

TRANSCRIPT FOR

Sailor Moon - Episode 78: *"Birth of Wicked Lady"*

(Within Crystal Palace, everyone is worried about one thing: where is Rini? Everyone spreads out around the palace grounds looking for her.)

Sailor Mars "Rini?"

Sailor Moon "Come on! Answer me! This isn't funny!"

Sailor Mercury "Rini, where are you?"

(They all gather after a while to see if anyone has news.)

Sailor Moon "You find her?"

Sailor Mars "No, and we looked all over the castle."

Sailor Jupiter "I hope those Negamonsters haven't got her."

(That raises a collective gasp.)

Tuxedo Mask "Let's split up; search the castle again, room by room. Maybe Rini's playing hide and seek with us."

(At a time like this?! Like Sailor Moon said, this isn't funny!)

Tuxedo Mask "She's got to be here!"

Sailor Venus "Look in every nook and cranny."

(They all nod...)

Everyone "Right!"

(...and split up.)

(But as we recall, the Wise Man has managed to convince Rini to come with him. She floats in midair in front of him, Dark Power slowly forming in an aura around her.)

Wise Man "Hmm, I see a great pain in you, Small Lady. You're such a vibrant, jubilant child: a child any parents would eagerly want for their own, and yet your parents were cruel and uncaring. I see they've hurt you..."

(This Wise Man is a master manipulator. First he sweet-talked Rini into surrendering voluntarily. Then, he tricked Emerald into a suicide run. The Wise Man probes into Rini's memories, looking for potential memories to corrupt for his own ends.)

Wise Man "...deeply, very deeply."

(He finds one. It was raining that day. Rini spots a frog.)

Rini "Huh? Oh, wow! A cute little froggie!"

(She chases after it.)

Neo-Queen Serenity “Careful, Rini. You might slip in the rain.”

(And Rini slipped and fell. Her parents didn't make a move to help her up. Instead, they walked past.)

Neo-Queen Serenity “You see? You should listen to me.”

(Rini is puzzled. However, they stop and turn back to her. The queen kneels down but doesn't help her up.)

Neo-Queen Serenity “You can get up now.”

Rini “Why are you always so mean to me?!”

(She turns to her father.)

Rini “Can you help me up? Please, daddy?”

King of the Earth “You can get up yourself.”

Wise Man “What mean, uncaring parents! Kind, loving parents would have helped you up! I don't think they really love you, Small Lady!”

(Rini gasps. Bit by bit, the words of the Wise Man take hold in her mind. The Dark Power Aura around her grows. The faces she see begin to turn dark and mean.)

Neo-Queen Serenity “Maybe we spoiled her too much.”

King of the Earth “Yeah, afraid you're right.”

(Rini gasps.)

Wise Man “You deserve better parents than that. And your other friends...they're no better, are they?”

(Another memory fills her head. She's looking out over the city from Crystal Palace.)

Sailor Mercury “Oh Rini, you look sad. You okay?”

Rini “Hmm, I don't know. Why doesn't anybody remember it's my birthday today?”

(Everyone acts genuinely surprised.)

Sailor Mercury “Happy birthday.”

Sailor Venus “I remembered.”

Rini “I know, but Mommy and Daddy are far away. Why aren't they here for my birthday?”

Sailor Mars “They can't help it. They're tied up with very important business right now, so you have to be patient, okay?”

Sailor Jupiter “It's just too bad it had to be on your birthday.”

(Rini starts to cry.)

Sailor Scouts “Huh? Uh oh.”

Sailor Mars “Then maybe, we can give her a little birthday party.”

(Rini hears it...but she doesn't see Sailor Jupiter covering Sailor Mars' mouth.)

Sailor Jupiter "Sailor Mars...have you forgotten?"

Rini "Huh?"

Sailor Mars "Oh right. Sorry, Rini."

Sailor Mercury "We're needed at the palace."

(And they leave.)

Sailor Venus "Maybe if we get done on time, we can do something."

Rini "None of them...not one of them cared. Nobody celebrated my birthday. I was all by myself."

