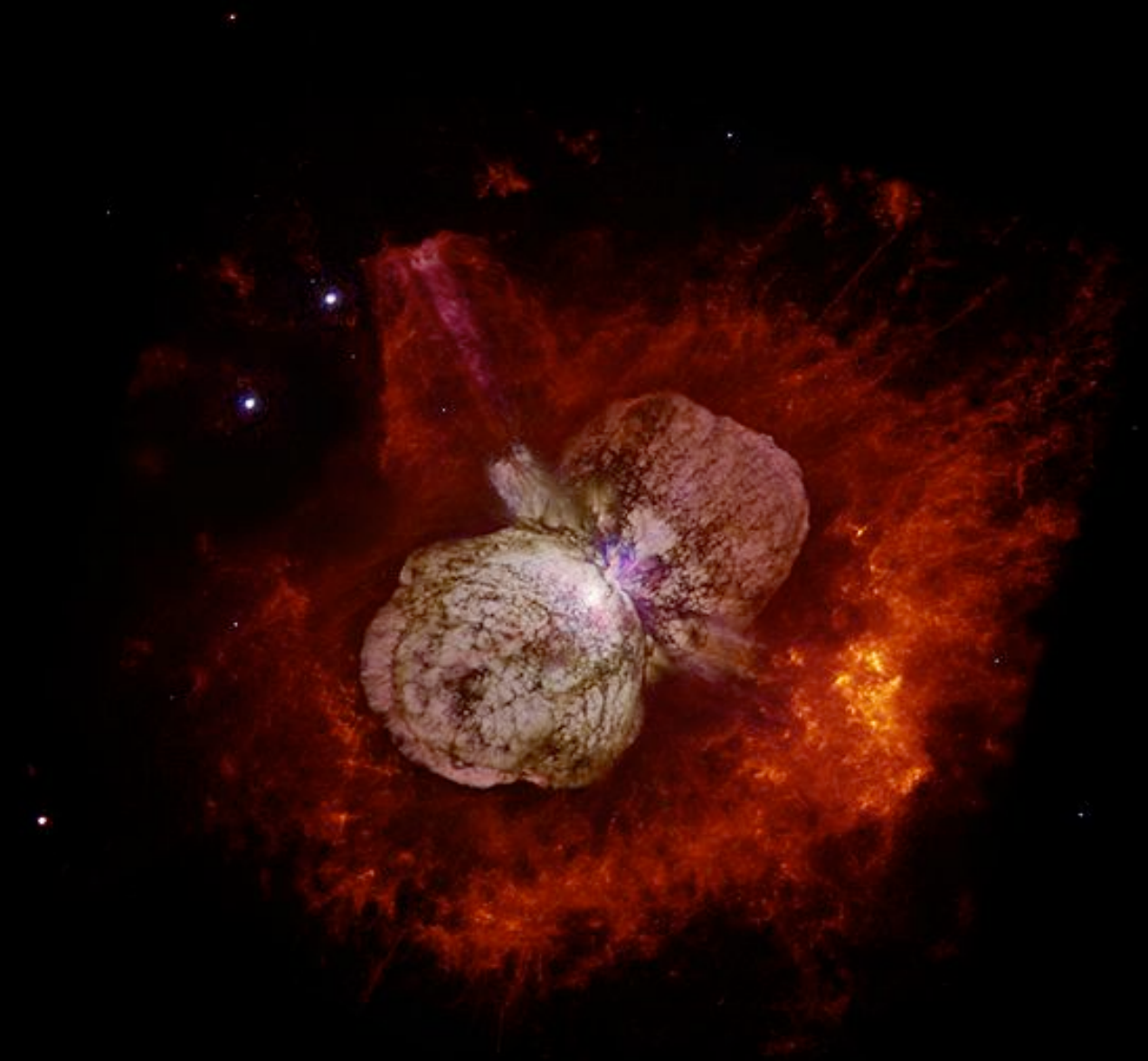


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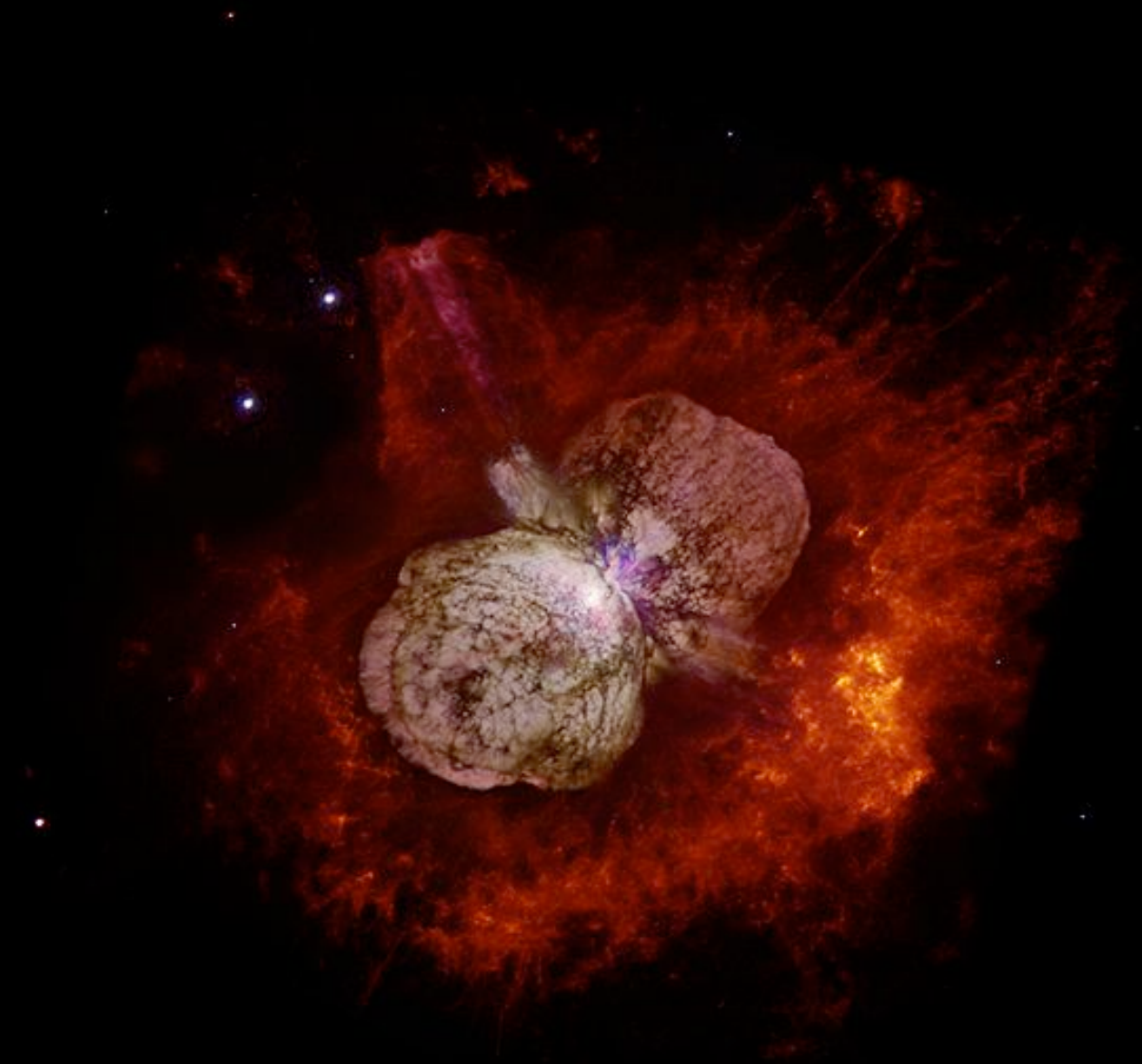


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The Homunculus nebula surrounding η Car is a prototypical bipolar nebula.

The hourglass shape is due to two huge lobes of gas expanding outward, a product of the mid-1800s Great Eruption.

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