# Code Lyoko

## Episode 54: “Lyoko Minus One”

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

The alarm clock on the floor by Odd’s bed strikes seven and the radio turns on, playing “Break Away.” Ulrich rolls over to face the wall, pulling his pillow over his head.

Ulrich (muffled by pillow, annoyed)

Odd! Will you turn off that alarm?! (groan)

There’s no reply, and the music keeps playing. Ulrich sits up and looks over at Odd’s bed.

Ulrich (annoyed)

Odd!

Kiwi is the only one there, lying on the bed. Ulrich looks surprised.

##### Int. Secretary’s Office – Day

Weber hands Odd a sheaf of papers.

Weber

Here are the photocopies you asked me for, Odd. You wanted thirty-one, is that right?

Odd scrutinises the papers and then looks up, grinning.

Odd (pleased)

That’s right! Thirty-one, thank you.

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Day

Ulrich opens the door.

Ulrich

Rise and shine, Einstein! The birds are chirping away!

Jeremie is asleep at his desk. Ulrich quietly shuts the door and walks up to him.

Ulrich (teasing)

Jeremie… Odd and Aelita are going out with each other!

Jeremie is startled awake and looks around, alarmed.

Jeremie (shocked)

What?!

He lifts up his glasses and rubs his eyes.

Jeremie

Oh. It’s you, Ulrich… *Awful* joke. Anyway, what’s the time?

Jeremie stands up and stretches, yawning.

Ulrich

What’s the story? You given up sleeping in a bed or what?

Jeremie

Well, I was trying to find a way to send you guys into the Internet so you can track XANA!

Ulrich

Did you figure something out?

Jeremie

No…

##### Int. Boys’ Showers – Day

Jeremie turns on the tap and looks into the mirror, glasses off.

Ulrich

Just look at you! No one’s gonna vote for you.

Jeremie touches his cheek, examining his reflection.

Ulrich

They’re not voting for Zombie of the Year, but for their student rep!

Jeremie washes his face.

Jeremie (confident)

It’s not about how you look, it’s all about…

He turns the tap off and towels his face dry.

Jeremie (confident)

…what you have to say.

Ulrich

At least you’re optimistic. Can’t hurt, I guess.

Ulrich grins and poses in the mirror, checking himself out. He smooths his hair.

Ulrich

Anyway, you got one thing going for you: you’re up against the lamest candidate in the galaxy.

##### Int. Sissi’s Room – Day

Herb is seated at Sissi’s vanity, looking at his reflection in her mirror.

Sissi

Now, how about giving me the smile of a real winner?

Herb gives a small, awkward smile.

Sissi (annoyed)

Hey, what’s *that*?

Herb

A…smile of victory!

Sissi turns away, putting her hand on her head in a dramatic-looking gesture.

Sissi (upset)

We’ll never win at this rate!

Herb

Well why don’t you run then, Sissi?

Herb turns around. Sissi whips around, glaring.

Sissi (angry)

I can’t! The principal’s daughter isn’t allowed to be a class rep! Therefore, the new student rep’s gotta be you, and definitely not Jeremie!

Sissi leans in close to his face. Herb gives her a large, toothy grin.

Sissi (angry)

Do I make myself perfectly clear?!

Sissi notices his grin and smiles as well.

Sissi

That’s what I like to see! A nice, winner’s smile!

Herb (through teeth)

Uh… That’s not a smile, Sissi. You’re crushing my kneecaps…!

We zoom out to see Sissi has leaned on Herb’s knees in order to bring their faces close together. Herb points at her hands, which are clearly causing him pain.

##### Int. Classroom – Day

A student walks into the classroom looking at a flyer. It’s a colourful and artsy page featuring a photo of Odd grinning, his characteristic logo of Kiwi urinating, and some text down the bottom. Odd is handing the flyers out at the door. Ulrich and Aelita stand near the doorway, holding their own flyers. Jeremie enters and walks up to Odd.

Odd

Take a copy of my platform!

He gives Jeremie a flyer.

Jeremie (surprised)

Platform? But for what?

Odd

*My* platform! You are looking at the next student rep.

Jeremie (surprised)

You’re running, Odd? W-why didn’t you say anything?

Odd

Because *surprise* is the secret weapon of my election campaign.

Aelita

And the second weapon is poetry!

Aelita starts reading from the flyer, making grand gestures to accompany it.

Aelita (reading)

“If you all want to have your say, why not give the nod, to good old Odd!”

Odd

Hey! That’s great. I love lines that rhyme with “Odd!”

Ulrich and Jeremie stare at him, mouths hanging open. Aelita giggles behind her hand.

