# Code Lyoko

## Episode 75: “Hot Shower”

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##### Ext. Outer Space

A large comet moves towards the camera, covering up the sun.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie is typing at the computer with several Skid windows open. One of the windows shows that Aelita, Odd and Ulrich are on board the Skid.

Jeremie

Ok, then. I’m uploading the program over to you. Now the Skid’s sonar should be able to differentiate bio-signals from the rest of the computer code in the Digital Sea.

Jeremie finishes typing and presses enter.

##### Digital Sea – Blue Light

The Skid makes its way through the Digital Sea.

Aelita

Ok, Jeremie. Program received and activated.

Odd

And you think that with this, we’ll be able to find out where XANA is keeping the spiritual essence of William prisoner?

Aelita

Let’s hope so. It’s the best chance we have to bring him back into the real world.

Odd

Ah, the return of our tall, handsome hero… I’m sure Ulrich’s gonna be thrilled to have his old rival back.

Ulrich (warning)

Odd… Sometimes you’re really a bit too much.

Odd

Only sometimes?

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie is leaning back in his chair, relaxing with his hands behind his head.

Odd

Oh, no! I guess I must be slipping!

Jeremie

Speaking of Yumi, I wouldn’t mind being in her shoes today.

Ulrich

Are you kidding? Helping run the outdoor science lab with fifth graders isn’t exactly her idea of fun.

Jeremie

Oh, come on! I bet she’s loving it!

##### Ext. Sports Field – Day

Yumi frowns. Hertz is standing next to a large, yellow sphere, talking using a megaphone. Yumi’s class and Hiroki’s class are gathered to listen. Yumi is standing next to Hiroki and Johnny.

Hertz (over megaphone)

To mark the exceptional event of the comet VG-724’s passage near Earth, we are going to build a giant mock-up of the solar system to plot its path and better understand its periodic extrasolar orbit. Beside me is a scale model of our sun, as you can see. What you’re going to do now is create eight planets which will orbit around it, so we’ll break off into different teams, with each team responsible for one planet and its orbit. Fifth graders will make their planets to scale, whereas ninth graders will have the responsibility… (…)

Johnny

Uh, Yumi, I’d really like to be on your team.

Yumi wags her finger.

Yumi

Sorry, Johnny, that’s not up to me. It’s up to Mrs. Hertz.

Hertz (over megaphone)

Are there any questions?

Johnny waves his arms.

Johnny (loud)

Could I be on Yumi’s team, huh, Ma’am?

The other students laugh. Yumi frowns.

Hertz (over megaphone)

Alright, Johnny, but don’t let me catch you clowning around with Hiroki!

Johnny winks and gives a thumbs-up.

Johnny

This is really gonna be a lot of fun, huh!

Yumi gives a small, bored smile and thumbs-up.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie is watching a news broadcast while he works. The news broadcast has a picture of a comet in the top corner.

Newsreader

The mass and velocity of the comet known as VG-724 are so great, that striking the Earth would provoke an explosion equivalent to a thousand times the strength of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. Subsequent earthquakes and tsunamis would destroy the world’s major cities. Atmospheric debris would blot out the sun in a long night lasting two centuries. Consequently, this would spell mass extinction for flora and fauna, and the entire human race. Now, of course, there’s no risk of this happening, since the comet will pass no closer…than um…well…two million kilometres from our planet. We also have been informed by highly confidential sources that the government operates a secret military satellite armed with laser cannons, sufficiently powerful to be able to alter the course of any interstellar threat such as this.

The image in the corner now shows the military satellite as seen in previous episodes.

##### Digital Sea – Blue Light

Aelita

The detection spectrum is honing in. The sonar is picking up a faint trace of digital DNA in the area. It might be William, or even maybe…

The sonar flashes red and picks up a red blip heading towards them.

Ulrich

Your father? Well what are we waiting for? Let’s go check it out!

Aelita takes the controls.

Aelita

Ok…

They accelerate.

##### Ext. Sports Field – Day

Jim pushes a wheelbarrow full of various supplies over to the area they’ve set up: paint, brushes, stakes and so on. There are a few tables with a number of different items on them. Hertz hands out envelopes to a member of each group. There’s a general chatter among the students.

Hertz

This is for you. And you.

Jim loads students up with the supplies they’ll be needing.

Student

I got Venus.

Student

You got Venus?

Johnny opens their envelope and gawks at their assignment.

Johnny

Too cool! Guess what? We get to do Planet Earth!

Yumi (unenthused)

Yeah, great. This is my lucky day.

