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**WITH  
OUT**



**FEAR**



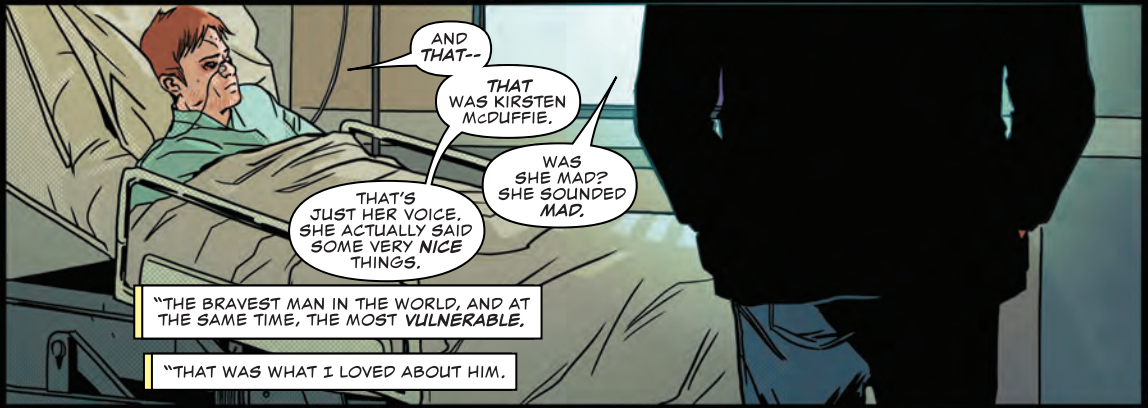
THANKS FOR WAITING, SAM.

WHO WAS THAT?

ALSO-- CAN WE SPEAK... FREELY?



WE'RE GOOD.



AND THAT--

THAT WAS KIRSTEN MCDUFFIE.

WAS SHE MAD? SHE SOUNDED MAD.

THAT'S JUST HER VOICE. SHE ACTUALLY SAID SOME VERY NICE THINGS.

"THE BRAVEST MAN IN THE WORLD, AND AT THE SAME TIME, THE MOST VULNERABLE.

"THAT WAS WHAT I LOVED ABOUT HIM.



I REMEMBER HER. FROM THE PAPERS. YOU AND HER... BEFORE YOU SPLIT OUT WEST, RIGHT?

AND AFTER, BEFORE I CAME BACK EAST.

"THAT WAS WHAT WE ALL LOVED ABOUT HIM, I THINK.



SHE'S PART OF WHAT I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT:

DAREDEVIL'S DEAD.



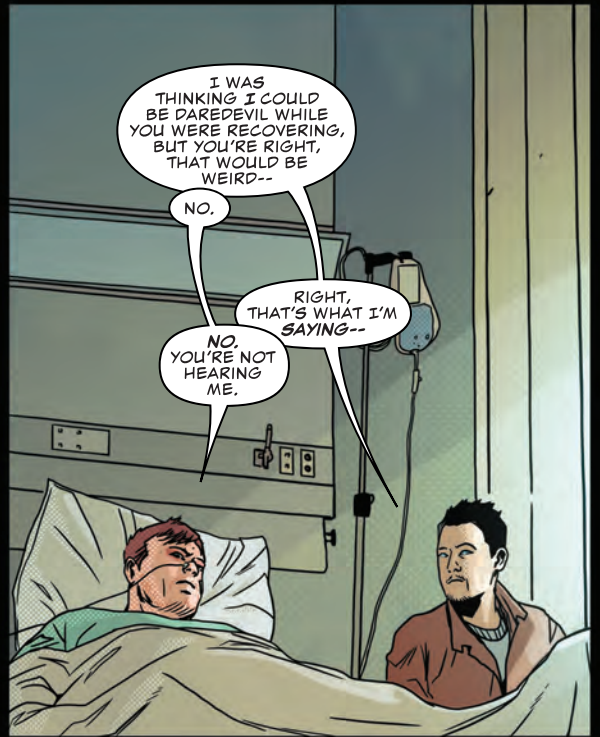
COOL. I GET IT.

LET FISK AND HIS CRONIES IN CITY HALL GET FAT AND SMUG, LET THEM THINK DD'S DEAD AND GONE WHILE YOU REST UP.

