

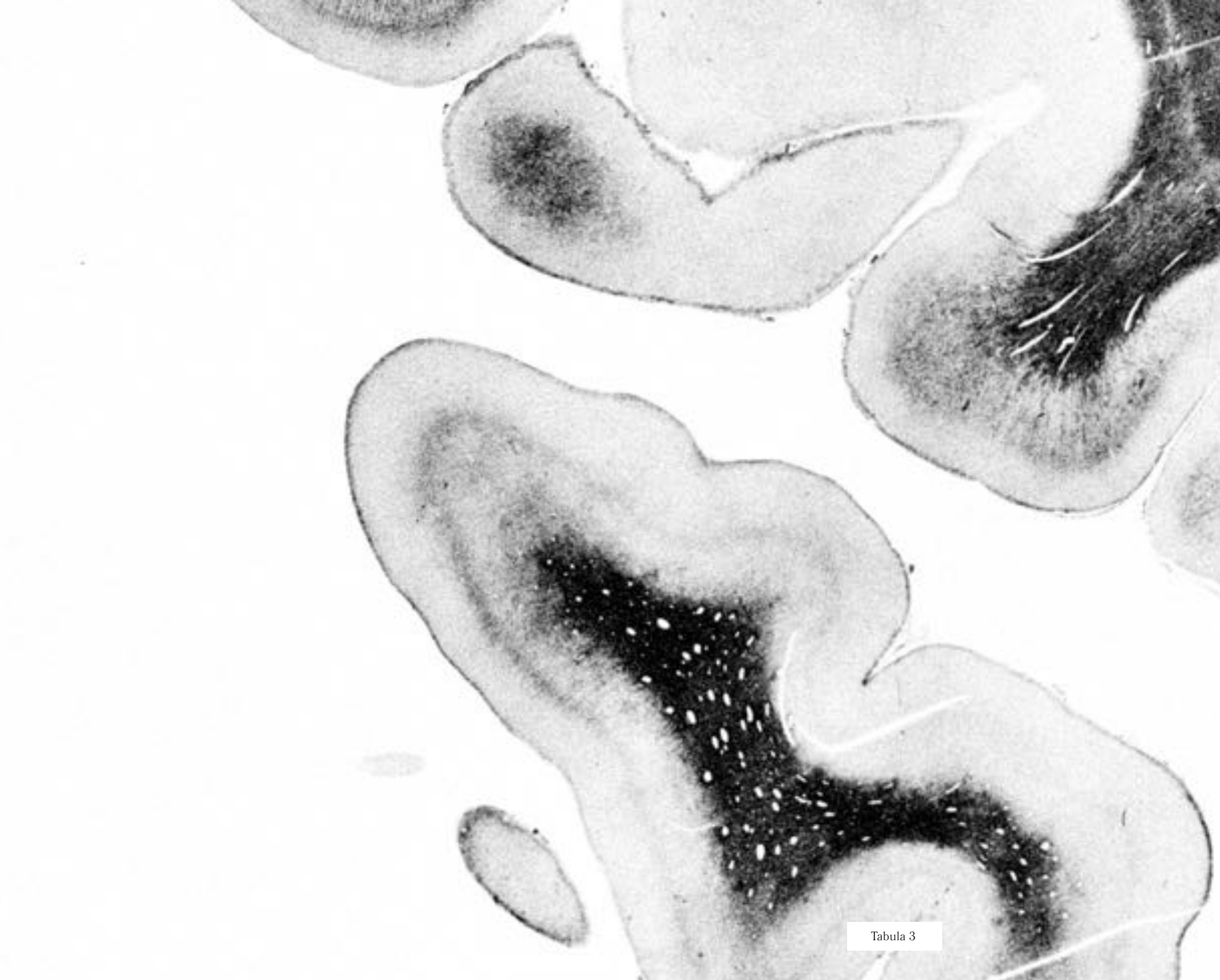
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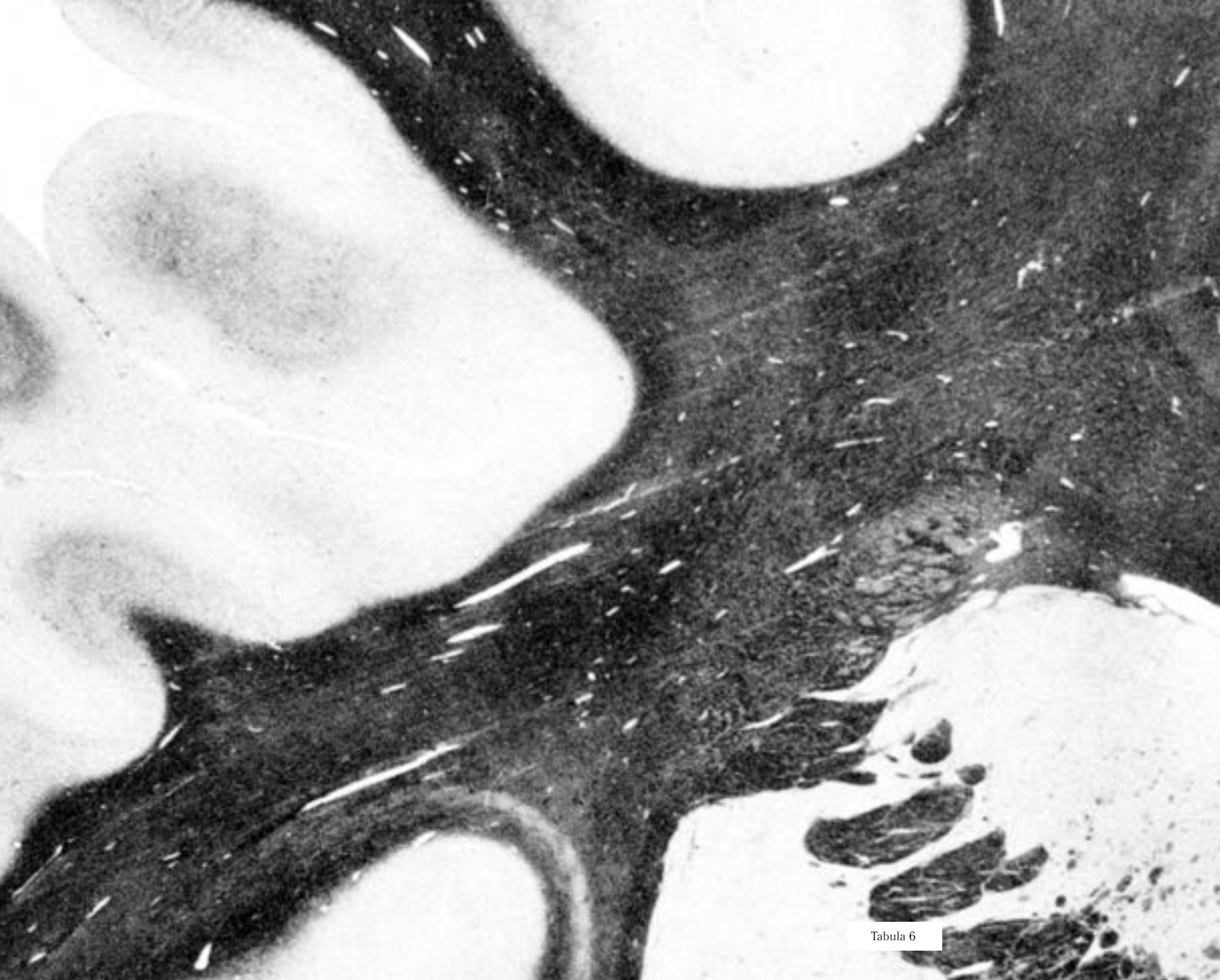
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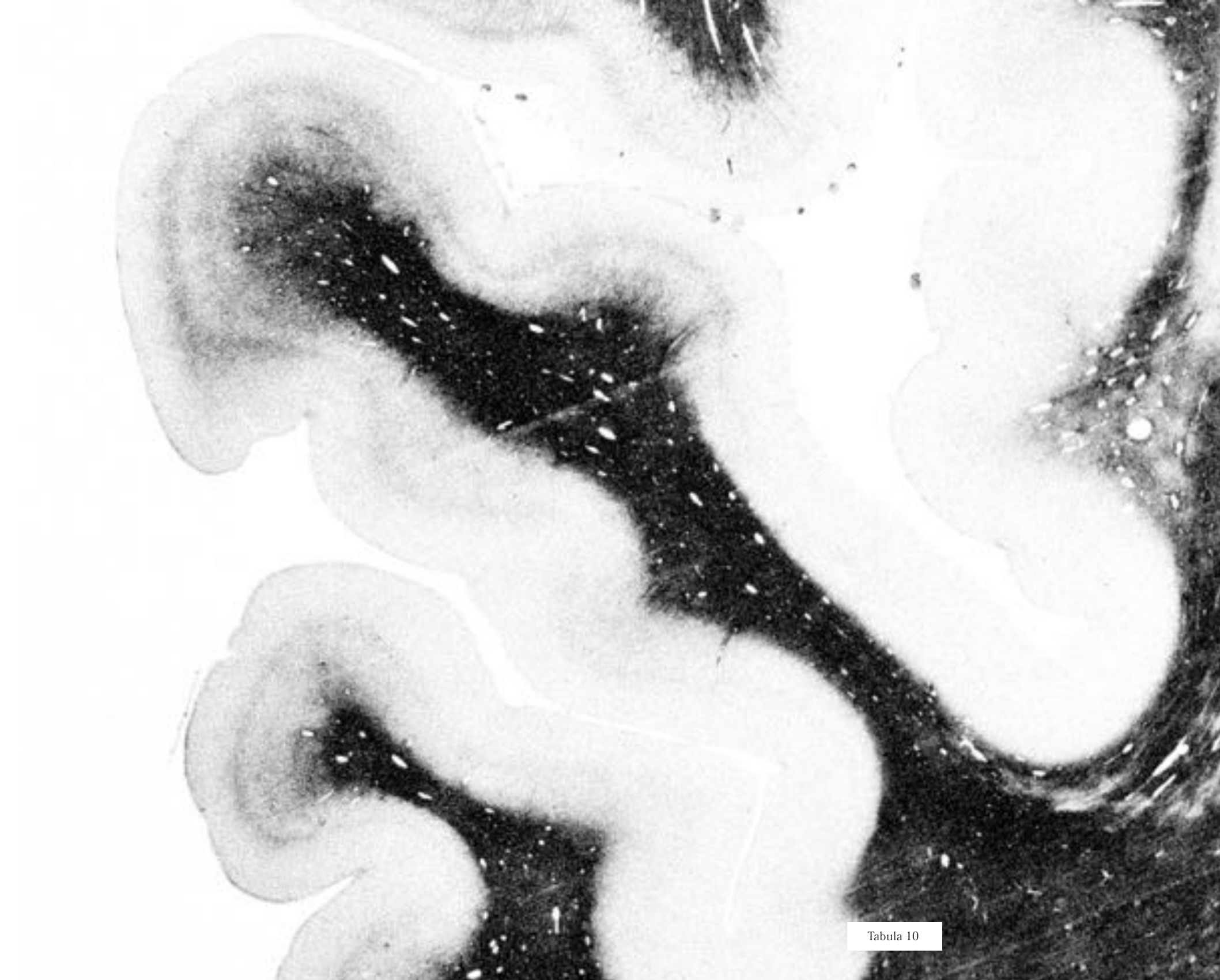
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I want to  
try to descend deep  
into myself.

I don't know what  
I will encounter.

I don't  
want people  
to see me as  
just a gloomy  
person who,  
well,  
who is desperate.

A gloomy person who is desperate.

I'm so desperate.  
It is dancing,  
my head is  
is restless.

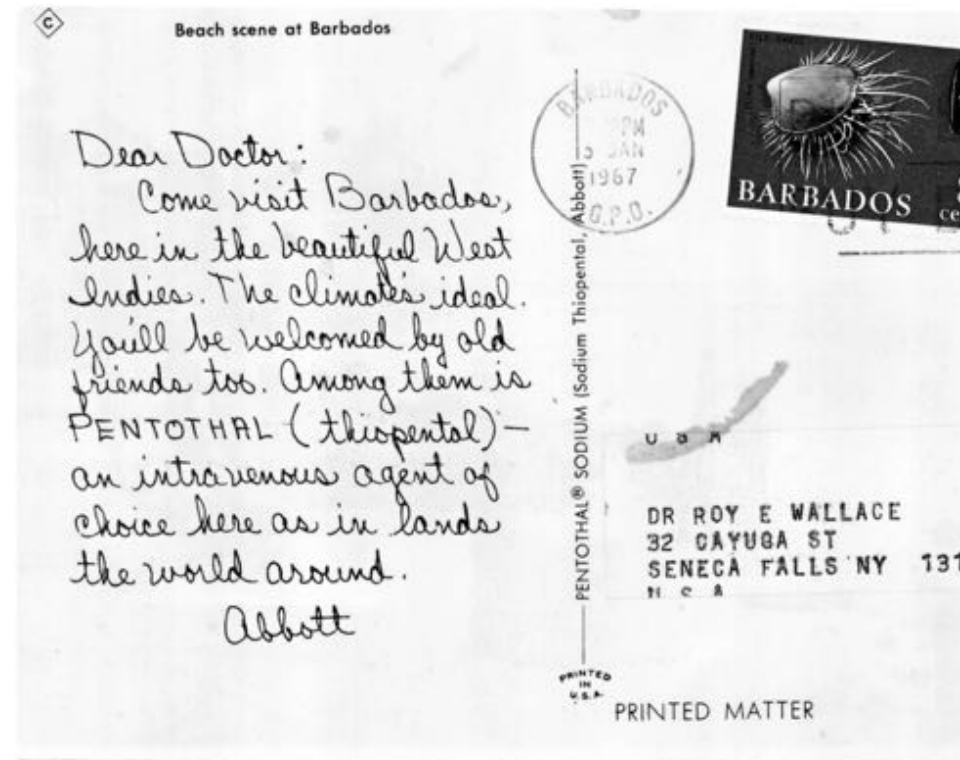
It can also



be the feeling  
like lying on the  
beach and all those  
people passing by.  
Water, sand,  
things are lying  
here and when people  
pass by they are  
like dust particles in  
the view.  
They are  
floating a  
bit in that  
space.

What are you seeing now Dik?

Blurs  
and the place  
where we lived at the



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-time,  
but  
rather the  
feeling  
of it that  
goes up  
and down,  
criss-  
cross through each  
other. Now it  
feels like I'm  
walking. Then I  
see the  
house again  
It's dark in there,  
it's boarded  
up. Your house? Yes  
yes. It's a



bit... **Yellow-brown**  
**wood it is. It s**  
**only** light when  
there ' s  
an open window .

