

# The Switch

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*This is a story about my friends and I switching places with the Code Lyoko characters. And, how we must try to stop X.A.N.A. from killing us and the Lyoko Team.*

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# 1 - Two Earths

## Two Earths

It was the day before Spring Break at Kadac Academy. All the students were filled with excitement and many were preparing to leave. All except Jeremy, Aelita, Yumi, Odd, and Ulrich.

Are you guys sure you want to stay? Jeremy asked Odd and Ulrich.

You don't have to, we can handle X.A.N.A. ourselves, Aelita added.

We're staying. It doesn't matter if Yumi will still be here. We can't take any chances with X.A.N.A. as strong as he is, Ulrich answered.

Besides, what fun will going home be if we're not with you guys, Odd commented.

Alright, as long as you guys are sure, Jeremy said.

Jeremy, were positive, Ulrich concluded as Yumi walked up to them.

You guys ready for the last class before break? Yumi asked excitedly.

Yep, Ulrich answered as he put his hand on her shoulder. Then, the bell rang and all the students rushed to class. The class seemed like an eternity for the students, but finally the bell ending the school day rang. All the students shouted in joy as they dashed out of their classes.

Alright, I'll see you guys later, Yumi said as she started walking home.

Bye, Aelita replied. Then the four students walked back to the dorms. Aelita went to her room while the three boys went to their rooms on the floor above. Odd and Ulrich walked up to their room to find Sissy standing there.

Ulrich, can I talk to you? she asked.

Sure, he answered as Odd went into their room without him.

Listen, I am staying here for the break and I was wondering if you wanted to go to a Subsonics Concert with me, she said. Meanwhile, Yumi was walking down a sidewalk when William stopped her.

Hey Yumi? I am staying in the city over break and I was wondering if you wanted to go see a movie with me? he asked blushing.

Uh, William, I don't know what to say, she answered him. Yet, while this all occurred, a tower activated in Lyoko and a satellite above the planet short-circuited. One of X.A.N.A.'s ghosts emerged from it. It started to fly out into space going faster and faster. It left the solar system in a matter of minutes and kept gaining speed. Suddenly, space started to stretch around the ghost until it ripped and an inter-dimensional rift was formed. The ghost traveled through the rift to another planet, another Earth. Then it flew into a satellite orbiting this other Earth and from there went down onto the planet. It emerged from a power outlet in a bowling alley located in northern New Jersey.

A group of teens were bowling together to celebrate the start of Spring Break. There were seven of them. Their names were Daniel, Andrew I. nicknamed Isola, Rhianna, Brittany, Andrew S. nicknamed Scarpelli, Colin, and Matt. Dan was up and was getting his bowling ball from the ball return. Isola was sitting next to Rhianna with his arm around her. Scarpelli was sitting next to them with Brittany's head on his shoulder. Colin was jumping on Scarpelli in his usual crazy self while Matt watched and laughed.

Andrew, Colin loves you! You should just except it, Britt told him.

He doesn't really love me. He is just being annoying! Scarpelli shouted. Dan's turn was up and he went to sit down.

Rhi, you're up, he said.

No! Really! she answered sarcastically. She got up and went, missing five of the pins.

Nice one Rhi! Dan teased.

Shut up! she snapped as she kicked him.

Ouch! That hurt! he answered her as he kicked her back. They started to get into a fight, but Matt stopped them.

Dan! You got served! teased Isola.

Shut up, he mumbled.

Seeing how idiotic these teens were, X.A.N.A. decided that these kids would be perfect for his plans. At least, that's what he thought. Back in Lyoko, X.A.N.A. executed his plan. The return to the past program appeared on the computer screen in the lab at the factory. X.A.N.A. launched it, but for him, it wasn't a return to the past. It was something much different. The warp spread and engulfed Kadac and the gang's world and spread. It spread through the inter-dimensional rift and headed for the other Earth. Then it engulfed that planet and the 7 teenagers.

Rhianna awoke on the floor of a room she had never seen before. She got up and looked around. The room seemed familiar to her in some way. Then she noticed her clothes. She was wearing a magenta-colored skirt and red boots. She started to panic. She ran to the mirror in the room and was shocked by her reflection.

I'm Aelita, she mumbled. Back on the other Earth, Aelita woke up sitting in a chair at the bowling alley. She was wearing all black and had long dirty-blond hair. There was a boy crying in a seat next to her.

Excuse me, what's the matter? asked Aelita. Her voice was familiar in the boy's head. Then, he remembered.

Aelita?! It's me! Sissy! she panicked.

## 2 - Different Lives

### Different Lives

Dan awoke on the ground to see Yumi from his favorite TV show staring at him. He got up and immediately backed away.

Who are you?! he panicked.

Dan? It's me, Britt. Listen, something happened and now I have a big forehead, she told him. He got up and looked around for a moment.

We're in their world, he mumbled.

Huh? she asked.

Britt, we're somehow in the world of the show, Code: Lyoko, he said.

But how can that be? she questioned.

I don't know, but somehow, the world from Code: Lyoko is real, he answered, And I bet if we're here everyone else must be here too. Come on, we have to find them. They started running towards the school. Meanwhile, Rhianna was having a panic attack.

No! Why do I have to be the uber-wuss! she shouted. Then, she realized that if she was there, then where was everyone else. She dashed out the door and went up to the second floor. As she rounded a corner she noticed Jeremy looking around as if he had no idea where he was.

Are you Jeremy? she asked as she approached him.

My name's Andrew, he replied.

Andrew! It's me, Rhi, she said to him as she hugged him. Then, they kissed for a moment.

Rhi, where are we? he asked.

Apparently, we're in a TV show, she answered, or something like that. They started down the hall and as they went around a corner, Rhianna noticed Sissy and Ulrich asleep on the ground.

I bet someone we know is in each of their bodies, she said as she slapped them both.

Ow! What was that for! shouted Scarpelli, Wait a minute, who are you?

Scarpelli!? It's us, Rhianna and Andrew, she informed him. Sissy stared at her hands and her clothes.

Who are you? Isola asked.

I'm Colin! he shouted. Rhianna burst out laughing.

Shut up! It's not funny! he yelled. Just then, the door in front of them opened and Odd walked out.

Okay, who are you? Rhianna asked.

I'm Matt, he answered.

Matt, it's us, Rhi, Isola, Scarpelli, and Colin, she said as she pointed to each one of them.

Colin's a girl! Matt laughed.

Hey! I just realized, I can look at myself naked! Colin announced.

You're so perverted, Scarpelli said to him. Colin shrugged.

Now we have to find Dan and Britt, Rhianna said as they started down the hall towards the stairs.

They better not be together, Scarpelli said angrily.

Andrew, shut up, Isola groaned. Dan and Brittany were standing in the school courtyard when a door opened from the dorm building. It was Rhianna and the others. Rhianna looked around and saw them.

Stay right there, you two! she shouted across the courtyard.

I know that voice, Brittany mumbled, Rhi?!

Yeah, it's me, she answered as they walked up to the two.

Is this everyone? Dan asked.

Yep, that s Isola, Scarpelli, Matt, and Colin, she explained as she pointed to who everyone was. Colin! You work that body! Britt said to him. Everyone giggled except Colin who just mumbled to himself and looked away.

So where are we? Scarpelli asked.

Apparently, we are in the world of the show Code: Lyoko, Dan explained.

Dan, do you think this place has existed all along and the show is a copy of it? Rhi asked.

I don t know, I guess&. he replied, Does anyone remember seeing a bright white light before they passed out?

No& most of them said.

I think I remember, Rhi announced.

It must most of been something related to the time warp program! said Dan.

Huh! said Isola confused.

Rhi, I think we should explain, Dan suggested.

Good idea, she agreed. They began to explain everything they knew about this world from the show they watch. Meanwhile, back on their Earth, Aelita began to wake the others up while Sissy kept crying. Wake up everyone! she said as she shook each of them.

Where am I? said a voice like Jeremy coming from Isola s body.

Jeremy?! It s me, Aelita, she said.

Yeah, it s me, he told her.

Jeremy, Aelita, it s me, Yumi, she said from Brittany s body.

I m Ulrich, he announced from Scarpelli s body.

I m William, he said from Dan s body.

And I m Odd, he announced from Matt s body.

Say, who s that crying over there? Ulrich questioned.

That s Sissy, Aelita replied. They all laughed.

Shut up! she wailed.

Where are we? And why are we in different bodies? Yumi asked.

I m not sure, but I think we re in a parallel world, Jeremy suggested.

So the time warp sent us here, Ulrich said.

Well, we re not in the past according to the time and date on this watch, Jeremy announced.

This must be one of X.A.N.A. s tricks, Odd suggested.

You re probably right, but we can t do anything from here, said Jeremy.

Does that mean that the people who are normally in these bodies are in ours? Aelita asked.

Probably, Jeremy answered.

Uh, what are you guys talking about? William asked curiously.

Yeah, added Sissy who stopped crying.

Let s explain, groaned Ulrich. They explained everything to William and Sissy, who eventually understood.

So a program from your super computer sent us here, said William.

And these people are in our bodies, Sissy added.

Yes, Jeremy said. A group of adults came up to them.

It s time to go, one said.

Who are these people? Odd whispered to Jeremy.

I think they re *our* parents, he whispered, Do you guys have cell phones?

