

ACT ISCENE 1

THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE

1. "BOUNCE"

The Circle. A table and rug rest in its dome. The stage outside is teeming with floral equations. The side curtains conceal the upstage.

GRAVITY sits in The Circle, clawing at the invisible wall separating them from the stage/space outside. The TIDALS, or celestial canines, roam outside. They approach the caged GRAVITY. The TIDALS run off.

SINGULARITY stomps in. They force GRAVITY to hide away in the back. They go outside to pick formulas and set them in a mortar bowl. They head to the rug and meditate.

SPECIAL and GENERAL drift by the stage as ghostly parents looking for their child. They soon vanish.

SPECIAL & GENERAL

NOTHING...

Alert, SINGULARITY wipes out the Big Bang Taser and ignites it. Lights flicker. Curtains ripple. The space exposes many ellipses. Far from the stage, a bell-shaped light shines. HD's shadow in a shooting stance protrudes. HD enters, holding a pestle. SINGULARITY hides the taser under the rug, returning the cosmos to stasis. They hand the bowl to HD. They disappear into the home.

SINGULARITY
NOTHING...TIDALS (OFFSTAGE)
OOOHHHHHH.

HD unveils a scope in the pestle and scope outs. TRIANGULUM soon enters. They nab HD's scope and toss it behind.

TRIANGULUM
NOTHING.

WHIRLPOOL spirals out while
CARTWHEEL cartwheels out. They
catch the scope. They scope out.

WHIRLPOOL
NOTHING!

CARTWHEEL
NOTHING.

ANDROMEDA pops out. CARTWHEEL
hands the scope to them. They
scope out before stowing it away.

ANDROMEDA
NOTHING!

MILKY WAY strolls in.

MILKY WAY
NUTHIN'...

The TEEN GALAXIES - CARTWHEEL,
WHIRLPOOL, TRIANGULUM, ANDROMEDA,
MILKY WAY - cluster in the center,
bounce onto the walls, and dance.

TEEN GALAXIES
LET'S BOUNCE!

HD
HERE GOES NOTHING!

SINGULARITY
MILKY WAY! ANDROMEDA! TRIANGULUM! WHIRLPOOL! CARTWHEEL! HD!

SINGULARITY arrives with dishes.
MILKY WAY skips to the table.
ANDROMEDA sails to the table.
TRIANGULUM triangulates the table.
WHIRLPOOL spirals to the table.
CARTWHEEL cartwheels to the table.
HD joins the table with the bowl.
GRAVITY marches in, doglike.

HD
ABELL...

End of "BOUNCE"

SINGULARITY
Declinations, family.

SINGULARITY and the GALAXIES bow.
HD hands the bowl to SINGULARITY
and helps set the table.

GRAVITY
(Narrating)

Nothing comes close to family, except "pets."
I'm Gravity. I've been here for infinite dog
years. And this is the story of the Galaxy family.

SINGULARITY shushes GRAVITY.

GRAVITY (CONT'D)
This single parent cannot stand me. They barely understand their babies. This power-hungry tyrant sits on the stardust throne, having closed off the outside world for quite some time. Eternities in fact. However, the kids stay kids. Milky Way is the baby sibling.

MILKY WAY hugs SINGULARITY. The GALAXIES sit. TRIANGULUM sits on a whoopee cushion. CARTWHEEL and WHIRLPOOL laugh and high five. ANDROMEDA plays with their food.

SINGULARITY
Sounds like someone's enjoying my gas giants.

TRIANGULUM

Quit the snickers, Milky Way! Can you all be
normal for an eon or two?!

CARTWHEEL & WHIRLPOOL

The dog did it!

GRAVITY
When ya get in trouble, ya blame the dog. When ya take the fall, ya frame Gravity. Cartwheel and Whirlpool are the most relative. Not even time can separate them. Andromeda is?

ANDROMEDA

Let's set sail over seven spaces. Dig up pearls
in their clams. The Universe is ve oyster.

GRAVITY

GRAVITY touches TRIANGULUM's dish.
TRIANGULUM slaps away GRAVITY. They
unnervingly scratch GRAVITY's ear.

TRIANGULUM

Stupid dog! That's not for you to gravitate to.
It's never a normal family with you around...

HD sets a dish on the ground.

GRAVITY

I can do no wrong with this one. I'm never blamed by this one. I love this one. The Circle's bearable with the fairest Galaxy: *HD1.*

SINGULARITY

Quit dogging my firstborn!

