He didn’t look anything like what she expected.

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“What? Why? You’ve only just arrived, and I have so many questions. Why is this happening to me? Why can I –“

“THERE’S NO TIME” he shouted, grabbing my arm roughly. Towing me behind him, he headed towards the kitchen. I barely managed to grab my bag before stumbling behind the crazed man.

The kitchen staff bustled around us, a few turning to stare when they realized we didn’t belong. We’re almost to the back door when it burst inward and a young man, dressed in a dark blue hoodie and black pants stepped through. He slowly raised his head and his blood-red irises meet mine, briefly. The corner of his mouth turned up in a grim smile. He reaches out toward me with one hand, and –

--Something within me broke, like a dam holding back a river.

I had to let it out, find an outlet somewhere.

Power rushed out from my body in a wave.

He looked exactly like he did when she first saw him.

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“Not through the kitchen, he’s waiting for us there” I say as I grab my bag.

His eyes spark with recognition. “The front, then.” He raises his golf club to his shoulder like a gun, pulled an imaginary trigger, and a solid blue bolt of power struck the front window, exploding the wall.