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The *cinaedus* is a multivalent term that can describe many different behaviors (sexual or non-sexual) and relationships. But it almost invariably refers to someone who is identified as a male. One time only does it refer to a female: Catullus 10.24. This essay examines how Catullus uses the adjective *cinaediorem* in poem 10 and what this usage might tell us about the attitudes of Romans in the late Republic towards masculinity and sexual positioning. Catullus 10 is a sophisticated examination of subjugation which occurs intersectionally along multiple lines: gender, class and ethnicity.