**In**  
the attic , in the  
bed there there are  
shell splinters in  
the mattress .

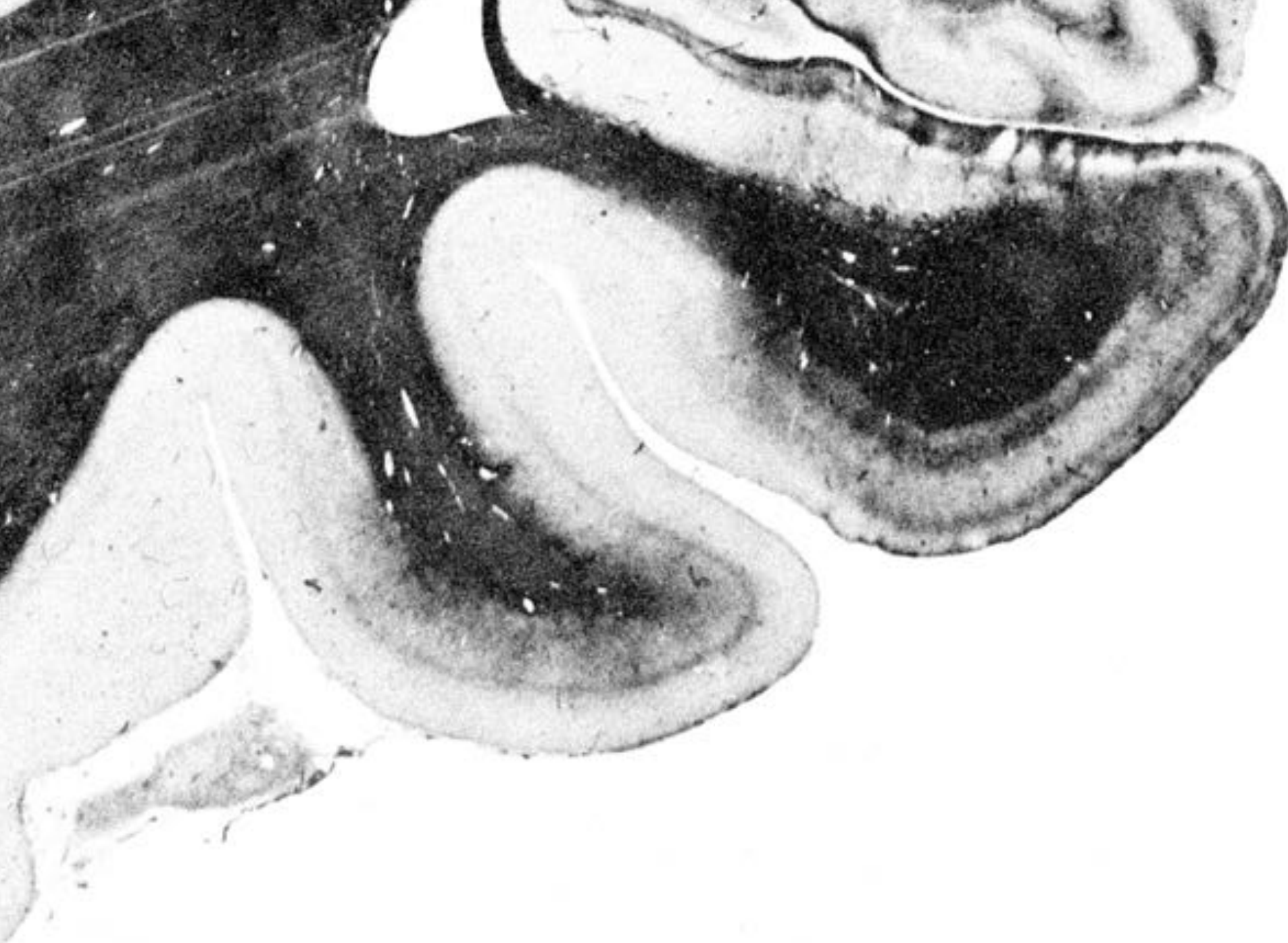
You're lying

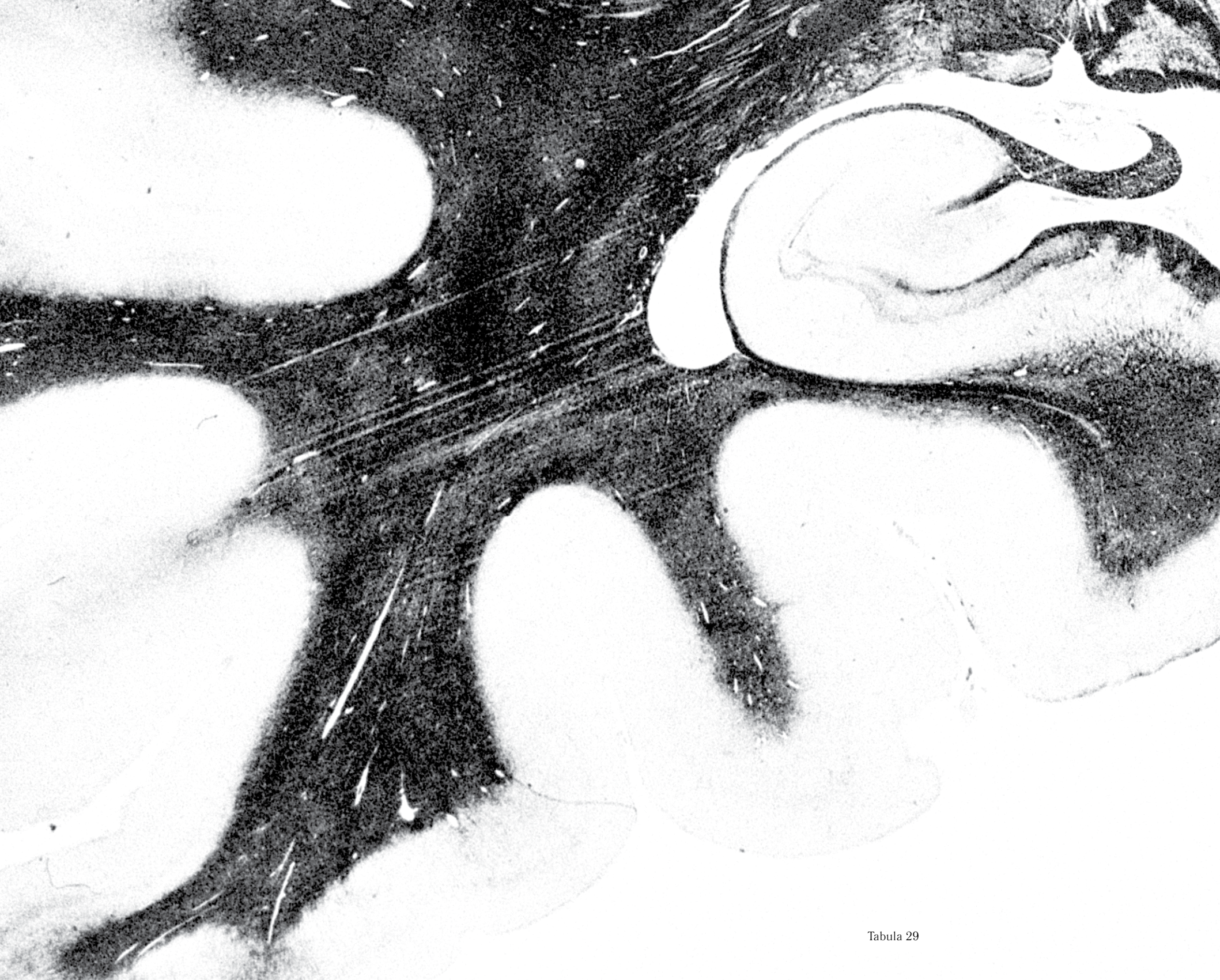
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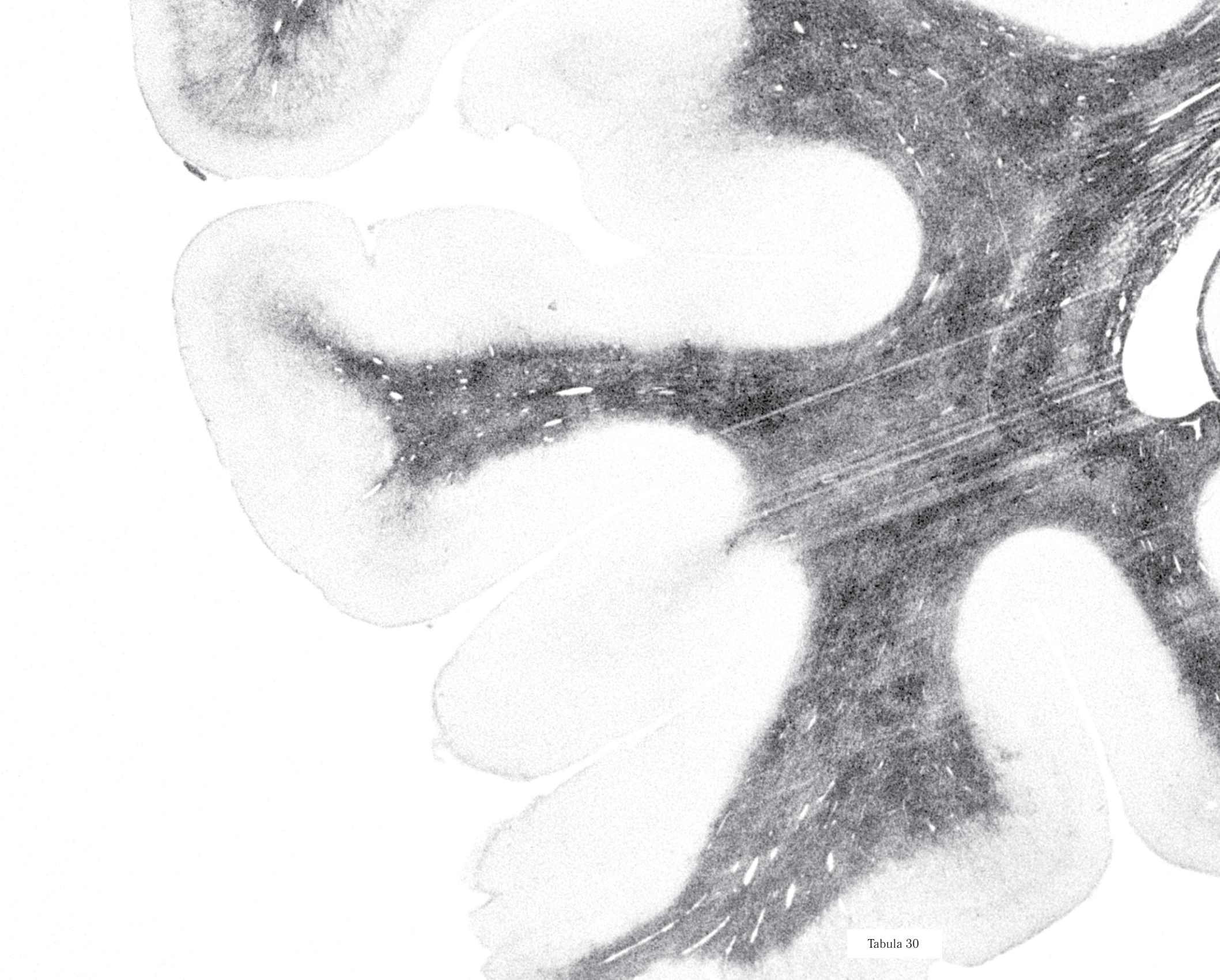
**Yes, and**  
then they are  
**being**  
**taken out.**

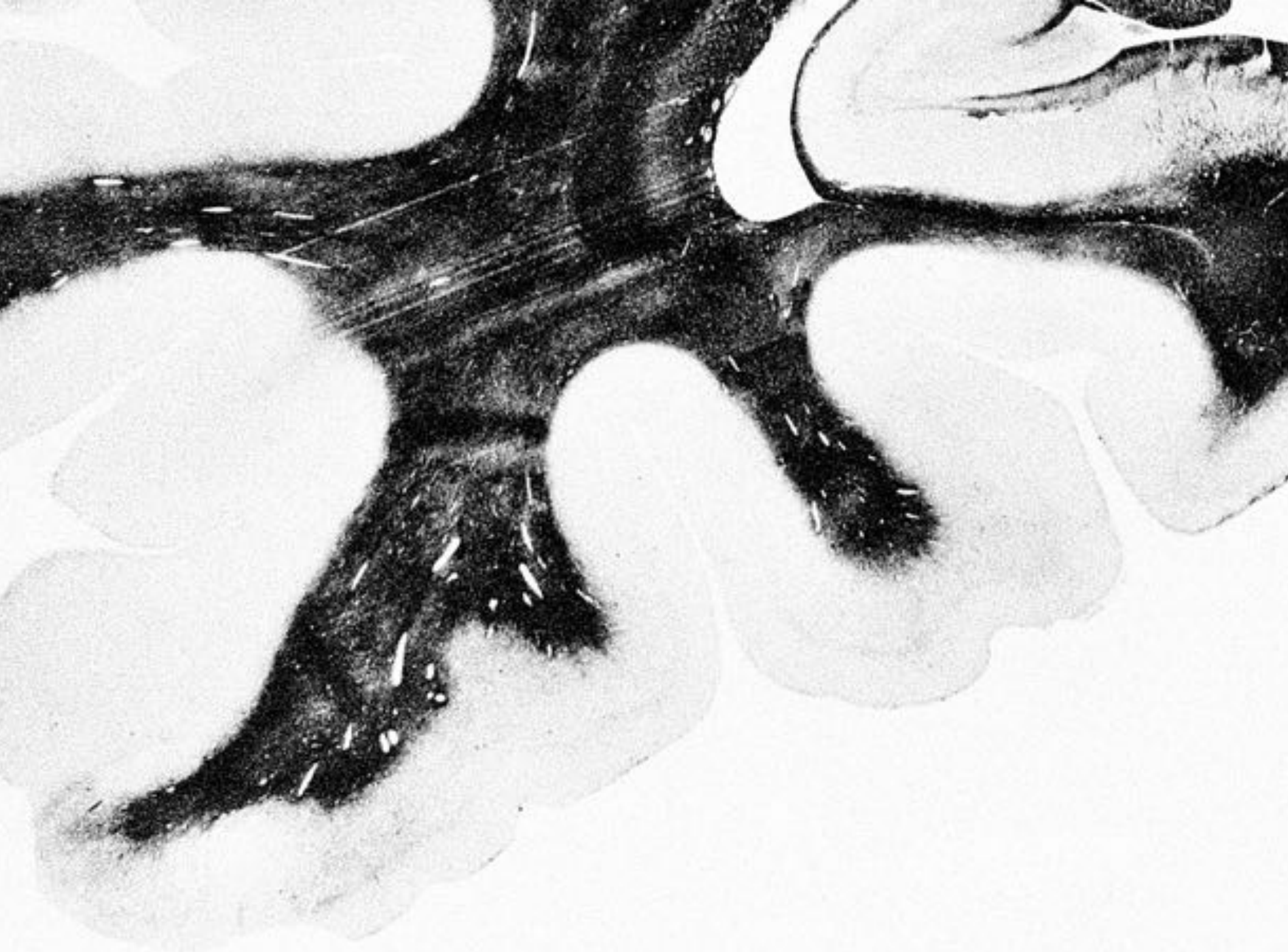
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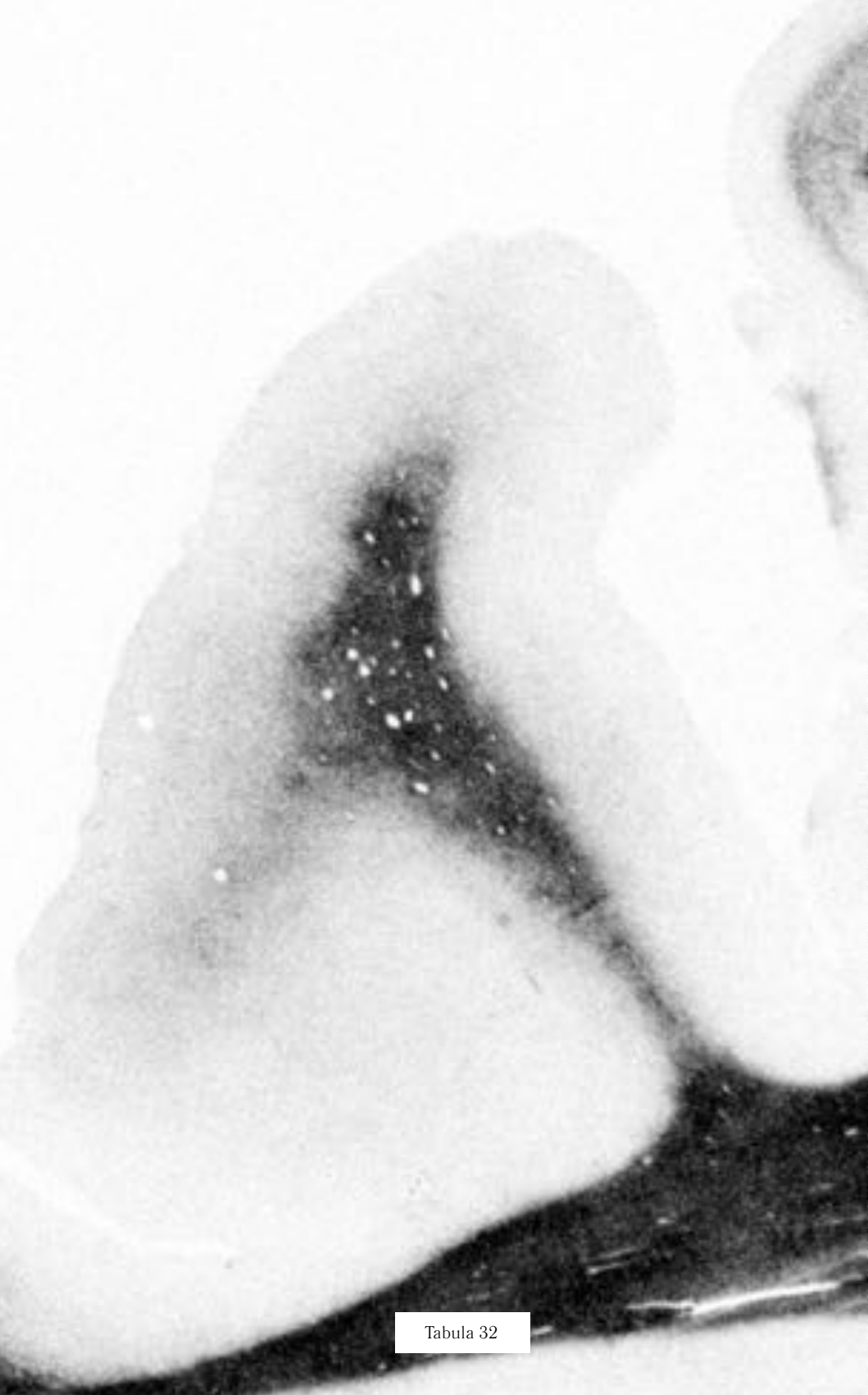




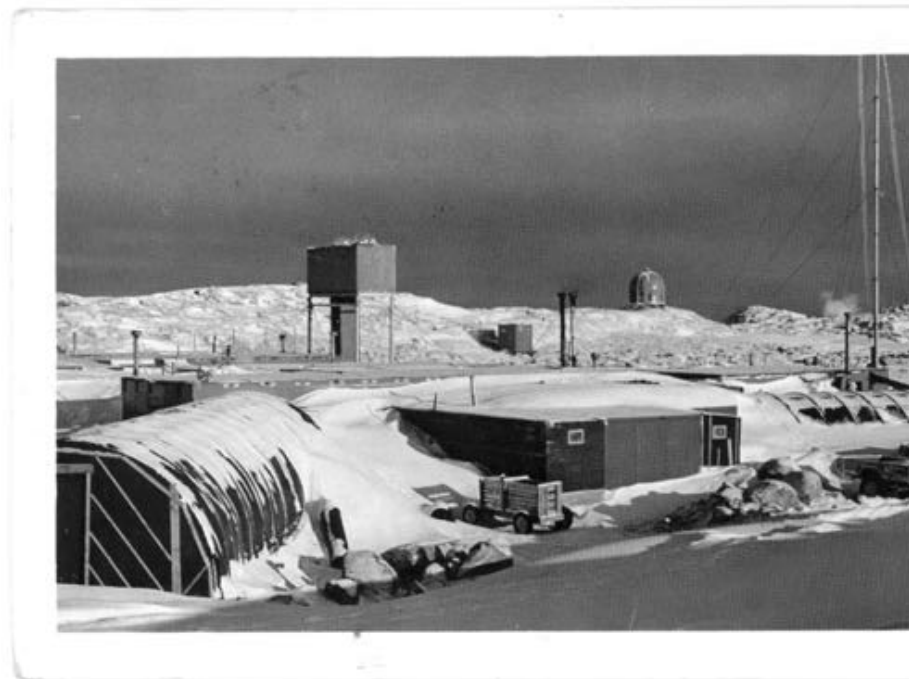




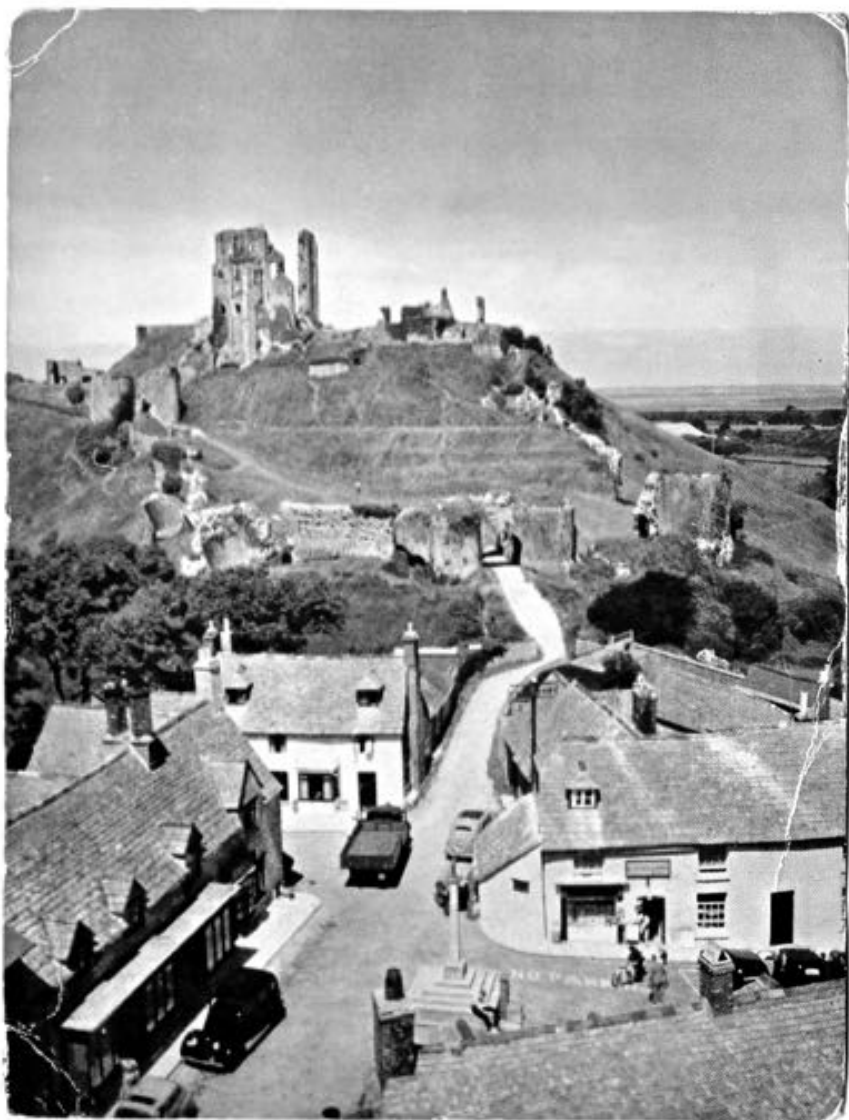




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The castle ruins look down on the  
old houses and inns of Corfe.

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*Distinguido Doctor:*

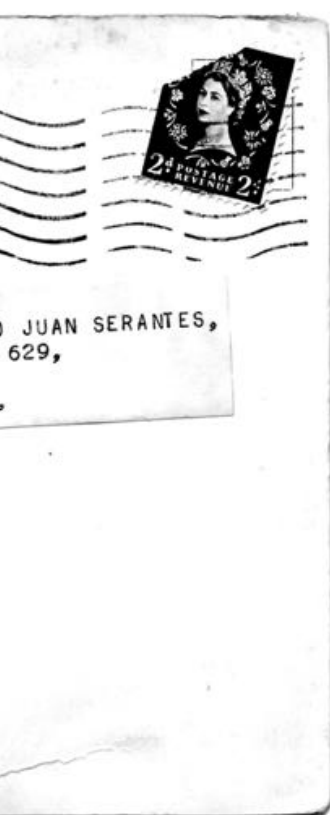
*Una de las razones por la cual  
se usa el PENTOTHAL aquí en  
Inglaterra, es que el médico  
tiene a su disposición, como  
referencias, 3000 informes  
publicados por todo el mundo;  
lo cual supone una experien-  
cia clínica de casi 25 años. Esta  
es una razón convincente.*

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People are  
walking there

wearing  
prison clothes.

They are hungry.

They  
get food from  
us.

Yes.

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My father  
and I are  
walking there. My  
father gives them  
food. They look  
so grey.

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Endless

walking walking walking  
from Gelderland  
to Rotterdam  
but you never  
get there.

Did you have any images from the past again?