##### Ext. Town – Day

A bus drives through the streets.

Jim (off, stern)

I’m warning you, anyone tries to pull *anything*…

##### Int. Bus – Day

Yumi leans her head against the window, gazing at the scenery outside. Hertz and Jim are standing at the front of the bus, addressing the class.

Jim (stern)

…detention! You can join that smart aleck William Dunbar, in the study hall!

Hertz pats Jim’s chest to calm him down.

Hertz

Thank you, Jim. I think you’ve made yourself clear.

Jim

(salute) Roger, Suzanne.

They both grimace.

Jim

Uh…I’m sorry, I mean (quiet) Mrs. Hertz.

Hertz

Fine. Let’s not forget what we’re going to be looking for! The purpose of our field trip today is to witness the early effects of pollution on our ecosystem, and especially in the forest. Effects that might someday mean the end of our forests, and all animal and plant life, of course.

Jim’s eyes are wide, worried.

Jim

Uh…

He leans in close to Hertz.

Jim (upset)

Are you saying there won’t be any more…bunny rabbits, or little birds, or trees or mushrooms? They’ll all disappear?

He accompanies his list with gestures to match the animal he’s describing.

Jim

…Oh, wow. I love that perfume.

##### Int. Classroom – Day

Odd is at the front of the classroom, giving his speech. Herb and Jeremie are standing nearby waiting. Herb is smiling.

Odd

And so I ask you, why should good students represent the bad? Why not let a near-dropout like me speak for all the other near-dropouts?

Odd straightens up with a proud grin while the students in the audience murmur, seemingly in agreement.

Herb (to Jeremie)

You’re not smiling, Jeremie. How come?

Jeremie

Because I don’t want to look as dorky as you, Herb, ok?

Herb’s smile disappears. Odd gestures to the two of them.

Odd

What do Belpois and Pinchon know about *our* problems, huh?! They always get As and Bs, right? They don’t know the fear of getting left back. They’re not capable of defending *our* cause.

Ulrich stands up and raises his fist in support. The other students turn to look at him.

Ulrich

Bravo! Good point, Odd! Ok near-dropouts, it’s time for all of us to take a stand!

The students laugh and clap. Many of them start chatting.

Theo

Odd sure gets my vote! He’s gonna be a great student rep! ‘Cause he knows what we need!

Fumey stands up.

Fumey

Right, now quiet down!

Student

Odd’s got my vote!

Student

Yeah!

Fumey looks over at Jeremie and Herb. Herb is smiling and clapping too. Jeremie’s laptop starts beeping in his bag on the floor by his feet.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

Pulsations make their way along a winding path to a tower. Its halo turns red.

##### Int. Bus – Day

The bus is still on its way to its destination, and Yumi is still gazing out the window. The rest of the students travel in silence. Jim has fallen asleep on Hertz’s shoulder, snoring. Hertz looks annoyed. She shrugs her shoulder up to try and knock Jim away, but he falls straight back onto her shoulder again.

When purple sparks start flying from the dashboard of the bus, the driver recoils and cries out in fear. He slams on the brakes.

##### Ext. Town – Day

The bus screeches to a halt outside the entrance to the woods. The students cry out in surprise.

Student

What’s going on?!

##### Int. Bus – Day

Jim is startled awake. He grabs the bar in front of him.

Jim (shouting)

Go on, Doug. Don’t be scared! You gotta put her down when you’re in the jungle!

He opens his eyes and looks surprised as he wakes up from his dream.

Driver (worried)

What’s going on?!

Black spectres wind their way out of the dashboard. They make their way along the aisle between the seats, parts of them breaking off each time they pass a row of seats. Yumi stands up.

Yumi

What’s the matter?! Are we already the- (gasp)

The rest of her class has turned around to look at her over the seats. The eye of XANA is present in all their eyes, and they frown menacingly. Jim walks up the aisle towards Yumi, flickering grey: he and Hertz have been possessed too.

Yumi (worried)

Oh, no…!

XANA-Jim stops in front of her, eye of XANA flickering. His hand fizzles with purple electricity. Yumi gasps in fear and backs away. XANA-Jim releases his lightning bolt, missing Yumi and blasting a hole in the back windscreen of the bus. Yumi looks between the window and XANA-Jim, fearful. XANA-Jim still has his electrified hand extended.

##### Ext. Town – Day

Yumi jumps through the hole in the back window just before XANA-Jim shoots another bolt of lightning. The window smashes to pieces. Yumi lands on her hands and knees on the road and broken glass showers around her. She throws one last glance back at the bus, where XANA-Jim is standing and flickering grey, before running off.

