# Ralph Goes Viral

#### The Infected Folder

Far beyond Earth, even farther out than the edge of the Milky Way, a tiny speck of dust emerges from the center of Andromeda. Well, it looks like a speck of dust from far away, but if you zoom in, you'll see the speck was actually a spaceship. The spaceship has no windows, and seems to move on it's own. But the really strange thing is that it's pixelated.

Suddenly, the ship started to shake and glow. It raced towards the Milky Way. It slows down when it nears the sun. Then it caught Earth's gravity and spins down to southeastern Texas. The ship caught on fire and it crash-landed at an elementary school.

In the computer lab, the last class exited the room for winter break. Now it's large and empty, the only things awake were computers. Computers can wake up on their own, that's true. But computer number 14 is especially hyper today.

The antivirus icon on the desktop had explosion sounds coming from it. Then BANG! A gunshot flies out from the icon and a cyber bug virus flew out. The gunshot is a miss. It flies right into a virus-infected folder!

The fired spaceship zooms into the computer lab. It crashes into a bunch of keyboards and screens. Then when the damaged parts of the ship stopped smoking, it got attracted to a strange magnetic field. The magnetic field is made from a headphone jack plug, and with a few milliseconds of electrical shock, the spaceship teleports through the wire.

In the computer's antivirus system, there was a whole new world! Not really a world. Everything has a bluish tint, and there's touch screens everywhere. There was a whole rack of fighting weapons. There were lots of elevators and teleports.

Then the broken spaceship comes out of the fifth teleport. Onboard are Ralph and Felix, best friend antivirus fighters. They walked out of the

spaceship. I would say it was pretty crowded in there. The spaceship is only five times bigger than both of them! Ralph didn't carry any weapons like Felix did. All he had are some fist guards, because he has giant fists. They're as big as his head!

"Hey everyone!" Ralph announced. "We came here to help you with that folder."

Felix scoffed. "A folder! Who would mess with a folder?"

"Hey!" Vanellope said. "It's not funny!"

"Sure is to me! A folder. Plus, who would ever need..." Felix didn't get to finish his sentence because right then, a humungous team of cyber bug viruses flew at top speed into the antivirus center!

"I guess they got mad of the gunshot going into that folder," Tafyta said, pulling out her blaster.

Ralph didn't need a blaster, or weapon of any kind. All Ralph had to do was smash the cyber bug viruses straight through with his fists!

### Ralph Goes Bad

Ralph and Felix had been antivirus fighters for 30 years. Felix was still enjoying his job, not bored of still shooting cyber bug viruses. But Ralph, on the other hand, was very irritated. He had over 100 reasons antivirus is bad, and never would tell them all. "You don't get anything from doing this stupid job!" he told the team angrily.

"We highly recommend not to go Turbo!" The head of the antivirus fighters demanded.

Ralph's angry look changed to slightly confused. "What's Turbo?" he asked.

"What?" Felix exclaimed. "You don't know what Turbo is? After 30 years! I'm SO not your friend anymore for..."

"Yeah, I actually do know what Turbo is!" Ralph lied. He walked to the side elevator and pressed the down button. "Turbo," he murmured. When Ralph reached the computer CPU ground level, he was in a rush. A big rush. Usually Ralph is really impatient. He ran as fast as he can just to get a book about Turbo.

He stopped running and almost crashed into the glass door of the library program. Unfortunately, it was closed. He yanked on the lock.

"The library is installing updates, so it's closed!" the librarian shouted. She had to shout because sound can't travel well through glass and wood walls. She quickly returned to her work, then asked, "What do you want?"

"I want a book," Ralph said, panting after a long run, "about Turbo."

"Turbo?" the librarian asked. "Are you going bad?"

"No! Of course not. I just want a book to..." Ralph stopped himself. He had an idea. He looked at his fists, then back at the locked door. He reached back, and smashed the glass. But he couldn't really fit himself through the smashed hole. Realizing that strategy was effective, he started to wreck the library!

