

I'm the Little Brother

I'm the one who was never big enough, fast enough, strong enough.

I'm driven by proving the perpetual big brother voice wrong. Being doubted, disbelieved, and disrespected drives me. Fighting to survive and surprise as an underdog. Then one day you land a blow. You win a game of one on one. After years of trash talk and dismissal, you do it. And guess what? You get no credit. No acknowledgement. It's downplayed. Forgotten by everyone but you. You're still the little brother.

Par for the course. Bring it. I love to be underestimated. I love to fight the world and win.

That's the story that weaves through the back of my mind as I go about building my life. And it's the story that's working for me today.

My actual big brother is a good dude. He's probably my biggest supporter. This is not a story about true and false facts. It's a story about my identity in the universe. I am the little brother with something to prove. I always will be, no matter how much I prove. I choose to embrace it and be empowered by it. I will surprise all comers with the fight in me. I'm used to taking shots and getting back up.