# Code Lyoko

## Episode 73: “Replika”

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

The lights are out. Odd is on his bed, playing a GameBoy Advance SP with the volume up.

Odd

(groan) Haha! Take that, fireball!

Ulrich lifts his head to look up at Odd with one eye closed, clearly tired.

Odd

And you, you slimy vortex. You’ll see. You think you’re so smart. Wait ‘til I discombobulate you into the black hole!

Ulrich (groggy)

Odd, d’you mind cooling it a little?

Odd stops playing and looks up at Ulrich when he talks. When the device makes a beep, he looks back to it in shock.

Odd

Ah! Great, thanks a lot. You just made me miss the bonus ball! I’m dying from sleep deprivation and now you’re making me start all over again!

Ulrich (groggy)

At four AM?!

Odd goes back to playing.

Odd

Mhm!

Ulrich growls and slams his head into the bed, pulling the pillow over his head.

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

Odd is sleep at the foot of his bed, snoring, with one arm dangling off the bed and still holding the GameBoy. Ulrich, dressed in his PE clothes, walks over and shakes his shoulder.

Ulrich (teasing)

Odd! Wake up! Time to rise and shine!

Odd slowly blinks one eye awake. Jeremie and Aelita are also in the room.

Odd (groggy, exhausted)

W-what are you guys dressed like that for?

Jeremie

It’ll come to you. Think it over, Odd!

Odd looks away, thinking. He then sits up.

Odd (groggy, slightly alarmed)

Oh, no! Phys. ed!

He falls back onto the bed.

Odd (groggy, exhausted)

Forget about it, guys. I can’t go. Galactik Battle totally wiped me out…

Ulrich

I don’t think an excuse like that is gonna sit too well with Jim.

Odd (groggy, exhausted)

Aelita, do me a big favour. Think of a nice, legitimate excuse so I can stay here and sleep…

Aelita (unimpressed)

Me? What am I supposed to tell him?

Odd falls asleep again, snoring.

Aelita (unimpressed)

Thanks a lot…

##### Ext. Sports Field – Day

The PE class is gathered in front of Jim while he calls the roll.

Jim

Della Robbia. (annoyed) Della Robbia, I don’t wanna have to repeat that!

Aelita looks thoughtful.

Jim (annoyed)

DELLA ROBBIA!

Aelita raises her hand.

Aelita

Mm… Odd felt sick so he went to the infirmary this morning, Jim.

Jim makes a mark on the roll sheet.

Jim

Absent, then. I guess when you’re not feeling well, the only thing to do is head for the infirmary.

Aelita smiles, relieved. Jim puts his pencil in his mouth.

Jim

Delmas.

Sissi

Present!

Jim

De Vasseur.

A boy that’s definitely not Magali

Present!

Jim

Ducroc.

Nicolas backs away from Sissi and Herb.

Matthieu

Yeah.

Jim

You say “present” or “here,” none of this “yeah” stuff, ok?

Matthieu

Yeah, ok.

Nicolas approaches Naomi and scratches his head nervously, smiling.

Nicolas

Uh, hello, Naomi. Uh…how would you feel about having a fantastic and breathtaking experience together with me in the moonlight tonight?

Naomi

You’ve gotta be kidding, you dork.

Nicolas laughs nervously.

A high jump bar has been set up next to some large mats.

Jim

Right! Today, we’re going to work on the high jump. For once, I won’t go to great lengths to tell you how this kind of sport can take you to great heights, heh. So just watch.

Jim raises one finger high in the air.

Jim

Demonstration!

He starts running towards the setup.

Jim (breathless)

Gain momentum!

Jim holds his arms out behind him as he gains speed. He reaches the bar and jumps over it.

Jim (breathless)

Release, and…!

He lands on the mat and makes a noise of great discomfort. He bounces up into the air. The students laugh and Jim ends up on the ground. He uses the mat to sit up, peering over at the students. His sweatband has become displaced slightly.

##### Int. Infirmary Hallway – Day

Yolande helps Jim to walk. Jim is holding his back, face scrunched in pain.

Yolande

I told you over and over again – if you insist on doing this sort of thing, this is where you’ll end up!

Jim

Yeah, it’s an occupational hazard…

##### Int. Infirmary – Day

Yolande opens the door.

Jim

I see you’ve already sent Della Robbia home!

Yolande (confused)

Odd? But he hasn’t been here at all!

Jim

Oh?

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

Delmas enters the room and walks over to Odd, who wakes up but doesn’t look up. Jim enters the room as well.

