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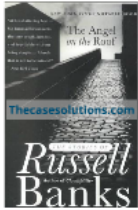
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The story is about a group of soldiers who try to kill a large fish. After failing to succeed several times, they attract attention of the civilians in the area. Soon, the fish is worshiped, people come from all over the country to see it and take water from the lake. In the end, so much water is taken that the water level drops to the point where the fish dies. They buried it ceremonially.



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• The fish
"When Colonel Tung's
attempt to destroy the
fish failed, everyone was
astonished" (619).



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