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AMERICAN HORROR STORY

Pilot, Season 1, Episode 1

Vivien Harmon- Ben Harmon

A family relocates to Los Angeles to try to restart their lives. Interior of the Harmon house as Vivien is taking down wallpaper.

BEN I always thought you were prettiest like this. No make-up. Messy hair. A little sweaty.

VIVIEN I'm old.

BEN Stop. You're beautiful. You are. Violet won't be home for an hour.

VIVIEN No. Okay Ben... No.

BEN Come on

VIVIEN Ben, No! I'm sorry. It's just....

BEN How long Viv? How long are you gonna punish me for?

VIVIEN I'm not punishing you, you narcissistic asshole! I'm trying to figure out how to forgive you for having sex with one of your students. You want me to have sex with you? I can't even look at your face Ben without seeing the expression on it while you were piledriving her in our Bed!

BEN I screwed up! How many times do I have to say it? I'm sorry! I was hurting too!

VIVIEN Oh, I'm sorry....

BEN (overlapping) What?

VIVIEN I'm sorry did the life that was growing inside of you die and did you have to carry that around in your belly? The dead corpse of our baby son? Did you have to go into labor and deliver our child? Dead?

BEN My son died too! My baby died too!

VIVIEN And you buried your sorrow in some 21 year old's pussy.

BEN You know, I could show you statistics on how many men cheat after a miscarriage. I was there for you Viv, I was patient, and understanding, and caring, and I put YOUR feelings first.

VIVIEN My. Hero.

BEN You know, I don't even know how to say this without coming off as an asshole. I really don't

VIVIEN You know, just go ahead. Really. Never stopped you before. You're so angry? Why don't you really tell it like it is. Six months of therapy with you apologizing, and crying was bullshit. So please: tell me how you really feel.

BEN You got a dog. I needed you and you got a dog. It was me you should've been curling up with at night, not a dog!

VIVIEN Oh, so....

BEN I needed you

VIVIEN You needed me so she was revenge because you needed me- because I wasn't there for you in your time of need!? Now I get it!

BEN We haven't had sex in almost a year.

VIVIEN Yeah? You think I don't know that?

BEN October 20th. We had great sex Viv, it was loving and sexy and personal, even a little... even a little weird. (pause) I love you. I moved across country for you. Because in all my life the only thing I've been truly scared of is losing you, losing this family. Something horrible happened to us and we handled it even more horribly. But this... this place is our second chance Viv. It's our second chance. But I just... I just need to know that you want it too.