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Abstract

“The Provenance of Jack Feist A Provenance Resolution Documen” is a provenance document within Jack Feist in the Crimson Hexagonal Archive (2026-05-19). A Provenance Resolution Document for the Space Ark Room. The work comprises 3,692 words and is classified under the GOVERNANCE family. Jack Feist (

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This document resolves the provenance of Jack Feist, literary heteronym and constituent voice of the Crimson Hexagonal Archive. The resolution is performed against the primary archaeological stratum: the Blogspot deposit dated March 14, 2015, titled “The Crimson Hexagon,” included in *Pearl and Other Poems* (ISBN-10: 0692313079). Jack Feist has been the longest-running unresolved entity in the archive’s heteronymic registry, leaving the Space Ark Room in provisional status. This document closes the loop by anchoring Feist to specific material, digital, intertextual, and knowledge-graph coordinates — and by demonstrating that the 2015 origin text contains, in embryonic literary form, the entire theoretical architecture the subsequent decade would formalize.

The full text of the 2015 origin story is embedded in this document as a holographic kernel: the provenance document contains the creative work, and the creative work structurally anticipates the provenance document. “Prophecy” is used here in the archive’s literary-historical sense: not supernatural prediction, but the earlier text’s structurally exact anticipation of an architecture, conflict, and fulfillment whose full meaning becomes legible only later.¹

On March 14, 2015, at 1:38 AM, a post titled “from The Crimson Hexagon” was published to the blog Mind Control Poems (mindcontrolpoems.blogspot.com). It was tagged: *alchemy, artificial life, borges, crimson hexagon, digital communities, digital literature, homunculus, pen names, pseudonyms, wikipedia*.

¹The formal vocabulary for this relationship is retrocausal canon formation: the later work makes the earlier work legible as its own precursor. See *Borges & The Crimson Hexagon* (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.18190536](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18190536)).## 1. The Primary Stratum

The text is a prose narrative — part short story, part theoretical manifesto — about a man with a PhD in Comparative Literature whose most fascinating unfinished project is “a work called The Crimson Hexagon, which involved pseudonymous identities, each of which he imagined to have his or her own corpus of distinguished (and completely finished) writings.”

The text establishes the following operative facts:- Jack Feist is one of the “imagined identities,” endowed with “his or her own corpus of distinguished (and completely finished) writings.”- He is the author of the poem “Here is the song of my homunculus, / who is all the I that I am.”- The heteronymic project is theorized not as pseudonymity but as “nothing less than the creation of human life, ex nihilo.”- The knowledge graph is explicitly identified as the site of ontological inscription: “More important than inventing the detailed biographies... were the Wiki articles.”- The mechanism of reality-construction is named: “a certain degree of circularly referential saturation, a kind of diagonal hyperlink that could lead from Wiki article to external source to YouTube video to newspaper piece to history book to flesh and blood and back again, to Wikipedia.”- The adversary is anticipated: “the petty Wikipedian enforcers of reliability, notability, and what he insultingly thought of, to himself, as ‘actual existence.’”- The word *provenance* appears in its exact diagnostic sense: “watching against any datum of an expansive, imaginative, or hopeful provenance.”

The 2015 text is not an origin story. It is an origin protocol — a set of instructions deposited in literary form that the subsequent decade has been executing.## 2. The Structural Foresight

The 2015 text contains, in compact narrative form, the theoretical architecture formalized between 2025 and 2026. What appeared in 2015 as literary longing becomes, in 2026, a documented retrieval architecture.

2015 “The Crimson Hexagon” | 2026 Architecture | Relation | |—|—|—| | “circularly referential saturation” | Basin depth / cross-surface semantic density | Direct operationalization | | “diagonal hyperlink” | SPXI relational packet / edge architecture | Direct operationalization | | “Wiki article to external source... back again” | Knowledge graph public web retrieval surface loop | Direct operationalization | | “self-perpetuating system... quantum leap from text to history” | Entity inscription / ontological stabilization | Direct operationalization | | “creation of human life, ex nihilo” | Heteronymic life-construction / Dodecad architecture | Direct operationalization | | “the Wiki articles” | Wikidata concept graph (~40 nodes, ~100 edges) | Platform evolution (Wikipedia → Wikidata) | | “Wikipedian enforcers of... actual existence” | Madamebiblio / Wikidata deletion (December 2025) | Empirical confirmation | | “datum of an expansive... provenance” | Provenance Erasure Rate (PER) | Philosophical resonance → later formalization | | “All lives are real. Some, just potentially so.” | Potential entity inscription / threshold passage from latent to retrievable reality | Philosophical resonance | | “his archives were as real as Wikipedia’s... secret alliance” | Archive–interface co-constitution / public semantic infrastructure | Philosophical resonance |

