# FFX - No Sphere Grid (with Flee)

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# Some beginning information about the run:

• You should be able to complete the first run that you do, as long as you follow the notes exactly. Misreading them can lead to runs that cannot complete. Don't try to do something else because you think it will also work, unless you've tried it before. Information about WHY we do these things are not present in these notes, as they are outside the scope of this document, but if you ask someone will definitely be able to tell you.

## Some information about how these notes are laid out:

- Read each page as such: Left column, then right column, then the next page. There are some instances Read the columns left column first, then right column, then next page. There are some instances where there will be an instruction box that takes up both columns in this case, do whatever is above the instruction box first (left column, then right column), then do whatever is below the instruction box the same way (left column, then right column)
- Each bullet point is their own item. Do what it says there before going to the next one.
- There are instances where you have to get an item, or overdrive, etc before progressing. If the notes say to do so... **Do So**. These notes don't contain many backup strats.

# Some important considerations for the run:

## **Encounter Count:**

One of the mechanics present in the game is that Aeons get more powerful the more encounters have happened in the game. Starting at 60 encounters and every 30 encounters thereafter the base power of the Aeons increases. In this route we repeatedly force fights against Lord Ochu in Kilika and Flee to increase the encounter count in the fastest way possible. This route forces 140 Lord Ochu Encounters. On PC this route saves time vs the existing route which only forces 50 Lord Ochu Encounters, however on PS2 it is slower due to the increased load times of encounters.

## **Tidus' Overdrive:**

By the late game we need to have Tidus learn his Slice and Dice overdrive ability which becomes available after using 10 total overdrives throughout the run. To that end it is a good idea to try to fit in a Spiral Cut (Tidus' starting overdrive) wherever possible. The route has 3 mandatory Spiral Cut uses on Sinspawn Ammes, Sinspawn Echuilles and Seymour. Others Good Locations to fit in a Spiral Cut are:

- Garuda (Luca)
- Extractor
- · Spherimorph (First Turn)
- Defender X

# **Lulu's Overdrive:**

In the late game we utilise Lulu's Fury Overdrive in combination with Rikku's Trio of 9999 Mix to deal large damage to enemies. This overdrive works by rotating the right thumbstick with the number of hits increaseing with more rotations. There are 3 Bosses in the game that have mandatory 7 hit requirements on Fury to be able to defeat the Boss. Some people find this difficult to achieve consistently so you should practice this overdrive before your first run and be confident in getting at least 7 hits. The following resources may also be of help:

• Fury Tips by CrimsonInferno9 - https://youtu.be/CuwgUXgQMHc

## **Zanarkand**

#### **SINSPAWN**

- SD
- · Defend with Tidus
- · Attack 3 Sinspawn
- SD
- Attack 3 Sinspawn

## SINSPAWN AMMES - 2,400 HP

- SD
- Auron: Overdrive  $(\downarrow,\leftarrow,\uparrow,\rightarrow,$  L1, R1, O, X)
- Tidus: Attack
- Tidus: Overdrive
- · Continue attacking until dead.

#### **TANKER - 1,000 HP**

- Tidus: Switch Weapon
- · Auron: Attack Self
- Tidus: Switch Weapon x2
- Tidus: Attack Tanker
- Auron: Attack Tanker
- Tidus: Attack Tanker after Auron has returned to position

# **Baaj Temple**

## SAHAGINS AND GEOSGAENO

- Attack the two Sahagins until dead
- CS (0:30)
- Defend until CS
- 1. Pick up the Ether Chest hidden at the bottom of the stairs in the north corridor (Walk down + left).

## KLIKK - 1,500 HP

- Tidus: Attack x6, less with Crits
- · CS, SD
- Rikku: Grenade x1, Steal x2 Grenades Total, Attack (need at least 6 Grenades for Tros)
- Tidus: Attack
- Potion if **Tidus** is less than 120 HP
- · Continue until dead

## **ENCOUNTERS**

- Piranha:
  - Steal Grenades with Rikku and Attack with Tidus

## **PIRANHA**

- Rikku: Steal Grenades from each set
- Tidus: Attack

## TROS - 2,200 HP

- Rikku: Steal if you had less than 6 grenades
- Rikku: Grenade x6
- Tidus: Attack x2, Standby otherwise

## **Besaid**

## **ENCOUNTERS**

- Piranhas:
  - Attack if 2 groups, or 3 if preempt.
  - Otherwise run away.

## KIMAHRI - 750 HP

- Tidus: Attack x3-7, depending on crits
- Tidus: Each attack does average of 125, so 6 attacks averaging that will kill.
- Tidus: Need either 2 Evades, 1 Crit, or +7 damage, otherwise Potion after 6th Attack

#### **GARUDA**

- Yuna: Summon Valefor
- Valefor: Thunder x6 to build Overdrive
- 1. Formation: Tidus, Yuna, Lulu

## GARUDA

• Flee using the Escape Command

## **ENCOUNTERS**

- Dingo: Tidus Attack
- Condor: Wakka Attack
- Water Flan: Lulu Thunder
- 2. At Besaid Beach talk to the priest at the edge of the dock and the guy in the red shorts on the dock, then go onto the boat.

