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# SCIENTISTS CURE TESSELLOPSIA!

San Francisco- Doctors at UCSF Medical Center proudly exclaimed they have found a cure for tessellopsia.

Tessellopsia, commonly known as “Fly Eye,” is a disease of the visual field. Instead of seeing a single image, the afflicted sees the world as series of interlocking images, most often in a hexagonal motif.

Dr. Seth Brundle, a leading researcher on visual disorders, first tested his breakthrough medication on fruit flies. “*Drosophila melanogaster* was the ideal organism for Phase 1 testing. We knew that if we could make an organism with compound vision see straight, we could cure the millions afflicted by tessellopsia.”

A number of famous people have suffered from tessellopsia. Although unconfirmed, ophthalmologists believe that MC Escher had the disease. Escher is renown for his prints of interlocking animals. Art enthusiasts insist his creations were of a genius that only supercomputers can attempt to match, albeit, inferiorly. Dr. Brundle argues otherwise, “Just as Picasso drew his blurry Starry Sky because he was too juiced up on digitalis, Escher created his artwork because that was all he could see. If I crossed my eyes and drew what I saw, would you call it genius?”

Jeff Goldblum, actor, has suffered from tessellopsia ever since a teleportation mishap nearly 20 years ago. “Tessellopsia has ruined my career, I have been limited to doing bit parts in dinosaur movies for the last ten years. It’s hard to face the right camera when there are twenty of them. I can’t even pee standing up anymore, I don’t know where to aim.”

Thom Yorke, lead singer of Radiohead, is also awaiting treatment. “No matter where I look, the only thing I see is American consumerism. Help me.”

The medication will be marketed under the name “Eyeswatter.” Dr. Brundle believes Eyeswatter will help more than Tessellopsia. “If we can make fruit flies and celebrities see straight, maybe this stuff will work on the Bush administration.”



A fruitfly’s vision before and after medical treatment for tessellopsia. Only moments later the lizard consumed the fruit fly.



Thom Yorke