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This chapter explores the struggle for control of the sexuality of enslaved persons between enslavers and the enslaved individuals themselves. The same acts and relationships that may have provided solace, love, and an affirmation of humanity to enslaved individuals also enriched their owners and perpetuated a cruel and inhumane institution. Drawing upon comparative evidence from slavery in the United States, the chapter suggests how inscribing acts and relationships with their own meaning and executing them on their own terms provided a means for enslaved individuals in the Roman world to contest the control over their sexuality and reproductive capacity wielded by enslavers.