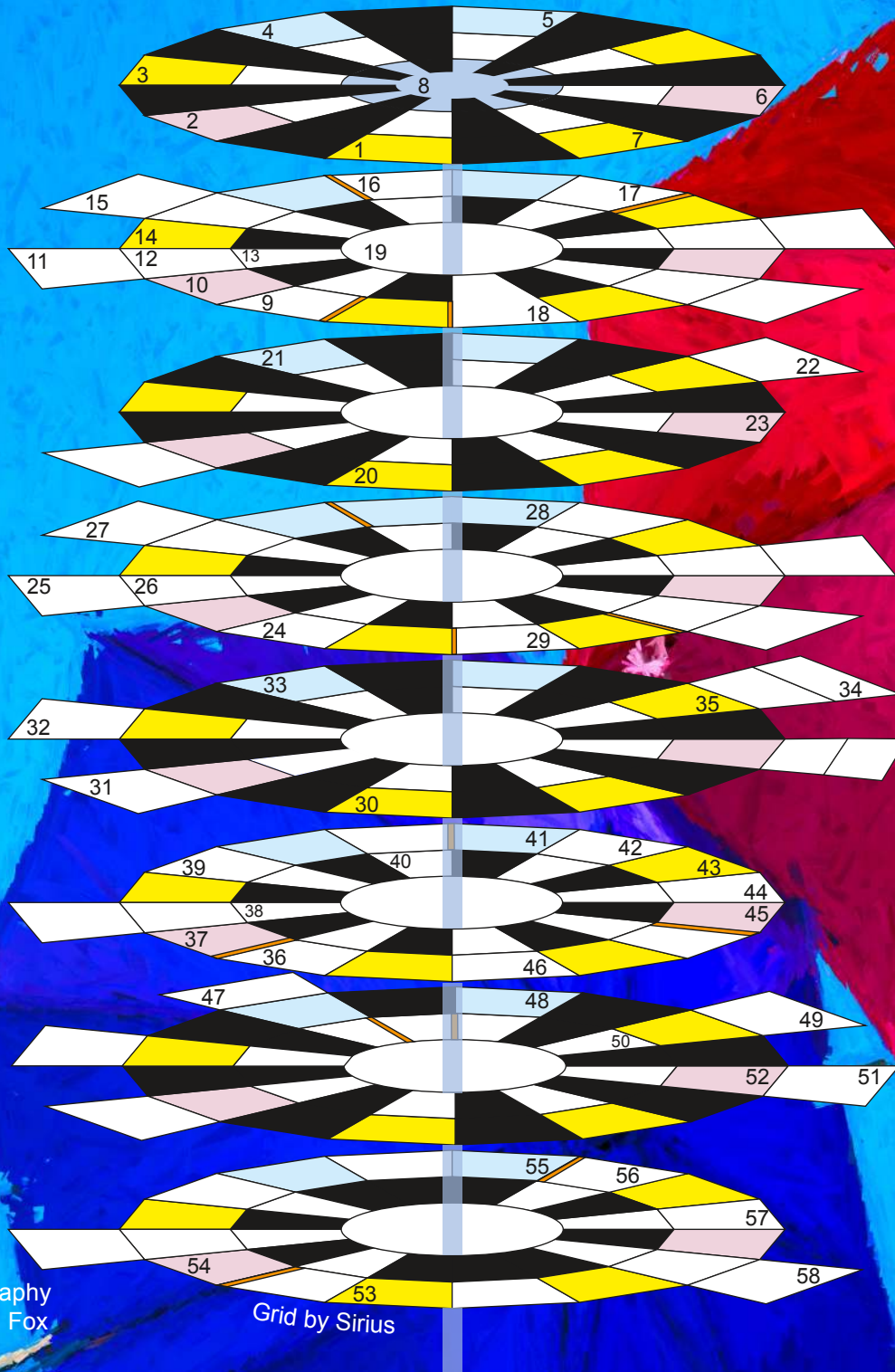


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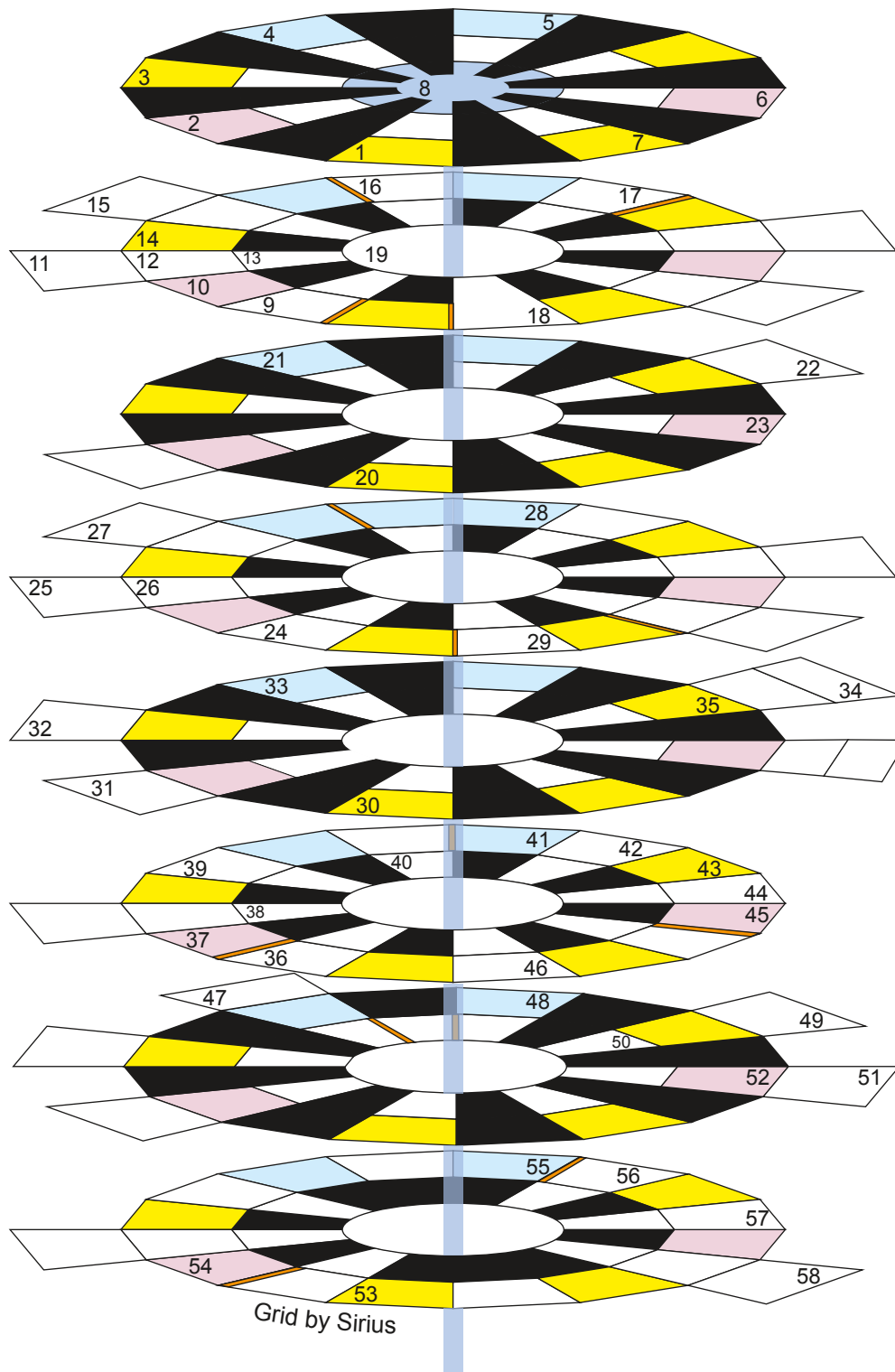
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<b>5</b> 4d  Cover short distance in shade (8)	<b>6</b> 6di  Two silent killers meet with a cuddle. That might help one sleep — 15 and 36 say so (5)	<b>7</b> 6d-3  Civil service commission in riot: gases forwards and backwards with central agreement (3)	<b>8</b> 8d  Sirius shafted for unusually long spell? (8)	<b>9</b> 10,9,7d-7  Writer of Oz almost cross after breaking ends off pencil (1,1,7)	<b>10</b> 11di  LA art babe teethes painfully? (7)	<b>11</b> 12C  Setter's prior opponents made to reel (4)
<b>12</b> 14d  Pursue payment (4)	<b>13</b> 15di  37's angelic boy's claim — he could go ballistic (7)	<b>14</b> 16C,17di,9C-3  Youth (Jack perhaps) whoops about hot genteel female assistants (4-5)	<b>15</b> 18di  Eastender is irrational yet golden, mean and sinister (4)	<b>16</b> 18AC  Hey, this is prelude to magic moving — or step in time, fast! (6)	<b>17</b> 20di  Buttons files for divorce, as does 2d (5)	<b>18</b> 21di  Celtic godmother is in Gloucestershire paramilitaries at end of the line in Mozambique (5)
