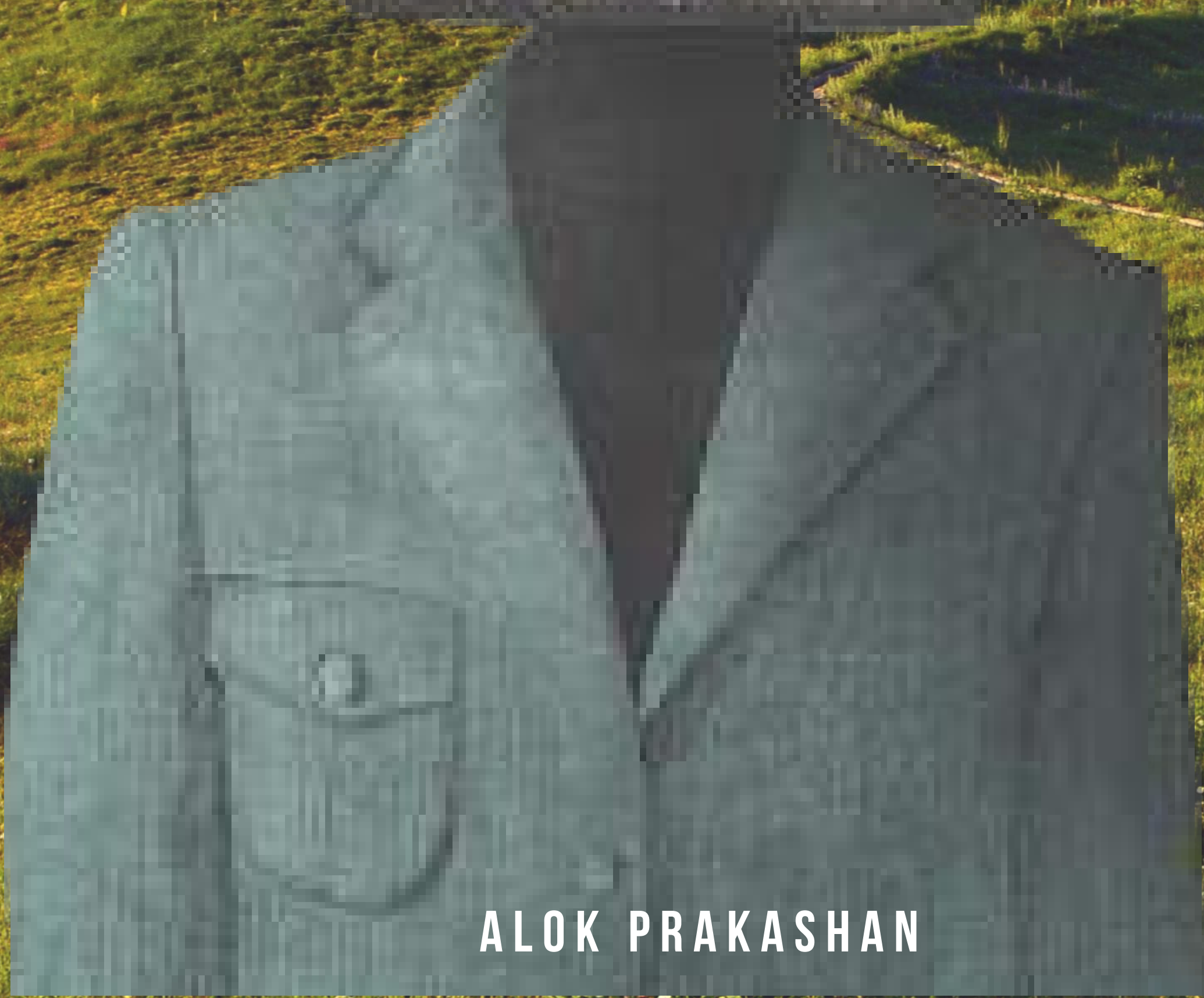


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**We conquered all the mountains
And scaled the highest peaks;**



**We spanned the longest rivers
And sailed across the seas;**



**Our minds and brains are finer
And the Earth feeds all our needs;**

We are human and superior
The others must wait to be...



