# Code Lyoko

## Episode 74: “I’d Rather Not Talk About It”

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##### Ext. Woods – Day

Yumi, Ulrich, Aelita and Odd are dressed in their PE clothes, running through the woods. Kiwi runs ahead of them. Odd lags behind. They’re all panting heavily and have cheeks bright red from exhaustion.

##### Ext. Red Trail Crossroads – Day

Jeremie stands in the middle of the crossroads, waving his friends over. He’s holding a stopwatch hanging around his neck.

Jeremie (yelling)

Come on! Let’s move it a little faster! Faster!

Aelita (breathless)

I don’t believe this, he’s trying to kill us!

Odd’s running becomes slow and floppy as he struggles to push on. Finally, he falls flat on his stomach at Jeremie’s feet. Kiwi sniffs his face. Jeremie stops the stopwatch. The others have collapsed on the ground around him. Everyone but Jeremie is red-faced and sweaty.

Jeremie (disapproving)

You guys are ridiculous! You’re way too slow! What a bunch of snails!

The others glare at Jeremie behind his back. Jeremie bends down towards Odd.

Jeremie

Except you, Odd. Even a snail runs faster than you.

Odd gets to his feet and points angrily at Jeremie.

Odd (breathless, annoyed)

Since when does the…least athletic person in the world think he’s better than I am?!

The others stand up. Yumi and Aelita are still glaring at Jeremie.

Ulrich (breathless)

Hey, that’s true. Getting a little carried away, aren’t you, Einstein?

Kiwi growls at Jeremie. Jeremie shrugs.

Jeremie

Don’t blame me! The stopwatch doesn’t lie, you guys.

##### Ext. Quad – Day

The gang are gathered on two benches: Odd and Ulrich on one, Yumi and Aelita on the other, and Jeremie standing in front of them.

Jeremie

That was even worse than the last time! How do you expect to beat XANA if all of you don’t speed it up?

Odd shrugs.

Odd

You’re a real comedian, Einstein. All you ever do is time us. Anybody can do that.

Jeremie

One thing is for sure: if you guys don’t get into shape, you’re never gonna get any stronger, and XANA’s gonna beat you hands down! But if you think you want another trainer, be my guest!

Yumi

Maybe there’s a better…a better way of getting in shape!

Jeremie (annoyed)

I get it! You’re just…badly trained. And if you guys can’t keep up, it’s my fault!

Ulrich, Odd, Yumi and Aelita

Well, yeah!

Jeremie turns away and folds his arms.

Jeremie (annoyed)

Ok, fine! I may not be the best trainer in the world, but you have to admit you don’t exactly listen to me.

Yumi

That’s true, too. Maybe we need to find someone else! A specialist!

Jeremie

A specialist? You mind…telling me where you expect to *find* one?

Ulrich and Odd look at each other. Aelita suddenly looks up and smiles, an idea coming to her.

##### Int. Dormitory Hallway – Day

Jim opens his door. There’s music playing inside the room.

Jim

Now just what do you think you’re doing here?

The gang are outside his door. They wear a mixture of emotions, from neutral to uncertainty or a small smile.

Jim

Can’t a man have a little peace and quiet even on a Saturday?

Jim steps out of the room and closes the door.

Jeremie

Well it’s simple. Although, well uh, you might think this is a little crazy!

Jim

Nothing can surprise me ever since I orbited the Earth. Spit it out, Belpois, huh.

Jeremie

Um…well we heard that you were once a Special Forces trainer.

Jim walking a few paces.

Jim

That’s right! The Special Forces – the SIF, Secret Intervention Force. (chuckles) Ah, those were the good old days! But that being said, I’d rather not talk about it.

Jeremie

Would you be willing to train students, like us, Jim?

Jim turns around, surprised.

Jim

Hm? Train…students?

Jeremie

Uh, yeah! For a kind of…commando camp like you uh…like your Special Intervention thingamajig.

Jim

Deal. Meet me at the Red Cross Trail Crossroads at fifteen hundred hours sharp. Dressed for sports!

Yumi

You mean like, today? Already?!

Jim

It touches me that students recognise and want to benefit from my experience and skill.

Jim puts his hand on Jeremie’s shoulder.

Jim (amused)

Especially you, Belpois! I never imagined that anyone could ever turn *you* into a man! A *real* one…

Jim removes his hand and opens his door again.

Jeremie

No! You don’t understand. I was talking about training the others! Not for me.

Jim

This training course is for *everybody*! Fifteen hundred hours, and I want you there on time! You hear?

Jim closes the door behind him. Jeremie looks down at the floor, upset, and Odd puts a hand on his shoulder. Yumi laughs and Ulrich and Aelita smile.

Odd

Ha! This’ll do wonders for you, Jeremie! Now you’ll be able to put your stopwatch away for a little while. (pumps fists) Alright!

