# Code Lyoko

## Episode 76: “The Lake”

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##### Ext. Gates – Day

The year eight students (all in their original outfits, not their season 4 ones) are lined up ready to board a bus. Jim is crouched next to the luggage compartment, taking the students’ luggage. Once it’s stowed, the students board the bus and Hertz checks them off her roll.

Jim

You can take your hand luggage on the bus with you. And the rest of your stuff goes down here.

Jim takes a bag from Tania, startling her.

Hertz

Klinger, ok… (…)

Jeremie

What if XANA attacks while we’re away?!

Aelita

After a week of working day and night on the program, I think we deserve this weekend, don’t you?

Aelita briefly runs her finger across Jeremie’s chin, making him blush lightly.

Aelita

It’ll be the first time we go camping together, too!

Ulrich

What program are you talking about, huh?

Odd, Ulrich, Jeremie and Aelita move towards the front of the bus. Odd, carrying a large bag, smiles nervously at Jim.

Jeremie

Aelita thought we should sure up the protection shields on the Skid. We haven’t tested it yet, though.

Odd

You two are incredible, really. I mean, as if we didn’t have enough homework fro-

Odd walks straight into Jim and cries out in surprise.

Jim

Della Robbia! Weren’t you listening? You’ve gotta store the suitcase.

Odd smiles nervously.

Odd

You said that carry-on was ok. Look, I’m carrying it, Jim!

Jim looks as though he wants to argue, but he suddenly spots Sissi, Nicolas and Herb all loaded up with numerous bags, shoes and a bicycle. The two boys look uncomfortable carrying all the bags.

Jim (disapproving)

Sissi!

Sissi

Huh?

Jim (disapproving)

What are you doing with all of that stuff?

Sissi

It’s my baggage, Jim!

Jim (disapproving)

You were told to only take what was strictly necessary! Now get a move on and take all that junk back to your room!

Sissi

But Jim, my party dresses, my shoes and all my make-up, I can’t possibly go without them, (smooths hair) and my hairdryer, too.

Hertz

Now listen, Elisabeth. This is a camping trip and it’s only two days. Your bicycle, too, should be left at home.

Sissi (warning)

Do you want me to tell the principal, my father, that sports activities are being discouraged on school trips?

Hertz looks nervous.

Hertz

Ah… Well alright, but make it snappy, now.

##### Int. Bus – Day

Jeremie and Aelita sit next to each other, place their bags at their feet and put their seatbelts on. Odd and Ulrich are sitting next to each other across the aisle. Odd has a packet of biscuits open, ones that look like chocolate Wheatens. He snaps one in half, takes a bite of one half and holds the other half in front of the bag at his feet. Kiwi sticks his head out of the bag and eats the biscuit. Ulrich smiles, amused.

Ulrich

Oh, you’re kidding, Odd.

Odd

What’s wrong? How could I leave Kiwi in his room while we’re getting fresh air?

Ulrich puts his phone to his ear.

Ulrich

Speaking of being cooped up, Yumi got stuck with a test this weekend.

##### Ext. Arches – Day [Alternating with Bus]

Yumi talks with Ulrich on the phone.

Yumi

Not one, I’ve got *two* tests today! You lucky dogs! I wish I were on that bus with you.

Ulrich

I’d have loved to sneak you on, but…we got a lucky dog already! You know who I’m talking about.

Yumi’s class walks into the classroom.

Yumi

Well the torture session’s about to start. Speak to you later. Thanks, Ulrich.

Yumi hangs up and follows her classmates inside.

##### Ext. Countryside – Day

The bus drives through the countryside.

##### Int. Bus – Day

Herb is asleep next to Sissi, snoring and muttering.

Herb (asleep)

Oh, Sissi… (snores)

Sissi, who doesn’t seem to have a seatbelt on, takes out a make-up compact and looks at herself in the small mirror. She pats her hair and then points the mirror at Ulrich. Herb is now awake.

Jim

Elisabeth! Put that strap higher up. Seatbelts weren’t meant for puppy dogs!

Kiwi barks.

Jim

Huh?

Odd holds his bag shut.

Odd (quiet)

Shh! Quiet, Kiwi. You’ll let them know you’re here!

Jim

Well, well! Somebody looks very guilty! What have you got inside there?

Odd

In there? Um…some…things to keep with me on the trip like-

Kiwi jumps into Odd’s arms, wagging his tail.

Jim

Mhm.

Odd

Oh, imagine that! It must be that stray dog that everybody saw running around near the campus! He sneaked on the bus, I guess.

Jim leans in close. Kiwi growls at him.