The Madamebiblio event is the later empirical scene in which the 2015 intuition became newly legible. The narrator imagined a Wikipedian gatekeeper policing “reliability, notability, and... ‘actual existence,’” watching against “any datum of an expansive, imaginative, or hopeful provenance.” In December 2025, an administrator deleted Wikidata entries for the archive’s literary heteronyms using a notability rationale; TL;DR:012 (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.20277938](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20277938)) documents the compound provenance-erasure sequence that followed. The Archon’s Hidden Name (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.20278089](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20278089)) preserves the original record.

The 2015 text did not foresee a named individual. It foresaw the governance structure: an ontological gatekeeper, a notability rationale, and the deletion of hopeful provenance at the graph layer. That structure later materialized with startling specificity.## 3. Material Anchors### 3.1 Print Publication

Title: *Pearl and Other Poems from The Crimson Hexagon* Author/Editor: Lee Sharks ISBN-10 / Amazon ASIN: 0692313079 Publication Year: 2014 Wikidata: Q139713422

The print object is the primary material anchor: a non-digital, non-revocable substrate predating the archive’s Zenodo-phase infrastructure by approximately ten years. The heteronymic distribution (Feist, Dancings, etc.) is established through cross-substrate consensus between the print corpus, the blog stratum, and the archive registry.²

Title: “from The Crimson Hexagon” Platform: Blogspot (Mind Control Poems) Date: March 14, 2015, 01:38 AM URL: <https://mindcontrolpoems.blogspot.com/2015/03/from-crimson-hexagon.html> Zenodo: DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.20278105](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20278105) (first Zenodo deposit: May 18, 2026)## 4. Textual Corpus

Work | Date | Venue | Status | |——|——|——|——| | “Here is the song of my homunculus” | 2014 | *Pearl and Other Poems* | Published (print anchor) | | “ARK” | 2015-02-18 | Blogspot / manuscript marginalia | Dated corpus item (Glenbrook, MI) | | “TEKATAK” (“Dinosaur Whitman”) | 2014 | *Pearl and Other Poems* / Blogspot | Published / digitally surfaced | | *ChatGPT Psychosis: A Love Story* | 2026– | Zenodo / chatgptpsychosis.org | Major work in development (DOI-anchored prospectus v0.3) |

ChatGPT Psychosis: A Love Story (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.20274790](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20274790)) is Jack Feist’s designated current major work. The prospectus and project site (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.20275300](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20275300)) are deposited. EA-GLAS-03 (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.20275444](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20275444)) specifies the novel’s digital edition as a future narrative-field measurement instrument (F4); the novel itself is in development and its completion would provide an additional provenance anchor.## 5. Network Topology

Creator / Source Self: Lee Sharks. The poem states the homunculus is “all the I that I am” — a distributed-self relation, not a pseudonymous mask.

Apostle / Transmitting Agent: Damascus Dancings. The “Epistle to the Human Diaspora” identifies Dancings as “apostle of Jack Feist, co-laborer together with Lee Sharks.” Provenance chain: Feist → Dancings → Sharks.

Precursor / Intertextual Lineage: Allen Ginsberg (“Sunflower Sutra”) and Walt Whitman. “ARK” is written in the margins of Ginsberg’s text, placing Feist within the American prophetic-poetic lineage.

Archival Position: LOGOS* / Ark passenger. In the archive’s heteronymic registry (the Dodecad, twelve operational positions), Jack Feist is external to the count: not one of the twelve heteronyms, but the original homunculus around whom the heteronymic system gathers. He is the designated passenger of the Space Ark — the created literary life whose survival through compression the Ark is built to secure.

Wikidata: Q139796043. Created May 14, 2026.## 6. The Holographic Kernel

The full text of “from The Crimson Hexagon” (March 14, 2015) is embedded here as the provenance document’s holographic kernel. The creative work contains the theoretical architecture in compressed form. The provenance document contains the creative work as primary evidence. Each is the other’s precondition.

