THE BATTLE OF BABEL

Lelouch's memories have returned thanks to the help of C2. He is accompanied by the Black Knights.

Lelouch goes through a notebook which includes a detailed layout of the entire building. Lelouch utilizes the layout of the tower given here in his soon to come strategy.

As Lelouch is approached by a Britannian soldier in his knightmare, he immediately creates a facade to deceive him into thinking that he was simply a britannian student tossed up in the events of the terrorist attack. After forcing the soldier out of his knightmare, Lelouch uses his geass to gain access to said knightmare by controlling the soldier to give him the access code. He then heads to the monitoring room's location as per the layout given by the notebook.

In the monitoring room, Lelouch analyzes complex visual data conveying the coordinates of all the troops on the battlefield, as well as the structure of the entire tower as he gives rapid commands to his soldiers as for what to do, when to do it and how to do it. Remember that his speed of problem solving means he is juggling the position and speed of at least several dozen troops simultaneously, analyzing and processing movements of all the troops to discern the most effective and efficient orders to give his men, contributing to not just absurd FRI through his excellent speed of problem solving, but also CPI and VSI through the context of his multi-tasking.

Command 1:

"Q1 (Kallen) head up to level 21"

Command 2:

"P4 block the stairway!"

Lelouch has already foreseen the exact oppositional response to the current events at Babel tower. The relevance of this tactic will become apparent as the strategy unfolds.

Command 3:

"R5 left 30°!"

As he was visualizing the data, he noticed how the enemy troops coincided with the movements of R5 thus giving R5 exact orders of the enemy troops' position to shield himself and eliminate the enemy.

Command 4:

"N1 fire a barrage 50 meters ahead angled towards the ceiling!"

Observed several enemy knightmares on the floor above N1, thus directing N1 to fire 50 meters ahead at the ceiling to completely eliminate enemy troops on the floor above.

Lelouch supplies the Black Knights with more Sutherlands to oppose enemy forces.

Since Cornelia's disappearance, Calaris had become the viceroy of Area 11. Knowing this, Lelouch had anticipated that he would arrive at Babel tower with massive reinforcements.

The Black Knights upon seeing this are under utter despair as Calaris has several times more troops than Zero.

"There's no possible way we can beat this many, no chance!"

Kallen is alarmed at the fact that Calaris has surrounded the building, even from above. Lelouch anticipating Calaris' arrival claims:

"Escape would be difficult, that's why I'm going to win'

After surrounding the entire building, Calaris' troops occupied almost all routes, leaving only one possible escape route for the Black Knights. They attempt to use this route to lure out the black Knights and exterminate them. But Lelouch had foreseen this, he had foreseen Calaris' arrival, surrounding the building, and luring out the Black Knight's using only one escape route, as well as the exact escape route he would leave open. He had anticipated Calaris' arrival and the exact strategy he would use before he even made a move! Insane strategic foresight.

He then asks C2 about how his orders regarding the detonation preparations were going.

"Everything is going according to plan'

- LELOUCH VI BRITANNIA

Amidst the heated battle, an enemy turns off their IFF (Identification Friend or Foe) and is operating on their own. The same enemy seems to be the one causing havoc among the Black Knights as Lelouch receives emergency calls from his troops, as they die mid-speech suggesting that this singular enemy is obliterating Lelouch's men.

Identification Friend or Foe is an identification system designed for command and control. It enables military and civilian air traffic control interrogation systems to identify aircraft, vehicles or forces as friendly, and to determine their bearing and range from the interrogator.

This means that LL can't trace his movements through the military radar, but based off the pattern of destruction it leaves among LL's men he inductively predicts that it's heading towards his location. This unforeseen circumstance is quite extreme and Lelouch has to adapt to it amidst

his strategy, as he prepares for its arrival the enemy Knightmare is identified as a prototype based off the Lancelot; The Vincent. This enemy was extremely formidable but Lelouch with the help of Urabe and Kallen was able to hold him off until the finale of his strategy was executed.

Finally, C2 had finished planting the bombs according to Lelouch's command within Babel Tower which were then blown up by Lelouch, destroying the upper half of Babel Tower. What Lelouch had done here was genius, foreseeing Calaris' strategy as aforementioned, he had known that there was no way to win with all escape routes occupied by the enemy, so what did he do? He used the building itself as a road to the Chinese Embassy. As hinted from ***command 2*** assigned to ***p4*** to *"block the stairway'*. Lelouch had effectively limited the control of the enemy's positioning by preemptively blocking out certain routes. This way the enemy's positions would perfectly align with his preemptive detonation at the base of the tower. Doing this meant that the tower would fall and collapse, resulting in...

1-) The enemy sutherlands on the top floors falling with it and meeting their end.

2-) The falling tower's trajectory was aligned in a manner where it would fall directly onto the G-1 Base; crushing Calaris, figuratively and literally.

3-) The perfect alignment of the collapsed tower means that the Black Knights at the lower levels of the building can use it as a road to escape to the Chinese Embassy.

Kallen - "*He was able to kill the viceroy and provide our escape route."*

Xing Kei - *"Such cunning audacity is impressive."*

SYNTHESIS

This feat excels in all areas of strategy, to put it into perspective, Lelouch was up against enemy troops that outnumbered him several times over, was completely surrounded and overall at a massive disadvantage in terms of resources and manpower but with sheer ingenuity and his strategic acumen was able to efficiently utilize everything at his disposal to effectively wipe out all enemy troops, kill viceroy Calaris, escape Babel tower safely with his troops, conceal his identity as Zero, use the Chinese Federation base as a hideout and establish Zero's existence as a man of miracles to the world, invoking a sense of hope to the masses deprived of it. His alignment with the building's trajectory, the positioning of the troops, his precise orders combined with the simple and efficient to execute strategy contributes to Lelouch's well deserved title as a peerless strategist. He formulates a strategy so resilient, capable of withstanding enemy resistances several times his own manpower whilst actively adapting to extreme circumstances (The Vincent) amidst his strategy, shielding himself and his men from oppositional interventions and foreseeing Calaris' entire line of action from the very start.

Foresight = Effectiveness = Efficiency > Alignment >= Execution >= Resilience >= Adaptability > Shielding > Tactical Complexity