THEN: **BAM!**

WE HIT 'EM FROM BEHIND ONCE YOU'RE BACK AT 100.

NICE.

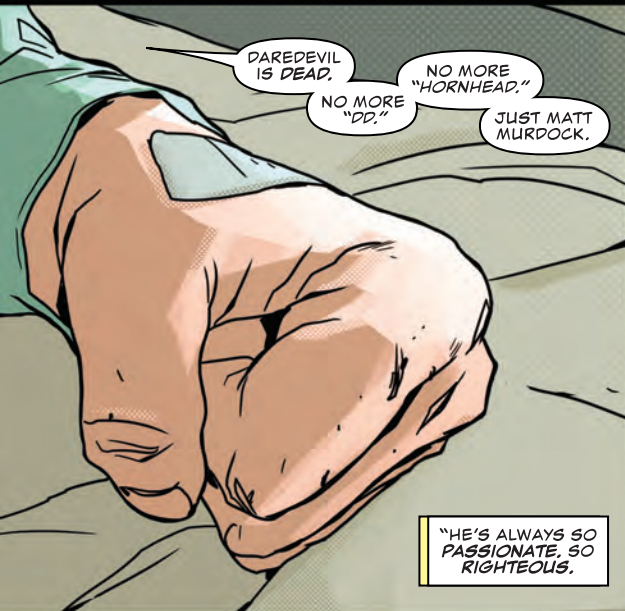


I WAS THINKING I COULD BE DAREDEVIL WHILE YOU WERE RECOVERING, BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, THAT WOULD BE WEIRD--

NO.

RIGHT, THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING--

NO, YOU'RE NOT HEARING ME.



DAREDEVIL IS DEAD.

NO MORE "HORNHEAD."

NO MORE "DD."

JUST MATT MURDOCK.

"HE'S ALWAYS SO PASSIONATE, SO RIGHTEOUS."

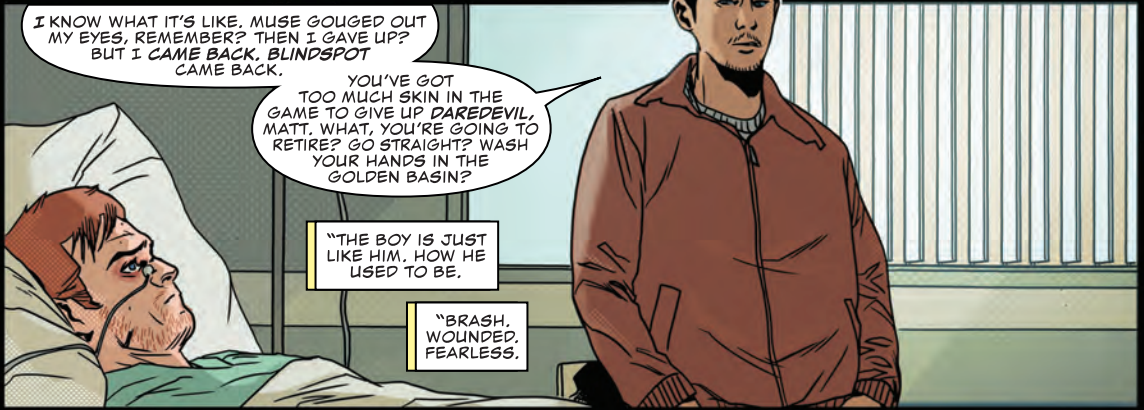


HUH. SO HOW LONG WE EXPECTING THIS TO LAST?



EXCUSE ME?

"ALWAYS SO SURPRISED WHEN SOMEONE DOESN'T SEE THINGS THE SAME WAY, EVERY TIME."



I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE. MUSE GOUGED OUT MY EYES, REMEMBER? THEN I GAVE UP? BUT I CAME BACK. **BLINDSPOT** CAME BACK.

YOU'VE GOT TOO MUCH SKIN IN THE GAME TO GIVE UP **DAREDEVIL**, MATT. WHAT, YOU'RE GOING TO RETIRE? GO STRAIGHT? WASH YOUR HANDS IN THE **GOLDEN BASIN**?

