

TRANSCRIPT FOR

Sailor Moon - Episode 52: "Secret Garden"

(Serena is enjoying a lovely Sunday walk downtown. She looks at her reflection on a salon window.)

Serena "Oh...look at that poor, loveless creature. Beautiful, yet alone, and nobody cares."

(Alan walks up behind her.)

Alan "If I could just get close to her. Courage, Alan."

(Serena continues down the street, and Alan follows.)

(Elsewhere, Darien is casually looking through a book in a bookstore. Not far away, Ann is doing the same...or is she?)

Ann "He hasn't even noticed me. Oh Darien, you're such a hunk. Here goes..."

(Darien puts the book away and walks in Ann's direction.)

Ann "Imagine meeting you here. What a coincidence."

Darien "How're you doing, Ann?"

Ann "Oh, fine, but I found the coolest book. Gotta share it with a close friend."

(She immediately grabs his arm, to the surprise of nearby readers. Darien himself is rather nervous.)

Darien "Uh...you...mean me?"

(Alan has caught up with Serena. They're both at a cafe.)

Alan "Hey, isn't it something running into each other like this? What a treat."

Serena "Yeah. Yum yummm."

(Then...)

Darien "Calm down, Ann. It's just lunch."

(Serena and Alan turn. Darien and Ann are nearby.)

Ann "It's karma, Darien. Everything is linked."

(Serena doesn't like the looks of this.)

Serena "Oh...Darien?"

(Alan isn't too thrilled, either.)

Alan "Ann?"

Darien "Huh?"
Ann "Hmm?"

(Darien and Ann see Alan and Serena at the table.)

Darien "Hey, so what are you two doing here?"

Ann "Excellent question."

(Ann and Alan have some explaining to do with each other as they walk back to their apartment.)

Alan "So what were you thinking, hanging all over that human?"

Ann "And what about you?"

(Now, to a more serious matter. It seems that time is running out for the Doom Tree. A lot of its leaves are beginning to wilt and fall off. Ann and Alan are extremely concerned.)

Alien Ann "I've never seen it this bad before."

Alien Alan "What's happening to it, Ann?"

Alien Ann "Don't know, but it's getting worse, though if you'd stop chasing after Miss Bubblehead..."

Alien Alan "Oh, and you're not fixated on Mister Hormone?"

(They realize that they have lost track of their mission.)

Alien Ann "We gotta forget all that nonsense, don't we? The Doom Tree's everything to us, and if it goes, we go."

Alien Alan "You're right. We've been chasing all over town when we should have been finding energy for the Doom Tree."

(It seems that Sailor Moon's popularity is catching on. There's a show downtown featuring her...or rather, an actress with a very big Sailor Moon head on.)

Actress "Hi, everyone. Welcome to the Sailor Moon show."

(Serena, of course, can't resist watching for just a minute as she passes by.)

Serena "Is this way cool? A show all about me."

Actress "I fight for love and justice, and in the name of the Moon..."

(The crowd finishes her traditional opening line.)

Crowd "...I'll punish you!"

(Everyone likes the show, including Molly and Melvin, who have been saved by the superheroine on more than

one occasion.)

Melvin "Sailor Moon sure's a big hit with this crowd."

Molly "Whaddya expect? Everybody believes in Sailor Moon 'cause we all want someone to fight for us."

(Melvin adds...)

Melvin "You got me."

(Suddenly, a Cardian floats above the stage.)

Cardian "Beware Fourface."

Melvin "What's this? Some weird kind of blimp?"

(It's Fourface, a four-faced Cardian, and the faces rotate as each introduces itself with its representative emotion.)

Happy Face "Happy."

Bad Face "Bad."

Sad Face "Sad."

Zany Face "Zany."

(The actors and actresses on stage are rather frightened.)

Actress "This isn't part of the show."

Bad Face "Let's try BAD!"

(Giant flower petals shower the audience. As they land on the people, they begin to drain their energy.)

Happy Face "Give me your energy."

Bad Face "Give me your energy."

Sad Face "Give me your energy."

Zany Face "Give me your energy."

(Fourface disappears to report to Ann and Alan, and Serena returns to the show after hearing the screaming.)

