

SCREENPLAY FOR

Sailor Moon - Episode 16: "Who is that Masked Man?"

(Nephelite's secluded mansion...)

Nephelite "The stars know everything. Powers of the Negaverse, I seek your guidance now more than ever. I need you to show me Sailor Moon's greatest weakness so I can be rid of her."

(The stars provide Nephelite with the insight. In his head is an image of Sailor Moon fallen head over heels over...)

Nephelite "Of course! Tuxedo Mask! Ha ha ha..."

(His evil laugh is interrupted.)

Zoisite "Scuse me, Nephelite, but Queen Beryl would like a word with you."

(Queen Beryl is starting to get tired of Nephelite's numerous failings. It seems like only yesterday when Jedite was at the same spot. He has since been condemned to Eternal Sleep.)

Queen Beryl "I'm disappointed, Nephelite! Where is all the energy you promised me? Explain yourself!"

Nephelite "It's those Sailor Scouts. They keep getting in my way."

Queen Beryl "Stop giving me excuses! You're starting to sound like that worthless peon Jedite! Now tell me what you've got planned for Sailor Moon unless you want to end up like Jedite!"

(Zoisite adds insult to injury. If Nephelite goes down, she would get his position.)

Zoisite "Maybe I can help, Nephelite."

(Of course he would refuse. It's a clever plan of hers to make Queen Beryl lose favor with him.)

Nephelite "Stay out of this, Zoisite! I'm warning you! I'm perfectly capable of handling this situation myself! I've got a foolproof solution for getting rid of Sailor Moon!"

Zoisite "So why's this one better than any of your other schemes, which have all failed, just like Jedite's?"

Nephelite "Your Majesty, I plan to trap Sailor Moon by pretending to be Tuxedo Mask. He is her greatest weakness."

(It has potential.)

Queen Beryl "Hmm...he is handsome."

Nephelite "Her foolish love will blind her to any danger! Ha ha ha ha!"

(The next afternoon, a letter is in the mail slot for Serena.)

Serena "Ooh, looks like a love note?"

(She has her doubts, but when she reads who it's for...)

Serena "WHAT?! IT'S ADDRESSED TO ME?! Oooh, wonder who it's from."

(Serena reads it in her room.)

Serena "Come to the shopping center, nine tomorrow night. I must see you again.
Your Tuxedo Mask.
No way!"

(Her infatuation with the mysterious hero takes her head over heels. However, something nags Luna.)

Luna "I don't get it. Somehow, he must have figured out that you're Sailor Moon, but how?"

(Point well taken. She's only met him while she was Sailor Moon, and, except for Luna, the other Sailor Scouts, and her adversaries (who were always eliminated before spilling), she's always made sure to transform when no one else was looking.)

Serena "Luna, his heart led him to me."

(Kissing the letter...)

Serena "Oh, I don't believe this."

Luna "Why would he be sending you love notes all of a sudden? It just doesn't make sense."

(Another point. He always just pops in at just the right time, then disappears.)

Serena "He's romantic, and 'cause...his heart's just bustin' with love, and if he doesn't tell me right away, he's headed for total meltdown. Ooh, Raye is gonna be soooo jealous."

Luna "Wait, Serena. I think we better think this over. I mean, just because he's kicked the Negaverse around a few times doesn't mean he's Prince Charming."

(Serena didn't hear her. She's still lovestruck.)

Luna "Did you hear me?"

(Nope.)

Serena "I've got a date with Tuxedo Mask."

(Her enthusiasm soon fades, however, when she gets to school the next day. There, she discovers...)

Molly "I wonder what it's for, though? Mine just says I should go to the shopping center to meet this guy."

Student "Mine's the same."

Second Student "Mine, too."

Third Student "Same here."

(...that all the girls in school have gotten the same invitation! Turning to more students, Molly asks...)

Molly "Do you have any idea who it could be?"

Students "Un unn."

Molly "From the address, it could be that cute millionaire Maxfield Stanton. He wears tuxedos. Ooh, I hope it's him."

(Maxfield Stanton is, in reality, Nephrite. His Earth identity has built an eccentric reputation, but enough of that. Miss Haruna walks into class.)

Miss Haruna "Hello everyone. Before we get started, I want to take care of some school business. How many received Tuxedo Mask invites for tomorrow night?"

(Every girl raises their hand...except Serena, who's too downtrodden to answer.)

Fourth Student "I did."

Fifth Student "Me!"

Sixth Student "Yeah, right! You bet!"