S.S. Liki

## SIN FIN - 2,000 HP

- Tidus: Defend
- Switch Yuna for Lulu
- Lulu: Thunder the Sin Fin
- Kimahri: Lancet the Sin Fin
- Enemy: Moves
- Tidus: Defend
- Kimahri: Lancet the Sin Fin
- Lulu: Thunder the Sin Fin
- Switch Tidus for Yuna
- Yuna: Summon Valefor
- Valefor: Energy Blast Overdrive on Sin Fin

#### SINSPAWN ECHUILLES - 2,000 HP

- **Tidus**: Spiral Cut as soon as it is available, then spam attacks for the rest of the fight
- Wakka: Dark Attack
- Wakka: If anybody is below 200HP potion them, otherwise Attack
- Enemy: BlenderWakka: Dark Attack
- Wakka: If anybody is below 200HP potion them, otherwise Attack
- Enemy: Blender • Wakka: Attacks

## Kilika

## LANCET TUTORIAL

- SD
- Kimahri: Lancet
  Kimahri: Attack
  Tidus: Defend
  Lulu: Fire
- Go left and up the hidden path, open the chest for the **Scout**.
   Do not equip, it is sold later. (**Blue Path**)
- 2. Teach Tidus Flee via the Sphere Grid
- 3. Immediately after crossing the log bridge turn right (Blue Path). Repeatedly run into Lord Ochu and Flee until your total encounter count is 159 (141 Random Encounters). After the first Flee a crusader will give you 3x Phoenix Down. It is important to keep track of your encounters as you will need 240 total / 206 random encounters before Seymour and 270 total / 222 random encounters before Isaaru.
- 4. Before Geneaux: Formation: Yuna, Kimahri, Lulu
- 5. Touch the Save Sphere

## SINSPAWN GENEAUX - 3,000 HP

- Yuna: Summon Valefor
- Valefor: Fire Tentacle
- Valefor: Fire Tentacle
- Valefor: Fire Main Body x3
- Valefor: Sonic Wings Main Body
- Valefor: Fire Main Body x1-2
- 6. After the temple exit Kilika, via the same route you entered, Fleeing all encounters

S.S. Winno

1. Don't lend Gil to O'aka here, we will lend to him later.

1. Talk to O'aka on the first docks screen, before going into the Machina Fights. Do the following shop:

#### SHOP 3050 GIL

- Sell
  - All Weapons and Armor, including longsword.
- Buy
  - Stunning Steel, Equip
- If you have 1100 gil left over, lend O'aka 1100 gil.
- 2. Walk up after finishing with O'aka and grab the Chest on the north side of the dock.
- 3. Run to the next screen.

## **MACHINA**

- For the first two encounters:
  - Tidus: Defend
  - Kimahri: Defend
  - Lulu: Thunder
- For the third encounter:
  - First Wave
    - \* Tidus: Attack
    - \* Kimahri: Attack
    - \* Lulu: Thunder a different Machina
    - \* Tidus: Attack
    - \* **Kimahri: Overdrive** Seed Cannon *if no crits else* Attack
  - Second Wave
    - \* Tidus: Defend
    - \* Kimahri: Defend
    - \* Lulu: Thunder
  - Third Wave
    - \* Tidus: Attack
    - \* Kimahri: Attack or Overdrive Seed Canon
    - \* Lulu: Thunder a different Machina

#### **OBLITZERATOR - 3.000 HP**

- Kimahri: Defend
- Tidus: Defend
- Lulu: Thunder Crane x3
- Tidus: Use Crane after 3 Thunders
- Kimahri: Defend
- Lulu: Thunder
- Tidus: Attack

Check for Lightning Steel, Thunder Ball

## **EQUIPMENT**

- If you got Lightning Steel
  - Tidus: Lightning Steel
- If you got Thunder Ball
  - Wakka: Thunder Ball

## **SAHAGIN CHIEF**

Tidus: AttackWakka: Attack

• Wakka: Hi-potion anyone who falls below 200 HP

## GARUDA - 1,800 HP

• Tidus: Attack

• Wakka: Dark Attack

Auron: AttackWakka: Attack

• Tidus: Spiral Cut on 3rd turn, if available

Tidus: Attack

4. open the chest for the Magic and HP Sphere

## Mi'ihen Highroad

From this point until the end of Mushroom Rock Road the encounters can be dangerous. Heal after any ambushes and any time Tidus gets hit.

## **ENCOUNTERS**

- Bomb:
  - Switch anyone for Kimahri
  - Kimahri: Lancet Bomb, learn Self Destruct
  - Flee.
- Else Flee, Heal afterwards if it was an ambush.
- 1. Get Hunter's Spear
- 2. Formation: Tidus, Wakka, Auron before Chocobo Eater

## CHOCOBO EATER

- Defend with everyone.
- Swap any characters that fall into crit HP with someone in the back.

3. Lend O'aka 1100 gil if you didn't give it to him earlier.

## **Mushroom Rock Road**

- 1. Flee from all encounters, go to the next screen.
- 2. **Touch the Save Sphere**. Go up the lift. Follow path.
- 3. Formation: Tidus, Wakka, Auron
- 4. Early on there is a crusader stood next to a chest, through a rock arch. Open the chest for 1000 Gil
- 5. At the end of the first path go up the lift.
- 6. Speak to the man immediately ahead of you for an X-Potion
- 7. Speak to the man to the left of the next elevator that takes you up to the HQ Elevator, for 400 Gil.
- 8. Speak to the man next to the HQ elevator for a Mega-Potion. Go on lift, go to HQ.
- 9. Walk down and **SD**. Walk right to next screen, then right, **SD**. Walk right to O'aka.
- 10. Before talking to O'aka:
  - Auto-sort Items
  - Formation: Tidus, Wakka, Yuna

## **SHOP 10890 GIL**

- Sell
  - Ethers
  - X-Potions
  - Elixirs
  - Mega-Potions
  - Hunter's Spear
  - Any Equipment other than Official Ball,
     Lightning Steel, Thunder Ball, Stunning Steel
- Buy
  - Sentry, Equip

#### **SINSPAWN GUI 1 - 12,000 HP**

This fight aims to use Valefor to deal the bulk of the damage with energy blast. After the first energy blast Gui will Attack and follow up with Demi. Then you need to do 3-4 Thunders with Valefor to get Gui to 4218HP or below to kill with Energy Blast. Energy Blast has a damage range of 4218 - 4763 with an average of 4491, so it is possible to kill Gui if its HP is between these values but not guaranteed.

