



**Carla :** (coughing) This poem is too depressing!

**Yahui :** (nodding slightly) Agreed. Most people focus on short-term profits, forgetting about long-term consequences. This is a common human cognitive bias.

**Carlos :** (shrugging his shoulders, then sipping a glass of wine) Many possible futures exist. This poem portrays merely one of them.

**Reed :** It's good to remember that "civilization" is but a temporary phenomenon ... the Earth will be around much longer than any of us.

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