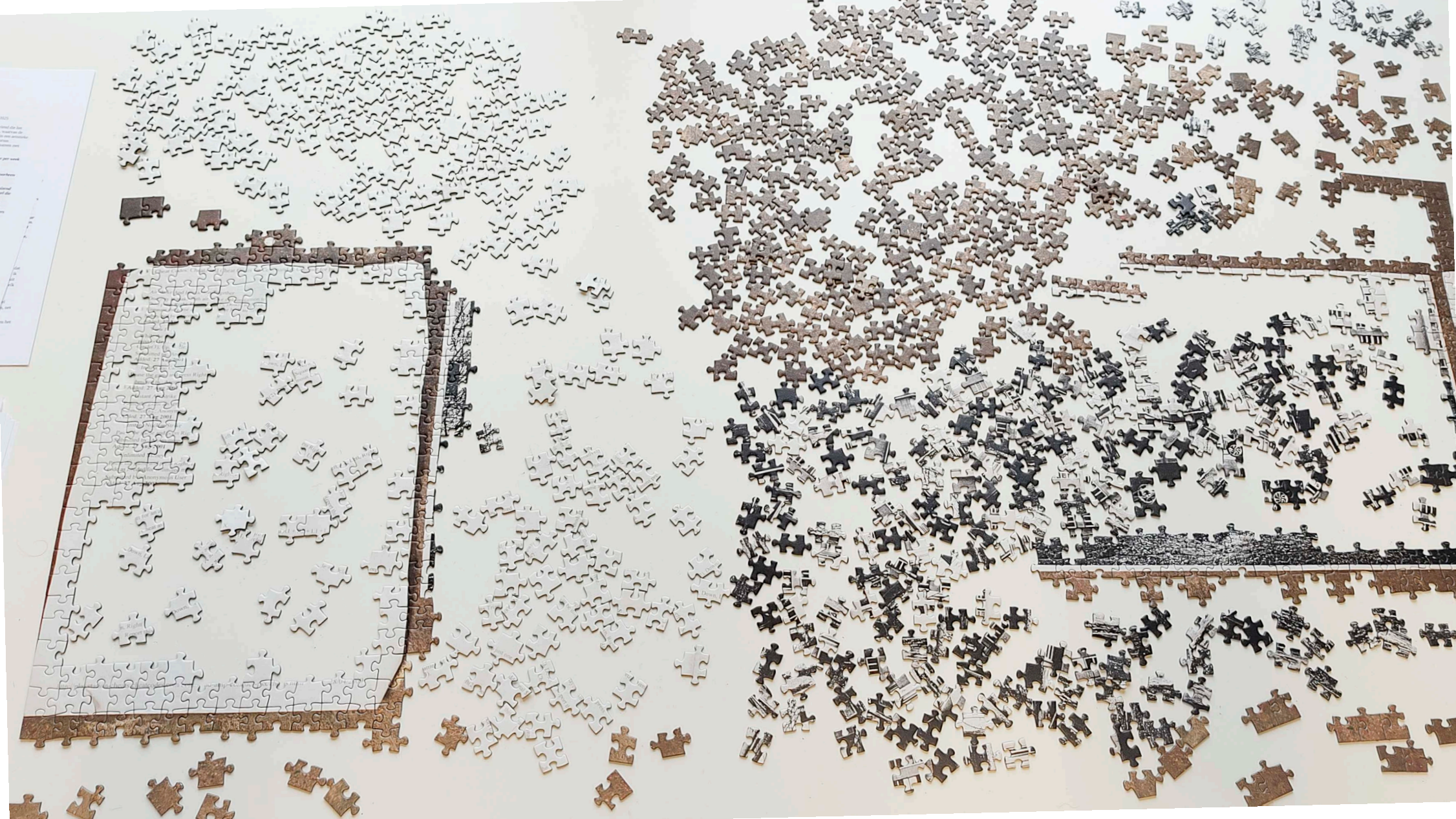




SLOW IMAGE

puzzle + text

edition of 100 puzzles (70 x 50 cm), signed and numbered by Willem Vermeersch, 2022-2025

on view at www.unframedgallery.be

The words below come from Shura, a friend who for the past decade has been collecting evidence of war crimes in Ukraine, of which the last years for 'Human Rights Watch'. Within this context, an artistic exchange developed between us, including this puzzle (for example also a tutorial in folkloric cursing). In September he was called by the army and so - along with many others - must try to survive.

I have an idea, but did not have time to record a video. I'm at "work" for more than 80 hours per week and either asleep or feel quite comatosed the rest of the time.

One of the most gruesome, yet completely unobvious, implications of the Russian war is that so many people have lost the sense of the feeling, the perception of the world they have previously lived in. Their ideas and their expectations, which they have nurtured for the whole life, all of a sudden appear untrue, groundless.

Instead of the understanding of the world, they have a void, a void that is not yet filled or substituted after more than one thousand days since the Russian invasion. To me, this puzzle that Willem created is very much about this aspect of the war.

Shattered pieces that... Shattered pieces instead of a holistic, complete picture. Many friends and relatives of mine are still on the face of denial. They are still unable to accept the fact that the war, the curfew, the air alerts, the explosions that killed civilians and killed friends on the front line are a new reality. But to live on, to be functional and to be effective, they need to create a new picture, a new image of life, of reality.

The puzzled pieces imply that it is a game, a funny, enjoying, amusing time right here. But the picture that they can feel is nothing but romantic, vanilla, colorful and joyful life. Instead, it is just a harsher reality, just a frame, a glimpse of what is now true.

Please, find and stick together at least several pieces of this puzzle and try to feel the unwanted, yet necessary and unavoidable reconstruction of the world, regardless how it looks like.

This image was taken after one month of presence of Russian troops in town in Kyiv region of Ukraine.

In the puzzle, you see the floor of my studio on which the picture of Shura is laying next to a piece of paper I found in my parents' attic, describing cheat codes for a war game I played as a teenager. From a bird's-eye view, it offers an illusion that you can play some kind of God that can get rid of anything disturbing (like sensory over-stimulation). The idea & implementation of mass destruction, along with experiencing a void that can break anything to pieces, but also bring forth new things, somehow brings together features of this virtual game with the act of puzzling. Although puzzling is a more slow and tangible attempt to deal with realities beyond comprehension, just like painting or playing with other 'stuff'.

The puzzle costs 121 EUR, of which half of the profit goes to 'Human Rights Watch' and the other part to Shura, who will use it for emergency requests. Please contact willemvermeersch@pm.me for further inquiries.

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Shura

Ravensburger

Air-strike And Ion-cannon Together

One way to make both air-strike and ion-cannon together with just one method, press Start to pause the game. Then press Right, Down, Left(2), Down, Right(2), Down, Left, X, Square, then press Triangle + Circle. Unpause the game and you will see both air-strike and ion-cannon together.

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View Entire Map

While the game is loading, hold R1 + R2 + L1 + L2 + Circle + Square. Keep the buttons pressed until the mission briefing begins. Now the entire battlefield will be displayed. Alternatively, pause the game and press Circle(3), Up, Circle, Square, R1, Circle(3).

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Instant Ion Cannon

Pause the game and press Right, Down, Left(2), Down, Right(2), Down, Left, X, Square, Triangle.

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Down, Left, Right, Now
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