

Of Mice and Men

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 - 1 Because Lennie had the mind of a child. He would have lost his work card if George had let him keep it.
 - 2 George said that if the boss found out that Lennie was stupid, they would not get the job. But Lennie was strong. If the boss saw him working, they would be OK.
 - 3 Because he was very strong and always stroked his mice too hard.
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 - 1 Because Lennie had been accused of trying to hurt a girl in Weed. In fact, he had just wanted to touch her dress, but when the girl tried to move away and Lennie held on to her dress, she started screaming.
 - 2 Because he always killed mice. George thought that perhaps he would not kill a puppy.
 - 3 Because George said that they had something in the future. They also had each other; they could talk to each other and forget other lonely people.
 - 4 George and Lennie hoped that some day they would have enough money to buy a house. It would have a garden with some rabbits in cages.
 - 5 He told him to come to the place where they were eating their supper and hide among the trees.
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 - 1 He did not want the boss to know that Lennie had the mind of a child.
 - 2 Because his father was the boss.
 - 3 He thought she was a whore.
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 - 1 He said that he had seen men like Curley before. He thought that Curley would soon hit Lennie and start trouble.
 - 2 Yes. He was staring at her face and body and thought she was very pretty.
 - 3 To leave the ranch and get some work looking for gold.
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 - 1 He said that Lennie could pick up more barley than two men working together.
 - 2 He wanted George to ask Slim if he could have one of his puppies.
 - 3 His wife.
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 - 1 Because Lennie nearly drowned when George told him to jump into the Sacramento River. Lennie couldn't swim, but he did just what George told him.
 - 2 Because he couldn't think what else to do.
 - 3 They wanted to hang him without a trial.
 - 4 Because it was only a day old. It had to sleep with its mother.
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 - 1 He said that the dog was suffering all the time and that it was cruel to keep it alive.
 - 2 He shot it in the back of its head.
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 - 1 He was taking the puppies out of the nest and stroking them.
 - 2 George thought there would be a lot of trouble because of Curley's wife. He didn't think a ranch with a lot of men was the right place for a girl to live, especially a girl like her.
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 - 1 He said that it wasn't good for them.
 - 2 The rabbits.
 - 3 He said he could help them buy their ranch. He could pay three hundred and fifty dollars. He would cook, look after the chickens and do a few jobs in the garden.
 - 4 He thought he should have shot the dog himself. He shouldn't have let a stranger shoot it.

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- 1 They had been quarrelling because Curley thought his wife was with Slim.
 - 2 Curley wanted to fight someone, but he did not want to fight Slim or Carlson. Lennie was smiling because he was still thinking about buying the ranch. Curley said Lennie was laughing at him so that he could fight Lennie instead.
 - 3 That Lennie's hand was so strong that it made Curley's hand look as if it had been crushed in a machine.
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- 1 Because he was the only black person on the ranch, and the other men did not talk to him because he was black.
 - 2 Because he asked them if he could come and work on their ranch.
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- 1 Because she said she knew that he had gone to Soledad with the other men.
 - 2 No, she didn't. She was tired of having to listen to him always telling her that he was going to fight somebody.
 - 3 Crooks, Candy and Curley's wife.
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- 1 Lennie had pressed its head too hard.
 - 2 She said she was terribly lonely and that nobody at the ranch cared about her life.
 - 3 She liked to stroke it herself because it was so soft, and Lennie said he liked stroking nice, soft things. Perhaps Curley's wife thought that if Lennie stroked her hair she wouldn't feel so lonely.
 - 4 He put his hand over her mouth and nose.
 - 5 He was going to hide in the trees by the river. George had told him to hide there if he got into trouble.
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- 1 He did not answer the question.
 - 2 No. He knew that Lennie would hide in the trees.
 - 3 He thought that Lennie had stolen it. However, it is not likely that Lennie did steal it, as he was a kind man.
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- 1 George.
 - 2 George was Lennie's friend and he had known him all his life. He knew that Lennie was going to be killed. He thought it was better if he killed him, so Lennie would not be afraid. He did not want a stranger to kill Lennie. Candy felt the same way about his dog and he regretted letting a stranger kill it.