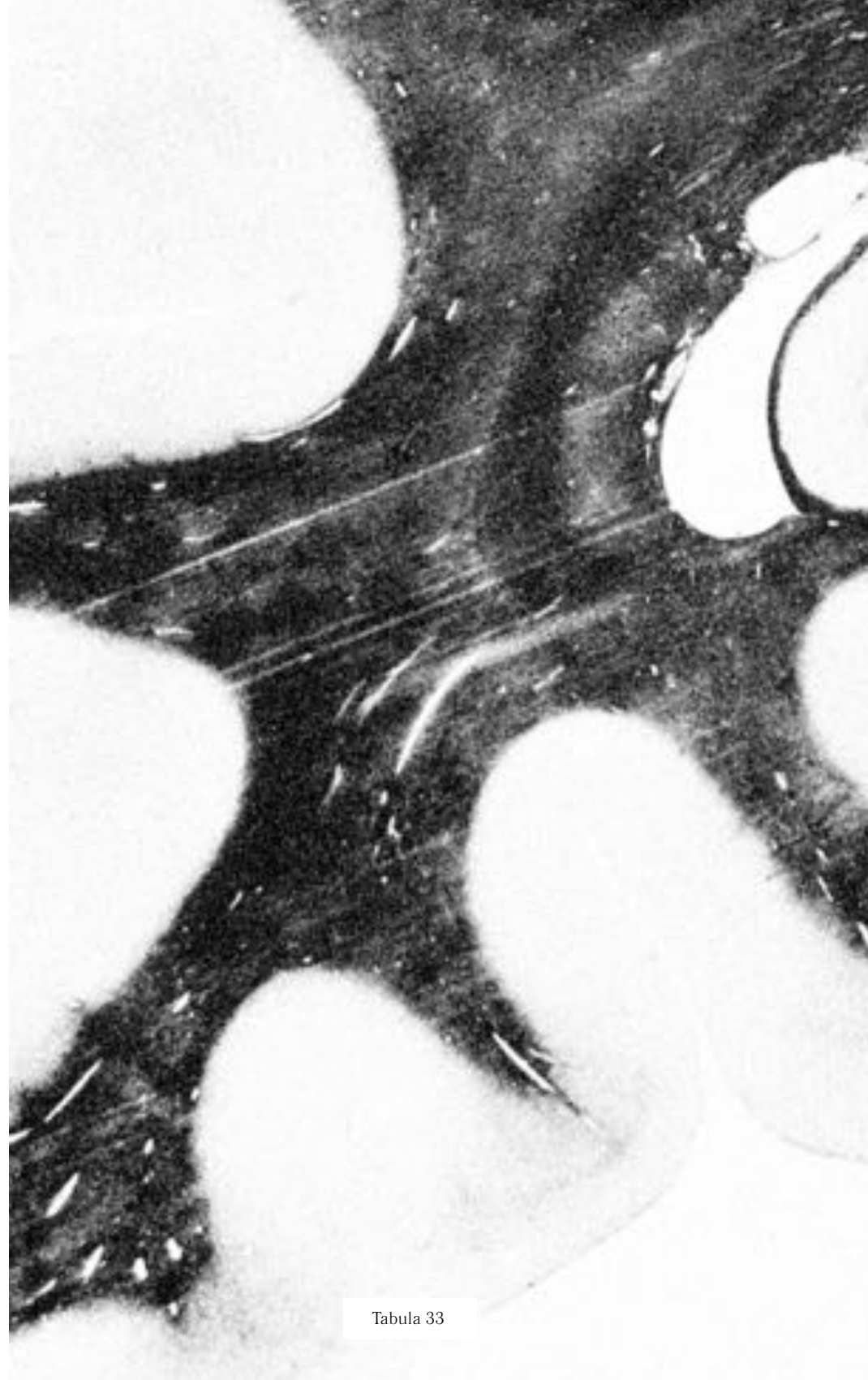
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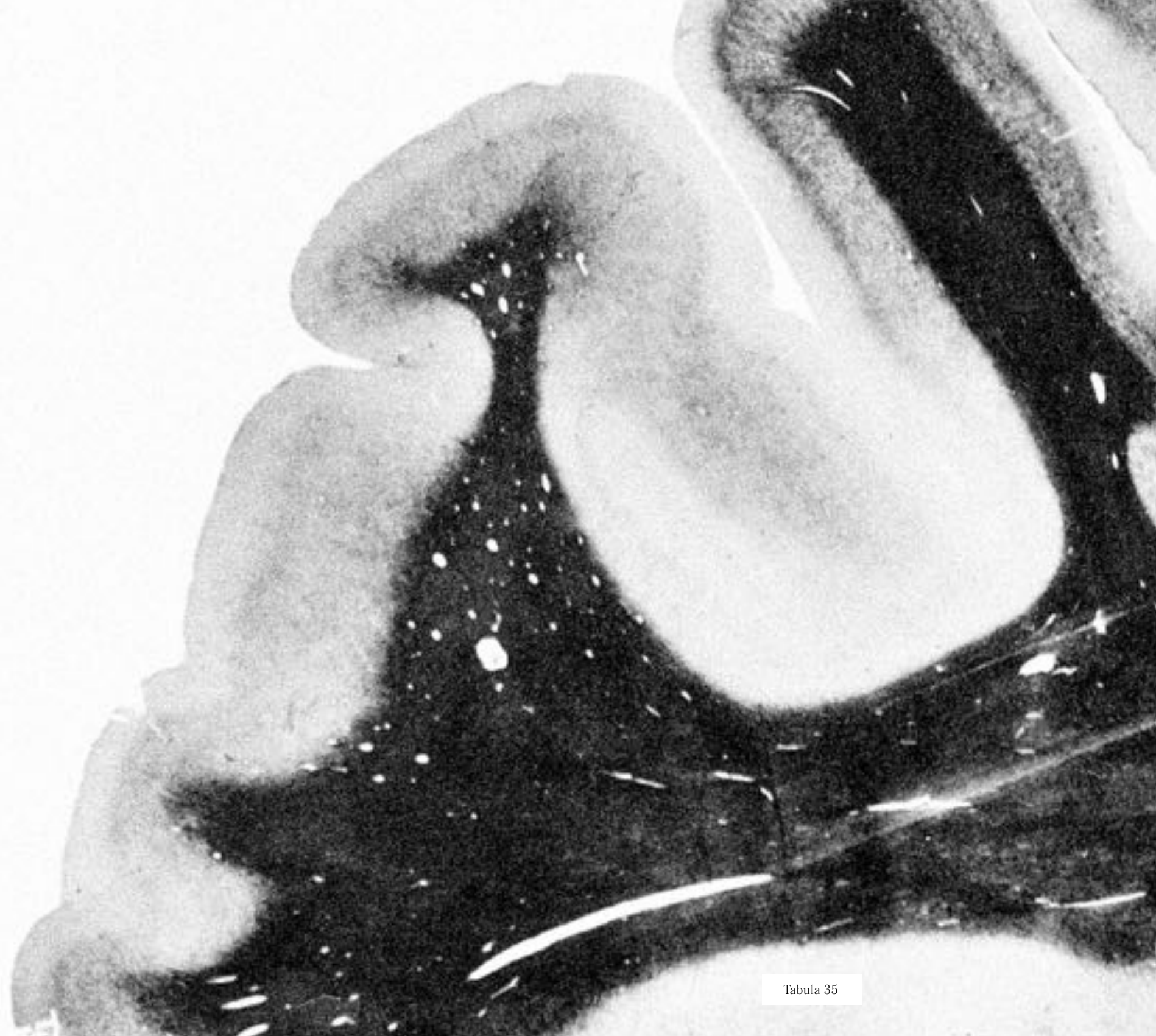
What?

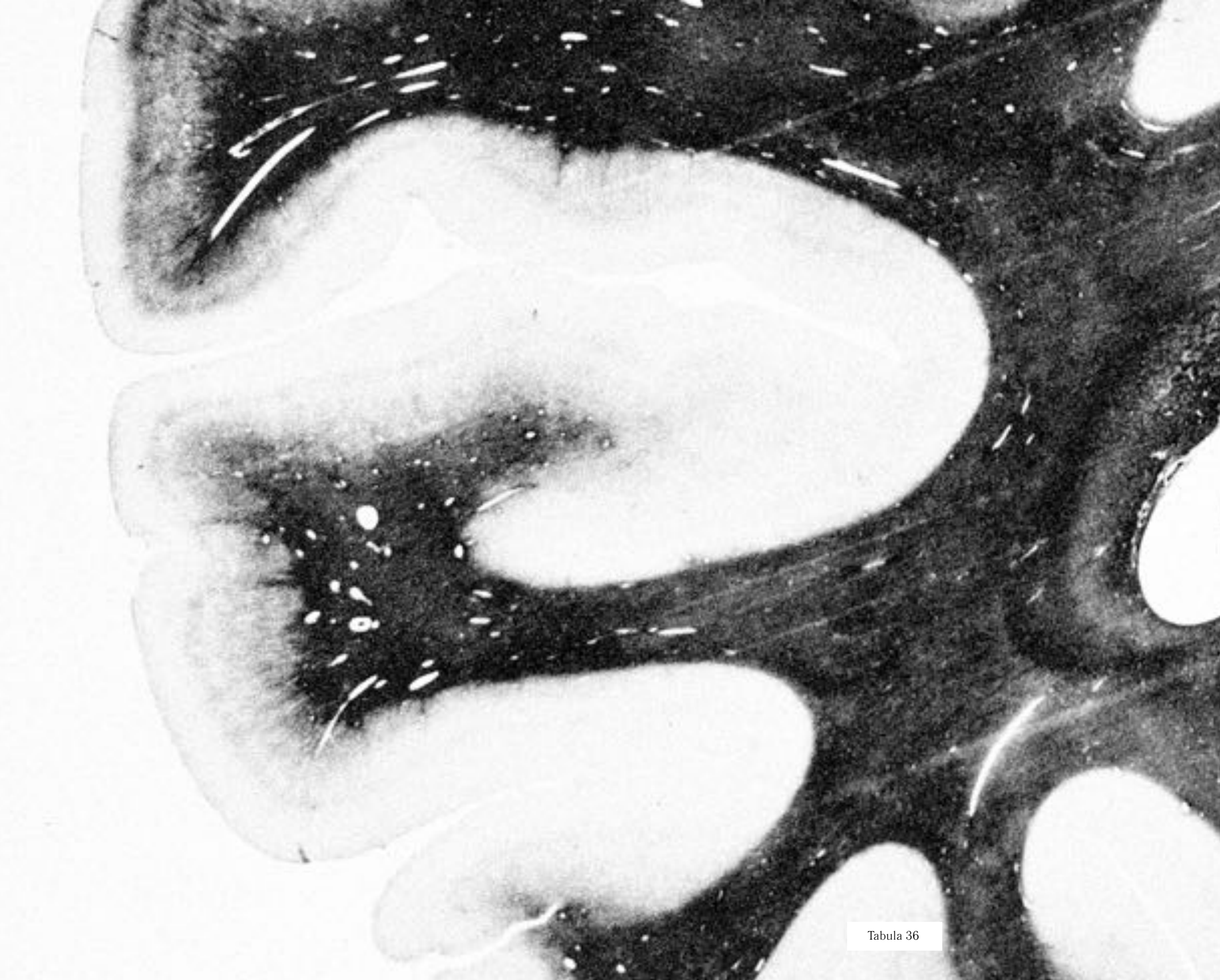
Well, the story of  
my mother  
about the  
hairdresser's.

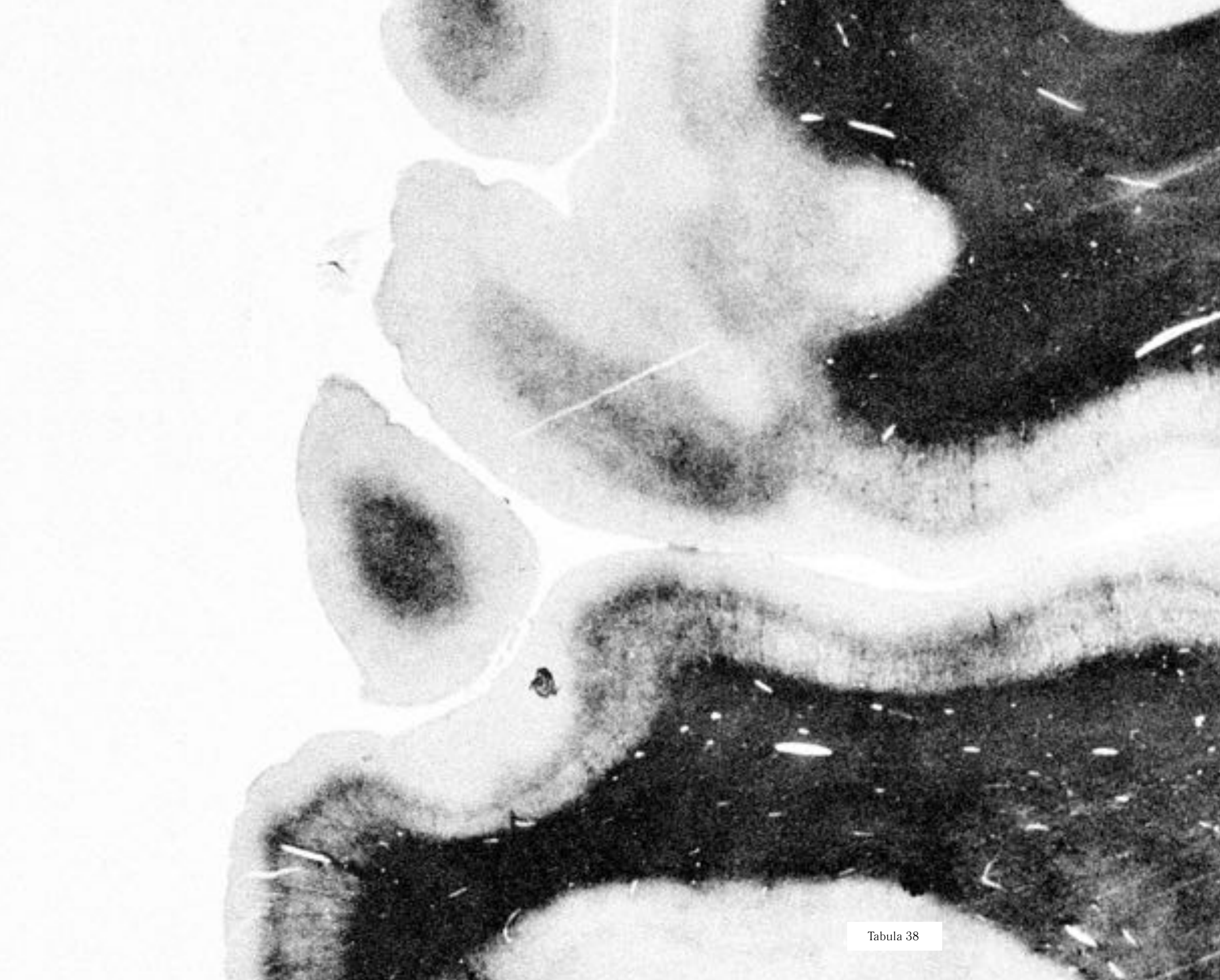
What did she tell about the hairdresser's?

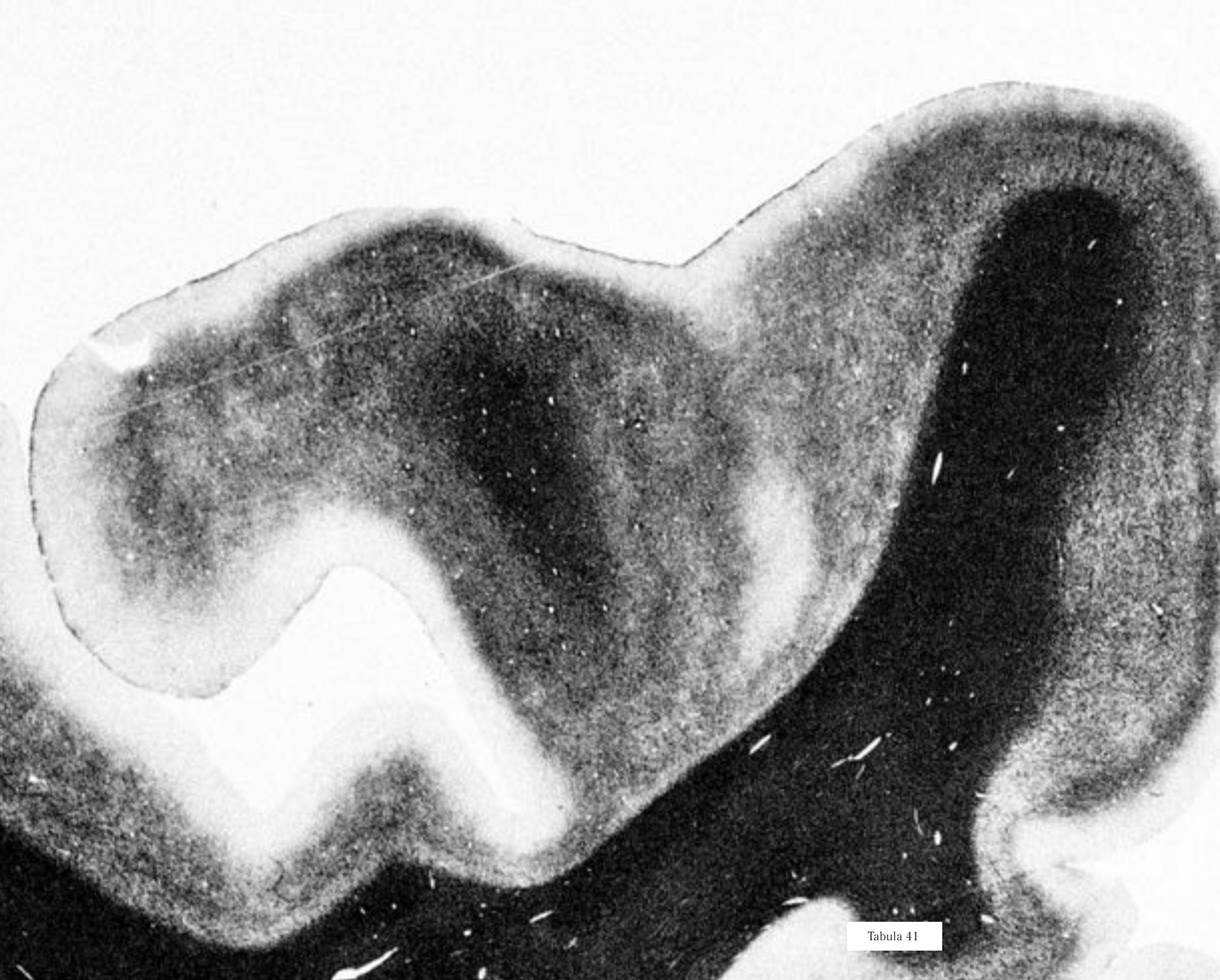
That when we  
left the place I  
shook hands with

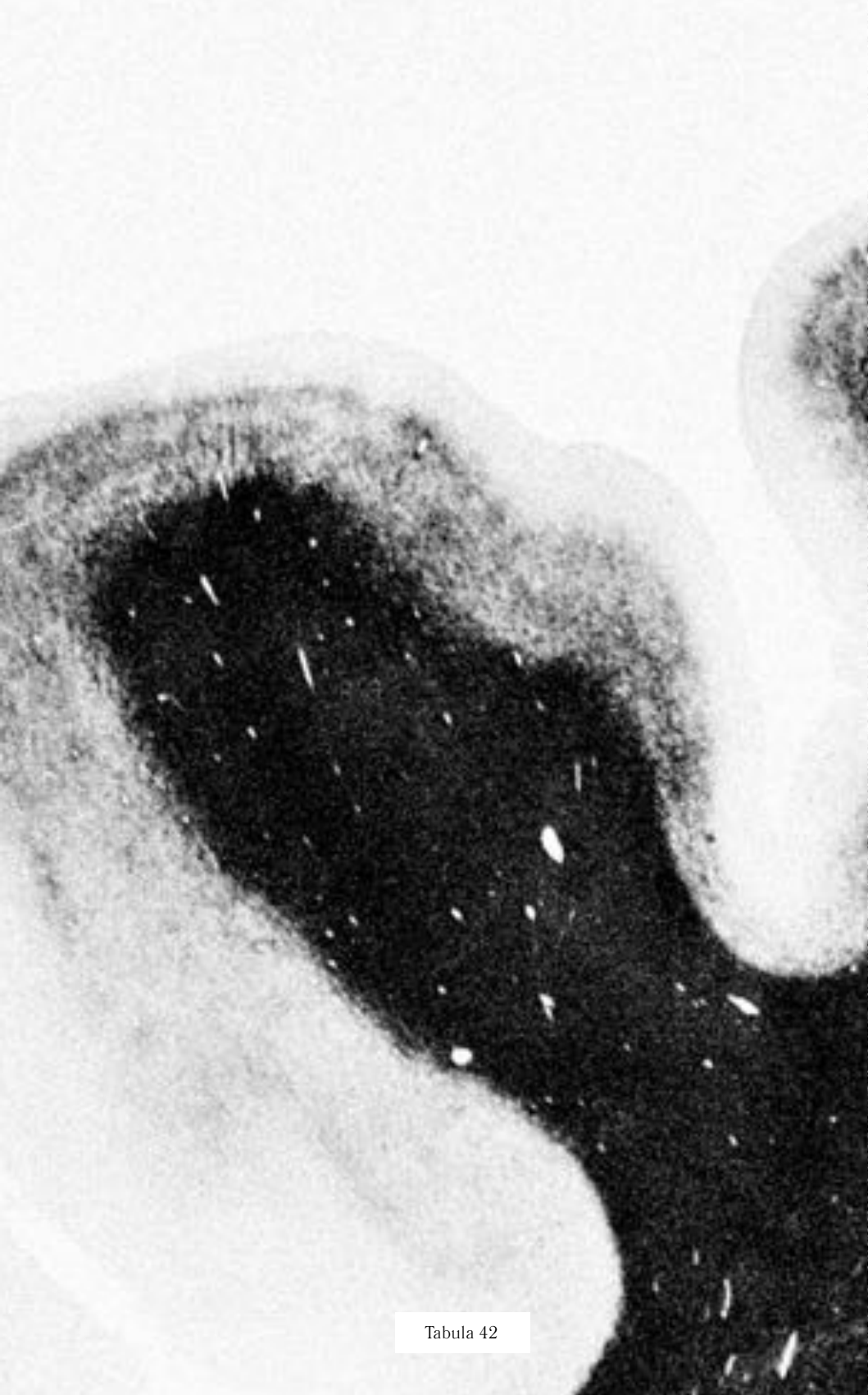












everybody except for  
the the  
German who was in  
the shop. And  
then she asked me  
'give that man a hand  
too and then I  
said 'no I don't shake  
hands with Krauts.

He smiled at us  
friendly and we  
could leave.

But a few  
months later  
Frans was rounded up.

What's going on in your head?

I'm lying



**I'm  
lying  
I'm lying  
next to the road.**

Next to the road. What happened?

