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Throughout Jim shouts. The person he is speaking to is in another room some way away from where Jim is situated.
Throughout, the other character's voice is indistinct. We cannot tell age, state or gender.
A football match plays on the television.

Jim sighs

JIM: No. No more books. That's enough reading for tonight. It's gone eight o'clock. Sleep time now.

A voice shouts.

JIM: No more water. We don't want any leaks do we? And we had alot at tea didn't we. Lie down dear and stop shouting.

A voice shouts

JIM (OVERLAPPING): Stop shouting, could you stop shouting NOW? (TO HIMSELF) can I get a rest? I hardly sat down.

A voice shouts

Jim stands and leaving the room

JIM: This is the last time. The last request. Lie down now. After this...

As Jim continues speaking his voice fades away as we stay in the room he is exiting.

JIM: We've already been to the toilet twice. This is why we wear a....

We hear voices, indistinct. Footsteps, shuffling. A toilet flushes, footsteps, tap running, footsteps. As Jim returns to our room his footsteps begin to fall heavier on our ears.

A light is switched off

JIM: Now go to sleep please. I've turned the light off.

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A voice shouts.

JIM: It doesn't help you sleep. It doesn't.

We can hear only the football on the television.

JIM: The last request. This is the last request.

He switches the light back on.

We can hear electronic beeps as a keypad is pressed. The door clicks open as MIKE enters.

MIKE: Is that the international symbol for help then?

JIM: What?

JIM and Mike walk into the office.

MIKE: Lights going on and off like morse code.

JIM: Playing up tonight. What part of rest home don't they understand. One then the other. Like knocking dominoes.

MIKE: Who's winning?

JIM: No idea. I'm off.

Jim collects his things, pulling on his coat, zipping up his bag.

JIM: I said that was their last request.

MIKE: Last request?

JIM: Lights on. Their last request.

MIKE: Got it. See you tomorrow

A voice shouts.

JIM & MIKE: (LOUD) LAST REQUEST!!!

The End