Miss Haruna "That's good because I was invited to come along as a chaperone, and I just want to remind you girls that I'll expect you to be on your best behavior."

Girls "Okay."

Miss Haruna "Good, let's get started."

(Miss Haruna, however, is secretly resenting it.)

Miss Haruna "Just how I wanna spend Friday night: babysitting a bunch of teenage girls."

(Luna, meanwhile, catches up with Amy in her Phys. Ed. class.)

Luna "It's too weird, Amy. Why would Tuxedo Mask invite every girl in school?"

Amy "I don't know. Maybe we should go ask Raye if she's had any visions lately."

(Later, Darien is at the arcade. He's trying his luck at a crane game. A Tuxedo Mask doll is caught in the claw...)

Darien "Come on. That's it. Almost got it."

(...but it slips out.)

Darien "Oh, rats."

Andrew "Darien, why do you always try for that one?"

Darien "I don't know. I like his cape, I guess."

(As if we didn't know.)

Andrew "You secretly wanna be a superhero?"

(My, my! Andrew's pretty close!)

(Wait. Serena's just walked in, downtrodden.)

Andrew "Hey there, Serena."

Serena "Hi."

Andrew "Woah, someone's majorly bummed."

(She drops her bag.)

Serena "I'm majorly, totally, way beyond bummed. I thought this one guy who really liked me wanted to see me, but then I found out he invited the whole school."

(By now she's really bawling. Andrew and Darien reel from the noise.)

Darien "What a terrible sound. Stop! Serena!"

(At Cherry Hill Temple, Amy and Luna find Raye in bed with the flu.)

Raye "I really wish I could be more help, Amy, but this flu has really knocked me out, and I haven't...had any visions, I'm afraid."

(Coughing...)

Raye "I feel lousy."

(Amy checks for a fever.)

Amy "Oh, poor thing. You're burning up. Don't worry about a thing. Luna and I will take care of this."

(Raye had gotten an invite as well.)

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

(Friday afternoon, at the shopping center...)

Nephrite "I've invited every girl from Crossroads Junior High School. One of them has got to be Sailor Moon."

Molly "Uh, um, excuse me?"

(Molly had had a funny feeling, so she decided to come now, in the afternoon, to confirm her suspicions.)

Molly "Mr. Stanton? I'm Molly. Molly Baker. We met last week at the tennis tournament."

Nephrite/Maxfield "Yeah. You were the ball girl, right?"

Molly "You remembered? Anyway, there's something I wanted to ask you. Um, did you by any

chance send a bunch o' letters signed 'Tuxedo Mask'?"

Maxfield "Tuxedo... Where would you get an idea like that?"

Molly "Cause we all got these letters signed by him at our school. I just had this feeling it might be you."

(Nephrite hears her words. There's something odd about them. He also senses something strange.)

Nephrite/Maxfield "I feel a very strange presence in her. She possesses a great strength. She could be Sailor Moon, trying to lure me into a trap."

(What this about Molly? This can't be right.)

Molly "Oh, brother. You...you must think I'm pretty silly."

Maxfield "Not at all. Actually, a mystery meaning sounds rather romantic. I'm glad you asked, and I hope I see you at next week's tournament, Molly. See ya."

Molly "It IS you. I knew it."

(She pulls out her invite.)

Molly "I wonder why he picked the shopping center, though."

(She goes on the roof.)

Molly "He's just too dreamy."

(She had caught up with him earlier, and he had invited her, supposedly, on a date.)

Maxfield "Molly, I'm so glad we met again. I can't wait to see you tonight. Don't be late."

(She can't believe it.)

Molly "Don't worry. I'll be there early."

(Meanwhile, at her house, someone else plans to be there early.)

Serena "This says to be there at nine o'clock, but I'm gonna get there before everybody else does. Then I'm gonna find out what Tuxedo Mask is up to, why he invited all those girls."

(She begins to go over her rules for getting ready for a date. She opens her closet and chooses her outfit for tonight. She also pulls socks from her drawer.)

Serena "First, I need my best outfit and coolest socks. That's rule number one."

(That decided...)

Serena "Rule number two: fix the hair."

(She looks in the mirror.)

Serena "Lookin' pretty hoo-oot."

(Taking some perfume...)

Serena "Now for a bit of perfume. That was rule number three."

(She brushes her teeth.)

Serena "Rule number four: scrub those glossy whites."

(She tops it off with her best lipstick.)

Serena "And lastly, wicked Fuchsia Pink lipstick."

(All done.)

Serena "Ready for romance."

(For a moment, she dreams again of Tuxedo Mask. She can barely contain her excitement.)