Jim (through teeth)

And you went and bought him a collar marked “Della Robbia!”

Odd

No, it’s a…just a coincidence! He must belong to a very distant cousin. There are plenty of Della Robbias! It’s a common name, like Morales, or…

Jim

Knock it off. All animals are forbidden anywhere and everywhere on school grounds!

Odd

That’s great because we’re not at school now, are we, Jim?

Jim

Don’t try to be a wise guy with me, Della Robbia. You’ve been caught red-handed! As soon as we get back, you have an appointment with the principal!

Odd whines and looks sadly at Kiwi.

##### Int. Classroom – Day

Meyer walks around handing out test papers.

Meyer

Quiet, please. For this exam, all you need is a sharpened pencil and your logic and concentration.

Yumi is sitting next to William-clone.

Yumi (quiet)

You’re lucky. As a computer program, this maths test should be a real piece of cake.

William-clone

What’s a maths test and a piece of cake?

Yumi raises her eyebrows.

##### Ext. Lakeside – Day

The bus pulls up to an area beside a lake where there are several dinghies stacked up. In the middle of the lake is a large island. Jim gets off the bus first, holding Kiwi on a leash. Kiwi runs off, dragging Jim with him.

Jim

Hold it! Slow down!

Kiwi runs around the area before stopping by a power pole, sniffing at it. Odd runs over.

Odd

I told you not to keep him on a leash…!

Jim

Oh, yeah? What if he bit one of the other kids? What then?

Jim makes a face. Kiwi has just urinated on his leg and is now scratching his face. Jim groans.

Hertz walks up to the lakeside, facing the island, and spreads her arms out wide.

Hertz (slightly dreamy)

Here we are! This will be our home and our laboratory for the weekend. An unspoiled haven for all lovers of flora! A field trip to a true Garden of Eden. In short, an ecosystem unequalled in the region…and you are looking right at it!

The students look far less thrilled than Hertz. Aelita and Jeremie exchange a glance.

Sissi

What, that microscopic island is where we’re gonna camp?!

Hertz

If you think *that’s* small, wait until you see the rubber dinghies.

##### Ext. Lake – Day

The students and teachers make their way across the water in yellow dinghies, four people to a boat and two people rowing each one. Jeremie sits at the front of the gang’s dinghy, typing on his laptop. Odd and Ulrich are rowing.

Jeremie

I was afraid of this. I can’t get a signal here. I won’t be able to access the Supercomputer!

Aelita, sitting at the back, puts her phone to her ear.

Aelita

Don’t worry. For the time being, I can still call out. I’ll tell Yumi.

##### Ext. Arches – Day [Alternating with Lake]

Yumi is crouched against a wall, reading a book.

Yumi (to herself)

Rats, the factor of minus X *was* the right answer. Looks like I’m in for another lousy grade…

Her phone rings and she takes it out of her bag to answer it.

Yumi

Inferno here. Everything ok in paradise?

Aelita

Not really, Jeremie can’t seem to get online. You’re gonna have to check regularly to see what’s happening on Lyoko.

Yumi

You’ve gotta be kidding. I’ve got a huge French test in five minutes, and…! Hello? Hello?!

Yumi takes her phone away from her ear and shakes it.

##### Ext. Lake – Day

Aelita

That’s it, I’ve been cut off. But I think she got my meaning.

Jeremie

Are you sure?

##### Ext. Arches – Day

Yumi’s classmates enter the classroom.

Student

Hurry up, Yumi!

Yumi

Be right there! I’ve gotta um…go to the bathroom.

Yumi runs off.

##### Ext. Campsite, Island – Day

Everyone is now standing in a clearing on the island with their belongings in a pile to the side. There’s also a pile of tent bags. Jim addresses the class, holding a tent peg and a mallet.

Jim

Remember to pitch your tents very carefully, because if you don’t, the smallest gust of wind and poof! Down it’ll come. Actually, that reminds me of when I was living in a tepee in the desert near New Mexico…

Hertz (disapproving)

Jim! This might not be the right time…

Jim

You don’t know what you’re missing, Suzanne!

Jim pouts and taps the tent peg on his chin a few times.

Jim

Anyway, I want you all to read the instructions for the setting up of your tents before you start. If you don’t wanna find yourselves up the creek without a paddle! Heh. Now get going!

The students form a line and take a tent each. Ulrich unzips his bag and looks unsure where to start.

Ulrich (to Odd)

Do you know how to set this up?

Odd smiles and keeps walking to a different spot.

Odd

Yeah, sure, no problem. Follow the instructions and just holler if you need any help!

Ulrich

But… Thanks a lot.

