly backwards into the wall. When the spectre speaks, it now has an electrical tinge to its voice.

XANA-Hopper

You’re very clever, Jeremie. But you’re too late!

XANA-Hopper turns back to the computer and opens up a code window.

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

Ulrich, Odd and Yumi enter the next room to find two Creepers waiting for them on the narrow pathway. Another Creeper appears behind them, through the door they came in. Odd turns to face the lone monster.

Odd

Hey, wanna make this a contest?

Ulrich laughs excitedly. Odd squares himself up against the Creeper, flexing his fingers.

Odd

Whoever gets the most…wins!

Odd aims and tries to shoot, but his glove only makes a clicking sound, indicating that he’s out of arrows. Odd looks at his hands and shakes one of them, confused and worried. Behind him, Ulrich is still smiling as he and Yumi draw their weapons, oblivious to their friend’s problem. But suddenly, Yumi’s fans and Ulrich’s sabre disappear in bursts of blue pixels.

Yumi

W-what’s going on? Franz?!

One of the Creepers shoots Ulrich in the abdomen, causing him to double over and cry out in pain.

Odd

Something’s wrong!

They look at the monsters, worried. The Creeper behind them shoots and Odd jumps off the side of the pathway to avoid it. He lands on the very edge of another block lower down and nearly loses his balance when he stands up, almost falling backwards into the void. He windmills his arms and flips forward to make it to the centre of the platform and stabilise himself. He then looks up at Yumi and Ulrich, gesturing for them to follow.

Odd

Let’s get outta here!

Yumi and Ulrich jump down and Odd starts running. The Creepers shoot down at them. Ulrich and Yumi zigzag to avoid the lasers and Odd runs on all fours, soon overtaken by the other two. The Creepers follow them along the top pathway, shooting as they go.

Yumi (breathless)

I get the feeling…we’ve been double-crossed.

Ulrich is the first to reach the end of the room. He Supersprint-jumps up a series of blocks to reach the doorway and then runs inside. Yumi does graceful flips to reach the upper platform and follows him. Odd is the last one up, stopping for a moment to salute the Creepers.

Odd

Byyye!

The Creepers growl and keep shooting as they pursue the kids out the door.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie picks himself up. XANA-Hopper is typing.

XANA-Hopper (threatening)

(evil laugh) Your friends are in a little trouble! I fixed things so that they can never rematerialise! No more life points, and it’s…bye-bye! And now, for the grand finale.

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

Aelita turns around in surprise when she hears the Scyphozoa behind her. She starts backing away as the monster advances.

Aelita (scared)

Help…!

She backs up to the edge, gasping as she knocks a small rock off the platform with her foot. The rock falls straight towards the Digital Sea. Aelita turns back to look at the Scyphozoa. There’s no way out.

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

Yumi, Ulrich and Odd run into yet another large room.

Ulrich

What now?

Odd

Well…there’s only one thing to do.

Odd throws his hands up in the air.

Odd

Franz! We need help!

Yumi’s eyes widen when she sees what lies in front of them.

Yumi

No! Not Franz.

There’s an activated tower floating in the void a few metres from the edge of the platform they’re on.

Yumi

XANA!

Odd

Huh? This must be the surprise!

Two Creepers growl behind them and open fire. Yumi runs to the left and Odd jumps to the right. Ulrich ducks where he stands, covering his head.

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

The Scyphozoa has Aelita in its grasp, draining her memory.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie moves up behind XANA-Hopper. The eye of XANA pulses in his glasses.

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

The group has split up. Yumi and Ulrich are fighting two Creepers on one side of the platform, and Odd is facing the third monster on the opposite side. Odd takes a few steps backwards and then ducks to avoid a laser. He holds his hands up in front of his face, inspecting them each in turn and opening and closing his fists. The Creeper growls at him and he lowers his hands again to see the monster swaying slightly from side to side, looking at him menacingly.