Finally he found a book titled, "Turbo". But the librarian turns out to be very seriously injured after Ralph's bad deed. Ralph didn't care. At least he got what he wanted. He walked away, frantically flipping pages.

He quickly skimmed through the first few pages, and finally got to the definition of Turbo. It was an interesting article.

Back when the school computer lab was established in 1992, the principal ordered all computers to have antivirus software protection. Inside the computers, Turbo was once the greatest antivirus fighter of all time.

But when he got annoyed of fighting for only half a year, he teleported through the headphone jack plug and traveled to other computers with detected viruses. Turbo retrieved the viruses and wrecked the antivirus system.

Turbo joined the evil team and sent billions of cyber bug viruses into the hard drive. He also ordered his troops to kill all antivirus fighters!

After he died, new antivirus software was installed. The computer class teacher was having doubts about the first type of antivirus, so she downloaded Kaspersky antivirus, which was actually weaker.

The city of viruses (folders when they appear on the screen) was named after him, now Turbo City.

Ralph was impatient again. He rushed to the nearby cable-train station. Trains inside computers are basically transporters in power cable tracks. Ralph looked at the timetable by the station. In 15 minutes, the train would leave to computer number 23, where the virus villains live now.

Ralph is always like that. As soon as he reads or learns about something interesting, he urges to know about it. But after he knows all about it, he wants to experience it. And after that, he'll want to do it. Which is especially bad since he's in a computer lab in the school.

Before, about a year ago, Ralph saw a computer malfunction in the class. He went to the CPU ground level through the elevator and checked out a book about how computers break. Then he didn't fight antivirus that day, and wanted to experience the feeling of a breaking computer. Then he transported through the power cables and actually wrecked a whole computer with his fists in-between a computer lab lesson!

Ralph couldn't risk missing the train. He waits and reads more of the book. Just then the alert alarm blared out, "Train leaving to power surge for maintenance. Schedule for computer 23 delayed for 1 hour."

Ralph grunted. He decided to just walk to computer 23. But then he turned back to the train, currently departing. Then he thought. He ran back to the train and held on to the handrail, then jumped in.

Ralph sighed in relief. But he knew he could do more than wait at the power surge for an hour. He was about to hold up his humongous fists and smash the driver's GPS panel, but he hears a voice.

"Ralph!" Felix exclaimed. "You're here. Finally! I haven't heard a sound from you as soon as you went downstairs."

"I was going..." Ralph paused. He couldn't tell Felix about the Turbo book. So he continued, "to the...uh...oh yeah, I remember. The antivirus store. Private business. You can't come."

"No. Seriously, okay? I can tell you're lying." Felix assured. "Antivirus isn't private. You gotta have a team to fight."

"No, I'm gonna get some stuff to help us from Turbo City."

"Okay, your way of doing things is bad in the middle of a virus crisis. You went to the library, and now you're gonna go bad like Turbo? Nope."

"What's wrong about that?"

"Well, everyone who went to Turbo gets attracted to the 'cool' stuff there and the viral technology, but it's a trap. Whoever comes in comes out wearing a cyber bug virus suit shooting guns at us. You'll go bad, Ralph. It's our job to protect the computer!"

It was too late. The train already arrived at the power surge. Ralph ran up to the train conductor's control panel. The key was dangling on the hook on the roof.

Ralph leaned back and threw his whole body forward. His fists slammed down on the steering wheel. The train shook a bit.

The conductor was just about to get off for maintenance until he saw Ralph. "Hey!" he exclaimed. "What the heck are you doing?"

Ralph kept on hitting the train panel. BAM! BAM! DINGLE! The key fell off just in time. But why is he trying to get the key? He uses it to sneak out the door and locked Felix inside the train!

Everybody was looking for Ralph and Felix back at the antivirus center.

"Get them!" the head antivirus fighter demanded. "A viral wave's gonna come soon."

Vanellope suggested, "I'll check the GPS." She switched on the computer's Wi-Fi. But Ralph and Felix couldn't be found. Suddenly, the alert beep rang out. The GPS said Ralph was climbing on the power cable close to Turbo City!

