

“We Always Go To Coney Island”

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### Opening Narration

Snapshot from a summer afternoon: one George Maguire, on vacation from his lab and his troubles; his companion, wife Doris. There's not a cloud in the sky, for they all seem to have taken up residence in George's mind: their work, their shared lives, obscured by a mental thunderstorm—with the nagging suspicion that Doris has the only umbrella. Forecast for the day: sunny, with a chance of nightmare...in the Twilight Zone.

### Closing Narration

A moment of silence for George Maguire, an electronic refugee from the last war of humankind. Though a cold atomic wind rises outside the lab, inside the machine, the sun is always shining on the beach blanket of his digital doppelganger. Was it his wife's last act of mercy, or eternal imprisonment? George Maguire has an eternity to consider the question—forever living their last day together, strolling the boardwalk...into the Twilight Zone.