Odd balls his fists and stands up on his toes, hopping around lightly and taking several swings at the air, as though he were boxing. To accompany this idea, the sound effects include a bell that rings to signal the start of the round, and an imaginary crowd cheering and whistling (purely for our sake, of course; they can’t be heard on Lyoko). Odd ducks to avoid another laser and edges towards the Creeper, constantly hopping around and hunching over slightly to make himself smaller. He tenses his tail as well, most of the time keeping it still in a position that’s not too much in the way.

Seemingly a bit confused by Odd’s behaviour, the Creeper finally roars and shoots another laser. Odd ducks his head to the side to avoid it by a hair and then commences his attack. We get to see from the Creeper’s point of view as Odd delivers punch after punch. The Creeper roars in distress. Odd then chuckles and takes the monster’s head in his hands so he can head-butt it. The Creeper reels and its vision goes blurry. Odd bends down so the Creeper can still see his face, laughing and waving at the monster. He then lifts its head back up and winds up a final punch.

The hit snaps the Creeper backwards. Its head points straight up towards the ceiling, its arms both come off the ground and the tip of its tail points up and flicks back and forth. After a moment, the monster slumps, returning its arms and tail to the floor, but its head remains pointed upwards. It roars and slumps further. Odd tenses up again, ready to continue fighting, but it’s clear that the Creeper isn’t prepared to fight back just yet. Odd relaxes again and tilts his head from side to side, teasing the monster.

Odd

Hellooo? Had enough?

Odd stands up on his toes again and imitates the Creeper’s earlier pose: head facing up, arms out to either side, tail tip flicking. He makes a mocking noise of distress.

Yumi flips around the platform to avoid lasers from one of the Creepers. She lands behind Ulrich so they’re facing back-to-back, and they smile at each other. One of the Creepers shoots Ulrich, knocking him to the ground. Yumi flips over to the monster and kicks it in the face, knocking it over.

Odd’s Creeper has now recovered. Odd stands side-on, prepared for another ground.

Creeper

(long, threatening roar)

Odd

(long, threatening meow)

Odd gives a large shrug and rolls his eyes. Two bells ding to signal the start of round two and Odd jumps back into his boxing pose. The Creeper growls. Odd points at it, then does a “bring it” gesture. The Creeper fires a laser and Odd dodges, following with two separate punches. The Creeper leans its head back again, feeling the impact of the blows, and Odd backs up a few paces. Odd beats his chest a few times, clearly enjoying himself.

The Creeper fires another laser and this time, it ends up hitting Odd right in the torso. He’s thrown backwards and lands on his back with his legs over his head. He straightens himself up so he’s sitting on the floor and glares at the monster. The Creeper advances and Odd backs away, still on the floor.

Ulrich suddenly jumps off the centre part of the platform and kicks the Creeper to the ground. Ulrich smiles back at Odd as he picks himself up. The Creeper fires another laser but they both dodge it, and Ulrich performs a spinning kick, hitting the Creeper in the neck and sending it off the platform. It roars as it falls into the void and eventually lands with a heavy thud. Odd salutes it from the platform.

Odd

Ciao!

Ulrich smiles at him. The two turn around to see Yumi faced with three Creepers.

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

Aelita’s memory level drops lower and lower.

The Scyphozoa continues to drain Aelita’s memory. Her eyes are wide open.

XANA-Hopper turns to Jeremie.

XANA-Hopper

Admit you’re defeated, Jeremie.

Jeremie

No! (teasing) Not this time!

XANA-Hopper frowns.

XANA-Hopper

Hm?

The computer beeps and XANA-Hopper turns back to the screen.

The Scyphozoa removes its tentacles, releasing Aelita. Her eyes widen even more before she drops to the ground in slow motion, landing on her back. She looks weakly up at the Scyphozoa. The monster is flying back and forth, tentacles flailing, clearly in some sort of distress. Inside its transparent head, some kind of energy crackles erratically.

A window opens on the screen, showing a flashing red exclamation mark accompanied by an error beep. XANA-Hopper turns to Jeremie.