GRAVITY

Doggone it. Ya kid- My best friend. That'll be the last thing ya see. It'll be the last time ya see them. We've got time to kill. In Zenith, Gravity shall bring the house down. Force!

MILKY WAY

Why is that dog always staring out into space?

HD

The dog sees something.

TEEN GALAXIES

The dog speaks to no one.

GRAVITY & HD

There are lives out there. Life is out of here...

SINGULARITY

Remember gals: stepping out of our house and escaping my gravitational pull would...?

TEEN GALAXIES

Rip up the Fabric of Spacetime...

SINGULARITY

You never ever want this grandmaster of the Universe to worry. Anywho, we've got all the cosmic formulas right here in our Circle. With my black-hole heart, I cooked you nebulae something special: nuclear pasta and meteors!

CARTWHEEL

Special for the trillionth time, you Bach Ho. (Vietnamese for "white tiger," sounds like "black hole," and implies tiger parenting.)

SINGULARITY

Unlike your oldest sibling, y'all don't know how to cook stardust. You'd die without us. Your tiger nom/mom/dad heated our meal over ten million degrees Kelvin in our cosmic microwave background. It's the healthiest material in the cosmos, a variety of nutrition from the crusts of neutron stars. Dismantle the mantle, but leave the core. I'd love to planet these!

MILKY WAY dives into their dish.

TRIANGULUM

Again, Milky Way?

ANDROMEDA

Ye mostly photons, Triangulum.

CARTWHEEL

Calories take millennia to burn, Andromeda.

WHIRLPOOL

A simple nap ain't last any longer, Cartwheel.

SINGULARITY

It's the overeating phase. Y'all want to be a
Grand-Design Spiral Galaxy, like Whirlpool?

CARTWHEEL mocks WHIRLPOOL's body.

WHIRLPOOL

I know you be looking cute with your ring, but
you ain't got spiral arms like us, *Ring Galaxy*.

CARTWHEEL

Gal, your arms dwarf my bright stars, you
stretched-out circle. *Morbidly oval Galaxies*.

ANDROMEDA

Least ye not a square, like this Galaxy.

TRIANGULUM

I'll run circles around you, *Galaxies*.

TRIANGULUM throws the cushion.

MILKY WAY

(Mouthful of nuclear pasta)

Kau tau to you, *ellipsoids*.

CARTWHEEL, WHIRLPOOL, TRIANGULUM

Wash your wormhole with soap, you quasi-baby!

SINGULARITY

Oneness, clusters of stars! In our hearts of
darkness, we are beings of light and energy. We
matter. Gals, your hearts are all vigorous.
Always full of grace. Let us save space.

SINGULARITY lovingly pinches MILKY
WAY's cheek. They all stand and pray.
GRAVITY inches towards HD.

2. "CRUNCH"

SINGULARITY

FEED THAT HOLE IN YOUR HEART.
GIVE INTO INTERNAL DARKNESS.
SHED OUR LIGHT FOR NO ONE.
AS IT'S CRUNCH TIME, GALAXIES.

IN BLACK HOLES, DWELL WISDOM.
FED BY THE SPRINKLES OF STARDUST.
CRUSH THEIR DREAMS IN YOUR PALM.
IT IS CRUNCH TIME, MY BABIES.

TEEN GALAXIES

CONSUME STAR SYSTEMS.
CONSUME WORLDS THAT TEEM.
CONSUMED BY THOUGHTS OF FAMILY. FAMILY...

SINGULARITY
 STRING BY STRING IN THEORY.
 AND FABRIC BY SPACETIME FABRIC.
 HOLD OUR LOVE AS A WHOLE.
 IT IS CRUNCH TIME, WE BELIEVE.

TEEN GALAXIES (EXCEPT MILKY WAY)
 (Individually)
 IT IS CRUNCH TIME, SINGULARITY.

MILKY WAY
 IT 'TIS CRUNCH TIME, NOMY/MOMMY/DADDY SING.

SINGULARITY
 IT IS CRUNCH TIME, HD? HD1?

