

## 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

SINGULARITY enters.

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

Something wrong, my Capricorn...? Tardigrades and Elevators? I remember making this for you, twenty-something eternities ago... I guess, *nothing* really changes... Declinations, JD.

JD

*Nothing...* Declinations, nomy/mother/father.

SINGULARITY

Speaking of declining. I know that Gravity and I seem to have a falling out. Gravity has been... Letting me down lately.

JD

Maybe you should let them out?

SINGULARITY

I let the tidal dogs out and the next thing you know you Gals are out and about. I'm not letting any of you play outside.

JD

I'm passed that. I'm an adult. I'm not going out to play.

(re: to settle down in a fresh space beyond the fourth wall and to *start a family*)

*I'll make something of myself on the other side.*

SINGULARITY

You can't make something out of nothing...

JD

How did you make us? Out of nothing?

SINGULARITY

JD...

Why...?

JD (CONT'D)

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

How? When your black-hole hearts were small, I shed my light to you all, the lightless. *Nothi-* I picked equations, feeding you its finest photons. Now my oldest cluster of stars... Your heart is too massive for this Circle?

JD

My supermassive heart is ready. I have light to shed.

SINGULARITY

I will not let go of your light! My life will not be bled. All your luminosity stays here...

(MORE)

## SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

I know your urge to jump to another Circle.  
You're in a liminal space. It's also mine. You  
step out of this place and you're dead to me.

JD

You old Galaxy... This space is dead to me.  
"Crunch Time" no longer bears fruit for me. It  
is time I planted my own garden around my own  
Circle. I'm dying to know what's out there!

SINGULARITY

Arguing is fruitless... I'll answer *why*. JD...  
It did ring a bell. My... Illogical clock. It  
alerted me to end my old relationships. It  
became *apparent* that I had to leave my parents.

JD

Parents? You had multiple parents? Can I meet  
my grandparents...?

SINGULARITY

There is *nothing* to them, Bach Ho... They never  
poured a drop of light for me. They're  
apparently heartless.

JD

Being a single parent sure did wonders to you.

SINGULARITY

Quit the antics. Speak physics, SPT0615-JD.  
Stop making light—

JD

I'll make light of myself. I need to shed my  
light. Light isn't made. It's passed down. I  
need to pass down. There's no longer enough  
space. That's why I'm shedding.

SINGULARITY

Oh the luminosit— *You've got to be shedding me.*

SINGULARITY hands the monocular to  
JD. They point out.

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

You are old enough to respond to a heartless  
and lightless world beyond the Edge of the  
Universe, by not making light of it.

JD

You've raised my supermassive heart by pouring  
light into it. My lighty heart is ready to be  
shared with the heartless.

JD longingly scopes out the Edge.

## SINGULARITY

The point of my hearty outpouring is for you to forever lighten up. Do I make myself clear? You are never getting passed me.

## JD

Our purpose is to pour out our hearts to those with less heart. I can only see light if another life lightens up. I need to make myself clear: I want to be as apparent as you. Singularity... Nothing gets passed you... Not even light.

6. "LUMINOUS"

SINGULARITY retakes the monocular.

## SINGULARITY

WHY DON'T YOU ENLIGHTEN US?  
SHED SOME LIGHT TO YOUR FAMILY.  
FORGET ME, SINCERELY.  
LET OUR CENTERS SET US STRAIGHT...

Other GALAXIES enter in alignment.

## SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

YOU BRIGHTEN MY ETERNITY. LUMINOUS.  
TENDERNESS FOREVER LOOMS.  
I HOLD YOUR FEATS TO THE FIRE.  
LOOKING FORWARD TO WHAT COMES FOR YOU AND US.  
WHAT IS ILLUMINATING ARE...

Us. And us. And us. And us. And us. At the center of us all is heavy. What looms in us is light. Take it in. Our black holes. And you.(re: JD)  
At the center of yours is supermassive.

End of "LUMINOUS"

GRAVITY rushes in, scattering the GALAXIES. They scratch up the rug.

SINGULARITY grounds GRAVITY.

## SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

You, Gravity, are a supermassive pain! You're ripping apart the family rug! Its spacetime fabric is passed down from my parents! Gravity. For the last time, you've let down this family. Entitled dog. I'm putting you down for eternity.

JD retakes the Big Bang Taser.

SINGULARITY reaches under the rug only to feel zilch. They soon notice that JD is armed.

JD

My heart cannot choose who to take in. However,  
my heart can choose who to take out.

7. "BIG BANG"

SINGULARITY

YOU ARE A BIG...

JD shoots SINGULARITY in the face.

SINGULARITY gets electrocuted.  
They melodically shriek and jerk  
in their final squillo.

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

MISTAKEEEEEEE! AKE! AKE! AKE! AKE.

The light fluctuates. Appliances  
may short circuit and spark.

TIDALS (OFFSTAGE)

(Repetitively barking)

BIG BIG BIG BIG BIG!

SINGULARITY

ACHE... ELLIPSES... BIG BANG...

SINGULARITY falls headfirst onto  
the rug, crushing the snow globe.  
They are lifeless.

TIDALS (O.S.)

FALL! BIG BIG BIG BIG BIG. BANG! BIG BANG!

The lights suddenly fill the stage.  
The side curtains open to reveal  
what's upstage. The cosmic quake  
expels tremors into the audience.

The TIDALS freely rush out and  
tidally dance around the stage.  
They try to lure all members of  
the theatre audience to go wild.

The AUDIENCES rock and roll!

It's the beginning of the Universe  
as we know it.

JD walks to the edge of the home,  
shifting from dolor to wonder.  
They carefully step out onto the  
stage. They stow away the Big Bang  
Taser in their dress. They look  
back at their petrified siblings.

JD

My heart goes out to you all, family. However,  
my heart goes out for me and Gravity.  
Declinations!

GRAVITY nabs a knapsack. They grab  
JD and run out of the home. They  
run in place on stage. They soon  
stop when they notice their lack  
of progress. GRAVITY claws at the  
ground.

JD (CONT'D)

The Edge of the Universe? Where is the Edge...?  
It's further away?

JD takes a single step downstage.

The lights expand further out. The  
home moves upstage in between the  
back curtains.

JD (CONT'D)

It's *getting* further away. We're rolling out  
the Fabric of Spacetime like our rug...

(Leveling with GRAVITY)

We're going to go off on a tangent. For all  
eternity. For the rest of spacetime.

The TIDALS unleash and run off.

GRAVITY

Free fall! Pets, no more! The wide-open space is  
ours. Destination's a gift. Destiny's Zenith.

(to JD, who did not hear the soliloquy)

Force!

JD

This is the beginning of a beautiful Universe.

JD reruns in place with GRAVITY.

In the home, most TEEN GALAXIES  
watch as the Universe unravels.

MILKY WAY mournfully wraps themselves  
around the lifeless SINGULARITY.

TEEN GALAXIES

All our hearts have gone out with the Big Bang.

End of "BIG BANG"

The back curtains conceal the home.

Field equations bloom.