

TRANSCRIPT FOR

Sailor Moon - Episode 1: "A Moon Star is Born"

(Before we begin, let's get an overview of why the whole business is going on in the first place.)

Narrator "A thousand years ago, our Moon was home to a great civilization ruled by Queen Serenity. Everything was peaceful until the arrival of the evil Queen Beryl."

Queen Beryl "Ha ha ha ha. First, the Moon shall be mine. Then, the Universe!"

Narrator "To conquer the Moon, Queen Beryl unleashed the awesome power of the Negaforce. Although her world was destroyed, Queen Serenity's last hope was the power of the Imperium Silver Crystal and the Crescent Moon Wand."

Queen Serenity "Only this Crystal and Wand can combat the power of the Negaforce. Never let our enemies get them, or the Universe is doomed, but most of all, you must protect our dear Princess Serena. Understand?"

(Luna and Artemis, Serenity's two talking cat advisors, acknowledge the order.)

Luna & Artemis "Yes."

Narrator "Frozen in Moon Beam Crystals, the queen sent the Princess and the children of the Moon to the future on Earth. Their memories lost to them all, the queen's cat advisors, Luna and Artemis, must find the Princess, so she will at last be safe. And so, our story begins."

(In a typical house in the city of Tokyo, a not-so-typical fourteen-year-old girl is late for school.)

Serena "AAAH! Oh no. I'm late for school again."

(She tears down the stairs in a blinding hurry, passing the dining room, where her mother is looking over coupons.)

Serena "Mother!"

(She grabs her toothbrush from the bathroom and brushes while she asks...)

Serena "Why didn't you wake me up in time for the first bell?"

(Her mother sighs.)

Mrs. Tsukino "I did, Serena darling, three times, and each time you said you were getting up right away."

Serena "And you believed me?"

(Serena obviously has a little problem with promptness.)

Mrs. Tsukino "Serena..."

Serena "I gotta go!"

Mrs. Tsukino "Aren't you forgetting something, dear?"

Serena "What?"

(Serena reappears and sees what her mother had.)

Serena "Hmm. Oh yeah."

(In her rush, she had almost forgotten her lunch.)

Serena "Bye, mom! See you after school!"

(Serena heads down the street as fast as her still-tired body can take her. She's still yawning.)

Serena "I'm so sleepy. Why can't today be Saturday?"

(As Serena passes a parking lot, she notices three little boys crouched over something.)

First Boy "Hold it still."

Second Boy "I can feel its tongue."

Third Boy "I'm trying. I'm trying."

(Serena looks and, quickly realizing that they're tormenting a cat, yells at them.)

Serena "HEY! Stop it! Leave that cat alone!"

(Serena rushes at them, and the boys run away, leaving the cat on the ground.)

Serena "Rotten brats."

(Having scared the kids away, Serena attends to the cat.)

Serena "You poor thing."

(She picks the cat up. It has 2 bandages in an X on its forehead.)

Serena "Did those creepy kids hurt you, kitty?"

(Suddenly, the cat wakes up and struggles to get the bandages off its head. Serena sits down and places the cat on her lap.)

Serena "You're okay, but how about I take this bandage off of you?"

(When she does so, she sees something very odd on the cat's forehead.)

Serena "Huh? Is that a crescent moon?"

(Suddenly, the cat leaps into the air, bounds off of Serena's head, and lands on top of a nearby car.)

Luna "Hmm, this girl... I sense something..."

(The cat is actually Luna, one of the advisors from the Moon Kingdom.)

(Serena, meanwhile, is a little frightened by the sudden movements.)

Serena "Ni-nice kitty."

(In the distance, a bell rings.)

Serena "Oh great! Now I'm really late!"

(As Serena dashes to school...)

Luna "Could she be the one?"

(At school, Serena eats a quick snack while she gives us a few words on what's popular in town.)

Serena "Hey, did you hear there's a new Sailor V video game out? I saw it on TV."

Miss Haruna "Serena, you need more studying and less TV."

