

TRANSCRIPT FOR

Sailor Moon - Episode 67: "Rubeus Strikes Out"

(Now, to recap. A disillusioned Rini, having discovered the whereabouts of the Silver Crystal, steals it from Serena. Meanwhile, with only 24 hours to find Rini, Rubeus gets his opportunity and corners her. The other Sailor Scouts try to cover her, but Rubeus pulls out his trump card, his spaceship, overwhelming all of them and taking them hostage. Now, Serena has to save her friends and stop Rubeus for the last time.)

(Rubeus' spaceship hangs ominously above the city.)

Rubeus "Where are you, Sailor Moon? I don't know if you eluded me through your cleverness, or you were just a coward. Either way, I'm holding all the cards now. You can either say sayonara to your pals, the Simpy Scouts, or you can hand over the Silver Crystal and the kid. I'll be back in three hours. Think it over. You must give me your decision then. The choice is all up to you now, Sailor Moon. HA HA HA!"

(And the spaceship rises above the clouds. Serena, Tuxedo Mask, and Rini come out of hiding.)

Serena "Oh no!"

Rini "Oh..."

(The spaceship now sits in low Earth orbit. Rubeus admires the view from within...when he suddenly hears a familiar and annoying laugh.)

Emerald "Hm hm hm..."

Rubeus "Hmph."

(Emerald emerges from one of the mirrors.)

Emerald "Ooh...you're such a mastermind, Rubeus: lets the ones we really want get away. Did you think that up all on your own?"

Rubeus "Hmm, go ahead and laugh all you like, Emerald. I'll get that wretched brat Rini and that nuisance Sailor Moon in my own way."

Emerald "Hmm,not in this lifetime. Remember Prince Diamond's ultimatum. The clock is ticking, Rubeus. Love to stay. You got just five hours, then this job is all mine. Ha ha ha!"

(And she disappears...laughing all the way.)

Rubeus "Ha! Annoying hyena. I'll show her. We'll see who laughs last."

(A short time later, Rini looks out over the city from the roof of the apartment complex where Darien lives. Darien walks up to her.)

Darien "Hi, Rini."

Rini "So...is it true, then? Are you really Tuxedo Mask?"

(Rini's been uncovering a lot of secrets lately.)

Darien "Yes I am. Is that okay with you, Rini?"

(The two of them had had an instant bond. Rini was fond of both Darien and Tuxedo Mask separately, so it was easy for her to get used to seeing them as the same person.)

Rini "I like you being Tuxedo Mask, but I really don't know what I think about Serena being Sailor Moon."

(Serena was another story. She liked Sailor Moon...but as a person, Serena just can't get along with her "cousin".)

Darien "Oh well. Say, Rini, have you given Serena back her locket yet? It's important."

(She had.)

Rini "Hmm..."

(Rini pulls out her Crystal Time Key.)

Rini "I wonder why my Time Key hasn't been working properly."

Darien "If it worked the way you wanted to, you'd be back in the future with the Silver Crystal. Right?"

Rini "Huh?"

(Darien's figured out her mission.)

Darien "Rini, let's...not have any more secrets between us, okay? What were you gonna do with the Silver Crystal once you were back in the future?"

Rini "My mommy...my mom is in danger, and I need the Silver Crystal to save her."

(Darien realizes that there may be a connection between his nightmares and this. He gets down on one knee and puts his hands on her shoulders.)

Darien "Rini, you have to tell me what happened...to you and your mother back in the future."

Rini "I don't know."

Darien "Rini..."

(Rini's almost to tears.)

Rini "I don't know, Darien. This scary man snuck up on me and...I don't know what happened after that."

(Meanwhile, inside Darien's apartment...)

News Reporter "A gigantic unidentified flying object was seen above our city tonight. Government officials assure us there is no need for panic since the object vanished without incident. We will keep you informed of any further developments in this story."

(Luna and Artemis are watching the news while Serena, Moon Crystal Locket in hand, contemplates her decision.)

Artemis "Thirty more minutes."

