



RUNAWAY

CHAPTER-15

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WAIT... WHERE DID SHE GO?

UGH, TYPICAL! SHE ALWAYS
SNEAKS OFF WITHOUT SAYING
A WORD.

MAYBE SHE WENT TO PUT HER
PHONE BACK IN HER LOCKER...

SCHOOL TERRACE...





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Remind Me

Message

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WELL, WELL, FINALLY DECIDED
TO PICK UP. I WAS STARTING TO THINK
YOU'D NEVER ANSWER.

OH, REALLY? THEN HOW ABOUT
I SEND THESE PICTURES TO THE GIRL
YOU LIVE WITH, OR TO YOUR SISTER?
WAIT WHAT'S HER NAME....

W-WHO ARE YOU?
WHY ARE YOU SENDING THOSE TEXTS?
AND THAT PHOTO... ISN'T MINE.

EMMA... RIGHT? MAYBE THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE BETTER IF IT'S YOU IN THESE PICTURES OR NOT.

IT WASN'T THAT HARD TO GET YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM YOUR SCHOOL. I JUST HAD TO SLIP A FEW BUCKS TO A NIGHT GUARD.

DID YOU THINK I'M SOME IDIOT? HAHA... YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE USED YOUR PERSONAL NUMBER FOR REGISTRATION ON THAT SITE. AND YOU KNOW HOW EASY IT IS TO TRACK AN IP ADDRESS THESE DAYS...

SO YOU STILL DENY IT'S NOT YOU? SHOULD I GO AHEAD AND SEND THOSE PICTURES?

H-HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EMMA?

Y-YOU KNOW ABOUT MY SCHOOL TOO...

NO, NO! IT'S ME... I'M SORRY... PLEASE DON'T.



NOW WE'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE....
ALRIGHT, LISTEN UP! IF YOU DON'T WANT THESE
PHOTOS SPREAD ALL OVER TOWN AND SHARED WITH
EVERYONE YOU KNOW, YOU NEED TO GET ME \$5,000
BY THIS EVENING. OTHERWISE, GET READY TO BE
THE CITY'S LATEST SENSATION!

HMM... THAT'S ALOT FOR YOU?
FINE, I'LL GO EASY ON YOU. HOW ABOUT
\$2,000 FOR NOW AND WE'LL DISCUSS
THE REST LATER...

ARE YOU FUCKING KIDDING ME?
YOU'D BETTER SHOW UP WITH \$2,000 BY 5 PM
AT THE ADDRESS I TEXT YOU, OR I SWEAR
YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET IT.

WHAT, \$5,000? THAT'S ALOT..
I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY.

I-I DON'T HAVE \$2,000 EITHER...





FEW HOURS LATER...



LESS THAN AN HOUR LEFT...
UGH, I'M COMPLETELY SCREWED!

SERIOUSLY? ARE YOU
ON YOUR PHONE AGAIN?

THE NIGHT AND OTHER STORIES Truman Capote

OH, I-I'M JUST CHECKING
SOMETHING QUICK FOR MY HOMEWORK.

NO, NO! I SWEAR I WASN'T
USING SOCIAL GRAM. TRUST ME!

UMM, ARE YOU GOING SOMEWHERE?

FOR HOMEWORK? YOU SURE?
SHOULD I CHECK YOUR PHONE TO SEE IF
YOU'RE NOT JUST SCROLLING THROUGH
SOCIAL-GRAM AGAIN?

HMM, ALRIGHT. BUT JUST TO BE SURE,
I'LL CHECK YOUR HOMEWORK WHEN I COME
BACK. MAKE SURE IT'S ACTUALLY DONE!

YEAH, I'M HEADING OUT TO MEET SOME OLD FRIENDS. BUT I'M HAVING TROUBLE BOOKING A CAB. UGH, SEEMS LIKE THERE'S AN ISSUE WITH MY ACCOUNT.

