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### Allie

Allie's 102-day Knockouts title reign in Impact was not enough to secure her a top-four position in the Woman of the Year voting, but she did receive enough votes to join a pretty distinctive group that came just short of making the cut. Don't let that sweet smile fool you. Allie's darker side is beginning to come forth. Her new, aggressive style might be what she needs to rise to the elite level.

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