Luna "I haven't seen Darien or Rini for a while. Do you know where they are, Serena?"

Serena "Yeah. They're up on the rooftop. Darien's trying to console her, I guess."

(She's also frustrated about the fact that Rini stole the locket...and that because of that act, her friends are captive.)

Serena "Ooh, I could...throttle that miserable brat! My friends are in big trouble 'cause of her. She's never been nice to me. She's nothing but trouble. Why do I always have to save her?"

Artemis "Serena..."

Serena "I have to make a choice between four friends I love and an ungrateful, spoiled, and manipulative little brat. Guess you can tell which way I'm leaning. This is too hard for me. I don't know what to do."

Luna "Serena, you know you can't abandon Rini. You can't mean it."

Serena "Ooh..."

(Serena has tears in her eyes.)

Serena "You're right, Luna. I don't get it. Part of me wants to blast that rotten kid into outer space, and then part of me wants to protect her."

Luna "Your choice is hard."

Serena "I'm sorry. I'm just too tired to think straight."

(It has been a long day for her...and it's only going to get longer.)

Artemis "That okay, Serena. You rest for a while, and Luna I'll cook up...some kind of plan."

(Serena gets up.)

Serena "Thanks, guys. I'm just gonna step outside for some fresh air."

(Serena walks out to the balcony. She realizes there is a course of action open to her...although it will take all her courage to do it.)

Serena "There's just...no other way. I must go alone. If I bring the Silver Crystal with me, maybe that'll be good enough for Rubeus. There's no way I'm gonna put Rini in any more danger."

(Serena realizes that this crisis has brought out something totally different in her.)

Serena "Not too long ago, I would've said 'I'm too sleepy' or 'I'm too scared.' or 'I don't wanna go alone,' but now I have...to face all of my problems."

(One thing you can say about Serena. When backed into a corner, this girl will fight.)

Serena "Wait for me, guys. I'm coming to rescue you."

(Meanwhile...)

Artemis "That's the best we can do?"

Luna "There's no other way, Artemis. We'll give Rubeus a fake Silver Crystal so we can buy us some time to save the Scouts."

Artemis "Let's just hope during that borrowed time we can bust the Scouts out of that spaceship. Do you think Rubeus will accept the Crystal without Rini?"

(In their contemplation, they don't notice Serena sneaking away. The last thing she wants now are the two of them interfering.)

Luna "Hey! Look, why don't we try to fool Rubeus by disguising ourselves as Rini?"

(Try and think of it.)

Luna & Artemis "Try your hardest, Rubydoop. You're never gonna catch me!"

(Who are we kidding?)

Artemis "Two great feline minds gotta do better than that."

(Suddenly...)

Darien "Luna! Artemis! The door was wide open!"

Luna "Huh?!"

Darien "Is Serena here?"

Luna "What?!"

Artemis "What?! She took off?!"

Darien "She's gone alone."

Luna "Oh no! It's just like that Meatball Head! I bet Serena's gonna try to fight Rubeus all by herself!"

Artemis "I do believe you're right, Luna."

(Rini gasps. She didn't expect THIS out of Serena.)

Luna "But she can't! It's too crazy! She could never pull it off alone!"

(Then Darien discovers something else.)

Darien "Huh?"

(He gasps.)

Darien "Rini! Rini?"

(Now Rini's gone, too!)

Darien "Oh no! She must've gone after Serena! You know, it's really scary how much those two are alike. They're both a pair of Meatball Heads, as if they were related or something."

(Here we go with the stating of the obvious again. He and the cats hurry out.)

(Meanwhile, Serena, with her goal firmly in her mind...)

Serena "MOON CRYSTAL POWER!"

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

Sailor Moon "Hang on, guys. I'm gonna save you no matter what it takes. I let you down once, but it's not gonna happen again. I promise you. "

(She suddenly gasps as the lights go out and the sky darkens again. Looks like the three hours just ran out. Here comes the spaceship.)

Rubeus *(From the ship)*
"Ha ha ha! Well well, right on time. Greetings, Sailor Moon. Greetings, Rini."

