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One of the most successful East German music groups, Die Prinzen, released a new album to mark their 30th anniversary in March 2021. The title song has the following lyrics:

Crown of creation

We came down from the trees and went up to the stars
From a stone-age cave to an energy-saving house
And evolution took its course
Today we are the king, but far from being satisfied
We have spread ourselves all over the planet
And whatever gets in our way gets flattened

The whole forest is singing in chorus:
“What on earth is the matter with you?”

We are the crown of creation
Well, that's alright then
After us the deluge, after us the deluge
Be on your guard
We are the crown of creation
What a shame
For the animals I mean, the poor bastards
No really, what a shame

We invented nuclear power and the TV schedule
Automatic coffee makers, chicken barbecues
It's cool to be king, the things you can do
We can travel at supersonic speed, wait in rush-hour traffic
Prove black holes and not understand the world
We are the crème de la crème in every field

The whole ocean is screaming:
“Hey, who do you think you are?”

We are the crown of creation ...

Sometimes I ask myself, “Aren't we ourselves the problem?”
Like a flaw in the matrix and the system
We rule while the planet is on fire

We are the crown of creation ...

(Die Prinzen 2021, CD Krone der Schöpfung, Songwriters: Alexander Zieme/ Henri Schmidt/ Jens Sembdner/ Mathias Dietrich/ Sebastian Krumbiegel/ Tobias Kuenzel/ Tobias Roeger/ Wolfgang Lenk, Lyrics by Krone der Schöpfung © Kobalt Music Publishing Ltd.—official music video on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9Ru>