Sissi

Ulrich, honey, I thought maybe we could pitch our tents side by side so we can talk together tonight!

Ulrich deflates. He picks up his bag.

Ulrich

Uh, sorry, Sissi, but I didn’t come camping to gossip or talk about clothes. I’d rather sleep.

Ulrich walks away. As Sissi gapes, Herb comes up to her.

Herb

Hey, Sissi! W-well I would be glad to set my tent up next to yours…for tonight.

Herb starts bouncing up and down on the spot.

Sissi

Sure, Herb.

Herb (excited)

Really? Oh, that’s fabulous! Fantastic! I uh…uh… (normal tone) By the way, where’s your tent?

Sissi drops her tent on the ground beside her.

Sissi

Right there.

Sissi walks away.

Sissi

Let me know when you set it up.

##### Ext. Campsite, Island – Day

Several tents have now been set up. While Aelita hammers a tent peg into the ground, Jeremie is sitting against a tree using his laptop.

Jeremie

There’s nothing we can do. Without a connection, it’s totally useless! Let’s just hope that XANA doesn’t take advantage of it.

Aelita

Relax, Jeremie. Yumi is watching the store at home.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Yumi arrives in the lift and runs over to sit in the chair. The screens are all turned off.

Yumi (breathless)

Ok, now let’s see.

She presses a key, turning the screens on. A loading bar fills up.

##### Ext. Shore, Island – Day

Hertz is standing by the bank, holding a pink flower. The class is gathered behind her.

Hertz

The flower called the campanula insularis can only survive on small islands such as this one! Since it’s protected from ruminants by a barrier of water. So, in your opinion, what would happen if the lake dried up?

Nicolas raises his hand.

Nicolas

Um…we would be able to walk home?

The other students laugh. Hertz groans.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

A tower is activated.

##### Ext. Lakeside – Day

Blue electricity crackles at the top of a power pole and then spirals its way down to the ground. When it hits the ground, there’s a great flash, and the electricity leaps the several-metre gap over the bank and into the water. There’s quiet for a moment before the water starts bubbling, and then a black ooze forms.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Yumi

Well, everything seems ok. No open window, no activated tower… I might even get higher than an F on my French test!

Yumi is about to get up when the computer beeps. The Superscan opens, showing the activated tower.

Yumi

Well, I guess that’s that…

Yumi dials a number and puts her phone to her ear.

Yumi

Still no connection. Are they on a desert island or what?

##### Ext. Shore, Island – Day

The water bubbles a few metres from the shore.

Hertz

The presence of so much campanula insularis contributes in turn to the proliferation of a rare species of butterfly, as we will soon see here in the woods.

Hertz gestures to the woods and the students start moving.

Nicolas

I don’t see what was so funny! I mean, what’s the use of a boat if there isn’t any more water?

The black ooze makes its way across the lake, coming up behind Nicolas.

Nicolas

Hey, there’s a lot of pollution in this lake.

Heidi turns around and gasps as the sludge covers the water around the bank. Black bubbles rise up from it. Nicolas cautiously pokes it with a stick and a bolt of blue electricity leaps out and zaps him. He cries out. Once the electricity disappears, Nicolas falls to the ground, unconscious.

Heidi (panicked)

Help! Hurry up, come quickly! Jim! Mrs. Hertz!

Heidi runs off.

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

The Scyphozoa flies up the outside of the dome and enters through the north entrance – the opening for the Skid Hangar.

##### Ext. Shore, Island – Day

Jim, Hertz, Ulrich, Jeremie, Sissi, Herb and Heidi have returned and gathered around Nicolas, still lying on the ground. The water is now clear blue again. Hertz checks Nicolas’s pulse.

Hertz

He’s in a state of shock, but he’s breathing.

Heidi (panicked)

There was this thing in the lake, it was black, it shot a lightning bolt at Nicolas and then it was gone!

Jim

It must have been an electric eel! I’ve seen them before.

Jeremie and Ulrich look at each other.

Jim

When I was a forest ranger in Quebec-

Hertz

Jim, enough chatter. Make yourself useful and go get the first aid kit.

Jim

Right away, Suzanne.

Jim runs off.

Heidi (panicked)

It wasn’t an eel. It was *much* bigger. It was huge!

Jeremie

Ma’am, I…I really think we’re in great danger here.

The ooze rises to the surface of the water a few metres from the bank.

Hertz

Now, now, don’t worry, Jeremie. These things happen! Nicolas will be just fine.

The sludge is now clearly visible in the water, moving towards them. It shoots a bolt of electricity and the students scream and scatter.

