

TRANSCRIPT FOR

Sailor Moon - Episode 44: "VR Madness"

(One morning...)

Mrs. Tsukino "Serena! Get up!"

(However, it's Sunday, and Serena doesn't want to get up early if she can help it. She tries to keep her mother from pulling her blanket away.)

Mrs. Tsukino "You can't stay in bed all day."

(Serena's mother persists.)

Mrs. Tsukino "Come on. It's time to get up. Come on!"

Serena "Mom, it's Sunday, the one day I can sleep in a little."

(Her mother wins control of the blanket, and she forces Serena off the bed.)

Mrs. Tsukino "Up, young lady. Your dad and Sammy went out hours ago. Come on. You were supposed to go with them. Oh, I give up. Argh!"

Serena "I need more sack time. How's a girl supposed to get her beauty sleep around here?"

(Even sitting, Serena finds a way to sleep. She rests her head on a pillow she's carrying.)

(Ann is worried about the Doom Tree. It's starting to wilt again.)

Alien Ann "The Doom Tree's not absorbing the energy we're feeding it, Alan. It's dying, and it's all Sailor Moon's fault!"

(Alan's at the door back to reality.)

Alien Alan "I don't know what to do except feed it more human energy. We both know if that tree dies, we'll die too."

(The situation isn't getting any better.)

(Outside the secret room, in their apartment, Alan reads an ad. Ann soon steps out from the doorway as well.)

Alien Ann "What are you doing?"

(He throws the ad on the table to show Ann.)

Alien Ann "What's this?"

Alien Alan "A virtual reality theater just opened downtown. May be a good place to go for the energy we need."

(Ann agrees.)

Alien Ann "Not a bad idea, Alan. We gotta do SOMETHING to save the Doom Tree."

(Serena and Luna, thrown out of the house, walk downtown and soon discover the new virtual reality theater.)

Serena "Woah. Look at all those people lined up for the virtuous reality theater."

Luna "No, Serena. That's VIRTUAL reality theater."

Serena "Oh, right. I knew that."

Luna "Duh."

Serena "It's like getting to be inside a video arcade game, but it better not be all those stupid war games and race cars and dumb junk penny rides."

(As Serena runs to join the line, Luna sarcastically notes...)

Luna "I can see we're going to have a really swell time today."

(Time passes.)

Serena "What a terrible line. Oh! And look. They're all couples. Let's skip this. It's just gonna be dumb old war games."

Luna "Come on, Serena. That's exactly what you need. Sharpen up your fighting skills. I mean, screaming and klutzing out just doesn't make it against the Negaverse."

Serena "Nag, nag, nag. Give it a rest. Now if Darien was here, well now, that would be a different story."

(Serena gets suspicious. She grabs Luna and holds the cat to her face.)

Serena "So I bet you've known all along how to bring back his memory, haven't you, Luna?! Huh?! Huh?!"

Darien "Stop torturing that poor cat. Pick on someone your own size."

(Hearing Darien, Serena instantly turns to him.)

Darien "Just 'cause you haven't got a boyfriend to come here with, you don't have to take it out on the poor cat, Meatball Head."

(She hates him using that name because it symbolizes his loss of memory, but when he passes her and is about to continue on...)

Serena "Huh? W-Wait a second. You're here, on your own, too, so I must..."

(Idea.)

Serena "Still have a chance. Oh, I'll get you yet. Oh Darien, I know I will."

(She rolls up her sleeves.)

Serena "Ooh! Stand back, girls! I got a guy to catch!"

Luna "If she'd only use that same gumption to fight the Negaverse."
"Oh..."

(Will Serena ever get her priorities straight?)

(Alan is experiencing a small problem at the head of the line.)

Attendant "I'm sorry. Please get in line, sir."

(Establishing eye contact, Alan uses a hypnotic gaze, and the attendant falls asleep. Elsewhere, a slap is heard.)

(Ann has just slapped a tough guy who was getting fresh.)

Ann "Back off, buddy! I told ya! I'm not interested in a big doofus like you!"

(Darien notices the commotion.)

Darien "Hey pal, what's your problem?"

Tough Guy "So what's it to you?"

(Darien just stands there. The tough guy tries to intimidate him by getting in his face with a tough look. Darien doesn't even flinch.)

Tough Guy "Heh."

(Outmaneuvered, the tough guy leaves, giving him the pink eye and a taunt on the way out.)

