

so well that she no longer recognized his happiness and freedom in that process, but saw them for what they were - sickening untruths Yess--- perhaps she did understand. And finally she had lest. He'd been no more free and happy than she was. They were both victims of a loneliness and unsecurity that they hardly understood.

Staggering out of bed he headed for the shower. And as the

water attacked his numbness he thought how amazing and essential fluids were---for cleanliness sobriety, pleasure, pain, propogation and inebriation. He saw fluids as elements of life and protection. They were necessary whether in an act of loving, or hatred, or

apathy.

He'd never really hated anybody, except himself. And her at xxmex times, he supposed. Yes. At those times when he was aware of why they both continued to live together, in spite of not wanting to be together,. He hated their dependance on one another --- the sterility of their relationship. He wondered if that was because really it was the only joy he had. She wasn't a joy to him anymore but hell he needed her. Anything to break the monotony of himself.

He felt the wetness mounting in his eyes---as the water cleared his brain and the reality of his loss hit him harder.

Why did he want to cry? Was it because he would have to kick

a habit surely it couldn't have been the loss of a loved one. even a bed partner. Then agoin it may simply have been the male menopause (whatever that meant) No. In his selfishness he knew that he was crying simply because he was himself. Because whatever sensitivity he once had, had been drowned in oceans of piss long His sensitivity had developed this great thirst--- and his e stomach had become a surrogat heart. He wondered whether Dr. Barnard would be interested in that one. He could see the headlines now in the paper --- "Famous Aussie Piss Pot transplants stomach for heart." A heart which pumped piss.

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It seemed sort of typical that the shower would be the only place that he'd cry in. For years now he'd been covering whatever honest feelings he'd had with moods. Moods of depression, or excitement, or apathy. Mostly apathy. His long rolling hot tears merged with the soapy drops of shower water. He was pleased. Noone, not even he could distinguish between them.

She was in the kitchen cooking, when he came out. She'd got up early and spent a couple of hours shopping---and had bought a lovely bottle of wine to have with lunch. Would he like some?

Excellent idea. But he knew he would not feel right until he had done this. He walked towards her. stopped at the fridge and remove done this. He walked towards her, stopped at the fridge and removed one of those familiar cold brown bottles. His appetiser --- he called it.

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