XANA-Hopper (angry)

What’s the meaning of this?!

Jeremie (smug)

A decoy!

##### Int. Scanner Room – Day

Aelita sits on the floor of the scanner room, typing on Jeremie’s laptop. The laptop is plugged into one of the scanners. On the screen, a window shows – among other things – Aelita’s virtual avatar in a walk cycle. From there, she can control the decoy Aelita on Lyoko. Aelita smiles.

##### Int. Lab – Day

XANA-Hopper

Huh?! (turns to Jeremie) NOOOOOOOOO!

Jeremie (triumphant, smug)

(laughs)

XANA-Hopper

(growls)

Jeremie (smug, mocking)

(laughs)

With another long growl, XANA-Hopper starts to go fuzzy like TV static. Black tendrils of spectre rise up before his entire body turns black, leaving the chair and floating up towards the ceiling with a smoke-like effect. Jeremie watches with a smile on his face.

Jeremie

Wow!

The spectre floats upwards and vanishes into thin air. Jeremie runs over and jumps into the chair, immediately starting to type.

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

Ulrich, Yumi and Odd are at the edge of the platform with their backs to the tower. The three Creepers approach.

Yumi (calm acceptance)

I’ve often wondered how this would all end. Now I know. This is it…

The Creepers open fire. The three friends do their best to dodge the lasers.

Jeremie looks worried and pressed for time as he types. His mouth hangs open and he presses enter.

The Creepers crawl closer to the three friends and fire a laser each. All three hit their mark. Odd and Yumi hold their injured arms, but Ulrich isn’t so lucky; that was the killing shot. Ulrich falls backwards off the platform and screams as he devirtualises. Yumi and Odd turn to watch him disappear.

Yumi (dismayed)

NO! Ulrich! (sobs)

Odd (dismayed)

It can’t be!

Jeremie

Come on! Don’t be so pessimistic, Odd!

Smiles form on their faces.

Odd

Huh?

Yumi

Jeremie?!

Jeremie is still typing.

Jeremie

Yes! I’m back! Come on! Let’s start over!

Yumi’s fans reappear in her hands in a flurry of blue pixels. She whips around and throws one of them, hitting and destroying a Creeper. Odd then turns around and fires one arrow, then two, destroying the last two Creepers.

Odd

(laughs) Nothing like my trusty old gear!

They take a few steps towards the doorway, taking aim in preparation for any new monsters that might appear.

Yumi (worried)

What about Ulrich?

A Manta flies up behind them.

Jeremie

All’s well. I managed to reprogram the materialisation just in time.

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

Ulrich appears in the scanner, looking like he’s in pain, holding his arm. The doors open and Aelita runs over in time to catch him so he doesn’t fall to the floor.

Jeremie

He’s home. Ready, Aelita?

Ulrich is sitting on the floor now, catching his breath. He sounds relieved. Aelita walks over to a scanner.

Aelita

Yes, Jeremie.

Jeremie

All we have to do now is deactivate the tower. I’m sending you Aelita!

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Jeremie

Virtualisation!

Aelita is virtualised.

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

Yumi and Odd still haven’t noticed the Manta. It shoots Yumi in the back, knocking her onto her hands and knees. Odd turns around to aim at it, but he’s hit in the back by a Creeper that has just appeared in the doorway. He falls to his hands and knees as well. Yumi gets up onto her knees and throws her fan, destroying the Creeper.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie has the Transporter window up.

Jeremie

Aelita, I’m entering the code Scipio.

As he talks, black tendrils of spectre curl down from the ceiling.

##### Sector’s Edge, Ice Sector, Lyoko

The Transporter arrives and takes Aelita away.

##### Int. Lab – Day

The spectre has divided into two clusters of long tendrils. Once they reach Jeremie, they enter his ears. Jeremie stops typing, shocked, and seems to start having trouble breathing. Through a white colouration on Jeremie’s face, the spectre can be seen moving from his ears down into his neck. Jeremie falls off his chair. Once the wire reaches its limit, the earpiece snaps out of his ear and bungees back to the chair. Jeremie lies on the floor, choking.