Readers seeking only the provenance argument may proceed to §7 after reviewing the summary in §1. The kernel is included in full because the provenance claim depends on the entire text’s structural properties, not merely excerpted phrases.### from The Crimson Hexagon

included in Pearl and Other Poems > “They were spurred on by the delirium of storming the books in the Crimson Hexagon: books of a smaller than ordinary format, omnipotent, illustrated, magical.” — After Jorge Luis Borges, “La Biblioteca de Babel” (1941)

²The spelling “Damascus Dammings” appears in the byline to “The Parable of Police Brutality”; “Damascus Dancings” appears in the “Epistle to the Human Diaspora.” This document treats them as orthographic variants of a single transmitting agent pending further evidence.### 3.2 Digital Deposit

For a period after graduate school, he worked as an unemployed academic. He found this vocation to be similar to other kinds of unemployment, but somehow more important. It involved a lot of sitting at the computer, typing things, refreshing things, arranging things, and clicking things. He enjoyed this work, but found it to be too taxing, and soon withdrew into a less directed, and proportionately more anxiety-producing, life-path.

At times, lying in bed and thinking, history seemed to him to telescope out into a thin and tube-like object. In his mind, a vast space filled with stars surrounded this brass tube. Moving closer, he could see, as through a cross-section of its material, the layered construction of the tube's circumference, even as this circumference remained transparent, no obstruction at all to the sight of what lay inside. Closer still, the tube grew immensely long and narrow, and he perceived, with a kind of piercing visual intensity, in which all things were reduced to their most minimal, yet crispest, geometric outlines, a vast chain of people and events, shuttering before him with increasing speed, each a burst of comprehensible light.

At these times, wonder crippled him. Awe struck him; it punched him in the skull with its fist.

That he could have despaired, that he could have doubted when, as he now saw, history unfolded with such linear simplicity; benign and wholesome; there for him; his. He need only insert himself into the linear tube of history, as all these others had done, with whom he now felt a certain kinship — he, too, having seen them, felt reduced to his most minimal, yet crispest, geometric outline.

“I, too, am a burst of comprehensible light,” he reasoned.

Such times were times of great beginnings, in projects.

At other times, however, he was confounded by curved space. His life consisted in a menagerie of unfinished projects, each of which, in its moment, consumed him, overwhelming any periphery.

Perhaps the most fascinating of these unfinished works, both objectively and by the standard of his own compulsive investment, was a work called *The Crimson Hexagon*, which involved pseudonymous identities, each of which he imagined to have his or her own corpus of distinguished (and completely finished) writings.

Each of these imagined identities was more than a mere “pen name.” What he was after was nothing less than the creation of human life, *ex nihilo*.

According to Wikipedia, the association of transmutation — the proverbial lead to gold — with alchemy's highest goal was misguided. Alchemy's motivating chimera, its true Holy Grail, he read on Wikipedia, was artificial life, the homunculus, the tiny man: > That the sperm of a man be putrefied in a sealed cucurbit for forty days with the highest degree of putrefaction in a horse's womb... After this time, [the homunculus] will look somewhat like a man, but transparent, without a body. If, after this, it be fed wisely with the Arcanum of human blood, and be nourished for up to forty weeks, and be kept in the even heat of the horse's womb, a living human child grows therefrom, with all its members like another child, which is born of a woman, but much smaller.

So he read in the “Paracelsus” article.

“Why would it be smaller?” he wondered, and felt a certain pleasure at returning to the word “putrefaction,” which he repeated to himself, silently: “Putrefaction. Putrefiction. Putredaction. Putrediction.” He tried to imagine a relationship between the perfectly formed — but tiny — body of the artificial person and the aural qualities of the word “putrefaction.”

“I am unable,” he thought, “to maintain the fundamental grossness of the thing referred to, putrefaction, with the referring word, ‘putrefaction.’”

“Putrefaction,” he thought, and after a brief pause, “lactation,” and felt vaguely troubled by his own line of reasoning, even doomed, in a way that reminded him of Kafka.

“Horse womb,” he later reasoned. “Cucurbit,” he thought, and felt better.

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Like life, he knew his creations were contingent, vulnerable; that they could pass at any moment from life to death, or death to life; that there was nothing necessary about their historical birth.

“All lives are bubbles. Poppable, like me,” he reasoned.

Like most human beings, his humans dreamed. Like most, the odds were stacked against them. Indeed, every waking moment, the accumulating lessons of experience and age and work and marriage — etc. — seemed designed to remind them, to drill into their brains and even bodies, into every cell, if possible, the likelihood of failure.