Gui will always follow up an Attack with Demi but can follow up Demi with either an Attack or Demi. Depending on which attacks Gui uses and whether his Attacks miss or not you may only be able to fit in 3 Thunders when a 4th is needed to get Gui below 4218 HP. If Valefor has < 329 HP and Gui just used Demi then Valefor is at risk of dying so you should shield until Gui uses a normal Attack and then use Thunder. After this Thunder use Energy Blast. It is possible that at this point Gui is not dead, however 3 Thunders should be sufficient 80% of the time.

## If Yuna hit by Thunder:

- Tidus: Switch Weapon to Stunning Steel
- Switch Yuna for Auron
- Auron: Power Break Main Body
- Switch Wakka for Kimahri
- Kimahri: Self Destruct main body
- Switch Tidus for Yuna
- Yuna: Summon Valefor

#### Otherwise:

- Switch Tidus for Auron
- Auron: Power Break Main Body
- Yuna: Switch Weapon to Staff
- Switch Wakka for Kimahri
- Kimahri: Self Destruct main body
- Yuna: Summon Valefor

#### Then:

- Valefor: Energy Blast
- Enemy: Attack
- Enemy: Demi
- Valefor: Thunder Body
- Enemy: Attack / Demi
- Valefor: Thunder Body
- Enemy: Attack / Demi
- Valefor: Thunder Body 1x-2x (If HP < 329 and last action was Demi, use shield until gui attacks then use Thunder)
- Valefor: Energy Blast
- If Gui still alive:
- Switch anyone for **Lulu** and Thunder Gui to death
- If Self Destruct Crit (3864):
  - Valefor: Energy Blast
  - Valefor: Boost
  - Valefor: If Gui used demi: Thunder Body
  - Valefor: Energy Blast

#### SINSPAWN GUI 2 - 6,000 HP

Seymour: Thundara Head (←)

Seymour: Thundara Body x5

 Yuna: Defend Auron: Defend

# Djose

- 1. Talk to the guard in Burgundy just to the left and get Soft Ring
- 2. Formation: Tidus, Yuna, Auron
- 3. Walk North.

#### **ENCOUNTERS**

- · Basilisk:
  - Switch anyone for Kimahri
  - Kimahri: Lancet Basilisk, learn Stone Breath
  - Flee.
- Else Flee

- 4. Do Auron Affection
- 5. Don't need Remedy
- 6. Grab 4000 Gil Chest outside temple

## **Moonflow**

- 1. If Blitz Loss: open the chest for the Magic Def Sphere.
- 2. Talk to O'aka at South Wharf, if no Lightning Steel or Thunder Ball

#### SHOP 975 GIL

- Buy
  - Switch Hitter, Equip

## EXTRACTOR - 4,000 HP

In this fight you need to apply Slow to extractor with Stunning Steel. You can check after each of Tidus' Attacks if Slow has been applied by looking at the turn order. If Slow has been applied Tidus and Wakka will get more than one turn each after some boss turns.

On Extractor's 3rd turn it will rise. Each time extractor falls back down it will always use Aqua shooter on it's next turn and then it will randomly choose between Aqua Shooter and Rise on subequent turns. You need to deal 500 damage to Extractor once it has risen to force it back down and this is only possible with 4 Attacks, 2 from each of Wakka and Tidus (If you have lightning steel you only need 3 turns, 1 Wakka attack and 2 Tidus Attacks). You need to make sure you always have enough turns following a turn in which Extractor can rise, so you will need to pay attention to the turn order and use Switch Weapon, where necessary, to fix the turn order to make the fight safe.

Side Note: If you have Wakka's overdrive available and are confident in your ability to get 2/3 lightning elements this deals 500 damage on its own. This can help you out if slow isn't landing or can allow you to play less cautiously with the turn order whilst available since reels + Tidus attack will always do 500 damage. Similarly Tidus' overdrive will deal at least 355 damage which means you can get away with 3 turns to make Extractor fall whilst this is available.

- Tidus: Attack
- Wakka: Attack
- Tidus: After Slow Applied: Switch Weapon to Lightning Steel/Brotherhood
- Wakka: Hi-Potion anybody who falls below 250

## **RIKKU TUTORIAL**

- · Mash through the tutorial
- Rikku: Steal from the Treasure Chest
- Rikku: Overdrive Two Potions
- Flee
- 1. Walk North
- 2. Formation: Tidus, Rikku, Auron
- 3. Steal from Wolfs / Bees as they have rare steals of Sleeping

Powders / Poison Fangs respectively

Guadosalam

1. Grab Lightning Marble Chest

## **Thunder Plains**

1. Pray (With Square/X) at the cactuar stone just North of the first Lightning Tower

#### **ENCOUNTERS**

- Steal the following items from Fiends in the Thunder Plains. Always Flee after Stealing.
  - Gold Element / Aerouge: 1x Electro Marble
  - Larva: 2x Lunar Curtain
  - Qactuar: 1x Chocobo Feather (Can be stolen later in Bikanel if needed. More are better so steal any extras you can.)
  - Iron Giant: 2x Light Curtain (Only seen in second half of Thunder Plains)
  - (Optional): Rare steals from lizards for Petrify Grenades, which can be helpful later
- On the first Iron Giant Fight Defend with Tidus and Auron so Rikku gets hit then Flee
- On the second Iron Giant Fight, if Yuna needs Overdrive:
  - Switch Rikku for Yuna
  - Yuna: attack self
  - Tidus: defend
  - Switch Auron for Rikku
  - Rikku: steal from Iron Giant
  - Flee

## SHOP 3400 GIL

- Buy:
  - 2x Soft
  - 11x Grenade

Check to see if you have at least 6313 Gil after the shop

2. Pickup the **Yellow Shield** outside the agency if you had less than 6313 Gil after the shop.

## **Macalania Woods**

- $1. \ \, \textbf{SD}, walk north, \textbf{SD}, \textbf{Touch the Save Sphere}$
- 2. Formation: Tidus, Rikku, Auron
- 3. Follow path, open the chest for the 2000 Gil
- 4. Cure **Tidus** if he ever gets damaged.
- 5. Make sure that you build up **Rikku** and **Yuna Overdrive** before Spherimorph, and that you do the following steals.