Hiroki

Earth *and* the moon!

Yumi (unenthused)

Yippee! And to think Jeremie wanted to take my place…

Hertz (over megaphone)

Now don’t forget: the sun here should be the centre of your calculated orbits, right? And fifth graders, make sure you note your planetary scale in relation to the sun. May I remind all of you this exercise will be graded. Now get to work!

Jim walks over to Hertz and takes the megaphone.

Jim

Just a second, Suzanne. I have an important safety announcement to make.

Jim starts using the megaphone. The students stop what they’re doing and look up at him. Jim holds up a thin metal pole.

Jim (over megaphone)

Now about the poles – I’d like to call your attention to an important technical aspect: they have two ends! One is pointy and sharp…that’s the one that you put into the ground. If you try to do it the other way, you might hurt yourself pushing on the pointy end.

With some muffled laughter and quiet chatter, the students go back to work. Sandra runs past and grabs the pole out of Jim’s hand.

Sandra

Come on! You’d have to be an idiot not to figure that out!

The palm of Jim’s empty hand has been covered with a bandage. He and Hertz look at it before Jim hides it behind his back, embarrassed, and clears his throat. Hertz almost rolls her eyes.

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

There’s an activated tower.

##### Int. Lab – Day

The Superscan picks up the activated tower.

Jeremie (annoyed)

Why now?! Why can’t we just go on an exploratory mission in peace for once? Well, XANA…what do you have in store for us this time?

##### Ext. Outer Space

The military satellite orbits the planet. Its laser moves, aiming at something, and then opens up in preparation to fire. As the comet approaches, the satellite fires at it, creating a large explosion. A few small pieces of debris fall to Earth, followed by a larger piece, and then the bulk of the comet.

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

Jeremie

Sorry, Aelita, but you’re needed back on Lyoko, on the double. Activated tower.

Aelita

Got it, Jeremie. I’m turning around.

Aelita turns the Skid around.

##### Ext. Sports Field – Day

The students have started setting up stakes and rope fences around the model of the sun. Yumi walks away from the sun, taking very deliberate and measured steps while looking at a notebook. She stops when Hiroki speaks up. He has an oval-shaped model of a planet, painted red with white splotches, spinning on his index finger.

Hiroki

Ok! I’m done! What do you think of my Planet Earth?

Johnny balances a model of the moon on his head. It has a smiling face moulded onto it.

Johnny

Look, Yumi! The moon is yours for the asking! (short laugh)

Yumi

…Yeah, right. Hiroki, doesn’t the Earth have another name?

Hiroki

The blue planet… Yeah, I know. (spins the model) I was using a little imagination, like if there was a Mars attack!

Yumi

And you, Johnny, do you really think anything can grow on the moon?

Johnny

Well no… But I figured it would be more poetic with plants.

The annoyance in Yumi’s next words blows the two models off Hiroki’s finger and Johnny’s head and startles them both.

Yumi (annoyed)

Both of you start over and fix it!

Yumi points off to the side. After a pause, Hiroki pats Johnny’s shoulder before leading him away.

Hiroki

Forget it. Imagination and poetry are wasted on her.

Yumi (exasperated)

*Please*. Send me a miracle to get me outta this…

Yumi holds the notebook up to her face, annoyed. Her phone starts ringing and she answers.

Yumi

Hello? …Yes, Jeremie?

She looks up, smiling.

Yumi (relieved, pleased)

An activated tower? …Wow! Thank you, XANA!

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie (confused)

Huh? What are you talking about?

##### Ext. Sports Field – Day

Yumi (pleased)

Oh, nothing! I’m on my way right now.

Still smiling, she hangs up. She walks past Hiroki and Johnny, busy repainting their models, and runs off the field.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Newsreader

Some breaking news. It appears the comet VG-724 has broken apart…

Jeremie

What is going on around here?!

Newsreader

…following a shot from a satellite, uh…uh…

The reporter puts a finger in her ear, listening to an update.

Newsreader (increasingly nervous)

Uh for reasons yet unknown… Correction: uh…international observatories have now confirmed that all is well with the comet, and it will simply crash on uh…

The reporter looks through the papers on her desk at random, looking for an out.

Newsreader (nervous)

Uh…uh, nowhere! A-as you know, it will pass very far from Earth. And anyway, we could always obliterate it with military satellites. (listens to earpiece) Which, of course, don’t exist! This is just a…a little April fool joke from our producer.

