

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, child, person in the audience that JD sees, never speaks

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, Galaxies in the audience

*Androgyny Astronomy: Each character resembles the
androgynous nature, with open-ended vocal requirements

SCENE 6

THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE

SINGULARITY remains lifeless under the rug.

JD returns to the Ellipse. 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 eight eternities to wash out our mouths, Andromeda.

WHIRLPOOL

I need a nap after this, Cartwheel.

JD

We're a family again.

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 Ellipse?

JD

Nomy/Mommy/Daddy Sing, what did you see in this Ellipse?

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 Ellipse 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 done. 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, 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 Ellipse/Universe. They return to their family.

End of "LIMINALITY"

SCENE 727. "(THE BIG RIP OF) ZENITH" (<https://www.ellipsesplay.com/music/27-zenith>)

At the cosmic high noon, time screeches to a halt.

GRAVITY now embodies an outlawed
Lupus. They march 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?!*

SINGULARITY
Gravity...

GRAVITY
Let's *kill time*.

CARTWHEEL and WHIRLPOOL go on the
defense. They have 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 terrifyingly)
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 and implode
ANDROMEDA. They take away
ANDROMEDA's 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 mind.

EARTH (OFFSTAGE)
You got this, water bear.

MILKY WAY
My heart, no longer primordial. I no nebula
anymore, mortals!

MILKY WAY unleashes their Quasar.

Some TIDALS get wiped out. The
TIDALS drastically bring out a
mirror, blinding MILKY WAY and
causing them to collapse.

MILKY WAY (CONT'D)
Outsides look like that...? Ow, waves, and
wrinkles...

GRAVITY faces the home.

SINGULARITY bows. They kick up the rug to find that underneath, there is zilch.

GRAVITY unveils the Big Bang Taser.

GRAVITY

Zilch?

SINGULARITY

The force...? Opposable thumbs?!

The TIDALS dogpile on SINGULARITY.

CARTWHEEL, WHIRLPOOL, ANDROMEDA, and MILKY WAY crawl in front of SINGULARITY.

WHIRLPOOL

Time is up.

CARTWHEEL

Gal, it's downtime.

CARTWHEEL & WHIRLPOOL

They took time away from us. We won't have time anymore...

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! My friend. My family. Without your oldest Galaxy... *I am nothing*: a lone wolf. What's left of the Galaxy family... You are a pack of Omegas. Heat death is what you spineless piles of dusts deserve and what a fair universe would serve. No matter how fast light goes, darkness awaits at the end. We'll crunch you up with the force of Gravity, you know?

TRIANGULUM rushes in to stand in between GRAVITY and their family.

TRIANGULUM

Stupid tidal wolf... You can have a piece of my nuclear pasta, but you can't 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 space illuminates Newton's second law of motion: $F = MA$. They are spelt out as *FAM*.

GRAVITY notices the familial field 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. Everything is family...

GRAVITY grows remorseful. They narrate.

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 Ellipse is perfect. In Zenith, I'll spend eternity... Free!

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

A closed space is our destiny. My all is in this singularity!

SINGULARITY gathers the GALAXIES towards the table. They ponder and come to terms that they cannot handle the tidal forces any longer. They feel the Big Crunch Theory.

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

It is Crunch Time... Singularity...

Outside, the TIDALS are wildly scattering.

CARTWHEEL and WHIRLPOOL guard TRIANGULUM as ANDROMEDA and MILKY WAY lead TRIANGULUM to the table.

TRIANGULUM

You are everything.

TRIANGULUM smiles. They sit on the whoopie cushion.

The Galaxy family laughs their last hearty laugh. They all sit.

SINGULARITY & TEEN GALAXIES

We know.

SINGULARITY places a hand on their chest, with the remaining GALAXIES doing the same. SINGULARITY changes their mind. They take and hold each GALAXY's hands next to them. In turn, the GALAXIES hold each other's hands.

End of "(THE BIG RIP OF) ZENITH"

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

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.

SINGULARITY and the TEEN GALAXIES
hug each other to the point of a
singularity.

SINGULARITY & TEEN GALAXIES
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"

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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 Ellipse.

TEEN GALAXIES

BIG BOUNCE!

The TEEN GALAXIES bounce away from one another. They distinctly dance alongside their respective walls.

SINGULARITY idly stands, amused.

The TEEN GALAXIES bow at respective tones of their signature songs.

TRIANGULUM hands the snow globe to SINGULARITY.

SINGULARITY bows at 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 in the audience.

GRAVITY runs up to and hugs JD.

JD pulls out a ball for old time's sake. They toss it onto the stage.

GRAVITY confusingly heads to the ORCHESTRA and spotlights them. They point to the SOUND DESIGNERS.

JD tosses stars onto the stage.

The CREW rushes in. They pick up as many stars as they could. They cluster together. They bow.

COMPANY bows. They dance in spacetime.

END OF SPACETIME