"THE BOY IS JUST LIKE HIM. HOW HE USED TO BE.

"BRASH. WOUNDED. FEARLESS.



YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT "SKIN IN THE GAME"?! **LOOK AT ME!**



MATT...

YOU THINK I'M GOING TO BE **JUMPING OFF ROOFS** EVER AGAIN?

FIGHTING **NINJAS**?

**WALKING?**

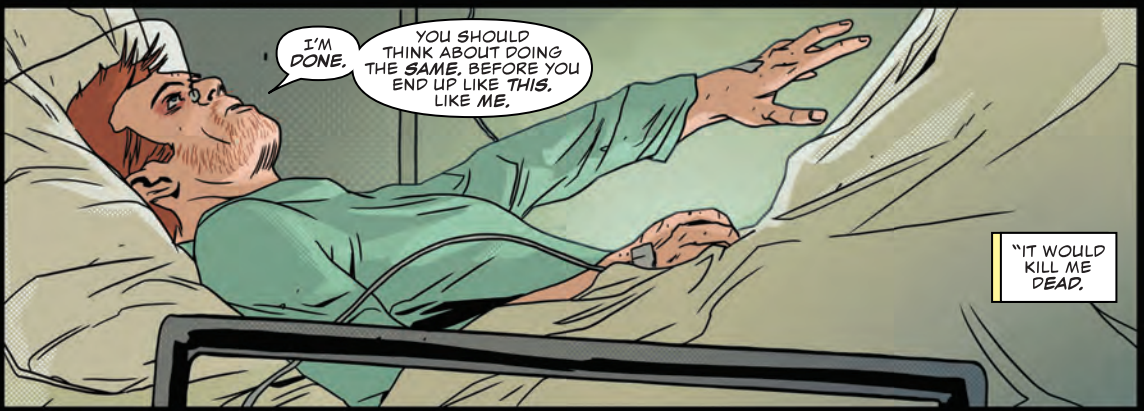
"IT WOULD KILL ME TO SEE HIM LIKE THIS.



THAT TRUCK BROKE ME FROM **TIP TO TOES**.

PLUS A LIFETIME OF BADLY HEALED INJURIES BECAUSE OF **DAREDEVIL--**

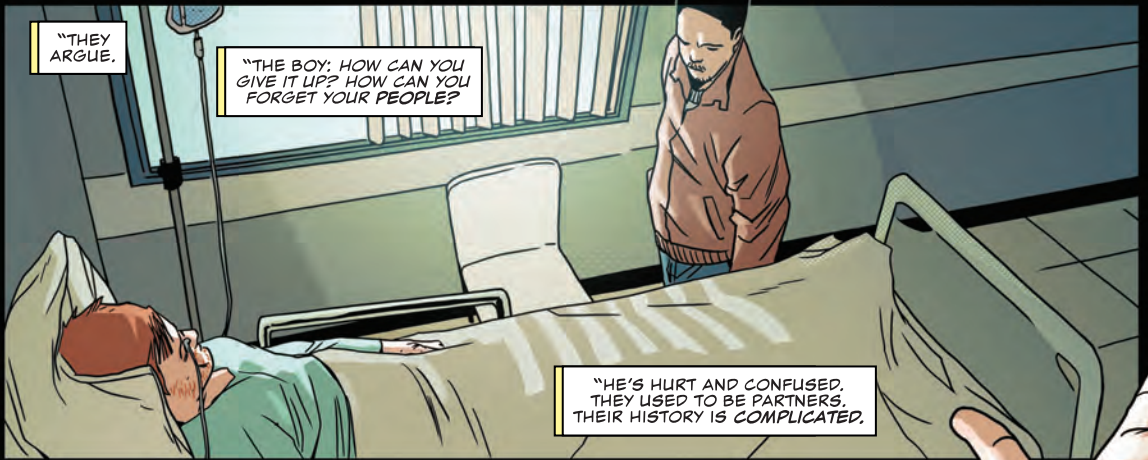
--I'M A BAG OF BLOOD AND **BROKEN GLASS**, SAM.



I'M **DONE**.

YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT DOING THE **SAME**, BEFORE YOU END UP LIKE THIS. LIKE ME.

