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So back to our scenario... Let's assume you went for option a) – which brings us to

Scenario 2:

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What would you expect her reaction to your efforts might be?

Does she say:

- d) "Thank you so much for warning my child! I am so glad you saved him from the fire."
- e) "Mind your own business! My child can choose for himself whether he lives, or burns to death."
- f) "How dare you use scare tactics to save my child from burning to death!"

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