(Serena's teacher, Miss Patricia Haruna, whom most of her students simply call Miss H, is turned off by two things: getting dumped and getting sloppy tests. She holds up Serena's latest algebra effort: a thirty.)

Miss Haruna "There isn't any excuse for failing this exam."

Serena "I failed? How can that be?"

Miss Haruna "Have your mother sign this and return it to me."

(After school, Serena, down in the dumps, talks with her best friend, Molly Baker.)

Molly "Aw, chill out, Serena. It's just one lousy test. It's not like it's the end of the world or something."

Serena "You don't get it, Molly. If my mom finds out I flunked that test, she'll ground me and cut my allowance, and I won't get to play the new Sailor V game."

(Ouch. Serena is a confirmed video game addict.)

Melvin "Hey Serena, I heard about your test. Want me to be your tutor?"

(Melvin is the class nerd and has glasses to prove it. He's also a walking gossip column. Anything noteworthy can end up in his ears and eventually in his notes.)

Serena "'Bout as much as a toothache."

(Melvin has eyes for Serena and Molly, though both flatly refuse to acknowledge it.)

Molly "You're such a dweeb, Melvin. She doesn't need a tutor. She needs a trip to the mall to get her mind off this."

(She gets an idea.)

Molly "Tell your mom you're at my house studying."

Melvin "You're going shopping? What's more important than your grades? Look, I didn't study, and I only got a ninety-five. How will I ever be able to explain this to my parents?"

Molly "Do we care?"

(Serena has another problem: she cries too much.)

Serena "Maybe he's right."

Molly "What? We're going shopping. By the time you get home, your mom'll have forgotten all about that dumb test."

Serena "Hmm, do you really think so?"

Molly "I know so. I saw some major awesome boots on sale."

Serena "We can get ice cream..."

Molly "...then shop some more!"

Serena "Can we look for some earrings?"

Molly "Good idea. We can go to my mom's jewelry store. She's got some major cool stuff. I mean wicked cool."

Serena "Oh, I could use some new pink barrettes for my hair."

(This is the one thing Melvin can't stand about them: his likes and their likes are completely different.)

Molly "Oh, she's got all kinds of great things! You gotta see it! It'll blow you away! Diamonds, rubies, emeralds, all kinds of stuff! Even some rhinestones."

Serena "Rhinestones? I LOVE them!"

Molly "She's got lots of 'em, and in lots of colors."

Serena "Pink?! And purple?!"

Molly "Oh, like for sure!"

Serena "All right! What are we waiting for? Let's go!"

(As the girls leave, Melvin, having been left out of the conversation, assesses Serena.)

Melvin "Ha ha ha. Serena. Ha ha. Beautiful, but a shopaholic."

(Not to get on the wrong track, but this story's gotta have some sort of conflict. Behold the Negaverse, an alternate reality where everything is contrary to our norm. In its heart is the palace of Queen Beryl. She sits on her throne, and her scepter floats in front of her as she waves her hands over the orb on top.)

Queen Beryl "The oracle says it's time to attack the other dimension, to unleash the power of the Negaforce."

Minions "Yes. Yes."

Queen Beryl "But to do so, I shall require energy. Yes, a great deal of energy. We shall get it from the planet Earth. So Jedite, present yourself and tell me of your progress there."

(Jedite is a Negaverse commander with a daring mission: to drain the energy from the inhabitants of Earth and feed it to the Negaforce. Only when enough energy has been collected can the Negaforce be unleashed once again.)

Jedite "Yes, Queen Beryl."

(He appears before Queen Beryl to report.)

Jedite "As we speak, my servant Morga is on the other side, preparing to gather energy. The humans are weak and helpless, and they will yield to our will, and then nothing will stand in the way of the great Negaforce."

Queen Beryl "Do not fail me, Jedite. I need their energy."

Jedite "Yes, my queen."

(Mrs. Baker's Jewelry Store is VERY busy today. What could possibly attract so many people?)

Mrs. Baker "Come on in! Everyone's welcome! Make me an offer!"