Tough Guy "Nyah nyah..."

(Ann rushes over and hugs Darien. This is her chance to snag him.)

Ann "Oh, Darien, my hero! You rescued me from that horrid slug! How can I repay you? I know. I'll take you to the virtual reality theater, okay?"

(What has he gotten himself into?)

Serena "Darien."

(Serena catches up with Darien and pulls on his arm while Ann tugs at his jacket.)

Serena "There you are!"

Alan "Ann..."

(Now Alan becomes involved. Both girls stop tugging.)

Ann "Huh?"

Alan "What do you think you're doing?"

(Ann turns around and composes herself.)

Ann "Ha ha ha ha. Oh, hi, Alan."

(Then Alan sees Serena.)

Alan "Uh...oh, Serena."

Ann "Alan, this is Darien, and we're going to the virtual reality theater. Isn't that cool?"

Darien "No, I didn't say...huh?"

Serena "Well then, take a hike, Ann, because Darien's gonna take me. Ha ha ha ha ha..."

(Ann is ticked off.)

Ann "Oh, Serena..."

(Alan stops Ann.)

Alan "Ann, let's not forget why we're here. We've got serious work to do right now."

Ann "Alan, this is the perfect cover for your plan."

Alan "Get real. I know what you're up to."

(She ignores the accusation and pushes Darien along. Serena goes with them.)

Ann "Well, shall we get to it, Darien? Alan, you coming or not?"

Alan "Well, while Ann spends time with Darien, I'll spend mine with Serena."

(Luna notices Serena heading in with Darien and Ann.)

Luna "Serena, what are you doing? Oh no."

Amy "Luna!"

Luna "Huh?"

(The other Scouts. Now here's some young ladies she can really count on.)

Luna "Ah, the sensible girls."

(Neither girl willing to give up her position, Darien ends up stuck with both Ann and Serena as they head into the VR theater. They start at a game ride where the cars shake with explosions. Something to note: Serena's father and her brother, Sammy, are in the car in front of her. As a monster appears on screen...)

Mr. Tsukino "AAAH!"

(Sammy takes to the game naturally and blasts the monster.)

Sammy "Dad, come on! They're bad!"

Mr. Tsukino "Incredible! It's so real, Sammy!"

Ann "Oh Darien, I'm so scared."

Serena "Gimme a break. They're all bogus monsters."

(Hearing her daughter's voice, Serena's father turns around.)

Ann "So why're you holding onto him so hard?"

Mr. Tsukino "Serena?"

(Uh oh.)

Serena "Oh... Dad? Sammy?! You're way too young to be in here."

Sammy "Hmph."

(Sammy ignores his sister and blasts another monster. As the cars shake, Serena struggles for balance.)

Serena "Oh, help!"

(Ann gets shaken around, too, but Serena falls out of her car. However, Alan is ready and is there to catch her.)

Darien "Huh?"

Ann "What's all this, Alan?"

Alan "I, uh...just caught her."

(Serena gets up.)

Serena "Ha ha. Yes, I just dropped in for a visit."

(Outside, the other girls waiting for their turn.)

Lita "How much longer do we have to wait?"

Mina "Come on, Lita. This is the hottest ticket in town."

Amy "Yes, well, I'm getting hot just waiting in this sun."

(Back inside, Sammy straps on for a laser shootout.)

Sammy "A handsome young hero, fighting for justice. Super Sammy! I shall punish you, in the name of the Moon!"

(Funny. His sister's Sailor Moon, and he doesn't even know it, yet he has some of her mannerisms.)

(Sammy and his father walk in and get ready to play. For target practice, they shoot bat targets.)

Sammy "Smooth move, Dad."

Mr. Tsukino "Thanks, Sammy."
"I hope Serena's okay."

(Serena, Ann, Darien, and Alan are ahead of them, already at the monster targets. Ann quickly blasts one.)

Ann "Ha HA! Am I hot or am I hot?!"
♪La la la-la la.♪

(Serena is behind them, awfully steamed.)

Ann "Let's see what new horror I can save you guys from."

Serena "Just my luck. Why did Dad and Sammy have to be here? Oh..."

Ann "Lighten up, Alan. All work and no play makes Alan a dull boy."

(Another target appears. Both Darien and Alan turn, but Alan blasts it first. Looking at each other, Darien and Alan smell competition. As targets appear, both fire at as many as they can. Their speed and aims are remarkable.)