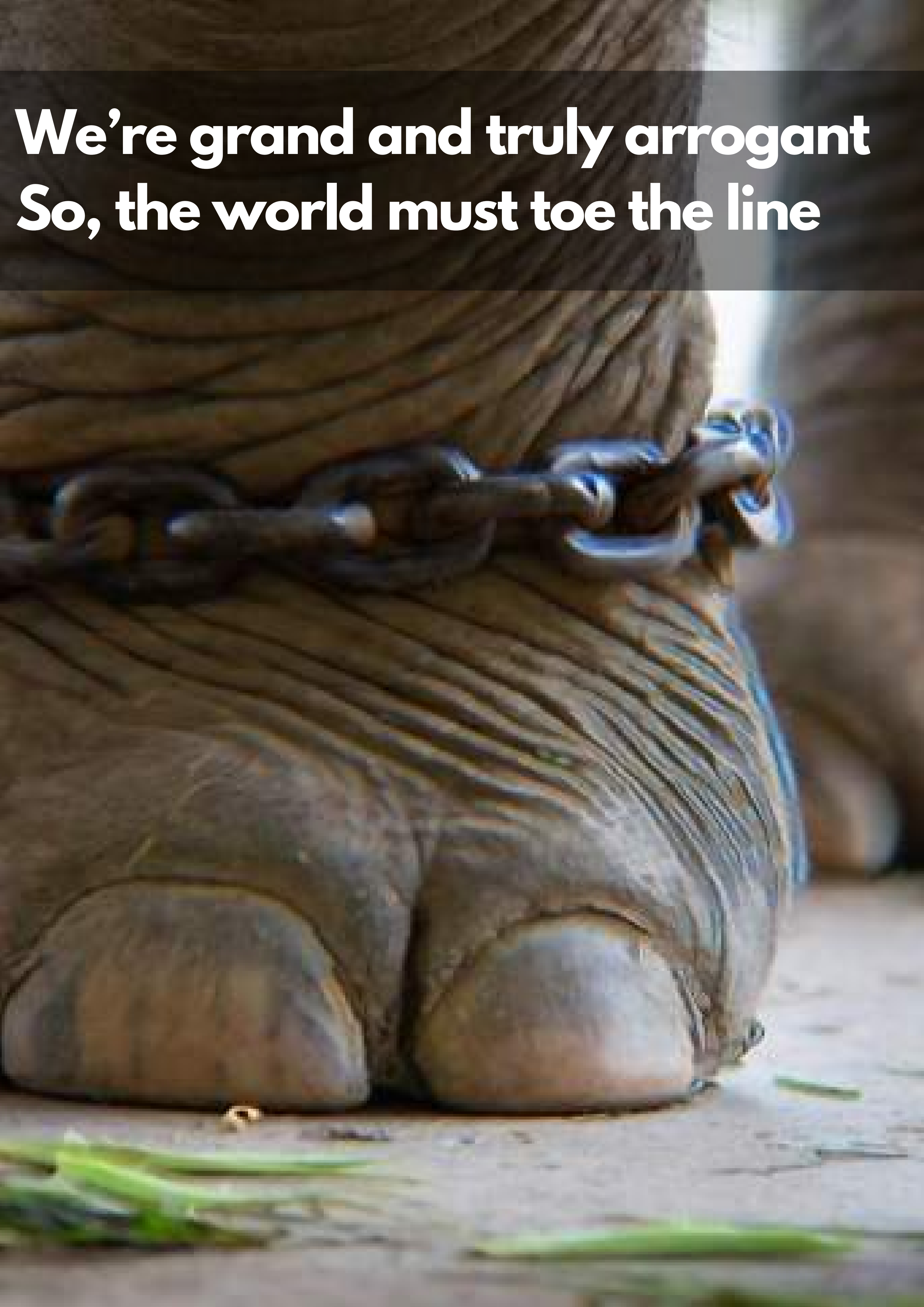
**We flew across the sky in space
And crossed the borders of time;**



