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The Woman of Mystery
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In 1898, a young boy watches in horror as his father is stabbed to death by a mysterious woman wearing a black lace scarf and an ornate brooch. Years later, when he arrives with his new bride at the chateau that was part of her dowry, he sees in a portrait the face of his father's murderer, wearing the same black lace and brooch -- his wife's late mother. Then he himself is attacked by a man resembling that same woman. Torn between love and repulsion for his bride, and plagued by self-doubt, he answers the call to arms as world war begins. And in that war lies the answer to questions that have tormented him since the night of the original murder. - Summary by Jacquerie

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