(The Wise Man plays this scene for all it is worth. The aura grows stronger still.)

Wise Man "And they call themselves friends? You deserved to be loved and cherished! Is this what you call friendship?"

(Rini wails in despair. She's believing him, even as she sees the images in her head turn dark and wicked.)

Rini "No, they don't love me! Daddy! Mommy!"

(Deeper and deeper she falls into despair.)

Rini "None of them love me! AAH!"

Wise Man "Why these heartless people! How could they do that to you, Small Lady?! Don't you deserve better than that?!"

(Then, her belief becomes total. Her love for them becomes resentment, hatred...ANGER. She growls in rage.)

Wise Man "In fact, is there anyone on this planet you can say really, genuinely loves you?! People with such cold hearts should be punished, and you're just the person to do it, Small Lady! I can give you the power to do it...the power of the Dark Crystal!"

(The Wise Man's commands the crystal ball. It gives an intense pulse of energy. The aura around Rini coalesces around her and begins to unite with her.)

Wise Man "With its energy coursing through your veins, you can do anything!"

(Within, Rini begins to grow...)

Wise Man "You can destroy your enemies! You can destroy this miserable, ungrateful planet!"

(And what takes form is the Wise Man's greatest ally: the hope of the future turned bad. On the outside, Rini now looks like a ravishing young lady, but inside...is a heart of darkness. She is no Small Lady anymore.)

Wise Man "Welcome to your destiny! Welcome to the realm of the Dark Crystal...Wicked Lady!"

(Wicked Lady chuckles in evil glee. She's ready to exact her revenge on her former family; no, on the entire planet Earth!)

(Later, in the palace of Prince Diamond, the Wise Man presents his new servant.)

Prince Diamond "Oh...Wise Man..."

Wise Man "Allow me to introduce our newest servant of the Dark Crystal: once known as Small Lady...but, as you can see, no longer Small...and no longer weak!"

(Prince Diamond is surprised.)

Prince Diamond "Huh? Were you really Small Lady?"

(He becomes even more surprised when he sees the Negamoon Crescent on her forehead! That's the trademark of his family!)

Prince Diamond "But that's our family symbol!"

(Wicked Lady chuckles.)

Wicked Lady "Just call me Wicked Lady."

Wise Man "Diamond, you must return to the Earth of the past immediately! The power of the Dark Crystal now courses through Wicked Lady's veins, and with her help, you will finally dominate the Earth!"

(Wicked Lady chuckles again, and they disappear. Prince Diamond clenches a fist. His objective is finally at hand!)

Prince Diamond "At last...the sweet, sweet taste of revenge is within my grasp. This planet will finally be mine."

(Then, Sapphire appears to try to talk some sense.)

Sapphire "Your Highness..."

(Prince Diamond turns.)

Sapphire "I don't believe you should be trusting the Wise Man right now. I believe the Wise Man just used Emerald...in an experiment....that cost her her life."

Prince Diamond "Used her? Rubbish."

(Revenge is still hot in his mind.)

Prince Diamond "We were banished by the people of Earth to a cold, dim, isolated, and distant moon! It's worth losing one of our own if it means getting revenge on the people of the Earth!"

Sapphire "But Prince Diamond, there's just so much about the Wise Man that makes me suspicious."

Prince Diamond "Nonsense. You mustn't forget it's only because of the Wise Man's knowledge of the Dark Crystal that we are as close as we are to reconquering the Earth. The Wise Man didn't need to help us. I trust him with my life. I can't support your theory."

(An image of the Sailor Scouts of the future appear, still silent and motionless while they protect the Crystal Palace.)

Prince Diamond "And anyway, Sapphire, all our efforts to destroy the Sailor Warriors have failed miserably...so we've got beat them in another way. Wise Man's plan to go back into the past and destroy Earth then, when it's more vulnerable, is a good one."

(He stands and turns to Sapphire.)

