

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

JD (CONT'D)

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 Universe we derailed.
You're taking the wide-open space... Away?

JD

The Galaxy family deserves to grow in a space
where they will not lose themselves. Far away
from feeling so away.

GRAVITY

Your siblings saw nothing in you. Those
Galaxies believed that there is no one out
there for you.

JD

That's because there's really nothing...
Adulthood is nothing.

GRAVITY

Abell...

JD

Singularity was right. "Biological" clocks are
illogical.

GRAVITY

Singularity is no more.

JD

There is more: me. I am to care for the Galaxy
family now. I say... It's time to unroll the
Universe back to the singularity that once was.
It is Crunch Time. It is long past Crunch Time.

GRAVITY bites JD's arm.

GRAVITY

I will not let you 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 celestial being to see
their Galaxy is gone. The only parent to ever
love me is gone. Gravity... You 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. A wolf really can't mend a heart like a dog can.

GRAVITY

Wolf? I'd rather you do that than- 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 am going to, too. Go away, you entitled dog.

GRAVITY

SPT0615-JD.

JD (CONT'D)

Am I not apparent to you?
Let's bounce.

GRAVITY (CONT'D)

You haven't outgrown your siblings. They saw nothing. *I*, I believed in all this. Ever since you were born, ever since I first laid my puppy eyes on you, I knew you'd be the one to take down Singularity. I knew my puppy cries would convince you to free me. But I never imagined I'd fall for Singularity's flesh and blood: JD-

JD

I'm not falling for it. Be with your family. You're nothing to your kin. Rise up for once, Gravity.

GRAVITY

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

JD pulls out the Big Bang Taser.

JD

My family needs, a Singularity... Do I make myself clear?

GRAVITY

Unapparent. We'll be back... At Crunch Time.

GRAVITY sadly runs off.

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 Universe is growing abundant once again.

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.

The Continuum Checkpoint slowly rolls out from the horizon, downward from backstage.

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

This is between JD and Gravity.

GRAVITY directs the TIDALS out.
They exit.

JD goes into hiding when the
Continuum Checkpoint is near.

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>)

The TEEN GALAXIES are disheveled and have not eaten in literally forever.

WHIRLPOOL

(Snoring) T over square root of one minus velocity...

CARTWHEEL and TRIANGULUM may be fixing the snow globe or planning on a map.

JD discreetly heads to the Left Elliptic.

JD

Caged Tidals? I'll set you all free.

JD gravitationally pulls out each TIDAL from the Left Elliptic.

Once the TIDALS are freed, they shove JD into the Left Elliptic. They wreak havoc upon the campsite.

Some enter the Right Elliptic, disgruntling CARTWHEEL, scaring TRIANGULUM, and breaking the snow globe in the process. Some enter the Central Elliptic. Some run amok on the campground.

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 mad.

TRIANGULUM sobs at the sight of the broken snow globe.

The TEEN GALAXIES but TRIANGULUM cluster together.

TEEN GALAXIES (EXCEPT TRIANGULUM)

BOUNCE BACK!

The TEEN GALAXIES but TRIANGULUM bounce off and land near their respective TIDALS. They choreographically fight the TIDALS, distinct in their combat. They pose or slow down whenever the song hits certain drums.

MILKY WAY unleashes their Quasar.

ANDROMEDA repels away the TIDALS.

CARTWHEEL and WHIRLPOOL utilize martial art tactics.

The TIDALS run off.

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

Cartwheel finds JD in the Left Elliptic.

CARTWHEEL

Speaking of anomaly... JD?

WHIRLPOOL, ANDROMEDA, MILKY WAY

JD? / JD. / JD!

TRIANGULUM comes out of the Right Elliptic.

TRIANGULUM

SPT0615-JD.

JD

Declinations... It's been a millennium.

TEEN GALAXIES

A million to the millionth power of years of declining.

CARTWHEEL

You ran out of our home...

WHIRLPOOL

Ain't a goodbye...

TRIANGULUM

You come crawling back to us.

ANDROMEDA

You're now a pearl in...

MILKY WAY

A smaller elliptic!

JD

How is the Center of the Universe...?

MILKY WAY weeps.

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

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

CARTWHEEL

Singularity is nothing now.

WHIRLPOOL

Our nomy/mother/father 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 you can't care for a dog, how'd you expect
to take care of us?

TRIANGULUM flips JD's arm.

ANDROMEDA (CONT'D)

Did you toss them overboard...?

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 you in the Gravity well.

JD nervously lies.

JD

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

It 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 sees through JD.

MILKY WAY

You never be Singularity.

JD

That's apparent... It is all clear to me. *I'll
be apparent as 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 TEEN GALAXIES clear out the
campsite.

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

Most TEEN GALAXIES guilt trip JD.

TEEN GALAXIES (EXCEPT MILKY WAY) (CONT'D)
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 embrace JD like
SINGULARITY.

