

The Secret Life

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"He always enjoyed a secret life."

The second home in Cap Ferrat;
the boyfriend and the wife;
the pied-a-terre in London,
the ambassadorship in Spain; one
bank account in Montreal, one bank
account in France; the Picasso that
he pondered, won at the highest price.
The bespoke suits and the baseball cap,
the way he learned Walloon; his penchant
for the opera, his acumen for fame.
The silver urn of ashes inscribed
with his unknown name.

