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PROLOGUE

METROPOLIS HOSPITAL 4-11-1999

A woman had just given birth to a baby boy. The boy she named Nathan Maguire. The doctor, David Lucas, stood by the bedside holding the baby.

"Something does not feel right; I have to perform a few tests to be sure." David said.

David walked out of the room with baby Nathan. He took Nathan into the nursery. Inside the nursery was another man.

"Declan, we have to hurry before security finds us."

"We have two, there is one woman in labor now. We can take this last one and leave." Declan said.

David nodded and handed baby Nathan to Declan. David walked out of the room and walked down the hall. Declan shut the door and clicked a button on his pager. The cameras in the room shut off.

Declan took out a syringe and injected it into. He walked over to another baby. This one was a boy and the bed had the label Tobias.

Declan heard footsteps outside. He walked over to the door and peaked through the blinds. There were guards roaming around. They seemed to be looking for someone.

Declan took out his phone and sent a message to David to go to the ICU. Declan waited for the guards to pass the room. He grabbed the two babies and walked out the door.

He carefully walked down the hall toward the ICU. He managed to avoid being caught by the guards. He walked into the room.

A man walked into the room. He looked at David and nodded. He walked over toward David.

"Nathan is ready for extraction" the man said.

"Thank you, Declan." David said.

"We better hurry." Declan said.

"Just as soon as I tell the couple that their child is gone."

David walked out of the ICU and went down the hall toward the delivery room. David came back a few minutes later. They immediately began to walk out.

Declan and David snuck out of the hospital with ease. They walked towards a car and put Nathan and Tobias inside.

CHAPTER 1

DREAM RESEARCH FACILITY 9-13-2012

Nathan was in his room laying on his bed staring at the ceiling. The room was small, it had the basics a microwave, sink, a small refrigerator, bathroom and two beds.

A boy walked into the room, his name was Andrew. He was Nathan's roommate.

"I wish David would let us go out" Nathan said.

"We should ask him" Andrew said.

"We already did he said no" Nathan said.

"He seems to be hesitant ever since Ariel was kidnapped."

"David does seem overly protective. He doesn't want us to go out into the world" Nathan said.

"The last time we asked him was two years ago, we have matured a lot in two years. Maybe he will let us go out" Andrew said.

"I just want to see it, like you have," Nathan said.

"I miss it," Andrew said.

"Then ask him," Nathan said.

Andrew walked out of the room and Nathan stayed. Nathan laid back down and stared at the ceiling again. He was bored because David never really gave them anything to do.

David did have them go to martial arts training sessions. David had allowed them to use the computers, but were given only

a few hours a day on it. The computers had no access to the internet.

Nathan sat up and decided to head to the gym. This was the only thing opened to them all the time. David had encouraged them to work out.

He had constantly been telling them that they would need all the strength they could get for the revolution. David was vague about what that was.

He walked out of his room and went down the hall. He began to recall what David has taught him over the years. He remembered David telling him repeatedly that the world was in a failed state and needed rebuilt.

He said the humans were responsible for poisoning the earth. The only things he knew about Earth were from David and the other teachers.

He remembered David telling him that he would be part of the revolution that would save the Earth from the humans. That was the only thing he said about the revolution.

Were all the humans evil? Nathan had wondered this for a long time. They looked exactly like him, so what made them different? David had not explained that yet.

Nathan arrived at the gym, inside was a bunch of exercise equipment. He walked inside and went to a bench press.

Nathan set the weight fifty pounds. He laid onto the bench and began to lift the weights. Right now, this was a warm-up.

He had been lifting weights for a while, so one hundred pounds was not hard. After warming up he got up and increased the weight.

He added twenty-five pounds to the weight. He began to bench it, he managed ten reps before he got tired. He got up from the bench. His heart was beating fast due to the workout.

He was sweating and then suddenly his body cooled down. He was no longer hot. He felt normal to himself.

"That's weird I should feel hot right now," Nathan said to himself.

Nathan got up and walked toward the drinking fountain. On his way, he glanced at the mirror and something caught his eye. He walked closer to the mirror.

The beads of sweat on his forehead had turned to ice. He reached his head to touch his forehead. He pulled a bead of ice off to look at it.

The first thing he noticed was that it was not melting in his hand like it should. He was confused as to what this meant. He walked to a cabinet near the door.

He opened the cabinet and grabbed a thermometer. He placed the thermometer in his mouth. He let it sit in there for a minute and then pulled it out.

"That is normal," Nathan said.

The digital thermometer read 97 degrees Fahrenheit. Nathan could see that his body temperature was not affected.

Nathan walked toward the drinking fountain. He pushed the button and water immediately came out. Nathan put his mouth to it and it froze. He immediately pulled away.

"No way!" Nathan said.

He touched the ice with his hands. It felt smooth like ice should be. He pushed it again and it broke. Nathan reached over and pushed the button again.

A stream of water came out. Nathan reached with his other hand to touch it. The water immediately froze. Nathan took a step back he put his hand to his mouth. He pulled his hand away a few seconds later.

"I have cryokinesis," Nathan said.

CHAPTER 2

Nathan walked out of the room. He was going to tell David what happened. He walked down the hallway thinking about what had just happened.

Nathan began to understand why David had created classes to teach about superpowers. He just wondered why they hadn't actually told them it would happen.

Nathan came to the door of David's office. He reached his fist out and knocked. Nathan waited for the door to open. Once the door opened he saw that Andrew had opened it.

"Nathan, what's up?" David asked.

"Something weird happened," Nathan said.

"Did you discover your powers?" Andrew asked.

"Yes, I have cryokinesis," Nathan said.

"Great, now go practice," David said.

"When will we see the real world?" Nathan asked.

"The real world is dangerous and you are ready yet."

"We have powers!" Andrew said.

"You aren't ready to use them," David

"Fine," Nathan said.

"Alright, I will give you the next best thing. The pocket universe you are in is a replica of the entire planet. You go explore the world, besides I need you to know your environment before we begin the war against the humans."

"Where is it?" Andrew asked.

"Through the front doors," David said.

"You told us not to go through those doors," Nathan said.

"I wanted you to believe that was the real entrance to the real world," David said.

"It is just an extension of the pocket?" Andrew asked.

"Yes, now go and enjoy yourself," David said.

Nathan and Andrew walked out of the room. They walked through the halls toward the entrance to the larger world of the pocket universe.

They walked through the doors and saw a huge city before them. They saw a sign in front the building which read Dream Education Center.

"Is this where the pocket is in real life?" Nathan asked.

"I would assume so, although David probably would not make it obvious," Andrew said.

They saw AI-controlled civilians walking down the street. They walked down the street to explore. They were fascinated with the architecture.

They came to a restaurant on the street corner. They began to smell delicious food. They walked inside and got into the line. A police officer walked in a minute later.

The people in front of them bowed their heads. The officer began to walk past the line. Nathan shook his head. He did not like that the officer was skipping the line. Nathan reached his hand out and stopped the officer from walking forward.

"The line starts back there," Nathan said.

"Excuse me," the officer said.

"Just because you are a cop does not mean you are better than everyone; you have to wait in line like everyone else."

"I am going to cite you for resisting authority. Any more out of you and I will have you arrested."

Nathan began to fume inside. He was merely telling the officer to be respectful to the others who had already been waiting. This officer was letting his authority go to his head.

Nathan clenched his fist and Andrew immediately noticed. Andrew clenched his fists ready to get involved. Nathan threw his fist toward the officer.

His fist hit the face of the officer. The officer stumbled backward but did not fall. He immediately began reaching for his gun.

Andrew swung his fist toward the cop. His fist hit the cop's face. The cop fell to the floor unconscious. Andrew looked at Nathan and smiled.

"I really hope that this is not the real, otherwise this would suck," Andrew said.

"David is training us for this, we are going to do this eventually," Nathan said.

"You do have a point," Andrew said.

Two cops burst into the restaurant through the door. They held their guns out. Andrew and Nathan looked at each other and smiled.

"On the ground now!" a cop said.

"You first!" Andrew said.

"Don't make me ask again!"

"Don't make us ask again!" Nathan taunted.

Andrew suddenly became invisible. The cops began to look worried as they realized they were dealing with metahumans. Nathan had no idea that Andrew could do that.

CHAPTER 3

The cops both pointed their guns at Nathan whom they could see. Nathan tried not to show his nervousness. Nathan had reason to be nervous since he had not practiced his powers.

"Show yourself or your friends gets hurt!"

A wound seemingly appeared on the cop's chest. A hard-light blade became visible. The blade had pierced through the chest from behind.

Andrew became visible behind the officer. The hard-light blade disappeared. The other cop immediately turned in shock. The cop with the pierced chest fell to the floor.

A hard-light sword appeared in Andrew's hand. He thrust the sword toward the remaining cop. The blade penetrated the cop's heart.

Andrew pulled the blade out and the cop fell to the floor. The civilians looked on completely speechless. Apparently, David had programmed them to be unaware that metahumans existed.

"Let's go before more cops show up," Nathan said.

"Good idea," Andrew said.

Nathan and Andrew walked toward the door. They quickly pushed through the door and walked outside. They walked down the street causally as to not draw attention.

They could hear sirens coming closer. They continued walking at the same pace. They walked into an alley to get out of sight of the police cars getting closer.

The police cars sped past the alley. Andrew and Nathan sighed in relief. They continued walking through the alley. They walked further down the alley and saw a group of men.

"Looks like someone is invading on our turf," one of the men said.

"We don't mean to cause trouble, we will leave you guys alone right now," Nathan said.

"We can't let you leave."

"Trust me, you do not want to fight us," Andrew said.

"Are you trying to be funny?" the man asked.

"No, I am being serious," Andrew said.

Andrew created a hard-light blade in his hand. The men immediately realized that they were dealing with metahumans. The men began to take a few steps back.

"Good choice," Nathan said.

Andrew and Nathan walked through the alley. The men wisely chose to let them through without hindrance. They walked to the street and blended into the crowd.

"What should we do next?" Andrew asked.

"David designed this to train us, let's take down the corrupt government," Nathan said.

"That sounds like fun, but you have not practiced your powers," Andrew said.

"Then let's find a place to practice," Nathan said.

"I think I know a place, and if this is like the real world then it should be there," Andrew said.

"Where is it?"

"It a few blocks away, but there is a membership fee, plus an additional fee if we want to use the gym in private."

"We should just practice at the gym inside the youth facility where we have been living," Nathan said.

"Fine."

ONE HOUR LATER

Nathan and Andrew walked into the gymnasium. Andrew walked to the center of the gym. Nathan followed closely behind.

"I am going to create holograms and you can target practice on them," Andrew said.

"You can create holograms?" Nathan asked.

"I can control photons."

"Well, let's get started," Nathan said.

Andrew put his hand out. A hologram appeared ten feet from Nathan. The hologram was merely a target. Nathan put his hand out.

Nathan hoped his cryokinesis enabled to project ice. A beam of ice came from his hand. The beam went through the air past the target missing it completely.

"Try again," Andrew said.

Nathan adjusted his hand so that it was pointed closer to the target. Nathan created another ice beam. This time the beam hit the edge of the target.

"Well, you are making progress," Andrew said.

"How long have you practiced?"

"I had my powers for about a year now," Andrew said.

Nathan shoved both of his hands forward. This time instead of getting ice he felt the air move around him. Andrew smiled realizing that Nathan discovered a new power.

"I can control the air?" Nathan asked.

"Looks like it," Andrew said.

CHAPTER 4

4-8-2016

Nathan flew through the city of the pocket riding on wind currents. He was followed by Andrew and an army. The army was equipped with hoverboards to keep up with them.

"I don't think it was a good idea to kill the president, so soon," Nathan said.

"Come on, this is just practice, if we fail we can learn from it," Andrew said.

"Let's lose our tail," Nathan said.

They turned and began flying backward. Andrew shoved his right hand forward. A hard-light bolt came from his hand and flew through the air toward a soldier.

The hard-light bolt hit the soldier's board damaging it. The board began to plummet with the soldier. Another soldier flew over to save him.

The other soldiers began firing their guns. Andrew immediately put a hard-light field between them and the soldiers. Andrew turned toward Nathan and winked.

Nathan gestured toward the soldiers. A tornado began to form behind them. The soldiers began to feel its pull. Nathan smiled as he watched the soldiers get thrown around by the tornado.

The soldiers struggled to get clear of the tornado but failed. The wind was too strong for their boards to resist. Nathan gestured his hand down to calm the wind.

The tornado faded moments later with all the soldiers incapacitated. Andrew let down the field and they both turn around to continue flying.

"That was easy," Nathan said.

"Just wait the enforcers will be here," Andrew said.

"We can handle them, we have been training for four years for this moment," Nathan said.

"Don't get cocky," Andrew warned.

"We have to take the senate next," Nathan said.

"Let's not waste any time," Andrew said.

Nathan and Andrew adjusted their course heading toward the senate building. They flew above the street and saw the enforcers ahead of them. There were ten in total.

