

## TRANSCRIPT FOR

### Sailor Moon - Episode 18: *“Worth a Princess's Ransom”*

*(There's a mile-long traffic jam on the streets!)*

**Serena** “OH! I can't be late again!”

*(Serena notices the bottleneck as she rushes to school.)*

**Serena** “Hey, what's with the traffic jam?”

*(Not far away, policemen are slowly letting cars pass after they're inspected.)*

**Serena** “Looks like a security check. Must be some big shot here for a visit.”

*(Molly passes Serena as she heads to school. She looks sad.)*

**Serena** “Morning, Molly.”

**Molly** “If you say so.”

**Serena** “What's the matter? You seem down. Have a bad dream or something?”

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*(Molly HAS been having nightmares, or so she thinks. All she can recall is meeting Maxfield Stanton...)*

**Maxfield** “Actually, a mystery meaning sounds rather romantic.”

*(...then the same man, disguised as Tuxedo Mask, accusing her of being Sailor Moon.)*

**Maxfield/Nephrite** “Do you think I'm stupid, Sailor girl?! I know who you really are!”

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*(Molly can't get these thoughts out of her mind.)*

**Molly** “I guess it was a dream, or else I'd remember more of it.”

**Serena** “Hey, we'd better get our rears in gear.”

*(She pulls Molly along.)*

**Serena** “If I'm late again, I'll get a detention.”

*(Fortunately, they make it just before the bell.)*

**Serena** “Oh, I'm wiped out.”

**Melvin** “Hidey ho. Wanna hear the latest buzz? Princess Diamond's in town, and she's having a huge party to show all her family's jewels.”

**Serena** “Who's Princess Diamond?”

**Melvin** “Only the heiress to the largest jewel collection ever. Everybody's dying to see her Imperial Crystal.”

**Serena** "Oh, how I'd love to meet a real live princess!"

**Molly** "I think it'll be a huge bore. My mother's making me go. They invited all the jewelry store owners from all over town. Gee, I sure wish I could get out of it, but my mom's being really rigid."

**Serena** "OOOH! Then give me your ticket, please? Please, I wanna go!"

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*(At Serena's house, Luna reads the newspaper...and comes across something interesting.)*

**Luna** "Princess Diamond will unveil the Imperial Crystal tonight."

*(For some time, she and the Sailor Scouts have been searching for the Moon Princess and the Imperium Silver Crystal. Is this a sign?)*

**Luna** "Could she be our Moon Princess?"

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*(Queen Beryl has also taken notice of the gala event. She summons her best warriors.)*

**Queen Beryl** "I'm very interested in this Princess Diamond. She may have the long-lost Imperium Silver Crystal which we need to release the Negaforce and take over the Universe."

*(Nephrite is late arriving.)*

**Zoisite** "I'm amazed you'd show up, Nephrite, after that embarrassing little encounter with the Sailor Scouts."

**Nephrite** "Queen Beryl summoned her warriors, so I came."

**Zoisite** "Warriors, not losers."

**Nephrite** "Buzz off, Zoisite."

*(He turns his attention to Queen Beryl.)*

**Nephrite** "You called, Majesty?"

**Queen Beryl** "Yes, Nephrite. There's a Princess Diamond who's traveling the world with something called the Imperial Crystal, a family heirloom. It could be the Imperium Silver Crystal we've been searching for all these years. If we get it back, there'll be no longer a Universe, only the Negaverse!"

