DAREDEVIL - PILOT

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BLACK SCREEN

See a pitch black screen.

MATT MURDOCK

(V.O)
Life is a never ending road. They say when you die it’s over. That’s not the case. I died years ago. And I only started living now.

DAREDEVIL Logo shoots across the screen

HOSPITAL ROOM

We see a bunch of doctors all in a surgery room. They are trying to get a baby out of a woman’s stomach.

MATT MURDOCK

(V.O)
My mom died during my birth. (See her heart rate go silent. And hear a "beep" sound) My dad had to raise my on his own. It wasn’t easy for him.. And neither for me.

One doctor walks over to a man seated in a chair outside the surgery room. He has his hands over his mouth. The doctor walks over to him and says something. And the man begins to cry. He puts his head in his hands and then cries some more.

APARTMENT - HELL’S KITCHEN

Matt’s dad is holding a small baby (Matt). He gets out of the taxi that dropped him off. He then walks inside a horrible looking building. The building is in Hell’s Kitchen also known as The Devil’s Playground. The city is a rundown part of New York. With drug dealers and prostitutes on every street.

Matt’s Dad walks up the crappy stairs and finds his apartment door. #85. Matt’s dad puts his key in and opens the door. We see a nice apartment, with nice sofa’s and a nice TV. Matt’s Dad’s name is Jack Murdock. Jack then puts the sleeping Matt on the sofa. He sits down next to him and watches the Football game. He looks over at his new son

JACK MURDOCK
I love you Matt.
HELL’S KITCHEN - 12 YEARS LATER

MATT MURDOCK
(V.O)
My dad was a prize fighter. He was a boxer. He was 42 years old. And going for the World Championship. Something that would never happen. I’m surprised I believed it was possible.. Fairly.

Jack Murdock walks into his living room. We see Matt, he is eating cereal at the breakfast bench.

JACK MURDOCK
Matty.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Morning Dad.

JACK MURDOCK
What’s the time?

Matt looks over at the clock near the window

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Almost 8:30

JACK MURDOCK
You got school buddy.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Don’t remind me

JACK MURDOCK
What’s the problem with school? You come home everyday sadder and sadder

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
It’s nothing. Don’t worry about it

Matt puts a massive spoon full of cereal in his mouth.

JACK MURDOCK
Tell me Matty

Matt looks at his dad. His dad smiles back

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Everyone is bigger than me. And it’s hard to do anything, or to outrun anything.

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JACK MURDOCK
Bullies? Right. I had my fair share of them. But I don’t want you to become someone like me. Matt you have the potential to do wonderful things, like cure cancer or become a lawyer. I do not want you solving your problems with your fists. Got it?

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Do you know how hard it is?

JACK MURDOCK
Yes. Yes I do.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
How would you know? You’ve been fighting since the third grade

JACK MURDOCK
Matt. You think I was tough my whole life? No. I was small, smaller than you. I had the absolute shit beaten out of me. Everyday, but I didn’t fight back. I held my anger. You key in life Matt is to hold your anger. Never let it go, it could make you something ugly. Now come on, you got school.

Matt then finishes his cereal and runs out the door.

The camera pans closer to Jack Murdock. His smile slowly fades away.

SCHOOL

Matt is walking through the halls of the High School. He is 12 years old and is relatively short. He has dark blonde hair. His best friend, Franklin "Foggy" Nelson is over by the lockers. Matt walks over to Foggy

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Foggy!

FOGGY
Matt!

The two exchange a high five.

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MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
What’s first lesson?

FOGGY
Maths

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Drag

We see a massive kid walk up behind them. His huge height casts a massive shadow over the two boys. Matt and Foggy turn around only to find three tall boys standing in front of them.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
I don’t want to fight Ryan

RYAN
I don’t care what you want. Lunch money. Now.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
No.

RYAN
What you say?

FOGGY
Yeah Matt what did you say?

RYAN
Shut your mouth fatty.

FOGGY
Yes sir.

Ryan grabs Matt by the shirt and pushes him against the locker.

Matt tries to kick away from Ryan but he can’t.

