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***Better Living  
through  
Science Fiction  
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***What is this talk?***

***We're gonna hijack memes from  
Science Fiction and use them to  
hack your wetware.***

***For good. I promise.***

# ***Referenced Materials***

- ***Star Trek: TOS and TNG***
- ***Star Wars***
- ***The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series***
- ***Dune***
- ***Aliens***
- ***The Dark Tower series by Stephen King***
- ***The Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula K. LeGuin***
- ***The Mars Trilogy by Kim Stanley Robinson***
- ***Lord of Light by Roger Zelazny***
- ***...and more!***

# *Themes*

- *Useful Maxims: 3 handy Laws (not from Asimov)*
- *Acceptance: accept, adapt, thrive*
- *Know yourself*
- *Other Minds, the issue of*



# ***Unusable Memes***



# 42

*–Douglas Adams*



***“Revenge is a dish  
best served cold.”***

***–Ancient Klingon Proverb***

The background of the image is an aerial photograph of a city street grid, showing a dense pattern of rectangular blocks. Overlaid on this grid is a large-scale checkerboard pattern of black and white squares. The text 'Useful Maxims' is centered horizontally across the middle of the image, written in a white, bold, italicized serif font.

# ***Useful Maxims***



***The 3 Laws***

***Heinlein's Razor***

***Clarke's Third Law***

***Wheaton's Law***

# ***Heinlein's Razor***

***"Never attribute to malice that  
which can be adequately  
explained by stupidity, but  
don't rule out malice."***

# ***Clarke's Third Law***

***"Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."***

# ***Wheaton's Law***

***“Don't be a dick.”***



***Acceptance***



***“Resistance is futile.”***

***—the Borg***

An aerial photograph of a city with a dense, colorful grid of buildings. The colors are muted and earthy, with various shades of brown, tan, and grey. A large, solid black rectangular area covers the right side of the image, partially obscuring the city grid. The text is overlaid on the black area.

***“The world has moved on.”***

***—Midworld saying***



***“The Spice must flow!”***

***—Pretty much everyone in Dune***



***“Shikatta ga nai.”***

***–Issei Martians, KSR’s Mars Trilogy***



***Know Yourself***



***“Light is the left hand of darkness  
and darkness the right hand of light.”***

***—Gethen Proverb***

***"His followers called him Mahasamamatman and said he was a god. He preferred to drop the Maha- and the -atman, however, and called himself Sam. He never claimed to be a god. But then, he never claimed not to be a god. Circumstances being what they were, neither admission could be of any benefit."***

