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# THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK

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**O**NE NIGHT IN THE YEAR 1661, THE STEPS OF THREE MEN RESOUNDED IN THE COURTYARD OF THE BASTILLE. THE TURNKEY, WHO LED THE WAY, HELD HIS HEAD DOWN. HE SEEMED AFRAID TO KEEP HIS EARS OPEN. IN THESE TOWERS SECRETS WERE BURIED AS WELL AS MEN-- SECRETS OF THE MIGHTY, SECRETS SO TERRIBLE THAT EVEN TO KNOW OF THEIR EXISTENCE COULD COST A MAN HIS LIFE.