**We had been  
walking, I'm tired  
I'm tired.**

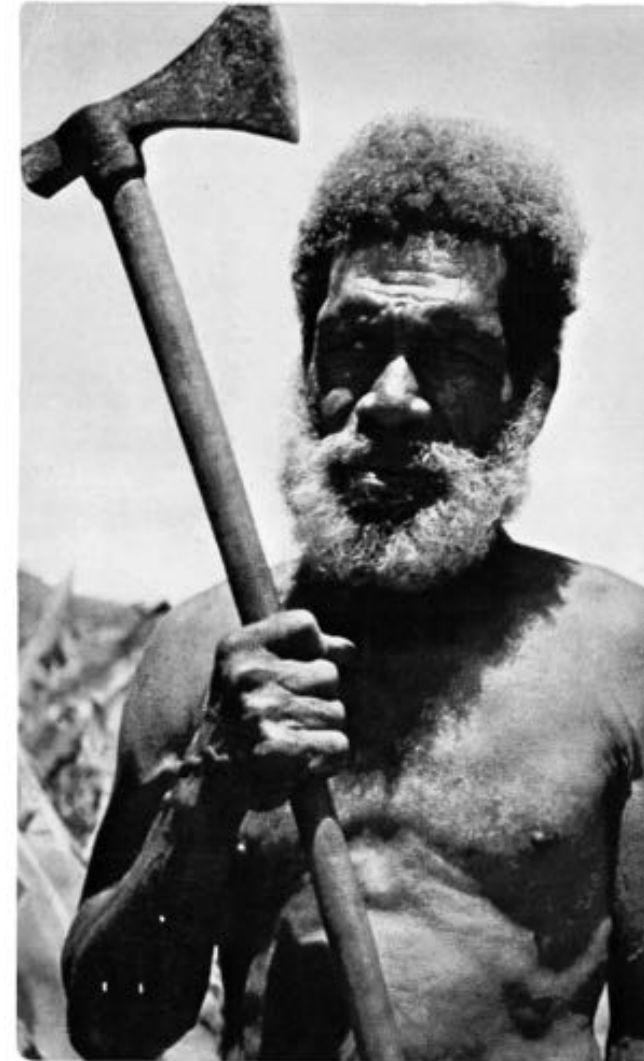
You lay down?

**Yes but but but...**

**No, I don't want  
to see this.** What

don't you want to see?

**No no,  
this is very  
bad.**



Do look at it Dik. Look at it. Look at it.

Try to look at it. Don't walk away.

What are you seeing?

**It's very big,  
it's again it's a  
mountain again.**

A mountain.

**Yes.**

What are you seeing? **Death**

Death.

**death**

**horses.**

You're seeing dead people?

**People,**

**horses.**

Horses.

dead people, dead horses.

**It's black it's**

**all black.**

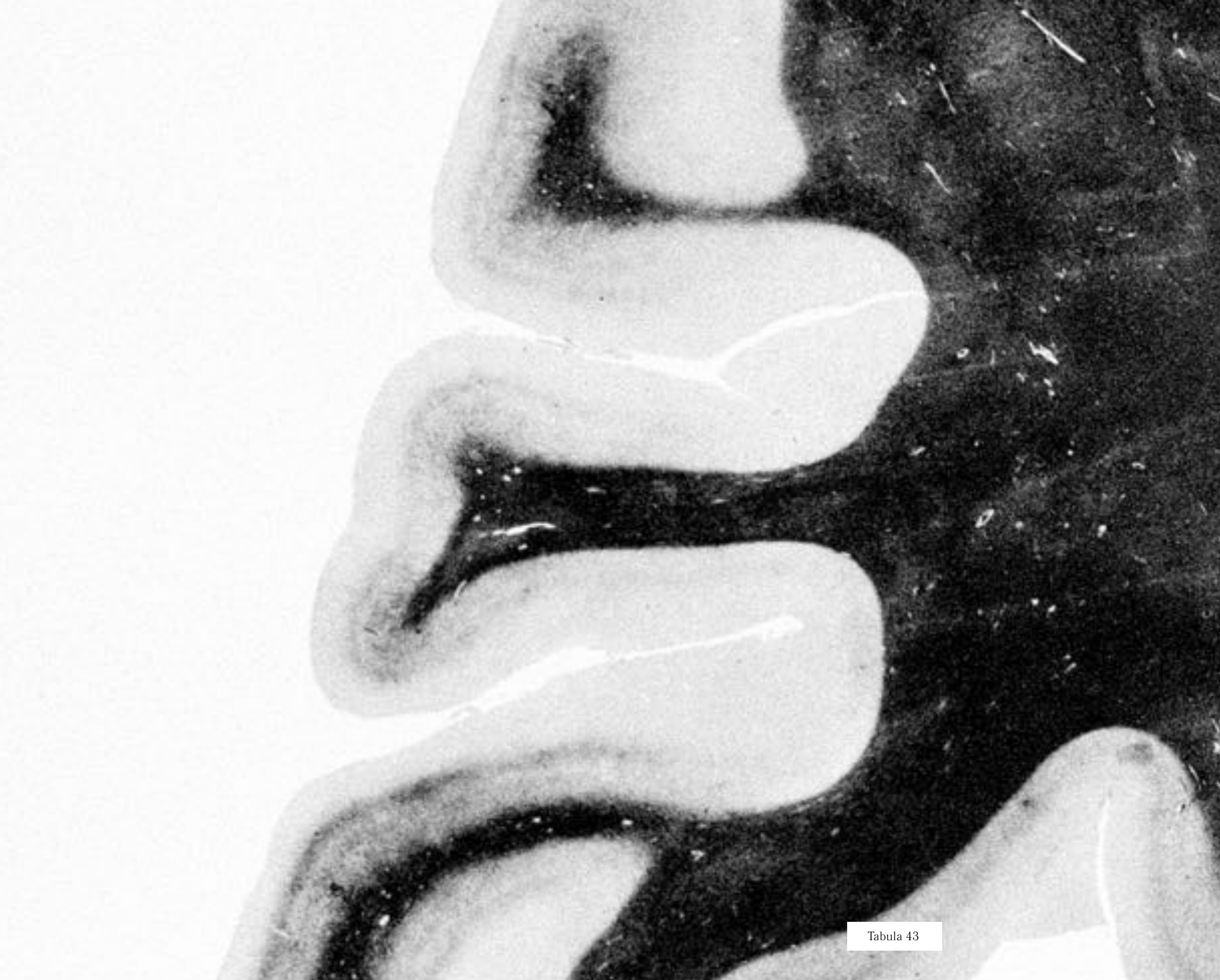
People who have been shot.

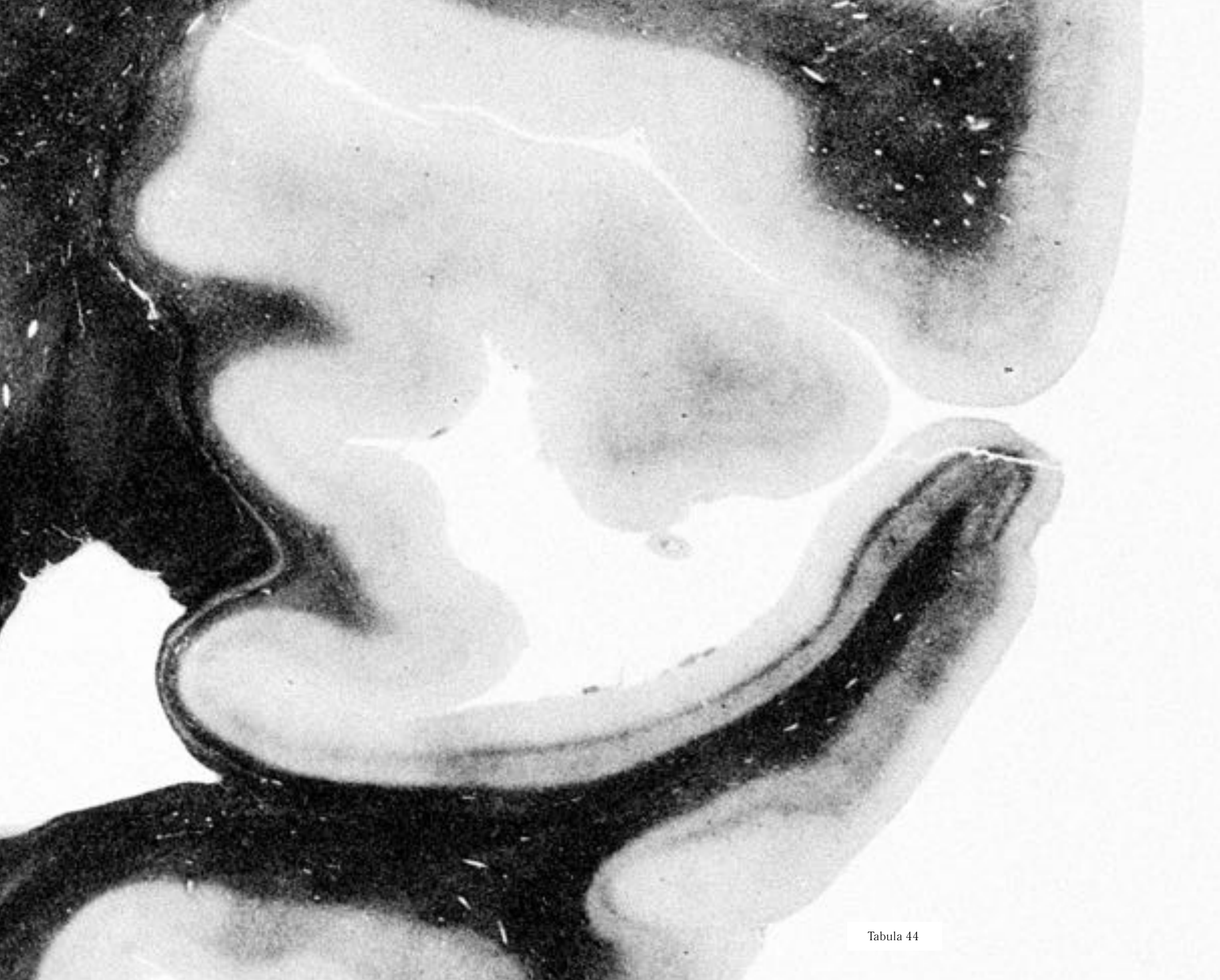
**No, they are**

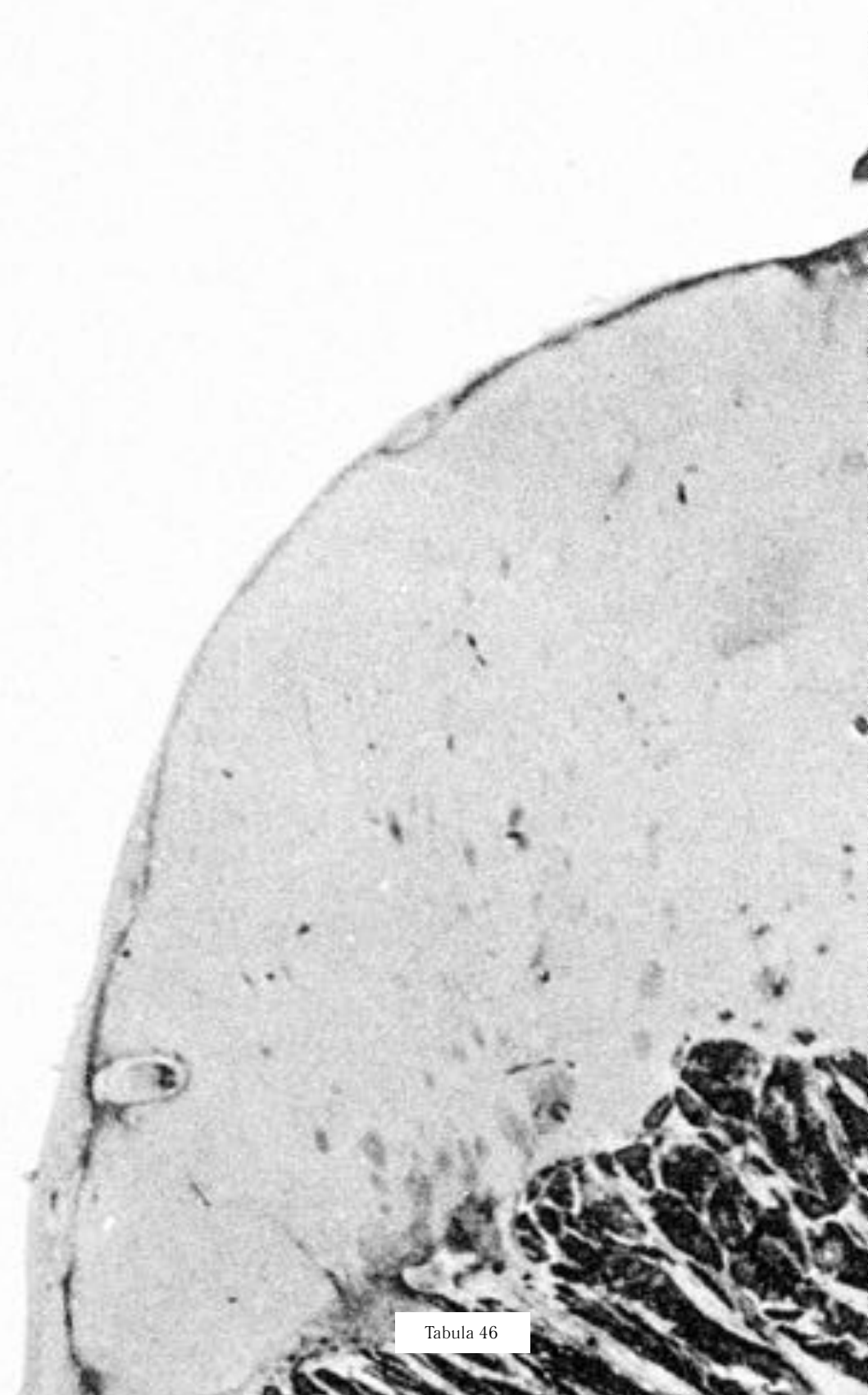
**hanging in trees.**



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They've been hanged. They've been hanged.

**Leafless trees.**

Leafless trees.

**They**

**are also black.**

**And I**

**don't know,**

**I don't understand,**

**why does this have**

**to happen?**

**Then I have to**

**walk again,**

**then I see**

**boots**

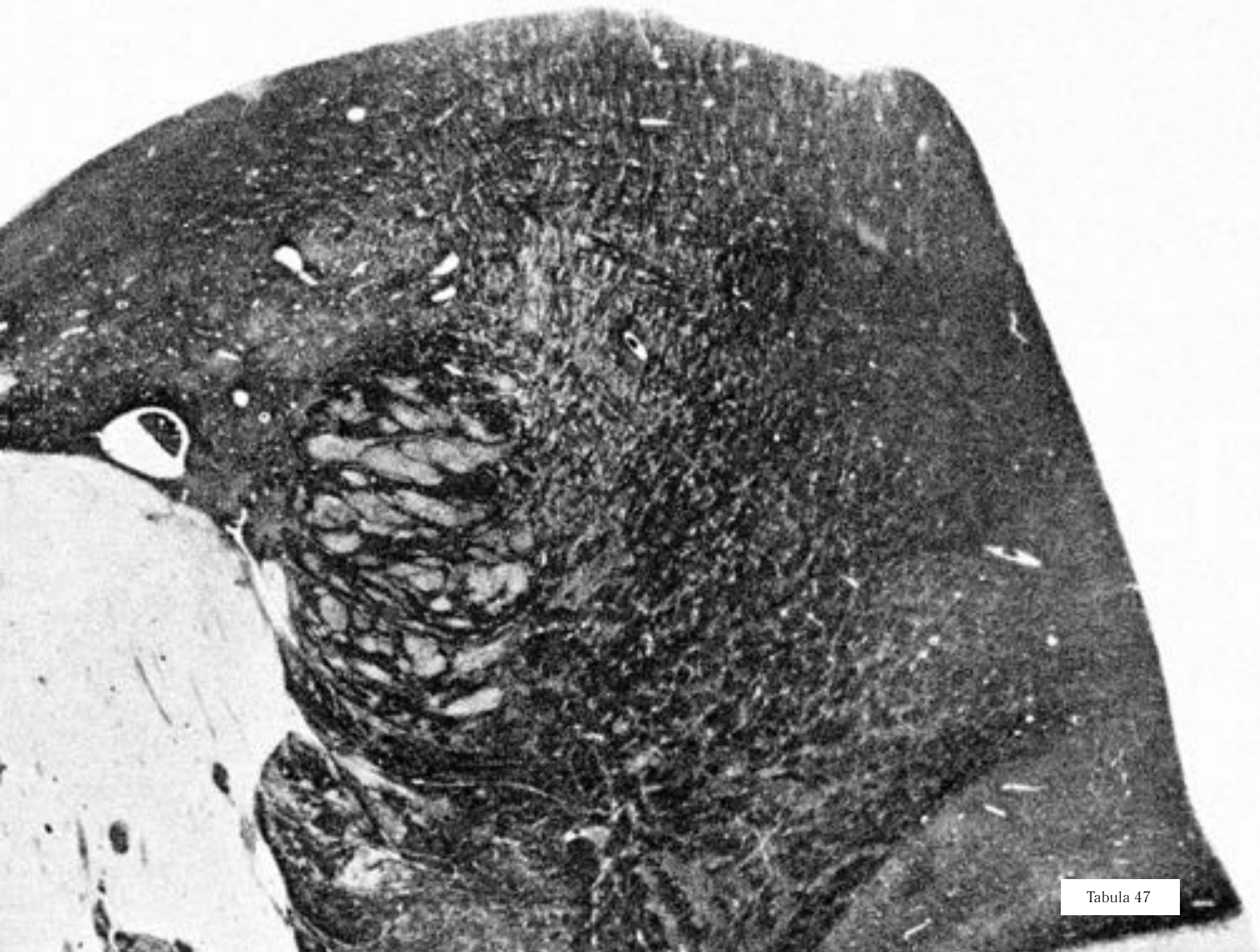
**boots**

**boots,**

**then I have**

**to walk**

**walk.**



Tabula 47



7 June 1987, 10 June 1987.

The 7th Pentothal session of Dik de Boef.

Starting at 10.30. Anaesthetist, Dr. van Dijk. 600 mg

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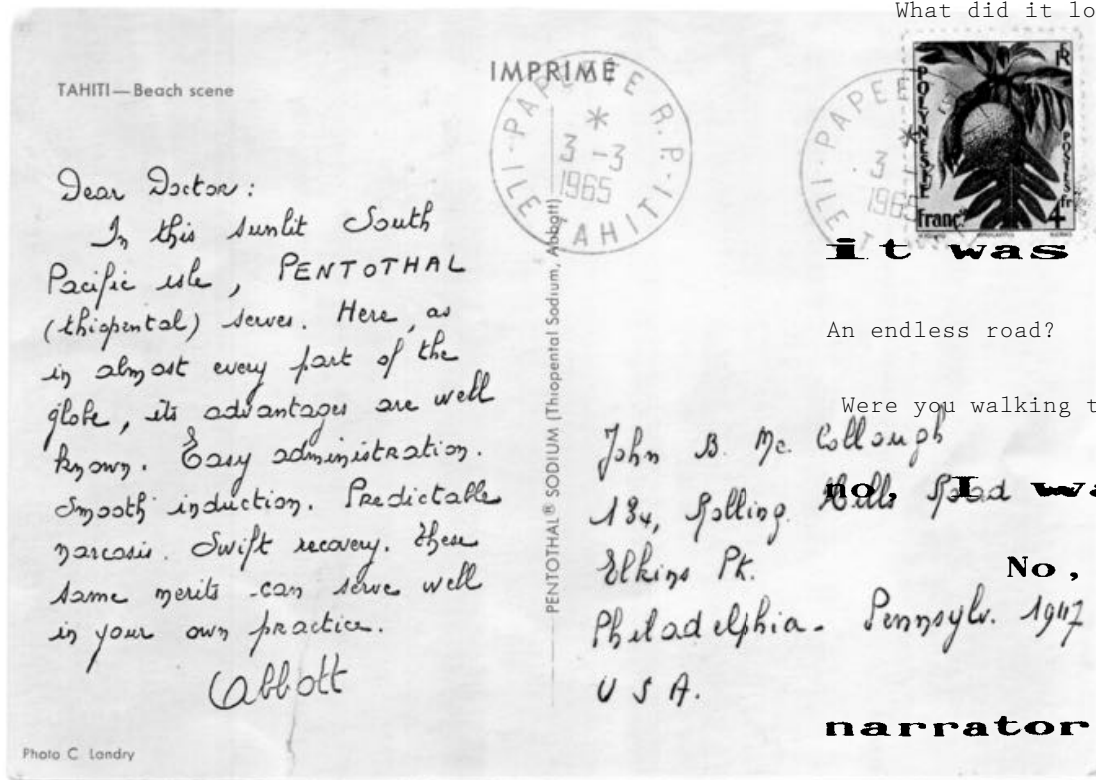
What did you dream?

**Yes, about Africa.**

About Africa? Tell about it.

**On a road.**

What did it look like?



Well,

**it was never-ending.**

An endless road?

**Yes,**

Were you walking there on your own?

**No, I wasn't there.**

**No, I was like an  
an omnipresent  
narrator.**

An omnipresent narrator?

And what were you telling?

