

Keeping Faith

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INT. KITCHEN - DAY

JIM (mid 50s) stands at a kitchen worktop sealing a pink envelope. The worktop is littered with pills. SUE (mid 40s) enters through the back door carrying a solitary rose.

SUE
That do you, Jim?

Jim places the rose in a solitary vase on the tray and rests the pink envelope against it.

SUE (CONT'D)
Never forget, do you.

JIM
Oh, that. Valentine's... yeah...
last time though.

SUE
You don't know that for sure.
Doctor said she could last a few
more years, didn't he?

JIM
Would you want to in that pain?

SUE
Still wants to end it?

JIM
She wants freedom, Sue.

SUE
And you, Jim? What do you want?

JIM
What's best for Faith.

SUE
Which is?

Jim ponders over a ring box. A wall light flashes.

SUE (CONT'D)
She's calling. My brother, ever
the romantic. I'll call in later.

JIM
(shouts)
Coming love...

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

Jim places the breakfast tray on the bed next to FAITH (mid 50s and severely disabled).

JIM
You got a card... says love you forever... Doesn't say who it's from though. Any ideas?

FAITH
(types)
Funy

He pauses, then shows her the box.

JIM
And a present.

He opens it slowly, revealing a small white pill.

JIM (CONT'D)
I managed to get one.

FAITH
(types)
Ty x

JIM
It's still what you want?

FAITH
(types)
Y

He puts the pill in her mouth, kisses her long and softly then leaves.

INT. LIVING ROOM. DAY

Jim picks up a photo of Faith when she was able-bodied. In his hand he has another pill. He sits down and hugs the photo. He sees the light flashing in the kitchen.

JIM
(quietly)
I'm coming, love... I'm coming.

He swallows the pill, closes his eyes and sits back.

INT. BEDROOM. DAY

The tablet slides down Faith's chin. A tear rolls beside it. The keyboard reads 'i cant leave u x'