

THE SWITCH

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FADE IN:

INT. ROOM - DAY

Medical equipment.

JENNIFER, 90s, lies in bed, attached to tubes, wires etc.

SUE, 40s, sits next to the bed, looks at her watch. A NURSE and other OFFICIALS stand around the bed.

The nurse nods at Sue.

SUE  
Gran. It's time.

Sue briefly holds Jennifer's hand. Jennifer lifts her arms to Sue, but then lays them back on the bed.

Sue's mobile starts buzzing. Other mobiles buzz.

The nurse pushes a needle into Jennifer's arm, carefully adjusts the attached small pipe and connects the free end to a machine. She grabs a hand switch, attached to the machine by wires, and hands it to Sue.

An official nods.

NURSE  
When you are both ready.

Sue offers Jennifer the switch. Jennifer takes a long, deep breath.

SHOUTING can be heard from outside the room. One of the officials leaves. Sue looks up.

SUE  
What's....

The nurse leaves the room. Sue pushes the switch into Jennifer's hand.

More commotion outside. The nurse puts her head around the door.

NURSE  
(to Sue)  
I'm sorry.

She leaves.

Sue taps her mobile. Stares. Gasps. Taps again.

SUE

(into mobile)

Jim, have you seen on the.....no,  
not yet. We were just about  
to....it got delayed. You coming  
here? What? Well don't then! Piss  
off!

Sue punches her mobile with her finger. Grits her teeth.

Jennifer shuts her eyes, confused. Starts muttering.

JENNIFER

No. I'm not going to do this.  
They're not going to make me.

Sue glares at her, leaves the room.

JENNIFER (CONT'D)

Sue! Sue!

THE END