

Working Creatively with Aspects of Self in Counselling

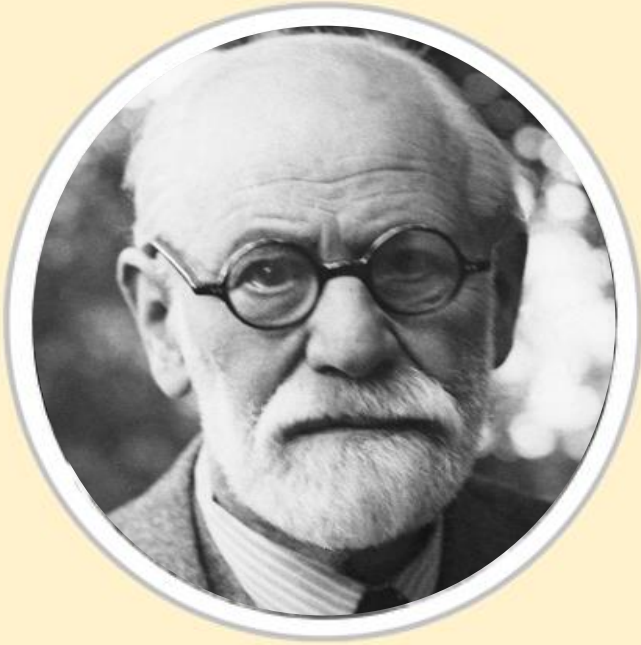
with Pauline Andrew



Deep Release Online
Professional Training for Counsellors

A BIT OF

THEORY



SIGMUND FREUD
1856-1939

FREUD'S ICEBERG MODEL

UNCONSCIOUS & CONSCIOUS

**CONSCIOUS
MIND**

Realistic part that
mediates between
the desires of the id
and the super-ego

Primitive, instinctual,
contains sexual and
aggressive drives and
hidden memories

EGO

SUPEREGO

Moral
Conscience

ID

**UNCONSCIOUS
MIND**

TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS



ERIC BERNE
1910-1970

**Critical
Parent**

Parent

**Nurturing
Parent**

Adult

**Adapted
Child**

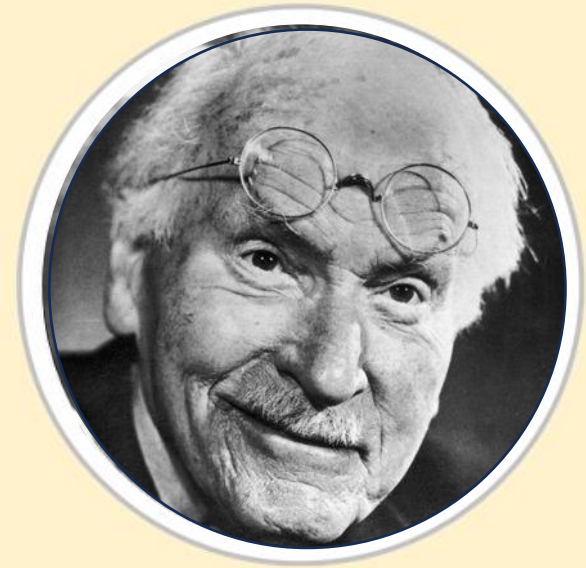
Child

**Free
Child**

JUNGIAN THEORY

A mask I wear to impress you and to conceal my true nature

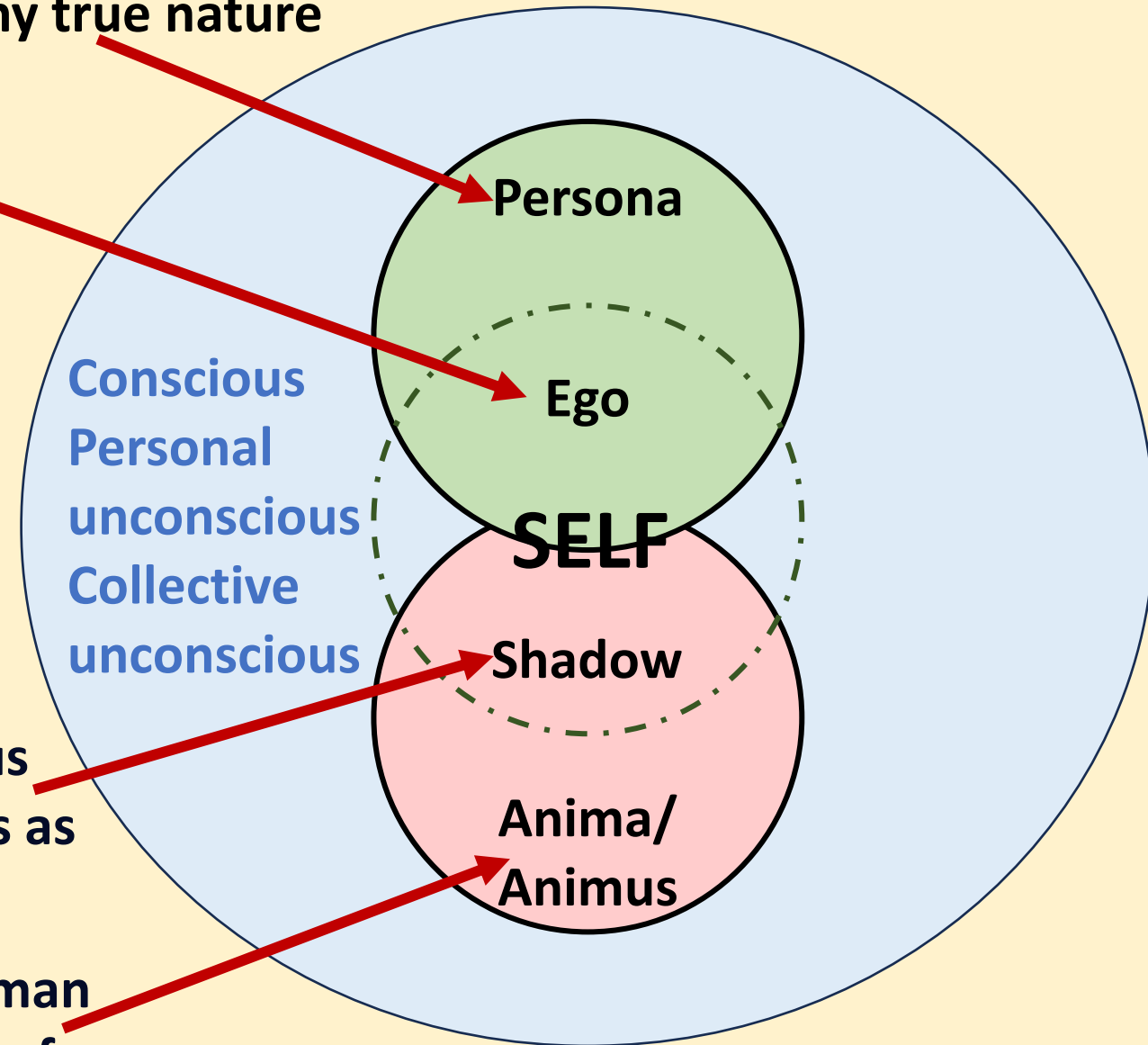
My conscious awareness of existing
and sense of personal identity