Odd (groggy)

Well, what kind of lameo speech did GI Jim bore you with today? That’s about the only part I’m sad I missed. Every time he opens his mouth, (laughing) he cracks me up.

Delmas (angry)

Hm, well why don’t we share a little laughter in my office, *now*?

Odd looks up at the two teachers, mortified.

Odd

Uh-oh…

Delmas and Jim slowly come into focus. Odd rubs his eyes.

Odd

Oh, no. Please tell me that I’m still sleeping, that this is a nightmare…!

Jim wags his finger.

Jim

Uh-uh. You’re wide awake, Della Robbia! But you’re right about one thing: this is your nightmare!

##### Int. Principal’s Office – Day

Odd and Aelita sit in front of Delmas’s desk, staring at their shoes. Jim stands behind Delmas.

Delmas (annoyed)

Disappointed. Disappointed. That’s the only word for it. Miss Stones, Odd, I am deeply disappointed in both of you.

The two teens look up.

Jim

I agree with that, Sir. These two took me for some sort of idiot!

Delmas (annoyed)

You shamelessly acted with total indifference to the ethical values that this institution was designed to teach you. You lied, both of you. Therefore, four hours of detention.

Odd and Aelita look at each other.

Jim (surprised)

Really? Only four, Sir?

Delmas

Yes! And that’s because I consider myself to be too…

Jim

Too weak?

Delmas glares and growls.

Delmas

…magnanimous.

##### Ext. Admin Building – Day

Aelita and Odd exit the building.

Odd (annoyed)

Thanks for the lame excuse, Aelita!

They stop walking.

Aelita (defensive)

Hey, Odd! How could I know that Jim would pull his back out and go to the infirmary?

Odd (annoyed)

If you’d have taken the time to think of a better excuse, I wouldn’t have had four hours of detention.

Aelita (angry)

(scoffs) And if you were just a bit less selfish, you’d have realised that I got stuck with four hours of detention too. And for what?! Because you needed your sleep? YOU LAZY LOSER!

Nicolas approaches them.

Nicolas

Uh… Hi, Aelita! Um…how would you feel about having a fantastic and breathtaking experience together in the moonlight tonight?

Odd (annoyed)

Aelita would rather have detention than go out with *you*.

Nicolas frowns and Aelita makes a face. She then smiles.

Aelita

How nice of you to ask, Nicolas! Thanks! I’d really like that!

She gives a strained smile. Nicolas grins.

Odd (disbelieving)

I’m hallucinating! You’re not gonna go out with that nerd, are you?

Aelita

I’d rather hang out with a nerd than a selfish potato-head like you.

Aelita turns her nose up and walks away. Odd looks away.

##### Int. Cafeteria – Day

The gang are at a table. Ulrich holds up a fork full of French fries as Odd arrives.

Ulrich

Mm! These fries are tasty!

Odd sits down, looking annoyed.

Ulrich

I say something wrong?

Odd looks over at Aelita. She gives him a lopsided smile, one eyebrow raised. Odd picks up a handful of chips and starts eating. Yumi looks between Odd and Aelita.

Yumi

Well, it looks as if we’ve got a bit of a cold war on our hands.

Jeremie

Listen, you two. Why don’t you kiss and make up? We’ve got more important things to worry about.

Ulrich leans in, smiling.

Ulrich (quiet)

Like exploring the network with the Skid some more?

Jeremie leans in as well.

Jeremie (quiet)

That’s right. And especially to check out that sphere you came across on your first trip.

Yumi leans in.

Yumi (quiet)

Great. When do we go?

Jeremie (quiet)

The longer we wait, the stronger XANA gets. So I say, we try tonight. (normal volume) That is, if our two friends are ready to bury the hatchet!

Odd

As long as I don’t have to talk to that dummy!

Aelita

Suits me! What would I have to say to a lazy, selfish brat anyway?

Yumi

That’s progress! Sort of.

Nicolas approaches their table, looking pleased.

Nicolas

Hey, Aelita! Are we still on for tonight?

Aelita

I’m sorry… I mean I really am, but…something…just…came up!

Nicolas’s smile fades.

Aelita

I’ve got a (stammers) a…a…a big test I have to study for.

Nicolas shrugs.

Nicolas (disappointed)

Yeah, well I guess that figures… It was too true to be good… I mean…! …You know what I mean, right?

Nicolas walks over to the table where Herb is sitting and sits opposite him, looking disappointed but thoughtful. Herb is reading a book while eating.

Nicolas

Uh…listen, Herb. How would you feel about having a fantastic and breathtaking experience in the moonlight tonight?

Herb

Eh?