One minute please, said Odd to the parents.

We do, they all said except for Sissy.

I don't, she announced.

Okay, everyone exchange numbers, Jeremy ordered, Sissy you take my number and when you get home, call me and I'll give you everyone's numbers so we can communicate.

Okay, she replied. Back in the Lyoko gang's world, Dan and Rhianna were finally getting the others to understand.

So you two think it could be the work of X.A.N.A.? questioned Matt.

Yes, Rhianna replied.

Let's check out Lyoko tomorrow morning, Dan suggested. They all nodded in agreement.

Where's the cafeteria? I'm starving, Matt asked.

Come on, let's all get some dinner, Rhianna said as she and Dan led them all to the cafeteria. On the other Earth, the Lyoko gang managed to find their *parents* and get to their homes. Aelita got to her house and a girl came up to her.

Rhi, Code: Lyoko is coming on, she told her.

Uh& who are you? Aelita asked.

It's me, your sister, Keri, she replied, Now, come on, Code: Lyoko is starting. Aelita began to watch the show and was shocked by what she saw. The show was about her and her friends. She watched the show in awe.

Rhi, are you okay? You're acting weird, Keri questioned.

Listen, can you keep a secret? she asked. Keri nodded.

I am Aelita, she mumbled.

Okay, sure you are, Keri said sarcastically.

It's true, ask me anything, Aelita tried to convince her.

Okay, how do you feel around Jeremy? Keri questioned.

Well, sometimes I feel like& like I don't fit in, in the real world, she said, But& but he makes me feel like I am a normal human being& like I am just& like& everyone else&

Okay, you're definitely Aelita. But how did you get here? Why are you in my sister's body? And are your friends here too? Keri asked excitedly.

It's hard to explain and yes, they're all here in each of your sister's friends' bodies, including Sissy and William, Aelita answered calmly, But you won't tell anyone right?

Oh, don't worry, I won't tell anyone& she assured Aelita.

Thanks, Aelita said as she got up to call Jeremy and left the room.

Except Catherine, Keri finished.

### 3 - Contact

#### Contact

Aelita woke up and looked around. The sun shined through the window and lit up the room. Banshee, one of the family's cats, was asleep next to her. Aelita petted the cat that made a small smile as it slept. Then, Aelita got up and opened the dresser to find something to wear.

All this black, she mumbled. She eventually found some pink clothes and put them on. Then, she put on some pink lipstick, blush, and pink eye shadow. After that, she made her bed and went downstairs, but no one was awake. So, she went upstairs into Keri's room. She nudged Keri until she woke up.

What are you doing? It's seven in the morning, Keri groaned.

Why isn't anyone awake? she asked.

We sleep in, Keri yawned, Whoa, you're definitely Aelita. You're wearing pink, my sister never wears pink&

Pink is my favorite color, Aelita said, but Keri already fell back to sleep. So, she went back into her room, closed the door, sat on the bed, and called Jeremy.

Jeremy was on a computer in the room he was staying in when the cell phone he had rang. He answered the phone.

Hello, he greeted.

Jeremy, it's me, she said.

Hi Aelita, he greeted her again.

What are you up to? she asked.

I am trying to contact the super computer. If the people that are in our bodies already know about Lyoko, they may go to the factory, he said.

Okay, she said.

I also want to try to get everyone together again, he told her.

Well, let me know if anything happens, she said as she hung up.

Back on the Lyoko gang's Earth, the 7 friends had already gotten up and were all in Jeremy's room.

Alright, we are going to go to the factory. But, we need to find Jeremy's Lyoko Notebook. So, everyone look around, Dan ordered. Everyone got up and started looking. Then, Brittany opened up a drawer in Jeremy's computer desk and found a book.

Is this it? she asked as she held it out in front of Dan and Rhianna. They looked inside and found many notes about virtualization and the computer's programs.

Yeah, this is it, Rhianna assured everyone.

Now we need the elevator password, Dan told the group, Let's try looking in Ulrich's diary. The group left Jeremy's room and went into Odd and Ulrich's room.

It was in the bottom drawer of his dresser, Rhianna said as she opened the drawer.

Here it is, she said as she held it out.

Look for it, Dan told her. She nodded and started looking through the diary's pages. After a few page turns she found it, The code is 97082&. Wow! I have to read this!

Okay, let's go, Dan said. The group exited the dorm building and walked into the park. Luckily, they found the sewage pipe and went down into the sewers.

There are not enough skateboards and scooters so we'll have to walk, Rhianna told them. They managed to find their way through the sewers and climb up the sewage pipe. Then, they walked across

the bridge and into the factory.

We have to slide down these chains to the elevator on the floor below, Dan explained as he pointed to the elevator on the lower level.

Okay, Colin said along with some of the others.

They one by one slid down the ropes and entered the elevator. Then they pressed the down button and the door closed. As the elevator traveled downward Rhianna opened the control box to reveal a keypad. Everyone watched as she entered the password, 9-7-0-8-2. Then, the elevator stopped and the doors opened to reveal a room with a strange computer and some kind of hologram screen. They stared at the room in awe, all except for Dan and Rhianna. Dan got in the computer chair and the others huddled around him.

Alright, let's run a super scan to check for any activated towers, Dan said as he flipped to the page about the super scanner and started typing. Rhianna nodded in agreement while the others looked at him puzzled. Then, the super scan screen appeared and started looking. After a few seconds it ended, not finding any activated towers.

Check one more time, Rhianna said. Dan nodded and started it up again. It scanned and after a few seconds an activated tower appeared.

Uh-oh, Dan said.

We have to go in, Dan said nervously.

We can do it, Rhianna said confidently.

Anyone want to go first? Dan asked.

I will, Matt volunteered.

Okay, take the elevator to the floor below, Dan directed him. Matt entered the elevator and went down a floor. He got out of the elevator and in front of him were the scanners.

Matt, you there? Dan asked over the intercom.

Yeah, I'm here, he replied.

Now, step into the open scanner, Dan directed him. Matt stepped inside.

Transfer Matt! Dan said as he hit the launch key and the scanner doors closed. The process began.

Scanner Matt! he said as Matt was identified by the computer, Virtualization! Matt entered Lyoko and arrived in the desert sector.

Did you make it? Dan asked nervously.

Yeah! This place is awesome! Matt assured him. Matt looked around and kept trying to fire his arrows.

Okay, Isola, I need you to send us there. Can you do that? Dan asked. Isola nodded.

Thanks, use the notes if you don't know what to do, Dan told him.

Anyone else wanna come? Rhianna asked the group.

Okay& they all said.

Andrew, send me, Dan, and Colin first. Then, send Brittany and Scarpelli, Rhianna said to him. The group went down to the scanner room and Rhianna, Dan, and Colin stepped into the scanners. Then, the doors closed. Andrew began the process, Transfer Rhi! Transfer Dan! Transfer Colin! then the scanning began, Scanner Rhi! Scanner Dan! Scanner Colin! , Virtualization! The three teens materialized in the desert sector.

Sweet! The computer gave me and Colin powers! Dan said excitedly. He took out two sets of three-piece nun chucks. Each piece was connected on one side to the other pieces. He started spinning the two pieces on each set of nun chucks. Then, as he jerked them, the top pieces spun off and flew out in front of him soon turning around and coming back where they attached back onto the third piece of each set.

Awesome! Rhianna said in awe.

I am in pink clothes! Colin shouted. He started to get mad and made fists. Then, long claws popped out



of his hands.

I like, he mumbled.

Okay, I am sending Scarpelli and Britt, Isola announced. The two stepped into the scanners and the doors closed.

Transfer Britt! Transfer Scarpelli! Scanner Britt! Scanner Scarpelli! Virtualization! Andrew said as he sent them to Lyoko. Brittany and Scarpelli appeared next to the group.

I like your outfit, Scarpelli told Brittany as he looked at her in Lyoko.

Thanks! she smiled.

Okay, time for a weapon lesson, Dan said, Matt, concentrate on your target when aiming and you should be able to fire your arrows. Britt, act like you re playing frisbie and concentrate on your target as well. And Andrew, just move around a lot and attack when you can. Your target on the monsters will be the strange symbol on their heads.

Would about me? Colin asked.

Pretty much do the same as Andrew, Dan told him.

You guys also have powers, Rhianna announced.

Like what? Matt asked excitedly.

Well, you have cat like abilities and a shield, Britt has meditation powers that allow her to pick up objects, and Andrew can split into three people, he can supersprint, and he can triangulate around monsters, she explained. Huh? said a puzzled Scarpelli. Rhianna sighed.

Okay, you just say Supersprint while running and you run really fast. You say Triangulate and you will run around a monster in a triangle and it s up to you to decide when to strike. Lastly, you say Triplicate to split into three people and to reverse the triplicate you say Fusion . Got it? she explained further.

Yeah, he answered still slightly confused. Rhianna just rolled her eyes.

Would about me and Danny? Colin asked.

We don t know what powers me and you have? Dan answered, We have to figure them out on our own.

Oh& okay, Colin shrugged.

Andrew, we need our vehicles, Dan said to the boy outside Lyoko.

Alright, he replied as he flipped to the page about the vehicles and started to type. The vehicles materialized in front of the teens.

Thanks, Rhianna said.

No prob, Isola replied.

Okay, Britt and Scarpelli can take the Overbike, Colin and I will take the Overboard, and you and Matt can take the Overwing, Dan said.