##### Ext. Arches – Day

The gang walk along under the arches.

Jeremie

This is stupid!

Jeremie stops walking. The others keep going past him.

Jeremie

I can’t do a commando camp, I’ve got a ton of other things on my plate.

Yumi

I think you’re just afraid of sweating a little.

The others stop.

Jeremie

What if XANA attacks while we’re training?

Ulrich

Bring your computer with you! That’s all.

Aelita walks back to Jeremie and puts a hand on his shoulder.

Aelita

Don’t worry, Jeremie! Jim’s commando camp can’t possibly do us any harm, huh?

Jeremie (grave)

With Jim…you never can tell.

##### Ext. Red Trail Crossroads – Day

The gang have met up with Jim, dressed in their sports clothes. Jim starts pacing along the line of kids.

Jim (commando)

I have never seen a weaker pack of legless slugs in my life! Fifteen hundred hours sharp does not mean fifteen zero two or fifteen zero three!

Odd

Oh, we’re not gonna split hairs over a few seconds, huh? My watch-

Jim leans in and points at Odd’s face. Odd flinches.

Jim (commando)

Your watch doesn’t watch with me, Della Robbia! I give the orders around here, so straighten up!

Jim turns and starts jogging on the spot.

Jim (commando)

Ok, let’s go! We’ll make our way to the combat clearing where we’ll start today with some basic training! Like push-ups!

Jim runs off along the path. Ulrich and Yumi follow, then Odd, who runs with his arms hanging by his sides.

Aelita

You know, I wonder if it wasn’t a mistake to recruit Jim.

Jeremie

No, Aelita. It wasn’t just a mistake, it was a huge, colossal mistake.

With a grunt, Jeremie follows the others.

##### Ext. Woods – Day

The gang do push-ups, under Jim’s instruction. Jeremie isn’t actually doing push-ups anymore, but is hanging there, shaking. They’re all red in the face and breathing heavily.

Jim (commando)

Thirteen! Fourteen! Fifteen!

Jim walks along the line as they all struggle to hold the push-up, groaning with effort.

Jim (commando)

Hold that fifteen, hold it!

Jeremie collapses to the ground.

Jim (commando)

Hold it, I said!

Jim turns around and starts hopping from one leg to the other and flapping his arms.

Jim (commando)

Alright, alright. One! Two! Three! Four! On your feet! On your feet!

The gang slowly pick themselves up and start copying Jim’s movements. Jeremie stays on his knees on the ground.

Jim (commando)

Breathe in! Breathe out! Easy does it! Easy does it! Two, three, four, five!

Aelita (breathless)

Jeremie, are you ok?

Jeremie (breathless, nauseous)

Not really, I feel awful…

Jim leans down towards Jeremie, smiling cruelly.

Jim (commando)

Hey, what do you think you’re doing, Belpois? This is only the beginning! By the time I’m through with you, you’re gonna be a man! So get up now!

The others have stopped moving. Jeremie slowly gets to his feet, leaning on his knees for support.

Yumi (breathless)

Jim, don’t you think you’re overdoing it? We want training, not torture!

Jim (commando)

Wrong again, young lady. You guys are all participating in Jim’s boot camp…and that means two things! You sweat, and you don’t complain! Unless you want ten extra push-ups! From this moment on, we live and die together as a group. Got it?

Odd

Ok, ok! No need to get carried away!

Jim (commando)

You got it, Odd?!

The gang all stand at attention.

Ulrich, Yumi, Odd, Jeremie and Aelita

Sir, yes, Sir!

Jim (commando)

Ok, let’s move.

Jim starts running.

Jim (commando)

Three-mile run!

With a groan, the gang run after him. Both Odd and Jeremie let their arms hang by their sides.

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Jim leads the group up a hill.

Jim (commando)

One, two! One, two! One, two! One, two! One, two! One, two! Come on!

Yumi, Ulrich and Aelita keep a reasonable pace. A few metres behind, Odd and Jeremie trudge up the hill. Odd is bent over, holding his abdomen.

Odd (sick)

Oh, my poor stomach! I should have never taken seconds of the tuna casserole after the beef stroganoff…

Jim runs back down the hill and jogs around Jeremie and Odd until he’s back in front of them, jogging backwards.

Jim (commando)

Get those knees up, you soft-shelled crabs! Go on! Hey, Belpois. You couldn’t even outrun a one-legged chicken. (snickers)

Odd and Jeremie start picking up the pace.

Jim (commando)

Left! Right! Left! Right! And left! Right!

The others are waiting at the top of the hill.

Aelita

At this rate, we’ll need at least a week to recover from Jim’s camp.

Once Odd and Jeremie reach the top, they stop and reach awkwardly for each other’s backs so they can lean on each other and catch their breath. They’re both sweating heavily. Jim comes up behind them.

Aelita

It’s kinda useless.

