



Screening Report

Network:	FX	Screening Date:	9/29/2023
Program:	American Horror Story: Delicate		
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Program Type:	Drama	Repeat:	No
Episode Name:	Vanishing Twin		
Episode Code:	1204	Original Air Date/Time:	
Rating/Clarification:	TV-MA		

Advisory:

Viewer discretion is advised.

Disclaimer:

No Disclaimer

Synopsis:

In 1555 England, Queen Mary must give up her demonic baby to a couple cult members as part of a deal they made to ensure England's prosperity during Queen Mary's reign. In the present day, Siobhan hires those same cult members, Ashley and Ashleigh, to clean up Anna's image with a viral Instagram Reel. Unbeknownst to Anna, Siobhan and the director of Anna's hit film, Hamish, have made their own secret deal to ensure the success of the movie and Anna's career. After being diagnosed with a miscarriage, Anna learns the dead embryo was actually a vanishing twin and she's still pregnant. Dexter's mom Virginia unexpectedly visits and informs Dexter that she's suing his dad for years of Satanic ritual abuse. Experiencing an uncontrollable appetite, Anna eats a dead raccoon.

Areas of concern for this episode:

Abortion
Alcohol Reference
Animal Issue
Brand Mention
Brand Visible
Celebrity Reference
Domestic Abuse
Graphic Images
Historical Reference
Industry Related
Language
Religion
Sexism
Sexual Dialogue
Sexual Situation
Tobacco, Nicotine
Violence

Full Content Report:

Violence
Religion
Historical Reference

In Hampton Court, England, during the year 1555, a group of women gather outside a room where Queen Mary is going through labor. Mary's sister, Elizabeth, enters the room and congratulates her. Holding her baby, Mary grabs her belly and screams in pain. Elizabeth asks if the baby is a boy. Mary replies, "It's a monster." Elizabeth hears whispers and asks who else is in the room. A couple of black-cloaked women appear and tell Mary it's time. Elizabeth asks the women who they are. They reply, "You don't need to know yet. Your time will come." One woman says of the baby, "He has waited 6,000 years to be born." The baby reaches out with its claw. Mary begs the women not to take her baby. They reply, "You made a promise. The most fruitful reign in England's history in exchange for him." Elizabeth can't believe Mary promised to give up her child. The women tell her she will, too, or will become barren. Elizabeth screams with pain and falls to the ground. Mary orders Elizabeth to leave.

Opening credits.

Break 1 @ 6:00

Viewer discretion is advised.

In the present day, Anna takes a closer look at a dead raccoon in her yard. Dexter calls out to her from the house. She asks why he lied to her. "I saw you with Sonia in town." Dexter reminds her they're doing a pop-up gallery in the area. Anna tells him that she and Kumal saw Preecher in town. "I think she's the one who's been hacking into my calendar app." Dexter reminds her what Cora said, "She's a psycho freak who's always at the office spewing conspiracy theories." Anna notes Dexter wasn't there when Cora told her that, but Dexter says he was. Anna asks if they can go back to Dr. Hill to confirm she miscarried. "I felt something." Dexter agrees and steps away. Anna walks back over to the raccoon and stares at it.

Graphic Images
Industry Related
Animal Issue

Talia's house manager Nicolette asks Anna what she's holding. Anna says it's a dead animal, but she's not sure it's dead (the animal is wrapped in a blanket). "I'm seeing if I can nurse it back to life. Go home to your own baby, Nicolette." Anna brings the raccoon down to the basement and places it in a bassinet. A black cat hops through the window before hopping back out. Anna leaves the raccoon and heads back upstairs. She hears whispers and briefly heads back to the basement, only for the whispers to stop. She enters her bedroom and asks Dexter if he heard a noise coming from downstairs earlier. "I'm not making it up." Dexter replies, "I don't mean to be an asshole. I just want a normal life with my wife."

Language
Animal Issue

Break 2 @ 13:00

Viewer discretion is advised.

