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I did fortnightly cleaning for a man and his daughter (carer). When I first met him he was friendly and clever, the only one who correctly answered the barber riddle.

The last time I saw him, he asked me to take the blue bucket out of his bed. I mean why else would his bed be wet, his mind edited reality to fit his understanding. Of course, I said an easy kindness.

He had a form of dementia near the end, from stress as his organs failed him his weight was stripped to his bones. Even when he was sleeping (most of the time now) I noticed him grimacing in pain as he urinated into a pad with a urinary tract infection (like peeing razors).

A nurse came by and I was asked to leave. I listened in as you do. She asked If he wanted to go on, that was the gist of it. He had no quality of life and should have been free of pain long before then. She asked like a criminal, to show compassion. He died two days later.

We euthenise our animals but not people. All because of political cowardice. It should be put to a referendum. Any system could be abused but safe guards would be easy to implement.

Dr K ensured YOU push the button and you won't botch the job, ending up powerless and in agony. I know people who have a way out and knowing that they feel free to carry on living. Even if they never use it at least they feel empowered. IT'S THEIR LIFE.

I've spoken to friends who admit they would help a parent die if necessary why class compassion as murderer. As the law stands it's dangerous, unfair and insulting.

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