##### Ext. Riverbank – Night

The hook of a fishing rod lands in the water, creating ripples over the reflection of the full moon. Nicolas grins as he reels the line. He’s sitting on a stool by the edge of the water, surrounded by various boxes that must contain fishing gear. Herb stands beside him, looking unimpressed.

Herb

*This* is your fantastic and breathtaking experience? A dumb fishing trip?!

Nicolas

Yeah, you wouldn’t believe how fantastic and breathtaking it can be to catch a big, fat pike!

Herb

And you’re a clownfish, you know that, Nicolas?

Nicolas puts a finger to his lips.

Nicolas

Shh! You’ll scare the fish away if you talk too loud!

Herb reluctantly sits on the ground. On the bridge above them, the gang run towards the factory entrance.

##### Ext. Bridge – Night

Odd walks instead of running and the others quickly leave him behind.

Aelita (breathless)

Take your time, why don’t you!

Odd

Give it a rest, huh!

##### Ext. Riverbank – Night

Herb

What’s Odd doing out at this hour?

Nicolas

I thought Aelita had a huge test to study for!

Nicolas puts the fishing rod down and stands up, scrutinising the factory entrance.

Nicolas

Hm… Let’s go.

##### Int. Scanner Room – Night

Odd and Aelita arrive in the lift, both leaning against the back wall with their arms folded. Aelita walks out and heads for a scanner. Odd suddenly runs over and gets into the scanner she was heading for. He smiles and laughs teasingly, putting his hands behind his head. Ulrich and Yumi are already in the other two scanners. Aelita looks at Odd disapprovingly.

Yumi

Odd, aren’t you overdoing it a little?

Odd (slightly offended)

Thanks, Yumi. It’s obvious whose side you’re on!

Yumi raises an eyebrow.

Ulrich

Incredible… You’d think they were back in kindergarten!

The scanners close.

##### Int. Lab – Night

Jeremie

Alright now, cool it, guys. Let’s concentrate on our mission. Transfer, Ulrich. Transfer, Yumi. Transfer, Odd.

##### Arena, Sector 5, Lyoko

Jeremie

Virtualisation!

Ulrich, Yumi and Odd are virtualised. Aelita arrives shortly after. Aelita and Odd look at each other. Aelita turns away, folds her arms and huffs. Odd shakes his head and groans in frustration.

##### Corridor, Sector 5, Lyoko

The four teens exit the Arena. The corridor opens as a flat floor and they run inside.

##### Hangar Lift Stop, Sector 5, Lyoko

They run to the end of the catwalk and wait for the lift to arrive. Once it does, they get on and it takes them up.

##### Skid Hangar, Sector 5, Lyoko [Alternating with Lab]

The lift stops and the kids run onto the platform.

Jeremie

Hurry over to your transporter spots.

They each get on a transporter spot.

Odd

Doesn’t it freak you out to have a real loser at the controls?

Partway through his sentence, Ulrich scoffs and waves his arm dismissively, getting fed up. Aelita scoffs and shakes her head before turning her nose up.

Jeremie

Ok, energise.

The kids are transported into the Skid.

Aelita

Ulrich, do you mind asking that dorky friend of yours if he still remembers how to use the Skid?

Ulrich (fed up)

Cut it out, Aelita. Just ask him yourself.

Odd

Good answer, Ulrich!

Ulrich (fed up)

Hey, you’re starting to get on my nerves. Both of you.

Yumi (fed up)

Yeah, we’ve had enough.

Jeremie

Well if you guys are all finished, what do you say we take off? Supports away.

The support arms retract from the Skid. Aelita presses a button and takes the controls.

Aelita

Vertical propulsion operational.

The Skid’s boosters start up and the vehicle flies out of the opening in the ceiling.

##### Lyoko

The Skid exits Sector 5 and pauses outside the entrance.

Aelita

Ready to dive.

They plunge towards the Digital Sea, stopping briefly above the surface before diving in.

##### Digital Sea – Blue Light [Alternating with Lab]

The Skid exits Lyoko and the gate closes behind them.

Aelita

We’re in the network, Jeremie.

The Holoprojector displays an area of the Digital Sea.

Jeremie

Holoweb system, connected. Aelita, set course for bearing one-seventy and look out for a hub.

Aelita

Gotcha.

The Skid now in horizontal position, they set off.

Jeremie

I’ll enter the co-ordinates of the sphere that you guys saw during your last mission.

Jeremie hits enter.

Aelita

Hub in sight.

The Skid approaches a hub.

Jeremie

Are you ready?

Aelita

Roger!

