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You're traveling through
another dimension,
a dimension not only of sight and sound
but of mind;
a journey into a wondrous land
whose boundaries
are that of imagination.
That's the signpost up ahead—
your next stop,
the Twilight Zone!















MAPLE STREET, U.S.A., LATE SUMMER. A TREE-LINED LITTLE ROAD OF FRONT-PORCH GLIDERS, BARBECUES, THE LAUGHTER OF CHILDREN, AND THE BELL OF AN ICE-CREAM VENDOR. AT THE SOUND OF THE ROAR AND THE FLASH OF LIGHT, IT WILL BE PRECISELY 6:43 P.M.

THIS IS MAPLE STREET ON A LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

MAPLE STREET IN THE LAST CALM AND REFLECTIVE MOMENT . . .

SHHHHHHHRRRRRRRR

. . . BEFORE THE MONSTERS COME!

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