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## Trouble on the Ranch: Scene 2 of 'Of Mice and Men'



In Scene 2 of John Steinbeck's novella, "Of Mice and Men," George and Lennie arrive at the ranch where they will be working. This scene introduces us to the new setting and some of the key characters who will play a role in their lives during their time at the ranch. Let's explore what happens in Scene 2 and the challenges that George and Lennie face.

### Scene 2: Arriving at the Ranch

George and Lennie arrive at the ranch, where they meet the boss, a stern and suspicious man who questions their late arrival. George does the talking, explaining that they were delayed because they had to walk a long way. He also emphasizes that Lennie is a strong and skilled worker.

While George and Lennie are waiting in their bunkhouse, they meet Candy, an old ranch hand who has lost one of his hands in an accident. Candy is friendly and eager to talk to George and Lennie. He informs them about some of the other ranch workers, including Slim, the skilled mule driver, and Carlson, who owns a gun.

Soon after, Curley, the boss's aggressive and short-tempered son, enters the bunkhouse looking for his wife. Curley immediately takes a dislike to Lennie because of his size. George warns Lennie to stay away from Curley to avoid trouble.