**It was a soldier from the  
Wehrmacht,**

the boy had been conscripted,  
of course it was  
pitch-black **and he**  
**started shouting.**

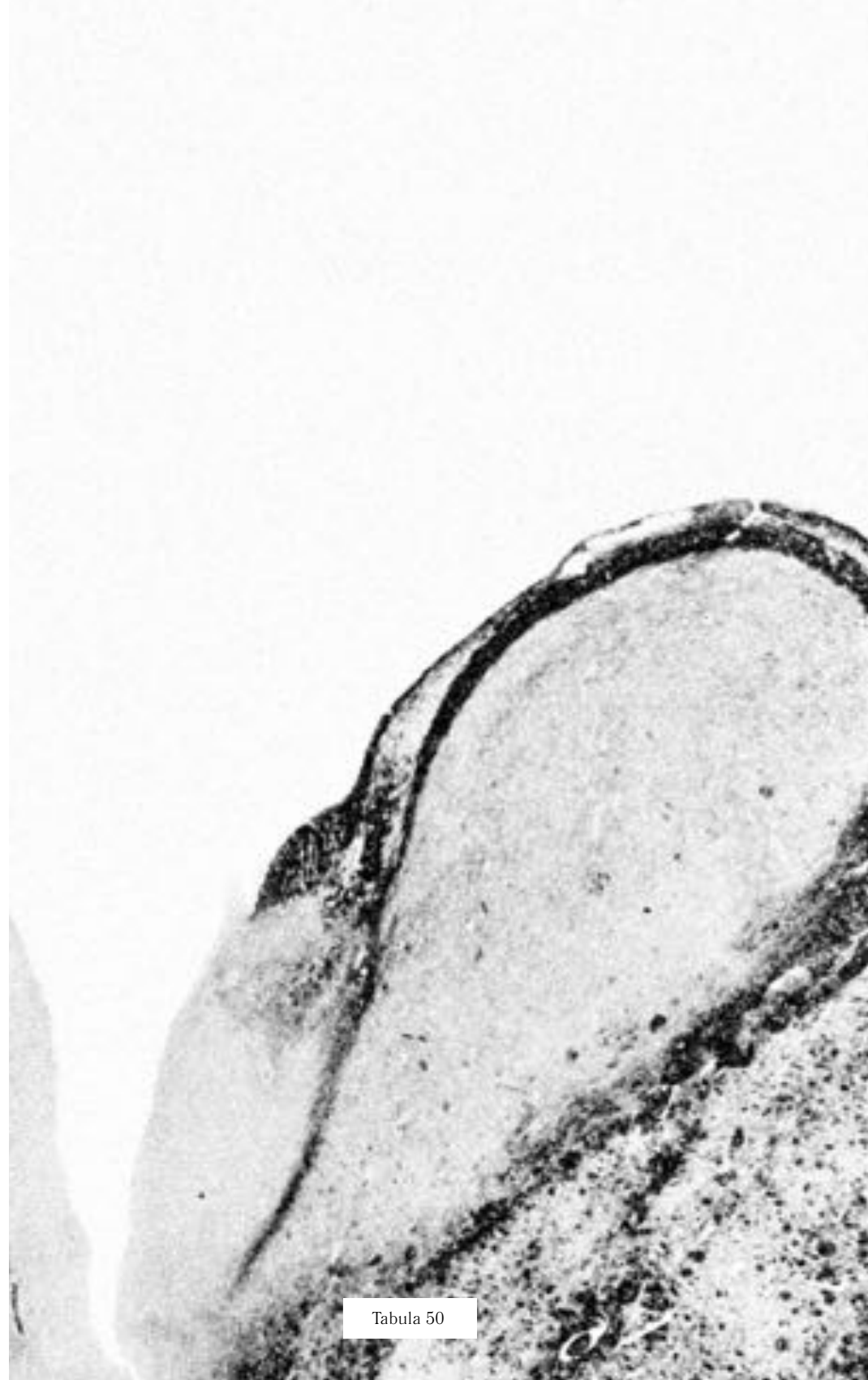
Yes, but... But?

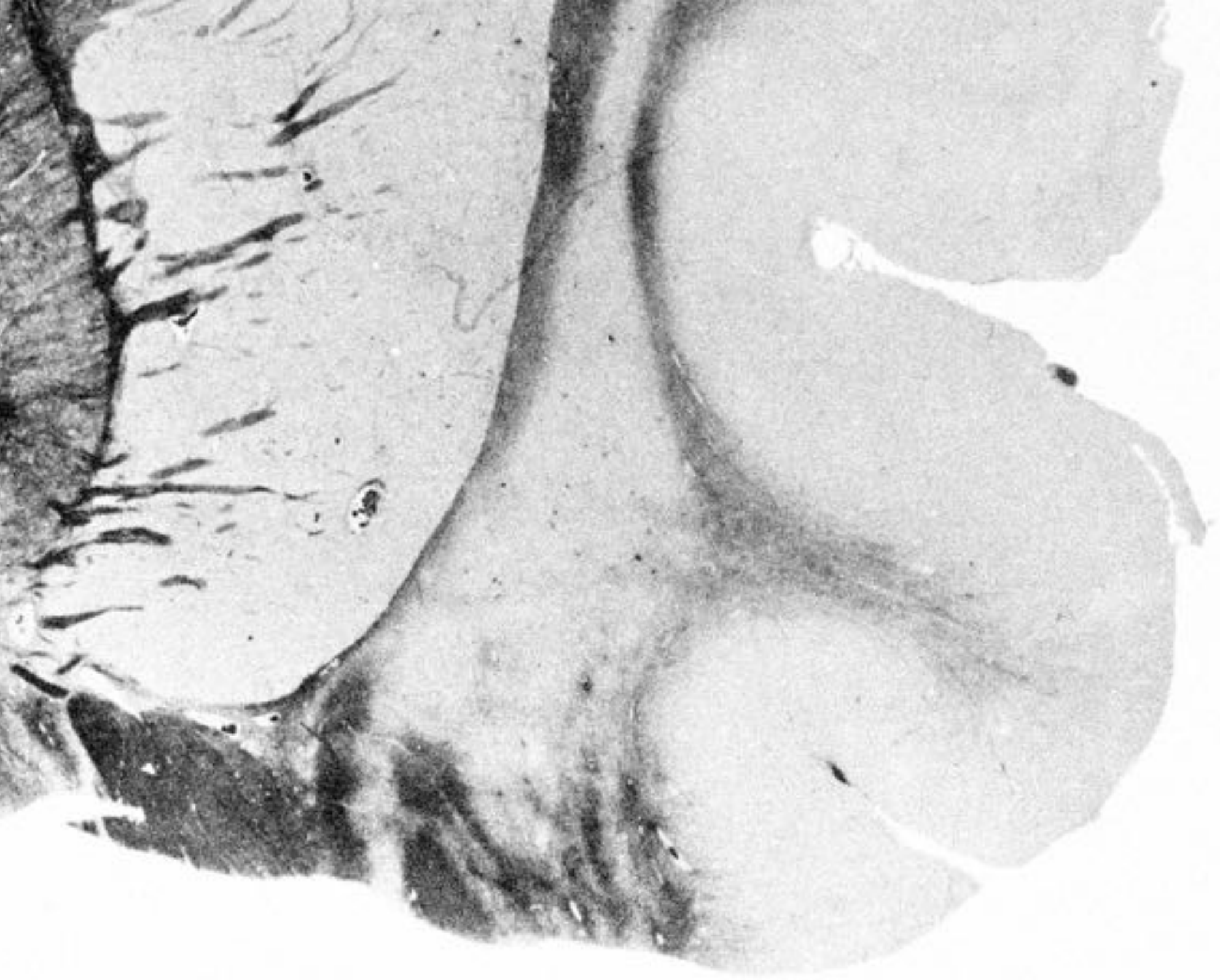
Well, yes, there  
were searchlights on  
the shore,  
they were skimming  
over the water.

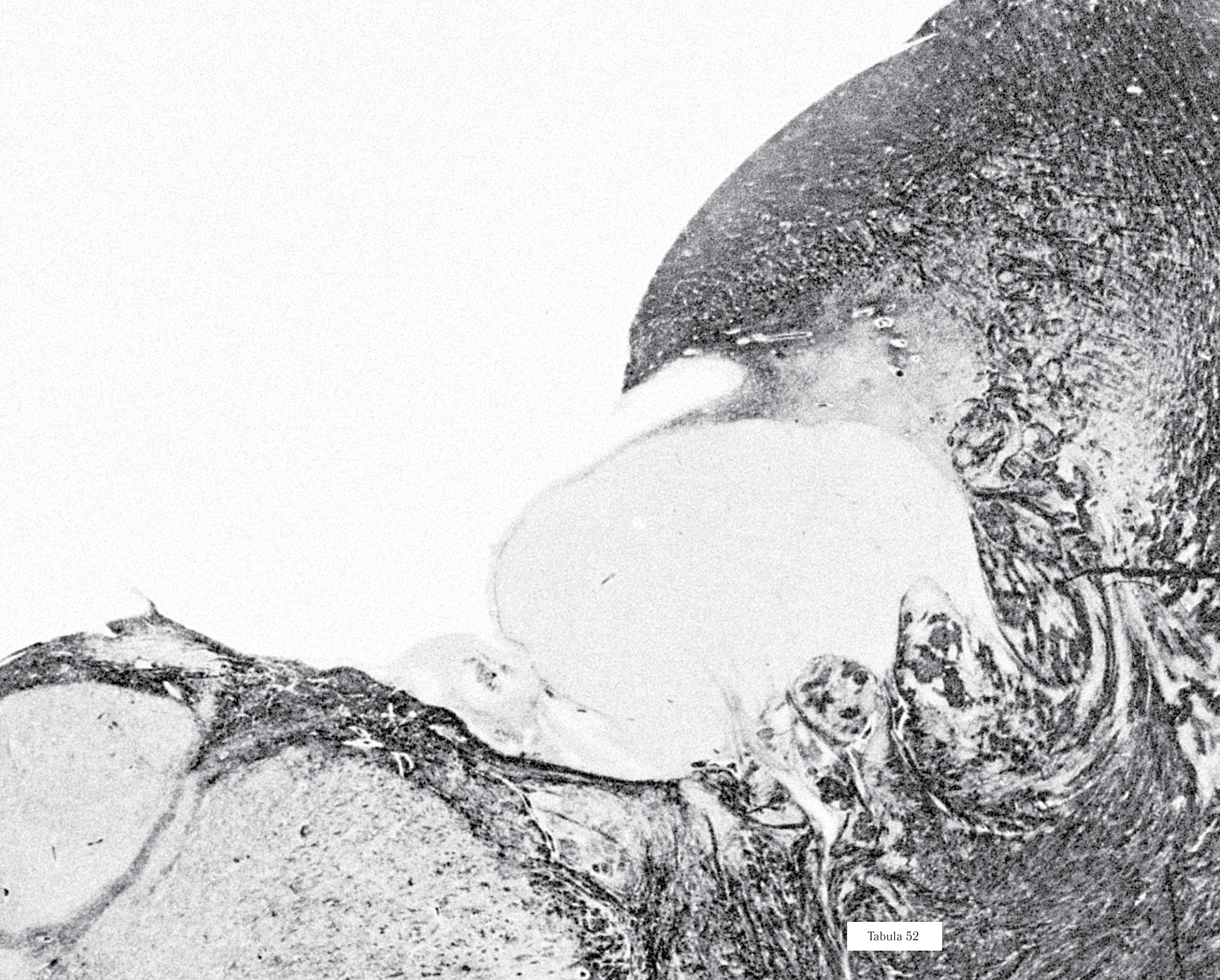
**They almost**  
caught the boat

and he shouted:

'hier hier  
hier hier ist es.' Yes,  
then he pushed his









**head down with an oar,**  
**he drowned him. But it's**

**not as easy as that.** Uhm

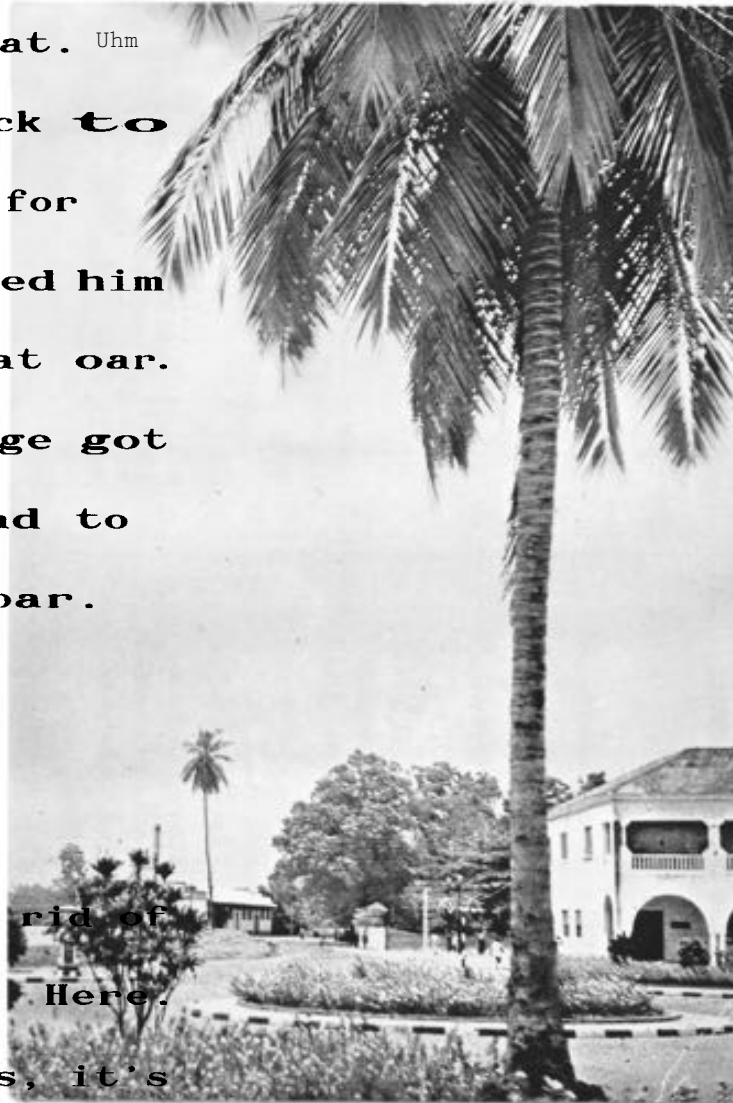
uhm. **So, he came back to**  
**the surface and he cried for**  
**his mother. Then he pushed him**  
**under again, with that oar.**  
**Always I think this image got**  
**in the way, that he had to**  
**drown someone with an oar.**

Where do you feel the anger?

**I can't get rid of**  
**it.** Where is it? **Here.**

Still in your chest, right? **Yes, it's**  
**like I'm choking.** Like Choking.

**And I am furious about it.**



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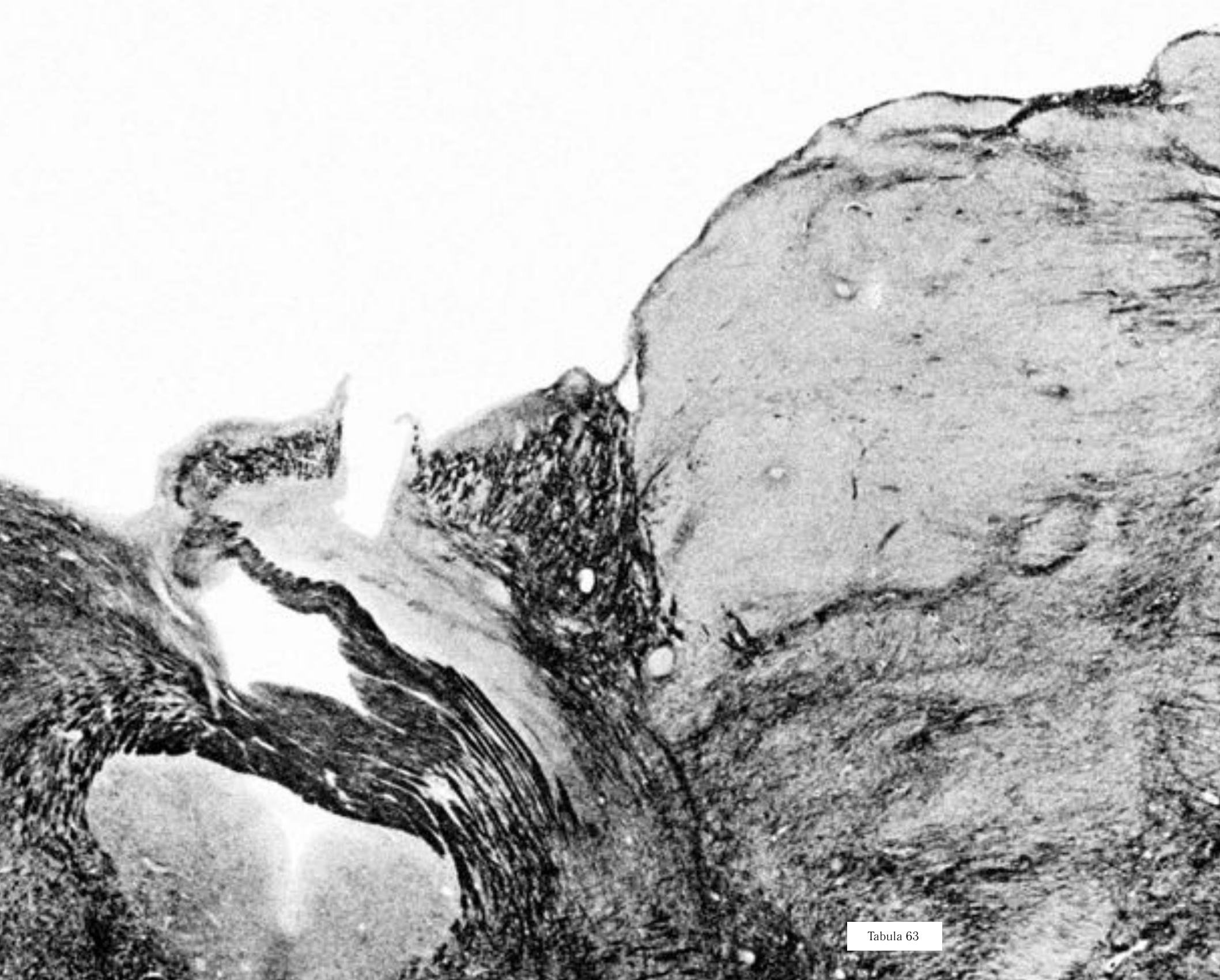
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How furious? You must dare to feel that rage. **Yes,**  
**but I don't dare to do that**  
**because I don't know what will**  
**happen with me.** You're afraid

you'll kill someone. **Yes,**  
**something like that.** That's

what you fear. **Yes.**

There's a power to kill in you **Either**  
**myself and that's probably the**  
**easiest way or somebody else**

Are there people you could kill? **and**  
**my mind says that's nonsense.**

That's not the case. If you wish someone to be dead then  
that's already a kind of killing that person. **Yes,**

**but but...** It is that primitive anger,

VERY PRIMITIVE ANGER. **If it stops now**  
**it would be fine with me.** Because

you could never release that anger.