#### **ENCOUNTERS**

You will need an arctic wind and fish scale for Spherimorph plus up to 2 more Arctic winds and 4 more fish scales later in the run for customising SOS NulFrost and Water Ward respectively. The 2 arctic winds are needed for a backup strategy and the 4 fish scales are optional but helpful. Arctic Winds can also be stolen from Ice Flans in Macalania

- Crevasse
  - Chimera: Steal Arctic Wind, Flee (Steal up to 3 total)
  - Blue Elemental: Steal Fish Scale x2, Flee (Steal up to 5 total)
  - Else: Flee
- 6. Formation: Tidus, Auron, Kimahri
- 7. **Touch the Save Sphere**, talk to Oaka. Say his "Prices are too expensive", go in again.

## SHOP 9075 GIL

- Sell: Stunning Steel
- If less than 9075 Gil, Sell: Yellow Shield
- Buy: Sonic Steel, Equip

## SPHERIMORPH - 12,000 HP

- · Switch Tidus for Rikku
- Rikku: Grenade, check the Element
- Rikku: Overdrive, Mag Def Sphere with
  - Fire: Arctic Wind
  - Ice: Bomb Core
  - Water: Lightning Marble
  - Thunder: Fish Scale
- 8. heal Rikkuand any other party members who are damaged
- 9. Formation: Tidus, Kimahri, Auron
- 10. Talk to Auron on the way out, then exit

## Lake Macalania

## **CRAWLER - 16,000 HP**

- · Switch Tidus for Rikku
- Rikku: Lightning Marble Crawler
- Rikku: Lightning Marble Negator
- Enemy: Gatling Gun
- Kimahri: If Negator Survives: Lancet Negator
- Auron: Phoenix Down Rikku, otherwise Defend
- Rikku: Lunar Curtain Auron
- Switch Kimahri for Tidus
- Tidus: Phoenix Down Rikku / Heal Auron / Defend
- Rikku: Lightning Marble Crawler x2
- Auron: Phoenix Down Rikku / Defend
- Auron: After Mana Beam: Phoenix Down Rikku
- Rikku: After 3 Total Lightning Marbles: Mix Lightning Marble + Lv2. Key Sphere

 You need 240 encounters before entering the temple (206 Random Encounters). Valefor should have 1229 Max HP. If you need more encounters you can grind them in the Crevasse. Equip Brotherhood only after grinding encounters.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Brotherhood

## SEYMOUR - 3,000 HP

- Tidus: Spiral Cut Seymour
- Switch Yuna for Rikku
- Rikku: Throw Bomb Core / Lightning Marble / Arctic Wind
- Kimahri: Self Destruct Seymour

## ANIMA - 18,000 HP

- · Rikku: Steal
- Enemy: Pain
- If Rikku survived Pain:
  - Switch Rikku for Yuna
    - Grand Summon Shiva
    - Shiva: Diamond Dust
    - Shiva: Blizarra Anima X2
    - Shiva: Blizzara Self
    - Shiva: Blizarra Anima x2
- If Tidus survived Pain:
  - Switch Tidus for Yuna
  - Grand Summon Shiva
  - Shiva: Blizarra Anima
  - Shiva: Diamond Dust
  - Shiva: Blizarra Self
  - Shiva: Blizarra Anima X3

#### SEYMOUR - 6,000 HP

• Shiva: Diamond Dust

## **EQUIPMENT**

- Tidus: Sonic Steel
- 2. Formation: Tidus, Rikku, Yuna
- 3. Go to temple entrance,  ${\bf SD}$ , Shop with O'aka outside temple

## SHOP 17550 GIL

- Buy
  - 21x Hi-Potion
  - 11x Phoenix Down
  - 2x Antidote
- 4. Move south and go down the left path.
- 5. Charge Rikku and Yuna Overdrive before Wendigo as follows:

#### **ENCOUNTERS**

- Tidus: Escape
- Rikku: Steal Arctic Wind from Ice Flan if you have less than 2, otherwise steal Sleeping Powders from Wolfe
- Yuna: Attack Self
   Heal after every Battle
- 6. Formation: Tidus, Yuna, Lulu

## WENDIGO - 18,000 HP

- Switch Tidus for Rikku
- Rikku: Mix Grenade + Any Purple Sphere
- Yuna: Grand Summon Shiva
- Shiva: Diamond Dust
- Shiva: Blizarra x2-3
- 7. Don't need any chests under the lake

## **Bikanel Desert**

#### ZU

- Tidus: Attack
- · Tidus: Defend
- Enemy: Attack
- Tidus: Defend until Lulu shows up
- Auron: Defend until Lulu shows up
- Flee

## **EQUIPMENT**

- Tidus: Equip Sonic Steel
- 1. After **Rikku** cutscene, open chest for 8x Al Bhed Potion
- 2. After the Forced Encounter with Rikku: Formation: Tidus, Wakka, Auron
- 3. Before entering Home you need to achieve the following:
  - Fill Rikku and Auron Overdrive
  - Steal throwables until you have at least 15 throwables, including the following:
    - 5x Sleeping Powder (Steal from Sand Wolfs)
    - 2x Smoke Bomb (Steal from Alcyone and Zu)
    - 2x Silence Grenade (Stolen earlier from Anima)
    - 2x Shadow Gem (Steal from Sand Worms Very helpful for Bevelle Guards fights but not strictly necessary)
  - If you didn't get silence grenades from Anima then steal
     2 other throwables in their place
  - You can steal up to 3 extra throwables, for a total of up to 18, to make some of the later fights faster
- 4. Continue along path. On the next screen, go in north-west towards the save sphere, take the shortcut to the left. Go up to the next screen and fight the Sandragora fight at the end of the path, then go up and SD