(She's having a sale. Serena and Molly walk into the store and see the crowd.)

Serena "Molly, what's going on?"

(Molly's mother, Mrs. Baker, is walking around the store, talking through a megaphone.)

Mrs. Baker "Welcome, ladies! Here's your chance to own diamonds, sapphires, emeralds, and a whole lot more!"

Molly "I don't get it. My mom's sure acting strange."

Serena "Yeah. What'd she put in her coffee this morning?"

Mrs. Baker "Today only, everything in the store is ninety percent off! Please feel free to try on anything..."

(NINETY PERCENT OFF?! That's ridiculous! And feel free to try it on?! What's going on here?)

(Uh oh. Something's wrong with Mrs. Baker.)

Mrs. Baker "Hm hm hm hm...and surrender your frantic energy to Queen Beryl and the Negaforce!"

(Yikes! This is a set-up!)

Morga "For I am Morga, loyal disciple to the Negaverse, and my jewels will drain away all your energy!"

(Unbeknownst to the women, the jewels are gradually absorbing the energy from them.)

(This energy is sent to Jedite, who collects it into an energy ball.)

Jedite "You have done well, Morga. So much greed.... So much energy.... Queen Beryl will be most pleased. Feed the Negaforce, foolish humans. Queen Beryl will soon triumph. Prepare them, Morga, for her triumphant arrival! Ha ha ha ha ha!"

(Morga receives the mental message.)

Morga "With pleasure."

(From behind her...)

Molly "Mama?"

(Morga is startled for a second, but then, she turns around and resumes her disguise.)

Morga/Mrs. Baker "Oh Molly, what a surprise."

Molly "Serena and I came to see some..."

Serena "...rhinestone jewelry!"

Mrs. Baker "Rhinestones? Ha! Don't be silly now, girls. Help yourselves to some diamonds instead! There are plenty to go around."

Serena "Diamonds?"

Mrs. Baker "Why, yes! Any friend of Molly's deserves nothing but the best."

Serena "I can't believe this! I totally can't believe this!"

(Molly still finds this a little weird.)

(At the display counter, Molly's mother shows them a ring with a BIG diamond.)

Mrs. Baker "Here, Serena. Would you like to try on this ring?"

Serena "Wow, would I!"

Mrs. Baker "It's a flawless twenty carat diamond. For you, ten dollars."

(What?)

Serena & Molly "Twenty carats, TEN DOLLARS?!"

(A rather round woman shoves Serena and Molly out of the way.)

Fat Woman "MINE!"

(This gets everyone crowding to the display case. Serena and Molly crawl out of the mob.)

Molly "Serena, this is way weird."

Serena "What's up with your mom, Molly? I've never seen her like this before."

Molly "I don't know, but I'm worried."

Serena "Hmm. This place is totally wacko, Molly. What's going on?"

(Serena's leaving? But they haven't been to the mall yet!)

Molly "Where are you going?"

Serena "I think I'll take a nap before showing my mom my grades."

(There's no use delaying the inevitable. Molly sighs.)

Molly "Okay. See ya tomorrow, Serena."

(She leaves the riotous jewelry store.)

Serena "Oh no. How can I tell mom I flunked another test?"

(She pulls out her bummer of a test...and promptly crumples it.)

Serena "DUH, HOW CAN I SHOW HER THIS THING?!"

(She throws it over her shoulder...and right on the head of a young man wearing shades.)

Darien "Hey, watch it, Meatball Head."

(Serena turns around.)

Serena "Uh? Oh, sorry."

(He has already uncrumpled the test and is reading it.)

Darien "A thirty? Admirable."

(Great. Just what Serena doesn't need: a snoop.)

Serena "NO!"

Darien "Are you stupid or just...incredibly lazy?"

(He also has a bit of a bad mouth.)

Serena "Hah! How dare you!"

(She snatches the paper from his hands.)

Serena "Give me that!"

(She walks away.)

Serena "Hah! The nerve of that guy. What a total jerk calling me a Meatball Head. Still..."