Prince Diamond "This is our moment of triumph. Now that Small Lady has become a servant of the Dark Crystal, we can't lose, so I'm leaving shortly for Earth in the past, and I will hear no more negative comments about the Wise Man. Keep an eye on the energy absorption indicator."

Sapphire "Yes, sir."

Prince Diamond "I'm counting on you."

Sapphire "Right."

(Back at Crystal Palace, someone brings a message.)

Sailor Moon "What? Rini's no longer here?"

(It's Sailor Pluto, appearing as an image in front of them.)

Sailor Pluto "It seems that way. Diamond also left for Earth in the past."

Sailor Jupiter "Diamond, too?"

Sailor Moon "They went back to the past?"

Sailor Pluto "Small Lady is not what she was, I'm afraid."

Sailor Moon "What's wrong with her?"

Sailor Pluto "I'm not exactly sure, but she needs your help badly. You must hurry back to the past and save her, please!"

(Sailor Pluto helps expedite the trip by sending the Gate of Time to their location. It opens for them, and they all step in, taking the Cosmic Time Warp back to the twentieth century.)

Tuxedo Mask "We'll do what we can, Sailor Pluto, but we're kind of at a disadvantage here. Is it possible for you to tell us exactly what happened before we became King and Queen of Crystal Tokyo in the future? What happened that changed Earth so drastically? Can you tell us?"

Sailor Pluto "You've seen too much of your future already. No one should know their future. The important thing...is to love your lives as best as you can, and you'll shape your own future according to how you live."

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(Soon, everyone arrives back in the present day.)

Sailor Moon "Where are we?"

Luna "I think we're back home again."

(Indeed, the skyline once again is of twentieth-century Tokyo.)

Sailor Moon "Huh? Yeah, the moon sure looks beautiful. Mmm, the air's so much fresher than in the future."

Sailor Mars "We must protect this world."

(Sailor Moon nods agreement.)

Sailor Mercury “The first thing we've got to do is find out what Diamond's plan is to destroy Tokyo in the present.”

Sailor Moon “Yeah, and we have to find Rini, too.”

(Sailor Moon still worries about her, even as she clutches the Luna Ball in her arms.)

Sailor Moon “Please, Rini, wherever you are, I hope you're safe and sound.”

(Safe nothing. Wicked Lady and Prince Diamond are looking over the city from the rooftops.)

Prince Diamond “My dream to avenge the Earth has finally become a reality.”

(He chuckles as he removes an earring. He uses it to inject a small shard into the street below. It is a small Dark Crystal shard. Wicked Lady then infuses the shard with her own power. The Crystal grows larger and larger.)

(Back at the park, Tuxedo Mask and the Sailor Scouts begin to notice a dark circle appear in the sky.)

Tuxedo Mask “Look! That's gotta be them!”

Artemis “You think they're trying to take over the Earth with their Negaenergy again?”

Sailor Moon “Not while I'm here!”

(Everyone dashes off toward the source of that dark vortex. When they reach the edge of the park, however, a dark cloud forms. Everyone stops.)

Sailor Moon “What's that?!”

(When it vanishes, Wicked Lady stands in front of them.)

Wicked Lady “You Silly Scouts have finally met a force you can't beat!”

(Sailor Moon gasps at the appearance of this apparent stranger.)

Sailor Moon “Who are YOU?!”

Wicked Lady “You should know. Thanks to Wise Man of the Negamoon Family, I've got a great life. You may call me Wicked Lady.”

Everyone “Wicked Lady?”

(Just then, the Luna Ball begins to react to Wicked Lady's presence. The cats notice.)

Cats “Huh?”

Wicked Lady “This planet's due for a major remodel, courtesy of me. How does noxious gas and gloom sound?”

(The Luna Ball floats into the air.)

Tuxedo Mask “Huh?”

(It then floats over toward Wicked Lady and stops in front of her.)

Wicked Lady "Ha ha ha! Luna-P! I'm so glad you still recognize me!"

(She chuckles and embraces the ball, which absorbs the Dark Power and assumes the Negamoon Crescent.)