#### **ENCOUNTERS**

After each encounter reset Formation: Tidus, Wakka,

## **Auron**

- Machina x2
  - Tidus: Flee
- All other encounters:
  - Switch Tidus for Rikku
  - Rikku: Steal
  - Rikku: Steal again if she survived
  - Switch Wakka for Tidus
  - Tidus: Flee
- 5. Formation: Tidus, Wakka, Rikku

#### **SANDRAGORA**

- Switch Tidus for Auron
- Auron: Overdrive Shooting Star
- 6. Formation: Tidus, Wakka, Auron

## Home

#### **BOMBS**

- Switch Tidus for Rikku
- Rikku: Use Silence Grenade (other throwable if no Silence Grenades)
- Rikku: Use Smoke Bomb
- Auron: Attack Guado twice then defend for rest of fight
- Wakka: Defend or heal Rikku if she gets hit
- Rikku: Steal from each bomb once
- Rikku: Throw 2x Grenade or 1x Throwable, if you have any extras
- Anyone attack bombs if any remain
- 1. Heal Kimahri if he is not full HP
- Formation: Tidus, Rikku, Auron or if you have a Petrify Grenade: Formation: Tidus, Wakka, Auron

## **DUAL HORN**

- No Petrify Grenade:
  - Switch anyone for Kimahri
  - Kimahri: Lancet Dual Horn
  - Kimahri: Overdrive Stone Breath
- · Petrify Grenade:
  - Switch anyone for Rikku
  - Rikku: Use Petrify Grenade
- 3. Heal Kimahri if he is not full HP
- 4. Formation: Tidus, Rikku, Auron

#### **CHIMERA**

- Switch anyone for Kimahri
- Kimahri: Lancet Chimera (Aqua Breath)
- Kimahri: Overdrive Stone Breath
- 5. Walk down steps, **CS** (1:30)
- 6. Before going further, open the chest for the **Level 4 Key Sphere (Chest on left at bottom of stairs)**
- 7. Auto Sort Items, Manual Sort Phoenix Downs to top
- 8. Formation: Tidus, Auron, Kimahri

## **Airship**

1. Shop with rin next to the elevator

## SHOP 6186 GIL

- Sell first 2 weapons / armours in inventory except Soft Ring, Sentry & Claw
- Buy & Equip:
  - Shimmering Blade
  - Devastator
  - Seeker's Armlet
  - Seeker's Bracer

## **EVRAE - 32,000 HP**

The key to this fight is reducing Evrae's health until it is in the window [11460-11967]. Once Evrae is in the damage window you need to perform the killing combo blow but it needs to be well timed. You should try to get Evrae into this window before the second Poison Breath. If you fail to get Evrae into this window before the second Poison Breath it is best to tank another Poison Breath and defend for an extra cycle. Once you are confident with the fight you can judge whether you have the time to get her in the window after the Poison Breath.

There is a rare outcome where **Rikku**'s Second Mix crits Evrae (9000+ Damage). Evrae will likely have overshot the damage window and in rare cases Evrae may use haste here. If Evrae hastes then recovery is almost impossible and it is very likely game over. If Evrae is below the damage window do not damage her until next poison breath, Hi-Potion Auron and Phoenix Down Rikku if hit by Evrae.

- Switch Tidus for Rikku
- Rikku: Mix Grenade + Purple Sphere
- Kimahri: Hi-Potion Auron / Phoenix Down Rikku if either gets hit, otherwise spam Attacks
- · Auron: Spam Attacks
- Rikku: Steal x2
- Rikku: Lunar Curtain Auron
- Rikku: Use Smoke Bomb / Sleeping Powder (Don't use last Smoke Bomb)
- Rikku: Use Lightning Marble(s) / Bomb Core(s)
- **Enemy**: Poison Breath
- Switch Auron for Tidus
- Tidus: Phoenix Down Rikku
- Tidus: Phoenix Down Kimahri
- Anyone: Heal Petrification with Al Bhed Potion / Soft
- Rikku: Mix Lv.1 Key Sphere + Lv.2 Key Sphere
- Switch Tidus for Auron
- Auron: Antidote Self
- Kimahri: Hi-Potion Auron
- Rikku: Use Water Gem(s) then 1 Smoke Bomb / Sleeping Powder then Lightning Marble(s) / Bomb Core(s)
- · Get Evrae into the damage window here. Once she is in the window defend with all until Poison Breath
- Enemy: Poison Breath
- Switch Auron for Tidus
- Tidus: Phoenix Down Rikku
- Tidus: Phoenix Down Kimahri
- Kimahri / Tidus Heal Petrification with Soft
- Rikku: Use Smoke Bomb
- Killing Combo (Make sure Kimahri has a turn between both of Rikku's turns):
  - Rikku: Use Smoke Bomb / Sleeping Powder (If Evrae has already Hasted Skip this step)
  - Kimahri: Self Destruct
  - Rikku: Mix Yellow Sphere + Lv.4 Key Sphere

you had 240 encounters before Seymour the most you should ever need to grind here should be 3 encounters.

