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# *NANA*

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TRANSLATION

## Nana—Her Rise and Fall

At the head of the scarlet list of literature's most vivid courtesans stands Nana. Rich men left their fortunes, their titles, and their honor at her feet. Poor men left their love and even their lives.

Voluptuous and violent, she created a world of luxury which revolved about her person. She squandered fortunes, ruined reputations, and flaunted her successes with sublime abandon and contempt. Her reign over the men of Parisian society was absolute. Her power was passion.

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