

E15 - Lotus Challenge

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[00:03] ---

11 minutes have elapsed
since shuttle takeoff.

[00:06] ---

We're now 400 km up,
in the thermosphere.

[00:09] ---

Even a shuttle of this type
couldn't break 10 minutes.

[00:13] ---

But it's still 30 seconds faster
than last time.

[00:16] ---

Avalon, commence attack!

[00:19] ---

The first wave is coming.

[00:24] ---

1 minute 46 seconds to time limit.

[00:28] ---

I've confirmed a minefield
before the fortress.

[00:30] ---

This time we have mines
welcoming us, huh?

[00:34] ---

This is nothing!

[00:35] ---

Be careful, Karuna.

[00:42] ---

Homing mines!

[00:43] ---

I'll dodge them.

[00:50] ---

They have timed ones, too.

[00:52] ---

Captain.

[00:53] ---

We can't waste time. I'll lead.

[01:35] ---

This attack...

[01:39] ---

Impressive, Kyoya Kujo.

[01:42] ---

But that won't be enough

[01:45] ---

to destroy my fortress!

[01:54] ---

An I-field?

[01:56] ---

Time up.

[01:58] ---

Force Avalon, Lotus Challenge failed.

[02:04] ---

Darn it!

[03:39] ---

We failed yet again

[03:41] ---

to clear the Lotus Challenge.

[03:43] ---

No matter what we do, we never
have enough firepower or speed.

[03:48] ---

Using a large shuttle,
we can deploy 5 machines,

[03:52] ---

but that increases mass and delays
our arrival at the thermosphere.

[03:56] ---

Then again, if we reduce our force
and use a high-speed shuttle,

[03:59] ---

we can't break through enemy lines.

[04:02] ---

It's a no-win situation.

[04:04] ---

Plus, their anti-beam generators
and anti-air equipment are darn good.

[04:08] ---

We can only inflict damage with
super-close-range attacks.

[04:13] ---

Even the Rommel Team

failed seven times in a row.

[04:18] ---

Captain, I'd say it's hopeless.

[04:20] ---

Let's forget that mission.

[04:23] ---

No.

[04:24] ---

Administration would never approve
an unclearable mission.

[04:29] ---

There has to be a winning game plan.

[04:32] ---

You seem to be enjoying this, Captain.

[04:35] ---

Of course I am.

[04:36] ---

You take on challenging quests
and use ingenuity to beat them.

[04:41] ---

Nothing more boring than an easy game.

[04:45] ---

The force that conquers
my Lotus Fortress

[04:48] ---

shall receive GBN's largest reward
and the greatest honor.

[04:55] ---

The Lotus Challenge.
Why don't you give it a try?

[05:00] ---

"Lotus Challenge"

[05:08] ---

The Lotus Challenge?

[05:10] ---

Customers at the store
were talking about it.

[05:13] ---

Apparently, it's the hottest
challenge mission out there.

[05:16] ---

I heard a force called Lotus
is hosting it.

[05:20] ---

The reward is a whopping
30 million Build Coins!

[05:24] ---

30 million?!

[05:25] ---

- Wow!

- Wow!

[05:28] ---

We could buy a Force Nest
that's like a castle,

[05:31] ---

super rare costumes, and one of
those special pets I wanted.

[05:36] ---

I could borrow all the NPDs of famous
Gundam pilots from past series.

[05:41] ---

- The possibilities are endless!

- The possibilities are endless!

[05:44] ---

But a Diver, not administration,
is offering that much?

[05:49] ---

That mission must be pretty difficult.

[05:55] ---

- La Vie en...

- Rose?

[05:57] ---

It's a dock ship featured
in Mobile Suit Gundam ZZ.

[06:01] ---

They remodeled it as their Force Nest
and named it the Lotus Fortress.

[06:05] ---

It's also called the La Vie en Crab.

[06:08] ---

The Lotus Challenge calls for
conquering that fortress.

[06:12] ---

The Lotus Challenge!

[06:14] ---

The challenger force
will sortie from the surface.

[06:17] ---

The Lotus Fortress,
400 km up in the thermosphere,

[06:20] ---

is surrounded by anti-beam generators.

