

## Chapter Two:

George and \_\_\_\_\_ reach the bunk house at the farm. The old man who shows them the bunk house tells them that \_\_\_\_\_ was expecting them last night and was \_\_\_\_\_ when they weren't ready for work that morning. Near his bed George finds a can of \_\_\_\_\_, but the old man reassures him, telling him that person who had the bed before was a blacksmith so conscientious that he \_\_\_\_\_. This blacksmith, Whitey, would put the insect killer around even if there weren't any bugs around. The old man, \_\_\_\_\_, tells George and Lennie that the boss is a nice enough man, although he gives the \_\_\_\_\_ hell whenever he's angry. \_\_\_\_\_, a stocky man in blue jeans and a flannel shirt, enters and asks George and Lennie for their work slips. George attempts to talk for Lennie, but the boss notices that Lennie is silent and \_\_\_\_\_. George tells the boss that Lennie isn't \_\_\_\_\_, but he's \_\_\_\_\_ and can do anything. The boss wonders why George is so concerned for Lennie, and he tells the boss that Lennie is

\_\_\_\_\_. George tells him that they no longer work in Weed because their job, digging a cesspool, was done. When the boss leaves, George scolds Lennie once more, since the boss now suspects the two men. George admits that he lied about \_\_\_\_\_. The old man returns with his old \_\_\_\_\_, and George criticizes Candy for listening to their conversation. \_\_\_\_\_, a young man, enters looking for his father, the boss. He behaves rudely to Lennie. When he leaves, Candy explains that \_\_\_\_\_ is like many \_\_\_\_\_. He hates big guys out of jealousy. He says that Curley is handy in a fight and that he goes after \_\_\_\_\_ because, if he loses, he can claim that the big guy was unfair. George warns Candy that Lennie is strong and doesn't know the rules of a fight. Candy reveals to him that Curley is recently married to a pretty girl and has become more cocky ever since. Curley wears a left glove full of \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the hand soft for his wife, whom the old man thinks is a tart. George warns Lennie to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ for his own safety. \_\_\_\_\_ comes to the bunk house looking for her husband. She had rouged lips and red fingernails and wore a red cotton house dress. She positioned herself to emphasize her figure. When she leaves, George remarks that she's a tramp, while Lennie can only say that she's pretty. George warns him to \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_, the jerkline skinner, a man with an ageless face who carried himself with great gravity, questions George and Lennie about what work they can do. \_\_\_\_\_, a large, big-stomached man, also enters the bunk house, and asks Slim whether his dog had her litter last night. Slim tells him that she had nine puppies, but he drowned four immediately, since she couldn't feed so many. Carlson complains about \_\_\_\_\_, and tells Slim that Candy should \_\_\_\_\_, for the dog can't even chew. Lennie is excited to hear about \_\_\_\_\_. Curley confronts George, asking if \_\_\_\_\_. George admits that she was at the bunk house looking for Curley, who seems eager to start a fight.