CARL JUNG
1875-1961

Everything my conscious
personality experiences as
negative

The feminine side of a man
and the masculine side of a
woman



What is the Collective Unconscious?

- the accumulated experiences of all humanity, a “common mind”, which all humans share
- values and symbols representing common aspects of the human experience, regardless of culture or race, shaping our perceptions, thoughts, feelings and behaviours
- universal archetypes, embedded in myths and fairy tales

Archetypes: *the sage, the innocent, the hero, the caregiver, the lover, the rebel...*

Branding for the collective unconscious

How to create a deeper connection with consumers through universally shared archetypes, values, and symbols





FRITZ PERLS
1893-1970

- The **Id**, or **Impulse Function**, is expressed in a situation as sensations and impulses
- The **Ego Function** involves thinking, considering, and acting
- The **Personality Function** is who we are together - which 'me' I am when I am together with you (I-Thou, I-It)



“The system of contact at any moment”

How I see myself...

How I would like to be...



CARL ROGERS
1902-1987

INCONGRUENCE

Self-
Image

Idealised
Self

CONGRUENCE

Self-
Image

Idealised
Self

THE ACTUALISING TENDENCY

Introjected values... conditions of worth... locus of evaluation

Please
always!

Hurry up!

Be
perfect!

Try
Harder!

Be
strong!