RYAN
Take his cash

We see Ryan’s two friends walk over and take the cash out of Matt’s pockets. Matt tries to kick away. But Ryan drops him onto the floor. Ryan walks away laughing.

FOGGY
Smooth Matt.

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MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
The kid stole my money

FOGGY
That’s usually what bullies do.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
One day.

FOGGY
Matt, he’s like 3 feet taller than you. On what planet will you beat him up? Ever?

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
One day I will.

FOGGY
I wouldn’t bet my house on it

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Who said anything about a house?

APARTMENT - HELL’S KITCHEN

Matt walks up the stairs to his apartment. He opens the door and we see Jack Murdock in the kitchen

JACK MURDOCK
Matty! How was your day?

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Could have been better

JACK MURDOCK
Bullies again?

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Do they not have anything better to do?

JACK MURDOCK
So see the problem with bullies Matt, is that they have no parents or loved ones. They have something missing. So they take they’re anger out on innocent people like yourself.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
They stole $40 bucks from Foggy and me

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JACK MURDOCK
$40? jesus. You kids complain about anything nowadays. Back in my dads. They would steal $150 and if we didn’t have the money. They would take our backpacks and our pencils and stuff like that.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Why can’t i fight like you?

JACK MURDOCK
Because Matt. You are destined to do more than me. You have so much potential. You can literally be anything you want, and let me tell you now. You don’t want to be a fighter.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
I got a lot of homework.

JACK MURDOCK
Sure go do it. Dinner will be ready in 15 though

Matt runs off and goes to his room. Matt closes the door and we see him open the window. He grabs his backpack. Outside his window he has a fire escape. The fire escape goes to the room. Matt climbs it and goes onto the room. He stands there and watches the sun as it sets. He does his homework on the roof.

MATT MURDOCK (V.O)
I always used to come up there. It was like my private time. My place away from everyone else. It was my home away from home. Everything was so peaceful. The sun set was spectacular. I miss it.

Matt is reading his text book on Algebra, his shakes his head. He doesn’t understand the questions

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
This doesn’t even make sense? Urgh

He throws the book across the roof. He then puts his head in his hands and wipes his tears away. He grabs his cross necklace and gets on his knees.

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MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Mom. If you’re up there with God.
Can you please come back. I miss
you so much. Dad.. Dad misses you.
I miss you. We need you mom. Please
come back.

Matt wipes his tears away.

DINNER TABLE

Matt is eating dinner with his dad. The table has three
seats. One of course is missing. Jack leaves the chair there
because of his wife. Jack eats the food with great delight.

JACK MURDOCK
Not hungry?

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
No. Just i got a lot of things on
my mind.

JACK MURDOCK
Like?

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
You know.. Stuff

JACK MURDOCK
No girlfriends already?

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Haha. No. Not a girlfriend. Not yet

JACK MURDOCK
I’m sorry Matt

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Why you apologizing?

JACK MURDOCK
You grew up. With me. And Me only.
No mother.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
You kidding? I feel bad for you.
You had to raise me, by yourself.

JACK MURDOCK
I loved your mother. I still do.
And if there was a way to bring her
back. I would do anything in my
(MORE)

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JACK MURDOCK (cont’d)
power to bring her back. Sadly..
There isn’t.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
She’s waiting for us.

JACK MURDOCK
I’m sure she is.

Jack looks to the ceiling and smiles.

FOGWELL’S GYM
We see the door open. Jack Murdock walks in, he has his boxing gloves in a Nike sports bag.

He walks into the dirty old gym. Jack loves it. He walks over to the boxing area. We see a punching bag. Jack takes out his boxing gloves and puts them on.

He starts slowly punching the bag. He does one right jab, then one left jab. We hear the bell on the door ring, as someone walks in.

The man is about 5’11. He is in his mid 60’s. He walks over to Jack.

SWEENEY
Mr Murdock

Jack stops punching the bag. He turns and faces the old man.

JACK MURDOCK
Sweeney

SWEENEY
One of my clients. (scratches his ear) kinda died.

JACK MURDOCK
Oh what a shame. Can you leave me alone now?