Sissi

Oh, no!

##### Ext. Campsite, Island – Day

From the campsite, the other students hear the screams and see blinding flashes of light through the trees. Kiwi, tied to one of the tents by his leash, pulls against it and barks at the disturbance.

Theo and Tania

But what’s going on, Jim? We’re scared…

Jim climbs out of a tent holding a first aid kit.

Jim

Stay where you are. Let me go and check it out.

##### Ext. Shore, Island – Day

Jim runs down to the bank.

Jim

Ah, the ambulance!

He stops in his tracks. The water is clear again. Ulrich is holding Sissi by a tree. Jeremie is crouching by Heidi, unconscious, and holding his head. Hertz has fallen unconscious on top of Nicolas. Herb is also unconscious on the ground.

Jim

Huh? Suzanne?

Jim drops the first aid kit.

Jim (subdued)

Whoa… What is happening here?

##### Skid Hangar, Sector 5, Lyoko

The Scyphozoa descends through the opening in the ceiling and floats above the Skid. It then wraps its tentacles around the vehicle’s shield and starts absorbing the energy.

##### Int. Lab – Day

A new window shows the Skid’s shield energy draining.

Yumi (worried)

Oh, no! XANA’s attacking the Skid…!

She tries calling Jeremie using the Supercomputer.

Yumi (distressed)

I don’t know what to do…! Jeremie, answer, please!

##### Ext. Woods, Island – Day

Aelita and the boys have gathered in the woods, away from the campsite.

Jeremie

We absolutely have to find a way to get back to the factory.

Ulrich

One step off the island means electrocution for sure.

Odd

If we create a diversion, maybe one of us could get away!

Jeremie

Ok. You and Ulrich do that, while we try to get in touch with Yumi.

Ulrich and Odd leave.

Jeremie

If only we had an antenna…

Aelita looks over at the campsite, where Jim and some students are standing. She smiles.

Aelita

Ok. How big an antenna?

Jeremie smiles too.

##### Ext. Campsite, Island – Day

A few students are gathered around Jim, holding his hand and hugging him, chattering in fear. The three unconscious students have been placed against a ledge and Hertz is lying on the ground.

Jim

Calm down, now. I don’t know what that thing in the lake is, but I can tell you that it had better watch it, ‘cause he’s gonna have to deal with me! (clicks fingers) And sparks will start flying, and… That is…well, there already *are* sparks…

Jim puts his arms around the huddled students and rubs the backs of the ones he’s touching.

Jim

Well, you know what I mean. Now, to begin with, we’ve got to help Mrs. Hertz.

Jim crouches down beside Hertz and picks her up by her shoulders to shake her. Hertz’s cheeks are red.

Jim

Suzanne. Suzanne!

Jim leans over Hertz’s face.

Jim

Say something, Suzanne.

Jim raises one hand up high. The students gasp as a slap is heard.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

XANA-William and two Krabs arrive near the tower.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Yumi has her head in her hands when the map window opens, showing the three enemies near the tower.

Yumi (distressed)

Oh, no, that’s all we need…! The lady killer!

Jeremie calls.

Yumi

Jeremie! About time!

##### Ext. Antenna, Island – Day [Alternating with Lab]

Aelita and Jeremie have used the tent poles to set up a makeshift antenna. They stand near the base of it, Jeremie on his phone.

Jeremie

Hey, listen! We’re here playing survivor with an aquatic monster that likes to electrocute anyone who comes close to the shore! Anything on your side?

Yumi

I’m totally helpless. The activated tower is really well protected, and the Skid is in the process of losing most of its energy!

Jeremie

Does it have many life points left?

Yumi

At the rate things are going with the ship, it’s gonna be over in no time…!

Jeremie covers the phone’s receiver with his hand to talk to Aelita.

Jeremie

Listen: there’s no other choice. Ready or not, we have to test the program. (to Yumi) Yumi, do you have anything to write with? I’ll dictate what you have to do.

Yumi digs around in her bag and takes out a notebook and pen.

Yumi

I ought to have a pen, since I’ve got a French test right now! Go on, then. Shoot.

##### Ext. Campsite, Island – Day

Hertz is still unconscious.

Jim

That’s the first time I’ve slugged someone without getting a reaction!

Sophie

You have to give her mouth-to-mouth!

Jim

Yeah… Mouth-to-mouth! Of course!

The students try to stifle their laughs as Jim leans in, lips parted. Just before their lips touch, Hertz’s eyes snap open and Jim stops.

Hertz

Jim! You come even a hair closer and it’s the last thing you’ll ever do on this Earth! Understand?

