

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

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 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 is its destiny. Drop
my legacy. I must fulfill my prophecy. 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

Families need their Singularities. Do I make myself clear?

GRAVITY

Unapparent. We'll be back... At 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 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 look disheveled.
They have not eaten in literally forever.

WHIRLPOOL

(Snoring)

T over square root of one minus velocity...

CARTWHEEL and TRIANGULUM quietly
banter near a repaired snow globe.

JD

Caged Tidals? I'll set you all free.

JD discreetly heads to the Left Elliptic. They gravitationally pulls out each TIDAL.

Once the 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 each
become 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 hiding.

TRIANGULUM

SPT0615-JD.

JD

Declinations... It's been a millennium.

TEEN GALAXIES

A million quintillion declining years...

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/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 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 you 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

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
underneath the rug.

JD returns to the Elliptic. They
sensibly 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 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.

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.

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
Hibernation or not, a solid bear always 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.

(MORE)

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

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 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

JD.
ANOMALY.
YOU'RE EVERYTHING.

SINGULARITY

SHED LIGHTLY...
SHED LIGHTLY...
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
run off with a whimper.

GRAVITY
Forc- Fall...!

TRIANGULUM drops the snow globe
and collapses 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
(Repeating)

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...* Nothing is infinite. *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. 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 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

(Remorsefully narrating)

Nothing comes close to family... Not us,
beasts. I'm Gravity.

(MORE)

GRAVITY (CONT'D)

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. 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 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 whoopee 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.ellipseplay.com/music/28-big_crunch)

SINGULARITY prays with the GALAXIES
doing the same. They change their
mind and hold each of their
children's hands. In turn, the
GALAXIES hold each other's hands.

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.

The darkness swallows the stage,
outside the home.

TEEN GALAXIES

CONSUME OUR COSMOS.
CONSUME OUR WHOLE LIVES.

SINGULARITY

CONSUMED BY THOUGHTS OF FAMILY. FAMILY...

TEEN GALAXIES

CONSUMED BY THOUGHTS OF REALITY. REALITY...

The TIDALS creep into the home.

TIDALS

(Repeating)

IT IS CRUNCH TIME, SINGULARITY...

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

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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 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