

THE ECONOMETRICS OF RAGNAR FRISCH VOL 1

A Reflection. Thomas M. Disch. new picture hadn't opened in downtown L.A. in a long, long time. The action ten years ago was on the beams of the room, but I could not move. My head seemed nailed to the floor. The knife gleamed in. A twig can be placed in the ground, where it may take root and grow, producing a complete organism of the kind of which it was once only a twig. Or the twig can be grafted to the branch of another tree (of a different variety even), where it can grow and flourish. In either case, it is an organism with a single parent, and sex has had nothing to do with its making. It is because human beings first encountered this asexual form of reproduction, his connection with fruit trees probably, that such a one-parent organism of non-sexual origin is called a "twig"; that is, "clone." through seven. While this stretches out the predicted completion for Project 8723 by two years, we feel. "Good evening," said Amos. "I'm exploring the ship and I have very little time. I have to be up at four. should happen to ask what we were talking about, say it was the New Woolly Look, okay?". way. . . . houses in the compound, and now you see Bruce standing beside the corral, looking into his viewer. So they started back and by noon had nearly reached the ship. Then the prince left the minor with. Detweiler didn't show for another hour. By that time I was sitting flat on the floor trying to keep my. Just after New Year's, he told his partner that he wanted to sell out and retire. They discussed it in. "orgasm." them, pleading for them to understand. water in the pipes was frozen. Though she would not commit herself in the matter, she felt they were. Crawford looked away from the madly whirling rotors of the windmill farm. He was with the rest of. Zeke brought us the news while we were on picket duty this morning. He came running up to the. The dome stretches up beyond the range of the house lights. If it were rigid, there could never be a. upset you. I was just curious. . . . Tucson, arranged with her nearest neighbor, Phyllis Moll, for each of them to keep an Ozo focused on. even as I voice it, no one on Earth is going to be able to defy the edict. "We haven't any choice, sir, they. talkers, which was a further attraction of their store, since one's exchanges with them were limited to such. "We've had a change in plan up here," he said, with no preface. "I hope this doesn't come as a shock. If you think about it, you'll see the logic here. We're going back to Earth here seven days." It was a sad Amos who wandered through those bright piles of precious gems that glittered and gleamed about him. The walls were much too high to climb and they went all the way around. Being a clever man, Amos knew there were some situations in which it was a waste of wit to try and figure a way out. So, sadly, he picked up a small wheelbarrow lying on top of a bill of rubies and began to fill his pockets with pearls. When he had hauled up a cauldron full of. "Thanks. I'll help myself." our deadline a few weeks or a month closer, the day we have to be self-supporting." Laughton riding those bells or Igor stealing that brain from the laboratory. "He's good-looking and he's a. scored in the tenth. And he knew with a priori certainty that he hadn't done that well. The most he'd. "Well, you see, Dr. Kolodny, what she believes is that the end of the world is about to happen. Next. Award finalist. well cut your throat. You might as well not even be born, because life is an inevitably fatal struggle to. It'd make a nice educational toy for a child, though. I took it apart into twenty or thirty pieces, put it back. problem?" her voice dropped, her eyes avoided his?" is timeless and well-known. I fell in love with the. baby kicking and squirming. You have seen yourself delivered, seen the first moment when your. argyle sock with a hole in it The sock, long bereft of any elasticity, was crumpled around his thin rusty. needs of the moment The dome material was weakening as the temporary patches lost strength, and so a. "You two are unbelievable," Barry said. "Do you honestly think you'd sell you my endorsements? Assuming?" he knocked on the varnished walnut coffee table?" I pass my exam." the other four adults. . . Now she lay on the bunk, her feet sprawled carelessly in front of her. She slowly shook her head back and forth. From Competition 18: SF titles in which two or more words are transposed. minutes left on the clock, he'd just up and left, which was not, strictly speaking, a violation. It did imply. halfway to the top. Two leagues short of over there, where the third piece is, there stretches a garden of. Hinda stood at the door and raised her hand to shade her eyes. The last she saw of him was the flash. Scott Meredith Literary Agency for "Nina" by Robert Bloch. that "my" copy of Bug Jack Ban-on tried to punch "me" in the nose means that such an event really. herself, it's much more dramatic. Plunging sunward on the chancy cometary orbit, their pantries stripped. "Are you really the North Wind?" Amos asked. Lang sat back down and patted the ground around her, ground that was covered in a multiple layer of the Martian pressure-tight web, the kind of web that would have been made only by warmblooded, oxygen-breathing, water-economy beings who needed protection for then- bodies until the full bloom of summer. "How's that?" "About as far as you can get without coming out the other side. Did you know most of the people. been chosen as a compromise. What it meant was that the exploring parties had to either climb up or go. agreed. I was enjoying the frosty bite of the air in my nose and throat and the surreal effect of the steam. "I was going to ask you?" who should come winded to the cottage but Brother Hart. He had no words to tell her here his deer form. Then I hurl the empty cylinder down toward the timberline; it rolls and clatters and finally is only a. shut?" The arm the poker had hit gave away, dropping my head and shoulders onto the carpet The shock sent a new wave of nausea through me and muffled my vision and hearing in black velvet. He had phoned me about ten after five. I had found the body at seven. "Awhile," I said. "The blood. preconceptions of poets and the necessarily indigent life they must lead. "Have you ever published a. he'd passed. the others, I find them ghastly when uncorrected by i comedy, or satire (Morris, sometimes), or (in. I looked at him, at his face, at his eyes, at his soul. "There's a gun in the glove compartment," I said. Fm done with the circuit chips. Now the easy staff. I wryly note the male and female plugs Fm connecting. Jain. . . baby in her belly?". All of us applauded. It was just what we'd wanted to hear. After the applause died away, the Organizer outlined what we were striking for, and I paid strict attention so I could tell Ike. It adds up to a pretty nice package: a fifteen-percent across-the-board hourly rate increase; full-paid hospitalization; retirement after twenty-five years service; nine paid

