

## Wendell Thomas breakdown

Protagonist: Dom

Antagonist: Jenn Mad (or Mad's mother?)

Love interest: Mad Maddy

## Recurring Images/References

- Dom travel sickness and fear of water
  - Meet on plane
  - Meet on mail boat
  - Scuba vomiting
  - Learns to look at the horizon, look forward, stay away from diesel.
  
- City vs. island life. – great contrast. Ex in NY or Miami.
- Turtle – to appear three or four times
  - Rescued injured
  - Being looked after recovering
  - Saving Dom from drowning
  - Happy ending – on beach laying eggs or swimming off, or both
- Crab – three times?
  - When he arrives on the beach
  - When he goes into the hut – flung into fish tank
  - Later looking fat, no fish left
  - Taken to release it's eggs and released – symbol of hope?
  
- Coconut
  - Nearly falling on him
  - Twice near the start – Poasa – two eyes, three eyes
  - Then at the end on the bad guy?
- Island music
  - Maddy singing in Miami
  - Maddy singing in Nassau
  - Maddy singing in Red Bay festival
  - Dom puts Maddy on the internet
  - Becomes a sensation

## Storylines:

- A. Dom and Mad
- B. Dom and demons
- C. Dom and Maddy's mother
- D. Dom and the turtle
- E. Dom and his ex, Jenn
- F. Mad and demons
- G. Mad and singing career
- H. Maddy and her mother
- I. Dom and Angela subplot – not love for complications
- J. Mad's ex and Angela – love
- K. Protecting the island life and flora and fauna

## Main Plot Points:

Inciting Incident – Dom's wife leaves him when he loses his job.

Dom and Mad meet on the plane

Question – can Dom recover from disaster and Mad get together and be happy and grow?

1<sup>st</sup> Act Break    Dom buys an Inn on Andros while drunk

Plan A    Upside Andros and Mad, Downside the inn is a dump.

Complication    Mad brings around the turtle

Dom decides to give the inn a go

Dom is scared of everything on the island

He decides to develop the inn with concrete bunkers and a marina

MidPoint    Mad hates the idea of a big inn and storms off, leaving him with the turtle, the rundown inn and a fear of going outside.

Complication    Mad and her ex take him diving. Falls in love with underwater and commits to staying. She comes back to feed the turtle. She's late. Dom's already feeding even though he hates it.

Turtle – Maddy sets up a heat pad? Extraction fan to get rid of the smell? Turtle decides it's out of there and bumps the electrical on the way out.

He goes out diving or snorkelling on his own – to look for turtle? Drowns and is rescued by turtle. When he hits the surface, Maddy, her ex and Angela are there and help him out. It's clear that the ex and Angela are getting along really well. Maddy smiles at him.

He and Mad talk about their problems and bond. No turning back, he's in love. He loves the nature, he loves the water, the bird. He agrees to run the inn with Maddy – just give it a paint job. It won't work but he's very scared.

2<sup>nd</sup> Act Break    Meanwhile the Inn burns down – he’s left with nothing.  
                                 Mad turns up with her ex to help put it out. Maddy’s mum dies in the fire.

Blindside        Angela – conservation area brings the mail.  
                                 Inn was insured.  
                                 Mad’s ex takes him to release the crab babies.

Climax            Mad turns up with Angela and they couple up.

Ending            He’s having a party for everyone on the island. Maddy is singing with the band. She’s  
happy. When she finishes she comes down and links arms with arms with