Serena "Oh no! What happened?!"

(Everyone is out cold.)

Serena "It's gotta be the Negaverse."

(Luna checks a nearby person.)

Luna "Yup, their energy's all been drained. Yes, you got it right, Serena. Who else would do this to an entire crowd?"

Serena "Oh look! They even got Molly and Melvin."

(...again.)

(Fourface releases the captured energy and feeds it to the Doom Tree.)

Happy Face "Beware Fourface."

Bad Face "Beware Fourface."

Sad Face "Beware Fourface."

(This time, however, the Doom Tree acts weird. It doesn't grow strong as expected. In fact, it seems to grow weaker.)

Alien Alan "I don't get it. All this energy should be revitalizing the Doom Tree, not killing it."

(Ann gasps.)

Alien Alan "I...I don't know what to do. We've tried everything. What if it dies?"

Alien Ann "Then WE die."

Alien Alan "I know, Ann, but look at the tree."

(Fourface can only shrug.)

Happy Face "Beware..."

Sad Face "Fourface."

(Monday morning, at school...)

Miss Haruna "Melvin? Molly? Ann? Are they all absent today? What's going on?"

(Melvin and Molly's absences can be accounted for, but Ann?)

Serena "I think I know about Ann. Seems her brother Alan is absent, too."

(Alan, too?)

(Miss Haruna could care less, but she replies...)

Miss Haruna "Aren't YOU a well of information this morning?"

Serena "Oh. Ha ha ha. Well, I feel sorry for new kids..."
"...especially Alan."

(Later, Serena, Amy, and Lita walk over to Ann and Alan's apartment. Lita is complaining.)

Lita "I don't get why we're bothering with these two slackers anyway."

Serena "Oh, get with the program, Lita. Ann's a classmate, and Alan is a major hunk."

Amy "I sure do hope Melvin and Molly are doing okay."

Serena "Oh yeah. Right. We'll visit them next."

(At the apartment, they ring the doorbell.)

Serena "Well, here we are. Spooky place, huh?"

(She tries to get Ann and Alan's attention.)

Serena "Hello. Anyone home? Hi. Oh..."

(Alan answers the door, Ann a short distance behind him.)

Alan "Hey, Serena. What a nice surprise."

(Serena notices that they're both wearing purple shirts. Ann pretends to cough.)

Serena "Hey, this some kind of brother-and-sister act? Dressing alike?"

Ann "Similar tastes, that's all, 'cept when it comes to snoopy, air-brained schoolgirls."

(Lita's always hated Ann's brash attitude.)

Lita "Hey, check the attitude. She was just worried about you, okay? But I don't know why."

Amy "Lita, cool it."

Lita "Okay, I'm sorry, but she still has a major bad attitude."

(Serena nods.)

Alan "Why don't you come in? We were just making some hot chocolate."

(Ann knows it's an excuse to keep Serena around a while.)

Ann "We were not!"

Alan "Come on. I'll make that chocolate."

Ann "Hmph."

(Alan fixes some hot cocoa in the kitchen. He thinks about something.)

Alan "Huh?"

"This is great having Serena here."

(Meanwhile, Serena is talking with Ann, who doesn't seem interested.)

Serena "So, are you two feeling all right now?"

Ann "Is that why you came nosing around here?"

Serena "No, I was just worried about you. So, where are your parents?"

(Ann steps to the side of that one.)

Ann "Amazing. Who asked you to butt in?!"

(Realizing that Ann's getting touchy, Serena changes her mind.)

Serena "Oh. Oh, I...gee, I'm so sorry they're not around. That's tough when you're new to a place and not feeling so hot."

Ann "Look, we're perfectly capable of taking care of ourselves all on our own, so BUTT OUT, okay?"

(Lita has had enough.)

Lita "Let's book it, guys. We don't need this."

Serena "Is this Alan's room?"

(Oh no. Serena, in her customary fashion, is snooping around. Behind that door is where the Doom Tree is hidden! Ann quickly rushes over as the door begins to slide open.)

Serena "Oh, way cool. Automatic door."

Ann "STOP IT!"