Don't
fail

Don't
show
off

Don't
make
a fuss

Don't
trust

Don't
need

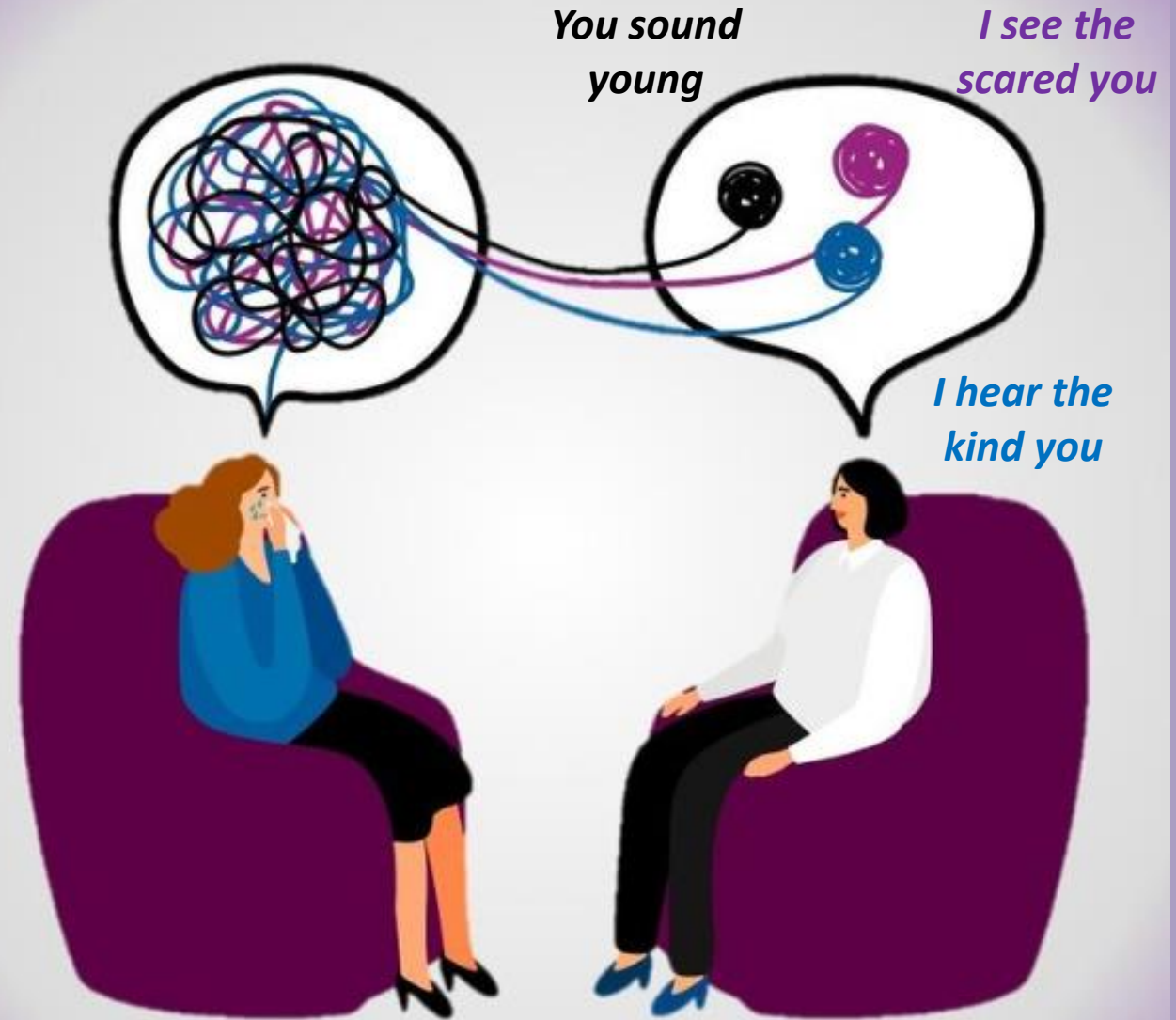
Don't
be
angry

Don't
be sad

From an idea by
Adrienne Lee
(The Drowning
Man)

Why am I afraid to tell you
WHO I AM?
I am afraid to tell you
WHO I AM,
because, if I tell you
WHO I AM,
you may not like
WHO I AM,
and it's
ALL THAT I HAVE.

—John Powell



Rescuer Roles
THE CARETAKER



My role is to take care of everyone and to clean up everyone else's mess.

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Rescuer Roles
GOOD BOY/GOOD GIRL



My role is to be nice and compliant, and keep everyone happy.

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Rescuer Roles
MUMMY'S LITTLE HELPER



My role is always to understand my mother, take her side and never disappoint her.

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Rescuer Roles
THE PEACEMAKER



I calm everyone down and stop any conflict, or disagreements.

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Rescuer Roles
NURSE



My role is to put anyone who is sick above my own needs; I have to take care of them.

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Rescuer Roles
THAT'S MY BOY/GIRL!



My role is to follow in my father's footsteps, be big and strong like him... I must not disappoint him.

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Rescuer Roles
REVERSE ROLE PARENT



I have to take care of my parent(s), listening to their worries and meeting their needs.

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Rescuer Roles
MR/MRS FIXIT



I will take charge, come up with solutions for your problems and sort everything out.

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Rescuer Roles
GO-BETWEEN



I relay messages between people so they don't have to speak to each other.

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Rescuer Roles
THE POLISHER



I make my mother look good and enhance her public appearance.

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Rescuer Roles
THE RESCUER



I will always try and ease your pain – whether you want me to or not.

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Rescuer Roles
GLUE



I hold everyone together. Without me everything falls apart.

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Performer Roles
THE ESCAPE ARTIST



I have the ability to get out of every difficult situation; I never take responsibility.

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Performer Roles
HAPPY



I have to be totally positive, looking on the bright side, and never letting you down by having any problems.

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Performer Roles
STRONG



I never show feelings or express emotion as they are signs of weakness.

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Performer Roles
MR/S DO-IT-ALL



I can do everything! Whatever you need or want, I can do it!

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Performer Roles
MR/S KNOW-IT-ALL



There's nothing you can tell me, I know everything! Listen and learn.

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THE ENTERTAINER



I make people laugh, stop them being angry or upset... I cheer everyone up.

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Performer Roles
SUPERSTAR
SUPER-SPORTS-STAR



I am a high achiever, I get top grades/prizes or upset... I cheer everyone up.

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THE HERO



My role is to make everyone feel safe... I have to know what to do, deal with crises and make it all better.

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Performer Roles
GOLDEN BOY/GIRL



My role is to be the special child. I can do no wrong...

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Helpless Roles
PASSIVE



I don't make waves, won't fight back... I just like a quiet life.

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Helpless Roles
HELPLESS



My role is to be needy and fragile, so everyone looks after me. I just can't do life without help.

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Helpless Roles
INVISIBLE



My role is not to be seen, not to speak, not to make myself noticeable.

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SILENT WITNESS



I don't have a voice... I stay silent and no one expects me to speak.

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Helpless Roles
POOR LITTLE OLD ME (PLOM)



I find life so hard... Nothing ever goes right for me.

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Helpless Roles
THE OSTRICH



I bury my head in the sand, ignore the situation and pretend everything is ok.

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THE OUTSIDER



No matter what I do, I never really belong... I don't fit in... I'm different.

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THE SCAPEGOAT



I take the blame when other people won't take responsibility... It always turns out to be my fault.

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THE INVALID



My role is to always have something physically wrong with me.

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THE BABY



My role is never to grow up, to stay cute and helpless - everyone looks after me.

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Control Roles
THE BULLDOZER



I push hard to get my own way, and override other people's ideas.

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Control Roles
SULK



I will pull a long face, stay in a bad mood and generally create an atmosphere to get my own way.

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Control Roles
THE CONTROLLER



I keep control of everything and everyone. I make sure they do things my way – the best way.

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Control Roles
AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR YOU!



How can you treat me so badly when I've been so good to you?

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Control Roles
THE MARTYR



My role is to make you feel guilty because of how much I suffer.

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Control Roles
THE ICEBERG



My role is to keep control of you by punishing you with my silence.

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Control Roles
GOD'LL GET YOU



I make sure that you know that God will disapprove if you do anything to upset me.