Before leaving the Hamptons with Dexter, Anna spots a black-cloaked woman staring at her. A moment later, the woman disappears. Anna and Dexter return to New York City. At Siobhan's office, Siobhan introduces the Ashleys to Anna (the Ashleys are played by the same actresses who appeared as black-cloaked women in 1555 England). Ashley says of her colleague, "Her name is with an i-g-h. I spell it the normal way." Ashleigh replies, "Fuck you, Ashley." Siobhan describes them as the top crisis PR experts in the country. "Your Q rating is in the toilet. We need to rehab your image." Anna replies, "I thought that's why you got me the cover of Vogue." Siobhan says, "One Vogue cover isn't going to cut it. These ladies have repped Demi Lovato, Louis CK, Will and Jada, Paula Deen, Vanessa Lachey, and Meryl Streep." Anna asks, "So, what, I go on 'The View' and tell some story about..." Ashleigh and Ashley tell her "The View" died before Barbara Walters did. They add, "You're going to make a Reel." Anna replies, "No, I'm getting off Instagram for my mental health." Ashleigh asks, "What's worse for your mental health: a harmless app or the death of your dream?" Ashley says they're going to revive her by creating her own viral feminist anthem. Siobhan interjects, "These ladies can turn a shit sandwich into a faberge egg."

Brand Mention (3)
Language
Celebrity Reference

As Anna shows Kumal to the guest room in her New York City apartment, she spots a motion-sensor camera on the ceiling and asks what it is. Kumal says his security company installed it. Anna enters her bathroom and is shocked to see Dexter's mom Virginia. Virginia says she wanted to welcome them home and help them during their difficult time. She asks for a few minutes alone with Dexter, and calls him "the balanced one" in the marriage. Dexter tells her she has no idea what Anna has been through. "She just had a miscarriage." Virginia apologizes before switching topics to her lawsuit against Dexter's dad. "I need you to testify on my behalf."

Industry Related

While running her fingers through her hair, Anna accidentally pulls out a couple clumps. She

Industry Related (2)

walks over to her mirror, which still has "don't do it, Anna" written on it, and smashes the glass to pieces.

Break 3 @ 20:00

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At Dr. Hill's office, he performs an ultrasound on Anna and is shocked to find a heartbeat. He theorizes she experienced "vanishing twin syndrome." "When a woman is pregnant with multiples and one of the embryos isn't viable, that embryo is expelled. It can be difficult to determine if a woman is pregnant with multiples until 12 weeks or so, but this is good news." As Anna and Dexter walk to their Cadillac Escalade in the parking garage, Anna spots Ivy smoking a cigarette in the distance. A moment later, Ivy disappears.

Brand Visible
Tobacco, Nicotine

At Siobhan's apartment, Hamish orgasms off camera. Siobhan comments, "It's incredible that you cum even faster the more often we fuck." Hamish replies, "It's your fault. You're amazing." Siobhan reminds him he's not allowed to tell Anna. Hamish replies, "But I love you." Siobhan calls him pathetic. "I'm using you and you're using me. There's nothing wrong with transactional sex. By the way, I saw that interview you did with GQ Online. When they asked you how you came up with the plot of 'Auteur' and you said, 'It just came to me,' you sounded even stupider than you already are. We know what happened, but no one else can. Otherwise, I break your dick off."

Sexual Situation
Brand Mention
Sexual Dialogue
Language

Break 4 @ 25:00

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In her viral reel, Anna says she'll vomit if she has to, and bleed if she needs to, because it's her body. "It's called menstruation. Deal with it. If men could do it, it would be considered a sacrament. It's my body. I'll make myself orgasm if I have to. Men do it on average five times a week. Women? Five times a year. It's my body. I'll get an abortion if I need to. No more shame over sickness, sexual acts, natural acts. And about that recent viral moment where I got sick on stage, you made me feel bad, social media. You made me cry. But you know what? No more tears. I didn't get sick because I drank too much or ate too many carbs on Ozempic. And if you are on Ozempic, it's your body. I got sick because I got pregnant." Ashley points out that Taylor Swift reposted the Reel. Ashleigh replies, "We're fucking geniuses."