SWEENEY
No. I can’t do that. Well you see this client. Mr John Romita. he died. And he was the number 1 contender for the World Championship

Jack who had been punching the bag stops for a second. He turns and faces Sweeney.
JACK MURDOCK
Say the last part again

SWEENEY
Number 1 contender. For the World Championship.

JACK MURDOCK
You want me to fight?

SWEENEY
You see I need you. To fight.

JACK MURDOCK
I told my son i was done fighting.

SWEENEY
What’s more important here. Your son. Or a place in history?

JACK MURDOCK
My son.

Sweeney steps back. He pulls out a small piece of paper. He writes his number on there. He then puts it in Jack’s sports bag

SWEENEY
Good men become corrupt Mr Murdock

JACK MURDOCK
I’m no good man.

Jack then starts punching the bag again.

APARTMENT - HELL’S KITCHEN

Jack walks up the stairs to his apartment. He hears screaming from the apartments next door. He sees a dead rat on the floor. He kicks it away from his door. He then sees on the door a note.

He grabs the note. He reads it

"Rent Overdue"

Jack then punches the wall. He opens the door. And walks inside.

He throws the paper on the chair and then goes straight to the fridge to get a beer.

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HOURS LATER, MATT COMES HOME. HE OPENS THE DOOR. HIS DAD IS ON THE CHAIR. MATT WALKS OVER TO HIM.

JACK MURDOCK
Matty. How you doin’ Buddy?

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
I’m good. You?

JACK MURDOCK
Just had a sleep

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Can we get pizza tonight?

JACK MURDOCK
Sure.

SCHOOL
Matt and Foggy are walking through the school halls. They walk past Ryan and his friends. The two friends speed up, Ryan eventually catches Foggy and Matt. Matt and Foggy stand still.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Move. I’ve got a class to get to

RYAN
Haha. Who do you think you are kid?

FOGGY
I’m Foggy Nelson and he is Matthew Murdock

RYAN
Murdock huh? Son of the loser boxer Jack.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Take that back.

RYAN
Your dad hasn’t boxed in over two years. He lost and never got up. Like you.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
I will beat the crap out of you

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RYAN
HAHAHA what? you? Please Matt. Shut up it’ll only make things easier. Hand over your lunch money. both of you.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
No.

RYAN
What you say? i thought we had this conversation last time.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
We did. And i grew some.

RYAN
Prepare to die kid

Ryan then lunges towards Matt. he punches Matt in the face, he then grabs his ear and twists it. Matt screams out in pain. Ryan then kicks Matt in the legs and then spits on him. Foggy then jumps onto Ryan. Foggy starts punching Ryan. Ryan then gets a blood nose, He then passes out. We see Foggy, he is still punching him. We see a teacher run over and grabs Foggy. He takes Foggy off Ryan and drags him to the detention room. Matt looks over to Ryan. Ryan is bleeding and has passed out.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Foggy...

DETENTION ROOM

We see Matt, Foggy and Ryan all in the detention room. The teacher walks in. We see Matt’s dad, Ryan’s parents and Foggy’s parents all walk in with the teacher. Jack walks over to Matt, he sees a bruise on Matt. Foggy’s parents walk over to Foggy and hug him. Ryan’s parents then sit next to Ryan.

MR WAID
Hello everyone. I am Mr Waid. I oversaw this... Throw down. Outside my office. Now, i believe in the court of law. So I’m gonna let Foggy, Matthew and Ryan explain what happened.

Foggy looks over to Matt.

Matt shrugs his shoulders.
MR WAID

Foggy first

FOGGY

Um. Well. Urm. I was walking with Matt, and then Ryan pops out and asks for our money. I gave him mine, like all bullied kids do. And then it was Matt’s turn. Matt doesn’t really follow the whole "Bully beats kids" rule. So he says no. And then Ryan.. Pardon my language. Lost his shit.

MR WAID

Apart from the unnecessary swear word. Is this correct Ryan?

RYAN

Total crap

MR WAID

Can you tell us what really happened?