Jim

Young lady, it’s adversity that creates strength and courage! And that’s the shortest path to fame and glory!

Jim starts running again.

Jim

Hup! Hup! Hup! Hup! Hup! Hup! Hup! Hup!

Aelita, Jeremie and Odd watch him go with unimpressed expressions on their faces.

##### Ext. Combat Clearing – Day

The clearing is full of various sorts of wooden equipment used for training. A sequence of short scenes follows.

Odd struggles on the monkey bars, flailing his legs around and eventually falling onto his back on the ground.

Jim

Cut the clowning, Della Robbia. This is not a circus.

Ulrich has made it most of the way up a rope net hanging over a tree. He’s now stuck right near the top, eyes closed and body shaking.

Jim

Stern, don’t be a wimp. You’ve got nothing to be afraid of except a sore bottom.

Jeremie is trying to cross two ropes suspended between two trees, standing on one and holding onto the other above his head. He’s just staying in the one spot, shaking.

Jim

Come on, Belpois! No use hanging there like a wet sock on a clothesline!

Jeremie, Odd and Yumi crawl under some small posts covered in barbed wire. Jeremie and Odd are flat on their stomachs and Yumi is not. Her shirt and pants gets snagged on the barbed wire, hindering her movement.

Jim

Move it! Get the lead out and crawl! Faster, you hear?!

Jeremie, Odd and Aelita make their way along some log fences, arms out wide for balance. While Jeremie and Odd make gradual progress, Aelita stops and starts, arms flailing. She falls onto her back on the ground.

Jim

Stones! I said on top of it!

Jim checks his stopwatch as Aelita joins the others, nursing her back.

Jim

Not bad for the first time. Right! Let’s take a little break here, and then we’ll start a new workout.

##### Ext. Combat Clearing – Day

Jim and the kids are sitting or lying on the ground near a tree.

Yumi (breathless)

Hey, you know what, Jim? We’d love to hear about your past life. I know you usually don’t wanna talk about it, but since it’s just between us, members of the same commando group…

Jim clears his throat.

Jim

Right! Well then, listen up. Exceptionally, for you, I’ll give you a quick run-down. It all began when I completed my training to become a physical education instructor. I was also a licensed scuba diver!

We see a rendered painting of Jim with a group of scuba divers underwater, approaching a submarine. Jim is giving a thumbs-up to the camera. This is how Jim remembers it.

Jim

And that’s why…the Marines recruited me for their Special Forces.

Cartoony picture of Jim looking bored as he paints some sort of vessel by the sea, wearing only shorts and his signature sweatband. This is how the kids picture it.

Jim

NASA heard of me…

Painting of Jim being dressed in a spacesuit by three men. They’re standing on a platform by a pool.

Jim

…and since I was now a Special Forces diver, they had me test out their spacesuits underwater!

Cartoony picture of Jim looking displeased as he kneels in an empty swimming pool and scrubs the walls. He’s in the same clothing as before, plus a white singlet.

Painting of Jim in a black suit and sunglasses (and his signature sweatband) with some other similarly-dressed men at a parade. There are tall skyscrapers all around them and confetti falling all around. There’s also a man in an open-roof car beside him, waving at the crowd.

Jim

So, after having received a medal from the President, I was then appointed to the Secret Service! (chuckles)

Cartoony picture of Jim looking bored as he mops the floor in a building full of men in black suits and sunglasses. Again, he’s wearing a singlet and shorts.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

A tower is activated.

##### Ext. Combat Clearing – Day

Jim

And believe me, Rosita Banana didn’t just play the accordion! She was also a heck of a pilot. When I arrived in Buenos Aires with my cameras, her biplane bowled me over!

Jeremie’s bag is leaning against a nearby tree. His laptop starts beeping, getting his attention. Jim checks his stopwatch.

Jim

Right! Break time’s over now! A quick trot to shake off the rust.

Jim gets off and starts jogging.

Jim

Hup! Hup! Hup! Hup! (…)

Yumi, Odd, Ulrich and Aelita reluctantly get up and walk in Jim’s direction.

Jim

Let’s go, people. Move it out!

Jeremie goes to his bag and takes out his laptop. The Superscan shows the activated tower.

Jeremie

Activated tower!

Jeremie gets up and puts his laptop back in his bag as he walks.

Jeremie

We’ve gotta end this circus right now.

He looks up and finds that the others are already gone.

Jeremie

Huh? They’re already way ahead of me! (to himself) Come on, you can do it, Jeremie!

Bag on his back, he starts running.

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Odd slowly falls behind as the group runs through the woods. Suddenly, Jim stops. Ulrich and Yumi run into him. In front of them is a large wild boar. It turns around and growls at them.

Ulrich

W-w-what kind of beast is that?

Jim

How ‘bout that? A wild pig!

The kids back away.

