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TAKE THE EARTH'S FOUR BILLION YEARS AND SPREAD THEM OVER A SINGLE DAY.

THE HUMAN RACE ARRIVES TWO MINUTES BEFORE MIDNIGHT.

BUT LOST CIVILIZATIONS ROSE AND FELL IN THAT TIME WITH NO RECORD OF THEIR EXISTENCE.

KINGS AND QUEENS ALL CAME AND WENT BEFORE MAN WOULD EVER SET FOOT ON THIS WORLD.

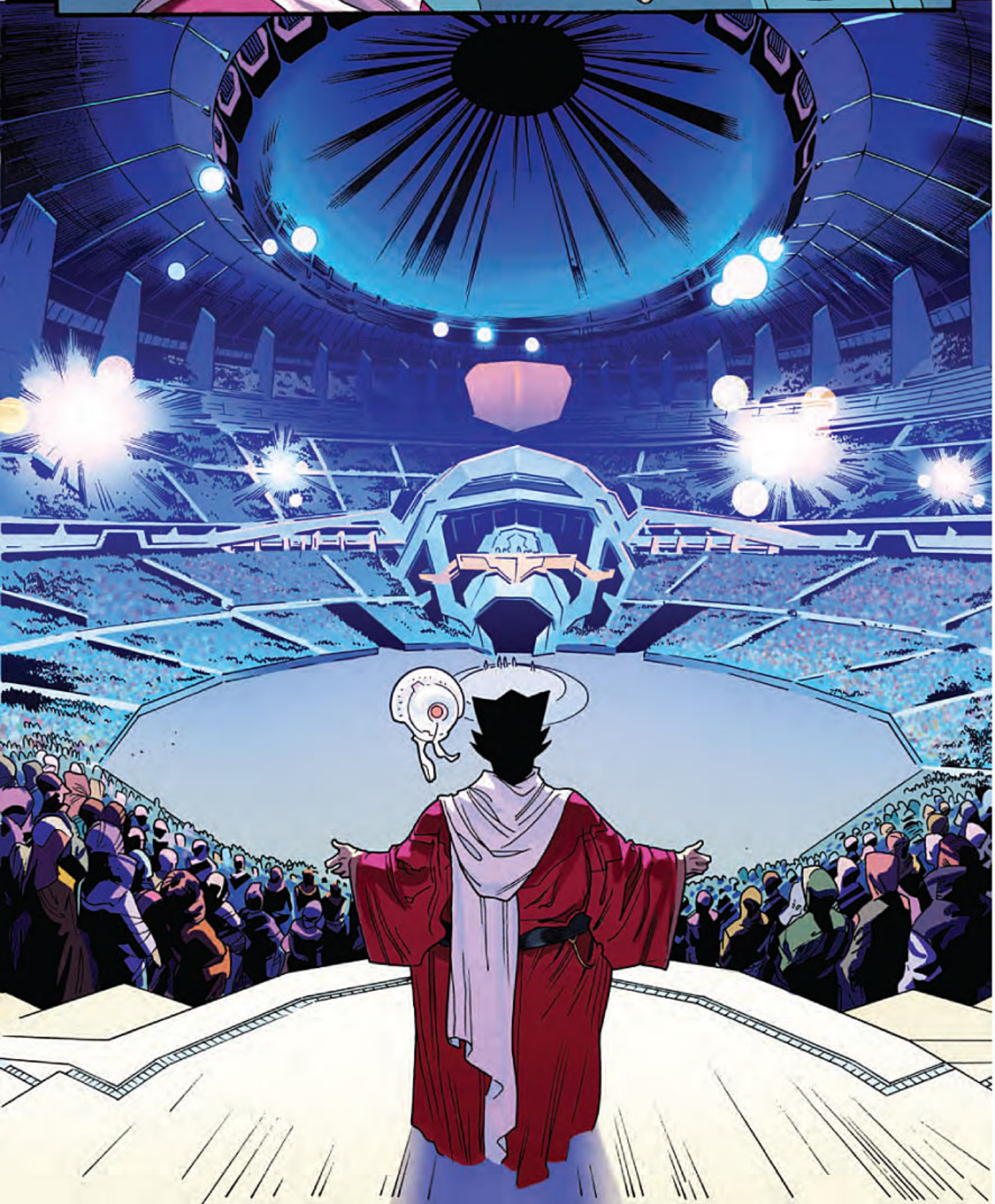
THIS IS THE STORY OF THE EARTH'S FIRST RULERS.

THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED HERE *BEFORE* US.



65 MILLION YEARS AGO:

ALL RISE!



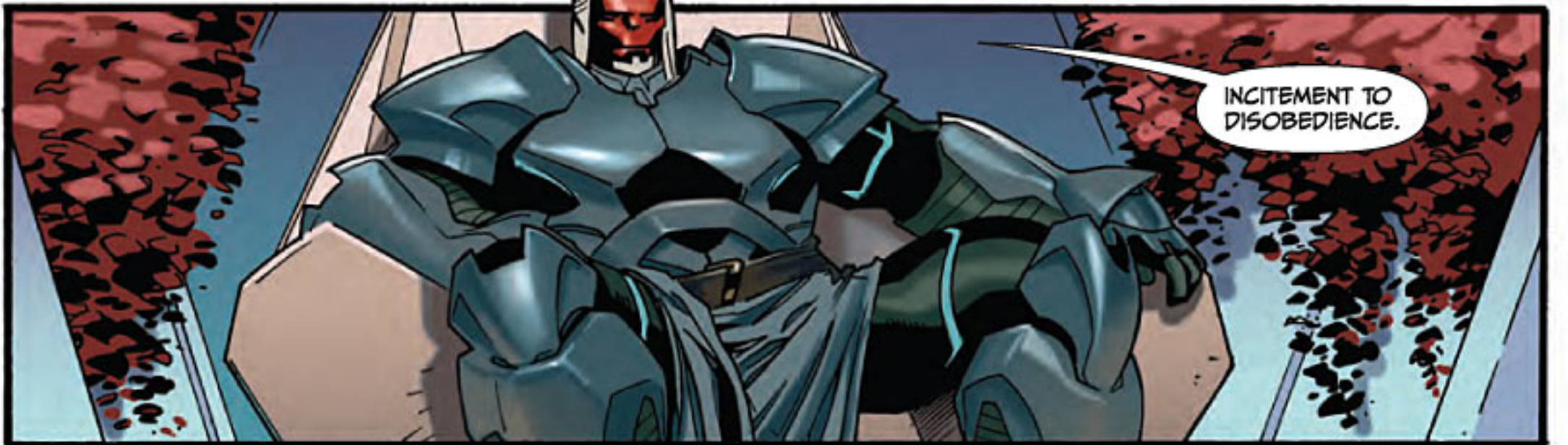




SIT.



WH-WHY ARE WE  
HERE, KING MORAX?  
WH-WHAT CRIME ARE  
WE CHARGED WITH?



INCITEMENT TO  
DISOBEDIENCE.





THE REMAINS OF YOUR COLLEAGUE LIE SCATTERED AT YOUR FEET AND YOU'RE CHARGED WITH *ENCOURAGING* HIS OUTSPOKEN BEHAVIOR.

