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As a child, **Matt Murdock** lost his sight due to an accident involving radioactive chemicals. But that same accident caused his other senses to become heightened, and now Matt uses his extraordinary abilities to fight for justice as the vigilante **Daredevil**!

Born deaf, **Maya Lopez**, A.K.A. **Echo**, was raised by the criminal **Kingpin** after he murdered her father. Maya eventually rejected the Kingpin and became a super hero thanks to the photographic reflexes that allow her to duplicate any action that she has witnessed and make her an unparalleled hand-to-hand combatant.

Together, they are...

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**THE PRESENT.  
WEST 57th ST.**

(ALSO KNOWN AS HELL'S KITCHEN.)

Every street  
has a story.

Bricks caked in  
blood, then paved  
over with concrete.


Skulls buried  
deep in dirt,  
later sprouting  
great oak trees.




New York is a living, breathing *being*--a creature with a memory as deep and dark as the Mariana Trench.

Unfortunately, we've forgotten the scars burned into our torrid past.






We bury it in Starbucks and Whole Foods, covering it in gentrification so we don't recall the time New York had a full-scale street war during the 1863 draft riots.




A time when bodies were dragged through the streets and strung up on lampposts.



We selectively forget the corrupt government run by Tammany Hall and its gang leader, Boss Tweed.

But maybe we aren't too far from that past, even with everything that's changed.

We recently had our own Boss Tweed--Mayor Wilson Fisk.



Seems to me we're doomed to repeat history over and over again until we get it right.



I CAN STILL SMELL THE GARBAGE THROUGH ALL THE PUMPKIN SPICE LATTES...

...AND UNDERNEATH THAT REEKS THE STENCH OF DEATH.

EVERY KITCHEN HAS ITS STENCH BURIED UNDER THE GOURMET PLATING. THIS KITCHEN'S NO DIFFERENT, ELEKTRA.

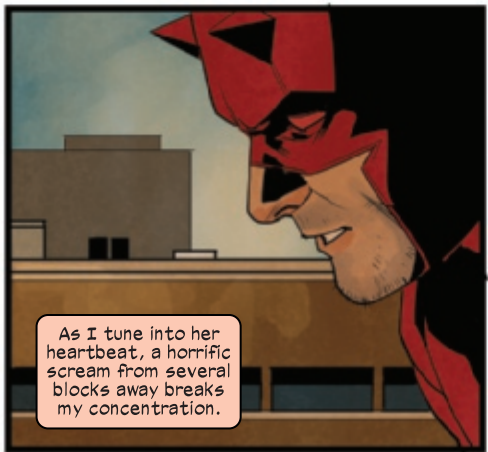
THEY EVER FIND THAT KILLER UP IN QUEENS? THE ONE WHO TOOK THE POUND OF FLESH?



NO, BUT THERE WAS ANOTHER ONE IN THE BRONX. AND THIS VICTIM WAS COMPLETELY SKINNED.



I hear something odd among the hustle and bustle of the streets below. An irregular heartbeat coming from a young child.



As I tune into her heartbeat, a horrific scream from several blocks away breaks my concentration.