##### Arena, Sector 5, Lyoko

The Transporter arrives and drops Aelita off. After a while, the door opens.

##### Int. Lab – Day

The lift opens to reveal Ulrich. Jeremie is still on the floor, hand to his throat, gasping for breath.

Ulrich

Jeremie?!

Ulrich runs over and crouches by his side. Jeremie pulls at his shirt collar.

Ulrich

W-what’s going on? What can I do?

Jeremie keeps gasping, unable to answer.

Aelita

Jeremie! I’m in the Core Zone.

Ulrich

Aelita?

Ulrich snatches the earpiece from where it’s hanging off the chair and puts it on.

Ulrich

Deactivate the tower! Hurry up!

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

Odd destroys a Creeper. Yumi watches the Manta fly overhead and takes out her fan. Aelita runs into the room. She runs straight past both her friends, towards the end of the platform.

Aelita (worried)

Hurry! Jeremie’s in trouble!

She stops at the edge, seeing no way of reaching the tower.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie lies on his back on the floor, still gasping. It seems to be becoming even more difficult. Ulrich runs to his side.

Ulrich (worried)

Jeremie…!

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

Aelita backs away from the edge as the Manta flies down between the tower and the platform. She smirks. She runs forward and jumps just as the Manta gets in the right spot.

Odd

AELITA!

Aelita makes the huge jump and lands on the Manta’s back. She then jumps again, performing a swan dive and then a flip to enter the tower.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Ulrich (worried)

Hang in there. *Please*!

Ulrich holds Jeremie up as the boy gasps for breath. Ulrich squeezes his eyes shut.

##### Tower, Sector 5, Lyoko

Aelita enters the code.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie gasps again.

##### Tower, Sector 5, Lyoko

Aelita

Tower, deactivated.

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

The tower’s halo turns blue.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Ulrich recoils as the spectre exits Jeremie’s body through his ears and mouth. It flickers like TV static as it rises up towards the ceiling before disappearing. Jeremie breathes normally again, but he sounds very shaken up by the experience. Ulrich smiles.

Ulrich

Don’t worry, buddy. Everything’s ok now.

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Night

Jeremie sits between Yumi and Odd on his bed. Aelita is sitting near them in Jeremie’s computer chair, and Ulrich stands nearby.

Jeremie

Of course I’m not angry with you. What’s more, I checked out your bio-schematic during the rematerialisation phase. There’s no sign of alteration whatsoever!

Yumi

Oh, what a relief! (annoyed) He really had me scared, that Franz Hopper…

Jeremie

That *false* Franz Hopper! The real one is still somewhere on Lyoko.

There’s a knock at the door. They all turn to look, surprised. A man opens the door.

Jeremie (shocked)

Dad!

Michel

Are you ready, son? Let’s go.

Jeremie stands up and walks up to his father.

Jeremie

W-wait! Uh… Things have changed, uh…

He takes Michel’s arm to lead him outside. Michel looks surprised.

Jeremie

Let me explain.

They leave, closing the door behind them.

Odd

Huh?

##### Int. Dormitory Hallway – Night

Michel

You’re sure you’ve thought it over?

Jeremie

Yes. I’m really sorry I made you come all the way out here for nothing.

Michel walks up and puts his hand on Jeremie’s shoulder.

Michel

Don’t you worry about it. And don’t forget to give us a call from time to time!

Jeremie

I promise.

The two of them are smiling. Michel turns and leaves. Jeremie’s smile widens as he watches the man go. He then goes back to his room.

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Night

Odd

Hey! What’s going on here? Where were you going?

Jeremie smiles.

Jeremie

Nowhere!

Aelita

Your father seems like a really nice guy!

Jeremie

Yeah. I love him. He’s great!

Ulrich

Like father…like son.

They smile at each other. Jeremie walks over to his desk and picks up the framed drawing, sitting it up again so it’s facing his bed. The five friends laugh contentedly.