Sure, Rhianna agreed. They all got on and raced across the desert.

How come you guys can fly? Scarpelli whined as he drove the Overbike.

You can too, try to get it into the hover mode, Rhianna told him. He started to mess around with the controls and eventually got it to fly.

I see the tower, Dan pointed as he steered the Overboard with Colin holding on behind him.

Hey, Dan? Rhianna? There are these square shaped things around the tower, Isola told them.

Blocks, Rhianna announced.

Huh? Brittany asked.

They re monsters, Dan replied, Rhi, be creative with Aelita s powers.

No, really? she said sarcastically. Dan just rolled his eyes as they approached the monsters.

Back on the other Earth, the phone rang in Catherine s house. Catherine answered, Hello?

Catherine, it s Keri. Listen, you have to believe me. My sister has switched bodies with Aelita and your brother has switched bodies with William, Keri explained.

That would explain why he is acting weird, she said.

Anyway, you want to try to kill Aelita? It's our dream, Keri asked maniacally.

Sure! I'll be right over, Catherine said in an evil tone as she hung up.

Back on Lyoko, the monsters began to fire at the group of six. Then, a shot flew into the Overbike and it dematerialized. Brittany and Scarpelli fell to the ground flailing their arms. Scarpelli landed flat on his back and Brittany landed on her stomach on top of him.

Owwwww! That hurt! Scarpelli whined.

Sorry! Brittany smiled. All of a sudden, Andrew noticed something falling above them.

Look out! he yelled as he pushed Britany out of the way and rolled to his left. Matt and Rhianna landed where they did. Luckily, they were able to land on their feet.

Sorry, the Overwing got shot too, Matt said.

You guys okay? Colin asked from the Overboard as it landed next to them.

Yeah, Brittany assured him. Just then a shot flew towards Andrew, but he jumped out of the way.

Looks like we forgot about our friends, Rhianna said sarcastically.

Let's get 'em, Matt said. Dan and Colin flew ahead while the others ran after them. They avoided the shots and then as they got close, Dan took out his nun chucks, jumped off, spun them, and released the top pieces leaving Colin to steer the Overboard. But then, not knowing how to steer, Colin jumped off as the Overboard crashed into the tower.

The nun chucks flew towards the blocks, but missed and returned to Dan.

Darn it! he yelled. Brittany took out a fan and chucked it, but it landed right in front of her. She picked it up and chucked it again. This time it flew around her and hit her in the back.

Owwwww! she said as she rubbed her back. She picked it up again and chucked it. It flew around behind her, but this time she ducked and it flew straight into a block and killed it.

Yes! she cheered.

Nice one Britt! Rhianna told her.

Thanks! she smiled. Scarpelli and Colin ran towards the two remaining blocks. The blocks fired and one hit Andrew. He stumbled to the ground while Colin continued. He released his claws and jumped at a block, stabbing it. Matt ran towards the other block and shot it three times.

That was easy! Matt said confidently. Just then, two tarantulas walked out from behind the tower.

Brittany was walking up to Andrew when she noticed the tarantulas.

Uh-oh, she mumbled. One of the tarantulas noticed her and started firing at her.

Britt! Andrew yelled as he moved in front of her and the shots hit him. He fell to the ground and devirtualized.

Oh no you didn't! she yelled angrily. She dashed towards the tarantula dodging each shot. Then, she released a fan and killed it.

You go Britt! Rhianna cheered.

Thanks! she smiled as she turned around. But, the other tarantula shot her five times and she devirtualized.

Britt! Rhianna yelled. Dan immediately dashed towards the tarantula.

Eat this! Dan shouted as he released the nun chucks and killed the tarantula, Now Rhi! She nodded and dashed towards the tower. She ran inside and floated up to the top level.

Okay, the code is Lyoko, she mumbled as she entered the code. The tower deactivated and Isola, reading from an out-dated journal entry, launched the return to the past program. Rhianna noticed the warp starting.

Andrew, no! she yelled as she was engulfed. The others were engulfed as well including the other Earth. Jeremy realized he was in his own body back in the factory.

Huh? he said puzzled. But the process began again and they all switched bodies once more. Rhianna

returned to Aelita's body remembering seeing Keri and Catherine holding a knife up to her neck. What the heck are those two up to! she said to herself. She exited the tower to find the others outside. That was weird, Matt said. Yeah, Colin agreed. Strange, Isola put us back in our bodies, but now we're back here again, Dan mumbled. It must have been X.A.N.A., Rhianna announced, Andrew! You're not supposed to use the warp program! It makes X.A.N.A. stronger! Sorry! he smiled. Then, he devirtualized the teens. Meanwhile, Jeremy who was now back in Andrew's body, had discovered a way to contact the people they switched with. After a few clicks of the mouse, a window opened showing live video of the lab. The teens who now were in front of the computer screen noticed the window appear with Jeremy inside it. Jeremy? Rhianna said curiously. Yes, I am Jeremy, he said to them, Listen, I need you guys to help bring everything back to normal. Yeah, but how? Isola asked. I am not sure yet. But, it would help if I could get together with the others that are here, he said. No problem, just call up our friends, Liz, Kiera, and Lauren, Brittany said, They can get you guys together, just explain it all to them. Their numbers should be on your cell phone. Thanks! I'll come back later tonight at the computer in my room around five, he assured them as the window closed. Let's go back to the school, Scarpelli suggested and they all agreed.

## 4 - Who Do You Believe

### Who Do You Believe

So my real friends are in a parallel universe in you and your friends real bodies? Lauren asked.

Yep, and we need you, Kiera, and Elizabeth to help us meet at someone's house, he said.

Do you expect me to believe this? she said.

Trust me, it's not a joke. We really need your help, Jeremy told her.

Okay, I'll see what I can do, bye, she assured him as she hung up. Lauren called up Kiera and Elizabeth and they came up with an idea. Back on the parallel Earth, Lauren's friends were in the school cafeteria eating lunch.

That was awesome! Matt told the group between bites.

What is it like in Lyoko? Isola asked curiously.

It's so cool, all the monsters and fighting! I never want to leave this world! Rhianna answered excitedly. The others paused and just stared at her.

What! I have an obsession, leave me alone! she shouted. They stopped staring at her and continued eating.

I just want to get out of this body! Colin said to them. They all laughed except for Colin. After lunch, they decided to hang out in the dorms. They all sat in Jeremy's room, Rhianna, reading deep into Ulrich's diary, and Isola sat on the bed, Brittany and Scarpelli sat in a corner, Matt sat on the computer chair, Colin sat against the wardrobe, and Dan leaned against the door.

Rhi, do you have any respect for Ulrich's privacy, hmm? Dan questioned her.

Nope! she smiled.

Andrew, that was really sweet what you did for me, Brittany told him.

Oh, it was nothing, he blushed. She leaned in towards him and Dan looked away. Then, she kissed him on the cheek.

Awww! Matt laughed.

Shut up, Matt! Scarpelli yelled as he hit him with a pillow. They started a pillow fight and everyone joined in except for Rhianna who kept on reading. After a few minutes the superscanner alarm on Jeremy's computer started ringing. They all stopped when they heard the noise.

X.A.N.A.'s attacking! Rhianna said to them.

Quick, to the factory! Dan urged them. They left the school grounds and ran into the park. All of a sudden, a ghost flew out from behind a tree and grabbed Dan. He struggled and eventually broke free of the ghost's hold.

Go on! I can handle him! Dan hollered. They nodded and dashed towards the sewer pipe.

Give me your best shot, Dan mumbled to the ghost. The ghost charged at him and Dan jumped out of the way. But, by the time he turned around, the ghost grabbed him and pulled him into the bushes. The elevator door opened and the group walked into the lab. Isola typed a few things on the computer and found the location of the tower.

The towers in the mountains, Isola told them.

We're off, Scarpelli answered. They all went down to the scanner room and Scarpelli, Rhianna, and Brittany entered the scanners.

Transfer! Scanner! Virtualization! Isola said as he sent them to Lyoko. The scanner doors opened again and Matt and Colin entered them.

Transfer! Scanner! Virtualization! he said again as the two entered Lyoko. Matt and Colin materialized next to the other three.

Uh, Andrew! We need our vehicles! Rhianna reminded him.

Oh, right! Sorry! he said as he created the vehicles. They all got on except this time, Matt used the Overboard and Colin rode with Rhianna.

Where's the tower? Brittany asked.

It should be directly north of you, Isola answered.

Let's go, Matt said as they started to fly through the sector. They flew around a mountain and saw the tower ahead. It was on a floating plateau with rock platforms spinning around it. Beyond the spinning platforms was a pathway of rock platforms that hovered up and down. Then, there was a wide-open plateau with four crabs blocking the pathway.

Uh-oh, this isn't going to be easy, Rhianna said to them. The crabs began to fire, and shot Brittany and Scarpelli to the ground. Then, Rhianna and Colin were shot down. Matt headed straight for them, firing constantly. He hit one and killed it, but was shot down as well.

You're not getting me this time! Scarpelli yelled. He charged for them and dodged their shots. But, then one hit him and he fell to the ground. Brittany ran past him and unleashed her fans. One missed, but the other shot straight through the crab, killing it. Scarpelli got up and dashed for the two remaining crabs.