Serena "OH! Irresistible! Oh!"

(That night, back at the shopping center, Molly waits outside the closed security doors. They slowly slide open. She walks in. It's very quiet.)

Molly "Hello! Is anybody in here? It's me, Molly! Anybody here? Oh..."

(Just then, the lights come on, and Nephrite (posing as Maxfield Stanton and dressed like Tuxedo Mask) stands at the top of an escalator. He steps on and slowly comes down.)

Maxfield "I'm here."

Molly "Oh..."

Maxfield "You came early."

Molly "Hope you don't mind. I just couldn't wait to see you again."

Maxfield "Is anybody with you?"

(This was for his own sake. He doesn't want Sailor Scouts tagging along. He wants Sailor Moon alone.)

Molly "No, I came by myself. I don't need anybody with me to say what I have to say."

(Alone. Good.)

Maxfield "Go ahead. I'm curious to hear what you have to tell me."

Molly "Then why don't you come a little closer? It's not like I'm gonna bite you or anything."

(That's it. Show's over. Spring the trap!)

(He jumps down and lands right in front of her.)

Nephrite "Do you think I'm stupid, Sailor girl?! I know who you really are!"

(Molly is scared. What's he talking about?)

Nephelite "Go on! Admit it!"

(While all this is going on, Serena makes an early walk to the shopping center as well.)

Serena "Hmm, I should probably check in with Amy and let her know where I'm at."

(Just then, her communicator beeps. Amy is calling her from Raye's house.)

Amy "Serena, it's me. Do you copy?"

Serena "Hey Amy, I was just gonna call you. I'm heading over to the mall."

(When Raye hears the word "mall," she immediately sits up in bed.)

Raye "What? She'll be there an hour before anybody else..."

(She gets out of bed.)

Raye "...and have Tuxedo Mask all to herself."

(She coughs.)

Raye "We gotta go."

(Meanwhile, at the shopping center...)

Molly "What? I don't know any Sailor Moon."

Nephelite "Don't lie to me! I know you're Sailor Moon!"

Molly "I'm not lying!"

(He points to her forehead.)

Nephelite "But I feel a strong force coming from you, directed at me!"

Molly "That's my love."

(Guess we won't find out for sure. Nephelite's draining her energy. Boy, this energy is intense!)

Nephelite "Powerful stuff, whatever it is."

Molly "I'm gonna keel over..."

(She faints. Nephelite catches her to get the rest of the energy. Meanwhile, Serena has just walked in. Right away, she notices something terribly wrong!)

Serena "Oh Molly..."

(Fortunately, Nephrite doesn't notice her. She hides.)

Serena "Oh no. What a total slime."

(Hold it. Why is Tuxedo Mask draining her energy?)

Serena "Wait a sec. That can't be the real Tuxedo Mask. Ooh, must be the Negaverse. That guy is moon dust. **MOON PRISM POWER!**"

(Serena summons the power of her Moon Prism Locket and transforms into Sailor Moon, Champion of Justice.)

(At the same instant, elsewhere downtown, Darien collapses.)

Darien "Argh! OH! Not again! What's happening? AH! ARGH!"

(We then see for ourselves what we probably knew for some time: Darien is Tuxedo Mask. One thing to note: the transformation isn't voluntary.)

(Meanwhile, Nephrite comes to a conclusion.)

Nephrite "Maybe she's not Sailor Moon, but at least I managed to gather all her love energy for Queen Beryl."

Sailor Moon "Let her go this instant, crudball."

Nephrite "Who's that?!"

(It's Sailor Moon. Now he knows he's got the wrong lady. No matter.)

Sailor Moon "You know. I am Sailor Moon, the Champion of Justice."

Nephrite "And about time."

Sailor Moon "On behalf of the Moon, I will right wrongs and triumph over evil. I've sworn to destroy the Negaverse, and that means YOU."

Nephrite "You're no match for me, Sailor trash!"

Sailor Moon "Just get a taste of Moon power. Comin' at ya, creep!"

(She jump kicks, but he ducks, so she manages to only swipe off his hat.)

Nephrite "Missed by a mile. Here. Take your friend."

(He tosses Molly over to her. Sailor Moon catches her and puts her down.)

Nephrite "You're history!"

(No need for the disguise anymore, so he ditches it and reveals his warrior uniform.)

Sailor Moon "Take off that mask and show me who you are."

(Nephrite complies, but warns...)

Nephrite "Once I tell you, you know I have to get rid of you."

Sailor Moon "Ooh, I'm shaking."