The Skid switches to vertical position as it arrives at the hub. In the middle of the giant, circular structure is a circular hole, and inside that hole is a swirling pink vortex.

Aelita

Hyperfluid aspiration, in three seconds.

After a pause, the Skid is surrounded in swirling blue lights before shooting into the vortex, making a splash. The blue light travels across the surface of the hub as well, lighting up all its components.

##### Int. Factory – Night

Nicolas and Herb enter the factory and stop in front of the ropes.

Herb

This place is weird… (shivering) Let’s get outta here! It gives me the creeps!

Nicolas grabs a rope.

Nicolas

Don’t worry! I’m here.

Nicolas slides down the rope. Herb grabs a different one.

Herb (flat)

Thanks, glad to hear it…

Herb slides unsteadily down the rope, swinging around a lot and not descending very fast. Nicolas lands and looks up: Herb has stopped, clinging desperately to the rope in fear.

Nicolas (quiet)

What are you doing up there? Come down!

Herb has his eyes squeezed shut. Sweat rolls down his face.

Herb (through teeth)

I’m scared of heights…! I really get dizzy when I’m high up…!

Nicolas (quiet)

Don’t worry! You’re only fifteen metres above the ground!

Herb (through teeth)

Nicolas, would you shut up?!

Nicolas

Stay where you are! I’ll come up and get you.

Nicolas climbs back up the rope.

Herb (to himself, upset)

Oh, no. This is horrible! I don’t wanna die now! I never really got to tell Sissi that I’m crazy about her…!

##### Hub, Digital Sea

The Skid travels at high speed through a bright pink tunnel full of many sharp turns.

##### Digital Sea – Blue Light [Alternating with Lab]

A blue portal opens up on the side of a hub. After a while, the Skid comes through it in horizontal position, sending a ripple of blue light across the vehicle and the hub. Aelita slams her fist on a button.

Aelita

Retro-brake!

The Skid brakes. With a few more button presses, Aelita activates the lights.

Aelita

Lights, operational.

They set off again and approach a large sphere.

Aelita

Ok, Jeremie. We’re coming to the sphere now.

Jeremie

Ok, Aelita. Check the south pole for an entry portal, like on Lyoko.

Aelita

I’ve got a visual on it.

They approach the floodgate and stop right outside it.

Aelita

It’s shut! What do I do now?

Odd

Why don’t you knock? Maybe they’ll open up for you!

Aelita pulls a lever.

Aelita

Rotation?

The Skid rotates. Odd looks surprised when his seat reclines, bringing him into a standing position.

Odd

Hey!

Yumi

Odd…

Odd

Yeah?

Yumi

Shut up, ok?

Aelita places her hand on a panel in the middle of her control panel. The panel glows blue and scans her hand, then flashes.

Aelita

Key, activated.

Light gathers around a circular panel on the front of the Skid before shooting a beam of light at the door of the floodgate.

Jeremie’s map of the sphere focuses on the gate.

Jeremie

There’s an access code to crack. It’s gonna take a couple of minutes.

A new window opens on a side screen, showing something that looks like an orange Rubik’s cube with strange characters on each face. There’s also a sequence of five digits which the computer starts to cycle through, trying to find the right code.

##### Int. Factory – Night

Nicolas

You can let go now.

Herb, now dangling about a metre above the ground, gently drops to the floor. Nicolas doesn’t wait for him and heads straight to the lift instead.

Herb

Remember what I said a minute ago about Sissi? Well…I-I didn’t really say it.

Nicolas stops by the lift panel. The lift is on a lower floor.

Nicolas

Ok! I’ll tell Sissi that you really didn’t say you loved her.

Herb

You know what I mean! I mean, don’t tell Sissi what I didn’t say!

Nicolas turns back to the control panel and goes to press the button, but Herb steps in his way, stopping him.

Herb

Hold on.

Nicolas raises an eyebrow, one arm still raised, ready to press the button.

Herb (increasingly panicked)

This looks really ancient! Think about it. What if the cable snaps or the floorboards give way under our feet or the rusty motor quits with us inside, and we’re left here to rot with rats eating away at our insides and-!

After waving dismissively, Nicolas finally lowers his arm.

Nicolas

Ok, ok. I get the idea. We’ll look for a staircase.

He looks around and sees the staircase not far away.

Nicolas

Hm. You look over there.

Nicolas points in the direction of the staircase. Herb sighs and starts walking, and Nicolas follows.

##### Int. Lab – Night

The code is cracked.

Jeremie

Ok! I cracked the code.

He hits enter.