(Fortunately, Alan is there to push the close button.)

Alan "You can't go in there!"

Serena "Oh..."

(He cooks up an explanation.)

Alan "It's a real mess in there. Maid's day off."

Serena "That's okay. We could help you clean it up, maybe organize a garage sale or something. Hey, it's be a blast."

Ann "You gotta be kidding. I didn't invite you here, and now, it's time you go."

(She offers Serena her bags and points to the exit door.)

Ann "Here's your bag. There's the door."

Serena "Oh..."

(Serena hesitates.)

Ann "So, go on!"

Lita "Come on, Serena. They'll get along just fine without us."

Serena "Sure. Independent types. That's cool."

Alan "Huh?"

(She follows Lita and Amy to the door.)

Alan "But the drinks are all ready, and..."

Serena "Nother time. Bye, Alan."

(She leaves.)

(Later, as Ann and Alan watch Serena and her friends head home...)

Ann "Alan, what's happening to us? I feel strange."

Alan "Yeah, I know. It's like I'm thinking with my heart instead of my head, you know?"

Ann "Yeah, maybe it's this place. I don't know."

Alan "Whatever it is, I've got the feeling it could be dangerous."

(The next day, Serena's alarm clock goes off.)

Luna "The alarm. I overslept."

(Luna checks to make sure Serena is up.)

Luna "Come on, lazybones. Get up."

(But Serena's gone.)

Luna "What happened to her?"

(She had woken up early to check on Ann and Alan.)

Serena "Hi, Ann. Ready for school?"

Ann "What are you doing back here bothering us again?"

Serena "Oh, it's no bother at all. Just wanted to make sure you weren't late for school. That's what friends are for."

(Having just finished brushing his teeth, Alan sees Serena at the door.)

Alan "Serena, what a brave girl you are. You risk coming back here again?"

Serena "Just thought Ann might want company walking to school."

Ann "No, I do not want company, thank you."

Alan "Oh come on, Ann. Don't be such a curmudgeon. Serena, how about some hot cocoa?"

Ann "Huh?"

Serena "Sure, I never turn down chocolate."

(She walks inside, to Ann's dismay.)

Ann "...or anything else."

(As the hot cocoa brews...)

Ann "So what made you invite Mighty Mouth?"

Alan "I don't know. I just get these...strange feelings when I see her."

Ann "You better be careful, 'cause she's a major snoop."

(Ann has every right to be cautious. It's already taking a lot of self-control for Serena to not peek into the "bedroom" again.)

Serena "Cool it, Serena. Curiosity killed the cat."

(But it still isn't enough. She ends up defeating herself.)

Serena "Hey, but you're not a cat, so go for it."

(While no one else is looking, she opens the door. Beyond...is darkness.)

Serena "It's just dark and empty."

(Suddenly, a brilliant flash of light erupts from the room. Serena screams, and roots approach her. The entire area is flashing with energy. Ann and Alan turn...)

Ann & Alan "Wha...?"

(...and gasp when they see that the Doom Tree has got hold of Serena. Quickly, they hit the close button.)

Serena "AAAAH! Oh, help me! Help! Help!"

(She manages to scramble free just as the door closes.)

Commercial Break

(Moments later, Serena's on all fours on the floor, gasping for breath.)

Alan "Serena, a-are you all right? Please speak to me."

Serena "What is in that room?"

(Alan has to think fast.)

Alan "Huh? Oh, just a science project I'm working on for school."

Serena "It must be some kind of weird science."

Alan "Yeah, it's a brand new science called space botany."

Serena "Oh ho. Out of this world."

Ann "Never mind that."

Serena "Hmm?"

(This time, Ann has darn good reason to be mad.)

Ann "Barging in on someone's private room is very rude."

Serena "Uh, yeah. I'm sorry."

Ann "Fine, apology accepted. I won't be going to school today, so you might as well leave."

Serena "Uh...okay."

(As she walks off, Serena waves goodbye to Alan, who's standing on the apartment balcony. He waves back.)

Serena "Maybe I'll see you at school tomorrow if you're feeling better."

(Suddenly, Alan feels very strange.)

Alan "Huh?"

