



32 x 15'

BUCK

FROM GAME TO REALITY





SYNOPSIS

For the insecure and nondescript Elias, teenage life is a minefield. He takes his mind off it by playing his favourite video game, in which digital hero Commander Buck always saves the day. When Elias plays, he forgets all about his two irritating older sisters, his busy single mom, the bully in his new school, the world...

Elias's room is his refuge, a place where nobody bothers him. Until one day... Commander Buck himself is standing next to Elias's bed. And from then on, everything changes!

In this coming-of-age story, we follow Elias's transformation into a confident adolescent, who dares to be who he wants to be: someone who stands up to the school bully, someone who doesn't just let people push in front of him in the checkout queue, someone who isn't too timid to reveal his feelings to the girl of his dreams...

This process is naturally one of trial and error. Sometimes painful, sometimes funny, but always real.



BUCK

32 episodes of 15 minutes

BUCK is primarily a dramedy for youngsters. In this 'coming-of-age' story, we follow the evolution of Elias from an insecure adolescent into a self-confident young man who dares to be himself.

BUCK is also an adventure series. It takes us to the planet Malmek, which is about to be attacked by the Karprians, unless someone can be found to stop them: a mission perfectly suited to the heroic Commander Buck.

BUCK is a 15-minute television series, based on the relationship between Elias and Commander Buck.

BUCK is a story that also takes place in a game.



PAUSE

CREDITS

LOGLINE: When a space commander from a video game turns up alive and kicking in the bedroom of a shy teenager, they turn to each other to survive in the real world.

KEY WORDS: 'Hooyah!' is the most important one. Some others: define, check, super, love, humor, gaming, game console, super hero, commander, bully, school, family, friendship.

GENRE: Dramedy, coming of age

TARGET AUDIENCE: 9-12

FORMAT: 32x15' (or 2 seasons of 16x15')

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MAIN CHARACTERS

ALERT

Elias (16) Bram Spooren

Elias – a 16-year-old boy who is suffering from the loss of his missing father – moves to a city suburb together with his mother and two older sisters: a new home, a new school, a new start... All of this change makes Elias feel insecure. The only time he feels at ease is when he is in his room, surrounded by everything that is dear to him: his father's F16 helmet, his radio telescope and his game console. He spends hours every day in the company of his digital best friend, the space adventurer Commander Buck. His lonesome existence is turned upside down, however, when no one less than his digital comrade Buck suddenly appears in the flesh.



Buck Robbert Vervloet 'Hooyah!'

In his own digital existence on the planet Malmek, heroic space adventurer Buck is afraid of nothing and nobody. Yelling his battle cry 'Hooyah!', he fearlessly sallies forth to fight the Karprians time after time. When Buck finds himself suddenly transported into reality, he realises that adapting to life on earth is going to be a far tougher mission. He will have to discover and get used to every aspect of life on earth: from the dangers of traffic to going to the toilet to the taste of chocolate spread. Things we take for granted are a mystery to Buck. Helping him to fit in gives Elias a new appreciation of our wonderful... and sometimes crazy... world and customs.



SUPPORTING CHARACTERS



Hanne (17)
Ina De Winne

'There's a first time for everything, eh!'

Hanne is Elias's sister and the live wire of the family. She gallivants through life and has a lot of friends. She is contagiously enthusiastic and can sometimes be over-impulsive, but she always means well. On the one hand, Hanne sympathises with her younger brother, she'll always be there for him. But on the other hand, she doesn't want him to be a burden or cramp her style.

Laura (22)
Tinne Roggeman

'OMG. This is just too much!'

Laura is Elias and Hanne's older sister. She is a stewardess with big dreams. She knows who she is and what she wants. She loves glamour and glitter. Via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, she follows the ups and downs of her friends, and is never slow to give them her frank opinion of an ill-advised hair style or their relationship status. Her big dream is to settle in New York. She therefore finds it hard to understand her ambitionless and withdrawn brother. For Laura, the sky is the limit.



Katrien (46)
Ini Massez

'Come on, guys... today, if possible.'

Katrien is Elias, Hanne and Laura's mother. She finds it hard to be a single parent, but somehow or other, she always manages to pull through. As an accident and emergency nurse, she is well used to dealing with crisis situations. Her job means she often has to work the night shift, and when the cat is away...

Mona (17)
Annabet Ampofo

'Can I think about it for a moment first?'

Mona, the family's dreamy neighbour, is Hanne's friend and classmate. She is an enchanting, entrancing girl who makes Elias's heart race. She always has good advice to give and she always manages to say the right thing at the right moment.



Stan (16)
Leonard Santos

'Man goes through life with his eyes closed.'

Stan is Elias's friend and classmate. Green blood flows through his veins. He is passionate about animals and nature, a passion that makes him a bit of an outsider. But Stan doesn't let that bother him. With his kit in a backpack, he roams the forest, sleeping in a tent and photographing birds in their natural habitat. And as far as he is concerned, he couldn't ask for anything better.

Dylan (18)
Nathan Gybels

'The name is Dylan... with the 'D' for 'Don't mess with Dylan!'

