TESTIMONY OF A PERSON WHO SUFFERED A MULTIPLE MOURNING, ASSISTED TO PROCESS THE TRAUMATIC MEMORY WITH THE SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE DEVELOPED BY THE RESEARCH TEAM "SAPERCAPIRE" (1)

On May 31 of the current year (Friday) I was notified on the phone that my partner and future husband (we should have married in July, then the ceremony was moved to September) had died.

The previous day (Thursday) I had hospitalized my father for a severe chest pain and at the hospital first aid I had been announced the fatal diagnosis of lung cancer at such an advanced stage to be considered inoperable.

On Monday of the same week my mother underwent a planned surgery to reconstruct her an artificial anus.

The concurrence of so many painful events was even grotesque. Too much and all together.

I screamed very loudly and made gestures without any control, in despair. I had pain in my legs, thighs and chest. The chest pain (at the heart) lasted for many days, and is still present at alternate stages.

On June11, Tuesday evening, I received assistance from Massimo for the losses I suffered. At first I felt the desire not to receive it.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Multidisciplinary research team to which IRPI participated with one of its researchers.

It seemed me too trivial to me that obsessively repeating certain phrases would have soothed my harrowing pain.

Then I felt irritated for that obsessive repetition.

Then, in the course of the application of the technique, a sort of calm relieved the irritation and I felt detached; this made me decide to announce the death of (partner's name) to my mother in the presence of a dear uncle (to my mother, because of the surgery, both news of my father illness and my boyfriend's death had been hidden).

Later in the evening I felt a very strong feeling regarding the concept of pain and its meaning in this society. I felt the falsehood (for me) of certain exterior manifestations dictated by certain habits and somehow pretended from social relations.

I felt the need to escape from all this, to direct my attention to something, in my opinion, more true, that went beyond a certain "theatrality" imposed by social conventions.

In the following days I did unusual things, that people do not do in these cases: I danced with the favorite music of (partner's name), I went to the movies and I preferred to stay more often alone to remember the beautiful moments that I had lived with (partner's name).

And Massimo knows how beautiful these moments had been, since our acquaintance dates long before the death of (partner's name).

The signature follows

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