INT. HELEN'S LIVING ROOM - EVENING

Helen checks herself out in the mirror.

HELEN
Hi.

JESSICA
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HELEN
Come, Come in please.

JESSICA
Oh, thank you.

HELEN
Hi. (Give kiss on cheek).

JESSICA
Hi

HELEN
Wow, you look great.

JESSICA
Oh, no. Thank you. No, you. You do. I--I’m a mess actually.

HELEN
Those shoes are gorgeous.

JESSICA
Oh thanks for noticing.

HELEN
Are they nine west?

JESSICA
No, Kenneth Cole.

HELEN
Oh, you’re kidding.

JESSICA
No

HELEN
Oh, well they’re very sexy. They suit you.
JESSICA
Can we cut to the chase for a sec? Just get the um hard topics out the way.

HELEN
Um sure. What’s on your mind.

JESSICA
Um, well, it’s just that that whenever I’ve thought about lesbianism in the past I’ve always said ‘Eww’ you know? Just Eww. Can’t go there, can’t get excited. I mean, what would we do, you know?

HELEN
Right, right. I mean this is your big issue.

JESSICA
Right, right, right. But I-I had such a wonderful time with you the other night.

HELEN
Oh, me too.

JESSICA
I really did and I’ve been um marinating on things and um, anyway I have taken the liberty of getting some information materials on the topic and I wondered if I might--

HELEN
Oh, of course.

JESSICA
Okay, okay. Well, uh, this one leaflet was particularly intriguing to me, lesbian sex, hot, safe, and sane. Do you know it?

HELEN
Un no, but please share. I’d love to see it.

JESSICA
Okay. Well, um, I was surprised to learn that lesbians accessorize. I didn’t know that. So, for example, on page 11, I dog-eared it, they show some of the higher-tech lesbian accoutrement. Um...

She shows leaflet to Helen.

HELEN
Wow.

Jessica exhales.

HELEN (CONT’D)
Wow.

JESSICA
Yeah. So gosh um how would this work?

HELEN
Well, I think I would just strap that on and...
Oh, no, no, no, that’s not fair. I mean we should certainly trade off and share the load in terms of giving and receiving but that doesn’t address the actual gross-out factor, if you will. Oh no offense.

HELEN
Oh

JESSICA
No offense.

HELEN
Oh, no, none taken. No.

JESSICA
Okay cause I mean look at you. Who wouldn’t want to have sex with you, right? I mean, do you, but um...

HELEN
Look Jess...

Helen takes away the books.

HELEN (CONT’D)
Let’s not put the cart before the horse here with all the high tech stuff, you know cause we don’t need any of that.

JESSICA
We don’t?

HELEN
I myself have always preferred the standard, organic, old-fashioned way.

JESSICA
Right, you’re right. So that’d be just...

HELEN
Well, It’s basically the same as with a man...
Helen pours her some wine.

JESSICA
Thank you.

HELEN
...except minus one thing, you know?

JESSICA
Right, right. Yes, well, right.

HELEN
Right, and let’s face it, it’s the other stuff that works for women anyway, right?

Helen raises her glass for a toast.

JESSICA
Yes, well, that is, um-that is true. Cheers.
Silent pause.
JESSICA (CONT’D)
Nice place.

HELEN
Thanks.

JESSICA
Is that...

HELEN
Oh no.

JESSICA
Oh.

Yawns and puts hand on Jess’s shoulder.

JESSICA (CONT’D)
I’m gonna have to go slow, okay?

HELEN
Oh, okay. Whatever you need.

JESSICA
Okay great.

HELEN
Okay

JESSICA
Sorry.

HELEN
It’s okay.

Helen inches in for a kiss.

JESSICA
Is this with tongue?

HELEN
Uh, I think we should just play it by ear. Just see how it goes. Okay?

JESSICA
Okay.

HELEN
Okay, great, great

They Kiss