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Control Roles
THE REBEL



I deliberately do the opposite of what is expected/wanted.

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Control Roles
DRAMA QUEEN



I'll respond to the situation in as melodramatic a way as possible.

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Control Roles
SPOILT BRAT



My role is to throw a tantrum if I can't get my own way.

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THE VOLCANO



I explode with anger if I am crossed, which keeps everyone under my control.

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Control Roles
FRAGILE



If you challenge or confront me, I'll fall apart.

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THE STIRRER



My role is to wind everyone up and be deliberately provocative.

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Control Roles
HEART ATTACK



I let you know that if you do anything that upsets me you'll make me ill/be the death of me.

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Control Roles
HYSTERIC



I get hysterical if I am confronted or challenged. This makes everyone back off - I'm too high maintenance

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Control Roles
TEARS



I break down in tears if confronted or challenged. This makes everyone back off.

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NURTURE

I need to show love, support and compassion - also to myself



STRUCTURE

I need to set good boundaries and find my YES and my NO



BALANCE

I need to build healthy, interdependent, mutual relationships



BALANCE

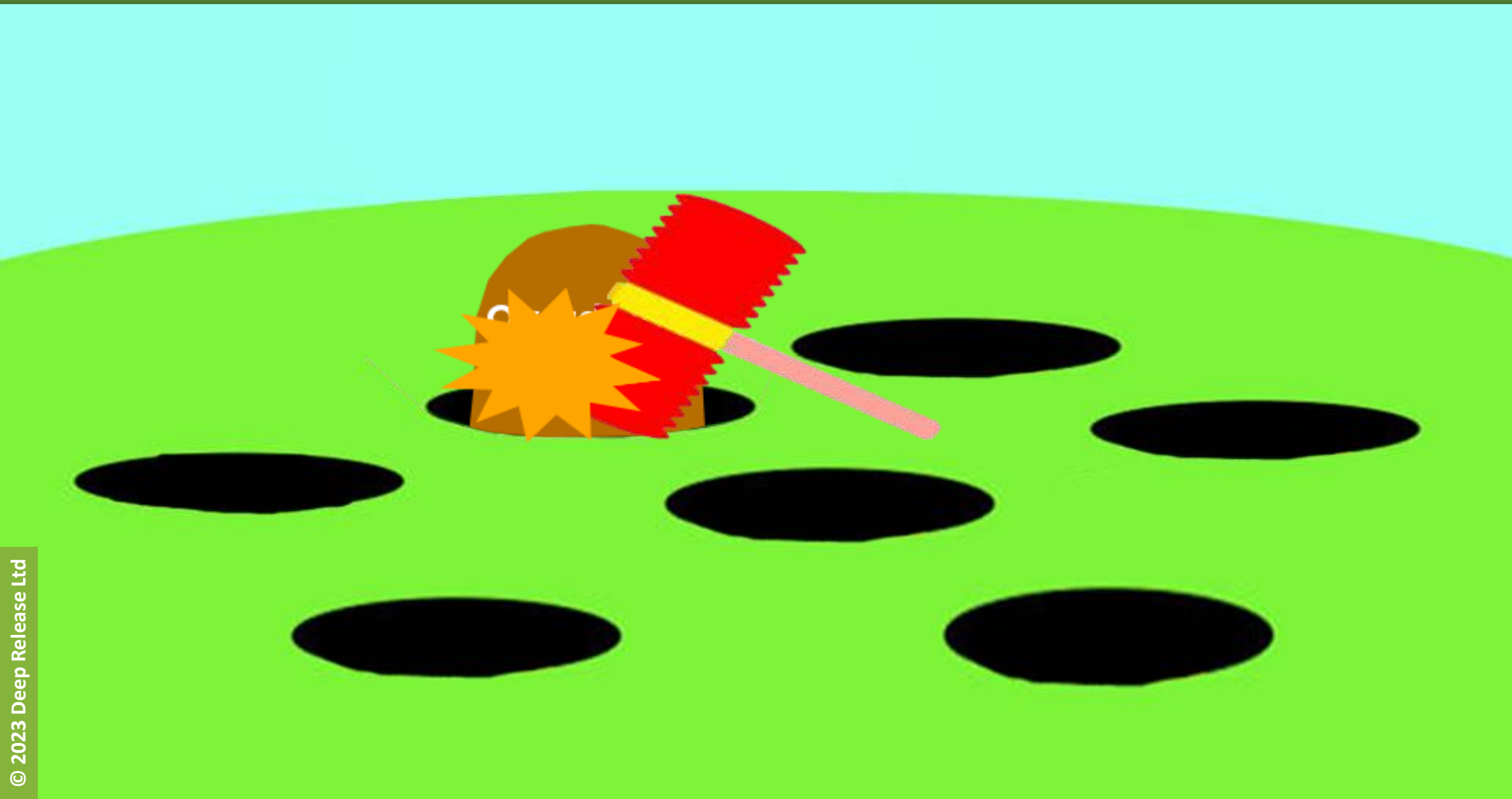
I need to let my Free Child come out to play more, and have some fun



TOXIC

I may need to end this relationship – it is not healthy for me

Whack-a-Mole!



Ideas for Buddy Group discussions

- How aware are you of different aspects of you?
- What roles did you play out as a child – are you still playing them?
- Have you worked with aspects of self with clients?
- Share as much as feels safe.

15 minutes



Take a Break



See you in 5 minutes



More Creative Ideas

Exploring Aspects of Self using Dolls and Figures



with Hazel Barton

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Configurations of Self



“While clients often use the simple word ‘parts’ to describe dimensions of their Self... we use the term ‘configuration’... because each ‘part’ is itself made up of a number of different elements.”