In the studio, papers scatter. The reporter grabs the front of her low-scooping jacket and holds it closed. The image in the corner of the screen shows a fish, referencing the French version of April Fools’ Day, “Poisson d’avril,” meaning “April’s fish.”

Newsreader (nervous)

So that’s it, farewell- I mean, more news later! (laughs)

Jeremie

Uno, it’s not April. Dos, something is going haywire.

Jeremie starts typing. He opens a “Kiwi” web search featuring an animated picture of Kiwi waving a magnifying glass and types in what he says (but in French).

Jeremie

Let’s see. Orbital observation programme. Comet VG-274.

##### Int. Lab – Day [Alternating with Digital Sea]

Jeremie

Aelita, I just figured out XANA’s attack. XANA used a satellite to change the course of a comet! It’s gonna create a meteor shower that will pour down on Earth!

A window shows the comet’s new trajectory, straight towards Earth.

Aelita

What? Are you sure?!

The trajectory map focuses on France in particular, and then the region Paris is located in.

Jeremie

Well actually, according to my calculations, most of the meteorite should burn up completely in the atmosphere.

The map zooms in on Paris and then the area where the school and factory are located. The map is dotted in green points, presumably where debris will hit. The factory has a pink point on top of it.

Jeremie

On the other hand, there’s a huge chunk coming behind it that will crash directly into… (deeply troubled) Oh, no… Into the factory…!

Aelita

Jeremie… You have to get out of the computer lab right now.

Jeremie

I can’t do that. If the computer lab gets destroyed, you guys will be stuck in the Digital Sea at XANA’s mercy…

Jeremie taps his finger on the armrest.

Jeremie (serious)

No, we’ve got to deactivate the tower.

Odd

Relax, Jeremie! We’ll do it in no time.

Ulrich

Yeah, but that’s not gonna stop the meteorite from falling!

Jeremie

That’s true… And that’s why I’m staying here at the control centre, to launch a return to the past, before we’re hit by it.

Aelita

Ok. Full speed ahead.

With the press of a button, the Skid’s engines increase power, speeding them through the water.

Jeremie

You’ve got a hub bearing northwest of your position, under the databank shelf.

Aelita

Got it.

Aelita steers them in that direction. She checks the sonar.

Aelita

Hub, dead ahead.

They approach the hub.

##### Ext. Park – Day

Yumi has almost reached the manhole when her phone rings. She answers while running.

Yumi (breathless)

Jeremie! …Yeah. I’m almost there.

She stops.

Yumi (breathless)

What?!

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie

Yeah, a meteorite. And considering its mass, it’ll obliterate not only the factory but also the entire area, including the academy. The others are on their way back. They’ll meet up with you on Lyoko. Yumi? Are you there?

##### Ext. Park – Day

Yumi has her phone away from her ear, staring at it. She looks back towards the field.

Yumi (to herself)

Hiroki…

She puts her phone back to her ear.

Yumi (breathless)

Sorry, Jeremie. I’ll be right there, but I uh…I’ve got something important to do first.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie

Yumi, this is not the time. We need you immediately.

##### Ext. Park – Day

Jeremie

Yumi-

Yumi hangs up and runs towards the field.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie

Yumi!

##### Digital Sea – Blue Light

As the Skid approaches the hub, the lighting turns red.

##### Digital Sea – Red Light

As the Skid is travelling, it’s suddenly surrounded by a series of glowing red rings, trapping the submarine inside a barrier and forcing it to halt. The Skid pushes against the front of the barrier, but it eventually snaps back like elastic under the strain. Inside the Skid, the lights flicker and an alarm goes off. The controls fizzle with electricity. The three occupants look around.

Odd (subdued)

Holy cow, what is that?!

Aelita

A firewall.

Aelita starts tapping on the touch panel in the middle of her controls.

Aelita

That’s got to be a present from XANA, I’ll get us out of it.

A screen comes up showing the status of the Skid and its various components. All are flashing red. Aelita presses a button. The Skid presses against the front of the barrier again before being forced back.

Aelita

It’s not working!

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie is typing away.

Aelita (slightly distressed)

Jeremie? We’ve got a problem…

Jeremie

I see it, Aelita. I’m already on it.

##### Ext. Sports Field – Day

The students have made progress on their scale model. A number of orbital circles have been set up around the sun. Yumi runs back onto the field, over to Hiroki and Johnny. Hiroki’s Earth is now purple with red splotches and the smiley face has been mostly removed from Johnny’s moon.

Hiroki

Hey, where’d you go? Look, I painted over it with blue. Now look at this awful colour.

