The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(noun) is a dark forest. Every civilization is an \_\_\_\_\_\_(adj.) hunter stalking through the trees like a ghost, \_\_\_\_\_\_(adv.) pushing aside branches that block the path and trying to tread without sound. Even breathing is \_\_\_\_\_(v) with care. The hunter has to be careful, because everywhere in the forest are stealthy hunters like him. If he finds other life—another hunter, an angel or a \_\_\_\_\_\_(noun), a delicate infant or a tottering old man, a fairy or a demigod—there’s only one thing he can do: open fire and eliminate them. In this forest, hell is other people. An eternal threat that any life that exposes its own existence will be swiftly wiped out. This is the picture of cosmic civilization. It’s the explanation for the Fermi \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(noun).

1. Universe
2. Armed
3. Gently
4. Done
5. Demon
6. Paradox