Wicked Lady "You've always been my only friend and always will be."

(Sailor Moon gasps. There's only one way the Luna Ball would react this way...and only one way Wicked Lady would recognize the Luna Ball...)

Sailor Moon "Could that be Rini?"

Sailor Mars "She IS Rini!"

Wicked Lady "Ha ha ha. I used to be called that once in my sad, pathetic little life."

Tuxedo Mask "But why?"

Sailor Moon "I can't believe...This loudmouth meatball head! We gave that ungrateful brat everything!"

Wicked Lady "Everything but love, you air-headed patty melt! Now to get your full attention!"

(She bounces the Luna Ball off the ground and into the air. It transforms into a large umbrella, which Wicked Lady catches. She opens the umbrella and begins to spin it very rapidly. Look out! It's shooting Dark Energy! The blast knocks all of them back and leaves them both physically and mentally reeling.)

Sailor Jupiter "Incredible power..."

Sailor Venus "Rini, why are you doing this to us?"

Wicked Lady "I despise all of you!"

Sailor Mars "Something's off...in her eyes. I think...she's been brainwashed."

Sailor Moon "Brainwashed?"

Sailor Mercury "Those Negadweebs must have control of her mind."

Sailor Moon "So what are we gonna do?"

Wicked Lady "There's nothing you can do but hope that I neglect you...just as the bunch of you neglected me!"

Sailor Moon "Neglected you?! What do you mean?! Answer me!"

Wicked Lady "You know what I mean!"

(Meanwhile, everyone gets back on their feet.)

Sailor Moon "You're wrong, Rini! Now listen. You've got your mom and dad and friends all around you! And we love you, Rini."

(She closes the umbrella and spins it again, this time aiming it at Sailor Moon like a drill!)

Wicked Lady "All lies! You didn't love me ever!"

(Sailor Moon jumps away as Wicked Lady drills a hole in the ground. She tries again and misses again.)

Luna "Sailor Moon...you've got to fight her back!"

Sailor Moon "But Luna, how can I possibly fight Rini?"

(Wicked Lady opens the umbrella, this time making it launch a salvo of darts that pin Sailor Moon to the ground.)

Wicked Lady "Get my point?"

(She tries the drill attack once again and look like she'll score...except a timely rose throw from Tuxedo Mask knocks the umbrella into the air and changes it back into the Luna Ball. Wicked Lady catches it after it bounces once off the ground.)

Tuxedo Mask "Be careful what you wish for. Do you really think things will be better off if you destroy Earth? Rini, you're not yourself! You're possessed by an evil energy! You've got to fight it! Now wake up!"

Wicked Lady "I'm wide awake, and all I see is a chump in a bad tuxedo!"

(She throws the Luna Ball at him but misses.)

Tuxedo Mask "Now, Sailor Moon! You've gotta use the Silver Crystal to wipe out the dangerous energy controlling Rini! Hurry, do it!"

Sailor Moon "Got it. Despite your..."

(She stands up.)

Sailor Moon "...cool taste in hairdos, you're not a real lady 'til you go back to being a real person!"

(She raises her Moon Crystal Locket.)

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

(Wicked Lady shields her eyes from the light of the crystal.)

Sailor Moon "Rini! You've got to remember things like they really were! Think about it! Think about your childhood! We love you very much! Can you remember, Rini?!"

(A memory trickles back into her mind.)

Rini "Mommy? Daddy, where are you? Please don't leave me alone! I wanna be with you guys! It's my birthday!"

(It's back during her birthday. She's rushing down the hall when she notices one of the doors closed. She opens the door...and discovers the reason for the cold treatment: they are throwing a surprise party!)

Neo-Queen Serenity "Hi, Rini."

King of the Earth "Happy birthday, my little pumpkin."

Rini "Mommy! Daddy!"

Sailor Scouts "Rini, have a very happy birthday!"

Rini "You're all here!"

King of the Earth "We're so sorry you thought we weren't gonna be here for your birthday, sweetheart."

Sailor Mercury "You really thought they were going to miss your birthday? They'd never do that to you."

