

## TRANSCRIPT FOR

### Sailor Moon - Episode 23: *"Mercury's Mental Match"*

*(Zoisite's recent failure to retrieve the Orange Rainbow Crystal has made Queen Beryl very angry.)*

**Queen Beryl** "You both know we need all seven Rainbow Crystals to activate the Silver Moon Crystal and release the Negaforce. Your failure displeases me."

**Zoisite & Malachite** "Yes."

**Queen Beryl** "Seven crystals, and we only have one. It's extremely unfortunate Tuxedo Mask acquired the other one. I want that crystal back."

**Zoisite** "We'll get it back, Queen Beryl."

**Malachite** "Yes, your majesty. We already have plans for him. Inevitably, he'll come looking for the other five crystals. We'll be waiting for him. We won't let him go 'til we've got that crystal back."

**Queen Beryl** "You sound so confident, but you still must find the other five crystals. I want them now, understand? I will accept no more failure from you!"

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*(A skyscraper is being built, and the men are hard at work. Amy is walking past the site, when...)*

**Greg** "Amy, wait!"

*(Greg has recently moved here. She turns around.)*

**Amy** "Hi, Greg. What's your hurry?"

**Greg** "Well, I, uh...Amy..."

**Amy** "Huh?"

**Greg** "Um..."

*(The trouble is, he's terribly shy.)*

**Amy** "Tell me. What's wrong?"

*(Just then, a steel girder gets loose. It falls towards the sidewalk!)*

**Worker** "AH!"

**Other Worker** "WATCH OUT BELOW!"

*(The end of the girder falls onto a cement truck, and then, the rest of it drops onto the sidewalk, RIGHT BEHIND AMY! Amy is shocked. Greg's stopping her had been the only thing that had saved her. She turns back to look for Greg, but he's gone.)*

**Third Worker** "Hey, kid!"

**Fourth Worker** "Are you all right?"

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*(At school, the results of a standardized test have just been posted, and everybody's crowding around to see their standings.)*

**Boy** "I did better than I thought."

**Girl** "At least I passed."

**Another Girl** "Oh no. Look at my mark."

**Another Boy** "Who's that who came in first?"

**Serena** "Oh, I'm toast. Mom's gonna fry me again."

*(No need guess what general region Serena is in.)*

**Lita** "Maybe we should've tried something radical this time, like studying maybe?"

*(The word "study" is one of Serena's most hated words, and she sarcastically replies...)*

**Serena** "Ha ha. What an original idea, Lita."

**Lita** "We could give it a shot next time."

*(Amy walks by, still thinking about what could have happened to her. Serena tells her how she did.)*

**Serena** "Amy..."

**Amy** "Huh?"

**Serena** "You came in second."

*(That's a surprise. Normally, she's tops.)*

**Amy** "Well, I missed a perfect score by one point. I think I should've studied a bit harder."

**Serena** "Does she always have to be such a brainiac?"

*(Lita then notices who DID come in first.)*

**Lita** "Hey, that boy who made a hundred in every subject, isn't he in your class?"

**Amy** "Yes, he just moved here two weeks ago. He's really nice."

*(Seeing him pass...)*

**Amy** "Hey, Greg!"

**Lita** "Huh?"

**Greg** "Huh? Oh, uh...hi, Amy."

*(Serena is right next to him, and she notices his shyness. Then, Greg runs away. That gets Serena thinking.)*

**Serena** "Ah..."

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*(On the roof, Greg just stands there. He's holding a newspaper clipping. It's an article featuring Amy placing first*

*in a statewide test. Greg recalls the day of the test.)*

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*(He was seated next to Amy, and he was working furiously at his test. When he drops his eraser, it lands next to Amy. She picks it up and hands it back to him.)*

**Amy** "Just take it easy, Greg. It's only an exam. Good luck."

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*(Serena joins him on the roof and snaps Greg back to reality.)*

**Serena** ♪You've got a crush on Amy.♪

**Greg** "AAAAH!"

**Serena** "I just knew it. You've got that clipping about Amy winning the state exams, haven't you? So you've been wiggled out on her ever since, am I right?"

