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The setting of  
**The Time  
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is that magnificently forbidding area of Canada that borders Hudson Strait, where thrusting industrial exploration, rough and raw, meets the technical virtuosity of the DEW line—and where the towering blue ice of Baffinland, carved into fantastic shapes by the winds and weather of centuries, hints at primordial secrets.

THE TIME BEFORE THIS  
concerns one such  
secret—the remains of an ancient,

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