"Get ready," Nathan said.

The enforcers had hard-light shield projectors to protect them. Nathan gestured his hand out. An ice beam came from Nathan's hand. The ice beam went toward one of the enforcers.

The beam hit the enforcer's shield. The beam caused a hole to form in the shield. The beam affected the field, Nathan had not looked into how. The beam then hit the enforcer.

The enforcer became frozen instantly. The enforcer began to plummet toward the ground below. The other enforcers began to fire their guns.

Andrew was quick to react and created a hard-light shield in front of them. The bullets smashed against the shield. Andrew turned toward Nathan and winked.

Nathan gestured his hands toward the enforcers. A tornado formed behind the enforcers. Nathan directed the tornado toward the enforcers.

The enforcers immediately activated spherical shields around themselves. The enforcers remained in place unaffected by the strong winds.

"They upped their game!" Nathan said.

"David did say they would learn and adapt," Andrew said.

"Looks like we will do this the hard way," Nathan said.

"You mean the fun way," Andrew said.

"Whatever you want to call it," Nathan said.

Andrew let the shield disappear. Nathan immediately put his hands out to project a cold beam. The cold beam penetrated through the shield of an enforcer in front.

The cold beam hit the enforcer freezing him instantly. The enforcer began to fall toward the ground below. The other enforcers had their guns out but could not use them through their shields.

The enforcers seemed hesitant to lower their shields despite Nathan being able to penetrate them. A few of the enforcers began to decrease the size of their shield so that they could aim their guns around it.

Andrew became invisible and Nathan smiled as he was confident that they could win this fight. Nathan got ready for the Enforcers to make their move.

The enforcers began to point their guns at Nathan. He shoved his hands forward creating a burst of wind. The wind hit the enforcers forcing their guns out of their hands.

The enforcers began to feel powerless as it became clear that Nathan and Andrew had the upper hand. They pulled out their force field wands.

A wound suddenly formed in an enforcer's chest through his heart. A hard-light blade became visible through the wound. Andrew became visible behind the enforcer.

The enforcer became limp and spiraled out of control as he was no longer controlling his hoverboard. Andrew simply smiled at his handiwork.

The remaining seven enforcers grew nervous. They realized that they were overpowered. They immediately activated their spherical shields again.

Andrew became invisible again. Nathan smiled as it was clear that the enforcers had no way of knowing where Andrew was.

"Give it up!" Nathan said.

"We can't do that," an enforcer said.

The enforcer pointed his force field wand at Nathan. A narrow beam came from the wand heading toward Nathan. The beam stopped in midair.

Andrew became visible with his hand stretched out toward the force field beam. He had managed to stop the hard-light from reaching Nathan.

"Your superiors must be stupid to send you with hard-light weapons when I can control hard light," Andrew said.

"They gave us conventional weapons too," an enforcer said.

The enforcers dropped their force field wands. They pulled out swords they had attached to their belts. Andrew and Nathan looked at them and began laughing.

"Are you serious?" Nathan asked.

"What good are those swords if you can't even get close enough to use them?" Andrew asked.

Andrew became invisible again and Nathan smiled. This was easier than they had expected. The enforcers had been hyped up. Clearly it was exaggeration since they had no chance.

Nathan put his hand out creating an ice beam. The ice beam hit the shield of one enforcer. The beam went through the shield and hit the enforcer inside.

The enforcer began freeze quickly. The enforcer began to spiral out of control as he was not balanced on the hoverboard. The enforcer hit the side of a building and crashed through the window.

Another enforcer got stabbed with an invisible hard-light blade. The blade became visible as did Andrew. The blade receded and Andrew threw the enforcer aside.

"Do the rest of you want to live?" Andrew asked.

The enforcers did not respond but their facial expressions showed they wanted to. They wanted to live (as they were programmed to).

"Let's leave them and show mercy," Nathan said.

Andrew made Nathan and himself invisible. They flew out of sight leaving the five remaining enforcers alive.

CHAPTER 5

Andrew and Nathan remained invisible and landed on the building across from the Senate. They saw that the building was being guarded more than usual. They weren't surprised since they had just killed the President.

"That place is going to be locked down good," Nathan said.

"Yet, it will be no match for us," Andrew said.

"It will be fun."

Nathan jumped off the roof toward the ground below. The moment he hit the ground everything around him froze. All of the cops pointed their guns at him.

The wave of ice continued to spread from Nathan toward the cops. The cops saw the ice wave get closer and ran to get out of the way. Nathan smiled at their futile efforts.

The cops got caught in the wave and froze instantly. Nathan walked toward the Senate Building across the icy pavement. The two cops standing guard held their guns nervously.

"Drop the guns now!" Nathan said.

"Make us!" a cop said.

"I was hoping you would say that."

Nathan shoved his right hand forward. An ice shard came from his hand and went through the air toward a cop. The shard hit the cop in the hand holding the gun.

The shard went through the cop's palm causing him to drop the gun. The other cop began to fire his gun. Nathan felt the bullet hit him in the chest.

Nathan remained still acting like nothing happened. There was a bullet hole in Nathan's shirt. Water came out through the hole from the wound.

"Nice try," Nathan said.

Nathan began to change his body becoming transparent mimicking water. The cops were completely surprised by his transformation.

Nathan's water form turned to ice. He wanted something solid to deliver more impact. Nathan walked over to the cops who were stepping back.

Ice spikes grew from Nathan's icy fist. Nathan swung his fist into the first cop. The spikes penetrated the cop's chest killing him instantly.

Nathan pulled his fist out and slammed his fist against the other cop crushing his chest. Both cops went limp and fell to the ground.

"Now, why do you need me again?" Andrew asked.

Andrew became visible next to Nathan who looked at him and smiled. He may have not needed but he enjoyed working with him. Nathan returned to his human form.

"David insisted," Nathan said.

"Let's finish the job," Andrew said.

Andrew and Nathan walked into the building. They entered the lobby and saw a dozen guards standing before them with their guns pointed out.

Andrew shook his head and simply created a hard-light shield. Andrew waited for them to begin firing. The anticipation made it seem longer.

The guards all fired at once resulting in a barrage of gun fire from their semiautomatic pistols. Andrew simply stood still and waited for them to waste their ammunition.

Bullets began to pile at the base of the hard-light shield. The guards continued firing despite not getting a single bullet past the shield.

"You know what Einstein said of insanity?" Andrew asked.

"Yeah, insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result," Nathan said.

Andrew and Nathan glanced at each other and smirked. Nathan and Andrew watched as the guards finally ran out of bullets. They nodded at each other ready to begin their turn.

Nathan and Andrew walked across the bullet-covered floor. The guards stood their ground and pulled out batons to protect themselves. Nathan rolled his eyes when he saw that.

Andrew created a hard-light sword in his right hand. Nathan created a sword out of ice. They both held their swords firmly and walked over to the guards.

The guards walked closer to them and swung their batons at them. Nathan and Andrew each had six guards about to hit them. They did not flinch as the guards got closer.

The guards hit Andrew and he did not feel the pain at all. Andrew smiled to the fact that the guards were oblivious that he had a hard-light shield tight against his skin.

The guards hit Nathan just as he turned into water. The batons slowed due to surface tension and continued into him. Nathan caused himself to freeze ensuring the batons were stuck.

Ice spikes protruded from Nathan's icy fist. Nathan swung his fist into the guard closest to him. The spikes went into the guard's chest.

Andrew grew tired of watching the guards wail at him. He began swinging his hard-light sword. The sword went toward the waist of a guard.

The sword sliced through the guard cutting him in half. Both halves of the guard fell onto the floor. The other guards took a step back in shock.

"You can surrender if you want," Andrew said.

The guards immediately began running away. Which was surprising for them since David had designed them to be stubborn. They quickly realized that the guards were running toward the senate chamber.

Nathan returned to human form and turned toward Andrew. A puddle of water formed at his feet.

"Do they think they are going to protect the senators from us?" Nathan asked.

"They are doing their job, even though they are going to fail miserably," Andrew said.

"Let's get going," Nathan said.

They walked down the hallway the guards ran through. They walked into the senate chambers. The guards stood between them and the senators.

Nathan simply smiled at the guards. The floor around Nathan began to ice up. Andrew saw this and took a step back. The ice began flow toward the guards.

The guards began to step backward. Nathan shook his head as he knew that they could not avoid the outcome. The ice reached them freezing them instantly.

The ice continued moving as the senators tried to run from it. The ice reached them freezing them instantly. Nathan turned around to face Andrew.

"You could have left one for me," Andrew said.

"Doing that would have not be efficient. David told us not to hesitate or allow your enemy to get a chance."

"Let's show the world we won," Andrew said.

Andrew and Nathan walked out of the room. They walked down the hallway toward the lobby of the building. They came into the lobby and saw cops charging inside.

"It is over the senators are dead," Nathan said.

The cops immediately dropped their guns. They put their hands up and their heads. Nathan and Andrew had not expected this to happen.

"Good choice," Nathan said.

Nathan and Andrew walked toward the door. They walked past the cops leaving them alone. Nathan began to push the door open.

A gunshot echoed through the lobby. Andrew immediately began to fall to the ground. Andrew landed on his front revealing a wound in the back of his head.

Nathan began to get cold. The entire room iced up faster than previous times. The cops were frozen within seconds.

"Looks like I am dead, you will have to finish without me."

The pocket universe never had anything lethal. The pocket simply simulated pain and death. Andrew would not be able to move until the pocket was reset.

"I will," Nathan said.

Nathan walked out of the building. He saw a bunch of cops standing outside with their guns drawn. He simply smiled as the area around him got cold.

CHAPTER 6

DREAM RESEARCH FACILITY 9-2-2018

Nathan and Andrew ran into the gym. Andrew went to a closet and grabbed two special vests. Nathan walked over to a control panel. He pressed a few buttons to activate a simulation.

Andrew threw one of the vests toward Nathan. He caught the vest and then he and Andrew quickly put them on. A door on the wall opened up and three automatons walked out.

"Which mode did you choose?" Andrew asked.

"Battle."

Nathan and Andrew got ready to play. A three-second audio countdown played. The automatons spread themselves out across the opposite side of the gymnasium.

When the countdown reached zero a different symbol appeared on each of the automatons' chest symbolizing their powers. They each had gyrokinesis, electrokinesis and speed respectively.

Nathan began to project a cold aura around him; fog began to appear. He already knew that coldness slowed the automatons as he had done it before.

The fast automaton quickly moved toward them. It was merely going around 100 mph. which was slow enough to see it but fast enough to pose a challenge.

Nathan shoved his hands forward toward the automaton. A gust of wind went toward it. The gust of wind shoved the automaton to the floor.

The automaton began to glow red signaling that it was defeated. It was still functional as they were built to withstand a lot of force.

Nathan looked around the room. He saw the other two automatons walking toward him. He began to look around for Andrew.

Andrew was nowhere to be seen. Nathan knew he was invisible. Suddenly an automaton fell forward onto its face. Andrew became visible behind it with his foot in the air.

The automaton glowed red immediately after it hit the floor. The other automaton lifted its hands into the air. Both Nathan and Andrew began to float in the air.

Nathan was not hindered by this since he could control the air to move around. Andrew was having a little more difficulty. He managed to create a spherical field around himself that held him in place.

Nathan shoved his head toward the automaton. A wind blast came from his hand pushing the automaton through the air. The wind blast had also pushed him backwards.

Nathan and the automaton both stabilized themselves in the air. Andrew shoved his hand forward creating a bright yellow beam. The beam hit the automaton in the chest.

The automaton fell to the floor and gravity returned to normal. The siren sounded signaling the ending of the game.

"Maybe we should up the difficulty." Nathan said.

"Maybe later, we have class." Andrew said.

Andrew began walking out of the gym. Nathan walked out as well. They walked down the hall toward a room. They walked inside the room which was filled with chairs and desks.

The teacher sat in front waiting for other students to walk into the room. A few girls and boys walked inside. A girl walked past Nathan and smiled. Nathan smiled back; he had a secret crush on her.

"Alright, today is exam day." The teacher said.

The students began to groan. They had school throughout the summer (they were oblivious to the fact that normal kids had summer break), and this was their final exam.

The teacher began to pass out the exam papers. The students immediately began to start the test. Nathan glanced down at the test.

He silently read the first question: Who is responsible for the corruption on Earth? Nathan knew the answer since it was all that David and the teachers ever talked about.

It was the humans, the dominant race on this planet. David was in a quest to change that. Nathan wrote down the answer and glanced at the next question.

The question read: What should you do if you encounter a person who identifies himself as a police officer? Nathan knew the answer and began to think about how to word it on the paper.

Nathan wrote: Ignore them unless they provoke you then show them they have no authority over you; take their weapons and knock them out.

Nathan moved on to the next question which read: What should you do if you encounter the Metahuman Intervention Division? Nathan thought for a little bit.

