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The Horsehead Nebula's fluffy top

This is the sharpest image yet of the curved wall of gas and dust marking the top of one of the most distinctive objects in our skies: the Horsehead Nebula. Above it – captured in incredible detail in infrared by the James Webb Space Telescope – you can see distant stars and galaxies. The nebula is thought to have formed from a collapsing cloud of interstellar material and is illuminated by a nearby star.

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