Ralph eventually entered the Turbo station. But this place had hexagon-tiled floors and lightening strikes every once in a while. Most different, Turbo City was all black and green.

Ralph gazes around as he walks to the front office. Well, It wasn't really an office. It was sort of like a hexagon-shaped skyscraper. You can see a bunch of cyber bug virus suits inside through the windows.

"Ah, you must be Ralph!" a voice said. Ralph turned around to see a humungous cyber bug virus with an open windshield. There was just a completely normal person with weapons inside.

"I'm Turbo," he continued, "and me and my team infected the folder. You wanna join..."

Ralph gasped. "You're still alive? The book said..."

"Don't ever believe a stupid stinky old book!" Turbo showed Ralph a book as he talked, and then ripped it in half and shoved it in Ralph's face.

"All books about us are all lies! Nobody knows about what's going on here. You can't see viruses on screens, only the effects."

Turbo talked to Ralph more about how things go around in the viral world. Finally he let Ralph use his cyber bug virus robot suit for battle purposes.

At the edge of Turbo City, there was a virus factory. Black smoke came from the smokestacks. The black smoke is a waste product of making virus disks. All virus waste products get dumped into the infected folder.

Turbo and a tour guide showed him around the city.

"We don't just make cyber bug virus suits," the tour guide told Ralph. "The factory makes disks, or a whole set of viruses, and all you need to do is insert them in a drive!"

"So," Turbo asked, "you're liking it so far? How 'bout join us?"

"No! Tafyta said not to go Turbo. The head fighter did too!" Ralph insists. "I won't join you!"

"You don't mean it!" Turbo said as he grabs Ralph's shirt and talked to him face to face. "So I think it'll be more fun to kill you."

"Let go!" Ralph screamed as he jerks his body around. "Get off of me, you idiot!"

Turbo pointed out his blaster right at him. "Everyone who comes here has to be part of the army, be a leader, clean up toxic waste and die, or die right now directly!"

"Okay!" Ralph said weakly when Turbo starts to choke him. "I'll be a leader."

"Good," Turbo whispered evilly.

When Felix got home, he watched his favorite TV show on the Sci-Fi HD channel, How the Universe Works. Suddenly he hears a banging and hissing sound.

"Get prepared!" He alerted everyone. At the door, the banging grew louder, and the door slammed open. A humungous cyber bug virus emerged from an underground alcove. Vanellope and Tafyta both back up.

The windshield of the head virus swished open. It was Ralph! "Yes, I do know what Turbo is!" he said through clenched teeth. He held up his fists and smashed all the smaller unimportant antivirus probes. "You," Ralph used the cyber bug virus robot's legs to pinch Felix and grab him up, "are the first to die!"

"No!" Felix protested. "You couldn't have gone bad if you listened to me!"

### The Search For Ralph

Felix and Qbert have a secret meeting together in the performance control lab without Ralph.

"He would've killed me, but he didn't. Instead he let go," Felix told Qbert.

"Maybe he's not do bad," Qbert answered. "It's easier said than done!"

"Something could be up..." Felix said sneakishly. "There could be a secret reason only viruses can understand."

"I just think he didn't want to kill his friend."

"Well, there's only one way to find out." Felix walked out of the performance lab, making sure nobody's looking. He went with Qbert to the train station.

"How'd we know this is the right station?" Qbert asked. Felix realized he was right. So he got a metal detector from the trash can. Felix is very clever. He knew Ralph didn't come back carrying the key. And Ralph always loses anything small, probably because his hands are so big he didn't notice. "Aha!" Felix found the dropped key, and tells Qbert how Ralph dropped the key.

Right after the antivirus's meeting, the viruses also have another. But it was way more complicated.

"Him dead would be no use!" Ralph explained. "We should make him join."

"I agree!" Turbo replied. "Good thing you didn't smash his head. We could gain another soldier!"