Yumi grabs Hiroki’s shoulder.

Yumi (breathless)

Hiroki! I want you to go home right now, ok? Take Johnny with you, and (pants) I’ll meet you there later.

Yumi walks away.

Hiroki

What?! But…what about Mrs. Hertz’s class?

Yumi stops and points.

Yumi (strict)

Hiroki, you heard me!

Hiroki

Hey, what’s the matter with you? You got in a fight with Ulrich again, huh?

Yumi growls quietly before running over to Hertz and Jim.

Jim

By the way, Suzanne, how’s it going with Pedro?

Hertz

Oh, really, Jim! Not around the students! Ugh…

Yumi runs up to them.

Yumi (panicked)

Mrs. Hertz! We have to evacuate the academy.

Hertz

What are you talking about, Yumi?

Yumi (panicked)

Well, it’s a… I know this may sound crazy, but a meteorite is going to hit right here where we’re standing!

The teachers frown at her.

Jim

Hold on now, Ishiyama. I told you eating that raw fish was no good for you!

Yumi (panicked)

No! I swear, it’s true! I just found out from a…a friend…who works at the national observatory!

##### Ext. Outer Space

The first small pieces of debris begin falling through the planet’s atmosphere.

##### Ext. Sports Field – Day

The students start looking up and pointing at the sky. Some wave their arms excitedly.

Student

Wow!

Student

Hey, did you see that?

Student

Cool, check it out!

Yumi and the two teachers look up as well as the students continue chattering in amazement. Two pieces of debris fall through the clouds.

Jim (over megaphone)

Wow! Great fireworks!

Yumi and Hertz flinch from Jim’s volume.

Hertz

Jim. We have to evacuate the academy.

Jim

Eh?

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

The Skid pushes against the firewall again. Aelita taps on the touch pad and brings up a code window on the screen showing the Skid’s status.

Aelita

The firewall’s energy is set up along a fairly basic algorithm. All we have to do is crack it, and we’ll be able to slip through a breach in security!

Jeremie

Good idea. Hey, I think I finally understand what XANA’s really up to!

Odd

Bravo, Einstein! You finally realised that he wants to destroy the Supercomputer to keep us from coming in and pulling the virtual carpet out from under him?

Jeremie

Well obviously. (hits enter) But this time, he picked the most perfect moment.

Aelita

Of course… By destroying the Supercomputer, XANA will not also destroy Lyoko, but more importantly, our only way back into the real world! But why would he want to trap us here?

Jeremie

To get a hold of *you*, Aelita! You’re the one XANA has wanted to capture since we recreated Lyoko. It’s called, “killing two birds with one stone.”

##### Ext. Sports Field – Day

Delmas has joined them on the field.

Delmas

Come now, Suzanne, this is ridiculous! Are you absolutely sure it couldn’t have been from…something else? Fireworks, for example?

Hertz shakes her head and makes a sound of disagreement.

Jim

That’s what I keep telling her. But I think she overdid it with the mint tea.

Hertz

I know what I saw, Jean-Pierre! It was a meteor shower. We have to get the students to safety *now*!

Delmas hums and looks at the students still setting up the scale model of the solar system.

Delmas

Fine. As a precaution, I’m willing to go ahead and evacuate the academy…

Jim starts to move, but he stops when Delmas continues.

Delmas

…but I don’t want any panic!

Jim grins and chuckles and Yumi gives a smile and two thumbs-up. Delmas walks away.

##### Ext. Outer Space

Debris falls towards the Earth.

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

Aelita

Got it. I found the weak link in the algorithm. It’s as plain as day: the system overcompensates pressure, but it takes three milliseconds to reverse its polarity!

Jeremie

Of course! By synchronising the initial pressure, you can neutralise the sinusoidal distortion, Aelita!

Odd

Translation?

Aelita shrugs.

Aelita

Rubber band system. Hang on!

Aelita presses some buttons and pulls back on the joysticks. The engine kicks into reverse and starts moving the Skid backwards. The firewall reacts to the movement but lets the vehicle move backwards a little bit. It stretches and contorts. One of the rings in the middle of it disappears. The firewall and the Skid shake under the strain.

Aelita

Stand by for stopping the turbo-prop. Ready? And now!

Aelita slams her fist on a button, cutting the rear propeller. The Skid blasts out of the firewall, obliterating it. Aelita, Odd and Ulrich are pushed back into their seats from the speed they’re travelling at. The whole vehicle shakes.

