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Summary

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He would push, push against the kids, and adults, prove he could do it, prove to them he was Matt Murdock. Push away the whisper, prove it wouldn't win.

Matt Murdock's struggle with depression from his POV. (This follows the daredevil show)

Notes

See the end of the work for notes

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Then his dad died, because of him, and the whisper *grew*. It started to leak out of the carefully crafted box he had put it in. He didn't notice at first. He didn't notice when he took the kids mocking and the adults doubts as though they were true.

He only noticed when the whisper asked 'why don't you just die? All you do is hurt the people around you.'

He didn't know how to fix it, so he pushed. Pushed against the kids, and adults, and the whisper. Proved that he would let them win.

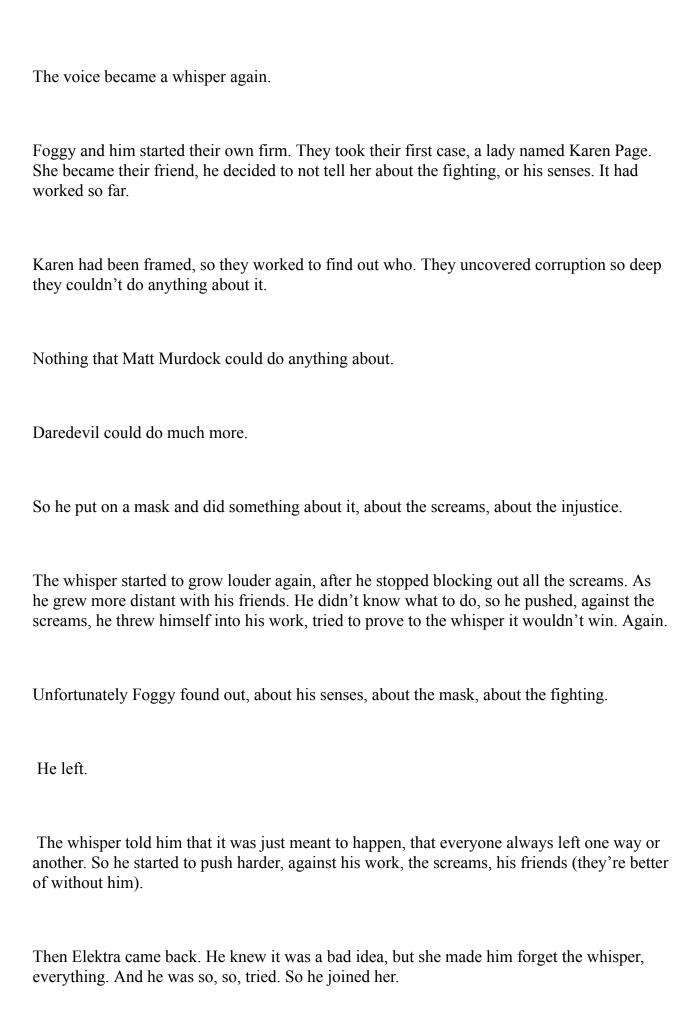
Again.

Then Stick came, and taught him how to fight. At first he couldn't, he was blind, and the world was *so loud*. He heard the other kids laughing about how ridiculous it was he was learning to fight, mocked him about being a failure to his dad. So he pushed, and proved that he could fight. If only to prove he wouldn't let them win.

