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**Gray and White Matter Morphology in
Dissociative Identity Disorder and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder**

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As a survivor of early chronic childhood maltreatment, Esther Veerman started painting and drawing in her teens. She has been painting ever since. Some of the paintings were only recently interpreted and understood. The paintings tell the story that Esther started to express in words in the last few years. The painting "Verbijstering" is one of these paintings. The painting emerged from the inner pain she felt. The image portrays being deeply wounded, intense internal pain and the feeling of being trapped.

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