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The Strange Case of Madame D (an excerpt)

Madame D - Maybe it's just opportunity. Suppose you were living night and day near an enormous bomb. And all you had to do to set it off was push a button. One fine day you'd just do it. You live with a person for years and years and one evening the idea occurs to you. Just kill her! At first you think - If I can have the idea, I could actually do it, but of course you don't have any intention of doing it. Then you think that someone else in your shoes might do it, someone else who had a good reason. But there's always a good reason . . . her pork stew for instance . . . and someone else in your situation, someone who wasn't so weak, someone who wasn't as weak as you *would* do it. So, that's how it goes along until . . . murder.