Nathan began writing: Do not engage unless they know you are metahuman; if you feel overpowered flee before you get caught and then notify any DRF employee.

Nathan glanced at the next question: Who is the leader and most powerful of the metahumans? Nathan quickly wrote David Lucas. Nathan was sure that nobody would get that one wrong.

The next question read: Who is the first metahuman? Nathan thought about it trying to remember. Then it came to him; it was Declan Taylor. The first one David was responsible for was Ariel Mills.

Nathan read the next question: What company is the rival of Dream Industries? Nathan knew this and quickly wrote Plasma Industries.

Nathan looked at the next question: If you have speed and want to save your ally, what should you never do? Nathan wrote: grab your ally at high speed and pull him away because it would kill him/her.

The next question was: What should you do if you encounter a man in a black cloak? Nathan thought about this trying to remember.

Nathan wrote: Do not let him touch you. Flee since you cannot kill him. Nathan glanced up and saw Andrew was walking out of the classroom, probably to use the restroom.

Nathan finished the test and walked his paper up to the front. Then he walked back and sat down. He sat down and glanced ahead. He noticed that Andrew did not grab the bathroom pass.

"May I be excused?" Nathan asked.

"Sure, you did finish," the teacher said.

Nathan walked down the hall and walked toward his room. He decided he was going to relax for the rest of the day. He walked into the room and saw Andrew.

"Hey, what do you want to do for the rest of the day?" Nathan asked.

"I asked a girl out," Andrew said.

"That's cool, who?"

"Olivia Olsen," Andrew said.

"Alright, I will leave you to it."

Nathan walked out of the room. He saw that a girl was eavesdropping. It was Shaylyn Anderson, the girl Nathan had a crush on; she leaned against the wall as if she was waiting to enter.

"Nathan Maguire," she said.

"Were you listening to us?" Nathan asked.

"Yes."

"Shay, you always seem to put your nose in other peoples' business."

"I can't help it; I can read minds," she said.

"What?"

"You heard me; I can read minds. Anyway, I know David can create illusions and I also know exactly what he is planning."

CHAPTER 7

Nathan was curious to know what Shaylyn knew about David. Even though he had known David his entire life there was always something secretive about him.

"The humans aren't evil," Shaylyn said.

"What do you mean?" Nathan asked.

"David hates the humans because his father was human and killed his mother. He wants to kill the humans so that he can rule a world of metahumans."

"David lied to us to get us to help him," Nathan said.

"You can't tell anyone about this."

"Why?"

"The last person I told was killed."

"Why did you tell me?"

"You are hard to kill."

Nathan and Shaylyn continued walking down the hall. They walked until they reached Shaylyn's room. They walked inside, her roommate was out at the moment.

"So, what are we going to do?" Nathan asked.

"First, we have got to get out of here," Shaylyn said.

"David said we could leave when he assigns us jobs, I guessing those jobs are outside," Nathan said.

"Then we could make a run for it," Shaylyn said.

"We just have to wait for that time."

"It will be in about two years," Shaylyn said.

"How much did you get from his mind?" Nathan asked.

"He plans on taking down the government in 2020 and releasing a virus to eradicate the humans."

"Does he know you can read minds?" Nathan asked.

"David only knows that I can control people's movement, he called it neurokinesis," Shaylyn said.

"We have to find a reason for why we are talking to each other," Nathan said.

Ask me out. Shaylyn said.

Nathan was surprised because he heard Shaylyn in his head. He was also surprised by what she said.

"Will you go out with me?" Nathan asked.

"Yes," Shaylyn said.

"Dinner at Pizza Palace."

"Ok, I will see you then," Shaylyn said.

Andrew walked out of the room. He walked down the hallway. He walked toward a door and knocked. Moments later a girl opened the door and walked out.

They walked down the hall together toward the door of the pocket city. They walked through the door. They walked toward the diner he and Nathan had visited years earlier.

Once inside they got in line and placed their order. They got their order quickly and walked over to a table and sat down. As they were eating David walked inside.

"Andrew, can I speak with you for a moment?" David asked.

Andrew got up from the table and walked over to David. As he approached David walked outside. They walked away from the windows of the diner.

"So, you want revenge on humans because your father killed your mother?" Andrew asked.

"You heard what Shaylyn told Nathan?" David asked.

"Invisibility makes it easy to eavesdrop."

"Are you still with me?" David asked.

"I am not going to help you get revenge!"

"I have Allison and if you don't do as I ask, she will die."

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Nathan walked out of David's office and began heading toward his room. He walked through the hallways. He arrived at the room in two minutes.

When he got inside he saw that Andrew had returned. Andrew was sitting on his bed. Nathan could tell that there was something different about Andrew.

"David promised to let us out." Andrew said.

"I know, he told me." Nathan said.

"Isn't that great?"

"Well I hope it is soon," Nathan said.

"They should be serving lunch soon," Andrew said.

They both walked out of the room and headed towards the cafeteria. The walk did not take long. They walked into the cafeteria and got into the line.

The line moved quickly and they got their food. They sat down at a table and immediately began eating. Half way through eating an announcement came over a sound system.

"The following people, please report to David's office: Tobias Barnes, Andrew Davenport, Shaylyn Anderson and Nathan Maguire" the voice said.

Nathan and Andrew immediately gave each other high fives. They knew that it was the time, David was letting them out. They hurried through the rest of their food.

They immediately began walking out. Shaylyn and Tobias joined them. Shaylyn gave a wink at Nathan.

"Remember the plan," Shaylyn said in her mind.

"Yes, but should we tell Toby and Andrew?" Nathan said.

"Why are you guys looking at each other like that?" Andrew asked.

"Like what?" Shaylyn asked.

"Like you want to say something to each other," Andrew said.

"Let's wait until we are outside before we tell them." Shaylyn said.

"We are seeing each other," Nathan said.

"I know that; you don't need to make googly eyes at each other all the time."

Could you have come up with a better explanation?

Should I have said I proposed or something? Nathan asked.

No

They arrived at David's office and he was waiting for them to arrive. He invited them inside the office.

"You probably know why I called you here. You are going out on a mission," David said.

"Yes," Andrew said.

"You are going to break into the International Embassy and kill the presidents," David said.

Everyone was silent, David had expected this. He hoped they would listen to him.

"The humans have ruined this planet; to win we must kill their leader," David said.

"Ok, let's do it," Andrew said.

David walked them out of the office through a different exit. They walked through a hallway and into a waiting area. They walked through another hallway and into a lobby. They walked through the lobby towards doors. They walked through the doors and were outside.

"Welcome to the real world," David said.

CHAPTER 8

All four kids glanced around taking in the view of the world seeing it for the first time. David let them take it in for a second.

"What was that place we were in?" Andrew asked.

"A pocket universe inside my Research Facility," David said.

David walked them to a car in the lot. It was an expensive car of course since David was rich.

"Here are the keys, I will let you use the car," David said.

Nathan took the keys from David. David began to walk back inside. Nathan and Shaylyn glanced at each other.

This actually may be easier than we thought, Shaylyn said.

I thought he would be watching us, Nathan said.

"You guys are staring at each other again," Andrew said.

"I have telepathy," Shaylyn said.

"You guys were talking in your minds?" Tobias asked.

"Yes," Nathan said.

"Let's go," Andrew said.

They got into the car, Shaylyn got into the front passenger seat. Andrew and Tobias sat in the back and Nathan was in the driver's seat since he had the keys.

Nathan started the car and put it into drive. He had learned to drive from one of David's classes. He drove the car out onto the road.

He drove the down the road with no clue where to go. He drove the car into a parking lot so that they could formulate a plan.

"Why are we stopping?" Tobias asked.

"We are not going to kill anybody," Nathan said.

"We are actually going to disobey David?" Tobias asked.

"Yes," Shaylyn said.

"Ok, so what are we going to do?" Tobias asked.

"We are going to make sure they don't get killed," Nathan said.

"The presidents are the leaders of this corrupt world, they need to be killed," Andrew said.

"David cannot be trusted, you can't believe anything he says," Shaylyn said.

"How do you know that he is wrong?" Andrew said.

"I knew what he was thinking. He is a selfish megalomaniac and wants to be the leader of this world," Shaylyn said.

Andrew shook his head. He did not agree with them. He began to walk away. Nathan shook his head when he realized that Andrew was not with them.

"Andrew, where are you going?" Nathan asked.

"I am going to the International Embassy, and I am going to do what David asked us to do" Andrew said.

"Don't do it," Nathan said.

"Why would David lie to us?" Andrew said.

"Because he is evil and wants us to do his dirty work," Shaylyn said.

Andrew jumped up and starting hovering inside a spherical force field. He flew up higher and went down the street. Shaylyn shook her head.

"We have to stop him," Shaylyn said.

Tobias reached his hands toward a building nearby. The glass began to vibrate and then shattered. The pieces began to fly toward Tobias and then the pieces began to come together to form a glass hovercraft.

"Get in," Tobias said.

"What's wrong with the car?" Nathan asked.

"It can't fly."

Shaylyn and Tobias got into a glass seat. Tobias gestured his hand up and the vehicle went upwards. He gestured his hand forward and the vehicle moved forward.

Nathan jumped into the air and began using the wind to hold him up. Tobias smirked wishing he could fly like that.

They quickly followed Andrew through the city sky. Andrew was going faster than them; Tobias urged the glass-craft to go faster. He caused the glass to shift to create propellers to help him.

They gradually began to catch up to him. Nathan wondered if Andrew even knew where he was going. Once they got closer he realized that Andrew did. He had phone with a map and GPS in his hand. David had apparently given that to him.

Perhaps David had trusted that Andrew would actually go through with it. David must have actually convinced him that he was right.

They were now within twenty feet of Andrew. He turned and saw that he was being followed. He shook his head and continued flying.

"Stop!" Nathan said.

Andrew stopped and turned around. He put his phone into his pocket. A force-field sword appeared in Andrew's hand. He threw the sword at the glass-craft.

The force-field sword hit the glass causing it to crack. Andrew made a diagonal chopping motion with his right hand; this created another force-field construct that went straight toward the glass.

The construct hit the glass and it immediately shattered into many tiny pieces. Shaylyn, and Tobias immediately began to fall. Andrew used this opportunity to get away.

Tobias reached his hand out toward the shower of broken glass. The pieces began to come back together. Tobias moved the sheet of glass underneath Shaylyn. She landed with a soft thud since she had not been falling long.

Glass pieced together around Tobias' feet. It formed into a hover board. He was now floating in the air. He reached his hand toward the remaining glass.

Tobias moved the glass out toward an alley away from people. Nathan flew down and came to a gentle landing on the ground.

"We lost him" Nathan said.

"I know where he is going, I read his mind," Shaylyn said.

"Great," Nathan said.

"I can show you in your minds," Shaylyn said.

Tobias and Nathan closed their eyes and they saw the map.
They nodded their heads and opened their eyes.

"Let's go," Tobias said.

CHAPTER 9

They began flying through the city on their glass-craft again. Nathan flew alongside them. They hoped they would get to the Presidential Inn in time. Nathan began to get anxious, his best friend was turning on him and was about to kill some people.

"We have to move faster," Tobias said.

"Hold on, let me try something," Nathan said.

"What?" Tobias asked.

"I am going to use the wind to push you."

Nathan pushed his hand forward toward the glass-craft. A wind began to push them fast. The winds were now approaching tornado speed. They were going around one hundred fifty miles per hour.

Nathan had to keep delicate control of the wind as to not let the glass-craft go into a building. It wobbled a little bit while Nathan figured out the direction he needed.

They followed the map that they saw in their heads. They saw the Presidential Inn in the distance. They saw Andrew land in the parking. They had to hurry if they were going to catch him.

They quickly landed the glass-craft in the parking lot at the hotel. They got off the glass and immediately began running inside. They saw Andrew in the lobby talking to the clerk.

"Andrew!" Nathan said.

"Nathan, have you come to help me?" Andrew asked.

"We can't let you do this," Nathan said.

"Try to stop me," Andrew said.

Andrew made a chopping motion with his right hand. A vertical force-field blade appeared and began heading towards Nathan.

Nathan reacted as quickly as he could. He began moving out of the way. However, he was not fast enough; the force-field hit his arm and cut it clean through. The blade continued on its path and sliced the wall.

Nathan screamed in pain. His arm fell to the floor and then became a puddle of water. He reached his hand toward the puddle and the water began to rise.

The water moved toward his stump and began to form the shape of his arm. The water began to turn back into flesh and bone. Nathan was too speechless to say anything.

"Nice trick," Andrew said.

"That's cool, you can heal!" Tobias said.

"You should just surrender now," Nathan said.

"You may be invincible but your friends aren't."

"They are your friends too!" Nathan yelled.

Nathan immediately made a shoving motion with his right hand. A wind pushed Andrew into a wall. The wall cracked slightly from the impact.

Andrew created a shield to protect himself from Nathan's wind. He walked toward Nathan. He thrust his hands forward and a force field wave hit Nathan.