*(Zoisite complains...)*

**Zoisite** "Send me! Nephrite is a loser!"

*(Queen Beryl gives her a few encouraging words.)*

**Queen Beryl** "If he fails, he's history."

**Nephrite** "I'll be back with that crystal, Queen Beryl. You won't be disappointed."

*(And he disappears.)*

**Zoisite** "Queen Beryl, why do you put up with that guy? Has he not failed you enough?"

*(Queen Beryl gives her a little lesson.)*

**Queen Beryl** "You've got a lot to learn, Zoisite. Desperation is the best motivation."

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*(Zoisite talks with Malachite, a veteran warrior. They have known each other a long time.)*

**Zoisite** "Oh Malachite, when will I ever get my chance?"

*(Malachite always has soothing words for her.)*

**Malachite** "You'll get your chance soon enough. Be patient. Impatience can be a sign of weakness."

**Zoisite** "But, what if Nephrite succeeds?"

**Malachite** "I doubt he will, but don't question Beryl's orders. She hates that."

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*(At Cherry Hill Temple, Luna discusses the situation with all of the Sailor Scouts.)*

**Raye** "Really? You think she could be OUR princess?"

**Luna** "It's possible. I mean, she's from a long line of royalty, and she's got this ancient gem: the Imperial Crystal. We have to check her out, at least."

**Serena** "Can we phone?"

*(Amy shakes her head.)*

**Amy** "There's no way we'd ever get through. Besides, we need to see her and that Imperial Crystal she's got."

**Serena** "Fat chance. Melvin told me in detail about security at the embassy. Anyway, none of us even has an invitation. They're not gonna let us in the building."

**Raye** "What? You got noodles inside that head o' yours to go with the meatballs? We're the Sailor Scouts! We'll figure out some way to get in there!"

**Serena** "Why are you always yelling at me, Raye? You're so mean."

*(Oh boy.)*

**Raye** "I WASN'T YELLING!"

*(That did it. There go the tears.)*

**Amy** "I say we go to the embassy tonight and see if there's a way to get in. In the meantime, I'll do some research; see what I can dig up on the princess and all those jewels of hers. Is that okay?"

*(Raye and Luna nod.)*

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*(Later, as Serena and Luna head home...)*

**Luna** "I wish you'd take this Scout business more seriously. You know there's more to life than chocolate milkshakes."

*(Serena always hates it when Luna talks of her habits.)*

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*(They arrive at the house, and Serena opens the door.)*

**Serena** "I'm home. Huh?"

**Mr. Tsukino** "Hi there."

*(She sees that her father is in a tuxedo.)*

**Serena** "What's going on? Why are you all dressed up?"

**Mr. Tsukino** "I'm going to the embassy party. Got an invite at work."

*(Her parents are going too?! What about her?!)*

**Serena** "You mean Princess Diamond's party?! I wanna go, Dad. I mean, majorly wanna go. Please?"

*(Her father passes her on his way to the door.)*

**Mr. Tsukino** "Sorry, pumpkin. Can't do it. I'll tell you all about it tomorrow."

*(And he leaves. This is so frustrating!)*

**Serena** "Everyone's going except me!"

*(Then she gets an idea!)*

**Serena** "I know."

**Luna** "What? You've got an idea?"

*(Serena pulls out the Luna Pen. Luna's beginning to regret ever giving her that tool.)*

**Luna** "Oh, not again."

**Serena** "**DISGUISE POWER!** Turn me into the foxiest femme around!"

*(The Luna Pen complies, dressing her in a beautiful formal gown.)*

**Serena** "So, how do I look?"

**Luna** "Turn around."

*(Luna has to admit, it is a beautiful dress.)*

**Luna** "Fine, but you know that Luna Pen's only for Sailor business."

*(But Serena remembers something.)*

**Serena** "Huh? This IS Sailor business. Once I get in that embassy (after I scope out the food and the guys) I'll get the skinny on the princess. I'll be working really hard."