Yumi (scared)

But it’s huge! Let’s go another way.

Jim turns around and smiles at them.

Jim

Oh, relax. It’s nothing! I had it much worse than this when I was in Burma!

The pig charges and the teens cry out in shock. When it reaches them, Jim kicks it off-course. The pig stops before charging straight at Jim. He jumps and rolls out of the way just before it strikes. The pig blinks a couple of times until its eyes turn black with a white eye of XANA in the middle.

Ulrich

Did you see that?

Yumi

XANA!

The teens run closer to Jim, Ulrich waving his arms.

Ulrich (alarmed)

Hey, listen, Jim, be careful! It’s not a normal animal!

Aelita (alarmed)

It’s not a wild boar!

Jim

Right! Like I said, it’s just an overgrown pig, that’s all. Come to Jim, little piglet. Heeere, little piggy.

Yumi (scared)

Oh, I’m telling you, Jim, you’d be much better off getting out of here…!

While she’s talking, Jeremie runs into the area.

Aelita

Careful, Jeremie!

Jeremie stops when he notices the boar. It charges straight at him. Jim comes running.

Jim

Look out, Belpois!

Jim puts himself between Jeremie and the boar. When the boar strikes, Jim goes flying into a bush.

Jeremie

Jim?

Jeremie runs to his side.

Jeremie

Jim… Are you ok?!

Jim (dazed, slurred)

Yeah…yeah, sure. How’s the other guy?

Jim grins and falls still. The boar charges at Jeremie. Ulrich picks up a rock and throws it at the pig, making it stop. Odd pumps his fist.

Odd

Wow! Nice shot!

Aelita

Hey, Ulrich, you’ve got a great arm!

The boar recovers and opens its eyes, revealing the eye of XANA. Ulrich backs away.

Ulrich (stressed)

I’ll create a diversion.

Yumi (stressed)

Good thing you’ve got fast legs, too! Go!

Ulrich runs off. The boar snorts and charges after him.

Jeremie

XANA sent this thing after us. There’s no time to lose. Get to the computer lab. Aelita can manage the virtualisation process. Hurry up!

Aelita

What about you?

Jeremie

I’d better stay here with Jim.

Jeremie briefly looks back at Jim, who chuckles slightly in his daze.

Jeremie

And if Ulrich can’t join you guys, then…all three of you are gonna be needed on Lyoko.

Yumi, Odd and Aelita run off. Aelita waves at Jeremie.

Aelita

Good luck!

Jeremie shakes Jim.

Jeremie

Jim. Get up, Jim! I’ll help you.

Jim (dazed)

Yes! Mister President… The mission has to go on, whatever it takes…! Even if it costs me my stripes.

Jeremie frowns.

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Yumi, Aelita and Odd are red in the face and panting heavily as they run. Odd seems to have trouble keeping the pace.

Yumi (breathless)

This way! It’s a shortcut.

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Ulrich runs between bushes, the boar not far behind him. He casts a worried glance backwards.

##### Ext. Combat Clearing – Day

Ulrich enters the clearing near the rope net hanging over the tree – the one he had trouble climbing earlier. He runs to the foot of it and grabs on, glancing back towards the boar and seeing it come after him. He starts climbing. The boar rams into the net just as Ulrich makes it to the top and sits on the tree trunk the net is hanging from.

Ulrich

Hey, it’s not so hard with a little training…

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Aelita and Odd lead the way through a path of low-hanging tree branches, crawling on their bellies. Yumi is a little far behind them.

Aelita

Come on.

Odd

You can do it, Yumi!

Yumi continues onwards.

##### Ext. Combat Clearing – Day

The possessed boar backs away from the net and charges along a path, away from the clearing. Ulrich takes out his phone.

Ulrich

Jeremie! …I’m ok, but the boar is heading back your way! I’m off to join the others.

##### Int. Cave – Day

Jeremie hangs up. He and Jim are inside a small cave. Jim is holding his head and he has one pant leg rolled up past his knee. The knee is covered in a large, red bruise. Jeremie looks at the wide-open cave entrance.

Jeremie

We have to find a way to conceal our hiding place! I-I’ll camouflage it with some branches.

Jim (weak)

Gimme a minute to get my strength back and I can help you. My leg’s fine. I-I’m ready to walk again.

Jim tries to get up but cries out in pain when he puts weight on his injured leg. He falls back down again.

Jeremie

No, coach. Don’t move. I’ll take care of it.

Jeremie gets up and exits the cave.

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Yumi, Aelita and Odd run across a fallen tree acting as a bridge over a gap in the ground. When Aelita runs across she holds her arms out wide for balance. They make it safely across.

##### Ext. Cave – Day

Jeremie finishes covering the cave entrance with ferns and stands back to admire his work. He temporarily moves one of the ferns to go back inside.

##### Int. Cave – Day

Jeremie crouches beside Jim.

