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Definition

The rhetorical move of recanting or semantically reversing a statement, often used for emphasis or dramatic effect.^[1]

Example

أهذا وجهٌ لا يُنسى؟ بل يُنسى... لكنَّه يعود في كل لحظةٍ إلى ذهني أقوى من ذي قبل.

Is this a face that cannot be forgotten? Rather, it can be forgotten... But it returns to my mind every moment, stronger than before.

References

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