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NAMES, BODIES, SCARS:
AN OUTLINE OF THE ABSENCE ANTHROPOLOGY
(Summary)

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What does it mean to remember? A moment when the present returns to interrupt the past a little. However, because memories can have several beginnings, do we dare to provide them one end? And what will that be: the end accepted by us or the one preferred by others? The paper points out that the most commonly revived nostalgias are those without a particular end. For instance, the Disappeared transfigures; our memory equals it with the domestic perimeter where it should have returned. Hence, the things that survived to nowadays ended up meaning its imminent return or just the mimicking of this too little probable fact. However, the deceased loses his age rapidly if the memories of the contemporaries are no longer present.

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