Dylan is the school's bad boy. He was held back a year through circumstances and is now in Elias's class. He is notorious for his ego. Everyone knows Dylan and wants to be his friend, rather than his enemy. He enjoys his newfound status, even though it is nothing more than a mask, behind which the real, insecure Dylan is hiding.



EPISODE SYNOPSSES



Episode 1

The Beijns family move into their new home. Elias, Laura and Hanne arrange their rooms. Elias catches a glimpse of the girl next door. During a heavy thunderstorm, Commander Buck suddenly steps out of Elias's video game.



Episode 2

First day of school: Elias meets his new friend Stan, Mona... and the bullies Dylan and Wolf. Buck explores the house. Elias discovers Buck hiding in his wardrobe.



Episode 5

Katrien takes Buck to the hospital for a general check-up. Elias is bullied at school.



Episode 6

Laura has bought some very expensive shoes. The computer game is no longer available in the games shop. Buck has disappeared from the game. Buck gets his own room: the attic.



Episode 3

Elias gets to know Buck. How can Buck get back to Malmek? Tech scout Jim is attacked by the Karpian. Hanne and mum Katrien hold a ladies' night, with a film.



Episode 4

Elias feigns illness so that he can spend the day with Buck. Buck takes his first bath. Katrien and Hanne meet Buck. Hanne learns that when you cover your books, you are also declaring your style.



Episode 7

Buck stays at home alone. He orders pizza. Elias wants to make a sketch of Mona. He needs to take a few preparatory photos. His attempts to do so are frustrated by Dylan's interference.



Episode 8

Buck is homesick for Malmek. Elias has sketched Mona. Dylan pesters Elias again. There is a mouse in Laura's room. Buck deals with it.

EPISODE SYNOPSSES



Episode 9

Buck has stained the carpet; Elias has a solution. Dylan comes to collect Mona; he has a surprise for her.



Episode 10

Elias tries to get into the game. Success! Hanne and Laura have registered their mom Katrien on a dating site. Katrien goes on a date.



Episode 13

Elias teaches Buck what bacteria are and gets vaccinated. Hanne and Laura do the laundry... using a little too much washing powder.



Episode 14

Hanne discovers the graffiti drawing of Mona. Her suspicions are aroused; she asks Dylan to draw her. Katrien allows Buck to accompany her to the supermarket. Tonight the family will be eating pizza... lots of pizza!



Episode 11

Using his friend Stan's drone, Elias discovers that his neighbour is putting his rubbish in their bin. Stan and Elias pick up the bin bag and drop it on their neighbour. Buck takes part in Hanne and Mona's dance game.



Episode 12

Buck sees Elias's mom naked in the shower. Elias explains the difference between men and women. Mona needs photo models. Elias turns out to be better suited than Laura.



Episode 15

Captain Igloo is dead. And that brings back memories of Elias's father. Laura and Hanne play the game The Game of Life for the last time. Unfortunately, Katrien plays along.



Episode 16

Hanne wins tickets for a dance festival. Elias proves that Malmek doesn't really exist. Buck tries to contact Jim. Can he still get back into the game?

EPISODE SYNOPSSES



Episode 17

It is time to elect the class president. Will it be Mona again? Buck does the housework. He sets to work strategically... and above all thoroughly!



Episode 18

Film afternoon. Mona comes over to watch a film, but unfortunately Dylan comes too. Elias finds this hard to bear and doesn't watch all of the film. Buck learns the meaning of the words 'in love.'



Episode 21

Elias is in love with Mona. Buck comes up with a brilliant plan to help him with this. Laura's plane had to make an emergency landing. She is so shaken that she no longer wants to be a flight attendant. She looks for another job.



Episode 22

Katrien invites her angry neighbour over for coffee to make peace. Buck goes to the school looking for Elias. He wants him to fight Dylan for Mona's love.



Episode 19

It is Laura's birthday and that is celebrated. But now Laura finds herself old. Buck is unhappy because he never has a birthday. Elias has a solution. Buck learns the meaning of 'an act of kindness' and 'throwing up.'



Episode 20

Buck has converted a quad bike into a spaceship. Unfortunately, his mission fails and he is home-sick. Elias has a solution. They make a rescue beacon. Hanne dyes her hair and goes swimming with Mona.



Episode 23

Heat wave. Hanne and Laura go to the local pool. Laura is mainly interested in the life-guards. Buck is determined to go along. And he is impressed by the height of the high-diving board.



Episode 24

Buck's 'slipping-on-a-banana-peel experiment' causes Laura to fall. She then makes good use of Buck's sense of guilt. Dylan has stolen the prism pistol. It is immediately confiscated by the math teacher.

EPISODE SYNOPSSES



Episode 25

Everything starts with the sweater Katrien is knitting for Elias. Buck takes everything people say literally. Katrien teaches him about 'a well-intentioned little white lie.' The alarm goes off at school. False alarm. But who set it off?



Episode 26

At school, Buck meets biology teacher Gitte Devrieze. Laura teaches Buck how to flirt with Gitte. Laura is on a detox diet, not the best plan when she has a job interview.