##### Digital Sea – Blue Light

After a bright burst of light along the beam, it dissipates, leaving the gate door glowing.

Aelita

Way to go, Jeremie.

The floodgate opens and the Skid enters.

##### Forest Replika [Alternating with Lab]

The Skid emerges from the Digital Sea into a replica of the Forest Sector. They fly up above the platforms and look around in surprise.

Jeremie (amazed)

Unbelievable! You guys are on an exact copy of Lyoko, except that there’s only one Sector! The Forest!

Aelita

XANA created another Lyoko on the network? But why?

Jeremie pulls his knees up to his chest.

Jeremie

I have no idea! But you can bet it’s not to save humanity. And knowing our friend XANA, I’m sure he’s made lots of other copies exactly like this one.

Aelita

So what do we do? Check it out?

Jeremie

You bet! I want as much data as possible on this new virtual world!

Aelita starts typing on the keypad.

Aelita

Right. Energise.

When she stops typing, she places her hands in her lap. After a moment, she slowly vanishes. The others all disappear as well. They reappear on the ground underneath the Skid.

Odd

All this for another Forest territory? Well, I guess we’re not out of the woods yet!

Aelita

If we don’t want him freaking out or crying, I guess someone should laugh at his joke.

They turn away from each other. Aelita glares and Odd rolls his eyes and sighs.

##### Int. Boiler Room, Factory – Night

Nicolas and Herb have reached the bottom of the stairs.

Nicolas

I wonder what Aelita and Odd were doing here!

Herb

Well…they’re not here now.

Herb turns to walk back up the stairs.

Herb

So let’s go.

Nicolas

Hold on!

Herb stops. Nicolas points to something on the other side of the room.

Nicolas

Check out that light!

He’s pointing at a small opening in the wall opposite them. Green light is coming out of it: it’s the upper entrance to the lab.

##### Int. Lab – Night

Jeremie

Ok. What you’re gonna do now is work in groups of two. One group goes out exploring while the other watches the Skid.

##### Forest Replika

Odd raises his hand.

Odd

Right. I’ll work with Ulrich, or Yumi!

Aelita

For once, he’s got a good idea.

Yumi (fed up)

I’ve had it with you two! Ulrich and I are outta here, right now! We could use a vacation.

Ulrich

Yeah. And you two can fight all you want to, as long as we’re not around to hear it!

Odd and Aelita look at Ulrich and Yumi in surprise and worry.

Jeremie

Here come your vehicles.

The Overbike and Overwing appear beside their owners.

Yumi

Thanks, Jeremie.

Aelita and Odd look at each other.

Ulrich

See ya! Have fun, you two!

With a nervous groan, Odd and Aelita watch Ulrich and Yumi drive away.

##### Int. Boiler Room, Factory – Night

Nicolas and Herb make their way towards the ladder leading to the lab’s upper entrance. While walking, Herb accidentally kicks a large, old can.

Herb

Ouch!

Nicolas puts a finger to his lips.

Nicolas

Shh!

##### Int. Lab – Night

Jeremie looks up.

Jeremie

Huh?

##### Int. Lab – Night

Herb shrugs.

Herb (quiet)

Sorry!

Herb starts walking again.

##### Int. Lab – Night

Jeremie walks to the foot of the ladder and looks up.

Jeremie

False alarm, I guess.

On the screen, several monsters appear on the map.

##### Forest Replika [Alternating with Lab]

Odd and Aelita are now sitting on the ground a few metres apart, backs to each other. Odd is cross-legged and fidgeting while Aelita is hugging her knees. Aelita glances over her shoulder, upset, before looking down in front of her again. Odd does the same.

Odd (awkward)

(short exhale) Well anyway, you could have thought of a different excuse, you know.

Aelita hugs her knees tighter.

Aelita

And you could stop thinking about yourself for once.

Jeremie walks back to the chair.

Jeremie

Odd, Megatank at three o’clock.

Odd looks up.

Odd

Huh?

He gets to his feet just in time to avoid a Megatank laser. It hits the Skid’s shield instead.

The Skid’s shield sounds a warning beep on Jeremie’s screen.

Jeremie

Oh, no!

Odd looks from the Skid back to the paths in front of them. Two Megatanks roll down two of the paths connected to the large platform they’re on. One of them opens its shell and fires.

Odd

Aelita, watch out!

Aelita gets up and moves in time to avoid the laser. It hits the Skid. Aelita nods at Odd and they prepare to fight.

##### Forest Replika

Yumi and Ulrich are driving along a path.