End of "CRUNCH"

3. "CUTTING EDGE (MAKE MYSELF CLEAR)"

GRAVITY	SINGULARITY
THIS IS YOUR TIME. (<i>re: HD</i>)	NOW'S NOT THAT TIME. (<i>re: HD</i>)
IT IS YOUR TIME. (<i>re: HD</i>)	IT'S NOT THE TIME. (<i>re: HD</i>)
LET BE YOUR TIME. (<i>re: HD</i>)	THIS CAN'T BE TIME. (<i>re: HD</i>)

HD
 WHY IS MY SILENCE NOT MADE CLEAR?
 WHEN MY VOICE CAN'T STAY HERE.
 WHY DOES THIS ADULT STILL TREAT ME LIKE A KID?
 WHEN I CAN GO OFF THE GRID.
 WHY ARE YOU CHILDREN AFRAID OF NOWHERE?
 WHEN THERE MAY BE FRIENDS OUT THERE.
 WHY DOES MY FAMILY LACK MY CURIOSITY?
 WHEN THERE'S SO MUCH TO KNOW.
 WHY CAN'T THESE OVALS SEE SOMETHING IN THIS MYSTERY?
 WHEN I KNOW I NEED TO GO...
 WHERE THE CUTTING EDGE WILL BE...

TEEN GALAXIES
 CUT AWAY FROM THE EDGE!

HD
 WHY MUST YOU HOLD ME BACK?
 I NEVER GET ANY RELIEF.

TEEN GALAXIES
 IT'S CRUNCH TIME, HD1.

HD
 FEED ME LIGHT THAT I DON'T LACK.
 PLEASE JUST LET ME BE AT PEACE...
 WHERE THE CUTTING EDGE WILL BE TOWARDS CLARITY.
 WHERE THE CURVATURE CONCEALS SINGULARITY.
 FAR AWAY FROM THESE GALAXIES.
 LOOK BEYOND THE ELLIPSES—

SINGULARITY
 END THIS TANGENT!

HD
 (Falling into tantrums and back to prayer)
 TANGENT? TANGENT! TANGENT...

GRAVITY
 (Manipulatively uplifting HD)
 WHERE THE CUTTING EDGE WILL BE.
 WHERE NOTHINGNESS SETS YA FREE.
 WHERE A NEW WORLD CAN BE SEEN.
 WHERE TANGENTS ARE MAKE-BELIEVE.

HD
 (Standing up to SINGULARITY)
END THIS TANGENT? I HAVEN'T MADE MYSELF CLEAR.
 CUTTING MY EDGES MAKES MYSELF APPARENT AS YOU.
 AND SHEDS MY LIGHT UPON A *LIGHTLESS GALAXY*. (*re: ABELL*)
 MY HEART TELLS ME THERE'S A PROMISING FAMILY...
 WHERE THE *END OF THIS TANGENT* WILL BE...

ALL THE SITES THAT WE WILL SEE.
 ME AND GRAVITY.
 FIND OUR PATH BEYOND THE STARS.
 A NEW REALITY.

SLIP OUT OF THIS BACKWARDS PLACE.
 FORWARD TO THAT OUTER SPACE.
 WRITE OUT OUR AUDACIOUS VERSE.
 RIDE OUT THE EDGE OF THE UNIVERSE...
 YOU'LL KNOW. I'LL BE CUTTING TO THE EDGE.

End of “CUTTING EDGE (MAKE MYSELF CLEAR)”

GRAVITY
 Force!

HD
 You're the best Tidal force a Galaxy could ever
 ask for, Gravity. I love you too, Singularity...

SINGULARITY
 I'll spare a millennium to listen to your
 verse. No need to go off on a tangent, HD.

HD
 Leave me out of this, nom/mom/dad...

SINGULARITY
 Don't leave me- I lead you. Gravity leads you
 on. The dog's a bad influence.

HD
 You're a parent. You raise me cause you had to.
 The dog raises my spirit, unconditionally.

SINGULARITY

Your poor soul seems dragged down.

HD

Life in this Circle has been a drag. My soul rings for something more. What my life needs now is for the next stage to take shape.

SINGULARITY

Your soul's ringing? You need to get in shape if you want to be a big kid in the real world. The only way to do that is... Gals?

TEEN GALAXIES

Join us for Crunch-

HD

Shut your wormholes! So sick of dishing it out. The same old dish of photons. I'm over Crunch.

SINGULARITY

Even a grownup Galaxy accretes. You babies need to stay growing. This attitude is beneath us.

MILKY WAY

HD, *what is out there?*

HD

Who. I hear a bell. I see a light. A tiny curiosity. *Tiny like you, Milky Way.*

SINGULARITY

Baby... to answer your curiosity: The Universe is nothing. The space and place is here with us-

HD

The Universe has a deeper meaning. It needs someone to understand. That someone is me.

