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ESCHER VS. THE EMPEROR

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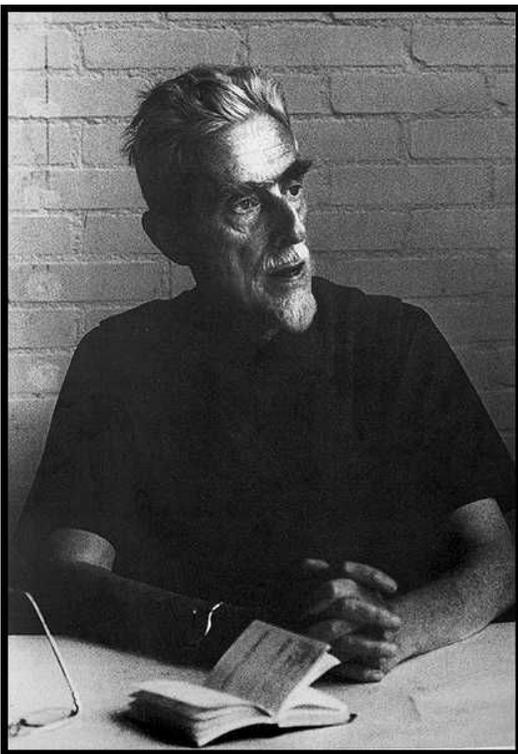
Sources report that renowned artist MC Escher has agreed to an all out battle against the master of the Dark Side, The Emperor.

The Emperor, rumored to be dead after his Death Star blew up yet again, has recently been spotted in our solar system scrounging for Imperial battleships. Jedis and mere mortals alike fear the Dark Lord's return to power.

Escher, also believed to be dead, has actually been kept alive by machines. The parallel to Darth Vader is uncanny. Escher currently resides ocean side in Santa Cruz.



The Emperor – gleeful.



When asked about his upcoming fight with The Emperor, Escher stated, "I will twist him like a mobius strip."

A confrontation between the master of the art world and the master of evil has been long awaited. And each man has his own fan club for support.

An Escher follower commented, "Escher clearly has more powerful mind tricks. Every time I look at *Convex Concave* I get baffled. I've lost hours of my life staring at that print."

The odds makers have been skeptical about giving Escher a decided advantage. However, Vegas bookies have determined that Escher will have an upper hand if the fight does occur within the realm of *Relativity*. Escher has allegedly created a secret seventh staircase that might be used to confuse the Emperor.

Thus far, The Emperor has laughed off the matter. "It was I who leaked the secret plans. He has fallen into my trap." When questioned about such secret plans, The Emperor hastily stated, "That will be enough, I can shoot fire bolts from my finger tips, you fool."

I am sure we will all be staying tuned for this one.