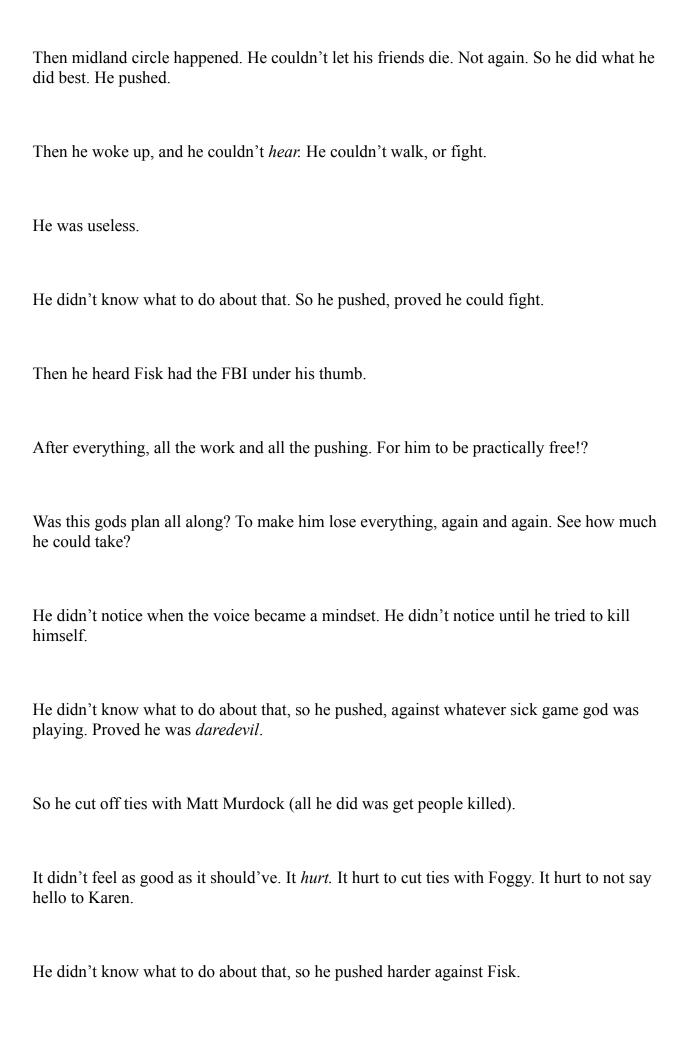
It helped him fight the whisper that bit more.

Then Stick left, saying he was weak, he had gotten too attached, soon the whisper became a voice (it sounded like Stick now). So he pushed, and trained, to prove he wasn't weak. He

didn't make any friends, the whisper said he would get too attached, and that they would leave, they always did.
He didn't notice when the whisper became a voice, he couldn't care, didn't have time to think about it. There was always something to do, school, train, chores. Something else he was probably forgetting.
God, he was tired.
So he pushed, pushed against the school, and stress, and tiredness, and proved he wouldn't let the voice win.
Then he got into Colombia and proved all the kids, and adults, and the voice wrong. It should've felt good, but he was just so <i>tired</i> .
So he went to Colombia. Then he met Foggy, the voice kept telling him not to get attached, so he didn't tell him about the voice, or the fighting, or his senses. Maybe then he wouldn't leave.
At Colombia there were adults who doubted him, and kids who still mocked him and scoffed, but Foggy was there to help stop them. He started to fight the voice again.
Then Elektra came, she got him to forget about the voice.
About everything really.
Afterwards though the voice only came back louder. So did everything.
Then Elektra left. The voice grew louder.
Foggy helped him fight the voice, and after a while they graduated and started a internship.



Everything came back louder. It always does. He didn't know what to do about the whisper growing louder, or Fisk, or anything really. So he did what he always did, he pushed, pushed against Fisk, pushed against the screams, against the whisper. Proved that they wouldn't win (they never stop).
Then Elektra died in his arms. He didn't know what to do, everything kept falling apart. So he pushed, against Fisk, the hand, his work.
And pushed.
And pushed.
He was so tired.
He didn't notice when the whisper became a voice again. It just kinda happened.
So he did what he did best. He pushed, pushed against the screams, against work, against Fisk, against his friends. It proved nothing, he was just as useless as before.
He found a lead against the hand, so he pushed.
Then he met the other defenders. He started to get to know them (the voice just said he'd kill them).
But
They were nice. Having friends was <i>nice</i> .



Foggy and Karen tried to find him. Tried to find him. Matt Murdock. (He didn't know why, all he did was kill the people he loved)
He realized maybe he should stop pushing against his friends.
So he apologized, made up (working on it), the voice became a bit quieter. He started going out again.
He <i>finally</i> started feeling <i>happy</i> .
It was so, so hard.
Every time he felt happy, it was like a fresh breath of air. After drowning in <i>everything</i> . But after the sensation was gone, it was hard keep moving. Hard to keep going when he only felt a <i>second</i> of happiness every <i>two weeks</i> . If he was <i>lucky</i> .
But now he had, Foggy, Karen, Maggie, and the defenders to help fight the voice.
So he stopped pushing, and fell apart. He just cried, and mourned, and was just <i>tired</i> .
And for the first time in what felt like forever. There wasn't a whisper, or a voice, or a mindset. He still felt sad sometimes, but he was so <i>happy</i> now.

End Notes

I love hearing feedback, and comments, and kudos.

I forgot some of the show, so the events may be slightly out of order.

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