**Luna** "When you're not eating."

**Serena** "Uh huh."

*(It's against her better judgement.)*

**Luna** "I've got a bad feeling about this."

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*(Someone's having a strange dream.)*

**Moon Princess** "Tuxedo Mask, find the Imperium Silver Crystal."

**Tuxedo Mask** "I will. Then, we can be together again."

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*(Darien wakes up. This isn't the first time he's been having these weird dreams.)*

**Darien** "It's that dream again."

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*(Outside the embassy...)*

**Serena** "I hope I don't get busted by security."

*(She passes Amy and Raye. They don't believe it.)*

**Serena** "Hey there, girls."

**Raye & Amy** "Serena?"

*(She tries to walk past the gate, but...)*

**Doorman** "May I see your invitation?"

*(She acts aristocratic.)*

**Serena** "I am the Countess Popover. You can check it out in your VIP book."

*(He flips through the pages.)*

**Doorman** "Popover. Popover. Let me see. Let me see..."

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*(Serena is already past the gate, and he hasn't even gotten the notion that she made it up.)*

**Serena** "This disguise stuff is the hottest."

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*(She walks into the ballroom...and gets a pleasant surprise.)*

**Serena** "They're all wearing masks, just like in the movies!"

*(She gets a closer look. It's so dreamy.)*

**Serena** "It's so like...classic!"

*(Molly stands alone in a corner, bored. Nephrite sees her.)*

**Nephrite** "Hm hm hm. I knew she'd be here."

*(This is his chance to carry out his plan.)*

**Molly** "This is such a snoozer."

*(Nephrite approaches, posing as his alter ego, Maxfield Stanton.)*

**Maxfield** "Eh, hello, Molly. May I have this dance?"

*(Molly has had a crush on Maxfield for a while.)*

**Molly** "Oh..."

**Maxfield** "You remember me?"

*(He lifts the eye mask to give Molly a better look.)*

**Molly** "Of course. You're Maxfield Stanton."

**Maxfield** "You do dance, don't you?"

**Molly** "Yeah, I do. Not very well."

**Maxfield** "You don't really expect me to believe that."

*(He gently pulls her to the mainstay of the ballroom.)*

**Maxfield** "Someone as lovely and as graceful as you?"

**Molly** "Oh, you really think that?"

*(The two dance pretty well, and Nephrite (Maxfield) keeps flattering Molly.)*

**Maxfield** "Yup, I was right. You were just being modest."

*(Molly is falling in love with this man. He's so nice. Meanwhile...)*

**Serena** "I wonder where Dad's hiding."  
"I wanna see if he recognizes me."

*(Her father is taking pictures to her right. He sees Serena, but doesn't recognize her.)*

**Mr. Tsukino** "She looks just like a princess. I'll have to get a picture of her for Serena. She loves to play princess."

**Serena** "What do you know? I guess he didn't recognize me or he would've been fritzed."

*(She backs up into two other ladies, and one of them spills her wine glass on Serena's dress.)*

**Serena** "AAH! MY DRESS! Oh..."

*(She quickly leaves to try to clean it up.)*

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(Minutes later, Darien is lurking in the shadowy halls of the embassy. To get inside, he dressed himself as Tuxedo Mask (Since his own awareness and Tuxedo Mask's don't take hold at the same time, Darien doesn't fully understand his own secret). Princess Diamond's room is being watched by two formally dressed bodyguards.)

**Darien** "So, this is a no-brainer. Those musclemen aren't just there to be guarding the doorknobs. How am I gonna get past them?"

(Serena seems to be lost. She wanders uncomfortably close.)

**Serena** "Which way? Huh? Huh?"

**Darien** "Huh? Who is that?"

(She then walks away in a different direction. He gets a good look.)

**Darien** "She looks familiar."

(Something clicks.)

**Darien** "Could it be...?"

(He thinks she's the mysterious princess who keeps pleading for his help.)

**Darien** "She looks like the girl in my dream."

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(On the balcony outside the dance hall...)

**Maxfield** "I'm so glad I ran into you, Molly."

(He takes Molly's hand. It seems so romantic, yet...)

**Molly** "Reality check here, Molly. Maxfield Stanton and me?"

**Maxfield** "What's the matter? Do I make you feel uncomfortable? Come on. Look at me."

(That was enough.)