"There's that strange feeling again. I feel more alive...but scared somehow."

(Whew! That was close! Serena had almost stumbled on their dark secret. When Ann and Alan check on the Doom Tree again a little later, they see that a seedling is starting to grow off the dying trunk.)

Ann "Whaddya think, Alan? Looks like the Tree's recovering."

Alan "Yeah, there's definitely some new growth just in the last day or two."

Ann "About the same time Serena showed up. The Tree seemed to thrive on her energy."

Alan "What are you thinking?"

Ann "Maybe she's just what the doctor ordered."

(Of course. It must've happened when Serena opened the door.)

Ann "We should try feeding the Tree more of HER energy."

(Alan doesn't like this plan one bit.)

Alan "You're THAT jealous?"

Ann "Look. You know as well as I do if the Tree dies, we die. If Serena's energy can save it, we zap her!"

Alan "Got a better idea."

Ann "And what would that be?"

Alan "I have another card up my sleeve, one I haven't played to the max yet."

Ann "Huh?"

Alan "Come here, Fourface."

(Of course. There's still the Cardian.)

Happy Face "Fourface here."

Alan "This little seedling needs energy to make it grow."

Happy Face "It is done."

Ann "You think that's all it's gonna take?"

Alan "Well, it's certainly worth a try. If we can get it to grow, our problems'll finally be over."

(Fourface floats up to the seedling and supplies it with energy. Strangely, however, the seedling wilts.)

Alan "Huh?"

Sad Face "I have failed you."

Alan "Oh no!"

Ann "The seedling's dead, isn't it?"

(Suddenly, a loud voice cries out.)

Voice "Help me!"

(It sounds rather far-fetched, but...)

Ann "Could that be the tree talking?"

Alan "I don't know. I thought I heard something, too."

(It's weird. This has never happened before.)

Alan "Can't be. It's just a tree."

Ann "But...what do we know about it anyway?"

Alan "Hmm, don't you remember? Our kind have drawn energy from the Doom Tree for countless thousands of years."

(THAT long? Ann gasps.)

Ann "What makes it live?"

Alan "It's a highly evolved organism, designed to draw out energy from other species and transfer it to us."

Ann "You're sure that's all it is?"

Alan "That's what I was told."

(At school...)

Lita "You went back for more abuse? You've got some neurons loose?"

(Serena laughs at Lita's description.)

Amy "I think it's sweet you care about that shrew."

Serena "Oh..."

(Then Amy gasps when she sees something in Serena's hair. Then Lita sees it, too.)

Lita "Serena, what's that in your hair?"

Serena "A bug?"

(Taking a branch, Lita sweeps it off Serena's hair and onto the ground. It's a piece of root from the Doom Tree. They all stare at the weird object intently...until it starts to move! They immediately back away.)

Serena, Amy, & Lita "AAAH!"

Lita "IT'S MOVING!"

(Once certain it's just wriggling in place, they approach it again.)

Amy "This is really weird!"

(They ask Luna and Artemis to check it out. Once they find out, they call an emergency meeting at the temple right after school.)

Amy "Did you learn anything about it, Luna?"

Luna "Well, it draws life from other creatures. Go ahead and show them, Artemis."

(Artemis is not up to this.)

Artemis "Really? Do I have to?"

Luna "Are you chicken?"

Artemis "No. Get off my case."

(Very tensely, Artemis reaches a paw into the tall jar that the thing is now in. When his paw gets close enough...the thing latches onto it! The girls gasp. Artemis shakes his paw frantically and manages to shake the thing back into the jar, where it wriggles for a while longer.)

Luna "See what I mean?"

Serena "Not really."

Amy "You're telling us it drains away energy?"

Luna "Exactly."

(Lita has to ask Serena...)

Lita "And you were walking around all this time with that stuck in your hair?"

Serena "Ewww, ick!"

Artemis "There's more to it than that, and it gets a lot worse."

(He pauses. They all listen intently.)

Artemis "It's serious."

Mina "Cut the melodrama, Artemis, and tell us."

Artemis "Hmm, okay. This twig's from a tree...from the Negaverse."

Girls "THE NEGAVERSE?!"