**Greg** "No, it's not that. I'm just striving to be as good as she is, uh, if I possibly can."

**Serena** "Oh, I see. So now you come in first, you can spring the news."

*(She teasingly elbows him.)*

**Serena** "Are you?"

*(This has been something Serena's been hoping for: a boyfriend for Amy. Finally, the brains of the Sailor Scouts can get a serious dose of the fun side of life.)*

**Greg** "Spring what news? Look, I made a lucky guess and got a good mark."

*(He looks out over the schoolyard.)*

**Greg** "Amy's still way better than I am."

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*(Amy is playing "Keep It Up" with the other girls.)*

**Lita** "There."

**Amy** "There."

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**Greg** "Sure, I like Amy, okay? I like her a lot, but she's still way too good for me."

**Serena** "What?"

**Greg** "Forget it."

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*(Amy wipes the sweat off her forehead after a nice game.)*

**Amy** "Whew."

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**Serena** "You wanna get to know Amy better? I got it bagged. I'm outtie."

*(She heads back inside, but...)*

**Greg** "Hey, wait, Serena!"

*(She turns around.)*

**Serena** "Huh?"

**Greg** "Just be careful around water today, okay? Please?"

*(What's that supposed to mean?)*

**Serena** "Wha...oh, water?"

*(A custodian has just finished mopping. He dumps his bucket of mopwater...on top of Serena.)*

**Serena** "AAH!"

**Greg** "Guess I should've told you sooner."

**Custodian** "Sorry."

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*(Early evening. Raye and Darien are on another date.)*

**Raye** "Hey, what do you feel like doing tonight, Darien?"

*(Darien, however, is thinking of something else. He (as Tuxedo Mask) had recovered the Orange Rainbow Crystal, and it had revealed some of his past. Namely, he was finally able to put himself and Tuxedo Mask together. He is now certain that he is the one the mysterious Princess in his dreams is addressing.)*

**Darien** "I don't get it. My past is still so unclear to me. I know the Imperium Silver Moon Crystal is the key to figuring it all out."

**Raye** "Darien. Hey, wake up."

**Darien** "Huh? What's that? S-sorry, Raye."

**Raye** "Where did you fly off to? The Moon? Is anything wrong?"

*(Clue after clue, and yet none of them have been able to piece them all together yet.)*

**Darien** "Forget it. It's nothing, really. Wanna go to the mall?"

*(Raye just can't pass up an offer like that.)*

**Raye** "Huh? Yeah!"

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*(Elsewhere, at a restaurant, Serena tries to boost Greg's confidence so that he can ask Amy out on a date. She brought something that might help.)*

**Serena** "This is for you."

*(It's a snapshot Serena took of Amy when she was eating a hamburger. It's her only proof that Amy isn't all work.)*

**Greg** "I get to keep this picture?"

*(Serena nods while she sips her drink.)*

**Serena** "It's much cuter than that worn-out clipping. You know, there's way more to Amy than her brains. She CAN be totally normal."

*(Serena's conversation is not Luna's concern. What she does notice is that the Crescent Moon Wand is blinking. That means there's a Rainbow Crystal carrier nearby.)*

**Luna** "The Moon Wand is reacting. Does this mean Greg is one of them?"

*(Meanwhile...)*

**Greg** "Way cool, but don't tell her I've got this, okay?"

**Serena** "Me? Not a chance. Now, onto Phase Two. When are you gonna get together? After school, maybe?"

**Greg** "Today? No way. When my Dad was transferred, and I realized that I was gonna be going to her school...I mean WOW! I just CAN'T ask her out."

**Serena** "Sure you can, Greg. Time's a wastin'."

**Greg** "I don't know."

**Serena** "Relax. I'll take care of it. I'll snag Amy after computer class, and we'll meet ya at the arcade. Okay? I'm outtie. He ha ha..."

**Greg** "Wait. Serena..."

*(Too late. She's skipped off already. He's stuck with the bill...and the photograph.)*

**Greg** "Why don't I?"

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*(He is being watched.)*

**Zoisite** "Ha ha ha ha. So, this boy is one of the seven humans who's got a Rainbow Crystal implanted in him. Hah."  
"But not for much longer."