Jim sits up.

Jim

Hey! I cured her!

##### Int. Lab – Day

Notepad sitting on the keyboard, Yumi types.

Yumi (to herself)

Now… Shift the energy of the lateral shields to the side under attack. The left one.

She stops typing when an error window pops up.

Yumi (to herself)

Oh, no, no. The other left one.

She finishes typing.

Yumi

Jeremie! What *are* these commands? Are you sure it’s gonna work?!

##### Ext. Antenna, Island – Day

Jeremie covers the phone’s receiver again.

Jeremie (quiet)

She’ll never make it on her own, Aelita.

Ulrich and Odd run up to them.

Ulrich

Jeremie, we’re all set. But we need Aelita!

While Jeremie talks, he nods at Aelita and she nods back. Ulrich, Odd and Aelita run off.

Jeremie

Yumi, the others are trying to get to the factory. Until then, you’d better get things prepared for going to Lyoko.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Yumi

Ok.

##### Ext. Campsite, Island – Day

Herb, Nicolas and Heidi open their eyes.

Jim

Feeling better? Well yeah, obviously. Well, you’ve all been through an awful shock.

Odd (off, shouting, fake dismayed)

Jim!

Jim

Alright. W-what’s the matter now?

Odd runs over and slides on his knees in front of Jim, begging.

Odd (fake dismayed)

Help me, Jim! It’s my dog! He’s in terrible danger!

Jim frowns.

##### Ext. Shore, Island – Day

Odd and Jim walk down to the shore.

Odd (fake dismayed)

Only you can help me save that poor, defenceless animal, Jim!

Jim (disapproving)

Ok, I heard you. Don’t overdo it now, Della Robbia.

Kiwi starts barking. Odd points towards the noise.

Odd (fake dismayed)

Look! Over there!

Kiwi is out on a dinghy in the middle of the lake, barking.

Jim (annoyed)

Huh? Oh, holy moly… How did that hound ever get into a mess like that?

Odd (fake dismayed)

He was playing in the canoe and…well, a wind came up and carried him away… Oh, Jim, save my Kiwi…

Jim walks towards a dinghy.

Jim

Well, ok. But you stay right here, understand?

Ulrich rows a dinghy out from behind a nearby willow tree and catches Odd’s eye. Odd smiles widely.

##### Ext. Lake – Day

Jim rows a dinghy out towards Kiwi. At the same time, Ulrich rows quickly in a different direction.

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

Yumi has set up a delayed virtualisation program.

Yumi steps into the scanner. It closes and she is scanned.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Yumi is virtualised. She lands not far from the tower and runs towards it.

##### Ext. Lake (Underwater) – Day

The camera shows the view from underneath the water. The shadows of Kiwi and Jim’s dinghies move towards one another. Kiwi is still barking.

Jim (coaxing)

Alright, doggie. Come to Uncle Jim…

The dinghies meet up.

##### Ext. Lake – Day

Jim reaches out for Kiwi but the dog moves away from his hands. Kiwi then jumps into the water.

Jim

Come here, I said! Ya hairy hound! Get over here!

Kiwi swims away from Jim, towards the dinghy Ulrich is rowing towards the opposite shore.

Jim (to himself)

But that’s…that’s that sneaky Ulrich Stern.

Ulrich rows as fast as he can. One foot in each dinghy, Jim waves his arms (and the oar).

Jim

Come back immediately, will ya!

The dinghies drift apart, splitting Jim’s stance. He drops the oar.

Jim

Stern, I’m responsible for-

Jim falls into the lake and makes a great splash.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Yumi stops on a ledge not far from the tower. The two Krabs are guarding it.

Yumi

Two on one.

She takes out her fans. The Krabs open fire and she cartwheels to the side to avoid the lasers before throwing both fans. They miss and return to her hands.

Yumi

Tough guys…

Yumi backs up a couple of steps and then runs over to the two monsters. She runs up one of their legs to get onto the head of one Krab and then takes out a fan. The other monster fires and she blocks the laser before throwing the fan and striking the Krab, destroying it. The resulting explosion pushes the Krab she’s standing on a few metres backwards and causes her to lose her balance. She’s bucked off and lands on the ground. The Krab shoots a laser and Yumi starts cartwheeling away. The Krab follows.

##### Ext. Lake (Underwater) – Day

One of the dinghies floats over to Jim.

##### Ext. Lake – Day

Jim climbs inside the dinghy. The water starts to bubble.

Jim

Stern! Come back here!

##### Ext. Lake (Underwater) – Day

The black ooze rises up from the lake bottom.

