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## The Journey of George and Lennie in 'Of Mice and Men'

In John Steinbeck's novella, "Of Mice and Men," we follow the adventures of two friends, George and Lennie, as they navigate a world filled with dreams, challenges, and unexpected twists. Let's explore their journey from the beginning to the end of the story.

### The Start

The story begins with George and Lennie on their way to a new job on a ranch. George, a small, sharp-witted man, looks after Lennie, who is big and strong but has a childlike mind. They share a dream of owning a piece of land together, a place where they can live in peace and be their own bosses. They have left their previous job in Weed after Lennie got into trouble for touching a woman's dress, unintentionally scaring her.

### The Middle

Upon arriving at the ranch, they meet their new coworkers and the boss's aggressive son, Curley. George and Lennie also encounter Candy, an old ranch hand with a disabled hand, and Slim, a skilled mule driver who gains their respect. The middle of the story revolves around the characters' daily lives on the ranch, their dreams, and their interactions.

One day, Curley's flirtatious wife tries to engage with the ranch workers, including Lennie, who doesn't understand the consequences of talking to her. This leads to a tragic incident where Lennie accidentally kills Curley's wife while trying to keep her quiet. Fearing the consequences, George realizes they must flee the ranch.

### The End

As George and Lennie escape, they find themselves in the same spot where they had planned to meet if they ever got into trouble. George knows that he must make a painful decision to protect Lennie from the mob that will come after him for the accidental death. He decides to shoot Lennie himself, sparing him from a more brutal fate at the hands of others. This heartbreaking moment marks the end of their journey together, as George is left alone, carrying the weight of the decision he had to make.

