

CAST OF CHARACTERS

SINGULARITY, adult, a single parent of six Galaxies

GRAVITY, a dog, the Galaxy family's letdown

HD1, 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, HD's eventual Galaxy, never utters a word

INVARIANT, adult, Singularity's parent, a Multiplicity

FIX, adult, Singularity's parent, a Multiplicity

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

HD

Your voice warps beautifully with each passing millennium. Figure out yourself, Milky Way...

MILKY WAY slaps HD's figure off.

HD (CONT'D)

LOST MY FIGURE...

MILKY WAY offers their figure.

MILKY WAY

KEEP THE FIGURE.

End of "FIGURE"

GRAVITY (OFFSTAGE)

Pawn!

Only HD understands GRAVITY.

HD

Gravity?

MILKY WAY

That dog keep howlin'.

GRAVITY (OFFSTAGE)

I'd kill at this game of life! Let's kill time together! All ya need to do is free Gravity!

MILKY WAY

Quiet dog befa' Nomy/Mommy/Daddy Sing wake up. That dog tis nuthin' but trouble.

HD

Nothing... I'll get down with our dog Gravity. Let's let our bears hibernate. We can finish Water Bears and Elevators some other time.

And it's way past your bedtime. Gal, baby cubs need rests. *Quit the sour face, Milky Way.* I'm the anomaly in this family.

MILKY WAY bows and goes off to bed.

5. "ZILCH"

GRAVITY (OFFSTAGE)

Nothing is free!

HD

You always understand me...

GRAVITY (OFFSTAGE) (CONT'D)

Nothing is infinite. Nothing's out there for ya.

HD

Well, there's nothing out there for me. Zilch.

GRAVITY (OFFSTAGE)

Nothing is waiting for us. A wide-open space.
Save space for us dogs. For me! A space without
Singularity. Zilch is not outta our Circle.
It's below ya. Relax. Ya'll know in spacetime.

HD sits on the rug, feeling life
underneath. They unroll the rug
and discover the Big Bang Taser.

HD

Our rug of spacetime...?

GRAVITY (OFFSTAGE)

Use them opposable thumbs, Gal.

HD accidentally shocks themselves.
They read the Big Bang Taser.

HD

Zilch! Big Bang Taser...?

GRAVITY (OFFSTAGE)

End Singularity! Stun the Galaxies! Free thee! No
longer bound by family! Make *nothing* ya legacy!

ABELL briefly stands.

End of "[ZILCH](#)"

SCENE 3

SINGULARITY (OFFSTAGE)

My babies are sleeping! Shut your wormhole, you
entitled dog—

SINGULARITY and GRAVITY fight and
soon fall into the space. They
notice HD with the Big Bang Taser.

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

I don't have the heart... Not again...
Declinations, HD. Put it down.

HD

Declinations, Singularity. Put what down?

SINGULARITY

Don't toy with me. The Big Bang Taser. Drop it.

HD

Or I'll hurt myself? And speaking of declining:
It hurts to see you and Gravity falling out.

SINGULARITY

Gravity has been letting us down!

HD

Has your black hole of a heart ever let down
someone it loved?

YOUNG SINGULARITY (PRERECORDED)

(Echoing from beyond)

I don't have a black hole for a...

MILKY WAY (OFFSTAGE)

What tis happening to mommy/daddy/nomy?

The TEEN GALAXIES enter.

SINGULARITY

I happened to let my parents down.

GALAXIES

Parents? We have grandparents?

SINGULARITY

I grew out. The only one to make it into
adulthood. I made it apparent to them that I'll
make it as a parent.

HD

Even as your children, somehow you believe none
of us can make it out there in the Universe.

SINGULARITY

It is unclear that you're ready to be an adult.
Don't let me down. I don't have the heart.

HD hesitantly slides the Big Bang
Taser.

GRAVITY bites SINGULARITY's hand
as they reach the Big Bang Taser.

GRAVITY

Adulthood is *nothing*, kid!

HD looks upon ABELL.

SINGULARITY grounds GRAVITY.

SINGULARITY

You, Gravity, are a supermassive pain! Gravity.
For the last time, you've let down this family.
Entitled dog. I'm putting you down for eternity.

HD retakes the Big Bang Taser.

SINGULARITY reaches around only to
feel zilch. They soon notice that
HD is armed.

HD

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

6. "BIG BANG"

SINGULARITY

YOU ARE A BIG...

HD 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 (OFFSTAGE)

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.

HD 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.

HD

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

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

HD (CONT'D)

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

HD takes a single step downstage.

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

HD (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 HD, who did not hear the soliloquy)

Force!

HD

This is the beginning of a beautiful Universe.

HD reruns in place with GRAVITY.

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

MILKY WAY mournfully wraps itself
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.