##### Ext. Lake – Day

The sludge reaches the surface just behind Ulrich’s dinghy. He spots it and cries out in fear. He paddles faster but the blackness slowly creeps up on him and surrounds the boat. A bolt of electricity arcs out of the darkened water and Ulrich screams.

##### Ext. Lakeside – Day

The dinghy keeps floating and bumps into the shore. Ulrich is unconscious, his arm dangling out of the dinghy.

##### Ext. Lake – Day

Jim holds up an oar, ready to fight as the ooze moves towards him.

Jim

Come ‘ere, you slimeball! You don’t scare me! I’ve got rubber-soled, NASA-issued astronaut space shoes!

As the sludge reaches the dinghy, electricity bursts from it and zaps Jim. Once it’s over, he falls down, arms dangling in the water.

Jim

It uh…smarted just a little…

##### Skid Hangar, Sector 5, Lyoko

The Scyphozoa continues draining the Skid’s shield.

##### Ext. Lakeside – Day

There’s some sort of orange cover inside Ulrich’s dinghy. Underneath it, Aelita raises her head and sits up, looking at Ulrich. He moans slightly but doesn’t move. Aelita smiles sadly at him and then looks over to where Sissi’s extra luggage has been left – including her bicycle.

Aelita

Let’s see how fast I can pedal!

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Yumi cartwheels behind the tower, the Krab not far behind her. They both stop and the Krab shoots a laser. Yumi starts cartwheeling again and throws a fan. It barely misses the Krab. The monster shoots again, hitting Yumi and sending her flying backwards into the tower.

##### Tower, Ice Sector, Lyoko

Yumi lands on her backside and shakes it off.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Yumi’s fan arcs around and slices through the Krab before entering the tower. The Krab explodes.

##### Tower, Ice Sector, Lyoko

Now standing up, Yumi catches her fan.

Yumi

There we go. Place needed a clean-up.

She briefly inspects her fingernails as she starts walking towards the tower exit. XANA-William walks up behind her, smirking, and she stops.

##### Ext. Shore, Island – Day

The black ooze makes its way to the shore and moves up and out of the water, creeping across the ground.

##### Ext. Antenna, Island – Day

Jeremie is sitting against a tree working on his laptop when Odd and Kiwi arrive.

Odd

I’ve got good news and bad news. The good news is that Aelita got through.

Jeremie

My good news is that I finally managed to get connected to the Supercomputer!

Odd

The bad news is that our black, muddy sludge monster is on the prowl…

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Yumi flies backwards out of the tower and lands on her backside, holding her injured torso. XANA-William walks out of the tower, creating a red ripple effect instead of a blue one. He summons his sword in a cloud of black smoke. Yumi takes out a fan and throws it – XANA-William blocks it with his sword and immediately runs in for an attack. Yumi flips out of the way as XANA-William smashes his sword into the ground. She spins out of the way of another attack and summons her fan to press it, closed, into his forehead. She pushes his head away and waves her fan around.

Yumi

You can never beat us, XANA. You hear?

Yumi opens her fan. XANA-William kicks her away. She stumbles backwards and jumps out of the way of another attack. She lands and throws her fan. XANA-William blocks it. The fan flies around wildly before returning to Yumi, slashing her hand when she attempts to catch it. She sadly shakes her injured hand until the blue crackling electricity goes away.

XANA-William jumps up and brings his sword down on Yumi. She flips out of the way. On the next swing, Yumi jumps behind XANA-William and gets low to the ground so she can kick him in the back, pushing him forwards and making him drop his sword. Yumi throws her fan and XANA-William uses Supersmoke to dodge it. In smoke form, he goes between Yumi’s legs, and then regains human form behind her so that they’re back-to-back. Before Yumi can turn around, XANA-William kicks her away. She lands on her backside again.

XANA-William quickly grabs his sword and runs over to Yumi, placing a foot on her chest and pushing her down to the ground before she can get up. He raises his sword, ready to attack.

Yumi (fearful)

No, William! You’re a Lyoko Warrior, you swore to it!

XANA-William freezes.

Flashback to William, Yumi, Aelita, Ulrich and Odd standing in the scanner room, a scene from “Final Round.”

Yumi (flashback)

You swear to keep our secret?

William (flashback)

I swear.

Jeremie (flashback, over speakers)

Good answer, William.

XANA-William’s sword clatters to the ground. XANA-William puts a hand to his head, looking down. He then starts crying out and waving his arms and body around as though fighting against some invisible enemy, before collapsing to his hands and knees. Yumi stands up and holds her hands out, cautious, backing away slowly.

