# Code Lyoko

## Episode 6: “Cruel Dilemma”

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##### Ext. Oval – Day

The students are assembled on the oval listening to Delmas. There are two bulldozers in front of him.

Delmas

Dear students, this magnificent stadium is being built in close co-operation with the board of education. Soon, you will be enjoying the latest in sports equipment. And I, personally, am delighted, since my personal duty is to provide you with the finest working conditions possible…

The students in the front row all grin.

Delmas

…and in all areas, both intellectual and athletic. Since, as Juvenal said, “a sound mind, in a sound body.”

Odd

Wow, can he talk. Do we really have to listen to all of this?

Ulrich

Not really. You could’ve stayed with Jeremie if you’d wanted to.

Yumi

What’s Einstein up to, anyway?

Odd

The usual. He’s glued to his computer screen in a big cyber-conversation with his dawling Aelita.

Yumi smiles.

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Day

Jeremie is typing at his computer.

Jeremie

Just a couple of calculations to go, and my devirtualisation program will be completed!

Aelita

And…do you really think it’s going to work, Jeremie? Do I have a chance of finally becoming materialised in your world and becoming somebody…somebody like you?

Jeremie eats a lolly.

Jeremie

I sure hope so. Anyway, there’s one thing that I’m sure of: I’ve never been as close to the answer as I am now!

Aelita

Oh, honestly… It’s so hard to imagine. We can be face to face in the same room… We can touch each other… Even kiss…

As she talks Jeremie eats another lolly. He blushes just before she talks about touching.

Jeremie

Uh, yeah! That’d be, uh, hm… Uh, interesting! I mean…well, uh, I guess… Now, get ready! I’m starting the test program!

He hits enter. The test program runs. Jeremie makes nervous faces and blushes as he watches. He scratches his head. The test finishes, but results in an error.

Jeremie

Huh…I don’t get it…

Jeremie puts his head in his hands.

Aelita

It’s not the end of the world. I’m sure, Jeremie, that one day, you’ll succeed.

Jeremie

Aelita…I…oh… I’m beginning to wonder if I’m up to the job. If I’m good enough for such a complicated program… (exhales) I’m sorry… I’m just tired and jumpy, that’s all. I-I’d better go and stretch my legs.

He gets up.

Jeremie

See you later.

He leaves.

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Day

Odd makes his way to Jeremie’s doorway and pokes his head in to look inside. His computer is beeping.

Odd

Huh? Jeremie?

Odd enters and finds the materialisation program still on screen.

Odd

Hey, what’s this? Another one of Jeremie’s materialisation programs.

Odd sits down at the computer and spots the bag of lollies.

Odd

Oh, wow, candy!

He tosses a piece into his mouth.

Jeremie (off)

Odd!

Startled, Odd drops the bag and the pieces fall onto Jeremie’s keyboard. Odd grunts in surprise and dismay. Jeremie walks up.

Jeremie

How many times have I told you not to touch my computer when I’m not here? There are months of work in there.

Odd

Relax, Max! (shakes his head and stands up) I didn’t hurt your little toy!

Jeremie sits and sees the lollies on his keyboard.

Jeremie

Oh no, you’re such a cosmic creep! Now look what you’ve done! Those keys are incredibly sensitive!

Odd hums and stops chewing.

Odd (miffed)

Ok, ok. A little piece of candy’s not going to wreck your keyboard!

Jeremie brushes the lollies off and looks up at the screen.

Jeremie

Huh? That’s crazy! This is really mega-insane!

He starts typing. Odd stops chewing and looks on with interest. Jeremie runs the test again.

Jeremie

Yyyes! It works! Haha! Odd, you’re a genius! You know that?

Jeremie stands up in joy.

Odd

Hey, make up your mind! Am I a…a genius, or a creep?

Jeremie

You’re a creepy genius! You didn’t do it on purpose, but by dropping the candies on the keyboard, you modified and relaunched my program! I-I don’t know exactly what happened, but it works! Thanks, Odd!

Odd

(thumbs up) Who’s an Einstein now? Are you going to materialise Aelita?

Jeremie

Well… Yeah! The problem is, I only get one try and that’s it. But that’s because I didn’t see what kind of programming the candy typed in…

Odd

Yeah, so? There’s only one Aelita.