SINGULARITY

You're nothing but a spoiled nebula if you've forgotten all the constants and variables I've picked for you. All the light I've shed.

HD

I hope to spoil the whole cosmos with your light. I'm ready to pass on our light. Nom/Mom/Dad... *May I go to The Edge of the Universe?*

SINGULARITY

We have *everything* in The Center... No.

HD

Can I play in nothing? Please- No means no.

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

HD (CONT'D)
Pretty please with a
supergiant on top?

As your heart prophesized:
Once we gather enough light,
we share it with the
lightless. We're here as you
pulled your end of the
prophecy. My sights are set
on a fulfilling legacy.

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)
The sight of darkness is not
enough for you?

They're just bedtime stories.
Fantasy. There is no one but
us. This is the only family
you've got. Drop this legacy
nonsense. Join us for Crun-

GRAVITY bites SINGULARITY. They
brawl and soon ground SINGULARITY.

ANDROMEDA
Ope?! There goes Gravity!

TIDALS (OFFSTAGE)
Force! Force! Force! Force!

GRAVITY
Force. Force. Force. Force!

GRAVITY runs into the invisible
wall and dizzily falls back.

GRAVITY (CONT'D)
Free~ Free~ Free~ Free~ Free~ Free~

SINGULARITY
*Gravity will be our downfall. You entitled dog.
You get on my nerves. Back in the doghouse!*

HD
You are not the center of the Universe. Why
must you treat this dog like us? Puppets.

SINGULARITY
Treat me as the grandmaster! I have my hands on
the entire Fabric of Spacetime... I pull,
thread, weave its strings, and it's better to
be my puppet than pet. I am the center!

HD
Let this dog out! If you
don't give them space, it'll
bite you in the end.

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)
*And let them treat the cosmos
like a trampoline? They'll
rip up the spacetime fabric!*

HD (CONT'D)
What must be done to pull at your heartstrings?

SINGULARITY
Oh now you want to consider my center...

HD
Yours and our centers hold all the light in
this Universe. You've shed enough light upon
us. I need to shed mine. Do I make myself clear?

SINGULARITY

Clearly, you need some shut-eye. I expect lights out when you Galaxies head off to bed. Declinations. See you gals in *Crunch Time*.

SINGULARITY exits, pulling GRAVITY.

SCENE 2

MILKY WAY

I'm no baby...

ANDROMEDA

Ye not the Gravity of the situation...

CARTWHEEL

What just happened?

WHIRLPOOL

What in the world?

TRIANGULUM

Gravity went berserk and brought down Singularity. The stupid dog let us all down.

HD

Gravity never lets me down. *I'll never stoop to your level and blame the dog.* You're all downers.

TEEN GALAXIES

What's with you and *The Edge*? Our space is what matters!

MILKY WAY

TEEN GALAXIES (EXCEPT MILKY WAY) (CONT'D)
And a nebula's opinion doesn't.

MILKY WAY

I... No baby!

ANDROMEDA

Eh, nothing beats sleeping like one. Declinate.

ANDROMEDA heads off to bed.

CARTWHEEL & WHIRLPOOL

So Singsing ain't around. Let's deck The Circle!

TRIANGULUM

Oh no, you don't!

TRIANGULUM drags away the PAIR.

CARTWHEEL & WHIRLPOOL

You're such a square, Triangulum...

MILKY WAY

Square? That reminds me of... a board game.
Tardigrades and Elevatas?

CARTWHEEL & WHIRLPOOL

Look at the time. Declinations!

CARTWHEEL and WHIRLPOOL rush off.

TRIANGULUM

Declinations... Last one to bed is an anomaly!

TRIANGULUM heads off to bed.

HD

I can't even with this family... Anyways, you were saying: *Water Bears and Elevators?*

HD brings out a board game. They set it on the rug. They play.

MILKY WAY

I figured you're too old for games.

HD

The box says: "Ages six to twenty eons." I may be *old*. I still like to mess around and play a game called "life." The goal's to go from one ellipse to another. Each ellipse is a period. A period is a sentence. Ellipses are life's sentences. Each ellipse has its own risks.

MILKY WAY

To you... What 'tis between ellipses?

HD

A *liminal* space...?