##### Ext. Countryside – Day

Aelita cycles back along the road they took to get to the lake.

##### Ext. Campsite – Day

The students stand and watch as lightning repeatedly strikes the ground at the campsite. They cry out in fear.

Student (scared)

I wanna go home!

Some students run. Odd helps carry Hertz across the campsite. A tent beside them is struck by lightning and destroyed. The base of a tree in front of Odd is struck and it begins to fall towards him.

Odd (shouting)

Watch out!

He dives out of the way in time, bringing Hertz with him. Sissi also has to jump out of the way before the tree crashes to the ground. The students run in panic and Naomi starts crying.

##### Ext. Antenna – Day

Kiwi barks at the commotion at the campsite.

Jeremie (to himself)

Now if Aelita can just get there in time we can launch the program…!

##### Ext. Bridge – Day

Aelita cycles across the bridge and into the factory.

##### Int. Factory – Day

Aelita rides straight towards the ropes without stopping and grabs a rope, letting the bicycle fall to the ground below. She swings down.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

XANA-William trembles, eyes closed and breathing irregular.

Flashback to the scanner room scene from “Final Round.” William is now facing the scanner.

Yumi (flashback)

You can still change your mind, William.

William (flashback)

Are you kidding? Heh.

William gets in the scanner. The doors close.

XANA-William uncurls and looks up towards the sky, whimpering slightly.

In another flashback, the scanner opens to reveal William, leaning against the side of the cabin.

Odd (flashback)

Well, how do you feel, William?

William (flashback)

All ready to take on XANA and his monsters.

XANA-William leans forward again and clenches both fists. He continues to make sounds of struggle, and his face is twisted in suffering. He curls up on himself and puts both hands to his head. Yumi stops backing away.

##### Ext. Antenna – Day

Lightning strikes the top of the antenna. The electricity makes its way down the structure and into the ground. Some of it goes straight into Jeremie’s laptop. He stops typing and cries out. When the electricity disappears, the laptop’s keyboard is left smoking. Jeremie looks up at the antenna.

Jeremie

Why, of course!

Jeremie smiles at the antenna, scheming.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Aelita arrives at the lab and runs over to the computer. The Skid’s shields have just gone under thirty percent. There’s a chat window open as well, and she reads Jeremy’s message.

Aelita (to herself)

“The program’s almost complete. Is the Skid beyond hope?” No, not yet…!

Aelita starts typing.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

XANA-William’s struggling finally quiets and he looks at Yumi. Yumi looks deeply concerned for him and approaches.

Yumi

William…

She kneels in front of him.

Yumi

William, listen, it’s me, Yumi…

XANA-William keeps his head turned down towards the ground. Yumi looks away, then back again. The boy finally looks up at her in recognition.

Yumi

Oh, William…!

Yumi takes his hands and helps him to his feet. They stand there facing each other in silence. William looks sadly down at his sword. Yumi cautiously reaches out to touch his cheek, and her hand hovers hesitantly. William reaches his hand up to touch her wrist and after a moment, suddenly grabs hold. He smiles. Yumi flinches before she’s kicked away. XANA-William picks up his sword and smirks evilly at Yumi, who’s sitting on the ground.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Four activated tower windows open on the screen.

Aelita

Ok. It’s launched!

##### Forest Sector, Lyoko

A tower’s halo turns green.

##### Mountain Sector, Lyoko

A tower’s halo turns green.

##### Desert Sector, Lyoko

A tower’s halo turns green.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

A tower’s halo turns green.

##### Skid Hangar, Sector 5, Lyoko

The Skid’s shield starts to flicker a brighter green before dimming again. The Scyphozoa struggles, looking like it’s trying to pull away. When the shield glows bright green again, the Scyphozoa is thrown off it. There’s an explosion. Two of the Scyphozoa’s tentacles (still connected to its body, off screen) are seen landing on the platform next to the Skid. The red flow of energy drains from them before they flicker and the monster vanishes, defeated.

##### Int. Lab – Day

Aelita stops typing and leans back in the chair, hands behind her head.

Aelita

Well! We should feel proud of ourselves.

She leans forward and starts typing again.

Aelita

Our program is operational. Yumi!

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Yumi flips away from XANA-William and jumps over an ice rock.

Aelita

How are you doing?

Yumi

Aelita! At last!

XANA-William turns to smoke and goes straight underneath the rock, reappearing in front of Yumi on the other side. He swings his sword and Yumi evades it. It hits the rock and creates cracks in it.

Yumi

I can’t hold on much longer…

XANA-William swings his sword again. Yumi backflips out of the way and stops right on the edge of the platform, threatening to fall backwards into the Digital Sea. XANA-William starts walking towards her. Yumi holds out a hand as though trying to ward him off.