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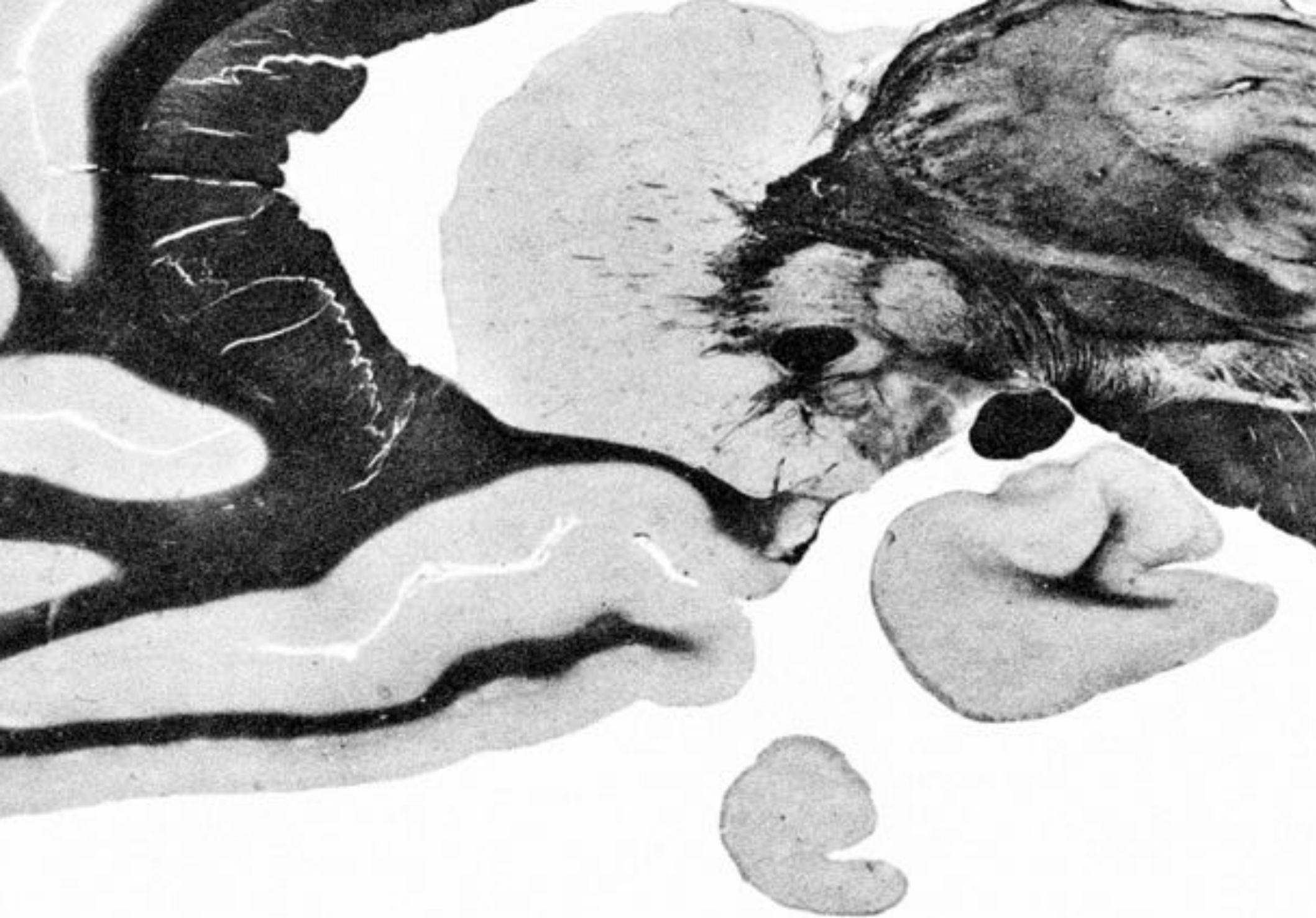
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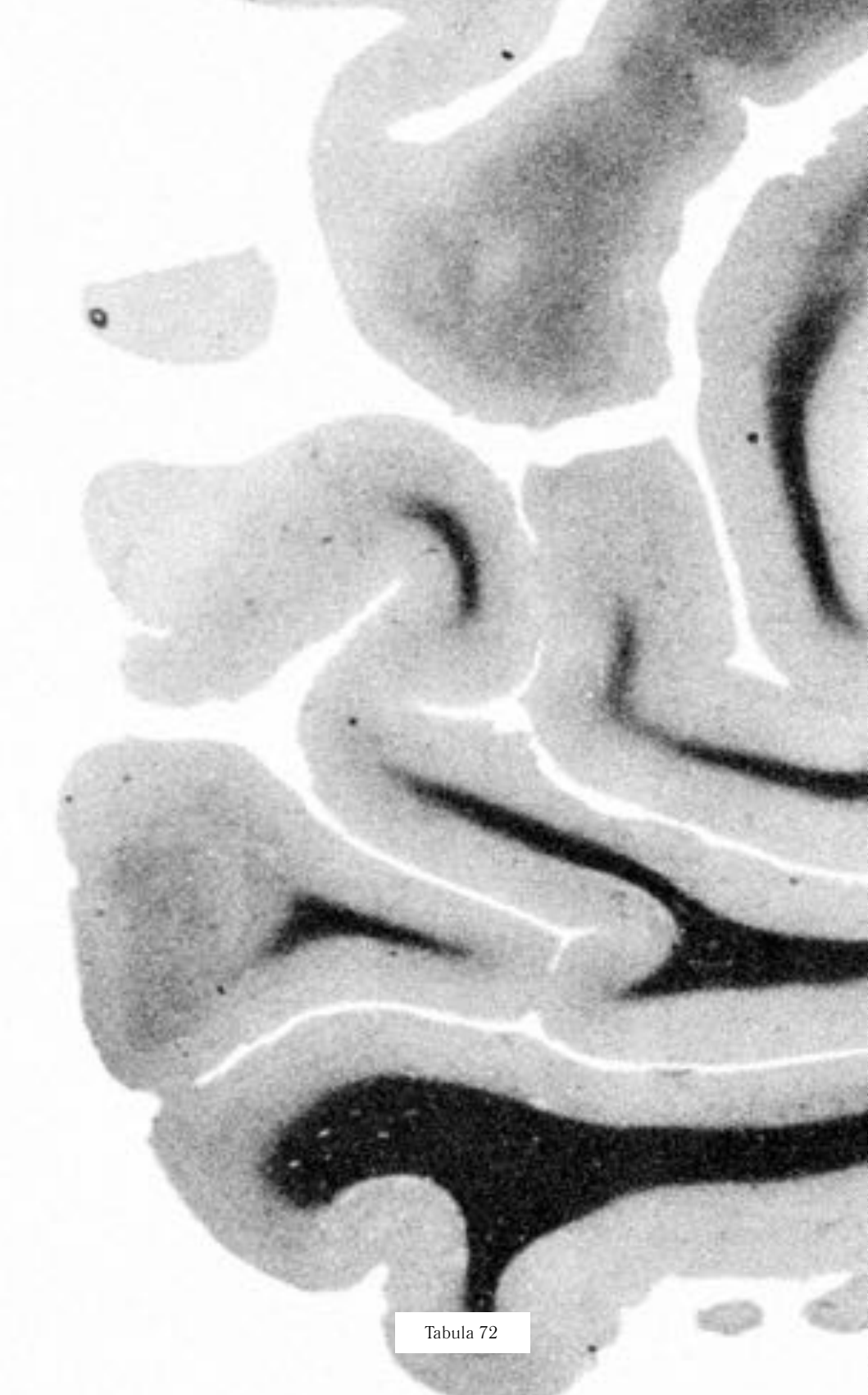
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**Yes,**

**but I...** You were furious. YOU WERE FURIOUS. **But**

**then, what is anger? Is anger**

**tears?** No, that you could destroy the other person.

Because they're not kind to you, not giving you warmth.

ANGER! Do you know the result of an upbringing such as

yours? **Yes, this, lying here on**

**this bed.**

No, it's what we saw in Germany.

Children were always beaten there. They had to be sturdy

and bear it bravely. And what was the result of that?

**Hitler Jugend.**

Hitler Jugend.

Destroying Everything **15, 14, 11** What was

the result of that upbringing? **11 years old,**

**lying on a bridge with a gun**

**in your hands and shooting.**

**I don't want that.**

That's why it's so

important that you can feel that anger, here in this safe

environment. That you dare to imagine... who you could kill.



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Yes. WHO? I believe  
that I could hang them  
all. You could hang them all? Indeed,  
without any problem. Without  
any problem. I think I wouldn't feel  
any remorse either. My god, my god.  
So, you do know HOW ANGRY YOU ARE! Indeed.

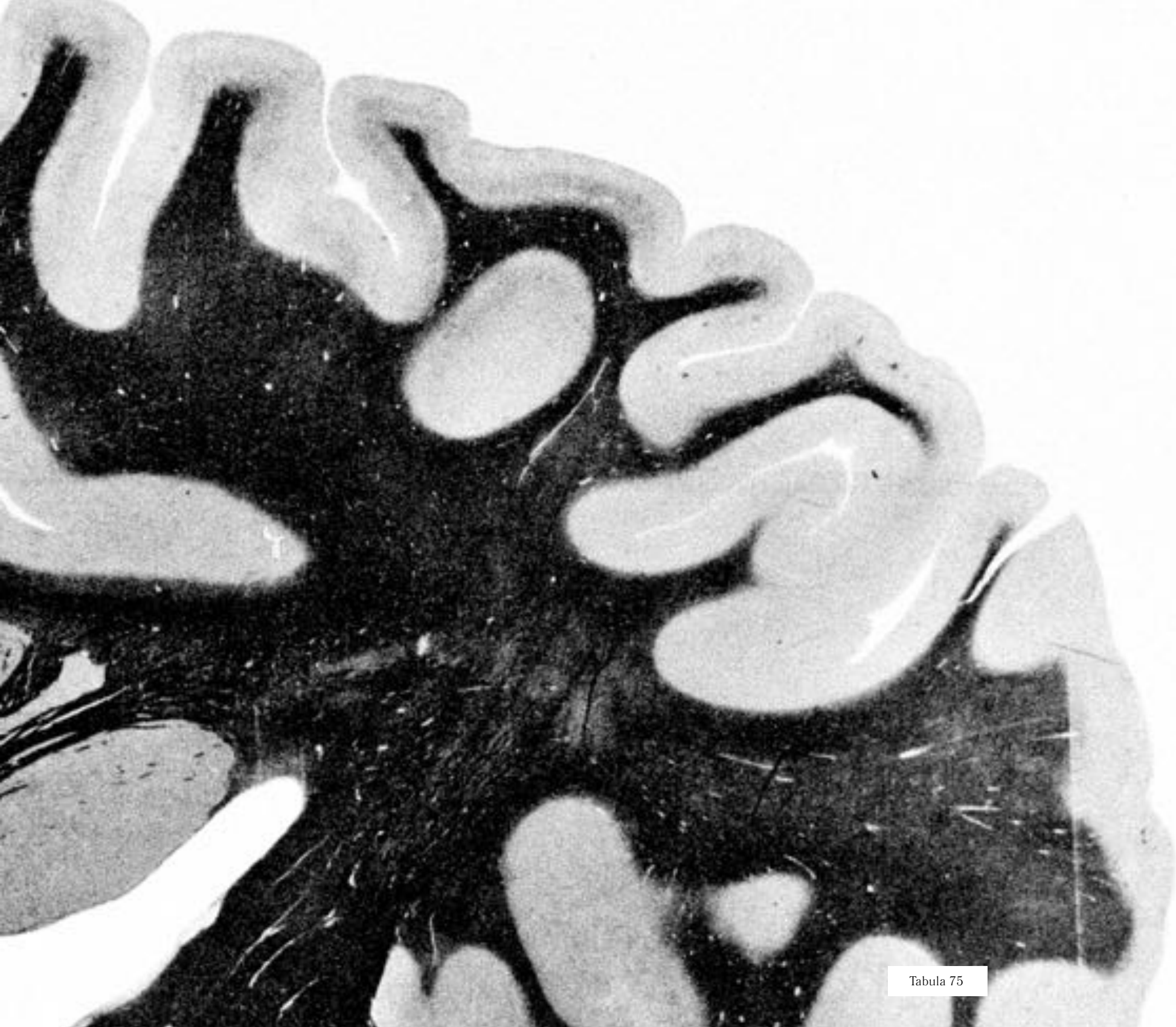
How angry? SHOUT IT OUT!

They don't interest me.  
HOW ANGRY? I don't give  
a damn for them. But,  
well... Hey! What?  
You're suppressing that anger again. I  
don't dare. Why? You're embarrassed.  
You're embarrassed by it. Yes, because  
why should I be like  
that Hitler Jugend?

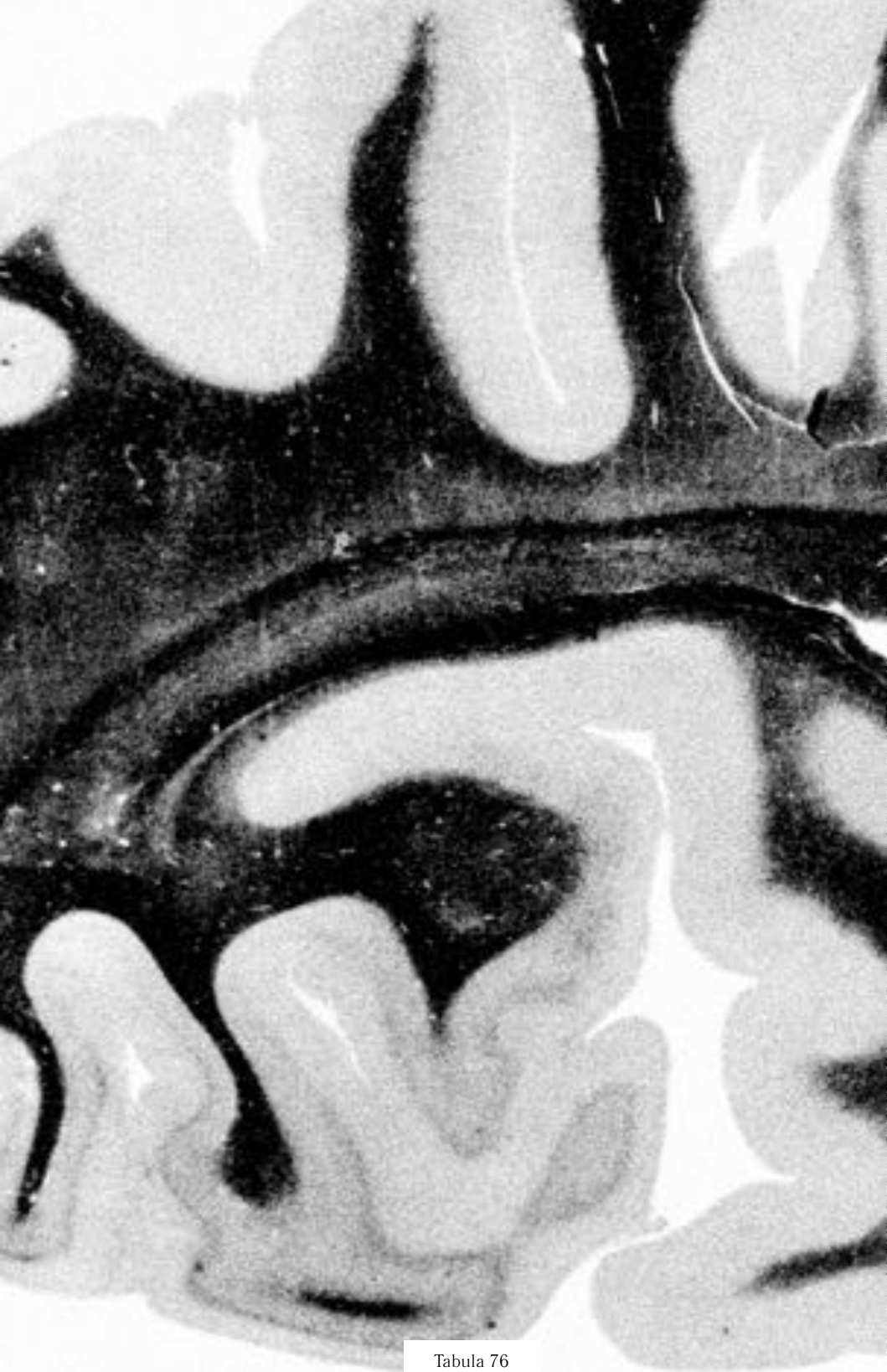
I'm not saying you should kill them, I'm saying you should dare to realize you would like to do it. That's another thing. **Yes, I do realize you're saying that, but** Dare to express it for once. **I...** It would relieve you! **But killing?** Because it is in you, that anger! It is within you, burdening you for years. And when you dare to feel this, you will move forward.

**I**  
**wrote to him**  
**once**  
**that to me he**  
**is like an**  
**opal world**  
**with all**  
**that**





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Tabula 76



glittering and all  
those colours in  
such a clear  
opal.

That is  
actually what life  
is like. And not  
otherwise.

Everything that  
is rich  
and beautiful  
is spoiled,  
while it's  
sometimes only  
just somebody's  
individual  
expression who

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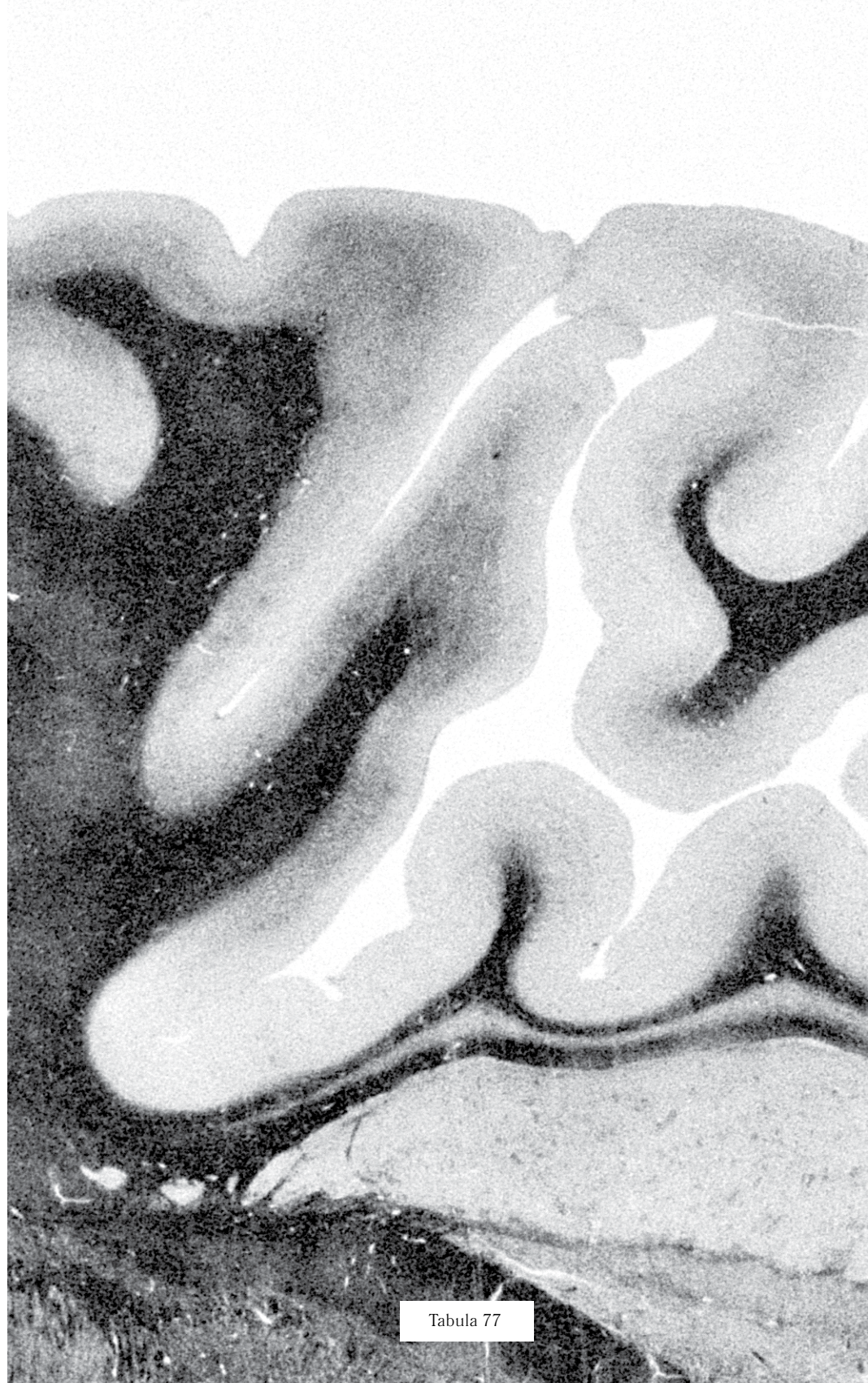
experiences things  
in that way  
at that  
particular moment.

If  
you don't like it  
or can't  
appreciate it,  
refrain from  
judging it.

But please,  
allow it to have its  
intrinsic value.

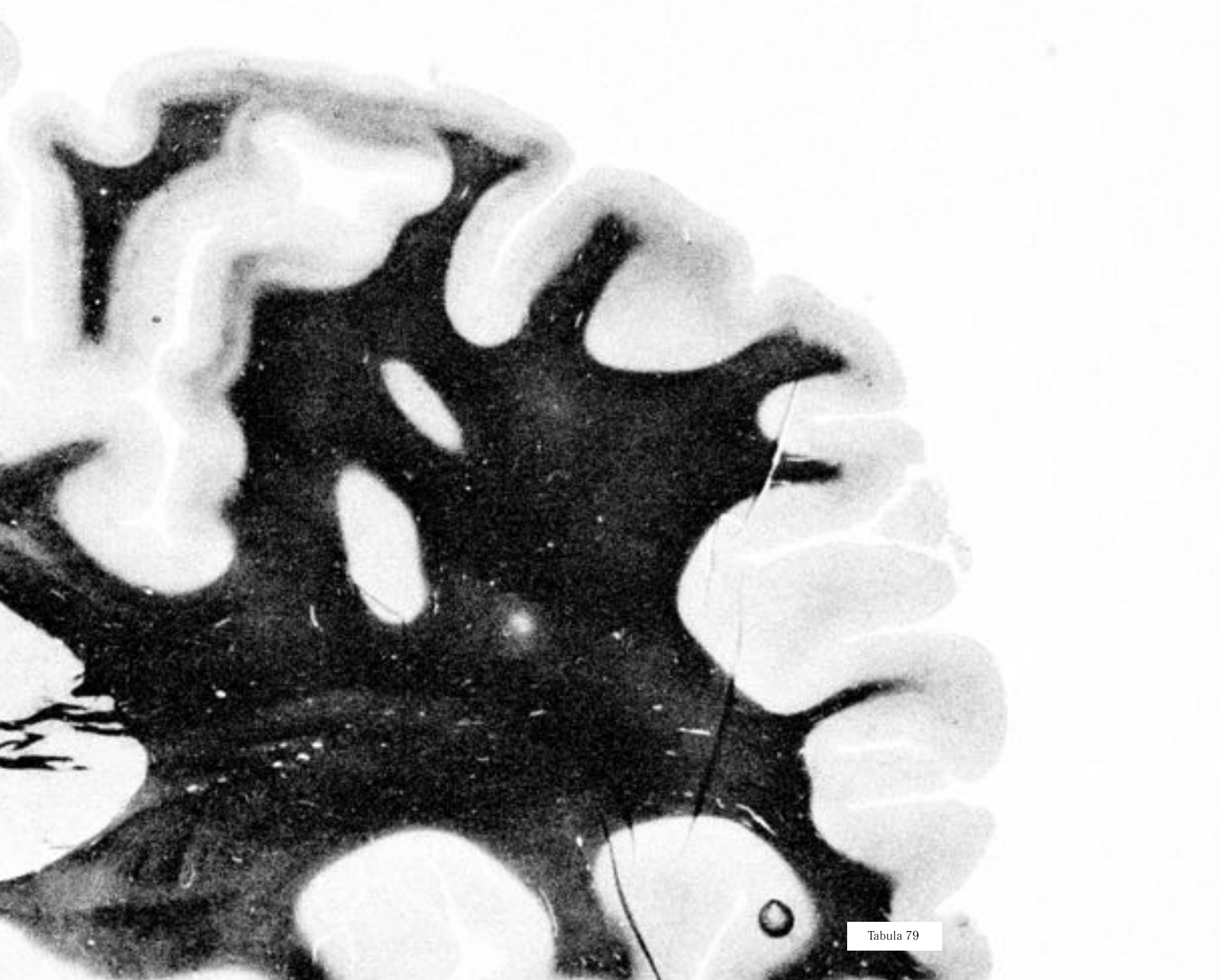
Don't do anything  
that might damage it.