Jeremie

Go and tell the others. I’ll announce the good news to Aelita.

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Day

Jeremie is at the computer, with Aelita on screen. The others are on his bed. Yumi shakes her head.

Jeremie

Yumi, it’s now or never. We may not get a second chance.

Jeremie stands up and paces.

Jeremie

What if there’s some kind of bug? I’ll never be able to set up the program again!

Yumi

Listen, you can’t just materialise Aelita like *that* without making a lot of preparations.

Jeremie

I’ve boosted the scans, I’ve got the program going, everything’s ready.

Ulrich

Yeah, in your head. Hey, come back to Earth, Jeremie. Try to be practical for once. Aelita has no parents, and she hasn’t got a birth certificate. What’s more, she’s not enrolled in any school. Oh, ok, that’s no biggie, but…all that together means she doesn’t exist in our world!

Odd

Imagine – “Hello, I’m Aelita! I just got here from a virtual reality!” That’s a one-way ticket to the nuthouse!

Jeremie looks at the screen in silence, and sits down.

Aelita

You know, Jeremie, it doesn’t have to be today. I can wait.

Jeremie

(sigh) Well what do we do now?

Yumi

I can put her up at my house. My folks wouldn’t mind.

Ulrich

And you can plug into the city hall computers! And create a phoney identity for her! Find her a new name, all the stuff she needs!

Odd

Then, you’d just have to enrol her at our school! And try to put her in our class, that’d be really cool, huh!

Jeremie looks sadly at the screen for a while.

Jeremie

Ok. We’ll get started first thing tomorrow.

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Night

Jeremie is lying in bed awake. He sighs and goes over to the computer.

Jeremie

Aelita? You asleep?

His computer starts up and connects. Aelita appears.

Aelita

Am I asleep? Come on, Jeremie! You know that virtual beings never sleep!

Jeremie

I can’t sleep a wink. I can’t stop thinking about your materialisation and it’s keeping me up. You can’t imagine all the things you’re going to discover in our world.

Aelita

You mean like sleeping?

Jeremie

Heh, that’s right. That, and all kinds of fun things.

Aelita

Tell me more.

##### Int. Jim’s Room – Night

Jim is snoring as he sleeps. He rolls over onto his stomach, pulling the pillow over his head.

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

The two are asleep. Odd snores lightly.

##### Ext. Oval – Night

Dogs bark in the distance as a light comes on over the bulldozers. A spectre oozes from the light pole and makes its way to the ground, splitting into two to cover the bulldozers completely before disappearing inside them. The headlights turn on, and the engines start. The eye of XANA appears in the headlights. Exhaust blows out of the pipe and the bulldozers set off across the oval.

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Night [Alternating with Tower, Lyoko]

Jeremie

When you touch an object with your fingers, you have a sort of sensation. It could be a feeling of softness, or of heat. It could be cold.

Aelita

Oh, I see. I thought you only sensed with your brain.

Jeremie

That’s right, but it’s a little more complicated. Here on Earth, everyone has five senses. You, Aelita, you only have two of them. Hearing, and seeing. You can only see and hear.

The sound of pulsations reaches Aelita in the tower, and she looks around in worry before standing up.

Aelita

Speaking of hearing…

Jeremie

Soon you’re going to be able to touch, and to-

Aelita

Jeremie, I think I just heard XANA…! He’s up to something.

Jeremie hears the bulldozers and looks to his door.

Jeremie

What’s all that noise about, I wonder?!

Aelita

Jeremie, XANA’s launched an attack!

Jeremie gets up and starts clicking.

Jeremie

Ok! Listen, Aelita! Go and hide in a deactivated tower. I’ll contact you from the factory.

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

Jeremie opens the door and starts yelling at the sleeping boys.

Jeremie (yelling)

Odd, wake up! XANA’s attacking! Odd, wake up!!

Odd blearily winks awake.

Odd

W-what wussat? W-what did you say about carpet tacking?

Jeremie stands over Ulrich.

Jeremie (yelling)

Ulrich, get up!

Ulrich doesn’t move. Jeremie bends down and starts shaking his shoulders, causing him to wake up.