Episode 29

Buck discovers that Elias is doing Dylan's homework. Dylan is blackmailing him. Buck thinks that Elias has to stand up to Dylan. Laura has quit her job to focus on her singing career.



Episode 30

Big problem: Hanne's favourite breakfast cereal has been discontinued. A coded message appears on the game screen. Maybe the neighbour can help to decode it? After all, he is a math professor.



Episode 27

Buck has a date with Gitte. Hanne and Mona style him and coach him in the art of conversation. Elias has written Dylan's book report. Dylan is touched; he shows his sensitive side.



Episode 28

Elias and Stan quarrel. But their friendship is unique. Buck has to learn how to kiss; he wants to practise. Katrien offers to help. There are different levels of liking someone.



Episode 31

Two pollsters from a research bureau call at the house. Buck lets them in. Laura's suspicions are aroused. An emergency family meeting is called: Buck is in danger!

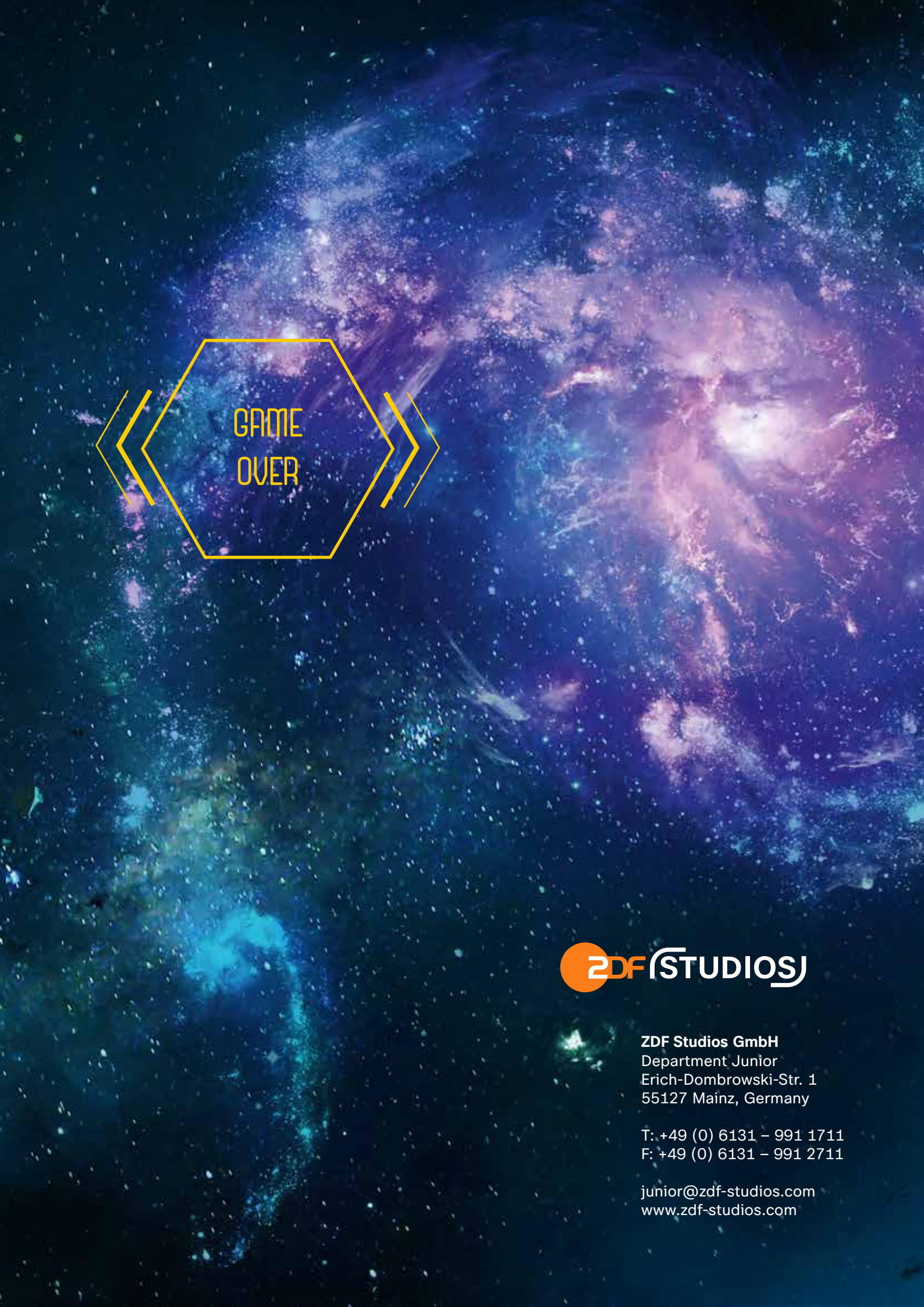


Episode 32

Buck and Elias play the final game. Dylan wants to prove to Mona that he is actually a decent person. He asks Elias to forgive him; he wants a second chance with Mona. A heavy thunderstorm breaks out...



SYSTEM
ERROR



GAME
OVER



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