The Story Diamond
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(story title)

(character)

ACT 1

ACT 3

ACT 2A

ACT 2B

3X

II

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IX

2X

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THEME:

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Theme Shorthand....

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MORAL PREMISE STATEMENT (MPS):

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leads to
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but...
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leads to
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Beat
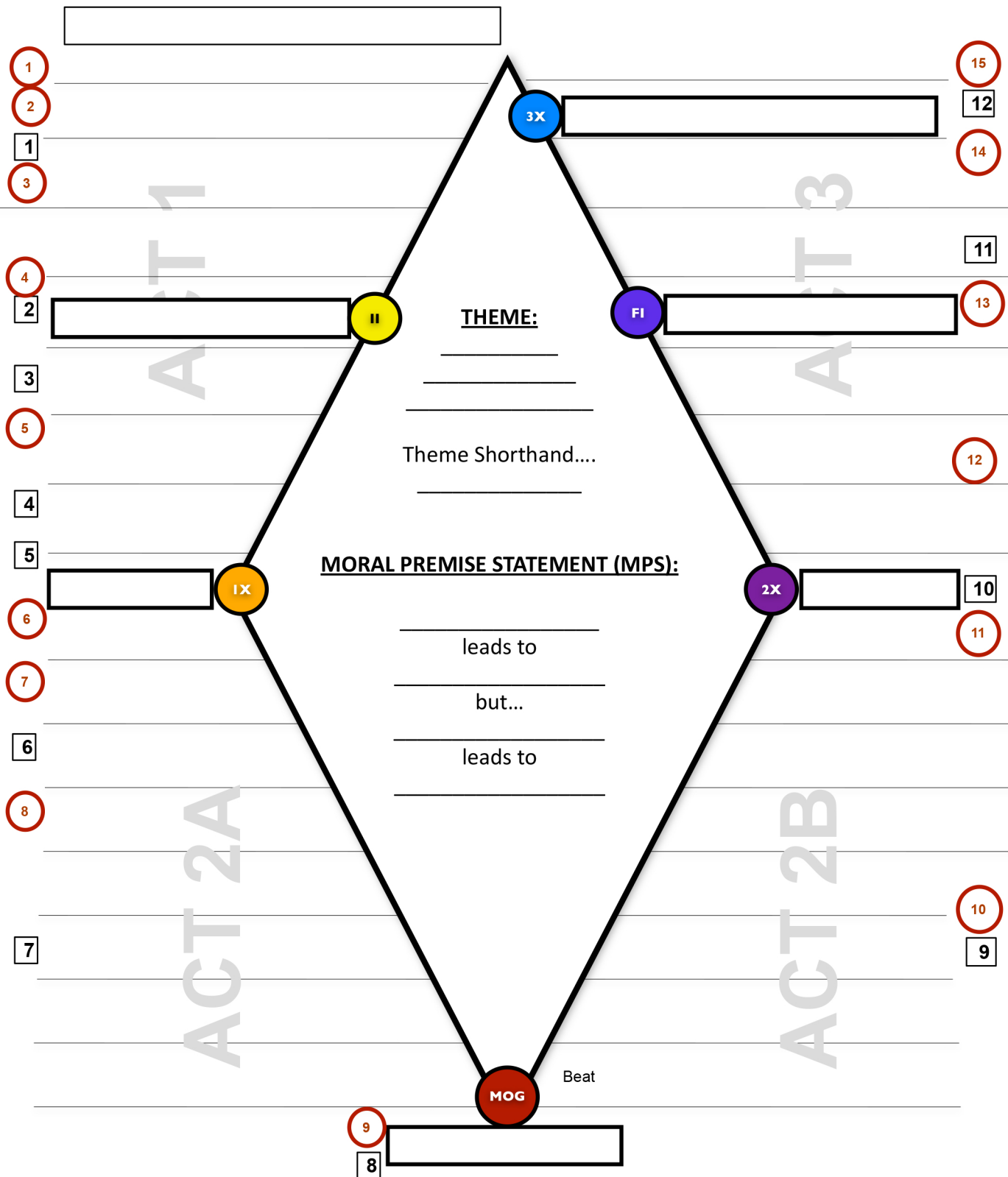
INSTRUCTIONS: Are you a plotter or a pantser? Regardless, use this BLANK Story Diamond template in conjunction with the *Story Diamond Notes* PDF to break your story's major turning points. This will help ensure your protagonist's main plot has a clear physical goal, reversals, and turning points. Complete a story diamond for each major character and subplot. Then weave the plots together with cards on a wall, one card per charcter, per beat. Also, ensure that only one moral premise is at the heart of all your main character's arcs. But do not become too focused on structure and try to force fit the structure on your story, else you'll turn up with a staid, mechancial, and predicdtable script.