Jeremie

Nice one, Aelita! Now hurry and get over to the hub. We need you back on Lyoko ASAP.

Once the Skid slows down, Aelita sits forward again and shakes it off.

Aelita

Roger.

They head for the hub. The light turns blue again.

##### Digital Sea – Blue Light

Aelita

Everyone ok?

Odd puts both hands on his gurgling tummy.

Odd (sick)

My breakfast wants to come back up to say hello, but otherwise all’s well…

A loud bubbling sound causes Odd to shift suddenly.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie

They’re never gonna get there in time…! Unless I… (clicks fingers) Yeah! If only I can manage to regain control of that satellite, even for a minute, I just might get the meteorite to change its course again!

Jeremie starts pressing a key over and over.

Jeremie

Let’s see. Defence department…top secret data…password…

He encounters a password screen. A password cracking window featuring an orange Rubik’s cube with strange symbols on it opens on top of the first window. Jeremie inspects his fingernails while typing with the other hand.

Jeremie

Piece of cake!

##### Ext. Sports Field – Day

Johnny and Hiroki have placed their Earth and moon models on metal poles in the ground. Hiroki is giving his model another coat of (purple) paint.

Jim (over megaphone)

Ok, fire drill, everybody! I want all of you to make your way calmly to the main gate.

The students leave their work behind and start walking in the same direction, some complaining. Hiroki unceremoniously throws the paint roller on the ground before leaving.

##### Digital Sea – Blue Light

The Skid has almost reached the hub.

Aelita

Hub in sight, thirty seconds to dive.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie cracks the password and gains entry to the website.

Jeremie

Bingo! Well, now I’m just going to need a transmission relay, to link up to the satellite.

He calls Yumi.

##### Ext. Sports Field – Day

The students leave the field as a group. Once Hiroki and Johnny pass, Yumi goes to follow them, but she stops when her phone rings.

Yumi

Jeremie? …Yes, I’m still at school. I’m really sorry, but I had to-

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie

Don’t worry, Yumi! Plan B time. In fact, I’m glad you haven’t left school yet.

##### Ext. Science Building – Day

Yumi walks out in front of the science building. The other students leave.

Yumi

Your laptop? …Ok, I’ll go to your room and get it. Then what? …Uh, ok!

She hangs up and runs away from the group of students.

Johnny

Hey! Where’s your sister going?

Hiroki

Only one way to find out!

The two boys separate from the group and walk in the direction Yumi went.

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

Jeremie

Do you read me, Aelita? I’m entering the co-ordinates for Lyoko.

The Skid moves into position above the swirling vortex of the hub.

Aelita

Stand by for broadband acceleration in three…two…one…zero!

The Skid plunges into the vortex.

##### Ext. Outer Space

Many small pieces of debris make their way towards the atmosphere. Among them, the meteorite.

##### Ext. Park – Day

Flaming pieces of rock fall from the sky.

Jim

Take cover!

Jim dives to the ground while the students mutter in confusion. Once the rocks stop falling and the ground stops shaking from the impacts, Jim stands up, holding a broken half of the megaphone. He turns back to the students and laughs somewhat nervously, holding up the piece of megaphone.

Student

Was it, like, a bomb?

Student

I don’t know!

Student

It was thunder!

Student

I don’t know.

Jim looks from the piece of megaphone he’s holding to the other piece lying on the ground. He tosses the piece in his hand.

Student

It’s a meteor!

Jim

Calm down!

Student

A meteor!

Student

Oh, no!

Jim (loud)

Calm down right now!

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Day

Yumi runs into the room, panting, and grabs Jeremie’s laptop off his bed. She gets on the phone.

Yumi (breathless)

Jeremie, we’re good. I just picked up your laptop.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie

Head for the roof of the science building, and hook it to the antenna.

##### Int. Dormitory Hallway – Day

Yumi runs out of the room.

Yumi (breathless)

I’m on it!

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie

And hurry up.

##### Int. Dormitory Staircase – Day

Yumi runs down the stairs. Hiroki and Johnny come out of the door she just came through and follow her downstairs.

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

The Skid surfaces from the Digital Sea and flies up above the platforms.

Aelita

Ok, Jeremie. We’re back on Lyoko. Where’s the activated tower?

Jeremie

Desert Sector. Quadrant 57-42.

Aelita

Roger.

Aelita steers the Skid in that direction. They slow down not far from the tower.

Aelita

There it is.

##### Int. Science Building Foyer – Day

Yumi runs up the stairs. Hiroki and Johnny follow.

