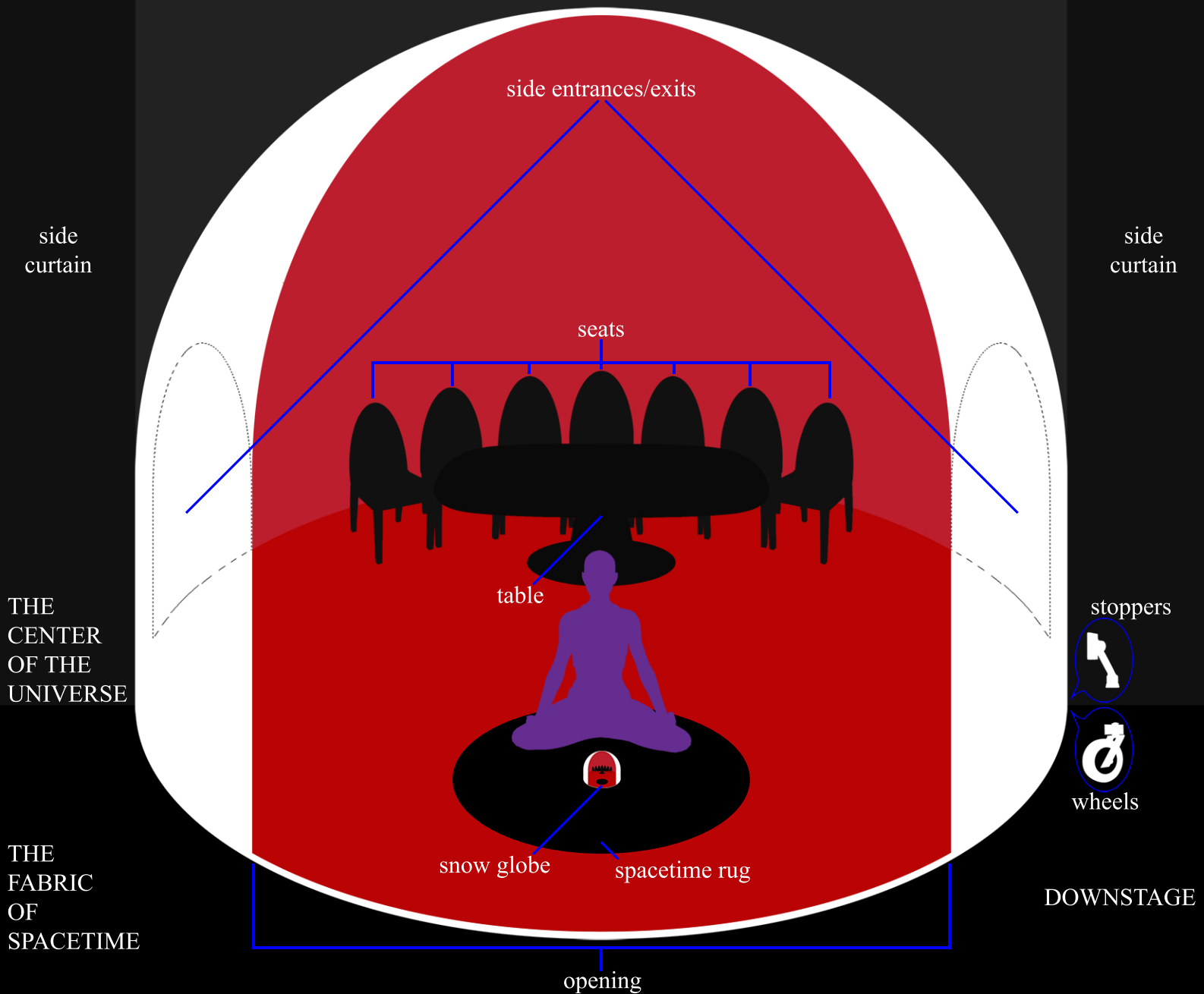


# THE ELLIPSES / DOME HOME



**JD**

Zilch— Big Bang Taser...?

