

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 draws out the Big Bang Taser and ignites it outwards. The lights flicker. The curtains ripple. The Universe is wondrous. Far from the stage, a bell-shaped light shines. A shadow of HD in a shooting stance protrudes. HD soon enters, carrying a pestle. SINGULARITY hides the Big Bang Taser under the rug, returning the Universe back to its void stasis. They hand the bowl to HD. They disappear inside the home.

SINGULARITY

NOTHING...

TIDALS (OFFSTAGE)

OOOHHHHHH.

HD unveils a scope in the pestle and scope out the edge of the home.

TRIANGULUM wanders out to HD. They grab HD's scope and toss it behind.

TRIANGULUM

NOTHING.

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

WHIRLPOOL

CARTWHEEL

NOTHING!

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

HD

LET'S BOUNCE!

HERE GOES NOTHING!

SINGULARITY arrives with dishes.

SINGULARITY

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

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 and the GALAXIES bow.

SINGULARITY

Declinations, family.

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.

GALAXIES

Declinations, Singularity.

GRAVITY

*Singularity.* This single parent cannot stand me.  
They barely understand their Galaxies. That  
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  
the whoopee cushion. TRIANGULUM  
puts up a fist to CARTWHEEL and  
WHIRLPOOL as the pair 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 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 ye oyster.

GRAVITY

Triangulum is such a square.

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

We can do no wrong with this one. We're never blamed by this one. We like 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 two-dimensional square, *like  
this Galaxy*.

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

TRIANGULUM throws the whoopee  
cushion at CARTWHEEL and WHIRLPOOL,  
causing them to go on the defense.

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.

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

HD  
 WHY IS MY SILENCE NOT MADE CLEAR?  
 WHEN MY VOICE CAN'T STAY HERE.  
 WHY DO 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 (CONT'D)

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

HD (CONT'D)

You raised me physically. They raise my spirit.

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: There is  
nothing out there for us, adults...

HD

Well, then there is someone for that *nothing*.  
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*? Plea-

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)

No means *no*.

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-

SINGULARITY reaches for HD.  
 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 up with you? And *The Edge?*

MILKY WAY

Our Universe is all that matters!

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 am  
*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 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

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...* 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 (CONT'D)

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 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 themselves.

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! It's what  
protects us against the wild  
beasts you've not yet 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.  
SINGULARITY reaches for it, but  
GRAVITY bites their hand, 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"

*HD shoots SINGULARITY.*

SINGULARITY

YOU ARE A BIG...

(Electrifyingly jerking and shrieking)

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


TIDALS (OFFSTAGE)

BIG *Big* BIG **BIG! BIG** BIG *Big* BIG!

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

*SINGULARITY dies in MILKY WAY's arms.*

TIDALS

 **FALL!!!**!

★ BIG ☉ BIG

✦ BIG ✱ BIG ☆ BIG. **BANG!**✦

TIDALS

**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.