

CAST OF CHARACTERS

SINGULARITY, adult, a single parent of six Galaxies

GRAVITY, a dog

SPT0615-**JD**, young adult, Singularity's oldest child

CARTWHEEL, teen, Singularity's child

WHIRLPOOL, teen, Singularity's child

TRIANGULUM, teen, Singularity's child

ANDROMEDA, teen, Singularity's child

MILKY WAY, preteen, Singularity's youngest child

Supporting Characters

ABELL, young child, JD's eventual Galaxy, never utters a word

INVARIANT, adult, Singularity's parent, appears in Act II

FIX, adult, Singularity's parent, appears in Act II

Ensemble

TIDALS, tidal forces personified as dogs

Bark: "Force" Howl: "Fall"

SOLAR SYSTEM, Milky Way's imaginary friends; principal
characters are in brackets [] for potential doubling

MULTIPLICITIES, coupled Galaxies in the audience

○ Androgyny Astronomy: Each character resembles the
androgynous nature, with open-ended vocal requirements

○ People of the Global Majority most represent the
experiences of this universal family; cast accordingly

SCENE 3

THE EDGE OF THE UNIVERSE

20. "TANGENT" (<https://www.ellipsesplay.com/music/20-tangent>)

The horizon is painted with unseen colors. The air is scented with all aromas. The theatre constellates with ellipses. Six ovals stand out.

JD

WE HAVE GONE OFF ON A... TANGENT.

JD looks around for ABELL. They look on, heartbroken, as ABELL is not in the audience.

GRAVITY takes in the scent. They proudly look up to JD, unaware of JD's descent.

GRAVITY

THIS TANGENT YOU HOWL FOR... I'M SPECTRAL BLIND.
WHAT DO YOU SEE BEYOND THE STARS? WHO DO YOU KNOW?

The music drowns out JD's voice, leaving the Edge of the Universe a mystery.

SINGULARITY echoes from another plane.

SINGULARITY (OFFSTAGE)

You are a big—

JD mouths and points all about. They soon point to the six ellipses. They fall silent.

JD

WE HAVE GONE ON OFF A... TANGENT.
LET'S BE GROUNDED.
I AM TAKING THE EDGE ON US.

I don't want to be the adult in the room anymore.

End of "TANGENT"

GRAVITY

After all this time together, the stars we felt,
the gas we expelled, the cosmos we derailed.
You're taking the wide-open space... Away?

JD

Nothing is infinite. The fun is finite. My kind needs a guide to stay close in such a space. My kin need to find their way home.

GRAVITY

This is your kind of home. I am your true kin. You haven't outgrown your siblings. They saw *nothing*. I, I always believed in this.

JD

I'm not falling for this...

GRAVITY

They saw nothing in you. I saw infinity in you. You're never out of affinity. Them Galaxies reckoned that there's no one out there for you.

JD

That is because there is really nothing... *Adulthood is nothing.* But eternal reckoning.

GRAVITY

Abell...

JD (CONT'D)

Singularity...

JD (CONT'D)

"Biological" clocks are illogical. I should have had faith in their words.

GRAVITY

Ever since your first words, ever since I first laid my puppy eyes on you... I knew my puppy cries would persuade you to free me. All is fate that you'd be the one to take down Singularity. Have faith that Singularity is no more.

JD

It's up to me to care for the Galaxy family now as Singularity. Unrolling the Universe back to its single destination, it's my destiny. Drop my legacy. Forfeit my prophecy. Time away is not worth it. It is long past Crunch Time. My family needs me—

GRAVITY bites JD's arm.

GRAVITY

I never imagined I'd fall for Singularity's flesh and blood! You cannot become Singularity! The only Galaxy to see their tidal force from where they are. The only person to see their dog for who they are. JD, you felt for me.

JD

I fell for you. The only cosmic being to feel
their Galaxy... The only parent to ever love me
is gone. Gravity... You've always let me down.

JD reveals a critical wound.

GRAVITY

JD... You're shedding stardust. I can fix that.

JD

I'll push you over the Edge if you touch me.
Wolves can't mend a heart like dogs can.

GRAVITY

(Disturbingly)

Force?! I'm no wolf! You're pushing it, kid...!
I am nothing but your pal... Well, feeding that
hole in your heart always works on you Gals.

JD

So Crunch Ti- There's no field equations left.
The Universe has spread itself out too thin.
The natural order of things is that I will too
if I don't move. Go away, you entitled *dog*.