RYAN

I was walking over to Matt and Foggy and then Foggy started punching me.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)

How the hell does that work? You have a history of detentions and suspensions for violence

RYAN

Mind your own crap Murdock

JACK MURDOCK

Shut up dweeb

MR WAID

Everyone Shut Up! I don’t believe Ryan. I believe Foggy and Matt. Ryan, you have a detention. Meet here tomorrow at 3:30. Everyone is dismissed.
APARTMENT - HELL’S KITCHEN

Matt and Jack arrive home. We see them eating dinner.

JACK MURDOCK
What you think of me fighting again?

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
It’s cool. I mean if you want to

JACK MURDOCK
I was offered a contract today.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Good. That’s awesome.

JACK MURDOCK
What day is it?

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Thursday

JACK MURDOCK
Nice.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Why?

JACK MURDOCK
Tomorrows Friday

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Oh yeah. That is awesome.

FADE TO WHITE

NEW YORK CITY SHOTS.

Matt is out of the house. We see Jack wake up. He walks into the kitchen only to find the phone ringing. He walks over and picks the phone up.

JACK MURDOCK
Hello?

SWEENEY
You thought about it?

JACK MURDOCK
Yes. I have

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SWEENEY
And?

JACK MURDOCK
I need money

SWEENEY
Well. There is a butcher down 46th Street. He is easy to scam.

JACK MURDOCK
I don’t rob

SWEENEY
Well Jackie. You need money. I’m gonna give you money. But you need some money to pay for registration. So you’re gonna rob the punk down 46th Street and then you’re gonna fight for me. Ok?

JACK MURDOCK
(waits a second)
Fine.

SWEENEY
Excellent. Have a nice day...
Battlin’

46TH STREET

We see Matt, he is walking home from school. He has a paper in his hand that has straight A’s on it. It is his school report. Matt is really happy and wants to show his dad.

MATT MURDOCK
(V.O)
I was 12 years old. I got the best grades the school had ever seen. They were calling me a genius. I wanted to make my dad proud. So i wanted to show him. I went down the wrong street. At the wrong time. And there he was.

We see Jack Murdock. he is holding a butcher against a wall. He then kicks him in gut

JACK MURDOCK
Give me the damn money!

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BUTCHER
Ok. OK. It’s in the back

JACK MURDOCK
Go get it!

Matt walks down 46th street and sees a man. He walks closer
the man kicks the butcher again. And again. Matt starts to run.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Hey! Hey! Stop!

Matt runs towards the man. He then gets really close. The
man pushes Matt back. The man turns around and sees it’s
Matt. Matt looks the man in the eyes. He sees it’s his dad.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Dad?

JACK MURDOCK
Matt!

Matt gets up and starts running. He drops the school report
on the ground.

We see Jack, he kicks the butcher and then chases after his son.

MATT MURDOCK
(V.O)
My dad was desperate. At least
that’s what i always thought. It
was the worst I’ve ever seen. Still
is. The way he pushed me to the
ground, i felt like he was Ryan. I
thought he was the bully. I was
worried. I ran.

We see a slow motion shot of Matt running through the

MATT MURDOCK
(V.O)
New York had a strict rule about
Nuclear waste. It was never to be
transported in the city. Somebody
didn’t care. Somebody thought the
rule or the law didn’t obey to
them.

We see a Forklift transporting the nuclear waste.
Matt is running and runs in front of one of the forklifts. We see the forklift driver panic. He then turns the forklift. The barrels of waste fall off. They explode in front of Matt.

MATT MURDOCK
(V.O)
The red barrels. They were the last thing i ever saw.

HOSPITAL BED
We see Matt lying down on a hospital bed. We hear the door open. Matt turns his head to face the door.

We see all black.

We then see Jack.

Jack takes a few steps towards Matt and then Matt starts to see. But not very clear. The view is all red.

JACK MURDOCK
I’m So sorry. (sniffs). The doctor...

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
I know. The doctor said i was blind

JACK MURDOCK
How’d you know?

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
I heard it

JACK MURDOCK
We were two rooms away

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
I don’t know how. I but I heard it.

JACK MURDOCK
I’m so sorry Matt. I will make it up to you.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Dad..

JACK MURDOCK
What?

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MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Come here
Jack gets up and moves over to Matt.
Matt then hugs him as tight as he can.
Jack begins to cry and hugs Matt even tighter.

