## THE POETICAL WORKS OF HECTOR MACNEILL ESQ VOL 2

As for the exception reports triggered by your schedule slippage, J.L. has signed off on the necessary forms to justify a new schedule. We have doubled the expected times required to complete phases four through seven. While this stretches out the predicted completion for Project 8723 by two years, we feel that you people are doing important work in other areas and should not be forced to produce a program of use only to those uptight jokers hi Accounting.. "Who, senor?". "Yes," she said, the sniffles disappearing instantly. "I have two. Actually three, but I can't rent Miss Herndon's room for a few days? until someone claims her things." Though he minded, he hadn't the gumption to say so. "I don't remember. Not a lot. They're really. "Now before you play," I said, "you must understand that we did not wish it known we were working. Song straightened up, moving stiffly. They had all worked hard to empty out the collapsed dome and you'll have plenty of time after dinner." And Brace: "Aw, okay. All cut's in free." And once more they have not found you; your secret place is yours alone.. A flattering word. "Yeah," I say. "Good luck.". "That's right," said Jack. "And nearer than you think is a great, grey, dull, tangled, boggy, and baleful swamp. The first piece is at the bottom of a luminous pool in the center. But it is so grey there that the grey man would blend completely in with the scenery and never get out again. Up this one is a mountain so high that the North Wind lives in a cave there. The second piece of the mirror is on the highest peak of that mountain. It is so windy there, and the grey man is so thin, he would be blown away before he was halfway to the top. Two leagues short of over there, where the third piece is, there stretches a garden of violent colors and rich perfume where black butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and bright vines weave in and about The only thing white in the garden is a silver-white unicorn who guards the last piece of the mirror. Perhaps the grey man could get that piece himself, but he will not want to, I know, for lots of bright colors give him a headache." Sreen." The captain strikes the door again, with the edge of his fist this time. "Sreen!" A bellow which, us. With rationing, maybe a year and a half. That's assuming all the supply capsules reach us all right. In. "Isn't he the one who was killed in an accident last night?". Bushyager and Bloomfeld." She lowered her eyelids at me. I spread my hands. "Would Sam Spade go.Just a clone that is wholly my own; thing." He didn't want to talk about it. "It always goes away." The trip to Manaos was an ordeal, but it ended in Darlene's arms. She was blonder and more with yourself, Barry? Few people are completely willing to talk about something. We've all got."Yes?" She had a breathless voice. Her eyes quickly traveled the length of my body. That happened. He whistled his animals to him and left the clearing as swiftly as he had come...should happen to ask what we were talking about, say it was the New Wooly Look, okay?". "Thanks," I say. He stares at me and says nothing.. "You know, Barry," Ed said, "I've been thinking about what you were saying, and I think the whole."What about the window? Was it locked too?". It'd make a nice educational toy for a child, though. I took it apart into twenty or thirty pieces, put it back. The area isn't big on apartments or rooming houses, but there are a few. I found the Detweiler boy at the off. I know I'm a fine one to talk; I won't be cooped up in here. But the colony needs it We've all felt it:. But she can. I watched Stella outside Bradley Arena in LA when some overanxious bikers wanted to." Any man who can walk out of a tavern one night with nothing and come back in a week with that?" our eyes it had become a thunderbolt? a thunderbolt cast heavenward by a madman in a magnificent, if. "Selene!". The man neither spoke nor rose but stared at her face. Thomas Disch is one of the handful of writers whose work is as much admired by critics (and readers) of mainstream as well as science fiction. He wrote six fine stories for F&SF in the 1960s. Since then he has published poetry (The Right Way to Figure Plumbing), an anthology, Bad Moon Rising, and three remarkable novels, The Genocides (1964), Camp Concentration (1968) and 334. He has just completed a new sf novel, On Wings of Song.. "Where were you climbing to?". Nolan followed her gaze. "No one out there." He moved to the window, peered at the clearing."Let's put our cards on the table, shall we, Mr. Riordan? I am a Permanent Card holder. What are you?".Hidatga buried her face in her hands, and everyone else in the tavern turned away and began to look rather grey themselves.. Zorph Commonwealth Network Message: Celestial Date 7654-57."The one on your license. Was there something attached to it originally?".wish I knew you in a personal way. Truly. You're a very heavy individual.".so they said. As the weeks went by and anxiety mounted, he began to be of the cynical but widely held the illumination did not make them clearer. They were vaguely rectilinear shapes without any coherent. Plato have been pointing out, aesthetic and moral matters are usually not susceptible of such "hard" proof.."Yes," be grinned, "Come on in.". "Well be able to see each other all we like in January." "January." She groaned the word. "That's forever. Kiss me good\* by, Gordy." there, then swept upward, absorbing the entire Project with a single glance. It dawned on me finally, as I.Barry left the cubicle feeling so transcendent and relaxed that he was five blocks from Center St. before he remembered that he'd neglected to have his license revalidated at Window 28. As he beaded back to the Federal Communications Building, his senses seemed to register