**Molly** "Maxfield... oh..."

**Maxfield** "That's better."

(And that was all he needed. He calls forth an evil shade created of his own energy. It flies into Molly and takes possession.)

**Nephelite** "YES! From now on, you will obey only me, your one and only master: the Negaverse."

(Molly's face has gone purple. The Negaverse has taken hold!)

**Possessed Molly** "Yes."

**Nephelite** "Ha ha ha ha ha!"

(His plan is under way.)

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

*(Back at the ballroom, Serena is in the same situation Molly was earlier: bored.)*

**Serena** "Well, no wonder Molly didn't wanna come. It's so boring if you don't dance."

*(Bored, that is, until...)*

**Darien** "May I have this dance?"

**Serena** "It's Tuxedo Mask!"

*(Of course, she readily accepts.)*

**Serena** "Oh, this has gotta be some kind of dream. Please, please don't let me klutz out and fall on my feet."

*(Meanwhile, Darien is contemplating who she might be.)*

**Darien** "She looks just like the girl in my dream. Who can she be?"

*(The truth is so close, and yet so far. Serena also gets a strange sense of déjà vu. We learn one secret, but another seems to be unfolding.)*

**Serena** "Why do I get the feeling we've danced together before? It all feels so...right."

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*(Outside the princess's room, the possessed Molly has an appointment with the princess.)*

**Bodyguard** "Sorry, no admittance."

**Possessed Molly** "The princess called. Said it was urgent. I'm doing as asked."

**Bodyguard** "She didn't tell us."

*(But, if Princess Diamond said it was urgent...)*

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*(In her room, we get a look at Princess Diamond. She has short, straight red hair and has big glasses like Melvin.)*

**Princess Diamond** "Why can't Daddy present the crystal himself? I hate talking in front of people. If my stand-in doesn't show up soon, I'll have to do it."

*(There's a knock at the door. One of the bodyguards steps in.)*

**Bodyguard** "Princess, this girl says that you asked her to come up here."

*(Molly barges in.)*

**Possessed Molly** "Diamond darling, what's with all the security goons?"

**Princess Diamond** "You're here."

*(To the bodyguards...)*

**Princess Diamond** "Leave us. You heard me. Scoot."

*(To Molly...)*

**Princess Diamond** "The agency did a really great job. You look just like me. No one will ever know."

**Possessed Molly** "Yeah, well, maybe you should get your prescription checked."

**Princess Diamond** "What do you mean?"

*(As Princess Diamond screams, Nephrite's evil shade hops out of Molly and into Princess Diamond. Molly herself collapses unconscious. Now, Princess Diamond is possessed.)*

**Possessed Diamond** "Ha ha ha! I hope you like the taste of that carpet."

*(The bodyguards hear the screaming and are inside in an instant.)*

**Bodyguard** "You all right, Princess? We heard screaming."

*(She snatches the chest with the crystal.)*

**Possessed Diamond** "Out of my way! Clear the decks, guys!"

*(The bodyguards are knocked over. Her father, the king, is worried.)*

**King** "What's wrong with my daughter?"

**Bodyguard** "She's not herself, sir."

**Other Bodyguard** "Better sound the alert."

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*(An alarm goes out throughout the whole embassy. All entrances and exits are sealed off. Everyone stops dancing. Luna jumps on Serena's shoulder.)*

**Luna** "Come on. I've got a nasty feeling the Negaverse might have heard about the crystal, too. Let's go!"

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*(Meanwhile, the princess makes her way to a balcony. Nephrite is waiting at the ground below.)*

**Nephrite** "Princess, down here. Throw me the crystal. Ha ha ha ha ha."

**Possessed Diamond** "Yes, master."

**Serena** "What are you doing?"

*(Serena stops her before she can throw.)*

**Serena** "You can't give that to him."

**Possessed Diamond** "Hey!"

*(With a couple of swift moves, the possessed princess sends Serena over the railing.)*

