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Diamonds from space?

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If indeed "a diamond is forever," the most primitive origins of Earth's so-called black diamonds were in deep, universal time, geologists have discovered. Black diamonds came from none other than interstellar space.

In a paper published online on December 20, 2006, in the journal *Astrophysical Journal Letters*, scientists Jozsef Garai and Stephen Haggerty of Florida International University, along with Case Western Reserve University researchers Sandeep Rekhi and Mark Chance, claim an extraterrestrial origin for the unique black diamonds, also called carbonado diamonds.

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I never realized before now that none of the world's diamond mines are responsible for black diamonds. I wonder what other rock formations space might hold that we've never dreamt of.