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Vancouver Lawyer's Feminism Inspires her to Empower her Daughter to Explore.



My daughter Talisha has Down Syndrome. We've always communicated openly about sex - as a feminist I believe we all have the right to know about our bodies, and that includes how we experience pleasure. When she was in her late teens, I took

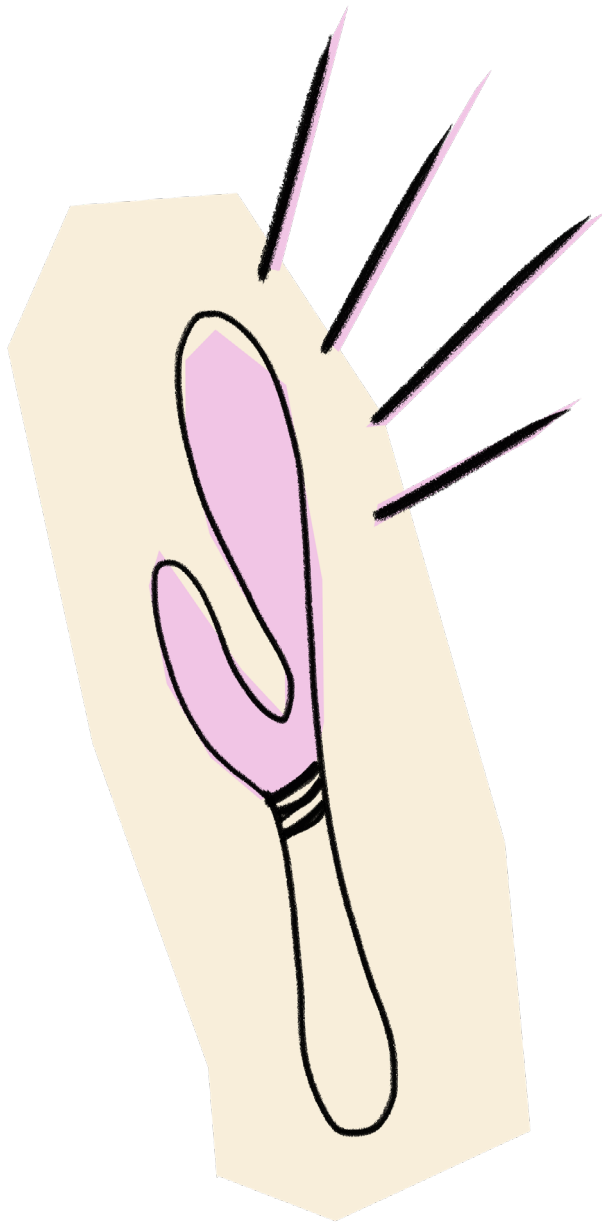
Zora & Daughter Talisha in 2015

her shopping at a women - run sexuality store to buy a sex toy.

I was so proud of her. She had lots of questions for the staff and she wasn't embarrassed to ask them. *(Continued on page 2)*

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In the end she chose a rabbit-style toy. She stayed in her bedroom for several hours after we got home, so I think it was a hit.



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Last year Talisha moved into her own supported living apartment, so we don’t see each other every

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day any more like we used to.

Nowadays, she wants to keep more parts of her life private from me, and she doesn’t really appreciate it if I butt in. Talisha is growing into being her own woman, not just her mom’s daughter. It’s tough sometimes, but I also think it’s great that she’s asserting her boundaries.

I’m glad we talked about this stuff when she was still a teen and was still living at home. She’d never admit it, but I think Talisha is grateful too. Today it would be more difficult for either of us to bring up the subject.