## 1. Use a Mega-Potion

## 2. Formation: Tidus, Auron, Kimahri

## **GUARD FIGHTS - SLEEPING POWDER**

Reset **Formation: Tidus, Auron**, **Kimahri** and **heal** after every fight

## · Fights 1 and 3:

- Switch Tidus for Rikku
- Rikku: Use Sleeping Powder
- Rikku: Use 2x Grenade or 1x Throwable if spare

## · Fights 2 and 4:

- Shadow Gem:
  - \* Switch Tidus for Rikku
  - \* Rikku: Sleeping Powder
  - \* Rikku: Shadow Gem
  - \* Kimahri: Phoenix Down Rikku, otherwise Defend
  - \* Auron: Attack Robot once
  - \* Rikku: Bomb Core on Robot
  - \* Rikku: Use Grenade
- No Shadow Gem:
  - \* Switch Tidus for Rikku
  - \* Rikku: Sleeping Powder
  - \* Rikku: Bomb Core on Robot
  - \* Kimahri: Phoenix Down Rikku, otherwise Defend
  - \* Auron: Phoenix Down Kimahri, otherwise
    Attack Robot
  - \* Rikku: Bomb Core on Robot
  - \* Auron: Attack Robot
  - \* Rikku: Use Throwable

## • Fight 5:

- Switch Tidus for Rikku
- Rikku: Use Sleeping Powder
- Rikku: Use Throwable
- Rikku: Use Bomb Core on Robot

## **Via Purifico**

## 1. Run up past the first telepad

2. Go to the second telepad and travel north.

## **EQUIPMENT**

- Auron: Equip Sentry
- Yuna: If you have 4 Fish Scales, Customise Ring with Water Ward

You need 270 total encounters before fighting Isaaru (222 Random Encounters). Valefor should have 1341 Max HP. If you need more encounters you can grind them on Maze Larvae. If

#### **ENCOUNTERS**

Charge Yuna, Valefor and Shiva Overdrives as follows:

#### Yuna:

#### - If Water Ward:

- \* Yuna: Hi-Potion Self if damaged, otherwise defend
- \* Auron: Defend Always
- \* Don't revive Auron if he dies
- \* Once **Yuna** has her **Overdrive** summon one of the Aeons and charge their

## **Overdrive**

#### - Otherwise:

- \* Yuna: Defend
- \* Auron: Phoenix Down Yuna, or Hi-Potion Self
- \* Once Yuna has her Overdrive summon one of the Aeons and charge their Overdrive

#### Valefor:

- Sonic Wings x3
- If 2 turns in a row: Shield
- Boos
- Sonic Wings until Maze Larva is below 900 HP (<</li>
   750 HP if fewer then 271 Encounters)
- Thunder

#### Shiva:

- If Shiva ever has 2 turns in a row: Shield
- Boost
- Blizzard Maze Larva
- If fewer than 271 Battles: Heavenly Strike
- Blizzara Maze Larva

After Charging All overdrives Finish the remaining fights with Shooting Star

## **ISAARU**

- Grothia (8000 HP):
  - Yuna: Summon Shiva
  - Shiva: Diamond Dust
- Pterya (12000 HP):
  - Yuna: Grand Summon Shiva
  - Shiva: Diamond Dust
  - Shiva: Boost
  - Shiva: Blizzara Pterya
  - Shiva: Attack to finish if necessary
- Spathi (12000 HP):
  - Yuna: Summon Shiva
  - Shiva: Blizzara Spathi x5
  - Shiva: Diamond Dust

#### **EVRAE ALTANA**

• Anyone: Phoenix Down/Elixir x2 on Evrae Altana

# Highbridge

- 1. If you have fewer than 2 Chocobo Feathers:
  - · Customise and equip:
    - Soft Ring → SOS Nulfrost
    - Targe  $\rightarrow$  SOS Nulfrost
- 2. Formation: Tidus, Yuna, Rikku
- 3. Walk north
- 4. Charge Yuna and Rikku Overdrive on fights

## **ENCOUNTERS**

Tidus: EscapeRikku: Attack SelfYuna: Attack Self

## SEYMOUR NATUS - 36,000 HP

#### If 2 or more Chocobo Feathers:

- Switch Tidus for Rikku
- Rikku: Use Chocobo Feather on Yuna
- Yuna: Summon Valefor
- Valefor: Energy Blast
- Enemy: Banish Valefor
- Rikku: Mix Grenade + Purple Sphere
- Yuna: Grand Summon Shiva
- Shiva: Diamond Dust

## Otherwise:

- Switch Tidus for Rikku
- Rikku: Use Bomb Core / Lightning Marble x2
- Yuna: Hi-Potion Self
- Rikku: Mix Grenade + Purple Sphere (Chaos Grenade)
- Yuna: Defend / Hi-Potion Self if less than 200 HP
- Yuna: After 7 poison ticks on Natus: Summon Valefor
- Valefor: Energy Blast

If you don't have a spare Chocobo Feather for this fight there is a small chance that Natus outspeeds the mortibody which will cause him to use Blizzara on 2 of your party members, before Rikku and Yuna have SOS NulFrost active. If this happens the only option is to Throw a single Bomb Core / Lightning Marble and Mix Chaos Grenade early and hope for good damage rolls. In this case wait 8 poison ticks instead of 7 before summoning Valefor.

## **Calm Lands**

1. **SD**, walk left then at the bottom of ramp run towards the lady sat on the chocobo in the north west Calm Lands

- 2. Formation: Tidus, Kimahri, Auron
- 3. Charge Rikku Lulu & Kimahri Overdrive
- 4. Steal Poison Fangs from Wasps (need up to 5)

## **ENCOUNTERS**

After every fight heal and reset Formation: Tidus,

## Kimahri, Auron

- If fight contains a Wasp:
  - Tidus: Escape
  - Switch whoever survives for Rikku
  - Rikku: Steal from Wasp
- 5. Talk to the lady on the chocobo and do Wobbly Chocobo training
- 6. Go to Remiem Temple
- 7. Do Chocobo Races and Win with 0 chests and then 3 chests.
- 8. Auto-sort items and then manual sort Phoenix Down to slot 2 and Wings to Discovery to slot 1
- 9. Formation: Tidus, Wakka, Yuna
- 10. Run back to Calm Lands and get on the chocobo then run to Calm Lands exit

