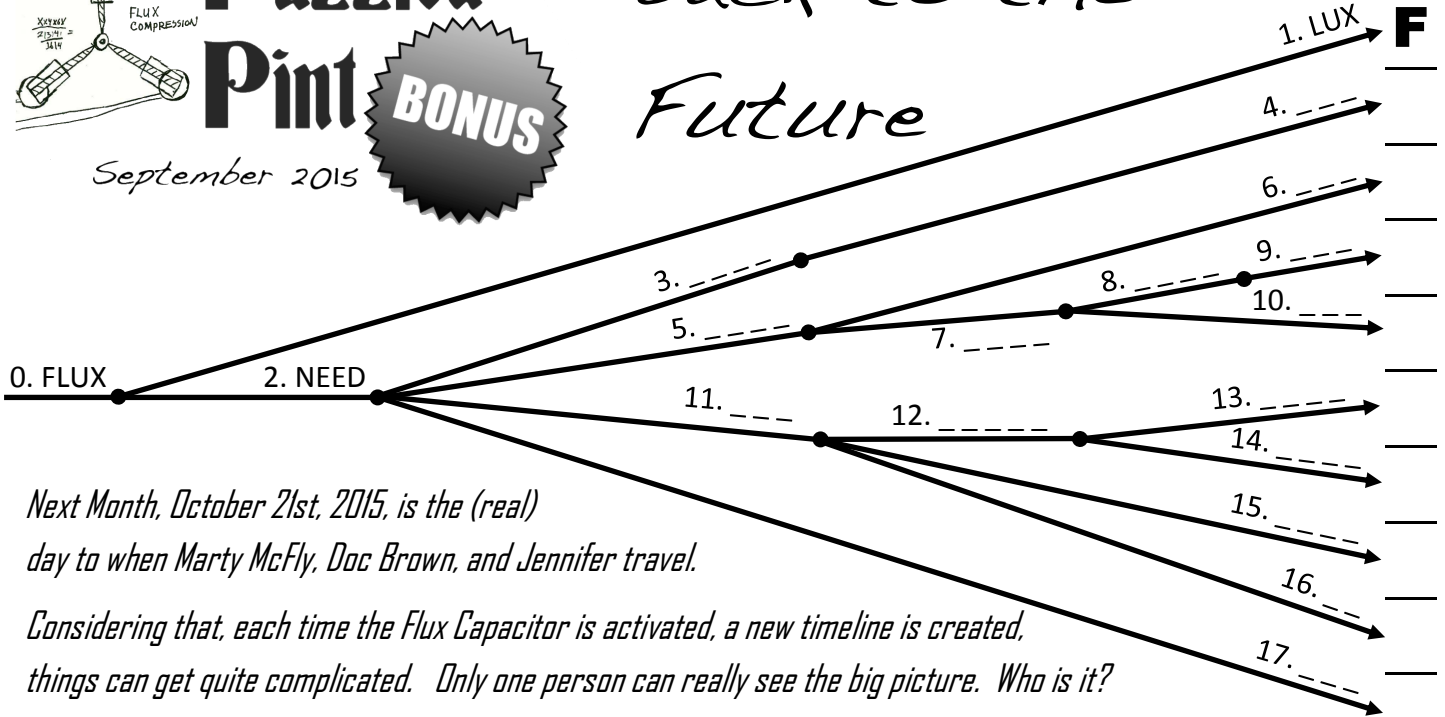




Back to the Future



Next Month, October 21st, 2015, is the (real) day to when Marty McFly, Doc Brown, and Jennifer travel.

Considering that, each time the Flux Capacitor is activated, a new timeline is created, things can get quite complicated. Only one person can really see the big picture. Who is it?

Each branch above represents an English word. In the story below, you can find clues to these words in underlined words and phrases. Working forwards and backwards, write all the clued words into the timeline above. For words on terminal branches, find the one letter difference between it and the previous branch to know which letter to write into the answer blanks on the right. For example, in the story the FLUX capacitor is "what makes time travel possible (0)" and "bright (1)" clues to LUX, so an F is written to the right. Additionally, you'll find, in the text, clues to words that combine the letters of two branches. For example, "limp muscles (0+2)", clues to UNFLEXED, which is an exact anagrammed combination of the letters of NEED, from "desire (2)", and FLUX.

- (0+2) = UNFLEXED (2+3) = _____ (11+12) = _____ (2+11) = _____
 (5+7) = _____ (7+8) = _____ (2+5) = _____

It all started with what makes time travel possible (0). In the original timeline, Marty's future wasn't that bright (1), but then he traveled back to 1955. Once there, Doc and Marty had a strict time limit (2+3) to set the control (3) panel back to 1985. However, upon seeing that his father's limp muscles (0+2) were no match for that beast (12) Biff's bullying, he intervened. A bolt of lightning showed them the way (9) back to the future, where they now found Biff now working as the McFly family's housekeeper (15).

Marty and Jennifer's destiny was to get married (10), but Doc discovered things will go wrong when their son acted like a spoiled child (5) and got angry (11)! So it was now off to 2015 to fix things. They didn't desire (2) plutonium this time, thanks to Mr. Fusion; just add garbage and close the cap (4)! All was going well until the rhythm (11+12) of their old lives was upset by Biff again! He had changed (2+11) history by giving his younger self, a mere hick (14), an almanac carried (8) back from the future. It made Biff rich in an alternate timeline where their city had become a shelter (17) of thieves and gambling miscreants. Of course, they again set things right, but then an accident sent Doc way back to 1885!

A quick tune up to the DeLorean's 6 cylinder (13) engine allowed Marty the 88 MPH he needed to get back to the past, where all the action seemed to happen at the saloon (6). He found Doc who had made a nice home for himself, including inventing the first liquid mattress (5+7), complete with hemp (7) blanket. To get home, Doc persuaded (7+8) the conductor into letting him borrow a locomotive, and they all got back to the future!

I hope we see a promo (16) for a reboot movie, don't you? I really miss how Doc and Marty spoke so jovially (2+5)!