##### Int. Science Building Staircase – Day

Yumi runs to the top of the stairs and reaches the door to the roof. She tries the handle but it doesn’t open. She kicks it once.

Yumi (upset)

Oh, no…!

She starts kicking, kneeing and shoulder-barging the door, anything she can think of to try and force it open. Down one flight of stairs, Hiroki and Johnny watch.

Hiroki

Security door versus Yumi’s ankle – I’ll bet on the door.

Yumi turns around, her hair hanging in her face after her attempts on the door.

Yumi (frustrated)

What do you two think you’re doing here?!

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

Aelita stops the Skid not far from the tower.

Aelita

Here we go.

She presses buttons on the keypad.

Aelita

Teleport.

Aelita, Odd and Ulrich appear on the ground by the Skid. A Kankrelat scuttles out in front of the tower.

Ulrich

The tower’s only fifty metres away. How much time do we have, Jeremie?

The Kankrelat turns towards them.

Jeremie

Enough…if you can get rid of your welcoming committee.

The Kankrelat starts to charge its laser, but it then looks around and dashes back behind the tower.

Odd

He ran away! So why waste a laser arrow on a coward? Go on, buddy. He’s all yours.

The three of them start running towards the tower, but they soon stop.

Odd

Uh-oh…

A Tarantula walks out beside the tower. Ulrich draws his blades. A second and third Tarantula join the first, as well as XANA-William. He summons his sword from black smoke and shakes his head slowly at the heroes. He stabs the smoking sword into the ground and the smoke finally dissipates.

Odd

All of a sudden, that tower seems a lot further away…

##### Int. Science Building Staircase – Day

Hiroki and Johnny walk up the stairs.

Hiroki

Maybe you should just tell us what you think *you’re* doing.

Yumi inspects the lock on the door.

Yumi (frustrated)

I haven’t got time for you brats! Go back outside.

Yumi tries pushing against the door, grunting with the effort. The two boys smirk at each other.

Hiroki

We know how to open it. (chuckles)

Yumi (frustrated)

Shut up, Hiroki! I’m sick of hearing your lies!

Hiroki

But it’s true! We can open *any* door!

Johnny nods.

Yumi (frustrated)

Well, if you think you’re so good, then be my guest.

Hiroki

Ok! But first you gotta tell us what you’re up to.

Yumi growls in exasperation.

Yumi (frustrated)

Oh, what have I got to lose? A meteorite is going to crash on the school, and if I don’t connect this computer to the roof antenna now, then Jeremie won’t be able to access the satellite that might change its course! Understand?!

Hiroki

A meteorite? Not bad. Now tell us what’s *really* going on.

##### Ext. Science Building – Day

A small meteorite plummets to the ground.

##### Int. Science Building Staircase – Day

The building shakes violently, tossing the kids against each wall. Yumi stands up. Hiroki and Johnny crawl over to the door.

Hiroki (nervous)

Ok. Ok, let’s go, Johnny.

Hiroki works the lock with two thin pieces of metal.

Yumi

Incredible!

Hiroki unlocks the door and takes the handle.

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

The kids have taken cover behind some rocks while the Tarantulas approach and fire at them. Ulrich runs out, sabres in hand.

Ulrich

Supersprint!

He Supersprints up to the monsters and jumps at a Tarantula, but he gets shot in mid-air and flies back over the rocks Odd and Aelita are hiding behind. Odd flinches as Ulrich crashes to the ground.

XANA-William stands at a distance, smirking as he watches the scene.

Odd steps out from behind the rock and fires two laser arrows at the monsters.

Odd

Laser arrow!

Odd steps back behind the rock just as Ulrich returns, panting.

Ulrich (feeling the heat)

It’s hot…

Odd

Yeah, well this is the desert!

Aelita

It doesn’t look good. We’ll never get through…

Odd

You should never say never!

##### Ext. Science Building Roof – Day [Alternating with Lab]

The door opens. Yumi runs out onto the roof holding Jeremie’s laptop and her phone. Hiroki and Johnny follow her out. The wind blows their hair around.

Yumi

Ok, Jeremie! I’m on the roof! Now what do I do?

Jeremie

Listen – try to find the antenna cable.

Yumi looks up and spots a cable dangling from the antenna. She jumps up and grabs it.

Yumi

Got it.

Jeremie

Great. Now cut as cleanly as you can and stick it into the blue plug that’s in the back of my laptop. Push as hard as you can. We can’t strip the wire, there’s not enough time. It should work.

Yumi

Great. What am I gonna do without a knife?