(What?)

Sailor Moon "Rini?"

(Turning around, she sees Rini behind her.)

Sailor Moon "What are YOU doing here, Rini? It's way too dangerous."

Rini "I'm coming with you! I don't care what you say! It's my fault the Scouts got captured, and I'm gonna help get 'em back!"

Sailor Moon "Help? The only way you're helping is by giving Rubeus just what he wants! Hmm?"

(Suddenly, a tractor beam lifts the two of them upward and into the ship...screaming. Darien and the cats arrive late.)

Darien "It's too late."

Artemis "It's all up to Serena now."

Luna "SERENA!"

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(Moments later, inside the ship, Rubeus approaches his two new passengers. Sailor Moon and Rini quickly regain consciousness.)

Sailor Moon "So it's you again."

Rubeus "Hm hm hm."

Sailor Moon "Hah! You're even dumber than I thought. This isn't who you want. She's my cousin Trini."

(She's going a little fast.)

Rubeus "Hm?"

Sailor Moon "Yeah, Trini. Did you think I'd hand over Rini so easily? Hah, what a ditz."

(She chuckles. Of course, Rubeus isn't buying the story.)

Rubeus "Hah! Nice try, Sailor twit, but I'll find out soon enough who she is..."

(He points straight at Sailor Moon.)

Rubeus "...but first, I'm gonna be rid of you once and for all."

Sailor Moon "All right!"

(She turns to Rini.)

Sailor Moon "Now listen, Rini...and for once, do as I say. You must find a safe place to hide."

Rini "Yeah...uh, I will."

(Rini takes off while Sailor Moon stands.)

Sailor Moon "I'm ready to fight!"

(Rubeus smirks...)

Rubeus "Hmph."

(...as the spaceship once again rises into orbit. Outside...)

Darien "Serena!"

Luna "Darien, we've got to do something! Once they go into space, we won't be able to help them!"

Artemis "Right!"

Darien "Hmm..."

(Inside...)

Rubeus "Come on. Give me your best shot, you little klutz. I can't tell tell you how eagerly I've been looking forward to this."

(Sailor Moon is ready to answer. She summons the Moon Scepter as Rubeus prepares to strike.)

Sailor Moon "**MOON SCEPTER ACTIVATION!**"

(But just then, a crystal in the ship flashes briefly, and the shot is deflected by a force field.)

Sailor Moon "This just can't be. I don't know why the scepter isn't working now."

(Suddenly, Sailor Moon feels the force of the spaceship's gravity generator. She's on hands and knees struggling to stay up.)

Sailor Moon "I feel very heavy."

Rubeus "Ha ha ha. You're on my turf now, Sailor twit. Try all you like, but there is absolutely no way you can beat me on this ship."

(Sailor Moon continues to struggle.)

Rubeus "How do you like my super gravity device? Let me demonstrate how it operates in reverse! HAH!"

(The crystal glows again. Rini observes carefully from out of the way. This time, the gravity is reversed, and Sailor Moon goes flying.)

Sailor Moon "AAH!"

(She bangs against a column. Then, she sees out the window...and realizes she's in orbit!)

Sailor Moon "There's the Earth!"

Rubeus "Say goodbye...to it all, Sailor Moon, for you'll never see that place again. This will be your last battle ever!"

(Sailor Moon continues to float. Just then, she looks down and sees Rini running towards the power amplifier. Sailor Moon gasps in shock. However, as Rini approaches the crystal, a force field shocks and repels her.)

Rini "AAH!"

(As it turns out, the shock causes her crescent to appear again! Here comes another Moon Beam!)

Sailor Moon "Rini! Oh no!"

(Uh oh. Cover's blown.)

Rubeus "Rini, huh? Don't you mean your cousin Trini?"

(Rini recovers from the Moon Beam and gets up.)

Rubeus "There's no point in trying to escape. You're in an invisible force field. Try to get out, and you'll feel the consequences."

(Rini tries again. She gets shocked again.)

Sailor Moon "No, Rini!"