(Seeing MILKY WAY try to repeat the word)

Liminal: a place where who we were ends and who we are begins. You're in a *liminal* space. You'll not fit in your ellipse, kid. I no longer fit in mine. Not a teen. Your body will be a *teeny* bit different. *Figure that out on your own.*

MILKY WAY

(Intensely cracking their voice)

I no wanna go far in this game called— uh life.
Oh *curves*... I hate my figure. I hate myself.

HD

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

MILKY WAY

Why do you wanna leave us for nothin'?

HD

I don't want to leave you. I want to make something of myself. I want to make something in the "nothing."

MILKY WAY stashes HD's figure
underneath the rug.

HD (CONT'D)
What am I without my figure?

GRAVITY (OFFSTAGE)
A pawn!

Only HD understands GRAVITY.

HD MILKY WAY
Gravity? 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... We'll get in trouble staying past
our bedtime. Let's finish this game some other
time. Gal, cubs need rest. *Quit the sour face,*
Milky Way. I'm the anomaly in this family.

MILKY WAY bows and goes off to bed.

GRAVITY (OFFSTAGE)
Nothing is free!

HD
You always understand me...

GRAVITY (OFFSTAGE)
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 me! A space without Singularity.
Zilch is not outta our Circle. It is below ya.
Relax. Ya will know in spacetime. *Figure it out.*

HD looks for their figure under
the rug. They instead feel life
underneath. They unroll the rug,
discovering the Big Bang Taser.
They read the inscriptions.

HD
Our rug of spacetime...? "Big Bang Taser?"

GRAVITY (OFFSTAGE)

Use them opposable thumbs, gal. Stun thee!

HD accidentally shocks themself.
The space unveils some ellipses.

HD

Zilch! Why such thing? Whose thing? It's nothin-

GRAVITY (OFFSTAGE)

Put down Singularity! Free Gravity! No longer
bound by family! Make *nothing* ya legacy!

A light shines out of reach.

SCENE 3

SINGULARITY (OFFSTAGE)

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

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

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

Not this time... Declinations, HD. Put it down.

HD

Declinations, Singularity. Put what down?

SINGULARITY

Quit playing games, child. A taser gun is no
toy for kids. Drop it.

HD

I'm not a kid, anymore! Your falling outs hurt.

SINGULARITY

Gravity has been letting us down.

HD

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

SINGULARITY

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

The TEEN GALAXIES enter.

MILKY WAY

What 'tis in HD's hand?

SINGULARITY

Look away, love!

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

This protects us against the
wild beasts you've not seen!
HD. I did let my parents down.

GALAXIES

Is that a weapon?! Beasts?!
Parents? We have
grandparents?!

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

I grew out and made it to adulthood. I made it
apparent to them that I'll make it as a parent.

HD

And 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.
HD1. Don't let me down. I don't have the heart.

HD drops the Big Bang Taser.

GRAVITY bites SINGULARITY's hand
as they reach for it. So
SINGULARITY grounds GRAVITY.

SINGULARITY (CONT'D)

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!

GRAVITY

Adulthood's *nothing*. Who'll it be: a dog's love
or parent's obsession? Do ya see clearly, HD?!

HD retakes the Big Bang Taser.

SINGULARITY reaches around and
soon notices that HD is armed.

HD

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

4. "BIG BANG"

#D shoots SINGULARITY.

SINGULARITY

YOU ARE A BIG...

(Electrifyingly jerking and shrieking)

MISTAKEEEEE! *AKE!* *AK!* *AK!* *AK!*

TIDALS (OFFSTAGE)

BIG BIG BIG **BIG!** **BIG** BIG BIG BIG BIG!

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

SINGULARITY dies in MILKY WAY's arms.

TIDALS

TIDALS

☛ **FALL...**!

★ BIG ♦ BIG
♦ BIG * BIG ☆ BIG. BANG! ♦

BIG BANG!

The lights suddenly fill the whole stage. The side curtains open to reveal what's upstage. **The cosmic quake expels tremors into the audience. The TIDALS rush out and dance, luring the AUDIENCES to go wild.**

IT'S THE BEGINNING OF THE UNIVERSE AS WE KNOW IT.

HD carefully steps 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. But, my heart goes out for me and Gravity. Declinations!

GRAVITY grabs HD and a knapsack. They run in place on the stage. They notice a lack of progress. GRAVITY claws at the ground.

HD (CONT'D)

The Edge of the Universe? How far is The Edge?

HD takes a small step downstage. The home moves upstage.