FADE TO BLACK

APARTMENT – HELL’S KITCHEN – ROOF

MATT MURDOCK
(V.O)
My dad and I made a promise. We were the outcast. The left out, the broken. We made a promise that we would never give up. That we had to fear. We were the Men without Fear. I promised that I would never use my fists to solve my problems... But sometimes. Promises must be broken.

We see Matt walking in New York. He has a stick now. Foggy is walking beside him. Matt walks through the streets.

We see Ryan and his friends walk behind Matt and Foggy.

RYAN
Hey Freak!

Matt stops walking.

FOGGY
(whisper)
Matt we should go.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
I got this

Matt turns around and faces Ryan.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Hey Ryan. How’s your coked up dad?

RYAN
What you say freak?

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MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
If i were you i would come up with
a better insult

RYAN
You’re dead freak

Ryan runs towards Matt, Matt then flicks out his walking
stick and starts hitting Ryan. Ryan falls back, his friends
then starts to fight Matt. Foggy looks on in awe. Matt
starts kicking them and punching them. We see Matt break a
kid’s nose. We then see Ryan charge at Matt. Matt jumps over
him and puts out his hand

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
I’m over here

Ryan gets angry and charges with fists of fury towards Matt.
Matt grabs one fist and twists it. He breaks Ryan’s hand. He
then kicks Ryan. Ryan and his friends are on the floor. WE
see Foggy. He slowly starts to clap.

FOGGY
You broke his hand.. That’s awesome

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
They’ll never bother us again.

APARTMENT – HELL’S KITCHEN

JACK MURDOCK
You broke his hand?

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
For the last time. I’m sorry

JACK MURDOCK
Sorry doesn’t do it buddy.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
What did you want me to do?

JACK MURDOCK
Matt. I know it’s been tough. But
you can’t resolve to violence

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Look whose talking. The man who has
lived his entire life knocking out
men in a ring is telling me not to
fight.
JACK MURDOCK
Matt i want a good life for you. And getting suspended is not a good life.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
I’m sorry.

JACK MURDOCK
I know you are. I just want you be happy

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
I am happy.

JACK MURDOCK
Did you hear?

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Hear what?

JACK MURDOCK
I’m back in the game

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Really? when you boxing?

JACK MURDOCK
sunday

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Tomorrow night?

JACK MURDOCK
You bet

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Can Foggy and I go?

JACK MURDOCK
Yeah sure.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Awesome

OLYMPIC ARENA HELL’S KITCHEN

Jack, Foggy and Matt arrive in a Taxi. Jack pays the taxi driver. Jack then walks the two boys inside.
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JACK MURDOCK
Matty, here’s $30. Get Foggy and yourself a drink. Ok? We will eat after

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Sure thing. Come on Foggy!

Matt and Foggy run to the canteen bar.

Jack then walks into the change rooms.

Jack puts his Nike sports bag down.

He then cracks his neck. He does about 3 pushups then he hears the door slam.

SWEENEY
Jackie. How you doing?

JACK MURDOCK
I’m good.

SWEENEY
There’s been a slight change of plans for tonight’s fight

JACK MURDOCK
What do you mean?

SWEENEY
Well you see. originally. You were meant to win. the fight. But now we changed it.

JACK MURDOCK
So now i lose?

SWEENEY
Yes. But you have to go a few rounds. So about round 4 you lose. And pay increases.

JACK MURDOCK
Sweeney. I have my boy out there. He brought his friend. I wanna make him proud.

SWEENEY
Sadly. You have to make him proud next time. Now. It’s just time to give the Devil his due.

Sweeney walks off.
Jack then punches the wall.

**BOXING RING**

We see a packed arena all here to watch "Battlin’ Jack Murdock vs Devil Miller"

**ANNOUNCER**
Ladies and Gentlemen. In the right corner. From New York. the Devil himself. Frank Miller!!

We hear the people cheer. Matt and Foggy are in the front row. They start to boo.

**ANNOUNCER**
And in the left corner. From Hell’s Kitchen. Battlin’ Jack Murdock

We hear people cheer. We see Sweeney in the front row. He begins to clap. Matt and Foggy are cheering.

