

Fragments from my brain



My MS gives me even more reason to draw.

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**Randy J. Huling, aka
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My name is Randy J. Huling, aka Random Ran. I'm an illustrator/artist/music maker based in Northern California. On Sept. 1, 2016, I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. I had an MRI done to see why I was losing vision in my right eye. They found lesions all over my brain and then a week later, in my spine.

I have a severe case of demyelination of the nerves. To help me cope, I draw. I've always drawn, but getting diagnosed with MS gave me even more reason to draw.

ngg_shortcode_0_placeholderA lot of my illustrations feature frayed nerves exploding through broken skulls with slivers. Or octopus and nautilus fragmenting, exposing the "nerves," or a severed hand, due to the lack of feeling in my hands and arms. I choose this subject matter because at times this is how my body and head feel.

Painting or drawing helps take my mind off my mind. When I can't draw, I try to make music. I produced [a song about my diagnosis](#) with the help of my friend Overturned Big Rig to help me cope.

Randy J. Huling was diagnosed with MS in 2016.

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