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It was a hot summer day in August 2010 when my then-unknown condition showed symptoms I couldn't ignore any longer, and it was only three days later when I got my first misdiagnosis which was followed by [four years of more false diagnoses](#), wrong treatments, and physical harm to my body. As a 24-year-old, I was finally diagnosed with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome.

Usually, if I tell my story to other people outside the EDS community, they can hardly believe all that has happened to me. But I know I was one of the lucky ones because other people might collect even more misdiagnoses and for them,

it will take decades until they find out they have EDS.

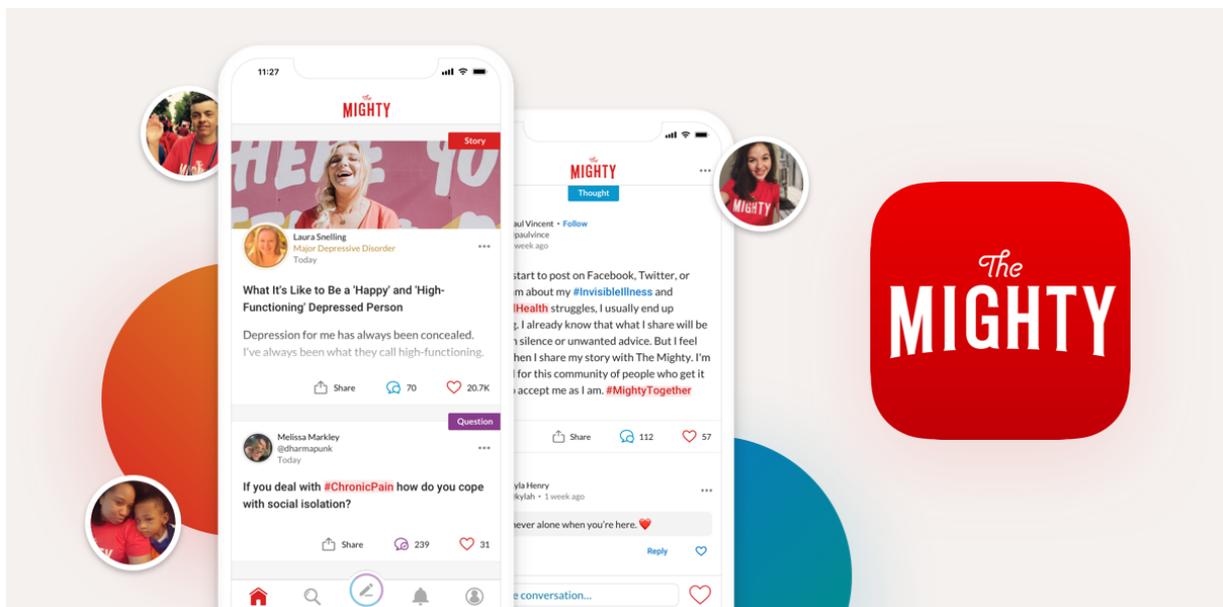
Unfortunately, **misdiagnoses are part of our lives**, and when it comes to EDS, the question isn't "Who has been misdiagnosed?" it is "Who hasn't?!" In fact, **one study found** that 56 percent of its participants had been misdiagnosed before receiving their EDS diagnosis.

The Mighty wanted to hear their stories and asked what consequences they had to deal with because of misdiagnoses. As always, I hope you enjoy **this week's featured story**.

And before you leave, there is one thing I want you to remember: You are not alone in this! You are strong! And you can get through this!

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Karina



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Today's question from the community:

Kat Harrison asked...

#ChronicPain is a cruel thief, but what can't it steal from you?

Chronic, daily #Migraine + constant flares of nerve pain have stolen so much from me. I miss the days of working full-time, being 100% independent, and running long distances like I used to.

But it can't take the small victories away from me. It can't steal my gratitude (when I can find it), and I will not let it wholly consume me.

What can't your illness or diagnosis steal out from under you?

Read the responses, and [answer](#) Kat yourself:

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Today's thought from the community:

Erica W wrote

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To the women who work through sunsets. To the women who dream to be stars. To the women who lead from the front even though they're lost inside. To the women who keep losing promotions to men. To the women raising kids alone. To the women who love with all their heart & yet are desperate to be loved. To the women who give & never receive. To the women who cry. To the women who feel forgotten. To the women fleeing from love because the love they know is force & hatred. To the women trying to hold it all together. To all the women east to west & north to south... I am you. I cry. I die a little inside. I pretend. I move on. I run. I judge. I give in. You are not alone. Let's lift each other up.

Read the responses, and [reply](#) to Erica yourself:

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