Jeremie (worried)

Ulrich, Yumi! XANA’s attacking the Skid! We need you back there now!

Yumi

Got it, Jeremie. We’re on our way!

They do a U-turn and head back.

##### Int. Lab – Night

Jeremie

Odd, Aelita, listen. The Skid’s shields can’t hold out for much longer.

##### Forest Replika [Alternating with Lab]

Odd fires a round of arrows at an approaching Megatank. The arrows hit the shell and do no damage.

Jeremie

And without the Skid, I can’t guarantee you a return ticket to the scanners!

The Megatank stops, opens its shell and fires at the Skid.

Aelita

Jeremie, can you generate more power to the shields?

Jeremie starts typing.

Jeremie

I think so. But I’ll need time. To reinforce the Skid, I have to reroute a chunk of energy from the Supercomputer itself!

Aelita closes her eyes, puts one hand to her head and holds the other hand out in front of her. Her song of creation is heard.

Aelita

Isn’t taking energy from the Supercomputer…kinda risky?

Jeremie

We have no choice. It’s the only solution I can think of right now.

The Megatanks make their way onto the main platform. A shield made of many small hexagons starts to rise up from the ground in front of Aelita. Odd jumps over it just in time before it stretches up high, ending up being several metres in height. A Megatank laser is blocked by the shield.

Odd

See? When you put your mind to it, you *can* come up with good ideas. (thumbs-up) Nice one, Aelita.

They smile at each other for a moment before looking back at the Megatanks.

Odd

Huh?

The monsters start firing repeatedly at the shield.

Jeremie hits enter. The Skid’s shields start regenerating.

Jeremie

We won’t have enough power to launch a return to the past. But because XANA hasn’t attacked anything in the real world, it shouldn’t be necessary.

##### Int. Boiler Room, Factory – Night

Nicolas and Herb stand at the foot of the ladder.

Herb (quiet)

What if it’s not their voices that we’re hearing?

Nicolas (quiet)

Well whose voices do you think they are, then? Ghosts? Werewolves? Bloodthirsty Draculas?

Herb (quiet)

I wouldn’t laugh at things like that, especially not at night time!

Nicolas (quiet)

That’s ridiculous. Now let’s climb. It’s Odd and Aelita, and I wanna catch them red-handed.

Herb climbs up first, Nicolas not far behind him. At one point, Herb steps backwards onto a lower rung and crushes Nicolas’s fingers under his shoe.

Nicolas (loud)

OWW! (quiet) What’s wrong with you?!

##### Int. Lab – Night

Jeremie frowns at the ladder and types something in, bringing up the security footage of the boiler room.

Jeremie

Eh?! Uh-oh…

He zooms in on Nicolas and Herb climbing up the ladder.

Nicolas (security footage, quiet)

I’ll bet they came here to do some industrial espionage!

Herb (security footage, quiet)

Odd and Aelita? Industrial spies? In an abandoned factory? What’s wrong with *you*?

Nicolas (security footage, quiet)

Well then maybe they’re into witchcraft!

Jeremie makes a face.

Jeremie (quiet)

I got a huge problem at the factory. Herb and Nicolas are on the verge of discovering the Supercomputer! And it’s impossible to launch a return to the past.

##### Forest Replika

The Megatanks continue firing at the shield.

Odd

Huh?! You can’t let those nerds get NEAR the Supercomputer!

Aelita

Take care of them, Jeremie. We can manage without you.

##### Int. Factory – Night

Jeremie reaches the ground floor in the lift and runs over to the staircase.

##### Int. Hallway to Boiler Room, Factory – Night

Jeremie descends the staircase and runs over to the door.

##### Int. Boiler Room, Factory – Night

Jeremie walks down the stairs and spots Herb and Nicolas still climbing the ladder at the other end of the room.

Herb (quiet, nervous)

I’m not going any further. I’m stopping.

Nicolas (quiet)

You’re stopping halfway up?

Herb’s hand shakes.

Herb (quiet)

You better believe it.

Smiling, Jeremie drops a metal bar near the boiler, making a loud noise. Nicolas and Herb look for the source of the noise.

Herb (quiet)

Did you hear that? They’re behind us now!

Nicolas climbs down the ladder. Herb soon follows.

Nicolas (quiet)

Then we just head back down!

Just as Nicolas reaches the floor, Jeremie runs out a door.

Nicolas

Odd, I saw you!

Nicolas runs after Jeremie. Herb follows at a walking pace, frowning.

##### Forest Replika

While the Megatanks keep firing at the shield, a cloud of black smoke makes its way along one of the paths connected to the platform. XANA-William regains human form right in front of the shield, sword ready.