Serena "Oh wow! These guys are majorly hot."
Ann "He's way better than I thought he'd be."

Serena "Okay. Watch out. Here I come."

(Of the group, Serena has the worst aim. She can't hit a single target.)

Serena "Oh, I missed."

Ann "Most impressive, Serena."

(She disguises her chagrin by laughing.)

Serena "Yeah, well, who wants to play silly war games anyway?"

Ann "My, I didn't realize you were such a chicken, Serena. You gave up even before you've even begun. Real gutsy lady."

Serena "What did you say?!"

(As tensions rise between the two, another target appears between them. Noticing it, they both dive out of the way as Darien zaps it. Ann is immediately at his side again.)

Ann "Thanks, Darien. I could stay on your arms forever."

Darien "Sorry, but that's not happening."

(He pushes her away.)

Ann "Huh?"

Darien "You know, some guys go for pushy girls, but it sure isn't my style."

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Serena "Hah! Woah! That's telling her, Darien!"

(Another target appears behind Serena and Darien. Serena turns, sees the target...)

Serena "AAAH!"

(...and runs.)

Darien "Meatball Head, don't go in there alone. You probably get lost in your own closet."

(Darien runs after her. Now, Ann and Alan are alone. Ann zaps the target with her finger. She thinks about what she thinks is a clever ploy of Serena.)

Ann "Oh, I get it. I can play that game, too. Great."

(Then, Ann grows weak.)

Alan "Hmm?"

Ann "Oh Alan, I feel so drained. I didn't realize I had so little strength."

Alan "So, you're finally ready to get to work, Ann."

Ann "Sure am, Alan. Let's get to it."

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

(After what seemed like an eternity, the other Scouts are almost at the front of the line.)

Raye "Two hour wait? Better be worth it."

(Ann and Alan have since reverted to alien form and are about to launch their strike. Alan pulls out the Cardians.)

Alien Alan "Pick a Cardian, Ann. Let's deal these humans a new hand."

(She checks, then levitates her choice into the air.)

Alien Alan "I command you, Cardian Nacrid, to come forward!"

(Alan plays his flute and summons Nacrid.)

Nacrid "Ha ha. You called? Ha ha ha ha!"

(Elsewhere, Serena's father and brother seem to be lost.)

Sammy "We've been here before. We're going around in circles."

Mr. Tsukino "And I think we lost Serena back there somewhere."

(Nacrid has quickly started to drain people's energy, and the screaming can be heard back where Sammy and his father are.)

Sammy "What's that yelling?"

(They cautiously walk ahead. Meanwhile...)

Nacrid "Your energy is mine, human."

(Tentacles in her hair and arms latch onto the humans and suck them dry. Ann and Alan watch in delight.)

Alien Ann "A perfect plan."

(Soon, Sammy and his dad walk on the scene.)

Sammy "Wow, this is the best game yet."

(His father, however, is nervous.)

Mr. Tsukino "I couldn't agree more."

(Hearing them, Nacrid turns around.)

Nacrid "Ha ha. New prey."

(Uh oh. Trouble!)

Nacrid "You're mine! Ah HA!"

(Elsewhere, Serena is still not doing well with her laser pistol. She hasn't hit a single target all day.)

Serena "Ooh...you, get 'em, get 'em get 'em, get 'em, get 'em, get 'em, get 'em!"

(Darren zaps them.)

Darrien "Works better if you use the laser gun."

(A target appears behind Serena, which Darrien promptly zaps.)

Serena "Wow, you're so good at this."

Darrien "Time to go, Meatball Head!"

(He pulls Serena along to the next zone.)

Darrien "We've just got one more room to go."

Serena "This feels just like old times, Darrien."

(Darrien zaps targets ahead of him.)

Darrien "Keep moving!"

(Serena thinks. It seems like his old Tuxedo Mask mannerisms are returning.)

Serena "Huh?"

(At the same time, she thinks about the Moonlight Knight, a strange new hero who has recently made the scene. They seem so similar, she thinks, that they've gotta be one and the same.)

Serena "Oh, Heaven. I'm in Virtual Heaven."

Sammy "Serena!"

(She snaps out of her daydream. Sammy is tugging at her arm.)

Sammy "Serena!"

Serena "Huh? Sammy, why can't you be a virtual brother like these monsters?!"

Sammy "It's Dad! He's in big trouble!"

