

“A Well-Oiled Machine”

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Opening Narration

Meet Albert Steele, a brilliant and successful industrial engineer whose contentment with the orderliness of his life is matched by his pride in the precision and exactitude of his work. What he is about to encounter beginning in the next few moments, then, will teach him about the fragility of the material world, and this will test his patience, his belief in logic, and even his understanding of himself.

Closing Narration

Everything that Albert Steele touches insists on breaking, failing, and shattering, and it appears that the trend will continue into the foreseeable future. His career has ended in disgrace after the collapse of the Ricks River Bridge. He lives now in a world of chaos and disorder that makes him irritable sometimes, but he is learning to accept his situation and has gained a newfound sense of humor, necessary components of existence for anyone who drifts unwittingly into the Twilight Zone.