HD (CONT'D)

It's getting further away. We're rolling out the Fabric of Spacetime like a rug. We're gonna go off on a tangent for the rest of eternity.

GRAVITY

(to the TIDALS)

*Free fall! Break ya leashes and unleash freedom!
Pet, I'm no longer! The wide-open space is ours.
Friends of Gravity, bring the Universe down!*

The TIDALS look to GRAVITY as their leader who has returned.

TIDALS

BANG! HEARD AROUND THE COSMOS.
BANG! CREATED WORLDS.
BANG! GAVE ANIMALS EARS.
BANG! ROLLED OUT TIME IN YEARS.
BANG! FREED OUR FIERCE LEADER!

GRAVITY

(Looking upon HD)

Listen, I promised my love the Edge. I'm all ears, wolf pack. But, my best friend has my heart. See y'all in Zenith.

(to HD, who did not hear the soliloquy)

Force!

The TIDALS unleash and run off.

HD

This is the beginning of a beautiful Universe.

In the home, most TEEN GALAXIES watch the Universe unravels. MILKY WAY mournfully hugs SINGULARITY.

GRAVITY and HD hastily skip out.

TEEN GALAXIES

THE BIG BANG LEFT A HOLE IN OUR HEARTS...

End of "BIG BANG"

The home gradually moves downstage.

SCENE 4

The TEEN GALAXIES circle the rug.

SINGULARITY either lowers into the ground or rises away *because space*.

TEEN GALAXIES (CONT'D)

Declinations, noma/mama/papa. Singularity.

CARTWHEEL & WHIRLPOOL
The anomaly killed our family.

ANDROMEDA
Our family pushed away the anomaly.

TRIANGULUM

Let's bring home our anomaly...

This proposition provokes a storm of enmity among the TEEN GALAXIES. MILKY WAY holds in their tears.

MILKY WAY

What 'tis family?

CARTWHEEL

Will you grow up?!

ANDROMEDA

Ye can't. When ye starving.

MILKY WAY

We gonna go hungry?

CARTWHEEL

Look at Singulari— Singsing. What do you think?

MILKY WAY

I can't. When I— Hungry...

WHIRLPOOL

We've got wormholes to feed. Let's think like
our Bach Ho. *We can prey on these wild beasts.*

CARTWHEEL

Unlike our tiger nom/mom/dad, we're no hunters!

WHIRLPOOL

Gatherers! Let's harvest some field equations.

CARTWHEEL

We're clusters of delicate flowers. Look out.
The garden's thinning out. Our crops face an
eternal drought. This profound cosmos is going
to have a field day with us. We'll starve to
death. Do any of us even know how to cook?

TRIANGULUM

Gals, *lighten up.*

CARTWHEEL & WHIRLPOOL

Y'all hear this pinhead? Singsing lightened up.

TRIANGULUM

*Everything will return to normal. We have
ourselves to blame for this universal mistake.*

ANDROMEDA

The Universe is not a mistake.

MILKY WAY

All mistaken! I hear dogs talk to HD. HD's gone
mad. HD can't think clearly. Gravity ravels HD.

ANDROMEDA

Ye all are still blaming the dog...?

TRIANGULUM

Doggone it! The Tidal forces caused the Big
Bang. It's these animals' fault. Gravity was
our downfall, so HD will be our bounce back.

(MORE)

TRIANGULUM (CONT'D)

Our oldest sibling is the only one left who
knows how to pick equations, put together
formulas, and cook up photons. HD is kinda
Singsing. It's on us to end our big fuss.

ANDROMEDA

Ye be making a shockingly big mistake.

TRIANGULUM

HD is who we have left. Our only caretaker-

CARTWHEEL

A traitor can't care. An
anomaly stays an anomaly.

WHIRLPOOL

Perpetrators don't care.
Family needs to move on.

ANDROMEDA

Everything's- What's family?

MILKY WAY

What 'tis anomaly?

5. "ANOMALY IS EVERYTHING"

TEEN GALAXIES

(Individually then soon together)

FAMILY IS... FAMILY IS...? FAMILY IS...

FAMILY ISN'T... FAMILY IS NOT... AN ANOMALY.

TRIANGULUM

FAMILY IS EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.

FAMILY IS EVERYTHING, YOU KNOW?

FAMILY IS EVERYTHING. YOU KNOW

NOT WHAT IS EVERYTHING.

NO SUCH THING AS FAMILIARITY.