THEY SAID MY CAR NEEDS ONE MORE DAY TO BE FIXED. AND AS FOR BOOKING A CAB, IT LOOKS LIKE MY ACCOUNT ISN'T PICKING UP MY LIVE LOCATION. CAN YOU JUST GIVE ME YOUR EMAIL AND PASSWORD TO SET UP A NEW ACCOUNT? HOPE THAT WORKS.

WHAT'S THE ISSUE? AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR CAR--IS IT STILL AT THE REPAIR SHOP?

UH, S-SURE...

FEW MINUTES LATER...

SHE'S GONE... WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?
TIME IS RUNNING OUT. TIME IS RUNNING OUT.
SHOULD I EVEN GO TO THE LOCATION HE TEXTED...
UGH, I'M NOWHERE NEAR HAVING THE CASH
HE'S DEMANDING.

BUT IF I DON'T SHOW UP ON TIME, HE'LL...
NO, I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN.

SLAM!




AFTER A WHILE...



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THIS PLACE SEEMS ABANDONED...
I DIDN'T SEE ANYONE AROUND ON
MY WAY HERE.

DON'T KNOW WHY I'M NOT
GETTING A GOOD FEELING HERE. EVERYTHING
SEEMS OFF, AND THE SILENCE IS EERIE.
IS THIS REALLY THE RIGHT PLACE?



THIS MUST BE THE OLD CHURCH HE
TEXTED ABOUT. HOPE I'M NOT WALKING
INTO SOMETHING WORSE.



CREEEAK

THIS PLACE IS HUGE, AND THE DARKNESS MAKES IT FEEL EVEN SCARIER. I CAN BARELY SEE ANYTHING IN HERE.

IS HE EVEN HERE... HE SAID HE'D BE WAITING FOR ME INSIDE.

RIGHT ON TIME!



COME OVER HERE!

GASP ALRIGHT, I'LL JUST HAND OVER ALL THE CASH I'VE GOT AND REQUEST TO LOWER HIS DEMAND. MAYBE IF I ASK NICELY, HE'LL AGREE AND GIVE ME SOME EXTRA TIME AS WELL.





HUH, AN ALCOHOL BOTTLE...
IS HE HAVING A DRINK RIGHT NOW?



CLATTER





WHY'D YOU STOP? DON'T KEEP ME WAITING! DID YOU BRING THE MONEY I ASKED FOR?



AH, FINALLY! SO,
IS THIS THE FULL \$2000 IN CASH?



UM, I-I'M REALLY SORRY,
IT'S NOT THE FULL AMOUNT... BUT
I-I JUST BROUGHT ALL THE MONEY
I HAVE RIGHT NOW.

HMPH, ALL THE MONEY YOU HAD, HUH?
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO COUNT IT MYSELF NOW...

FEW MINUTES LATER...

YOU PATHETIC BITCH... DO YOU THINK THIS IS A JOKE? I ASKED FOR \$2000, NOT FOR THIS FUCKING SPARE CHANGE!

I-I'M SORRY! THIS IS ALL I COULD GET RIGHT NOW! PLEASE, JUST GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TIME!

YOU NEED MORE TIME, HUH?



IS HE SOME KIND OF PSYCHO OR WHAT? HE WAS GETTING ANGRY JUST A SECOND AGO, AND NOW HE'S ACTING ALL CALM.

SURE, ILL GIVE YOU. COME ON, DON'T JUST STAND THERE. SIT DOWN FOR A BIT.

WHAT'S THE RUSH? LET'S HAVE A DRINK BEFORE YOU GO.

OH, THAT'S A SHAME. THEN HOW ABOUT YOU POUR ME A GLASS INSTEAD? IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE A PRETTY GIRL SERVED ME A DRINK.

CAN I-I JUST LEAVE NOW?

NO, I-I DON'T DRINK...





HUH, NO, SORRY, I CAN'T...
I REALLY HAVE TO GO NOW.