Rubeus "How do you like this little pleasure cruise so far, Miss Moon? There's more."

(Rubeus switches the gravity generator back to super gravity, sending Sailor Moon to the floor hard.)

Rubeus "Now it's time for you to grovel at my feet, Sailor Moon! Hah!"

(Rubeus turns the gravity generator to full power. The floor beneath Sailor Moon literally begins to buckle under the intense gravity.)

Rubeus "Ha ha ha. Ah, you're finished!"

(Rubeus continues to laugh...but then, Rubeus discovers what has made Sailor Moon so dangerous.)

Rubeus "Huh?"

(Slowly but surely, despite the incredible force upon her, Sailor Moon begins to pick herself up.)

Sailor Moon "You're such a coward...and...and a vicious monster."

(Rubeus can't believe it! She's back on her feet!)

Sailor Moon "I'll never give up!"

Rubeus "How can that be? You're standing up with the G-force at maximum capacity."

Sailor Moon "So long as there are people I love in danger, I will stand to defy you, I'll battle evil, and I'll fight for love and justice, 'cause I'm Sailor Moon!"

Rubeus "Hmm...it seems I greatly underestimated you as an adversary, Sailor Moon."

(Seeing how pointless the device is, Rubeus shuts off the gravity generator. Sailor Moon quickly re-acclimates.)

Rubeus "You want to defy me? Fine. I'll hit you with everything I've got."

(And as Rubeus charges for his best shot...)

Sailor Moon "**MOON SCEPTER ACTIVATION!**"

(The two attacks collide in a power struggle, each refusing to yield. Meanwhile...)

Rini "Hold on, Sailor Moon!"

(Distracted by Sailor Moon, Rini had gotten to the power amplifier.)

Rini "His power source! I'm gonna try to cut it off!"

(Rini struggles to wrest the crystal loose. Meanwhile...)

Rubeus "Sayonara, Sailor Moon!"

(Rubeus sends a power pulse that overpowers the scepter...)

Sailor Moon "AAAH!"

(...and sends Sailor Moon crashing into the wall. Then, Rubeus realizes that Rini is trying to remove the amplifier crystal.)

Rubeus "Hah! I turn my back for one measly second, and she's trashing my power amplifier!"

(Rubeus quickly floats over.)

Rubeus "Hmm, well Rini, I'm coming to get you! Are you ready?"

(Suddenly...)

Sailor Moon "**MOON SCEPTER ACTIVATION!**"

(Rubeus has to turn around and react quickly as another shot from the scepter approaches him. He is able to deflect it just in time.)

Rubeus "I'll get you yet!"

Sailor Moon "Rini, pull harder! Hurry!"

Rini "Okay!"

(Then, as Rini struggles, her crescent appears again! This time, with the Moon Beam so close to the crystal, the power amplifier shatters! Rubeus is unable to repel the shot this time, and he's the one who crashes into the wall, causing one of his earrings to fall off. With the ship's power source broken, the whole ship starts to come apart. When all the mirrors shatter, the other Sailor Scouts suddenly appear in midair.)

Sailor Scouts "Huh?"

(They fall the short way to the floor and land on their feet.)

Sailor Venus "Where are we, Scouts?"

Sailor Jupiter "Well, we were captured by Rubeus, and then..."

(Then they see Sailor Moon.)

Sailor Moon "Better late than never, Sailor Scouts."

Sailor Mercury "It's Sailor Moon!"

Rubeus "Ha ha ha..."

(They all turn to Rubeus.)

Rubeus "You'd better enjoy your little reunion while you can... 'cause it won't last long. This ship is programmed to self-destruct... taking all of you miserable Sailor Scouts with it!"

Sailor Mars "And what about you?"

Sailor Jupiter "A coward like you would go down with your ship?"

Rubeus "Ha ha ha! It'll be a great honor knowing all of you are with me!"

(And he smashes his fallen earring with his shoe.)

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

Rubeus "Ha ha ha! Going down with my ship knowing you're going down with me will be a great honor! I'll be Prince Diamond's greatest hero! Prepare for your end, Sailor Scouts!"