(Oops. He's serious.)

Serena "Oh, what do you mean?"

Sammy "One of the monsters is real! You can't blitz it with laser guns, and it's got Dad!"

Serena "What?!"

Darien "I'll check it out. You stay here. I'll go help your dad."

Serena "Darien, wait!"

Sammy "Come on."

(Sammy joins Darien.)

Sammy "I'll take you to where my Dad is."

Darien "Okay."

Serena "Sammy..."

Sammy "Stay here. It's too dangerous. It's kind of a guy thing."

(Darien and Sammy head towards another room.)

Serena "A GUY thing? It sounds to me like it might be a SCOUTS thing. Ooh, how dare they leave me behind! I've got to save Dad."

(She takes off after Darien and Sammy.)

(Outside...)

Attendant "This way please. Two at a time."

(Patience is about to pay off.)

Raye "Just three more to go."

(The girls just can't wait to get inside.)

(Inside, Nacrid is toying with Serena's father.)

Mr. Tsukino "AAAH! THIS ISN'T WORKING!"

Alien Alan "Relax, pops. We just want your energy, not your life."

(He tries the laser gun again.)

Mr. Tsukino "YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO VANISH!"

(Nacrid takes a tentacle and wrests the laser gun out of his hand. He tries to run, but the gun is attached by cable to the power pack on his back. He's slowly reeled in. Just then, the cable breaks, and he falls to the floor. At that moment, Sammy and Darien show up.)

Sammy "Dad!"

(Nacrid is about to begin draining, but Darien throws his power pack at the back of Nacrid's head.)

Darien "Back off, hose head!"

(Nacrid turns around.)

Nacrid "No one calls me that!"

(Bunching her tentacles together, she whips them like a whip at Darien and Sammy. Darien grabs Sammy, and they both dive under the attack.)

Mr. Tsukino "SAMMY! RUN FOR IT!"

(Nacrid shifts her attention to Darien.)

Nacrid "You! You're mine!"

(Serena's father finds a fire extinguisher and throws it at her.)

Mr. Tsukino "Sammy, do as I say!"

(He pulls out another extinguisher and prepares to fire.)

Mr. Tsukino "It's time someone called in the exterminators! You overgrown insect, COME TO DADDY!"

(Nacrid charges. He lets out the contents of the extinguisher, covering the floor in fog. Nacrid, however, is unaffected.)

Mr. Tsukino "Take this!"

(She emerges from the fog.)

Mr. Tsukino "Uh oh."

(Nacrid wraps her tentacles around his legs and knocks him down.)

Sammy "Dad, no!"

(Under cover of the fog, more tentacles grab Darien and Sammy and take them captive as well. Now, Nacrid has all three of them.)

Nacrid "I will suck you dry. All of you!"

(Not if Serena has anything to say about it.)

Serena "**MOON PRISM POWER!**"

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

(Meanwhile, Nacrid, having drained her victims, tosses them against a wall. Darien, however, has a little reserves left, and he struggles to get up.)

Alien Ann "Don't be too rough! I like this guy."

Nacrid "Fine."

(Darien puts up his dukes.)

Darien "Let's do it."

Alien Ann "You don't wanna mess with her."

(Nacrid snakes out a tentacle.)

Darien "Sure I do."

(Darien nimbly avoids the attack.)

Sailor Moon "Think I'll crash this party."

(Everyone turns.)

Alien Alan "Sailor Moon, it's you again."

Sailor Moon "It's time to take out the garbage around here. We seem to be developing a problem with bugs. I stand for love and justice, and you're about to bug off. On behalf of the Moon, I'll punish you!"

Alien Ann "You've met your match, Sailor Moon! Nacrid's tentacles'll finish you off!"

(As Nacrid whirls her tentacles, Sailor Moon tries her Moon Tiara.)

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

(Oddly, though, it stops short and falls to the ground.)

Sailor Moon "Oh! My tiara! It's lost all its power!"

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

Alien Ann "Too bad about your tiara! Time to sing your swan song, Sailor Moon!"

Nacrid "Get ready."

Sailor Moon "My tiara! How can this be?"

Darien "I don't know who you are, but you better think of something super fast."

Sailor Moon "I don't know what to do."

Nacrid "You're past tense!"

(Darien and Sailor Moon back out of the way. Just then, a white rose whizzes past Nacrid's face. It's the Moonlight Knight.)