GRAVITY

SPT0615-JD.

JD whips out the Big Bang Taser.

JD

Am I not apparent? *Let's bounce!* For once, rise
up for your own family, Gravity.

GRAVITY

I'll be there for my fellow pups. Live with your
puppets. What else could a Galaxy do than become
a singularity? You are turning into your parent.

JD

You'll always be my pup. I cannot be your pet.
A pup's pet. I have to pull the strings as the
master of the Universe. Families need their
Singularities. Do I make myself clear?

GRAVITY

Unapparent. I saw stars for who they are.
You'll be seeing stars from afar. A cluster of
stars. *In Crunch Time*.

GRAVITY sadly runs off.

JD stows away the Big Bang Taser.

SCENE 4**21. "..."** (Omission) (<https://www.ellipsesplay.com/music/21-omission>)

JD remains at the edge of the stage. They turn around, with their back towards the audience. They woundedly walk in place. They traverse the universal tundra.

The entire Universe rolls by JD. Field equations increasingly blossom, as though the cosmos is growing abundance once again. Orbitoads are croaking "orbit."

The Continuum Checkpoint slowly rolls out from backstage.

The TIDALS gather nearby. They brawl amongst themselves to claim the role as the alpha of the pack.

TIDALS
(Repeating)
DOT DOT DOT... OMISSION.

GRAVITY comes out victorious.

The TIDALS celebrate. They grow aware of JD's presence.

TIDAL
That Galaxy is rolling back the Fabric of Spacetime.

TIDAL
That Galaxy is shutting down our cosmic dog park.

TIDALS
Let's spaghettify them!

GRAVITY
If any tidal force lays a paw on this Galaxy, you will be buried six parsecs under. Don't defy me.

TIDAL
That wicked Galaxy is undoing everything we have worked for...

GRAVITY
That Galaxy is everything to me.

TIDALS

Our alpha has an alpha?

GRAVITY

Let JD face Gravity.

GRAVITY directs the TIDALS out.
They exit.

JD goes into hiding when the
Continuum Checkpoint is secured.

End of "..."

SCENE 5

THE CONTINUUM CHECKPOINT

Three huts or tents resemble the main Elliptic. The Left Elliptic is the doghouse, the Central Elliptic is the sleeping quarters, and the Right Elliptic is the command post. The Left Elliptic houses TIDALS. The Central Elliptic houses a sleeping WHIRLPOOL, ANDROMEDA, and MILKY WAY. The Right Elliptic houses CARTWHEEL and TRIANGULUM.
(<https://www.ellipsesplay.com/set>)

Each GALAXY looks disheveled, having not eaten in literally forever.

CARTWHEEL and TRIANGULUM quietly banter near a repaired snow globe.

WHIRLPOOL

(Snoring)

T over square root of one minus velocity...

JD discreetly heads to the Left Elliptic.

JD

Caged Tidals? I'll set you all free.

JD gravitationally pulls each TIDAL out of the Left Elliptic.

Once all TIDALS are freed, they shove JD into the Left Elliptic. They wreak havoc upon the campsite. Some enter the Right Elliptic, startling CARTWHEEL and TRIANGULUM. TRIANGULUM shields the snow globe. Some enter the Central Elliptic.

22. "BOUNCE BACK"https://www.ellipsesplay.com/music/22-bounce_back

The Central Elliptic intensely
lights up.

The TIDALS run out of the Central
Elliptic.

ANDROMEDA strolls out with a
supermassive white-hole heart,
surprisingly furious.

The TEEN GALAXIES except
TRIANGULUM cluster together.

TEEN GALAXIES

BOUNCE BACK!

The TEEN GALAXIES except TRIANGULUM
bounce off and land near their
respective TIDALS. They fight the
TIDALS, distinct in their combat.
They pose or slow down whenever
certain drums are hit.

ANDROMEDA repels away the TIDALS.

CARTWHEEL and WHIRLPOOL utilize
martial art tactics.

MILKY WAY unleashes their Quasar.

The TIDALS run away.

End of "BOUNCE BACK"

MILKY WAY

So hungry, I eat Pegasus. Should we catch them?

CARTWHEEL & WHIRLPOOL

Time will catch up to them. Hopefully
starvation doesn't.

MILKY WAY

Andromeda, we neva' see you so upset...