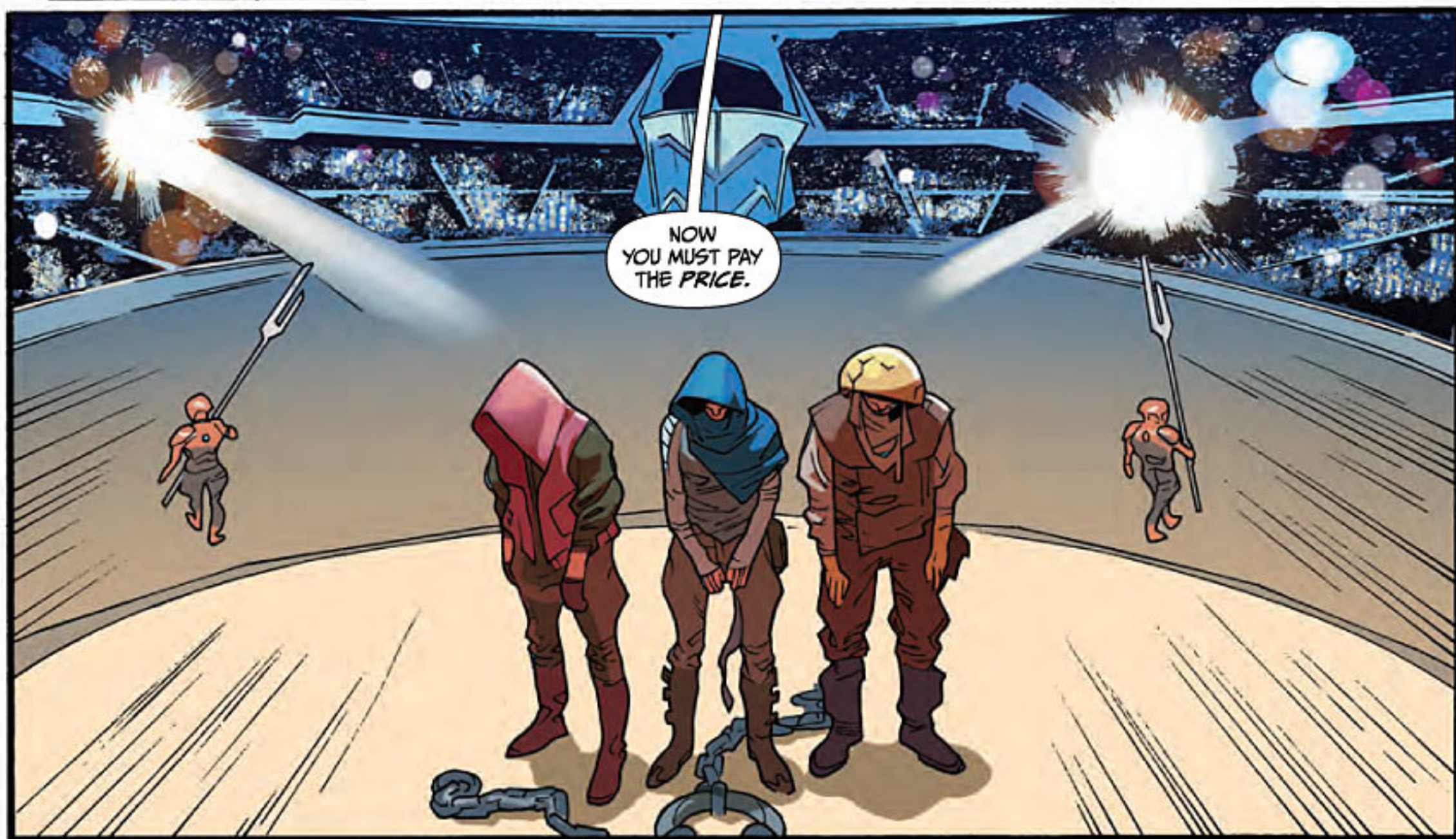
B-BUT WE *SHOUTED HIM DOWN* WHEN HE SAID HE WAS OVERWORKED. WE WERE THE ONES WHO REPORTED HIM, SIRE.



THAT WASN'T ENOUGH. YOU SHOULD HAVE *STRUCK HIM* FOR HIS VILE REMARK. *CLEAVED HIS SKULL* FOR DISHONORING YOUR MASTER...



...BEAT HIM TO DEATH WITH YOUR *BARE HANDS* AND FOUGHT YOUR FRIENDS FOR THE *PRIVILEGE* OF DOING SO.



NOW YOU MUST PAY THE *PRICE*.