Jim

Oh, this is horrible. I feel completely useless. This stupid broken leg I got…

Jeremie

Your knee is really swelled up! You’ll need an x-ray to see whether or not it’s broken. I’m gonna have to immobilise it or it’s gonna hurt even worse…

Jeremie picks up two sticks from the ground and takes a shirt out of his bag. Holding the sticks in his mouth, he tears the shirt in two.

##### Ext. Red Trail Crossroads – Day

Aelita, Odd and Yumi stop to catch their breath.

Yumi (breathless)

We’re almost there.

Odd stands up.

Odd (breathless)

Ok. Just one last sprint. The factory’s not much further.

Odd starts running and the girls follow.

##### Int. Cave – Day

Jeremie bandages the two sticks to Jim’s straightened leg.

Jim (impressed)

Pretty good splint there, Belpois! I haven’t seen work like that in a long time! (suspicious) You never worked with the Magyar commandos, did you?

Jeremie

No, it’s just a question of common sense… An injured joint won’t get any worse if it doesn’t move!

Jim

Exactly! You would have made a good soldier, Belpois! If only you had a little more muscle.

Jeremie

Maybe you don’t know this, Jim, but the brain is kind of like a muscle, and that’s the one in particular that I’ve been exercising the most.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Odd and the girls run over to the terminal. Aelita gets into the chair.

Yumi (breathless)

Come on! Every second counts.

Aelita starts typing.

Aelita

I’m on it. But I’m not as fast as Jeremie.

A map of the Core Chamber opens, showing red monster icons inside.

Aelita

(gasp) XANA has sent William and some monsters into the Core Chamber!

##### Core Chamber, Sector 5, Lyoko

Three Mantas are positioned around the Core. XANA-William rides up on his Black Manta and points his sword at the sphere.

XANA-William

Fire.

The Mantas start shooting at the shields.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Another window opens, signalling that the Core is under attack.

Aelita

You two get down to the scanner room. We’ll have to protect the Core of Lyoko.

Yumi

What about the tower?

The lift door opens.

Aelita

Guess I’ll have to manage that alone.

Ulrich

No, not alone! Old, reliable Ulrich is here.

Yumi and Ulrich meet each other just outside the lift.

Yumi

Ulrich!

Ulrich

I shook off the wild boar, but it went back into the forest. I’m afraid it could find Jim and Jeremie…

Aelita

We’d better not waste any time.

##### Int. Cave – Day

Jim and Jeremie are sitting in silence. Jim then notices a leaf on his chest and picks it up, bringing it to his nose to sniff it.

Jim

It’s got a…funny smell!

He passes it to Jeremie for him to sniff.

Jeremie

Peppermint! My parents have some in their garden. (worried) Bad news, Jim! Our camouflage is useless! The boar’s sense of smell is gonna give us away!

Jim

It sure will. There’s a good chance of that. A better than even chance!

Jeremie

We’ve gotta find a way to hide our scent. But how…?

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

Yumi, Ulrich and Odd enter the scanner room. Yumi and Odd run straight into the scanners. Ulrich smiles at Yumi.

Aelita

Are you ready? Transfer, Odd. Transfer, Yumi… Scanner, Odd. Scanner, Yumi. Virtualisation…

##### Arena, Sector 5, Lyoko

Odd and Yumi are virtualised.

Aelita (stressed)

I’ve already called up your vehicles. They’ll be standing by for you in the Celestial Dome. No time to lose!

The wall opens and they run outside.

Yumi

Got it.

##### Int. Cave – Day

Jim

If we had a little caribou poop, we could cover ourselves with it!

Jeremie

Uh…did you say caribou…poop?

Jim

Yeah! It’s an old Indian trick I used to use in Quebec to surprise arsonists in the forest. Anyway, we’re not in Canada… (disappointed) so that means no caribou poop…

Jeremie stands up.

Jeremie

That’s good. No way am I gonna smear myself with any kind of poop. On the other hand, I’ll be right back!

Jeremie dashes to the entrance.

Jim

Wait!

Jeremie exits the cave, replacing the fern once he’s outside.

##### Int. Scanner Room – Day

Aelita arrives in the lift. She and Ulrich get in the scanners.

Aelita

Ok, I’ve started the delayed virtualisation program.

Ulrich

Where’s the activated tower?

Aelita

In the Forest Sector.

The scanners close. The kids are scanned.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

Ulrich and Aelita are virtualised. The Overbike is already sitting a few metres in front of them.

Ulrich

Wow! Valet parking, that’s classy!

They get on.

Aelita

Come on, Ulrich. Rev it up!

The Overbike speeds away.

##### Int. Cave – Day

Jeremie enters the cave, casting light on Jim until he replaces the fern he moved.

Jim

Huh?

Jeremie crouches next to Jim and offers him a small pile of leaves.