Aelita

Give me time to set up a delayed self-virtualisation and I’m there.

##### Ext. Campsite, Island – Day

Lightning strikes the campsite again and again. Odd, undeterred, continues helping Hertz walk across the clearing. The students scream and run around in panic. Jeremie has arrived to stand at the edge of the campsite. He waves everyone over to the woods, in the direction of the antenna.

Jeremie (shouting)

Ok, everybody, hurry it up! Run to the antenna over there, it’ll be our lightning rod!

The terrified students, still screaming, peek out from their hiding places around the tents. Herb has his head inside a tent and the rest of his body sticking out.

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

The delayed virtualisation timer counts down.

Aelita is scanned.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

XANA-William, smirking, prepares to hit Yumi off the edge, but he’s suddenly hit by an energy field. He falls off the edge himself.

Aelita

Just in time…

Aelita walks up to Yumi, who’s looking sadly over the edge.

Aelita

Is something wrong, Yumi?

Yumi closes her eyes and sighs before looking at Aelita, who’s smiling kindly at her.

Yumi

For a second there, the real William came back, Aelita.

Aelita

That means we’ll bring him home someday.

##### Ext. Antenna – Day

Lightning strikes the antenna over and over. Electricity runs down it and to the ground. All the students and Hertz are now gathered near the base of it, still screaming. Heidi and Naomi, and Sissi and Herb are clinging to each other. Julien and Paul are helping to support Hertz. Odd, Jeremie and Kiwi are the only ones who look relatively calm.

Jeremie (stressed)

The electrical discharges are getting more intense. Given the enormous rate of ionisation, against the dispersion factor on the ground, they’re going to reach a highly critical mass in… (checks watch) let’s see, just about…seven minutes!

Odd

Meaning?

Jeremie (stressed)

In seven minutes, everything on this island is gonna turn into one big barbeque.

Odd looks scared.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Yumi is devirtualised by an energy field. Aelita runs towards the tower.

##### Int. Scanner Room – Day

Yumi appears in the scanner, holding her abdomen. She quickly recovers and runs off.

##### Ext. Antenna – Day

The students are now huddled underneath the antenna as lightning continues to strike and the antenna constantly crackles with electricity. They keep screaming.

##### Ext. Lake – Day

The sky has turned dark. Lightning crackles in the clouds and the sky booms with thunder. Many of the bolts of lightning hit the middle of the island. One bolt hits the ground and spreads out across the water.

##### Ice Sector, Lyoko

Aelita runs inside the tower.

##### Ext. Antenna – Day

Odd and Jeremie cover their heads as they scream in fear. Kiwi howls.

##### Tower, Ice Sector, Lyoko

Aelita enters the code.

Aelita

Tower, deactivated.

##### Ext. Lake – Day

The clouds disperse, revealing a blue sky. Birds sing.

##### Ext. Antenna – Day

The students look up in surprise. Jeremie and Odd stand up.

Odd

Hey, Benjamin Franklin. You think Aelita’ll remember to program a return to the past?

##### Int. Lab – Day

Yumi is in the chair.

Aelita

Go on, Yumi.

Yumi hits a key.

Yumi

Return to the past, now.

Return to the past.

##### Ext. Lake – Day

Jim and Ulrich are both still unconscious in their dinghies. The white light washes over them.

##### Ext. Countryside – Day

The bus drives along the road.

##### Int. Bus – Day

Aelita

So, I regenerated the shield by activating several towers for a few seconds at a time. That’s what saved the Skid!

Ulrich

So *that’s* what you’ve been doing while we were gone? What a fun weekend.

Jeremie

Anyway…it’s effective, isn’t it? Obviously, it requires too much energy to be able to use it all of the time.

Odd

Hey! How come you’re so cool all of a sudden, Einstein? XANA attacks don’t scare you anymore?

Jeremie

They’re still scary. But since he never makes the same mistake a second time, and since Aelita and I have been working nonstop for all of this week…we’d like a little um…

Ulrich

Ok, we get the picture!

Odd giggles. Jeremie blushes at Aelita. Odd takes a bite of a biscuit.

Ulrich

Hey, what’d you do with Kiwi this time?

Odd

Well, let’s say that I found him somebody who learned what a dog’s life really means.

##### Ext. Park – Day

Yumi has Kiwi on a leash. He’s sniffing at a tree.

Yumi

Come on, Kiwi, hurry. I have to get to my exam!

Kiwi barks and keeps sniffing at the tree.