Design / Visual Aesthetic

Overall Mood:
The visual design of *InnerOrbit* aims to evoke calm, curiosity, and quiet wonder — like stargazing alone or journaling under the night sky. The interface should feel emotionally spacious, sensory-friendly, and gently interactive.

🎨 Color Palette

- **Deep Space Navy:** grounding background for most screens
- **Aurora Greens & Twilight Purples:** accent colors for mood indicators and stars
- **Dusty Rose & Gold:** occasional highlights for buttons or active elements
- **Black & Soft Gray:** for low-contrast dark mode options and text

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✨ Motion & Interaction

- **Subtle animations only:** Soft twinkles on stars, orbit glows on hover, smooth fade-ins
- **Parallax scrolling:** Starfields gently move on scroll, creating depth without distraction
- **Constellation linking:** Streaks and themed responses connect stars with soft, hand-drawn lines

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🌌 Celestial Metaphors

- **Stars = Mood Logs**
  Each mood entry is visualized as a star. Hovering reveals the mood and timestamp; clicking opens the journal entry.
- **Constellations = Streaks or Shared Themes**
  When a user completes a streak or contributes to a prompt, their stars connect into visible constellations.
- **Nebulas = Public Reflections**
  Shared anonymous entries live in a nebula cluster. They're soft, semi-glowing, and move slowly with ambient motion.

📱 UI Elements

- **Minimal UI chrome**
  Prioritize journal space and visual feedback; nav and buttons should float or slide subtly

- **Dark mode first**
  Default to dark mode with soft light accents. Light mode available but designed with equal care.

- **Touch-friendly and responsive**
  Components should be generously spaced, with mobile gestures considered early (e.g. swiping through orbit views)

🧠 **Accessibility & Comfort**

- Low motion toggle (disable all animations)
- Accessible color contrast
- Keyboard navigation and screen reader support
- Inclusive language throughout ("reflect," "resonate," "pause")