

The first look at the California orchard thrills and inspires the family, and at the same time they find out the Granma is dead; if an omen of hard times and false "promised land" was ever written this coincidence coincident of events on thier arrival must be a sort of epitome. 201

Confronted with thier paradise, they find it to be exactly as the people fleeing had described. Things are grim at the first camp they pull into, but after thier first labeling as "okies" [^]welcome the chance of possible work and a chance to be with people like themselves with things in common with them. Even the Joads find the camp to be an ugly place, and in the description of the place and how the people live in the camp Steinbeck is getting to the point of the novel which is to describe [^]the type of life migrant workers live, to the American public. they

The atmosphere of Hooverville is charged with worries of finding work, intergroup hostility, and the fear of vigilante or governmentally regulated massacre. The Joad family is again diminished by the flight of Connie who leaves a heavy Rosasharon, but since he is considered [^]worthless ^{he} is missed only by her. Jim Casy and Tom get involved with a sheriff, and Casy, an adopted Joad, is sent off to prison, further diminishing the group that left Oklahoma. Thier first stay in a migrant camp is not long for after the incident with the sheriff they find out that Hooverville is going to be burned, but this stay in a camp is significant because Casy, who has been formulating vague ideas about Okies, man and his dignity, right and wrong, and religion finally gets a chance to break from the realm of mere theory and become an active participant in the fight for the betterment of the living conditions of the migrant workers. Tom who is a physically ready counterpart to Casy's moralizing also gets his first chance to direct some of his revolutionary zeal towards its object. Even though he has defied the government in his act of being in California against parole this is the first actual chance that he has to lash out [^]at the authority he sees