HA! I'M NOT GIVING YOU A CHOICE HERE. JUST
DO AS I SAY, AND THAT MASK--WHAT'S THE POINT
OF HIDING BEHIND IT? TAKE IT OFF RIGHT NOW.



MUCH BETTER.
NOW, POUR ME A DRINK.



EVERYTHING'S GOING AS YOU SAID.

YES, I PLACED IT RIGHT BELOW THE TABLE. IT SHOULD BLOCK MOBILE SIGNALS WITHIN A 20-METER RADIUS.

DON'T WORRY, MA'AM. I'M KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH.. IF HE STEPS OUT OF LINE, I'LL HANDLE IT IMMEDIATELY.

GREAT. AND DID YOU MAKE SURE THE SIGNAL JAMMER IS SET UP PROPERLY?

PERFECT. MAKE SURE YOU KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON THINGS OVER THERE. I DON'T WANT CARLO CROSSING ANY LINES.

ALRIGHT, KEEP ME UPDATED.



HE BROUGHT THIS UPON HIMSELF. I WARNED HIM NOT TO MESS AROUND, AND I STILL CAN'T UNDERSTAND FROM WHERE HE GOT THE IDEA OF SELLING FOOT PICTURES.

I CAN SEE YOU'RE QUITE CONFIDENT. BUT... ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY TO HANDLE THINGS?

HMM, WHAT'S NEXT THEN?

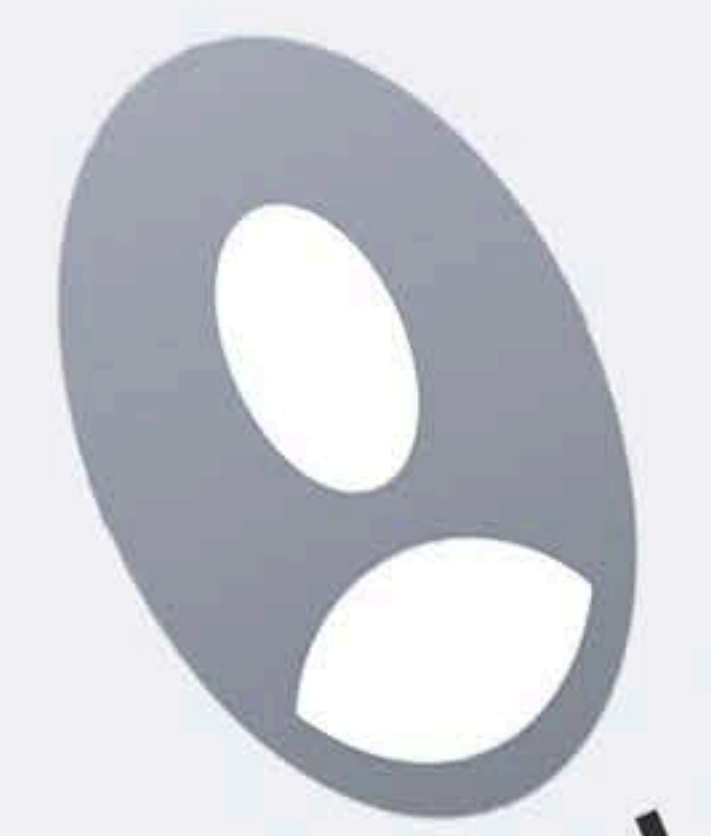
WELL, I'VE ADDED A LITTLE TWIST
TO THIS PLAN THAT WILL ACTUALLY
WORK TO OUR ADVANTAGE.

WHAT IF WE SEND SOMEONE
TO SAVE OUR GIRL? IT COULD HELP
BRING THEM CLOSER TOGETHER.



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H-HEY, CLARA! I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO CALL AFTER THAT DAY. I-I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO APOLOGIZE FOR THAT...

NO, SHE'S NOT. WHY, WHAT HAPPENED?

