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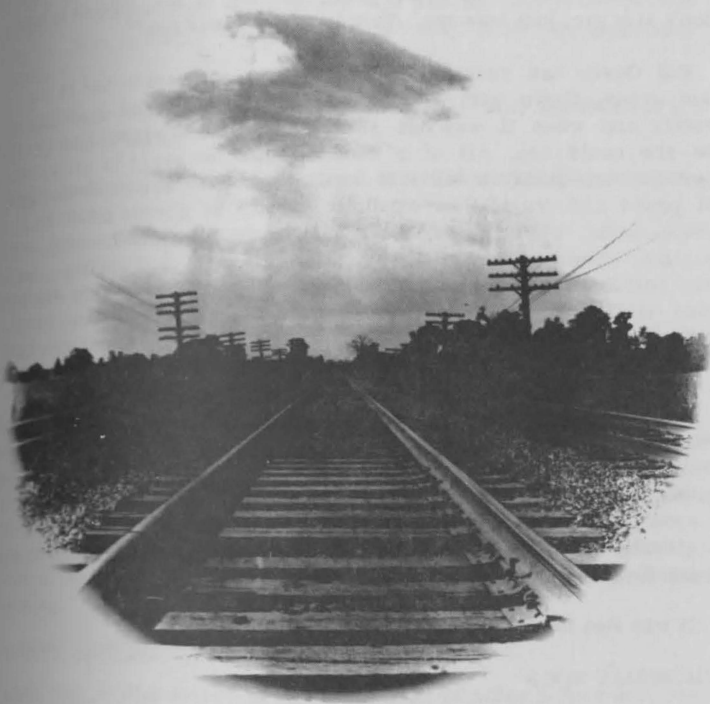


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THURSDAY MORNING

Beneath a white plaster ceiling, stretched out on a soft blue sofa, lay Marcia, thirty, blonde haired, blue eyed, beautiful bodied wife of one, mother of none, fourth of four. That was how she thought the little paragraph after her name in *Who's Not Who* should look. Fourth of four Morley sisters, one of the blonde haired, blue eyed, (no one seemed to notice she had grey eyes), laughing girls, the popular girls, the ones that were good to be seen with, fun to be with. The sisters with the smiling face, teasing eyes---a face which Cynthia and Sharon and Beth came to naturally but which Marcia had to struggle to put on. Yet her outside had covered up her inside so well that no one ever knew how bored she was or how much she just wanted to talk to someone---not laugh or play word games, just talk---to let out her inside. But no one cared to talk, not over clamoring voices and the deafening beat of a band. And then her sisters had married, moved away, leaving her to be a Morley girl when she was no longer just a girl.

Pictures paraded before her, floating in and out of her mind. Parties, tense laughter, tight little groups of people speaking but not