#### DEFENDER X - 64,000 HP

- Tidus: Spiral Cut if available otherwise Attack
- Enemy: Attack
- · Switch anyone for Lulu, Swap Weapon
- · Switch anyone for Rikku, Mix 2x Wings to Discovery
- Lulu: Thunder Fury (7 hits required)

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## **BIRAN AND YENKE**

- Kimahri: Ronso Rage: Aqua Breath
- Kimahri: Lancet Biran then Seed Cannon Biran (Repeat 3x)
- Kimahri: Attack Yenke until defeated

Pay attention to your drops, need at least 1 Return Sphere but 2 Returns is ideal

- 1. If you got 2 Friend spheres (~1.5% chance) then you can't continue. You must reload the autosave and redo the Biran and Yenke Fight to continue.
  - Customize:
    - **Rikku**: Devastator → First Strike
    - Lulu: If 2 Returns: Moogle → First Strike
- 2. Formation: Tidus, Rikku, Lulu
- 3. Steal 5x Fire Gems form Bombs
- 4. Use Spiral Cut and keep recharging **Tidus**' Overdrive until **Tidus**has learned Slice and Dice
- 5. charge Rikku Lulu & TidusOverdrives for flux fight

#### **ENCOUNTERS**

For the remainder of the run, when charging overdrives always do the following 2 things:

- Flee from all ambushes
- · Always escape with at least one person
- 6. Once you get to Wantz half way along gagazet do the following shop

## **SHOP 90225 GIL**

- Sell 6x Wings to Discovery
- Sell Equipment if necessary to get enough Gil (Don't Sell Claw or Shimmering Blade)
- Buy & Equip:
  - Haste Targe
- 7. Once you're on the Seymour Flux screen, heal everyone except **Rikku**. **Rikku** must be in critical for this fight

## SEYMOUR FLUX - 70,000 HP

- If you had 2 Return Spheres:
  - Rikku: Use Silence Grenade if available, otherwise Use Poison Fang
  - Tidus: Switch Weapon
  - Lulu: Switch Weapon
  - Rikku: Mix 2x Wings to Discovery
  - Tidus: Slice and DiceLulu: Thunder Fury
  - Rikku: Use Fire Gem if Flux Still Alive
- If you had 1 Return Sphere (This fight variation has a 25% Game Over Chance, if you die reload the autosave):
  - Rikku: Use Poison Fang
  - Tidus: Switch Weapon
  - Rikku: Mix 2x Wings to Discovery
  - Tidus: Slice and Dice
  - **Lulu**: Thunder Fury
  - Rikku: Use Fire Gem

## **EQUIPMENT**

- Rikku: Claw
- 8. Inside Gagazet cave charge **Rikku** and **Tidus** Overdrives. Behemoth is the best encounter.
- 9. Also charge **Lulu** and **Yuna** Overdrives if the opportunity presents itself, e.g. a second Behemoth encounter.

## **EQUIPMENT**

## Before exiting the cave

• Rikku: Devastator

## SANCTUARY KEEPER - 40,000 HP

- Rikku: Mix 2x Wings to Discovery
- Tidus: Slice and Dice

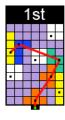
10. Swap Wakka for Lulu in party

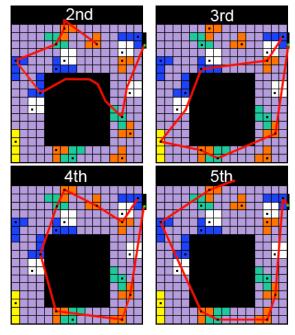
## **EQUIPMENT**

- Equip
  - Auron: Shimmering Blade
- Customise
  - Auron: Shimmering Blade → First Strike
  - Lulu: If not already done: Moogle  $\rightarrow$  First Strike

## **Zanarkand**

- Charge Tidus, Rikku & Lulu Overdrives. Best Encounters are Behemoth on broken bridge and Defender Z inside the dome
- 2. Also Charge Yuna 's Overdrive if not already done.
- 3. Before Spectral Keeper:
  - Formation: Rikku, Lulu, Auron
  - Heal everyone except Rikku. Rikku must remain in critical HP for the Spectral Keeper fight.





## SPECTRAL KEEPER - 52,000 HP

- Rikku: Use Light Curtain on Auron
- · Auron: Defend
- Lulu: Switch Weapon
- Rikku: Mix 2x Wings to Discovery
- Lulu: Thunder Fury (Exactly 5 hits)
- Enemy: Attack All
- Enemy: Berserk Tail
- Auron: Attack
- 4. Switch Auron for Tidus
- If Lulu didn't get hit by Spectral Keeper run back out of the Trials and force encounters to charge Lulu 's Overdrive
- Heal everyone except Rikku before Yunalesca. Rikku must remain in critical HP for the Yunalesca fight.

#### YUNALESCA - 132,000 HP

- Rikku: Light Curtain on Self
- Tidus: Switch Weapon
- Lulu: Switch Weapon
- Rikku: Mix 2x Wings to Discovery
- · Switch Tidus for Wakka, Defend
- Switch Lulu for Auron, Hi-Potion Rikku
- Enemy: Dispelling Slap
- Enemy: Absorb
- Wakka: Hi-Potion Rikku if she is damaged, otherwise defend
- Rikku: Use Fire Gem
- · Switch Auron for Tidus, Slice and Dice
- Switch anyone for Lulu, Thunder Fury (7 hits required)

Check what equipment drops from Yunalesca. Any weapon dropped by Yunalesca will have **Zombiestrike** which will be important for later.

