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Rats

Friday 22 January – The middle of the season

Jamie was sure he could hear rats scurrying beneath the wooden floorboards of the manager's office at Seaport Town Football Club.

Rats, with their hairy little feet and their big sharp yellow teeth. Rats, crawling around with their noses twitching.

Jamie Johnson was in the third division of English football and he was sharing a football club with rats.

It was Jamie's first day at Seaport Town and he was waiting to meet his new manager, Raymond Porlock.

All Jamie wanted was to get back. Back to Hawkstone United . . . back to the Premier League . . . back to

where he belonged. . .

Just a few months ago he had been a star. He'd been football's golden boy, with the world at his feet.

But, right now, all Jamie had at his feet were those disgusting, filthy rats. . .

Jamie shook his head and blew into his freezing hands.

What on earth was he doing here? How had he fallen so far?