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My essay examines the connections between the words of the 2nd century BCE Roman matron Cornelia and the first century BCE elegist Sulpicia, both daughters of fathers long deceased at the time of their writing, and those of their “biological” fathers, the general Publius Cornelius Scipio Africanus and the jurist Servius Sulpicius Rufus. It argues that both, similarly outspoken, women not only emphasize emotions and rely on emotional appeals in their verbal efforts to connect with family members but also invoke and evoke, extol and challenge their dead fathers. They thereby testify to the power of Roman patriarchy and the individual, elite Roman patriarchal family, albeit in a distinctive, subversive way.