

### Chicxulub Asteroid Impact

big day for Earth-life  
sixty-six million years past,  
brought mass extinction

mountain-size\* space rock  
thirty times a bullet's speed\*  
smashed Yucatan's shore

global firestorms raged,  
tough birds, wee mammals eked out,  
evolution worked

big dinos perished,  
pre-chicken raptors survived,  
and our parent shrews

lucky us, or not?  
antinatalists wonder  
when's the next big day?

\* Six miles wide, 40,000 miles per hour

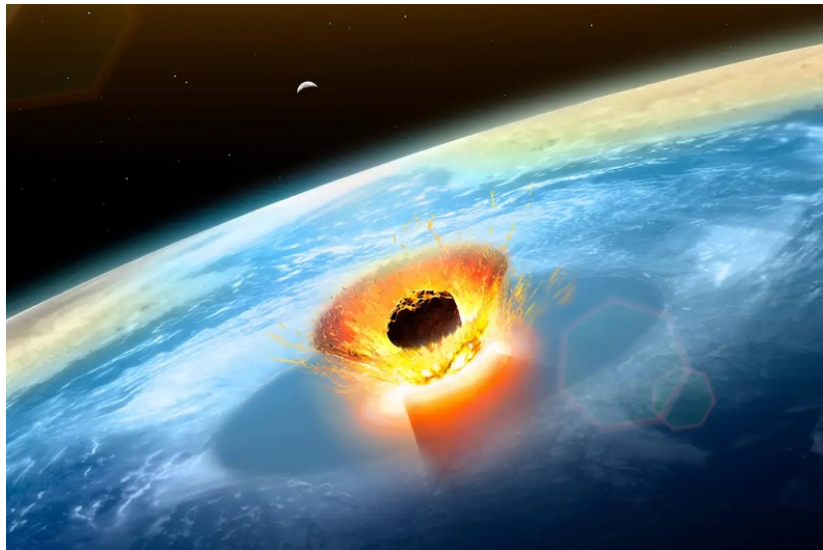


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