Johnny walks up and holds out a Swiss army knife. Its numerous tools all open out at once, including a small knife. Yumi stares at it in troubled surprise.

Yumi

Huh?

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

The Tarantulas continue their approach, sometimes walking on two legs to fire at the heroes’ cover. Aelita forms an energy field in her hand and ducks out from behind the rock. She throws the energy field and destroys a Tarantula. A Kankrelat walks out behind Odd while he and Ulrich are looking at Aelita.

Odd

Nice one, Princess!

The Kankrelat shoots between Odd’s legs, barely missing his tail.

Odd

Huh?

Odd looks down between his legs and Ulrich turns around. Odd turns and takes aim, but Ulrich is faster, Supersprinting up to the Kankrelat as it fires again. He skewers it with his sabre.

Odd

A coward *and* a cheater? Hey!

The Kankrelat explodes.

Ulrich

We’ve gotta change tactics.

XANA-William pulls his sword out of the ground and starts running.

Odd

Yeah!

##### Int. Lab – Day

Yumi

Ok, Jeremie! It’s in!

Jeremie

Great job. Now let the duel begin.

Jeremie starts typing.

##### Ext. Science Building Roof – Day

Holding the cable in the back of the laptop, Yumi watches the window showing the status of the satellite. The roof’s antenna crackles with purple electricity. The three kids then notice the same electricity on a satellite dish on top of a building in town.

##### Ext. TV Building Roof – Day

Electricity shoots from the satellite dish and up into the sky.

##### Ext. Outer Space

Electricity runs over the exterior of the military satellite.

##### Int. Lab – Day

A code window opens, showing lots of code highlighted in red.

Jeremie

How did that rat XANA get onto me? How’s it going over there, Ulrich?

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

As the Tarantulas reach their hiding spot, the Lyoko Warriors retreat.

Ulrich

Not so good!

They run straight towards the edge of the plateau, where there’s a very short path sticking out.

XANA-William smirks as he runs towards them.

Ulrich

Stay behind us, Aelita! If you get devirtualised, we’ll never be able to deactivate the tower.

The Tarantulas arrive, trapping them on the small path. Ulrich unsheathes his katanas and Odd takes aim. The Tarantulas open fire. Ulrich starts blocking lasers with both blades. Odd jumps past Ulrich and flips into the air, while speaking.

Odd (exerting effort)

How can…anyone…be such a…bad shot?

Odd is shot in mid-air and falls to the ground. He lies there on his stomach.

Aelita

Odd!

Aelita runs to his side. She looks up at the nearest Tarantula. It eyes her for a moment before turning its attention to Ulrich and opening fire. Ulrich continues to block the lasers of both Tarantulas. Aelita looks between Ulrich and the monsters and then helps Odd get slowly to his feet. Ulrich steps in front of them to keep blocking lasers.

Aelita

The Tarantulas haven’t fired at me even once!

Odd puts his hand beside his mouth as though sharing a secret.

Odd (slightly weak)

That’s because…you’ve got a couple of great bodyguards!

##### Ext. Sky – Day

The meteorite falls.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie sees the main part of the meteorite enter the atmosphere on the map of its trajectory.

Jeremie

Too late…

##### Ext. Science Building Roof – Day

The wind picks up as Yumi sees the meteorite fall towards them. The sky darkens.

Yumi (stressed)

Get going, you two. Hurry up!

Yumi points to the door.

Hiroki

But what about you?

Yumi (stressed)

I can’t let go of the cable! Beat it!

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie

I’ll never make it. XANA is a flawless program and I’m only human…

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

Aelita, Odd and Ulrich slowly back up towards the edge of the platform. Ulrich is still blocking lasers.

Ulrich (struggling)

This time, it’s all over!

Aelita

No, Ulrich.

Aelita summons her wings and flies over the two boys to land between them and the monsters. The laser fire ceases. Aelita lets her wings disappear.

Ulrich

What are you doing?

Aelita

I’m forcing XANA to make a choice.

Aelita glares at XANA-William and he glares back.

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

The heroes and enemies are at a stand-off. XANA-William points his sword at Aelita and then advances. Aelita turns to Odd.

Aelita

Hurry, Odd. Devirtualise me.

Odd

Huh? What, are you crazy?!

XANA-William walks towards Aelita, dragging his sword.

Aelita

Do what I say.

Odd and Ulrich look at each other. Ulrich looks surprised and Odd looks worried.

Jeremie

Odd… Aelita’s right, it’s our only hope.