Jeremie

Ok, listen, Jim. Take some mint…

Jim takes a handful of peppermint leaves.

Jeremie

Rub it on yourself. It should be enough to hide our scent!

Jim and Jeremie start rubbing the leaves on themselves. The leaves they drop scatter around them.

Jim

It’s a nauseating odour…

Jeremie

I like it much better than caribou poop, don’t you?

Jim

Oh, I don’t know.

##### Celestial Dome, Sector 5, Lyoko

Odd and Yumi run out onto the catwalk and hop onto their waiting vehicles. They set off.

Odd

I feel a lot better on this machine than on Jim’s ropes.

##### Int. Cave – Day

Jeremie and Jim discard all the leaves on the ground as they finish covering themselves in the scent.

Jeremie

Ok, now all we can do is wait. We better hope that the others manage to deactivate the tower on Lyoko.

Jim

Hey, are you delirious or what, huh, Belpois?

Jeremie

Uh, just daydreaming, Jim. W-why don’t you tell me about when you were in Canada?

Jim

(laughs) Wow, that is a long story!

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

The Overbike drives along a path and onto a platform, where Ulrich skids them to a stop.

Ulrich

But where’d the tower go?!

Aelita

I don’t get it! We must have made a calibration error. Without Jeremie to guide us, this won’t be easy.

A Krab comes out from behind a tree, behind Ulrich and Aelita.

Aelita

Ulrich, watch out!

The Krab starts shooting at them. Ulrich takes off and weaves around in a small area to dodge the lasers before driving away. He unsheathes one sabre and blocks a laser from hitting his face. A laser then flies past from in front of them, startling them both. A Krab walks out and blocks the path they’re heading for. Aelita forms an energy field.

Aelita

Energy field!

Ulrich drives the Overbike up a small ramp, giving them air, and Aelita throws the energy field and hits the Krab. They land and drive under its legs just as it explodes. Ulrich stops not far along the path.

Ulrich

Well anyway, with all these troops around, the tower can’t be that far.

##### Celestial Dome, Sector 5, Lyoko

Odd and Yumi pause outside the south pole entrance before entering.

##### South Pole, Sector 5, Lyoko

Yumi gets off the Overwing and presses the key, causing the staircase to appear. They begin to make their way up, Odd on all fours.

##### Core Chamber, Sector 5, Lyoko

Yumi and Odd reach the top of the staircase and look up. The three Mantas are still firing at the first shield layer.

XANA-William

Attack!

Two of the Mantas fly down towards the bottom. Odd and Yumi start climbing up the stairs, Odd sometimes on all fours. The Mantas reach them and start shooting – Odd backflips down a few steps to dodge.

Odd

Whoa! (yelling) Beware of falling objects!

Yumi makes her way to the end of a long block, ready to fight back. Odd starts climbing again. Yumi takes out her fans and blocks a round of lasers. The Mantas fly down and Odd joins Yumi. He looks up towards the Core, shielding his eyes with his hand.

Odd

Hey! Isn’t that your boyfriend up there?

XANA-William frowns down at them.

Yumi throws her fans.

Yumi

He’s not my boyfriend!

The fans miss the Mantas on the way down. The Mantas do U-turns and fly back up towards Odd and Yumi. The fans arc and come back: one fan hits and destroys its target, the other misses. Yumi catches her weapons and looks up.

Yumi

He’s a little too clingy for me, anyhow.

##### Int. Cave – Day

Jim

And that was when I found out that as far back as a century, I was a full-blooded Indian!

Suddenly noticing something, Jeremie frowns at the cave entrance. The sound of grunting can be heard outside.

Jim

Huh?

Jeremie holds up a hand, signalling for quiet.

Jeremie

Shh…

Jeremie stares intently at the cave entrance, listening to the possessed boar’s sniffing and grunting.

##### Ext. Cave – Day

The boar finishes sniffing at the ferns covering the cave and leaves the area.

##### Int. Cave – Day

Jim and Jeremie breathe small sighs of relief.

Jim (quiet)

It looks like your little trick worked!

Jeremie (quiet)

Yeah. The mint smells strong enough *now* to trick him, but how much longer will it last?

Jim (quiet)

Well, anyway… One thing about caribou poop: it lasts a long time.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

Ulrich and Aelita are driving down a path, looking around. There’s nothing but small platforms around them.

Ulrich

Still nothing!

Aelita

Alright, we have to go back to where we started. The tower has to be there.

Ulrich

Ok, here we go.

Ulrich brakes and turns around before driving back the way they came. They soon make it back onto the platform they were on earlier. Ulrich is suddenly shot off the Overbike by a laser. He tumbles across the ground. Without a driver, the Overbike swerves around and eventually falls on its side. Aelita jumps off just as it does so, tumbling to a stop. The Overbike keeps going, crashes into a tree and explodes. The explosion causes the ground to ripple. Aelita picks herself up. The two Krabs each approach one of the teens.