Odd

Uh-oh! The Skid’s done for if handsome gets his hands on it!

XANA-William raises his sword, preparing to strike.

Aelita

I hope Jeremie had time to reinforce it.

XANA-William strikes the shield. Both Megatanks fire at the same time, and the combined attack finally destroys the shield, shattering it into individual hexagons that fall to the ground and disappear. Odd and Aelita shield themselves from the debris.

##### Int. Lab – Night

The Skid’s shield returns to full strength.

##### Forest Replika

A Megatank fires at the Skid.

Odd

Sorry, pal. You can a little too late to wreck everything.

Aelita throws an energy field at a Megatank, hitting and destroying it. XANA-William runs towards Aelita but Odd shoots him in the shoulder, causing him to stop and grab his shoulder in pain. XANA-William then starts running again. Odd’s glove makes a clicking noise.

Odd

Jeremie! Reload me, ok? …Oh, bummer. I forgot he’s not there…

Odd jumps out of the way to avoid a slash from XANA-William. XANA-William pursues him.

The remaining Megatank fires at Aelita. She catches its laser with an energy field shield and is quickly pushed back towards the edge of the platform. She gets out of the way just before she’s pushed right off the edge and the laser goes past her harmlessly.

##### Int. Turbine Room, Factory – Night

Jeremie hides in a corner right next to a turbine. Nicolas points directions out to Herb.

Nicolas

You go that way, and, I’ll go this way.

As directed, the two boys walk along either side of a water channel. Nicolas approaches the area where Jeremie is hiding and goes to look around the corner, but he’s suddenly distracted by a loud splash. He jumps across the channel and stands in front of the rippling water, looking boastful.

Nicolas

Aha! I got you!

Herb surfaces from the water.

Herb

Oh! Help me, will you, you idiot!

Nicolas takes Herb’s arm to help him out of the water, but he lets go when he notices Jeremie running off. Herb slips back into the water. Nicolas looks back down at him.

Nicolas

Hm?

##### Forest Replika

Odd dodges several blows from XANA-William, moving to either side and jumping over his sword. XANA-William then takes a running start and whacks Odd with his sword, sending Odd flying and screaming. Odd lands on the ground near the edge of the platform and tumbles until he slips off the edge. XANA-William makes his sword disappear into smoke and approaches the spot where Odd fell.

Odd has caught on with one hand and his claws are slowly slipping. He reaches up with the other hand, but XANA-William arrives and stomps on the hand he’s hanging from, causing him to lose his grip and fall screaming towards the Digital Sea.

Aelita avoids a Megatank laser.

Aelita

Odd…

Aelita throws an energy field at Odd. It hits and devirtualises him.

##### Int. Scanner Room – Night

Odd appears in the scanner, sitting on the floor of it with his eyes closed.

Odd

Ah… Thanks, Aelita…

##### Forest Replika

The Megatank and XANA-William both close in on Aelita. She throws an energy field at XANA-William and he easily dodges it. He holds out his hand to summon smoke, but his wrist is suddenly struck by Yumi’s fan. She arrives on the Overwing and catches the fan. Ulrich drives up and jumps off the Overbike, letting it slide across the ground, creating sparks. It slides into the Megatank and knocks the monster off the edge. The vehicle and the Megatank both fall towards the Digital Sea. Ulrich Supersprints to Aelita’s side.

XANA-William

Eh?

Ulrich

Everyone knows that speeding is really dangerous!

He unsheathes his sabres.

##### Int. Factory – Night

Jeremie presses the button to summon the lift.

Jeremie

Come on! Move it…

The lift stops at the top. Jeremie gets inside and heads back down in it just as Nicolas and Herb arrive. Herb is dripping wet.

Nicolas

Looks as if the elevator works just fine!

##### Int. Lab – Night

Jeremie gets out of the lift. Odd is sitting on the floor.

Odd

Jeremie! You’re back! I…

Jeremie runs over to the computer.

Jeremie

Hold on. I-I’ve gotta shut the elevator down.

He gets typing and locks the lift in place.

##### Int. Factory – Night

Nicolas presses the lift button several times, but nothing happens.

Nicolas

Well, no big deal. We’ll just wait them out. They’ll have to come back this way.

##### Int. Lab – Night

Jeremie

Herb and Nicolas must have seen you come into the factory with Aelita…and now they’re looking for you!

Odd

If it’s Aelita and me they’re after, I’ve got an idea that should get rid of them. But I’ll need for Aelita to get back here ASAP. For you to have a…how can I say this? Uh…an open mind!