Nephrite "Being attuned with the Moon, I'm sure you can appreciate the power of the stars."

(All of a sudden, the room turns into a spacescape, and multiple images of Nephrite appear.)

Nephrite "Powers of the Negaverse, multiply my energy! **UNLEASH LEO THE LION!**"

(The images position themselves to form the constellation of Leo. Then, his Negaverse powers bring the constellation to life!)

Nephrite "Sailor Moon, you're lunchmeat."

(Sailor Moon has no choice but to run. She trips and falls over. Is this it?)

(A rose shoots through the air and hits Dark Leo, knocking him back.)

Nephrite "Grr! Tuxedo Mask!"

(Sure enough, he's bracing the elevator door.)

Tuxedo Mask "Sailor Moon, I hope you realize this sleazoid's the one who wrote those phony letters and not me."

(He insults Nephrite.)

Tuxedo Mask "Negascum."

Sailor Moon "Oh Tuxedo Mask, I'd never doubt you."

Nephrite "You haven't got a chance."

(Tuxedo Mask jumps between Sailor Moon and Nephrite.)

Tuxedo Mask "Mind if I test that theory, Sailor Moon?"

Sailor Moon "Oh no. You go right ahead. Be my guest."

(She quickly gets away.)

Nephrite "You can run, but you can't hide, Sailor Moon."

(Tuxedo Mask draws his telescoping walking stick.)

Nephrite "Now!"

(Dark Leo pounces while Tuxedo Mask stands ready. Meanwhile, Sailor Moon realizes something.)

Sailor Moon "What am I doing? I've got to help."

(Quickly, she draws her Moon Tiara.)

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

(She launches it...but to her surprise, it just knocks Dark Leo back.)

Sailor Moon "No way. He should be dust."

Tuxedo Mask "Come on! Hurry! He's too strong. We gotta get outta here."

(They run for the elevator while Dark Leo makes another charge. They make it into the elevator. As the doors close, Nephrite fades Dark Leo.)

Nephrite "HA HA HA HA! Right where I want them."

(You see, the elevator is the real trap.)

(In the elevator...)

Tuxedo Mask "I don't know how to beat him."

(Tuxedo Mask admitting to having trouble? That's a first.)

Sailor Moon "At least we're safe."

(Wrong. The elevator's speaker crackles...)

Nephrite "Oh yes, Sailor Moon, but only until you get to the top floor. Ha ha ha!"

Sailor Moon "What are you talking about?"

(The elevator starts going up. It's only too obvious what he's doing.)

Nephrite "According to the laws of gravity, what goes up must come down, and when THAT happens, you're gonna be a Sailor pancake at the bottom of the elevator shaft."

Sailor Moon "I don't wanna be a pancake."

(The elevator is still climbing.)

Sailor Moon "Have I ever told you...?"

(She changes her mind.)

Sailor Moon "Nah."

Tuxedo Mask "We gotta get outta here. There must be a way to stop this thing."

Sailor Moon "Call me crazy, but I kinda like being trapped in an elevator with him. It's so romantic facing danger together."

(No time for romance, Sailor Moon! You've only got about five floors before you reach the top!)

Tuxedo Mask "Ready?"

(Though she doesn't know for what...)

Sailor Moon "Oh yes."

Tuxedo Mask "Did you hear me? I found a way out."

(Finally, she snaps back to reality.)

Sailor Moon "What? Oh, great."

(He pushes away a roof panel with his walking stick.)

Tuxedo Mask "Come on. We gotta hurry."

(Tuxedo Mask climbs on top of the elevator, then pulls Sailor Moon up.)

Tuxedo Mask "As soon it stops, we've gotta jump."

Sailor Moon "We do?"

(Just then, it stops. Tuxedo Mask jumps, but Sailor Moon hesitates. She jumps just as the elevator starts to fall. She misses, but Tuxedo Mask manages to grab her with one arm.)

(Back on the first floor, Nephrite watches in delight as the floors count down. The elevator goes down past the basement, then crashes.)

Nephrite "Hm hm hm ha ha ha! I did it. Ha ha ha ha ha!"

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

(Meanwhile, Sailor Moon grips Tuxedo Mask's hand very tightly. His other hand hangs for dear life on the ledge of the top floor elevator door.)

Sailor Moon "Don't drop me!"

Tuxedo Mask "Hey, have I ever let you down? You'll be fine. Just don't look down and think about something else."

Sailor Moon "Something else? Well, let's see..."

(She then remembers a nagging question.)

Sailor Moon "I know. Tell me why you always save me."