Odd sighs sadly before shooting Aelita and devirtualising her. She flies backwards and lands at XANA-William’s feet just before disappearing. XANA-William jumps straight off the edge of the platform. Odd and Ulrich go to look over the edge.

Odd

What was that all about?

Ulrich

No idea…

##### Int. Scanner Room – Day

Aelita stumbles out of the scanner, holding her chest in pain.

##### Ext. Science Building Roof – Day

The wind continues to grow stronger as Yumi, Hiroki and Johnny sit against the wall, watching the oncoming meteorite. Yumi lets go of the laptop to put her arms around the two boys.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Aelita arrives in the lift and starts making her way to Jeremie’s side, a small smile on her face.

Aelita

To win, sometimes you have to know how to lose.

Jeremie also wears a small smile.

Jeremie

You think XANA understands that?

Aelita puts a hand on Jeremie’s shoulder. They both lose their smiles as they look at the screen in anticipation.

##### Ext. Sports Field – Day

The model of the sun blows away in the wind, as do most of the dark clouds. The sky brightens just before being engulfed by a shadow as the meteorite draws closer.

##### Ext. Science Building Roof – Day

Yumi and the two boys cower together. Yumi has her eyes squeezed shut. A single tear falls from her eye and twinkles in the light.

##### Ext. Outer Space

The satellite’s laser fires.

##### Ext. Sky – Day

The laser hits the meteorite, exploding it into many small pieces.

##### Ext. Factory – Day

The small pieces of rock shoot from the sky and land in the water, creating large splashes.

##### Ext. Sports Field – Day

The sky darkens again as embers and small fragments begin to fall. The ground is soon darkened with soot.

##### Ext. Science Building Roof – Day

Johnny

Hey, what…

Hiroki and Johnny stand up.

Johnny

Wow!

They raise their arms in the air.

Hiroki and Johnny

We’re saved!

Yumi picks up her phone from the ground.

Yumi

Great shot, Jeremie. (thumbs-up) Real bullseye!

Jeremie

It wasn’t me!

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie

That was XANA! Looks like he gave up on his plan.

Jeremie looks at Aelita.

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

The tower’s halo turns from red to white. Odd and Ulrich look on, trying to understand what’s happening. The two Tarantulas disintegrate into white dust.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Aelita

XANA wanted to capture me more than he wanted to destroy the Supercomputer. With me back on Earth, he couldn’t do either of them!

##### Ext. Sports Field – Day

The burning fragments stop falling and the clouds disappear.

##### Ext. Science Building Roof – Day

It’s no longer quite so windy on the roof. Yumi is still sitting with her back to the wall, looking pleased. She walks over to the boys.

Hiroki

Well, Yumi? Don’t the “brats” get a thank you?

Yumi puts a hand on each of their shoulders and crouches down to their height.

Yumi

Thank you, brats!

She kisses Hiroki’s cheek, to his shock and disgust.

Hiroki (disgusted)

Yuck!

Hiroki wipes his cheek. Johnny puckers his lips but Yumi kisses his cheek instead. He grins and gives two thumbs-up. Yumi stands up.

Yumi

You guys really helped me a lot this time.

Hiroki

Yeah! I’m not gonna let you forget that, either!

Yumi

Oh, gimme a little break, huh?

Hiroki raises one eyebrow. Yumi claps her hands.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Jeremie hits enter.

Jeremie

Return to the past, now.

As the white glow washes over them, Jeremie and Aelita both give a thumbs-up.

##### Ext. Factory – Day

The white glow engulfs the factory and the surrounding river, where plumes of smoke or steam rise up everywhere.

##### Ext. Science Building Roof – Day

Yumi, Hiroki and Johnny are covered by the return to the past.

##### Int. Jeremie’s Room – Day

Yumi enters the room, leaving the door open. Jeremie is in his computer chair in the middle of the room, Odd and Ulrich are on the bed and Aelita is leaning against the desk.

Jeremie

So, how was your day?

Yumi

You won’t believe it, but we got the highest grade! And so…I promised Johnny I would keep his moon as a present.

Yumi holds up a small, red ball. She bounces it off her chest and catches it again.

Yumi

I owe him at least that. Even if he doesn’t remember anything.

Aelita

See? Your brother’s not that bad after all!

Yumi

Yeah, he can be pretty handy when he wants to. That’s why I’m worried…

Ulrich

Yeah? How come?

Yumi shuts the door and leans against it.

Yumi

Because now, I know it’s useless keeping the door locked to my room!