<b>19</b> 22di  Tory nit to get fresh in fitting/unfitting manoeuvre? (3,2,2)	<b>20</b> 23di  Friend of 36 what's spilt tea around home (5)	<b>21</b> 24di  If you say it loud enough gasp appreciatively at speed of it (5)	<b>22</b> 25di  I am in Pompeii before disastrous eruption with 2d for <i>Readers Digest</i> perhaps (7)	<b>23</b> 25,26C  Ragu stew drying out turning sour? Not at all poppet! (5)	<b>24</b> 26AC  Well informed about Post Office involvement in global communication centre (2,2)	<b>25</b> 27di  More overacting from Hancock on radio in contact with one pitched into French sea (7)
<b>26</b> 28di  Stand-up Topper for example (5)	<b>27</b> 29AC  Nice old car perhaps cut in half by log of a lifetime (2)	<b>28</b> 30di  Board gives spirited assents from Emmanuel and Ursula (5)	<b>29</b> 31di-4,34di-4  Top tips about small insertion in top to toe arrangement. Come on now! (4-4)	<b>30</b> 32di  Prescription collected by dim niece — it's atrocious! (8)	<b>31</b> 33di  Silk stocking found in French bed amongst letters, by, by gum! (5)	<b>32</b> 35up-3  Passage of play not very poetic ended (3)
