

Two men are on their way to a farm, where they are intending to work till they've earned enough money to buy a piece of land for their own. The taller man is called Lennie but he's mentally handicapped moreover he possesses more strength than he thinks. A fact which in addition to his curiosity has caused many problems. The other man, whose name is Carl, seems to be rather intelligent and he takes care of his friend Lennie. Not far away from the farm they build a camp to pass the night there. Lennie loves animals but he pets them to death because he always underrates his strength. Carl tells Lennie to be quiet and to stay out of trouble tomorrow, because the smaller man desires these jobs and the money.

In the morning the companions enter the farm and present themselves to the owner. Lennie is unable to hide his stupidity but Carl quickly makes up a story which explains it. They are introduced in the farm but the farmer's son Curley shows a dislike for Lennie. Carl warns his friend to stay away from Curley's wife and begs him to cause no problems. In case of trouble Lennie is advised to return to their camp.

The next day Candy's dog is shot because his colleagues think that it has been too old and ill. Depressed by his pet's death Candy joins the two newcomers, who are intending to buy a farm for their own. In addition to that the old man offers to give them all his money to support their idea. Curley who has provoked a quarrel with Lennie is wounded by the strong man.

Saturday in the evening nearly all workers are in the down only Lennie, Crooks and Candy remain at the farm. Looking for his puppy Lennie enters Crooks' room. At first the Afro-American labourer is angry but when Lennie tells him about Carl's and his vision he changes his mood. Candy joins the two men and they are talking when suddenly Curley's wife enters the room. Nobody wants her to stay here and as a consequence she grows angry and warns them of her influence.

The workers are spending their spare time outside the farm and Lennie, who maintains at the house is troubled because he has killed his puppy by petting it too hard. Curley's wife appears and begs him to touch her. When Lennie refuses her desire she starts crying and he shakes Curley's wife to stop her. But he breaks her neck by accident and runs away from the farm. When the workers return they discover the woman's body and set out to lynch Lennie.

Lennie's friend Carl looks for Lennie at the camp. There the searcher finds his companion and the stupid man tells him what has happened. Carl makes Lennie dream of their future then he shoots his friend. The other labourers arrive and see that Lennie is dead. Carl returns with them to the farm.

Lennie: He is a tall and strong but not mental fit. He forgets things easily and that's the reason why he depends on his friend Carl. They've a extremely close friendship although Lennie causes lots of troubles and Carl suffers from him. Once Lennie even offered to leave Carl but his companion couldn't allow it, because this means Lennie's death. The slow thinking man is very noisy and he likes to touch things. Lennie loves animals which he can pet but he always kills them through his strength. His mental handicap leads to prejudices and makes his colleagues sometimes angry. His strength, which he always underrates, is his doom and in the end he's killed by his best friend Carl, because he destroys his life unintentionally.

Carl: He appears rather small and smart compared to his companion Lennie. He takes care about his friend and he bears his stupidity. All his achievements are constantly scattered by Lennie. Although Carl suffers from his friendship he is unwilling to leave Lennie alone because his friend needs his support. Carl assimilates easily into a society consisting of men with a comparable mood. Without his companion Lennie he is able to have an excellent life but he also needs Lennie's money to buy their farm. Moreover he cannot leave his friend in his fate and so he decides to kill Lennie to resolve him.