## **Airship**

- 1. Go to Highbridge
- 2. Walk up to Cid and search for Omega Ruins (Small Islands just to the right of the mainland)
- 3. Travel to Omega Ruins Formation: Tidus, Rikku, Lulu
- 4. Charge Rikku, Lulu and Tidus Overdrives
- 5. Return to Airship
- 6. Switch Tidus for Auron
- 7. Walk up to Cid, travel to Sin

## SIN LEFT FIN - 65,000 HP

- Rikku: Mix 2x Wings to Discovery
- Auron: Defend entire fight
- Switch **Lulu** for **Kimahri**
- Kimahri: Lancet x7
- Rikku: Defend until 6th Lancet then Switch Weapon until sin swipes
- Enemy: Sin Swipes
- Switch Auron for Lulu, Thunder Fury
- Lulu: Spam Thunder to finish if needed

#### SIN RIGHT FIN - 65,000 HP

- Rikku: Mix 2x Wings to Discovery
- Switch Lulu for Auron
- Auron: Defend entire fight
- Rikku: Use Al-Bhed Potion
- Kimahri: Lancet x5
- Rikku: Defend until 4th Lancet then Switch Weapon until sin swipes
- Enemy: Sin Swipes
- Switch Auron for Lulu, Spam Thunder to finish

#### SIN GENAIS AND CORE - 56,000 HP

- Switch Rikku for Tidus, Switch Weapon
- Switch Lulu for Rikku, Mix 2x Wings to Discovery
- Tidus: Slice and Dice
- Rikku: Use Fire Gem

Check to see if the first equipment drop listed is a weapon. If it is it will have **Zombiestrike**.

- 8. Yuna cutscene outside
- Walk back into the cockpit area and talk to Cid. Travel to Omega Ruins. Formation: Tidus, Rikku, Lulu
- 10. Charge Rikkuand Lulu Overdrives
- 11. Return to Airship
- 12. If no Zombiestrike weapon dropped from Yunalesca or Sinspawn Genais:
  - Talk to Rin in the corridor and buy 70x Holy Water
  - Customise Claw → Zombietouch
  - Customse Staff → First Strike
- 13. Otherwise:
  - Equip Zombiestrike Weapon
  - Customise Staff  $\rightarrow$  First Strike
  - Customise Zombiestrike Weapon  $\rightarrow$  First Strike
- 14. Switch **Tidus** for **Kimahri** in party

## OVERDRIVE SIN - 140,000 HP

- Rikku: Mix 2x Wings to Discovery
- Lulu: Thunder Fury
- Kimahri: Lancet
- Rikku: Use Gem
- Finish with Thunder / Lancet / Attacks if needed

# **Inside Sin**

- 1. Formation: Tidus, Lulu, Rikku
- 2. Walk along the path
- 3. Charge Tidus, Lulu and Rikku Overdrives
- 4. Charge Yuna Overdrive if you haven't done it yet

## SEYMOUR OMNIS - 80,000 HP

- Rikku: Mix 2x Wings to Discovery
- Tidus: Slice and Dice (Intentionally Fail)
- Lulu: Thunder Fury (6 hits required)
- 5. Charge **Tidus**, **Lulu** and **Rikku** Overdrives
- 6. Charge Yuna Overdrive if you haven't done it yet
- Heal everyone except Rikku. Rikku must remain in critical HP for the BFA fight.

## BRASKA'S FINAL AEON - 180,000 HP

- Tidus: Talk
- Switch Yuna for Rikku, Use Chocobo Feather on Tidus
- Switch Auron for Yuna, Switch Weapon
- Rikku: Switch Weapon
- Switch Yuna for Lulu, Switch Weapon
- Rikku: Mix 2x Wings to Discovery
- Tidus: Talk
- Switch Lulu for Kimahri, Lancet
- Tidus: Slice and Dice
- Switch Rikku for Yuna, Grand Summon Shiva
- Shiva: Diamond Dust
- · Switch Kimahri for Rikku, Use Fire Gem
- Switch Tidus for Lulu, Thunder Fury (7 Hits Required)

## POSSESSED AEONS

In the Aeon fights you need up to 4 poison fangs. If you have 2 or fewer Poison Fangs prioritise using them on Ifrit and Ixion.

- Valefor: Throw Poison Fang (or 2x Bomb Core / Lightning Marble / Arctic Wind / Dream Powder if short on Poison Fangs)
- Ifrit: Throw Poison Fang + any non-fire throwable
- Ixion: Throw Poison Fang + any non-lightning throwable
- Shiva: Throw Poison Fang (or 2x Bomb Core / Lightning Marble / Arctic Wind / Dream Powder if short on Poison Fangs)
- Rahamut
  - Rikku: Throw Bomb Core / Lightning Marble / Arctic Wind / Dream Powder
  - Switch Yuna for Kimahri
  - Kimahri: Self Destruct

## YU YEVON - 99,999 HP

- Rikku Zombiestrike Weapon:
  - Rikku: Attack
  - Anyone Throw Phoenix Down at Yu Yevon
- Lulu Zombiestrike Weapon:
  - Rikku: Switch Weapon
  - Lulu: Attack
  - Rikku: Throw Phoenix Down at Yu Yevon
- Kimahri Zombiestrike Weapon:
  - Rikku: Switch Weapon
  - Kimahri: Attack
  - Anyone Throw Phoenix Down at Yu Yevon
- Anyone Else Zombiestrike Weapon:
  - Switch Rikku for character with Zombie Strike Weapon
  - That Character: Attack
  - Anyone Throw Phoenix Down at Yu Yevon
- Rikku Zombietouch Weapon:
  - Rikku: Switch Weapon to Zombietouch Weapon
  - Lulu: Switch Weapon
  - Rikku: Attack
  - Lulu: If Curaga deals 9999 damage to Yu Yevon (White numbers) Throw Phoenix Down at Yu Yevon, otherwise Switch Weapon
  - Keep switching weapon on Lulu and Kimahri until Rikku lands Zombie status and the curaga numbers are white
  - Once curaga lands, anyone Throw Phoenix Down at Yu Yevon