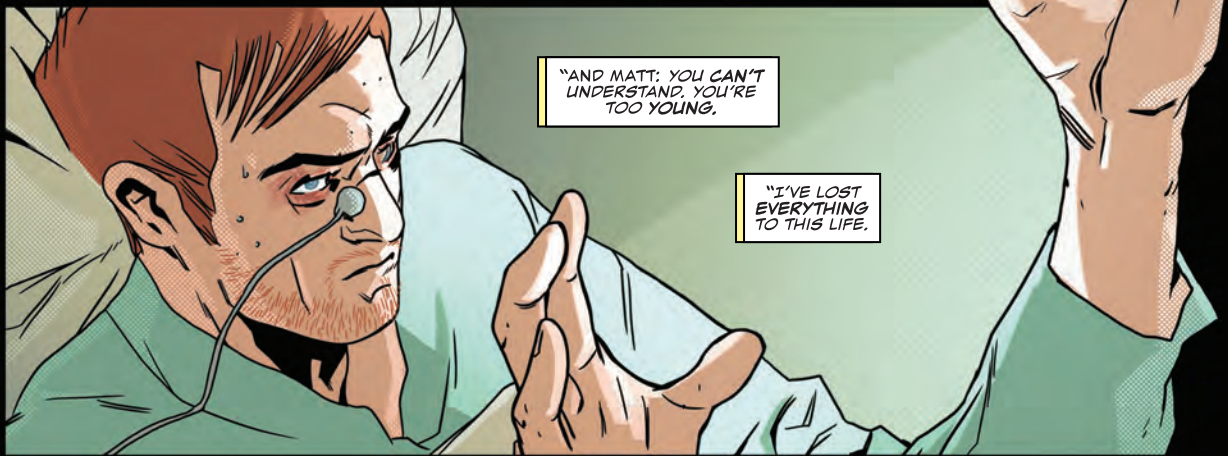
"IT WOULD KILL ME **DEAD**.



"THEY ARGUE.

"THE BOY: HOW CAN YOU GIVE IT UP? HOW CAN YOU FORGET YOUR PEOPLE?"

"HE'S HURT AND CONFUSED. THEY USED TO BE PARTNERS. THEIR HISTORY IS COMPLICATED.



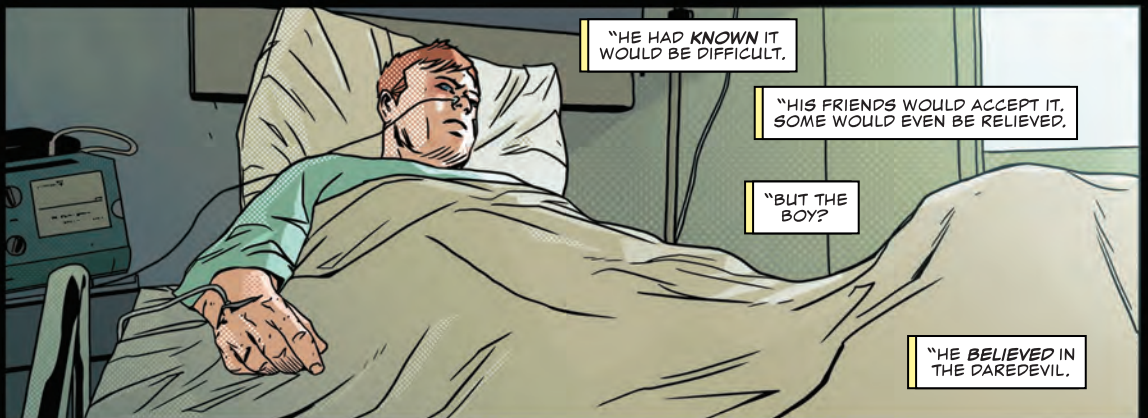
"AND MATT: YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND. YOU'RE TOO YOUNG.

"I'VE LOST EVERYTHING TO THIS LIFE.



"IN THE END, IT COMES DOWN TO ONE WORD, THROWN LIKE A PUNCH.

COWARD.



"HE HAD KNOWN IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT.

"HIS FRIENDS WOULD ACCEPT IT. SOME WOULD EVEN BE RELIEVED.

"BUT THE BOY?"

"HE BELIEVED IN THE DAREDEVIL.