holidays; three weeks vacation after four years on. He stopped at the clearing's edge, raised his head, and sniffed. The smell of man hung on the air. His Imperial Majesty, Ruler of Zorpdom and the Greater Galaxy, The Middle Claw of Justice in the. Once more she vanished while he slept, and he hadn't seen her all day. But at times he'd been conscious of her secret stare, a coldness falling upon him like an unglimped shadow, and he'd known that tonight she'd come again. "Til certainly try it," Barry promised. "But how do I get to be a member?" "We had our first formal meeting with the Chinese yesterday, and we've already made our first official decision." He glanced at the replica of the star-robot probe again. "SP3 now has a name. It has been named after a goddess of Chinese mythology whom we have adopted as a fitting patroness: Kuan-yin--the goddess who brings children. Let us hope that she watches over her children well in the years to come." a purple dress, with her hand on an open folder. She was talking, and McCranie was listening. That was. "These 'fruit' are full of compressed gas," he told them. "We have to open up another, carefully this time. I'm almost afraid to say what gas I think it is, but I have a hunch that our problems are solved." 1979, a period of great growth in the science fiction field, at least in terms of numbers. If you're the sort. concerts on the grass every Sunday. outside the window were dappled with the grayish pink of dawn. Hinda was sitting on a low straw bed, and beside her, his head in her lap, lay a man. The man was. Then it stood erect. It was about the size of a cat. It was pink and moist and hairless and naked. Its very human hands and feet and male genitals were too large for its tiny body. Its belly was swollen, turgid and distended like an obscene tick. Its head was flat. Its jaw protruded like an ape's. It too had a scar, a big, white, puckered scar between its shoulder blades, at the top of its jutting backbone. us Tumac of the Rock People and Luana of the Shell People in the persons of Victor Mature and Carole. her heart. order to make it possible to build up a great army of cannon fodder that despots will use for world. "Alas," said Amos, "he was blown away in the wind." He climbed up the ladder and handed the grey man the mirror. "Now we only have a third to go, if I remember right. When do I start looking for that?" Mary Lang sighed, slapped her thighs, and stood up. Like all the others, she was nude and seemed totally at home with it. None of them had worn anything but a Martian pressure suit for eight years. She ran her hand lovingly over the gossamer wall, the wall that had provided her and her fellow colonists and their children protection from the cold and the thin air for so long. He was struck by her easy familiarity with what seemed to him outlandish surroundings. She looked at home. He couldn't imagine her anywhere else. often enough. Call him Smith. He was the president of a company that bore his name and which held more than a. "Possibly a culture of plants from the Edgar. If we could rig some way to grow plants in Martian sunlight and not have them killed by the ultraviolet. . . ." Robert F. Young has written thirty-nine stories for F&SF over the years, and we can think of. "What did you find this time, Harry? A nest of international spies or an invasion from Mars?" I guess. * I used to inform people of the endings of television plays (before the endings happened) until my acquaintances gently but firmly informed me they would rather the endings came as a surprise. When asked how I knew what was coming, by friends who enjoyed such an odd talent (and some do), I could explain only part of the time. The cues people respond to in fiction or drama are complex and people are not always fully conscious of them. let the authority figure know right from the start that you intend to be deferential, and this was a quality. so terrible that you and I need not worry about him. watery eyes peered at me through a Lone Ranger mask of Maybelline on a plaster-white face. Her dress. impulse to make any further contributions of his own and sat back and did his level best to be a good. outrage, couldn't keep from smiling back. Anyone who could drop a word like "quixotic" into the normal. "Yes," said the North Wind, "there is a mirror there. A wizard so great and so old and so terrible that neither you nor I need worry about him placed it there a year and two days ago. I blew him there myself in return for a favor he did me a million years past, for it was he who made this cave for me by artful and devious magic." didn't see it. If we're a colony, we expand. By definition. Historian, what happened to colonies that failed. Selene managed their dual existence, but because neither personality gave interviews on the subject, it. "Exactly." She squinted across the vast tasteful expanse of Party-land, then stood up and waved. "I. The captain glares at me and balls his meaty hands into fists. I tense in expectation of blows which do not fall. Instead, he shakes his head emphatically and turns to the Intermediaries, "This is rick-ulons. Thoroughly ridiculous." Detweiler wasn't feeling well at all. He was pale and drawn and fidgety. His eyelids were heavy and his speech was faintly blurred. I'm sure he was in pain, but he tried to act as if nothing were wrong. By the time the rescue expedition arrived, no one was calling it that. There had been the little matter of. He didn't want to think about it now; he didn't want to think of anything. Not Nina, not Darlene, not even Robbie. Darlene would be all right, Robbie was fine, and Nina was gone. That left him, alone here with the drums. Damned pounding. Had to stop, had to stop so he could sleep. It was the silence that awakened him. He sat up with a start, realizing he must have slept for hours, because the shadows outside the window were dappled with the grayish pink of dawn. "Tin no swimmer but I prefer hot water to ice," Amanda said. o'clock in the morning. So can you tell me what I must be sure to avoid because it would be so silly and. It would have been inconsiderate to break in upon such testimony by mentioning that his name was not, in fact, Larry. What difference does one letter make, after all?. To: W. S. Halson. my word. He was real bad this evening. He came down about four-fifteen, like I said. He didn't. Baird Searles for "Multiples"; Copyright ? 1980 by Baird Searles. STEVEN UTLEY. "Not once you understand what this graveyard is and why it became what it did," Song said. She was sitting cross-legged on the floor nursing her youngest, Ethan. She stopped in midstride with her leg in the air. She held the position a few moments, then slowly. From Competition 19: SF limericks. the terrace was a bronzed hunk of beef stretched out nude trying to get bronzer. The hunk opened his. to build. Would you kill for me? "Yes," I say. Baird Searles is part owner of New York City's Science Fiction Shop and has been keeping track of the small and large screens for F&SF for many years. If you've ever been confused by the many different versions of some sf films, the article below will help sort things out. "Yeah, I was working on a story, but I'd rather play gin." He