(She glances back.)

Serena "He sure is cute."

(The young man, meanwhile, has something else on his mind. He pulls off his shades.)

Darien "Something about that girl..."

(Serena always loves to stop by the Crown Arcade on the way home. As she walks by, she notices a poster advertising a new game arrival.)

Serena "Oh! The new Sailor V video game. Ah..."

(Sailor V is the hottest fictional heroine of the day. There are books, comics, and, you guessed it, games featuring her. Serena squats down and admires the poster.)

Serena "I wish I could be like Sailor V. She's so beautiful and smart. Something exciting's always happening in her life, not like mine."

(Behind a nearby sign, Luna the cat is keeping a close eye on her.)

Serena "Who am I kidding? I'll never be like Sailor V, not with grades like this. Mom's gonna blow a gasket when she sees this."

(She gets up and starts crying.)

Serena "Oh, what am I going to do?"

(Still crying, she walks home. Luna senses something about her, but...)

Luna "I can't believe it. This crybaby? She's the one?"

----- **Commercial Break** -----

(Serena arrives at her house, and her mother is waiting for her. She immediately cuts to the chase.)

Mrs. Tsukino "So, how did you do on yesterday's algebra test?"

Serena "Uh, test? In algebra?"

Mrs. Tsukino "You know, the one you were studying for the other night with Melvin? You two were up so late at the library."

(Another of Serena's flaws: she's a liar.)

Mrs. Tsukino "Melvin's mom said he got a ninety-five, and they're very disappointed."

Serena "Oh yes, that...ha ha ha ha...algebra test. Well, uh..."

(The last thing she would do is study with Melvin the geekazoid.)

Serena "See, that is, well, uh..."

Mrs. Tsukino "Serena, come on. Tell me. How did you do?"

(She tries to beat around the bush.)

Serena "Melvin gives me the...well, uh, you see, uh, it's like this. I, uh...well..."

(Serena's mother holds out her hand.)

Mrs. Tsukino "Let me see."

(Serena runs out of delays. She shows her the test...very reluctantly.)

Serena "Okay."

(Her mother takes one look, and...)

Mrs. Tsukino "THIRTY?! You said you studied! Know what you need to do?!"

Serena "No."

Mrs. Tsukino "GO BACK TO THE LIBRARY TO STUDY FOR A MAKE-UP TEST!"

(And Serena is promptly thrown out of the house.)

Serena "Mother, nooooo! Please! It's too late in the afternoon to study! It's bad for the braaaaaain!"

(Meanwhile, something totally weird is going on back at the jewelry store.)

Woman "Something's wrong. I feel very strange."

(The women are starting to get weaker and weaker. They can no longer stand up.)

Fat Woman "Oh, mercy me. I feel as I'm going to faint..."

(She faints, scattering beads all over the floor. People all over the store are fainting, and Molly is very worried.)

Molly "Mama, I'm scared. What's happening to all your customers?"

(No answer. Morga has her back turned to Molly.)

Molly "Mama?"

Morga/Mrs. Baker "Ha ha ha ha. Ha ha ha ha."

(Now Molly is extremely worried.)

Molly "Mama?"

Morga "I'm not your mother, Molly dear."

(Morga turns around.)

Morga "Ha ha ha ha ha!"

(Her face has an evil tinge of black! Molly is terrified!)

(At dusk, Serena lies back after a long trip to the library.)

Serena "Studying so hard is very, very tiring. All those books.... All those words.... It can't be too good for a person. How does Melvin do it? Oh, I'm so sleepy, so tired. I wanna sleep."

(And so, she takes a nap. In her slumber, she doesn't notice her bedroom window opening and something jump into the room. It creeps closer and closer...until the wind slams the window shut. The noise wakes up Serena, and she turns...)

Serena "Huh? Huh?"

(. . .to see a cat on her bed! It's the same cat she had saved this morning! She jumps upright and gasps.)

Serena "You scared me! What are you doing here?!"

(And then, Serena witnesses something even crazier.)