"Next time, be sure to attack everyone but him," Calhoun said. "And her, you know..."

"The second her?" Ralph guessed.

"Yeah. Her. We could hire her too." Calhoun replied.

Turbo laughed. "Don't kill any of 'em! Just force them to be viruses so we can get more power."

ZOOM! Felix rode the train through the power cables to Turbo City at computer 23. The train went faster and faster. Then it suddenly electrocuted and stopped. But the virus's meetinghouse was just right next to the train teleport. Felix crashed into the secret meeting.

"It's Felix!" Turbo and the other viruses said. "Come on, join us!"

Felix hesitated, then said, "No." He was about to run away so Turbo yanked him back into the meetinghouse. "See?" he persuaded. "There's your good friend Ralph. You should join us!"

"No!" Felix got out his gun as he was saying that. "Ha-ha! You, Turbo, are gonna die!" BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! CLICK... CLICK...

Turbo almost laughed his head off! "You ran out of bullets!"

Felix grunted, and then took out another 50-bullet package. Ralph invented a type of armor that lasts 100 bullets a piece, so 500 bullets would only break five small sheets of metal. Felix frantically kept shooting, and Ralph just sat there, staring glumly at how dumb he thought Felix is.

It's only three days until winter break is over and the kids will go to the computer lab again.

"Ralph," Felix said, "hurry up! If you don't get back on the good side you'll infect the computer and they'll pull our plug!"

In the computer world, if a computer's plug is pulled, everyone left in the computer will die! Remember about a year ago when Ralph broke a computer? Everyone in it escaped to computer 23 before it became out of order. The virus villains lived there, and they became more powerful by threatening anyone in their way and forcing them to join!

"I don't care about computer 14's plug," Ralph replied. "I only care about this plug. We viruses are supposed to get other computers' plugs pulled by infection!"

Back at Turbo City, Ralph was carrying a trash can full of virus disks. After he dumped it out, he pulled the stop lever at the disk factory.

"Hey! Don't return to antivirus!" Calhoun reminded him. He went back and pulled the stop lever to its original position.

"But you know, I not gonna go back. I was just gonna mention that our disks shouldn't say 'virus' on it," Ralph said. He pulled out a Sharpie marker and wrote "antivirus" on it.

"Ralph, you're a genius!" Calhoun remarks.

Nobody at the antivirus center was still fighting. Everyone was finding computerized ways to make Ralph return.

He eventually did return. "Hey, here's an extra antivirus disk for you," he tricked Felix. "Bye." He slammed the door shut and tiptoed out.

"Okay, extra antivirus..." Felix murmured. He inserted the disk into the drive and then it explodes! BAM! BAM! WHSHOOM! Everything broke and shot out the ceiling in a bunch of firework-like ways.

Then bullets and toxic gas shot out in all directions. Unprotected parts of the CPU were blowing up. Everybody started to run, but it was too late. Spikes shot up from the floor and injured the fighters.

After a few seconds, the virus crushed everybody to the floor! Nobody was alive except the computer itself. Good thing that the computer has a backup. A backup disk drive resets the computer to its original state before a virus destroyed it.

But everyone knew without Ralph nothing would be the same again after winter break, when the students return to school.

#### War Is Declared

Felix woke up. The only thing he heard was, "Yaaaaargggg! Get them!" ZAPP! POW! ZHSOOM! The viruses weren't shooting blasters anymore, they were using lasers!

"What the..." Tafyta said, half asleep, unconscious of what was going on.

"Come on," Felix grabbed Tafyta and shook her until she was all awake. He continued, "Get your shields, just do it!"

Oh, I didn't mention there was a fake Ralph. The day before Ralph returned to computer 14, at midnight, he made a fake version of himself. Ralph was a pretty good artist, and he easily painted skin detail and hair just as if it were real!

He also had learned enough computer programming to make the fake Ralph a robot, programmed and included with recorded voices.