Brand Mention (2)
Abortion
Industry Related (2)
Sexual Dialogue
Alcohol Reference
Language
Celebrity Reference
Sexism

Dexter eats lunch with Virginia, who doesn't understand why modern women feel the need to get pregnant. "We didn't have a choice in my day. Abortion was butchery. The idea of a married woman getting an abortion was unheard of, unless you were poor." Dexter says Anna really wants to be a mom, in part because hers died when she was only three. Virginia calls babies accessories. "Why a woman would want a baby over a collection of fine German vibrators is beyond me." Dexter switches topics to her lawsuit against Dad. Virginia says her psychotherapist has helped her recover memories of Satanic ritual abuse. "I must reclaim my power." Dexter assures her that Dad didn't Satanically abuse her, but she says he spent years drugging and physically abusing her. Dexter replies, "Jesus, fuck." Virginia counters, "Jesus has nothing to do with this. Satan does."

Domestic Abuse
Abortion
Religion
Industry Related (2)
Sexual Dialogue
Language

Anna and Dexter return to Talia's Hamptons house. Nicolette congratulates Anna on her pregnancy and hands her flowers that someone sent her. She also praises her Reel, calling it inspirational, and says she could sense she was pregnant. She adds, "It feels like a sisterhood." Anna opens the card on the flowers, which reads, "You can't trust any of them."

Brand Mention

Break 5 @ 32:00

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Anna wakes up in the middle of the night and hears a noise coming from the fridge. When she opens it, all she sees are pickles and a pint of Ben & Jerry's ice cream. She grabs both items. When she opens the drawer to grab a spoon, she finds a photo of Dexter with Sonia, Talia, and Theo. Sonia's hair transforms from blonde to brunette and changes styles. Anna puts the photo back and digs into the ice cream and pickles. After finishing each container, she hears whispers coming from the basement and walks downstairs to check it out. While trying to open the secret door, she stumbles and hits her head, knocking herself out. She wakes up in the morning and checks on the dead raccoon in the bassinet. She receives a

Brand Visible
Graphic Images
Industry Related
Animal Issue

notification on her phone and learns she was nominated for a Golden Globe. She picks up the raccoon and begins eating it, covering her mouth in blood.

End credits.

Client-Specific Information:

	Type	Length
Vogue	Brand Mention	NA
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ABC TV	Brand Mention	NA
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Cadillac	Brand Visible	00:05
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GQ Magazine	Brand Mention	NA
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Ozempic	Brand Mention	NA
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Ben & Jerry's	Brand Visible	00:15
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Telecommunications-Internet	Industry Related	NA
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Home Electronics	Industry Related	NA
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Home Furnishings

Industry Related

NA

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Personal Care

Industry Related

NA

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Social Media

Industry Related

NA

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Food

Industry Related

NA

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Pharmaceutical

Industry Related

NA

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Program Overview:

After multiple failed attempts of IVF, actress Anna Victoria Alcott wants nothing more than to start a family. As the buzz around her recent film grows, she fears that something may be targeting her, and her pursuit of motherhood.

Cast:

Anna Victoria Alcott, a successful actress who turns to IVF in an effort to get pregnant. Played by Emma Roberts.

Siobhan Walsh, Anna's publicist and best friend, who may not have Anna's best interests at heart. She met Anna at an IVF support group after failing to get pregnant herself. Played by Kim Kardashian.

Ivy, a mysterious woman who may be trying to harm Anna and her baby. Played by Cara Delevigne.

Dr. Andrew Hill, Anna's fertility doctor. Played by Denis O'Hare.

Dexter Harding, Anna's husband and an art gallerist whose first wife Adeline died in a kitchen fire while working as a chef. Played by Matt Czuchry.

Ms. Preecher, a mysterious elderly woman who's harassing Anna for unknown reasons. Played by Julie White.

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