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Ego of the child under the age of four years (when basic independence is still not founded) experiences separation from the mother as a trauma. We will follow dynamics of this traumatising, through review of the cases of three adult patients during psychoanalytical psychotherapy. This study is mainly occupied with correlation between phase (and sub-phase) of ego development and object-relations during the absence of the mother and the echoes of anaclitic depression of that time upon clinical condition in adulthood.