Everyone was shielding the random-ish laser beams. Suddenly they didn't seem so random anymore. The shooting suddenly stopped, then lasers aimed toward Felix. So before he got zapped at, he got a sword, the all-time-most-important super sword, and threw it outside the antivirus center. Suddenly shards of metal started to fall through the window.

"See that?" Felix said. He pointed to the window and the falling pieces. "Somebody's armor all fell off."

But soon there were pieces of electronics falling, and before anyone knew it a humungous robotic-shaped figure crashed down into the antivirus center's main room. Felix stopped trying to keep fighting. He had no idea a trick like this could waste a precious weapon.

"See?" Vanellope pointed out. "Think before you use a sword or anything." So Felix started thinking. He'd never had thought of such a great idea without Vanellope's advice-an idea to switch Ralph back to the good side of the war without killing anybody on the bad side!

#### Felix's Genius Plan

"Come on," Felix cheered up a bit. "I got an idea."

"You just got an idea to USE the sword, why would we listen to any more of your ideas?" Qbert demanded.

"Because, this one's great!"

Qbert groaned.

It wasn't long until everyone reached the inner mechanics of the computer. Unfortunately what Tafyta saw between the beginning of the library and the end of the hard drive were smashed books, fallen data sheets, and most shocking, an injured librarian lying on the chair she used

to sit in. "Ralph did this, he must have. Nobody has fists as strong as his!" Felix assumed.

"It'll be easy once we reach the hard drive over there," Vanellope said as she pointed to the tiny silver disk. "We can just reset the library files."

Felix was up to something more important. Nobody in the antivirus team knows about his plan. He quickly ran to the end of the library and saw a narrow beam connecting the base and the hard disk. If someone falls off the beam while walking, they'll end up on the carpet outside the computer and get stuck and eventually get stepped on by a human.

"You can come," Felix said to the other people that didn't follow him. "But NOT all at once. You'll fall."

At the other side, Qbert piped up, "Did you hear what he said? He said 'all at once'."

"Okay, let's run all at once!" Tafyta told everybody.

"No!" Felix shouted. "You totally misheard me. I said, 'NOT ALL AT ONCE'!" But it was too late. Felix accidentally fell off the beam into the outlands!

Everyone gasped. "I'm okay," Felix said through a headphone. All the other people were relieved. The headphone connects to the sound card and recorder, near the hard drive.

"I'll tell you what to do from here," Felix continued. "Do you see a narrow beam?"

"Yes," Obert said through the sound recorder.

"Very carefully, walk on it until you get to the hard drive," Felix instructed.

Qbert made it to the other base with ease. "I got to the end," Qbert said.

"Good. At the hard drive, do you see a rotating arm?"

"Yes," Qbert answered for the second time.

"Use the arm to pull data off the disk, don't make any mistakes!"

Both to Felix and Qbert, it seemed like a daunting task, but with Qbert's precise vision, he succeeded. "Great!" Felix remarked. "Now this is a bit challenging. Stop the disk from spinning by pressing the stop switch. Do not press the computer turn-off button! Only the disk stop switch."

Qbert did just as he was told. He carefully pressed the correct button of the two identical ones. "I did it!" he said.

"Last step: put the data you grabbed back into the-" Felix didn't get to finish his sentence, because a loud voice suddenly said, "Halt!"

Qbert was confused. He was doing just like Felix asked him to.

"Who goes there?!" A guard shouted as he dashed into the antivirus center. "You've taken Ralph's data off this hard drive. What're you trying to do?"

Qbert puzzled for a moment, then said, "I was doing what Felix told me. He told me to take off the data, shut off the hard drive, then put it back somewhere."

"Ah," the guard said slyly, "you were most likely putting Ralph's data back into the antivirus section so Ralph would be good again. Is that what you were doing?"

"I guess so," Qbert tried not to explain what was going on exactly.

"Well then, you will be arrested tomorrow for tampering with Ralph's data and killing the fake robot Ralph."

"I didn't destroy it with a sword, Felix did. There are shards of armor in the main room that you may want to see to make sure."