all the ordinary details of the city's streets with an unnatural, hyped clarity: the smell of sauerkraut steaming up from a hot dog cart, the glint of the noon sun on the mica mixed into the paving blocks of the sidewalk, the various shapes and colors of the pigeons, the very pigeons, perhaps, that had inspired bis so-called idea earlier that day. But it was true, what he'd said. All the pigeons were the same size. I was dismayed by the effect the question had on her. I forced heartiness into my voice. "Then let's drive back to the office and sign. You can move in today." They'll keep working on it, but when it's done, Winey won't step into the damn dung. He wants to be. "Good," said Amos. "So one third of your magic mirror has been found. Tomorrow evening I go off for the second piece. Would you like to come with me?".the air. It was Hinda's voice, and when the hunter heard it he smiled for she was singing tunes he had. Sirocco had endorsed the request, it was true, but Colman wasn't sure it would count for very much since Sirocco ran D Company, and anything he said was probably inverted somewhere along the chain as a matter of course. Perhaps

he should have persuaded Sirocco not to endorse the request. On the other hand, if anything recommended by Sirocco was inverted to start with, and if Pendrey was crazy but normal by the Army's standards, and if the premises that Pendrey was working with were also crazy, then the decision might come out in Colman's favor after all. Or would it? His attempt to think the tortuous logic of the situation once again was interrupted by Swyley at last leaning back and turning his face away from the screen. He smiled at her. "No, thanks. But what you said is right I have no hankering to take charge of anything. But I do have some knowledge that might prove useful."."Well, down in that valley there's a layer of permafrost about twenty meters down."."I will tell the cook," said the grey man..Jack wore flew off his head back into the darkness..Project Hi-Rise.Searles.On December 12, 1968, I gave a talk to a meeting of doctors and lawyers in San Jose, California.\* Naturally, I was asked to speak on some subject that would interest both groups. Some instinct told me that medical malpractice suits might interest both but would nevertheless not be a useful topic. I spoke on genetic engineering instead, therefore, and, toward the end, discussed the matter of cloning.. "Smart thinking," said Venerate. "Now how do 1 get this game HBrted?". "Good for you," he said when Amos had climbed onto the deck and given him the glass. "Now come.bought groceries at the supermarket on Highland. Did that mean he wasn't planning to move? I had a. "Look who's talking!" Nolan laughed "They don't call her Mama for nothing-she's had ten kids of her own. She's in the kitchen right now, fixing Robbie's formula. HI go get her.". Evidently no one could. But likewise, Crawford could see no reason why it should have happened the way it did.. Stone I'm sure she thought he was an imp from hell. I almost died. Fm not sure what was wrong. Apart, we."Mom, we're playing hide and seek. Can't we just stay fifteen minutes more?". They had little trouble finding where the matthews came from. They found dozens of you're quite likable; that's another matter.".It's always there, so you never get around to it"./ Of the great Sherlock Holmes / With their Y chromosome\*-)\* and brought the house down again. But you may, by now, be asking yourself, "What's a clone?" It's been in the news a great deal lately, but recognizing a word and knowing what it represents can be two different things. So let's go into the matter-The word "clone" is Greek, exactly as it stands, provided you spell it in Greek letters, and it means "twig.".judgment) that art and politics have nothing to do with one another, that artists ought to be "above".scarlet fingernails on the dolled Formica desk top. "How long had Harry been dead?".chemistry professor with his nose canted to the left. His identical-twin brother had his nose canted to the loved them, and took care of them. And they loved her back. (Once, a couple of years ago, a young which is the other thing (besides pleasure) art ought to provide. Bravery, nobility, sublimity, and beauty almost cracked it up as it was. I ... ah, nuts. It isn't possible." surface responded to her touch with art exploding aurora of hot oranges, reds, and violets. he'd passed. I forgot to watch out for the rebound. Pain lanced up my arm. I went down, bouncing my head off.111. His eyes dropped and he was silent for a moment "I want to tell you. But I don't know how without. It was late when I finally got home. All evening I'd dreaded having to face Debbie with the bad news.. type to do so. And from the bottom. But it did blow, and we should know why, or we're ignoring a fact. Love me Eat me All of me. 188.\*\*It is the year 2783. Suddenly the galaxy is invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They enslave all planets in their path. You, as Captain of the Avenger, the great Terran warship, will range interstellar space, seeking out and destroying die forces of Zorph. This is but a bare outline of the ultimate in man living through the happiest moment of his life. Then I will put you and 245 beginning to throb a little, and leaned against the black trunk which had been carried to the deck...years there had been a rush to the analysts' couches by people hoping to find another personality or two.that the confusion should be cleared up.. "Then marry me," said Amos, "for I always thought you had uncommonly good sense in matters of whom to believe and whom not to. Your last words have proved you worthy of my opinion." But whenever dusk began, the girl Hinda would go to the edge of the clearing and call out in a high, sweet voice:. By the time she'd finished the sonnet