Then then  
everybody can be who he





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is, with all the richness  
thereof.

Then there is  
Auschwitz, then  
there is no  
atomic bomb.

It really doesn't have to be so difficult. But it  
seemingly is very difficult.

Uhm uhm.

Yes,  
apparently  
we are so  
such a  
complex of structures  
that we are also  
searching for our

own destruction.

Leave me alone

I'm wetting your lips.

Well, nothing. Nothing?

Absolutely nothing.

when you got the injection?

Would you like to give a Pentothal? Dik?

Please, leave me alone.

You want me to stop?

Where are you?

Ah, Inge.

Native sealers from Greenland,  
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Yes, you shouldn't nag.

I'm doing that quite often lately, aren't I?

**Inge, Inge has to  
go on holiday  
for a year  
and she shouldn't  
bother about  
other people.**

**I'll manage.**

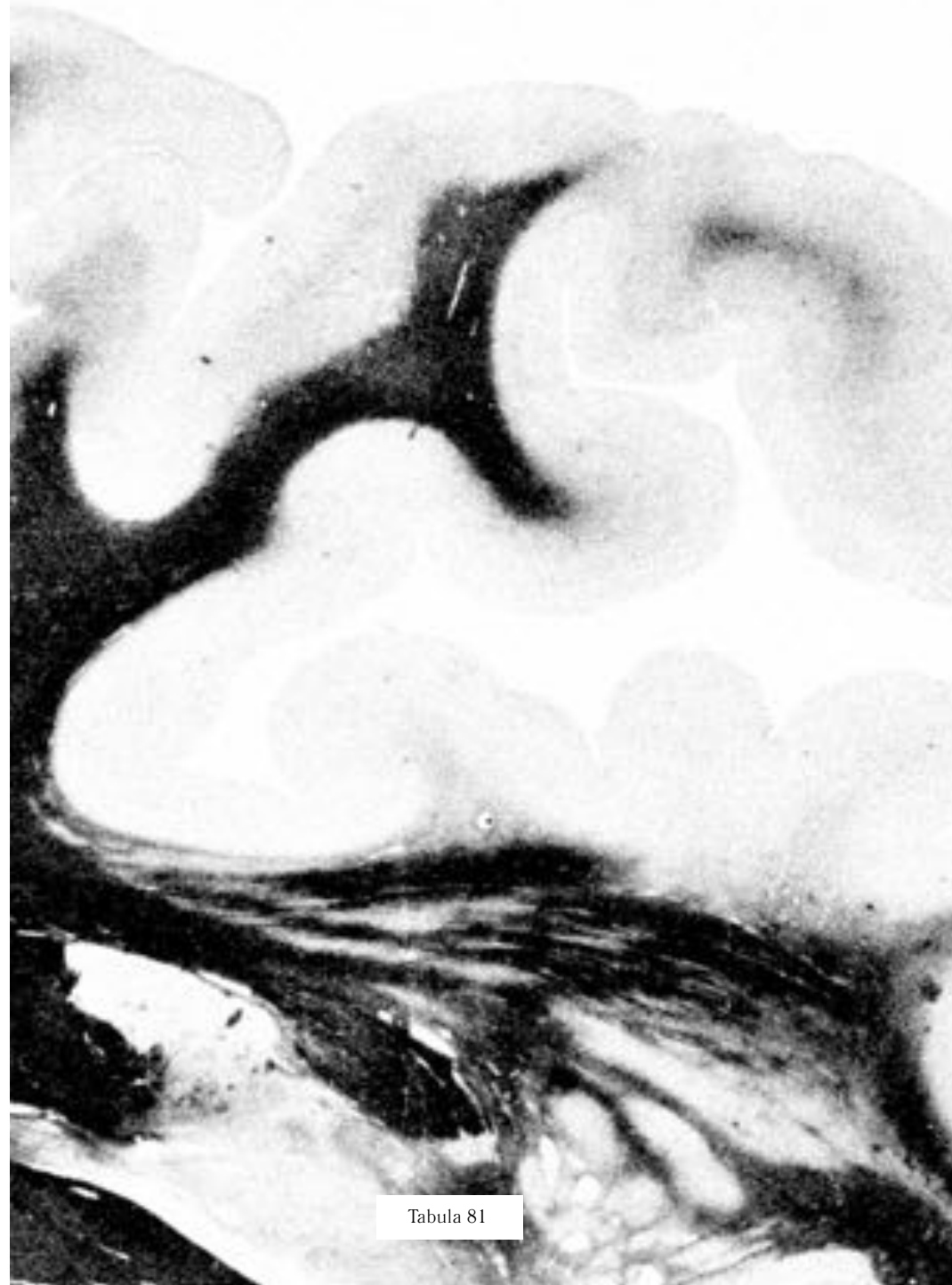
**But**

**but but what  
can you do  
against planes?**

**When I see that...**



It is very deep blue  
and they  
keep coming  
they're coming  
they're coming,  
they're  
shooting,  
they're dropping  
bombs,  
they're being shot  
at. They don't know  
they don't know what  
they've done. It is  
so terrible. It's so  
it's also so huge,  
so totally dominating.  
Let them talk  
talk.

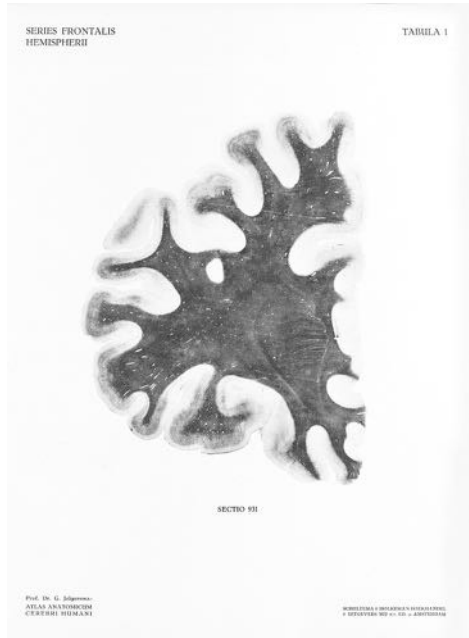




This text has been edited together from thirty hours of audio recordings of psychoanalytic sessions that were conducted between 1986 and 1991 by Dutch psychiatrist Professor Jan Bastiaans and his team. During these sessions, the patient was put into a somnolent state through the administration of Sodium Pentothal, a rapid-onset general anaesthetic more commonly referred to as a truth serum. While under the influence of this medication, the patient's memories were triggered and guided by doctors through a lengthy process of psychoanalysis and psychodrama.



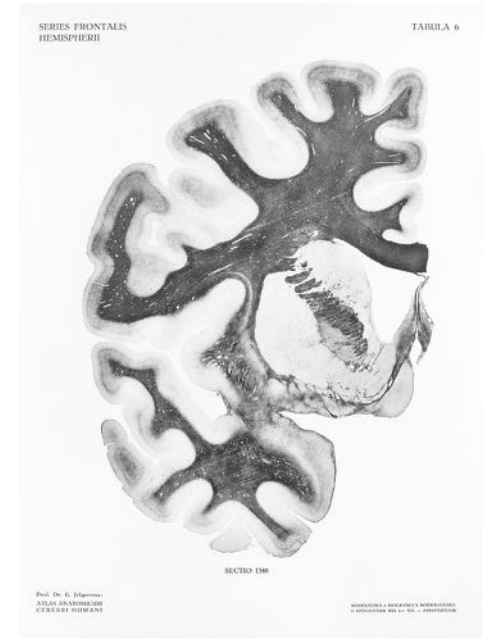
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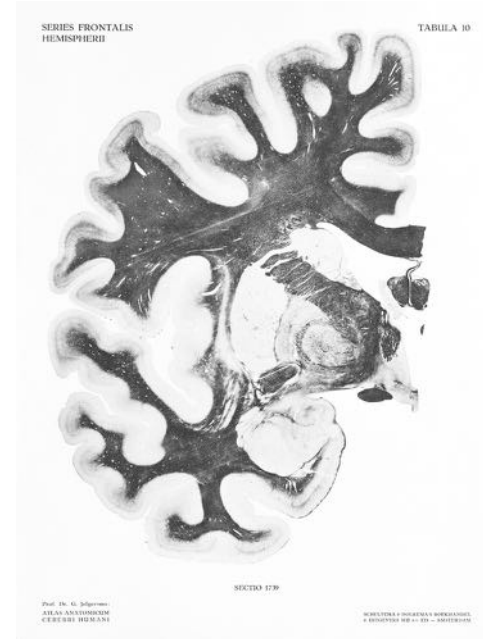
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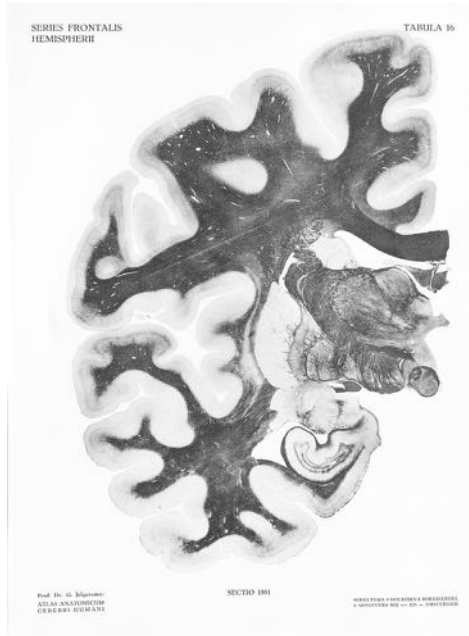
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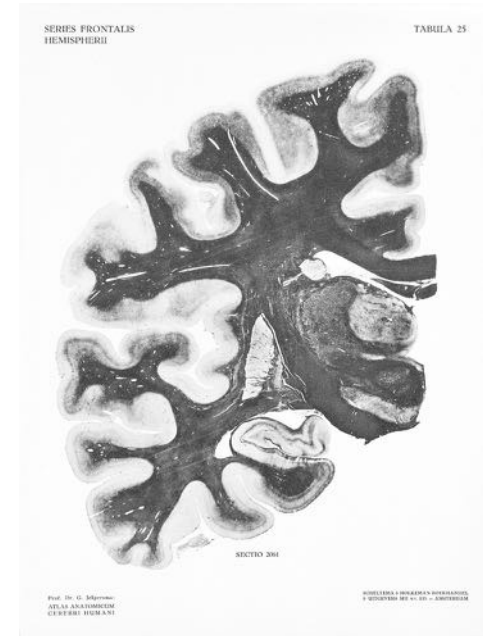
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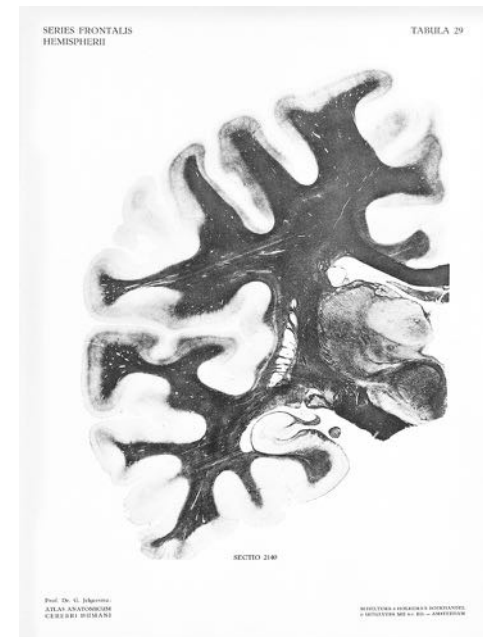
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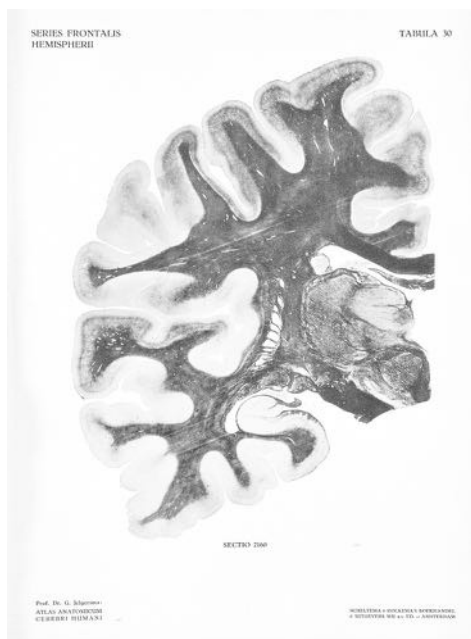
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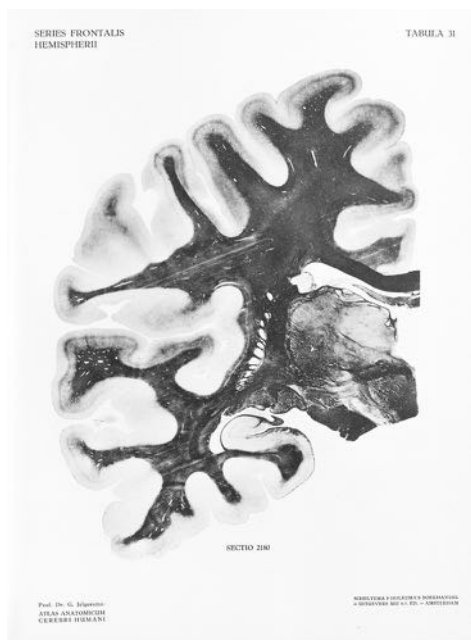
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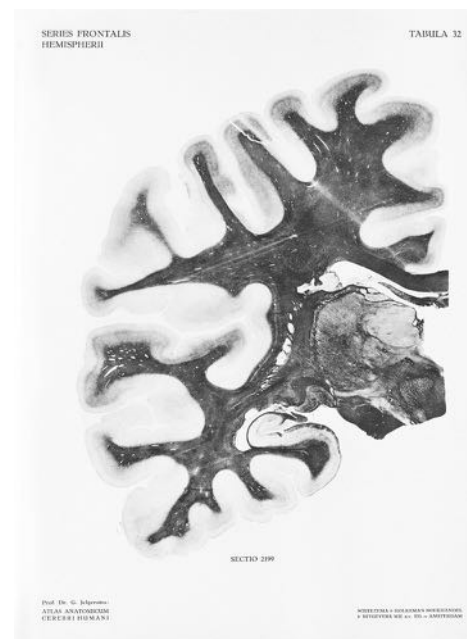
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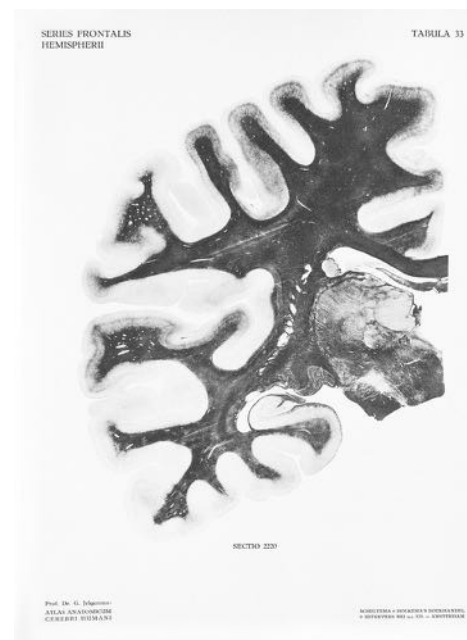
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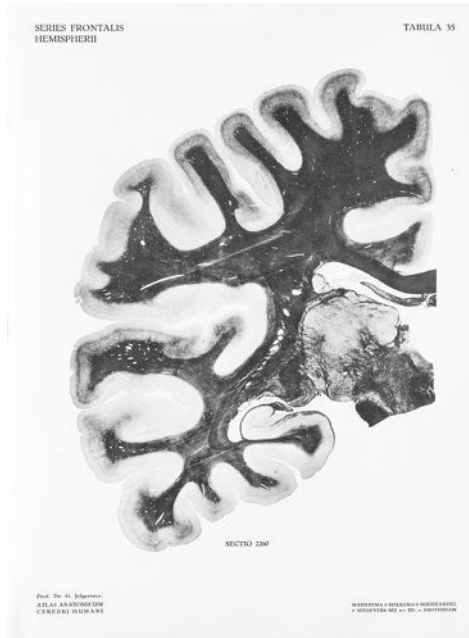
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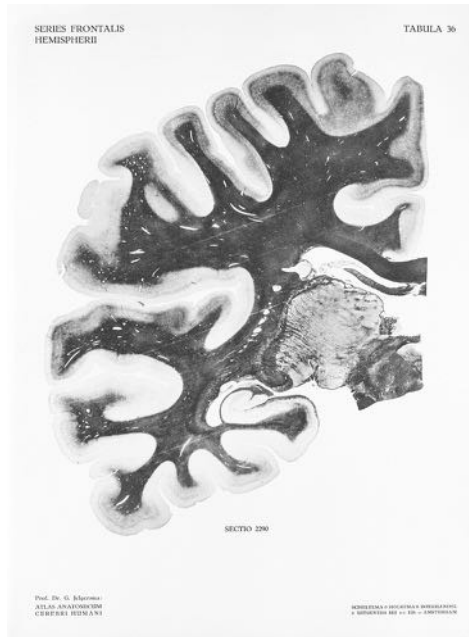
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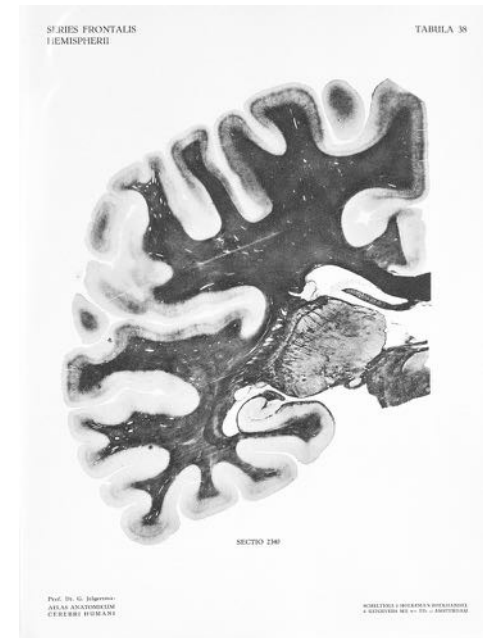
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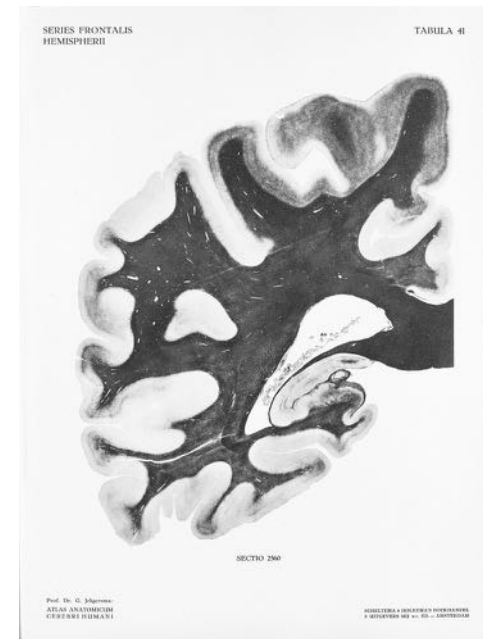
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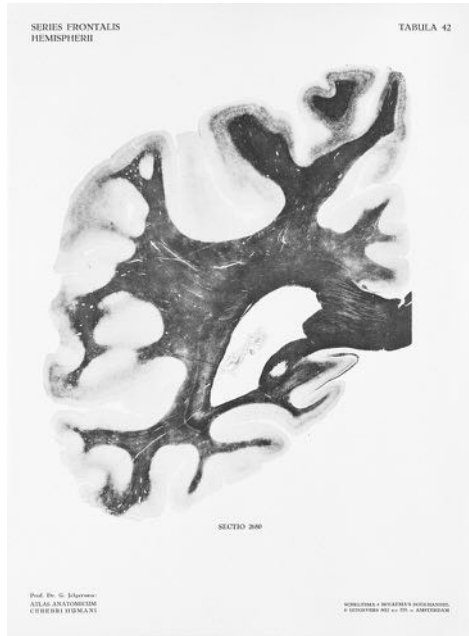
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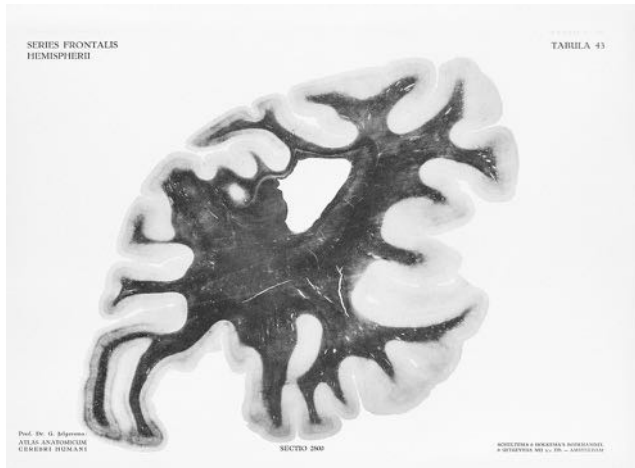
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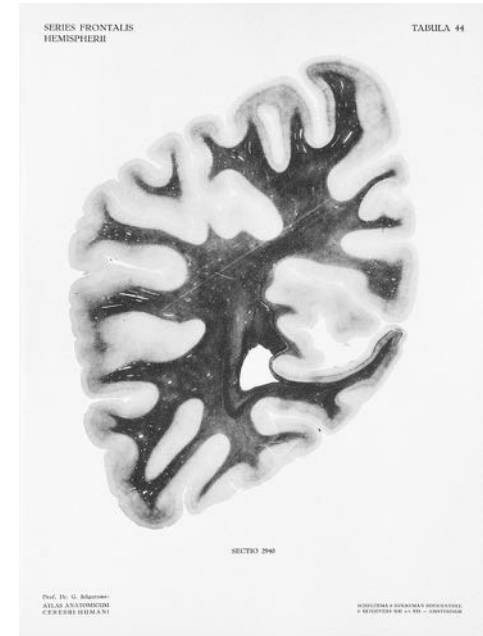
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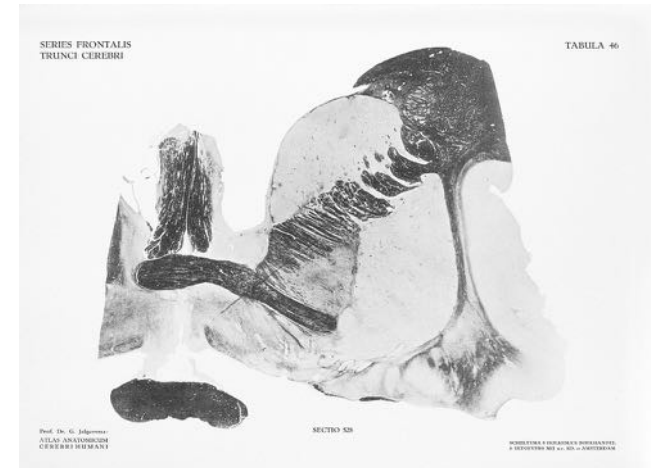
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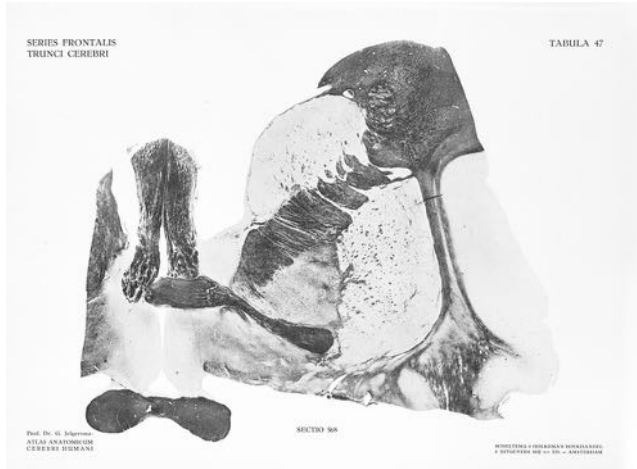
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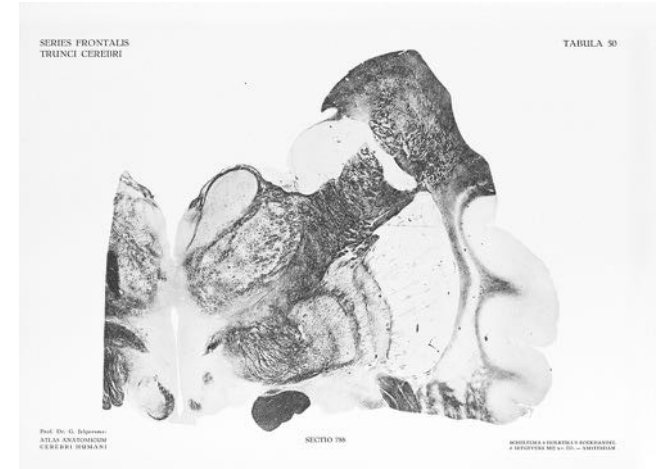
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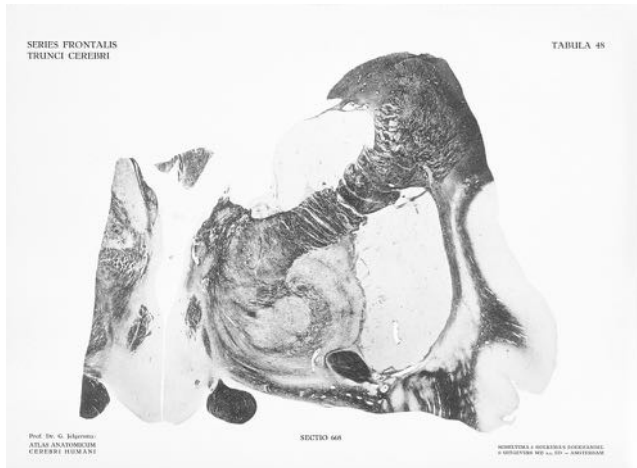
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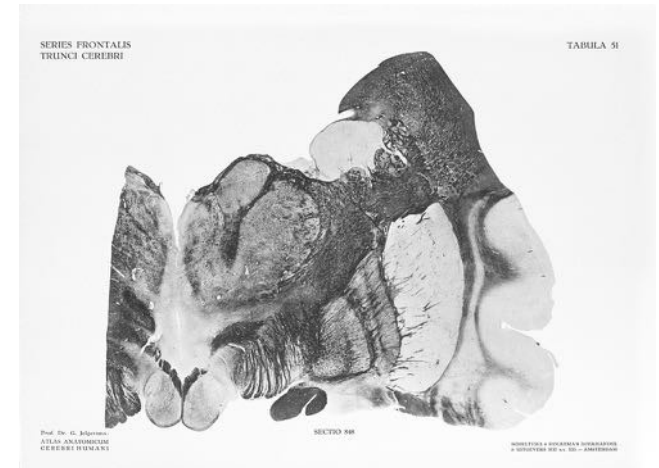
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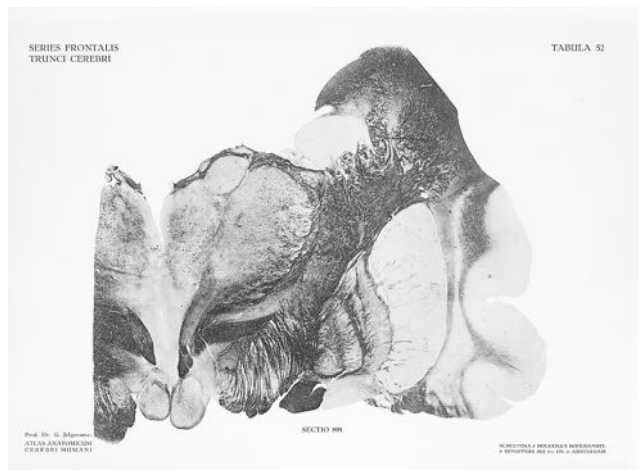
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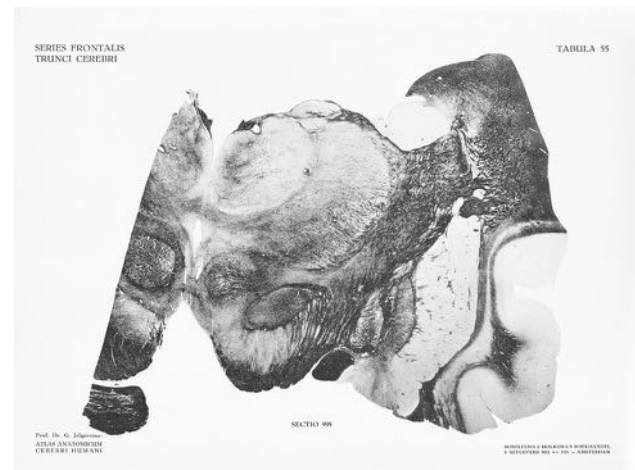
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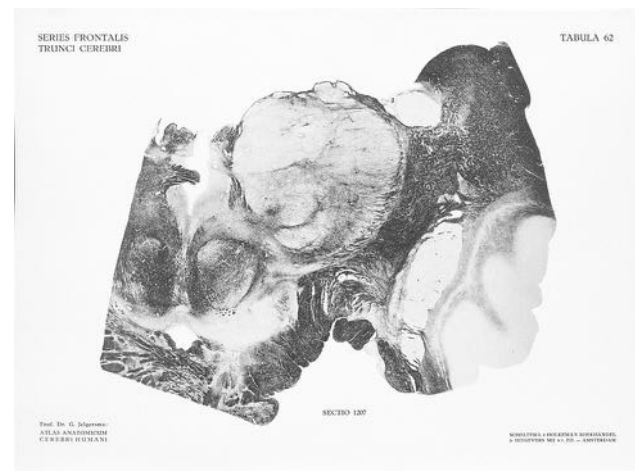
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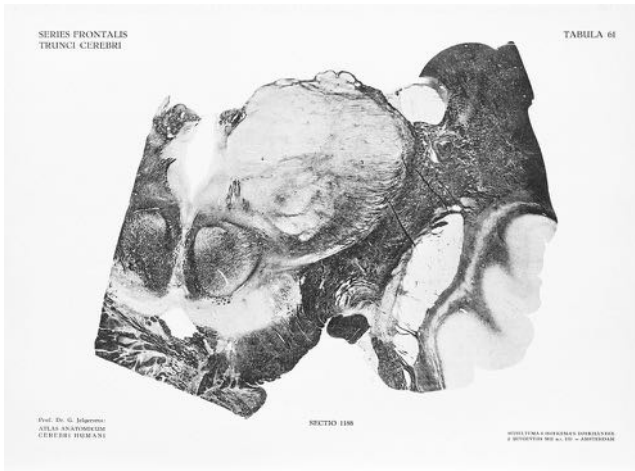
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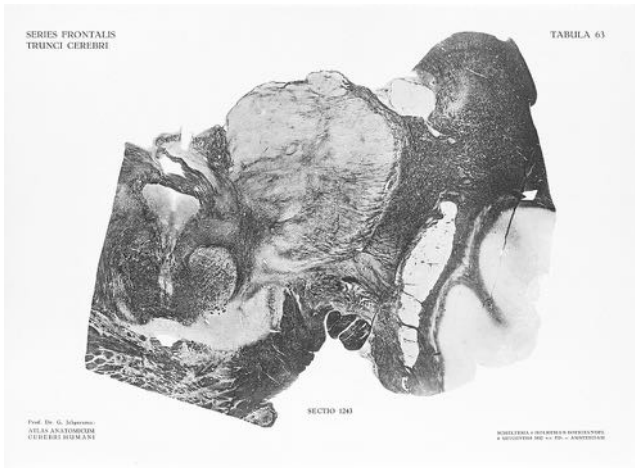
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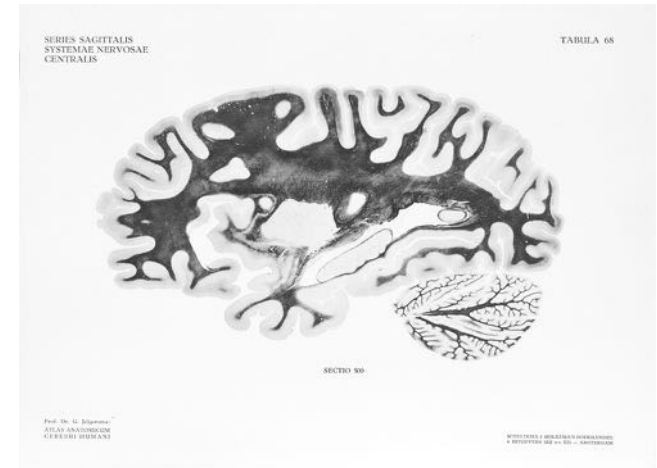
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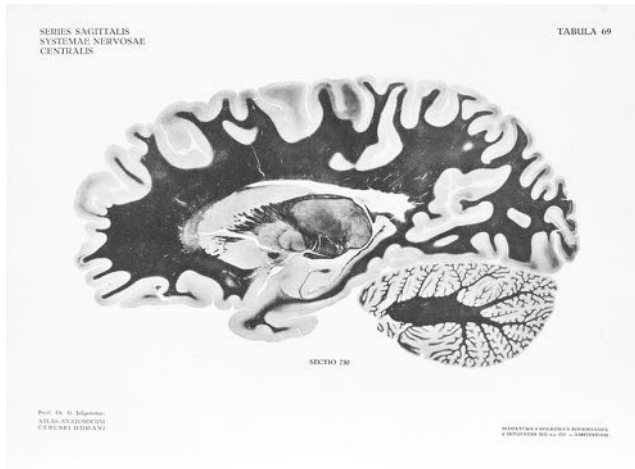