MILKY WAY
GALAXY, THIS, WE HAVE LEFT, WE HOLD...
FAMILY IS EVERYTHING 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 under the rug.

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

The TEEN GALAXIES stand by the table.

TEEN GALAXIES

It is Crunch Time, JD. SPT0615-JD?

JD returns with the dishes. They bow.

JD

Declinations, family. The Galaxy family. It is Crunch Time.

TEEN GALAXIES

Declinations, SPT0615-JD.

The TEEN GALAXIES sit, and TRIANGULUM tosses away the whoopie cushion.

MILKY WAY pouts.

JD passes out the dishes.

JD

Looks like someone's been avoiding gas giants.

TRIANGULUM

Quit the sass, Milky Way.

MILKY WAY dives into their dish.

GALAXIES (EXCEPT MILKY WAY)

Again, Milky Way... Teenagers...

JD finally sits amongst their family.

Each TEEN GALAXY takes a swig. All of them, but MILKY WAY, 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.

The TEEN GALAXIES head off to bed.

TEEN GALAXIES (EXCEPT MILKY WAY)

Declinations, sibling.

MILKY WAY

No way I call you sibling Sing. You no Singularity.

JD hands the Big Bang Taser to MILKY WAY.

MILKY WAY (CONT'D)

Adults usually tell truth...?

JD

Even after hibernation, a solid bear still 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

Baby, are you hurt?

JD

Nomy/Mommy/Daddy, are you hurting?

SINGULARITY

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. It's upon us to save space. It's upon us to make photons in Crunch Time. You're a luminous adult. Act like one.

JD

My love is never going to be as apparent as you.

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 is apparent now that your heart is too supermassive and there is a 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 isn't out there. You were right. It's a heartless and lightless universe. In an elliptic unlike ours, I have nothing to take care of. 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 you to not meet your end here. It is apparent as a parent 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 apparent/a parent. Not now.

SINGULARITY

I no longer shed light to you.

JD

I need you to be apparent/a parent. More than ever. I want to leave a legacy. 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 gets 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.

TRIANGULUM holds a fixed 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

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

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 makes their choice to fall.

JD
 I CAN ONLY SHED MORE BLOOD... FEUDS...
 I'LL SHED LIGHT ON A WHOLE NEW U-
 'NIVERSE.

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 whimper.

GRAVITY

Forc- Fall...!

GRAVITY runs off.

TRIANGULUM drops the snow globe. 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 the Big Bang Taser under the rug. They pick up the snow globe. They walk back and place it on the rug. They cluster together the TEEN GALAXIES.

SINGULARITY

IT'S ABOUT...

IT'S ABOUT...

IT'S ABOUT SPACETIME.

End of "SPACETIME"

Time slows for SINGULARITY.

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

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. *I've made myself clear...* I am apparent.

INVARIANT

Singularity! Like you, JD bypassed this elliptical liminality!

FIX

Singularity. I was right that they'd break the fourth dimension and fulfill this familiar 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 pushes TRIANGULUM to
safety.

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

MILKY WAY
What you saying, 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,
imploding them and take away 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 at 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 wrink...

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 ignites the Big Bang
Taser.

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 you cannot have a piece of everything!

GRAVITY knocks down and tases
TRIANGULUM.

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

TRIANGULUM tosses and turns 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 shows remorse and narrates.

GRAVITY
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.

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. They come to terms that they cannot handle the tidal forces any longer. They sense the inevitable end of the Universe, which crushes their supermassive heart.

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

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

The TIDALS wildly dance outside.

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 whoopie cushion.

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

GALAXY FAMILY

We know.

End of "(THE BIG RIP OF) ZENITH"

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

SINGULARITY pray and the GALAXIES
do the same. They change their
mind, holding each of their
children's hands. In turn, the
GALAXIES hold each others' hands.

SINGULARITY

LOSE CONTROL IN OUR PALMS.
FILL US WITH EXTERNAL DARKNESS.
BLEED OUR LIGHT IN NO TIME.
BIG CRUNCH THEORY, GALAXIES.

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

The darkness swallows the stage,
outside the home.

TEEN GALAXIES
 CONSUME OUR COSMOS. / DOOMED BY THE SYSTEM.
 CONSUME OUR WHOLE LIVES. / ENTOMB ALL OUR DREAMS.

SINGULARITY
 CONSUMED BY THOUGHTS OF FAMILY. FAMILY...

TEEN GALAXIES
 CONSUMED BY THOUGHTS OF REALITY. REALITY...

The TIDALS creep into the home.

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

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
 (Echoing)
 IT IS CRUNCH TIME, FAMILY!
 ...

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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A FRESH UNIVERSE

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

From the audience, ABELL goes to pick up the Big Bang Taser with JD following. ABELL points the Big Bang Taser at JD. Rather than zapping them by tradition, they want to hand it over 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.

BIG BOUNCE!

GALAXY FAMILY

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