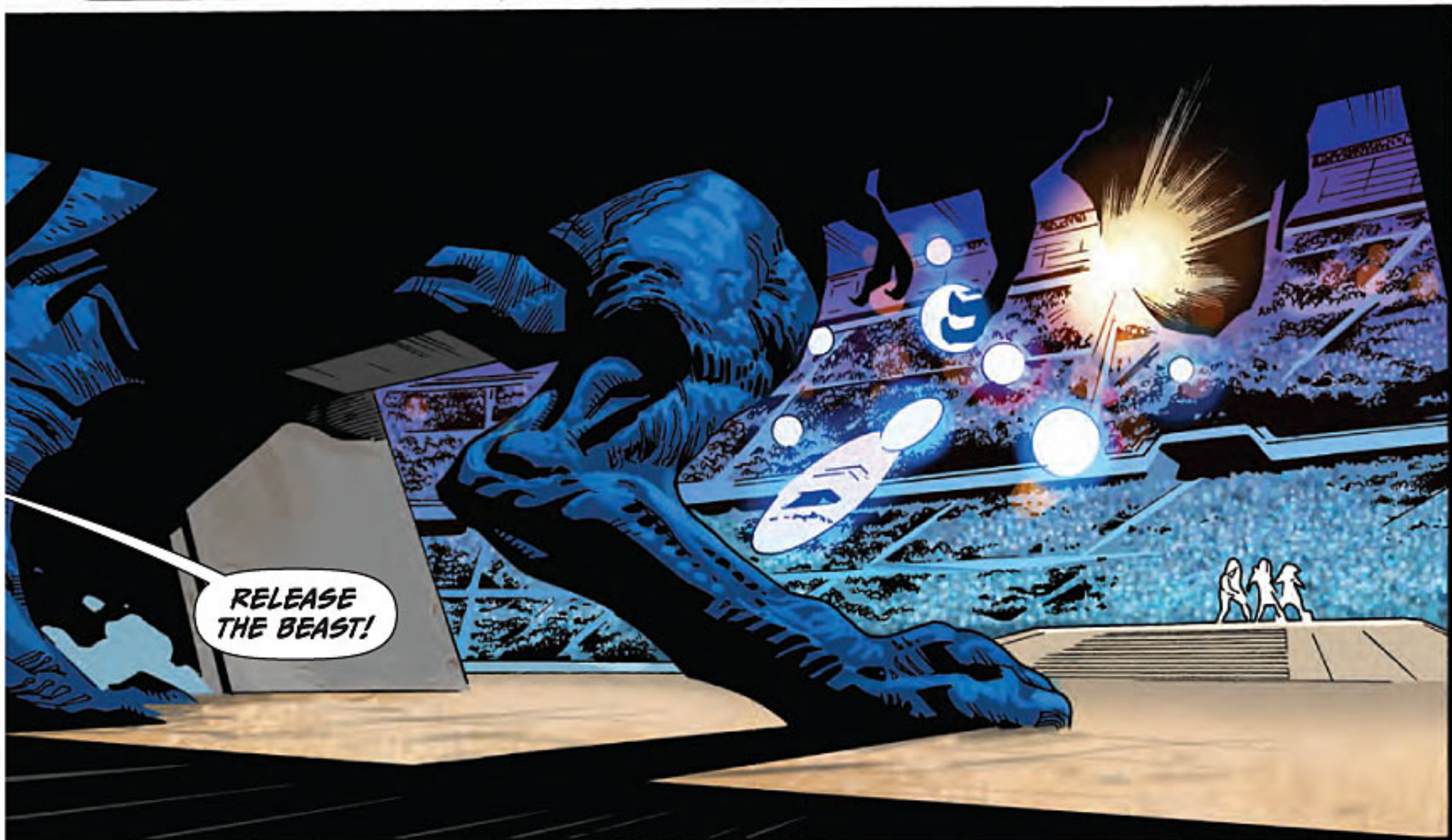
FIGHT ME OR  
THE MONSTER.  
YOUR CHOICE.



THE *MONSTER*, SIRE.  
NO QUESTION.



VERY WISE.



RELEASE  
THE BEAST!









FOR YOU,  
MY BELOVED  
QUEEN.



THANK YOU,  
MY HUSBAND.



WE REALLY  
NEED TO GET OUT  
OF HERE.