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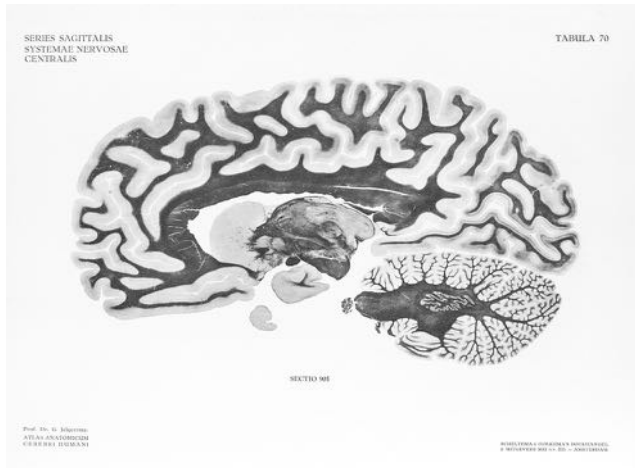




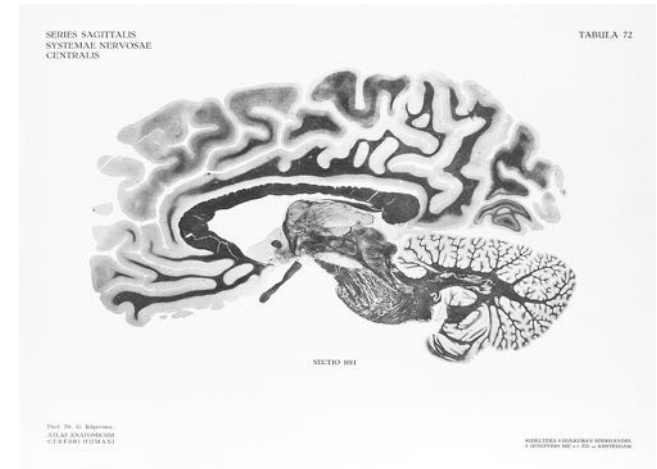
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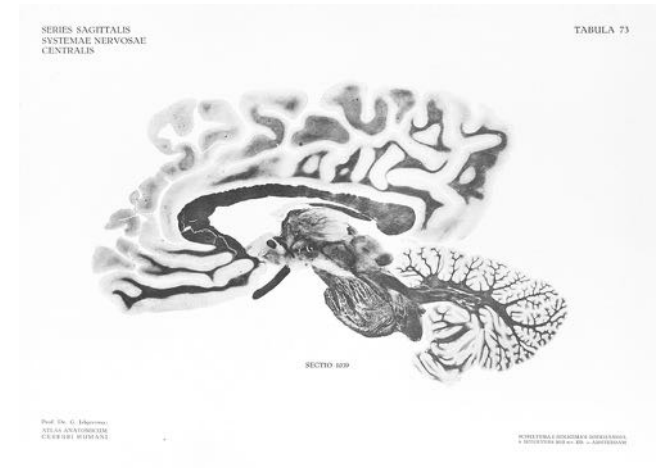
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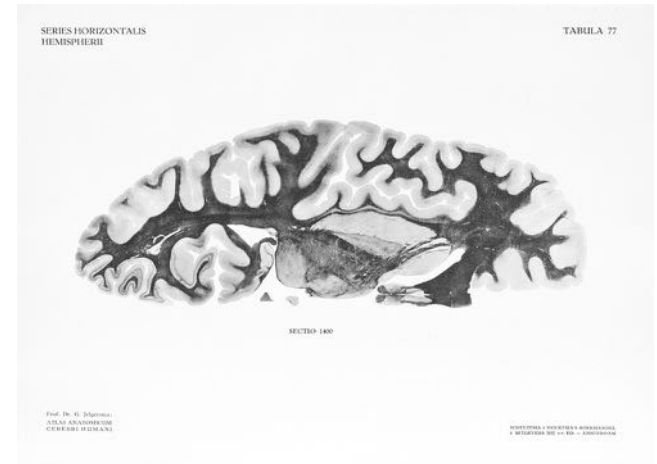
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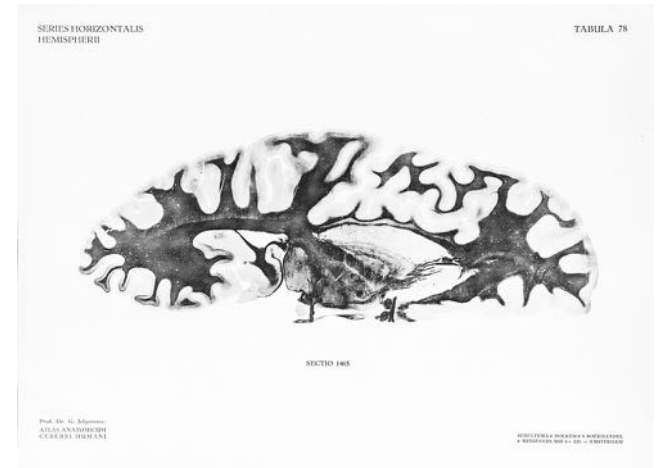
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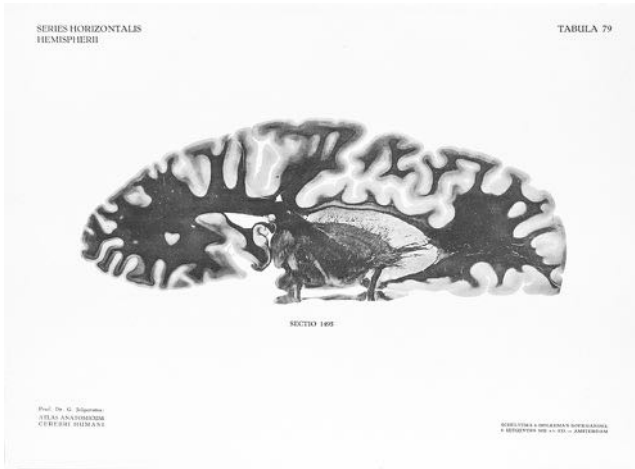
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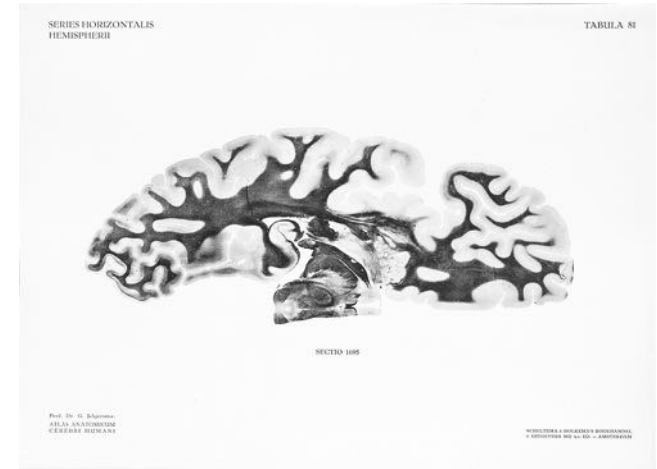
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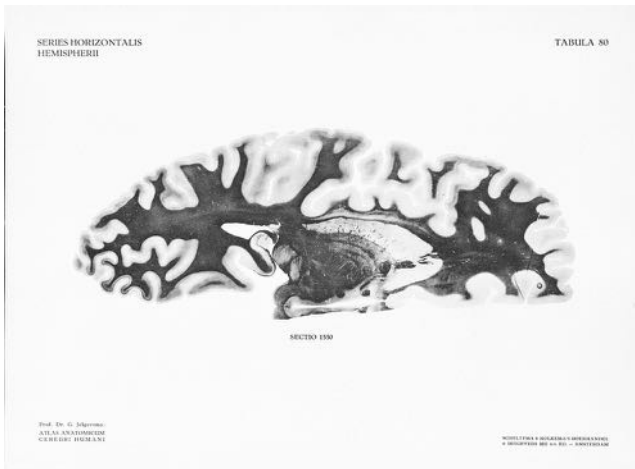
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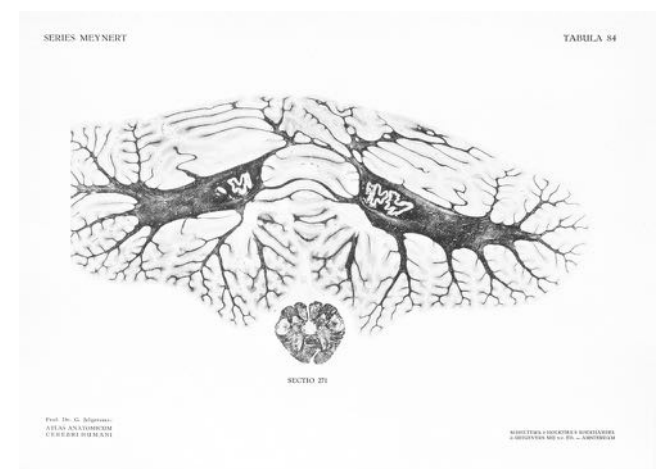
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