

THE *COMET*  
BLAZES IN THE SKY  
LIKE A SECOND  
SUN...

...AND YOU  
THINK YOU'RE  
SCREAMING.

BUT  
INSTEAD, YOU'RE  
SINGING...

...A MIGHTY  
CHORUS...

...A  
PAEAN AND  
A DIRGE.

...THE END  
OF THE AGE OF  
HEROES...

...AND  
THE RISE OF  
THE HOUSE OF  
SAVAGE.





MY NAME IS VANDAL SAVAGE.

AND I WAITED PATIENTLY FOR FORTY THOUSAND YEARS TO RECLAIM THE COMET THAT FIRST GAVE ME MY POWERS...

"...BUT I'LL BE HONEST..."

"...THE ANTICIPATION OF THE LAST THREE MONTHS HAS NEARLY KILLED ME.

"HORDR\_ROOT..."

"...WRATH..."

"...ANGLE MAN..."

"BUT I TOOK MY TIME, MOVING MY MINIONS INTO PLACE.

"...BUT BECAUSE HE WOULD NEVER, EVER GIVE UP.

"HE FOUGHT AND FOUGHT AND FOUGHT..."

"...AGAINST THE SUICIDE SQUAD.

"AGAINST PARASITE.

"AGAINST THE BLACK MASS THAT BROUGHT OUT HIS OWN FURY..."

"...AND THE MORE HE FOUGHT, THE MORE POWER I DRAINED.

"UNTIL FINALLY THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT OF HIM..."

"AND I TOOK HIS FRIENDS IN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE..."

"...AND I TOOK HIS VERY HOME..."

"...THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE ITSELF.

"...THE SHADOW WARRIORS..."

"...THE QUARMERS..."

"...AND THE GRAY WALKERS..."

"...AND WE BEGAN TO DRAIN SUPERMAN OF HIS POWERS.

"OF COURSE, HE WAS THE PERFECT TARGET..."

"...NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF HIS INSANE AMOUNT OF ENERGY HE GENERATED..."





AND I STOLE ITS GREAT TECHNOLOGIES TO FOCUS ALL THIS POWER...

...AND DRAW IN THE COMET THAT WILL TRANSFORM THE WORLD.

YOUR GREATEST CITY HUNCHES IN TERROR.

BUT YOU KNOW, DEEP IN YOUR HEARTS...

...THAT YOUR PEOPLE ARE THRILLED WITH YOUR FALL.

BECAUSE YOU FAILED THEM.

WITH ALL YOUR POWER...

...YOU COULD HAVE FIXED THIS PLANET.

ALL ITS WASTE AND WEAKNESS...

BUT YOU FEARED BECOMING TYRANTS...