*(Uh oh.)*

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*(Outside the computer school, Luna tries to tell Serena of her findings.)*

**Luna** "Serena, you're not listening to me. It's important! It's about Greg and the Moon Wand."

**Serena** "Yeah? What?"

*(Amy and the other students start leaving.)*

**Serena** "Amy, hi."

*(Serena's visit comes as a pleasant surprise.)*

**Amy** "Hey Serena, what's going on?"

**Serena** "Oh, you'll see. Come on. Got a surprise."

*(Amy hesitates.)*

**Amy** "But..."

**Serena** "Amy, come on!"

*(And she drags Amy along. Luna is frustrated. What's it gonna take to get Serena to listen?)*

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*(Greg is walking to the arcade, but someone comes by to interrupt: Zoisite!)*

**Zoisite** "Ha ha ha ha. I've been waiting for you, boy."

**Greg** "You're Zoisite, aren't you?"

**Zoisite** "What? My name...how did you know it?"

**Greg** "I've been able to foresee the future ever since I was little, and I seem to be getting even better at it lately, so I know all about you and the Negaverse. I know what I will become."

**Zoisite** "Ha ha ha. Wonderful. Then I don't have to explain things. Kneel down, boy, and submit to power. Submit to the power of the Negaforce."

*(Greg, however, has other plans.)*

**Greg** "NEVER! Never! I'll never agree to work for you. I'd rather die! DIE!"

*(He charges her.)*

**Zoisite** "**ZOI!**"

*(A force field repels him and sends him flying back.)*

**Zoisite** "Be a clever boy."

*(She readies the Dark Crystal.)*

**Zoisite** "Accept your fate."

*(It starts to draw the Yellow Rainbow Crystal from Greg. Meanwhile, Serena and Amy are rounding the corner.)*

**Serena** "Hurry!"

**Amy** "Oh! Serena!"

*(Then Amy sees the commotion.)*

**Amy** "Look! That's Zoisite!"

*(...and Greg! His crystal's being extracted!)*

**Serena** "Oh Greg! Something's happening to Greg!"

**Luna** "Quickly, you two. Transform now!"

**Serena** "**MOON PRISM POWER!**"

**Amy** "**MERCURY POWER!**"

*(Serena and Amy transform into Sailor Moon and Sailor Mercury.)*

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

**Sailor Moon** "Zoisite!"

**Sailor Mercury** "Hold it!"

*(Now she notices that Sailor Scouts have come to spoil the fun.)*

**Sailor Moon** "In the name of the Moon, I shall right wrongs and triumph over Negattrash like you! Sailor Moon!"

**Sailor Mercury** "And I am Sailor Mercury! Release Greg now, Zoisite!"

*(Zoisite retrieves her Dark Crystal.)*

**Zoisite** "Not in your lifetime."

**Sailor Moon** "Make sure Greg is all right, Sailor Mercury."

**Sailor Mercury** "Right."

*(Sailor Mercury helps Greg while Sailor Moon confronts Zoisite.)*

**Zoisite** "Hmm, I don't have time to play around with little girls. **ZOI!**"

*(The cherry blossoms that usually surround her appearing and disappearing acts now surround Sailor Moon, distracting her. When the petals disappear, so does Zoisite.)*

**Sailor Moon** "Huh? Where'd she go?"

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*(Sailor Mercury had taken Greg to a nearby park, where she's laid him on a bench while she helps cool down a fever he's gotten with water from the nearby pond.)*

**Sailor Mercury** "Don't worry. You'll be safe here with me, Greg."

**Greg** "Th-thanks, Amy, for taking care of me."

**Sailor Mercury** "What?!"

*(As Greg lapses into unconsciousness...)*

**Sailor Mercury** "How does he know my name?"

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*(Sailor Moon is trying to find where Sailor Mercury might have gone.)*

**Sailor Moon** "How do I find them? I don't even know where they went."

*(Luna makes a suggestion.)*

**Luna** "Don't be silly, Sailor Moon. The Crescent Moon Wand will lead you right to them. Wherever it starts reacting, that's where they're both going to be."