I said! You're NOT getting me this time! he yelled in anger. Then, he supersprinted toward them, not even knowing it, and threw his sword through the bottom of one crab. Colin finished off the last one by removing two of its legs, and then stabbing through the target on its head.

Yes! We did it! Brittany shouted.

Don't be so sure, Isola told them, More monsters are coming. Just then, a swarm of hornets flew towards the group and attacked.

Everyone get out of the way! Rhianna yelled as the shots flew towards them and they dashed away. Brittany released her fans as she dashed away, but they both missed. The hornets flew away, but turned around for another attack. Matt ran out into the middle of the plateau and aimed for the hornets.

Matt your crazy! Rhianna yelled. He did not pay attention to her. The hornets flew closer and began shooting a rain of shots down on the plateau and towards Matt. Matt began to fire rapidly and hit three hornets, but the others' shots rained down on him, beating him to the ground until he devirtualized. Just then, Dan entered the scanner room as Matt fell out of a scanner.

I am here, Isola, he said over the intercom.

Okay, I'll send you to Lyoko, he said as Dan stepped into the scanner and the doors closed. The process started and he went to Lyoko. He fell to the ground on the side of the plateau where Rhianna took cover.

Dan, you're here! We're being attacked by a swarm of hornets. I think there are five of them, she informed him. He did not say anything. He just ran out into the middle of the plateau. The hornets came at him and he jumped up into the air. Then, he released his nun chucks and sent them flying through four hornets. The last hornet, afraid of Dan, fled.

Nice one, Dan! Colin congratulated him. But Dan didn't answer, he just walked toward the pathway leading to the tower.

Is he sulking or something? Brittany asked.

Who knows, Scarpelli replied, Maybe something happened with the ghost he fought.

Hmm& maybe& Rhianna mumbled.

The elevator door opened in the laboratory and Dan walked out. His clothes were dirty and he was covered in bruises.

Dan? But& I thought you're in Lyoko? Isola said curiously.

You put the polymorphic ghost in Lyoko! he shouted.

Well, wait& how do I know you re not the polymorph? Isola questioned him.

Andrew! Put me in Lyoko now! Before the polymorph kills them! Dan yelled.

Okay, you re Dan. Go down to the scanner room and I will send you, Isola said. Dan went downstairs, entered a scanner, and went into Lyoko. The group was now working their way across the moving platform when Dan materialized at the beginning of the pathway. Colin turned around and noticed him.

Dan? But& there are two of you? Colin said confused.

That is a polymorph! Dan shouted, pointing at the clone leading the group. The polymorph turned around and looked at him.

He s lying! I am the real Dan! the polymorph shouted.

Even I am not completely sure, Isola announced.

That s it! I ll prove that I am the real Dan! he shouted as he dashed from platform to platform towards the polymorph. Dan got up to the polymorph and tried to hit him with his nun chucks, but the polymorph blocked with its own nun chucks. Dan jumped back.

Are you really going to believe this imposter?! the polymorph asked the group annoyed. Dan became enraged and started to glow, That s it! I&will&kill&you! Dan glowed a bright red and when it stopped he looked different. His clothes were black, his skin was grey, his eyes were blood red, and his nun chucks gave off an orange glow.

Prepare to die, he mumbled in a deep voice as if it was not really him.

Awesome! Rhianna shouted. Dan dashed towards the polymorph jumping from platform to platform. Then, he jumped high up into the air and when he fell he tried to hit the polymorph with his nun chucks, but the polymorph blocked. Dan took this chance and swung over the polymorph, then he kicked it in the back so hard it went flying into the air and landed on the plateau in front of the pathway. Dan dashed back to the plateau and was about to hit the polymorph that lay on the ground with his nun chucks, but the polymorph tripped him. The polymorph got up and hit him with its nun chucks.

Yeah! Dan s killing that evil black poly-thing! Colin shouted happily.

That evil black poly-thing is Dan! Rhianna shouted, The polymorph is the normal looking one!

No it s not! Colin shouted back. Rhianna rolled her eyes in annoyance. Suddenly, Dan grabbed the polymorph by the shirt and threw it behind him. Then, he got up, turned around, and whipped the polymorph with his nun chucks many times.

Now die, he said as he whipped it on its side and made it roll off the plateau and into the digital sea.

How can you kill him! Colin shouted as he dashed back to the plateau angrily. His claws popped out of his hands and suddenly he glowed a bright red as he jumped from the pathway onto the plateau. Then, he morphed into a strange shape and when he stopped glowing, he was a wolf. Colin ran towards Dan and jumped at him. But, Dan grabbed him by the neck and walked towards the edge of the plateau.

No! Brittany shouted as they all dashed back to the plateau.

Dan! Stop! Isola yelled. The others stopped in front of him.

My name isn t Dan, he said to them, And this girl needs to die!

Dan! Stop! We know you re in there! Rhianna shouted.

I am not Dan! he yelled.

Yes you are! she yelled angrily as she slapped him. Then, all of a sudden, he released Colin and fell to the ground unconscious. Colin returned to normal as he was released from Dan s grip. Dan glowed red again and when he stopped he looked normal.

Is he okay? Brittany asked.

I don t know, Rhianna replied.

His stats are normal, but he has very few lifepoints left from the battle, Isola informed them.

Colin, do you know what you did? Rhianna questioned him.

Yeah, but I don t know exactly how. I was just really angry and it happened.

Hmm&so now what? Brittany said curiously.

Yeah, what should we do? Scarpelli asked.

Rhi, you should deactivate the tower, Isola suggested.

Okay. Colin, you stay with Dan, Britt and Scarpelli come with me to deactivate the tower, she ordered.

Why do I have to stay! Colin whined.

Just do what I say, she ordered again. Colin mumbled something under his breath as the others walked back to the pathway.

Uh-oh! I am picking up tarantulas on my screen! Isola announced nervously.

How many? Scarpelli asked.

Three, he answered.

Rhianna, head towards the tower, Scarpelli told her. She nodded and walked over to the pathway, waiting for the right time to jump to the first moving platform. The tarantulas stood up and ran towards the group, firing as much as they could. The group blocked their shots and Colin dragged Dan behind a rock to hide.

Let s get them! Scarpelli ordered. Brittany and Scarpelli each ran towards one. Brittany blocked the shots coming at her, but then she was hit and fell to the ground. She took cover behind a boulder, but the tarantula kept trying to hit her. Scarpelli ran towards his tarantula, dodging every shot, and then triangulated around it. It shot at one of him. Then the second, but when it turned towards the third, Scarpelli immediately jumped and stabbed it.

Awesome! he said happily. Yet, the other tarantula took this chance and hit Scarpelli multiple times. The scanner doors opened and he fell out on the floor of the scanner room. Brittany started to panic, but then she realized she had mind powers. She concentrated on the rock in front of her and started to lift it. She concentrated harder and lifted it higher, then she moved it towards the tarantula. The tarantula hit her and the rock fell slightly, but she kept concentrating. She was hit again, but by this time the boulder was over the tarantula and she dropped it, crushing the tarantula. The last tarantula headed toward Brittany. She took out her fans and released them but missed. She slowly backed away and when she tried to make another step, she almost fell. She was at the edge of the plateau. The tarantula hit her again and she fell off the plateau, devirtualizing before she fell into the digital sea. The tarantula turned around and headed towards Colin and Dan who was still unconscious.

Dan, wake up! Colin yelled as he shook him. But, he did not move.

Colin, it s up to you, Isola told him, Try to turn into a wolf again&feel angry.

I ll try, he said. Colin concentrated on how he felt before. Then, he morphed into a wolf.

Yes! I did it! & Wait, I can talk as a wolf! Colin shouted excitedly.

That s great, now fight! Isola yelled. Colin ran towards the tarantula dodging each shot. But, when he jumped into the air, he was hit three times and devirtualized as he punched his claws through the tarantula s head. Rhianna got to the platform before the platforms that spun around the tower. She closed her eyes and concentrated.

Just like in the show, she mumbled. She opened her eyes as a platform came near her and jumped in the air spinning three times. She landed on the platform and immediately jumped, flipped four times, and then land on the plateau of the tower.

That was so cool! she shouted. But before she could enter the tower, the skitsazowa hovered out from behind it.

Uh-oh, she mumbled. The skitsazowa wrapped its tentacles around her body and started stealing her memory. On the other Earth, Aelita could not move and her eyes were wide open. Catherine and Keri noticed this, She is acting as if she is losing her memory! Keri shouted.

Let s watch! Catherine said excitedly, hoping she would die. Isola and the others in the factory started to panic.

Dan is our only hope and he is unconscious! Brittany worried.

The skitsazowa has stolen 25% of her memory! Isola announced, Dan! Wake up! Please! Wake! Up!



## 5 - Lost Soul

### Lost Soul

What are we going to do?! Brittany panicked.

There isn't anything we can do! Dan is the only one who can save Rhianna! Isola yelled, I can't lose her!

We have to wake him up, but how? Matt asked.

I have an idea! Scarpelli shouted, When someone goes into Lyoko, they become a computer program, right?

I think so, Isola answered.

So, restart Dan's program and maybe he will wake up! Scarpelli said.

I don't get it, Brittany announced. They did not bother to answer her.

I'll try it, he said as he pressed some buttons. Suddenly, Dan devirtualized and rematerialized in the air as if he was just put in Lyoko. He fell to the ground fully awake.