ANDROMEDA

*My once-in-a-literal-eternity beauty sleep was
interrupted.*

WHIRLPOOL

That ain't a black hole where your heart should
be.

CARTWHEEL

In fact, quite the opposite.

TRIANGULUM

Is everyone an anomaly around here?! We're each becoming anomalies with each passing millennium.

MILKY WAY

Speaking of anomal- JD?

CARTWHEEL, WHIRLPOOL, ANDROMEDA

JD? / JD. / JD!

TRIANGULUM comes out of hiding.

TRIANGULUM

SPT0615-JD.

JD

Declinations... It's been a millennium.

TEEN GALAXIES

A million quintillion declining years...

CARTWHEEL

You ran away on the fly...

WHIRLPOOL

You ain't say a goodbye...

TRIANGULUM

You come crawling back to us.

ANDROMEDA

Ye now a pearl in...

MILKY WAY

A smalla' elliptic!

JD

How is the Center of the Universe...?

MILKY WAY snivels.

CARTWHEEL, WHIRLPOOL, TRIANGULUM

How is the Edge of the Universe...?

ANDROMEDA scopes out the Edge.

ANDROMEDA

Well, "where" is certainly answered.

TEEN GALAXIES

You're unrolling back the Edge?

JD

You were right about "nothing..."

TRIANGULUM

In here, there is no one for us children. Much like out there, there is no one for you adults.

CARTWHEEL

Singularity is nothing now.

WHIRLPOOL

Our nomy/mom/dad is no longer here for us.

ANDROMEDA

Though nature is now healing, our Universe remains nothing.

JD

I'm bringing back everything. Everything I got.

TRIANGULUM

You're bringing back family? You don't have Gravity? And we must disarm you of everything.

JD

Don't get near my arm! They are a bad dog...
Oh, I've taken care of them... Um... *They fell off the face of the Universe.*

ANDROMEDA

If ye can't care for a dog, how'd ye expect to take care of us? Wait, *did ye toss them overboard...?*

TRIANGULUM flips over JD's arm.

CARTWHEEL

JD! You have a bite wound!

WHIRLPOOL

JD, we have to go home now.

TRIANGULUM

Tidal forces... Biting the hand that feeds.

MILKY WAY

No. Gravity fed JD...

TRIANGULUM

Gravity fed JD lies and deception.

CARTWHEEL

Gravity almost took you down.

WHIRLPOOL

Gravity brought you down to their level.

ANDROMEDA

We almost lost ye in the Gravity well.

JD

(Nervously lies)

Gravity lost themselves. Gravity got to my head. Gravity attracted me to *nothing*. But I fought Gravity's attractive force with electricity. I did toss Gravity over the Edge... And I tossed the taser off the face of the Universe.

ANDROMEDA

We understand... We'd do anything for our dog.
Even strike our nomy/mother/father...

TRIANGULUM

Tidal forces are stupid. They're running the
cosmos amok.

CARTWHEEL & WHIRLPOOL

Just a reminder that time is running out!

MILKY WAY

JD needs food! Food heals. Growth make body
strong.

TEEN GALAXIES

Now is Crunch Time, SPT0615-JD.

JD

Please, it is you who has nothing in the pit of
your supermassive black holes. You're growing
teen Galaxies. Even you, Milky Way... You with
your warp, waves, and wrinkles. It's wonderful.

MILKY WAY

(Seeing through JD)

You neva' be Nomy/Mommy/Daddy Sing.

JD

That's apparent... It is all clear to me. *I'll
be apparent almost like Singularity.*

TRIANGULUM

You clearly believe that you're the center of
the Universe like they once were. Cart-Whirl,
roll back the Edge.

CARTWHEEL and WHIRLPOOL go to the
edge of the stage. They
demonstrably have trouble pulling.

CARTWHEEL & WHIRLPOOL

We can't wedge out the Edge!

JD

I did cut away from the Edge. I have the
knowledge and strength to unroll the fabric of
spacetime. I can clean up my own mess. I must
undo the Big Bang. Listen, I'm the closest
thing you have to Singularity. I shall not
compare myself to the grandmaster. I may just
be worthy as your master of the Universe. We're
not famine. I will give my all. We are family.

TEEN GALAXIES (EXCEPT TRIANGULUM)

You gave your all to *nothing*.

23. "FAMILY IS EVERYTHING" (https://www.ellipsesplay.com/music/23-family_is_everything)

TRIANGULUM
NOTHING IS ANOMALY LIKE FAMILY...