**Sailor Moon** "You are losing it, Luna. That would mean Greg's got one of those Rainbow Crystals."

**Luna** "Exactly."

**Sailor Moon** "WHAAAT?!"

**Luna** "Let's move it. Sailor Mercury's probably in danger."

**Sailor Moon** "You think so?"

**Luna** "Think? I KNOW so."

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*(Greg is having a nightmare, about becoming a hideous monster and hurting Amy (Sailor Mercury). As Sailor Mercury helps cool down his fever, she notices the photograph in his pocket and takes a look. It's the candid snapshot Serena had given him.)*

**Sailor Mercury** "What's he doing with this?"

*(When Greg stirs, she quickly puts it back. He's mumbling something as he regains consciousness.)*

**Sailor Mercury** "Huh?"

**Greg** "Grrr...horrible future..."

*(She tries to calm him.)*

**Sailor Mercury** "You're just having a bad dream."

*(But he knows the truth. He sits up.)*

**Greg** "It's no dream. I was seeing my future, and it isn't pretty, Amy."

**Sailor Mercury** "What?"

**Greg** "I have this really weird power to predict things in the future. That's why I did so well on that exam. Psychic cheating."

*(Sailor Mercury sits down with him.)*

**Sailor Mercury** "What are you saying?"

**Greg** "I know all about you, Amy."

**Sailor Mercury** "Oh..."

*(Oh dear.)*

**Greg** "I care about you a lot, even though...I know I'll end up fighting against you."

**Sailor Mercury** "What makes you think my name is Amy?"

**Greg** "Okay, fine. Have it your way. You can never change the future, only..."

**Sailor Mercury** "What?"

**Greg** "When I start to change into a monster...YOU HAVE TO PROMISE YOU'LL DESTROY ME!"

*(He knows what's gonna happen, and he's willing to pay the price to make sure it never amounts to anything.)*

**Sailor Mercury** "No!"

**Greg** "Promise me. You must promise me."

**Sailor Mercury** "Listen to me. The future is something that you build by yourself. You have to decide what your own future will be, Greg. If you give up, you'll never control your own destiny."

*(Those words give Greg new thought.)*

**Greg** "You're right, Amy...Sailor Mercury."

**Zoisite** "It's a shame to interrupt such a tender scene, but, unfortunately, I require Bumboo's services, and he's mine now."

*(Sailor Mercury stands between Greg and Zoisite.)*

**Sailor Mercury** "Zoisite..."

**Zoisite** "You'd like to protect him, but the truth is, he cannot resist the power of the Black Crystal."

*(Zoisite turns it on, and the beam arcs over Sailor Mercury and onto Greg.)*

**Sailor Mercury** "Greg!"

**Zoisite** "Believe me. You won't feel protective when you've seen his true self."

*(Zoisite extracts the Yellow Rainbow Crystal from Greg.)*

**Zoisite** "ALL RIGHT, BUMBOO KID! SHOW THAT GIRL SOME OF YOUR BETTER TRICKS!"

**Sailor Mercury** "Your destiny!"

*(With the Crystal removed, Greg transforms into Bumboo, a mean mutant with a hefty supply of sharp things.)*

**Sailor Mercury** "Oh Greg!"

*(However, Sailor Mercury reminds him about shaping his own destiny.)*

**Sailor Mercury** "The future is something you build by yourself!"

*(Bumboo drives an arm into the ground...)*

**Bumboo** "Bumboo."

*(...and gathers up the gumption to charge Zoisite instead!)*

**Zoisite** "AAAH!"

*(The Yellow Rainbow Crystal is knocked out of Zoisite's hand, and Sailor Mercury catches it.)*

**Zoisite** "How can his heart still be human?"

*(She quickly teleports herself out of his grasp. He falls into the pond. Zoacite reappears above him and gives him another dose of the Dark Crystal.)*

**Zoisite** "Bumboo! It is the Sailor Scouts you must destroy! NOW! Recover the crystal from her!"

**Bumboo** "Bumboo..."

*(The power of the Dark Crystal enlarges his Negaverse side and shrinks his human side. Now he won't listen to Sailor Mercury. Fortunately, Sailor Moon and Luna find them just at that moment.)*

**Sailor Moon** "Yo, Zoisite..."

*(Zoisite turns.)*

**Sailor Moon** "Since when do you need some helpless kid to fight your battles for you, huh?"

**Zoisite** "Hah! Bumboo helpless? Really. Check him out, Sailor Moon. This kid's not so helpless."

*(Bumboo is chasing Sailor Mercury through the park.)*

**Sailor Moon** "You've gotta be stopped, Zoisite, now! So, in the name of the Moon, I punish you!"

*(Save the entrance! Sailor Mercury's in trouble!)*

**Sailor Mercury** "Sailor Moon! Quick! First, change Greg back to himself. Hurry!"

*(She tries the Crescent Moon Wand...)*

**Sailor Moon** "**MOON HEALING ACTIVATION!**"

*(...but he's too full of Negaverse energy to be affected. The Sailor Scouts have to run again.)*

**Sailor Moon** "Why didn't it work?!"

**Luna** "Sailor Moon, I think it's because he's too powerful for you to heal him! You've got to wear him down, then try it again!"