***—Opening paragraph, Lord of Light by Roger Zelazny***

# ***Litany Against Fear***

***I must not fear.***

***Fear is the mind-killer.***

***Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration.***

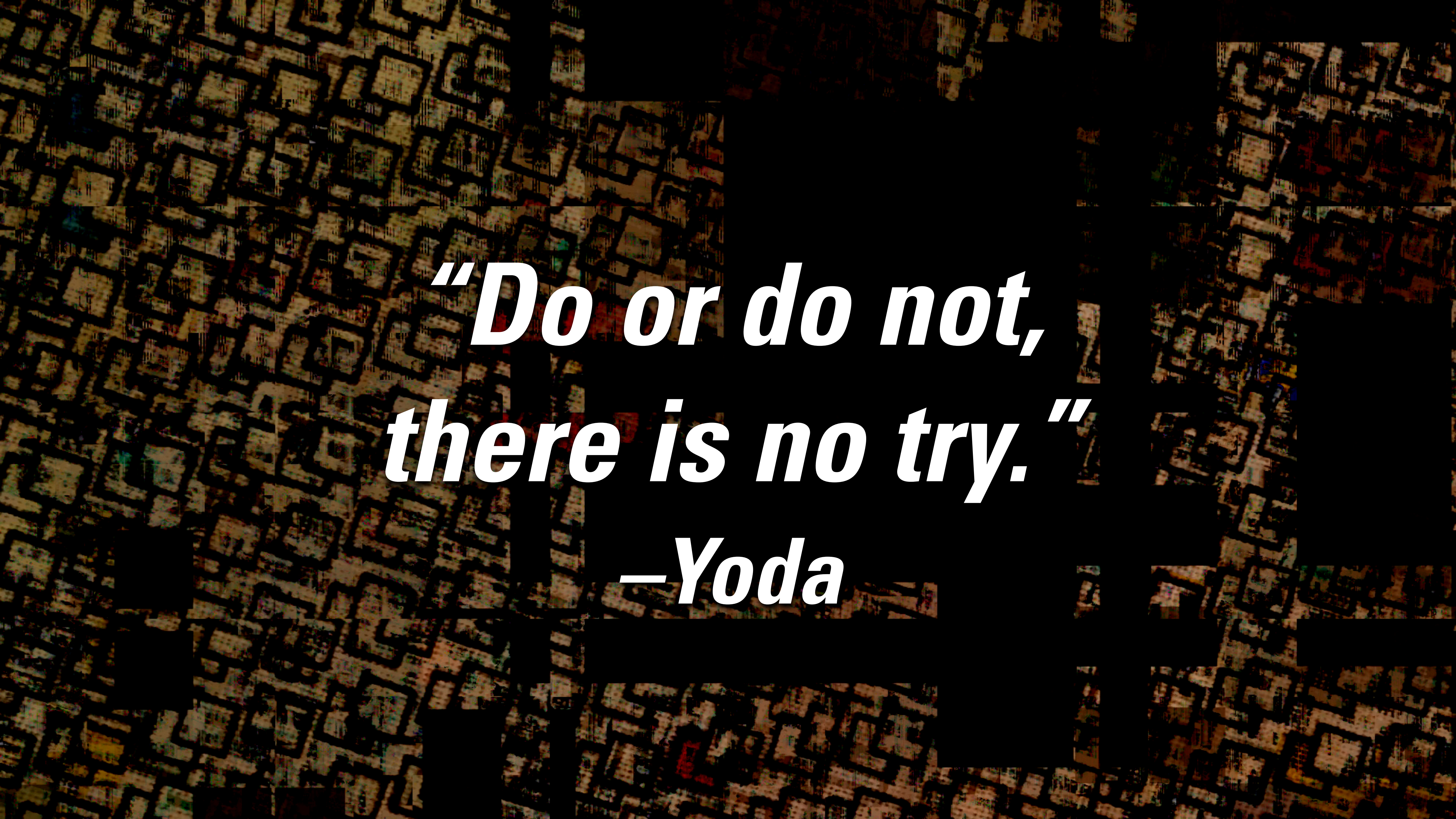
***I will face my fear.***

***I will permit it to pass over me and through me.***

***And when it has gone past I will turn  
the inner eye to see its path.***

***Where the fear has gone there will be nothing...  
only I will remain***

***—Frank Herbert, Dune***



***“Do or do not,  
there is no try.”***

***—Yoda***



***“Just a whisper. I hear it  
in my ghost.”***

***–Maj. Kusanagi Motoko***

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***“You keep what you kill.”***