**We re-constructed human lives
And wrecked what was sublime;**



**We're grand and truly arrogant
So, the world must toe the line**



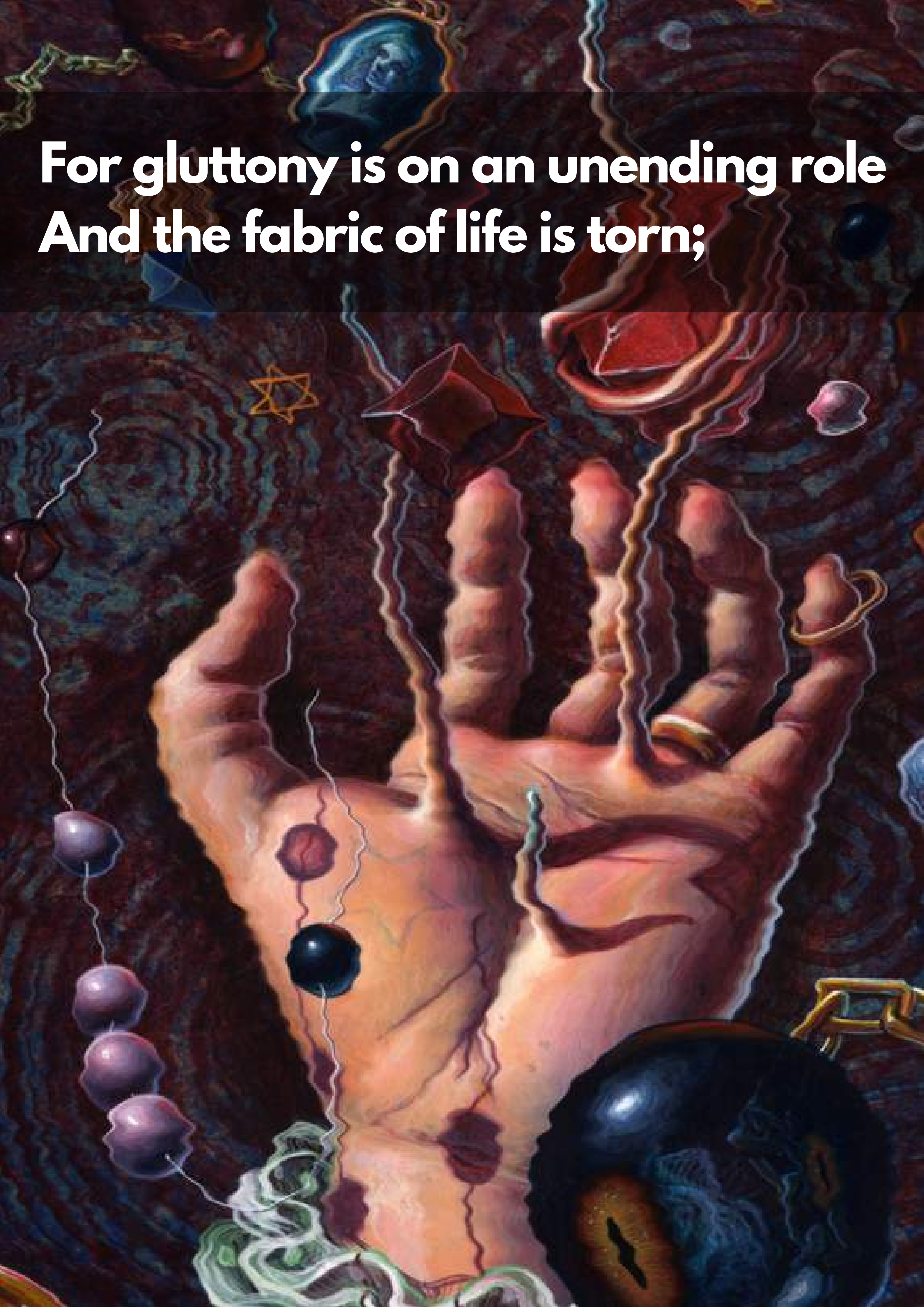


**For we're lofty and of solemn import
Hence, nature must serve mankind...**

Ideas - all born out of ignorance
Notions- self-centered and worn;



**For gluttony is on an unending role
And the fabric of life is torn;**

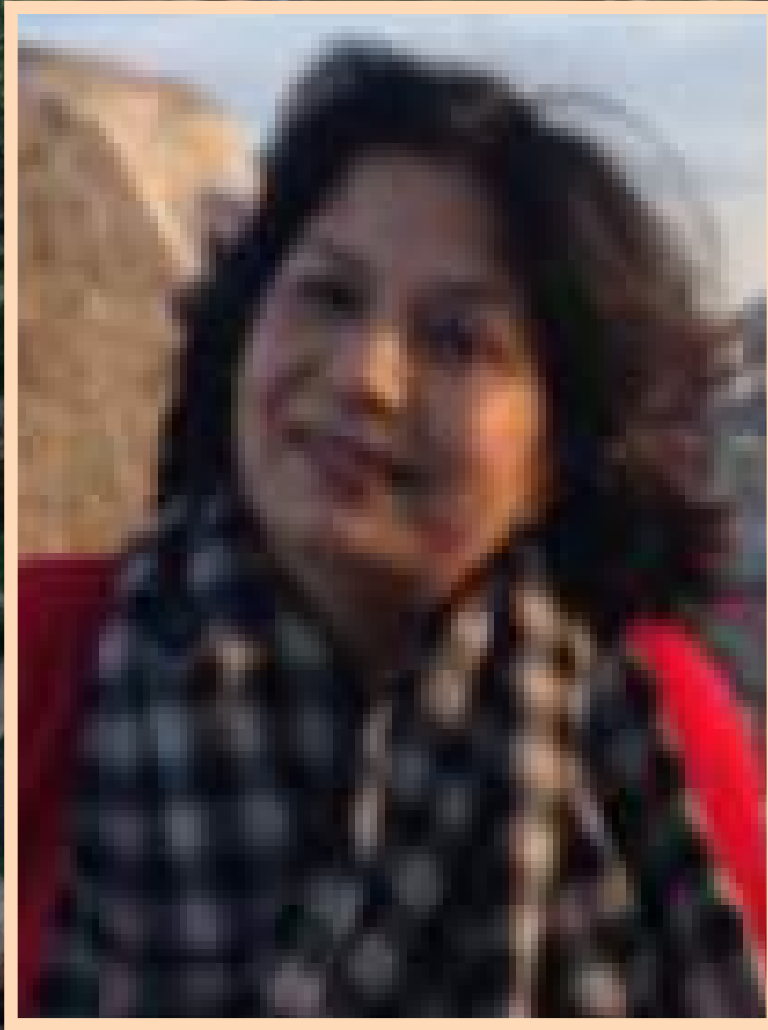


**When the balance in nature is tilted
The earth asserts itself on its own;**



The image is a close-up, low-angle shot of the Iron Throne from the television series Game of Thrones. The throne is constructed from a dense, chaotic arrangement of sword blades and spearheads, all pointing upwards and outwards. The metal is dark, weathered, and shows signs of rust and wear. The background is a dark, textured wall, possibly stone or concrete, with some light reflecting off the surfaces. The overall mood is somber and menacing.

**An unknown innocuous invisible form
Cages mankind and usurps the throne...**



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