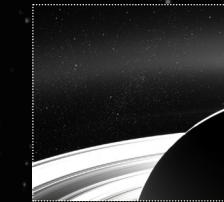


A dark, cratered celestial body, possibly a moon or a small planet, is shown against a black background. A bright, glowing star or planet is visible in the upper left, casting light onto the surface. The surface is covered in numerous craters and some darker, irregular patches. The word "SOUL" is faintly visible near the bottom center.

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THE PLANET WE CALL HOME



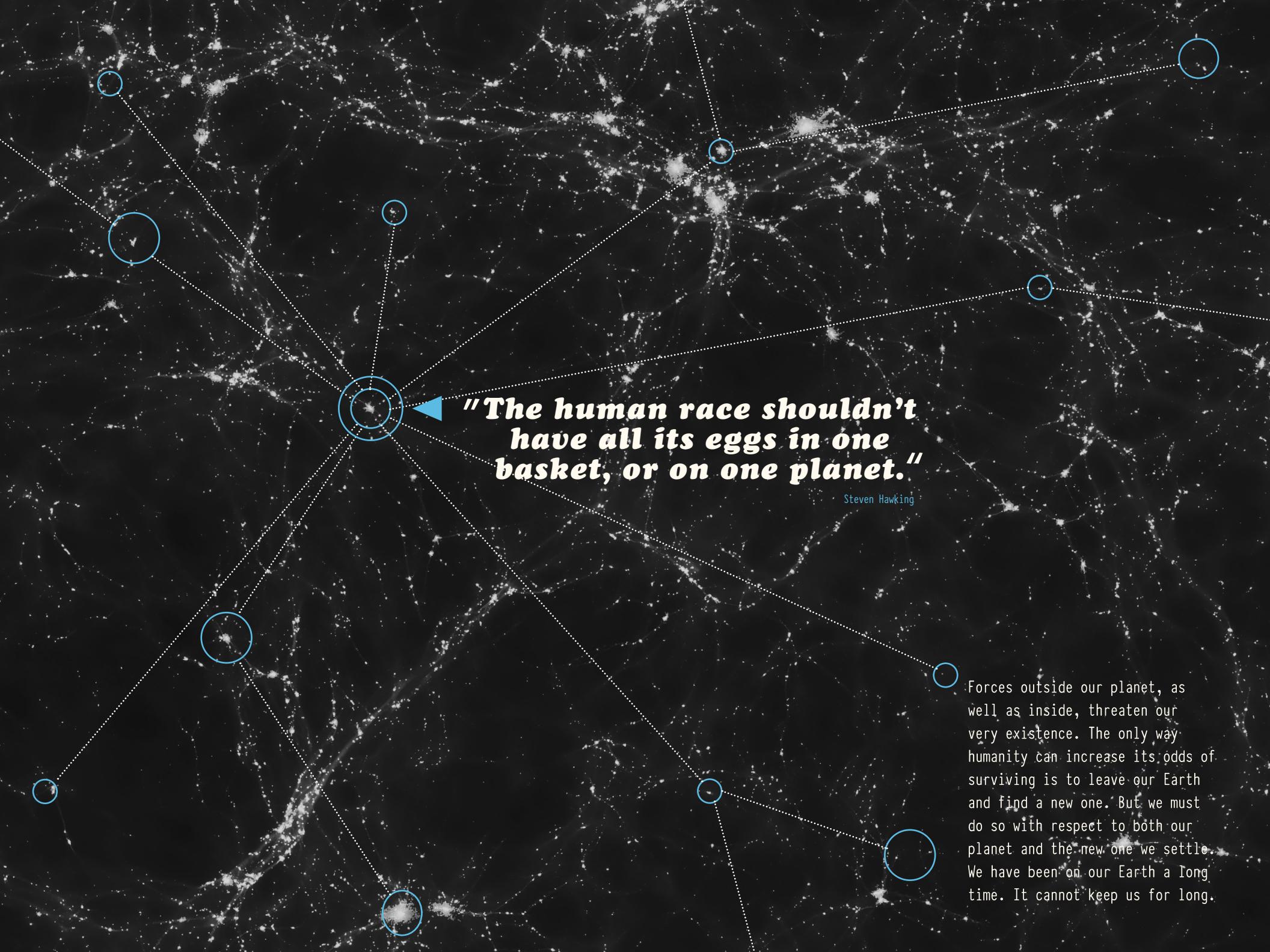
Earth drifts openly as a blue pixel amongst darkness. The farther we go out, the less we see of it, until it disappears into blackness.

That's what it's like looking up at the stars from Earth. We can't see everything that's out there, but we know something is lurking in the blackness behind it, whatever it may be. An unrelenting asteroid, a comet, a gamma ray burst. It gets closer with no clear trajectory.

One thing that cannot be denied is that time is never on our side. That's what make us human. Vulnerability. It is one of our greatest blessings. It allows us to pass the torch to our descendants, so that they continue the human legacy. They pick up what we drop off.

Even so, our human legacy is just as vulnerable. Our Earth, which contains all of our knowledge and history and all of our achievements and pursuits, is equally vulnerable. We are the only known intelligent species living on the only known habitable world. We have an obligation to make sure that we spread ourselves out into other solar systems before the thing that lurks in the blackness gets too close.

The only way humanity can increase its odds of surviving is to leave our Earth and find a new one.



"The human race shouldn't have all its eggs in one basket, or on one planet."

Steven Hawking

Forces outside our planet, as well as inside, threaten our very existence. The only way humanity can increase its odds of surviving is to leave our Earth and find a new one. But we must do so with respect to both our planet and the new one we settle. We have been on our Earth a long time. It cannot keep us for long.



**Humans will
eventually
have to leave
earth. It's not
a matter of if,
but when.**

Will we wait for necessity
to force our hand, or will we
venture into the universe under
our own free will?



A forced hand.

WHAT EVENTS WOULD FORCE US TO LEAVE EARTH?

1

ANTHROPOGENIC EVENTS

Human-caused disasters include global agricultural crises due to overpopulation, nuclear winter, bioterrorism, among others, and each one would be devastating across the globe.

2

NATURAL EVENTS

Supervolcanoes, global pandemics, and geomagnetic reversal are some of the natural events that pose a risk to human civilization.

3

COSMIC EVENTS

We don't know what's out there and we can't predict a cosmic event ahead of time. If our Earth is in the way of a gamma ray burst or a massive comet, it would be the end of humanity as we know it.





**When we look
back on that lonely
planet, we see the
entirety of our
human history.**

All the wars, all the injustices, the competition and spending of finite resources-all of that happened there. But inclusive of that, we cannot forget the triumphs, nor should we forget the advancement of medicine, the continuing growth of technology, the founding of new cities, the expansion of old ones. More importantly, we cannot forget the human species' propensity to survive.