Sailor Mars "They came home especially for you. That's why we were needed at the palace: to plan your party."

Sailor Jupiter "Silly Mars almost blew it."

Sailor Venus "Sorry about that, Rini."

(Rini almost can't believe it. They really did care about her. They had just wanted to hide the party from her until the time was right. She's overjoyed.)

Rini "Thank you, Mommy...Daddy...all of you!"

(The memory floods back to Wicked Lady. This challenges what the Wise Man had told her of that day.)

Wicked Lady "I remember. They DID come home."

(Wicked Lady's heart softens...and she's changing back into little Rini.)

Sailor Moon "It's Rini!"

Sailor Mars "Do you think she's really herself again?"

Sailor Mercury "She's figuring out the truth."

Sailor Jupiter "The brainwashing is losing its effect."

Sailor Venus "I hope so."

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(Suddenly...)

Wise Man "Wicked lady, don't be deceived by a few maudlin memories!"

(Just as suddenly, Wicked Lady snaps back. The Wise Man's words cast doubt into the memories she had.)

Wise Man "Don't forget your vacuous airhead mom and your shallow pretty-boy dad!"

(Sailor Moon soon realizes who is controlling her: the shrouded man in the sky.)

Wise Man "You're a sad little girl starved for affection: a lost, lonely little soul crying out for a little love and kindness from the people who should've loved you most!"

Sailor Mars "You know that's not true, Rini! Don't listen to him!"

Wise Man "You're so deprived of love and affection, you create your own illusions of a happy childhood!"

Wicked Lady "Illusions? You mean what I just remembered about my birthday was an illusion?"

Sailor Moon "That's a lie! You can't listen to this guy. Your party wasn't an illusion. It was real. You've gotta believe me, Rini."

Wicked Lady "I don't know...I just don't know who to believe."

(So the Wise Man resorts to his trump card.)

Wise Man "SHE NEVER LOVED YOU! NOBODY HAS EVER LOVED YOU! DON'T BE FOOLED BY HER LIES!"

(At the same time, he summons more Dark Crystal energy for Wicked Lady. The energy tears at her mind, destroying the happy memory and leaving the faces dark and hateful.)

Wise Man "WAKE UP AND SMELL THE TRUTH, WICKED LADY! YOU'RE LOVED BY NOBODY...NOBODY...NOBODY!"

Wicked Lady "That's right! Nobody celebrated my birthday! Nobody loved me enough to remember it! Wise Man's right! I've never been loved, and I never will be!"

(The Wise Man's control over Wicked Lady is restored. She floats into the air.)

Sailor Moon "Oh no, Rini!"

Sailor Mars "Rini, come back!"

Wicked Lady "Who's Rini? The Wise Man gave me a new name: Wicked Lady. Suits me, don't you think? I'm no longer Rini."

Sailor Mercury "That's not true! You ARE Rini!"

Jupiter & Venus "We love you, Rini!"

Artemis "And you're also known as Small Lady..."

Luna "...of Crystal Tokyo!"

Tuxedo Mask "Don't be seduced by his lies! He's filling you with hate!"

(Wicked Lady just laughs. Meanwhile, the Dark Crystal continues to grow in the heart of Tokyo.)

Wicked Lady "Not you or anyone can stop what's coming. Soon, the awesome power of the Dark Crystal will explode from the moon Nemesis, and the Earth will be no more!"

(Prince Diamond watches over the growth with satisfaction.)

Wicked Lady "Finally, the Negamoon will be avenged, and the heartless people of Earth will be destroyed! Ha ha ha!"

(She laughs as she disappears.)

Sailor Moon "No, Rini!"

(Soon, both she and the Wise Man are gone. Sailor Moon can't believe it! They were so close!)

Sailor Moon "Oh, Rini...somehow, I'll overcome this evil and bring you back to us."

(She's not alone. Tuxedo Mask and the other Sailor Scouts share her promise. They have to save Rini...for the sake of the entire planet Earth and for the hope of the future.)

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