Nathan's body began to change form. His body wobbled and became translucent and then transparent. He was turning into water.

His watery form fell to the floor and became a puddle. Andrew scoffed at how easy that was. Tobias and Shaylyn were speechless.

Shaylyn gestured her hand toward Andrew. She raised her hand and Andrew's hand began going up. She made a flicking motion and Andrew slapped himself.

"Stop that!" Andrew said.

Andrew created a force field sword in his other hand. He immediately began charging at Shaylyn. Shaylyn pointed her middle and pointer finger down and then crossed them.

Andrew immediately tripped over his own leg and fell onto his face. Andrew struggled to get to his feet but his legs would not cooperate with him. Shaylyn was keeping him from getting up.

"Let me go!" Andrew said.

"We are not going to let you go through with it," Shaylyn said.

The puddle of water began to rise from the floor. Nathan was getting up. His form began to turn opaque. Nathan stood in front of Andrew waiting for him to make his next move.

"Friends don't fight," Nathan said.

"Join me, and we won't have to," Andrew said.

"You are on the wrong side," Nathan said.

"I am trying to save this planet from the corrupt human race" Andrew said.

"It is not saving the planet when you are destroying six billion who live there," Nathan said.

Suddenly a blinding light came from Andrew. Everyone squinted and turned their head away from it. The light diminished and they saw that Andrew was gone.

"We have to find him," Nathan said.

CHAPTER 10

Nathan, Tobias and Shaylyn walked out of the hotel. They saw a group of police waiting outside with their guns pointed out. Someone had called the cops reporting the fight.

'Remain calm, we don't need to resist. I will read their minds and find out what they are thinking' Shaylyn thought.

Nathan and Tobias nodded in agreement. Shaylyn focused on hearing the thoughts of the cops. She went from one cop to another.

The cops did not get a description of the people involved. Act like you just saw a fight, Shaylyn thought.

"I can't believe superpowers exist!" Nathan said.

"That so awesome to watch, I am so glad that was real," Tobias said.

"What did they look like?"

"I don't know; they were moving too fast," Shaylyn said.

The cop nodded and let them go. They could not believe that had worked. They were glad that Shaylyn could read minds it sure came in handy.

"Let's get back to the car," Nathan said.

"He might try again," Tobias said.

"Shaylyn, did you happen to read his mind?" Nathan asked.

"I didn't," Shaylyn said.

"We will find him," Tobias said.

They started walking down the street heading towards the car. Nathan began to wonder what powers Andrew had. He could create force fields and that blinding light.

Perhaps he had lumokinesis too. So, her may be able to make himself invisible. So, he could possibly still be at the hotel.

"We have to go back to the Embassy" Nathan said.

"Why?" Tobias asked.

"He has a feeling that Andrew can make himself invisible."

"You read my mind, didn't you?"

"Sorry, couldn't help it," Shaylyn said.

"Can you ask us first?" Nathan asked.

"Ok," Shaylyn said.

"Let's hurry back" Tobias said.

They immediately began walking back. They hoped that Andrew had not succeeded yet. Nathan knew that if he was right it was going to be hard to find him.

They ran back into the hotel. Shaylyn stopped in the hall and closed her eyes. She began to search for Andrew. There so many people at the hotel so it was difficult to find him.

Shaylyn opened her eyes and immediately began running. Nathan and Tobias followed. They knew that she had found him. She ran through the halls until she reached a room with a security checkpoint.

"Andrew is in that room," Shaylyn said.

"The guards are not going to let us past"

"Let me deal with the guards," Shaylyn said.

They walked toward the guards who immediately asked for identification and a pass. Shaylyn simply smiled and made walking motions with her fingers.

The guards immediately began walking out of the way. Shaylyn, Nathan and Tobias immediately walked into the room. The guard turned toward them.

"Hey, stop, you can't go in there," the guard yelled.

"We are heroes; you will see in a second," Nathan said.

Shaylyn forced the guard to remain in place so that he would not try to intervene. The guard could not understand why he could not move.

Shaylyn walked toward the center of the room. A force field suddenly hit them. It was like a wave and it forced them to the ground.

Nathan could not see where Andrew was. He realized that he was right; Andrew was invisible. He turned toward Shaylyn.

Shaylyn, make him trip or something, Nathan thought.

Shaylyn pointed her fingers down and crossed them over each other. They hear a light thud and then Andrew became visible. He fell onto his face again.

Nathan got up and walked over to Andrew. The guards were now surprised to see that someone just appeared on the floor.

"I have to rid the world of these evil human rulers," Andrew said.

"You blindly believe everything David says?" Nathan asked.

"David has never lied to me," Andrew said.

"Stop this, I don't want to hurt you," Nathan said.

"I don't want to hurt you either, but you are giving me no choice" Andrew said.

Andrew shoved his hand toward Nathan. A ball of force-field energy hit Nathan and sent him flying across the room. Nathan hit the wall and it cracked behind him.

"David said I was the most powerful; you have no chance of defeating me," Andrew said.

CHAPTER 11

Andrew got onto his feet and then began levitating with a spherical field around him. Shaylyn struggled to control him, but her signal was being blocked by the field.

Tobias began stepping back; he had a strong feeling that his glass power would be no match against Andrew's force fields. Tobias and Shaylyn turned toward Nathan for his help.

Nathan began walking toward Andrew. Fog began forming around him as he was getting very cold. His body began to turn to ice. Ice began forming on the floor where he stepped.

"Give it your best shot, my force fields are impenetrable," Andrew said.

"They are not," Nathan said.

Nathan shoved his hands forward creating a blast of wind. The wind went straight toward Andrew; it went through the field and hit Andrew.

Andrew began tumbling in the air. He managed to stabilize himself a moment later. He was completely surprised that Nathan did that.

"How?"

"I could hear your voice so I knew air passed through it," Nathan said.

"Fine I will make in impenetrable to air,"

"Do that and you will suffocate" Nathan said.

Andrew hated that Nathan was right. Andrew realized that he could just create a small opening to breathe. A small opening appeared behind his head and force field became denser.

Andrew reached his hand toward Shaylyn. A force-field hand grabbed Shaylyn. Andrew gestured toward the wall. Shaylyn was immediately pinned against the wall.

"Join me or she dies," Andrew said.

Andrew's voice was a little distorted since the sound left through a small hole in the field. Nathan knew that the field still had a weak spot. He just had to find it before Andrew hurt Shaylyn.

Shaylyn began to feel Andrew's thoughts. She smiled because she realized that she could control him. She made a gesture with her fingers.

Andrew suddenly slapped himself across the face. The force-field hand around Shaylyn vanished. Shaylyn dropped to the floor.

"Stop controlling me!" Andrew yelled.

"You already lost, the presidents have left the room," Nathan said.

Andrew suddenly became invisible. Nathan glanced over at Shaylyn. She nodded her head telling him that she was looking for Andrew.

The painting of the bridge, he is to the right of that, Shaylyn thought.

Nathan shoved his hands in the direction of the painting. A wind blast went toward the painting. Andrew groaned as he hit the wall and became visible.

"How did you see me?" Andrew asked.

"I didn't," Nathan said.

"Shaylyn saw me, didn't she?" Andrew asked.

"Give me your phone, I want to tell David that you failed," Nathan said.

"It is not over yet" Andrew said.

Andrew clenched his fist and created a force-field fist. He swung his fist and the force-field fist went flying through the air, Nathan put up his hands in defense.

Nathan began creating an ice beam. The cold began effecting the force field causing it to lose energy and fade away. the field was gone before it got near Nathan.

"No!" Andrew said.

Andrew was furious that Nathan could counteract his force fields. Andrew also realized that he had no chance of winning. He put his hands up and put them on his head. Nathan smiled and began to revert from ice back to his human form.

"Smart move," Nathan said.

An officer on the scene walked toward Andrew. Nathan did the same. The officer walked closer with caution. He reached for his handcuffs and pulled them off his belt.

The officer reached for Andrew's arm. The officer's hand went through. The officer began waving his hand at Andrew and his hand kept going through.

Then Andrew suddenly vanished. The cop was surprised by the sudden disappearance. Andrew had escaped them. Nathan turned toward Shaylyn.

"I can't find him; he is blocking me somehow" Shaylyn said.

"The force fields must block your telepathy" Nathan said.

"How did he move that fast?" the officer asked.

"I don't think that was him, he created a hologram and we fell for it" Nathan said.

"Look" Tobias said.

Nathan and Shaylyn turned toward him. Tobias picked up a phone off the floor. Nathan recognized it as the one Andrew had used earlier.

"That's Andrew's phone it must have fallen out of his pocket," Nathan said.

"Call David, tell him that Andrew failed and we will not kill for him," Shaylyn said.

Tobias hand the phone to Nathan. Nathan immediately looked through the contacts for David's number. He found it and clicked call.

"Hello?" David answered.

"We did not kill the president and we stopped Andrew from doing it," Nathan said.

"You think you have stopped me?" David asked.

"Yes."

"You are so naïve, and now you are dead," David said.

David ended the call and then Nathan hung up. The look on his face was not excitement. Shaylyn and Tobias could see it.

"What did he say?"

"David is going to kill us," Nathan said.

CHAPTER 12

Their faces went white. They could not believe that just because they didn't obey David that he wanted to kill them.

"We have to go now," Shaylyn said.

The three of them immediately began walking out of the room. They walked through the halls and went out the door they came in.

"Well at least the presidents are okay," Nathan said.

"We have to catch Andrew before he does more damage," Shaylyn said.

"Nathan is the only one who could hurt him," Tobias said.

"Hey, I made him slap himself," Shaylyn said.

"That was funny actually." Nathan said with a slight chuckle.

Tobias and Shaylyn chuckled as well and nodded. They turned toward Nathan as if expecting some kind of plan.

"Coldness is his weakness," Nathan said.

"At least we know his weakness," Tobias said.

"Let's go get something to eat," Shaylyn said.

"It is still early for lunch; besides we have no money," Nathan said.

"We could do magic acts on the street corner," Tobias suggested.

"That might work, we could easily say we are magicians," Nathan said.

They continued walking until they came reached the car. Nathan got into the driver's seat. Shaylyn and Tobias got into a passenger seat. Nathan started the car and drove onto the road.

"Shaylyn use the phone and search for a talent show," Nathan said.

Nathan pulled out Andrew's cell phone and handed it to her. Shaylyn immediately began searching the internet. She found a place nearby.

"I found something, it is a place called Talent Club," Shaylyn said.

"Find directions," Nathan said.

Shaylyn engaged the GPS on the phone. Nathan began to wonder if David was tracking them right now.

Shay, we should dump the phone. David could be tracking us, Nathan thought.

We need to go someplace else then, Shaylyn thought.

Shaylyn rolled down the window and threw the phone out the window. She rolled the window back up. Tobias looked at them wondering what they were doing.

"David could be tracking us with that phone," Shaylyn said.

"Oh," Tobias said.

David might be tracking this car too, Nathan thought.

We have to abandon it Shaylyn thought.

'You guys might be a little paranoid' Tobias thought.

'Better to be paranoid than dead' Nathan thought.

Nathan found a parking spot and drove the car to the curb. He saw a homeless man sitting there on a bench. They got out of the car quickly and shut the door.

Nathan got an idea to throw David off. He walks over to the homeless man and gave him the keys.

"Here, it is yours," Nathan said.

Why did you do that? Shaylyn asked.

If David is tracking the car he will find this guy instead, Nathan thought.

What if David kills him? Shaylyn asked.

I don't think David would go after it personally. He would probably send someone else, Nathan said.

"Let's go," Tobias said.

DREAM INDUSTRIES

David sat at his desk deliberating what to do next. His first plan had failed. He had threatened to kill them but so far that had not seemed to work.

Bryce ran into the room holding a tablet in his hand. David hoped that this would be good; he hated being interrupted.

"What?"

"They know we are watching them."

Bryce showed him the GPS data and the recorded conversation Nathan had. David looked it over and made a conclusion.

"They dropped the phone and deserted the car, I can find them." David said.

David handed the tablet back to Bryce who simply nodded his head.

CHAPTER 13

METROPOLIS STREETS 9:30AM

Nathan, Shaylyn and Tobias were walking down the street. They had no idea where to go next. They could not go to any place they searched on the phone. There was a chance that David could see that.

They came upon a gathering in a plaza. They saw people performing for tips. They walked over to watch. They stood where they had a good view of the performance.

A man was impressing the crowd with a 'magic' trick. Shaylyn began to read the man's mind. She listens to his thoughts during the process.

The man was fiddling with cards; he shuffled the cards and urged the crowd to pick a card. One person picked a card and it was an ace of spades.

The person put the card back and the man began shuffling the cards. He picked out a card and showed it to the crowd. They were shaking their heads.

"Was this your card?" the man asked.

"No,"

"Are you sure?"

The man turned the card to look at it. He saw a king of hearts. He turned the card around and it changed to an ace of spades. The crowd was in awe.

"This was your card," the man said.