**BELL RINGS**

Jack and Miller start to punch. We see Miller throw a left hook at Jack. Jack gets hit he falls back, Jack then throws a wild punch at Miller knocking him down for the count. Miller falls back. He gets to the count of 5 and then stands up. Jack wipes a bit of blood off his nose. He then starts fighting again.

We see Sweeney. He is smiling

Miller jabs at Jack’s Ribs. Jack falls to the ground.

The ref starts counting.

Sweeney watches on as he is pleased.

We see the ref get to about 8

Matt and Foggy are screaming

**MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)**
Come on Dad! Never give up!

Sweeney turns around

**SWEENEY**
Save your breath kid.

Jack looks over at his son. He then stands up.

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Sweeney’s face becomes a face of hate.
Matt and Foggy begin to cheer.
Jack stands up.
He cracks his neck and then starts fighting again.
Miller throws a punch. Jack takes the punch. Jack then gives him a fantastic upper cut. Miller flies back and lands on his back. The ref starts to count.
We hear the bell ring
The people start to cheer.

ANNOUNCER
Winner and New World Champion!!
Jack Battlin’ Murdock

The people go crazy.
Matt runs into the ring. Foggy helps Matt in the ring.
Jack grabs his son and holds him high. he lets Matt hold the championship
Matt lifts it over his head.
The people begin to cheer

JACK MURDOCK
Never give up.

Jack then gives Matt his jumper.
Matt smiles

JACK MURDOCK
You and Foggy go wait outside. Now we eat like champions

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Ok dad

Matt and Foggy run off.
Jack looks over and sees Sweeney. he shakes his head.
OLYMPIC ARENA HELL’S KITCHEN - EXIT

Jack walks into his change room with his title belt. He sees a rose on his bag. He then throws it on the floor.

He grabs his bag and walks out the back entrance.

We see a black Limo arrive.

Jack drops his bag.

OLYMPIC ARENA HELL’S KITCHEN - FRONT

Matt and Foggy are waiting out the front of the arena.

FOGGY
How sick was that upper cut.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
I know. It was so awesome.

FOGGY
Where’s your dad?

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
He must be signing some photos. Or something.

We hear punching.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Do you hear that?

FOGGY
Hear what?

WE hear jabs and then a man coughing.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
a man is being mugged.

FOGGY
Matt where you going?

Matt starts to run to the back of the arena.

We see a man on the floor. It is Jack.

Matt starts clicking his teeth together and then runs over to the man on the floor.

He starts touching the man’s stomach. He senses no heart beat.

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We see Foggy run behind Matt

    FOGGY
    Matt....

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Dad? Dad?

Matt rests his head on his dad's dead corpse.

Foggy falls down next to Matt.

    FOGGY
    I'm so sorry.

MATT MURDOCK (12 YEARS OLD)
Dad...

FUNERAL

We see a lot of men in suits. They all are at the funeral of Jack Murdock. We see Matt standing there alone. He is lonely and sad.

We see Sweeney. He walks over to Matt.

    SWEENEY
    Sorry about your old man. He was a good man.

Sweeney puts his hand on Matt's shoulders

    SWEENEY
    If you need any help.. Call me

Matt watches as Sweeney drives away. Matt knows Sweeney killed his father. He senses it.

4 YEARS LATER - HELL'S KITCHEN APARTMENT

    MATT MURDOCK
    (V.O)
    4 years passed. And i turned 16. I was allowed to live on my own. I had to juggle work, with school. It was tough. But i met a man. He was blind like myself. He helped me

We see a 16 year old Matt. He is walking through the streets. He goes to a fruit and Veg shop and buys some food. He then is walking through the streets. He sees a man he has his hat out, he is asking for money.

(CONTINUED)
Matt walks over to him.
Matt pulls out $50 dollars and puts it in the man’s hat

MATT MURDOCK
You’re blind to?

The man looks up

STICK
Yes. The name is Stick.

Stick is an elderly man. he is from China. He is blind like Matt.

STICK
You are Matthew Murdock

MATT MURDOCK
How’d you know that?

