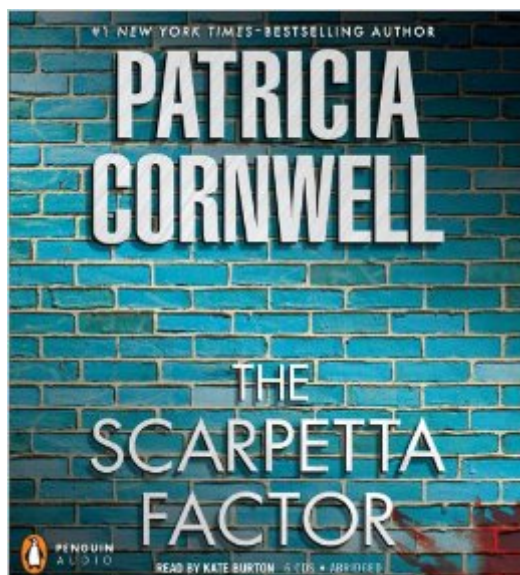


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on CNN hosting the Scarpetta Factor. That would be like you hosting CNBC. Ain't gonna happen. Kay's superiority came from her brains and moral compass -- not her jobs and not her money.<sup>7</sup> But what's wrong with being "just" an M.E. in NY or Boston anyway?

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