"Nice trick," Nathan said.

"You want to see another one?" the man asked.

He threw the card toward someone. The card lacerated a woman's neck. The woman fell to the ground and began bleeding out.

Nathan could not believe that the man would do that. The man's appearance began to change. It was someone they recognized.

"David!" Nathan said.

"Nobody disobeys me" David said.

Shaylyn was the most surprised. She had been reading his mind and did not realize that it was David.

So, what am I thinking Shaylyn? David asked.

You knew? Shaylyn said.

Yes, David said.

"Leave us alone," Tobias said.

"Join me or suffer the consequences," David said.

David reached his hand out and a man was lifted into the air. The man suddenly began freezing. The man was screaming in pain. Then released the man, who fell to the ground.

"Do not underestimate me," David said.

David jumped up and flew away. Nathan watched as David disappeared from sight. Nathan turned to the frozen corpse.

"David has cryokinesis?" Nathan asked.

"He doesn't" Shaylyn said.

"Then how do you explain that?" Tobias said.

"He was using an illusion; I saw through it. The man froze because he believed he was cold," Shaylyn said.

"He made the illusion real?" Tobias asked.

"Yes," Shaylyn said.

"David is dangerous, we have to stop him," Nathan said.

"I don't think we can," Shaylyn said.

Police cars drove onto the scene with flashing lights. They immediately got out of the car. The pedestrians were pointing at Nathan, Shaylyn and Tobias.

The cops walked toward them, they had their guns pointed out. Nathan wondered what the cops were doing.

"Hands on your head now!" the cop said.

"We didn't do anything" Nathan said.

"Liar, we saw you ice the guy," a male bystander said.

David created the illusion that we did it, Shaylyn said.

David is trying to get us to go against the humans, Nathan said.

What should we do? Tobias asked.

Look there is a video camera, there is no way David's illusions affect that Shaylyn said.

"Don't try to lie in front of all these witnesses," cop in charge said.

"We aren't lying, check that video camera over there," Nathan said.

"Why do you continue to lie when the witnesses have already revealed the truth?" the cop in charge asked.

"Shouldn't we check the security camera?" another cop asked.

"Charlie, we will do that after they are apprehended; now put the cuffs on them."

Charlie pull out cuffs and moved closer to Nathan. He reached for Nathan's hands. Nathan did not want to get cuffed. However, he did not want to cause trouble by resisting.

Nathan decided not to resist him. Charlie put the cuffs onto his hands. Charlie began to escort Nathan toward the car. Derek grabbed Nathan's arm.

"Derek, what are you going to do? Charlie asked.

"I am going to test something," Derek said.

Nathan began to look slightly worried since he had no idea what Derek planned to do. Derek stared Nathan in the eye making him nervous.

"The witnesses said they saw a cold beam come from your hands; I am going to prove it."

Derek clenched his other fist. He swung his fist toward Nathan. Fog began to form around Nathan as the air around him began to get cold.

Derek stopped in mid-swing seeing that Nathan was creating a cold aura around himself. Nathan spread his hands apart breaking the cuffs that had been made fragile by the cold.

"You do have cryokinesis." Derek said.

"Never said that I didn't; I just said I didn't do it."

"Put your hands on your head," Derek said.

Nathan reluctantly complied. He did not want to be arrested, but he knew that resisting would not be good.

Derek placed a new pair handcuffs on his hands. Tobias and Shaylyn were cuffed as well. The MID believe that they were accomplices. They were shoved into the back of a car.

CHAPTER 14

MID HEADQUARTERS 9:30AM

The cop car drove into the parking lot. The car stopped and Penelope got out of the driver's seat. He walked to the back door and opened it.

Penelope grabbed Nathan and pulled him out. Two other officers came and grabbed Shaylyn and Tobias. They walked them inside.

Penelope and the other officers walked them through the halls to an interrogation room. They walked inside and they took seats behind the desk. The other two officers left and Penelope sat at the other side of the desk.

"Are you working for David Lucas?" Derek asked.

"No, well actually we disobeyed him" Nathan said.

"What do you know about David anyway?" Tobias asked.

"I know how evil he is and what he plans to do. The only problem is I lack evidence" Penelope said.

"We want to stop him" Shaylyn said.

"You killed two innocent people" Penelope said.

"We did not, David used his illusions to make it appear as if we did" Nathan said.

Penelope pulled out his cell phone and dialed a number. He put the phone up to his ear and waited for a response .

"Hello?"

"Charlie, can you get security camera footage from the murders?"

"Yes."

"Thanks."

Derek ended the call and put the phone into his pocket. He turned towards them. He set his hands on the table.

"I want to believe you," Derek said.

A few minutes later Charlie came in with a tablet in his hands. He had gotten the video onto it. Penelope glanced at him.

"Put it onto the screen" Penelope said.

They had a Wi-Fi network that allowed their tablets to project to TV's. They turned their heads ninety degrees. Penelope watched the footage and saw what happened.

A woman suddenly got their neck slit. However, there was no card flung at them. The man got lifted into the air and froze. However, there was no one who had their hand positioned as if they were lifting him.

"Ok, this confirms my suspicious" Derek said.

"What?" Nathan asked.

"You said David did this, yet I don't see him. I knew he could use his illusions to kill" Derek said.

"So, what now?" Tobias asked.

"You can help us catch metahumans" Derek said.

"Catch them?" Tobias asked.

"The evil ones I mean," Derek said.

"Oh," Tobias said.

"We were actually in the process of catching one," Nathan said.

"Who?" Derek asked skeptically.

"His name is Andrew Davenport," Nathan said.

"Charlie, look him up," Derek said.

Charlie tapped the screen of his tablet. He began typing the name on the touchscreen. Derek glared at Charlie impatiently.

"Use your technopathy, it is quicker," Derek said.

"When I use that the screen isn't accurate," Charlie said.

"Why not?"

"My subconscious causes it to show what I am thinking about," Charlie said.

"Well you should practice, but later," Derek said.

Charlie found an entry on Andrew Davenport. He glanced over the entry and saw that Andrew was from Dream Orphanage. There was nothing else in the file; he had no criminal record.

"He is affiliated with David," Charlie said.

Charlie showed Derek the screen. Derek glanced over to see for himself.

"What powers did he display?" Derek asked.

"Lumokinesis," Nathan said.

"Charlie, create a new metahuman file for Andrew. Power lumokinesis," Derek said.

"Ok," Charlie said.

"How many metahumans do you have documented?" Tobias asked.

"That's classified," Derek said.

"Fine," Tobias said.

"Do you know where he is going?" Derek asked.

"No," Nathan said.

"Ok, we have to find out where is going next," Derek said.

"He tried to kill the visiting presidents," Shaylyn said.

"Ok, I will have people keep an eye on them," Derek said.

Nathan's arm began twitching. Then suddenly he stood up and threw a punch at Derek. Derek caught Nathan's fist with little effort.

"What are you doing?" Derek asked.

"It's not me," Nathan said.

Nathan threw another punch at Derek. Derek easily dodged that one too. He grabbed Nathan by the arm.

"What are you doing?" Derek asked again.

CHAPTER 15

Nathan felt like he was restrained. He could not control his own movements. It felt like someone put a remote-control strait jacket on him.

Andrew is in this room, Shaylyn said.

Where? Nathan asked.

Next to the door, Shaylyn said.

Nathan began to get cold and he no longer felt restrained. He shoved his hands toward the door. A cold beam came from his hand and hit Andrew and he became visible.

"Andrew," Nathan said.

"He tried to fool me with lumokinesis," Derek said.

Andrew groaned from getting hit by the ice beam. He ran out into the hallway. He turned invisible again. Shaylyn tried to read his mind but he was blocking her again.

"I wonder what that was about" Derek said.

"I think he was trying to frame me, get me to turn against you" Nathan said.

"He is playing out of David's playbook. David deceives people into working for him. He will try to force you to go against the humans so that you will look evil in their eyes" Derek said.

"So David gave you powers and tried to get you to turn evil?" Tobias asked.

"He didn't give me powers. I had them a long time before David's ancestors were even born" Derek said.

"How old are you?" Tobias asked.

"One thousand years," Derek said.

"You are immortal?" Nathan asked.

"Yes," Derek said.

"How did David discover powers?" Shaylyn asked.

"He reversed engineered them." Derek said.

"How did you get powers?" Nathan asked.

"I was born with them," Derek said.

"Oh," Nathan said.

Derek got up and everyone else got up. Derek began to walk out of the room and they followed. Derek walked through the hall.

Derek walked into a file room he walked over to a paper rack on the wall. He pulled out three sheets and set them on the table in the room.

"Fill these out, these are asset forms. The government needs these because they want to keep track of who is working for them," Derek said.

Nathan, Tobias and Shaylyn filled out the forms. Then they handed it to Derek. Derek walked out of the room. He walked to a conference room. Charlie was there looking at some paper work.

Colin walked in a moment later. He had a girl with him. Derek did not know who she was. She had red-brown hair brown eyes. Colin gestured toward Derek.

"This is Derek Banes," Colin said to the girl.

"I am Elise, nice to meet you" the girl said. said.

"I have known your father since we were kids" Derek said.

"I am Charlie" Charlie said.

"Derek is immortal too," Colin said.

"Yes, I can die over and over again" Derek said.

"Cool," Elise said.

"Colin, need you to approve this" Derek said.

Derek handed Colin a few papers. Colin read the papers. It was for the approval of assets. The assets were Nathan Maguire, Shaylyn Anderson and Tobias Barnes.

"Do you trust that these people will be loyal to the MID?"

"Yes, I trust them" Derek said.

"Ok"

Colin signed the papers and handed them to Derek. Colin turned toward Elise.

"Let's get training," Colin said.

Colin and Elise walked out of the room. Derek walked back to the file room. He walked over to the desk and placed the forms into a basket.

"Ok, let's go look for Andrew," Derek said.

Derek walked out of the room and they followed. Derek walked out through the lobby. He went into the parking lot. He walked towards an unmarked car.

Derek opened the driver's door. Nathan, Shaylyn and Tobias opened the other doors and got inside. Derek started the car and drove onto the road.

"Where are we going?" Nathan asked.

"I have a confidential informant who is undercover at Dream Industries." Derek said.

"You are going to ask him if he knows anything about Andrew?" Tobias asked.

"Yes and some other things" Derek said.

Derek continued to drive until he reached a parking garage. She drove inside and went up to the second level. There was a man standing next to a pillar.

Derek parked the car and then got out. Nathan began to get and Derek shook his head. Nathan realized that Derek wanted them to stay in the car.

"I discovered that Olivia Olsen is trying to kill the President" the man said.

"I will pass that on" Derek said.

"Who are those kids?" The man asked.

"I found them getting framed by David" Derek said.

"Hmm, I can sense a cryokinetic, a telepath, and a hyalokinetic," The man said.

"Do you want to meet them?" Derek asked.

"Yes," the man said.

"Nathan, Shaylyn and Tobias come out," Derek said.

The three of them immediately came out of the car. They walked over to Derek and Derek.

"Morgan, have you heard anything about Andrew Davenport?" Derek asked.

"No, I haven't," Morgan said.

"Well, you better get back or David will get suspicious" Derek said.

Morgan walked to the door of a car and opened it. He got inside and started it. He immediately drove out of the parking garage.

"He didn't give us any useful information," Nathan said.

"David tends to keep his information compartmentalized. He only tells people who need to know" Derek said.

"I heard you were looking for me," a voice said.

They turned around to see Andrew Davenport standing before them.

CHAPTER 16

Nathan got ready to face Andrew. Nathan's hands became cold. He was ready to freeze Andrew's force fields.

"I called David and told him that Derek is married to Penelope and that she is a traitor" Andrew said.

"You heard us?" Derek asked.

"I have been watching you for a while," Andrew said.

"You were invisible," Shaylyn said.

Derek discreetly pulled out his phone. He created a text message saying, 'your cover is blown' and sent it to Morgan.

Four masked men walked into view. They approached the four of them.

"David is giving you one last chance to join him or he will kill you" Andrew said.

"Never" Nathan said.

"Then you give me no choice," Andrew said.

Nathan knew he had to act fast. He began to get cold. His body turned into ice. Andrew simply smiled at him. Derek smiled as he was ready for a fight.

"Tobias, Shaylyn stay behind the car," Derek said.

They did as they were told and hid behind a car. Andrew was shaking his head. He made a point motion with his hand.

"Attack!" Andrew said.

One man burst into flames. Another man was pulsing with electricity. The third showed speed as he ran around Penelope and Nathan. The fourth showed telekinesis as he lifted a car into the air.

Nathan and Derek got ready to face the four masked men. The man with speed ran towards Nathan. Derek immediately reached his hand out in front of Nathan.

The man ran into Derek's arm. Derek grabbed him by the shirt and threw him to the floor. Nathan was surprised at how fast Derek reacted. Derek saw Nathan's surprise.

"How did you do that?" Nathan asked.