Whoa, what happened? he asked.

You were unconscious, everyone has devirtualized except Rhianna, and the skitsazowa has stolen 75% of her memory! Isola yelled at him.

Hey! Sorry! Dan apologized, I can't help it! I don't even remember what just happened!

Well, you switched personalities or something! But that doesn't matter! Rhianna is about to die! Isola yelled even louder.

All right! Dan yelled back angrily.

Get going! Isola yelled again.

ALL RIGHT!!! Dan yelled, raging with anger. Suddenly, he morphed again. He looked around and then noticed Rhianna.

My daughter& he mumbled. He ran towards the pathway and began to spin his nun chucks. A crab walked in front of the pathway and began to fire at him. This did not stop him though. He jumped up into the air, split the crab in two with his nun chucks, landed, and started across the pathway.

Hurry! Time is running out! Isola panicked.

Don't worry, I won't lose her, Dan replied.

95%

He jumped from platform to platform and was two platforms away from the platforms that circled the tower.

96%

He jumped to the next platform.

97%

He jumped to the platform that lay before the spinning platforms. One spinning platform came towards him and he jumped to it. Yet, he didn't jump far enough and just managed to grab the edge of the platform.

98%

Hurry! Isola yelled over the intercom as everyone became extremely tense. Dan lifted himself up onto the platform and stood up waiting for the platform to get close to the skitsazowa.

99%

The platform rounded the tower and moved towards the skitsazowa. Dan jumped high into the air

towards the skitsazowa and began to spin his nun chucks.

100%

Nooooo! Isola screamed into the microphone with all the air in his lungs. Everybody next to him was frozen solid with their mouths wide open.

She s not yours X.A.N.A.! Dan yelled as his nun chucks flew straight into the skitsazowa s head. The skitsazowa exploded and Rhianna fell to the ground. Her eyes were wide open and she breathed very softly. Tears ran down Isola s face and he buried his face in his hands. The others stared at the computer screen in disbelief. But, something started to happen on the computer screen. The program showing Rhianna s memory loss started to change. Isola looked up at it and read next to the bar showing how much memory she lost, 99.9% . Then, the number started to lower.

80%

70%

50% He looked at the screen in awe and started to smile.

Dan& he mumbled.

Andrew, we will save her, Brittany comforted.

Dan& Dan did it! he shouted.

What! Brittany shouted. The others looked at him shocked.

Look! Her memory is returning! He said as the program read 0% .

Yay! Brittany cheered. The others cheered with her. Rhianna got up in shock.

I& I m alive! she shouted.

Rhianna! Are you okay?! Isola asked sweating.

Yep! she smiled. He sighed in relief.

I m glad you are okay& Dan said to her, I almost didn t make it in time.

Well, what matters is that you saved me, she answered.

Hey, wait a minute, she said, Aren t you still not your normal self? Why aren t you evil and mean?

I am not evil and mean! And what are you talking about me not being my normal self? Dan snapped back at her.

You morphed or something! she yelled.

No I did not! he yelled back.

Oh yeah! Then is your name, Dan!?! she questioned him angrily.

Okay you two, stop, that s enough. Rhi, go deactivate the tower, Matt said over the intercom. Rhianna mumbled something under her breath and then ran into the tower.

Dan, I will devirtualize you now, Isola informed him as he started the process. The scanner doors opened and Dan walked out. This is not good. What about the kid who I possessed? Shouldn t I have stayed in Lyoko when he was devirtualized? I just wonder what happened to his mind, is it in Lyoko or is it in his body? He went up to he computer room and looked around. Then, he just stared at his hands and he finally realized that he was in the real world.

Dan? Are you okay? Colin asked noticing how weird he was acting.

Yeah, I& I m fine, he said.

Okay, Andrew, the tower is deactivated. You can devirtualize me now, Rhianna said through the computer speakers. Andrew pressed the return key and in a few minutes the elevator door opened and she walked into the room. Dan turned around and looked at her. Suddenly, a memory shot through his mind. See you in a minute, honey. See you in a minute, daddy.

Uh, Dan? Why are you looking at me like that? Rhianna asked uncomfortably.

Uh, no reason! he answered nervously.

Dan, remember, she is MY girlfriend, Isola reminded him.

I don t like her like that, he replied.

Alright, well guys, let's go back to the school. It's almost five o'clock and we have to meet Jeremy soon, Scarpelli told the group. They all left the factory and headed towards Kadac. Meanwhile, Catherine and Keri confronted Aelita who managed to escape them.

This time we got you! Keri shouted as she took a dart in her hand and prepared to throw it.

Please, stop! I just almost died and you are torturing me still! What will it take to make you stop?! she panicked.

Stop being such a wuss! Catherine said.

So you will stop if I am braver? Aelita asked.

Yes, Keri replied.

Alright, well, I can try, Aelita promised them. Suddenly, her cell phone rang.

Hello? she greeted.

It's Jeremy, three girls are coming to pick you up, he informed her.

Who are they? she asked.

Their names are Kiera, Lauren, and Liz. They are friends of the people we switched with. I was able to contact these people in our bodies this morning and they told me that Kiera, Lauren, and Liz can help us meet at someone's house. We are going to meet at the house I am staying at, he explained.

Okay, I'll see you soon. And when I get there, there is something I need to talk to you and everyone about, she said.

Okay, see ya, he said as he hung up.

What is going on? Keri questioned.

We are going to meet to try to figure out how to get back into our old bodies. Jeremy was able to contact your siblings' friends and we are going to try to fix this mess, she told them.

We're coming, Catherine commanded.

You can't come, she denied them.

If you don't let us come, we will tell our parents that you guys aren't who they think you are, Keri threatened.

Okay, you can come! Just don't tell! she said as she gave in to them. Just then, a car pulled into the driveway. Aelita, Catherine, and Keri walked out to the car to meet Lauren, Liz, and Kiera.

Do they know about this? Lauren asked.

Yes, they know everything. And they will tell unless they can come with us, Aelita explained.

Alright, fine. By the way, I am Lauren, this is Kiera, and this is Liz, Lauren said as she introduced everyone.

Hi, Liz greeted them.

Well, let's go! Everyone is waiting, Kiera urged them. They all got in the car and left for Isola's house. Back at Kadac, everybody was sitting around Jeremy's computer.

Okay, he should contact us soon, Scarpelli informed them as his watch read five o'clock.

We are gonna meet the people who are in our bodies! Rhianna said excitedly.

Rhianna, what is the big deal? Isola asked her.

These people are awesome and I am obsessed! she shouted.

Alright, whatever! Isola replied. Suddenly, a window opened on the computer screen showing Lauren, Kiera, Liz, Catherine, Keri, Jeremy, and everyone else.

Hello, Jeremy said to them.

Hi, Colin said back.

Keri and Catherine? Rhianna said astonished.

We know everything Rhi, Keri told her sister.

Figures, Rhianna mumbled.

How about we first all introduce ourselves so you guys and Lauren, Liz, Kiera, Catherine, and Keri know

who everyone is, Jeremy suggested, We will start.

I m Jeremy.

I m Aelita.

Odd s the name.

Ulrich.

Hi, I m Yumi.

I m William.

And I am& Sissy.

Okay, now you guys, said Liz.

I m Andrew, but just call me Isola.

I m Rhianna.

I am Brittany.

My name s Andrew as well, but just call me Scarpelli.

I m Matt.

I m Colin, unfortunately. Everyone looked at Dan who did not introduce himself.

Oh! Umm, I m Dave! I mean Dan! Dan! he said nervously.

Alright, that s it! You have been acting really weird and I want to know why! Rhianna demanded.

Yeah, what is wrong with you? You have been acting like this ever since you left Lyoko! Matt said curiously.

You guys have been in Lyoko? Jeremy asked astonished.

Yeah, we figured it out, Rhianna told him, We also deactivated two towers.

Remember, Jeremy? I told you there is a show about us in this world, Aelita said.

That s right! Jeremy answered her.

Guys! Focus! We need to find out what is wrong with Dan! Lauren reminded them.

You re right Lauren, Brittany said to her, So Dan, tell us what is wrong with you!

Alright, there is know use hiding my identity anymore, he said as he gave into the group, I am France Hopper.

## 6 - New Discoveries

### New Discoveries

You're you're France Hopper? Jeremy was barely able to ask.

Yes, I am also the spirit that has taken over your friend the past few times, he told the group he was with.

But why? Ulrich asked.

I did not originally plan to take him over. I have been trapped in Lyoko for years within the digital void. But, when you kids went into Lyoko and the computer created his powers, the computer took my data to create the powers, he explained.

So, is Dan with you? Colin questioned him.

I am not sure, France answered.

Hmm we need him in order to switch us back, Jeremy said, But, now we should be able to set you free, France.

I would love that, but it is more important that you switch back into your old bodies, France told them.

Are you sure? Jeremy wondered.

Positive, he answered.

X.A.N.A. obviously used a tower to do this, but the towers we deactivated didn't stop him, Rhianna announced.

This has happened before, Odd said.

Yes, I remember. The tower must be masked by X.A.N.A., Jeremy told them.

But how do we find it? Scarpelli asked.

I may have an idea where it is, France said, My data passes through Sector 5 every so often and I recently have felt some strange things going on there.