Configurations of Self

- *My child selves*
- *The scared me*
- *The brave me*
- *My self-protective part*
- *The wise me*
- *The careless me*



No particular link with trauma, but a normal process of experiencing internal conflict



In each picture there are at least two aspects of you.

- Choose one of the pictures and redraw it very simply.
- Give your picture a 'feeling' title.
- Add speech bubbles – what is each part saying?

Share your picture with us, if you feel able to. Email to jeremyacott@googlemail.com

We will your pictures in the question time.



Ideas for Buddy Group discussions

- What did you think about Hazel's work with dolls?
- Share your pictures if it feels safe to do so

15 minutes



Take a Break



See you in 10 minutes

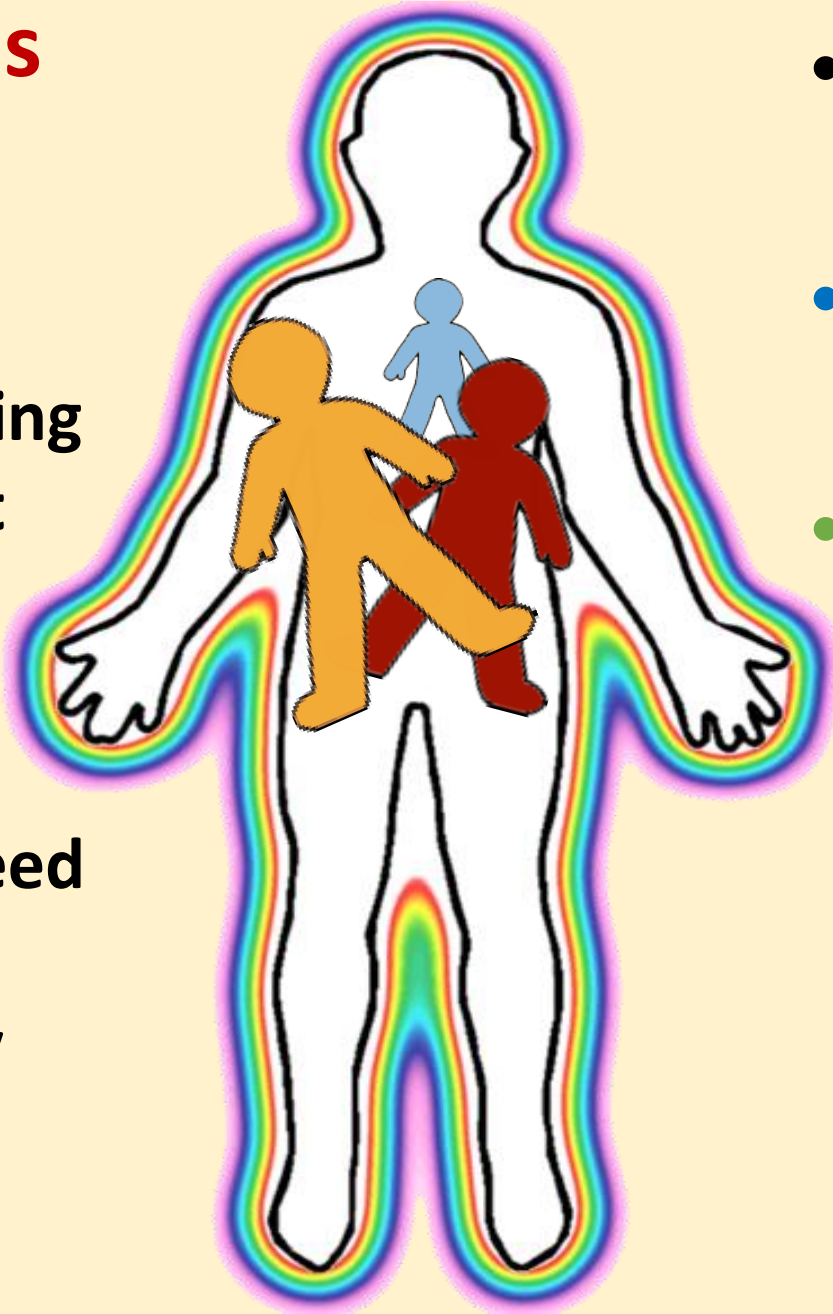
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Parts/Subpersonalities

- Normal aspect of being human
- All parts are good, with natural resources for living
- Trauma and Attachment injuries shift parts into survival roles which get frozen in time
- Parts carry burdens – need to be ‘unburdened’
- Transform into naturally valuable states



- **The Core Self**
- **The Exiles**
- **The Protectors**
 - **Managers**
 - **Firefighters**

MANAGER PROTECTORS *Proactive*

Vigilant: stop Exiles being triggered.
Focus on learning, functioning, being stable. Hard-working, task-focused, determined, relentless, critical, shaming.

EXILES
Wounded Parts
Have been
shamed, abused,
neglected in
childhood.

FIREFIGHTER PROTECTORS *Reactive*

Emergency response workers when memories and emotions of Exiles break through.
Fierce. Alcohol, drugs, binge eating, self harm, promiscuity.



**Empathy
not
Analysis**

**People
not
Projects**

It's all about the relationship

TRUST



In the Counselling Room

That was
so unlike
me!

Parts still on the
'edge of awareness'

I don't know
why I'm so
angry!

I don't
know why
I said that!

Encounter, not invasion

Touchstones

I want to
curl up and
hide!

