

5.2 TIME'S WHEEL

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The text on the tree is replaced with a large bullet hole. You thank the Time Gods that your head apparently wasn't in front of the tree when the gun went off. You look at the sky. *Gaping cracks leading to the abyss of nothingness, clouds on fire, sickly yellow sky, general sense of disorder and impending doom. Yep. It must be Friday.* On the upside, Tsubu seems to still be open. You head to the bar and order a beer. You sit in the beer garden and think about what you have seen so far. Suddenly, Doctor Who appears from behind the tree.

"You're the one I was just talking to, right?" he asks.

You shake your head sadly.

"No," you say, "that one of me is outside the carpark earlier today I think. You've overshot."

"Ah, good," says Doctor Who. Then he pauses.

"Have you been to the library yet?"

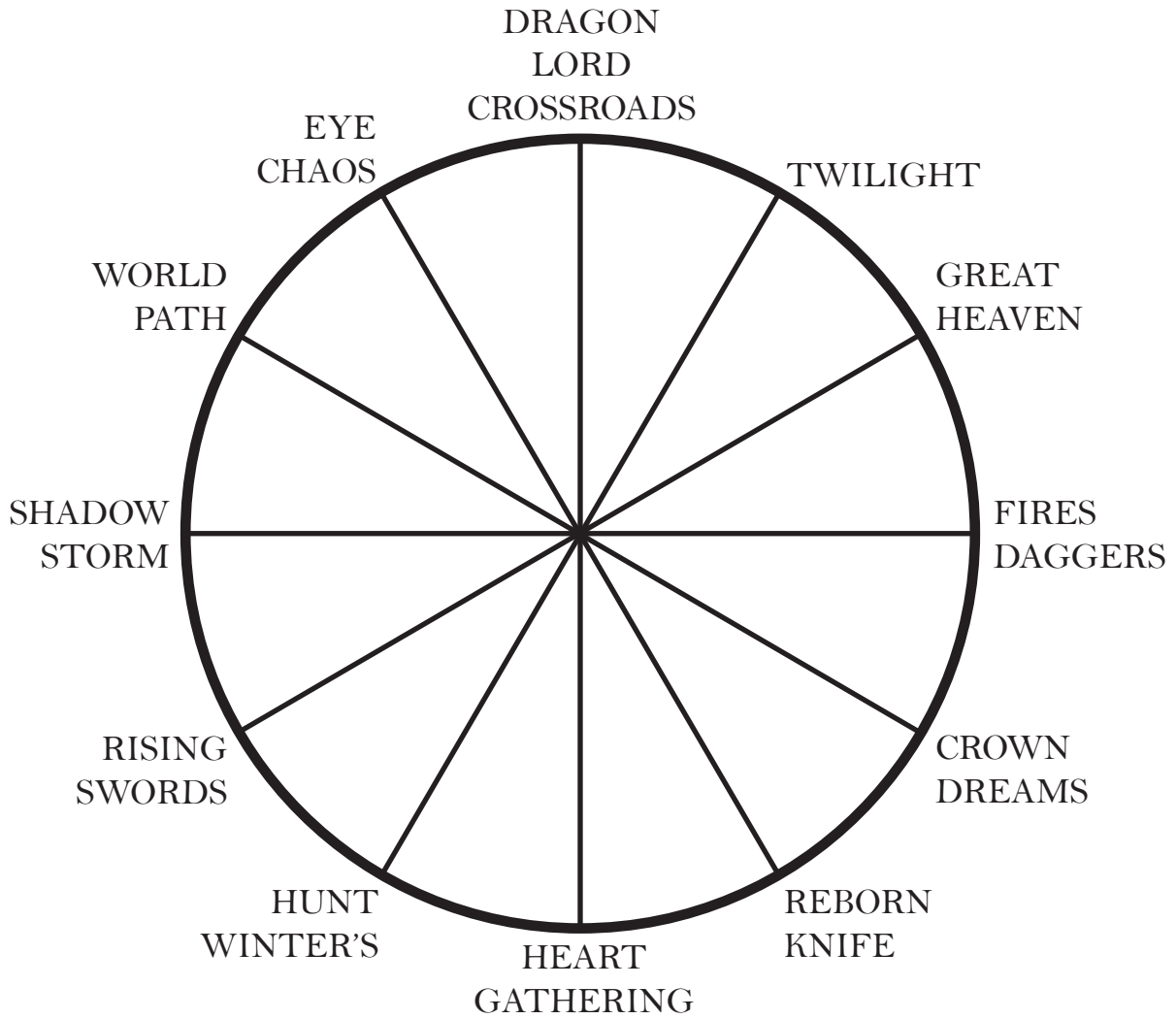
You shake your head.

"Ah, well," says Doctor Who, "that's where you should head next. Anyway, see you soon!"

Doctor Who disappears again and you lay your head in your hands. You sit The Device on the table and examine it. It's a bit scuffed up, but you can't see any reasons why it might be breaking time all of a sudden. You shake your head and take another deep swig of your beer. Someone has scratched words onto the table, words in the shape of a circle. You decide to finish your beer and inspect the words. You read quickly. The machine has started to shake and you know that it's only a matter of time before you

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