Jeremie (yelling)

It’s a XANA alert!

Ulrich quickly sits up and takes earplugs out of his ears, clearing his throat. Odd rubs his head.

Ulrich

What did you say?

Jeremie (yelling)

I SAID IT’S A XANA ALERT! XANA’S ATTACKING!

Ulrich flinches from the volume and covers his ears.

Odd

Hey, you always sleep with those things in your ears?

Ulrich

Yeah, Odd. Always. And one of these days, I’ll tell you why.

Odd

…huh?

##### Ext. Oval – Night

The bulldozers run over one of the sets of goalposts, destroying it. The three boys round the science building and spot them.

Odd

No need to look any further, guys. This time he picked a real winner! He’s attacking us with bulldozers! Nice going, XANA. How subtle can you get?

Ulrich

Jeremie, rush over to the lab and call Yumi. Odd and I are going to try and stop these monsters.

The three take off, Odd and Ulrich in one direction and Jeremie in another. Odd and Ulrich reach the bulldozers.

Ulrich

I’ll take the front one!

Odd

Gotcha!

They split up as decided and climb inside the machines. Ulrich tries all the controls, but nothing responds. The bulldozer accelerates towards the fence.

Ulrich

Uh?!

##### Int. Yumi’s Room – Night

Yumi’s phone rings. A clock shows that it’s 2:30 in the morning. Yumi reaches up and hits the button on top of the alarm clock. The phone keeps ringing. She tiredly reaches up and takes it.

##### Int. Sewers – Night

Jeremie scoots along through the sewer.

Jeremie

Come on, Yumi, get up! We really need you!

##### Int. Yumi’s Room – Night

Yumi

…do you realise what time it is? Bulldozers? What bulldozers?

She sits up abruptly.

Yumi

WHAT?!

##### Ext. Park – Night

Ulrich is still trying the controls to no avail. The bulldozers truck on through the trees. Odd suddenly appears by his door, opening it to talk to him.

Odd

Hey, XANA’s controlling the thing! I don’t know what to do, Ulrich!

Ulrich

That makes two of us! You go and meet Yumi and Jeremie at the lab! I-if I can find out what XANA wants to do with these monsters, that sure would help!

Odd

Ok, just be careful!

Ulrich gives a silent and serious thumbs up. Odd runs back along the path the bulldozers cleared through the trees.

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

Aelita is running through the Forest. The tower cables pulse red nearby.

Jeremie

Keep your eyes open, Aelita! You never know where XANA’s monsters are hiding.

Aelita stops behind a tree and looks ahead.

Aelita

Don’t worry, Jeremie. No enemy in sight for the moment. But the pulse beats are getting stronger! The activated tower can’t be too far away!

##### Int. Lab – Night [Alternating with Riverbank]

Odd reaches the factory and enters the lab.

Jeremie

Aelita, don’t worry. Odd should be there soon! And now let’s hope that Yumi and Ulrich are on their way.

Odd

Ulrich?! He’s on the bulldozer. Trying to find out what XANA’s up to.

Jeremie types, dialling Ulrich’s number.

Jeremie

Ulrich, do you read me?

Ulrich

Bad news, Jeremie.

Ulrich is still inside the bulldozer, driving along the riverbank.

Ulrich

I’m on the riverbank, and I’m afraid XANA’s targeted the factory!

Jeremie

That’s gotta be it! If XANA manages to destroy our factory, we can say goodbye to our equipment! No more computer, meaning no more communication with Aelita…

Odd

Don’t forget about the scans! Without them, no more transfers to Lyoko. And that means total victory for XANA.

Odd runs off to head to the scanners.

Jeremie

Ulrich, listen. Odd’s just about to go it alone. So if you don’t mind, hurry up.

The bulldozers are now crossing the bridge.

Ulrich

I’ll do my best, but I can’t promise you a graceful entrance!

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

Jeremie

Transfer, Odd. Scanner. Virtualisation!

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

Odd lands and cocks his arm, looking around. He suddenly looks behind him and rolls in that direction, standing up and aiming again. Aelita appears from behind a tree.

Aelita

Oh, hello, Odd. You’re looking stressed.