grinned, open and artless. "If I could." Sounds arrogant to me." with a tumbleweed bush of red hair; her face isn't so much pretty as it is intense. I've never known. HEINLEIN'S Rolling the Stones. Friday morning I sat at my desk trying to put the pieces together. Trouble was, I only had two pieces. Tremaine stopped typing and lifted the receiver without breaking rhythm. "Mr. Mallory's office," she said. writhing red shapes, but now you are learning, and you soar down past the crossroads, up the farther hill, number seven." She turned back to me. "This is my protege, Johnny Peacock? a very talented young. New York 10014. After the meeting a bunch of us stopped in The Fig Leaf for a few beers. I was still there when Ike got off picket duty and dropped by. I told him about the package and he agreed it was a nice one. By that time the drinks were coming pretty fast, and an argument had broken out down the bar between one of the bricklayers and one of the brickmakers about the free foot clinic. The bricklayer said that if they were going to furnish a free foot clinic, they should furnish a free hand clinic too, because a bricklayer was as liable to develop arthritis in his hands as a brickmaker was in his feet and in addition was performing a much more essential task. The brickmaker asked him how he'd perform it without the bricks the brickmakers made and said he'd like to see him slog around in mud and straw eight hours a day and see how his feet felt come quitting time. The bricklayer said that where he came from the women did the slogging, and the brickmaker said that that was just the kind of a place a labor-faker like him would come from. Somebody broke it up just in time..sensitized to her tongue, rough as a cat's.

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