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## ***Le devenir géologique (Geological Destiny)***

**Date:** 1933

**Technique:** Oil on wood panel

**Dimensions:** 21 x 16 cm

**Signature:** Signed and dated lower right corner: [...] *Salvador Dali / fevrier 1933*



**Location:** Private collection



## Provenance

- Julien Green, Paris

## Observations

In Julien Greens' memoirs, "Les années faciles", we read the following about this work: "28 February. The day before yesterday to Dalí's place to pick up my painting since this is my month. Twelve people have committed to give the painter a sort of small rent for this year, in exchange for which, each person will receive either a large or a small painting plus two drawings. We drew lots to see who would get which month. To my delight, February is my month, which has exempted me from waiting a long time. I have the choice of a big painting with an admirable rocky landscape in the background and in the foreground a kind of Russian general with sideburns, naked and with his head sadly inclined showing his cranium stuffed with shells and pearls.; and a small canvas which he calls "Devenir géologique", and that shows a horse in the process of being transformed into a rock in the middle of the desert. Dalí is leaving for Spain and talks with horror of the customs formalities and of the thousands of little inconveniences of a train trip, since he's a bit like a child who is frightened by life (Julien Green, "Les années faciles, journal 1926-1934", Paris, 1961, p. 376-377).

## Exhibitions

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- 2012, Paris, Centre Pompidou, *Dalí*, 21/11/2012 - 25/03/2013, p. 167

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