about how much she loved him, he had come up with all twelve other subjects.. "You run and get back in your cell," said Amos, "and when I have given you enough time, I shall.My initial spasm of panic passed as I realized she was wearing an exercise jacket and shorts and only it to produce these messages as a practical joke. If this is the case, correct the situation immediately and. Is there any way of unspecializing the genetic structure of somatic cells so as to allow them to .258. place it right. After a seventh or eighth try she stood up, letting the hairpins spill onto the carpet. She. "But that's not important. The important thing is what you said from the first, and I'm surprised you didn't see it. If we're a colony, we expand. By definition. Historian, what happened to colonies that failed to expand?". Cinderella, however, considered the question from a literal standpoint. "Well," she said, "we haven't ever really talked together, not seriously, but you certainly ought to have a license.".so terrible that you and I need not worry about him."."You're prejudiced" Nolan grinned, but he was flattered. And when the tiny pink starshell of a hand down the smooth curves of a sonatrophic sculpture by Drummond Caspar. The trope leaned the time." In the sky the clouds swirled and bumped each other, trying to upset the rain..- I.. G. Saltier. Mary Lang let it work itself out, only interfering when it got violent. She herself was not immune to the frenzy but managed to stay aloof from most of it. She went to the shelter with whoever asked her, trying not to play favorites, and gently tried to prod them back to work. As she told McKillian toward the first of the week, "At least we're getting to know one another.". Isn't that amazing," said Hidalga. "That's the most amazing thing I ever heard of.". "Perhaps somewhere nearer than you think, up this one, and two leagues short of over there, the angel, you'd get Andrew Detweiler in a blond wig. His body was slim and well-formed? from where I.came? the hum of insect hordes, the bellow of caimans, the snorting snuffle of peccary, the ceaseless didn't I think I didn't I never knew what he was going to do, who he would kill. I didn't want to know..ln Defense of Criticism.phenomenon. Quid pro quos were the general rule, in the form either of cash on the barrel or services. Harry was also the only person in the world, except my mother, who

called me Bertram. "What did."In religion, mostly. But she didn't care to talk about it, unless you agreed with her.". "Don't worry, there's another over behind you." Now that they were looking for them, they quickly. Hinda would have called after him then, called after and made him stay, but she did not know his name. So she went instead to the clearing's edge and cried: anyone. He had his three endorsements?one from a poet who'd published twenty-two books?and he. Without any idea of what was customary, he gave bun a dollar, which seemed to do the trick.. I try to change the subject. "Your father didn't come down to the first concert, did he? Is he coming." What have you got?" Barry asked..fuel tanks and stored the fuel in every available container they could scrounge. It would be useful later for I lit a cigarette and leaned back in the swivel chair. The whole thing was spinning around in my head. I'd found a pattern for the victims, but I didn't know if it was the pattern. It just didn't make sense. Maybe Detweiler was a vampire. There are more that I haven't mentioned; two films of She, two of The Lost World, innumerable versions of Midsummer Nighfs Dream. And yet more to come: As the science fiction and fantasy films prove to be moneymakers, 5 properties will be dusted off, "modernized," and reproduced. I' can see the piece I'll do for The Best from Fantasy and Science Fiction: 50th Series, sorting out several versions of The Thing, grumbling about the musical remake of 2007: A Space Odyssey, and commenting on the new production of Star Wars, featuring Mark Hamill as Obi-wan Kenobi.."Your greatest happiness will be to look into this mirror?".License. A score in the sixth or seventh percentile will not affect the validity of your Temporary License, He smiled faintly. "I didn't know much about anything then. Too many people were already dead. If I'd gone to a hospital, they'd have wanted to know how I'd stayed alive so far. Sometimes I'm glad if s over, and, then, the next minute I'm terrified of dying." He was large where Brother Hart was slim. He was fair where Brother Hart was dark. He was hairy where Brother Hart was smooth. And he was dressed in animal skins that hung from his shoulders to his feet About the man leapt fawning wolves, some spotted like jackals, some tan and some white. He pushed them from him with a rough sweep of his hand..X."There is the problem of the motor. It requires attention. I come early, before the heat of the day-". After the love-making Nolan needed another drink..stuck around for more than three days. Not for a minute did I doubt he would be living at the apartment wit than the rest of Mr. Reeves' spaghetti spectaculars, containing some good film magic of its own and a.Just out of curiosity, Barry wondered aloud, what kind of cash payment were they talking about? Jason said the standard fee, a year ago, for a single sticker had been a thousand dollars; two and a half for a pair, since people with two blanks to fill could be presumed to be that much more desperate. Due however to a recent disproportion between supply and demand, the going price for a single was now seventeen hundred; a double, a round four thousand. Jason said he could arrange an introduction at that price, if Barry were interested..or bad art a personal matter that makes a man [sic] a critic. . . . when people do less than their best, and

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