Luna "Why Serena, I came to see you, of course. Who else?"

(The cat talks! She jumps off her bed and looks back at the cat.)

Serena "A talking cat? Oh man. I HAVE been studying too hard."

(Luna clears her throat.)

Luna "My name is Luna, and I have been searching for you for a very long time."

(All this craziness is a bit hard for Serena to swallow.)

Luna "You are the chosen one, and I have been sent here to guide you on the path to your ultimate destiny. I wasn't sure if you were the one the first time we met, but I've been watching you, and now I absolutely know that you are...the Sailor Scout of the Moon."

(What in the Universe is she talking about? This is getting loonier and loonier! Serena puts her head down in hopes that she can stop what she thinks is a crazy dream.)

Serena "Ah, I'm hallucinating."

Luna "No you're not, Serena. You are Sailor Moon, and your friend Molly's in big trouble."

(Luna tries to get Serena's attention by hitting her head.)

Luna "You have got to help her."

(Serena doesn't respond.)

Luna "You don't believe me. Well all right, then. I'll prove it to you."

(One of Luna's tricks is that she has some devices intended for Sailor Moon. When she backflips into the air, she can summon one of those devices. She summons Sailor Moon's transformation tool: the Moon Prism Locket. Serena opens one eye.)

Serena "What is that?"

Luna "It's a special locket just for you."

(Jewelry? Cool. She picks it up.)

Serena "Wow. For me? It's beautiful. How should I wear it? On my school uniform or on my dress?"

Luna "Serena, it's not just a piece of jewelry. Listen to me! Do you hear what I'm saying?"

(No answer. Serena's still looking at the mirror.)

Luna "Sailor Moon, sworn to defend the princess of the Moon."

(Still nothing. Luna jumps on the dresser in front of the mirror.)

Luna "Powerful evil forces have appeared here on Earth, and that special locket can help you fight them. You are Sailor Moon, and you must fight evil when it confronts you. You must not be afraid."

(This sounds rather familiar. This sounds to Serena like a game.)

Serena "Yeah right. Just like Sailor V."

Luna "This is no joke, Serena. Do you hear me? This is your destiny."

Serena "My destiny? I MUST be dreaming."

(Luna then challenges her with the ultimate.)

Luna "It's no dream. I'll prove it, Serena. Just repeat after me: 'MOON PRISM POWER.'"

Serena "Okay. **MOON PRISM POWER!**"

(Those are the magic words. The Moon Prism Locket goes to work, giving Serena a brand new look and transforming her into Sailor Moon, the Champion of Justice. The transformation gives her a shock.)

Sailor Moon "AH! What happened?! This dream is getting weirder and weirder! I'll never study that hard again! I wanna PLAY Sailor V video games! I don't wanna LIVE them!"

(Suddenly, a cry for help reaches Sailor Moon's ears.)

Molly "Help me! Please help me! Somebody please help me! AAAAAH!"

Sailor Moon "That's Molly!"

Luna "That's right. She's in big trouble."

Sailor Moon "Yeah, but what can I do to help? You keep forgetting. I'm just a kid."

Luna "You are Sailor Moon. You will know what to do when you look into your heart. Believe in yourself."

(It's a bit hard for her to do, but if it's to help Molly...)

Sailor Moon "Okay."

(The scene at the jewelry store is getting ugly.)

Molly "Somebody please help me!"

(Morga has Molly by the throat.)

Morga "Hm hm hm. There's no one to help you now, little girl."

Molly "Oh, help me! Oh..."

(As Morga laughs at Molly's struggle, she reverts to her true form, and it is UGLY!)

Morga "Soon, you and your kind will cease to exist. Once Queen Beryl unleashes the Negaforce, she will destroy you all!"

Sailor Moon "Let her go."

(The voice from behind Morga surprises her. She turns her head around.)

Morga "What's that?"

(At the door is an unexpected visitor.)

Sailor Moon "I said let her go!"

Morga "And who are YOU?"

Sailor Moon "Oh, uh, well, my name's..."

