

# SCI-FI NUTS & WOODCUTS

## WHERE ART & SCIENCE COLLIDE

TOP STORY:

# ESCHER THAWED FROM CARBONITE FOR B-DAY!

Netherlands –

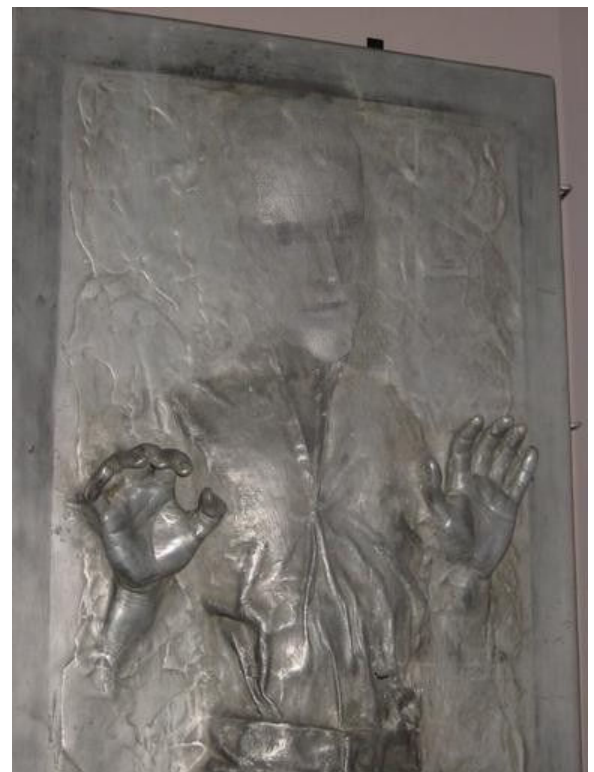
M.C. Escher, the master of the tessellation, was thawed from carbonite this past weekend to celebrate his 107<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Maurits admitted surprise. “I wasn’t expecting to live to one-hundred and seven. The last thing I remember was being in poor health at the age of 73. Funny how time flies by.”

Mr. Escher, a struggling artist during life, was shocked to learn how famous he had become. When confronted with the posters, books, ties, mugs, and puzzles all bearing his images he exclaimed, “My God, I’ve become a sellout.”

But Escher expressed joy when he learned of the outrageous prices his original artworks fetched. “I’m headed right back to the wood block. I’m finally going to be paid for my years of hard work.”

Escher Foundation attorneys regrettably informed Escher that his name had been copyrighted. He could no longer sign his artwork or carve the “MCE” insignia art lover’s expected to see worked into the fin of a fish or the wing of a bird. The attorneys offered to lease him his name in exchange for an undisclosed percentage of his earnings.



**Escher defrosting from a carbonite block.**

Maurit’s publicist suggested a name change. A pensive Escher massaged his beard for a few minutes and then offered, “How about Kinkade? Is that name taken?”

At that point the Escher publicist and attorney’s shoved MCE back into the freezing chamber, encasing him in carbonite. Apparently, the world Escher expected and the world we live in is a difference of Day and Night.