##### Int. Classroom – Day

Herb is finishing up his speech.

Herb

In conclusion, I promise to put lots of pretty plants in each and every one of your classrooms. Won’t that be nice, huh?

Sissi stands up and starts clapping.

Sissi

Yeah! Bravo, bravo! Way to go, Herb! (to Nicolas, quiet, annoyed) Clap, stupid! Go on, go on!

Nicolas gives an awkward grin and starts clapping as well.

Sissi

I’m going to vote for Herb! Aren’t you?

Sissi looks at the rest of the class. They’re all watching her silently, not clapping. As one, they all look back to the front of the classroom.

Odd

Your turn at bat now, Einstein!

Jeremie

Odd, this is not a game. Being elected as the class rep is really serious with lots of responsibilities!

Odd points at him accusingly.

Odd (angry, accusatory)

And you don’t think *I’m* capable of handling them!

Jeremie (surprised)

I never said *that*-

Odd (angry, accusatory)

No, but that’s what you’re thinking!

They stare at each other during a long silence. Eventually, Jeremie’s phone starts ringing.

Odd

Well answer it! It’s probably some think tank that wants your precious advice.

Frowning disapprovingly, Jeremie takes out his phone and answers it.

Jeremie

Hello? Yumi?

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Yumi runs along a path in the woods.

Yumi (breathless, fearful)

Jeremie! I’m in real big trouble! My whole bus…has been xanafied!

Yumi’s classmates and the two teachers run after her.

##### Int. Classroom – Day

Odd’s eyes widen in surprise.

Jeremie

Are you sure?

Aelita frowns. Ulrich is watching Jeremie carefully as well.

Fumey (impatient)

If you don’t mind, Belpois… We’re all waiting for you.

Jeremie (quiet)

Yumi… Look, I’ve gotta hang up. But don’t worry.

Jeremie hangs up.

Jeremie (to Odd, quiet)

XANA’s just launched an attack.

Fumey (impatient)

Jeremie, if you’re still a candidate, speak up. What’s your platform?

Jeremie

Um… Well, I… I had some notes, but I… I left them back in my room!

Jeremie takes his laptop bag and goes to the door.

Jeremie

I’ll go…a-and get them!

Odd

I-I’ll go with him!

Odd follows Jeremie out the door.

##### Ext. Arches – Day

Odd stops just outside the door.

Odd

Keep an eye on the competition!

Odd starts running again. Ulrich and Aelita run out of the room as well, with Ulrich stopping briefly.

Ulrich

A-and we’d better go, too! To separate them if they start fighting!

##### Int. Classroom – Day

Fumey and Herb watch the four kids go. Herb then turns back to the class.

Herb

Vote for me, everyone!

Fumey covers his face with his hand.

Fumey

I don’t believe this…

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Yumi runs through the trees, pursued by her XANA-controlled class. She glances back at them while she runs. An eerie, high-pitched laugh is heard.

##### Int. Classroom – Day

William sits at the back of the classroom, doodling on a piece of graph paper. After thinking for a moment, he smiles and shrugs. He looks up at the teacher at the front of the room.

Jeremie (off)

Attack confirmed!

William looks out the window, where Jeremie’s voice is coming from.

Jeremie (off)

XANA has activated a tower.

William gets up and walks over to the window. Jeremie is sitting on a bench in the quad with his laptop open, and Ulrich, Aelita and Odd are standing around him. Ulrich puts his phone to his ear.

##### Ext. Quad – Day

Ulrich

Yumi! Where are you?

##### Ext. Red Trail Crossroads

Yumi (breathless)

At the Red Trail Crossroads! You’d better hurry! I can’t hold out much longer!

##### Ext. Quad – Day

Ulrich

Be right there.

Ulrich hangs up.

Jeremie

Ok. Ulrich, you head for the forest.

Ulrich runs off.

Jeremie

And we’ll see what we can do about the activated tower on Lyoko.

William moves away from the window.

##### Int. Classroom – Day

The teacher is asleep on the desk at the front of the classroom, snoring quietly. William easily makes it out the door without disturbing him.

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Yumi glances back at her pursuers. Some of them flicker grey. Yumi looks ahead of her again, but she trips on a tree root and falls on her stomach. She looks back at her class again.

XANA-Jim stops and holds up his hand, signalling for the others to stop. They each flicker grey as they stop running. Yumi has disappeared. Eye of XANA flickering in his eyes, XANA-Jim smirks and moves forward.

