

## Runaway 68

### Chapter 68

It was Samantha.

Before this, Lionel had come to ask Irene so that she could speak with Isaac, and to persuade him to be lenient on Ricky.

Irene, however, refused to help-which meant Samantha's son was going to prison.

Even if he would not be serving a long sentence, he would have a criminal record, and his career options would be limited even if he completed his studies.

Naturally, she was at once annoyed and furious, and hated Irene for not helping, believing her to be callous.

That was why Samantha showed up at the hospital-she would make a scene and humiliate Irene!

Having gathered journalists at the scene, she dropped to her knees in her campaign to get Irene flamed-so that everyone would think of Irene as an ingrate who refused to help her brother. As she cried, she complained, "Ricky is your brother! Why do you refuse to help him?! Do you have a conscience?! He's your only brother..."

She bawled so loudly that those who did not know would think that she suffered a great injustice.

Moreover, since there were a lot of people near the hospital entrance, a crowd soon gathered to enjoy the drama.

Without knowing the full picture, the sight of an older woman kneeling in front of a younger woman was enough to win everyone's sympathy. Moreover, Samantha was good enough an actress to swiftly direct all hostility toward Irene.

As everyone began to whisper and criticize, some of the gullible heroes of justice began to scold Irene. "How could you be so unreasonable? Letting your mother kneel and beg? How could you be so young but so heartless?" Samantha promptly joined in, "Someone is bullying her brother, and she could have helped! But she refused! And she still calls herself a sister!"

Irene watched coldly as Samantha continued her antics. If she wanted to kneel, she could do that as much as she wanted to-Irene just had to leave.

Nonetheless, as she tried to do that, Samantha promptly lunged at her and wrapped herself around her foot, crying relentlessly, "Say something! Are you going to help Ricky?!"

Even though Samantha was perfectly aware that Ricky had made a mistake and as such must be punished by the law, she believed that the incident could have been resolved out of court.

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If Isaac did not press charges, he had enough influence to expunge the entire incident from all records—but only if Irene was willing to ask Isaac. As long as she did that, Ricky would still have hope.

Nonetheless, Irene snapped coldly, “It’s his own fault!”

Samantha promptly retorted, “He’s your brother!”

Irene hated that the most, and so exclaimed loudly, “You’re just my father’s mistress and a homewrecker! Your children were never related to me!”

She tried to speak as loud as she could, because there was no one on earth who would side with mistresses or homewreckers. Though some of the bystanders began to shift to Irene’s side, Samantha promptly shot back, “How could you lie about me like that?! You’re the one who’s refusing to help! You really are as heinous and as ungrateful as your father said! Selfish, callous, and ingrate—yes, that’s what you are!” Samantha rambled on, as if she was just passing a message from Lionel.

In the end, Lionel would always be Irene’s biological father, and Samantha knew that Irene would not stay immune after learning that her father said such things about her.

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That in turn allowed Samantha to drive them further apart!

To no surprise, Irene’s heart almost stopped when she heard what Lionel said about her. So that was what he thought of her? The change in her expression was a sign to Samantha that her lies had taken effect, so she went even further and said, “After you refused to help, your father started breaking everything at home, and was shouting how much he regretted not strangling you at your crib! That he should never have let you live!”

Irene’s hands were at her sides, twitching ever so slightly.

Still, she soon gathered herself, her gaze turning even colder then. At the same time, Zachary arrived for work. When he saw what happened, he promptly called in hospital security to order the crowd to disperse. Walking up to Irene, he told her, “Alright, dispersed! Nothing to see here—do what you’ve come to do!” With that, he started to leave while shielding Irene.