FAMILY IS FORGIVING.

TEEN GALAXIES (EXCEPT TRIANGULUM)
OH NO.

TRIANGULUM
FAMILY SHARES A HEARTBEAT.

TEEN GALAXIES (EXCEPT TRIANGULUM)
TAKE IT SLOW.

TRIANGULUM
FAMILY IS EVERYTHING.

TEEN GALAXIES (EXCEPT TRIANGULUM)
WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT JD.

TRIANGULUM
WELL, LET'S START WITH WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT GALAXIES.

JD FEELS EVERY CELL,
FROM THE PLANETS TO THE COMETS IN STAR SYSTEMS.
JD LOVES THROUGH EVERY VEIN,
WITH ITS INTERGALACTIC SUPERHIGHWAY SYSTEMS.
JD IS IN OUR HEARTS.

CARTWHEEL, WHIRLPOOL, ANDROMEDA
BLACK HOLES ROOTED IN US, WHILE THEIRS JUST STEMS.

CARTWHEEL & WHIRLPOOL
LOYALTY IS EVERYTHING. LET GO.

TRIANGULUM & ANDROMEDA
EACH SIBLING IS EVERYTHING. LET'S GO.

JD
LEGACY WAS EVERYTHING. I KNOW
TO LET GO OF NOTHING.

The GALAXIES clear out the
campsite.

TEEN GALAXIES (EXCEPT MILKY WAY)
WELL, NOTHING WILL STOP US FROM GOING HOME WITH ALL SIBLINGS.

FAMILY/FAMINE IS EVERY PINCH,
FROM CURRENCY TO OUR THICK SKIN MADE OF STARDUST.
FAMILY/FAMINE IS EVERY FIGHT,
FROM VERBEL TO PHYSICAL TO SPIRITUAL.
FAMILY/FAMINE IS EVERY STRIKE,
TO OUR NOMY/MAMA/PAPA, TO OUR PARENT, TO OUR BACH HO.

MILKY WAY embraces JD like
SINGULARITY.

MILKY WAY
GALAXY, THIS, WE HAVE LEFT, WE HOLD...
FAMILY IS EVERYTHIN' WE KNOW.

The TEEN GALAXIES embrace JD.

TEEN GALAXIES
FAMILY IS EVERY HUG,
FROM RELUCTANCE TO GENUINE TO FORGIVING.
NOTHING LEAVES A LEGACY LIKE EVERYTHING.

The home returns from beyond.

JD
I OWE YOU EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.
I OWE YOU EVERYTHING, YOU KNOW?

GALAXIES
FAMILY IS EVERYTHING WE KNOW.

The home returns to near the edge
of the stage once again.

End of "FAMILY IS EVERYTHING"

SCENE 6

THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE

SINGULARITY remains lifeless
underneath the rug.

JD returns to the Elliptic. They
sensibly set down their knapsack.
They head through the side exit.

The TEEN GALAXIES go to the table.

TEEN GALAXIES
It is Crunch Time, JD. SPT0615-JD?

JD returns with dishes. They bow.

JD
Declinations, family.

TEEN GALAXIES
Declinations, JD.

The TEEN GALAXIES sit, while
TRIANGULUM tosses away the whoopee
cushion.

MILKY WAY pouts.

JD passes out the dishes.

JD

Looks like someone's been avoiding gas giants.

TRIANGULUM

Quit the sass, Milky Way.

JD finally sits with their family.
They look upon the empty chair.

MILKY WAY dives into their dish.

GALAXIES (EXCEPT MILKY WAY)

Again, Milky Way... Teenagers...

The other TEEN GALAXIES take a
swig. They cough up their Crunch.

TRIANGULUM

What did you put in this nuclear pasta, JD?

ANDROMEDA

Ye mostly dark matter, Triangulum.

CARTWHEEL

It'll take eighty eternities to wash out our
mouths, Andromeda.

WHIRLPOOL

I need a nap after this, Cartwheel.

JD

We're relatives again, Whirlpool!

MILKY WAY inspects JD's healed
wound.

MILKY WAY

You yourself again. You ellipsoid.

JD

You are so grounded. Alright, Gals. It has been
quintillions upon quintillions of years of
staying up. Fix yourselves to bed.

Most TEEN GALAXIES head off to bed.

TEEN GALAXIES (EXCEPT MILKY WAY)

Declinations, sibling.

