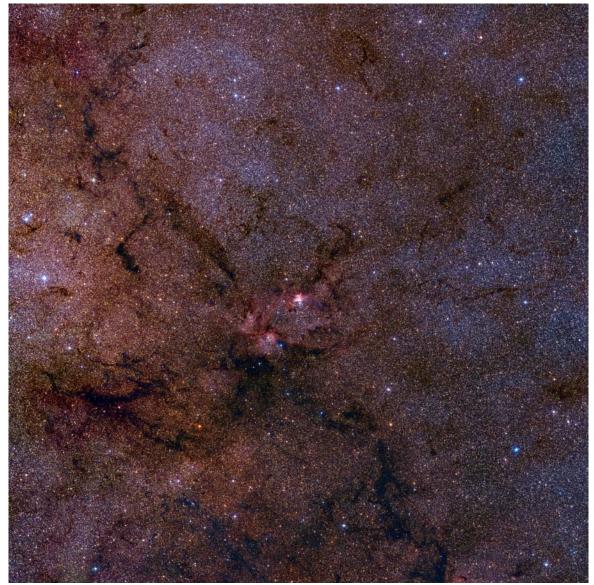
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Montage: A portable, compute-intensive service that will deliver sciencegrade mosaics on-demand, with requests made through existing astronomical portals

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Dust clouds and nebulosity in the plane of our Galaxy as captured by the 2 Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS). The bright pinkish spots just below the center make up the War and Peace Nebula (NGC 6357). This I2,000 x I2,000 pixel mosaic was constructed from 347 individual images in each of three near-infrared wavelengths: J (I.25 µm), H (I.65 µm), and K (2.2µm).