The xanafied class run as a group down a hill, straight past Yumi, who’s hiding behind a tree. Once they’re gone, she closes her eyes and breathes a sigh of relief. When she opens her eyes again she cries out in fear: XANA-Jim is standing right in front of her. He holds out an electrically-charged hand and shoots lightning at Yumi. She dodges out of the way in time and the lightning hits the tree. Yumi runs out onto the path and XANA-Jim jumps out after her, holding out his hand. He shoots a large bolt of lightning and then lowers his hand again.

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

Aelita and Odd get into the scanners.

Jeremie

The activated tower is in the Forest Sector. I’ll try to get you in as close as possible.

The scanners close.

Jeremie

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

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

Odd and Aelita are virtualised.

Odd

Ok! We’re here, Jeremie.

Jeremie

The tower is due north. You should be able to see it from where you are.

Odd and Aelita both look: the tower is straight ahead of them, up a path.

Odd

Can’t miss it.

Jeremie

Here’s your taxi!

The Overboard appears behind them and flies over next to Odd. He jumps on and then signals for Aelita to join him.

Odd

Hop aboard! We’re off.

He takes Aelita’s hand to help her onto the Overboard and they set off along the path.

Four monster icons appear on Jeremie’s map.

Jeremie

XANA is sending you some monsters. How original can you get?

Odd

He hates it when we’re bored!

Further up the path, four Tarantulas march towards Odd and Aelita.

Odd

Ok, let’s be polite. We’ll say hello to them first.

Jeremie adjusts his glasses and then puts his hands behind his head, smiling.

Jeremie

Hey Odd, take care of yourself. If anything happened to you, I wouldn’t have any competition except for Herb!

The Tarantulas have stopped. They take aim.

Odd

Don’t worry, Einstein! I’ll take care of them, and then I’ll go after you.

Odd cocks his arm and aims at the monsters.

Odd

Laser arrow!

He shoots one arrow and hits his mark, destroying a Tarantula. He and Aelita fly past the remaining three monsters.

Odd

Let’s turn around!

Odd does a U-turn. The monsters turn around and all start shooting at the two kids. Odd uses aerial manoeuvres to dodge the fire. Eventually, though, the Overboard is hit. Odd and Aelita are rocked back and forth as Odd tries to restabilise his vehicle. They fly straight for a tree in the middle of a path. Aelita grips Odd’s shoulder in fear, but he avoids it just in time.

Odd

Uh-oh!

They’re headed for another tree in the middle of the path. Aelita jumps off the Overboard. When he reaches the tree, Odd points the vehicle upwards and flies straight up the trunk.

Aelita rolls across the ground.

Odd

AELITA!

Aelita ends up flat on her stomach.

Jeremie gasps. On the map, the Tarantulas approach Aelita.

Jeremie

You’d better be careful, Aelita! Lots of Tarantulas are on the way!

The Tarantulas walk up near Aelita and start firing as she slowly picks herself up. Aelita rolls to the side, creates two energy fields and throws them at the monsters. The Tarantulas move to either side to avoid the attack, which creates a path between them for Aelita to run through. The Tarantulas turn around and give chase.

Odd flies alongside the path, watching Aelita.

The Tarantulas walk on two legs to fire at Aelita as they move. Aelita zigzags to dodge them.

Odd jumps off the Overboard.

Still under fire, Aelita has run right up to the foot of a tree. She jumps to the side. Odd comes down from above her and grabs her in mid-air. They land and roll across the ground, towards the edge of the path. Odd gets up and makes finger-guns at Aelita, grinning and wiggling his eyebrows.

Odd

You just can’t stay away from me, huh?

Aelita stands up as well, pointing to something behind Odd.

Aelita (worried)

It looks like they can’t, either…!

Odd turns around. The Tarantulas are making their way towards the duo, the monster in the lead standing on two legs to shoot at them. Odd and Aelita flee.

##### Ext. Red Trail Crossroads – Day

Ulrich stops by a set of footprints in the ground and hums before walking onwards, following the trail.

Nearby, William watches Ulrich from behind a tree. Once Ulrich has moved on, William comes out from behind the tree and follows him.

##### Ext. Woods – Day

XANA-Jim shoots purple electricity at Yumi. It spreads all over her body and she falls to the ground. XANA-Jim laughs evilly, the eye of XANA pulsing in his eyes.

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Ulrich has his phone to his ear. The dial tone sounds.

Ulrich

Come on, Yumi. Pick up!

He hangs up. He then glances behind him as he hears footsteps approaching.

William walks along the path. Ulrich is leaning casually against a tree, out of sight until William is right beside him. William stops.

Ulrich (annoyed)

What are *you* doing here? What are you following me for?

William

I heard it all. Yumi’s in trouble. I came to see if I could help.

