

Dexter Season 2: The Dark Passenger Unleashed

Season 2 begins with Dexter struggling to satisfy his Dark Passenger after killing his brother, Brian. His kills are sloppy, and he can't find satisfaction. The season's major plot point is the discovery of Dexter's victim disposal site, a sunken cache of bodies, by divers. This leads to the "Bay Harbor Butcher" investigation, which is led by FBI Special Agent Frank Lundy. The Miami Metro team, including Debra, Doakes, and LaGuerta, are all working on the case, unaware the killer is Dexter.

Sergeant James Doakes becomes increasingly suspicious of Dexter, relentlessly investigating his odd behavior. Doakes discovers Dexter's blood slide collection and realizes Dexter is the Bay Harbor Butcher, leading to a tense pursuit. Dexter manages to frame Doakes as the Butcher, a narrative that eventually takes hold.

Rita Bennett becomes more central this season, suspecting Dexter of having a drug problem, which he uses as a cover for his nocturnal activities. He attends Narcotics Anonymous meetings, where he meets Lila Tournay (also known as Lila West), a seductive and manipulative artist who becomes obsessed with Dexter's "darkness." Lila encourages Dexter's true nature, threatening his relationship with Rita and putting Astor and Cody in danger. Ultimately, Dexter realizes Lila is a dangerous influence and must be dealt with according to Harry's Code. After killing Doakes in self-defense (indirectly, by leaving him trapped with Lila), Lila escapes and pursues Dexter's family, forcing Dexter to track her down and kill her in Paris to protect Rita and her children. The season concludes with Doakes being officially declared the Bay Harbor Butcher, and Dexter's secret remains safe, for now.