The guard shook his head. "So who is this...Felix? After all, I'm still the baddest virus villain in the computer lab-"

"Turbo?" Tafyta interrupted from behind. "You're still alive?" Turbo revealed his face after removing his guard helmet.

### **Escape From Turbo**

Qbert looked at Turbo, then back at the rest of the fighters. He paused. If you blink you could miss this moment. His legs moved back and forth so fast it generated lots of dust. Then Qbert, now taken over as head of the antivirus team, darted out of the hard drive compartment.

He ran so fast he didn't have to carefully balance himself on the beam. He snatched everyone's arms and pushed them forward. They, too, ran as fast as they could.

They weren't running because they were scared of the guard, Turbo. Qbert had a plan just like Felix. But suddenly he stopped running. "I forgot something," he murmured.

"There's no time to lose. Run!" Tafyta said urgently.

"Oh, I remember. I forgot to put Ralph's data back into the drive after I grabbed it on the arm," Qbert realized. He looked behind, and Turbo wasn't there. He hadn't chased the fighters because he was putting Ralph's data back...on the bad side!

## **Viruses Spread Easily**

Back at Turbo City, Calhoun and Ralph were working on a system to trick the antivirus fighters to fall for dangerous viruses. In the factory there were piles and piles of virus disks, all labeled "Super Pro Antivirus" instead.

Viruses hadn't spread easily lately. But Ralph's idea was just awesome! Ralph still has some antivirus encoding. Viruses can be compressed very small. His breath still has antivirus DNA, so if he blows small compressed viruses into the air, it'll only affect antivirus fighters.

"It says error on the screen," Ralph pointed out. Calhoun, Turbo, and Ralph gathered around a control console that compresses viruses so small they can be blown.

"It says the virus file is too big," Turbo read on the screen. "If the file's a bit smaller the trick could work."

Ralph paused. "Even if the file is small enough, when the students come they might breathe in viruses," Ralph said.

Calhoun and Turbo considered the consequences. The viruses could also corrupt the bad guys' own part of the hard drive as well as the good side's. "All right, let's try it anyway," Calhoun said. "We'll fix those problems later."

Over the next two days, Ralph is blowing hard on compressed viruses wrapped around a stick. Dangerous infections flew into the air and transmitted into wires. After there were enough viruses in the atmosphere, he stopped blowing and stored them in the factory.

This is the very first time Ralph ever entered the factory floor. As soon as he entered the heavy steel doors, disks shot straight at his face! "Ow, ow, ow!" Ralph exclaimed when the disks hit his cheek.

"Ralph!" A voice came from somewhere in the factory. Somebody was calling his name. "Ralph!" somebody called out again.

"Turbo! Did it work? Do you have any records of the viruses blown in the air?" Ralph called back. He ran up the stairs and jumped across a thin pipeline. He head up the ladder and raced past a few prizon cells. Nobody ever uses the cells, so Ralph had no idea why waste space for jails. But actually there was someone in a cell. Someone Ralph recognized very well. "Felix!" Ralph said when he reached a cell. "Oh, great getting caught and stuck in the jail, moron!"

"No, YOU moron!" Felix replied angrily.

"You totally misunderstand," Ralph explained. "What I've been doing is for a very good cause."

"What cause?!"

"Last time I visited I gave you an extra antivirus disk, now isn't that a good thing?"

"It wasn't antivirus, it blew up the antivirus center and crushed everyone to the floor! Plus, we wasted a backup on your moronic virus."

Ralph took out fist guards from his pocket. He leaned back and smashed through the jail cell! He shouts, "You made me so angry!!! I punched the librarian only because...uh...um...she wasn't letting me do a very important thing!"

"So you admit it," Felix proved. "You hurt the librarian to get a book about TURBO!" Just then, he turned around and ran out the factory.

### The Epic Battle, Clash of Clans

I should not have done that, Ralph thought. But who cares? I'll just kill Felix no matter if he's my friend or not.

Before long, a large crowd surrounded the Turbo City square. Everyone was shooting lasers and blasters. All virus villains got in their cyber-bug robots and started crushing people.