Tuxedo Mask "That's my mission, I guess. I've got no control over it."

(To the point. Meanwhile, he manages to get a foot on the sign of the thirteenth floor (Don't ask me why this building has such.))

Tuxedo Mask "There. Now you can climb up on my back; give both our arms a rest."

(She's only too happy to do so.)

Sailor Moon "Thanks. So, where do you come from? The Sailor Scouts and I think you're majorly dreamy. Hey, what am I saying? I shouldn't be telling you that."

(Tuxedo Mask is still struggling to hang on.)

Sailor Moon "Oh, who cares? Do you have a planet? Maybe you're a Sailor Scout, too. That means you have an Earth name like me."

(Oh my. You'd never have thought she would get that close to the truth.)

Sailor Moon "Maybe we even know each other."

(That's closer still!)

Tuxedo Mask "Sailor Moon..."

Sailor Moon "Uh huh?"

Tuxedo Mask "I don't know who I am or where I come from. All I know is that I'm supposed to protect you. I have this feeling we knew each other long ago, but that's all. Okay?"

(Is he doing a good cover-up, or is something amiss?)

(Uh oh! The thirteen sign falls off! Sailor Moon screams. Tuxedo Mask has to hang on again.)

Tuxedo Mask "Hold on, will ya?"

Sailor Moon "I can't! I can't! And just when we're really getting to know each other. Oh Tuxedo Mask, this can't be happening! We've got to get out of here."

(His grip is slipping! He loses hold of one hand! Just then, the elevator door opens, and two pairs of hands grab him.)

Sailor Mercury "Everything's going to be okay now. We've got you."

(Sailor Mercury and Sailor Mars pull them up.)

Sailor Moon "Where have you been?"

(Sailor Mars is wearing a mask to keep the flu from spreading, and she's still coughing.)

Sailor Mars "Climbing a million flights of stairs!"

(At the rooftop...)

Sailor Moon "Oh, that's a good look for you, Raye. Cover up that humongous mouth of yours."

(Coughing...)

Sailor Mars "Don't bug me! I just saved your life!"

(Coughing...)

Sailor Mars "And besides, at least I'm not a desperate hunk hog like you!"

Sailor Moon "Hey, I was invited, okay?"

(Sailor Mercury interrupts. She's carrying Molly.)

Sailor Mercury "Stop it, you guys now! I'm sick of you fighting."

(Sailor Mars coughs, but stops talking.)

Sailor Mercury "We're a team, remember? We stick together, or how will we find the Moon Princess?"

Tuxedo Mask "Sailor Mercury's right. Unity's your greatest strength."

(With that, he jumps over the edge of the building and leaves. Sailor Moon and Sailor Mars rush to the edge.)

Sailor Moon "Tuxedo Mask, wait! Oh, I wish I knew who he was."

Sailor Mars "Wow, it would be so cool to be able to fly like that."

(Tuxedo Mask had really just jumped down a few feet to a ledge. He thinks about himself.)

Tuxedo Mask "These Sailor Scouts are gonna be the end of me."

(In Queen Beryl's castle, Nephrite has just returned with the energy.)

Queen Beryl "Nephrite, your plan has failed again. Sailor Moon managed to escape."

(Zoisite tries to take advantage.)

Zoisite "And all you got was that silly girl's energy."

Nephrite "Grr..."

(However, though small, it's lively. It provides a healthy boost for the Negaforce.)

Queen Beryl "Yes, but look how powerful those human emotions can be. Nephrite has managed to give the Negaforce a powerful boost."

(Zoisite's ploy didn't work!)

Zoisite "But he still failed. Aren't you going to punish him?"

(Nephrite knows something she doesn't know...)

Queen Beryl "Maybe I should punish YOU, Zoisite. IF YOU EVER QUESTION MY DECISION AGAIN, YOU'LL FACE THE SAME FATE AS JEDITE! UNDERSTAND?!"

(Queen Beryl doesn't take insubordination lightly. Zoisite's plot has backfired on her!)

Zoisite "Yes."

(In his mansion, Nephrite once again looks upon the stars and asks for a favor. He needs to wipe Molly's knowledge of Maxfield Stanton's true identity.)

Nephrite "Stars know everything. Powers of the Negaverse, help me to erase any memory of my identity from my latest victim. She can't know that Maxfield Stanton is actually a Negaverse warrior."

(He adds a comment.)

Nephrite

“I should thank her, I guess. Hm hm hm. After all, her silly crush on me saved me from Queen Beryl's wrath!”

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