*(The TIDALs remain offstage. They are scared.)*

**TIDALs**

Fall...

**GRAVITY**

Stun your nomy/mommy/daddy! Free me! No longer bound by family. Make *nothing* your legacy! End Singularity!

*(ABELL briefly stands up from their seat.)*

*[End of “Zilch”.]*

*(SINGULARITY yells and slaps offstage.)*

**SINGULARITY**

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

*(JD hides the Big Bang Taser under the rug.)*

*(SINGULARITY enters.)*

**SINGULARITY**

Something wrong, my Capricorn? Tardigrades and Elevators? I remember making this for you, twenty-something eternities ago. I guess, *nothing* really changes. Declinations, JD.

**JD**

Nothing... Declinations, nomy/mother/father.

**SINGULARITY**

Speaking of declining. I know that Gravity and I seemed to have a falling out. Gravity has been... Letting me down lately.



**JD**

Maybe you should let them out?

**SINGULARITY**

I let the tidal dogs out and the next thing you know you Gals are out and about. I'm not letting any of you play outside.

**JD**

I'm passed that. I'm an adult. I don't play outside. I want to make something of myself on the other side.

**SINGULARITY**

You can't make something out of nothing.

**JD**

How did you make us? Out of nothing?

**SINGULARITY**

**JD**

JD...

*Why...?*

**SINGULARITY**

SPT0615-JD. How? When your black-hole hearts were small, I shed my light. To you all, the lightless "Nothing." I fed you the finest photons from the field equations I picked. Now, my oldest cluster of stars... Your heart is too massive for this Ellipse?

**JD**

My supermassive heart is ready. I have light to shed.

**SINGULARITY**

I will not let go of your light. All your luminosity stays here.

I know your urge to jump to another Ellipse. You're in a liminal space; which is also my space. You take one step out of this place and you're dead to me.

**JD**

What other space is there for you to go, you old Galaxy? I wish “Crunch Time” would die... I wish family time... Well...? I’m dying to know what’s out there!

**SINGULARITY**

Fine. I’ll... I’ll answer *why*. So long as I pass over what you sai—

JD... It did ring a bell. My... Illogical clock. It became *apparent* that I had to leave my parents.

**JD**

Parents? You had multiple parents? Can I meet my grandparents...?

**SINGULARITY**

There is *nothing* to them, Bạch Hổ. They never poured a drop of light for me. They’re apparently heartless.

**JD**

Being a single parent sure did wonders to you.

**SINGULARITY**

Quit the antics. Speak physics, SPT0615-JD.

**SINGULARITY**

Stop making light—

**JD**

I need to shed my light.

**JD**

Light isn’t made. It’s passed down. And I’m not. There’s not enough space. That’s why I’m shedding.

**SINGULARITY**

Oh, the luminosity. You got to be shedding me...

*(Handing the monocular to JD. They point out.)*

You are old enough to respond to a heartless and lightless world beyond the Edge of the Universe, by not making light of it.



**JD**

You've raised my supermassive heart by pouring light into it. My lighty heart is ready to be shared with the heartless.

**SINGULARITY**

The point of my hearty outpouring is for you to forever lighten up. Not to ever lighten down. You are never getting passed me.

*(JD scopes out the Edge, longing for ABELL.)*

**JD**

Our purpose is to pour our heart out to life with less heart. The only way I can see light is if another Galaxy lightens up. Singularity... I wish— Nothing gets passed you... Not even light.

<u><a href="#">6. LUMINOUS</a></u>
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*(SINGULARITY takes back the monocular.)*

**SINGULARITY**

WHY DON'T YOU ENLIGHTEN US?  
SHED SOME LIGHT TO YOUR FAMILY.  
FORGET ME, SINCERELY.  
LET OUR CENTERS SET US STRAIGHT...

