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## Sommario/riassunto

Steiner utilises Kleinian theory to analyse those patients who have organised object relationships and defences into complex, rigid internal structures. Using clinical examples he examines these psychotic organisations and suggests a therapy.

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