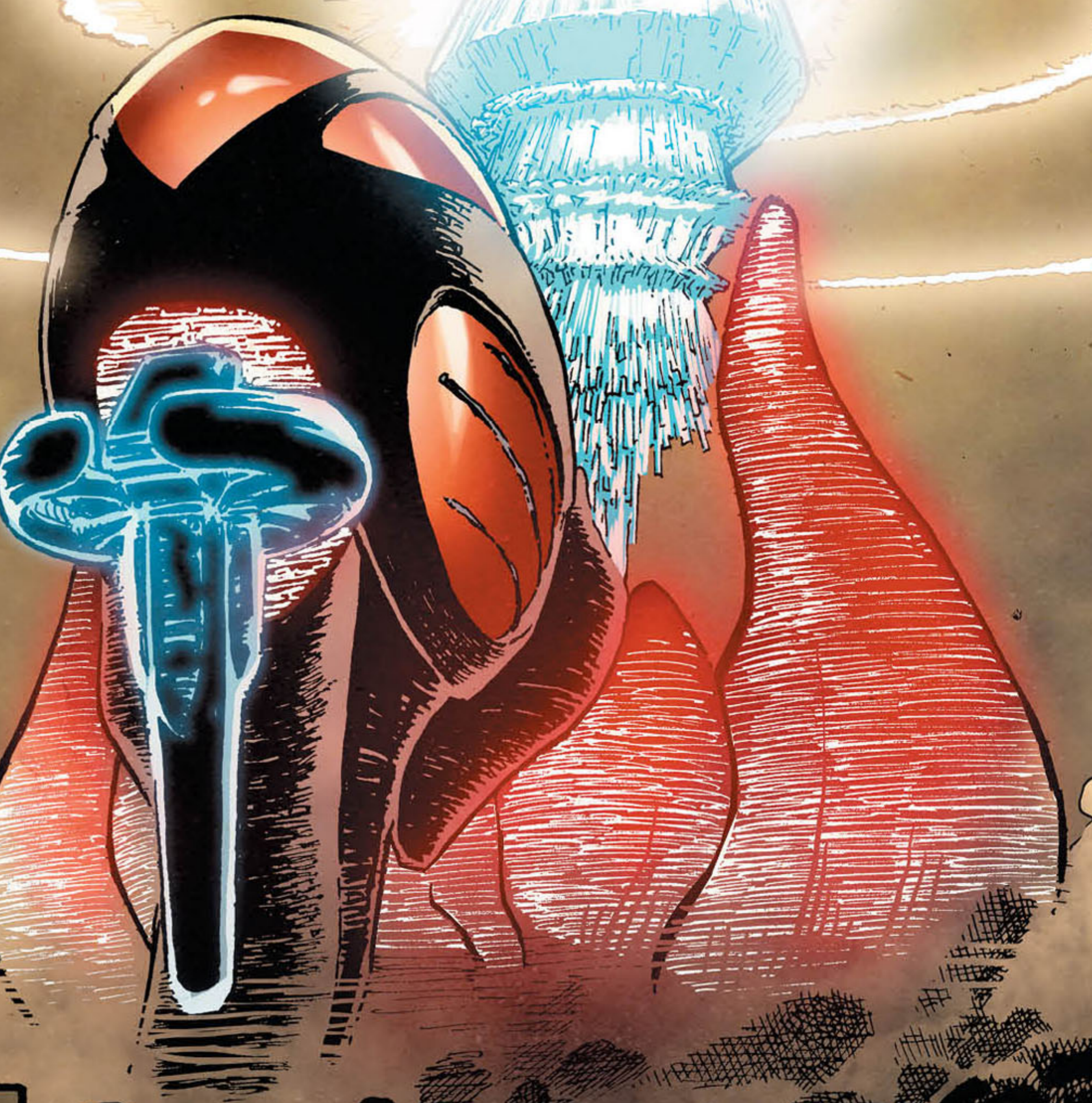
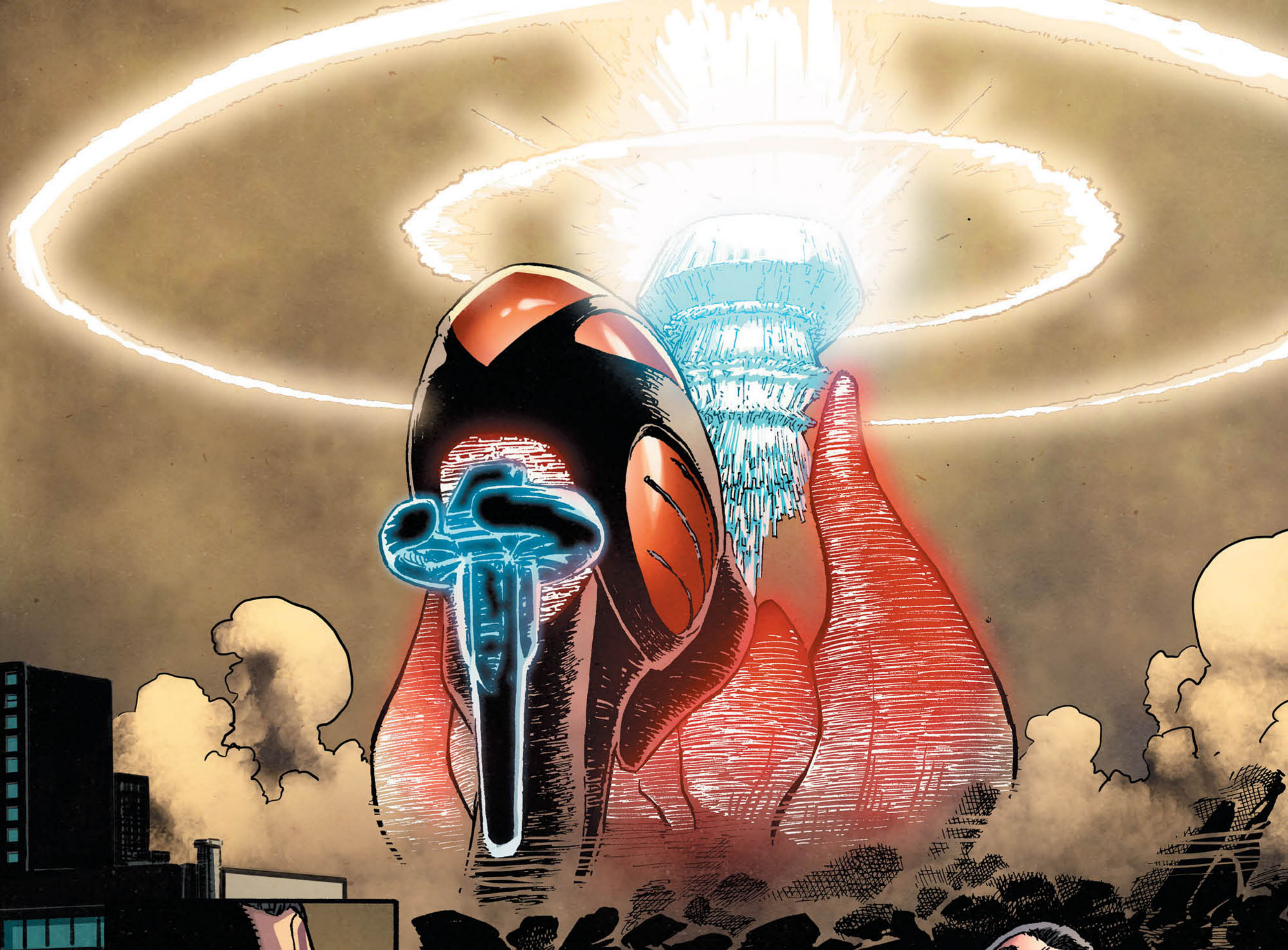
...MONSTERS...

...AND INSTEAD JUST BECAME JANITORS...

...SWEEPING UP A LITTLE DIRT WHILE THE WHOLE BUILDING COLLAPSED.

OF COURSE, SOME OF YOU TRIED A LITTLE HARDER THAN OTHERS.

GRRRAAH!



...TO RAISE UP MY CHILDREN TO WEAR THE CROWNS YOU NEVER DARED CLAIM!

BUT IT'S TOO LATE FOR YOU, NOW.

YOUR POWER IS SO MUCH LESS THAN SUPERMAN'S.

BUT IT'LL PROVIDE THE FINAL SURGE I NEED...

VANDAL THINKS HE'S ALREADY WON...