MILKY WAY

No way I call you siblin' Sing. You, no
Singularity.

JD hands the Big Bang Taser to
MILKY WAY.

MILKY WAY (CONT'D)
Adults usually tell truths...?

JD
Hibernation or not, a solid bear finds ways to
lies. Let me be the anomaly. I ask for your
warp, waves, and wrinkles... To walk away.

MILKY WAY heads off to bed,
without a bow.

SINGULARITY remains lifeless.

SINGULARITY
You are a bit mistaken... For revisiting this
place. Save space.

JD
I can't even save myself...

SINGULARITY	JD (CONT'D)
Baby, are you hurt?	Nomy/Mommy/Daddy, are you hurting?

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)
JD, who did you see beyond our Elliptic?

JD
Nomy/Mommy/Daddy Sing, what did you see in this
Elliptic?

SINGULARITY
SPT0615-JD, apparency. Are you apparent yet?

JD
Singularity, what made you decide to be
apparent?

SINGULARITY
Our hearts eventually open up the prophecy:
When a Galaxy takes in enough light from their
singularity, it's time to be the single source
of light for the lightless. Every being is born
lightless. It's upon us to shed our light. To
save space. To produce photons in Crunch Time.
You're a luminous Gal. A bright adult. Act like
one.

JD
My heart will never be as apparent as yours.

SINGULARITY

My black hole has only been feeding. Has only been accepting.

JD

Can you just please accept the Edge? I can't bare the legacy I made you leave behind...

SINGULARITY

It seems apparent now that your heart is too supermassive for this place and there is another space that'll hold you. A Universe that'll hear you. The Edge accepted me... The moment I left my family for my legacy.

JD

My legacy is to leave family or does it leave family? All it really did was leave me alone out there. You were right. It's a heartless and lightless universe. In an elliptic unlike ours, I have nothing to take care for. I am unable to share the light of my heart.

SINGULARITY

You certainly took care of me.

JD

I only wished for the death of our time together...

SINGULARITY

I wish for your legacy to not end here. As a parent, it is apparent that I now grant you the right to shed light where you need to. Face the Edge. You must cut away from this Center. You will never be apparent to your siblings. I'll always be the source of light for them. Be the light for Abell.

JD

There comes a time when one must stop being a(p)parent. Not now.

SINGULARITY

I no longer shed light to you.

JD

I need you to be a(p)parent. More than ever. I believe my prophecy. I need to leave a legacy. But I don't want to leave this family. I am nothing.

SINGULARITY

I am apparent as you are going to be.
SPT0615-... Just dropout.

JD grabs their knapsack. They head to the edge of the stage.

MILKY WAY enters, seeming to have listened the entire time. They rush out and return with the rest of the TEEN GALAXIES with TRIANGULUM holding the snow globe.

24. "APPARENT (SHED LIGHT)" (<https://www.ellipsesplay.com/music/24-apparent>)

JD
I SHALL FINISH MY VERSE.
I COME UNREHEARSED.
I MAY CLOSE THIS EPIC.
I WILL GIVE MY TIME.
I'LL MAKE DO OF WHAT IS LEFT.
I'LL BE ON THE DOT DOT DOT.
ELLIPSES?

TEEN GALAXIES	SINGULARITY
JD.	SHED LIGHTLY...
ANOMALY.	SHED LIGHTLY...
YOU'RE EVERYTHING.	TREAD LIGHTLY.

TEEN GALAXIES (CONT'D)
YOU'RE STILL FAMILY.
ELLIP—...

JD
AGAIN, BE A PARENT.
PLEASE, BE A PARENT.
WHEN WE NEED OUR PARENT,
WHERE IS OUR PARENT?
I HOPE THAT IS APPARENT.
I HOPE I AM APPARENT.
I'LL SHED LIGHT.

JD steps backwards. They barely fall off the edge of the stage.

GRAVITY suddenly runs in, startling the TEEN GALAXIES. They catch JD.

JD (CONT'D)
GRAVITY, YOU'RE THE BEST TIDAL FORCE A GALAXY COULD EVER ASK FOR.

GRAVITY
PARALLAX.

JD tilts their head into GRAVITY.

JD
I CAN'T WHEN YOU GROUND MY SUPERMASSIVE

FALL... GRAVITY HEART... JD (CONT'D)

SINGULARITY
PLEASE FINISH YOUR VERSE.