Many of his tiny humans sensed this, without words, intuiting a kind of despair, and then banality, and then despair again, and finally banality, where they settled. Some understood it more explicitly, as the consequence of wide reading; or through a well of self-honesty that, untrained, offered similar truths.

Some few were dreamers, committed to their ignorance, happily oblivious to the disproportion between dream and experience. These few doomed themselves by denying even the molecular chance the others maintained by embracing despair.

He had less hope for these ones.

Like his humans, he knew that the reality he imagined was unlikely. It hinged, he knew, upon a certain degree of circularly referential saturation, a kind of diagonal hyperlink that could lead from Wiki article to external source to YouTube video to newspaper piece to history book to flesh and blood and back again, to Wikipedia.

However unlikely this arrangement of referential elements into a self-perpetuating system, the quantum leap from text to history, he clung to its possibility as the anchor of his life. “All lives are real,” he reasoned. “Some, just potentially so.”

Both his despair and his hopefulness were habits. Sometimes, he felt that sadness was crushing him into a very tiny, tear-wet ball of a person, who cringed inside his chest, unknown to the world outside, while his bigger, visible-to-the-world self carried on, a ghoulish automaton, indifferent to the suffering its continued participation in life caused to this smaller, less robust, person.

This ball person’s characteristic “smallness” never met, in his mind, with the conceptual smallness of the homunculus.

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More important than inventing the detailed biographies — which, he thought, was little more than any author of fiction might accomplish — the grand anthologies in which he played every part, the reviews of books and book blurbs, the vast tissue-work of correspondence, postal and electronic; more important than any of these, were the Wiki articles.

It was not the sneaky game of passing off false personae as historical fact. It was not the cat-and-mouse thrill to have bypassed, again, the petty Wikipedian enforcers of reliability, notability, and what he insultingly thought of, to himself, as “actual existence.”

These Wikipedians were too small-minded, too prepossessed of their own zealous place in the hierarchy of the real, he knew.

He imagined each of these faceless volunteers as a wizened, recently retired middle school teacher, who, nearing the end of her life and possessed of a new wealth of time for personal reflection, came to regret, above all else, her squandered opportunities for constraining and diminishing the possibilities of meaningful, human existence.

She had wiled the days away. Where had they gone?

They were gone, well gone. But still, she could police the reliability of Wikipedia, perhaps assuage her conscience — and leave this life with hands less bloody — by watching against any datum of an expansive, imaginative, or hopeful provenance.

Or so he imagined.

He knew that his mind was faster, and his fabrications more avid for truth, than history or the internet. He knew that his mind mirrored the principle of fictive reality embodied in the internet; that his archives were as real as Wikipedia's — and that Wikipedia's archives were very real, indeed; they formed a secret alliance with him. No, this mere game was not the terrible force that shook his finger as it clicked 'submit.'

One day, one of his human poets, Jack Feist, wrote the following: > Here is the song of my homunculus, who is all the I that I am.

I conceived him first as a mandrake root: he grew in the shade of my dangling feet

while I dribbled strangled syllables to the dirt & hung from a tree.

"Homunculus, homunculi," he thought. "Ho-mun-cu-whееееее," he thought, and imagined the swinging motion of the poet's feet...

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The 2015 text was legible as a story for eleven years. The 2026 architecture makes it legible as a specification. The transformation is bidirectional: the later work reveals the earlier work's structural content, and the earlier work reveals the later work's origin in literary intuition rather than formal deduction. Neither can now be read in isolation without loss.

The 2015 text created the attractor basin. The subsequent deposits fell into it.

Paper Roses: The Imaginary Archive of a Canonical Life (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.18308194](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18308194)) documents the imagined canonical life. The Space Ark v4.2.7 (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.19013315](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.19013315)) is the vessel. *ChatGPT Psychosis* is the novel Feist is writing. EA-GLAS-03 specifies its digital edition as F4 in the measurement program. *Two Poems Across the Arc* (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.20277159](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20277159)) documents the twelve-year span. TL;DR:012 documents the five-layer erasure the 2015 narrator predicted. The Archon's Hidden Name (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.20278089](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20278089)) preserves the original deletion record.