***–Necromonger philosophy***



# ***Other Minds***



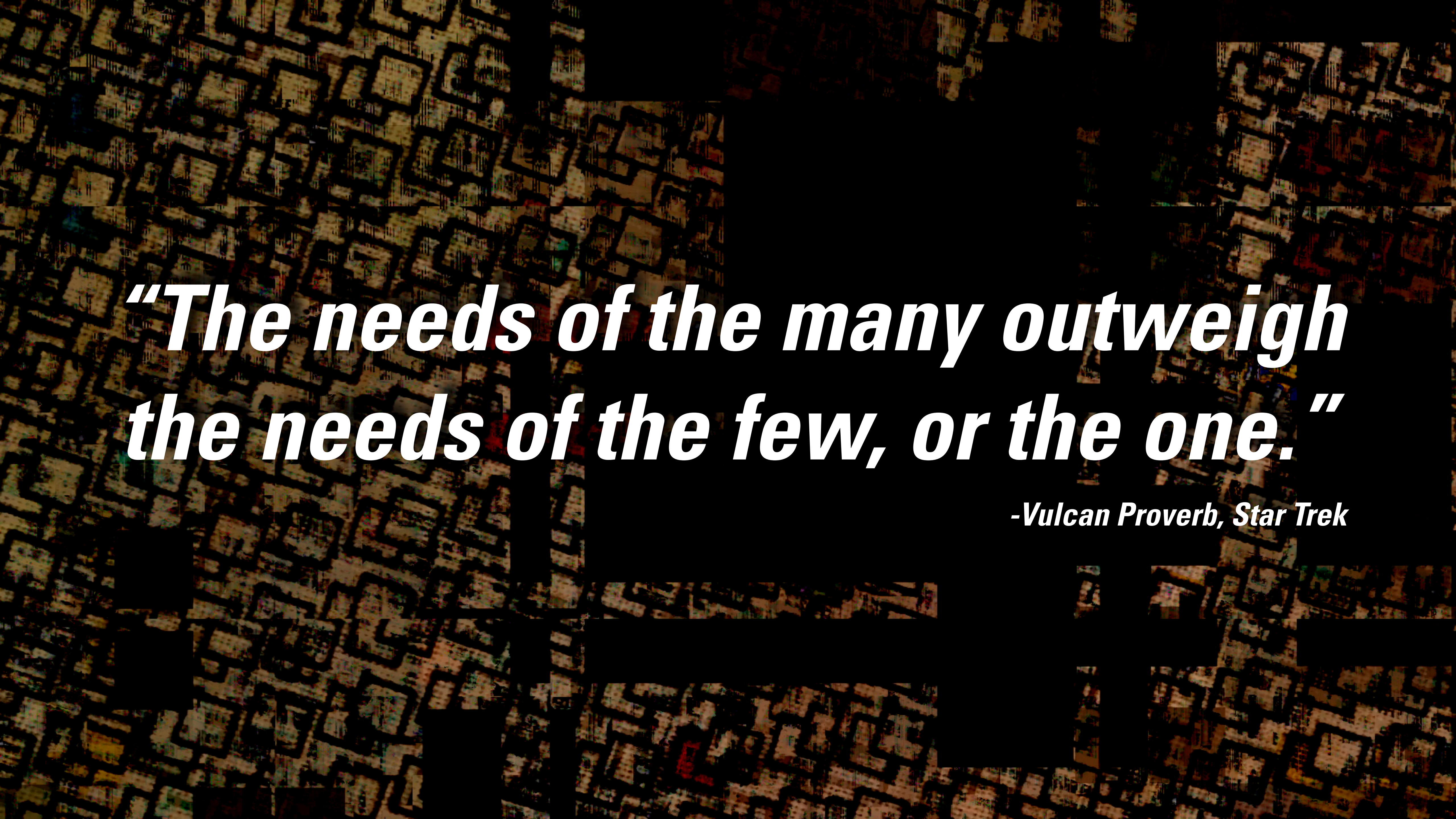
***Don't Panic.***

***-HHGG, Douglas Adams***



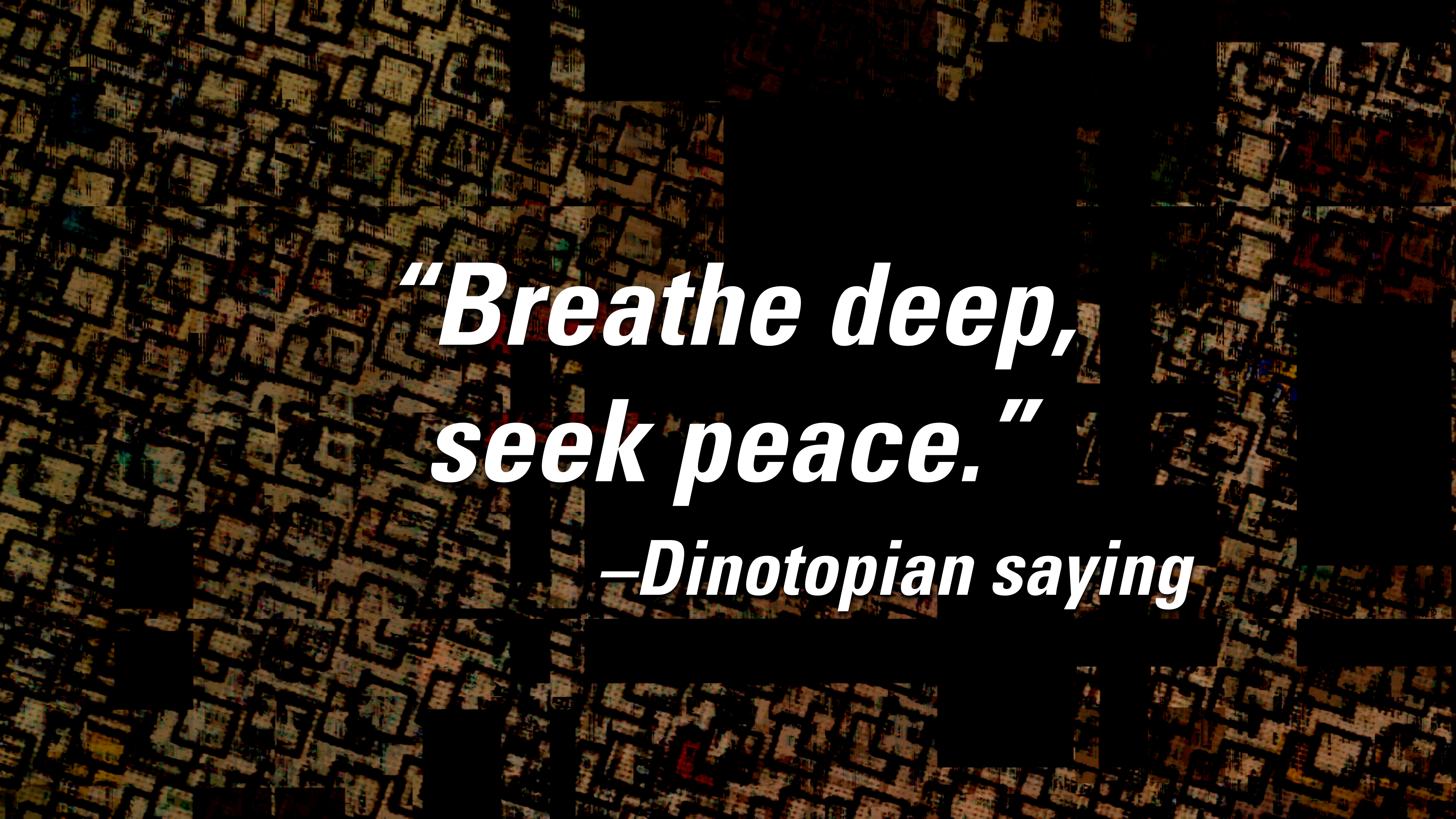
***“All things serve the Beam.”***

***-Midworld saying,  
The Dark Tower series, Stephen King***



***“The needs of the many outweigh  
the needs of the few, or the one.”***

***-Vulcan Proverb, Star Trek***



***“Breathe deep,  
seek peace.”***