Odd (calm again)

No, I’m ok, Aelita. It’s just that I never know what I’m going to find whenever I come here.

Aelita

Come with me, Odd. The activated tower is this way.

Odd

Ok. Let’s go and check it out.

##### Int. Factory – Night

The bulldozers make it into the main room of the factory and start driving towards the supporting pillars. Ulrich sees the oncoming threat and tries to escape, but the doors lock themselves and he becomes trapped inside. He pulls at the handle but it doesn’t open. He tries to shield himself with his arms as they drive towards a pillar.

Ulrich

Oh no! Aah!

He screams as they ram the pillar, breaking it and smashing the glass in the bulldozer. He collapses.

##### Int. Lab – Night

Jeremie looks up upon hearing the sound.

Jeremie

Ulrich, do you read me?!

The bulldozer turns towards another target, Ulrich’s arm dangling from the window.

Yumi (over phone)

Jeremie?

Jeremie

Yumi. I’ve lost contact with Ulrich.

Yumi

Where was he when you last spoke to him?

Jeremie

He was heading for the factory with the bulldozers!

##### Ext. Riverbank – Night

Yumi runs along the riverbank.

Yumi (panting)

Right, I’m almost there! I’ll find him!

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

Odd and Aelita run to a crossroads in the path. Aelita points in the direction of the pulsations.

Aelita

That way!

They start to move, but Kankrelats appear.

Odd

Talk about a reception committee.

Aelita

Usually Roachsters move in groups of five.

Five in total: two on the path they need to take, one each on the other three paths.

Odd

Wow, and it looks like the committee’s at full strength!

Odd takes aim at one of them. They’re surrounded.

##### Int. Factory – Night

Yumi runs into the factory and sees the destruction caused by the bulldozers.

Yumi

Oh!

She spots Ulrich’s arm dangling from the window of one of the machines. She slides down one of the ropes.

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

Aelita crouches behind Odd as he aims.

Odd

Hello, Roachsters. Now which one of you wants to be first?

A Kankrelat charges and fires. Odd dodges a few lasers, but ends up getting hit in the torso and falling on his back. He jumps out of the way of a laser from another Kankrelat, but it ends up hitting Aelita in the leg. Odd jumps back in front of her and fires two arrows. One Kankrelat (of the pair blocking their way) is destroyed. The other fires. Odd and Aelita dodge. Odd aims at another Kankrelat, but ends up having to dodge again. He’s hit in the torso again.

Jeremie

Hey, would you cool it, huh, Odd? Your mission is to *protect* Aelita, remember?

Odd

You wanna trade places, Jeremie?

##### Int. Factory – Night

Yumi runs through the rain of debris to reach Ulrich’s bulldozer.

Yumi

Oh, Ulrich! Ulrich! Get up! Ulrich! (desperate) Hurry up!

She pulls at his collar, but Ulrich doesn’t wake.

Yumi

Ugh…! Oh!

Yumi sees the bulldozer heading straight for a wall. She growls and jumps inside the cabin, wrapping her arms around Ulrich to protect him from the worst of the impact. The bulldozer creates a hole in the wall and reverses back again. It accelerates forward. Yumi gets Ulrich over her shoulders and jumps down off the bulldozer just before impact, rolling across the floor with Ulrich. She drags him away.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

Jeremie

Odd, you’ve used up four of your ten arrows!

Kankrelats fire and Odd dodges while Aelita makes herself small.

Odd

Here comes three more! Laser arrow!

He does a slow-motion jump and fires upside-down at a Kankrelat. The path cleared, Odd and Aelita run down it, pursued by the remaining three Kankrelats.

##### Int. Factory – Night

Yumi has Ulrich in her arms.

Yumi

Ulrich! You’ve gotta get up!

Ulrich comes to and the two peek out over their cover, a sheet of metal. A bulldozer comes straight at them. Yumi grabs Ulrich’s hand and they run. Ulrich stumbles a few times, but they keep running. They disappear down a hole in the floor. The bulldozer passes overhead.

Yumi

Ulrich!

Yumi is crouching, but Ulrich has collapsed. She strokes his cheek (not tenderly though, sort of in a panic). She slings him over her shoulders again and walks towards the upper entrance to the lab.