Ulrich (annoyed)

I don’t know what you’re talking abo-

He’s cut off by Yumi’s cry of pain somewhere nearby. Both boys turn to look.

William

*Now* do you know what I’m talking about?

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Yumi is on the ground by a pile of large rocks. Her xanafied class approaches, led by XANA-Jim. Yumi looks up and gasps.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

Odd and Aelita are close to the tower. Laser fire from the Tarantulas forces them to change course and run to the left. They hide behind a tree. The Tarantulas stop and shoot at the tree.

Odd

I’ll try to keep them busy. Soon as the coast is clear, head for the tower.

Aelita

Ok.

Odd peeks out at the Tarantulas and then crouches down.

Odd

Well, when you gotta go…!

He runs out on all fours and heads straight for the Tarantulas, zigzagging to dodge their lasers. Once he gets close, they stop shooting. Odd swings around the leg of the front Tarantula, jumps onto its other leg and then onto its head. From there, he jumps onto the head of the second Tarantula, and then onto the third, before jumping back to the ground behind the three monsters.

The Tarantulas turn around and open fire again, and Odd returns to all fours to run away, glancing back at them. He runs up to a tree and climbs up it, and the Tarantulas continue aiming at him on his way up. The three monsters walk over to the foot of the tree and start firing again. Odd stops and fires several laser arrows, hitting and destroying one of the Tarantulas. He then climbs around to the other side of the tree and hangs there while lasers pepper the trunk.

Jeremie

Nice going, Odd!

Aelita looks out from behind the tree at the two monsters firing up at Odd. She crouches down, ready to sneak out from her hiding spot.

Jeremie

Wait! Aelita! They’re still too close.

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Yumi’s class, XANA-Hertz and XANA-Jim have formed a circle around her. She’s lying on the ground. XANA-Jim laughs evilly and shoots more electricity at Yumi, and it crackles across her skin as she moans in pain.

Ulrich and William are perched on a rock up above the scene.

William

Hey, that’s Jim shooting lightning out of his fingers! Is this a nightmare or what?

Ulrich

William, do you want to help Yumi or not?

No response.

Ulrich

Then don’t say anything and do what I tell you.

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

Odd starts to make his way down the tree trunk under the shower of lasers from the Tarantulas. Once he gets a few metres from the ground, he jumps off the tree and flips over the first Tarantula’s head, firing a laser arrow on the way. He lands and starts running on all fours, going straight between the legs of the remaining monster. The Tarantula tries to whack him with one of its front legs, but it misses. Odd runs away and the first Tarantula explodes. The final Tarantula turns around. Odd flips up onto two legs again and keeps running along the path, and the monster gives chase.

Aelita looks out from behind her tree. Odd has drawn the Tarantula a safe distance away.

Jeremie

Aelita! Go!

Aelita runs towards the tower.

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

Jeremie calls Ulrich.

Jeremie

Ulrich?

Ulrich ducks behind a tree to answer, using an earpiece. He keeps an eye on Yumi and her attackers.

Ulrich

Quick, Jeremie.

Jeremie

Aelita is heading for the tower. She should be shutting it down in about…five minutes.

Ulrich

Good. Because I’m getting ready to do something risky with William.

Jeremie

William?! What are you and William doing together? Are you two guys buddies now?

Ulrich

Nah, he’s giving me a hand. I’ll explain later.

Jeremie

Yeah, well-

Aelita (worried)

Jeremie! I’ve got a big problem…!

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

Aelita backs away in fear as the Scyphozoa emerges from behind the activated tower.

Jeremie

The Scyphozoa…

Aelita

But why? It’s already got all of the data that XANA needed from me. What could it want now?!

Jeremie

I don’t know, Aelita, but *please* don’t stick around trying to find out.

The Scyphozoa draws closer to Aelita and starts trying to grab her with its tentacles. Aelita jumps and ducks to avoid them and then throws two energy fields. Her attack misses. She turns and runs, heading straight for the edge of the platform.

Jeremie

Ulrich! Change of the programme. The tower’s not gonna get deactivated right away.

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Ulrich

I guess we can’t count on you guys…

Ulrich walks out into the clearing, near the xanafied class.

Ulrich

How’re you doing, zombies?

They all turn to look at him.

Ulrich

Oh, I know I’m not welcome, but I love strolling in the woods.

Ulrich turns around and runs. XANA-Jim points at him.

XANA-Jim

After him!

The students and XANA-Hertz run after Ulrich. XANA-Jim lingers for a moment, glances down at Yumi one more time and then grins and laughs before following the others.

William’s hand reaches out to touch Yumi’s cheek. She opens her eyes.

William (whispering)

Yumi. Yumi!

