

Lennie and attempts to force him to give up the dead mouse he has been carrying with him during their trek to Soledad. During a rather brief conversation, Lennie mentions, "I'd pet [the mice], and pretty soon they bit my fingers and I pinched their heads a little and then they was dead- because they were so little". With this statement, Lennie's unknowing strength and his difficulty conforming to society is highlighted. For if he is able to understand that the mouse was acting in self defense, he certainly would not have reacted in such a way (Steinbeck 10). However, "Lennie...has been created [to be] incapable of dealing with society and is, in fact, a menace to society". Since Lennie is seen as being unable to cope with society, ^{it} is very easy to extrapolate that Lennie also represents "man's imperfection". Mainly because everyone has difficulties knowing exactly what others expect from them, Lennie is simply a concentrated version (Owens 148).

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Yet Lennie is not the only one who plays a part in their dream's failure. George, by allowing their dream to become their sense of hope, eradicated any chance of its fulfillment. When a thought becomes an idea, it becomes dangerous, especially, when it becomes the sole purpose for someone to do something. People tend to either over-imagine a dream or lose sight of what have originally set out to do. With the discovery of the body of Curley's wife, George shares with ^{two other workers} Candy and Slim, "I think I knowed we'd never do her. [Lennie] usta like to hear about it so much I got to thinking maybe we would". From the quote, one is able to gather that George probably mentioned their dream as a passing fancy. unfortunately, Lennie took that dream and started to run with it, which inevitably led to George going over it so often that he began to believe in its possibility (Steinbeck 94). George choosing to believe in the dream is understandable from the viewpoint that, "The dream of George and Lennie represents a desire to defy the curse of...fallen man- to break...[from] loneliness imposed on the outcasts and to return

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