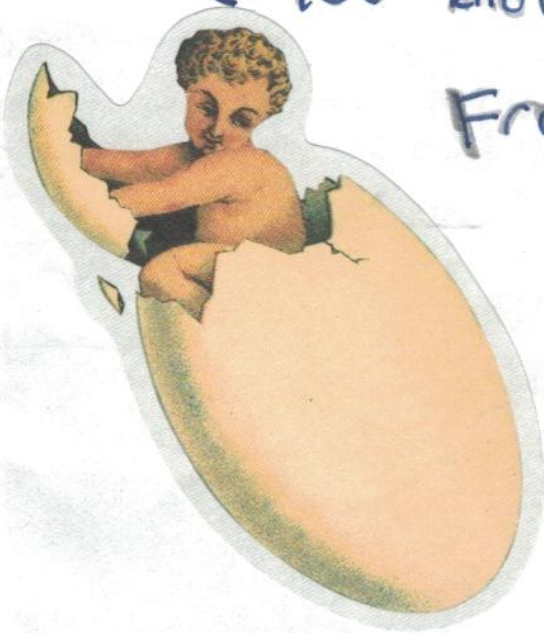


When I was
Younger I used to
think I was
Angel...

(you know....

From Buffy?)



A fictionkin
zine...

I struggled with anger issues as a pre-teen. I was diagnosed with a "conduct disorder" - considered a precursor to ASPID. [REDACTED]

They didn't know the truth. I actually had dissociative identity disorder and my anger was due to a traumatized alter. I will never believe that having any mental illness makes you a bad person...

every individual is unique and should be evaluated as such. ^{ee Every species} - TIMMS

The Orville,
3x07

... but many people judge based on pre-conceived notions, and the diagnosis was like a gaping, visible wound.

Troubled!

problem!

call the
cops!

No one is

bad for struggling...

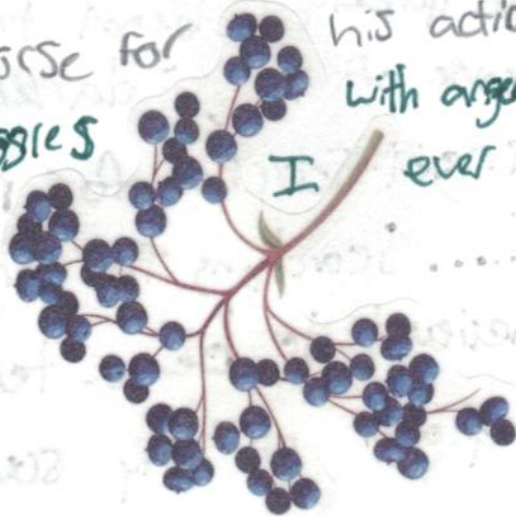
bad
kid!

My best friend at age 13 was very much a Buffy fan, so I watched it for her. Now... I don't really care for Buffy anymore, or this specific character, but at age 13, what I saw

Angel is a "vampire with a soul" - once a true monster in every sense of the word, now cursed to feel remorse for

The after who struggles
was the first after
remember having.

his actions
with anger
ever





Her name is Nyx, and she has always been in pain. None of it was her fault, but I didn't realize that for far too long. I blamed her, even before I knew who she was. I called her my Angels - Angel's evil side in the show.

I was aware of fictional communities around 2014, and quickly I began to believe I was Angel because of the "darkness" I was fighting.

Angel searches for redemption and so was I.... Searching for forgiveness for what I believed to be a terrible, irredeemable part of my soul.

BUT I
WAS JUST
A
KID



I
wasn't irredeemably evil.

I
was a 13 year old child with a dissociative disorder. I was scared. I hurt myself. I hurt others, and I couldn't understand why, and I couldn't stop it.



I wasn't a burden.



I needed help.

And we got it.

I was diagnosed
with D.I.D. at 23.

My trauma specialist is an amazing
woman who understands me in so many
ways.

And we're healing.

No, we're not Angel from Buffy.

And Nyx isn't

Angelus.

I'm still fictionkin
though.

Victor
Turlough!

Annon
Sheridan!

Jessica
Day!

Casey

Brinke!

I realized my true fictionkin
status watching 80's Doctor Who
at the age of 15.

And now I
understand myself
more than
I ever have.