"My best friend has intuition which enables him to learn fast. he taught me several skills he has learned," Penelope said.

The man with speed got back onto his feet. he reached behind his back and pulled out two swords from their holder. Penelope turned toward Tobias.

Derek shook his head. He clenched his fist ready for whatever this guy would throw at him. The man with speed made the first move.

The man swung his sword at Derek. Derek quickly grabbed the man's arm. The man swung his other sword fast. Derek grabbed the man's other his free hand.

"You will have to do better than that," Derek said.

The telekinetic man approached Nathan. He raised his hand and Nathan was lifted into the air. The man shoved his hand forward. Nathan got sent into the wall.

His ice body shattered in several pieces. The ice liquefied and then began to come together. The water formed in the shape of a man.

Nathan walked toward the telekinetic man. The man shoved his hand forward. This only caused Nathan's water form to ripple. The kinetic energy flowed right through.

Nathan threw a punch at the man. The man put up his hands to stop it. Nathan's watery fist hit the man.

The man fell backwards and began choking on water. Nathan's hands began to freeze. He shoved his hands forward and froze the man's feet to the ground.

Nathan immediately turned to the man on fire. He threw his fist into the man smothering his flames with water. Steam rose from his body,

The thugs immediately began retreating. Penelope began to run after them. Then his phone began ringing. Penelope pulled it out of his pocket while running.

"Hello," Derek said.

"We need you back at HQ immediately!"

"I am pursuing metahumans for assaulting me and my assets," Derek said.

"Let them go, the senators have been attacked"

Derek stopped running. Nathan caught up to him. Derek turned around toward Nathan. He hung up the phone.

"We have to go back, the presidents are dead and they need every agent," Derek said.

"Tobias and Shaylyn were kidnapped," Nathan said.

He showed Penelope a note left by Andrew. The note read 'Join us or your friends will die'.

"We will catch them," Derek said.

They walked to the car and got inside. Nathan sat with his head down.

11:30 AM

Derek and Nathan arrived at the MID headquarters. They got out of the car and walked inside. They walked through the halls toward the conference room.

They walked into the room. Penelope walked over to a table. Charlie handed him some notes on what had happened. He looked over it so that he could get an idea on how to explain it.

In ten minutes everyone had gotten into the room. Penelope stood in front and everyone faced him.

"Penelope, give us the details" Colin said.

"Ok, we are dealing with a metahuman that can move very fast. He has a device that can alter his appearance. His name is Drake Lucas; he has escaped custody after Ronald tried to kill me," Penelope said.

"How do we catch him? None of us have that kind of power" an agent asked.

Suddenly a girl appeared in center of the room. Nathan did not recognize her. Everyone was surprised by the sudden appearance of the girl. Colin wondered what she wanted.

"Alexandra Kline," Colin said.

"Drake Lucas is innocent," Alexandra said.

"How would you know that?" Colin asked.

"I am from the future,"

"Then who attacked the senators?" Penelope asked.

"David Lucas," Alexandra said.

"How did David frame Drake?" Colin asked.

"He has illusions, he made everyone believe it was Drake."

"Finally, I know one of David's abilities," Colin said.

Alexandra immediately disappeared as quickly as she had arrived.

CHAPTER 17

Nathan and Derek walked out of the MID. They saw Andrew was standing in the parking lot. They walked toward him and he walked closer.

"Have you made your decision yet?" Andrew asked.

Nathan leaned closer to Derek. He put his mouth close to Derek's ear.

"If I say I won't join them, will David kill them?" Nathan asked.

"David will not kill people who have powers that could prove valuable to him," Derek said.

"Do you think they both have powers valuable to him?"

"Shaylyn might, but Tobias I doubt," Derek said.

That was not reassuring to Nathan. He didn't know if he could live with himself if he let Tobias or Shaylyn were killed.

"What if I join him to go undercover?" Nathan asked.

"Are you sure you want that?"

"Yes,"

Andrew stood there tapping his foot. He had his arms crossed and shook his head.

"I am waiting," Andrew said impatiently.

"Fine, I will go!" Nathan said loudly.

"You traitor!" Derek said.

Nathan walked over toward Andrew. Derek made a disappointed look on his face. Nathan turned toward Derek and shoved his hands out.

He created an ice beam that hit Derek. He knew Derek would not die from it. It would help him prove that he was going against the MID.

"Nathan, I didn't know you had it in you" Andrew said.

"I am part of a superior race, it is time I act like."

"Well, I am glad you are coming with me," Andrew said.

"Let's go," Nathan said.

The sky grew dark and thunder and lightning went through the air. It seemed so sudden, it did not make any sense.

"That is weird," Nathan said.

"It is probably a metahuman I know," Andrew said.

Andrew jumped into the air and a field appeared around him keeping him from falling. Nathan wondered if he had made the right decision.

Nathan jumped up and focused on the wind. He began to feel the wind beneath his feet. Nathan willed himself to go upwards. He gradually got higher.

Andrew flew ahead and Nathan followed. Nathan followed behind as he did not want to risk Andrew stabbing him in the back.

"It is not far," Andrew said.

"Where are we going?" Nathan asked.

"You will see," Andrew said.

It began to feel like old times. He and Andrew had been best friends for years. He did not want them to be enemies. Why had they turned out so different?

Nathan wondered if they should have told Andrew the truth about the humans and David. Shaylyn had insisted they keep it between them.

David revealed that he had known about Shaylyn mental communication ability. What else had he known? Did he know that Nathan knew the truth?

"Are we going to Dream Research Facility?" Nathan asked.

"Yes," Andrew said.

Nathan was not too thrilled about going back to the place that had held him prisoner for years. This made him realize how he got there. David never told him who his parents were.

Had David kidnapped him? Were his parents deceased? Nathan accepted that he probably would not see his parents.

He hoped he would see Shaylyn and Tobias. He went undercover to find them. Nathan hoped that David did not double cross him and kill them already.

"Will I see Shaylyn and Tobias?" Nathan said.

"Not yet, you have to earn back David's trust."

"What do I need to do?" Nathan asked.

"Obey David."

Nathan was afraid that he would say that. He had a feeling that would take a while to do. He did not want to go too far since it disgusted him.

They arrived at Dream Research Facility. They flew down and landed in the parking lot. They walked through the front entrance of the building. They walked into the lobby.

Nathan and Andrew walked past the front desk. Andrew lead Nathan towards the pocket universe. The very place that had held Nathan for years.

CHAPTER 18

12:30 PM

Andrew and Nathan went to a different door to the pocket universe than they had used earlier. They walked inside and Nathan saw the familiar hallways.

They walked down the halls toward a gymnasium. They walked through the doors and went inside the gym. They walked to the center.

"Ok, let's work on that wind power of yours" Andrew said.

"How?"

"I am going to get some boxes that you can try to move."

Andrew walked to a closet on the side of room. He opened the door and walked inside. He began grabbing cardboard boxes and throwing them out.

Andrew walked out of the closet. Nathan shoved his hand toward one of the boxes. The box immediately flew into the air. Then it hit the wall and fell.

"Try to stabilize it in the air, keep it from moving" Andrew said.

"Ok, I will try" Nathan said.

Nathan gestured his hand toward another box. He created a wind and box began to slide along the floor. He created a upwards winds and the box lifted.

The box wobbled in the air. Nathan raised his hand and the box went higher. He found that it was harder to control as the box got higher.

Nathan moved his hand to the right. The box moved to the right and then dropped to the floor. He was not keeping enough air under it.

Nathan tried to lift the box again. The box wobbled upwards. Nathan moved his right hand and the box moved to the side. With his left hand he kept air pushing underneath. The box still wobbled around but stayed airborne.

"You are getting better" Andrew said.

"It is almost like telekinesis" Nathan said.

"Ok, try to lift me" Andrew said.

"Are you sure, I might hurt you"

"You already hurt me today besides I can shield myself"

Nathan gestured his hand toward Andrew. He lifted his hand and a wind lifted Andrew into the air. Andrew tumbled in the air.

"Ok, now try to force me into the wall"

Nathan made a shoving motion with his hand. This caused Andrew to be sent into a wall. He immediately shielded himself with a force field.

"Not bad" Andrew said.

"I pushed you into a wall earlier," Nathan said.

"Keep practicing, I have some things I need to do" Andrew said.

Andrew quickly walked out of the room. Nathan turned back to the boxes. He gestured his hand toward a box and the air began to move it.

"You can't let them control you" a voice said.

Nathan turned around and saw his teacher, Emily Edison. She was holding a stun gun.

"We don't have much time, we have to leave"

"I can't my friends have been captured" Nathan said.

"They are already dead, David does not keep prisoners unless he believes he can turn them to his cause or if their power is useful to him" Emily said.

"Are you sure?"

"Well no, but I know David"

"Can we just find out for sure?" Nathan asked.

"Ok, but we have to be careful," Emily said.

They walked out of the gymnasium. They walked through the halls. They came upon a man walking through. Emily immediately changed her appearance.

The man walked past them without giving them another look. Nathan watched as she reverted back to her normal form.

"Would that person recognize you or something?" Nathan asked.

"Yes, that was Declan Taylor, he is David's right-hand man"

"What power does he have?"

"I don't know yet."

"They know that you don't agree with them?" Nathan asked.

"Yes, but I have no clue how they discovered it"

"I can shape shift too, but my clothes fall off when I turn into water" Nathan said.

"You can get a shape shifting suit" Emily said.

"So a suit that will change with me?"

"Yes"

"I need that"

"Come on, I will show you where David keeps them"

Nathan followed Emily through the halls. It was not long before they stopped at a door. Emily opened the door and they walked inside the room.

Emily walked over to a coat rack in the corner of the room. Emily grabbed a black suit off the rack and handed it to Nathan. He grabbed it and walked to a changing room.

He came out a minute later. He looked anxious to test it. He walked toward Emily.

"I don't like the color" Nathan said.

"You can change it, just concentrate" Emily said.

Nathan closed his eyes and focused on it. The suit immediately change to blue. He opened his eyes and saw that the suit was blue.

They walked out of the room. They walked down the hall. They saw David coming and Emily immediately transformed into Andrew.

"Hey, what are you doing over here?" David asked.

"Nathan needed a shape shifting suit," Emily said in Andrew's voice.

"Ok, that's fine. Anyway I have an assignment for you. If you do it you will see your friends," David said.

"What is it?"

"You have to kill Kevin Kline," David said.

CHAPTER 19

1:00 PM

Nathan tried to hide his nervousness. He did not want to kill anybody. He did not know what to do.

"Aren't you excited?" Emily asked.

"I guess," Nathan said playing along.

"I know you don't want to kill but this man is my enemy."

Nathan turned toward Emily (still looking like Andrew). She winked at him indicating that she had a plan. David handed him a picture and information about Kevin Kline.

"Go get him," David said.

"Does he have powers?"

"No, so it should be easy for you," David said.

David walked away. Emily breathed a sigh of relief. She was glad that David did not see through her disguise. She turned toward Nathan.

"What do we do?" Nathan asked.

"I will ask Kevin, he would know"

"Wait, you know Kevin personally?" Nathan asked.

"Yes, I went to him when I was discovered," Emily said.

"So we are going to see him? How is he is going to respond to this?"

"This isn't the first time someone threatened his life"

"Oh, who is he anyway?"

"I keep forgetting how misinformed you are. He is the CEO of Plasma Industries. He used to work for David years ago, but quit because David was evil." Emily said.

They walked through the halls and exited the pocket universe. They kept walking through the halls until they were outside.

Emily finally reverted back to her normal form. She seemed relieved to be back to herself. He gestured toward a car.

"There is my car," Emily said.

"If David discovered the truth, what were you doing there?" Nathan asked.

"I work for the Metahuman Intervention Division. They needed a spy inside Dream Research Facility," Emily said.

"I met Derek Banes, he is an agent too"

"Yes, he is," Emily said.

Emily and Nathan got into the car. Emily started the car and drove out onto the road. She began driving down the road. Nathan turned toward her.

"What am I going to do?" Nathan asked.

"Relax, I have a plan."

"What?"

"I will explain it when we stop."

Nathan saw that they were approaching Plasma Industries where Kevin worked and lived. Emily drove into the underground parking garage.

She parked the car and turned it off. They both got out of the car. Emily led the way and began walking to an elevator. She pressed a button on the elevator and they walked inside.

The elevator doors closed and Emily pressed the button marked with a 'P'. A message appeared saying palm scan required. Emily placed her hand on the scanner.

The elevator began moving upwards. It moved up quickly toward the top floor of the building. The elevator doors opened and they walked out.

Emily walked to a door and knocked on it. She waited for an answer. The door opened and they saw Kevin standing behind it.

"Come on in," Kevin said.

Nathan and Emily walked inside. Kevin walked over to the living and gestured for them to sit down. Nathan and Emily took a seat on the couch.

"So what brings you by?" Kevin asked.

"David has asked Nathan to kill you," Emily said.

"I am not surprised," Kevin said.

