A café. The OTHER WOMAN waiting in a blue raincoat. JEAN enters in a blue raincoat.

JEAN

Hello.

OTHER WOMAN

Hello. Thanks you for meeting me.

JEAN

Not at all.

OTHER WOMAN

We like the same clothes.

JEAN

Yes.

OTHER WOMAN

I suppose that’s not surprising, given the circumstances

JEAN

I don’t know what you mean.

OTHER WOMAN

You don’t need to pretend.

JEAN

I know.

OTHER WOMAN

Gordon has good taste. You’re pretty.

JEAN

I’m not --

OTHER WOMAN

Don’t be modest. I like it when a woman knows she’s beautiful. Women nowadays – they don’t know how to walk into a room. There’s so little glamour in the world. A woman should be able to take out her compact and put on lipstick with absolute confidence. No apologies.

JEAN

I’ve always been embarrassed to put lipstick on in public.

OTHER WOMAN

That’s crap. Here – you have beautiful lips.

She hands JEAN the lipstick.

JEAN

No – that’s –

OTHER WOMAN

Put it on. Take your time. Enjoy yourself.

JEAN puts on some lipstick.

OTHER WOMAN (CONT.)

That was disappointing. Oh, well.

JEAN

I’m very sorry about Gordon. You must be – his friend?

OTHER WOMAN

Gordon didn’t tell you much, did he?

JEAN

No.

OTHER WOMAN

Gordon could be quiet.

JEAN

Yes. He was quiet.

OTHER WOMAN

(Beat.) You must wonder why I wanted to meet with you.

JEAN

Yes.

OTHER WOMAN

You were with Gordon on the day he died. Gordon and I were – we were – well – you know. And so – I wanted to know . . . this is going to sound sentimental . . . I wanted to know his last words.

JEAN

That’s not sentimental.

OTHER WOMAN

I hate sentiment. (Beat.) So, his last words.

JEAN

Gordon mentioned you before he died. Well, he more than mentioned you. He said: tell her that I love her. And then he turned away his face and died.

OTHER WOMAN

He said that he loved me.

JEAN

Yes.

OTHER WOMAN

I waited for such a long time. And the words – delivered by another woman. What a shit.

JEAN

It’s not like that. Gordon said that he loved many women, but when he met you, everything changed. Other women seemed like clocks compared to you – other women just – measured time – broke up the day – but that you – you stopped time. He said that you – stopped time – just by walking into a room.

OTHER WOMAN

He said that?

JEAN

Yes.

OTHER WOMAN

Oh, Gordon.