So, you think the tower may be there? Yumi asked.

Yes, and if you focus your super scanner on that area, you may find it, France replied.

Isola, try to run a superscan on Sector 5, Jeremy said.

Huh? Isola answered confused.

Umm, we haven't gone to Sector 5 yet, Rhianna told them.

Then, I'll do it from here, Jeremy announced as he started to type. Suddenly, a window opened on Isola's computer screen showing the super scanner. On the screen was a picture of Sector 5 and it started to be scanned. After a few seconds, an activated tower appeared.

Found it! Apparently, it is in the center of the sector, he announced.

Good, but before you get started planning, it may be a good idea to get your friend back in his body, France suggested.

Alright, if he is on Lyoko, we can use my mind synthesizer helmet to put his digital spirit back in his body, Jeremy told them, France, you should be sent back into Dan's programs on Lyoko.

France nodded.

Where's the helmet? Isola asked.

It should be under my computer desk, Jeremy directed him. Isola looked under the desk and found the helmet. He handed it to France.

Will this hurt my brother? Catherine asked.

It shouldn't, France said as he put the helmet on, Jeremy, you can start the process. I will meet you

kids again soon. Jeremy started typing and suddenly, France became unconscious.

Whoa, is he alive?! Lauren panicked.

Kind of, his body is like a zombie now, Jeremy explained, Now, to find Dan's digital soul.

Ooh! I like Danny like this! I could poke him! Catherine said excitedly.

Now, to find his digital spirit, Jeremy mumbled as he continued to type. A few minutes passed with no luck in finding Dan's soul.

I can't find it! Jeremy announced annoyed.

I have an idea. You could modify the super scanner to search for his memory in Sector 5, Aelita suggested, All data flows through there so you are bound to find it.

Alright, I'll try, Jeremy said as he began typing again. Sector 5 started to be scanned again, but this time, X.A.N.A. realized what was going on. Using his activated tower he sent a ghost towards Jeremy's dorm room. It slowly emerged from a power strip under Jeremy's computer desk and hid there, allowing X.A.N.A. to listen in on the kids' plans.

Found it! Jeremy shouted as the file containing Dan's digital soul appeared on his screen, I will upload it now. All of a sudden, Dan awoke to see his friends around him and Lauren, Catherine, Keri, Kiera, Elizabeth, and his friends' real bodies through a computer screen on the desk in front of him.

Whoa& what happened? Dan asked curiously, I remember feeling as if I was being controlled by someone and& saving Rhianna. But, once I was devirtualized& the rest is a blank.

Dan& France Hopper is a part of you when you are in Lyoko, Rhianna explained, When you devirtualized, you were still in Lyoko and France Hopper lived in your body. But now we put you back in your body and we put France back in Lyoko.

Are you serious? he asked stunned.

It's not a joke, Jeremy convinced him, But, while you were gone we were able to find the activated tower.

Where is it? Dan questioned curiously.

It's in Sector 5, Aelita replied.

Well, let's go deactivate it, Dan said.

We need a plan so that X.A.N.A. won't be able to harm anybody, Isola suggested.

Wait, Aelita said. Everyone looked at her wondering what she had to say.

I noticed something today. While Catherine and Keri were trying to hurt me, I started to lose my memory. But, the only way that can happen is with the skitsazowa, she explained.

Skitsazowa? Liz said confused.

It's a creature in Lyoko that can steal your memory, Yumi told her.

This is odd, Jeremy began to think, Did the skitsazowa attack you today?

Yes, it tried to steal Rhianna's memory, announced Scarpelli.

Uh-oh, that means we are somehow connected, Jeremy explained, What happens to one person happens to the person they're switched with.

Would that have something to do with why all of these bruises appeared on me today? William asked as he showed how bruised his arms were.

I was attacked by a ghost today and he beat me up pretty badly, Dan announced as he showed the bruises on his arms.

This really isn't good. X.A.N.A. could destroy all of us with this effect from the warp program! We have to deactivate this tower as soon as possible! Jeremy told them.

Do you think X.A.N.A. knows about this effect, Jeremy? Ulrich asked.

I hope not, or we are in big trouble, Jeremy answered. Yet, the ghost heard everything and began to move back into the power strip. Rhianna was sitting next to the computer desk in Jeremy's room and she felt something near her feet. She looked down and saw the ghost slowly entering the power strip.

You guys! One of X.A.N.A.'s ghosts is in here! she screamed. She got up and moved away from the desk immediately. Isola looked down under the desk and saw it quickly enter the power strip and disappear.

It escaped! Isola shouted.

This isn't good! X.A.N.A. heard everything! Now he will surely try to kill us! Jeremy panicked.

What do we do?! Colin asked nervously.

There is no time for planning now! You guys have to go to the factory and deactivate the tower before it's too late! Jeremy shouted.

Okay, let's go, Matt told everyone.

I will contact you guys at the factory, Jeremy said as the windows on the computers closed.

Do you think they can stop X.A.N.A.? Odd asked Jeremy.

I don't know, but right now they are the only hope we have of living, Jeremy replied.

So you're saying this could be the end for all of you? Lauren said nervously.

Unfortunately, yes, Yumi answered.

Isn't there anything else you can do? Kiera asked.

The only other thing we can do is wait and give as much help to them as we can from here, Jeremy told her. Lightning flashed, followed by a roll of thunder, and rain started to shower the grass outside below the window of the room.

We're doomed! Odd mumbled as he stared out the window. Dan, Colin, Matt, Brittany, Scarpelli, Rhianna, and Isola dashed through the park towards the factory. It started to rain there as well and eventually turned into a downpour.

Come on! We're almost there! Scarpelli shouted above the roar of the thunder. They raced across the bridge and into the dry building that was the factory.

It feels good to be out of the rain, Brittany commented as she stopped and pulled her fingers through her wet hair while the others ran past her.

Come on! Rhianna shouted as she grabbed Brittany's hand and chased after the others. They got in the elevator and went down to the computer room. Isola sat down in Jeremy's chair, which moved him over to the computer screen. Suddenly, a window opened on the screen showing Jeremy and the others once again.

You guys are quick, Jeremy commented, Are you ready?

Yep, you guys go down to the scanner room while I get the transfer programs ready, Isola said.

In a few minutes the group was in the scanner room ready to be transferred. Dan, Colin, and Matt went first.

Transfer! Scanner! Virtualization! Isola shouted as he sent them into Lyoko's ice sector. The remaining three entered the scanners.

Transfer Rhianna! Transfer Brittney! Transfer Scarpelli! Virtualization! he shouted as the three materialized and fell to the ground of the ice sector.

Your vehicles, Isola said as they appeared in front of the group.

You are getting better at this, Andrew, Rhianna commented. Isola sat back and smiled. Dan and Matt got on the Overboard, Rhianna and Colin got on the Overwing, and Brittney and Scarpelli got on the Overbike.

Let's go! Dan shouted as they flew towards the edge of Lyoko.

So, exactly where are we going? Colin asked.

We are going to the edge of this sector so we can go to Sector 5, Rhianna explained.

How much further? Matt asked.

Probably a couple minutes, Isola said over the intercom. Outside the factory, the wind began to pick up and the lightning was getting worse. All of a sudden, a bolt of lightning ripped through the clouds and hit

a telephone pole connected to the factory. The electricity spread into the factory's wiring and went towards the supercomputer. The shock hit the supercomputer and tripped a circuit-breaker causing it to shut down along with, Lyoko.

I think I see! Brittany said as she was cut off to Isola and his screen went blank, except for the window showing Jeremy and the others.

Huh! What happened! Jeremy! My screen went blank! Isola panicked.

That's not good! Lyoko is shutting down! If it shuts down fully, Sissy, William, Ulrich, Yumi, Odd, Aelita, and I will die along with your friends! You have to go downstairs to the room below the scanners! There you can restart Lyoko! Now, go! Jeremy ordered. Isola dashed out of his chair and into the elevator.

You're kidding! I don't wanna die! Sissy started crying.

You won't die, Sissy! As long as Isola makes it in time you will be fine! Ulrich tried to comfort her.

I hope he makes it in time, Kiera mumbled sadly. Back on Lyoko, the group just got to the edge of the sector.

Okay, Isola. Now you need to enter the code SCIPHO so the transporter will come, Dan said, but no one answered, Isola?

Andrew! Rhianna yelled.

This isn't good. What happened to him? Brittany asked.

I don't know, Rhianna answered. All of a sudden, Colin heard something behind him. He turned around and saw that parts of the sector were disappearing.

Guys, look! he pointed. They all turned around and looked in his direction. Whatever was happening was spreading towards them.

Get on your vehicles and go! Rhianna screamed. They dashed to their vehicles and got on. They took off just before the land they were on disappeared.

Hurry! Everyone go as fast as you can! Scarpelli yelled, It's catching up!

Dan! This is just like that episode with the nuclear battery! Rhianna told him.

I noticed! he answered. The group started to fly higher and higher above the disappearing ground. Although, Brittany and Scarpelli were slowly falling behind. Then, Brittany noticed that the Overbike was starting to disappear.

Guys, help! she screamed in panic as the Overbike disappeared and she and Scarpelli began to fall. Colin turned around and noticed what was happening.

Rhianna! Dan! Turn around! We have to help them! Colin shouted. Rhianna and Dan who noticed what was happening turned around and immediately headed back to help them. Brittany and Scarpelli were getting closer and closer to the ground, but then, the ground beneath them disappeared.