Jeremie

I-I don’t understand! W-what do you mean, an open mind?

Odd giggles.

##### Forest Replika

XANA-William backs away towards the edge of the platform, cornered by Aelita, Ulrich and Yumi. He looks trapped.

Ulrich

Better face facts, William. You’re not gonna win this time.

XANA-William jumps off the edge and turns into smoke as he falls towards the Digital Sea.

Jeremie

Ulrich! We’ve got an emergency here. You’ll have to devirtualise Aelita!

Aelita

What? But if he does that, then who’s going to pilot the Skid?

Jeremie

Yumi, you can do it. Don’t worry. I’ll guide you in.

Yumi

If you say so…

Aelita (upset)

(sigh) This is awful…

Ulrich

No sweat! I’ll devirtualise you on three.

Ulrich unsheathes his sabres. Aelita closes her eyes and cringes.

Ulrich

One…two…

Ulrich slashes and devirtualises Aelita.

##### Int. Scanner Room – Night

Odd is waiting outside the scanner with a smile on his face when the doors open.

Odd

Hello!

Aelita smiles.

##### Int. Factory – Night

Herb

Well…what now?

Nicolas is leaning against a pole, hands behind his head, looking pleased with himself.

Nicolas

Be patient! Like when you’re fishing!

Herb growls and starts pacing in front of the lift shaft.

##### Int. Scanner Room – Night

Aelita (disbelieving)

What? After all this, you want me to do *that*?

Odd

Well yeah! Unless you’ve got a better idea!

Aelita looks away. After a moment, she smiles thoughtfully.

##### Int. Factory – Night

The lift cables start shaking, getting the attention of the two boys.

Nicolas

Huh?

Nicolas dashes over to the lift shaft and chuckles, dusting his hands and seeming pleased with himself. Herb joins him. The lift rises up towards them.

Nicolas

You’ll see – the early worm catches the bird…I-I mean the fish.

The lift arrives and the door opens. Nicolas and Herb grimace in shock: Aelita and Odd are inside, kissing. Odd blinks at them mid-kiss before they separate.

Odd

Hey! You guys enjoying the show?

Nicolas and Herb look at each other. Nicolas signals for them to leave and then leads the way. Once they’re gone, Odd and Aelita laugh.

Nicolas

So *that’s* why they were hiding in the factory.

Herb

They like each other.

##### Int. Lab – Night

Ulrich and Yumi enter the lab. Jeremie is staring straight ahead. Odd and Aelita are leaning on the Holoprojector, shoulders touching and smiles on their faces.

Yumi

You look awfully serious. Did I scratch the paint on the Skid or something?

Jeremie

I’m just worried about this Lyoko copy… If there’s one out there, it…means there’s also another supercomputer infected with XANA somewhere else on Earth. To destroy this new supercomputer, I’m gonna have to figure out some sort of way to materialise you into the real world from the copy.

Aelita and Odd’s smiling faces don’t quite match with Jeremie’s serious tone.

Ulrich

Ohoh, relax, Einstein. We’ll handle that when the time comes!

Yumi

Are you sure that’s your only worry?

Jeremie looks up at Odd and Aelita.

Odd

Uh-uh. You see, guys, Einstein just found out what it means to have an open mind!

Aelita and Odd laugh. Jeremie looks away from them. Yumi and Ulrich exchange a glance.

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

Sissi, Nicolas and Herb are hanging around the door to the building.

Sissi

So, now you’ve got eyewitness proof that Aelita’s going out with Odd? That’s the dumbest story I ever heard since the one about Mister Chardin’s toupee!

Herb

No, I tell you! I saw them! It’s not a story, it’s true. In fact, look, Sissi. Here they come!

Herb points across the quad. Odd walks past Aelita.

Odd

You dumbbell!

Aelita

Look who’s talking, you selfish loser!

Aelita huffs and walks in the opposite direction.

Herb grimaces. Not even bothering to look, Sissi whacks him in the face before walking away. Herb is left with his glasses askew and a strange look on his face. Nicolas laughs.

Odd and Aelita stand near a tree near the building.

Aelita

I guess that should put an end to any ridiculous gossip!

Odd

Well, I don’t know. I don’t think your heart was in it when you called me a selfish loser.

Aelita

What?! Now listen, Odd…

Odd

Chill out! I’m just kidding.

They start walking away together.

Odd

Wow! It doesn’t take much to wind you up!

Aelita punches him playfully on the shoulder. Odd starts running and Aelita chases him. They both laugh.

Aelita (laughing)

I’m gonna get you!