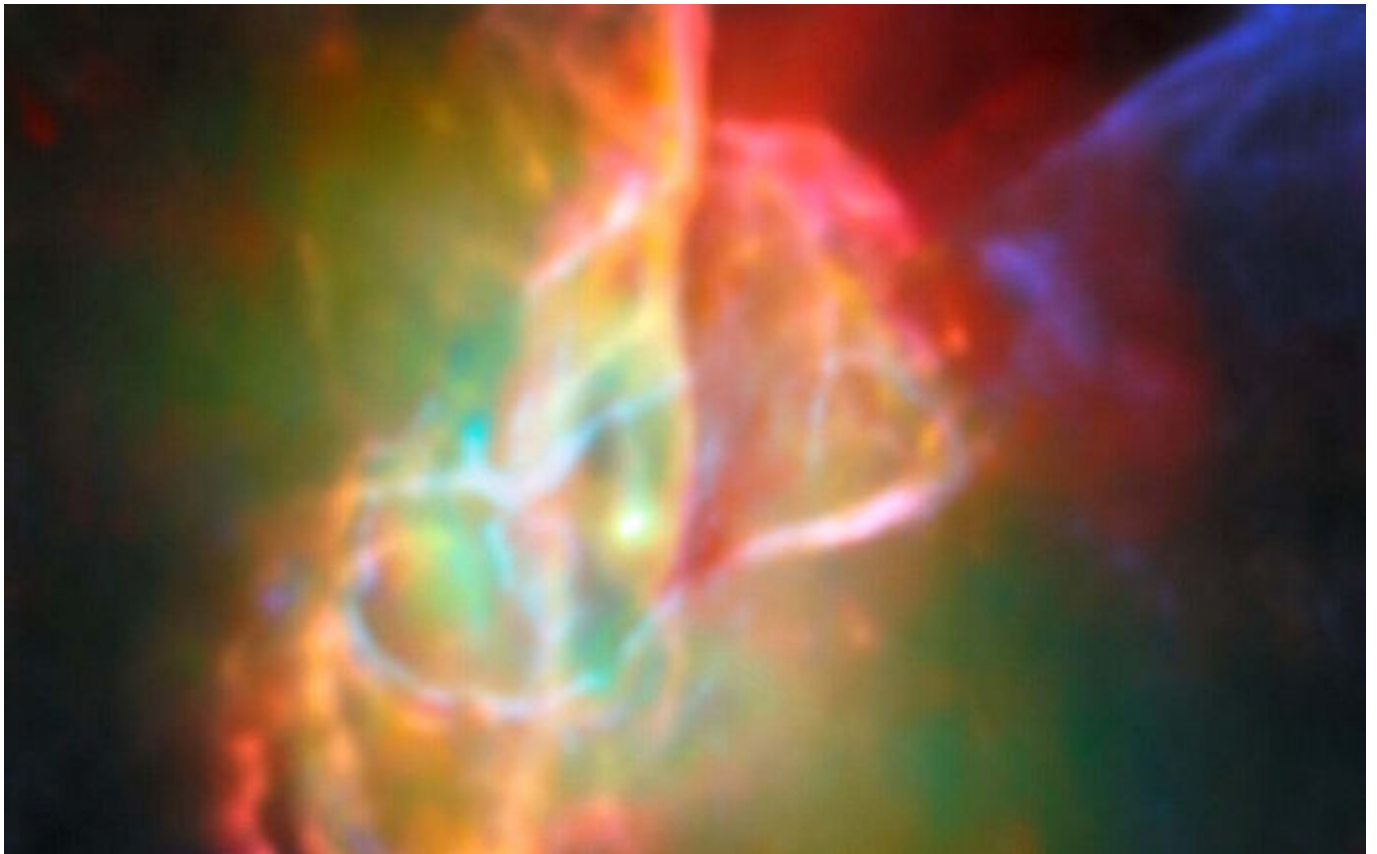


“Butterfly Nebula’s Hidden Heart Reveals the Building Blocks of Planets”



At first glance, the Butterfly Nebula looks like a glowing insect pinned against the backdrop of space. Officially known as NGC 6302, it sits about 3,400 light-years away in the constellation Scorpius. Its colorful wings stretch across space, formed from the dying gas and dust of a star not unlike our Sun. For centuries, astronomers have admired its beauty. Now, with the help of the James Webb Space Telescope, you can

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