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This chapter examines several accounts of impoverished senatorial women in the Middle Republic, dwelling on the disjunction between their perceived abundance of symbolic capital (status) and their lack of economic capital (property). It sheds light on some forms of senatorial and familial financial support (dotal subventions etc.) and the potential effects of economic impoverishment on these women (abstention from public life, damage to marital prospects, and disempowerment in marriage). Not all senatorial women led fortunate, wealthy lives in the Republic: their economic experiences and conditions were variegated.