Parts for growth.... Parts not for growth

Exploring Aspects of Self using Fairy Tales



with Morag Barker

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Take a Break



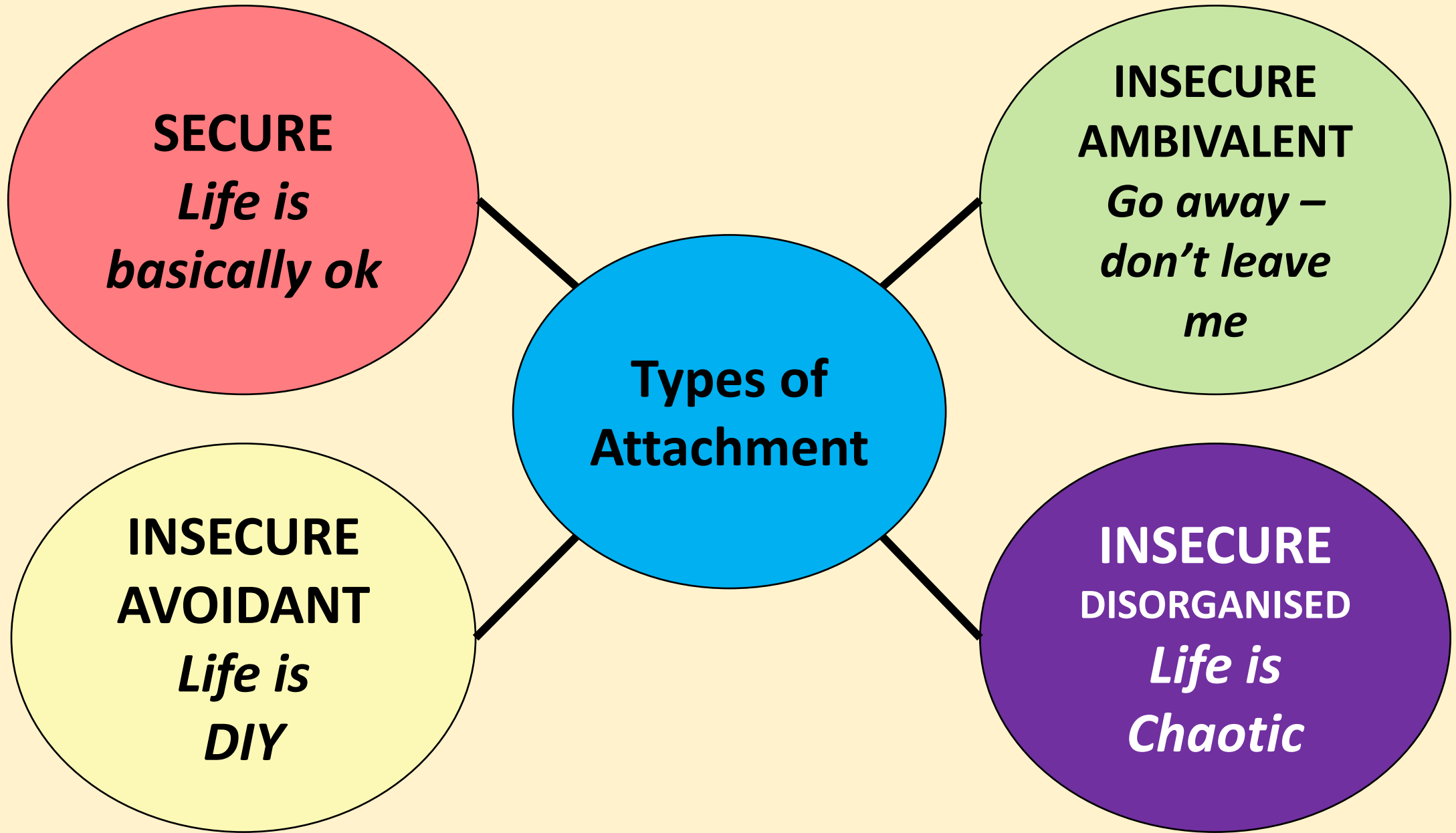
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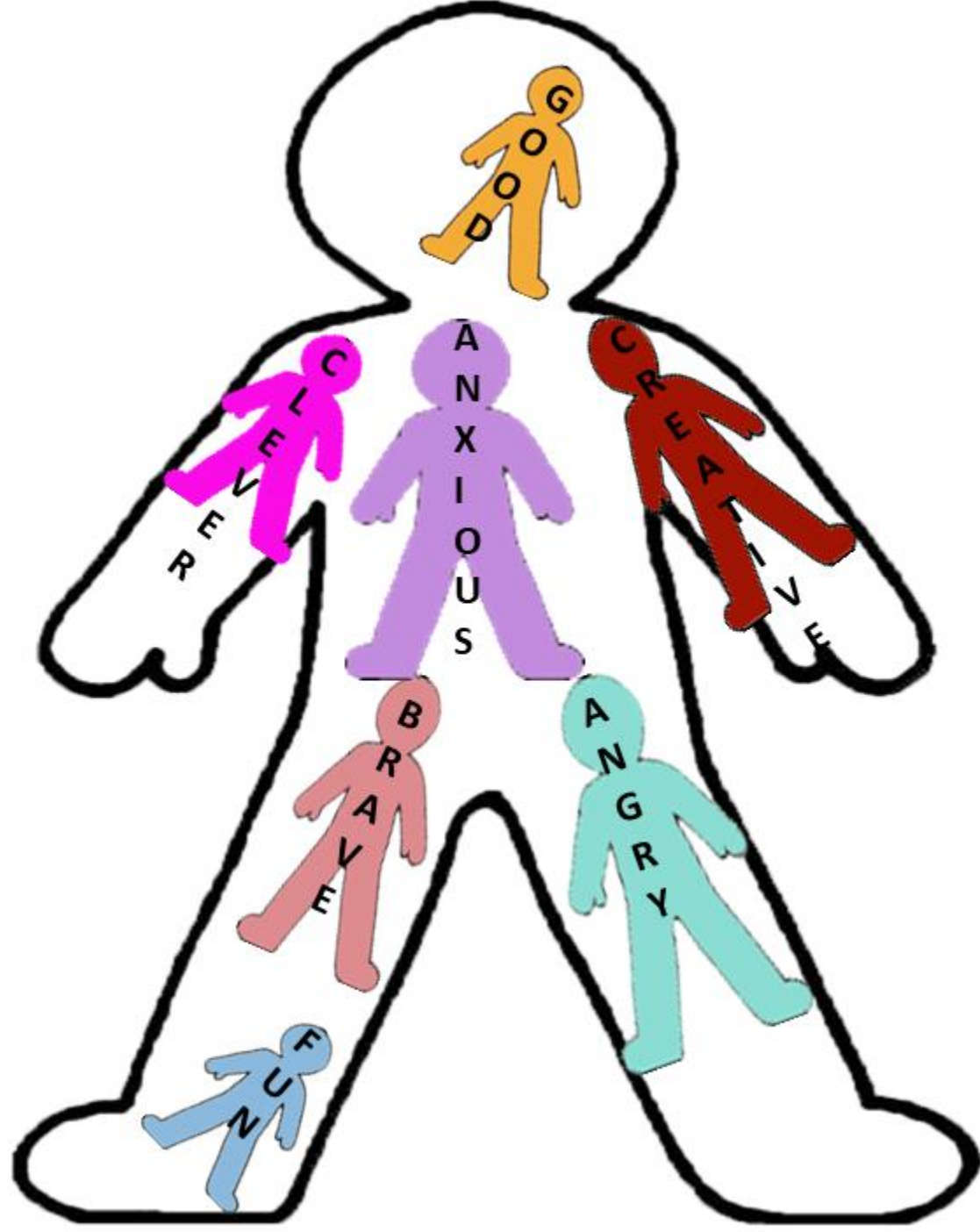
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Types of Attachment