##### Int. Lab – Night

There’s debris on the floor.

Yumi (over speakers)

Hey, Jeremie! Can you give me a hand?

Jeremie swivels back and forth in his chair, looking for her, before getting up and running to the ladder. Yumi is standing above the lab, holding Ulrich bridal style. Jeremie climbs up to them.

Jeremie

What about the bulldozers?

Yumi

It’s a mess up there…

Jeremie

I wish it were only up there!

The ground shakes and debris falls in the corridor Yumi just exited from.

##### Int. Lab – Night

Yumi is looking after the unconscious Ulrich.

Yumi

How’s Odd doing?

Odd

Jeremie, I’m starting to get a little lonely out here!

Jeremie

That answer your question?

Yumi

Heh, gotcha!

Yumi runs to the lift.

Jeremie

Ok, Odd. Yumi’s on her way. As for Ulrich… Let’s just say he’s fast asleep.

Odd

He is? That must be tough. I mean, without his earplugs.

Ulrich slumps a bit against the wall. Jeremie smiles and giggles.

##### Int. Scanner Room – Night

Jeremie

Transfer, Yumi! Scanner. Virtualisation.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

Yumi appears a way away. Elsewhere, Odd and Aelita are running away from the three Kankrelats.

Jeremie

Odd, figure out a way to slow down the Roachsters! You’re way ahead of Yumi!

Odd

Take care of the tower! I’ll take care of the Roachsters!

Odd slides and leaps behind a tree.

Odd

Let’s see what the score is. Three Roachsters and three laser arrows left. Odd, this is no time to miss your target.

He turns around and fires, destroying a Kankrelat. The other two move behind some trees. Odd runs past and they shoot, hitting him. He rolls over a rock and takes cover.

Odd

Jeremie, how many life points have I got left?

Jeremie

Ten! Hang on, Yumi’s almost there!

Yumi runs along the path, following the pulsations.

Odd stands behind a tree, listening to the approaching Kankrelat. He whistles, waving his tail out from one side of the tree to attract the Kankrelat’s attention. He then zips out from the other side of the tree, firing and destroying the Kankrelat.

Odd

That’s it for you. Where’s your buddy hiding?

Odd has a vision of Yumi falling towards the Digital Sea, through a hole in the middle of a platform. Once the vision is over, he needs a moment to recover.

Odd

Yumi…!

He looks down and sees the last Kankrelat right in front of him.

Odd

Uh-oh…

Odd grunts as he’s devirtualised. Yumi runs up behind where he was.

Yumi

Noooo! Oh! Heeya!

Yumi jumps into the air and throws her fan at the Kankrelat, destroying it.

Yumi

Hey, Jeremie! I didn’t make it in time! It’s game over for Odd! I’ll back up Aelita in case she needs help!

##### Int. Lab – Night [Alternating with Forest Sector, Lyoko]

The ground shakes and debris falls as loud noises sound in the background.

Jeremie

I don’t want to stress you out or anything, but if the scans are destroyed, you’re on a one-way trip, Yumi.

Yumi

No problem! I’ll hurry. I wouldn’t mind a little nap before class.

Odd enters.

Odd

Jeremie! It isn’t the scanners she has to worry about. I just had a vision. I saw Yumi falling into the Digital Void!

Jeremie

Virtualised forever?!

Beat.

Jeremie

Hey, Yumi!

Yumi

I heard him.

Odd and Jeremie watch the screen silently.

Ulrich (weak)

…I’ll go and help her.

Odd

What?

Ulrich is still on the floor by the wall, holding his head in pain.

Jeremie

Come on, Ulrich. Take a look at yourself! The shape you’re in, it’d be crazy.

Ulrich stands, using a ladder rung as support.

Ulrich (weak)

Odd. Help me.

Odd goes to him and helps support Ulrich as they walk, with Ulrich’s arm over his shoulders.

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

Aelita runs, panting, along a tree bridge. She reaches a smaller platform with a hole in the middle. Beyond that is another tree bridge leading to a platform where the activated tower stands. A Megatank rolls onto the opposite side of her platform.

Aelita

Jeremie?