(Quickly, she cooks up an opening line to disguise her identity.)

Sailor Moon "I am Sailor Moon, the Champion of Justice. And I say, on behalf of the Moon, I shall right wrongs and triumph over evil, and that means YOU."

Morga "Sailor Moon? Never heard of you, and I'm sure I never will again. Arise, my children, and serve the great power that is the Negaverse!"

(Uh oh. Not only did those jewels drain the customers' energy, they also turned them into zombies. They follow Morga's command and attack Sailor Moon.)

Sailor Moon "Luna, help me. I don't know what to do."

(Unfamiliar with her enemy, Sailor Moon struggles to avoid the attacks. Morga herself charges at her, knocking her against a column.)

Sailor Moon "Ow! That hurt. I don't wanna do this anymore."

Luna "Sailor Moon, what are you doing? You must fight this evil monster, or the whole Universe could cease to exist."

(This doesn't look good.)

----- **Commercial Break** -----

Sailor Moon "I don't wanna play this game anymore."

(She's scared stiff.)

Sailor Moon "LUNA! I WANNA GO HOME!"

Morga "Fine, I'll send you away for good."

(Morga stretches an ugly arm towards Sailor Moon. The arm is almost upon the terrified heroine...)

Sailor Moon "AAAAAH!"

(...when something streaks through the air and stops it short. It's a rose. Morga turns around to find the thrower.)

Morga "Now who might you be?"

(Standing in a window high above the floor is a strange young man, wearing a black top hat, a tuxedo, a flowing cape...and a mask over his eyes.)

Tuxedo Mask "I am Tuxedo Mask. Sailor Moon, look into your heart and find the warrior within you. It is your destiny."

Sailor Moon "But I don't want to be a warrior."

(She does the one thing she could think of: she starts to cry and wail. Surprisingly, her powers magnify the noise considerably, sending the entire store into a tremor. Morga's control over the customers is broken, and they all collapse to the floor.)

Morga "Aah! Stop that hideous crying!"

(This is Sailor Moon's big break. Luna advises her.)

Luna "Sailor Moon, quickly, throw your Tiara and then say 'MOON TIARA MAGIC.'"

Sailor Moon "What for, Luna? What good is that gonna do?"

Luna "Just do it!"

(She takes it off. The Moon Tiara is her strongest weapon against the forces of evil. Thrown, it becomes a discus that can turn a monster into moon dust. All she needs to say to activate it is...)

Sailor Moon "**MOON TIARA MAGIC!**"

(Caught off-guard...)

Morga "AAAAAH!"

(...Morga can only stand there as the Tiara connects.)

Sailor Moon "Huh? I did that?"

Morga "I shall return..."

(Morga has been moondusted.)

(Jedite gets a surprise. With Morga defeated, his energy ball disperses and returns to Earth.)

Jedite "What? The energy. Someone will pay dearly for this."

(Back at the store, the moon dust soon vanishes, and the strange Tuxedo Mask says some parting words.)

Tuxedo Mask "You have done well, Sailor Moon, and now, Molly's mother and all the other women are free. Others will test you. Do not be afraid. I will fight with you."

(And he exits through the window.)

Luna "Are you all right, Sailor Moon? Speak to me."

Sailor Moon "What a hunky guy."

(The next morning, at school...)

Molly "Serena, you're not gonna believe this, but my mom and I had the strangest dream last night, that we were attacked by this hideous monster, and that this beautiful warrior named Sailor Moon saved us!"

Student "What? Are you kidding? I had the same dream."

(Molly gasps.)

Other Student "Yeah, me too."

(She gasps again.)

Molly "That's weird...very weird. Serena, isn't that the weirdest?"

(Serena's head is down on her desk. She's very tired...for a different reason this time.)

Molly "Serena?"

Serena "Shh. Hey, you guys, could you please keep it down? I was up late last night, and I just need a little bit more sleep."

(She yawns and goes back to sleep.)

Serena "Good night."

(What a way to start a heroic career.)

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