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

Aelita runs right to the edge of the platform and stops, narrowly avoiding falling into the Digital Sea. She turns around to face the Scyphozoa as it floats up to her, brandishing its tentacles.

Aelita (scared)

Jeremie!

Jeremie

Aelita! Try to hit him…with the energy field!

Aelita holds up her arm and charges an energy field, but the Scyphozoa bats her arm away, causing her to miss. It picks her up and starts its work.

Jeremie (dismayed)

Nooo!

Odd

Jeremie, what’s going on?

Jeremie (dismayed)

The Scyphozoa has attacked Aelita! Hurry, she needs your help!

Odd is behind a tree, shielding himself from the lasers of the last Tarantula.

Odd

I’d love to help, but my new playmate doesn’t seem to agree!

Odd cocks his arm and steps out from behind the tree to fire several laser arrows at the Tarantula. The Tarantula fires back and Odd ducks behind the tree again. He takes a breath and smiles when he spots something on the ground: a small rock. He picks it up and tosses it up in the air once before throwing it out to the side. The Tarantula shoots it out of the air. Odd runs out the other side and towards the Tarantula while it’s aiming in the other direction. He swings around one leg, jumps off the other and flips over its head, lands on the ground behind it and starts running on all fours. The Tarantula turns around and follows him.

Aelita’s eyes are open, staring at the Scyphozoa while it works.

Jeremie

I don’t get it. It looks like the Scyphozoa has implanted something into Aelita’s memory!

The window showing Aelita’s memory reading is open.

Odd runs past the activated tower, towards the Scyphozoa and Aelita.

Odd

Almost there, Jeremie!

He flips up onto two legs and keeps running, then stops a few metres away from the monster. Aelita makes choking noises as she floats there in its grasp. Odd takes aim, but the monster then lets Aelita go. It lies her down on the ground and flies away. Odd lowers his arm, dismayed.

The memory window now shows a red XANA eye on it.

Jeremie

Aelita is alive! I don’t understand!

Odd runs to Aelita’s side and crouches down to shake her.

Odd

Aelita, you gotta wake up! It’s me, Odd!

Aelita stirs and looks up at him. Her eyes don’t appear normal. Odd stands up, and so does Aelita, with her back to him.

Odd

(waves) Yoo-hoo! Hey, come on! (taps her shoulder) You can take a nap later!

Aelita frowns and glances back at him when he taps her shoulder. Odd grins. Aelita suddenly whips around, arm extended, and sends Odd flying. He slides to a stop a few metres away and sits up.

Odd (worried)

Jeremie! Got a problem here…!

Odd stands up. Aelita is walking slowly towards him.

Odd

Something’s wrong with Aelita!

Aelita frowns, glaring at Odd. The eye of XANA is clearly visible in her eyes.

Jeremie

Aelita, answer me. It’s Jeremie. Wake up! Come on!

XANA-Aelita stops and closes her eyes as she charges an energy field in her hand. She throws it at Odd. It flies right past his head and he turns to follow it with his gaze. It hits a tree just behind him. Odd runs and hides behind the tree, looking worried. He peeks out from behind it to see XANA-Aelita walking towards the Tarantula. It bows down and offers its head to her so that she can climb on. The monster then walks away, carrying XANA-Aelita.

Odd

Jeremie, what’s going on?!

Jeremie

Find your Overboard and follow Aelita!

Odd looks from the Tarantula to the activated tower just near him.

Odd

W-what about the tower?!

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Ulrich is trapped between a large tree, some large rocks and the xanafied class.

Ulrich

Fifteen against one, huh? I’ve been through worse.

Yumi and William are hiding behind some rocks nearby, watching. Yumi puts her phone to her ear.

Yumi

Jeremie, what’s going on with the tower? I’m back and ready to go, but it’s Ulrich who’s in trouble this time!

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie

There’s only a slim chance of deactivating the tower right away.

Yumi

How slim?

Jeremie

To be honest… (hangs head) none at all.

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Yumi hangs up.

Yumi

Ready to fight, William?

William holds up a stick he’s found and grips it tightly.

William

Mhm!

XANA-Jim extends his hand and fires electricity at Ulrich. Ulrich ends up on the ground in front of the rocks, purple electricity running across his whole body. He cries out in pain and smoke rises off him. The rest of the xanafied group also raise their hands towards him, ready to attack.

Yumi

YOO-HOOO!

The class all turn around to see Yumi standing by a tree on the other side of the clearing, waving at them.

XANA-Jim

Grab that girl!

Four students run towards Yumi. Once they’re close, she ducks around the large tree.

William

Banzai!