[06:23] ---

The objective is

to destroy its core unit.

[06:26] ---

You can start from any point
on GBN's planetary surface,

[06:31] ---

and ascend however you like.

[06:33] ---

However, you can't deploy
any more than 5 machines.

[06:36] ---

and the time limit is 15 minutes.

[06:40] ---

Does it look hard?

[06:42] ---

Unbelievably hard.

[06:44] ---

You can escape the atmosphere in GBN

[06:47] ---

using orbital elevators,
mass drivers,

[06:50] ---

laser propulsion, or spaceplanes.

[06:54] ---

But to reach the fortress,
then fight off enemies,

[06:58] ---

and destroy the core unit
within 15 minutes...

[07:01] ---

There's not nearly enough time.

[07:07] ---

This is a list of forces
that took on the Lotus Challenge.

[07:10] ---

Avalon has tried 5 times.

[07:13] ---

The champ's force?

[07:15] ---

How'd they do?

[07:16] ---

They got close to clearing it
but always ran out of time.

[07:20] ---

Even the Rommel Team
has failed in all of its 7 tries.

[07:24] ---

But they might keep doing it as

a reconnaissance in force.

[07:28] ---

Wait, not a single force
has cleared it so far.

[07:32] ---

Goes to show how hard it is.

[07:35] ---

That would explain
why the prize's so big, too.

[07:39] ---

But that's no reason to give up.

[07:43] ---

Miss Ayame!

[07:44] ---

I think it's worth

[07:45] ---

giving the Lotus Challenge a shot.

[07:49] ---

Worth giving it a shot...

[07:52] ---

You're right.

[07:53] ---

This extremely difficult mission...

[07:56] ---

It might be perfect for testing
the performance of Riku's new Gunpla.

[08:02] ---

I want to test out
the improvements I've made, too.

[08:07] ---

It has a new color.

[08:09] ---

So you improved your Zeromaru.

[08:11] ---

Yes. It means a fresh start...

[08:13] ---

because now I can
greet you all again.

[08:19] ---

Wow...

[08:21] ---

You used the latest KPS
for each joint.

[08:25] ---

The nozzles are now metal, too.

[08:27] ---

And when you repainted it,

[08:29] ---

you redid the surface treatment
and gave it sharper edges.

[08:34] ---

This is really painstaking work.

[08:37] ---

I think this Gunpla
will have incredible performance.

[08:42] ---

Thank you so much.

[08:44] ---

That's why I want to
try it in the Lotus Challenge.

[08:51] ---

Alright, let's do it, guys.

[08:54] ---

If we work together,

[08:57] ---

we'll definitely get good results.

[08:59] ---

Yeah, let's do it, Riku.

[09:01] ---

We might get 30 million!

[09:04] ---

Well?

[09:08] ---

Alright.

[09:10] ---

But let's give it our best, OK?

[09:13] ---

- Yeah!

- Yeah!

[09:15] ---

Ayame and I will research
the quickest route to the fortress.

[09:20] ---

We'll choose a shuttle, too.

[09:23] ---

I'll enhance my weaponry
to capture the fortress.

[09:27] ---

I'll enhance the 00 Sky and...

[09:31] ---

Why fitness exercise?

[09:33] ---

It's necessary.

[09:35] ---

After talking to everyone,
I learned once again...

[09:40] ---

Stick to the basics
and polish thyself.

[09:43] ---

Continue to polish your Gunpla.

[09:46] ---

Analyze the situation,

[09:48] ---

and thoroughly prepare in advance.

[09:51] ---

That is the path to victory.

[09:52] ---

So this is important too.

[09:55] ---

I see.

[09:56] ---

Then should we do
some secret crash training, huh?

[10:00] ---

What?

[10:13] ---

So, did you hear?

[10:15] ---

Riku's force signed up
for the Lotus Challenge.

[10:19] ---

The impregnable fortress?

[10:21] ---

That's reckless.

[10:23] ---

But aren't you curious?

[10:25] ---

To see how much
Build Divers has grown.

[10:29] ---

Riku's new machine...

[10:31] ---

This will be its grand debut.