(Now Serena gets it. She takes a deep breath.)

Serena "Oh, I see what you mean, but why should that bother us?"

(Oh brother...)

Luna "Serena, it's just like all those Cardians, only it's a plant. The next question is: how did this thing get into Ann and Alan's apartment?!"

Raye "I've always thought those two were kinda strange. Do you think they're from the Negaverse?"

Serena "Hold on a second. Alan told me he's growing this thing for his space botany class, whatever that is."

(The others can see through the flimsy cover-up right away.)

Other Girls "And you bought that story?"

Serena "Well, of course I did. Why would he lie to me?"

Raye "If he's a monster from the Negaverse, of course he would!"

Serena "What?"

Luna "You know, I bet there's a whole lot more than this little twig locked up in that room of his."

Mina "So whaddya suppose they've got planned for this energy-draining tree?"

Serena "Like sell it or something?"

Raye "Get real. They're up to a lot more than that."

Serena "Oh..."

Artemis "I know you like this guy, Serena, but you've gotta face facts about him and his sister."

Lita "It makes all their secretiveness make some kind of sense. They're from the Negaverse."

Serena "I can-not believe it."

(Serena decides to make one more check to be certain. She heads for Ann and Alan's apartment at dusk. Luna is with her outside the complex.)

Luna "I think it's dangerous to go in there by yourself."

Serena "No. Luna, I'm really having a hard time believing Ann and Alan are from the Negaverse. It...it just doesn't compute."

Luna "Serena, you've got to get past this crush on Alan."

Serena "I don't wanna hear it. I'm gonna see for myself."

Luna "Serena, WAIT!"

(She stops for a second...then turns around.)

Serena "Ooh...hey, you know, I wouldn't mind some company."

(It's hopeless.)

Luna "I give up."

(Just then, Darien heads their way, carrying a big bag of flowers.)

Darien "Hey, how ya doing, Meatball Head?"

Serena "Oh, hi, Darien."

(Then, when she sees the bag...)

Serena "Who are the flowers for?"

(He points at the apartments.)

Darien "Someone up there."

(Ooh! Ann!)

Serena "Huh? Oh..."

Darien "Just doing a good deed. You know, visiting a sick friend and all that."

(Serena won't hear it.)

Serena "Oh...but she's not really sick, you know? She's faking it."

Darien "Hmm..."

(Tears are in Serena's eyes. She turns her back to him and starts to whine.)

Serena "You never gave me any flowers whenever I was sick, Darien."

Darien "C'mon, Serena. Don't be jealous. She helped me with the play and everything,

remember?”

Serena “Huh?”

(Oh no. She doesn't want him to be in danger.)

Serena “B-b-but you can't go in there, Darien! They've got space plants in there, and they're really, really, really dangerous!”

(He takes it as a joke.)

Darien “Space plants? Hey, that's a good one, Serena. Ha ha ha ha.”

Serena “I'm serious!”

(He won't listen. No choice.)

Serena “Oh, I gotta stop him.”

Luna “Serena, wait up!”

(Darien offers Ann the flowers.)

Ann “Huh? You came all this way with these beautiful flowers...just to see me?”

Darien “Well, I heard you weren't feeling so good, so I thought I'd cheer you up.”

(Ann feels funny. She can't describe it.)

Ann “Why do I suddenly feel so light and happy? What's this feeling?”

(Just then, Serena taps Darien's shoulder.)

Darien “Huh?”

Serena “Hey, Darien, don't you think you've stayed long enough?”

Ann “Hi, Serena. What a nice surprise. Why don't you come in and have some cookies and cocoa with us.”

Serena “Huh?”

(Why the sudden change in attitude?)

Alan “Oh, hi, Serena. Thought I heard your voice. We were just about to eat. We've got a whole pile of goodies I just know you're gonna love.”

Serena “Really? Mmm, food! Gorgeous food!”

(Serena chows down. Ann prepares to carry out her plan.)

Ann “This is perfect. Now, if I can just lure her back into the room with the Tree.”

(Darien is a bit disgusted with Serena's eating habits.)

Darien "Well, she sure likes her food."

(Ann asks Alan and Darien...)