THE OLD CHURCH? BUT THAT PLACE IS ABANDONED... WHY WOULD SHE GO THERE?

CALM DOWN, I'VE JUST FINISHED MY PRACTICE SESSION AT SCHOOL AND I'M STILL NEARBY. SEND ME HER LAST LOCATION, AND I'LL HEAD OVER THERE RIGHT NOW TO LOOK FOR HER.

FORGET THE APOLOGY. JUST TELL ME... IS MIA WITH YOU?

I THOUGHT SHE MIGHT BE WITH YOU GUYS SINCE YOU'RE HER ONLY FRIENDS IN TOWN. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO CALL HER, BUT HER PHONE IS OUT OF COVERAGE. WHEN I CHECKED HER LAST LOCATION, IT SHOWED SHE WAS AROUND THE OLD CHURCH NEAR YOUR SCHOOL.

I DON'T KNOW... I'M GETTING REALLY WORRIED NOW. I CAN'T EVEN GO THERE MYSELF --MY CAR'S IN THE REPAIR SHOP, AND NO CAB IS WILLING TO GO THAT FAR.



OH, SO THIS WAS ALL PART OF YOUR PLAN? YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME EARLIER.

WELL, I LIKE TO KEEP THE BEST SURPRISES HIDDEN FOR LATER. IT'S MORE FUN TO REVEAL THEM AT THE RIGHT MOMENT. I LEARNED THAT FROM YOU!



UGH, I'VE ALREADY POURED FIVE GLASSES...
HOW MUCH MORE IS HE GOING TO DRINK?

UGH, THIS IS GETTING RIDICULOUS.
STANDING NEXT TO HIM IS EVEN... GROSS.
HE REEKS OF ALCOHOL. I CAN'T TAKE
MUCH MORE OF THIS!

YOU MUST HIT THE GYM A LOT, RIGHT?

HUH? W-WHY ARE YOU ASKING THAT?



JUST CURIOUS. COME ON, DON'T YOU WANT TO ANSWER? I'M JUST TRYING TO MAKE A LITTLE CONVERSATION, YOU KNOW.

UH, NO, I DON'T GO TO THE GYM.



REALLY? I FIND THAT HARD TO BELIEVE...



...WITH A JUICY BUTT LIKE THAT.

GRAB

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OOPS, LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH THAT
BOTTLE COST?

YOUR BUTT... COME ON. DON'T BE
SO UPTIGHT. I'M JUST HAVING A BIT OF FUN.

W-WHY DID YOU TOUCH MY...

UGH, I'M LEAVING NOW.
THIS IS TOO MUCH.

DID I GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO LEAVE? WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED HERE.



UNBUTTON

W-WHY IS HE UNBUTTONING HIS PANTS?






LOOK HOW HARD YOU'VE MADE ME. ISN'T
IT YOUR JOB TO TAKE CARE OF IT NOW?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I'M NOT DOING
ANYTHING LIKE THAT! P-PLEASE JUST PULL
YOUR PANTS BACK ON!

DO I NEED TO REMIND YOU AGAIN WHAT I HAVE? I'M NOT ASKING FOR MUCH--JUST A QUICK HANDJOB, AND THEN YOU'RE FREE TO GO.

P-PLEASE, JUST LET ME GO. I-I REALLY CAN'T DO THIS.

YOUR CHOICE... ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TAP MY PHONE TO SEND THESE PICTURES EVERYWHERE.



JUST THINK ABOUT IT... IT'S REALLY NOT THAT DIFFICULT. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS MOVE YOUR HANDS, AND THEN WE'RE DONE. PLUS, IF I ENJOY IT, I MIGHT JUST REDUCE THE AMOUNT I'M ASKING FOR AND EVEN GIVE YOU A BIT MORE TIME FOR THE NEXT INSTALLMENT. HOW DOES THAT SOUND?

TO BE CONTINUED...