William jumps out from the other side of the tree, holding his stick up high. The four students stop when they hear him shout. As one, they all turn around, flickering grey and looking menacing. William lands in a crouch and jumps into action, running towards the students. They shoot purple electricity at him and he jumps over it, letting it hit the ground instead. In mid-air, he puts one end of the stick on the ground and swings his body around it, extending his foot and kicking all four students in the face one by one. In slow motion, the xanafied kids fall backwards to the ground in a circle around William. William lands on the ground and the students all flicker grey, injured.

XANA-Jim

Go after him. Right now!

XANA-Jim points at William and the rest of the xanafied group run towards him, leaving XANA-Jim with Ulrich. A whistle sounds from the tree above the man and he looks up to see Yumi fall down from a branch above. She lands one foot on XANA-Jim’s head, messing up his hair and causing him to flicker grey, before landing in a crouch nearby. Once recovered, XANA-Jim turns around and shoots electricity out of his hand. Yumi runs towards him and jumps over the electricity. Ulrich has now stood up, leaning on his knees for support. XANA-Jim lowers his hand and Yumi runs straight into him – and through him. She ends up tackling Ulrich instead, and she ends up on top of him on the ground. The two look at each other, surprised, their faces in close proximity.

William has managed to defeat all of the students, and now only XANA-Hertz remains. They face off, William still holding his stick and smirking. XANA-Hertz flickers grey. William twirls his stick around in his hand and makes a charge. The eye of XANA pulses in XANA-Hertz’s eyes. William brings his stick down towards her head, but XANA-Hertz effortlessly stops it with one hand. She flickers grey and wind swirls around them, creating a small cloud of dust on the ground and ruffling their hair and clothes. XANA-Hertz’s hand crackles with electricity.

William

You taught us that wood doesn’t conduct electricity!

XANA-Hertz yanks on the stick, bringing William with it. She tosses him onto the ground behind her.

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

Jeremie

Can you hear me, Odd? What’s going on?!

Odd is back on the Overboard, slaloming along the pathway towards XANA-Aelita and the Tarantula. Ahead of them is a tower with a white halo.

Odd

I get the feeling that Aelita is heading for the Way Tower!

Jeremie

Just what we needed…

The Tarantula carries XANA-Aelita up to the foot of the tower and sets her down. Odd catches up to them and flies past, and the Tarantula opens fire. It hits the underside of the Overboard, destabilising Odd, and he’s forced to jump off. He lands in a roll on the ground and crouches, facing the approaching Tarantula.

XANA-Aelita enters the tower.

Jeremie (worried)

Aelita?

##### Tower, Forest Sector, Lyoko

XANA-Aelita walks to the middle of the platform and ascends to the top. She lands gently and approaches the interface. She places her hand on it and the word “AELITA” appears, followed by the usual prompt “CODE.” But instead of the normal code, the word “XANA” is typed in in red letters.

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

Odd stands up and aims at the Tarantula. The Tarantula walks on two legs so that it can shoot as it approaches him, but something strange happens to its body, surprising it. It looks at its legs as its body gradually turns into many tiny cubes, which fall to the ground and land in a glowing pile. The Tarantula roars as it disappears completely into the pile of cubes. The pile then explodes, and a white glowing ripple spreads out from where the pile was, running across the ground and up all the trees. Odd lowers his arm. Around him, the trees all start disappearing from the bottom up. Odd watches in disbelief, mouth wide open, as the tower begins to disappear as well, revealing its wireframe and then vanishing altogether, from the bottom up. The dark blue interior covered in light blue panels can be seen as it disappears.

Odd (stunned)

What is going *on*?!

Aelita falls out of the tower as it vanishes. She lands on the ground and Odd runs to her side, crouching down and helping her sit up.

Aelita (slightly weak)

Odd…! What happened to me?

Odd looks up, watching his surroundings with a concerned look on his face.

Odd

Uh…I-I’ll tell you about it later.

The Forest floor has started disappearing, threatening to vanish from underneath them.

Odd (worried)

Right now, let’s run for it!

The two of them stand up and start running, the point of erasure not far behind them.

The computer beeps in warning. Jeremie takes off his glasses to look in disbelief.

Jeremie

What’s happening now?!

The path continues to disappear behind Odd and Aelita. They make it onto the platform with the activated tower and run straight past it, heading for an adjacent path.

Odd (shouting, worried)

The Sector’s disappearing! Rematerialise us!

The erasure reaches the activated tower and it starts to disappear.

Jeremie types at the keyboard, the warning beep still sounding.