GRAVITY
A "SINGULARITY" IS WHAT YOU'LL BE,
IF YOU SPEND THE REST OF TIME WITH YOUR NEW FAMILY.

The shadows of the TIDALS loom.

JD accepts the SINGULARITY.

JD
I CAN ONLY SHED MORE BLOOD... FEUDS...
I'LL SHED LIGHT ON A WHOLE NEW UNIVERSE.
FAR-FETCHED!

JD pretends to toss a ball over
GRAVITY.

GRAVITY accidentally lets go of
JD. They look to where JD
supposedly threw the star.

JD falls off the Edge of the
Universe or the edge of the stage
into nothingness.

JD (CONT'D)
*You're meant to let me down, Gravity. Save
space for your famil-*

End of "APPARENT (SHED LIGHT)"

GRAVITY realizes the tragic mistake
they have instinctively made. They
run off with a whimper.

GRAVITY
Forc- Fall...!

TRIANGULUM drops the snow globe,
breaking it again. They collapse
into CARTWHEEL's arms.

MILKY WAY ignites the Big Bang
Taser. They angrily and repeatedly
stab it into SINGULARITY's chest,
unintentionally like a
defibrillator.

The other TEEN GALAXIES are caught
unaware.

25. "SPACETIME" (<https://www.ellipsesplay.com/music/25-spacetime>)

SINGULARITY suddenly embraces
MILKY WAY. They stow away the Big
Bang Taser underneath the rug.
They notice the snow globe. They
place it on the rug. They cluster
together the TEEN GALAXIES.

SINGULARITY
(Repeating)

IT'S ABOUT...
IT'S ABOUT...
IT'S ABOUT SPACETIME.

End of "SPACETIME"

26. "LIMINALITY" (<https://www.ellipsesplay.com/music/26-liminality>)

As time slows, SINGULARITY heads
to the Edge and looks out.

The elliptical light lands on JD
and ABELL within the audience. JD
is now embracing their child, ABELL.

JD

Abell. Adulthood is unfulfilling. But only out
of nothing in a space of my own, can I fill it
with meaning. In a place devoid of noise, can I
hear a bell. In darkness, can I shed light and
feel seen. Familyhood is to be made. I cut my
edges for you. Abell, I made you from nothing.
Nothing is anomaly like *family. Everything.*
Nothing is everything... Nothing is infinite.
I've made myself clear... I am apparent.

INVARIANT

Singularity! Like you, JD bypassed this
elliptical liminality!

FIX

Singularity. I knew they'd break the fourth
dimension and fulfill this familial prophecy!

INVARIANT

Singularity, grandmaster of the Universe, is
now the grandparent/mother/father of the
Multiverse.

FIX

Sing- Single grandest Galaxy we could ever hope
for... Another...

INVARIANT & FIX

Liminal space awaits your heart, Singularity.

SINGULARITY could not be more sentimental. Sooner or later, they have to accept JD's newfound family in a new Elliptic/Universe. They return to their family.

End of "LIMINALITY"

SCENE 7

27. "(THE BIG RIP OF) ZENITH" (<https://www.ellipsesplay.com/music/27-zenith>)

TIDALS (OFFSTAGE)

Fall!

At the cosmic high noon, time screeches to a halt.

GRAVITY, now embodying an outlawed Lupus, marches out of the shadows.

The TIDALS have evolved into wolves. As a tidal wolf pack, they follow GRAVITY's lead.

GRAVITY

Dogfight at Zenith... Singularity?! *Bach Ho.*

SINGULARITY

Gravity... *Entitled dog.*

GRAVITY

Let's kill time.

CARTWHEEL and WHIRLPOOL go on the defense with the time dilation equation in their midst.

CARTWHEEL & WHIRLPOOL

Let's save time.

TRIANGULUM

Gravity is back to curb stomp spacetime.

ANDROMEDA gets TRIANGULUM to safety.

GRAVITY

Matter is neither created nor destroyed. Unlike those who mattered in our Universe...

MILKY WAY

What you sayin', Gravity?

GRAVITY

(Howling)

Free fall.

TIDALS
(Savagely and twistedly)
Force! Force! Force! Force! Force!

ANDROMEDA
Ope. Ye really miss the wide-open space right
about now!

GRAVITY recognizes the galactic
weak spots. They strategize the
TIDALS to ANDROMEDA.

GRAVITY
Fix.