I don't wanna die! Brittany screamed.

Faster! Faster! Colin shouted.

We're going as fast as we can! Rhianna shouted back at him. They got closer to what was causing the ground to disappear and suddenly, the Overwing and the Overboard started to disappear.

It's too late! Jump! Dan shouted. Matt, Rhianna, Colin, and Dan jumped just as their vehicles disappeared and began to fall towards the digital sea.

What do we do! Rhianna screamed in horror.

Use Aelita's powers and create a platform! You can do it! Dan shouted.

I'll try! she said as she closed her eyes and began concentrating. She opened her mouth and began to sing. Suddenly, a platform materialized far below the group.

You did it! Matt cheered excitedly. Then, just as quickly as it was created, it disappeared.

No! It's all over! Dan panicked. In the factory, Isola opened the panel covering the power switch for Lyoko. Then, he grabbed the switch and pushed it down and then up. The computer restarted and the panel closed. Isola ran into the elevator and went back to the computer room.



Back on Lyoko, the group was in panic.

Brittany! !! I love you! Scarpelli shouted to her.

I love you too! she replied. Suddenly, the ground reappeared beneath them along with everything else that disappeared.

Huh! Yes! Rhianna cheered.

This is no time to cheer! We re still gonna turn into a bloody mass! Matt yelled.

Rhi! Use your powers! Brittany shouted, I have faith in you!

Okay! she replied as she closed her eyes and concentrated again. She kept concentrating and started to sing. A large column of ice emerged from the ground beneath them with a hole in the center.

Perfect! A slide! Dan shouted happily.

A slide? Scarpelli shouted confused.

You ll see, Rhianna told him. They fell through the hole into a vertical slide that slowly leveled off and ended at a hole in the bottom of the tower

Awsome! Scarpelli shouted excitedly as he slid down the tunnel.

Great idea, Rhianna! Dan commented.

No prob! she answered.

Yay! This is so fun! Brittany hollered.

Out of my way! Matt yelled as he passed Brittany and Colin.

No you don t! Colin mumbled as he blocked Matt.

Now boys, don t fight, Brittany said as she intervened.

Yeah, or we ll beat you up, Rhianna threatened.

Are you guys okay? Isola asked over the intercom as he sat down in Jeremy s computer chair.

Yeah, what happened? Dan answered.

Lightning tripped a circuit and shut off Lyoko, but I turned it back on, he explained.

Okay, can you have our vehicles waiting for us at the bottom of this slide? Rhianna suggested.

Sure, Isola answered as he redirected his microphone to Jeremy and the others.

Everyone s okay on Lyoko, Jeremy, Isola told him. Everyone in the room made a sigh of relief.

Okay, let us know when they get to Sector 5, Jeremy answered.

Got it, Isola assured him as he redirected his microphone back to Lyoko. The group continued down the slide and when it ended, Isola had their vehicles waiting for them.

Ya know, I am getting tired of sharing vehicles. Andrew, can t you make multiple copies of the vehicles or something? Rhianna complained.

Yeah, and can they be Overboards? Matt asked. Everyone mumbled Yeah in agreement.

Fine! Next time I will give everyone their own Overboard. Happy now? Isola answered the group in an annoyed tone.

Yay! Rhianna shouted, wishing she could give Isola a hug. The group got onto their vehicles and flew back to the edge of the sector.

Okay, Isola, there should be a code box on the screen to your right. Enter the code SCIPIO in it, Dan ordered.

Done, Isola said as he finished typing. In a few seconds, the transporter hovered up from below the cliff the group was standing on.

Whoa& Colin mumbled as the transporter engulfed the group and flew towards the center of Lyoko. It left the sector and flew into Sector 5. There it entered the Core Zone and landed on the elevator in the heart of the sector. Brittany, Scarpelli, Colin, Rhianna, Matt, and Dan were left on the elevator as the transporter flew away.

Whoa& I don t feel so good, Matt announced, feeling like he was going to throw up.

Odd always feels that way when he comes to Sector 5, Rhianna told him.

Great& he answered.

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### Sector 5

Okay Jeremy, they made it to Sector 5, Isola told him.

Good, let me know if they need anything, he answered.

Alright, Isola said as he switched his microphone back to Lyoko.

Okay guys, as soon as the elevator stops, a timer will start. We have to stop the timer before we run out of time. Isola, you need to warn us about how much time we have left. And also, start looking for the button to the timer, Rhianna explained.

Alright, I'll start searching now, Isola said. Suddenly, the elevator stopped and a door opened.

Go! Dan yelled as they ran through the door and the timer started. They ran down a hallway and into a wide open room full of floating platforms and what seemed like no floor below the platforms.

Four minutes.

Isola, did you find the button? Dan asked.

I think so, but, it's on the ceiling, Isola informed them. The group looked up and saw the button in the center of the ceiling. There was a platform about 50 feet below it.

I've got an idea. Britt and Matt, you come with me, Rhianna ordered, Everyone else hold off any monsters that attack.

Wait, what's your plan? Scarpelli asked.

There's no time to explain, let's move! Rhianna shouted. Suddenly, four creepers materialized and fell onto platforms.

Three Minutes.

Whoa& what are those? Colin asked nervously.

Creepers& attack! Dan yelled as he ran from platform to platform with his nun chucks spinning.

Scarpelli went for another creeper, and so did Colin. Rhianna led Brittany and Matt to a platform directly under the button.

Britt, use your powers to raise the platform up to the button, Rhianna ordered, Matt, you have to defend us.

From what? he asked as a shout flew from the last creepers mouth and almost hit him.

That!

Brittany started to raise the platform. Meanwhile, Dan charged toward the creeper and dodged each shot. But, when he was about to hit the creeper, it whipped him with its tail to another platform. Scarpelli ran towards his creeper and used triplicate. The creeper hit each of the false Scarpelli's and when he got to the creeper, it shot him in the stomach. Scarpelli landed a few platforms from the creeper.

Two Minutes.

These things are invincible! Colin yelled as he stopped running and blocked his creeper's shots with his claws.

Colin! We need to transform! Dan yelled.

I'll try! Colin said as he filled himself with anger. Suddenly, he transformed and ran towards his creeper. Then, he jumped up above it and dug his claws into the creeper's back. He landed on the next platform as the creeper exploded and returned to normal.

Brittany, got the platform halfway to the button. But, the creeper started to shoot at the platform.

He's too far away! I can't hit him! Matt yelled.

Let me try something, Rhianna said as she closed her eyes and started to sing. The platform under the fourth creeper disappeared and it fell into the digital void.

Now let s keep going! Rhianna urged.

One Minute.

Hurry, you guys are running out of time! Isola panicked.

I need to transform! France, please help me! Dan mumbled. Suddenly, he transformed, but this time, him and France both had control of his body.

Let me try something, France told him. Suddenly, Dan ran towards his creeper. He jumped and flipped over the creeper while cutting off its head and tail. He landed on the platform behind the creeper as it exploded.

Thanks France! Dan commented.

No problem, France said to him. Meanwhile, Scarpelli triplicated again and ran towards his creeper. The first two of him jumped towards the creeper. It shot one of him while the other was whipped down into the digital void. But, the third Scarpelli caught him of guard and shoved his sword down the creeper s throat. Brittany moved the platform three quarters of the way to the button, but she was running out of energy.

Thirty Seconds.

I can t get us any higher or we will fall! Brittany shouted as she concentrated.

Fifteen seconds left! Isola yelled. Everyone started to panic and looked at one another for an idea.

What do we do?! Colin shouted nervously.

Ten Seconds.

Matt! Shoot the button! France yelled.

Seven Seconds.

Matt aimed his arm towards the button and concentrated.

Five Seconds.

Matt! Shoot! Rhianna yelled at him.

He fired an arrow.

Three Seconds.

The arrow flew higher, towards the button that would stop the timer.

One Second.

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The arrow flew straight into the button and the timer stopped with half a second left.

You did it! Isola shouted happily.

Yes! Everyone shouted. Another door opened as Brittany lowered the platform she, Rhianna, and Matt were standing on. Rhianna, Brittany, and Matt joined the others who were waiting in front of the doorway. Rhianna happened to notice that Dan transformed, but was not evil.

Dan? Why aren't you evil right now? Rhianna asked.

France only took control of half of my body, so we are both in control, Dan explained.

He's right, a deeper voice spoke from his body who was France.

This is a little weird, Brittany said.

Come on you guys! You have to keep going! Isola urged them.

He's right, let's go, Matt agreed. They all ran through the doorway and came to a platform.

Now what? Scarpelli asked.

We wait until the transporter flies by and jump on, France explained.

I hear it! Get ready! Rhianna said. They all ran to the very edge of the platform. Suddenly, the transporter appeared and they jumped on as it flew past the platform. Suddenly, it stopped, changed direction, and kept going. Then, it stopped again and a door opened. They all ran through the doorway out onto a platform outside the Core Zone.

Awsome! Colin said in awe.

Isola, we need our vehicles and you need to find out how we get to this tower from Jeremy, Rhianna ordered.

Okay, let me find out where the tower is, Isola said as he switched intercoms, Jeremy, they need to know where the tower is.

How about I merge the two intercoms so we can all talk to each other, he suggested as he started typing.

