

## **SEVEN**

Serial Killer Thriller
Written by Andrew Kevin Walker
Directed by David Fincher
Running Time: 121 minutes

## **Excerpt from FULL STORY MAP**

16 - Somerset is given the obese man murder, while Mills gets a new case...

18 - **STRONG MOVEMENT FORWARD:** Mills investigates the crime scene of Defense Attorney Eli Gould, killed in his office. On the floor is the word "**Greed**" written in blood.



23 - Somerset returns to the obese man crime scene and finds the word "**Gluttony**" written on the wall behind the refrigerator. Somerset was correct: this is a <u>pattern</u> of murder. A serial killer is loose.

Somerset explains the Seven Deadly Sins to Mills and his Captain: Gluttony, Greed, Sloth, Envy, Wrath, Pride, Lust. <u>TICKING TIME CLOCK</u>: Stop the killer before he finishes all seven murders.

Somerset bows out of the investigation. Mills takes the case.

- 27 **END OF ACT ONE TURN:** Somerset visits the library, after hours, and finds connections to Dante's *The Divine Comedy*, the Seven Deadly Sins, levels of hell, etc. He makes copies of his research.
- 29 **DECISION:** Somerset drops an envelope with his research on Mills' desk, breaking his promise that he would not get involved in the case.
- 30 Somerset gives his desk to Mills.

## **ACT TWO-A**

- 39 **FIRST TRIAL**: After a friendly dinner with Mills' wife, TRACY, Mills and Somerset work together on the case. They find picture of Eli Gould's wife.
- 43 **FIRST CASUALTY:** Eli Gould's wife, devastated, looks at the crime scene photos and breaks down. Just as the detectives are about to leave, she notices that a painting in Eli's office is upside down. Mills and Somerset return to the crime scene.



- 45 **COMBAT:** They find the killer's first major clue: fingerprints spell out "Help Me" on the wall behind the painting.
- 52-54 **MIDPOINT (EXTERNAL):** The fingerprints come back from the lab; they belong to a known felon named Victor. The SWAT Team storms Victor's apartment, finding his skeletal corpse in bed, labeled "**Sloth**." Photos left behind by the killer confirm Victor was starved for exactly one year. The killer has escalated in his twisted pathology. Victor wakes up, barely alive.

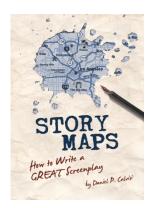


54 - **Setup**: A photographer takes a photo of Mills—Mills chases him off.



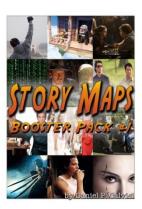
57 - **MIDPOINT (INTERNAL):** Somerset meets with Tracy Mills. Tracy hates the city. She is pregnant and unsure if she wants to have a baby in such a terrible place.

60 - Somerset tells Tracy his story about his exgirlfriend getting pregnant...



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