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> Reflections on Buddy Holly's last days lead to the Doom Town where the American government tested the effects of nuclear weapons on

suburban populations. Liberace's last days are juxtaposed with the entertainment complex the military built around weapons