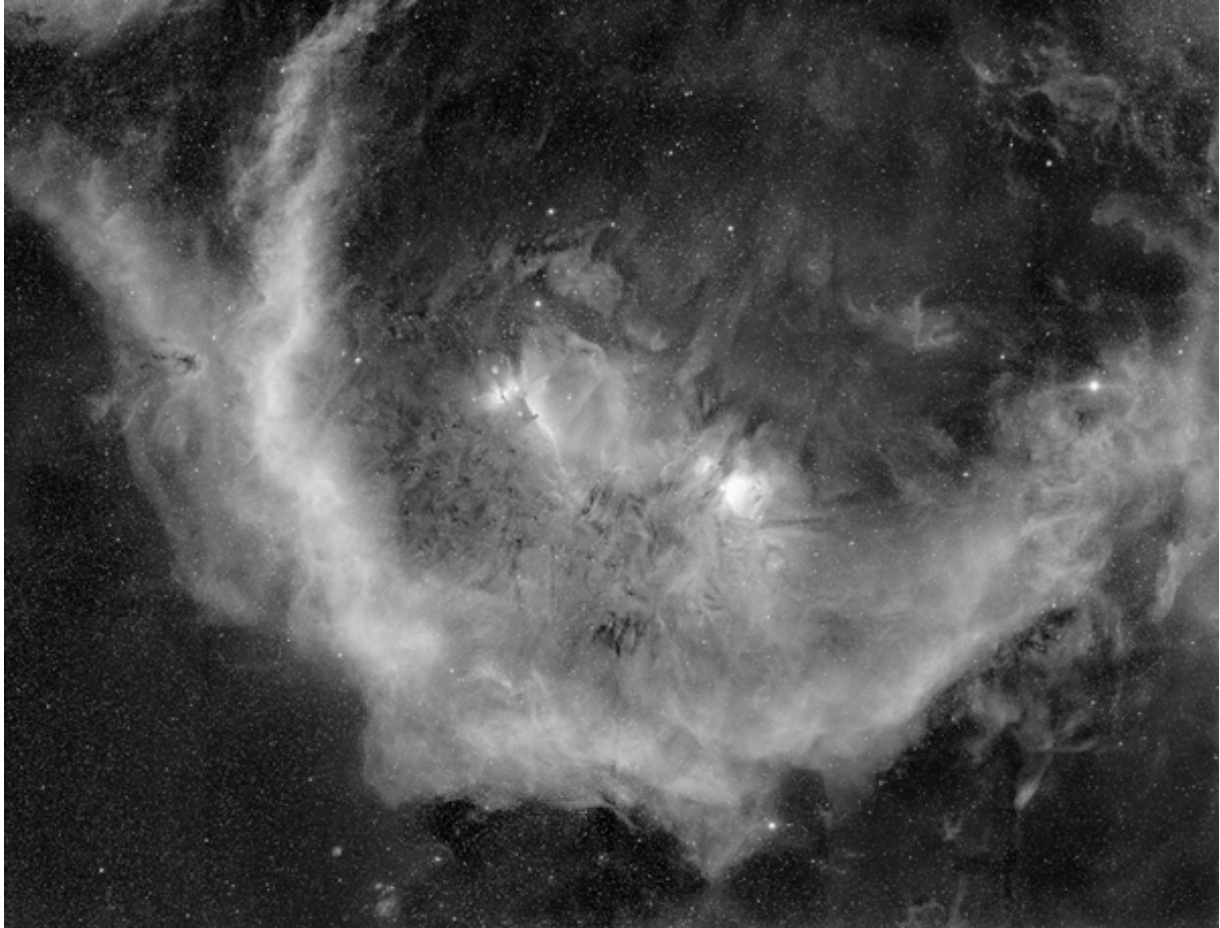


It takes as much courage to have tried and failed as it does to have tried and succeeded.


Anne Morrow Lindbergh



Barnard's Loop around the Horsehead Nebula
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Explanation: Why is the [Horsehead Nebula](#) surrounded by a bubble? Although hard to make out, the famous [Horsehead Nebula](#) is the slight [dark indentation](#) in the bright streak just to the left of the image center. Glowing like an [emission nebula](#), the origin of the [bubble](#), known as [Barnard's Loop](#), is currently unknown. [Progenitor hypotheses](#) include the [winds](#) from bright Orion stars and the [supernovas](#) of stars long gone. [Barnard's Loop](#) is too faint to be [identified](#) with the unaided eye. [The nebula](#) was discovered only in 1895 by [E. E. Barnard](#) on long duration film exposures. The [above image](#) was taken in a single [specific color](#) emitted by [hydrogen](#) to bring out detail. To the left of the [Horsehead Nebula](#), visible as a small dark indentation, is the photogenic [Flame Nebula](#).

onerous

VAH-nuh-rus\ 
adjective

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Meaning

- *1 : involving, imposing, or constituting a burden : troublesome
- 2 : having legal obligations that outweigh the advantages

Example Sentence

Christy considered driving her sister to ballet practice to be an onerous task.

Did you know?

"Onerous," which traces back to the Latin "onus," meaning "burden," has several synonyms. Like "onerous," "burdensome," "oppressive," and "exacting" all refer to something which imposes a hardship of some kind. "Onerous" stresses a sense of laboriousness and heaviness, especially because something is distasteful ("the onerous task of cleaning up the mess"). "Burdensome" suggests something which causes mental as well as physical strain ("the burdensome responsibilities of being a supervisor"). "Oppressive" implies extreme harshness or severity in what is imposed ("the oppressive tyranny of a police state"). "Exacting" suggests rigor or sternness rather than tyranny or injustice in the demands made or in the one demanding ("an exacting employer who requires great attention to detail").


*Indicates the sense illustrated in the example sentence.


Best Regards,

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