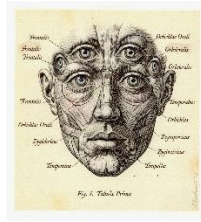




De Bestiarum Naturis 650 - The Multiopticals



*During a long sapiential journey in Africa,
cyclically and unknowingly
retraced centuries later by the great Novak,
the Physiologus recounts having encountered
the tribe of the MultiOpticals
and having observed
that the confusion of their gazes
was matched only by the Babel-like confusion
of our languages.*

*The image presented here is taken
from the volume The Inverse Cyclopes,
(Les Cyclopes Inversés, Amstedodami, 1788).*

*Despite many adverse opinions,
it is certainly not a forgery,
so much so that, to purchase this single sheet,
I was asked an enormous sum.*

*The photographer posed us in front of a white backdrop,
and shot while we looked at him, astonished
or indifferent.
Days later, he returned with the black-and-white photographs:
my mother, who had an eye for others as well,
chose them carefully, one by one,
and pointed out where to apply in pencil
the blue of the eyes
and the pink of the cheeks.*

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India ink, chalk, and graphite on printed paper and paper
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