STICK
You think you’re the only one who can sense things?

MATT MURDOCK
You’re like me.

STICK
I guess so.

MATT’S APARTMENT
Matt closes the door.
We see Stick sitting on his chair.

STICK
Nice place you have here

Stick touches the chair and he senses the whole room.

MATT MURDOCK
Thanks.

STICK
You’re angry. Why?

MATT MURDOCK
No one knows what it’s like to be. Angry. Angry inside and to never let it out.
STICK
Explain this anger

MATT MURDOCK
My dad. Died 4 years ago. He was a boxer. And i’m studying to be a lawyer so i can put the guy who killed him away for the rest of his life.

STICK
Then you must let out your anger

MATT MURDOCK
How?

STICK
I can train you.

MATT MURDOCK
Train me to do what?

STICK
To be more than a blind man.

MATT MURDOCK
What do i become?

STICK
Justice is blind. Become the justice you wish to see in the world.

The camera panels close to Matt

APARTMENT - HELL’S KITCHEN - ROOF

MATT MURDOCK
(V.O)
Stick taught me to become a master.
He taught me to become the justice i wish to see. In order to do this i had to become someone else.

We see Stick training Matt.

He teaches him how to fight.

Stick throws a left hook and Matt falls onto the ground.

Matt stands up. He then throws a right hook and Stick catches his hand and throws him to the floor.

(CONTINUED)
STICK
Get up, again!

MATT MURDOCK
How many of these do we need to do?

STICK
Until you don’t suck

MATT MURDOCK
I’m gonna be here forever

Stick is walking along the roof. Matt comes out of no where and punches him from behind.

Stick falls back. He smiles.

Matt helps him up. When Stick flips him over

STICK
So good.. Until the end

MATT MURDOCK
Shit

We see Stick go towards the roof of a building. We see a massive gap between two buildings. Stick then leaps over the gap. Matt watches him leap and is astonished.

MATT MURDOCK
How’d you do that?

STICK
You see my stick?

MATT MURDOCK
Yeah..

STICK
Use yours. Hit it on the ground.
You will see everything.

Matt smacks his stick on the floor and we see the world from Matt’s eyes.

Red world

MATT MURDOCK
Ha. Oh my..

STICK
Now jump

(Continued)
MATT MURDOCK
I... I.. I can’t

STICK
You are fearless. Remember?

MATT MURDOCK
That was my dad

STICK
You are The Man Without Fear. Show
me. Daredevil..

MATT MURDOCK
Please don’t die.

Matt then runs and leaps off the building

The camera shoots him jumping. WE see him land. And he
starts jumping up and down.

Stick smiles and claps

MATT MURDOCK
I did it!

STICK
See what happens. Have faith Mr
Murdock.

MATT MURDOCK
Thank you Sensai

STICK
Call me John.. John Chu

MATT MURDOCK
Thank you.

The two shake hands

COLLEGE - GRADUATION

We see the graduation class throw there hats up into the
air.

MATT MURDOCK
(V.O)
After graduating. Foggy and I moved
into a small office building in
Hell’s Kitchen. We started a law
firm.
We see a photo being taken of Matt and Foggy.

MATT’S APARTMENT

Matt stands in his living room. Stick is there, he is getting older and older

STICK
Matt.. i’m getting older

MATT MURDOCK
I know. Your heart rate is dropping

STICK
Don’t save me. The city needs you. Become the Man Without Fear. Show this city what it really needs... A hero.

MATT MURDOCK
I promise. How long do you have?

STICK
As long as you need me.

We see Matt pull out his dad’s old Jumper. He pulls out a sewing machine. He starts sewing pieces of material together to create a costume. He finds a leather mask, he starts pulling pieces of the mask apart and puts new pieces on, he then irons a massive logo onto the middle of the yellow chest "DD".

MATT MURDOCK
No one understood me before. Now the criminals fear me. For i have no fear. The city needs a hero. I am it’s hero. I am the Man Without Fear.. I am Daredevil

BUILDING ROOF

We see Daredevil in a yellow costume. He then starts to run and he leaps off the building.

FADE TO BLACK

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