**Serena** "HELP! AAAAH!"

**Luna** "HOLD ON!"

**Tuxedo Mask** "HAH!"

*(Tuxedo Mask (Tuxedo Mask's awareness had taken over in the interim) has managed to grab her hand just in time, but he's in a pretty delicate position himself.)*

**Serena** "Please don't drop me!"

**Possessed Diamond** "Oh hey, when opportunity knocks..."

*(She gives him a friendly nudge that puts him in an even more dangerous position. Luna herself then tries to stop Diamond. She pounces and grabs her face. The surprise makes the princess fall backwards.)*

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*(Meanwhile, outside the embassy...)*

**Amy** "Something's wrong. Don't you feel it?"

**Raye** "Yeah."

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*(Back at the embassy, Nephrite looks up and doesn't like it.)*

**Nephrite** "Tuxedo Mask! I hate that guy. If he wants to meddle in my business, he's gonna pay for it BIG!"

*(But before he can zap them...)*

**Sailor Mars** "**MARS FIRE IGNITE!**"

*(Amy and Raye had transformed in the interim and are now coming to their friend's aid. The Mars Fire distracts Nephrite.)*

**Sailor Mars** "Let's see how brave you are when you haven't got all your ugly pals around."

*(Nephrite has to attend to this more immediate business. Meanwhile...)*

**Serena** "Help me please!"

*(Tuxedo Mask finally gets the leverage to lift Serena up.)*

**Serena** "Don't drop me!"

**Luna** "Great! Now help the other girls."

**Serena** "Which way? Huh? Huh?"

*(He indicates...)*

**Tuxedo Mask** "Take the stairs down. I'll meet you outside."

*(He tries to engage Nephrite, but Nephrite decides to run.)*

**Nephrite** "See ya."

*(Tuxedo Mask tries to go after him, but Sailor Mercury stops him.)*

**Sailor Mercury** "Hold it right there. Why are you after the crystal?"

**Tuxedo Mask** "Because that crystal is the key to the whole Universe...and until I get my hands on it, I'll never find out who I really am."

**Sailor Mercury** "You're Tuxedo Mask, friend of the Sailor Scouts."

**Tuxedo Mask** "I don't really know who I am. You remember that."

*(And he goes after Nephilite. Serena goes dreamy again.)*

**Serena** "My mystery man..."

**Sailor Mercury** "What happened to Princess Diamond?"

**Serena** "Oops, I forgot. **MOON PRISM POWER!**"

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

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*(Meanwhile, the crowd is in shock as they see Princess Diamond collapsed in front of them.)*

**Lady** "What's the matter with her?"

**Man** "Someone call a doctor."

**Mr. Tsukino** "Wow. Poor Princess Diamond. Need a picture."

**Second Lady** "She fainted! Give her air!"

*(He takes some snapshots.)*

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*(Outside...)*

**Nephilite** "I cannot face Queen Beryl empty-handed. I will get that crystal!"

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*(He reawakens the shade. The princess (still possessed) gets back up.)*

**Third Lady** "What's happening now?"

**Fourth Lady** "How weird."

**Third Lady** "What's going on?"

**Possessed Diamond** "What are you gawking at? Let's see if we can't put that wasted energy to better use."

*(The shade (through the Princess) casts a dark spell and drains all their energy. But as she laughs at her work, company arrives.)*

**Sailor Moon** "I am Sailor Moon, the Champion of Justice!"

**Sailor Mercury** "I am Sailor Mercury!"

**Sailor Mars** "I'm Sailor Mars!"

**Sailor Moon** "We will right wrongs and triumph over evil, and that means you're gonna be a pile of moon dust, sister!"

