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EPISODE 1 - "THE APPEARANCE"

SCENE 1. RUTH'S HOME: INT:EARLY MORNING

RUTH GOLD IS GETTING READY FOR WORK. SHE LOOKS AT HERSELF IN THE FULL LENGTH HALL MIRROR AND ADJUSTS HERSELF. SHE IS WEARING A SNUG-FITTING SHIRT AND IS UNCOMFORTABLY LARGE-BREADED, DESPITE HER SLIM FRAME.

RUTH

Mmm, not bad today, girl.

RUTH STARTS SINGING TO HERSELF, THEN HEARS A PERSISTENT RAPPING ON HER FRONT DOOR. RUTH APPROACHES DOOR.

RUTH

Who's this?

SHE SEES THE SILLOUETTE OF HER MOTHER, IN A KIND OF VICTORIAN SIDWAYS CAMEO.

RUTH

Mum. No. No. No.

RUTH OPENS THE DOOR. LILLIAN, HER GLAMOROUS MOTHER WALKS RIGHT PAST HER INTO THE HALL. SHE'S WEARING A COAT OVER A VERY REVEALING DRESS. RUTH CLOSSES DOOR.

LILLIAN

Do you know how long I've been out there? You look frumpy by the way.

RUTH

Thanks.

LILLIAN

What happened to your blouse? It's too small. Here, do something with this.

SHE HANDS RUTH THE BROKEN DOOR KNOCKER.

RUTH

I'll get it fixed.

LILLIAN

What happened to your face? Are those wrinkles?