(Explosions begin to rock through the ship. Time is running out!)

Sailor Moon "Watch it, Sailors!"

(The Scouts and Rini quickly gather.)

Sailor Mars "We haven't much time, guys! We gotta get outta here before this ship blows up!"

Sailor Jupiter "But where are we supposed to go? We're floating in outer space!"

(Sailor Mercury has an idea.)

Sailor Mercury "I know a way to get out of here."

Others "Huh?"

(Sailor Venus realizes what it is.)

Sailor Venus "Got you, Mercury. You mean teleportation, right?"

Sailor Mercury "Right."

(They haven't tried this since the battle with Queen Beryl.)

Sailor Mars "Will it work? Sailor Moon's energy's all tapped out, and now we have an extra person to take back with us!"

Sailor Mercury "If we pooled up all the strength we've got, I know we can transport ourselves home again. Besides, we've got no other choice."

Sailor Moon "I'm with Sailor Mercury! Let's do it!"

(She turns to Rini.)

Sailor Moon "You in, Rini?"

(Rini nods.)

Rini "I'll try my best."

Sailor Moon "That's a good girl. You'll get a special treat."

Rini "All right. Can it be homemade pancakes?"

(Sailor Moon chuckles.)

Sailor Moon "You got it."

Sailor Mercury "Scouts, we've gotta do this now!"

(The Sailor Scouts form a circle to attempt Sailor Teleport. Rini stands within the circle.)

Sailor Moon "**MOON CRYSTAL POWER!**"

Sailor Mercury "**MERCURY STAR POWER!**"

Sailor Mars "**MARS STAR POWER!**"

Sailor Jupiter "**JUPITER STAR POWER!**"

Sailor Venus "**VENUS STAR POWER!**"

Sailor Scouts "**SAILOR TELEPORT!**"

(It works! They disappear! Meanwhile, as Rubeus emerges from the flames...)

Emerald "Ha ha ha..."

(In comes the potential save.)

Emerald "You're a real winner."

(Rubeus gets on his knees.)

Rubeus "Oh, Emerald. So glad you've come. Take me back to the future, will you? We've got to hurry! This ship is set...to self-destruct in about one minute!"

Emerald "What a pity."

Rubeus "Huh? But..."

Emerald "You're a disgrace, Rubeus. Prince Diamond's got no use for incompetents like you. You're nothing but a failure. You struck out big time...with the Sailor Scouts, Rini, and the Silver Crystal. That means you're no longer up to bat, and you know what that means: three strikes and you're out. Ha ha ha!"

(And she disappears after delivering the final insult.)

Rubeus "NO! EMERALD! COME BACK HERE! EMERAAALD!"

(And the ship explodes in space. Rubeus is out...permanently.)

(At that same instant, back on Earth, the Sailor Scouts and Rini emerge from the teleport, unharmed.)

Sailor Mercury "We made it!"

Sailor Scouts "Yes! Yay! Hooray!"

Rini "Hey, Sailor Moon...don't forget your promise. I want homemade blueberry pancakes, and they have to be made by you."

Sailor Moon "Oh..."

(She falls back.)

Sailor Moon "Me cook?"

Sailor Mars "I think I should warn you, Rini. Cooking is definitely not Serena's forte."

Rini "But she promised."

(Sailor Moon is instantly on her feet again.)

Sailor Moon "Oh, all right, but you're gonna be sorry."

(They all laugh. Actually, considering that chicken curry she made before, it might not turn out so bad.)

(Meanwhile, in the palace of Prince Diamond...)

Emerald "Prince Diamond...I'm afraid the mission was too much for Rubeus."

Prince Diamond "Was it? Then he was not the man I thought he was. So now it's your turn, Emerald. I want results. You must work diligently to not repeat his failures."

Emerald "Yes, I'll succeed where he failed."

(Emerald disappears. Then an image of the Queen of Crystal Tokyo appears...the same one we saw the Wise Man gazing before.)

Prince Diamond "Hm hm hm! I always get everything that I want...everything."

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