*(The princess just laughs.)*

**Possessed Diamond** "That's not the proper way to address royalty, brats."

**Luna** "Careful, Scouts."

*(The princess casts another spell and takes off.)*

**Possessed Diamond** "See ya!"

*(The Sailor Scouts chase her down the balcony and into the courtyard. Sailor Mars pulls out one of her spells.)*

**Sailor Mars** "I call upon the power of Mars. Help us to defeat this Negaslime. **MARS FIREBALLS CHARGE!**"

*(When the spell marker hits the princess, the shade is expelled from her. The Sailor Scouts gasp when they recognize its face.)*

**Sailor Scouts** "That's Nephelite's face!"

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

**Sailor Scouts** "That's Nephelite's face!"

*(The shade sends a dark wind pounding on them.)*

**Nephelite's Shade** "Ha ha ha ha ha. Finally, I'll be rid of you!"

**Sailor Mars** "Someone do something!"

**Sailor Moon** "Mercury, how about your Bubbles?"

**Sailor Mercury** "Well, I don't know. Here goes. **MERCURY BUBBLES BLAST!**"

*(The Mercury Bubbles shoot up the cyclone, breaking it up.)*

**Sailor Moon** "There's no way we're letting you get your evil hands on that crystal, and my tiara's gonna make sure of it."

*(To make a long story short...)*

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

*(...Sailor Moon carries out her task. The shade dissolves.)*

**Sailor Moon** "Yes! Ha ha ha!"

*(Princess Diamond soon regains consciousness. She drops her glasses.)*

**Sailor Moon** "You all right there, Princess? Huh?"

**Princess Diamond** "I...think so. What happened to me?"

*(Luna decides to test her.)*

**Luna** "Please, miss, are you the Moon Princess we've been looking for?"

**Sailor Moon** "Are ya?"

**Princess Diamond** "Hold on, please. I can't seem to find my glasses...ah!"

*(She finds them and puts them on.)*

**Luna** "Please, it's very important. Are you the princess from the Moon Kingdom?"

*(Princess Diamond puts her glasses on...and sees a talking cat!)*

**Princess Diamond** "AH! That cat's talking to me!"

*(She faints. Well, that settles that.)*

**Luna** "She's not it. The real Princess would have been expecting me."

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*(Inside, all the people in the ballroom soon regain consciousness as well.)*

**Lady** "Gracious, what was that all about?"

*(Serena's father wakes up...and finds the back of his camera open.)*

**Mr. Tsukino** "Oh no. My film's ruined."

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*(Minutes later...)*

**King** "Ladies and gentlemen, please allow me to present my daughter, Princess Diamond, heiress to the family fortune, with our greatest treasure, the Imperial Crystal."

*(The doors open, and Princess Diamond walks in with the chest.)*

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*(In the princess's room, Molly wakes up, too.)*

**Molly** "I'm getting like Serena, falling asleep everywhere."

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*(In the ballroom, Princess Diamond reveals the Imperial Crystal. It turns out to be nothing more than an exquisite jeweled statue.)*

**Princess Diamond** "Our family's had this statue for over four hundred years. It's encrusted with nearly two thousand carats. It's absolutely priceless."

*(Tuxedo Mask has seen what he had wanted to see.)*

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*(Meanwhile, outside...)*

**Nephrite** "Absolutely worthless, you mean! Queen Beryl's not gonna like this."

*(Realizing that it's a wild goose chase, he leaves.)*

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*(Back in the ballroom...)*

**Luna** "Well, too bad she wasn't the real Moon Princess. Guess we'll just have to keep looking."

*(To Serena...)*

**Luna** "Serena, ready to go?"

**Serena** "Oh, give me a few more minutes to enjoy this, Luna. I don't want it to end. It's almost like I'm a real princess, waiting for my prince. Ha ha. It's nice to dream..."

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*(She falls asleep...and dreams.)*

**Tuxedo Mask** "Princess, at long last, we're together once more, and soon, we'll never have to part again. We'll be happier then we ever were before."

*(And he gives her a kiss.)*

**Serena** "And maybe we'll be able to meet somewhere besides in our dreams..."

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