Jeremie

I saw it. Yumi’s on her way to help you. Give me a visual!

A visual opens on screen, showing the Megatank in front and the hole between them.

Odd

There it is! That’s exactly where I saw Yumi fall!

Jeremie

Transfer Ulrich! Scanner! Virtualisation!

Aelita runs around the circular platform and the Megatank fires, barely missing her. Yumi runs. Aelita takes cover behind a tree. The Megatank rolls around to the opposite side to take aim at her again. Aelita runs out and ducks behind another tree, avoiding another laser. She’s near the next tree bridge. She runs for it. The Megatank aims and charges its laser, and Yumi can be seen approaching from behind it. Everything moves in slow motion as Aelita runs for the bridge. The Megatank fires, but just as its laser is about to reach Aelita, Yumi tackles the monster and changes its trajectory. She cries out as she and the monster fall into the hole. The Megatank falls into the Digital Sea, but Yumi manages to catch the edge of the platform. Yumi slips as a column of light erupts from the Digital Sea.

Yumi

Jeremie…! I can’t hold on anymore!

Jeremie

Aelita’s inside the tower now! Hang on, Yumi!

Aelita enters the tower. Yumi continues to slip.

Yumi

I can’t, I…! Oh!

The shaking and rain of debris intensifies and Odd and Jeremie look worried.

Ulrich Supersprints over to Yumi.

Ulrich

Yumi! I’m coming! Yumi!

He reaches her just as she slips out of his reach.

Ulrich

NOOOOOOO!

Yumi screams as she falls. Everyone watches on in horror. Aelita enters the Code Lyoko. The bulldozers stop. The return to the past is launched.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Everyone sits sadly in silence.

Jeremie

I never would’ve thought it was possible…

Ulrich shakes his head.

Jeremie

For one of us to become…

Ulrich

It’s all my fault. If I had been faster…she would still be here.

Aelita

But there is a solution, and Jeremie knows what it is.

Jeremie

The materialisation program…! It’s operational, but Aelita has to give up her place to Yumi…

Ulrich

…can you…bring Yumi back here?

Jeremie

Yes, but I can only materialise one person. One and only one.

Jeremie and Aelita look sad. Odd and Ulrich nod.

Aelita

Then choose Yumi. She’s part of your world already.

Jeremie looks at a loss for words.

Aelita

It’s ok. I can wait a little longer.

Jeremie

…ok, Aelita.

He types.

Jeremie

But first of all, I need to track down Yumi in the Digital Void.

Odd (while Jeremie speaks)

(pats Ulrich’s shoulder) It’s alright, don’t worry.

Jeremie selects Yumi’s card on his screen.

##### Int. Scanner Room – Day

The scanner powers up as Odd and Ulrich wait expectantly. They gasp as the doors open and Yumi falls out, weak. They catch her between them.

Ulrich

It’s alright, Yumi! You’re gonna be ok.

Odd

Welcome home!

Yumi

…but… How did you get me back here?

Ulrich looks at her silently.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie

I’m happy, and at the same time, I’m sad.

Aelita

Why? At least you know the program works. You just have to set it back up again!

Jeremie (sarcastic)

Heh, yeah, nothing to it.

Aelita

I have faith in you, Jeremie. One day you’ll get me there, I’m sure.

Jeremie smiles contentedly at her. She signs off. Jeremie removes his headset and gets up.

##### Int. Sewers – Day

Jeremie scoots along slowly and glumly. His friends easily catch up to him on foot, carrying their skateboards. Yumi and Ulrich put their arms around him. Odd offers him a lolly.

Odd

Hey Jeremie, want some candy?

Jeremie

Hey, what are you doing with that? It’s mine!

Odd

Oh yeah, I guess it is! Ok, no problemo. Here you go.

Jeremie makes a face. Yumi pats his shoulder.

Yumi

Come on, have one. Candy can fix anything!

Her shoulder pats displace his glasses and she fixes them for him.

Yumi

Even a broken heart.

Jeremie

Heh… If you say so.

Jeremie looks between his friends and then opens his mouth. Odd tosses the lolly up into the air and Jeremie catches it in his mouth. The four friends walk and scoot along the path, Odd now with his arm around Ulrich.