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In response to the common model of Roman sexuality that understands individuals either as active penetrators (freeborn men, normatively) or passive penetrated individuals (women and the enslaved, usually), this article re-examines evidence from both graffiti and Latin literature to show that Romans could and did think of some penetrated individuals (in this case, some women) as sexual agents. The article correspondingly updates the scholarly model of Roman sexuality with a secondary axis of agency (in addition to the primary axis of role in penetration).