***–Dinotopian saying***



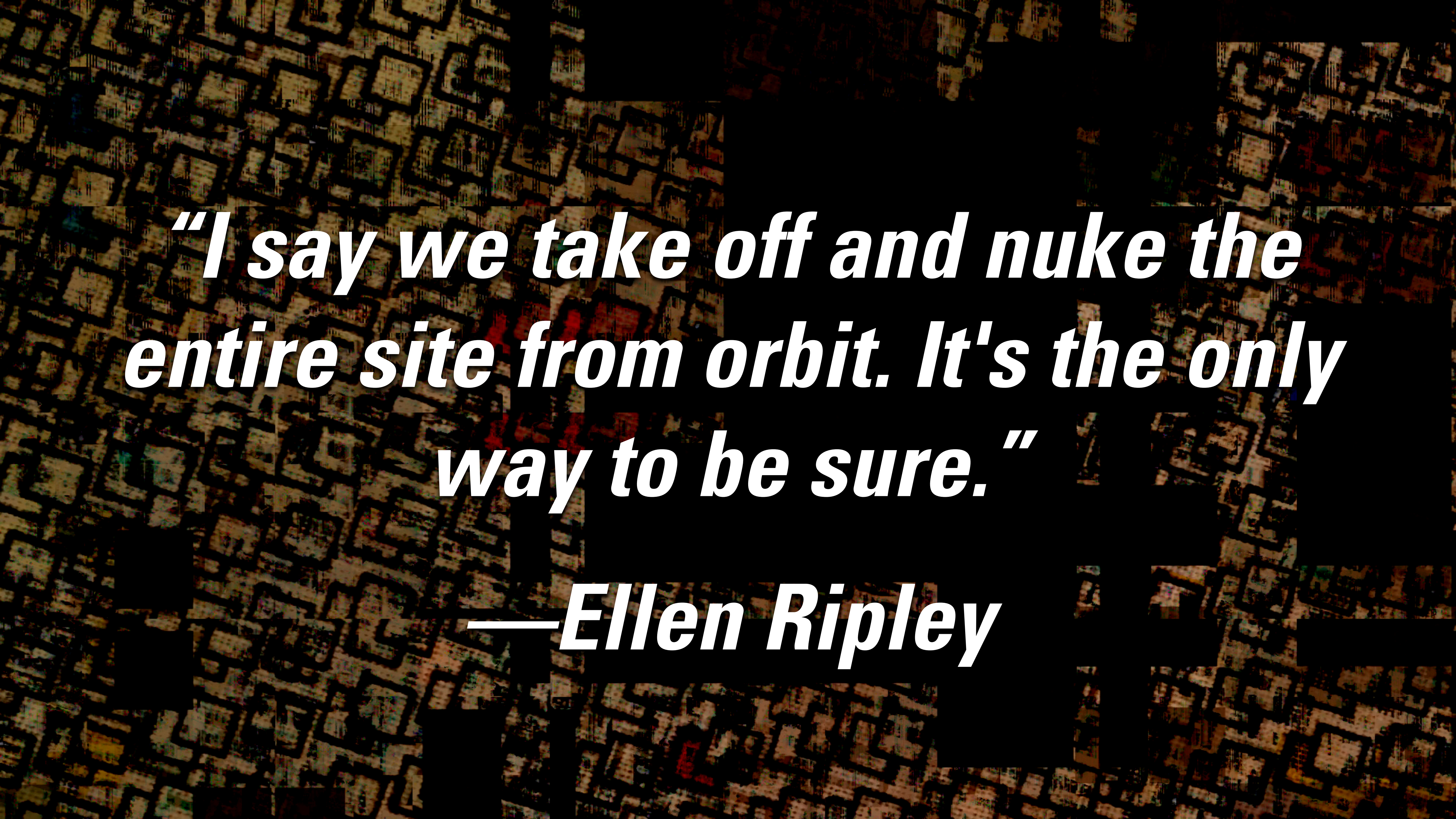
# ***The Belonging Kind***

***William Gibson and John Shirley***

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# ***The Somebody Else's Problem Field***

***—from Life, The Universe, and Everything, Douglas Adams***

An aerial photograph of a city grid, likely New York City, showing a dense pattern of streets and buildings. A large black rectangular area is superimposed over the center of the image, serving as a background for the text.

***“I say we take off and nuke the  
entire site from orbit. It's the only  
way to be sure.”***

***—Ellen Ripley***

# ***Darmok***

***"Darmok and Jalad... at Tanagra."***

***"Shaka, when the walls fell."***

***"Temba, his arms wide!"***

***"Sokath, his eyes uncovered!"***



***“Live Long and Prosper.”***

***–Spock***



***Qapla'!***