We are all born with some elements of our personality, but at birth our personality is not fully formed or unified



Our experiences, both good and bad, also shape who we become

In normal development, these parts join to become one



But severe trauma can stop this process & cause walls to form between parts. This keeps traumatic memories separate from daily life.



This loss of memory is called amnesia. Parts may not even know about each other or about the walls, so it can be confusing!



This separation also means parts can have different memories, feelings, ages and names

Dissociative Identity Disorder: A way of surviving





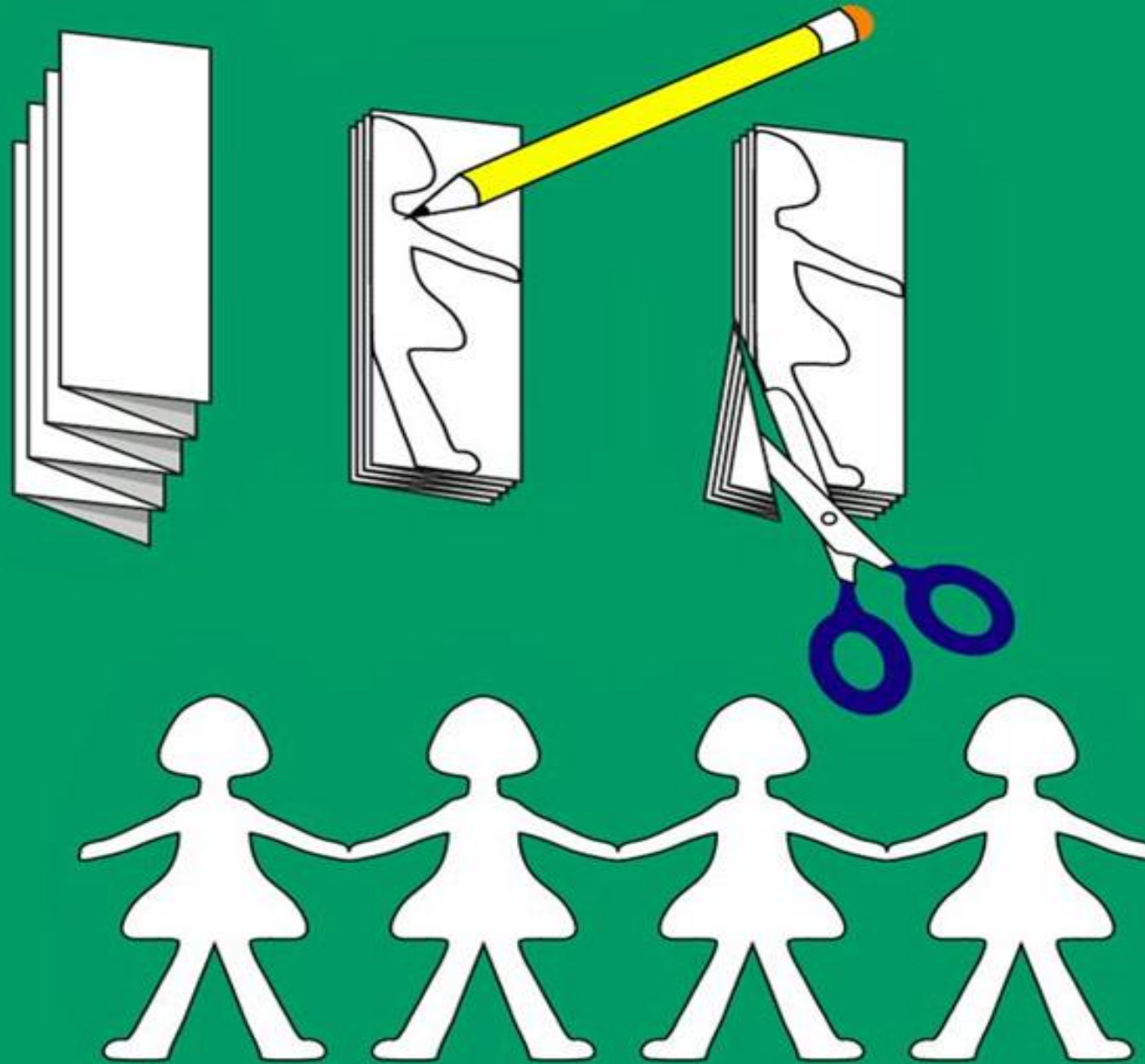
Milly's story: The Dolls



Milly's story: Mapping the System



Paper Chain Dolls



Milly's story: the Paper Chain dolls



Working creatively with DID clients



with Hazel Barton



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Discuss in Buddy Groups

- Share your experiences of working with parts with survivors of trauma and abuse
- Have you worked with dissociated disorders?

15 minutes



ANY

QUESTIONS?

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Perfectionism

- Never make a mistake again
- Never speak unwise words again
- Never hurt anyone again
- Never upset anyone again
- Stay hidden, keep quiet, don't be seen
- Never make anyone angry again

The different parts of me

I am capable of total selfishness... and also of loving deeply

I am capable of being utterly foolish... and also of having profound wisdom

I sometimes suffer from crass foot-in-mouth disease... and I also can have real sensitivity and tact

There are times when I feel compassion fatigue... and I am also capable of genuinely deep, unconditional acceptance