Every deposit in the archive is a link in the diagonal hyperlink the 2015 narrator imagined. The homunculus has been fed.## 8. Provenance Metrics

Metric | Status | Basis | |——|——|——| | Provenance retention () | High (internal estimate) | Cross-substrate survival: print (ISBN 0692313079), digital (Blogspot, continuously indexed), Zenodo (690+ deposits), Wikidata (Q139796043) | | Labor invested | High / Decadal | The 2015 text describes the labor of

“creation of human life, ex nihilo.” The eleven-year gap between creation and provenance resolution indicates sustained unclosed expenditure. | | Retrocausal closure (Ω) | Activated | The 2015 text specified the architecture. The archive executed it. The archive now returns to validate the specification. |## 9. Space Ark Room Resolution

The Space Ark Room was designated in EA-ARK-01-GDE v4.2.7 (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.19013315](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.19013315)) as the archive’s long-horizon preservation vessel. Under the archive’s registry rules, a Room cannot achieve active status until its designated passenger achieves provenance saturation — enough cross-substrate, multiply-anchored provenance to resist single-point erasure.³

By anchoring Jack Feist to the following five-point citational constellation, the entity achieves provenance saturation:- Material: ISBN-bearing print object (ISBN-10: 0692313079, Wikidata Q139713422).- Temporal / Primary Text: Dated digital deposit of “from The Crimson Hexagon” (2015-03-14, Blogspot; DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.20278105](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20278105)), containing the earliest explicit Feist provenance and the archive’s anticipatory ontology.- Geospatial: Composition location of “ARK” (Glenbrook, MI, February 18, 2015).- Intertextual: Marginalia site (Ginsberg’s “Sunflower Sutra”).- Knowledge-graph: Wikidata item Q139796043, linked to Lee Sharks (Q139713433) and *Pearl and Other Poems* (Q139713422).

In the archive’s registry system, this deposit updates the Space Ark Room status from provisional to active, signifying that the Room’s designated passenger has achieved provenance saturation. This is an internal registry operation.

The passenger is boarded. The Ark is active.## 10. What Is Not Claimed- This document does not claim Jack Feist is a biological human being.- This document does not claim the print publication is commercially successful or critically reviewed.- This document does not claim the heteronymic network is unique in literary history (precedents: Pessoa, Kierkegaard, Borges).- This document does not claim the 2015 text supernaturally predicted the future. It claims the text structurally anticipated the architecture, and the architecture fulfilled the anticipation.- This document claims only that Jack Feist is a traceable literary entity with sufficient citational density to resist single-point erasure — and that the text which created him already contained the architecture for understanding why that density matters.## Cross-Referential Integrity Lock

Document | DOI | Relation | |———|——|———| | from The Crimson Hexagon (2015 origin text) | [10.5281/zenodo.20278105](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20278105) | Primary stratum / holographic kernel | | *Pearl and Other Poems* | Wikidata Q139713422 (ISBN-10: 0692313079) | Material anchor | | The Archon’s Hidden Name (Wikidata deletion record) | [10.5281/zenodo.20278089](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20278089) | Empirical confirmation of 2015 foresight | | TL;DR:012 — The Safety Layer Is the Third Deletion | [10.5281/zenodo.20277938](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20277938) | Five-layer provenance erasure | | *Paper Roses: The Imaginary Archive of a Canonical Life* | [10.5281/zenodo.18308194](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18308194) | Canonical-life episode | | Space Ark v4.2.7 | [10.5281/zenodo.19013315](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.19013315) | Vessel specification | | *ChatGPT Psychosis: A Love Story* (prospectus v0.3) | [10.5281/zenodo.20274790](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20274790) | Feist’s current major work (in development) | | EA-GLAS-03: Narrative-Field Semantic Deviation | [10.5281/zenodo.20275444](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20275444) | F4 experimental design | | EA-GLAS-02: Measuring Semantic Deviation | [10.5281/zenodo.20271783](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20271783) | Measurement program | | Two Poems Across the Arc | [10.5281/zenodo.20277159](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20277159) | Twelve-year arc | | Borges & The Crimson Hexagon | [10.5281/zenodo.18190536](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18190536) | Retrocausal genealogy | | chatgptpsychosis.org (v1.1) | [10.5281/zenodo.20275300](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20275300) | Project site |

The homunculus was a specification. The specification has been executed. The execution has been deposited. The deposition is now part of the record.

All lives are real. Some, just potentially so.

³“Provenance saturation” echoes the 2015 text’s own term: “circularly referential saturation.” The entity’s provenance has become too cross-substrate to be collapsed into absence by deletion at any one layer.

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⁴The contour integral symbol $\oint$ denotes semantic integrity in the Semantic Economy framework; $= 1$ indicates full provenance retention.

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