"You may have to lay low for a while, while I fake your death," Emily said.

"Sure As- I mean Emily," Kevin said.

"What did you almost call her?" Nathan asked.

"Astrid Landon is my real name," Emily said.

She began to change her form. Nathan saw a new face on Emily/Astrid. He did not recognize this persona.

"This is what I actually look like."

"Ok, now what did you mean by fake his death?"

"Kill me instead," Astrid/Emily said.

Astrid/Emily began to change her form again. This time she resembled Kevin. Nathan shook his head as he did not like the idea. He wanted to avoid killing and did not understand why she would offer herself up like that.

"I am just a replicate, there are several of me. I won't actually be dying."

"Prove it!" Nathan said.

"I don't want to create more replicates, but I had a feeling that you would say that," Astrid said.

"Which, is why I came here," another voice said.

Nathan turned to see another Astrid standing near the door. He smiled knowing that Astrid was telling the truth.

This only made Nathan feel slightly less uncomfortable with the idea. It still meant he had to 'kill' someone. He knew though it was the only way to get his friends back.

CHAPTER 20

1:30PM

Nathan kept telling himself that he was not actually going to be killing anyone. However, he still didn't know if he could go through with it.

"So how should I kill you?" Nathan asked.

"Damage my brain, we can't heal from that," Astrid said.

"Ok,"

"Do it right now," Astrid as Kevin said.

"I can't bring myself to do it!" Nathan said.

"That's a good trait to have, but I am telling it won't kill me. I am standing over there."

"I don't want to become a killer!" Nathan said.

"You killed in the pocket universe."

"That wasn't real," Nathan said.

"This isn't either," Astrid said.

"Will David even believe it?"

"He will believe that you thought it was Kevin."

"Alright."

Nathan held his hands out. He shoved his hands forward releasing two ice spears. The two ice spears flew through the air toward Astrid-Kevin.

The ice spears hit her in the head. The spears pierced through her head. She fell to the floor quickly. Nathan walked to the body.

"Pick up the body and we can take it to David," the other Astrid said.

"Won't he find it suspicious that you are tagging along?"

"You will go inside alone," Astrid said.

Nathan grabbed the body and pulled it toward the door. They walked through the door into the hallway.

They walked back to the elevator. They reached the elevator and walked inside. The elevator doors closed and the elevator went up.

Moments later the elevator opened to the parking garage. Astrid/Emily and Nathan walked out with the body. The doors closed behind them.

"You won't fool David with that," a voice said.

Nathan recognized the voice. It sounded like Andrew Davenport. Andrew became visible about five feet away from him.

"What are you talking about?" Nathan said.

"David told me to spy on you. He did not think you would do it. Looks like he was right," Andrew said.

"I just want my friends back,"

"Sorry, David gave me an order to kill you if you betrayed us," Andrew said.

Nathan felt a lump grow in his throat. He could not speak back. His best friend was going to kill him. He began to get cold; his skin began to turn to ice.

"I am your best friend!" Nathan said.

"I don't like this either, but I can't have you getting in the way of David's plans," Andrew said.

Nathan was disappointed that Andrew would choose David over him. Nathan began walking away from Andrew without saying anything more.

"Where are you going?" Andrew asked.

"I am not going to fight you," Nathan said.

"Why? Are you afraid you will lose?" Andrew asked.

"No, because I can't hurt my friend," Nathan said.

"I was hoping you would give me a fight," Andrew said.

Nathan ignored him and continued to walk away. He did not understand why Andrew was doing this. What did David have that he didn't?

Andrew created two force field blades in his hands. He walked up behind Nathan. He swung the blades into Nathan's side. This caused Nathan to be cut in half.

Nathan fell to the ground and turned into a puddle of water. The water began to rise and took the shape of a person, but remained water.

"Nice try," Nathan said in a voice that sound like gargling.

Andrew took a few steps back. He began to wonder if he could kill Nathan. Andrew reached into his pocket and pulled out a stun gun.

Andrew quickly fired the stun gun at Nathan. The dart went through the air carrying the conductive wire with it. The dart hit him and did nothing the dart fell through and clanked against the floor.

Andrew did not understand why he was not electrocuted. Warnings always said not to mix water and electricity. He glanced at the stun gun and it showed that there was a full charge.

"There must be something wrong with this," Andrew said.

Andrew pressed the retract button on the gun. The wire and dart receded back to the gun. He turned and aimed at Emily. He pulled the trigger and the dart began flying through the air.

The dart hit Emily and she immediately went into a spasm. Electricity from the gun was going through her. Nathan saw this and ran toward Emily; his water form sloshing around.

He reached his hand toward the dart. His hand got cold and turned to ice. He wrapped his hand around the dart and pulled it out.

He pulled on the wire and ripped the gun from Andrew's hands. The gun hit the floor and slid toward Nathan.

"Looks like my gun works fine," Andrew said.

"Yes, it does," Emily said weakly.

Nathan began to turn back into his human form. Nathan saw that his suit was still on him. He was glad the suit actually worked.

Andrew immediately began running away. He jumped up and surrounded himself in a force field.

"Emily, are you alright?" Nathan asked.

"I will be fine, go get him," Emily said.

Nathan ran to the entrance of the parking garage. He glanced out and could not see Andrew. He flew away too fast for Nathan to catch up.

Nathan walked back and went towards Emily. She was walking back to the car. Nathan walked to the car and she turned toward him.

"He got away?" Emily asked.

"I could not see him," Nathan said.

"We better get out of here, David is going to have an army after us," Emily said.

"Why didn't that stun-gun affect me?" Nathan asked.

"I don't know; I am not a scientist," Emily said.

"You worked at Dream Research Facility,"

"I was a psychiatrist before I met David, that made it easy to work at Dream Industries to spy on him," Emily said.

"Change people how?"

Emily hesitated as if figuring out how to answer. She put her finger and her thumb on her chin.

"I helped people become better people. I helped them resist the urge to commit crimes," Emily said.

"So you work with the criminally insane?"

"Yes,"

"So why did you become a psychiatrist?"

"When I was little I was diagnosed with multiple personality disorder. I was cured of that and was happy, I then wanted to help others who had mental conditions," Emily said.

"What do we do now?"

"Let's go ask Kevin," Emily said.

CHAPTER 21

2:00PM

Emily and Nathan walked back to the elevator. Emily pushed the button and waited for the doors to open. The doors opened and they walked inside.

They hit the button to go to the penthouse. Emily put her hand to the scanner. The elevator immediately went upwards. The elevator doors opened a few moments later.

They walked out and went towards the penthouse door. Emily knocked on the door and waited for an answer. It was not long before the door opened. It was a woman this time.

"Hi Kara, is Kevin there?" Emily asked.

"Yes, come on inside" Kara said.

They walked to living room where they saw Kevin standing. He glanced over at them and nodded his head. He knew what must have happened.

"The plan didn't work, am I right?" Kevin asked.

"Yes, Andrew was spying on us," Emily said.

"Ok, we will have to come up with a different plan," Kevin said.

"I turned into water and then he tried using a stun gun on me and it didn't work, but it worked on Emily," Nathan said.

"Water does not conduct electricity, that is a common misconception. It is the impurities like dirt or minerals in the water that allow it to," Kevin said.

"So my form is pure water?" Nathan asked.

"Well no, as shape shifters do not change their composition. You merely mimicked water," Kevin said.

"So how do I get my friends back?" Nathan asked.

"You are going break into Dream Research Facility" Kevin said.

"How?" Nathan asked.

"You have that water form; it could come in handy. You could sneak in undetected. Go inside through the plumbing," Kevin said.

"Sounds gross," Emily said.

"He can go through the pipes to the water faucets not the sewage," Kevin said.

"Ok, so I can sneak inside, but how do I get my friends out," Nathan asked.

"Well, you are just going to have to wing it," Kevin said.

"I am going to need an idea of where David would keep them," Nathan said.

"I do have an old blueprint of the building. I don't know how accurate it would be now. He could have made a lot of changes," Kevin said.

"I am going to get my friends back," Nathan said.

Kevin walked to a painting on the wall. He pressed his hand to a picture frame next to the painting. The painting turns like a door opening to reveal a safe behind it.

Kevin punched in a combination and opened the safe. He reached into the safe and pulled out a blue piece of paper. He took the paper to the table and unrolled it.

Nathan glanced at the blueprint and saw the layout. The map was showing parts he had never been to. He turned back toward Kevin.

"How is this going to help, it's not like I can walk inside with this," Nathan said.

"I can digitalize it and you can put it on your phone," Kevin said.

"Great," Nathan said.

Kevin grabbed his phone and click on the camera app. He moved the phone over top of the map to scan it. Then he sent the photo to Nathan's phone.

"Let's go," Nathan said.

CHAPTER 22

Nathan and Emily walked out of the penthouse. They walked to the elevator. Nathan pushed the button and waited. The elevator opened and they went inside.

Nathan pushed the button to the garage. The elevator immediately descended. The elevator doors opened and they quickly got out.

They walked toward Emily's car. They opened the doors and got inside. Emily started the car and drove out of the parking garage.

She began driving towards Dream Research Facility. The drive did not take long. Emily parked the car away from the building. She did not want to take the chance that someone would recognize it.

They got out of the car and began walking toward the entrance. A guard spotted them and recognized them. He pulled out a gun and pointed it at them.

Nathan got ready to take the guard down. Emily stretched her right hand out and clenched her fist. Her arm stretched way past normal and hit the guard causing him to drop his gun.

Nathan was surprised, he had not expected Emily to have that power. Emily looked over at Nathan and winked.

Nathan walked over and kicked the gun away from the guard. Nathan swung his fist into the guard's face and he fell to the ground.

"Ok, I have an idea. I will change my form to look like him. Then I could pretend to detain you" Emily said.

"That might work," Nathan said.

"Yes," Emily said.

Emily began to change her form. Nathan dragged the guard into the car. He pulled off the guards' outer clothes. He handed the clothes to Emily and she quickly put them on.

"Did the guard have handcuffs on him?" Emily asked.

"Let me check," Nathan said.

Nathan walked back carrying a pair of handcuffs. He handed the handcuffs to Emily. Nathan put his hands behind their backs.

Emily placed the cuffs onto both of his hands. They walked toward the entrance. Emily had her hand on his arm. She now looked like the guard.

They walked through the front entrance. Everyone in the lobby glanced their way. A few people were mouthing 'how' as they walked into the lobby.

The receptionist glanced at them with a puzzled look. Emily walked forward getting the sense that their plan was not going to work.

"How did you catch him? You only have accelerated healing," the receptionist said.

Everyone in the lobby, five in all, began facing them. They were all in a fighting stance. Nathan realized that the plan failed. He turned his hands to water and the handcuffs fell to the floor.

Astrid changed back into her Emily persona since the plan failed anyway. The guards did not seem surprised to see her face.

Nathan and Emily approached the men before they could attack; they swung their fists at two of them. Nathan hit one man in the face and he stumbled backward.

Emily hit the other man in the gut and he began to hunch over in pain. The three other men approached.

One of the men began to raise his hands. Emily and Nathan were lifted into the air. The man shoved his hands forward sending them into a wall.

Nathan turned into water upon impact. Emily hit the wall with a groan; she quickly pushed herself up. She stood on her feet and faced the guards.

"We have a shape shifter!" a guard yelled out.

Nathan and Emily were surprised that the guards did not know about him. David probably kept information on a need-to-know basis.

Nathan moved his watery form across the floor towards the men. Another man's hand began to glow with electricity. He shoved his hand forward toward Nathan.

Nathan began to smile knowing that this man could not hurt him. Electricity had not hurt him the last time, so why would it hurt him this time?

A stream of electricity came from the man's hands and went toward Nathan. Nathan didn't even flinch as the electricity hit him. Nathan was glad to be right again; the electricity still had no effect on him.

Nathan swung his watery fist into electricity-man. This caused the man to choke on water. The man fell to his knees with his head down coughing uncontrollably.

Nathan began to get cold causing his body to turn into ice. He swung his ice fist into the man hitting him in the head. The man fell against the floor passed out from the blow.

Nathan walked up to another man and prepared to fight him. The man swung his fist faster than a normal human would. Nathan let the man's fist go right through his watery form.

The man stumbled as he swung. He had not anticipated that. Nathan turned his watery hand toward the man and projected a beam of ice at him.

Nathan's watery hand turned to ice; the man began to get frostbite from the beam. Nathan moved his hand toward the man's feet. He projected a beam of ice at the man's feet. This caused the man to be stuck in place.

Nathan turned back into human form. He faced the remaining men. Nathan could see that they were trembling. They knew that Nathan was more powerful than them.

Nathan walked closer and one man took a step back. Nathan's hands began to get cold; fog was forming around them. Nathan glared into the man's eyes.

"Tell me where are Tobias and Shaylyn?" Nathan asked.

"I don't know who you are talking about," the man said quivering in fear.

"Show me where David keeps prisoners!" Nathan said loudly.