Ann "Why don't you two leave us alone for a little girl chat, hmm? You could show Darien the view from the balcony. It's spectacular."

(The guys stand up.)

Alan "Okay, Darien. Come on. Th-This way."

(Once they're on the balcony, Ann starts her plan.)

Ann "Now's my chance."
"Oh Serena..."

Serena "Huh?"

Ann "Now that we're alone, I can show ya."

(Serena doesn't get it at first.)

Serena "Uh..."

Ann "You know, the space plant that's locked away in Alan's room?"

Serena "Oh yeah. Right, the tree. Do I really wanna leave all these deserts to see it?"

(She swallows, nervous.)

Ann "Tell you the truth, I'm scared stiff of that thing in there. I don't know what he feeds it, you know?"

Serena "Then why go in?"

(Ann pretends to be nervous.)

Ann "I'm sure if you're with me, I can handle it."

(Serena is REALLY nervous.)

Ann "Come on! No time like the present to face your fears, right? This way."

(Serena and Ann walk to the door.)

Serena "Uh, yeah."

(Standing at the threshold, Serena gets cold feet...)

Serena "Uh, can't we just eat more cream puffs?"

(. . .but Ann eggs her on (and pushes her, too).)

Ann "Almost there. Come on!"

(The door opens...and Ann shoves her inside, knocking her down in the process.)

Serena "AAAH!"

Ann "Fourface, come here and drain the filling out of this little cream puff!"

Serena "What?!"

(The doors close, and from out of the darkness...)

Happy Face "Beware Fourface!"

(Fourface grabs Serena and proceeds to drain her energy.)

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(This goes on for a few seconds, but then...)

Voice "ENOUGH! ENOUGH! I'VE HAD ENOUGH!"

(Fourface spins her heads, confused.)

Happy Face "Huh? No more?"

(It's the Doom Tree!)

Doom Tree "STOP IIIIT! AUUGH!"

(The Doom Tree goes wild! It's roots begin to grow like crazy, and more roots shoot out. The ensuing shaking can be felt throughout the apartment.)

Alan "What's going on?"

Darien "WHERE'S SERENA GONE?!"

(Then, roots burst from the doorway.)

Ann "This wasn't supposed to happen!"

(A root snakes under Ann and lifts her up.)

Ann "AAAH!"

(Then, Darien sees her.)

Darien "Serena!"

Alan "Ann, no!"

(The Doom Tree now has Serena and Fourface tight in the grasp of its roots. Fourface summarizes what's happening to the Tree with all four of its faces.)

Faces "Out of control! Out of control! Out of control!"

(Then the root binding Fourface slams her to the floor.)

Happy Face "Oh..."

(She collapses, dead.)

(The scene has become total chaos! The entire top of the apartment complex has been torn apart, and the Doom Tree stands atop the wreck. Its roots are all over the building, inside and out. It's this way when the others arrive.)

Raye "Unbelievable! This thing is huge!"

Amy "That's the tree?"

Luna "Must be. Gotta get Serena and Darien out of there. Sailor Scouts, TRANSFORM YOURSELVES!"

Girls "Gotcha!"

Raye "**MARS POWER!**"

Amy "**MERCURY POWER!**"

Mina "**VENUS POWER!**"

Lita "**JUPITER POWER!**"

(Quickly, they transform.)

Sailor Mars "Sailor Mars!"

Sailor Mercury "Sailor Mercury!"

Sailor Venus "Sailor Venus!"

Sailor Jupiter "Sailor Jupiter!"

(Now to prune this Negaplant!)

Sailor Jupiter "Comin' right at ya! **JUPITER THUNDER CRUSH!**"

(But Jupiter Thunder has no effect on the humongous roots.)

Sailor Jupiter "It didn't work."

(From high up...)

Serena "AH, HELP US! SAVE US!"

Sailor Jupiter "That's Serena!"

Sailor Mars "We gotta save her!"

Sailor Venus "But how?!"

Serena "HELP!"

(Can the Sailor Scouts save Serena and Darien from the Doom Tree, or is it too much for them? We'll learn the

answer next time, when this whole business becomes... **Treed.**)

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