

Change the verbs in brackets into the correct form of simple past tense.

Once, a fisherman named Batara Guru Sahala ¹ _____ (live) in Batak Land. One day, he ² _____ (catch) a fish. He ³ _____ (be) surprised to find that the fish ⁴ _____ (can) talk. It ⁵ _____ (beg) Sahala to set it free. He ⁶ _____ (do) accordingly.

As soon as the fish ⁷ _____ (be) free, it ⁸ _____ (change) into a woman. She ⁹ _____ (be) so beautiful that Sahala ¹⁰ _____ (fall) in love at once. He ¹¹ _____ (ask) her to marry him. The woman ¹² _____ (agree) to marry Sahala. However, she ¹³ _____ (tell) him that he must never let out the secret that she ¹⁴ _____ (be) once a fish. Sahala ¹⁵ _____ (promise) that he ¹⁶ _____ (will) not tell anyone about it.

They ¹⁷ _____ (be) happily married and ¹⁸ _____ (have) two daughters. Every morning Sahala ¹⁹ _____ (go) out fishing. However, instead of bringing the food to their father, the two girls ²⁰ _____ (eat) it. When Sahala ²¹ _____ (know) what they had done to the meal, he ²² _____ (become) very angry. He ²³ _____ (shout) at them saying, "You ²⁴ _____ (behave) exactly like the daughters of the fish!"

They ²⁵ _____ (do) not know what their father ²⁶ _____ (mean). They ²⁷ _____ (go) home and ²⁸ _____ (ask) their mother about it. Their mother ²⁹ _____ (be) very upset. Although Sahala ³⁰ _____ (apologize) to her, she ³¹ _____ (will) not forgive him for breaking his promise.

Then the earth ³² _____ (begin) to shake, and the volcano ³³ _____ (start) to erupt. The earth ³⁴ _____ (crack) and ³⁵ _____ (form) a big hole. It is said that the hole became Lake Toba.