



ELLIPSES

ELLIPSES is a coming-of-age musical about a family of Galaxies trying to undo the Big Bang, after a member sets it off. JD, Triangulum, Andromeda, Milky Way, Whirlpool, and Cartwheel are Galaxies. Singularity is their parental figure. Gravity is a tidal dog. The Tiduals (T I D A L) are tidal forces personified as family dogs. Abell (A B E L L) is the stage name of the silent person in the audience that only JD sees from the stage. The story begins in their dome at the center of the Universe before the Big Bang. Outside the dome, the stage is off limits. The household contains a snow globe that resembles their home. The household has a dark elliptical rug that resembles space.

The story starts with JD scoping out the edge of the Universe. Their siblings do the same, but all they have ever seen is "nothing." However, JD, the oldest sibling who is in that stage of their life where they want to leave their family and perhaps have one of their own, sees "Abell." Singularity calls their family up for supper. At the table, most are present to say grace. Singularity tries to call up JD, but JD remains distant. Singularity confronts JD, and vaguely mentions that they were raised in another Universe and how they could not return home. Then, Singularity sends the Galaxies to bed. Triangulum, the goody-two-shoes sibling, sneaks JD out of their bedroom. Triangulum tries to persuade JD to not run away from home and that though JD is an anomaly, "Anomaly is Everything" to family.

The last thing Triangulum says before leaving JD alone with their thoughts is "*Nothing* is anomaly like family." Now begins the reading, which will lead up to the inciting incident of ELLIPSES.

Content Warning: There is an act of violence at the inciting incident.