"I don't know," the man said.

"He is telling the truth; he is just a low level guard," Emily said.

Nathan turned away from the man and began walking further into the building. Nathan took out his phone and glanced at the blueprint.

"Do you know if this blueprint is accurate?" Nathan asked.

"It is except for one thing; the location of the pockets will not be on that," Emily said.

"Who knows where the pocket is?" Nathan asked.

"Nobody, it is randomized and the location is sent to the people who need it the moment they need it," Emily said.

"So how do we find it?"

"You would have to hack a computer with the information," Emily said.

"How would I hack a computer?" Nathan asked.

Emily glanced over at an electronic pad. She saw the words security compromised. She smiled when she realized what that meant.

"You won't have to, someone shut down the server," Emily said.

CHAPTER 23

Nathan glanced over and saw the message on the electronic pad. He was relieved that something had gone their way.

"So how do we find out where it is?" Nathan asked.

"I know all the locations where it could appear," Emily said.

"So we have to check each one? That could take too long," Nathan said.

"We don't have another choice," Emily said.

"Would a computer tell us the last location?" Nathan asked.

"No, they have a backup security lock to keep people out in case the server went down," Emily said.

"Why don't we check anyway, what if the hacker disabled everything?" Nathan asked.

"Fine, but we have to hurry. David is bound to increase security with the cameras down," Emily said.

Emily led them down a hall. She knew her way around the place. Nathan began to wonder why he even needed the map. She leads them down a hall toward a computer lab.

Emily opened the door easily since the electronic pad wasn't keeping the door locked. They walked inside and Emily glanced at the computers and saw that they were unlocked.

Emily walked over to one and began to look for the program the accessed the pocket universes. She found it without much difficulty.

Emily scrolled through the list searching for the prison pocket. She found it and saw the last location. It was David's office, which meant they might have to deal with David himself.

Emily was not thrilled about that. David was easily more powerful than them. She turned toward Nathan with the news.

"The pocket is in David's Office," Emily said.

"Will he be there?" Nathan asked.

"I do not know," Emily said.

"We may only get this one chance," Nathan said.

Emily led the way again and they headed to David's office. She walked through a series of halls toward the office. Lights began flickering.

Something was messing with the power. It could be the person who hacked into the sever. Nathan wondered who was behind this; if he found this person her/she could be an ally.

"Something is overloading the power," Nathan said.

"David probably has other stuff to worry about, so he is most likely not at the office," Emily said.

They walked down one last hallway and at the end was David's office. They walked toward David's office cautiously. Emily got to the door and tried to open it.

The door was locked and this kind of lock was not easy to break. David had to make it strong enough to resist metahumans. It was also on a separate circuit.

"The door is locked," Emily said.

"That won't be a problem for me," Nathan said.

Nathan walked up to the door and put his hand on the knob. He made the lock extremely cold. Nathan pulled his hand back and then shoved both of his hands forward.

The door stayed shut; it was more durable than Nathan had expected.

Emily walked over to a bookshelf. She pulled out a book slightly and the shelf began to slide away to reveal a hidden handprint scanner next to a portal panel.

Emily shape shifted her hand to match David's hand. She placed her hand against the scanner. The scanner lit up green and a portal appeared on the surface of the panel.

Nathan immediately walked through. Inside the portal they saw a prison-like interior. Emily stopped and turned around. She walked out of the pocket and the portal closed.

"Emily just locked me inside!" Nathan said.

Nathan wondered if he had mistrusted Emily. Had she done this to lure him here and trap him in the pocket? He had no time to think about he had to find his friends.

Nathan walked through the row of cells and saw that they were empty. The prisoners must be elsewhere. Nathan walked through a hallway. He began to hear crowd noise. He realized he was getting close to where the prisoners were.

He walked into a room and saw a crowd of twenty or so people. They were watching two people fight in a larger than normal boxing ring.

Nathan saw that everyone had bruises and cuts on them. They all had been in numerous fights. This made Nathan nervous about what may have happened to Tobias and Shaylyn.

The current fight ended with one man on the floor groaning. Another man walked into the ring. Then a girl was dragged into the ring; it was Shaylyn.

CHAPTER 24

Nathan wondered what he should do. If he engaged, he was bound to start a fight with everyone. Nathan had no clue what kind of metahumans he would have to deal with.

Shaylyn turned and saw Nathan. She was both surprised and disappointed. Nathan noticed that she was looking at him.

I broke into here, Nathan said.

You came to break me out? Shaylyn thought.

Yes, now watch out he is going to punch you!

Shaylyn quickly turned to the man. She took control of the man's hand and then grabbed his fist to make it look like she had strength.

Shaylyn pulled his arm toward her and then she swung her fist into the man's face. She began to control his legs so that he would stumble backwards.

The man fell to the floor. Shaylyn kept him down using her mind. The man struggled to get up but could not get his arms and legs to cooperate with him.

The crowd was surprised at how easily she appeared to take him down. She walked out of the ring and went toward Nathan. The prisoners noticed Nathan.

"Another newbie," a man said.

We have to find Tobias Shaylyn said.

Nathan and Shaylyn began walking out of the room. A speedster ran in front of them and stopped.

"Where do you think you are going without a proper welcome?" the speedster asked.

They want you guys to fight in the ring, Shaylyn said.

"We can go wherever we want," Nathan said.

Nathan shoved his hands forward toward the speedster. A beam of ice struck the ground around his feet. The man was stuck to the floor.

"Leave us alone" Nathan said.

Where is Tobias? Nathan asked.

He got injured in a fight, they took him to the medical clinic, Shaylyn said.

Shaylyn walked down the halls leading Nathan towards the medical clinic. Nathan figured that David viewed metahumans as too valuable to kill. That is why he had a prison and a medical clinic in it.

They stopped at a door that said Medical Clinic. Shaylyn turned the handle and walked inside. They saw a nurse inside the room. Tobias was sitting on the bed.

He had dried blood on his face. Beside the dried blood Nathan could not see any other injuries.

"This nurse can heal people," Tobias said.

The nurse looked at Nathan and a smirk appeared on her face. Nathan wondered why she was looking at him like that. Perhaps she recognized him, it wasn't far off since Nathan had been trapped in a pocket universe for years.

"Hi, I am Sarah Taylor," the nurse said.

"Can Tobias leave?" Shaylyn asked.

"Yes, I have finished healing his injuries," Sarah said.

Sarah is evil, Shaylyn said.

She seems nice, Nathan said.

She is a close friend of David, Shaylyn said.

They walked out of the room and went down the hall. They walked to the main block of the prison. They saw the exit and walked toward it.

Nathan wondered how they were going to get out. Emily had walked out and the portal closed. Nathan began to wonder if it was all a trap to get him in here.

The prisoners began to follow them. Nathan had a bad feeling. A few of them were punching the palm of their hands with their other fist.

All newbies are required to fight. They see you as newbies, Shaylyn said.

If they want a fight I will give them one, Nathan said.

CHAPTER 25

Nathan stood in front of the prisoners. Tobias stood behind him. Shaylyn stood beside him. She was ready to fight with him.

"Come on ice man, let's see what you got" a man said.

"Ok, but don't go crying to your mom if you lose" Nathan taunted.

"You will be the one crying" the man replied.

"Bring it on," Nathan said.

Nathan turned into his water form and then began to freeze turning into ice. The man tried not to seem impressed. He did not want Nathan to see it.

The man shoved his hands forward sending a stream of electricity at Nathan. Nathan did not flinch; he knew that would not do anything to him.

The electricity hit his icy form. The electricity deflected off of it. The man realized that it was not going to work. He took a step back and thought about what to do next.

"Come on give me a challenge," Nathan said in an airy voice.

Another man stepped forward. This man began glowing yellow. All of the prisoners began to back away. The man shoved his hands forward. He created a bright yellow beam.

The beam hit Nathan's arm. Nathan felt the pain of arm being ripped apart. The beam was vaporizing the ice/water in his arm.

Nathan yelled out in pain. Nathan realized that he was not immune to radiation. The man's appearance began to change. It was like an image flickering until it reveals the real man.

The man was actually Andrew Davenport. Andrew stopped the projecting the yellow beam. He glared at Nathan who began returning to his human form. His left arm was completely gone.

"Andrew, why are you trying to kill me?" Nathan asked.

"I don't want to, but it has become clear that you won't join us. David has ordered to me to kill you" Andrew said.

"Andrew, why are you following David?"

"He gave me powers, life and a reason to live!" Andrew said.

"David is evil!"

"David is a hero, he plans on getting rid of all the human filth from this planet." Andrew said.

"Don't you see that killing humans makes you worse than they are?"

"You don't understand."

Andrew began to glow again. Tears were rolling down Andrew's cheek. Nathan saw this and knew that Andrew genuinely did not want to do this.

What did David have over him? What did David do to get him do this? Nathan wondered if David had someone he loved.

'Nathan, ask him about Allison' Shaylyn said.

'What? Why?'

'Trust me, just do it'

"What about Allison, would she want you to do this?" Nathan asked.

"Don't bring her into this." Andrew said.

Nathan nodded his head. Andrew faced Nathan and began trembling. He put his hands out; his hand began glowing yellow. Andrew shoved his hand forward and a yellow beam went towards Nathan.

Nathan reached his right hand out. He projected a beam of ice directly into the yellow beam of radiation. Both beams met halfway.

Nathan struggled to keep the cold beam going. Shaylyn crossed her fingers. This caused Andrew's legs to become crossed. Andrew then fell onto his face.

"Come on let's get out of here!" Shaylyn said.

Nathan nodded his head and began walking away. He didn't want to fight Andrew anyway. Andrew got onto his feet and shoved his hands toward Nathan.

Shaylyn saw this and took control of Andrew's hands. She directed them away from Nathan. The beam hit the wall five feet from Nathan.

"Andrew stop, if we work together we can get Allison back" Nathan said.

"I am sorry; I don't have a choice" Andrew said.

This is how David gets people to his side. He gives them an impossible choice so that they have to live with the guilt, Shaylyn said.

Andrew shoved his hands forward again. Tears rolled down his cheek. Shaylyn quickly ran into Nathan and grabbed him. She pulled him out of the path of the beam.

Shaylyn let go of Nathan. She turned toward Andrew. She shoved her hands forward. Andrew began to spasm as Shaylyn had created a bunch of impulses.

"Run!" Shaylyn said.

Shaylyn, Tobias and Nathan ran toward the exit. Nathan reached the exit and then remembered that it had closed after Emily had walked out.

Was Emily working for David? Has she lured him into the pocket?

The portal opened up and Emily was standing on the other side. Nathan stepped through first cautiously. He looked Emily in the eyes. Emily was looking at Nathan's missing arm.

"You closed the portal on us!" Nathan said.

"I was going to tell you that I was staying outside to open it again, but the portal automatically closed before I could tell you"

"Oh"

"What happen to your arm?" Emily asked.

"Radiation from Andrew," Nathan said.

"Andrew was in there?" Emily asked.

"Yes, and I know how to sway him to our side. We have to find and rescue Allison," Nathan said.

"Allison has been dead for months," Emily said.

"So, David lied to Andrew?" Tobias asked.

"Possibly, or Andrew lied," Emily said.

"I don't think Andrew lied, he was in tears when he was fighting me," Nathan said.

"Shouldn't we hurry?" Tobias asked.

"David has other stuff to worry about right now," Emily said.

They walked through the halls. They kept watch carefully in case there was anyone that would fight them. They reached the lobby without running into anyone.

"Do you think David is going to send people after us?" Nathan asked.

"I don't think so," Emily said.

They stopped in the lobby. Nathan walked over to a vending machine. He was feeling dehydrated possibly because he lost an armful of water.

Nathan shoved his elbow into the vending machine causing the glass to shatter. Nathan did not feel bad about stealing from David.

Nathan grabbed a bottle of water and found it hard to open with one hand. He handed the bottle to Tobias. Tobias opened the bottle and handed it back to him.

Nathan chugged the water down. Nathan then felt a tingling sensation in what was left of his left arm. He glanced over and saw that his arm was growing back.

"I need more water!" Nathan said excitedly.

"You can use water to heal," Emily said.

Tobias grabbed another bottle and opened it. He handed the bottle to Nathan. Nathan grabbed it and chugged it down. Tobias got another bottle ready.

Nathan's left arm had healed up to the elbow. He reached for the next bottle and then dropped it. He reached for it as it fell and it stopped in midair.

The water began to flow out of the bottle and went upwards toward Nathan's hand. The water went into Nathan's hand and was getting absorb.

"I can control water," Nathan said.

"You can also absorb it through your skin," Tobias said.

After a few minutes, Nathan had absorbed enough water to heal his arm. They walked out of the building. Soon after they walked something exploded inside the building.

"Did you do that?" Tobias asked.

"No," Nathan said.

"Looks like we weren't the only ones fighting David."

"So, what now?" Tobias asked.

"I was thinking of joining the MID," Nathan said.

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