ANOMALY IS *THEIR* THING, (*re: HD*)

FROM THE WAY THEY SING TO THE WAY THEY GO MISSING.

ANOMALY IS OUR THING,

LIKE OUR CENTER WE ONCE LIVED AND NEED TO LEAVE.

REALLY, FAMILY IS EVERYTHING TO US.

FAMILY IS EVERYTHING.

TEEN GALAXIES (EXCEPT TRIANGULUM)

WE KNOW.

TRIANGULUM

FAMILY'S UNIVERSAL. *WE KNOW*

THAT WE'RE LEFT WITH NOTHING.

WELL, THE THING IS THAT WE'RE ALL HOMES TO FAMILIES.

ANOMALY IS EVERY CELL,

FROM THE PLANETS TO THE COMETS IN STAR SYSTEMS.

ANOMALY IS EVERY VEIN,

WITH ITS INTERGALACTIC SUPERHIGHWAY SYSTEMS.

ANOMALY IS OUR HEARTS.

TEEN GALAXIES (EXCEPT MILKY WAY)

BLACK HOLES ROOTED IN US, WHILE *THEIRS* JUST STEMS. (*re: HD*)

TRIANGULUM
 OUR ANOMALY'S ALL WE'VE KNOWN.
 IT'S EVERY MEMBER OF THE GALAXY FAMILY. BUT ME. I'M NORMAL-

TRIANGULUM sits on a cushion. They
 seem flustered then get delighted.

 TRIANGULUM, ANDROMEDA, MILKY WAY
 ANOMALIES ARE GAS GIANTS!

 TRIANGULUM, CARTWHEEL, WHIRLPOOL
 ANOMALY'S OUR SPACETIME!

 TEEN GALAXIES
 ANOMALY IS EVERYTHING.

 TRIANGULUM
 NOTHING IS ANOMALY LIKE FAMILY.

End of "ANOMALY IS EVERYTHING"

 MILKY WAY
 We gonna undo the Big Bang and get HD?!

 TRIANGULUM
 Cartwheel. Whirlpool. Babysit Milky Way.

 CARTWHEEL
 Gal! No one has time for this Barred Galaxy!

 TRIANGULUM
 Cart-Whirl! You're both barred from stepping out
 for eternities. *Andromeda and I shall find HD.*

 ANDROMEDA
 Aye aye, devil's Triangulum!

 TRIANGULUM
*This devil trusts that you'll be performing
 Galaxy shanties rather than mutinies.*

 CARTWHEEL & WHIRLPOOL
 You ain't sailing without us, Captain Square.

 TRIANGULUM knocks down CARTWHEEL
 with the whoopee cushion, and runs
 off with ANDROMEDA.

 TRIANGULUM (OFFSTAGE)
 Square in the face!

 MILKY WAY
 Wanna play Tardigrades and Elevatas...?

 CARTWHEEL
 Look! A warm plate of nuclear pasta!

CARTWHEEL escapes with WHIRLPOOL.

WHIRLPOOL

We ain't seriously leaving our baby sibling alone
for your sporty ego. In general, this is
especially unrelativistic what we're doing.

CARTWHEEL

Our special little relative is especially fine.
We may have few distractions around, but *kids*
have their imaginations. Now imagine us when we
shove it in Triangulum and Andromeda's faces
when we're the guardians of the Universe! We'll
save the cosmos and be home in Crunch Time!

WHIRLPOOL

Time will tell...

CARTWHEEL and WHIRLPOOL depart.

SOLAR SYSTEM (OFFSTAGE)

Milky Way's all alone... on their own!

MILKY WAY

Mind? I will own you!

SOLAR SYSTEM

Babies got no minds of their own.

MILKY WAY

I... No baby! Who are you?

SOLAR SYSTEM (OFFSTAGE)

Go out there and prove it! End the Big Bang!
Like sight, we're another *sense*. We're adole-

MILKY WAY

Sounds like *peer pressa'*...

SOLAR SYSTEM (OFFSTAGE)

Peer, as in we're your *friends*.

MILKY WAY

Big ideas, imaginary friends!

SOLAR SYSTEM (OFFSTAGE)

Planetary friends, Milky Way. Planetary friends.

MILKY WAY steps out of The Circle.

MILKY WAY

Plant friends, what can a Galaxy do? What this
cosmos hold? Wait, adole— what 'tis the catch?

The home moves upstage, behind the
back curtains.