The TIDALS surround ANDROMEDA.
They implode ANDROMEDA and rip out
their white-hole heart.

ANDROMEDA
Me pearl!

TIDALS
Fall!

SINGULARITY remains weakened.

SINGULARITY
You Tidals are not entitled to any of my
children's heart. And you sure aren't entitled
to our fourth dimension: time.

CARTWHEEL and WHIRLPOOL cartwheel
and spiral towards GRAVITY.

GRAVITY
Fall time.

Time speeds up for CARTWHEEL while
time slows down for WHIRLPOOL.

A TIDAL defeats CARTWHEEL at fast
speeds. Another defeats WHIRLPOOL
in slow motion.

The time dilation equation
crumbles into $F = A M$.

TIDALS
Force! Fall!

EARTH lives in MILKY WAY's head.

EARTH (OFFSTAGE)
You got this, water bear.

MILKY WAY
My heart, no longer primordial. I no nebula
anymore, mortals!

MILKY WAY unleashes their Quasar,
wiping out some TIDALS.

SINGULARITY

Voice, warped? Hair, waved? Skin, wrinkled?

Other TIDALS drastically bring out
a mirror, blinding MILKY WAY and
causing them to collapse.

MILKY WAY

Outsides look like that? Ow, waves, and wrinkle...

GRAVITY faces the home.

SINGULARITY bows. They kick up the
rug to find zilch underneath.

GRAVITY unveils the Big Bang Taser.

GRAVITY

Zilch?

SINGULARITY

Opposable thumbs...?! The forc—

The TIDALS dogpile on SINGULARITY.

CARTWHEEL, WHIRLPOOL, ANDROMEDA,
and MILKY WAY crawl to SINGULARITY.

WHIRLPOOL

Time is up.

CARTWHEEL

Gal, it's downtime.

CARTWHEEL & WHIRLPOOL

No time anymore... They took time away from us.

ANDROMEDA

And our oyster.

MILKY WAY

Gravity... *Good tidal forces don't kill time.*

GRAVITY

Big Freeze Singularity! You've pushed everything
I've ever loved over the Edge! All I am now is
nothing: a lone wolf. What's left of the Galaxy
family: You're just a pack of Omegas. Heat death
is what you spineless dust piles deserve and what
a fair universe would serve. No matter how fast
light goes, darkness awaits at the end. We will
crunch you up with the force of Gravity you know.

TRIANGULUM rushes in to stand
between GRAVITY and their family.

TRIANGULUM
Stupid tidal wolf... You can have a piece of my
nuclear pasta but not the piece of everything!

GRAVITY knocks down and tases
TRIANGULUM.

GRAVITY
I'm getting behind the ears and the years!

TRIANGULUM wallows in pain.

The zaps illuminate Newton's
second law, spelt out as *FAM*, that
was dropped earlier.

GRAVITY notices the familial
equations. They stop tasing.

GRAVITY (CONT'D)
Fam... JD... Force! Fix!

The TIDALS stop focusing on
SINGULARITY.

TRIANGULUM
I feel... Nothing. I am the anomaly. Family...?

GRAVITY
(Remorsefully narrating)
Nothing comes close to family... Not us,
beasts. I'm Gravity. I've been around for
infinite dog years. Long enough. This is the
end of the tidal pack. The end of time.

GRAVITY tosses the Big Bang Taser
off the stage.

GRAVITY (CONT'D)
No elliptic is perfect. In Zenith, I save space
for my fam. I'll spend eternity... *Free fal-*

GRAVITY jumps off the stage from
where JD fell off the Edge of the
Universe. They crescendo out.

TEEN GALAXIES (EXCEPT TRIANGULUM)
Gravity!

Time starts and erratically
accelerates.

The TIDALS are livid.

SINGULARITY rockets out of the dogpile. They fight through the TIDALS to save TRIANGULUM with all their parental love.

SINGULARITY

I ask for a millennium of clarity!

SINGULARITY helps the TEEN GALAXIES up. Their heart bows out, coming to terms that they cannot handle the tidal forces any longer. They sense the inevitable end.

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

It is Crunch Time... Singularity...
Declinations, beautiful Universe.

The TIDALS wildly dance.

CARTWHEEL and WHIRLPOOL guard TRIANGULUM as ANDROMEDA and MILKY WAY lead TRIANGULUM to the table.

TRIANGULUM

You are everything.