[10:34] ---

Interesting.

[10:36] ---

The star of the Coalition of
Volunteers will take on Lord Lotus.

[10:48] ---

I'll be watching closely...

[10:50] ---

Build Divers.

[10:56] ---

Let me explain the strategy
Ayame and I came up with.

[11:00] ---

First, we think the best way
to escape the atmosphere

[11:04] ---

is to put a booster on the shuttle
and use mass driver acceleration.

[11:08] ---

But due to weight restrictions,
we can only load 3 Gunpla.

[11:14] ---

Based on fighting strength,

[11:16] ---

we'll send Riku's, Yukki's,
and Ayame's machines.

[11:22] ---

And Sarah and me?

[11:24] ---

Momo, you'll pilot
the shuttle with me.

[11:27] ---

Sarah, I want you to ride
the 00 Sky with Riku.

[11:31] ---

- Yes.
- Roger!

[11:33] ---

There are three key elements.

[11:35] ---

Shuttle speed.

[11:36] ---

Tactics to defeat the enemy machines.

[11:39] ---

And firepower to
destroy the fortress.

[11:42] ---

The name of the operation
is "Three Arrows."

[11:44] ---

Let's conquer the Lotus Fortress
with the arrows we'll forge together.

[11:49] ---

- Yeah!

- Yeah!

[11:50] ---

You just wait, 00 Sky.

[11:53] ---

This mission is
going to be our first battle.

[12:00] ---

The Lotus Challenge,
hosted by Force Lotus,

[12:04] ---

will begin shortly.

[12:07] ---

Our challenger this time
is Force Build Divers.

[12:11] ---

Good luck, guys.

[12:13] ---

Couldn't help but come, huh?

[12:16] ---

Same to you.

[12:17] ---

As expected, they're using
the mass driver in Gibraltar.

[12:21] ---

It's the same tactic we employed.

[12:24] ---

But will it work?

[12:30] ---

Lotus Challenge starts in 15 seconds.

[12:34] ---

Is everyone ready?

[12:36] ---

- Yes.

- Yes.

[12:38] ---

7...6...

[12:40] ---

5...4...

[12:43] ---

3...2...

[12:45] ---

1...

[12:46] ---

Takeoff!

[13:06] ---

Their ascent speed
is far greater than I expected.

[13:11] ---

How is this possible?

[13:13] ---

I see.

[13:15] ---

That shuttle is...

[13:21] ---

Captain, we're almost 8 minutes
into Build Divers' challenge.

[13:26] ---

In about 3 minutes...

[13:27] ---

No, they're already here.

[13:29] ---

Huh?

[13:31] ---

Wh-What?

[13:39] ---

They reached the altitude of 400 km
in just 8 minutes.

[13:44] ---

It's not a data shuttle
provided by GBN.

[13:48] ---

They built it themselves?

[13:50] ---

Something that huge?

[13:56] ---

Well done, Koichi!

[13:58] ---

Not bad, K-1.

[14:00] ---

This is our first arrow.

[14:02] ---

All machines, sortie!

[14:03] ---

Go get 'em!

[14:05] ---

- Roger!

- Roger!

[14:08] ---

The first battle for
Riku's new machine.

[14:16] ---

Minefield ahead.

[14:18] ---

I got this.

[14:20] ---

This is our second arrow.

[14:21] ---

Go!

[14:29] ---

It's carrying MIRVs.

[14:31] ---

There's love in that Gunpla.

[14:34] ---

I see, they're taking
a different approach from us.

[14:41] ---

Captain, the minefield!

[14:42] ---

Calm down, alright?

[14:49] ---

Long-range beams now?

[14:52] ---

I'll hold off the enemy,
so get closer.

[14:56] ---

Just don't hit your teammates.

[14:57] ---

They're coming!

[15:18] ---

Riku's new machine's
got good movement.

[15:21] ---

The new Zeromaru isn't bad either.

[15:33] ---

You're not getting through.

[15:44] ---

I can't move up.

[15:48] ---

Darn.

[15:50] ---

They're being held back. What now?

[15:53] ---

Well, they'll just
have to do their best.