But one peculiar thing about the epic battle was the virus side was losing. Despite their cyber-bug strategy, the unarmored, weak equipped antivirus team was winning! Let's pretend everyone's in a fighting game. Antivirus would have powerful agility, high power, medium speed, and low

size. Bigger is better, right? Not necessarily. The viruses' cyber-bugs were enormous, 10 feet high, 17 feet long, and 9 feet wide.

Something really strange was that the air-blown compressed viruses were attacking their own team!

Felix had studied science before, and he made an important discovery: true antivirus and virus don't mix. That's why the strange thing is happening. When Felix entered the factory with the guard to be forced to go to jail, he transmitted enzymes. The enzymes are also antivirus encoded, and they spread to the virus side of the war.

The war was still developing fast. Every time Felix and his friends attacked a fort or building, the virus villains would fall for a trick. The bad guys got so tired of being beaten that they used Ralph's technique. Ralph and Turbo held out their fists, ready to smash anybody who gets in the way!

Of course, in a battle, like World War II, the good side always wins, right? That's what Vanellope and Tafyta had been hoping for. They had beaten many of the worst viruses, and so will they for the bad team.

Felix invented a technique called "shoot-n-go". The whole team would aim straight in front of them with a laser blaster. Then each of them shoots at the same time. After that everyone runs away to escape the other side's attacks. If they keep doing this over and over, their side will win!

"I need a new laser, now!" Felix shouted over the fighting noise.

"One blaster, coming right up," Tafyta responded. She always carries blasters with her. Also, she's the best aimer in the whole antivirus team, despite whether she's a girl. Felix saw a blue sparkle shoot a him. He caught it, and took a while to get used to the new laser.

"Now everyone," Felix called, "jump on top of that cyber-bug!"

"That one?" Vanellope pointed at the cyber-bug.

"Yes! That one! Now jump on and zap it with your laser!" Felix shouted as he jumped on top of the bug. Turbo was inside that cyber-bug suit. He got annoyed and repeatedly pressed buttons to yank Felix off. Until Vanellope zapped the windshield with her laser.

Just then, the head of the antivirus team came out holding the fake Ralph. It was fixed! He was programmed to hold up a white flag when it was turned on.

"What? They cheated!" Calhoun exclaimed. "We would never surrender; neither would Ralph."

### **Viruses Actually Depend on Antivirus**

"Okay, okay, freeze!" Qbert commanded when he stepped on the podium.

"No, you're not the boss!" Turbo shouted back. "Ralph is! He should be standing up there."

"Fine," Qbert replied. "Just let me say somethin'." Turbo folded his arms, and so did all the other virus-makers. He continued, "Viruses depend on antivirus, really. If you make too many viruses, the entire computer would explode!"

"Then we'll all die," Calhoun remarked.

"So," Felix took a turn at the podium, "we only have one day left until the kids come back to the computer lab. Now if you want to still make viruses like you used to, that's okay. But never take someone and force him/her to go to the bad side. You can also choose to join us, where everything won't be so dark. I don't know if you realized this before: if you join us, there'll be no more viruses to fight. That means you don't have to work so hard to make useless viruses!"

This time, Ralph actually came onto the podium. All the virus villains gasped, "You're going back?"

"Actually, yes," Ralph answered. "I agree with Felix and Qbert. You guys don't have to be bad viruses! And even if you infected that folder, there's really no point for destroying computers."

And so, just like that, the worst viruses of all time who almost won a war decided they could try out the other side. And with no more viruses to fight, Turbo City became the brand new Internet ISP, so the students have blazing fast Internet speeds while surfing.

Now that everything's complete for Ralph and Felix, they exited the antivirus program and ran out the headphone wire. They got into their almost-not-smoking-anymore spaceship, and blasted out the window of the school before the bell rang. And they flew back to Andromeda, with more viruses to clear up out of the universe.

To anyone who is adventurous enough to explore the inner regions of a virus-infected computer.