*(The TEEN GALAXIEs enter in alignment.)*

**SINGULARITY**

YOU BRIGHTEN MY ETERNITY.  
LUMINOUS.  
TENDERNESS FOREVER LOOMS.  
I HOLD YOUR FEATS TO THE FIRE.  
LOOKING FORWARD TO WHAT COMES FOR YOU AND US.  
WHAT IS ILLUMINATING ARE...

Us. And us. And us. And us. And us. At the center of us all is heavy. What looms in us is light. Take it in. Our black holes. And you... At the center of yours, is supermassive.

*[End of "Luminous".]*

*(GRAVITY rushes in. They scatter the TEEN GALAXIEs. They scratch up the rug.)*

*(SINGULARITY grounds GRAVITY.)*

### **SINGULARITY**

You, Gravity, are a supermassive pain! You're destroying the family rug! Its spacetime fabric is passed down from my parents...

Gravity... For the last time, you've let down this family. You entitled dog... I'm putting you down for eternity.

*(JD grabs the Big Bang Taser from the rug.)*

*(SINGULARITY reaches underneath the rug to feel zilch. They soon see that JD is armed.)*

### **JD**

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

## **7. BIG BANG**

### **SINGULARITY**

YOU ARE A BIG...

*(JD shoots SINGULARITY in the face.)*

*(SINGULARITY gets electrocuted. They melodically shriek and jerk in place.)*

### **SINGULARITY**

**MISTAKEEEEEEE! AKE! AKE! AKE! AKE.**

*[The light fluctuates within the home. Appliances may short circuit and spark.]*

*(The TIDALs bark from offstage. They repeat.)*

### **TIDALs**

**BIG BIG BIG BIG BIG!**

### **SINGULARITY**

**ACHE... ELLIPSES... BIG BANG...**

*(SINGULARITY falls headfirst onto the rug, crushing the snow globe. They are lifeless.)*

### **TIDALs**

**FALL! BIG BIG BIG BIG BIG. BANG! BIG BANG!**

*(The TIDALs freely rush out. They make JD turn to what is outside.)*

*[The lights suddenly fill the stage. The side curtains open to reveal what's upstage.]*

*[It's the beginning of the Universe as we know it.]*

*(JD gently walks to the edge of the home to look out, shifting from grief to wonder. They extend the Big Bang Taser through the opening of the home. They stow it away. They are surprised to step out onto the stage. They look back at their petrified siblings.)*

### **JD**

**MY SUPERMASSIVE HEART GOES OUT TO YOU ALL, FAMILY.  
BUT MY SUPERMASSIVE HEART GOES OUT FOR ME AND GRAVITY.  
DECLINATIONS!**

*(GRAVITY gets a knapsack full of balls, embodying stars. They grab JD and run out. They run in place. They stop when they notice their lack of progress. GRAVITY claws at the ground.)*

**JD**

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

*(JD takes a step downstage, causing the lights to expand further out and the home to move upstage in between the back curtains.)*

It's *getting* further away. The Fabric of Spacetime is fabric, after all. And we're rolling it out, like our rug... We're going to go off on a tangent... For all eternity. For the rest of spacetime.

*(The TIDALs anxiously step out of the home. They suddenly unleash and scatter away.)*

**GRAVITY**

*Free* fall! Pets, no more! The wide-open space is ours. This wide-open space is our destination. Zenith is our destiny. Force!

*(JD stands, grateful to have a travel buddy.)*

**JD**

This is the beginning of a beautiful Universe.

*(Most of the TEEN GALAXIEs step away from SINGULARITY to watch the Universe unravel, while MILKY WAY mournfully wraps herself around the lifeless SINGULARITY.)*

**TEEN GALAXIEs**

ALL OUR HEARTS HAVE GONE  
OUT WITH THE  
BIG BANG...

*[End of "Big Bang".]*

*(GRAVITY and JD run in place.)*

*[The home moves upstage, out of view.]*