

INTRODUCTION

This story is an almost commonplace one, with numerous deafening or noiseless shocks, pitfalls or desertions: A posthumous stock-taking during which there are attempts at trying to locate the affects that are entangled or set solid on account of a phenomenon of disappearance or deletion that I shall call “a swarm of affects”.

CASE PRESENTATION

In order to facilitate the locating process, the following case presentation is based on what the psychoanalyst felt, how he reacted, what he answered then, both as object and subject of a “return transference”. Indeed, it is from such returns in the transference and with the help of other analysts that the sudden emergence of affects

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strong suicidal urges. He was in a really bad state at the beginning. I
compact and representable that for almost a year, I feared he might
act out his threats and take his life. He would often call me during the

human being is entitled to choose between life and death that one

Case 3: H. Searles. “Separation and Loss”

Searles, 1986).

The fear that had beset me slowly cleared up and I gradually
felt a kind of strange irritation and a desire to help him at the same
and thanks to this patient that I learnt the lesson.

psychoanalyst, but mainly towards his “fake father” or “pseudo-
father”.

its exact time to cancel the appointment. Then he stopped coming for
four weeks on end. After a while, I called him. He said, “As a matter
of fact, I had decided to call you back to go and see you ...”

depressants. Then a thankless phase started, both for him and for
me. He was not well at all, but paradoxically, he had more energy;

Then Christmas came. He was distressed at the thought of
th alone. He spoke about it a lot during the
stepped out of the framework for once and called him up. We made
session, he said he felt much better. The analyst changed places. He
could no longer be confused with the transitional object and could
acquire an existence of his own for the patient. The transference took
another direction. The patient gradually allowed himself to gain his
better, he mentioned the possibility of ending the analysis. He did not
though. A relapse, due to lunching with his “father” and his sister,
that he had contracted ten years before, when he “cheated” on his

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