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THE COLLECTOR

First shells, then stamps. Beer cans as a teenager; later, fine wine.

Shrewdness + sangfroid = Success. Big time.

Cars: Ferraris, Buggatis, a '63 Stingray.

Houses: Paris, Moscow, Barbados.

Children? "No. Me live to play!"

Marriage? "Confining."

The first dint of infirmity and suddenly too many things.

Birth of a new interest: meditation. Let go of your thoughts and focus on the present, *be here now*.

Some progress, then a plateau. The mind is sneaky.

And now, a decade later here in The Home, now always and only and nothing but.

"Sorry, who are you again?"