Aelita

Energy field!

Aelita throws an energy field at her Krab, barely missing the top of it. The Krab advances and Aelita backs away.

Ulrich shakes his head as he starts picking himself up. He notices Aelita and her Krab. He stands up, still looking a bit dazed, and draws his sabres, but he’s shot in the back by the other Krab and devirtualised. The second Krab immediately goes for Aelita.

##### Int. Cave – Day

The boar sticks its head in through the ferns.

Jim

Holy hogwash… He found us! What do we do now?

Jeremie gets up, raises his arms up high and yells as he bolts towards the entrance.

##### Ext. Cave – Day

Jeremie runs straight past the boar, yelling. The boar turns around.

Jeremie (yelling)

Hey! What are you waiting for, I’m over here!

The boar charges after him.

Jeremie (yelling)

Heey! Heeeey! FOLLOW ME! HEEEY! (…)

Jim sticks his head out of the cave.

Jim

Huh? That kid doesn’t have much muscle, but he sure is big on guts!

##### Core Chamber, Sector 5, Lyoko

A Manta flies down towards Odd and Yumi, shooting at them. While Odd returns fire, Yumi blocks a laser and then throws a fan. The Manta avoids it. The fan barely misses hitting the Core’s shield before returning to Yumi.

Yumi

Odd, the first shield layer is about to give! We have to do something!

Odd shoots at the Manta as it flies past. Yumi catches her fan.

Odd

I know! And I’ve got an idea.

They watch the Manta fly up towards them from below.

Yumi

Oh yeah? What’s that?

Odd pumps his fist.

Odd (excited)

SKYDIVING!

Odd takes a short running start and then leaps off the platform, to Yumi’s concern.

Odd

YAHOOOOO!

As he falls past the Manta, he digs his claws into its back. The Manta shrieks and bucks as it flies straight upwards towards the Core, taking Odd with it. XANA-William notices his approach and points his sword.

XANA-William

Attack!

The two Mantas attacking the Core (one regular, one XANA-William’s) turn their attention to Odd. Odd grins.

Odd

Go get ‘im, guys!

As the other two Mantas shoot, Odd’s Manta flies wildly around the Core. Odd jumps off just as a laser hits the monster.

Odd

Yeah!

He lands on a block and turns to see Yumi making her way up not far behind him. A laser suddenly flies straight past his face while he’s distracted, startling him. He turns and jumps.

Odd

Shield!

His shield takes two hits in mid-air, each one pushing Odd backwards. The third hit shatters the shield and devirtualises Odd. Yumi throws both her fans. One hits the Manta that devirtualised Odd, destroying it. The other goes straight for XANA-William’s Manta. XANA-William jumps off just before the monster is hit and destroyed. Yumi flips up a few blocks and catches her fans.

Yumi (to herself)

Yeah!

XANA-William lands behind her and she turns around. She’s at the edge of the block with a long fall behind her. XANA-William slowly approaches.

##### Ext. Woods – Day

Jeremie runs through the bushes with the boar not far behind him.

##### Ext. Combat Clearing – Day

Jeremie runs into the clearing and climbs up the tree to which the two ropes he was struggling to cross earlier are tied. He makes it to the top rope and looks down fearfully at the boar as it circles the tree. Jeremie starts to make his way along the ropes. The boar backs up and then runs straight at the tree, crashing into it and making it shake. Leaves fall down and Jeremie sways.

Jeremie (struggling, worried)

Oh, no. I’d better get it right this time…

The boar rams the tree again, shaking Jeremie’s perch.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

While she’s backing away and dodging lasers from the oncoming Krab, Aelita throws an energy field at it and misses. The second Krab comes up behind her and she turns to spot it just in time to dodge a laser.

Aelita

Energy field!

She throws an energy field and misses. She then runs underneath the Krab.

Aelita

Energy field.

She throws an energy field right into the Krab’s underside, destroying it. She runs away from the last Krab and it pursues her.

Ulrich

Aelita, how are you doing?

Aelita

Ulrich! Tell me where the tower is, hurry!

##### Int. Lab – Day

The tower is clearly visible on the map.

Ulrich

You should be next to it, according to this.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

Aelita (breathless)

That’s impossible, I can’t see it. How come?!

The Krab shoots. Aelita jumps to avoid it hitting her feet gets into a crouch, forming an energy field.

Aelita

Energy field.

She throws the energy field and the Krab ducks to dodge it. The energy field keeps going. Suddenly, the shape of a tower is outlined in pink energy: it is invisible, its shape revealed by the energy field. Aelita pumps her fist, doubling over in relief and joy.

Aelita

Got it! XANA’s pulled this one on us before.

