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Individual essence: gibt es solche?

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Individual essence: gibt es solche? (ABSTRACT): While sortal essences seem impeccable, claims about individual essences are mostly seen as dubious. To remedy the situation, two arguments will be offered for postulating individual essences of concrete individuals on top of their sortal essences. One is an *explanatory gap* argument, the other is an *analogical* argument drawing on the analogy with the individual essences of events presupposed in single causal explanations. These arguments support qualitative individual essences with explanatory goals as opposed to hybrid impure relational essences accounting for origin and numerical identity. It is highlighted why origin properties as parts of impure relational essences do not yield genuine *de re* constructions. The distinction between the two types of individual essences is traced back to the ambiguity of the very notion of individuation.