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When PAUKER Ana fell into a river, three persons rescued her. She granted them three wishes. The first asked her to arrange things for him with the Party as he was in a quandary. The second complained of his salary. The third begged PAUKER never to let anybody know that he had saved her life.

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EVAL. COMMENT:

The point lies in the confirmation of the widespread opinion in Rumania, according to which the Communist regime is a transitory one and everybody will have to render account of his deeds.