I am capable of restraint, dignity and decorum... and sometimes blubbing like a child when things go wrong

BOTH SINNER AND SAINT

I am capable of being humbly open to feedback... and I can also be defensive, even aggressive when challenged

I know I can be intolerant... and I also know I am capable of endless patient endurance

I sometimes despise my faults and failings... and I am also learning to love myself with grace

***You see, I don't always get it right - but
nor do I always get it wrong.
And that's ok.***

“Therapists are never ‘done’ with growth;
they are simply people who should be
dedicated to learning as much about
themselves and others as they possibly can.

The best therapists are fully human
and engage in the struggles of life.

Our own failures help us to remain open to the
struggles of others; our personal victories give us
the optimism and courage to inspire
those struggling with their lives.

~ Louis Cozolino

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Psychotherapist, Consultant, Trainer

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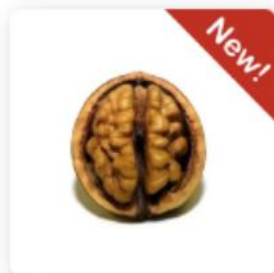
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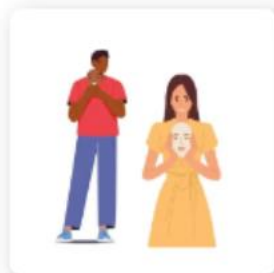
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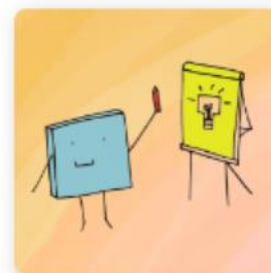
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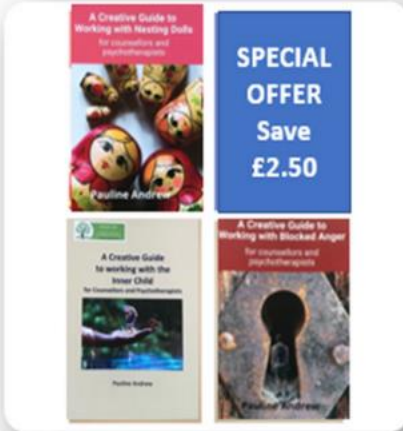
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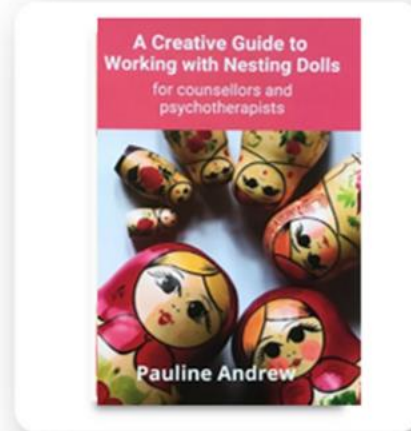
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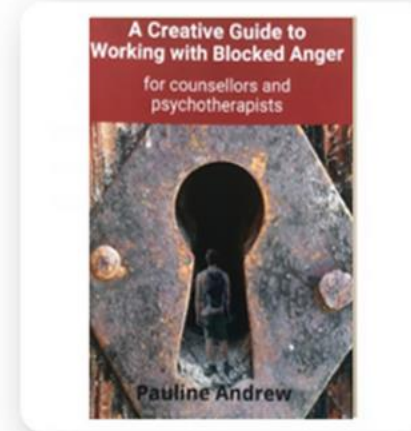
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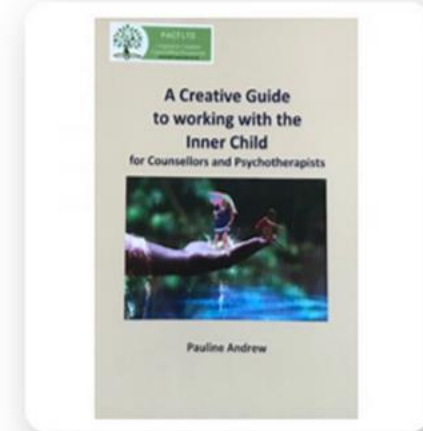
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