*(Tough task. Bumboo starts firing the sharp stuff. One blade cuts down a tree branch, blocking the Sailor Scouts' escape.)*

**Sailor Mercury** "Try it! Now, Sailor Moon! Now!"

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

*(Sailor Mercury thinks about what Greg wanted her to do if he changed...)*

**Greg** "When I change into a monster, YOU HAVE TO PROMISE TO DESTROY ME!"

**Sailor Mercury** "It's okay, Greg. We'll get you back the way you were."

**Bumboo** "Bumboo..."

*(Fortunately, she doesn't have to go through with the decision. As he fires more sharp stuff and prepares another round...)*

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

**Sailor Jupiter**        **"JUPITER THUNDER CRUSH!"**

*(The other two Sailor Scouts had rushed to the scene as well. Their attacks destroy the blades and leave him temporarily unarmed.)*

**Sailor Jupiter**        "Sorry we were late. We wouldn't wanna miss this."

**Sailor Mars**            "Yeah. No way."

*(Sailor Mercury then cools him down...)*

**Sailor Mercury**       **"MERCURY BUBBLES BLAST!"**

*(...leaving Sailor Moon with the big opportunity.)*

**Sailor Mercury**        "Sailor Moon, help him! He's weak enough now! You can change him!"

*(But Sailor Moon decides on a little insurance first.)*

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

*(The Moon Tiara catches on Bumboo's head and weakens him further, to the point of shrinking him back to normal size.)*

**Luna**                    "HIS ENERGY IS STARTING TO DIE OUT! NOW, SAILOR MOON!"

*(Now she uses the Moon Crescent Wand.)*

**Sailor Moon**           **"MOON HEALING ACTIVATION!"**

*(It works. Greg returns to normal.)*

**Sailor Mercury**        "Greg, are you all right?!"

*(Curses for Zoisite! Not only is Bumboo defeated, but the Sailor Scouts have the Yellow Rainbow Crystal. This just isn't her night.)*

**Zoisite**                 "You're gonna pay for this."

*(And she disappears.)*

**Sailor Mercury**        "Oh Greg!"

*(Greg reawakens.)*

**Sailor Mercury**        "Say something, Greg!"

**Greg**                    "Oh Amy..."

*(In the distance, Tuxedo Mask looks on. He sees that the Yellow Crystal is now secure.)*

**Tuxedo Mask**            "So, the Sailor Scouts got the third Rainbow Crystal. I guess I might as well leave it with them...for now."

*(So he leaves, too, but it makes you wonder just what he's planning. Something's coming over Tuxedo Mask, and it doesn't look nice.)*

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(A few weeks later, Greg's father is transferred again, so Greg's leaving. The girls are at the train station to say goodbye.)

**Lita** "So you're moving again, Greg. You sure didn't stay very long."  
**Greg** "Yeah. Well, see...it's 'cause of my dad's job. It's a real drag, you know?"  
**Serena** "And we were just getting to be friends, too."  
**Greg** "Well, uh, Amy, I, uh..."  
**Amy** "Uh...I'll really miss you, Greg."  
**Greg** "I'd...better...give this back to you."  
**Serena** "No, keep it."

(He gives the snapshot to Amy.)

**Greg** "I'm still trying to be as good as you. You know, beat you on an exam, but without the special power."  
**Amy** "Here, Greg."

(She offers Greg another photograph.)

**Greg** "Huh? Cool."  
**Amy** "Take this one instead. It's a lot better. I don't have my mouth wide open, like Serena."  
**Serena** "I don't always have my mouth open."

(Greg steps into the train. The train doors close, and the train pulls out.)

**Greg** "Bye."  
**Serena** "Bye."

(Amy gives a final goodbye as she runs down the platform.)

**Amy** "See you again, Greg. Hope it's soon."

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