<b>33</b> 36AC  Pathetic apology (5)	<b>34</b> 37C  I wish you liked nicoise olives from Italy's <i>Inverso</i> for entrées (2,4)	<b>35</b> 39di  Horny chap, mates with one looking after kids (5)	<b>36</b> 42C  Sweeper returns in treble side taking out right wingers (4)	<b>37</b> 42di  51di-4's irascible father forbids embracing Kelvin — by George! (5)	<b>38</b> 43d-2,43d  Epic editor needs to slim — regular chips out and perhaps refrain from MacDonalds (5)	<b>39</b> 44di  Escape with urn (3,3)

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<p>47 51di</p> <p>Plain girl, one with large, soft eyes, could be anyone (4,3)</p>	<p>48 53up</p> <p>Farmers bobbin' about for a <i>little nip</i>, a <i>sip</i> in small measure (8)</p>	<p>49 54C</p> <p>Ruler gummed with a piece of dried fruit (7)</p>	<p>50 56di</p> <p>The Caretaker perhaps disquieted, takes key to place by someone's door? (3,2)</p>	<p>51 56C</p> <p>Elves oil top of thistle in a most delightful way (9)</p>	<p>52 57di</p> <p><i>Y ouvre</i> — translated as 'blue star gazer' perhaps (6)</p>	<p>53 58di</p> <p>Sex toy wrong way round as Ingrid put to Sam (4,2)</p>
 <p>Day 29 31di-4,34di-4 (4-4) Drawing by Frank Paul</p>		<p>1 gallon X</p> 				

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