

SYNOPSIS

George and Lennie walking to a nearby farm in order to get the harvesting job. They stop by a stream for a rest. During the stop, George often has to remind his big simple minded friend, Lennie, to be careful about anything he does, since there has been already difficulties caused by Lennie's disability to control himself. Also for these reasons, George reminds Lennie not to say anything when they have the interview next morning. That night, George decides to camp at that place.

During the interview, when George answers all the questions asked to Lennie, the boss becomes suspicious. George explains that his friend is not bright, but is a tremendous worker if one only shows him what to do. The boss's son, Curley, a small guy, comes to the bunkhouse looking for his wife and asks Lennie some questions. He teases Lennie since he hates the big men. Lennie is frightened something will happen, but George reminds him that he can go to the place nearby the stream if anything wrong happens.

That night, in the bunkhouse, Candy an old crippled helper has to allow Carlson to shoot his old dog since it stinks so badly. Suddenly, Curley comes in and asking for his wife again and leaves immediately when he hears that Slim, the wagon driver, is down at the barn. The other hands

follow him to the barn and see if there will be a fight. After they leave, Lennie wants George to tell about their plan to have their own place and the rabbits they will tend. Candy hears it and wants to give all his money to join the plan, and they accept his proposal good heartedly. When Curley and the other hands returns from the barn, he sees Lennie grinning, he begins hitting him. George finally has to tell Lennie to hit him back, and Lennie crushes Curley's hand

On Saturday night, everyone is in town except Lennie, Old Candy and Crooks, the Negro stable keeper. Lennie tells Crooks about the three men's plan. And after the Negro is convinced, he would like to join them and work for nothing. Curley's wife comes in the shed and is told that she is not wanted. However, she forces her presence, and remains until she hears the other men returning from town.

The next day, Lennie accidentally kills a puppy by playing it too hard. Curley's wife comes in and tries to talk to him, and after discovering that Lennie likes to feel and pet soft things, she tells him that he can rub her long, soft hair. However, Lennie strikes it too hard, it makes her frightened, and she begins to scream. Lennie becomes panic, he hold her so tightly and breaks her neck. He realizes that he has done something wrong and knows that he has to go to the hiding place nearby the river.

Later, Candy comes into the barns and finds the girl's body. He calls George, and they both know that Lennie killed her. George asks Candy to wait a few seconds before he calls the others and George slips into the bunkhouse and steals Carlson's gun. When Curley comes and sees his murdered wife, he determines to kill Lennie.

George goes straight to the riverside and he finds Lennie. Lennie asks to be told about the place and the rabbits they are going to own someday. George then asks Lennie to look across the river and imagine the place and the rabbits. George continues the story until he hears the others approaching, then he shoots Lennie. Curley and the others arrive and congratulate George for killing Lennie.