slide

that’s a good word

s...l...i...d...e:

a hissing of silk

a tongue-curling pressure

a jaw-yawning exhortation

a climax of consonance

To move across a surface

frictionless, or almost

maybe lubricated and wet, like all s’s

building saliva in the corners of the mouth.

To move between surfaces:

a specialized form of the word;

perhaps following gravity

perhaps not

pistons in cylinders

oily and demanding

converting desire into motion.

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slip, slither

then sleep