Thus the erectile organ comes to symbolize the place of jouissance*, not in itself, or even in the form of an image, but as a part lacking in the desired image: that is why it is equivalent to the* $\sqrt{-1}$ *of the signification produced above, of the* jouissance *that it restores by the coefficient of its statement to the function of lack of signifier* (-1)*.*

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