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lives in the harness room
coinciding with Jim Crow laws

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ironic; wouldn’t have had many rights

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racism

importance

role

Crooks had reduced himself to nothing

metaphor to show harsh reality

contrast
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representation

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