

“Man Down”

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Opening narration:

Please make a mental note of what you have just seen, for as of this moment you are a material witness to a man's death. Not just of the crumpled figure lying in the street whose last, scared gasps drift away in a cloud of smoke. But of the man with the badge who stands over him, weapon drawn. For Officer Roberts doesn't know it yet, but the odd resemblance he bears to the deceased is not a coincidence but a clue. It's part of the trail of evidence that leads directly from this dimly lit street corner into the darkest precincts of the Twilight Zone.

Closing narration:

It's been said that some part of the executioner dies with every execution. For every life is tied to every other in a vast fabric whose threads reach from the deepest recesses of the human heart into the very heart of the Twilight Zone.