[15:56] ---

We can't just sit around
and do nothing!

[15:59] ---

H-Hey!

[16:10] ---

What?

[16:39] ---

Capsule Ninpo.

[16:41] ---

Yari-henge technique!

[16:44] ---

N-Ninja tricks?

[16:56] ---

Oh no!

[16:58] ---

I've hooked the fish!

[17:07] ---

You little...!

[17:11] ---

- Any weapons?

- N-None and nothing!

[17:26] ---

Where's Riku?

[17:52] ---

Shoot it down!

[18:24] ---

They broke the I-field.

[18:27] ---

Guys, fire the third arrow
at the core unit.

[18:32] ---

Destroy it!

[18:34] ---

Ninpo.

[18:35] ---

Kaen Fuma Shuriken!

[18:38] ---

Double Fusion Beam!

[18:42] ---

Go!

[18:53] ---

I see.

[18:55] ---

A fine tactic indeed.

[18:57] ---

However...!

[19:01] ---

Not enough firepower.

[19:04] ---

There's no way
you'll destroy the core unit!

[19:10] ---

Don't give up!

[19:12] ---

Let's get closer.

[19:18] ---

Yukki!

[19:42] ---

They did it!

[19:43] ---

Unbelievable!

[19:50] ---

We did it, Riku!

[19:51] ---

- We cleared it.

- Yeah!

[19:55] ---

The core unit is still intact.

[19:59] ---

The explosion was so big that
it's started falling towards Earth.

[20:04] ---

You won't be able to
destroy it in time.

[20:07] ---

You guys overdid it.

[20:11] ---

It can't be...

[20:12] ---

30 seconds left!

[20:16] ---

No, it's falling too fast.

[20:18] ---

But we came so close.

[20:21] ---

I won't give up.

[20:23] ---

No way!

[20:24] ---

00 Sky can still fight.

[20:26] ---

I won't let our efforts go to waste.

[20:29] ---

I'll catch up to it.

[20:32] ---

00's Trans-Am
and Destiny's wings of light...

[20:37] ---

I've combined them!

[20:39] ---

Trans-Am Infinity!

[20:45] ---

He accelerated?

[20:47] ---

Is he going through the stratosphere?

[20:49] ---

That's right. Don't give up.

[20:52] ---

Go, Riku!

[20:58] ---

Go!

[20:59] ---

Go.

[21:02] ---

00 Sky!

[21:14] ---

14 minutes, 57 seconds.

[21:17] ---

Force Build Divers,
Lotus Challenge...complete.

[21:24] ---

They deserve the highest praise.

[21:27] ---

Yes, that was stunning.

[21:29] ---

That Gunpla has incredible performance.

[21:32] ---

Way to go, Riku.

[21:43] ---

Everyone...

[21:45] ---

that was fabulous.

[21:47] ---

Everyone's talents were put to use.

[21:50] ---

A wonderful battle.

[21:54] ---

Congratulations.

[21:58] ---

Build Divers.

[23:37] ---

Yaaay, 30 million coins!

[23:40] ---

Yeah, we really did it!

[23:42] ---

Let's go buy a pet. A super rare one.

[23:48] ---

Don't go splurging too much.

[23:51] ---

- I doubt that's possible.

- I doubt that's possible.

[23:57] ---

You're right.

[24:10] ---

Fantastic, Riku!

[24:12] ---

That's 30 million points!

[24:14] ---

Yeah! How should we spend it?

[24:16] ---

I want a White Base!

[24:17] ---

No way...

[24:18] ---

An Argama, then!

[24:19] ---

I don't think we can...

[24:20] ---

A Diva, at least!?

[24:21] ---

I told you that's impossible!

[24:23] ---

Man, you guys are so clueless.

[24:26] ---

Momochi?

[24:27] ---

If you pass up this chance,

[24:28] ---

could you ever spend money
in such a bold and gorgeous way!?

[24:31] ---

What do you mean?

[24:32] ---

Next episode, Friends Reunited.

[24:34] ---

It's like coming home!

[24:35] ---

Riku will fly a Core Fighter,
running away from home...

[24:37] ---

I won't!

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