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Ulrich and Yumi are suspended a few metres above the ground by XANA-Jim and XANA-Hertz’s lightning. They’re held close together, eyes squeezed shut and crying out in pain. The two adults release them and let them drop to the ground. They grin and the eye of XANA pulses in their eyes. XANA-Jim and XANA-Hertz approach the two teens and hold out their hands. Yumi and Ulrich crouch close to one another, eyes still shut and teeth bared, waiting for the attack.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

The activated tower continues to disappear.

Jeremie

The activated tower…!

The tower vanishes completely.

##### Ext. Woods – Day

The electricity disappears from XANA-Jim and XANA-Hertz’s hands, as do the eye of XANA in their eyes. Their eyes widen in surprise before they both collapse to their knees, and then fall to the ground, unconscious.

Ulrich

Are you ok? William’s not in great shape…

Yumi takes out her phone.

Yumi

Jeremie. Did you manage to get the tower deactivated?

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie has a map of the Forest Sector open and is typing away.

Jeremie

I didn’t! It deactivated itself! Because the Forest Sector is in the process of disappearing!

Yumi and Ulrich

What?!

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

The erasure catches up to Aelita and Odd as they run. They glance back and see it coming, but it’s too late.

Odd (shouting)

Jeremie!

The ground disappears beneath their feet and they begin to fall.

Odd (shouting)

HURRYYYYYYY!

Aelita screams.

Jeremie finishes typing and hits enter.

Jeremie

Rematerialisation.

Odd screams as he and Aelita devirtualise just above the surface of the Digital Sea.

##### Int. Scanner Room – Day

Steam pours out of the scanners as Odd and Aelita emerge. They move slowly at first, disoriented.

Aelita

I don’t know what happened…

They start walking towards the lift.

Odd

Well for one thing, it was a pretty close call. Otherwise, I don’t know what happened either! But I’m sure, Einstein can tell us.

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Yumi’s class all start to regain consciousness, dazed and bleary-eyed. Jim and Hertz pick themselves up and look around. They seem uncomfortable.

Yumi (enthusiastic)

Look over there!

They look up and see Yumi pointing at a bit of moss on a tree.

Yumi (enthusiastic)

That moss but be the result of…pollution!

Jim and Hertz stare at her blankly.

Yumi (enthusiastic)

I love science field trips!

##### Int. Classroom – Day

Ulrich opens the door to the classroom and sneaks inside with William, unconscious, over his shoulder. The teacher is still asleep. Ulrich sits William in a chair, face down on the desk, and walks away.

Ulrich (quiet)

Ok, nap time. But don’t you dare dream about Yumi!

Once Ulrich is gone, William wakes up. He looks up in surprise, astonished to find himself still in the classroom.

William

Wow! (holds head) What a nightmare!

Ulrich gives an amused smile as he watches through the open door. He then leaves and shuts the door behind him.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie

It’s no use! The Forest Sector doesn’t exist anymore.

Aelita and Odd stand either side of Jeremie. Aelita looks dismayed.

Jeremie

XANA has totally wiped it off the map.

Aelita (sad)

If only I hadn’t gone into that Way Tower, and if only I hadn’t punched in the code…!

Jeremie

Don’t you see? XANA used you, Aelita. He launched an attack just to lure us to Lyoko.

Odd

But why would he do that?

Jeremie

If the Surface Sectors disappear, we won’t be able to get to Sector 5 anymore.

Odd

You mean that XANA’s gonna destroy all the Sectors?

Jeremie

Sure is.

Jeremie gestures at a map on his screen.

Jeremie

If only I could find a way to materialise you directly into Sector 5… Looks like I’ve got plenty of work ahead!

He smiles at Odd.

Jeremie

Well, it’s a good thing I’m not gonna get elected class rep!

Odd

How do you know that?

Jeremie

Easy! ‘Cause we’re all gonna vote for *you*!

Odd grins.

##### Int. Classroom – Day

Fumey

And your newly elected class representative is…Odd Della Robbia!

All the students cheer and clap as Odd walks to the front of the classroom, making a victory gesture with his hands. Well, almost all the students – Herb and Sissi aren’t clapping. But Nicolas is…

Sissi (upset)

Nicolas! Don’t tell me that you voted for Odd, too?!

Nicolas stops clapping, confused.

Nicolas

Uh…yeah?

Herb is smiling in the row behind them.

Sissi (annoyed)

Take that grin off your face, dorkhead!

The students all crowd around Odd at the front of the classroom, chanting his name and voicing their demands.

Student

Odd, now that you’re our class rep…

Student

You think you can get me out of gym?

Student

I could really use…

Odd waves his hands around above the crowd.

Odd

Hey, cool it! Calm down! One at a time, ok?!