Okay, Isola agreed. In a few seconds the intercoms were merged and Jeremy revealed the tower's location.

The tower is located at the origin of the four giant flows of data inside the Core, he explained, I will connect to Lyoko and open a data tunnel, but I am sure X.A.N.A. will attack with some flying mantis. So, Isola, give them vehicles to ward off the mantis.

What are flying mantis? Colin asked.

You'll see, just be careful, Rhianna replied.

Alright, here come the vehicles, Isola announced as six overboards appeared in front of the group. They each claimed an Overboard and took off around the Core. Suddenly, three nests appeared around the Core. In a matter of seconds they hatched and twelve mantis started to attack. One mantis followed each member of the group while the remaining six turned the Core Zone into a giant minefield.

Watch out for the flying mines! Dan yelled. He led his mantis toward a flow of data and turned away just in time to miss it, killing his mantis. But, another mantis got on his tail.

Scarpelli wasn't noticed what Dan did and decided to do the same thing. He flew towards a flow, avoiding the shots his mantis fired as best he could, but the mantis turned away before it got close to the flow. Brittany decided to lead her mantis toward Rhianna's mantis. Rhianna figured out the plan and

turned away from Brittany when she got close enough. The mantis fell right into the trap and crashed into each other. Yet, two more mantis followed them. Everyone was doing their best to try and kill the mantis, but they weren't able to use their weapons because they were too busy avoiding shots and mines.

Just then, two more nests of mantis hatched adding eight more flying mantis to the number of monsters. We can't get rid of them! When is a tunnel going to open? Matt asked.

Right now! Jeremy said as he pushed a button. A flow of energy stopped revealing a tunnel that disappeared inside the Core.

Hurry and fly in! Isola shouted. One by one the group accelerated away from their monsters and flew into the tunnel. Yet, the mantis still followed them.

Suddenly, a timer appeared on Isola and Jeremy's screens. It started a countdown from three minutes.

Huh! What is this! Jeremy shouted in confusion.

There is a timer in the tunnel? Isola asked puzzled.

There is? Dan and Rhianna said in unison.

We have never gone into these tunnels before, Yumi said.

Guys, get to the end of those tunnels as quick as possible! I have no idea what happens when this timer reaches zero! Jeremy shouted.

Got it! Rhianna answered, Let's go guys! The group accelerated even faster down the tunnel. Yet, the mantis were still hot on their tails and made it difficult to fly with lots of lazerfire.

Two minutes.

If you want to go faster, lay down on your boards! It will make you go faster and avoid shots better! Odd said into the intercom.

Wow, Odd, that's actually good advice! Ulrich congratulated him.

Hey! I try! Odd replied. The group took his advice and laid down on their boards. Yet, it did not lose the mantis.

Brittany, Dan, it may help you guys if you release your weapons, Yumi suggested.

Alright, Brittany answered. She and Dan released their weapons that raced back towards the mantis and killed two of them. Yet, before the fans and nun chucks could return, they were shot down by the remaining mantis.

Darn it! Dan shouted.

Forget the weapons! You have one minute left! Jeremy yelled in frustration.

Suddenly, a shot destroyed Colin's Overboard and he fell to the ground.

Colin! Brittany shouted. Everyone looked back to see the mantis pass Colin who was getting smaller and smaller in the distance.

Thirty seconds.

Let me handle this! France said to them. Dan turned around and flew towards Colin as fast as he could avoiding each shot from the mantis with perfect maneuvers. He flew past them and landed next to Colin.

One second.

You're out of time! Jeremy yelled.

This doesn't look good, Lauren said. All of a sudden, data started to fly through the tunnel, getting stronger and stronger as more time progressed. Colin got on Dan's Overboard and they raced back towards the group. They finally caught up with the mantis whose numbers were shrinking because they could not maneuver easily around the data. Colin and Dan flew past the mantis and finally caught up with the group.

Where's the end of this tunnel! Scarpelli shouted.

I see it on the map! It should come into view now! Isola told them.

I see it! Rhianna announced. The group flew past the streaming data and through an opening that led

to a giant room. In the room, stood a huge tower that sent out the data that traveled through the four tunnels. The group just made it into the room, before the tunnels were completely filled with data.

Wow, do you guys see this? Rhianna said in awe.

Only on the map, and we still can't believe it! Jeremy answered.

Welcome to The Core of Lyoko, France announced to everyone.

## 9 - Life Hangs By A Thread

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This is the largest tower I have ever seen! Dan said in shock.

Here, let me send you guys a visual, Rhianna said as a video appeared on both Jeremy and Isola's screens of the colossal tower.

Well, we have to deactivate this tower. Let's do it before X.A.N.A. attacks, Matt said to the others. But just then, a skitsazowa moved from behind the tower and came into view.

This is X.A.N.A.'s last defense? One skitsazowa? Scarpelli said in disbelief. Yet, another skitsazowa appeared from behind the tower. Followed by more and more.

Uh-oh, this is bad, Brittany said nervously. There must be ten of them.

And I don't think they are just after Rhianna, France added.

Attack! Scarpelli yelled as he and the others charged at the creatures. Scarpelli jumped into the air and stabbed a skitsazowa, but the others caught him and started to steal his memory.

Andrew! Brittany yelled. She ran to help him and threw her fans at the creature, but they both missed. Then, another skitsazowa grabbed her and started to steal her memory.

This is bad! Matt shouted. He fired at the other skitsazowa and killed them, but more and more skitsazowa appeared. They cornered the group and tried to grab them. Dan, Rhianna, Matt, and Colin killed as many skitsazowa as they could, but it was no use. One by one, the skitsazowa grabbed each one of them and started to steal their memory. But, Yumi, Odd, Ulrich, and Aelita's memories were being stolen as well.

This is awful! Jeremy panicked. They are going to die and there is nothing we can do! Just then, a ghost surfaced out of Isola's computer screen and flew into his mouth. He fell to the ground and started to choke, and so did Jeremy.

Oh my gosh! This is horrible! He's choking! Kiera yelled with tears in her eyes.

What do we do! Lauren panicked.

Our siblings are going to & to& . perish! Keri said to Catherine as she started to cry. Suddenly, a window opened on the computer showing France Hopper.

Girls? France said to them. The four ran to the computer screen.

What do we do, France? Catherine said sobbing.

I can stop the skitsazowas, but I don't know what will happen to me when I do. Promise me, that you will tell Aelita that I am her father, and I love her very much, France told them.

We will, Kiera promised.

Goodbye, France said as the window closed. Inside Lyoko, Dan suddenly split into two beings. One was France, and the other still trapped by the skitsazowa was Dan. Then, France closed his eyes and floated up into the air. Suddenly, exploded in a blinding white aurora that eradicated all of the skitsazowa. They all awoke and found that the skitsazowa were gone.

Guys, what just happened? Matt asked curiously.

There is no time for that! Lauren yelled. Jeremy and Isola are choking to death!

Rhi, you have to go deactivate the tower! Dan shouted. She started to run towards the tower. But suddenly, the ceiling of the room started to collapse.

Look out! Brittany yelled as she shoved Colin out of the way of a falling piece of debris. Everyone began to scramble away from the falling debris, but as each piece crashed to the ground, the ground



broke with it and fell into a bottomless void. Rhianna dashed towards the tower as fast as she could, but a piece of debris fell in front of her and cut off her path to the tower. Matt ran to help her. He grabbed her by the arm, twirled her around, then when he gained enough speed, he threw her across the chasm and onto the platform of the tower. Matt managed to make it back to the others who were slowly becoming trapped. All the platforms around the group were being destroyed by falling debris. Finally, they were all trapped on one small platform.

This is bad, Dan said. The group in Isola's bedroom became extremely nervous. If Dan and the others died, so did they.

Rhianna entered the tower.

Suddenly, a door on the side of the room opened and a flying mantis flew out of it. It immediately started to circle the group.

Rhianna walked to the center of the platform and began to float up to the top of the platform.

The flying mantis shot at the platform the group stood on and it began to crack. They all looked at each other nervously. They did not want to die. Jeremy and Isola collapsed on the ground unconscious, their lives almost over. Yumi, Odd, Ulrich, Aelita, Lauren, and the others waited frightfully.

Rhianna got to the top of the platform and entered the code: LYOKO. The tower's programs shut down and Jeremy and Isola woke up.

Launch a return to the past! Everyone is endangered still! Rhianna shouted to everyone in Isola's room. Jeremy got up and began typing the coordinates for the return to the past.

Just then, the platform holding up the six kids shattered, and screams of horror could be heard over the intercom.

Hurry, Jeremy! Odd shouted.

I am! This should undo everything! Jeremy said as he pressed the return key, Return to the past, now! Suddenly, a white aura engulfed the six kids and Rhianna. It spread out of Lyoko and engulfed Isola, Kadac Academy, and the two Earths.

It was the day before Spring Break at Kadac Academy. All the students were filled with excitement and many were preparing to leave.

They did it! Odd shouted happily.

Yes they did, who knew they had the potential! Jeremy replied.

Yeah! Well, you never know, we may need their help again someday! Aelita told them.

That may be true, but I think X.A.N.A. will have to really surprise us for that to happen! Ulrich said.

Enough about this! Let's go! Spring Break is tomorrow! Yumi cheered as she grabbed her friends and they walked to class.