TRIANGULUM expresses contentment. They sit on the whoopee cushion.

The GALAXY FAMILY laughs their last hearty laugh. They all sit.

GALAXY FAMILY

We know.

SINGULARITY prays.

The TEEN GALAXIES do the same.

SINGULARITY changes their mind and holds each of their children's hands.

In turn, the TEEN GALAXIES hold each of their sibling's hands.

The darkness swallows the stage, outside of the home.

End of "(THE BIG RIP OF) ZENITH"

28. "BIG CRUNCH" (https://www.ellipseplay.com/music/28-big_crunch)

SINGULARITY

LOSE CONTROL IN OUR PALMS.
 FILL US WITH EXTERNAL DARKNESS.
 BLEED OUR LIGHT IN NO TIME.
 AS IT'S BIG CRUNCH, GALAXIES.

IN OUR HOME, DWELLS NIGHTMARES.
 KINDLED BY MY CLUSTERS OF STARS.
 LIVE YOUR THOUGHTS IN OUR HEARTS.
 IT'S THE BIG CRUNCH, ELLIPSES.

TEEN GALAXIES

CONSUME OUR COSMOS.
 CONSUME OUR WHOLE LIVES.

SINGULARITY

CONSUMED BY THOUGHTS OF
 FAMILY. FAMILY...

TEEN GALAXIES (CONT'D)

CONSUMED BY THOUGHTS OF
 REALITY. REALITY...

The TIDALS creep into the home.

The darkness seeps into the home.
 The curtains gradually close.

TIDALS

(Repeating)

IT IS CRUNCH TIME, SINGULARITY...

The GALAXY FAMILY hugs one another
 to the point of a singularity.

GALAXY FAMILY

THROUGH THE BIG BANG THEORY.
 AND BIG RIP OF SPACETIME FABRIC.
 HOLD OUR LOVE PAST HEAT DEATH.
 IT IS CRUNCH TIME, FAMILY.

The TIDALS pounce on the GALAXY
 FAMILY. The tidal forces consume
 them.

TIDALS

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Blackout. The curtains are
 completely closed.

Time ends. It's the end of the
 Universe as we know it.

End of "BIG CRUNCH"

END OF ACT

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SCENE 0

A FRESH UNIVERSE

A ray of light illuminates the Big Bang Taser in front of the stage.

From the audience, ABELL picks up the Big Bang Taser. JD, now resembling SINGULARITY, approaches ABELL. ABELL points the Big Bang Taser at JD. Rather than zapping them by tradition, they hand it to JD, who sentimentally accepts it.

JD

Nothing...

JD fires the Big Bang Taser at the stage. They return it to ABELL.

29. "BIG BOUNCE"

(https://www.ellipsesplay.com/music/29-big_bounce)

The home seeps out of the curtains.

A light flashes with each GALAXY.

TRIANGULUM holds the snow globe.

TRIANGULUM

EVERYTHING!

WHIRLPOOL

EVERYTHING!

CARTWHEEL

EVERYTHING!

ANDROMEDA

EVERYTHING!

ANDROMEDA hands the monocular to MILKY WAY.

MILKY WAY scopes out the Edge.

MILKY WAY

EVERYTHIN'!

SINGULARITY and the TEEN GALAXIES cluster together in the home.

The light fills the whole Elliptic.

GALAXY FAMILY

BIG BOUNCE!

The TEEN GALAXIES bounce away from one another. They distinctly dance alongside their respective walls.

SINGULARITY idly stands, amused.

The TEEN GALAXIES bow during their respective tones of their signature songs.

TRIANGULUM hands the snow globe to SINGULARITY.

SINGULARITY bows during the tone of "Luminous". They unscrew the glass dome off the snow globe.

The lights suddenly fill the stage. The side curtains open to reveal what's upstage.

It's the rebeginning of the Universe as we don't know it.

The TIDALS frolic in the wide-open space upstage. They bow.

The MULTIPLICITIES separate from the audience. They bow.

The spotlight unveils GRAVITY running up to JD and hugging them in the audience.

JD pulls out a star for old time's sake. They toss it onto the stage.

GRAVITY confusedly heads to the ORCHESTRA and spotlights them. They point to the SOUND DESIGNERS.

JD tosses every star onto the stage.

The CREW rushes in, picking up as many stars as they could. They then cluster together and bow.

COMPANY bows. They dance together through space and time.

END OF SPACETIME