Moonlight Knight "Even the smallest flower can strike a deadly blow, for in beauty and love, there is great strength."

(Ann and Alan have never encountered the Moonlight Knight before.)

Alien Alan "So who are you?"

Moonlight Knight "Like a hot, dry wind blowing off the desert, I am the Moonlight Knight."

Sailor Moon "This guy's a major dream machine."

(Then she notices something odd: if Darien's right next to her, who's the Moonlight Knight?)

Sailor Moon "The Knight's...Darien, but he's not..."

Darien "Who's this nutball? Shiek of Baghdad?"

Sailor Moon "Oh...How can Darien and the Knight be here at the same time?"

(The Moonlight Knight jumps between them.)

Moonlight Knight "I admire your courage, but humans alone can't stand up to the power of the Negaverse."

(He turns to Darien.)

Moonlight Knight "Stand back and let me assist you."

(Nacrid charges.)

Moonlight Knight "I'm not looking for a fight, but since you've started it..."

(He pulls out his knife.)

Moonlight Knight "...I'll finish it."

(Nacrid launches her tentacles, and the Moonlight Knight slashes with his knife as they clash. As they pass, the Moonlight Knight sheathes his knife...and the ends of several tentacles fall off.)

Nacrid "AH! Very impressive!"

(Nacrid launches more tentacles and snags the Moonlight Knight.)

Nacrid "Back to the desert, shiek!"

Sailor Moon "Somebody help him!"

Moonlight Knight "Let me go!"

(Don't worry. Help is coming.)

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

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

(Under cover of fog from the Mercury Bubbles, the Mars Fire burns the tentacles and frees the Moonlight Knight. The rest of the Sailor Scouts have arrived.)

Sailor Moon "Huh?"

Sailor Jupiter "In case you didn't know, we're the dream team!"

Sailor Moon "Guys, I'm so glad you're here. You won't believe what happened. My tiara won't work anymore!"

(This comes as a shock.)

Sailor Mercury "Sailor Moon, are you sure?"

(Luna arrived with the other Scouts, and she can't believe it, either.)

Luna "Your tiara broken? That's impossible!"

Sailor Venus "Here, Sailor Moon. It still might work."

Sailor Moon "Yeah?"

(Sailor Venus hands the Moon Tiara back to her.)

Sailor Moon "Venus, thank you."

(Meanwhile, they turn their attention to Nacrid.)

Sailor Venus "Let's show these Negatrash what the Sailor Scouts are all about! **VENUS CRESCENT BEAM...**"

(Sailor Jupiter teams up.)

Sailor Jupiter "**JUPITER THUNDER...**"

(They double team on Nacrid.)

Sailor Venus ". . . **SMASH!**"

Sailor Jupiter ". . . **CRUSH!**"

Nacrid "AAAH! I'm one dead bug..."

(The combined blast totally wastes Nacrid. Her card drops to the ground and fades. Ann and Alan find themselves overpowered.)

Alien Alan "So you won this round, Sailor Scouts. We'll be back. Don't worry."

(Ann and Alan disappear.)

Moonlight Knight "Sailor Scouts..."

(They turn. Only Sailor Moon had seen the Moonlight Knight prior to this moment.)

Sailor Scouts "What?"

Moonlight Knight "Your friendship is your greatest strength. If you all stick together, you'll be completely unstoppable. Bye now."

(He disappears.)

Sailor Venus "The Moonlight Knight. What a hunkster."

Darien "Uh, someone mind explaining what's going on here? Who are you all? And what was that thing?"

(Just then, a crowd can be heard. Darien turns to see them coming in...)

Darien "Huh?"

(...but when he turns back to where the Scouts were, they're gone!)

Darien "Hmm? Where'd they go?"

(Back home...)

Sammy "OOOOW!"

(Serena's mother is administering first aid to the numerous bumps and bruises her husband and son had gotten.)

Sammy "That hurts, Mom!"

Mrs. Tsukino "Keep still. I can't take care of you if you keep moving around."

Mr. Tsukino "Who'd ever think we'd get hurt in a VR game."

(A short distance away, Serena quietly talks with Luna.)

Serena "Who'd ever think Darien and the Moonlight Knight weren't the same person? Huh, Luna?"

(She goes to tears.)

Serena "Tell me. What's there left to believe in?"

Luna "It'll all work out. You've got to believe in that. You've got to."

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