##### Ext. Combat Clearing – Day

Jeremie sweats as he looks towards his goal and then continues making his way to the other tree. The boar rams the tree again and this time, Jeremie loses his footing. He dangles from the top rope by his hands.

##### Core Chamber, Sector 5, Lyoko

XANA-William runs at Yumi and swings his sword. She jumps out of the way in time and the sword embeds itself in the side of the block next to them. Yumi jumps on top of it, surprising XANA-William, and kicks him in the face, sending him flying backwards. The black parts of his sword suddenly glow orange and the whole thing shakes. Yumi jumps off just before the sword flies out of the wall and returns to XANA-William’s hand. Yumi takes out her fans and throws one of them. XANA-William bats it away.

XANA-William

That was a volley shot. It’s all over for you.

XANA-William runs at Yumi again. As the active fan flies down behind Yumi, she throws the other. XANA-William jumps over it. Yumi runs forwards and slides along the floor. She gets underneath XANA-William and kicks him, sending him flying off the edge. Her first fan then returns from down below, striking and devirtualising XANA-William. Yumi catches her fan.

Yumi

And I would call that wishful thinking, William dear.

##### Ext. Combat Clearing – Day

The xanafied boar breathes steam from its nose as it paces the ground below Jeremie, still hanging from the rope.

Jeremie (struggling, scared)

I promise never to eat pork again!

His hands start to slip. Suddenly, the boar is hit in the head by a rock. It turns to face the direction it came from, eye of XANA flickering in its eyes. Jim hobbles into the clearing, holding his injured leg.

Jim

Ok then, you piece of overcooked bacon! You thought I’d let you off that easy?!

Jeremie drops to the ground behind the boar and runs away, ducking behind a tree. Jim sweats.

Jeremie (worried)

I’m sorry, Jim. But you never should have left the cave!

Jim

Lemme tell you, kid, you’ve got guts. But if you think that I abandon my men under fire, you don’t know good old Jim!

The boar glares at Jim with XANA eyes.

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

Aelita throws an energy field at the approaching Krab. It is momentarily paralysed, allowing Aelita to run past and run inside the tower, which is still surrounded by a faint pink outline.

##### Ext. Combat Clearing – Day

The boar charges at Jim.

Jim

Come and get me, if you dare!

There’s a crash and Jeremie flinches. Jim goes flying and lands in a bush. The boar charges at Jeremie. He turns around, putting his back to the tree, and covers his head.

##### Tower, Forest Sector, Lyoko

Aelita enters the code.

Aelita

Tower, deactivated.

##### Ext. Combat Clearing – Day

The boar skids to a stop, creating a cloud of dust. Jeremie nervously looks up and looks at the boar.

Jeremie

Eh?

The boar runs away. Jeremie slides down the tree and breathes a sigh of relief.

##### Ext. Quad – Day

Jim walks across the quad with the help of a walking stick. The gang watch him from the benches. When he spots them, he smiles and waves his walking stick before walking towards them.

Yumi

Hey, you didn’t do a return to the past! You sure Jim has forgotten everything?

Jeremie

Just the opposite: he remembers everything! And that’s the best insurance that there is. To him, our wild boar was a crazy and dangerous animal – but a completely normal one.

While the others smile and respond positively to this news, Jim joins them.

Aelita

Oh, hello there, Jim! We’re glad to see you back on two feet again.

Jim holds up his walking stick.

Jim

More like three, huh! But it’s not too serious. It’s just a bad sprain and a nasty bruise. I’ll be as good as new in two weeks’ time!

Yumi

For us? It’s really a shame. Just one day of boot camp for two weeks of recovery!

Jim

Oh, don’t worry. That one day was very enlightening for me! You may not have been up to the commando level, but you showed great spirit, you really did! As soon as I’m back in shape, I’ll organise lots of other training sessions! And I hope to see you all there.

Aelita

Um…

Odd

Uh, not me, I’m booked through the end of the year, I’ve got a…sleep session.

Yumi

Honestly, Jim, it’s too much of a…

Ulrich

…a horror. (trying to recover) I uh…too much of an honour!

Ulrich smiles nervously.

Jeremie

I’ll be there.

Odd, Aelita, Ulrich and Yumi

Huh?

Jeremie

I owe you one, Jim.

Jim

Excellent, Belpois! I knew I could count on *you*, kid!

Jim chuckles and waves before walking away.

Odd

I must be dreaming! “I’ll be there?” Wow! You could have come up with a better answer than that! “No,” for instance, or “never” or “nein” or “nyet!”

Ulrich

You must really like Jim’s torture.

Jeremie smiles as he fondly remembers something Jim said. It’s accompanied by an illustration of Jim pointing proudly at Jeremie, who’s smiling, blushing and jutting his chest out proudly. There’s a bright glow emanating from around where Jim is pointing.

Jim (flashback)

Lemme tell you something, kid! You’ve got guts.