ultimately doomed

George

forced to move from ranch to ranch
no family or home of his own
introduction
not a perfect character; aggressive

appearances
small and quick mouse-like dark of face

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double denim universal uniform of the ranch and migrant worker; tough material represents hardships

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dark of face

reflects dark times; alert and suspicious

restless eyes

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steps nervously shows wariness; foreshadows future dangers

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narrative device

gets hope from Lennie and the dream ultimately doomed

Candy is him in the future

role

[Slim] led George... lonely

follower

misogynist; sexist

"...a tart."

racist

"You hadn't ought to be in here."

puts (six) things on the shelf

represents all migrant workers

poverty

The best laid plans 'Of Mice and Men' gang aft a gley.

George accepts hopelessness

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importance

no hope for future

Slim understands

Lennie’s death is easier than George’s

relationships

looks after Slim never equal roles; always competition

looks after Lennie only consistent character; reliable

with Slim similar intellect

friendship with Slim potential loneliness

scared of being lonely

father and son

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heroism looks after Lennie

mercy

"You hadda George.”

kills a man he loves

dreams

Lennie dies, dream dies

the contradiction in society highlights that dreams cannot be achieved

dreams

Weed survival

escaped

Lennie

survived through the Great Depression

"After a long time they get mean.”

loneliness

frustrated with child’s inadequacies

looks after Lennie

bored of being lonely

father and son

"So you forgot that ... a crazy bastard!"

regrets promise

"God, you’re a lot of trouble ... maybe have a girl.”

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